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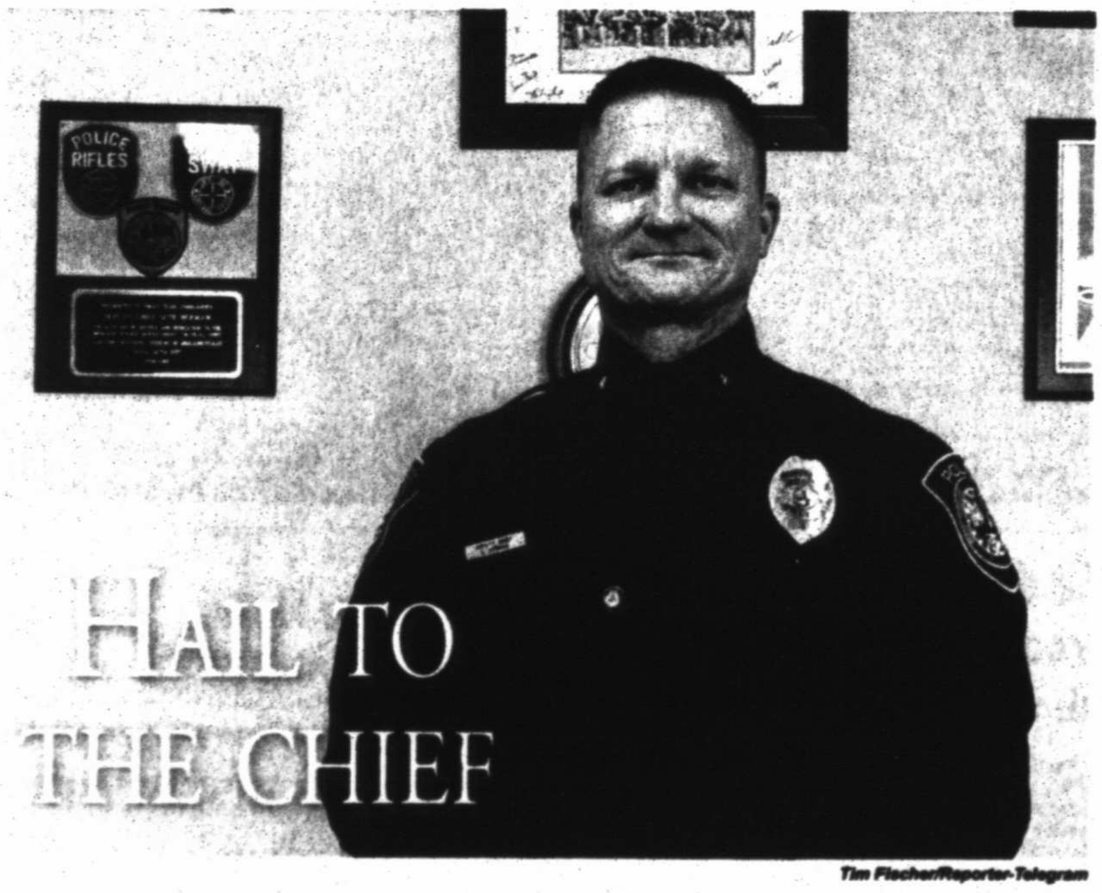
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Seth Herman, Midland Police deputy chief, is shown Thursday.

MPD veteran steps up to lead force

■ Seth Herman is serving as interim police chief

By Stewart Doreen
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In March, Seth Herman, a veteran of more than 20 years with the Midland Police Department, was thrust into a very public role — interim police chief.

Gone was former Police Chief Steve Henry. His departure followed an investigation that alleged violations of personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment. City leaders needed stability in its police force, and not only was Henry shown the door, but two other top leaders had announced their retirements since the beginning of the year.

But when the city needed it most, Herman has been the leader many had hoped to see when it hired Henry. His performance has been of a leader who has served under local law enforcement leaders Gary Painter, John Urby and Price Robinson. Herman has experience serving in patrol, K9, Gang Unit, SWAT and Narcotics.

But Herman is more than the current leading police official with 22 years of experience under his belt. He and his wife of more than 23 years have a son,

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Pregnant newlywed wins $1M sexual harassment case against Midland company

By Sara Coello
The Dallas Morning News

A federal jury has returned a $1 million verdict in the sexual harassment case of a pregnant newlywed fired after just four days on the job at a Midland oilfield services company.

Sara L. Roberts testified that she was hired at Brinkerhoff Inspection Inc. in September 2015 by personnel manager Keith Demby — only to lose the job days later after she disclosed that she was pregnant and recently married.

Jurors found that Roberts was the victim of sexual harassment and pregnancy discrimination, documents show.

Demby told Roberts in an interview that "a little birdie" told him she was pregnant, and he later expressed surprise that she had continued the pregnancy, according to the complaint.

Soon after she was hired, Demby told Roberts during an orientation

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Demand rises for child care services

■ Executive director of Boys and Girls Clubs: 'There's a huge need for affordable out-of-school care'

By Simone Jasper
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Before the end of the school year, some local summer programs already had reached capacity. Though parents always seek child care during the break, many in the community notice demand this year for cost-saving options.

"There's a need for out-of-school care, but there's a huge need for affordable out-of-school care," said David Chancellor, executive director of Boys and Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin.

A 2017 report for the Texas Workforce Commission gathered market rate information for the Permian Basin using a survey of 75 facilities in the area.

The median daily rates for full-day care were $22.85 for infants; $21.57 for toddlers; $21.07 for preschoolers;

Please see CHILD CARE/5A

Search for workers gets tougher

■ Morales: 'This economy is on fire'

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

Jerry Morales, the mayor of Midland, Texas, and a local restaurateur, is being whipsawed by the latest Permian Basin shale-oil boom.

It's fueling the region and starving it at the same time. Sales-tax revenue is hitting a record high, allowing the city to get around to fixing busted roads. But the crazy-low 2.1 percent unemployment rate is a bear. As the

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NM official: Texas landowners are 'stealing' water, selling it for fracturing

By Jay Root
Texas Tribune



New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn walks along Ranch Rd 652 at the Texas-New Mexico border on May 23 next to a water line that runs from Loving County to Lea County, New Mexico. *Marjorie Kamys Cotera for The Texas Tribune*

ORLA — After you head northeast on Ranch Road 652 from tiny Orla, it's easy to miss the precise moment you leave Texas and cross into New Mexico. The sign just says "Lea County Line," and with 254 counties in Texas, you'd be forgiven for not knowing there isn't one named Lea.

But the folks who are selling water over it know exactly where the line is.

That's because on the Texas side, where the "rule of capture" rules groundwater policy, people basically can pump water from beneath their land to their heart's content. But on the New Mexico side, the state has imposed tight regulations on both surface and groundwater that restrict supply.

Here's the rub — or the opportunity, depending on your perspective: With an oil fracturing boom driving demand for freshwater on both sides of the state line in these parts, Texas landowners are helping to fill the void with water from the Lone Star State — including from at least one county in which Gov. Greg Abbott has declared a drought.

Now a top New Mexico politician is crying foul, saying that unregulated pumping from wells next to the state line is depleting the shared aquifers that supply water to southern New Mexico.

"Texas is stealing New Mexico's water," said New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn. "If you put a whole bunch of straws in Texas and you don't have any straws in New Mexico, you're sucking all the water from under New Mexico out in Texas and then selling it back to New Mexico."

Oil Report

Water management outsourcing gains traction, evolving quickly

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The difference in ownership of land in the two states contributes to the divergent water policies. In Texas, more than 90 percent of the land is privately owned. In New Mexico, by contrast, only 43 percent is owned by individuals, while 57 percent is in government or tribal hands.

Dunn says he has already found at least seven unpermitted water lines snaking from Texas across state trust lands he oversees, and he believes millions of gallons a day are being pumped into his state for use in oil and gas exploration.

The commissioner, who oversees 9 million surface acres of state trust lands, said he has quit issuing new fresh water well permits for the oil and gas industry on agency-supervised property, but he can't stop the pumping in Texas. And experts say there is no law barring unlimited sales of Texas water to New Mexico buyers — making the transfers hard to quantify.

"Water is a vested property in the state of Texas. There is no law that I know of that prevents it from being shipped over state lines," said state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo. "It is less important where the water goes, as long as the owners are compensated. I suppose, then what the plans are is one to it that we have a water supply in perpetuity."

It's a bipartisan sentiment. State Rep. Poncho Nevárez, the Eagle Pass

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M. Ray Perryman

The Economist



Investment in wind power development is paying off

Texas has more capacity to generate electricity from wind than any other state. In fact, Texas' capacity of 22,799 megawatts is triple that of second-place Oklahoma and is larger than most countries around the world. The Lone Star State also tops the list for capacity currently under development.

Smart policy decisions decades ago have been the key to the development of the Texas wind power industry. While Texas has abundant land with the right wind speeds, billions of dollars of investments in transmission lines (carefully planned to facilitate systematic development of the industry and paid for by Texas ratepayers) were needed to get wind power from the often rural areas where it is generated to the growing population centers where it is needed. Allowing competition while providing key transmission infrastructure has been integral to the rapid growth in Texas' wind power industry.

The investment is paying off. The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) estimates that more than $42 billion has been invested in Texas wind farms, creating jobs during construction and, to a lesser extent, on an ongoing basis through operations and maintenance. The industry also supports related manufacturing facilities, transportation companies, and many other types of businesses. Land owner royalties enhance incomes and consumer spending, and wind farms also increase the property tax base, generating additional fiscal resources for communities and schools.

In addition to the economic benefits of the industry itself, wind generation capacity works to reduce electric power prices. Wind now provides almost 15 percent of the state's power needs on average, with a much higher proportion at some points in time. The marginal cost of wind energy is essentially zero (no fuel cost), and, because Texas' electric power market is competitive, the wholesale price is set by the last unit used at any instant in time. These savings are passed along to customers, and periods in which wind supplies all needed power (which often happens in the spring and fall) reduce average costs.

Wind gives electric power customers more choices, such as supporting green energy. The ability to supply power from renewable sources is also a competitive advantage, with some corporations in high growth and desirable sectors specifying the ability to purchase clean power as a location criterion. The environmental properties of wind are also greatly reducing emissions as well as the need for water for power generation.

Given the continued focus on reducing emissions on a global scale, renewable energy sources such as wind will take on added importance in the future. With the right mix of potential wind farm sites, transmissions lines, and a competitive framework, Texas should continue to lead the way for decades to come, thus enhancing the state's economic advantages.

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As gas prices approach $3, American motorists are paying $228 million more every day

By Jeff Mosier
The Dallas Morning News

Gasoline prices have crept up to a 3 1/2-year high. But some drivers are getting a little relief with average prices falling for the first time since March, according to AAA.

Experts, however, aren't guaranteeing a huge reversal at the pump. Prices have flattened recently and aren't showing signs of sliding to 2017 levels. Nationally, prices are just below the $3-a- gallon mark, a mental barrier for many drivers.

AAA's national gas price average was $2.94 on Wednesday. In Texas, the average was nearly $2.77, up 17 cents from a month ago and 57 cents from a year ago.

"Drivers may experience some short-term relief, but nonetheless, gas prices are still going to be significantly higher than they were last summer," said Daniel Armbruster, a AAA Texas spokesman.

He said record demand and higher oil prices have combined to push average prices up steadily this year. Recently, AAA projected record travel for the Memorial Day weekend. Those final numbers haven't been released.

Although Texas generally has cheaper prices than the national average, a handful of cities (Midland, Odessa and El Paso) have already crossed the $3 threshold. The Dallas area ($2.84) and Fort Worth-Arlington ($2.83) were well below that mark but above the state average.

The Oil Price Information Service has projected a summer gas price peak of $2.83 to $2.99 per gallon.

GasBuddy's survey of 135,000 gas stations found that average prices fell in 40 states last week. Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said the elevated prices are costing American motorists an additional $228 million daily compared to a year ago.

"We may have dodged a bullet in avoiding the $3-per-gallon level for now, but not everything is rosy yet," DeHaan said in a statement last week. "Moving forward, all eyes remain on OPEC and their coming meeting to see if they'll push oil prices higher, or if they'll allow a respite for the summer driving season."

OPEC leaders are scheduled to meet later this month and discuss production goals. White House officials recently asked OPEC to increase production by about 1 million barrels a day, according to Bloomberg. That increase would offset reductions by Venezuela and a potential slowdown in Iran, which is the subject of new U.S. sanctions.

Led by Saudi Arabia, OPEC has held down production to increase oil prices and reduce inventories following the oil price collapse several years ago. Now the U.S. benchmark oil price is about $65 per barrel after averaging more than $70 for much of April. The international benchmark is about $75.

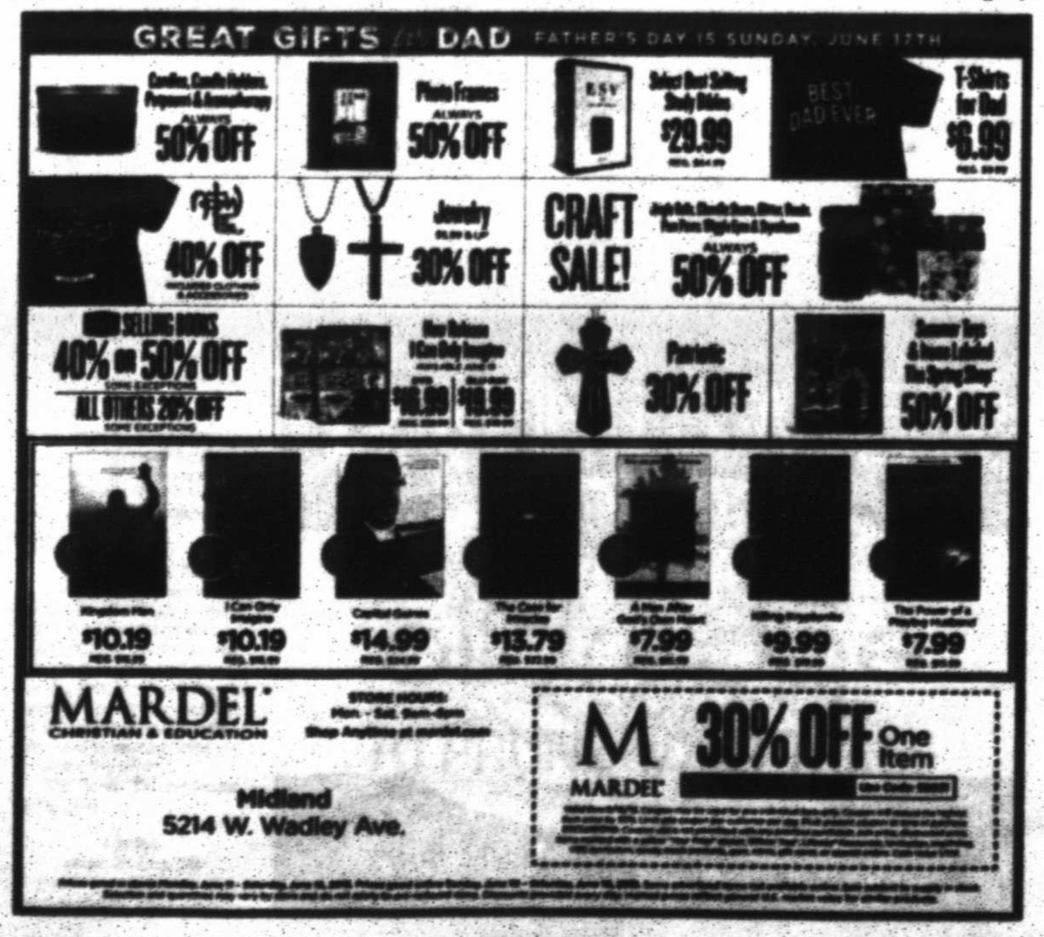
Saudi energy minister Khalid Al-Falih said last month that OPEC would "likely" boost output, Bloomberg reported. Producers and analysts are concerned that higher prices could slow economic growth, which would hurt oil demand.

AAA officials said nearly 80 percent of U.S. residents say gas prices are too high when they reach $3.

At least 15 states plus the District of Columbia have average gas prices of $3 or more. Most are in the West, Northeast and Midwest. The cheapest average prices are mostly in the South.

"Higher gas prices at this point aren't going to affect travel," Armbruster said. "Now, if gas prices got over $3.50, $3.75, closer to $4, I think you would then start to see people question whether or not they should cut back on travel."

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noun
{froo-ISH-un}
1: pleasurable use or possession : enjoyment

2: a: the state of bearing fruit
b: realization



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Things to do

Today

- Dog Agility Trials by Desert Paws Obedience Club at the Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. midlandhorseshoe.com.
- Old Sorehead Trade Days features more than 600 vendor booths in downtown Stanton. stantontex.com.
- "Smoke on the Mountain" by the Maverick Players, 2:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $20. mavericksplayers.org.
- Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- Summer Sunday Lawn Concert Series with Weatherstone, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Monday

- Movie Maker Mondays: "The Incredibles," 1-5 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. $10 members, $15 nonmembers. pbpetro.org. The movie camp will feature a film, popcorn, hands-on experiments, maker challenges and more. Pre-registration is required. Blankets and mats to sit on are encouraged.
- SciGirls STEM Camp will screen the "SciGirls" show and feature activities related to engineering, science and more for ages 8-12, 4-5:15 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Thursday

West Texas Pride 2018 is an outdoor, family-friendly celebration with live performances, food and refreshments, educational booths and a rainbow-colored water balloon fight, 4-11 p.m. Pioneer Park, 200 NE Mustang Drive, Andrews. Free. Facebook: @wtxpride.

Friday

Banda MS, 7 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. $85. haciendamidland.com.

Saturday

- Cinema Under the Stars: "The Avengers," noon, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.
- "Curious George: Let's Get Curious!": Curious George visits the library, 1 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.
- Cinema Under the Stars: "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," 3:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.

Camps

- Wild Science Camp: Arthropod Adventures for students grades 4-8. Campers must take a water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes, 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Thursday, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $70 members, $90 nonmembers. sibleynaturecenter.org.
- Princess Ballet Camp by Midland Festival Ballet is open to all children ages 6-12. Space is limited so registration is required at the Youth Services desk, 1-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High graduates check their diplomas, congratulate each other and wave to family members after walking the stage during commencement ceremonies on June 2 at Chaparral Center. A full list of Lee graduates is scheduled to run in Tuesday's Education section.

Today's pool schedule

- The Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The entry fee for both pools is $3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Meetings this week

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

MISD
11:30 a.m. Monday
Administration Building - Room 620
615 W. Missouri Ave.

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-1-1
Pick 3 day: 1-7-3
Pick 3 evening: 5-5-8
Pick 3 night: 6-0-0
Daily 4 morning: 2-9-0-4
Daily 4 day: 4-2-0-9
Daily 4 evening: 3-7-2-5
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Triple Chance: 5-11-13-17-19 27-34-36-44-49
Lotto Texas: 10-14-17-18-21-24
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-5-10-11-13-19-20-21-22-24
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All or Nothing night: 1-3-6-8-10-14-15-16-18-21-22-23

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Saturday's temperatures
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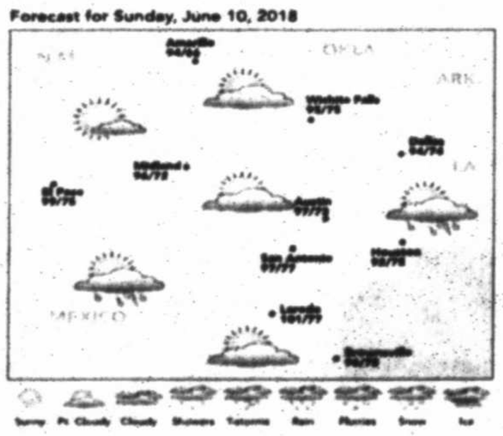
June 9's records
Record high: ..... 106, set in 1994
Record low: ..... 55, set in 1955

Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Friday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.37 in.
Year total ..... 1.21 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 4.85 in.

Winds
Wind speed: ..... 24 mph
Gust speed: ..... 30 mph

Today's forecast
High: 96
Low: 73
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: ..... South 15 mph today/southeast 10-15 mph tonight

Forecast for Sunday, June 10, 2018



Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers Tstorms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Chance of rain: 20 percent tonight

Sunrise ..... 6:42 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:54 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 10, 2018:

This year you won't be able to complain about boredom. Some of you actually might wish for a little more calmness. Your ability to adapt becomes one of your strong suits. Many of you could decide to relocate or go back to school. If you are single, you could start to date, especially sometime after summer. The role this person plays in your life is your decision. If you are attached, the two of you might sign up for a workshop. The experience you share will bring you and your sweetie closer together. TAURUS understands you well.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You suddenly might feel more possessive than you have as of late. Understand what is happening around you. Get together with an older or more serious person. The two of you might not always agree, but you generally gain from being together. **Tonight:** Make dinner a treat.
This Week: Express your intentions.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You wake up in your element feeling buoyant and as if you can do no wrong. As you try to understand another person's idea, you show generosity and a willingness to grow. Make choices for yourself at this moment, and worry less about those around you. **Tonight:** In the limelight.
This Week: You hit your power days at the beginning of the week.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could feel as if it is time for some R and R. If so, turn off your phone, watch a movie and worry less about others. You could be amazed by what happens as a result. Observe what is going on around you. Understand that you don't have to participate. **Tonight:** Play it low-key.
This Week: You feel better and better as the week goes on.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Friends will support your desire to achieve a long-term goal. Meanwhile, enjoy those who surround you and care about you. Focus on friends and a fun happening. Head to a baseball game or some other sports event. **Tonight:** As you like it.
This Week: You smile and others respond.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Chaos weaves through your morning. Keeping plans and being on time could take skill, mostly because of external factors. You might need to cut back on errands in order to maintain plans. Indulge others, and remain easygoing. **Tonight:** Walk away from an argument.
This Week: Your actions count more than you think.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Touch base with a loved one. You might discover how out of sync he or she feels. Pitch in, if possible, and be willing to let judgment walk out the door. You have the rare opportunity to experience life as this person does. **Tonight:** One-on-one relating helps you to see the big picture.
This Week: You are leader of the gang.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You maintain a high level of energy, which could be vital not only to your day, but also to others'. A child or loved one lets you know exactly what he or she wants to have happen. Know that you have the power of saying "yes" or "no." **Tonight:** Assess the cost of a desired expense.
This Week: Relate directly to friends.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Remain centered, especially when a family member seems to lose it. You might not be sure what this person wants, but do your best to listen well and offer helpful advice. Stay nonreactive, if possible. Once the issue cools, you might discuss your thoughts. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.
This Week: Don't squabble needlessly.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Try to relax, and refuse to lose your temper. Understand that a recent upheaval is just a passage. A neighbor or sibling could be on edge. Your instincts might provoke a change of plans. Funnel any negativity into some exercise or a fun happening. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.
This Week: Listen to associates rather than act solo.

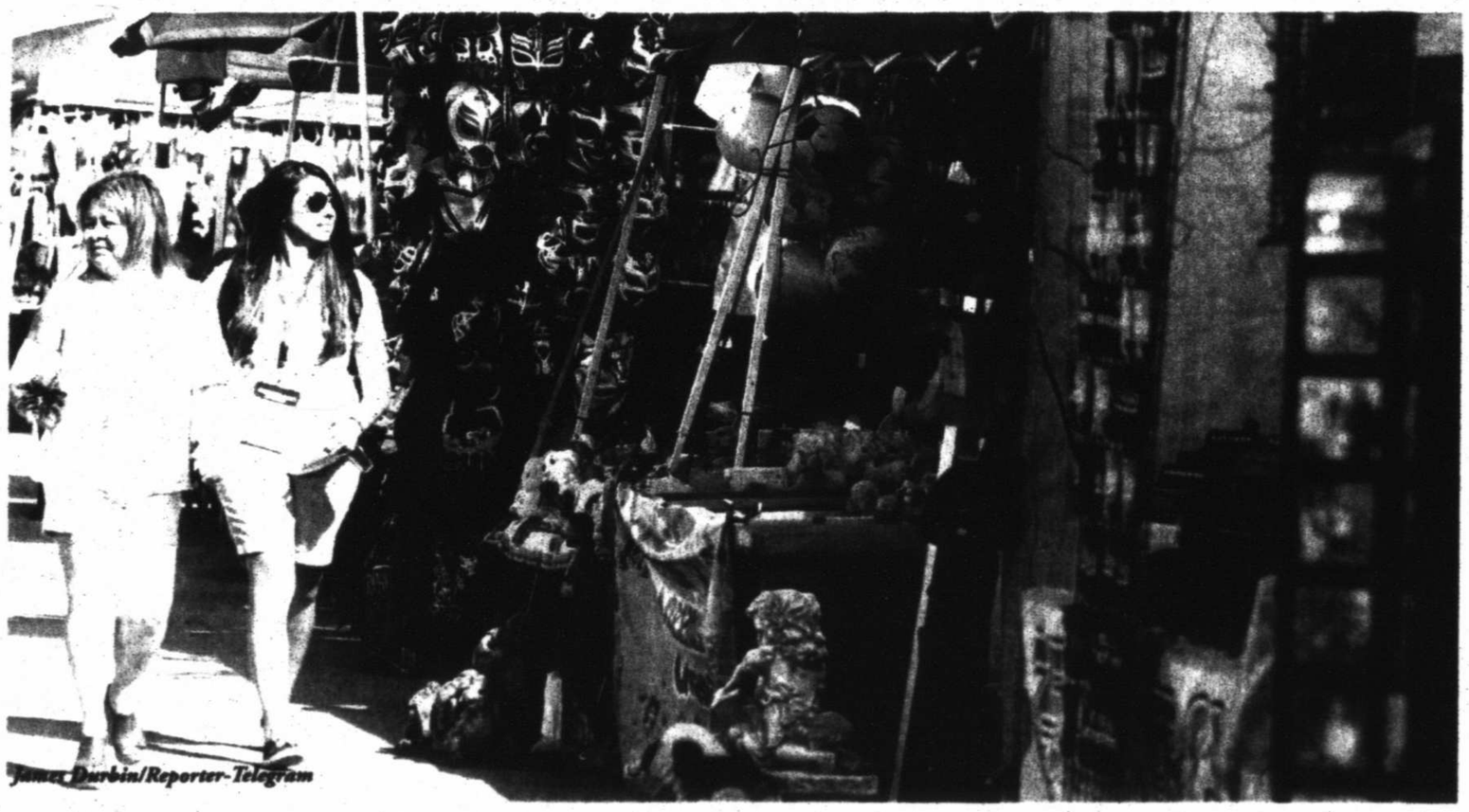
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might have the ability to make a dream become a reality with the help of a loved one. You love stability, and even good news could upset the apple cart right now. Understand your responsibility. Use caution around spending. **Tonight:** Be a wild thing and let off some steam.
This Week: Listen to your instincts.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Meet up with a friend. Your sense of humor might take the edge off a tendency to be sarcastic today and in the next few weeks. Sarcasm often carries a grain of anger that is not acknowledged. Alleviate stress by doing a leisurely activity. **Tonight:** Remain centered.
This Week: Express your creativity.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You could feel more pushed and tired than you realize. Open up to new potential that suddenly appears. An exciting call or event forces your hand. You also might discover that you are sitting on some latent anger or a problem that hasn't yet been aired. **Tonight:** Get physical.
This Week: Listen to what is being offered.

BORN TODAY
Actress Elizabeth Hurley (1965), singer/actress Judy Garland (1922), actor Shane West (1978)





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CELEBRATING CULTURE

Midlanders attend the 31st annual Mex-Tex Family Fiesta on Saturday at Scharbauer Sports Complex. LEFT: Isabel Marie Sanchez performs. The two-day fiesta is the biggest cultural event in the Permian Basin, according to its website.









CHILD CARE

From 1A

and $19.01 for school-aged children. Those figures were a few cents higher than regional rates in 2016, and they were lower than last year's statewide medians.

Still, child care costs for Midlanders can add up during summer break. Using the report's figures, the cost of full-day care for a school-aged child totals $95.05 for one work week.

The United Way of Midland has provided funding to Camp Fire West Texas and other local organizations that offer child care. For Camp Fire's summer participants, financial assistance and sibling rates are available.

"Because we help, especially with working parents or single parents who have multiple kids, we tend to have a good discount for these families," said Bill Shuey, executive director of Camp Fire.

Another summer program provider, Boys and Girls Clubs, tries to keep costs low, according to its website. Shametrise Culberson works full-time and turned to the option five years ago as a child care alternative for her three sons.

"I didn't really have any care for them in the summer time, and I was having to pay a babysitter money that I didn't really have," she said.

For Culberson, the change made a positive impact. She said the programming gives her children opportunities to socialize while she stays on budget.

Other parents in the area have been left to weigh options, including being stay-at-home parents. Another consideration is leaving children without supervision during the summer, according to Willie Taylor, CEO of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin.

"They end up [being] latchkey kids at home, which is very, very dangerous," Taylor said. "Plus, they're not getting good-quality child care services."

This summer's demand comes after Midland in April had an unemployment rate of 2.1 percent, the seventh-lowest in the country, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

Some working parents in Midland and Ector counties want child care providers to offer extended or more flexible hours, according to Diana Ruiz, interim director of First 5 Permian Basin. She said it can be difficult to find facilities that accommodate even traditional, full-time work schedules.

"You're rushing to drop off children and get to work," Ruiz said. "With this traffic, it's even harder."

First 5 is a program at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin that serves parents of children through age 5. Ruiz said families with school-aged kids have expressed concerns about waits at child care facilities, including in the summer time.

"A lot of these families have multiple children," Ruiz said. "They feel that there is even more crowding, more wait lists."

As some local companies offer competitive salaries, those with knowledge about the child care field said can it be difficult to retain workers.

Shuey said it's also challenging because employees must go through background checks and have other training. He said that even if Camp Fire had the space to serve more children, it would be tough to fill staff positions.

Workforce Solutions Permian Basin has resources to help those seeking jobs in child care and other fields. Taylor said the pool of those offering child care services has been shrinking.

"It's a difficult industry to be in," Taylor said. "Across the state and especially here, we've actually lost providers over the years."

Among those affected are infant child care providers, who are required to have smaller child-to-staff ratios than other age groups. Taylor thinks local options can impact those interested in moving to the region.

"A lot of folks when they're trying to work here, they look at the availability of child care services," Taylor said. "If you're having a baby in nine months, you want to get on the list now."

Some local companies have introduced on-site child care options for their employees, which Taylor said can open space for children at other providers.

He and others have pointed to cost-of-living increases as factors contributing to a need for affordable child care. The cost of rent in Midland has increased 2 percent compared to the past month and 27.1 percent year-over-year, according to the June report from Apartment List. Median rents are $1,180 for one-bedroom units and $1,490 for two-bedroom apartments.

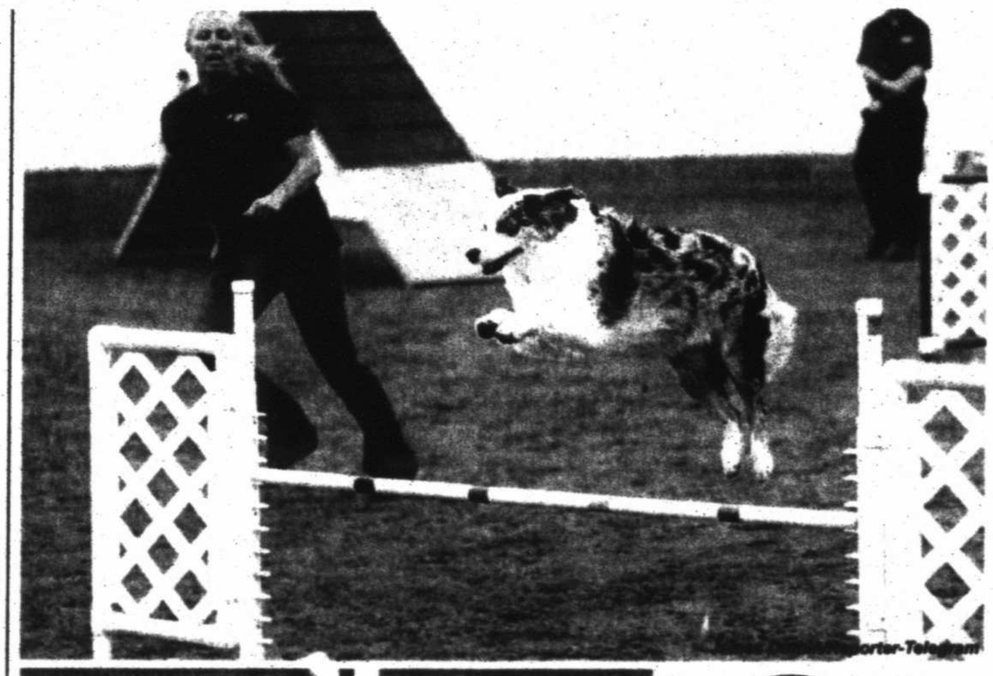
As parents navigate local costs, some community resources can help them pay for child care and other expenses.

Texas Rising Star Providers have agreements with the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board to serve subsidized children, according to the board's website. Parents who apply for financial assistance must meet income-related requirements and be in work or education programs.

Another option is through West Texas Opportunities Inc., which has limited funds available to help families with child care. Executive Director Jenny Gibson said changes in the economy can open up work opportunities that require training.

She said her organization intends to help families transition out of poverty and can assist parents with child care, utilities and education-related costs while they undergo job training.

"(Community Services Block Grant) funds allow us some flexibility to design our own services and programs," she said. "So, it's kind of a local way to assist clients."





GO DOG GO

Zara, an Australian shepherd, competes in agility trials hosted by the Desert Paws Obedience Club of Midland on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena. **BELOW:** Frankie, a golden retriever, competes. See more photos from the event in **Monday's edition.**

MPD

From 1A

who will be a high school senior, and a daughter, who is beginning junior high.

"We have two great kids (thanks to my wife)," Herman wrote in a question-and-answer with the Reporter-Telegram.

Here is the rest of that Q-and-A.

Reporter-Telegram: What is the message you have tried to share with police department employees over the last few months?

Herman: Stay vigilant, stay safe and stay professional.

Reporter-Telegram: What has the time as interim police chief been like for you? Have you had to change in any way?

Herman: In a word, busy! Stepping into the interim chief role has been eye-opening: I've been able to view the department from an enterprise level, as well as speak to citizens more directly through the platform accorded to this role. Because of that, I have striven to be purposeful when I communicate.

Reporter-Telegram: What challenges are the department going to face during this time of population growth and better economic times?

Herman: It's the same issues every city police department faces during a time of growth and economic prosperity: uptick in crime, increases in traffic-related issues and greater difficulties in recruiting and maintaining personnel. In order to address these concerns, we must become more efficient in our allocation of resources and think outside of the normal policing models. As the distance between Midland and Odessa shrinks, we must increase joint operations with local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners in order to maximize enforcement efforts and develop innovative strategies. We have already initiated steps toward that goal, and I look forward to some exciting advancements in the near future.

Reporter-Telegram: What's the biggest misconception that residents have about their police department?

Herman: That Midland requires nothing more than a small-town policing effort. While Midlanders should be proud that we have maintained a small-town feel, we can no longer police as one. Maintaining the feelings of safety and security we all enjoy takes a dedicated, proactive force.

Reporter-Telegram: What's currently happening in the department that you are proudest of?

Herman: We are focusing on an intelligence-driven policing model, meaning a less reactive-based strategy that utilizes information analysis from all resources to identify individuals and groups for address. It all starts and ends with knowing who the bad guys are, tracking their movements and acting accordingly. The fact that we are doing more with fewer personnel makes me proud, but I'd rather not make it the norm.

Reporter-Telegram: What do you enjoy most about being in law enforcement?

Herman: The camaraderie that comes from self-sacrifice.

Reporter-Telegram: What is your favorite thing about Midland?

Herman: The people. West Texans are polite, friendly and accommodating. But they aren't push overs, and they aren't shy about standing up for what they believe is right.

Reporter-Telegram: What would you like our readers to know about you?

Herman: Contrary to recent reports, I am NOT Jeremy Renner's stunt double. He's younger, I'm shorter.

HARASSMENT

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tour that she was attractive and that they would date.

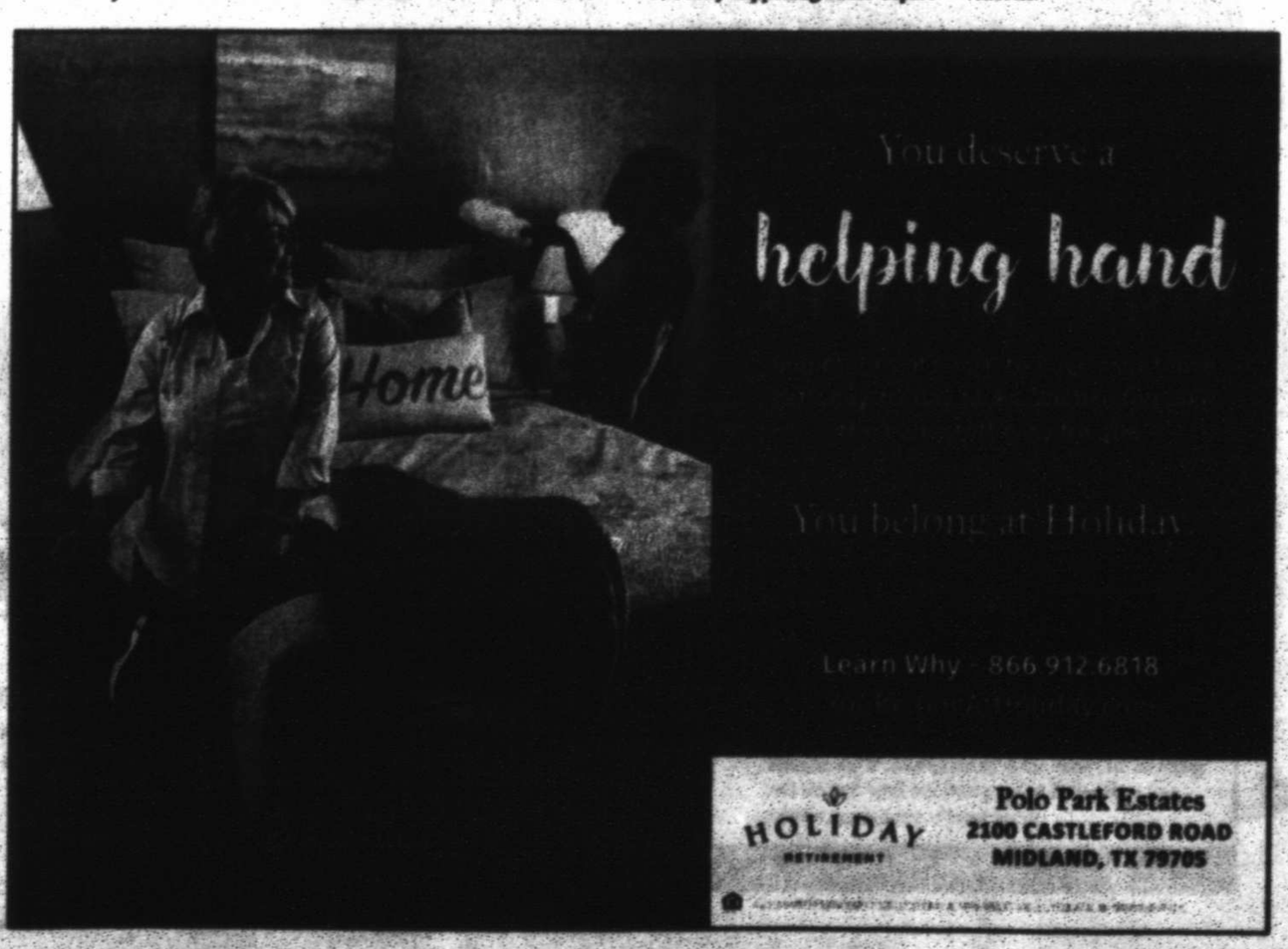
But a few days later — after Roberts refused his advances and made it known she was married —Demby and an office manager told Roberts that the company could not afford to bring on another salesperson. Demby said the decision was not performance-related.

Roberts was awarded $167,000, and Brinkerhoff has also been charged $841,625 in punitive damages.

"The jury is the conscience of the community," lead trial attorney Holly Williams said in a written statement. "Businesses across the energy sector should take note of this verdict and carefully review their practices."

When Roberts was employed in 2015, the company was partially owned by former San Diego Chargers linebacker Brent Bird, a standout at Texas Tech.

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WATER

From 2A

Democrat who represents the far-flung outpost of Pecos in neighboring Reeves County, said he's not so worried where the water goes as long as there's enough to go around for residents and the towns they live in.

"What does it matter if it goes 5 feet across the county line or to the moon?" Nevarez said. "I could see the pushback if Pecos proper was having trouble getting water, and here you have these guys moving massive amounts of water to New Mexico ... you gotta take care of the people where the resource generates from first."

When it comes to ensuring future supplies for the locals in Texas, lawmakers note that communities can always band together and form groundwater conservation districts, which issue pumping permits to protect aquifer levels. But here in Loving County, which is part of both Nevarez' and Seliger's sprawling districts and sits adjacent to Lea County, New Mexico, there is no water conservation district, according to maps published by the Texas Water Development Board. (Abbott recently put Loving County on the list of counties seeking federal drought assistance).

Texas rancher Roy "Sonny" Lindsay owns Loving County property that sits along the state border near Ranch Road 652, and he's seen plenty of water heading north to New Mexico — where locally sourced water is harder to obtain. He recently sold some of it himself to ConocoPhillips from a giant frac pit — used to store water in the drilling process — the company built on his land. The company then pumped the water through hoses running into New Mexico, he said.

"If it wasn't for Texas water, New Mexico wouldn't have no oil production," Lindsay said. "So they shouldn't gripe about us selling water over there."

In an emailed statement, ConocoPhillips spokeswoman Romelia Hinojosa cited the supply problems in New Mexico and said water from Lindsay's Hanging H Ranch was used to complete five wells in New Mexico in early 2017.

"At the time, we could not source water from New Mexico because other operators had captured the full capacity of the water available from sources (third party water vendors) in New Mexico," Hinojosa said. She didn't know the "exact volume" of water sent over the state line but said it was less than 5 percent of the water the company used in the Permian Basin in 2017.

"At this time, ConocoPhillips is not using Texas water in New Mexico," Hinojosa added.

Lindsay said ConocoPhillips isn't the only company that has piped water into New Mexico over his land. He said he recently discovered a water line from Texas Pacific Land Trust, a highly profitable company whose water sales have exploded in recent years, going over his land into New Mexico. He found another line lying alongside Ranch Road 652 whose owner could not be determined. Nor was it clear who owned several hard plastic lines — or what they were being used for — stretching across the state border near a wastewater facility not far from the Lea County Line sign.

Phone and email messages left for Texas Pacific Land Trust, a 130-year-old company that owns almost 900,000 acres of land in 18 Texas counties, were not returned this week.

Meanwhile, a Houston-based water supply company, Solaris Water Midstream, announced Tuesday that it is building a pipeline that will soon deliver millions of gallons of water per day from parched West Texas to New Mexico to help alleviate what the CEO described as "limited sources of water" constraining hydraulic fracturing operations in the region.

"The high-capacity pipeline will add crucial, permanent water supply infrastructure to one of the most prolific areas in the Permian Basin and will be capable of transporting approximately 150,000 barrels [6.3 million gallons] of water per day from Loving County, Texas, to Eddy County, New Mexico," the company said. Solaris spokeswoman Casey Nikoloric said the company works closely with area landowners to ensure "all permits are in place and easement fees are paid."

The heavy cross-state water sales come amid an unprecedented fracturing boom in the northwestern Texas counties near the New Mexico border.

Hydraulic fracturing uses enormous quantities of water, which drillers pressurize and shoot deep below the surface to help separate shale oil from porous rocks. In remote West Texas counties like Loving and Reeves, water lines zigzag between frac pits — above-ground pools lined with plastic — that dot the horizon. The drilling frenzy has filled hotels, torn up roads and boosted oil company profits all over the Permian Basin.

But oil isn't the only liquid landowners are turning into quick cash. Suddenly, ranchers who once coaxed cotton out of the desert are finding their water is more valuable than the crops they once irrigated with it.

"There's a lot of individuals that have sold a million dollars' worth of water," said Paul Weatherby, former general manager of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District. He said he's not bothered that some of it is being sold in New Mexico.

"You don't stop at the border for anything," he said. "You drive across it on a trip. Ranchers own land in both states; farmers own land in both states. Oil and gas doesn't recognize the border. Water doesn't recognize the border."

Still, water and how it's used can be a touchy subject around here. In the early 1950s, a crown jewel of Fort Stockton — Comanche Springs — dried up amid heavy pumping by farmers, most famously Clayton Williams Sr. An ensuing court battle reaffirmed the landmark 1904 decision upholding the "rule of capture" — giving landowners broad control over the water under their property — and Comanche Springs never recovered.

Williams' son, Clayton Williams Jr., who lost the 1990 governor's race to Ann Richards, later rattled Fort Stockton with a plan to pump his water from the rural area to thirsty cities like Midland and Odessa. The battle dragged on for years, culminating in a 2017 settlement that allows for limited water exports.

Tangling over water with New Mexico isn't new, either — particularly when it comes to the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers. A battle over distribution of water from the Rio Grande recently went to the U.S. Supreme Court, where Texas claimed a preliminary victory in March in an ongoing water war.

In this new water-war battlefront, the New Mexico land commissioner argues that the rule of capture should not allow one state to negatively impact another's aquifer. Dunn also is trying to determine if the landowners and companies selling water in New Mexico are paying taxes on it as required.

Robert McEntyre, spokesman for the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, said his members believe in robust compliance with all regulations and tax laws.

"If we're running lines across state trust lands or federal lands, we should have the proper permits, and the proper taxes should be paid. I don't think anyone is contesting that," he said. "But I do think it would be irresponsible for the land commissioner to paint the entire industry with a broad brush over what seems to be a handful of cases."

Dunn says he worries about the long-term impact of pumping so much groundwater for use in oil and gas extraction. That pumping lowers the amount of water that feeds rivers and streams, he said.

"You're taking a resource that's not really rechargeable, and using it," Dunn said. "I think in the long run water is going to be more valuable than oil."

Midland veterinarian Michael McCulloch, who owns land in both Texas and New Mexico and advocates for water conservation, said it's the disharmony in interstate water law that's helping to deplete the land's most precious resource.

"We need to think about how this is going to affect our kids and grandkids down the road," McCulloch said. "It does bother me a little bit that New Mexico regulates how much water I can use, but it would be nice if we could have a compromise between the two states, and Texas conserves a little bit more water and New Mexico maybe lightens up a bit on their water law."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GARLAND

Driver leads police in on chase with children in car

Authorities in Garland say the driver of an SUV was wounded by police after he led them on a chase with two children in his vehicle.

Police say Friday night's chase began following a hit-and-run crash. Two officers were sitting in traffic when they heard an SUV crash into a fence behind them.

CONROE

House fire kills 2 children, 90-year-old grandmother

Two young children and their 90-year-old grandmother are dead after a house fire north of Houston.

Authorities in Conroe say the blaze was reported at 2:30 a.m. Saturday in a house where a mother, father, their four young children and the family's grandmother were trapped inside.

The parents escaped and firefighters and neighbors helped a 5-year-old and 8-year-old escape. Officials say a 1-year-old child rescued by firefighters was pronounced dead at a hospital, and a 7-year-old and the grandmother were pronounced dead at the scene.

SHALE

From 1A

proprietor of Mulberry Cafe and Gerardo's Casita, Morales is working hard to retain cooks. First elected in 2014, he oversees a government payroll that is 200 employees short of what it needs to fully function.

"This economy is on fire," he said from a back table at the cafe the other day, watching as the lunchtime crowd lined up for the Asian Zing Salad and Big Mo's Toaster hamburger.

Fire, of course, can be dangerous. In the country's busiest oil patch, where the rig count has climbed by nearly one-third in the past year, drillers, service providers and trucking companies have been poaching in all corners, recruiting everyone from police officers to grocery clerks. So many bus drivers with the Ector County Independent School District in nearby Odessa quit for the shale fields that kids were sometimes late to class. The George W. Bush Childhood Home, a museum in Midland dedicated to the 43rd U.S. president, is smarting from a volunteer shortage.

The oil industry has such a ferocious appetite for workers that it'll hire just about anyone with the most basic skills. "It is crazy," said Jazmin Jimenez, 24, who zipped through a two-week training program at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, about 100 miles north of Midland, and was hired by Chevron Corp. as a well-pump checker. "Honestly I never thought I'd see myself at an oilfield company. But now that I'm here — I think this is it."

That's understandable, considering the $28-a-hour she makes is double what she was earning until December as a guard at the Lea County Correctional Facility in Hobbs. When the boom goes bust, as history suggests they all do, shale-extraction businesses won't be able to out-pay most employers anymore. Jimenez said she'll take the money as long as it lasts.

And this one could go on for a while. Companies are more cost-conscious than ever, and the evolution of oilfield technology continues to make finding and producing oil quicker and cheaper in the pancaked layers of rock in the Permian. It now accounts for about 30 percent of all U.S. output.

There's no question the economic upside is big in the basin, which covers more than 75,000 square miles in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. Midland saw year-over-year increases of at least 34 percent in sales-tax collections in each of the last four months. Morales said coffers are full enough that he may ask for raises for city workers — so they don't bolt for the oil fields.

The labor shortage is inflamed by the real-estate market: The supply of homes for sale is the lowest on record, according to the Texas A&M Real Estate Center. The $325,440 average price in Midland is the highest since June 2014, the last time the world saw oil above $100 a barrel. Apartment rents in Midland and Odessa are up by more than a third from a year ago, with the average 863-square-foot unit commanding $1,272 a month.

That's one reason the Ector County Independent School District has more than 100 teaching positions open, said spokesman Mike Adkins. People who move for jobs are stunned by the cost of living. Armin Rashvand's apartment is smaller and costs more than the one he rented in Cleveland before moving last August to run the energy-technology program at Odessa College.

"That really surprised me," he said, because Texas's reputation is that it's affordable. "In Texas, yes — except here."

Another surprise: Some of his students, with two-year associate degrees, can make more than he does, with his master's in science, electrical and electronic engineering. At Midland College's oil and gas program, which trains for positions like petroleum-energy technician, enrollment is down about 20 percent from last year. But schools that teach how to pass the test for a CDL — commercial driver's license — are packed.

"A CDL is a golden ticket around here," said Steve Sauceda, who runs the workforce training program at New Mexico Junior College. "You are employable just about anywhere."

And you can make a whole lot more money than waiting tables at Gerardo's Casita. Jeremiah Fleming, 30, is on track to pull down $140,000 driving flatbed trucks for Aveda Transportation & Energy Services Inc., hauling rigs.

"This will be my best year yet," said Fleming, who used to work in the once-bustling shale play in North Dakota. "I wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

Morales, a native Midlander and second-generation restaurateur, has seen it happen so many times before. Oil prices go up, and energy companies dangle such incredible salaries that restaurants, grocery stores, hotels and other businesses can't compete. People complain about poor service and long lines at McDonald's, Walmart and their favorite Tex-Mex joints. Rents soar.

"This is my home town. I don't want that reputation," he said. He's not yet quite sure what to do about it as mayor of a city that has been on the oil-industry rollercoaster for nearly 100 years.

He has, though, come up with strategies for his restaurants. For example, he now issues paychecks weekly, instead of twice monthly, and offers more opportunities for over-time hours. He also makes common-sense bids to employees tempted by the Permian's siren call.

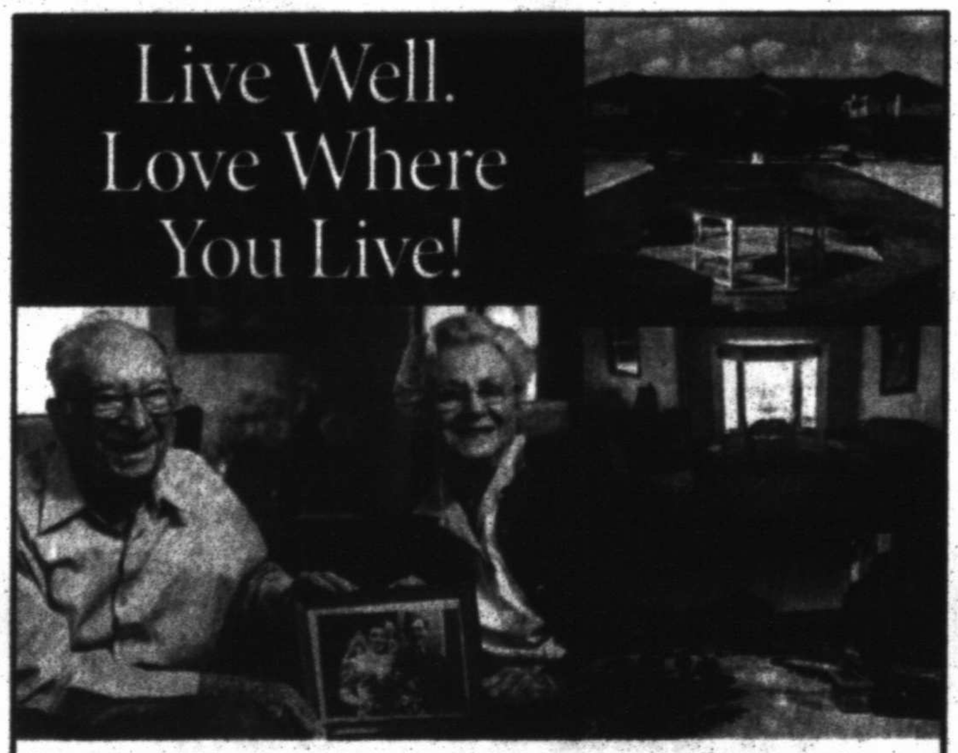
His pitch: "If you'll stay with me, I can give you three quarters of what the oil will give you but you don't have to get dirty or worry about getting hurt." And just maybe, when crude crashes, they'll still be employed.

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Luxury dorms stumble amid sticker shock

By Martin Z. Braun
Bloomberg

Park West, a 3,400-bed student housing complex near the Texas A&M University campus in College Station has a resort-style rooftop pool, three gyms and lounges with billiard tables, ping pong and flat screen TV's.

What it doesn't have are students — or rather their parents — willing or able to pay as much as $1,000 a month to live there. Just over half the beds at the complex, financed largely by tax-exempt municipal bonds, were filled during the last academic year.

About 360-miles north in Norman, Oklahoma, a 1,230-bed residence hall at the University of Oklahoma featuring a "blow dry bar and salon," a market with grass-fed local meats, and a cycling studio is just 26 percent leased, according to a securities filing. It opens in August.

"We have seen some projects go through a little bit of stress," said Jessica Matsumori, an analyst at S&P Global Ratings. S&P has rated about 60 privatized municipal student-housing deals, most of them BBB-, the lowest investment grade.

As universities tap outsiders to finance a dormitory arms race while keeping debt off the books, the Texas and Oklahoma projects underscore the risks to investors of overbuilding "luxury" accommodations as students and parents become more cost-conscious.

Municipal bond sales for new student housing projects backed only by rents grew to about $930 million last year, a 45 percent increase from a decade before, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Unable to pay operating costs and service $360 million of bonds with project revenue, the non-profit owner of the Texas A&M complex, National Campus and Community Development Corporation, agreed May 17 to give bondholders more control over the project. Texas A&M also agreed to advertise the complex on its campus housing website.

S&P has downgraded $250 million municipal bonds that financed the University of Oklahoma project to BB. Baton Rouge, Louisiana based Provident Resources Group, the non-profit that financed the dorm, attributed weak demand to a "lack of creative marketing strategies" and higher rents than other housing, the ratings company said.

Greg Eden, a former public finance-lawyer at Kutak Rock and president and sole employee of Austin, Texas-based National Campus, didn't return calls seeking comment. Steve Hicks, also a former public-finance attorney and the chief executive officer of Provident, said his group will address the the issues related to the S&P downgrade in the coming weeks and that bondholders will get timely updates.

National Campus has financed student housing at Florida International University and Drake University it Iowa. It has also issued debt for a hotel and conference center at Texas A&M. Provident owns student housing at Kean University and Montclair State University in New Jersey, Towson University in Maryland, and North Carolina State University.

The projects are developed and managed by private companies.

Few restrictions apply to tax-exempt financings by non-profit entities, said Mark Scott, a former head of the Internal Revenue Service's Tax-Exempt Bond Office. "The real question is why an entity that builds luxury apartments is entitled to non-profit status," he said.

Park West, which is located closer to Texas A&M's 102,733-seat football stadium than to academic buildings, opened at the flagship school in fall 2017. The 5,200 acre campus, about 90 miles northwest of Houston, has more than 55,000 students and enrollment has grown at an average annual rate of 2.7 percent per year, between 2005 and 2015.

A market study that accompanied the 2015 bond offering for Park West said there was ample demand for the project.

But Park West only rented 54 percent of beds in the fall semester and 52 percent in the spring, according to S&P.

Management told S&P the market study didn't capture all the new housing supply coming on line in the area surrounding the campus. S&P downgraded the bonds eight levels to CCC in December.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for committing a burglary of a business in the 6000 block of State Highway 349 on April 27.

The persons(s) responsible entered the business by breaking the window to the front door. Taken were one Beretta 9mm, one American Firearms 1911 .45 and one Beretta CX4 Storm 9mm. The weapons are valued at about $3,000. While inside the business the person(s) also stole $3,700 cash and a check for more than $800.

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Central American asylum seekers set up camp on bridge over Rio Grande

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times



Photos by Molly Hennessy-Fiske/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Central American families are camped out on a border bridge between Ciudad Miguel Aleman and Roma on June 4. The migrants seeking asylum say they presented their documents to U.S. Customs officials on the bridge. But the officials said the families have to wait on the Mexican side of the bridge because there isn't enough space for them to be processed.

CIUDAD MIGUEL ALEMAN, Mexico — A simple two-lane bridge spans the Rio Grande between Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Mexico, and Roma sleepy sister cities that have long accommodated a steady flow of traffic back and forth across the border.

Regulars still cross daily, but lately they have encountered something new and disturbing.

Dozens of families from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Peru, some with babies only a few months old, have spent weeks living on the Mexican side of the bridge, waiting to be admitted to the United States as asylum seekers.

By Tuesday, nearly 50 people had camped on the bridge sidewalk coming from Mexico, half of them children. There was little shade, and in the afternoon, temperatures climbed above 100 degrees.

Bridge crossers weaved among sleeping babies, stepping over a Peppa Pig lunch box, a Moana coloring book, and dwindling stacks of bread and diapers. Fathers doled out powdered milk mixed with water in bottles to whining toddlers. Mothers strung underwear up on the cyclone fence sides of the bridge to dry in the strong wind blowing off the Rio Grande.

"Every morning we come, we wait in line," said Marco Estrada, who was a grocery clerk in Honduras. He arrived with his 2-year-old daughter nine days earlier, hoping to reach relatives in North Carolina. A gang had threatened him in Honduras, he said.

Maria Jose Alvarez extracted two Honduran birth certificates from the pocket of her jeans: her own and that of her 3-year-old daughter, Mitzy.

"We're here in the street waiting, day and night," said Alvarez, 20, before dawn Tuesday.

Those seeking asylum say they presented their documents to U.S. Customs officials on the bridge. But the officials said the families have to wait on the Mexican side because there isn't enough space for them to be processed. It has been nine days since any of the Central American families have been allowed to cross into the United States.

Requesting asylum in Mexico wasn't an option, said those on the bridge: They would have more trouble finding work there, and they feared crime in Mexico as much as in their home countries in Central America.

The bridge delay arose as the Trump administration has moved to implement a new "zero tolerance" policy of charging those who cross the border illegally in federal criminal court, instead of processing them administratively in immigration court. Parents charged have been separated from their children, who have been placed at increasingly crowded federal shelters.

Many on the bridge said they paid $1,000 to get there because they thought that if they requested asylum they would be allowed to stay in the U.S. legally.

"We heard if you cross in the river they will separate you from your family," said Estrada, 25, as he stood near the plaque marking the dividing line between the two countries. "That's why we came on the bridge."

Ruben Garcia, founder of the El Paso-based advocacy group Annunciation House, said the delays appear to be part of a strategy to block asylum seekers.

"They are using the pretext (that) we have to be judicious in recognition of our resources, our facilities are not set up to accommodate a lot of people, we can only receive them as we have space. They are using that tactic as a way to push people out and deny people asylum," Garcia said.

The sudden influx is unusual for the bridge between Ciudad Miguel Aleman and Roma, which stands alongside an abandoned suspension bridge that previously served as the border crossing. The cities have a combined population of about 30,000 and see a brisk flow of legal crossers at dawn and dusk, mostly workers and families.

This week, some bridge regulars didn't spare a glance at those clustered at their feet. Others donated clothing, food and water.

Immigrants who make asylum claims at a port of entry are supposed to be given a court date so a judge can determine if their asylum claim is credible. Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, anyone "who is physically present in the United States" has a right to apply for asylum. But they have to cross to the U.S. side of the bridge first.

Two uniformed U.S. Customs officials are stationed under a tent just on the U.S. side of the bridge's dividing line, ensuring that none of the families pass. They referred questions to an agency spokesman.

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Unhurried hurricanes: Study says tropical cyclones slowing

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tropical cyclones around the world are moving slightly slower over land and water, dumping more rain as they stall, just as Hurricane Harvey did last year, a new study found.

This isn't about how powerful a storm's winds are, just how fast it chugs along. Storms in the last few years — before 2017's Harvey — were moving about 10 percent slower globally than in the late 1940s and 1950s, according to a study published in Nature Wednesday. Storms worldwide in 2016 moved about 1.25 mph slower than 60 some years ago.

In the Atlantic Ocean basin, the slowdown was not dramatic, just 6 percent. But when Atlantic storms hit land — like Harvey — the study said the slowdown is a significant 20 percent. Atlantic storms that make landfall moved 2.9 mph slower than about 60 years ago, it said.

"The slower a storm goes, the more rain it's going to dump in any particular area," said study author James Kossin, a government climate scientist. "Hurricane Harvey last year was a great example of what a slow storm can do."

Harvey, which killed at least 68 people, dropped a record 60 inches of rain in parts of southeastern Texas, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Kossin started his research before the 2017 season, stopping his analysis at 2016. Adding last year's storms would have made the slowdown a bit more prominent, he said.

Unhurried hurricanes also mean strong winds blowing more often over the same place and possibly more storm surge, Kossin said.

The trend has all the signs of human-caused climate change, Kossin said. But the study did not look at causes by using computer models to simulate the Earth with and without warming. It is based solely on past observations, he said.

Another study that came out recently, using computer models, concluded that future storm movements will slow because of climate change.

Climate change is tinkering with and slowing down atmospheric circulation patterns — the wind currents that move weather along, Kossin said.

Outside scientists were skeptical. That's mostly because data before the 1970s is not reliable, so it is hard to make such conclusions, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

Kossin acknowledged problems with pre-1970s data but said that most of it deals with how strong storms are. Older data on location, and thus movement, are more reliable, Kossin said.

"Kossin is right that a 10 percent change in tropical cyclone motion would be an important change due to its effect on accumulated precipitation," Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said in an email. "I just need more convincing that there actually has been a 10 percent motion change."

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Facebook to fund original news shows from ABC, CNN, others

Facebook says it will fund original news shows created by such news organizations as ABC, CNN, Fox, Univision and Mic.

The move comes as Facebook plans to kill off its "trending" news section to make way for what it considers "trustworthy" and "informative" news. Despite efforts to clamp down, the company continues to grapple with fake news and misinformation, not to mention plain old "click bait" on its users' news feeds.

Campbell Brown, Facebook's head of news partnerships, says the shows will be original and exclusive to Facebook, rather than adapting TV programs from elsewhere for a Facebook audience. The shows will appear in Facebook's Watch video section.

Brown declined to say how much Facebook is paying for the shows. They will be available in the U.S. this summer.

BOSTON

Report: Cities generated nearly all of US job growth in 2017

American cities accounted for about 96 percent of the country's job growth in 2017 as they added nearly 2 million new jobs, according to the latest annual report from a bipartisan coalition of mayors.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, which gathered in Boston starting Friday, says in its latest "Metro Economies" report that 10 metropolitan areas alone generated $6.8 trillion in economic value in 2017, surpassing the output of most states. Those metro regions included New York; Los Angeles; Chicago; Dallas; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; Houston; Philadelphia; Boston; and Atlanta.

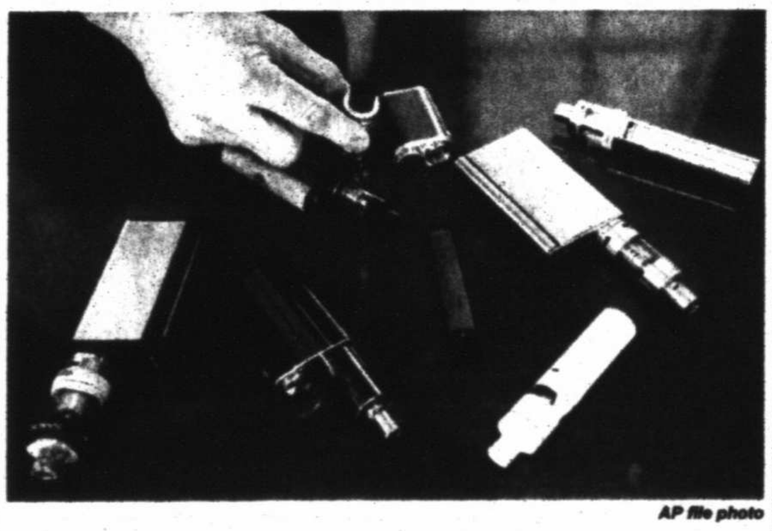
The mayors' conference report also found that 86 percent of Americans live in metro areas and 88 percent of jobs are located in them.

More than 250 mayors are gathering in downtown Boston through Monday to focus on infrastructure, cybersecurity, school safety, immigration, automation and other issues impacting cities.

Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook, is among those expected to address the conference. She will join Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh on Friday for a discussion on how communities leverage technology.

The "Metro Economies" report, which was prepared for the mayor's conference by Britain-based IHS Markit, also projected that economic growth will continue to be strongest in the American South and West in the coming years, since population and labor force growth is fastest in those regions.

But it also warned that the looming retirement of the baby-boom generation will likely slow economic expansion and increase the burden on federal programs such as Social Security and Medicare.



AP file photo

On April 10, a high school principal displays vaping devices that were confiscated from students in such places as restrooms or hallways at the school in Massachusetts. A government study released Thursday said teen vaping seemed to hold steady in 2017 and cigarette smoking continued to decline — a promising sign of progress against a wide range of nicotine and tobacco products. However, some experts were cautious about the results. They noted the survey did not asks specifically about Juuls, a wildly popular form of e-cigarettes

Study says vaping by kids isn't up, but some are skeptical

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vaping held steady last year in high school students and declined in middle school kids, according to new government data, but some researchers are skeptical because the survey may have missed out on a booming e-cigarette brand.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey did not specifically ask about Juul e-cigarettes, and research suggests some kids don't equate the trendy devices with other types of e-cigarettes.

Given that omission and the skyrocketing sales of Juul last year, the survey may be missing a big part of what's going on, said Jidong Huang, a Georgia State University researcher.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide users with aerosol puffs that typically contain nicotine, and sometimes flavorings like fruit, mint or chocolate. They're generally considered a less dangerous alternative to regular cigarettes, but health officials have warned nicotine is harmful to developing brains.

The new CDC study is based on a questionnaire filled out annually by roughly 20,000 students in grades 6 through 12. The study focused on "current users" — defined as kids who said they had used a tobacco product in the previous 30 days.

The CDC survey, and others, have shown a general decline in the use of tobacco products.

But the level of vaping soared until 2016, when there was a puzzling and dramatic drop, from 16 percent to 11 percent of high school students. That translated to a decline in teen vapers from 3 million to 2.2 million in just one year.

Experts at the time attributed the decline to public health warnings, sales restrictions and the possibility that fewer kids saw e-cigarettes as being novel.

The new CDC study, released Thursday, found high school vaping was at about the same level last year as it was in 2016, about 11 percent. That translates to about 1 in 9 students, meaning it continued to be the most commonly used product.

Cigarette use continued to fall, though slightly, and last year dropped into a tie with cigars for second place. That marks the first time cigars have been smoked as commonly as cigarettes among children.

Among middle schoolers, about 1 in 30 said last year that they had recently vaped. That was a decrease from the year before, when the figure was about 1 in 23.

Brian King, who oversees the CDC's tobacco survey work, said he believes the survey captures a sizable proportion of kids who are using Juul e-cigarettes, but he acknowledged there could be "some under-estimation." He said there are plans to add questions about Juul, but those likely won't appear until next year's survey.

Similar plans are being made for an annual University of Michigan survey of adolescent tobacco use, said Richard Miech, who leads that study. Because kids currently aren't being asked about Juul specifically, researchers can't say for sure if vaping is increasing or decreasing, he said.

Juul e-cigarettes first went on sale in 2015. They look like computer flash drives, can be recharged in computer USB ports and have prefilled cartridges containing nicotine. They also offer kid-friendly flavors like fruit and creme brulee, and teens can smoke them discreetly, even in class.

Last year, Juul became the top-selling e-cigarette brand, with more than $650 million in retail sales. That's due at least partly to aggressive marketing through Instagram and other social media, Huang noted in a recent article in the journal Tobacco Control.

More data is needed to see how much of those sales were to kids, he said in an interview.

"But looking at the sales data, I think it's hard to say the use of e-cigarettes among teens is steady or declining," he said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been targeting Juul. In April, the agency issued warnings to retailers about sales to children. The FDA also asked the manufacturer, Juul Labs of San Francisco, to turn over documents about the devices' design and marketing.

Juul Labs has said it's trying to combat teen use of its products. Company officials this week said they are launching a new ad campaign aimed at answering parents' questions about the devices.

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A busy week for Smith, Fox News' resident contrarian

By David Bauder
Associated Press



Smith

NEW YORK — Even for Fox News' resident contrarian, it's been quite a week for Shepard Smith.

He's called out the Trump administration as lying about a meeting involving the president's son, punctured claims about the FBI spying on the Trump campaign, dismissed the characterization of the Russian investigation as a witch hunt and resisted White House characterizations of the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Smith's afternoon news program has always stood out at Fox News Channel, but perhaps never more so than lately. While most of President Donald Trump's critics in the media often speak to sympathetic consumers, Smith's assessments hit ears that don't always seek — or want — a contrary point of view.

Fox aired a portion of Trump's White House rally on patriotism Tuesday that replaced the planned celebration of the Eagles' Super Bowl win, giving it more time than either CNN or MSNBC. As the last strains of "God Bless America" ended, Smith came on in Fox's New York studio.

"We stand to support, we stand to salute, we stand in the absence of the Philadelphia Eagles," Smith said. "But the thing is, the Eagles stood, as well."

Smith said Trump had claimed that the Eagles disagreed with him about the need to stand for the national anthem before football games. But the truth is, "the entire team stood for the anthem every game last season," he said.

He read a tweet from an Eagles player that accused the president of spreading a false narrative that the players are anti-military.

A day earlier Smith, like others in the media, took the administration to task for shifting stories about Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 meeting with a Russian lawyer, and what hand the future president had in crafting his son's statement about what the meeting entailed.

"It's one of those days when somebody is lying," Smith said following White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders' briefing. "We're just not really sure who is."

He said that it's frustrating to get a competing set of facts from people who "work for us."

"It's not partisan," he said. "It's about facts."

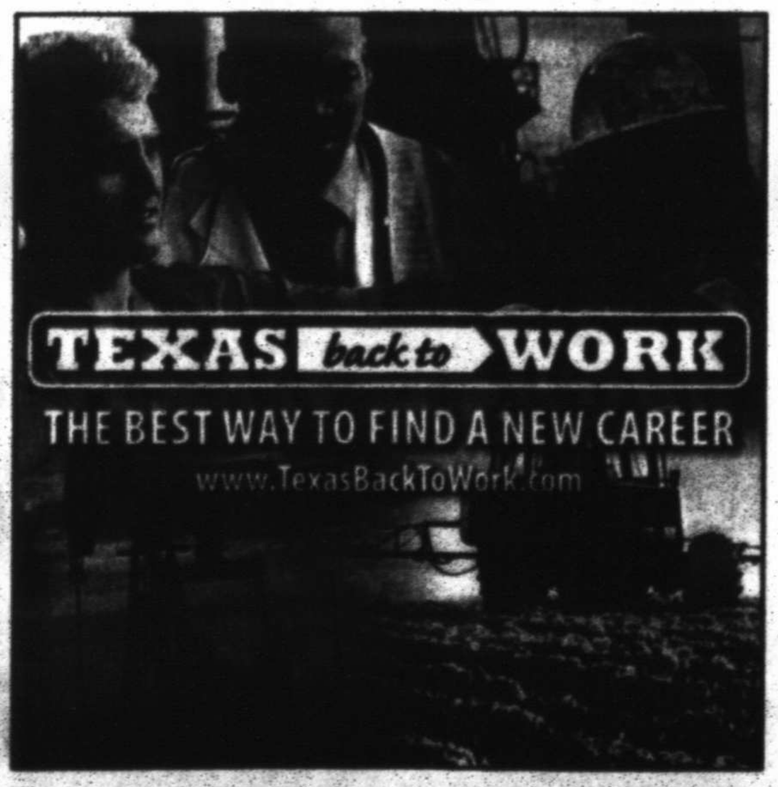
Smith faces a steady stream of invective from many Fox News fans on social media. One viewer on Twitter said Tuesday he didn't understand how Smith gets different information than others at Fox like Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham.

Many posters promise not to watch him anymore; yet with an average viewership of 1.4 million people, Smith's show is like most on Fox News in leading its cable news rivals in the ratings. There's also no evidence that Fox viewers are rejecting him. In May, the two Fox hours that preceded his show and the one that followed him all averaged around 1.4 million viewers, too, the Nielsen company said.

There are also frequent calls for Fox to drop him. Fox in March announced a multiyear deal to keep him in place.

Last week, Smith denounced the "Spygate" controversy involving FBI officials who looked into the Trump campaign to see if there was any evidence of Russian involvement. It was a story that got a flurry of attention from others at Fox; the anti-Fox lobbying group Media Matters for America circulated video that juxtaposed the words of Hannity talking about the story and Smith cutting it down.

"The president called it Spygate," Smith said. "Fox News can confirm that it is not. Fox News knows of no evidence to support the president's claim. Lawmakers from both parties claim that using informants to investigate suspected ties to Russia is not spying. It's part of the normal investigation process."



EYE ON DEVELOPMENT

A look at sales tax

June city sales tax report

June 2018 collection: $4,081,839
June 2017 collection: $2,934,958
Percent difference: 39.08 percent
Fiscal year-to-date total: $36,933,093
Percent difference from FY 2016-17: 38.48 percent
Amount collected in June by MDC: $1,020,459
Amount collected this year by MDC: $9,233,273

Previous June collections

June 2018	$4,081,839
June 2017	$2,934,958
June 2016	$2,518,093
June 2015	$3,197,894
June 2014	$3,629,829
June 2010	$1,771,827

Note: Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection. June collection is based on April sales.

Realtor.com: Midland is 'hottest market in America'

From staff reports

Realtor.com reported last week that Midland was the nation's hottest housing market for the second month in a row.

Midland was one of three Texas areas to make the list in May. Odessa was 17th, and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington was 19th. Rounding out the top five for the second month in a row were Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Massachusetts-New Hampshire; San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, California; Columbus, Ohio; and Vallejo-Farfield, California.

California led all states with the most areas in the top 20 (four). Texas and Michigan were second with three each.

Realtor.com reports that the median age of inventory in Midland was 28 days in May, down from 30 days in April.

Building permits May 28-June 1

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12306 Highway 191	New Commercial
3500 W. Wadley Ave.	Commercial Alteration
3108 Southridge Court	Fence
5304 Hilltop Drive	Swimming Pool
1108 Daybreak Way	Swimming Pool
4401 Irvin Drive	Swimming Pool
1216 Burgandy Drive	New Residence
1307 Convair Court	New Residence
1005 Ward Street	Residential Alteration
5403 Torrey Vista Drive	New Residence
1319 Desert Rose Drive	New Residence
1308 Garden Lane	New Residence
1315 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
1322 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
1310 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
1312 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
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1314 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
1316 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
15065 Buffalo Gap	New Residence
1903 N. Jackson Street	Residential Addition
2602 Beachwood Street	New Residence
601 S. Benton Street	New Residence
2506 Holloway Ave.	Residential Addition
2108 W. Kentucky Ave.	Residential Alteration
1514 S. Jefferson Street	Residential Alteration
709 N. Big Spring Street	Sign
1202 Andrews Highway	Sign
4612 Billingsley Blvd.	Sign
503 E. Interstate 20	Sign
2300 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign

Source: City of Midland

Residents experience 35 percent rent increases year-over-year

From staff reports

Odessa and Midland finished first and second, respectively, in the nation for the most significant year-over-year rent increases in May, according to the website rentcafe.com.

Odessa beat out Midland with its year-over-year increase of 35.8 percent, according to rentcafe.com. Midland finished at 35.4 percent higher compared to one year earlier. Finishing third was Yonkers, New York, at 12.9 percent.

The website reports rents increased in 79 percent of the nation's biggest 250 cities, and that the top 25 fastest-growing rents in the country are found in small cities, driven in part by economic growth and population migration.

The average rent for a one-bed room across the nation is $1,216. The averages for a two- and three-bedroom apartment are $1,426 and $1,688.

While the May report didn't provide details on Midland's rents, a visit Friday to rentcafe.com's page about Midland showed an average rent of $1,341. That compares to $980 this time last year (a 37 percent increase). The average one-bed room apartment rented for $1,159. The rents for two- and three-bedroom apartments were $1,457 and $2,002, respectively.

The average rent for an apartment on Odessa's page was $1,204.

The website's May report for the entire nation showed averages, including $726 in Amarillo, $743 in El Paso and $4,063 in the Manhattan borough of New York City.

The five fastest-growing markets for apartment rents in the country

Odessa	35.8 percent
Midland	35.4 percent
Yonkers, New York	12.9 percent
Reno, Nevada	10.7 percent
Hollywood, Florida	8.5 percent

The five slowest-growing markets for apartment rents in the country

Hillsboro, Oregon	-2.3 percent
Brownsville	-2.2 percent
Norman, Oklahoma	-2.0 percent
Thousand Oaks, California	-1.5 percent
New Orleans, Louisiana	-1.5 percent

Sizing up the cities (according to June numbers)

Midland		Odessa
$1,341	all rentals	$1,204
$1,159	1 bedroom	$1,009
$1,457	2 bedrooms	$1,369
$2,022	3 bedrooms	$1,699

Note: In each case, the average size of an apartment was larger in Midland than Odessa.

Source: rentcafe.com



Study shows size of gig economy isn't well-known

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Look around, and it seems more Americans are working outside traditional full-time jobs — whether as freelance graphic designers or independent contractors or Uber drivers.

Or maybe not. A government report this week suggested that the proportion of such jobs hasn't budged in the past decade. Yet the data carries limitations that indicate there's still plenty we don't know about the evolving U.S. job market.

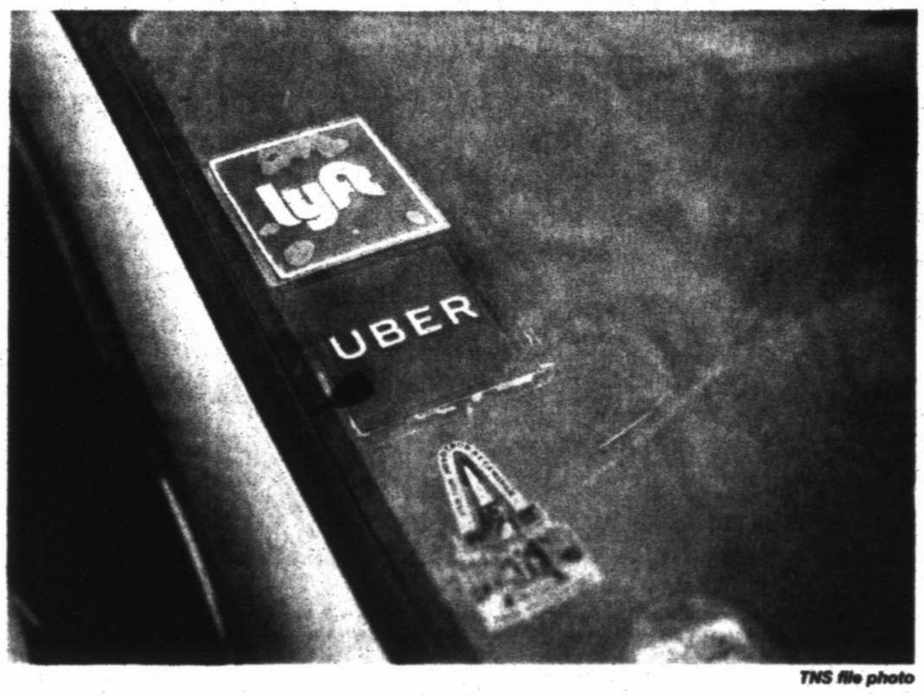
The Labor Department's report concluded that more than 15 million Americans were working as independent contractors, on-call workers, temporary workers and for contract companies as of May 2017. That's equal to about 10.1 percent of the American workforce, down slightly from 10.8 percent when the government last conducted the survey, in 2005.

That conclusion contradicts a body of academic research that has found a significant increase in what economists call "alternative work arrangements." Two leading economists, Lawrence Katz and Alan Krueger, found in a 2016 study that the number of people in alternative work had risen by more than 50 percent in 2015 from a decade earlier, to 23.6 million.

And the Federal Reserve released a report last month that said nearly one-third of Americans rely on side jobs or so-called "gig" work to supplement their incomes.

So what might explain the disparities between the government's report and other research?

Here are areas where economists agree with the report's conclusions, where they found it lacking and why it all matters:



TNS file photo

Uber and Lyft stickers are seen on a car windshield in this undated file photo.

Gig economy hype is overdone

You may be able to grab an Uber in every big city. But that doesn't mean the nation as a whole is engulfed by people finding work through mobile apps. The government's report appears to put the "gig economy" in proper perspective: Such jobs hardly seem to represent the future of work in America. Katz and Kruger's study found that just 0.5 percent of workers engaged in online gig work in 2015. The growth they found had occurred mostly among independent contractors and workers for companies that provide contract services, such as cleaning services or security guards.

A separate study by JPMorgan Chase Institute estimated that gig workers were leveling off at about 1 percent of the workforce in 2016.

Still, Katz said he was surprised by the government report's overall conclusions. The improving economy — and an unemployment rate at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent — could have pulled some people into traditional full-time jobs in the 2½ years since their report, Katz said.

More drivers, fewer construction workers

There are more independent workers in some industries, but they were offset in the government data by declines elsewhere, says Lucas Puente, chief economist at Thumbtack, an online marketplace for photographers, plumbers and other contractors.

The number of independent contractors rose by about 200,000 in transportation from 2005 to 2017, the government's report found. That likely reflects the growth of ride-hailing services. But the number of independent contractors in construction fell by about 225,000 over the same period, probably because of the housing bust, Puente said.

Drive for Uber part time? You weren't counted

Puentes and some other analysts said the government's report probably undercounted the number of people in alternative jobs. In considering whether to include someone as part of the alternative workforce, it considered only a worker's primary job. So anyone who worked at a retailer for, say, 20 hours a week and drove for Uber 10 hours a week wasn't counted in the government's calculation of alternative workers. In most surveys, the Labor Department focuses on primary jobs and collects little information on secondary work.

Yet roughly one-third of the contractors on Thumbtack use it only for secondary sources of income, Puentes said. And for some gig economy apps, that figure can reach 80 percent.

In addition, the government asked people only whether they'd worked independently in the past week. Given the erratic work schedules of many gig workers — most prize the flexibility it affords — that narrowly phrased question might also have contributed to an undercount.

Tax records point to more independent work

Another puzzle is that tax data suggests that more Americans are self-employed as freelancers or independent contractors, Katz said. The proportion of Americans filing Schedule C forms, used for business income, has risen steadily in the past decade, even while the Labor Department's surveys have found that self-employment has declined.

"It looks like it is increasingly difficult to measure self-employment," Katz said.

Contracted out? You might not have been counted, either

Katz and Krueger's 2016 study found a sizable increase in Americans working for contracting firms — companies that provide, for example, janitorial or security services.

Many economists regard that as a bigger concern than gig workers: When a company contracts out its services, it typically does so to cut costs through lower wages or skimpier benefits. Successful companies typically pay even their lower-skilled employees above-average wages; they're much less likely to do so for contractors.

Yet the government counted only a subset of contract workers — those who work for just one customer, like security guards at a specific building. It didn't include people who work for multiple customers, such as employees at a commercial laundry cleaning linen for a hotel that once did it in-house. The government wanted to avoid also counting higher-end consultants and others who serve multiple companies.

"A much more important phenomenon (than gig workers) is this domestic outsourcing, and we don't measure that very well," Eileen Appelbaum, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research. "They show up in the data as standard employees."

So what does it matter?

The government's report was the subject of intense interest in part because of the impact it might have on the policy debates surrounding independent work.

Freelance advocates say their ranks are growing steadily. Many say policymakers should consider ways to help them, such as by making health and retirement benefits more portable from job to job. But if independent work isn't growing much, than such changes aren't as urgent.

"If we don't understand the labor market in the United States, we won't have policies that reflect how it works," said Stephane Kasriel, CEO of Upwork, an online freelance marketplace.

Celebrity suicides highlight troubling trend in midlife

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The deaths of celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain and fashion designer Kate Spade highlight a troubling trend — rising suicides among middle-aged Americans.

Mental health problems, often undiagnosed, are usually involved and experts say knowing warning signs and who is at risk can help stop a crisis from becoming a tragedy.

Bourdain, 61, and Spade, 55, died three days and a continent apart this week amid a new U.S. report showing an uptick in suicides rates in nearly every state since 1999. Middle-aged adults — ages 45 to 64 — had the largest rate increase, according to the report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Previous studies have suggested economic downturns and the nation's opioid crisis contributed to the rise in middle-aged suicides.

Dr. Christine Moutier, a psychiatrist and chief medical officer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, said Friday it's important for everyone to know the warning signs and to intervene when family members, friends or co-workers appear troubled. Asking if they've had suicidal thoughts is not harmful and lets them know you care, she said.

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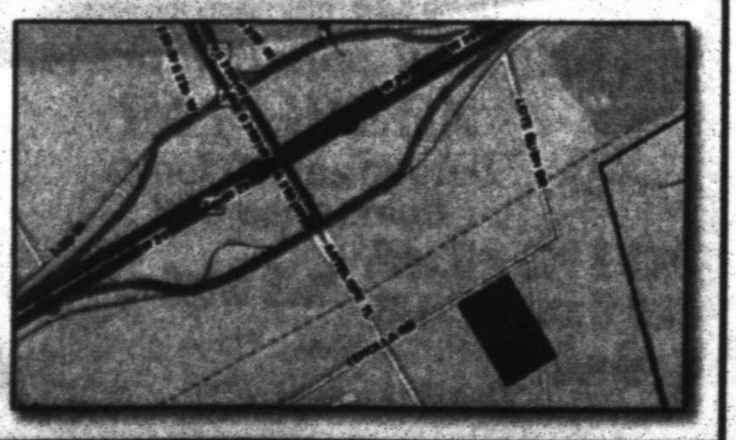
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A trade war isn't worrying most economists yet

Andrew Mayeda
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's zeal for tariffs has yet to derail the global economic outlook.

While Trump has sown confusion and frustration among fellow political leaders, economists at most Wall Street banks are barely changing their forecasts for solid global growth this year as they estimate only modest fallout from a skirmish over commerce.

Take Trump's 25 percent steel tariffs. After stripping out food and energy, consumer prices are poised to rise by three basis points in response, Goldman Sachs said in a research note Monday.

The worry remains that Trump may just be getting started. If the president delivers on all his tariff threats, $475 billion in goods would be affected, and core inflation would speed up by about 15 basis points, according to Goldman. That's still a small increase, but one that might get the attention of the Federal Reserve, which could spur more aggressive policy tightening.

"The impact of tariffs on $50 billion here and there, on its own, is relatively limited," said Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank. "The real danger continues to be the uncertainty about what's next."

The damage could get serious if trade tensions sap business confidence, causing executives to put off capital spending and other investment decisions, he said. Business spending is bouncing back after years of caution following the global financial crisis, and is partly driven by the enactment of Republican corporate tax cuts.

Factory purchasing managers see a jump in capital spending this year, according to The Institute for Supply Management's semi-annual forecast released last month. The investment surge is one of the factors driving the strongest global expansion in seven years.

"You have a lot of conversations with people who are saying, 'Is my industry next?'" said Slok. The threat of a global trade war is "no longer a tail risk," he added.

U.S. corporate chiefs said the president's trade policies risk raising costs and dragging down growth, a Business Roundtable survey showed Tuesday. Ninety-five percent of chief executive officers who responded said reduced exports from foreign retaliation was a "moderate" or "serious" risk, the poll found.

The International Monetary Fund has warned that a trade war could undermine the strongest global upswing in seven years. "Everybody loses in a protracted trade war," IMF spokesman Gerry Rice said recently week.

Bloomberg Economics estimates a trade war would cost the global economy about $470 billion by 2020 — roughly the size of Thailand's economy. That projection assumes the U.S. hikes import costs by 10 percent, and the rest of the world retaliates in kind.

For now, Trump's trade assault hasn't severely dented confidence among American businesses, according to the Fed's beige book, which polls firms across the U.S. While some respondents "noted some concern about the uncertainty of international trade policy," outlooks for near-term growth remain "generally upbeat," the May beige book reported.

Some economists are stopping short of using the term "trade war." Analysts at ING Bank NV are calling the current situation a "cold" trade conflict with a muted economic impact.

Two things need to happen for hostilities to reach the level of a global trade war, ING analysts Viraj Patel and Raoul Leering said in a research note. One, Trump would have to broaden protectionist measures to other sectors — a distinct possibility, given the administration is probing whether car imports represent a security risk. And secondly, the president would also have to respond to Chinese retaliation by raising the ante, such as by slapping a blanket 20 percent duty on all Chinese imports, according to ING.

Beijing is threatening to respond to a direct tariff attack with duties of its own on everything from American soybeans to airplanes. Both sides have refrained from imposing tariffs so far, as they try to hammer out a deal on trade issues.

The economic damage may also broaden if fears of a trade war cause a sharp selloff in risk assets, causing financial conditions to tighten. U.S. stock prices fell sharply in late March after Trump promised to impose tariffs on Chinese goods. Since then, investors appear to have become less jittery about hawkish trade statements by the president.

The S&P 500 Index traded at a more than 11-week high Tuesday, as optimism about the world's biggest economy more than offset worries about protectionism.

Under ING's worst-case scenario, which it calls "all-out trade war," the U.S. economy would take the biggest hit, with output dropping by 2 percent over two years.

"Somebody loses money when you force people to put investments on hold, when things get more expensive than they should have to, when they have to break up supply chains," Adam Posen, president of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said in an interview on Bloomberg TV. "All of it adds up."



Associated Press

White House chief economic adviser Larry Kudlow, left, and National Security Adviser John Bolton look on as President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference at the G-7 summit Saturday in La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada.

Trump delivers warning on trade at G-7

Associated Press

LA MALBAIE, Quebec — Exiting a world summit, President Donald Trump delivered a stark warning Saturday to America's trading partners not to counter his decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. But the summit host, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, whose nation is among those singled out by Trump, pushed back and said he would not hesitate to retaliate against his neighbor to the south.

"If they retaliate, they're making a mistake," Trump declared before departing the annual Group of Seven summit being held in Canada to head for his meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un in Singapore on Tuesday.

Trudeau later said he reiterated to Trump that tariffs will harm industries and workers on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border. He said unleashing retaliatory measures "is not something I relish doing" but that he wouldn't hesitate to do so because "I will always protect Canadian workers and Canadian interests."

Despite the sharp differences, Trudeau said all seven leaders had come together to sign a joint declaration despite having "some strong, firm conversations on trade, and specifically on American tariffs."

Trump's abbreviated stay at this Quebec resort saw him continuing the same type of tough talk on trade as when he departed the White House, when he accused Trudeau of being "indignant."

The summit came during an ongoing trade dispute with China and served as a precursor to the unprecedented meeting with Kim, in which Trump has sought to extend a hand to the Asian autocrat who has long bedeviled the international order.

"His message from Quebec to Singapore is that he is going to meld the industrial democracies to his will — and bring back Russia," said Steve Bannon, Trump's former campaign and White House adviser. Bannon said China is "now on notice that Trump will not back down from even allies' complaints in his goal of 'America First.'"

Speaking on Saturday during a rare solo news conference, Trump said he pressed for the G-7 countries to eliminate all tariffs, trade barriers and subsidies in their trading practices. He reiterated his longstanding view that the U.S. has been taken advantage of in global trade, adding, "We're like the piggy bank that everybody's robbing and that ends."

He said U.S. farmers had been harmed by tariffs and other barriers and warned that U.S. trading partners would need to provide him with more favorable terms. "It's going to stop or we'll stop trading with them," he said.

Health law move has risks for Republicans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration's decision to stop defending in court the Obama health law's popular protections for consumers with pre-existing conditions could prove risky for Republicans in the midterm elections — and nudge premiums even higher.

The Justice Department said in a court filing late Thursday that it will no longer defend key parts of the Affordable Care Act, beginning with the unpopular requirement that people carry health insurance, but also including widely-supported provisions that guarantee access for people with medical problems and limit what insurers can charge older, sicker adults.

Friday, the insurance industry warned in stark terms of "harm that would come to millions of Americans" if such protections are struck down, causing premiums "to go even higher for older Americans and sicker patients."

Weighing in on a Texas challenge to the health law, the Justice Department argued that legally and practically the popular consumer protections cannot be separated from the unpopular insurance mandate, which Congress has repealed, effective next year.

That argument is likely to be lost on consumers, said Robert Blendon, a polling expert at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health — particularly in the heat of an election that will determine control of Congress.

"The pre-existing condition thing is what the ads will be run on," said Blendon. "Pre-existing conditions have gotten to be an issue that people walking on the streets understand ... it's very emotional."

Some Democratic politicians didn't waste time.

"Democrats will not allow Republicans to get away with quietly trying to strip away pre-existing conditions protections for millions of Americans through a legal backdoor," said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., a spokesman for his party on health care.



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Report: Obama sidestepped sanctions to give Iran access to dollars

By Griffin Connolly
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sidestepped economic sanctions to allow Iran to more easily access some of its foreign assets in accordance with the 2015 nuclear agreement, a new report from Senate Republicans published on Wednesday found.

In February 2016, Obama's Treasury Department issued a license to Bank Muscat in Oman that would have allowed Iran to convert $5.7 billion in Omani rials into euros by first converting them into U.S. dollars.

The Obama administration never disclosed the license. Publicly, administration officials denied the U.S. would grant Iran access to its monetary system to convert its assets into more transferable currencies like the euro and Japanese yen.

The transaction ultimately fell through after two U.S. banks refused to facilitate the deal — even after Obama officials met with the banks to complete it.

The banks were unwilling to "take on the legal and compliance risk posed by the complex conversion," the report states, and avoided the deal out of "reputational concerns in doing business with a comprehensively (sanctioned) country like Iran."

Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, the chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, was scathing in his assessment of the Obama administration's actions to skirt its own sanctions.

"The Obama administration misled the American people and Congress because they were desperate to get a deal with Iran," Portman said in a statement Wednesday. "Sanctions are a vital foreign policy tool, and the U.S. government should never work to actively undermine their enforcement or effectiveness."

In July 2015 three Obama officials, including Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, testified before Congress that under the Iran nuclear agreement Iran would not be given access to the dollar system to execute financial transactions.

Iran "will continue to be denied access to the (U.S.'s) financial and commercial market," Lew said at the time.

Iran eventually cashed in its $5.7 billion in assets at Bank Muscat by converting the funds in small increments through European banks without accessing the dollar system, the State Department said, according to the report.

President Donald Trump announced last month that the U.S. would pull out of the Iran nuclear agreement negotiated by Obama's Secretary of State John Kerry in 2015 and reimpose sanctions.

"We cannot prevent an Iranian nuclear bomb under the decaying and rotten structure of the current agreement," Trump said, announcing that he would begin reinstating "U.S. nuclear sanctions on the Iranian regime" and at "the highest level of economic sanction."

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A North Korea pact may look like Iran deal

By Tracy Wilkinson
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■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump turned against the global tide and withdrew from the landmark, multi-nation Iran nuclear deal, he cited its failure to curtail the Islamic Republic's other "malign behavior."

That included Iran's development of ballistic missiles and its support of militant groups beyond its borders.

Now, as he is about to embark on the potentially historic negotiation of an agreement with nuclear-armed North Korea, those criticisms of the Iran agreement could potentially put the president in a bind. He faces a challenge similar to the one President Barack Obama faced in his dealings with Iran.

In the view of much of the international community, North Korea is every bit as guilty of "malign behavior" as Iran, including robust missile production, assassinations of rivals on foreign soil, brutal human rights abuses and efforts to export its weapons technology to other trouble spots.

And yet, the Trump administration has shown little appetite to tackle those other issues. The great irony, experts and diplomats say, is that any North Korea deal will probably be as limited as the Iran deal was: a narrow, laser focus on the nuclear program.

Perhaps even more limited, experts say.

At minimum, that comparison will create an inconsistency that Trump will have to explain. He repeatedly attacked the Iran deal — which was comprehensive and by most accounts successful in doing what it was designed to — as "horrible" and one of the worst ever. So a deal with North Korea has to be better, more far-reaching — and yet it probably can't be, experts say.

"I really think it would be a mistake to overload the agenda," Joseph Yun, who until recently served as the U.S. special envoy for Korean policy, testified to a Senate committee last week.

As pressing as issues such as human rights and chemical weapons might be, Yun said, taking them on alongside the enormous complexity of dismantling Kim's vast nuclear arsenal would be a recipe for disaster.

The talks must "concentrate on denuclearization above all else," he said.

Yun's comments won quick approval from several Republican senators, whose support in the North Korean negotiations would be valuable to the administration — and who, like Trump, opposed the Iran agreement.

"Look, we're all about human rights," Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, responded to Yun. "But if you try to overload this and try to resolve all these things at once, I think you're just setting things up for failure."

One reason Trump felt unencumbered in tossing out the Iran deal, against the advice of most of his national security team, was that it was not a formal treaty ratified by Congress.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has made clear that any future pacts with Iran will have to be sanctioned by a treaty.

Thursday, briefing reporters at the White House, he indicated that the same would hold true for a North Korea agreement.

"We're hoping to submit a document that Congress would also have a say in," he said.

That move could give a North Korea pact the sort of political support that the Iran deal lacked. But it could also open any agreement to partisan political battling of the kind that the Obama administration hoped to avoid by not handling the Iran deal through a treaty that would require ratification by the Senate.

Nuclear negotiations with North Korea are even more complex than those with Iran. To begin with, North Korea's nuclear program dwarfs the program that Tehran had and agreed to mothball. Iran does not have any nuclear weapons; North Korea has somewhere between 20 and 60, according to U.S. estimates.

Any agreement to eliminate that stockpile would require detailed negotiation that no one — including, as of recently, Trump himself — expects to see resolved in Tuesday's summit in Singapore.

"We are literally talking a multi-year process," said James Carafano, a security and foreign policy expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation, which has advised Trump. "It's kind of like an arranged marriage. I have very low expectations, and if it works out, great."

Even if Trump and Kim agree on a basic definition of "denuclearization," the steps to begin to eliminate Pyongyang's stockpile are formidable and time-consuming and would require a cast of thousands of experts and inspectors.

Teams would have to be assembled to shut down facilities, dismantle warheads and unravel procurement systems. U.S. intelligence agencies believe North Korea has built a widely dispersed network of 100 or more clandestine production facilities to create fissile material and testing components, and to assemble and store the actual warheads.

Unlike Iran, North Korea has long been a closed, isolated nation. Inspectors from the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency, the group that is monitoring Iran and would be tasked to do the same in North Korea, last set foot in the country nearly a decade ago.

The very first step toward denuclearizing would require Kim to declare what weaponry and materiel he has amassed, and on that he could easily cheat. Critics of the Iran deal argue that Tehran also cheated in its initial declaration because it failed to list archives that compiled much of the technical know-how that Iranian scientists had accumulated.

Some experts say North Korea's status as a nuclear-armed nation is so vastly different from conditions in Iran that comparing the two is a matter of apples and oranges.

"It's very hard to make comparisons," said Robert Gallucci, who led 1994 talks with North Korea for the Clinton administration. "Iran doesn't even have fissile material" used to produce nuclear weapons, he noted.

Where North Korea will be looking to the Iran deal is in the prospect of sanctions relief. The Iran deal lifted key international sanctions, allowing the country to rejoin global markets and finance systems and to export oil.

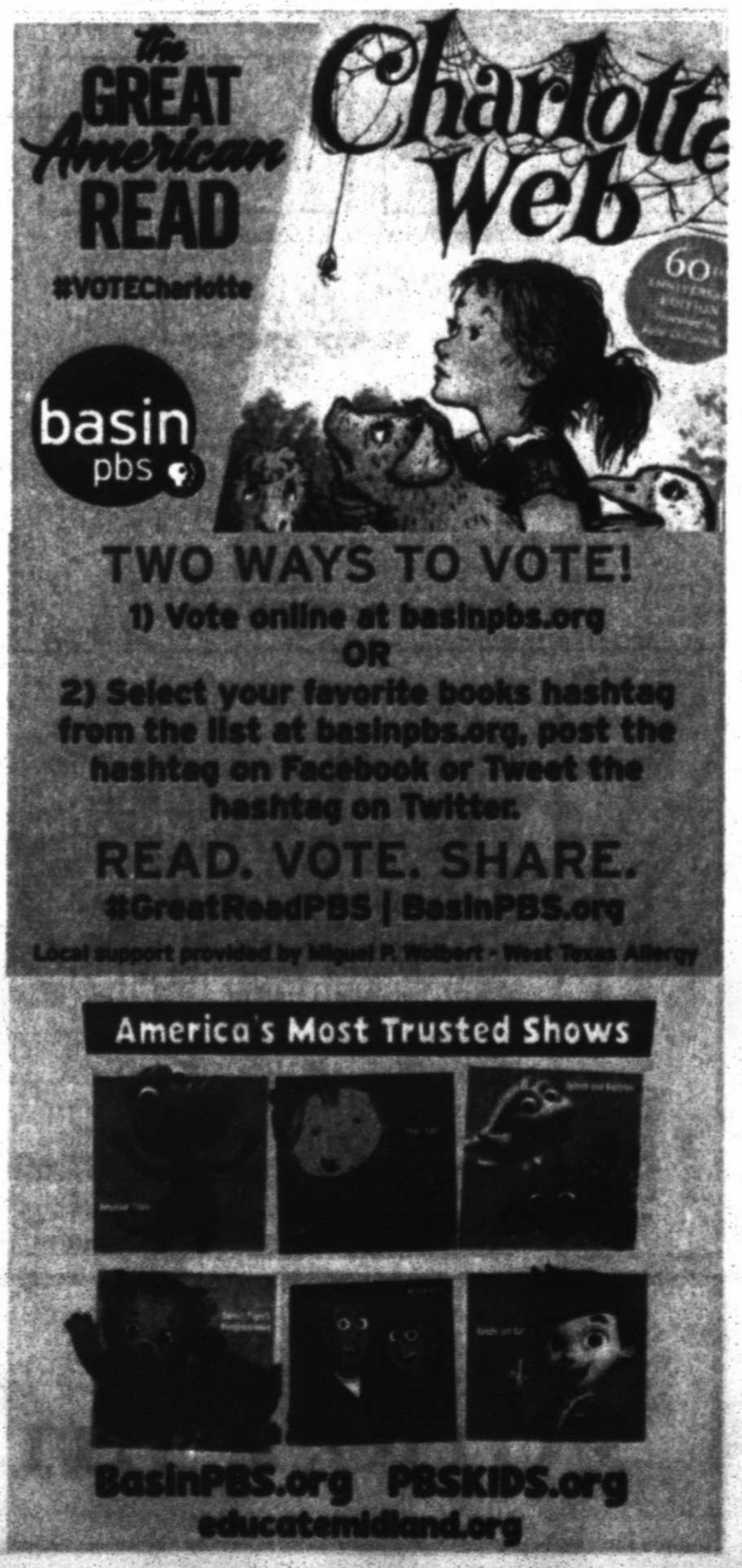
Kim appears to want two achievements from the summit meeting: international recognition and a lifting of his country's isolation, which he has already won; and removal of the international punitive measures that have helped cripple his economy. He is eager to modernize and normalize what has been a backward, impoverished country.

"When (Kim) looks down the road and he sees 10 U.N. Security Council resolutions, maximum pressure 2.0 … he's seeing that he will not be able to rule for 50 years under those conditions," said Victor Cha, who worked on Asia issues under the George W. Bush administration. "That may be why he's coming to the table."

Regional geopolitics will also figure into how successful the negotiations can be. In the Middle East, Iran has several neighbors that sustain hostilities with the Islamic Republic, another dynamic that eased the way for Trump to abandon the deal.

In Asia, however, a policy favoring war with North Korea "is not viable," said Catherine Killough, a senior fellow at the Ploughshares Fund, an organization that promotes nuclear nonproliferation. Japan and South Korea, as well as China, know that a war would be calamitous for the region.

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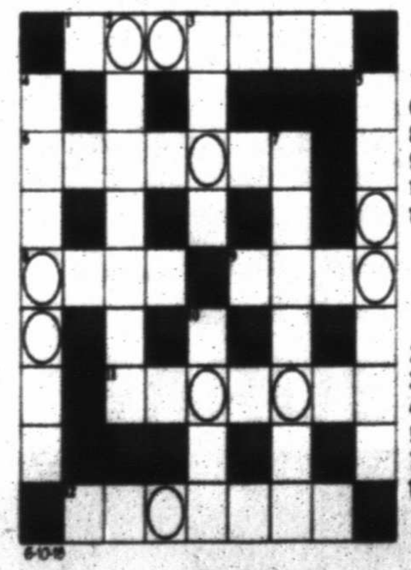
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8. ___ Town	EPCA
9. Home to billions	SAAI
11. Hidden things, info, etc.	TSRCESE
12. So long	DBOYGOE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Ink maker	SPOTOCU
3. ___ crab	KGNI
4. Fish position	TARCEHC
5. Backside	LERSPEA
7. Puzzle, riddle	SMRYETY
10. Scored 100 on	DEAC

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Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ACROSS

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6 Long-grained rice
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22 Struck a chord
23 Kids' eager query
24 Subject of an 1857 Elizabeth Gaskell biography
26 Seal predator
27 Really enjoy, with "in"
28 '80s police show partner
29 Better, to a nipper
31 Proprietors' places
35 Generous limit?
36 "I'm _": "Dragnet" line
40 Organization that really counts
43 Meet with privately
45 Toastjerker need
46 Enriched
48 Nautical time units
49 Actor Morales
50 Tourism prefix
52 Mojito flavoring
53 Like some portrait photos
55 Unyielding
58 Having four sharps
57 Tribute group
59 Phoenix-to-Albuquerque dir.
60 Gill openings
62 Like the Valkyries
64 "No Limit Top _": 1999 rap album
65 Stress, they say
66 Shows obvious anger
68 Teddies, e.g.
70 Sashimi of "Better Call Saul"
72 Diamond stats
73 R&B singer _ Marie
74 _ Dumbledore, Hogwarts headmaster
77 Poetic time
78 Microbrewery choice
80 Play date
82 RSA ruling party
83 "Yeah, sir!"
85 Logician's "E"
86 Erstwhile CIA rival
87 Algebra staples
90 Year abroad
91 Casual Friday casualty?
93 Bond rating
95 One whose business is mostly overhead?
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103 Nutritional stds.
105 Mother of Ares
107 Ointment additive
108 Mature elk
109 Pixar Studios' specialty, for short
110 _ cit.: footnote abbr.
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113 "Dude!"
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1 Bad guy in the song "Copacabana"
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5 Chateau _ Michelle winery
6 Antacid option
7 Olympians, e.g.: Abbr.
8 One-named Colombian singer
9 Scull, e.g.
10 Often-injured knee part, briefly
11 Confucian path
13 It's seen on carousels
14 Marbled cut
15 "Give it _"
16 One of many Seuss village residents
17 Put on
18 Product, say: Abbr.
19 Capital of Denmark?
25 Nice cup?
27 Consult with the doctor
30 Him, to Henri
32 Figure in red
33 Indigenous
34 Defiant challenge
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37 Amateur sport since 1893
38 Connected, in a way
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57 Reached an apex
58 Cold War capital
61 Singing syllable
63 "Frozen" snowman
65 Catch a bug
67 Evening on Elba
68 Small fishing boat concern
69 Taunt
70 Recover from a crash
71 Burn
73 Place to keep leaves
75 Over-_: sports wager
76 Boatloads
78 Michael of "Arrested Development"
79 Prepare for impact
81 Summer hire, perhaps

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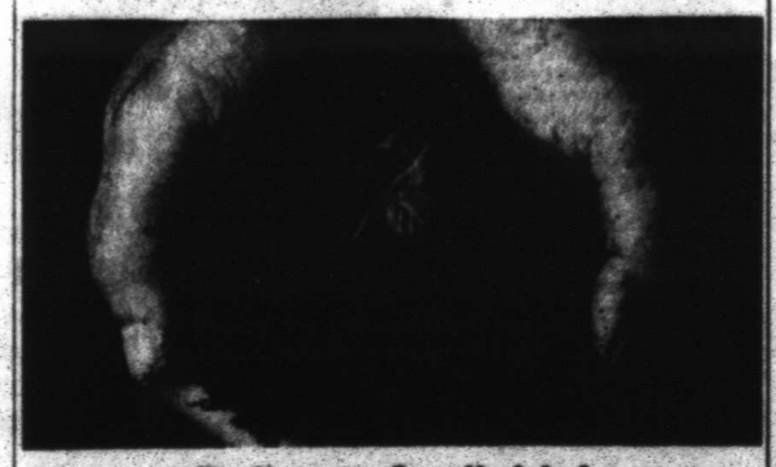
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Some West Texans need attitude adjustment toward cyclists



MATTY SPEIGHTS
Reporter-Telegram contributor

Another bicycle death in Midland; it was a horrific sight along State Highway 191's north feeder road around 9:30 in the morning. The body was twisted up and lifeless on the pavement, thrown about 60 feet from where the bicycle lay. One of the 15 or so Samaritans who stopped was kind enough to cover the rider's face with a cloth. Not far past the site of the incident is a bright yellow "Share the Road" sign with a bicycle on it. As a former triathlete and avid cyclist, I can't say I'm surprised ... after experiencing a large number of selfish, drive-too-close, honking drivers, I stopped riding shortly after moving here in 2015. I won't even allow my kids to ride their bikes in the neighborhood.

I have carried my carbon fiber Trek road bike around the world. Rode it all over Europe and major cities across the U.S. Booming cities that boast prime living conditions are often judged by their active commitment to healthy outdoor lifestyles, and you'll know them by that culture. You see families riding bikes and taking walks along trails, city streets and country roads.

Midland and Odessa are not those kinds of cities. But why aren't they? We have wide roads and wide open spaces, certainly more so than bike and pedestrian-friendly cities like Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and Seattle. I'm comparing to larger cities because, as the nation's index area for oil production, our dry and dusty region is "kind of a big deal." Our average nightly hotel rates during the weekdays are higher than in Boston or Beverly Hills ... suffice it to say that with an abundance of valuable resources, there's no reason we shouldn't be competitive when it comes to promoting healthy outdoor activities and active lifestyles. It's something we would all benefit from.

The problem is attitude. Though it does not represent the majority of West Texas drivers, there is an egotistical "own-the-road" attitude that some people assume when they get behind the wheel, and although it's everywhere in the world, any cyclist who has traveled with their bike will attest that this type of driver attitude is particularly prevalent here. It's scary to ride in West Texas.

As a cyclist, you need to trust that drivers will share the road. Unlike walking along a street, which should be done in the opposite direction of vehicle traffic, riding requires that you follow the direction of traffic and obey all street signs just as if you were driving a car. This leaves riders susceptible to injury and accidents caused by careless, distracted and bullish drivers.

This is a call to action. It's time to educate West Texas drivers about running and cycling etiquette. Be alert. Give a wider berth. Don't tailgate. Don't yell, rev your engine, honk or throw things. Lastly, let's change the attitude here. Once, when passing a couple of leisure bicycle riders on University Boulevard in Odessa, the passenger in my truck muttered, "freakin' idiots." They're not idiots; they're people — people like you and me, laudably trying to have an active lifestyle. People who could ride safely in much bigger and more bustling cities, and who should be able to do so here, where they choose to live and work. We should not have to keep our bikes packed away for fear of dying.

SLINGS AND ARROWS



San Antonio Express-News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram file photos

LEFT: Congressman Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, conducts a town hall meeting Feb. 13 at the Ella Austin Community Center on San Antonio's east side. RIGHT: Sen. Ted Cruz takes the stage at River Ranch in Fort Worth on April 4.

Politicians in Trump era test boundaries



ROSS RAMSEY
Texas Tribune

Political candidates in Texas and elsewhere are testing your tolerance, learning on the job how far they can push before voters say, "Whoa!"

They can go pretty far, as it turns out. Most people who register to vote don't vote, after all, and many of the people who do cast ballots stick to their party lines. And to incumbents.

This protects officeholders like Land Commissioner George P. Bush from the slings and arrows of outrageous predecessors like Jerry Patterson, who tried and failed to get the public (and the news media) to focus on an unfavorable audit of Bush's management and financing operations at the Alamo before the March primaries.

Bush ducked. Voters snoozed. Patterson lost.

It also pushes candidates to reach further than they can grasp, as when U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz opened fire last week on his opponent's mother's former business. He swung at U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, for making campaign tax proposals even though his mother's business got in trouble for tax avoidance and paid big fines for doing so.

That's not exactly "ludicrous," but the perpetrator wasn't exactly Cruz's opponent, either. It brought to mind a 2016 incident in which a presidential candidate went off on an opponent who attacked the candidate's own family. That was Cruz himself, berating Donald Trump's "ludicrous" allegation that Cruz's father was tangled up with John F. Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and a Trump tweet threatening to "spill the beans" about Cruz's wife. "Leave Heidi the hell alone," Cruz said at the time, though he later came around and endorsed Trump.

Cruz v. O'Rourke, the top race on the general election ballot in Texas, is really just getting started. Cruz, better known than his Democratic challenger, is trying to introduce O'Rourke in a negative way faster than O'Rourke can make a positive impression.

That's Politics 101, but voters are a harder sell than they used to be — if they're paying attention at all.

There's pretty good evidence that most Texans are not engaged in politics right now.

Some races just aren't competitive this year. Blame (or credit) redistricting for some of that: Most of the seats in the state's congressional delegation and in

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MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
Dallas Morning News

Undocumented Texans contribute billions to economy and should not be chased away

In Texas, undocumented immigrants are an asset, and a valuable one.

That may not be obvious, given that many work off the books in lower-paying jobs and have less education than immigrants who came here legally. Their contributions are often discounted, too, because some Americans can't get past the fact that these residents have violated the law.

But the undocumented are a major part of the workforce in Dallas-Fort Worth and the state, and for decades, they've helped create the Texas growth story.

By one estimate, they held 1.2 million jobs in Texas, about 11.5 percent of the private-sector workforce in 2015. They paid over $13 billion in total taxes and generated almost $145 billion in gross product.

Their benefits — and costs — are not divided uniformly. The feds enjoy the biggest fiscal surplus because the undocumented don't get payments from Social Security and other programs. The state has a net gain, too, according to a 2016 report by the Perryman Group in Waco.

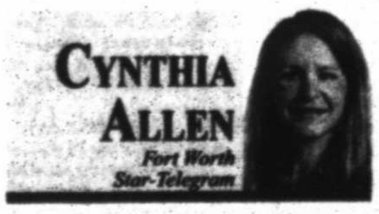
Much of the funding burden falls to local agencies in Texas, including school districts and health care providers. They supply billions more in services than undocumented immigrants pay in taxes locally, the report said.

Still, there's enough upside to go around, especially when multiplier effects are included — if government would coordinate its policies.

"The overall fiscal surplus is quite substantial," the Perryman report said.

Not all agree, of course. Last year, one group said that illegal immigrants cost the U.S. over $100 billion, including $11 billion in Texas. Those findings were challenged by advocates who said that a person's economic impact should be measured over a lifetime — and should include purchasing power and entrepreneurship as well as

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CYNTHIA ALLEN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Religious liberty doesn't take cake, but does win a meaningful victory

When it comes to the culture war, social conservatives (at least those who are not deluding themselves) know they have been routed.

The forces of secularism and relativism long ago toppled the social ballasts of religious principle and moral truth. The battles since have been defensive and uphill.

Perhaps that is why Monday's Supreme Court decision in favor of baker Jack Phillips and his Masterpiece Cakeshop was a beacon of hope for some whose faiths have made them collateral damage by what feels to many like an unrelenting wave of progressive intolerance.

It should give us hope that all is not lost.

To be sure, the facts of this particular case are striking. In 2012, Phillips was asked by a gay couple to design and bake a wedding cake in celebration of their marriage. At the time, gay marriage was not recognized by Colorado, the state where the cake shop is located. Citing the Christian faith that anchored his belief in traditional marriage, Phillips informed the couple he could not bake them a custom cake celebrating their wedding ceremony, but otherwise offered his services to them.

The couple filed a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission which found that Phillips had violated the state public accommodation law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The decision was upheld by a state appellate court.

The nation's high court saw it differently.

In a 7-2 decision, the majority of the court held that Phillips, not the couple seeking a wedding cake, was the victim of intolerance when several of the state commissioners reviewing the case likened Phillips' faith to "one of the most despicable pieces of rhetoric that people can use," even comparing his religious defense to slavery and the Holocaust.

Writing for the court, Justice Anthony Kennedy called this overt anti-religious animus, "inappropriate for a Commission charged with the solemn responsibility of fair and neutral enforcement of Colorado's anti-discrimination law — a law that protects discrimination on the basis of religion as well as sexual orientation." Imagine that.

The commission, Kennedy wrote, d'sparaged Phillips faith by reducing it to "something insubstantial and even insincere," a substantial error given that "... government has no role in deciding or even suggesting whether the religious ground for Phillips' conscience-based

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the state Senate and House are drawn to favor either the Republican or Democratic party's candidates. Winning the right party primary in most places is enough to get into office.

You've heard this bit before: Fewer than a handful of the state's 36 U.S. House seats are up for grabs, practically speaking. Only one or two — three if you stretch — of the 16 state Senate seats on the ballot could change hands, and only a dozen or so seats in the 150-member Texas House are really in play.

What that means during campaign season is that incumbents don't have to spend a lot of time defending themselves. Even candidates whose real and perceived problems would've caused election nightmares in past cycles — indictments, bad audits, personal behavior issues and other scandals — don't seem to be of much concern to voters.

Put it down to information overload, to lack of trust in the sources of news, to voter disinterest or to the fact that Texans are starting their summers with other things on their minds.

If you've got the president in your regular Twitter stream, or you're getting a lot of your news from national sources, you know that he eats up a lot of bandwidth. For anyone watching the Trump Show, the time left to pay close attention to state and local elections is short. And the president has helped change the standards for outrage, making political building blocks out of the kind of material that used to be radioactive in politics. How many times have you wondered whether his latest words or actions might sink his ship? How many times did he sink someone else instead?

If people are only going to believe media they agree with — that now-routine formulation of information/political tribes and their news diets — they're only going to believe the revelations and explanations that come from their side. Examples are all around you, depending on your personal mediasphere — from George P. Bush and the Alamo to Beto O'Rourke's mother's tax misadventures. In the political world, that distrust is useful to candidates who can fend off bad information and news stories by attacking the messengers instead of answering for their own words and actions.

This would be stunning if it weren't so routine: 83 percent of the state's registered voters skipped this year's Democratic and Republican primaries, 70 percent skipped the primaries in 2016, 86 percent skipped in 2014 and 85 percent in 2012. More show up for the big-tent general elections: Only 40 percent of registered voters in Texas skipped the Trump-Clinton election in November 2016, roughly the same turnout as the 2012 presidential general election.

Patterson and Cruz and dozens of candidates like them — challengers and incumbents from all of the political parties — are out there pitching, trying to get voters' attention. So far, no cigar.

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objection is legitimate or illegitimate."

At a time when religion is under constant assault, rebuking the claim that adhering to one's faith is tantamount to bigotry is a real win for religious liberty.

It's notable, too, that Kennedy also wrote the majority opinion in Obergefell v. Hodges, the case that asserted the constitutional right to same-sex marriage. His authorship of Monday's decision doesn't suggest an ideological retreat, but might be viewed as a tacit acknowledgment that gay Americans and religious Americans both deserve constitutional protections and that the need for the former does not supersede the latter, a necessary reminder in an era of coercive progressivism.

But many religious conservatives are worried — "Only profound naivete can spin the majority decision as a victory for religious liberty," decried an essay in First Things — and they have reason to be.

While Kennedy took a clear stand against blatant religious intolerance, the connective tissue of his opinion was equivocal, flaccid and even fitful at times.

The court failed to rule on one of the case's more difficult questions: does the state have the authority to compel the exercise of constitutionally protected individual expression in support of a constitutionally protected act, in this case, a same-sex wedding?

And Kennedy seemed to indicate that had the facts of the case been different, had the commissioners been less overtly hostile to Phillips and his sincerely held beliefs, the ruling could have gone the other way.

But it didn't, and there is comfort in knowing that even Justice Kennedy is not blind to the pervasive intolerance of the secular left.

What's more, as writer and lawyer David French points out, the facts of Phillips' case were not so unique. Disdain for religion is a baked-in feature of "state civil-rights commissions that are highly ideological and often outright hackish. They're undisciplined and biased as a matter of course," and religious-liberty attorneys will find no shortage of cases with similar circumstances. Several are in the pipeline already.

While a broader ruling would have reassured people of faith that they still enjoy the blanket protections our Constitution guarantees, the ruling should provide otherwise beleaguered religious conservatives with a much-needed shot in the arm.

It's no time for retreat.

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Former Fleetwood Mac guitarist Danny Kirwan dies at 68

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mick Fleetwood says former Fleetwood Mac guitarist Danny Kirwan has died at age 68.

Fleetwood says in a Facebook post that Kirwan died Friday in London. No cause of death was given.

Kirwan was part of the iconic band from 1968-72, playing on the albums "Then Play On," "Blues Jam at Chess," "Kiln House," "Future Games" and "Bare Trees."

Fleetwood writes that Kirwan's legacy "will forever live on in the music he wrote and played so beautifully as a part of the foundation of Fleetwood Mac."

Kirwan was among the eight members of the band — along with Fleetwood, Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham, Peter Green, John McVie, Christine McVie and Jeremy Spencer — who were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1998.

Obituaries



Brandey Lynne Ackerman

Brandey Lynne Ackerman, 39, of Midland, TX, was called home on Thursday, June 7, 2018. She was born to Betty Ann Johnson and the late Eddy-Wayne Johnson in Anchorage, AK.

Betty remarried in 1985 to Charles Oxford of Midland, TX. Brandey fell in love with her new dad, Charlie, and he quickly became the cornerstone of her truly happy and amazing life.

Brandey attended Midland High School where she graduated with honors and became a fiercely proud Aggie when she graduated from Texas A&M University Cum Laude in 2001 with a degree in Nutrition.

She was an active Aggie Lutheran, and during the summers while at Aggieland, she volunteered at Camp John-Mark where she helped with rehabilitation of children with special needs. Brandey obtained her license as a Registered Dietician and passionately cared for underserved children at WIC for six years.

In 2001, Brandey met the love of her life and married Chris Ackerman of Fort St. John, British Columbia. In support of her true dream, Chris encouraged Brandey to become a physician and she was accepted at Texas Tech School of Medicine in 2007. Continuing her true love of caring for children, Brandey completed her residency and became a Board-Certified Pediatrician in 2012. That same year, the Ackerman family relocated to Midland, TX to be close to Betty and Charlie.

Brandey has three beautiful children - Peyton (b. 2011), Hudson (b. 2013), and Ellison (b. 2016). Brandey quickly became known as "superwoman" when she excelled in providing care to sick and injured children while being a fiercely loyal and selfless mother to Peyton and Hudson through residency.

The center of Brandey's world was her three beautiful children. Brandey would come home from her practice and tirelessly play with Peyton, Hudson, and Ellison. She would spare no efforts to take her kids to the park, pool, jump with them on the trampoline, have water gun fights, or cuddle with them reading books. Brandey's children wanted for nothing and the delight seen on both Brandey's and her children's faces when she entered the room was unmistakable.

Once relocated to Midland, TX, Brandey joined the medical practice of Midland Pediatric Associates. She continued her quest to provide exceptional care to her patients and their families by becoming a certified Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC.) In her practice, Brandey quickly became known as a brilliant, hard-working, and personable doctor whose patients quickly came to love her as much as she loved them. Brandey was well-known as a Pediatrician who got up early, stayed late, made house calls, and was up all hours of the night working hard to be the best doctor to her patients and their families. She was truly a shining star…

Brandey is survived by her husband, Chris, and her three children Peyton, Hudson, and Ellison.

Brandey is also survived by her mother and dad, Betty and Charles Oxford; her sister, Jamie Wayne Johnson and partner Bradley Dickinson and their sons, Braxten Johnson and Braden Dickinson; cousins, aunts and uncles; as well as countless loving family and friends.

A visitation will be held Monday, June 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Light refreshments will be served.

Service will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, located at 5501 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland, TX.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Midland Children Rehab Center or Centers for Children and Families, both of Midland, TX.

Services are provided by Ellis Funeral Home and Christ Church Anglican.

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George Ray Dixon

George Ray Dixon, 66, died peacefully under hospice care on May 28, 2018 surrounded by his family. The long battle with liver failure won.

He was a Christmas baby, born 12-23-1951 in Silsbee, Texas. He was the son of Audice Rayford Dixon and Peggy Marie Douglas Dixon who preceded him in death in 2005. His brother, William (Bill) Edward Dixon passed away in July 2016.

George is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Velvet Catherine Marshall Dixon; children, Peggy Jo Dixon Faust, and her husband, William Daniel Faust of Corpus Christi, son Douglas Ray Dixon and wife, Danielle Caruso Dixon, Seattle, Washington, and son Marshall George Dixon, Austin, Texas. Grandchildren are Gabrielle Marie Doerr and Elden Ray Doerr of Corpus Christi, and two step grandchildren, Macy Faust and Emily Faust in Corpus.

George's early years were in East Texas and West Louisiana where his mother was from. In 1960, they moved to Midland, Texas. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1970 where he was active with football and numerous civic organizations.

After high school, George worked his way through Southwest Texas (now Texas State University) while working for Atlantic Richfield Oil Company in the summers. He graduated with a Journalism and Education Degree in 1975. While at Texas State, he joined Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Later he was active with helping to organize the CENTEX Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Association in 2007.

After graduation from college, he developed a strong work ethic while working for several oil field service companies located both onshore and offshore in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The oil industry collapsed in 1983 and he worked his way up through the ranks for the next 24 years at Farmers Insurance Group of Companies in Houston and Austin. George loved his work as the Houston Division Agency Manager and assumed numerous other management positions before retiring in 2007. Retirement could not hold him down. He found enjoyment in opening and operating the Dixon Insurance Agency over the next three years.

He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin. George loved life. He enjoyed camping, fishing and entertaining with his guitar around the campground or in his garage. He also had a passion for dancing, genealogy and snow skiing. But nothing was more important to him than family. His family was his pride and joy. He enjoyed the many trips traveling with Velvet in their travel trailer.

Any memorial donations can be made to the Hospice Austin's Christopher House, 2820 E. MLK Blvd. Austin, TX 78702 512-342-4700.

To share memories of George with his family, please visit *www.crowderfuneralhome. com.*



Michelle Boyce Aguilar

Michelle Boyce Aguilar, 42, of Midland, was rescued into the hands of God on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Michelle was born on January 23, 1976 to Sheila and Dan Boyce in Midland. Michelle was adventurous and energetic. She had a contagious, fun-loving spirit that always made friends and strangers feel loved. She brought life into every place she went. Michelle had a heart of gold and the amazing grace to forgive others. She was passionate about her family and her girls were her greatest reward.

Michelle was a follower of Jesus Christ and her hope was always in the Lord. She overcame many adversities in this life due to being anchored to the truth found in Romans 5:8. She clung to His words, *"...I loved you at your darkest..."*.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Miguel Aguilar; children: Alexus Watts, Miami Zarauskas; Cruz Graciele Aguilar; granddaughter, Brylie Slade; parents, Sheila and Dan McCright; siblings, Shane Freeman; Brent Boyce; Blake Boyce (Lauren); Natalie Nolen(Chris); Daniel Boyce; Dillon Boyce; Drew Boyce.

Michelle is preceded in death by her dad, Dan Boyce; grandparents, Jack and Pearl Boyce and Joe and Corrine Luther.

Rosary service will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Visitation will be held Monday, June 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

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Death Notices

Antonia Mongarro Yharte Valles

Antonia Mongarro Yharte Valles, 93, of Midland, passed away Friday, June 8, 2018.

Prayer service will be 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory in Midland, Texas.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

Holocaust survivor Gena Turgel, consoler of Anne Frank, dies

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Gena Turgel, a Holocaust survivor who comforted Anne Frank at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp before the young diarist's death and the camp's liberation a month later, has died. She was 95.



Turgel

Turgel died Thursday, Britain's chief rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, said on Twitter. The news triggered tributes from some of the people the Polish native touched in the decades she shared her World War II experiences, including witnessing the horrors of the Nazi camps at Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen.

After World War II, Turgel married one of Bergen-Belsen's British liberators, Norman Turgel, earning the nickname "The Bride of Belsen." Her wedding dress, made from parachute silk, is part of the collection of the Imperial War Museum in London.

Turgel attended Britain's annual Holocaust remembrance two months ago in a wheelchair with a blanket draped over her knees.

"My story is the story of one survivor, but it is also the story of 6 million who perished," she said at the event in London's Hyde Park. "Maybe that's why I was spared — so my testimony would serve as a memorial like that candle that I light, for the men, women and children who have no voice."

Born in Krakow, Poland as Gena Goldfinger on Feb. 1, 1923, Turgel had to move with her family in 1941 to a Jewish ghetto with only a sack of potatoes, some flour and a few belongings. One brother was shot by the Nazi SS police and another disappeared after trying to escape, according to the Holocaust Educational Trust in London.

A sister of hers was shot while trying to smuggle food into a labor camp. In January 1945, Turgel and her mother were forced onto a death march from Auschwitz, leaving her remaining sister behind.

It was in a hospital at Bergen-Belsen, where the 22-year-old Turgel arrived in February, that she cared for Anne Frank as the 15-year-old girl was dying from typhus.

"I washed her face, gave her water to drink, and I can still see that face, her hair and how she looked," Turgel once told the BBC.

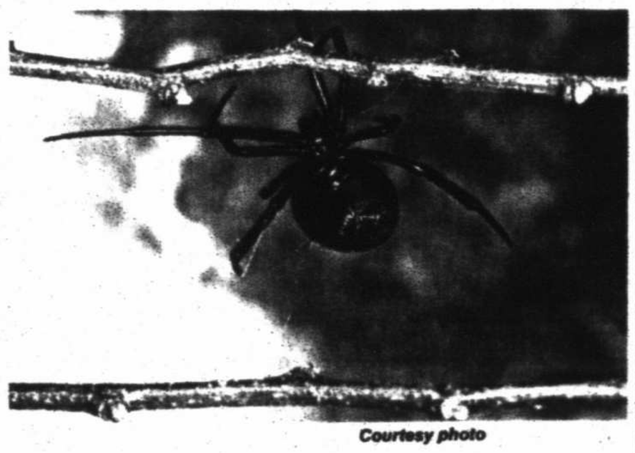
Turgel published a memoir, "I Light a Candle," in 1987 and kept retelling her story in schools across Britain until the end of her life.

"Gena dedicated her life to sharing her testimony to hundreds of thousands in schools across the country," "Her story was difficult to hear - and difficult for her to tell, but no one who heard her speak will ever forget," Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he met Turgel at the Hyde Park event in April and was "inspired by her lifelong commitment to educating people about the horrors of the Holocaust."

"Let us hope for a better future where anti-Semitism and all hatred should be demolished, shouldn't be tolerated," Turgel said at the time. "And I do beg you, don't forget those who are less fortunate than yourselves. "

She is survived by her three children, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.



A black widow spider is shown in this undated photo from the Houston Museum of Natural Science. A retured entomologist from Alpine was bitten by a black widow in 2017 when one of the arachnids crawled into a glove he left in his backyard during a break from working. When he returned and put the glove on, he was bitten.

Courtesy photo

Victim struggles to recover from black widow spider bite



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

Retired entomologist Terry Taylor of Alpine has some serious complications from a black widow spider bite he got last August while working in his backyard. He is still struggling with it.

"Looking back on it, I have to speculate on some of it because I just don't remember. I was working in the yard early in the morning. I had to go in the house, so I took my work gloves off and laid them on the ground. I was in the house just about five minutes," he said.

"When I came back I put on my right glove first and felt some stinging. I thought some fire ants had gotten into the glove and they were hurting me. So, I mashed my left hand against my right hand, which still had the glove on it, with the intention of crushing those fire ants, killing them. I didn't think a whole lot about it except my right hand started heating up. It felt like fire. Then my left arm started heating up and so did my legs. I went into the house and knew I was in trouble.

"Every muscle in my legs and arms was blue and was shivering. So I pressed my emergency device I was wearing. EMTs came and took me to the hospital. That was on the 18th of August, and I have no recollection of anything until September. I was totally out of it. My doctor told me I died."

The spider bit Terry between his forefinger and middle finger, right in the "v" between them. He wonders if he got more poison by putting pressure on the bite area when he tried to crush what he thought were fire ants. He was in the Alpine hospital five weeks and some people say he became belligerent during that time.

"One nurse told me I really put up a fight and offered to show me the bruises I gave her. I had been having flashbacks to Vietnam for years, and the only thing I can guess is that I didn't want those Viet Cong to get hold of me. The doctor told me I really raised cane and hurt people, including my daughter," he said.

"Then I came out of it after almost four weeks without knowing what was happening. The first thing I remember is this woman talking to me in Spanish. She worked with me a few days, kept talking to me. All that supposedly happened comes to me from somebody else because I don't remember anything. That's part of my life I don't know anything about. They gave me anti-venom to help with the recovery. That was as rough as the spider bite itself. t took 60 days to get rid of the anti-venom."

Terry walks with the aid of two sticks.

"A rehabilitation group in Alpine, the Agave Girls, helped me about three months, teaching me to walk again."

Terry knows about black widow spiders.

"Sometimes they have a red hourglass on them; sometimes they don't."

Terry provided insects of all kinds to museums and universities all over the world. I asked him if he thought that spider bite was retribution for all the bugs and creepy crawly things he handled for decades. He chuckled and said, "well, I put enough of them in alcohol, preserving them."

His daughter Lisa has the spider in a plastic bag.

Fast-growth schools contribute $70.5B to Texas economic output



Guy Sconzo
Fast Growth School Coalition

For decades, the Texas business climate has beckoned outsiders to pack up and move to the Lone Star State in search of a better way of life, a better place to work and a better place to raise a family. It's great news for Texas businesses and the state's economy. It also means an ever-growing student population in our Texas schools — a good problem to have, but with it comes a unique set of challenges.

In Texas, there are 75 fast-growth school districts, representing only 7.3 percent of all school districts statewide. However, these same districts enrolled 33.4 percent of all Texas students and 80 percent of all new students. It's clear that these fast growth communities — where many of the business relocations, expansions and job growth are happening — are at the heart of Texas' economic engine. And ultimately, for the school districts, that means not only more students, but a dramatic demand for more facilities, faculty and jobs. It's not difficult to see that public schools — especially our fast growth school districts — are doing our own part to contribute to the "Texas Miracle."

A recent economic impact study proves this point. AngelouEconomics looked at these fast growth school districts through the lens of more traditional economic drivers — construction, investment and jobs. And their contributions to the Texas economy were staggering. AngelouEconomics found that Texas' fastest growing school districts contributed $70.5 billion in increased economic activity, making these 75 fastest-growing public school districts a significant economic driver for our state's economy.

From 2000-14, about $33.1 billion was invested into construction projects alone — either facility improvements or brand-new buildings and schools. And, as the money flows into school infrastructure and equipment, it ultimately ripples through and across the larger economy, impacting more than 500 business sectors.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High seniors process in during commencement ceremonies June 2 at the Chaparral Center. Midland ISD and Ector County ISD are considered an eligible fast-growth districts by the Fast-Growth School Coalition.

And the good news doesn't stop there.

The FGSC study also discovered that as a result of school infrastructure investments, more that 26,810 jobs are supported each year, translating into $24.7 billion in labor income. And because population growth and school district enrollment are highly correlated, these regions also experience increased housing markets in the area.

Unfortunately, the funding mechanisms in place to fund this growth come at a large cost to Texas taxpayers, through local property tax rolls and bond elections. State funding for school facilities has dwindled from a peak of 45 percent to just 7 percent in 2016-17, and for many fast growth schools the percentages are even lower — some receive zero in state funding for facilities.

It's important our Texas lawmakers and leaders in Austin recognize the benefits from fast-growth school districts and increase its share of funding to keep pace with rapid student growth and demands for new facilities. It's a smart investment seeing how our districts are economic drivers in their own right.

Our Texas fast-growth school districts not only consistently deliver a high-quality public education, but are also an integral part of Texas' larger economy.

Texas' investment in fast growing schools in an investment in the economic prosperity of our state, and it's time our state leaders step up and increase support for public education, including our fast-growing schools, their students, the businesses and larger communities they serve.

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BBB study: Ever-evolving sweepstakes, lottery and prize scams devastate thousands

Better Business Bureau

It's one of the oldest scams in the book, but sweepstakes, lottery and prize schemes continue to devastate victims financially and emotionally with ever-evolving methods. A new study by Better Business Bureau says these frauds concentrate on seniors, targeting them by direct mail, media, cold calling, social media, text messages and smartphone pop-ups.

The study notes these scams bilked $117 million out nearly 500,000 people in 2017 alone, with actual victims and losses likely numbering much higher. Seniors are the most frequent target and suffer the largest losses by far in these scams, which the report found commonly originate in Jamaica and Costa Rica.

Among the report's key findings:

- The majority of lottery or sweepstakes scam victims are between 65 and 74 years old. Among that age group, people who recently experienced a serious negative life event, and who expect their income to remain steady or decline, are even more likely to be victimized.
- Sweepstakes/lottery fraud can strike through many channels – phone calls, text messages, pop-ups on a smartphone's Internet browser, social media and mailings.
- Jamaica is a major source of "cold calls" where the amount of money generated by lottery fraud has resulted in gang wars between rival fraud groups, leading to a dramatic spike in violence. More than 95 percent of reported fraud in Jamaica involves lottery or sweepstakes scams.

BBB offers the following tips for consumers to avoid being caught in lottery or sweepstakes fraud:

- True lotteries or sweepstakes don't ask for money. If they want money for taxes, themselves, or a third party, it is most likely a scam.
- Call the lottery or sweepstakes company directly to see if you won. Publishers Clearing House (PCH) does have a sweepstakes but does not call people in advance to tell them they've won. Report PCH imposters to their hotline at 800-392-4190.
- Talk to a trusted family member or your bank. They may be able to help you stay in control of your money in the face of fraudster pressure.

The entire study can be found at www.BBB.org. To report a sweepstakes scam, or any other type of scam, go to www.bbb.org/scamtracker.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:

Electricity	7 families	$ 92.97
Water	4 families	$ 1,577.96
Rent	20 families	$19,068.61
Medical	3 families	$ 3,427.43
Legal	1 family	$ 2,002.00
TOTAL		$25,074.84

In the past two weeks we have been able to assist three elderly people better their lives through finding better housing.

The first man, 86 years of age was living in an apartment. Lately he had taken a couple of falls in his apartment. His was frightened to live alone. What would happen if he fell and could not get help? He thought of moving into an assisted living facility but did not think he could afford it on his retirement and Social Security. A friend of Helping Hands came to his assistance. She phoned several assisted living facilities in Midland and found that he made enough money to afford one of the better facilities in Midland. While he could afford the month-to-month fee that would pay for room, utilities and food, he did not have the money necessary to move in. We were happy to oblige and the man moved into his new home a week later. We spoke with him last week. He was happy and felt secure in his new environment.

A week ago we received a call from a motel manager. An elderly man had been living in his motel for several months; however as motel rates continued to increase he was no longer able to pay the rates. The motel discounted his rate for as long as it could, but finally the owners said that they could no longer grant him the discount. The manager asked what options were available. We steered him toward the Midland County Housing Authority and they were able to offer him a room in one of their facilities where rates are based on income. The only problem is that the room would not be available for one month. We offered to cover his motel expense for that month, and asked that he use his money for move in expenses into his new home.

An 84-year-old woman found a place to live at Santa Rita Retirement Village, again, a place where rent is based on income. She had been living in an apartment that she could no longer afford so the new opportunity was a stroke of luck. Unfortunately, at 84 she was unable to move her possessions by herself. She has no family in Midland. She called the Crisis Intervention Unit, who called us. Teen Court volunteers offered to provide the labor for the actual move, and an old friend of Helping Hands offered to provide his truck to us at no charge. She was moved into her new home Saturday.

What blessings for all of these seniors and for us! A lot of the work that we are able to accomplish is done so because of the efforts of people such as you, who see a need and respond to it. We are grateful for your help and we are thankful that we are able to respond. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Defending Samantha Bee is tribalism

MEGAN MCARDLE
Washington Post



It's time for us to have yet another one of those great national conversations about oppression and inequality. All Americans, but particularly Feminist Americans, must now stop and ask themselves a pressing question: Under what circumstances is it all right to call Chelsea Clinton a …

Hmmm, this is a family column, so I'm not going to use that word. Let's just say it's a four-letter epithet for the nether lady parts. But in deference to the families that read this paper — including mine — we're going to use something nicer. We're going to say ... er ... rhyming's so cliche ... oh, heck, let's just go with "twinkletoes."

As you may be aware, a few days ago, television host Samantha Bee called Ivanka Trump a "feckless twinkletoes" on national television. This remark was provoked by Ms. Trump's absolutely stunning gall in posting a photograph of herself to Instagram, holding her young son. And just like that, it was time for another National Conversation.

Conservatives said that if Roseanne Barr got fired, then Bee had to go, too. Liberals' retort was ... well, what, exactly? It wasn't clear, except that a woman using the coarsest sort of misogynistic vulgarism still wasn't as bad as a white woman making monkey jokes about a black woman, or the past three years of Donald Trump taking over national politics.

Which is true. In-groups using words to each other isn't the same as out-groups using those same words. Trump is the president of the United States, which carries a higher responsibility to the nation, and common decency, than hosting a third-rate comedy show.

And if you want to take this opportunity to point out the jaw-slackening hypocrisy of conservatives becoming outraged about this after defending Barr, or Trump ... well, just hold on while I find you a comfy chair and some Gatorade.

But after you've said all that, what you're left with is a burning question: So what? Is the behavior of a senile vulgarian with a terminal case of verbal dysentery now the standard to which feminism aspires? That seems rather inadequate. Or have feminists now lost the ability to distinguish between slurs that were reclaimed by the oppressed as terms of affection and one that is hurled as a vile insult into millions of American homes?

It seems that we all ought to understand that insults that are directed only toward women must be sexist when they're used as an insult. And that when you are using the fundamentals of our anatomy as a put-down, then it is really quite sexist, and therefore off-limits to anyone who claims to be interested in a more gender-equal society.

You can try to talk around this central fact. You can layer on the context and nuance and conclude, as Rebecca Traister does, that "words matter, and sometimes only the strongest ones will do the job." This sounds very fine, when you put it like that. And like many fine-sounding phrases, it starts to crumble under closer examination.

Was "Twinkletoes" really the only word available to suggest that Ivanka Trump should talk to her father about the cruelty of immigration policies? After 30 seconds of thought, one starts to muse upon another very strong word, one that vividly describes a certain kind of pungent natural fertilizer. The English language has tens of thousands of other words she could have chosen. And precisely because words do matter, it's hard to use this one and then still call yourself any sort of principled feminist.

Nor can you stand by while others use it, and say "Whatabout Trump?" In the late 1990s, when the Monica Lewinsky story broke, feminists faced an unpleasant political choice. They could stand up for the principle they had spent quite a bit of time establishing: that it wasn't OK for older, more powerful men to hit on their young subordinates. Or they could stand up for Bill Clinton. Some of the movement's most venerable leaders chose to issue groveling excuses for the inexcusable, culminating in Gloria Steinem's incredible idea of "one free grope."

Twenty years later, when #MeToo happened, feminists started eyeing that moment uneasily. And with Hillary Clinton safely out of running for any office and with the political ramifications dwindling to "awkward at fundraiser,s" they decided that now it was maybe finally time to mention that maybe Bill Clinton's behavior had been appallingly incompatible with the society they wanted to build. They had had a bad moment, they said; they had learned a valuable lesson. They wouldn't let that ever happen again.

Which brings us back to the question that started this column: Under what circumstances may a conservative call Chelsea Clinton a "twinkletoes" on national television? Let's say her mother is speaking about her support for abortion rights; can someone who believes that "abortion rights" is code for "the annual murder of 650,000 babies" call upon that "feckless twinkletoes" to do something about her mother's murder-happy policy program? Does the conservative have to wait until Chelsea Clinton posts a photo of herself and her child to Instagram? Can it be said only if such a photo appears when Democrats are trying to secure more funding for Planned Parenthood?

Counterfactuals are usually tricky, of course. But I have utter confidence in this one: The answer that feminists would give in that case would be "never." And if a network had aired such a remark, those same people would be rightfully raising holy hell about it. They would not be looking around to see whether someone, somewhere, had sometime in the recent past made a remark that was even worse.

That's not principle; that's tribalism. Manners for thee, slurs for me — as long as they're aimed at you. This is obviously not going to work in a society as divided as ours.

So feminists, and the left more broadly, now have a chance to prove that they really have learned a lesson from the Bill Clinton debacle. They have a chance to stand as forthrightly and rightly against an offense committed by one of their own as they do against attacks on them. Or they can slink away, muttering about Trump and the patriarchy, and wait for the next generation of feminists to get old enough, and mad enough, to repair the damage they've done.

Combating intolerance requires agreement

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Austin American-Statesman



When I was reporting on the human toll of U.S. immigration policy back in the early 2000s, I was at first blindsided by the viciousness of some of the reader mail I received after writing these stories. These letters and emails typically did not dispute the facts behind the reporting. No, they downright ignored them, reacting instead with an anger striking for its lack of humanity.

Some readers did not see the undocumented immigrants I wrote about as fellow human beings, but as animals. Cockroaches. Leeches. I was a target, too. A few asked this question: "How is it that the Statesman allows a Mexican to report on illegal immigration?"

Sound familiar? "Mexican judge," anyone?

Back then, I shared with a colleague that I was getting this mail and that I was tossing it into the literal or digital trash can. "Don't," she said, confiding that she received racist mail, which she saved.

"Those letters," she went on, "will remind you that these people are out there, too."

I began keeping the letters and printing out the emails, stashing them all away.

I was reminded of this amid the swift condemnation of Roseanne Barr for her racist tweets, which should have surprised no one because she had made reprehensible racist remarks before. ABC yanked Barr's show off the air, a move widely praised, but we should not kid ourselves. Barr might have lost her job and, for the moment, her livelihood, but like that thick pile of emails and letters I saved, her abhorrent thinking reminds us that there are untold others like her out there, too. Way out there.

Recently, I wrote about how the ugliness of our public discourse is now on full display, stripped of the veneer over overt racism. Politics brings out the worst in some of us. Thanks to social media, we can stare into this underbelly until we cannot stomach it. Bigotry, hate, intolerance — we can no longer cling to illusions that if we can't see or hear them, they do not exist.

I focused on the writer of a letter to the editor who for merely expressing his opinion received anonymous mail containing an anti-Semitic slur at his home. The sheriff's office was investigating this as a hate crime.

The column struck a nerve. I heard from many of you who confided you are worried for us as a society if we can't disagree without trying to destroy each other and if we can't live together without vilifying our fellow human beings for their race or religion or skin color. You thanked the newspaper for standing up to bigotry.

"It is emotionally disturbing to go through so many instances of uncivilized behavior," one reader wrote.

I traded emails with another reader, telling her I feared that shining a light on this would scare people off from joining the public dialogue that the letters to the editor space offers.

"I hope more people are stubborn like I am, and will say 'You will not trample my First Amendment rights'" she responded. "We can't live in fear all the time."

Like a few readers who responded to my column, she too received anonymous mail at home after having a letter published in the newspaper. There's more: She says she recently was the victim of a harrowing road rage incident that she attributes to the bumper stickers on her car supporting Democratic candidates and — irony alert — virtues like tolerance and coexistence. After tailgating her and trying to prevent her from changing lanes, the other driver deliberately rammed into her car from behind, then hit her again, pushing her down MoPac Boulevard in rush-hour traffic. Thankfully, she wasn't hurt.

"I am shaken by what happened," she admitted. "I am shaken that this has become so 'normal.'"

So, how did these civil wars begin? How did this descent into intolerance and diatribe as discourse become the norm?

Some of you wrote to say that sowing disunity starts at the top with President Trump. But another reader said I was part of the problem.

"What started as a plea for civility from all sides ended by staking this out as a Republican Party problem," he wrote about my column. "I can promise you that all you accomplished was letting your progressive readers walk away feeling smug while antagonizing your conservative readers."

I'm not interested in keeping score. As far as I'm concerned, all sides have some mud on 'em.

"How do we bring everyone along to choosing a moral and ethical high ground?" one reader asked.

That is the salient question — and that is where many of you find common ground. Your answer: It starts with calling out shameful, reprehensible behavior, and not letting it stand. On that, we can and should all agree. Peacefully. You know, like human beings coexisting.

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taxes.

Another major study found that second-generation immigrants really paid off. Because they had more education and higher wages, they had a bigger fiscal impact than their parents or the rest of the native born.

Such debates over immigration have raged for years.

"Beneath all of the sound and fury, however, is one incontrovertible fact: TEXAS NEEDS THE WORKERS!!" the Perryman report said, using all caps and exclamation points to drive home the conclusion.

In an email, economist Ray Perryman said he's been studying the relationship between immigration and the economy for decades.

"Without exception, every analysis has demonstrated that immigrants are beneficial," he wrote. "Without the immigrant workforce, there would be a labor shortage in Texas even if every single unemployed person were working in a job now filled by an immigrant."

Sen. John Cornyn, who's also worked on immigration for years, made a similar argument in Dallas last month. He wants a solution for the so-called Dreamers who had been protected under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

"We need the talent," Cornyn said, "and this is a pool of very productive, good young people."

Cornyn supports border security and the rule of law: "But there is a role for compassion and for pragmatism," he said.

Those points are worth recounting as the federal government — with clear support from Texas — seems to be pursuing policies that chase immigrants away. At the same time, unemployment keeps falling and there's growing evidence of a worker shortage.

The economic argument for more immigration has long been supported by business leaders and traditional Republicans. But President Donald Trump has pushed for a border wall, more deportations and more enforcement agents. He's also ending two temporary programs that allow thousands to stay here. And last year, Texas lawmakers passed a "show-me-your-papers" bill that bans sanctuary cities and has put many immigrants on edge.

Stan Marek, who runs a Houston construction company, said that some of his Hispanic workers have been stopped by police and required to show their documents even though they were born in the U.S.

"It's like Texas is running them off," Marek said. "And who's gonna get hurt the most? Texas."

"Labor is gonna go where they're not gonna be hassled," Marek said. "If we lose our workers, Texas cannot be competitive on the national stage."

Texas has been growing at twice the rate of the nation for many years. In part, that's because it attracts so many newcomers from other countries and states, ensuring an ample labor supply.

Texas has a long history of unauthorized immigration, primarily from Mexico. The 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act included a so-called Texas Proviso that "specifically permitted the employment of illegal immigrants," according to a 2013 report by researchers at the Dallas Fed. That didn't change until the U.S. adopted immigration reform in 1986.

A "combination of robust supply and demand, together with migrant networks" created years earlier, the report said, "set the stage for waves of unauthorized immigration from Mexico during the ensuing decades."

Until recently, Texas attitudes were more moderate. In 2001, Texas was the first to offer in-state college tuition to undocumented students. In 2010, after Arizona passed a "show-me-your-papers" law, then-Gov. Rick Perry said that was "not the right direction for Texas."

Sentiment shifted as more Tea Party candidates gained power, culminating in last year's sanctuary cities bill. Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and others challenged the law — and around the country, communities are putting out the welcome mat for immigrants

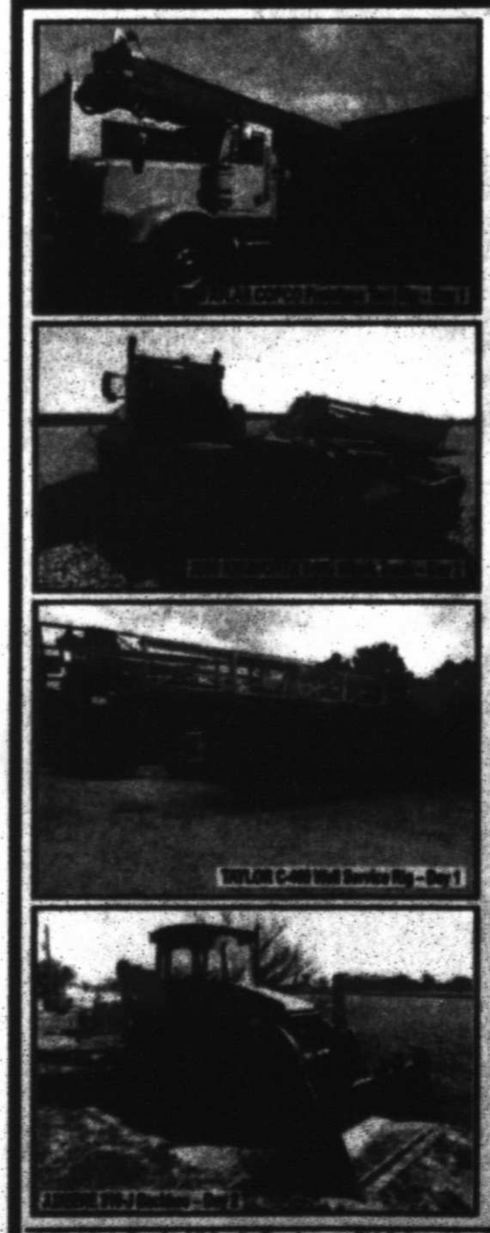
When I wrote about the cities' efforts, many readers objected.

"Helping legal immigrants is OK, helping illegals is not," one wrote, reflecting a common theme.

Perhaps they don't realize how the undocumented help the rest of us.

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"Should states create their own single-payer health care system?"



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Yes: Single-payer coverage is best path forward for California, others

SANTA CLARA, Calif. —

Everywhere you look it seems another state has a single-payer health insurance proposal.

New York, Maryland, Nevada and Alaska have all put universal health care on the agenda. And now California, home to one of the lowest rates of people without health insurance in the nation, is seeking to take that rate to zero.

A slate of legislation from California's State Assembly — 14 bills in total — seek to provide coverage to the 1 in 14 Californians currently uninsured. Last week several bills passed to the Senate for consideration.

These bills are a means to insure all residents, while reining in health care spending.

Critics point to the high cost of "overhauling" the health care system as we know it, the threat of rationing and the loss of employer sponsored plans. These boogiemen are a distraction from the fact that health care markets operate like cartels: Their lack of competition reduces accessibility while maintaining high prices.

In California's case, the benefits of the bills making their way through legislature are apparent — potentially cutting government expenditures on uninsured by half; insurance rebate incentives to increase plan participation; extension of Medi-Cal and the federal Covered California eligibility to individuals making 400 percent of the poverty level; and including all qualified individuals irrespective of immigration status.

This is hardly a wild, experimental "overhaul" of health care that critics fear: The bills would expand existing programs to cover the remaining Californians who are not eligible for other affordable insurance options.

Even if California's bills resulted in state or federal government picking up all premium and out-of-pocket costs for those populations, that's still half the $200 billion that the state and federal government currently pay each year for uninsured or underinsured Californians.

The hard truth is that market failures in our health care system exist, causing mass subsidization of the system that serves profiteers over patients.

Despite their capitalistic creativity, insurers have not found a way to profit and compete for all consumers. The reality is that, relative to insured consumers, uninsured Californians underutilize lower-cost primary care and preventative health services while overusing high-cost emergency interventions.

At the same time, swollen insurance billing bureaucracies and pharmaceutical advertising budgets of insurance companies trying to increase market share create myriad waste and inefficiencies unrelated to health outcomes.

Defenders of privatized health care routinely fail to address the poor relationship between care costs and outcomes in America.

A new system is needed. We have a collective nostalgia for the health and retirement promises that firms made to their employees in the 20th century.

That nostalgia is misplaced. Union membership is at all-time lows. Employment gains in the service economy fail to provide full-time hours and benefits. Even industries that provide full-time work are continuously renegotiating benefits packages.

These dynamics suggest that health plans tied to our workplace will continue to erode as costs increase. Nostalgia plus benefit erosion is why consumers pay cartel prices for care.

And while California is on sound legal and constitutional footing to give single-payer care a try, legislators who support it will need to fight hard to surmount significant political hurdles.

While California's state Constitution allows for single-payer system programming, current proposals create no new programs and focus largely on expanding eligibility for existing programs like Covered California.

However, current constitutional spending guarantees would prohibit new tax revenues being used solely for health costs. Meaning that even if the state had the money to buy health care for all, any revenues deposited in the general fund would have to be used for other programs.

A vital step to making single-payer a reality, then, would be a successful ballot proposition designating a "health care only" revenue fund.

Until then, the current package of bills is a good step in the direction of insurance for all.

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No: Single-payer health care won't pass muster in any US state

DALLAS —

Not so long ago, Democrats would run for cover whenever a colleague proposed a government-run, single-payer health care system. Today, they scramble to out-single-payer other Democrats, even at the state level.

Under a single-payer system, the government pays most if not all health care bills for virtually every resident and taxpayers pay higher taxes to finance it.

While most of the single-payer legislative efforts have been at the federal level — such as Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for All" proposal — some left-leaning states are jumping on the bandwagon.

Vermont became the first state to pass such legislation in 2011. Gov. Peter Shumlin proudly boasted at the time that it would cover all 620,000 Vermonters. But the governor abandoned the effort claiming that the needed tax increases were too large.

And then there's California.

California Healthline reports that donations are pouring into the governor's race, where both Gavin Newsom, California's Democratic lieutenant governor, and John Chiang, the state treasurer, support the concept of single-payer, which would offer universal coverage to Californians, likely at a significant cost to the state."

"Likely"?

The Los Angeles Times pointed out last year that "Single-payer has a long, troubled history in California. Bills made it through the Legislature in 2006 and 2008 only to be vetoed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger."

And with good reason.

A 2008 report from California's Legislative Analyst's Office found that even with a tax of 4 percent on employees and 7 percent on business payrolls the state would still have come up about $40 billion short the first full year.

This from the same state that in 2009, only one year later, handed out nearly 29,000 IOUs worth $53.3 million because of a $26 billion budget deficit.

But state-based universal coverage isn't just financially impractical, it's virtually impossible — because federal law trumps (pun intended) state law.

There are nearly 57 million Americans on Medicare, which is a federal program. States have no say in it.

So a state might offer government-run coverage to its seniors and disabled, but it can't change or take away their Medicare. And any politician who tried would likely be unemployed after the next election.

About 73 million Americans are on Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for the poor. While states have some say over Medicaid, the feds set the parameters and provide most of the money.

A state might petition the federal government for a block grant of its Medicaid funding to help subsidize its single-payer system, but don't count on them getting it.

Republicans have been pushing the Medicaid block-grant idea for years, and Democrats have consistently blocked it.

And then there's employer-based coverage. About half of the 160 million workers with employer coverage are in "self-insured plans" — where the company pays their employees' claims rather than health insurers. Those plans are governed by federal law.

States have some ability to micromanage employer plans that depend on health insurers to pay the claims, but not self-insured plans.

States certainly could tax employers and individuals to pay for a single-payer system, as the last California plan did. And they could allow — or force — individuals with employer coverage to join the government-run plan.

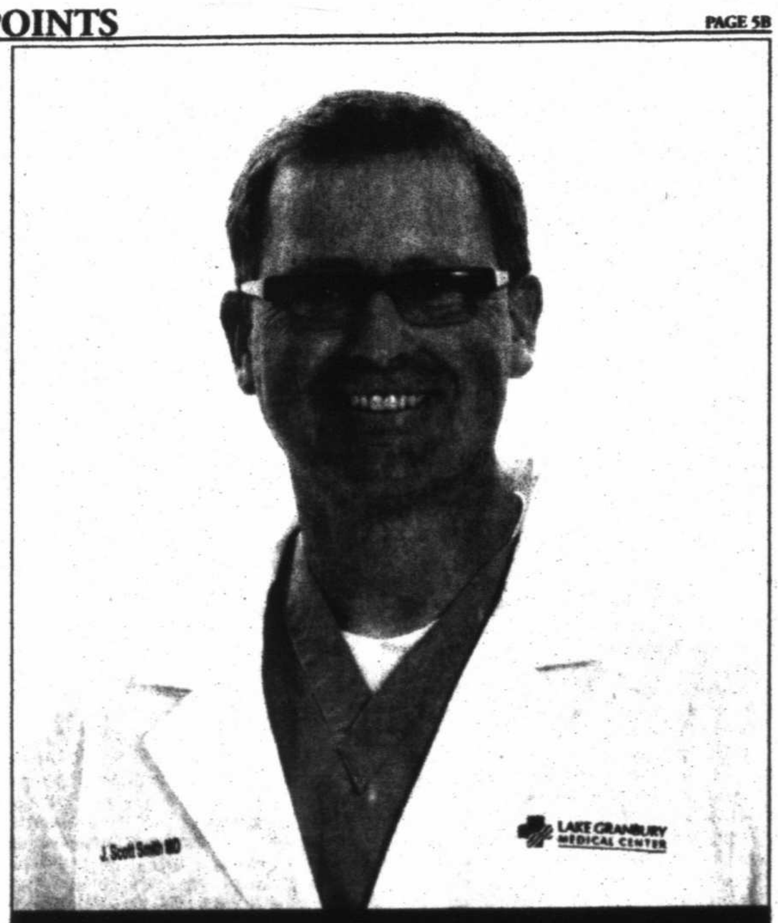
But how many employees of major California-based companies such as Apple, Google, eBay and Hewlett Packard would be willing to trade their excellent employer-based insurance for under-funded coverage managed by politicians?

And why would any politician even try to make the switcheroo, since neither employer-provided coverage nor Medicare cost the state a dime?

Thus the good news is that state-level Democrats can rattle the single-payer saber in the hope of attracting progressive voters, but they can't do much about it. The bad news is that Democrats in Washington can.

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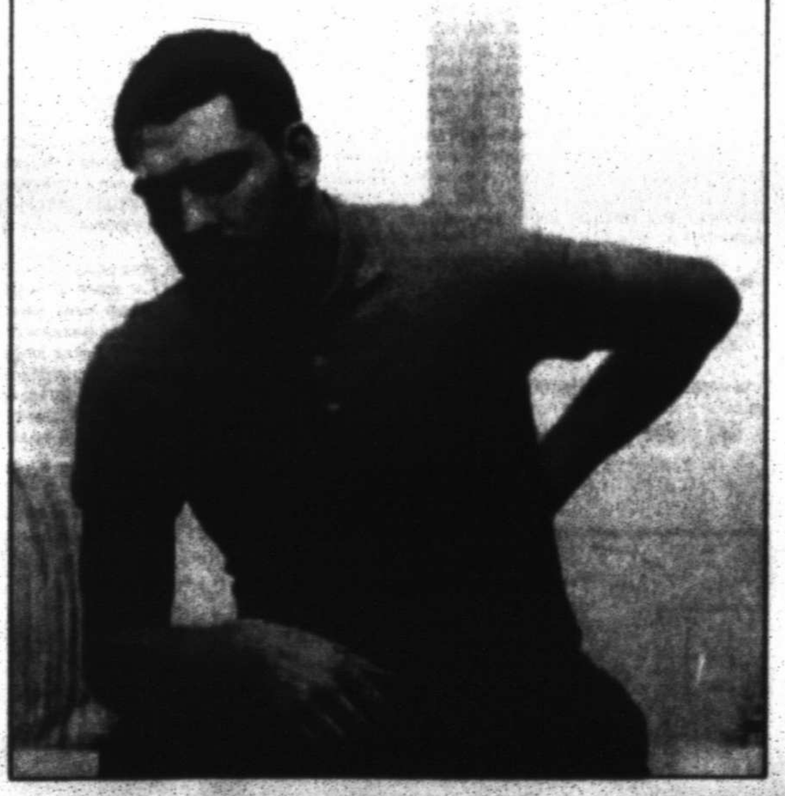
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Obama took lying to new heights with Iran deal

■ Remove the words 'Obama'and 'Iran' and replace them with 'Trump' and "Russia" and imagine the outrage that would ensue over the same revelations

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When it comes to the Iran nuclear deal, the Obama administration increasingly appears to have been a bottomless pit of deception.

First, President Barack Obama failed to disclose to Congress the existence of secret side deals on inspections when he transmitted the nuclear accord to Capitol Hill. (They were only uncovered by chance when then-Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., and Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., learned about them during a meeting with International Atomic Energy Agency officials in Vienna.) Then, we learned that the Obama administration secretly had sent a plane to Tehran loaded with $400 million in Swiss francs, euros and other currencies on the same day Iran released four American hostages, which was followed by two more secret flights carrying another $1.3 billion in cash.

Now, in a bombshell revelation, Republicans on the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, led by Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, have revealed in a new report that the Obama administration secretly tried to help Iran use U.S. banks to convert $5.7 billion in Iranian assets, after promising Congress that Iran would not get access to the U.S. financial system — and then lied to Congress about what it had done. (Full disclosure: My wife works for Portman).

In July 2015, Obama Treasury Secretary Jack Lew assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that, under the nuclear accord, Iran "will continue to be denied access to the [U.S.] financial and commercial market" and that "Iranian banks will not be able to clear U.S. dollars through New York, hold correspondent account relationships with U.S. financial institutions, or enter into financing arrangements with U.S. banks." A few weeks later, one of Lew's top deputies, Adam Szubin, used the exact same words in testimony to the Senate banking committee.

But Senate investigators found that on Feb. 24, 2016, the Obama Treasury Department "granted a specific license that authorized a conversion of Iranian assets worth billions of U.S. dollars using the U.S. financial system" — exactly what Lew and Szubin said would not happen — including unlimited future Iranian deposits at Bank Muscat in Oman until the license expired.

Not only that, Senate investigators found that officials from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), which regulates U.S. banks' compliance with U.S. sanctions law, "encouraged two U.S. correspondent banks to convert the funds." The report says "both banks declined to complete the transaction due to compliance, reputational, and legal risks associated with doing business with Iran."

Then, after issuing the license, the Obama administration explicitly denied to Congress that it had done so. Lew and Szubin both failed to disclose the license in congressional testimony while continuing to assert that the Obama administration would not give Iran access to U.S. financial institutions — when they had just tried to do so. And in a June 2016 letter to Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill., Treasury officials declared "The U.S. Department of Treasury is not working on behalf of Iran to enable Iranian access to U.S. dollars elsewhere in the international financial system, nor are we assisting Iran in gaining access to dollar payment systems outside the U.S. financial system. The Administration has not been and is not planning to grant Iran access to the U.S. financial system." This was patently false.

Investigators also found internal State Department emails, in which officials admitted that the Obama administration had "exceeded our JCPOA commitments" by authorizing Iranian access to U.S. banks. Furthermore, the report reveals that the Obama administration put on more than 200 "roadshows" across the world where they encouraged foreign financial institutions to do business with Iran "as long as the rest of the world left the United States out of it." According to the report, during a roadshow in London, OFAC Director John Smith "downplayed the likelihood of any future penalties or fines," telling the audience "that 95 percent of the time OFAC sees an apparent violation it results in a simple warning letter or no enforcement action."

In other words, the Obama administration: (1) told Congress it would not allow Iran access to U.S. financial institutions; (2) issued a special license allowing Iran to do exactly that; (3) unsuccessfully pressured U.S. banks to help Iran; (4) lied to Congress and the American people about what it had done; (5) admitted in internal emails that these efforts "exceeded" U.S. obligations under the nuclear deal; (6) sent officials, including bank regulators, around the world to urge foreign financial institutions to do business with Iran; and (7) promised that they would get nothing more than a slap on the wrist for violating U.S. sanctions.

How bad is this? Remove the words "Obama" and "Iran" and replace them with "Trump" and "Russia" and imagine the outrage that would ensue over the same revelations. Democrats would be holding news conferences, and the story would be front-page news.

We hear a lot these days from the media about the danger of presidential lies. Well, when it comes to the Iran deal, the Obama administration took lying to new heights. And no, that's not fake news.

SPECIAL NOTE

Krauthammer delivers a note to all readers

Editor's Note: I am heart-broken to hear the latest news about Charles Krauthammer's condition. I was looking forward to his return to the Reporter-Telegram Opinion page. Krauthammer has been an important voice for conservatives and one I was pleased to be able to add to our list of contributors. He will be missed.

— Editor Stewart Doreen

I have been uncharacteristically silent these past 10 months. I had thought that silence would soon be coming to an end, but I'm afraid I must tell you now that fate has decided on a different course for me.

In August of last year, I underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in my abdomen. That operation was thought to have been a success, but it caused a cascade of secondary complications — which I have been fighting in hospital ever since. It was a long and hard fight with many setbacks, but I was steadily, if slowly, overcoming each obstacle along the way and gradually making my way back to health.

However, recent tests have revealed that the cancer has returned. There was no sign of it as recently as a month ago, which means it is aggressive and spreading rapidly. My doctors tell me their best estimate is that I have only a few weeks left to live. This is the final verdict. My fight is over.

I wish to thank my doctors and caregivers, whose efforts have been magnificent. My dear friends, who have given me a lifetime of memories and whose support has sustained me through these difficult months. And all of my partners at The Washington Post, Fox News and Crown Publishing.

Lastly, I thank my colleagues, my readers and my viewers, who have made my career possible and given consequence to my life's work. I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation's destiny.

I leave this life with no regrets. It was a wonderful life — full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended.

— Charles Krauthammer
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Trump is not destroying himself

■ The inevitable anti-Trump blowout forecast for November looks less inevitable.

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Right now, Donald Trump is in the strongest political position since the initial months of his presidency.

He's not in robust shape — he's ticked up into the mid-40s — but the slow upward trend in polls has been evident since March.

Too much shouldn't be read into the numbers, except for the basic conclusion that Trump hasn't destroyed himself and isn't going away. Trump may not even harm the interests of Republicans in the midterms any more than any other sitting president whose party holds Congress.

After 18 months of Trump, the GOP is possibly in position to retain control of both houses — despite the constant low-level sense of crisis, despite the tweets, despite the Russia investigation, despite the Stormy Daniels scandal and despite the extravagant message indiscipline.

A year or six months ago, it was possible to see Trump as Samson pulling down the temple on top of himself and his party in an epic feat of destruction. It hasn't happened. Of course, he's capable of committing a monumental blunder at any time. But he has not yet lived down to the assumption of so many of his critics that he would make it easy for them as the instrument of his own rapid undoing.

The inevitable anti-Trump blowout forecast for November looks less inevitable. Why the improvement in Trump's fortunes and that of his party?

First, Republicans finally managed to pass major legislation last year in the form of the tax bill, which gave them a plausible political claim on an economy that had already been growing. The unemployment rate is now at 3.8 percent, the lowest since April 2000. Trump is not so abnormal that his presidency isn't subject to the updraft of a buoyant economy.

Second, the Republican agenda has shifted this year from Paul Ryan territory to Trump territory, i.e., from health care, taxes and spending to immigration, trade and national security. Sadly, a trade war with Micronesia would almost certainly be more popular than trying to repeal Obamacare.

Finally, Trump seems a little less exotic. As Abraham Lincoln said, there's nothing like getting used to it. His zaniness isn't as strange or as threatening as it seemed at the outset. Trump's tweets have gone from unprecedented use and abuse of the bully pulpit to something like the wallpaper of our national political debate.

The most plausible (although always ridiculously exaggerated) case that a madman Trump would blow up the world was North Korea. The mutual threats have now given way to what will be the most highly anticipated and watched diplomatic summit since the end of the Cold War, one that is likely to produce a superficial success that will poll very well domestically.

If Republicans manage to hold the House (still a very dicey proposition) and pick up Senate seats (probably more likely than not), 2018 will be to Trump what 1998 was to Bill Clinton — an unexpected midterm victory in which remarkably good conditions in the country trumped the politics of scandal.

The nation's most prominent Democratic spokesman the past few months has been a slick, overly aggressive California trial lawyer obsessed with the Stormy Daniels scandal in all its permutations — Michael Avenatti.

The attorney for the porn star is the perfect avatar for the #resistance. He represents the left's fantasy that it can humiliate Trump, lock up his friends, get them to flip on him and end his presidency by, say, mid-2019.

This, absent a hellacious smoking gun, is almost certainly a dead end. Trump will have to be beaten in the normal course of politics, which means Democrats need to take him seriously, learn from him and attack him purposely and intelligently. Being perpetually appalled and assuming that he'll do his opponents' work for them is wishfulness rather than strategy.

But this fantasy is reinforced in the media every day. The press is obsessed with everything related to Trump — except his modest recovery.

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Community has 'moral imperative' to care for children

On May 8, the first lady of the United States, Melania Trump, unveiled her "Be Best" platform to improve children's lives through three pillars: well-being, social media use and opioid abuse. Through the promotion of well-being, the first lady wants to encourage healthy living, both physically and emotionally, in order to help children deal with the stresses of life. The first lady stated, "(it) remains our generation's moral imperative to take responsibility and help our children manage the many issues they are facing today, including encouraging positive social, emotional, and physical habits," according to whitehouse.gov. bebest.

For more than 100 years, nationally, and 43 years locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been striving to do just that – provide children with the tools and support they need to become productive members of the community and be their very best. By carefully matching children with adult mentors, Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children facing adversity with a healthy relationship that will create positive change in their lives.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland encourages the Midland community to help bring the first lady's vision to life by volunteering as a Big Brother, Big Sister, or Big Couple for a child in Midland, or by making a charitable donation. In the words of the first lady, it is our "moral imperative" to take responsibility for the lives of our children. Contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland today to help create positive change for a child in our community. Together, we can help the children of Midland to "Be Best."

Kathryn Hand
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland board member

LETTERS TIO THE EDITOR

Conaway should be heralded for farm bill

I want to commend House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway for his work on a couple of lower-profile issues in the farm bill, which is likely to come up for a re-vote this summer in the House after a narrow defeat on the floor in May.

The existing farm bill has two animal welfare provisions within it that address two ugly problems, and that every caring person should back.

First, the bill includes a provision to ban the sale of dog and cat meat in the U.S. While you may not think this is a big issue in the United States — and fortunately, it's not, yet — it is the largest dog exploitation issue in the world. It is estimated that people kill and consume more than 30 million dogs a year — about the number of cattle killed for beef in the U.S. every year. Chairman Conaway supported a provision to provide U.S. leadership on this issue and to lay down a marker that this industry is unacceptable, anywhere.

Second, he supported an amendment to crack down on the barbaric practices of dogfighting and cockfighting in U.S. territories. In Puerto Rico alone, there are more than 100 active cockfighting pits. In American Samoa and the Northern Marianas Islands, dogfighting is not banned.

Our thanks to Chairman Conaway for his compassion for animals on these two topics.

Dr. Annie Harvilicz
Los Angeles president, Animal Wellness Foundation

Abortion kills innocent humans

At the moment of fertilization, the entire genetic makeup of a unique human being is formed — this includes sex, eye color and other traits. The difference between someone at fertilization, four months in utero, 2 years old, 17, 35, and 80 is development aided by nutrition and time. The scientific community and the medical community agree with this statement. There can be no denying that abortion is the killing of an innocent human person.

Planned Parenthood must not be allowed to open another abortion facility. Planned Parenthood does not provide women's health care such as mammograms. They are in the business of selling abortions. Via their perverted sexual education classes in public schools, they encourage children, 10 and above, especially teens, to engage in sex as a recreational activity. Some people believe that Planned Parenthood provides lots of services other than abortion. These services are miniscule; as abortion services make up 94 percent of Planned Parenthood's business. Health care for women of low income is provided by organizations such as Healthy Texas Women. Let us assume for a moment that Planned Parenthood does provide lots of other good services. Are those services worth more than 320,000 dead children a year?

I remember the presence of death when Planned Parenthood had their facility here in Midland some time ago. I remember the young women who did not desire to have an abortion but were coerced into having one. I remember the heartbroken mothers who sought out counseling because they knew, despite what Planned Parenthood told them, that they had killed their child. What I remember most of all is the numerous crosses marking dead children and the stories of the bodies of babies thrown in the trash. I hope that the people of Midland, our nation and our world choose life.

Michael Repman

Obama creates blueprint for Trump's aggression against reporters, sources

MARGARET SULLIVAN
Washington Post



It was never a question of "if."

It was always a matter of "when."

The seizure of a New York Times reporter's phone and email records has sent a chill down the spine of every reporter concerned about protecting his or her sources.

That means every serious reporter — especially those in Washington who report on politics and national security.

It is disturbing because reporters need to be able to do their jobs, unfettered. But absolutely no one should be surprised.

First off, the Trump adminstration has been all too clear about its scorn for established press rights —with the president himself boasting about how he'd love to change libel-law protections and speculating about locking up reporters.

His attorney general, Jeff Sessions, ducked questions early on about whether he would ever agree to subpoena a reporter in a leak investigation.

The signs were all there.

"I've been warning reporters to take care as this administration rattled it would go after sources like the previous one," wrote New York Times reporter Adam Goldman on Twitter shortly after the news broke Thursday night that a former staff member of the Senate Intelligence Committee has been indicted and arrested on charges of making false statements to the FBI during a leak investigation.

But Trump's anti-press bluster aside, there's a clear blueprint to follow — courtesy of Barack Obama, who once claimed that he would be the most transparent president ever but proved to be no friend to press rights.

As part of the new investigation, law enforcement officials seized years' worth of phone and email records of Times reporter Ali Watkins, who had previously dated the Senate staffer. Watkins had reported for BuzzFeed and Politico before being hired by the Times.

BuzzFeed editor Ben Smith described the seizure in stark terms as "what looks like a case of law enforcement interfering with a reporter's constitutional right to gather information about her own government."

Under Obama, the Justice Department subpoenaed the telephone records of AP journalists as investigators pursued a leak.

It also went after Fox News reporter James Rosen and named him as a "co-conspirator" in a leak about North Korea's nuclear program.

And James Risen, then a New York Times reporter, struggled for years to avoid testifying about his confidential source during the leak investigation of Jeffrey Sterling, a former CIA officer.

Risen told me that he had thought, for a time, that the Obama administration would drop the efforts to pursue him that were begun during the George W. Bush administration, but that never happened. If anything, they ramped up.

But the pursuit of James Rosen may have been the most extreme of all the Obama-era cases.

The Justice Department used security badge access records to track his comings and goings from the State Department, The Washington Post wrote at the time: "They traced the timing of his calls with a State Department security adviser suspected of sharing the classified report. They obtained a search warrant for the reporter's personal emails."

Eventually, the pursuit of Rosen was dropped, as was the government's characterization of him as a co-conspirator. Eventually, Risen was let off the hook, too.

But what happened under Obama set an ominous tone for reporters who were trying to do their jobs of informing the public.

So did the Obama administration's record-breaking use of an arcane century-old law - the Espionage Act - which it used nine times to pursue leakers.

"If Donald J. Trump decides as president to throw a whistle-blower in jail for trying to talk to a reporter, or gets the F.B.I. to spy on a journalist, he will have one man to thank for bequeathing him such expansive power: Barack Obama," Risen wrote shortly after Trump's election.

Later in Obama's second term, perhaps aware of how history would judge this unsavory part of his presidential record, the administration backed off its aggressive pursuit of reporters' sources.

They began to play nice.

New Justice Department guidelines were agreed upon after collaborative discussions between the department and members of the press. The rules require government investigators to have "made all reasonable attempts to obtain the information from alternative, non-media sources" before they may go after reporters' records. (It's unclear whether that happened in the current case.)

And Attorney General Eric Holder eventually said publicly that he never wanted a journalist to go to jail for doing his work.

Neither did the nations' founders, which is why the U.S. Constitution includes the First Amendment - a powerful protection but one that is open to interpretation and real-life norms.

Despite the Obama endgame, no one could erase what had happened. The dangerous precedent was set.

On Friday, Risen put out a statement in his new role as director of the First Look Press Freedom Defense Fund, calling the move against the Times reporter "an ominous step towards a more authoritarian approach to the press by a White House that has already made it clear that it is at war with journalists who are performing the daily public service of keeping Americans informed."

Given Trump's constant bashing of what he calls the "fake news media" — meaning the mainstream press — and his characterizations of reporters as "scum," Thursday's news was predictable. Sessions has said that his department has opened three times as many leak investigations as were open at the end of the Obama administration.

That doesn't make this development any less troubling from a press-rights standpoint.

But no one can claim to be shocked.

'Children of the Confederacy Creed' is wrong

GUEST VIEW

Tuesday was the deadline for briefs to be submitted to the office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton regarding the possible removal of a plaque inside the Texas Capitol called the "Children of the Confederacy Creed."

There are those who want to the plaque removed, for reasons that make sense today.

However, the primary reason to support the plaque's removal is that it is inaccurate, and it is a lame attempt to rewrite history.

The plaque states that the "war between the states" (a nonsense term for the Civil War) was "not a rebellion nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery."

Whomever wrote the words — it was created in 1959 — needs a history lesson.

As we have pointed out several times, there is a document that clearly and unequivocally states why the state of Texas left the Union in the 1860s. And the reason was slavery.

For those unaware, there is a document called "Declaration of Causes: February 2, 1861. A declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union." (The document can be found at www.tsl.texas.gov.)

This document was written in 1861 by those in Texas who were leaving the Union.

The document states that "She (Texas) was received as a commonwealth holding, maintaining and protecting the institution known as negro slavery — the servitude of the African to the white race within her limits — a relation that had existed from the first settlement of her wilderness by the white race, and which her people intended should exist in all future time."

And there is more, "We hold as undeniable truths that the governments of the various States, and of the confederacy itself, were established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity; that the African race had no agency in their establishment; that they were rightfully held and regarded as an inferior and dependent race, and in that condition only could their existence in this country be rendered beneficial or tolerable."

Still think the Civil War was about "states rights?"

What has more historical accuracy — a document authored by the very people who were seceding from the Union stating why or words on a plaque written almost 100 years later?

There are attempts to erase history that serve no purpose. However, when history is portrayed inaccurately and flat-out wrong, especially in the Texas Capitol, steps must be taken to make it right. And this means the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" needs to be removed.

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How Bill Clinton cleared a path for Donald Trump

We didn't know it at the time, of course. But in Bill Clinton were the seeds of Donald Trump.

With 20 years of hindsight, it is clear. To see the former president — now promoting a mystery he co-wrote with novelist James Patterson — sit down with NBC's Craig Melvin was to see how Clinton's handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair was a precursor of the monstrosity we now have in the White House: dismissing unpleasant facts as "fake news," self-righteously claiming victimhood, attacking the press and cloaking personal misbehavior in claims to be upholding the Constitution.

The former president's offenses were far less serious than President Trump's. Trump's many misdeeds — against women, law, facts, democracy and decency — are in a category of their own. But Clinton set us on the path, or at least accelerated us down the path, that led to today.

I covered the Lewinsky saga and wrote at the time that there was a convincing case Clinton perjured himself and that his personal behavior was appalling. I didn't join the clamor for him to resign, and I thought the impeachment proceedings against him were partisan and absurd. In retrospect, though, it might have been better for the country if Clinton had resigned.

My perspective changed because of the #MeToo movement but also because of what followed Clinton's affair: He had only lied about sex, but the George W. Bush administration started a war under false pretense, and now Trump governs with utter disregard for truth.

During the interview broadcast on Monday morning, Melvin asked Clinton whether, with the hindsight of #MeToo, he would have done things differently if he were president today.

Clinton's answer: "Well, I don't think it would be an issue because people would be using the facts instead of the imagined facts. If the facts were the same today, I wouldn't (do things differently). … You, typically, have ignored gaping facts in describing this, and I bet you don't even know them."

"Imagined facts"? Sounds a lot like "fake news" or "alternative facts." Melvin had accurately and neutrally described the scandal.

Clinton was Trumpian, too, in portraying himself as the victim. When asked whether he has apologized to Lewinsky, he replied that "nobody believes that I got out of that for free. I left the White House $16 million in debt."

Are we to feel bad for Clinton, who, according to Forbes, made $189 million in the 15 years after leaving the White House?

Melvin read from Lewinsky's recent piece in Vanity Fair: "He was 27 years my senior, with enough life experience to know better. … I was in my first job out of college." Melvin noted that Lewinsky had taken responsibility for her part, and he asked Clinton whether, in retrospect, he takes more responsibility.

Clinton, arms folded on chest, was unbending. "This was litigated 20 years ago. Two-thirds of the American people sided with me."

No, they didn't "side" with him. He's presumably referring to job-approval numbers; the economy was booming then, and many Americans liked his policies and thought Ken Starr excessive. But a large majority also found Clinton untrustworthy and of low moral character.

Clinton, like Trump has done, proposed a conspiracy theory to deflect questions, saying people "conveniently omitted" facts about the Lewinsky affair "partly because they're frustrated that they got all these serious allegations against" Trump "and his voters don't seem to care." He again implicated the media, saying Trump's misconduct "hasn't gotten anything like the coverage that you would expect."

Clinton hid his behavior behind high principle ("I think I did the right thing. I defended the Constitution") on the same day the current president complained about the "unconstitutional" investigation of him and his campaign.

Unlike Trump, Clinton publicly apologized — when caught. But he responded angrily when asked why he didn't apologize privately to Lewinsky — prompting the previously silent Patterson to jump in: "It's 20 years ago — come on!" he said, suggesting Melvin might as well be asking about John F. Kennedy's or Lyndon B. Johnson's affairs.

Clinton eagerly pursued this non sequitur: "You think President Kennedy should have resigned?" he asked Melvin. "Do you believe President Johnson should have resigned?"

Why does Clinton, 20 years later, still struggle with admitting fault? Perhaps he feels his behavior with Lewinsky is being unfairly equated to that of Harvey Weinstein or Trump. But #MeToo isn't just about assault. Clinton did just fine after his fling with the intern. She never escaped it.

Melvin said that, off-camera, Clinton acknowledged standards had rightly changed since 1998. Why can't he say so publicly? If a Democrat behaved today as Clinton did then, it wouldn't be dismissed as "bimbo eruptions." He'd be drummed out of office, as former senator Al Franken was for his behavior.

But this is larger than #MeToo. Back then, when Clinton disgraced the office with personal misconduct and lies, we didn't pause to think what might happen if an utterly unscrupulous man were to attain that position someday.

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Justify wins Belmont to win Triple Crown

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justify led all the way to win the Belmont Stakes by 13/4lengths on Saturday and become horse racing's 13th Triple Crown champion and second in four years.

The chestnut colt became the second undefeated horse to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, improving to 6-0 in a racing career that began on Feb. 18. Seattle Slew was unbeaten when he won the Triple Crown in 1977.

Sent off as the 4-5 favorite, Justify went to the lead out of the starting gate and led nine rivals around the track's sweeping turns. He burnished his reputation by defeating nine rivals, the most faced by any Triple Crown champion.

Bob Baffert became the second trainer to win the Triple Crown twice. He did so with American Pharoah in 2015, ending a 37-year drought. James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons guided Gallant Fox in 1930 and Omaha in 1935.

"It never gets old," Baffert said. "American Pharoah, he'll always be my first love."

Justify's victory gives racing its second Triple Crown winner of the decade. The last time there were two Triple Crown champions in the same decade was the 1970s, which produced Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed.

Justify achieved one of the sports' toughest feats 45 years to the day that Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths.

The powerful colt with the blaze running the length of his face showed no signs that the rigors of running a compressed schedule had gotten to him. He won the Kentucky Derby by 21/2 lengths and then survived a half-length victory in the Preakness, both on sloppy tracks.

On a fast, dry track, Justify was just as good in his third race in five weeks at his third different track.

He ran the longest race of the series in 2:28.18 and paid $3.60, $3.50 and $2.80.

"This horse ran a tremendous race, he's so gifted," said Mike Smith, who at 52 is the oldest jockey to win the Triple Crown. "He's sent from heaven. I tell you,

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Julio Cortez/Associated Press

Justify (1), with jockey Mike Smith, left, crosses the finish line to win the 150th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race Saturday in Elmont, N.Y.

Passing it down



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Doug Russell, former Olympic swimmer from Midland, talks with members of his team Friday during finals at the Frost Bank West Texas Invitational swim meet at FMH Natatorium.

Olympic legend Russell continues to share hard-nosed wisdom

By Christopher Hadorn
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Imparting his wisdom on youth and teaching life lessons has become Doug Russell's calling.

The Midland High grad reached the pinnacle of swimming when Russell claimed gold medals in the men's 100-meter butterfly and 400 medley relay at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico.

Russell became a swimming legend when he beat nine-time Olympic champion Mark Spitz in the first-ever 100 butterfly held at the summer games.

Fifty years after his extraordinary feat, Russell does not dwell on it, as he concentrates on guiding his Austin Trinity Aquatic Club youth swimmers to college opportunities.

"I focus more on how much time I have left instead of how much time I've already spent," Russell said.

Russell is back in the Tall City to coach Austin Trinity Aquatic Club in the four-day 73rd annual Frost Bank West Texas Invitational swim meet that concludes today at COM Aquatics' FMH Natatorium. Interestingly enough, Russell, 72, has a long history with the West Texas Invitational, as his late mother Betty Jane served as the meet director when he was between the ages of 9-11.

Over 60 years later, Russell is passing down a treasure trove of swimming know how to his team of exactly 50 swimmers. It's a small squad by swim team standards, so Russell can give each kid the individual attention they deserve. In Austin Trinity's five years of existence, Russell says every senior swimmer he has had advanced to swim at the collegiate level.

"I want to see them to get to college," Russell said. "I want to find a good college program for them. That's basically my one goal. I tell them all the time, 'I'm not going to get to see you swim your fastest, that's when you get into college, get full grown and mature and all that stuff.' My job is just to try to give you the basics and give you a good background when you get there. That's what I focus on."

Russell's coaching style is heavily influenced by the elders that molded him into an Olympic champion.

The Austin Trinity Aquatic Club coach says his mother and late grandmother Miriam Johnson were strong ladies that he didn't want to mess with.

Although he didn't have a father figure in his life, Russell said basketball coach Jay Spears, trainer Doc Dodson and dean of students Jack Mashburn served as male role models in his upbringing at Midland High. He also said Don Easterling, his swim coach at University of Texas-Arlington, was tough on him.

"If you didn't do a good job or hustle on the basketball court, you were running laps," Russell said. "I got hollered at a lot, but I appreciate that."

Russell says his swimmers and their

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Texas Tech bats wear down Duke to take 1-0 lead

By Oscar LeRoy
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LUBBOCK — Duke coach Chris Pollard knew coming into this weekend's NCAA Super Regional that Texas Tech has one of the best offensive teams in the country.

But he also realized on Saturday in front of 4,818 fans at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park that the Red Raiders don't give away too many at-bats and are relentless in their approach.

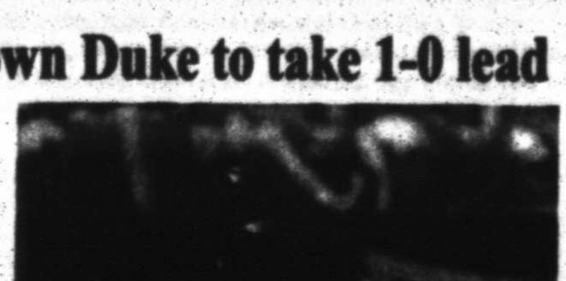
The Red Raiders were able to piece together some great at-bats late to come from behind to beat the Blue Devils, 6-4, in the best-of-three series.

"They have a really good offensive approach," said Pollard of the Red Raiders. "We threw three of our best guys out there today and they swing and miss very little. What they did was a great job of spoiling pitches and extending at-bats on pitches that we've been getting outs on a lot over the course of the season."

With the win, the Red Raiders (43-17) are a win away from their third College World Series appearance in the last five years. Game 2 is scheduled for 5 p.m. today.

If Saturday's game was any

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Brad Tollefson/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal via AP

Texas Tech's Braxton Fulford (28) bunts during a super regional game against Duke on Saturday in Lubbock.

Sockers squander chances in draw with Fort Worth

By Will Korn
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Seeking to build on a two-match winning streak, Midland-Odessa Sockers FC grabbed a commanding 2-0 lead in the first nine minutes Saturday night.

But as it has in each one of its defeats this season, Sockers FC was unable to capitalize on a flurry of golden scoring opportunities as the match progressed. With only 13 available players, visiting Fort Worth Vaqueros FC battled back from the early deficit and hung on for a 2-2 draw in a National Premier Soccer League match at Grande Communications Stadium.



Regis

With the result, each team settled for a point in the standings. But for Sockers FC coach Luis Rincon, a lone point won't be enough to compete in a competitive Lone Star Conference Division over the long run.



Rodriguez

"I think we dominated the game, the whole game," Rincon said. "But at the end of the day, if you don't put your chances away, it's going to be very difficult. I think we had about six chances (to score and we didn't). We can't make those mistakes to be honest with you. Our goal is to be in the top two (in the division) and that's the level this organization should be on. We cannot let go of two points."

It was the two-time NCAA Division II player of the Year Nathan Regis who catapulted Sockers FC (3-2-1, 10 points) in front 2-0 with a pair of athletic goals to open the evening.

But Fort Worth responded in the 16th minute with a goal by VcMor Eligue to cut the deficit to 2-1. Ten minutes later, Vaqueros FC (4-1-1, 13 points) leveled the match on a breakaway goal by Kalle Masue following a breathtaking long pass from former New York Red Bulls center back Mychel Jones.

The rest of the way, chance after chance presented itself to the home team, which played the role of the aggressor.

In the 40th minute, with an opportunity for a breakthrough just before halftime, a Sockers FC shot sailed just wide after a nifty low cross across the 6-yard box.

With the match still tied 2-2 in the 54th minute, Sockers FC was awarded a penalty kick after a Fort Worth hand ball inside the 18-yard box. The team's penalty kick ace, Xavi Lao, who has converted three penalty shots already this season, was denied on a low attempt by Vaqueros goalkeeper Grant Makela.

Hungry for the potential match winner, Sockers FC ramped up its intensity over the final 35 minutes, but missed another promising scoring chance in the 83rd minute.

Following a scramble in front of the net, a loose ball rolled right into the wheelhouse of Manuel Kaguako, who appeared to strike the ball off balance and kick into a teammate and out of bounds just feet from the net.

Finally, a Sockers FC free kick at

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'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 6
Frisco 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco
7:05 p.m.

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Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wendesday
Midland 6 Frisco 4	Midland at Frisco 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco 12:05 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 6:30 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Baseball
Texas League: Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., FSSW

Beach Volleyball
AVP: New York City, 3:30 p.m., NBC

Boxing
PBC: Travis Kauffman vs. Scott Alexander, 7:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

College Baseball
Gainesville Super Regional, Game 2: Auburn vs. Florida, 11 a.m., ESPN
Chapel Hill Super Regional, Game 3 (if necessary): Stetson at North Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Fayetteville Super Regional, Game 2: South Carolina vs. Arkansas, 2 p.m., ESPN
Austin Super Regional, Game 2: Tennessee Tech vs. Texas, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Nashville Super Regional, Game 3 (if necessary): Mississippi State at Vanderbilt, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Lubbock Super Regional, Game 2: Duke vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m., ESPNU (will move to ESPN2 if no Mississippi State/Vanderbilt)
Corvallis Super Regional, Game 3 (if necessary): Minnesota at Oregon State, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Fullerton Super Regional, Game 3 (if necessary): Washington vs. Cal State Fullerton, 8 p.m., ESPNU (will move to ESPN2 if no Minnesota/Oregon State)

Diving
FINA World Cup: Women's Synchronized Springboard Final, 6:30 a.m., OLYHD FIVB

Volleyball
USA vs. Canada, 3 p.m., CBSSN

Golf
EPGA: Shot Clock Masters, Final Round, 6:30 a.m., GOLF
Curtis Cup: Singles, Noon, FS1
PGA: FedEx St. Jude Classic, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: FedEx St. Jude Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS
LPGA: ShopRite Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: Rust-Oleum Championship, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
Champions: Principal Charity Classic, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Chicago White Sox at Boston, Noon, MLB
Houston at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW, ATTSW
LA Angels at Minnesota, 3 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at NY Mets, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
Friendly: Austria vs. Brazil, 8:50 a.m., beIN

Motorsports
Formula E: Zurich, Qualifying, 9:30 a.m., FS2
Formula E: Zurich, 10:30 a.m., FS1
F1: Canadian Grand Prix, 12:30 p.m., ABC, UNI, UDN
Monster Energy Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400, 1 p.m., FS1
NHRA: Virginia Nationals, 5 p.m., FS1

Tennis
French Open: Men's Final, 8 a.m., NBC

Track and Field
IAAF Diamond League: Stockholm, 9 a.m., NBCSN

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 2 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

College Baseball
NCAA Super Regional, Duke at Texas Tech, 5 p.m.

Swimming
Frost Bank West Texas Invitational, FMH Foundation Natatorium

HS BASEBALL

High School Baseball
UIL state tournament
Dell Diamond and UFCU Disch-Falk Field – Round Rock, Austin

Saturday's scores
Class 3A final: Beeville (28-4) 5, Clifton (30-7-1) 4
Class 5A final: Northwest Eaton (34-0-1) 4, Forney (29-14-1) 1
Class 6A final: Southlake Carroll (35-0) 7, San Antonio Reagan (37-8) 2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Reinstated RHP Darren O'Day from the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Tanner Scott to Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated LHP Carlos Rodon from the 60-day DL. Designated RHP Chris Beck for assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled OF John Cave from Rochester (IL). Optioned RHP Tyler Duffey to Rochester.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Masahiro Tanaka on the 10-day dl. Recalled INF Ronald Torreyes from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Nashville (PCL). Optioned OF Nick Martini to Nashville.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed RHP Preston Guilmet off waivers from St. Louis. Designated RHP Dusk McGuire for assignment.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled LHP Sam Howard from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed LHP Harrison Musgrave on the transgerment list.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — selected the contract of RHP Daniel Castano from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned LHP/RHP Pat Venditte to Oklahoma City.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Activated LF Rhys Hoskins from the 10-day DL. Placed RF Dylan Cozens on the 10-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated OF Adam Eaton from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Wander Suero to Syracuse (IL). Released OF Rafael Bautista.
American Association
CHICAGO DOGS — Signed RHP Jared Cerkoll.
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Released C Jordan Dean.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP David Ernst.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP John Hohensee.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed OF John Smith.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed INF Camilo Pinto.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Carter Johnson.
Frontier League
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP Andrew Cox. Released LHP Wilton Coulton-Cox.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	1	.875	—
Atlanta	4	3	.571	2½
Washington	5	4	.556	2½
Chicago	3	4	.429	3½
New York	2	4	.333	4
Indiana	0	7	.000	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
Phoenix	6	3	.667	½
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	1
Dallas	4	3	.571	1½
Minnesota	3	5	.375	3½
Las Vegas	1	6	.143	5½

Saturday's scores
Connecticut 89, Minnesota 75
Today's Games
Indiana at New York, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled

MLS GLANCE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	9	3	3	30	31	19
New York City FC	8	3	4	28	29	20
Columbus	7	3	6	27	22	14
New York	7	4	2	23	20	15
New England	6	4	5	23	25	21
Orlando City	6	7	1	19	24	28
Chicago	5	7	3	18	21	20
Philadelphia	5	7	3	18	16	21
Toronto FC	4	7	2	14	19	23
Montreal	4	11	0	12	13	31
D.C. United	2	5	3	9	14	16
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
FC Dallas	9	1	5	32	25	14
Sporting Kansas City	9	2	4	31	25	14
Vancouver	7	5	3	24	25	20
Real Salt Lake	7	6	1	22	19	20
Los Angeles FC	6	4	3	21	25	21
Portland	6	5	3	21	23	19
Houston	5	5	5	20	27	21
LA Galaxy	5	7	2	17	19	23
Minnesota United	3	8	1	10	17	28
San Jose	2	6	3	9	19	25
Seattle	2	7	2	8	7	16
Colorado	2	8	2	8	14	32

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's scores
Atlanta United FC 1, New York City FC 1, tie
New York 1, Columbus 1, tie
Vancouver 6, Colorado City 2
FC Dallas 2, Montreal 0
New England 1, Chicago 1, tie
Colorado at Houston, late
D.C. United at Seattle, late
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, late
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, late
Sporting Kansas City at Portland, late
Sunday's Games
Atlanta United FC at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m.
New England at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 16
At Coco Key, Puerto Rico, Angel Acosta vs. Carlos Quiroga, 12, for Acosta's WBO junior lightweight title.
At Plano, (DVD), Elvin Ayala Jr. vs. Carlos Quiroga, 12, for Ayala's IBF welterweight title; Danny Ramos vs. Moises Flores, 12, for Ramos's WBA junior featherweight title; Junior Fonseca vs. Adrian Granados, 10, junior welterweights.
June 17
At Rio Usumo, Arlen Salmeron vs. Gabriel Trujano, 12, for Salmeron's WBA lightweight title.
At Palo Fierro, Kleber Cabezil vs. Pablo Sor Chamorro, 12, for the vacant WBC lightweight title.
At Old Aurora, London, City Joe Gourley vs. Martin Murray, 12, for Gourley's WBO welterweight title; Daniel Dubois vs. Tom Little, 10, heavyweights; Chris Eubank vs. Josh Leather, 12, junior welterweights; Darryll Williams vs. Lennox Clarke, 10, junior welterweights.

Grant Little's high draft selection illustrates Midland's baseball talent



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The amount of baseball talent coming out of Midland is impressive considering the size of the city.

While this part of world will always be known for its football, baseball is either right up there or definitely a close second.

This past week, Midland Christian grad and Texas Tech sophomore outfielder Grant Little was drafted 74th overall in the second round by the San Diego Padres.

Little is an exceptional talent and this year he's been raking it at the plate for the Red Raiders, who are hosting Duke this weekend in an NCAA Super Regional best-of-three series.

I actually thought he was a certain draft pick next year but because Little turns 21 within 45 days of the draft, he was eligible this year. Although, he's concentrating on helping the Red Raiders in their attempt to get back to the College World Series, I would say odds are pretty good that he will end up signing with the Padres and turning pro.

Little probably should have been drafted out of high school but since he was firm on his commitment with Texas Tech unless he was drafted in the top five rounds, teams backed off as they don't want to waste a pick.

Recent Lee grad Bo Blessie was taken in the 36th round (1,091 overall) by the Washington Nationals but he's already said he's sticking with his commitment to Nebraska. That's a smart move as he can work to improve his draft status and hopefully go several rounds higher in three years than he did last year. Plus, it's always important to get that much closer to that degree.

We're not done in seeing local kids get drafted. In the coming years, we're going to see a few more play major college baseball and you can bet a few of them will have their names called on draft day.

■ Thanks to Midland High grad Bryce Hoppel, track is getting some love in the Tall City.

Hoppel, a University of Kansas sophomore, made Midland proud on Friday when he placed fourth in the 800-meter race of the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Yeah, that's a pretty good showing among the nation's best and likely future Olympians.

Hoppel's success shouldn't be surprising. He won the Texas Class 6A state championship as a senior at MHS and if you can do that in this state, you're certainly among the best in the nation.

Hoppel also comes from a good family and seems to have a good head on his shoulders and great work ethic, so expect to hear more of the young man in the next few years.

■ Unfortunately it's becoming harder and harder to keep coaches or even find coaches to come to the Permian Basin because of the high cost of living.

The Lee girls soccer program lost a good guy this past week when head coach Mark Hinshaw announced his resignation to take a job at Class 4A Castleberry. It didn't take long to know that Hinshaw is not only a good soccer coach but very intelligent. Although the results didn't always show it, the Lady Rebels were heading in the right direction.

This is a growing problem for school districts across the Permian Basin. Just recently Kermit ISD had trouble finding a head football coach/athletic director because nobody wanted to pay the money that it costs for a house there. Fortunately, according to reports, Kermit will name Pecos defensive coordinator Bubba Ross as its lone finalist for the position.

How long this trend will continue is hard to say. In my two-plus decades in the Permian, I've seen oil prices go up and down and jobs come and go. Hopefully, things will stabilize soon because while a boom is good for those benefitting from the oil industry, those of us on the outside may have a tougher time making ends meet.

■ On a personal note, I would like to pay tribute to a friend in Freddy Lopez, who was taken away from us way too soon in a tragic car accident this past week.

Freddy was a devoted family man and worked hard to provide for his beautiful wife and kids.

He was also a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, a Midland College fan and to the chagrin at times of this Red Sox fan, he was also a big Yankees fan.

At one time he helped the MRT sports department by taking calls on football Friday nights and writing the occasional story for the paper. He even thought about getting in the newspaper profession until he realized the pay wasn't all that great and the hours were a bit wacky.

Like in life, he gave it everything he had while in his time with the MRT and we were all better for knowing him.

Rest in peace Freddy.

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4th time's the charm: Halep tops Stephens to win French Open

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Maybe all of those losses in Grand Slam finals helped Simona Halep actually win one.

She'd gone 0-3 in matches with a major trophy on the line before facing Sloane Stephens for the French Open title Saturday, so there was plenty to remember: what it felt like to give a lead away, to make a key mistake, to walk away with regrets.

"All the experience from those three finals that I lost ... was a positive thing," Halep said, "and gave me a little bit more power to believe."

Halep added Grand Slam trophy No. 1 to her No. 1 ranking, coming back from a set and a break down to beat Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and win the championship at Roland Garros in a match made up of long points and key momentum swings.

"That's the most important thing — that I stay there focused," said Halep, the first Romanian to collect a major title since her manager, Virginia Ruzici, at the 1978 French Open. "I believed. And I never gave up."

The 26-year-old Halep was describing this particular match. She could have been speaking about her career.

Halep lost two previous finals at Roland Garros — against Maria Sharapova in 2014, then Jelena Ostapenko in 2017 despite leading by a set and 3-0 in the second. Her third runner-up finish came against Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open in January.

"Been kicked in the stomach a couple of times when she's had chances," said Halep's coach, Darren Cahill. "They say the destination is more beautiful if there's a bit of a bumpy road and you eventually get there. And that's what happened to her today."

On a muggy afternoon, Halep began slowly, unable to solve Stephens, the 10th-seeded American who won her first Grand Slam title at last year's U.S. Open. Both women are adept at defense, figuring out ways — via speed, strength, skill and instinct — to get nearly every ball back over the net. They're also both able to switch to offense in a snap.

Those traits lent themselves to engaging exchanges of 10 strokes, 20 strokes or more, sometimes interrupted by spectators who would gasp or begin to clap, thinking that a point was over when it still was not.

The players were not trading looping shots, mind you, meant merely to keep the ball between the lines. For the most part, they were violent smacks at the ball, delivered with the intention of ending a point. It often seemed effortless for Stephens, who broke for a 3-1 edge when Halep put a forehand in the net.

When Halep ended a 14-stroke point by pushing a backhand wide, Stephens owned the first set. She wheeled toward her box, which included U.S. national soccer team player Jozy Altidore, and shook a fist. Not much after that, Stephens broke to begin the second set, then held for a 2-0 lead. It appeared she was on her way to improving to 7-0 in tournament finals.

And then, suddenly, everything changed. Stephens started missing. A double-fault here. A forehand into the net there. A backhand wide. Another long. Halep took 15 of 18 points and four games in a row.

Both Halep and Cahill thought Stephens looked a little gassed.

From 4-all in the second, Halep grabbed seven games in a row to take that set and build a 5-0 edge in third.

One key: Halep began putting a little more air under the ball, being a little less aggressive, waiting for Stephens to make mistakes. That worked. Stephens ended up with 39 unforced errors, 13 more than Halep.

TEN-French Open Results
PARIS — Results Saturday from the French Open at Stade Roland Garros (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles
Final
Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Sloane Stephens (10), United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Men's Doubles
Final
Nicolas Mahut, France and Pierre-Hugues Herbert (6), France, def. Oliver Marach, Austria and Mate Pavic (2), Croatia, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

Juniors Men's Singles
Final
Chun-Hsin Tseng (6), Taiwan, def. Sebastian Baez (1), Argentina, 7-6, 6-2.

Juniors Women's Singles
Final
Coco Gauff (10), United States, def. Caty Mcnally, United States, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Juniors Men's Doubles
Final
Naoki Tajima, Japan and Ondrej Styler, Czech Republic, def. Chun-Hsin Tseng, Taiwan and Ray Ho (5), Taiwan, 6-4, 6-4.

Juniors Women's Doubles
Final
Caty Mcnally, United States and Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Yuki Naito, Japan and Hiroki Sato (3), Japan, 6-2, 7-5.

French Open Stade Court Schedule
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Court Philippe Chatrier
Makoto Ninomiya, Japan and Eri Hozumi, Japan, vs. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, vs. Dominic Thiem (7), Austria

SOCKERS

From 1C

a dangerous angle was cleared out in the 90th minute and Fort Worth proceeded to stave off a charge in five minutes of stoppage time.

As the home side walked off the field, the frustration on their faces was clear. The Sockers FC players believed they should have come away with more. Colombian forward Andres Rodriguez said he believes his teammates will be up to task in their next match, when they travel to Tyler FC at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"The good thing is we created so many chances," Rodriguez said through teammate and translator Sergio Leiva. "Sometimes you don't finish well but the important thing is we keep working to create new chances. Some days, we're going to score. We're going to take it from here and look forward to improving."

According to Rincon, Regis, who left the match in the 20th minute with a knee injury, could miss the next seven to 10 days.

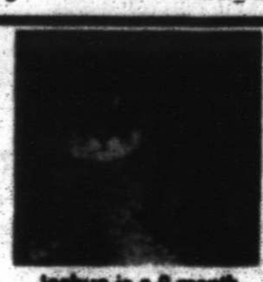
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Springer, Astros overcome wild Morton start, top Rangers 4-3

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — George Springer hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and the Houston Astros overcame a wild start from Charlie Morton to beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 on Saturday night.

Morton tied an American League record with four hit batters and had a career-high six walks as the Astros allowed 10 walks, a season high. But the Rangers tied a club record with 17 runners left on base in a nine-inning game, most in the majors without extra innings this season.

The hard-throwing right-hander who had a 10-game winning streak stopped in his previous start gave up two runs without allowing a hit in the second. The only hit Morton surrendered in 3 2/3 innings was a third-inning double from Ronald Guzman that didn't factor in the scoring.

After hitting Rougned Odor and walking Robinson Chirinos and Guzman in the second, Morton struck out Shin-Soo Choo before Delino DeShields hit a chopper up the middle that second baseman Jose Altuve fumbled for an error as Odor scored. Nomar Mazara followed with a sacrifice fly for an unearned run and a 2-2 tie.



Michael Ainsworth/Associated Press

Houston Astros' George Springer (4) celebrates in the dugout after scoring on a double by Alex Bregman against the Texas Rangers during the first inning Saturday in Arlington.

Reliever Brad Peacock hit Isiah Kiner-Falefa with his final pitch in the sixth to break Houston's franchise record with five hit batters.

The Rangers also set a club record by getting hit five times but the worst hitting team in the majors with runners in scoring position went 1 for 17 in those situations. Texas stranded 12 runners in scoring position.

Tony Sipp (1-0) struck out the first three hitters he faced in the sixth and seventh, and Hector Rondon got pinch-hitter Adrian Beltre to bounce into a game-ending double play for his second save.

Springer's go-ahead single landed just in front of a sprinting Joey Gallo in left field against Jose Leclerc (1-2) after Guzman's RBI single had pulled Texas even in the fifth.

Max Stassi homered leading off the fifth for Houston, and Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel had run-scoring hits in the first.

Three of Houston's walks went to Choo, who reached base in his 25th straight game to extend his majors-leading streak.

SUPER REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Associated Press

Chambers, Garza power Tennessee Tech past Texas

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Chase Chambers and David Garza each had an RBI double to power a three-run fifth inning and Tennessee Tech held on to beat Texas 5-4 in the opening game of a best-of-three series in the NCAA baseball tournament on Saturday.

Chambers' double in the top of the fifth drove in two runs to make it 4-3 and then Garza brought in Chambers with another double.

Ethan Roberts came on and helped Tennessee Tech (53-10) out of some trouble in the bottom of the sixth with three straight strikeouts after starter Marcus Evey (8-0) walked the first two batters of the inning. Roberts held on for another three innings to notch his fifteenth save, giving up one run on David Hamilton's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning.

Texas (40-21) opened the scoring with Zach Zubia's sacrifice fly in the first inning and took a 3-2 lead in the third on Kody Clemens' 22nd homer of the season.

North Carolina first to advance to College World Series

North Carolina became the first team to advance to the College World Series, completing a sweep of its best-of-three NCAA Tournament super regional against Stetson on Saturday.

The No. 6 national seed Tar Heels scored four runs in the first inning and hung on to win 7-5 over the No. 11 Hatters. Carolina will make its first trip to the CWS in Omaha, Nebraska, since 2013.

Cal State Fullerton beat Washington 5-2 to even its series with Washington at a game apiece. No. 14 Minnesota played at No. 3 Oregon State and Mississippi State met Vanderbilt in late Game 2s.

In super regional openers, defending national champion and No. 1 overall seed Florida beat Auburn and top draft pick Casey Mize 8-2; Tennessee Tech closer Ethan Roberts held No. 13 Texas to one run in four innings in a 5-4 win; and Big 12 freshman of the year Gabe Holt drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to lead No. 9 Texas Tech past Duke 8-4; and Carson Shaddy drove in four runs in No. 5 Arkansas' 9-3 win over South Carolina.

North Carolina, playing at home in Chapel Hill, survived ninth-inning drama for the second straight day to secure its seventh CWS berth and 11th overall. With runners on first and third and two outs and the go-ahead run at the plate, Stetson's Brooks Wilson sent a high fly to center field that Brandon Riley caught at the warning track for the final out. On Friday, with Stetson down three runs, the game ended when Wilson flew out to the wall in left with the bases loaded.

Tommy Wilson held Washington to one run and three hits over seven innings in Fullerton, California. The Titans took a 4-1 lead in the fifth when Daniel Cope doubled and scored on Jairus Richards' triple and on Brett Borgogno's RBI single. Joe Wainhouse homered twice for the Huskies.

Wil Dalton drove in two runs and Deacon Liput homered for the second time in three games in Gainesville, Florida, putting the Gators within a win of their fourth straight CWS. Brady Singer, matched against his fellow first-round draft pick in Mize, struck out nine and limited Auburn to two runs and four hits in 6 2/3 innings.

In Austin, Chase Chambers and David Garza doubled to drive in Tennessee Tech's three runs in the fifth inning for a 5-3 lead, and Roberts retired the last six Texas batters after a sacrifice fly made it a one-run game in the seventh. The Golden Eagles are one win away from their first CWS after having never advanced past regionals previously.

Nothin' Finer, Carolina

North Carolina has won its last seven super regional appearances, six of them at home. This was the fifth time the Tar Heels went through a regional and super regional without a loss.

NCAA Division I Baseball Super Regionals Glance
Best-of-3; x-if necessary
Host school is home team for Game 1; visiting school is home team for Game 2; vote flip determines home team for Game 3

At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
Lubbock
Saturday: Texas Tech 6, Duke 4, TT leads series 1-0
Today: Texas Tech (43-17) vs. Duke (44-17), 5 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 3 p.m.

At UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Austin
Saturday: Tennessee Tech 5, Texas 4, Tenn Tech leads series 1-0
Today: Texas (40-21) vs. Tennessee Tech (53-10), 2 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, Noon

At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Friday: North Carolina 7, Stetson 4
Saturday: North Carolina 7, Stetson 5, UNC advances

At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.
Friday: Mississippi State 10, Vanderbilt 8, MSU leads series 1-0
Saturday: Vanderbilt (34-26) vs. Mississippi State (39-20), late
x-Today: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 5 p.m.

At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field
Corvallis, Ore.
Friday: Oregon State 8, Minnesota 1, OSU leads series 1-0
Saturday: Oregon State (49-10-1) vs. Minnesota (44-14), late
x-Today: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 8 p.m.

At Goodwin Field
Fullerton, Calif.
Friday: Washington 8, Cal State Fullerton 5
Saturday: Cal State Fullerton 5, Washington 2, series tied 1-1
Today: Cal State Fullerton (39-24) vs. Washington (34-26), 8 p.m.

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Saturday: Florida 8, Auburn 2, UF leads series 1-0
Today: Florida (49-16) vs. Auburn (40-22), 11 a.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Florida vs. Auburn, 8:30 p.m.

At Baum Stadium at Quapaw Cole Field
Fayetteville, Ark.
Saturday: Arkansas 9, South Carolina 3, Arkansas leads series 1-0
Today: Arkansas (49-18) vs. South Carolina (35-23), 2 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 6 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 4
At Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Sean Murphy was 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI, while teammate Tyler Ramirez went 3-for-5 with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. ... For Frisco, Juremi Profar was 2-for-4 with a home run and two runs scored, and Jose Cardona went 2-for-4 with a home run.

TOP PITCHERS: RoughRiders starter Tyler Davis took a no-decision after allowing one run, six hits and one walk over five innings, while striking out four. ... RockHounds closer Nolan Blackwood notched his sixth save after striking out two over 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Frisco took a 3-0 lead after Cardona's solo homer in the first, and Preston Beck's two-run homer in the second. ... The RoughRiders extended their lead to 4-2 following Profar's solo home run in the sixth. ... The RockHounds tied the game at 4 with two runs in the seventh, capped by Tyler Ramirez' RBI single. Midland took a 5-4 lead on Brett Siddall's RBI single in the eighth and added a run in the ninth when Murphy singled home Ramirez.

NOTES: With his two hits, Midland's Brett Vertigan has reached base in 15 consecutive games. ... Midland took a 1-0 lead in the four-game series with Frisco. The RockHounds are 2-3 on their eight-game road trip.

TL standings

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas (Mariners)	31	30	.508	—
NW Arkansas (Royals)	30	31	.492	1
Springfield (Cardinals)	30	31	.492	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	28	33	.459	3
South Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
San Antonio (Padres)	38	22	.633	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	36	24	.600	2
Midland (Athletics)	30	31	.492	8½
Frisco (Rangers)	20	41	.328	18½

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 6, Arkansas 2
Tulsa 6, Springfield 2
Midland 6, Frisco 4
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, late
Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 2:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:10 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan lf	4	1	2	0	Cardona lf	4	1	2	1
Martin ss	5	0	1	1	Hood rf	3	0	0	0
Ramirez cf	5	2	3	1	Morgan 2b	4	0	0	0
Murphy c	5	1	3	3	Trevino c	4	0	0	0
Brown 1b	5	0	1	0	O'Neill cf	2	0	0	0
Mannow rf	4	1	2	0	Profar dh	4	2	2	1
M. White 2b	4	0	1	0	Beck 1b	4	1	1	2
Siddall dh	4	0	1	1	La O 3b	3	0	1	0
Diaz 3b	4	1	2	0	De Leon ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	40	6	16	6	Totals	32	4	7	4

Midland ..... 000 101 211 —6
Frisco ..... 120 001 000 —4

DP – Midland 2, Frisco 3. LOB – Midland 8, Frisco 5. 2B – Diaz (2), Vertigan (9), 3B – Ramirez (4). HR – Murphy (5), Cardona (1), Beck (6), Profar (3). SB – Hood (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Seddon	6.0	4	4	4	2	2
Cochran-Gill W, 1-0	1.2	2	0	0	1	0
Blackwood S, 6	1.1	1	0	0	0	2
Frisco						
Davis	5.0	6	1	1	1	4
Goss	1.0	2	1	1	0	2
Fasola	1.0	3	2	2	0	0
Stock L, 0-2	1.0	3	1	1	0	0
Garrett	1.0	2	1	1	0	1

HBP – by Seddon (Hood), WP – Blackwood, Davis, Garrett.
T – 2:42. A – 6,890.

TECH

From 1C

indication, Tech is expecting another hard-fought battle from the Blue Devils (43-17), who had the lead in the seventh inning when Tech designated hitter Zach Rheams tied the game at 4 with a solo home run to right field.

"(Duke reliever Ethan DeCaster) was rolling through that inning and I realized he was trying to get ahead early in the count," said Rheams, a senior, who hit his team-leading 17th homer of the year. "I was just ready for something to do there."

Tech finally took the lead in the eighth when Big 12 Freshman of the Year Gabe Holt had an RBI single, followed by an RBI double by Brian Klein.

Holt finished the game going 3-for-5 at the plate to lead the Red Raiders, while Rheams and Klein added two hits each.

Rheams credited the coaching staff for him staying calm in key moments of the game.

"It's gotten to where the big moments, I'm able to slow them down," he said. "You just have to deal with one pitch at a time and see what you can do."

Early on, Duke starter Mitch Stallings did a good job of slowing down Tech's offense by not allowing the Red Raiders to string hits together.

Meanwhile, Duke (44-17) built a 3-0 lead with a run in the second inning and two more in the fifth by Zack Cone, who doubled to left-center field.

The Red Raiders finally got the crowd into the game in the bottom of the fifth when Midland Christian grad Grant Little hit a two-out, two-run double to left-center to cut it to 3-2.

Stallings went five innings and allowed the two runs on six hits, four walks and two strikeouts.

"The game plan going in was just to build off last week," Stallings said. "I tried to stay aggressive with each hitter. I didn't have quite the command that I would prefer but I was able to fight through that. I worked the ball on both sides of the plate and tried to keep them off balance with some off-speed."

Tech tied the game at 3 in the sixth on Holt's fielder's choice before Duke took its last lead (4-3) of the game on Kone's RBI single in the top of the seventh. Texas Tech coach Tadlock played down his team's ability to get to Duke's highly-regarded bullpen as he knows that the Blue Devlis still have some talented pitchers his team hasn't seen yet.

"I have all the respect in the world for Duke and their program," Tadlock said. "That was a tough baseball game, but as far as advantage or its set up, you've got to go play each day. That's why they say, 'Go play the game. They don't play the game on paper.' We're going to try to come out (today) and do just that."

If the Red Raiders' offense continues to do what it has been doing, they could be punching their tickets to Omaha.

TODAY'S STARTERS: Texas Tech is expected to start sophomore right-hander Caleb Killian (9-1, 2.39 ERA) while Duke's starter is to be determined.

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TEXAS TECH 6, DUKE 4

Duke ..... 010 020 100 —4 8 1
Texas Tech ..... 020 001 12x —6 11 0

Mitch Stallings, Ethan DeCaster (6), Zack Lakosky (8) and Chris Proctor; Dylan Dusek, Ryan Shetter (2), Jose Quezada (7), Ty Hagaman (8) and Braxton Fulford. W—Quezada (5-2). L—Lakosky (3-1). 2B—Duke: Zach Kone; Texas Tech: Grant Little, Brian Klein. HR—Texas Tech: Rheams (17).
Records: Duke 44-17, Texas Tech 43-17.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	19	.689	—
Boston	44	21	.677	½
Tampa Bay	29	34	.460	14½
Toronto	29	35	.453	15
Baltimore	19	44	.302	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	25	.609	—
Detroit	31	33	.470	8
Minnesota	27	34	.443	10½
Chicago	21	41	.339	17
Kansas City	22	43	.338	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	40	24	.625	—
Houston	41	25	.621	—
Los Angeles	37	28	.569	3½
Oakland	28	32	.467	10½
Texas	17	45	.274	24

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	25	.609	—
Atlanta	35	27	.571	3
Philadelphia	33	29	.532	4½
New York	27	34	.443	10½
Miami	23	41	.359	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	25	.609	—
Chicago	37	26	.587	1½
St. Louis	33	27	.550	3½
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	8
Cincinnati	22	43	.338	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	34	29	.540	—
Los Angeles	32	31	.508	2
San Francisco	32	32	.500	2½
Colorado	32	32	.500	2½
San Diego	29	36	.446	5½

Schedules

American League
Saturday's scores
Toronto 4, Baltimore 3, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 2, Minnesota 1
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 2, Oakland 0
Detroit 4, Cleveland 2, 12 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 3
Houston 4, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 1-4) at Boston (Porcello 5-5), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 3-7) at Toronto (Estrada 2-6), 12:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 9-2) at Detroit (Lorenzo 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 5-1) at Tampa Bay (Snell 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 3-2) at Minnesota (Gibson 3-5), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 5-5) at Texas (Hamels 1-6), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 1-2) at Oakland (Manaea 5-5), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 8-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lugo 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

National League
Saturday's scores
Washington 7, San Francisco 5
Milwaukee 12, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 2, Pittsburgh 0
San Diego 5, Miami 4
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 12, Colorado 7
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
San Diego (Richard 4-6) at Miami (Alcantara 1-7), 12:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 3-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Chacin 2-5) at Philadelphia (Gillis 3-2), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 3-6) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 5-5) at Colorado (Freeland 6-5), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Holland 3-6) at Washington (Scherzer 10-1), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 7-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 4-1), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 9-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lugo 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Texas Box

ASTROS 4, RANGERS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	3	1	2	1	Choo dh	3	0	0	0
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	1	DeShields cf	3	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Beltre ph	1	0	0	0
Gurriel 1b	4	0	2	1	Mazara rf	4	0	0	1
Gattis dh	4	0	0	0	Profar lf	2	0	1	0
Stassi c	3	0	0	0	Odor 2b	3	0	0	0
Tucker lf	3	0	0	0	Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	0	0
Marisnick cf	3	0	0	0	Chirinos c	3	1	1	0
Reddick ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Guzman 1b	3	2	1	2
Gurriel 1b	4	0	2	1	Totals	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	4	Totals	29	3	3	3

Houston ..... 200 010 100—4
Texas ..... 000 010 002—3

E—Altuve (3), Gurriel (1), Chirinos (1). LOB—Houston 4, Texas 17. 2B—Bregman (20), Tucker (4), Odor (5), Guzman (7). HR—Stassi (6), Springer (9), Profar (4). SF—Altuve (1). S—Reddick (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Morton	3 2/3	1	2	1	6	4
Peacock	1 2/3	3	1	1	1	2
Sipp	1	0	0	0	1	3
Osuna	1 2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Rondon S,3-4	1	1	0	0	1	0
Texas						
Minor	6	6	3	3	1	4
Leclerc L,1-2	1	2	1	1	1	0
Martin	1	1	0	0	0	0
Diekman	1	0	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Morton (Peña), by Morton (Odor), by Morton (Profar), by Morton (Chirinos), by Peacock (Kiner-Falefa).
T—3:01. A—19,888 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 3 (10 innings)

Baltimore ..... 020 100 2100—3 8 0
Toronto ..... 201 001 100 1—4 12 1

Gausman, Brach (7), Castro (8), Givens (10) and Sisco; Sanchez, Biagini (7), Leone (8), Ryan (9), Clippard (9), Axford (9) and Maile. W—Axford 1-0. L—Givens 0-2. HRs—Toronto, Gurriel (8).

ROYALS 3, ATHLETICS 0

Kansas City ..... 010 000 001—2 4 0
Oakland ..... 000 000 000—0 4 1

Duffy, McCarthy (8), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez; Brandt, Doolittle (8), Petit (9) and Pinaglay. W—Duffy 3-0. L—Brandt 0-1. Sv—K. Herrera (14). HRs—Kansas City, Gordon (6).

RED SOX 4, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago ..... 000 020 000—2 6 2
Boston ..... 110 020 00x—4 8 0

Quintana, Cordova (8), Minaya (9) and R.Smith; Price, Kelly (7), M.Barnes (8), Kimbrel (9) and Vazquez. W—Price 7-4. L—Quintana 6-4. Sv—Kimbrel (20). HRs—Boston, Shaffer, A. Hill.

MARINERS 7, RAYS 3

Seattle ..... 100 010 105—7 11 1
Tampa Bay ..... 102 000 10x—3 10 2

Fiers, Hernandez, Diaz (4), Marin (8) and Zunino; Snell, Castillo (7), Roe (8) and Sucre. W—Snell 9-5. L—Fiers 6-5. Sv—Roe (1). HRs—Seattle, Cruz (12).

TIGERS 4, INDIANS 2 (10 innings)

Cleveland ..... 000 002 000 00—2 7 0
Detroit ..... 100 003 100 00—4 10 0

Clevinger, O'Perez (7), Ramirez (8), Otero (10), McAllister (11), C.Allen (12) and Gomes; Fiers, Coleman (8), A.Wilson (9), Greene (9), Farmer (10), Stegall (11) and McCann. W—Stegall 4-1. L—C.Allen 2-3. HRs—Cleveland, Davis (1), Gomes (7). Detroit, Candelario (10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
GIANTS 7, CUBS 0

San Francisco ..... 020 100 004—7 9 0
Washington ..... 140 100 10x—7 10 0

Rodriguez, Black (3), Osuna (7), Moronta (8) and Hundley; Gonzalez, Miller (4), Soto (6), Madson (7), Collins (8), Kintzler (9), Doolittle (9) and Kieboom. W—Miller 3-0. L—Rodriguez 1-1. Sv—Doolittle (10). HRs—San Francisco, Hundley (7), Washington, Harper (10).

BREWERS 12, PHILLIES 3

Milwaukee ..... 200 004 006— 12 13 0
Philadelphia ..... 200 000 000— 3 6 2

Suter, Hader (5), Thornburg (7), Jeffress (8), Logan (9) and Grandal; Eickhoff, Garcia (4), Morgan (7), Ramos (7), Hunter (8) and Alfaro. W—Suter 5-4. L—Garcia 0-1. HRs—Milwaukee, Villar (6), Grad (8), Aguilar (11). Philadelphia, Hoskins (7).

CUBS 5, PIRATES 0

Pittsburgh ..... 000 000 000—0 1 0
Chicago ..... 200 000 03x—5 9 0

Kingham, Brault (7), Crick (8) and Cervelli; E.Diaz, Lester, Wilson (8), Cishek (9) and Contreras. W—Lester 7-2. L—Kingham 3-5. Sv—Cishek (8).

ROCKIES 6, MARLINS 4

San Diego ..... 300 100 010—5 12 2
Miami ..... 001 000 003—4 7 0

Ross, Stammen (6), Hand (8), Yates (9) and Lopez; Straily, Conley (4), E.Hernandez (5), Slattenmilller (7), Ramsey (8) and Realmuto. W—Stammen 4-0. L—Ramirez 1-1. Sv—Yates (8). HRs—San Diego, Galvis (3), Myers, Dietrich (8).

CARDINALS 6, REDS 4

St. Louis ..... 000 002 100—6 7 0
Cincinnati ..... 020 200 110—4 10 0

Wacha, Mayers (6), Gonsolin (7), Tuivailala (8), J.Hicks (9) and Molina; L.Castillo, D'Alessandro (6) and Barnhart. Cowart. W—Wacha 6-1. L—L. Castillo 4-7. Sv—J.Hicks (1). HRs—St. Louis, Martinez (9), Osuna (6), Carpenter (9). Cincinnati, Suarez (12), Winker (5).

DIAMONDBACKS 10, ROCKIES 7

Arizona ..... 110 220 103— 10 13 1
Colorado ..... 202 220 000— 7 9 2

Koch, Shipley (5), Bradley (6), Sims (8) and Avila, Murphy; Bettis, Hoffman (5), Mollen (7), S.Oliver (8), Brownlie (9) and Wolters. W—Shipley 2-0. L—S.Oliver 2-5. HRs—Arizona, Ahmed (8), Goldschmidt 2 (12). Colorado, Laddlaw (8), Story 2 (14).

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Gaviano, Von Rebenstorf (7), Betances (8), A.Chapman (9) and G.Sanchez; Matz, Gsellman (7), Swarzak (8), Blevins (8) and Plawecki. W—Von Rebenstorf 3-0. L—Swarzak 0-1. Sv—A.Chapman (17). HRs—New York, Torres (11), Judge (16), Andujar (8). New York, Cabrera (11), Reyes (4).

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RUSSELL

From 1C

parents know that being with Austin Trinity Aquatic Club is not going to be a cake walk.

"I think that most of the families, they have their kid in my program because I'm pretty much old school," said Russell, a former world record holder in three events. "I think there's a lot that goes on today that makes kids soft. I work them hard. I don't let them cut corners. I don't let them BS themselves. I stay on them all the time. I've made kids cry, I've made parents cry.

"But I don't give in by saying it's OK. Not every kid deserves a trophy. I think that's the big thing, learning a work ethic, learning to be disciplined about anything, learning to be there every day. Those are the kinds of things that we focus on."

While Russell is disciplined, he's very humble, genuine and approachable. COM Aquatics swim coach Luke Serrano says Russell had a profound impact on his career, always willing to offer advice and being accessible to questions. Serrano says Russell has a way of connecting with youngsters.

"What I really admired about him is the quality of coaching that he does with his athletes," Serrano said. "He cares about each and every one of them and you can see that in his coaching.

"He has a way of making things very personal and it's always what you can achieve, not what I've achieved. It's always you can achieve. That's what makes it really inspirational."

Russell prides himself on being straightforward. He believes being authentic and forthright helps his kids find the right opportunity, and their future college coaches have a sense of the type of person they're getting.

"The schools that they show interest in, I write that coach a letter," Russell said. "It's a no nonsense letter. '(I write) this kid is interested in your program and this is what you get. This is not what you're going to get.' The kids know that. I think the 99 percent of the time the college coach appreciates it. I've got great kids. The next four years, every year I have top level kids coming out, so that makes it fun."

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JUSTIFY

From 1C

it's just amazing. I can't describe the emotions that's going through my body right now."

Baffert had fretted after Justify drew the No. 1 post, a spot he detests for his horses. But Smith turned it into an advantage, gunning Justify to the lead and defying any horse to challenge.

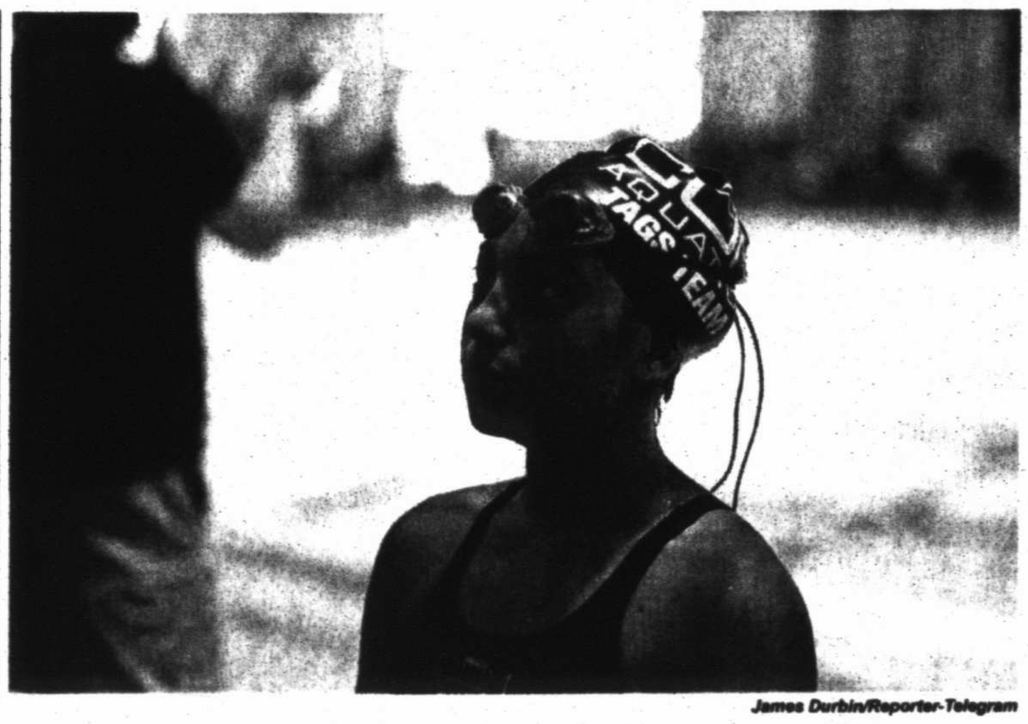
"Did you see him in the gate, he's standing so still," Smith said. "I thought maybe he's not going to break today."

Restoring Hope, also trained by Baffert, ran interference for the champion while traveling second and deterring any threats by forcing them to go extremely wide. Nobody did.

Smith got the big colt into a relaxed rhythm under a moderate pace heading into the backstretch, and he had an easy trip from there.

There were mild bids turning for home. Vino Rosso made the most serious move to get within a length but never threatened. Justify pulled away down the 1,097-yard stretch in front of a grandstand packed with screaming fans with only 24-1 shot Gronkowski picking up the chase down the lane. Gronkowski, named for and partly owned by New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, returned $13.80 and $7.

Hofburg paid $3.70 to show.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

COM swimmer Lillian Rowell recieves advice from a coach after winning the 100 freestyle in the Frost Bank West Texas Invitational Saturday at the FMH Foundation Natatorium.

COM's Lillian Rowell continues to win at home meet

By Christopher Hadorn
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City of Midland Aquatics swimmer Lillian Rowell just keeps winning.

Rowell entered Saturday's 73rd Frost Bank West Texas Invitational as COM Aquatics' most successful performer through the first two days of the swim meet at FMH Foundation Natatorium.

On Thursday, Rowell won the girls 10-and-under 400-meter freestyle with a time of 5 minutes, 35.25 seconds.

Rowell picked up two more victories Friday. She claimed first in the 50-meter free with a time of 31.90 and won the 200 IM with a time of 2:56.90.

On Saturday, Rowell added her fourth win with her first-place showing in the girls 100 freestyle.

"When it comes to Lillian, she just comes in day after day and does the right things," COM Aquatics coach Kyle Marshall said. "She puts the work in at practice. She spends the time training. She's really focused on training the details like we like to say it, and really dialing in her technique. Just again, hard work always works. That's really the key for her success."

Rowell's winning time of 31.90 in the 50 free is the fourth-fastest time in the state in her age group this season according to COM Aquatics coach Mike Anzano.

As evidenced by her 200 IM win, Marshall says Rowell is a well-rounded, versatile swimmer that is proficient at all four swim strokes, but she has particularly shined in the freestyle in her young career.

"She's got a lot of speed in freestyle and she has a lot of endurance to go along with it," Marshall said.

The Midland Christian student says the freestyle is her favorite stroke.

"I like the free because that's my first stroke I got a TAGS cut in," said Rowell of meeting the Texas Age Group Swimming time standard established by the Texas Swimming Association.

Rowell credited her older sister Alexandria for paving the way for her to take up the sport at age 6.

"It all started with my big sister and then my parents thought I needed to learn how to swim and they put me in it," Rowell said. "That's how I became a swimmer."

Rowell said Dailey Parker, who helped lead the Midland High girls swim team to the 2018 District 2-6A title as a senior, is her role model at COM Aquatics. Parker, a freestyle swimmer, is now a COM coaching intern through Midland College.

"I do look up to Dailey Parker, I really do," Rowell said. "She's a very good swimmer. She's just a really fast sprinter and she supports me. Sometimes when I'm really nervous, I go and talk to her and she gets me pumped for my races."

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Keselowski trying again for elusive win at Michigan

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Brad Keselowski has never won a NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan.

For some drivers, that might be no big deal, but Keselowski is from Rochester Hills, about 90 miles from Michigan International Speedway.

"A win here would be like winning the Daytona 500 for me," Keselowski said. "A home track means a lot to any race car driver."

It's a bit surprising that Keselowski hasn't won at Michigan, considering he gets two chances a year at the Cup level. He finished second in 2012 and has five top-five showings in 17 starts. He'll have another chance Sunday, and after qualifying second, he has to be considered a contender.

Keselowski was one of six Ford drivers in the top seven in qualifying, including pole winner Kurt Busch.

Keselowski won the pole at MIS last August and led 105 laps, but he finished 17th. Keselowski has won Xfinity races at Michigan, but he has no victories there at the top level.

"It is your friends and family and there is a lot of notoriety that comes with it. That makes the losses sting more and the wins sweeter," Keselowski said. "The fact we have been so close and not achieved it is very top of mind every time I come here."

Keselowski is fifth in the Cup standings this year, the top driver without a victory. His most recent win was at Talladega last season.

"I want to win, I want to win a lot of races. I feel like we have a pretty strong team," he said. "We have had two or three races where we had the speed to win. That said, we haven't been able to execute on those. We have had a number of races we had the speed to run third to fifth and it seems we have executed very well on those weekends and didn't catch any luck to go with it."

NASCAR Monster Energy FireKeepers Casino 400 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles

(Car number in parentheses)
1. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 203.391 mph.
2. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 203.166.
3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 203.120.
4. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 202.954.
5. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 202.189.
6. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 201.807.
7. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 201.283.
8. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 201.140.
9. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200.792.
10. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200.401.
11. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200.061.
12. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 199.784.
13. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200.535.
14. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 200.490.
15. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 200.328.
16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.323.
17. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 200.228.
18. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 200.083.
19. (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 199.805.
20. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 199.784.
21. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 199.700.
22. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 199.645.
23. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 199.358.
24. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 199.302.
25. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 199.049.
26. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 198.999.
27. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 198.741.
28. (43) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 198.555.
29. (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 197.954.
30. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 197.704.
31. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 196.915.
32. (72) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 194.437.
33. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 194.170.
34. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 192.647.
35. (51) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 192.082.
36. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 191.449.
37. (7) DJ Kennington, Chevrolet, 187.886.
38. (66) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 186.449.

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Saturday
At Wakonda Club
Des Moines, Iowa
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 6,831; Par 72
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Scott Parel	67-66—133
Bernhard Langer	64-69—133
Glen Day	66-68—134
Woody Austin	66-68—134
Corey Pavin	67-67—134
Jerry Kelly	68-66—134
Clark Dennis	69-66—135
Kent Jones	70-66—136
Russ Cochran	71-65—136
Mike Small	69-67—136
John Huggan	69-67—136
Carlos Franco	69-68—137
Jeff Sluman	71-66—137
Gene Sauers	69-68—137
David Toms	69-68—137
Tim Petrovic	69-68—137
Kevin Sutherland	70-68—138
Tommy Armour III	71-67—138
Ken Tanigawa	68-70—138
Michael Bradley	72-66—138
Fred Funk	72-66—138
David Frost	68-70—138
Joseph Ramaeh	67-71—138
Wes Short, Jr.	68-70—138
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Todd Hamilton	71-68—139
Joey Sindelar	70-69—139
Bart Bryant	71-68—139
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Tommy Tolles	71-68—139
Scott Dunlap	73-67—140
Doug Garwood	66-74—140
Steve Pate	71-70—141
Steve Flesch	70-71—141
Scott Verplank	71-70—141
Billy Mayfair	70-71—141
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Esteban Toledo	71-70—141
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Willie Wood	72-70—142
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Lee Janzen	72-71—143
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Tim Simpson	73-72—145
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Dan Forsman	75-70—145
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Steve Lowery	75-75—150

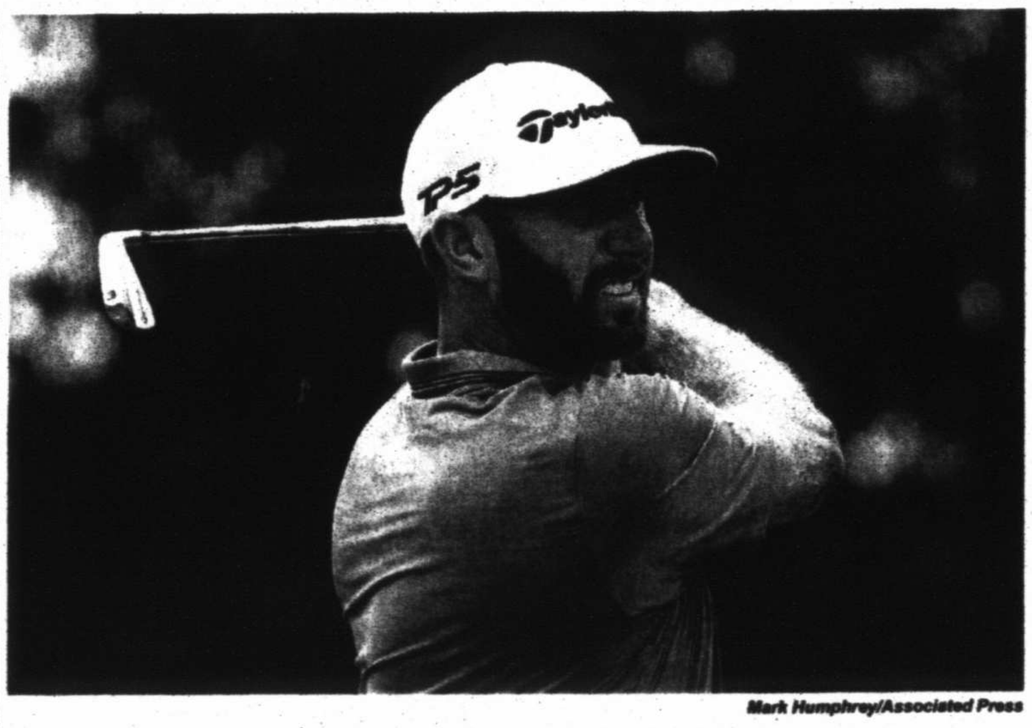
LPGA

Thursday
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Galesburg, Ill.
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Yardage: 6,517; Par 71
Partial Second Round
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Casey Wittenberg	69-71-71—211
Corey Conners	68-72-71—211



Mark Humphrey/Associated Press

Dustin Johnson watches his drive on the ninth tee during the third round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament on Saturday, in Memphis, Tenn.

Andrew Putnam, Dustin Johnson turn St. Jude into 2-man race

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Andrew Putnam will be playing in the last group on Sunday for the first time looking for his first PGA Tour victory.

His playing partner will be Dustin Johnson, who's already won once this year and needs his 18th career victory to reclaim his spot as the world's top-ranked golfer .

No pressure at all.

"It's going to feel a little different than the typical Sunday round of golf, but I'm excited for it," Putnam said. "I've earned my way here and I feel like it's going to be a fun day. See what happens."

Putnam matched the best round of his short PGA Tour career Saturday with a 6-under 64 and tied Johnson atop the leaderboard at the St. Jude Classic. Johnson had a 65 to match Putnam at 15-under 195 and said he's in great position going into Sunday.

"I can kind of control my own destiny," Johnson said. "If I go out and play really good golf, probably going to win. If I don't, I'm sure Andrew's going to beat me. He's playing really good right now. It's pretty simple."

A two-time winner on the Web.com Tour, Putnam birdied No. 18 to tie up Johnson once again after a bogey-free round and consecutive 64s. Putnam, who joined the tour in 2015, has had only one bogey through 54 holes here.

"I'm happy with everything I've been doing," said Putnam, 29, from Washington.

Stewart Cink, who had a hole-in-one on No. 8, matched his low round of the year with a 64 to get to 10 under.

Ricky Werenski got to 10 under but bogeyed No. 18 to finish with a 68. He was tied with Bryan Wesley (69) at 9 under. Brandt Snedeker (70) was at 7 under.

Johnson and Putnam, a 29-year-old from Washington with a pair of Top 10s this year on tour, quickly turned the third round at TPC Southwind into a two-man race.

Playing in the final group, Johnson opened with a birdie after hitting his approach to 6 feet on No. 1. Putnam, a group ahead, birdied three of his first four holes and took the lead to himself briefly at 12 under by rolling in from 31 feet for birdie on No. 5.

A tee shot way left on the par-5 No. 3 cost Johnson a penalty and a drop making par the best he could do. Johnson tied Putnam with a birdie on No. 5. But the man trying to get back to No. 1 before going to the U.S. Open bogeyed No. 9 after hitting his tee shot into the right rough and two-putting from 14 feet.

"I hit two bad drives on both the par 5s, I just kind of pulled them both," Johnson said. "That was it. Other than that, I'm really swinging my irons well."

Johnson rebounded with a birdie on No. 10 hitting his second from 152 yards to 8 feet and tied Putnam again. Putnam rolled in a 22-footer for birdie on No. 12 to reach 13 under only to see Johnson sink an 8-footer for birdie on No. 13 to tie him up again.

Looking for a victory before going to Shinnecock Hills, Johnson birdied No. 13. On No. 15, he hit his approach 130 yards to within 4 feet for birdie and birdied the par-5 No. 16 after hitting out of the bunker to 5 feet to become the first to reach 15 under.

Putnam rolled in from 17 feet to wrap up his round with a share of the lead, and Johnson could only settle for a two-putt for par.

Cink, who last won The Open Championship in 2009, missed the cut at both the Players Championship and Memorial last week. He took advantage of the par 3s with two birdies and his hole-in-one to keep close to Johnson and Putnam.

"It can be a little bit of a shock when it happens and suddenly you find yourself right up there in the mix and you've got to reset yourself," Cink said of his hole-in-one. "But I did a really good job the rest of the way and I'm proud of that, and I look forward to tomorrow."

PGA Tour-St. Jude Classic Scores
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At TPC Southwind
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: $8.0 million
Yardage: 7,244; Par: 70
Third Round

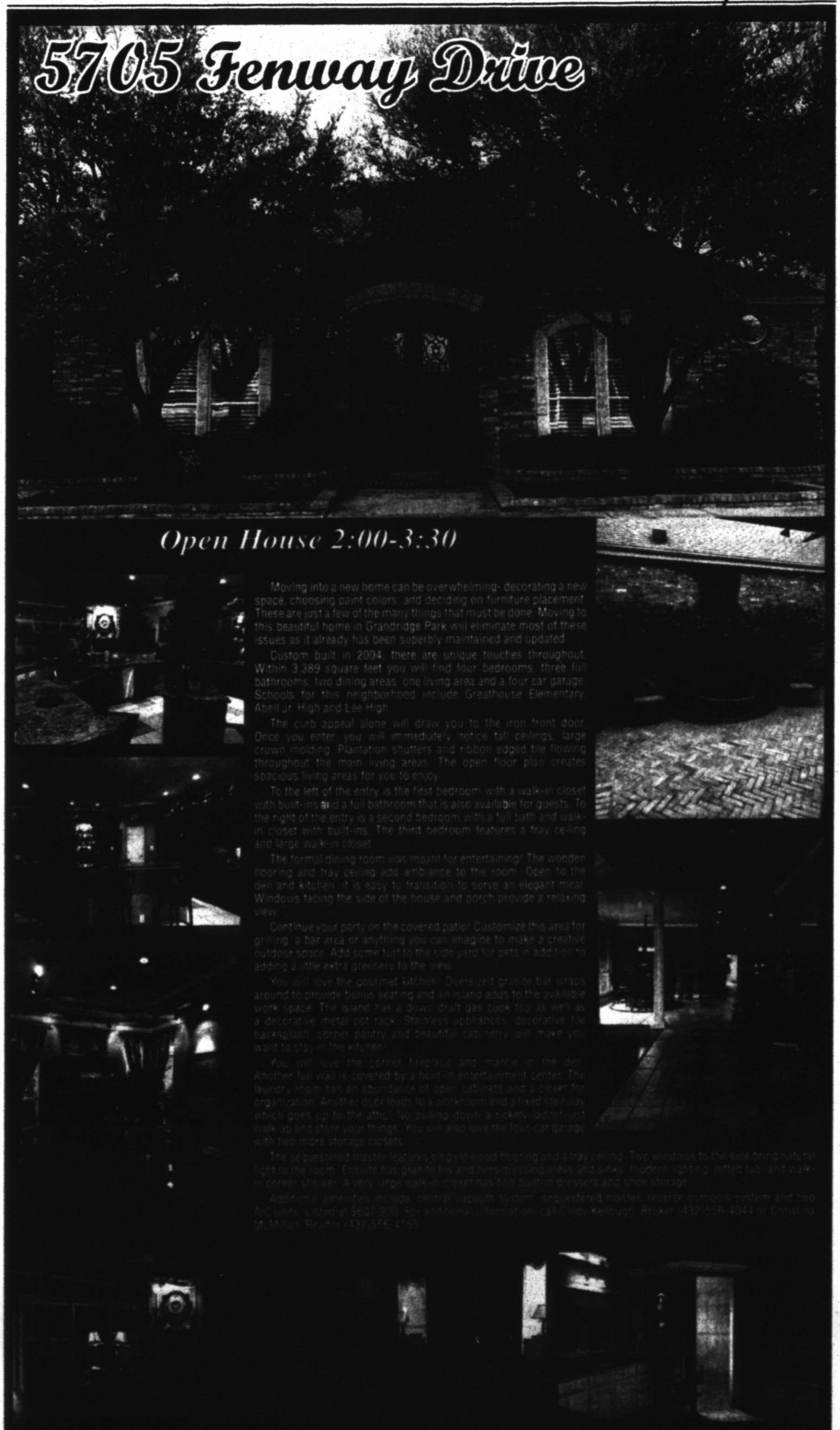
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Moving into a new home can be overwhelming- decorating a new space, choosing paint colors, and deciding on furniture placement. These are just a few of the many things that must be done. Moving to this beautiful home in Grandridge Park will eliminate most of these issues as it already has been superbly maintained and updated.

Custom built in 2004, there are unique touches throughout. Within 3,389 square feet you will find four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, two dining areas, one living area and a four car garage. Schools for this neighborhood include Greathouse Elementary, Abell Jr. High and Lee High.

The curb appeal alone will draw you to the iron front door. Once you enter, you will immediately notice tall ceilings, large crown molding, Plantation shutters and ribbon edged tile flowing throughout the main living areas. The open floor plan creates spacious living areas for you to enjoy.

To the left of the entry is the first bedroom with a walk-in closet with built-ins and a full bathroom that is also available for guests. To the right of the entry is a second bedroom with a full bath and walk-in closet with built-ins. The third bedroom features a tray ceiling and large walk-in closet.

The formal dining room was meant for entertaining! The wooden flooring and tray ceiling add ambiance to the room. Open to the den and kitchen, it is easy to transition to serve an elegant meal. Windows facing the side of the house and porch provide a relaxing view.

Continue your party on the covered patio! Customize this area for grilling, a bar area or anything you can imagine to make a creative outdoor space. Add some turf to the side yard for pets in addition to adding a little extra greenery to the view.

You will love the gourmet kitchen! Oversized granite bar wraps around to provide bonus seating and an island adds to the available work space. The island has a down draft gas cook top as well as a decorative metal pot rack. Stainless appliances, decorative tile backsplash, corner pantry and beautiful cabinetry will make you want to stay in the kitchen!

You will love the corner fireplace and mantle in the den. Another full wall is covered by a built-in entertainment center. The laundry room has an abundance of open cabinets and a closet for organization. Another door leads to a workroom and a fixed stairway which goes up to the attic! No pulling down a rickety ladder-just walk up and store your things. You will also love the four car garage with two more storage closets.

The sequestered master features elegant wood flooring and a tray ceiling. Two windows to the side bring natural light to the room. Ensuite has granite his and hers dressing areas and sinks, modern lighting, jetted tub, and walk-in corner shower. A very large walk-in closet has built-in dressers and shoe storage.

Additional amenities include central vacuum system, sequestered master, reverse osmosis system and two A/C units. Listed at $607,900. For additional information, call Cindy Kellough, Broker (432)556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor (432)556-4155.

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Assistant Engineer

This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern depending on business need and applicant's qualification.
Full-Time, Regular Employment:$3,500.00 - $5,500.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description:
Performs entry-level engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires some contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform assignments following specific instructions and are subject to frequent review by the immediate supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:
Applies principles, methods and techniques of engineering technology to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Drives to project sites to assist with collection of engineering data and meetings to participate in project coordinations.
Assists in the performance of engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
Assists in the performance of research and problem solving of engineering related problems.
Assists with the preparation of routine plan sheets for construction projects.
Assists with the review of engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work using specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Uses automated roadway programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
- Communicate effectively
- Transportation engineering terminology and fundamentals
- Computer-aided drafting and design systems
- Exercises logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, makes decisions that support business objectives and goals
- Performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations
- Analyzing and organizing business and technical data
- The use of applicable hand and power tools, equipment and mechanical devices of the trade
- Maintaining a safe working relationship

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.
Minimum Work Experience Required:
None
The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver's License
Other Minimum Requirements:
Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).
Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).
Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science.
Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example of engineering design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Design Technician / Engineering Specialist

This position for one or more Design Tehnician / Engineering Specialist(s) depending on business need and applicant's qualifications
Full-Time, Regular Employment: $3,500.00 - $8,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description:
Performs highly advanced and complex detailed transportation and municipal infrastructure design. Develops transportation and infrastructure project planning documents, supporting permit submissions and construction plans. Provides technical expertise and coordination for multiple infrastructure and/or transportation programs involving design, building construction projects, construction of transportation systems, traffic operations, municipal infrastructure projects and facilities, in accordance with City, State, National and industry standards. Work requires contact with governmental officials, consultants, contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:
Performs advanced and specialized drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.
Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.
Prepares roadway design, infrastructure design, small drainage structures details, traffic control plans, lighting details, signal details, signs summaries, markings layouts, and building plans.
Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
Uses additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.
Reviews and revises Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.& E.) and project designs for transportation and infrastructure projects to include utilities, streets, small drainage structures, traffic control devices, signals, signs, markings, detours, traffic control plans, and roadway illumination.
Ensures compliance with specifications for devices; safety laws, rules, and regulations; the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and City Standards.
Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
Considerable knowledge of applicable plans, specifications and estimates preparation, review, processing and compliance requirements
Considerable knowledge of design and plan preparation methods and requirements
Working knowledge of The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
Proficient skill in the use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment
Ability to communicate effectively
Proficient skill in maintaining effective working relationships with others
Proficient skill in writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures
Proficient skill in reading and interpreting applicable plans, schematics, blueprints and maps
Proficient skill in performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations
Proficient skill in planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long term deadlines
Working knowledge of automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline
Relevant Work Experience may be substituted for Education on a year per year basis.

Work Experience required:
5 years in civil, transportation and/or infrastructure design.
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Same Relevant Experience may not be substituted for Education on a year per year basis and credited for Required Work Experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/.
Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

General Design Technician

This position for an design technician skilled in advanced and specialized drafting.
Full-Time, Regular Employment:$3,200.00 - $5,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Rarely to 5% of the time

General Description:
Performs advanced drafting and calculations and intermediate design work; performs field work; uses automated systems and learns specialized procedures. Design activity is overseen by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect who has final approval authority for projects. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:
Performs advanced drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.
Performs intermediate design work
Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.
Prepares roadway design, traffic control, lighting, signal, and building plans.
Prepares public presentations and exhibits.
Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
Writes general notes, specifications and provisions
Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.
Reviews work done by others for drafting and calculation errors.
Learns additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
Communicate effectively
Advanced design/drafting procedures
Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities
Interactive graphic and design information systems, drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures
Monitoring the status and progress of projects
The use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Minimum Education Required:
High School Grad or Equivalent in general high school studies

Minimum Work Experience Required:
4 years in drafting, design, plan preparation
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No supervisory experience required.
Related college education or relevant technical training may be substituted for experience on year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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Senior Assistant Engineer

This position for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant/Engineer Intern(s) depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.
Full-Time, Regular Employment: $4,500.00 - $7,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description
Performs engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Includes:
Applies engineering principles, methods and techniques to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Performs research and problem solving of engineering-related problems.
Performs engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
Performs engineering-related planning, design, data collection, evaluation and analysis activities.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work.
Performs engineering analysis; to include travel demand, traffic operations, water distribution and waste water collection
Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Assists a Project Manager oversee consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Assists with reviews and processing of project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Assists with monitoring contract performance, evaluating contract deliverables, reviewing billing documentation, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and preparation of written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Assists with negotiation of fees and budgets, development and negotiation of scopes of work, negotiation of contract work schedules, and negotiation of other contract agreements.
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and attend meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil engineering terminology and fundamentals
Working knowledge of design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Plan review methods, processes and procedures
The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
Highway/Utility construction and maintenance.
Applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations specific to area of responsibility for safeguarding information.
Collecting, sorting and compiling data.
Applying engineering principles, practices, and methods in job responsibilities.
Analyzing and organizing technical data.
Maintaining a safe working relationship.
Communicate effectively.
Research and analysis methodologies.

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.

Minimum Work Experience Required:
Three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Master's degree in engineering or a Master of engineering degree from an institution that offers a bachelor of science degree, in the same discipline, which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET) may substitute for a Bachelor's degree and experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver's License
Engineer-In-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:
Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET), plus three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) but has been approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final mate applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/.
Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Senior Design Engineer

This position for a Senior Design Engineer depending on business need and applicant qualifications
Full-Time, Regular Employment: $6,500.00 - $10,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description
Performs highly advanced and complex transportation engineering work in one or more functional areas such as planning, project development, detailed design and transportation/traffic operations. Ensures compliance with applicable federal and state laws, policies, procedures, standards and guidelines. Work requires contact with governmental officials and private entities. Employees at this level are virtually self-supervising and assume direct accountability for the work product.

Essential Duties Include:
Coordinates design work among TxDOT entities, City entities, consultants and contractors.
Creates realistic and achievable schedule baselines for advanced and highly complex projects.
Analyzes schedule trends, determines risks, and recommends options to management for corrective action for highly complex projects.
Coordinates and monitors assigned projects/programs/plans.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Interprets laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to professional services contracting to ensure compliance with City and governmental regulations.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Oversees data collection and performs analyses, forecasts and plan development.
Performs highly advanced and complex planning work such as plan review, calculations and transportation planning studies.
Prepares design schematics and public involvement presentations.
Prepares and coordinates design schematics and construction Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.&E.).
Serves as a Project Manager overseeing consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Reviews and processes project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Monitors contract performance, evaluates contract deliverables, reviews billing documentation, monitors the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and prepares and delivers a written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Negotiates fees and budgets, develops and negotiates scopes of work, negotiates contract work schedules, and negotiates other contract agreements.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and participate in meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other duties as assigned

Required Competencies Include:
Communicate effectively
Exercises logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions; makes decisions that support business objectives and goals
Preparing technical/statistical reports
Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities
Design and plan preparation methods and requirements for traditional and innovative projects
Critical Path Method (CPM) for managing projects.
Researching, analyzing and interpreting policies and state and federal laws and regulations
Applying engineering principles, practices and methods in job responsibilities
Planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long-term deadlines
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment.

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline

Minimum Work Experience Required:
8 years in Civil or Transportation engineering
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Related graduate level education may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver License
Licensed Prof Engineer

Other Minimum Requirements:
Professional engineers licensed in another state, but not currently licensed in the State of Texas, must (1) meet the license requirements of the State of Texas Engineering Practices Act, (2) obtain a professional engineering license from the Texas Board Of Professional Engineers within six (6) months of the date of hire, and (3) sign an agreement to that effect as a condition of employment.

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final mate applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
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Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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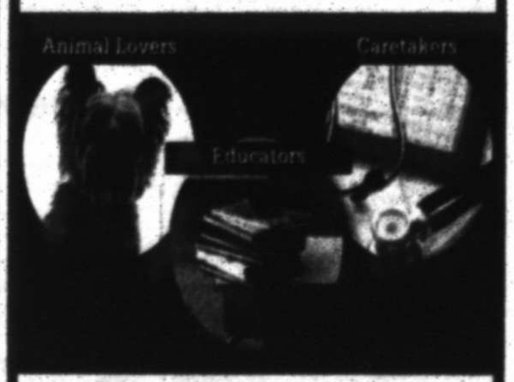
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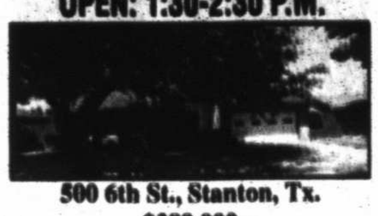
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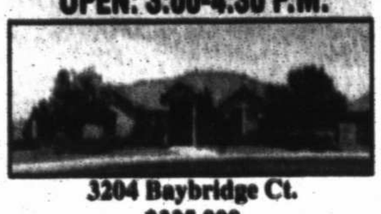
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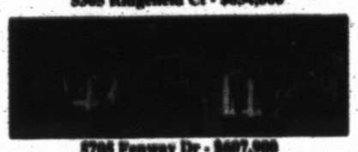
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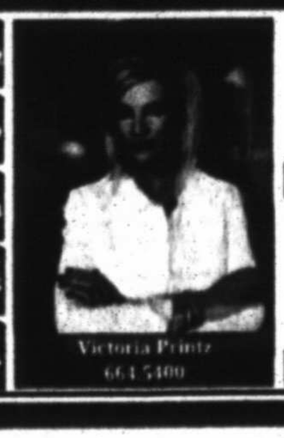
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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE ISSUED OUT OF THE 385TH DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, IN A CERTAIN CAUSE NUMBERED CVS2612, ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018, STYLED: PROPEL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC VS LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL, TO ME, AS SHERIFF GARY PAINTER DIRECTED AND DELIVERED. I HAVE LEVIED UPON THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018 AND WILL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JULY, 2018, IT BEING THE 3RD DAY OF SAID MONTH, JULY 3, 2018, AT MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF MIDLAND, COUNTY, PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, FOR CASH IN HAND, ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, IF ANY, WHICH THE DEFENDANT LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL HAD ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 2018, OR AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER, OF IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LOT THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK SEVEN (7), PERMAIN ESTATES, AN ADDTION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET A, PAGE 63, PLAT RECORDS MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. (THE "PROPERTY").
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3410 PARK LANE, MIDLAND, TX. 79703

SAID PROPERTY IS LEVIED ON AS PROPERTY OF LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL AND WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY THE JUDGMENT, INTEREST, COURT COSTS, FEES AND OTHER COSTS OF SUIT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

GARY PAINTER SHERIFF
MIDLAND, COUNTY, TEXAS

BY DEPUTY JOHN MAYNARD

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas until 2 p.m. C.S.T., Thursday, June 21, 2018 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain improvements at Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas. These improvements are contained in the plans and specifications entitled, "Midland International Air & Space Port, Airport Security Access Control Software, Hardware, Cable, and CCTV System Upgrade," dated March 2018.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications; however, work items may be generally described as: Upgrade Matrix System Access Control Software and Servers, replace CCTV cameras, install new CCTV video software and servers, replace sections of copper cable with fiber optic cable and install miscellaneous hardware, conduit, cabling and supports required to upgrade Access Control and CCTV systems.

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

A bid proposal guaranty is to accompany the bid, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the bidder and that bidder will enter into the written contract. The guaranty is to amount to 5 percent of the total bid and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

This project is an AIP Project. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause contained in these specifications. The Bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal form.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities prior to award of the contract and notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement of such a Certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000.00. Samples of the Certification and the Notice to Subcontractors appear in the specifications.

In all areas of employment, women will be afforded equal opportunity for employment. Employment of women shall not diminish standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Minimum wages and labor rates for construction of proposed work have been established by the Secretary of Labor. A schedule of labor classifications and wage rates to be paid are included in the specifications and will be made a part of the contract. Bid form shall contain a statement that prices bid are based on such wage rates.

This project is subject to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Minority Business Enterprise Contract Provisions, Foreign Trade Restrictions, Davis-Bacon, Federal Debarment and Suspension, Drug-free Workplace, and other requirements stated in the Instructions to Bidders and other sections of the project specifications and contract documents.

Policy. It is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT), that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Buy American Provision. Proposed contract is subject to the Buy American Provision under Section 9129 of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. Details of such requirement are contained in the Specifications.

MAF treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of MAF to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 1.5 percent has been established for this contract. Bidder/Offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in performance of this contract.

Successful bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) names and addresses of DBE firms who will participate in the contract; (2) description of work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) written documentation of bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet contract goal; (5) written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in commitment made under (4); and (6) if contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts. Successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each DBE firm the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. The successful Bidder or Offeror must submit DBE written confirmation of participation within five days of Bid Opening.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the offices of Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., (PSC) Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.897.1447.

Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC office, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.897.1447, at $80.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. The cost for the plans and specifications is NON-REFUNDABLE. Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

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Sale is June 21, 2018 at 10 a.m. at 3600 N. Big Spring. Goods will be sold as a live bid for cash, ALL BIDS START $5.00. Property includes contents of spaces for the following tenants

Romeo Garza- Unit 202- Misc Boxes and Miscellaneous Items
Kevin Garber- Unit 254- Tires and Miscellaneous items
Ammad Quigley-Unit 422- Mattresses and Miscellaneous house hold items
Rakeisha Washington- Unit 481-Miscellaneous house hold items and furniture, boxes

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of violation and public hearing regarding the residential structure located at 410 S. Fort Worth Street, Midland, Texas 79701, on Lots 911 and 912, Block 133, Southern Addition (the "Building").

A public hearing before the City Council has been scheduled for ***July 10, 2018 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701***, on the issues of whether the Building is a Substandard Building and whether the abatement action(s) described above or other abatement action(s) should be taken. As an owner, a lienholder, or a mortgagee, you will be required to submit at the public hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with the City's ordinances and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

According to the records described by Section 214.001(q) of the Texas Local Government Code, each of the following is an owner, a lienholder, or a mortgagee of the above-described Building or property: ***Adelpho Hinojosa, 410 S. Fort Worth St. Midland, Texas.*** If you no longer own or have an interest in the Building or the affected property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own or have an interest in the Building or the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the interest from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to this office not later than the 20th day after the date of this letter. If the City does not receive the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own or have an interest in the Building or the property described in this notice.

IF THE CITY COUNCIL ORDERS THAT ABATEMENT ACTION BE TAKEN, THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER, LIENHOLDER, OR MORTGAGEE TO TAKE THE ORDERED ACTION MAY RESULT IN THE CITY TAKING ABATEMENT ACTION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING. IF THE CITY INCURS EXPENSES WHILE TAKING ABATEMENT ACTION, THE CITY MAY ASSESS THE EXPENSES ON, AND THE CITY WILL HAVE A LIEN AGAINST, UNLESS IT IS A HOMESTEAD AS PROTECTED BY THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE BUILDING WAS LOCATED.

Steve Thorpe
Building Official
City of Midland
O: (432) 685-7388

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Stanton, Texas (hereinafter called the "Public Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the interior remodel of 23 dwelling units, including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing; bids are to include all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until:

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 at 11:00AM
at the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STANTON
408 E. CARPENTER
STANTON, TEXAS 79782

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Stanton and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 5521 Bellaire Drive South, Suite 110, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, (817) 332-6231 and may be at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained upon request to the Architect (cpuente@calread.com), and unless otherwise specified, will be emailed in digital format at no cost. Paper copies may be provided upon request and will be available for a refundable deposit of $100.00 (check or money order), one set per general contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

PRE BID CONFERENCE will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM and at the Stanton Housing Authority.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Public Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds, general liability, workers compensation, automobile liability and builder's risk. The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Public Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Public Authority.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
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Robert Bennett, Executive Director
432-756-3912

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 18062801): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Woodcrest Drive Paving Project from Sinclair Avenue to SH 158 (Andrews Hwy.). The project will consist of the paving Woodcrest Drive, installing curb & gutter, driveway approaches, sidewalks, curb ramps, flumes and a small drainage basin at the north end of the project. Work on an off-street parking area has also been designed into the plans and will serve as the single additive alternate for the project.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midland.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 in the City Hall basement conference rooms, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Interested bidders must submit a bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check for not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid.

The deadline to submit sealed bids will be at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Third Floor, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all submitted bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In determining the best value of the submitted bids, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 18062105): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Texas BS 349 Drainage Basins Project generally located along Business State Highway 349 from Tejas Street to 1500-ft north of Occidental Parkway. The project will consist of the installation of drainage improvements and appurtenances primarily consisting of excavation and finished grading of drainage basins, placement of rock gabion mattress flumes, installation of storm drain pipe, placement of concrete pipe end treatment structures, and permanent vegetation stabilization.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midland.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE ISSUED OUT OF THE 385TH DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, IN A CERTAIN CAUSE NUMBERED CVS2612, ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018, STYLED: PROPEL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC VS LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL, TO ME, AS SHERIFF GARY PAINTER DIRECTED AND DELIVERED. I HAVE LEVIED UPON THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018 AND WILL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JULY, 2018, IT BEING THE 3RD DAY OF SAID MONTH, JULY 3, 2018, AT MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF MIDLAND, COUNTY, PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, FOR CASH IN HAND, ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, IF ANY, WHICH THE DEFENDANT LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL HAD ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 2018, OR AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER, OF IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LOT THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK SEVEN (7), PERMAIN ESTATES, AN ADDTION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET A, PAGE 63, PLAT RECORDS MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. (THE "PROPERTY").
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3410 PARK LANE, MIDLAND, TX. 79703

SAID PROPERTY IS LEVIED ON AS PROPERTY OF LUTHER MASSINGILL JR, ET AL AND WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY THE JUDGMENT, INTEREST, COURT COSTS, FEES AND OTHER COSTS OF SUIT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

GARY PAINTER SHERIFF
MIDLAND, COUNTY, TEXAS

BY DEPUTY JOHN MAYNARD

Legal and Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas until 2 p.m. C.S.T., Thursday, June 21, 2018 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain improvements at Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas. These improvements are contained in the plans and specifications entitled, "Midland International Air & Space Port, Airport Security Access Control Software, Hardware, Cable, and CCTV System Upgrade," dated March 2018.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications; however, work items may be generally described as: Upgrade Matrix System Access Control Software and Servers, replace CCTV cameras, install new CCTV video software and servers, replace sections of copper cable with fiber optic cable and install miscellaneous hardware, conduit, cabling and supports required to upgrade Access Control and CCTV systems.

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

A bid proposal guaranty is to accompany the bid, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the bidder and that bidder will enter into the written contract. The guaranty is to amount to 5 percent of the total bid and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

This project is an AIP Project. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause contained in these specifications. The Bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal form.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities prior to award of the contract and notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement of such a Certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000.00. Samples of the Certification and the Notice to Subcontractors appear in the specifications.

In all areas of employment, women will be afforded equal opportunity for employment. Employment of women shall not diminish standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Minimum wages and labor rates for construction of proposed work have been established by the Secretary of Labor. A schedule of labor classifications and wage rates to be paid are included in the specifications and will be made a part of the contract. Bid form shall contain a statement that prices bid are based on such wage rates.

This project is subject to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Minority Business Enterprise Contract Provisions, Foreign Trade Restrictions, Davis-Bacon, Federal Debarment and Suspension, Drug-free Workplace, and other requirements stated in the Instructions to Bidders and other sections of the project specifications and contract documents.

Policy. It is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT), that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Buy American Provision. Proposed contract is subject to the Buy American Provision under Section 9129 of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. Details of such requirement are contained in the Specifications.

MAF treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of MAF to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 1.5 percent has been established for this contract. Bidder/Offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in performance of this contract.

Successful bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) names and addresses of DBE firms who will participate in the contract; (2) description of work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) written documentation of bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet contract goal; (5) written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in commitment made under (4); and (6) If contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts. Successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each DBE firm the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. The successful Bidder or Offeror must submit DBE written confirmation of participation within five days of Bid Opening.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the offices of Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., (PSC) Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447.

Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC office, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, at $50.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. The cost for the plans and specifications is NON-REFUNDABLE. Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

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Legal and Public Notices

MIDLAND SELF STORAGE

Sale is June 21, 2018 at 10 a.m. at 3900 N. Big Spring. Goods will be sold as a live bid for cash, ALL BIDS START $5.00. Property includes contents of spaces for the following tenants

Romeo Garza- Unit 202- Misc Boxes and Miscellaneous Items
Kevin Gerber- Unit 254- Tires and Miscellaneous Items
Ammad Quigley-Unit 422- Mattresses and Miscellaneous house hold items
Rakaisha Washington- Unit 481-Miscellaneous house hold items and furniture, boxes

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of violation and public hearing regarding the residential structure located at 410 S. Fort Worth Street, Midland, Texas 79701, on Lots 011 and 012, Block 133, Southern Addition (the "Building").

A public hearing before the City Council has been scheduled for ***July 10, 2018 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701***, on the issues of whether the Building is a Substandard Building and whether the abatement action(s) described above or other abatement action(s) should be taken. As an owner, a lienholder, or a mortgagee, you will be required to submit at the public hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with the City's ordinances and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

According to the records described by Section 214.001(q) of the Texas Local Government Code, each of the following is an owner, a lienholder, or a mortgagee of the above-described Building or property: ***Adolphe Hinojosa, 410 S. Fort Worth St. Midland, Texas.*** If you no longer own or have an interest in the Building or the affected property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own or have an interest in the Building or the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the interest from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to this office not later than the 20th day after the date of this letter. If the City does not receive the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own or have an interest in the Building or the property described in this notice.

IF THE CITY COUNCIL ORDERS THAT ABATEMENT ACTION BE TAKEN, THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER, LIENHOLDER, OR MORTGAGEE TO TAKE THE ORDERED ACTION MAY RESULT IN THE CITY TAKING ABATEMENT ACTION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING. IF THE CITY INCURS EXPENSES WHILE TAKING ABATEMENT ACTION, THE CITY MAY ASSESS THE EXPENSES ON, AND THE CITY WILL HAVE A LIEN AGAINST, UNLESS IT IS A HOMESTEAD AS PROTECTED BY THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE BUILDING WAS LOCATED.

Steve Thorpe
Building Official
City of Midland
O: (432) 685-7388

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Stanton, Texas (hereinafter called the "Public Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the interior remodel of 23 dwelling units, including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing; bids are to include all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until:

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 at 11:00AM
at the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STANTON
408 E. CARPENTER
STANTON, TEXAS 79782

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Stanton and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 5821 Bellaire Drive South, Suite 110, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, (817) 332-6231 and may be at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained upon request to the Architect (cmunte@calread.com), and unless otherwise specified, will be emailed in digital format at no cost. Paper copies may be provided upon request and will be available for a refundable deposit of $100.00 (check or money order), one set per general contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

PRE BID CONFERENCE will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM and at the Stanton Housing Authority.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Public Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds, general liability, workers compensation, automobile liability and builder's risk. The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Public Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Public Authority.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS

Robert Bennett, Executive Director
432-756-2812

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 18002091): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Woodcrest Drive Paving Project from Sinclair Avenue to SH 158 (Andrews Hwy.). The project will consist of the paving Woodcrest Drive, installing curb & gutter, driveway approaches, sidewalks, curb ramps, flumes and a small drainage basin at the north end of the project. Work on an off-street parking area has also been designed into the plans and will serve as the single additive alternate for the project.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midland.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 in the City Hall basement conference rooms, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Interested bidders must submit a bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check for not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid.

The deadline to submit sealed bids will be at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Third Floor, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all submitted bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In determining the best value of the submitted bids, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 18002109): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Texas BS 349 Drainage Basins Project generally located along Business State Highway 349 from Tejas Street to 1500-ft north of Occidental Parkway. The project will consist of the installation of drainage improvements and appurtenances primarily consisting of excavation and finished grading of drainage basins, placement of rock gabion mattress flumes, installation of storm drain pipe, placement of concrete pipe end treatment structures, and permanent vegetation stabilization.

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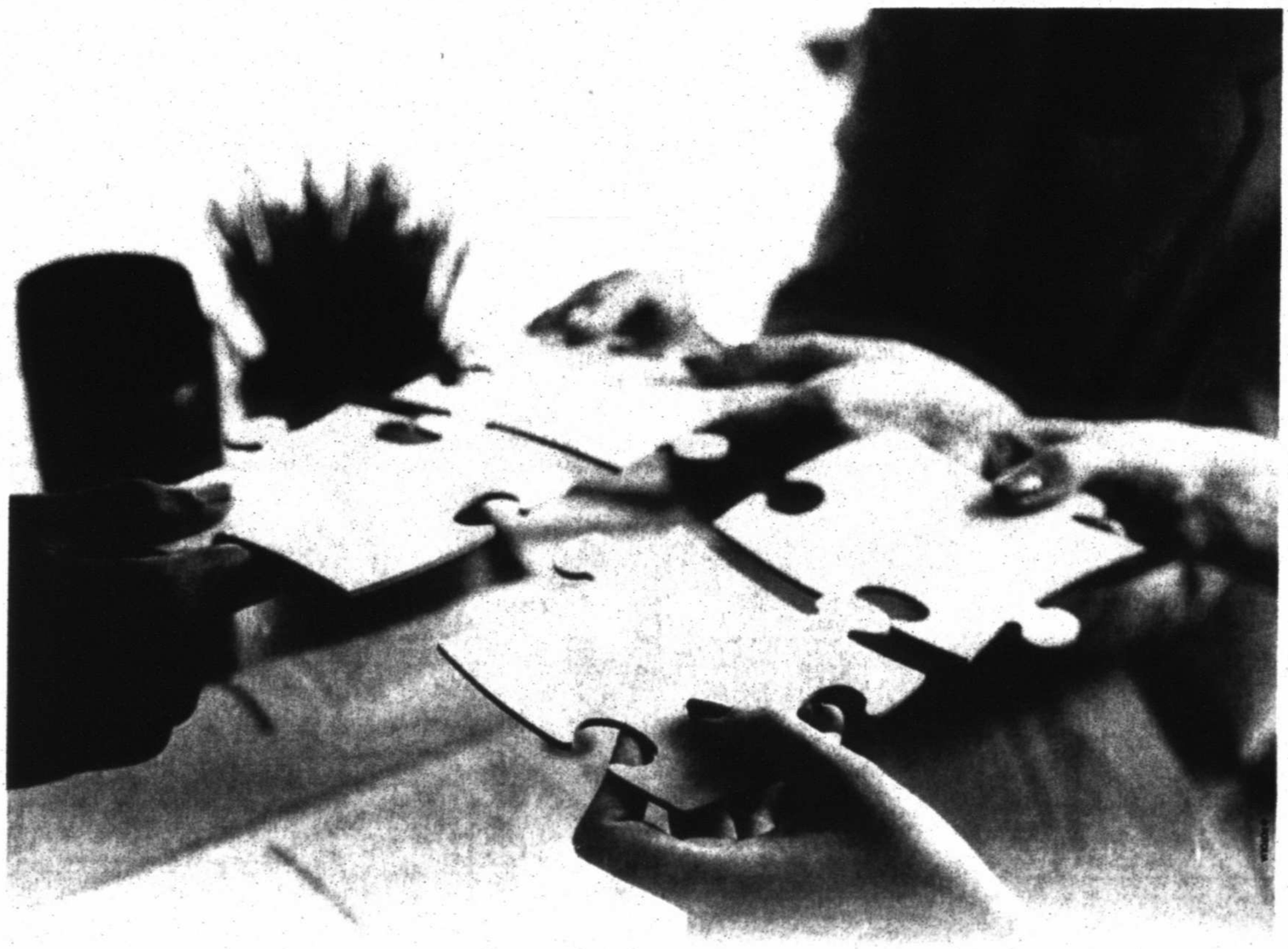
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Diversity
IN THE WORKPLACE

DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE | BASICS

Defining Diversity

How diverse is your employer? If you run a small business, how diverse is your staff? Diversity in the workforce is one of the hottest topics facing workers and employers in the United States.

As our nation continues to evolve into an assorted mix of cultural backgrounds, the most diverse corporations reflect many distinguishing characteristics, including age, race, disability, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religion.

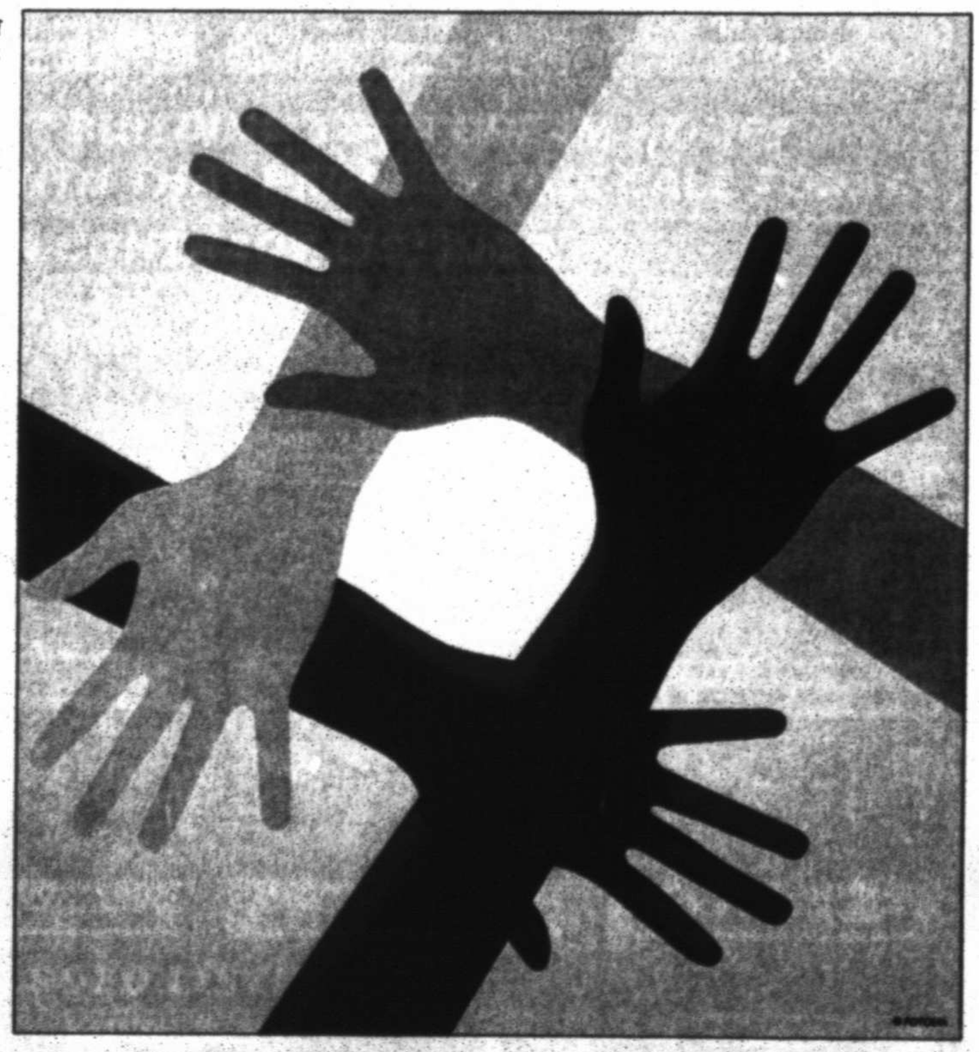
With many legal protections put in place by our government, workers have the right to carry out their duties in the workplace free from unlawful discriminatory treatment, including sexual harassment and verbal abuse.

A DIVERSE WORKFORCE: THE BENEFITS

A diverse workforce offers a culture of innovation and creative ideas thanks to employees of varying backgrounds and experiences. Business owners have learned that diverse workplaces can foster some of the most positive experiences for their employees. This, in turn, can lead to greater productivity and enhanced relationships across departments.

Here are some other benefits of building a diverse workforce, as reported in a 2015 study by McKinsey & Company:

- Companies in the top quartile for racial and ethnic diversity are 35 percent more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians.
- Companies in the top quartile for gender diversity are 15 percent more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians.
- Companies in the bottom quartile both for gender and for ethnicity and race are statistically less likely to achieve above-average financial returns than the average companies in the data set.

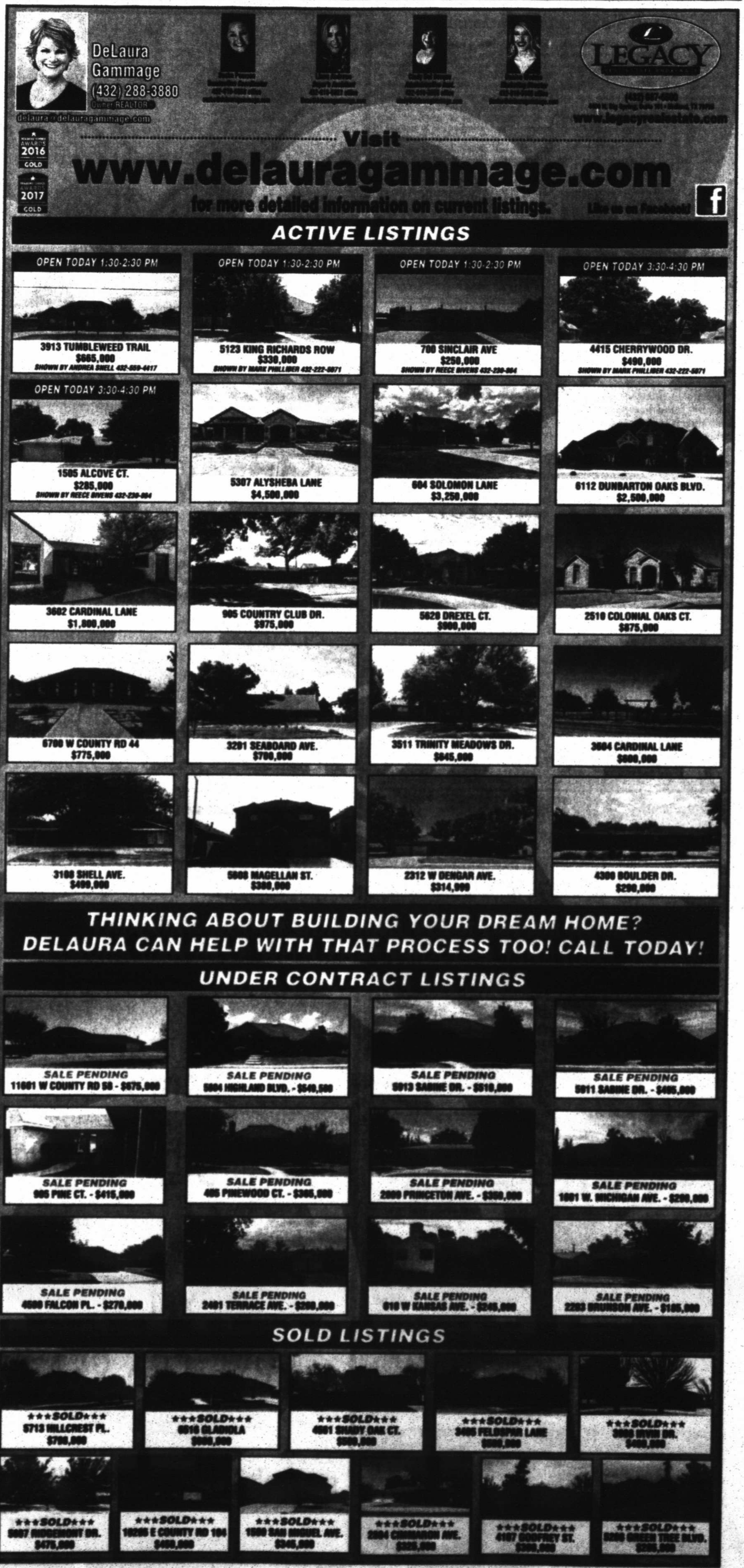


CRITICAL FEDERAL LAWS

There are a host of federal, state and local laws devoted to retaining diversity in the workplace. Here are a few of the most important federal regulations related to this topic:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII)
- Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA)
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)
- Equal Pay Act (EPA)
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

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Homeownership is a Priority

Seventy-Five percent of Americans say buying a home is a priority, according to a new NerdWallet survey conducted online by Harris Poll. For this report, NerdWallet analyzed data from that December 2017 survey of more than 2,000 U.S. adults, as well as the NerdWallet mortgage calculator, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and other sources to develop a snapshot of current home buyer sentiments, concerns and outlooks. The costs of purchasing a home are a top concern for Americans who rent. But these financial concerns aren't putting a hard stop on sales — approximately 15% of Americans report having purchased a home in the past five years, and 32% intend to do so in the next half-decade. Both of these groups — recent and prospective buyers — are optimistic, citing the investment potential of their home as a top reason for purchasing, according to the survey. The survey results also indicate millennials (ages 18-34) aren't counting themselves out of homeownership — they prioritize homebuying at rates higher than other generations, contrary to the misconception they're uninterested in putting down roots. The most common reason Americans prioritize buying a home, across all generations, is that they believe it's a good investment — 64% of those who prioritize it cite this reason. Just 17% of Americans say they prefer renting over homeownership, and many of their reasons suggest their choice is out of financial necessity rather than preference. *Source: NerdWallet*



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Au Naturale: Organic Home Insulation Options

While there are many different options for home insulation, the more traditional standards tend to be fiberglass, polystyrene and rock wool. However, these synthetic materials—which often contain harsh, irritating chemicals—aren't the only choices out there. As eco sensitivity grows, more and more consumers are choosing natural options for keeping their homes warm.

Natural insulations have lower toxicity levels, making them healthier to have in your home, and better for the environment. In the following article, we will walk through some organic insulation options to keep you toasty all winter long, naturally.

Recycled textiles. Insulation made from old blue jeans? Yep, that's a thing. Cotton insulation batts—made from jeans and other old fabrics—perform just as well as fiberglass, but without that nasty formaldehyde.

Wood fiber. Wood fiber and/or hemp fiber is highly permeable, allowing moisture to pass easily through. However, it can be highly flammable, which can obviously pose a great risk.

Expanded cork. Cork performs well with both heating and cooling your home, and contains no synthetics. This insulation option is the most environmentally friendly, and the most efficient, but unfortunately, it is also the most expensive.

Sheep's wool. Sheep's wool is an excellent insulation that actually doubles as an air filtration system, naturally pulling chemicals from the air. Depending on your location, there are many options for finding sheep's wool insulation. You can look for wool batts, created from wool waste leftover by the textile-industry, or wool sheared directly from sheep.

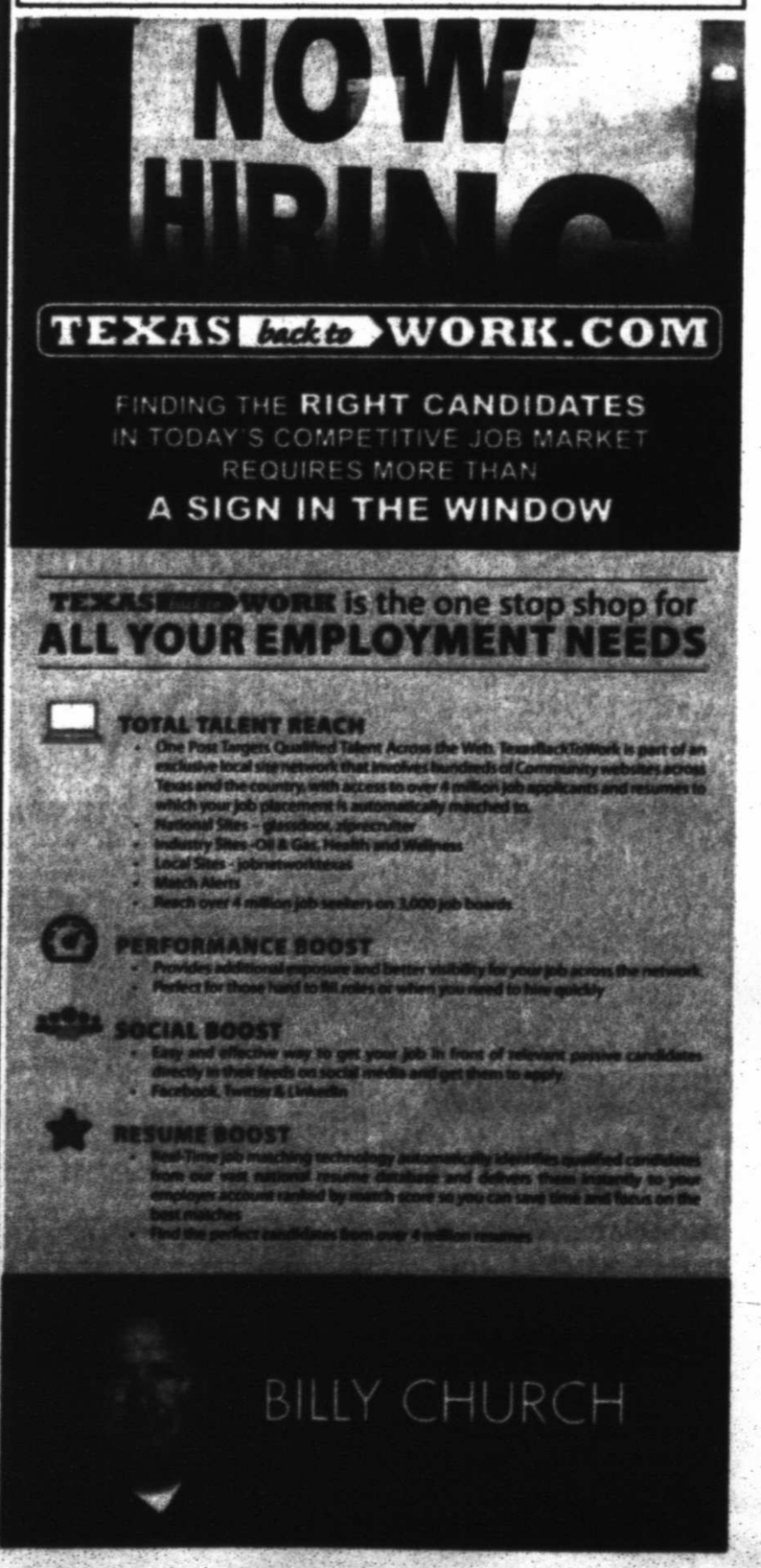
Whatever natural insulation option you choose, be sure to work with a qualified installer to assure your home is properly—and safely—insulated.

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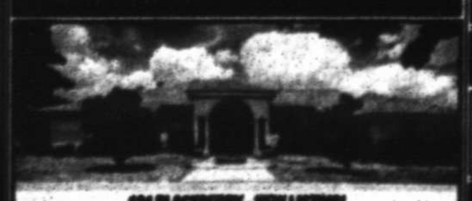
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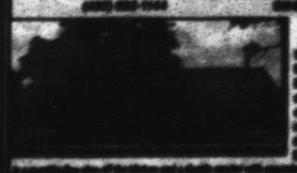
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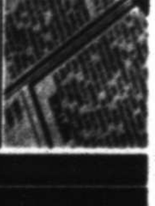
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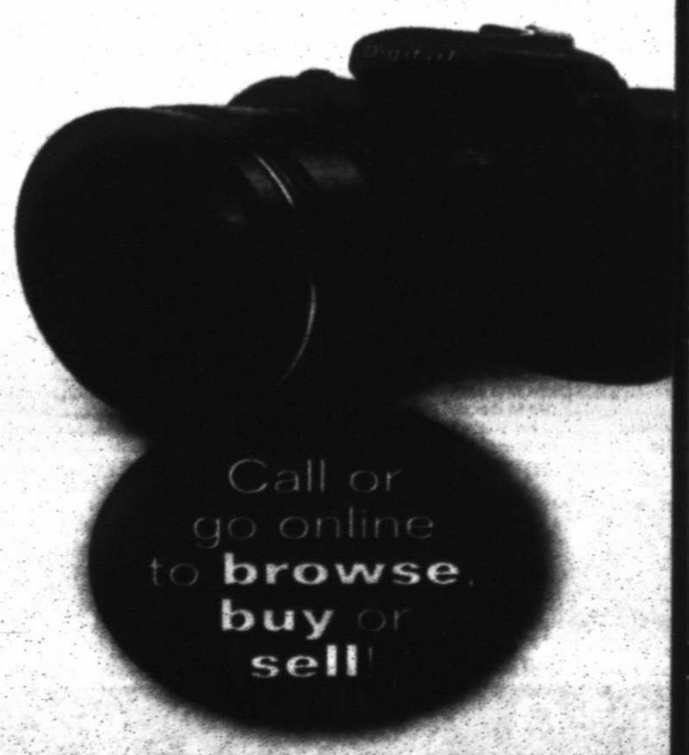
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4 Tips for Choosing the Right Fence

Many of us are looking to squeeze in one last home improvement project of the season; for those looking to fence in their yard, below are four top tips for choosing the fence that is right for you.

Decide your goal. Why are you installing a fence in the first place? Whether you want to keep kids or pets in, deter pests, for privacy or just for aesthetics, the reason behind your fence will help you decide the proper material, height, and dimensions. It would be a nightmare to install a new fence just to have your puppy jump over it or wriggle right under. Do your research before you commit.

Consider maintenance. How much time are you willing to spend on fence upkeep? Understanding this will help you decide what material to go with. Wood, while often considered the loveliest, is the most high-maintenance, as it needs to be re-stained and re-painted every handful of years. Aluminum or vinyl is relatively low-maintenance, and easy to replace—if your manufacturer continues to make the same model.

Price it right. Fences can range from $2,500 to $8,000, depending on many variables such as materials chosen and size of your yard. Be sure to shop around for prices before making a decision.

Shop for a contractor. As with any home improvement project, shop around for the best contractor. Be sure to ask the right questions. How much experience do they have installing fences? Do they have experience with the particular fence of your choosing? Also, make sure to get several quotes, as well as references.

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The New American Buyer

According to analysis from Veritas Urbis Economics, as well as data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American home buyers aren't who they used to be. Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at Veritas Urbis, summed it up, "Home sales are on the rise, but the trend in buying isn't among who you might think," he said. "It is increasingly female, graying and childless, not male, young and with a family." More than 46 percent of all home buyers last year were women, and almost 20 percent were single women, buying on their own. That's up from 9.1 percent just three decades ago.

According to McLaughlin, higher levels of education is part of what's allowing more female buyers to enter the market. The number of women with a bachelor's degree or higher hit 25.1 percent last year, up from just 11 percent in 1981. Women are also working more, McLaughlin said. "The share of adult women at work increased to a near-record high of 42.5 percent in 2017 from a near-low of 35.3 percent in 1981," McLaughlin wrote. "What's more, the increase in female-headed householders – both alone and with partners – far exceeds their changing demographic composition." Older home buyers are on the rise, too. Buyers 55 and older made up 27.8 percent of all home sales last year, nearly doubling from 1981. Buyers under the age of 35 fell to an all-time low in 2017, hitting 33.7 percent. The analysis also showed that having children is less of an impetus for home buying than it once was. Just 40.7 percent of buyers last year had children, while 21.2 percent were single. In 1981? More than half of all buyers had kids and just 15 percent were unmarried.

According to McLaughlin, these stark demographic shifts mean big news for sellers and builders. "Graying homebuyers may be more attuned to the accessibility of a property, both inside and out, while single, childless homebuyers may demand fewer rooms but more communal spaces (think open lounges and kitchens rather than bedrooms)," McLaughlin said.

Source: The Mortgage Reports



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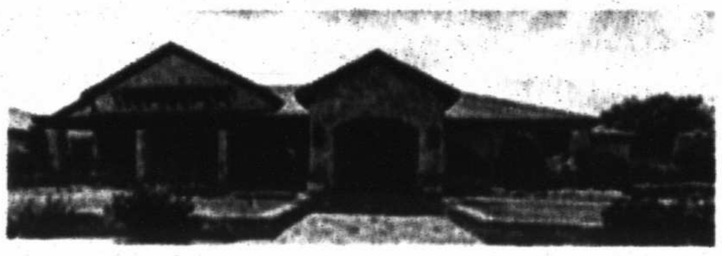
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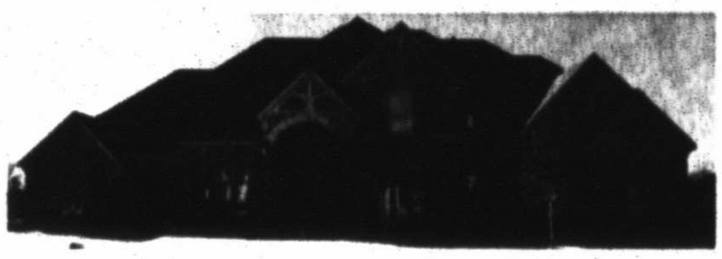
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Shown by Reece Bivens

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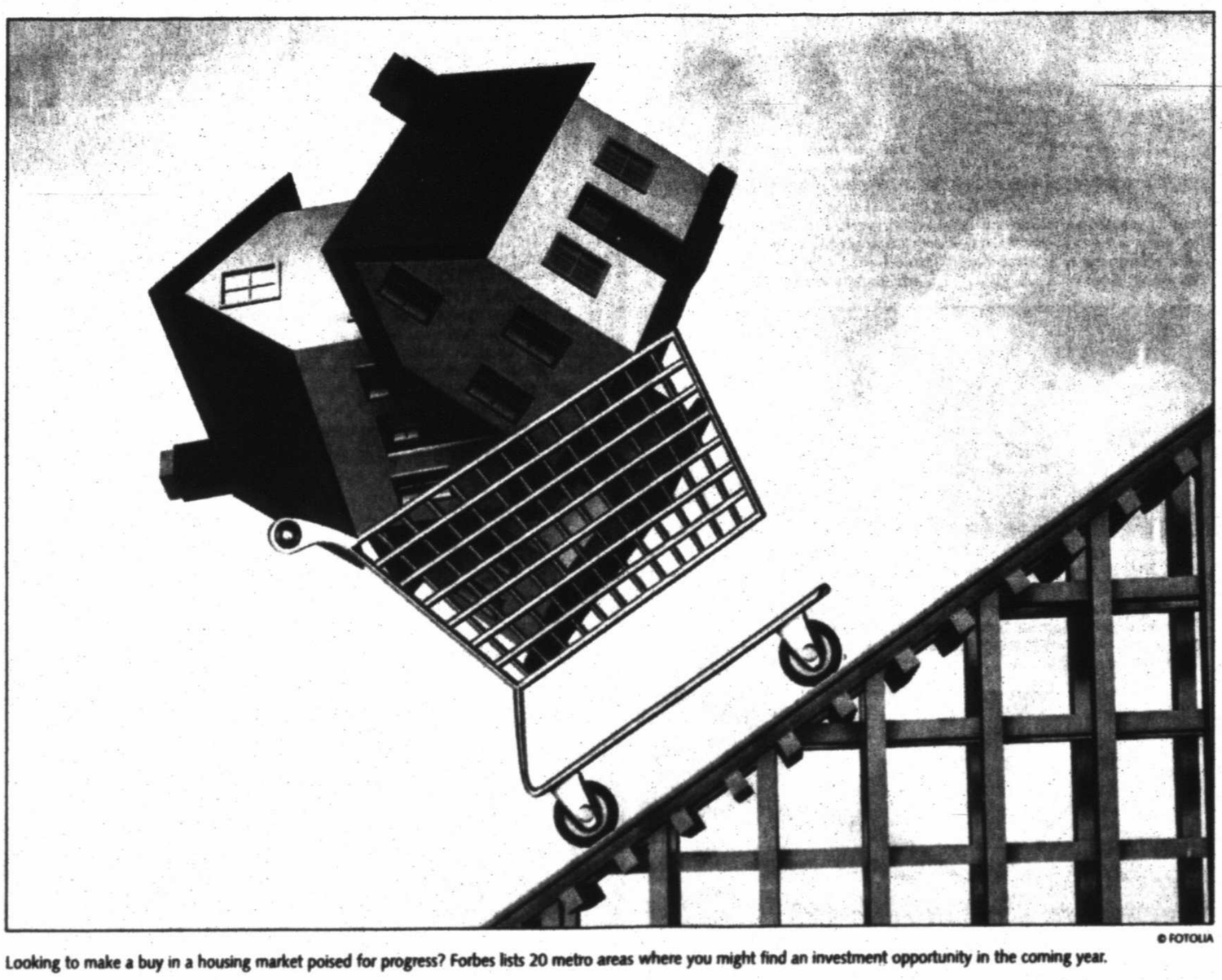
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Looking to make a buy in a housing market poised for progress? Forbes lists 20 metro areas where you might find an investment opportunity in the coming year.

How to Spot a Deal

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

The housing market continues to peek further out of the lows of the Great Recession, but investors and bargain hunters who know where to look can still find deals.

Forbes analyzed markets across the country for its list of Best Buy Cities for 2016. It found 20 metro areas it believes to be on the cusp of a housing boom, with Grand Rapids, Mich., at the top.

Grand Rapids' diverse economy and growing labor markets propelled it to the top of the list, according to Forbes. Employment expanded by 3.9 percent in the year leading up to November, Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers showed — the highest rate among the 100 metro areas Forbes studied.

Florida notched up 7 cities on the list, including No. 2 Orlando. Forbes' experts reasoned that Florida's popularity with vacationers and retiring seniors made it particularly vulnerable to the market downturn of the mid-2000s, an event from which it is proving slow to recover.

Texas, where energy investment has kept real estate markets out of the gutter, also landed three cities on the list: San Antonio, Dallas and Austin.

KEEP AN EYE ON JOBS

So how can you spot a market poised to boom? Forbes looked for job markets and populations that were growing, where depressed housing prices could have the fuel they need to catch fire.

Plenty of markets have shown strong recoveries in the past few years, and there's no shortage of professional opinions about how and when recovery will happen. But it may be wise to follow the jobs.

In October 2015, the National Association of Home Builders said the current recovery "is all about jobs."

"If people can get good jobs that pay decent incomes, the housing market will continue to move forward," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe.

He pointed out that nationwide, labor markets are better than they were in 2008 — 142 million vs. the 2008 peak of 138 million.

FIELDS TO WATCH

Service jobs, in particular, are fueling growth, NAHB said.

In 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics marked health aides, nurses, food service workers and retail workers as the jobs favored for the most growth by 2024.

While the idea of keeping tabs on the intricacies of labor markets in your desired markets may not sound like your idea of fun, one thing is for sure: the best way to find a bargain is by doing your homework. And of course, a little luck never hurts.

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Know the Limits

Read Forbes' list of Best Buy Cities for 2016 and watch a slide show about cities on the list at http://onforb.es/1OYVSJX.

HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

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10507 E. Co. Rd. 109	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, HUGE shop in Greenwood	MLS #50012032	SOLD	$384,900
1216 Convair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012909	UNDER CONTRACT	$369,000
4801 Knights Place	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50015442	NEW LISTING	$349,900
3600 Oakmont	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50015137	UNDER CONTRACT	$282,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106838	OWNER CARRY	$99,400

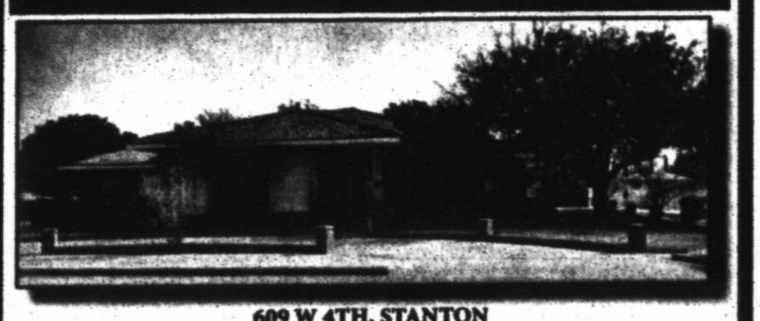
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FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5307 ALYSHEBA LANE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015036 ... $4,800,000	5109 WIDENER STRIP....Danny Norwood ... MLS #50004532 ... $489,900	9123 KING RICHARDS ROW....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015499 ... $330,000
604 SOLOMON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50009355 ... $3,200,000	5301 DUNRAVEN CT.... Stacy Gonzalez ... MLS #50013550 ... SALE PENDING	3016 PINEHURST DR....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... SALE PENDING
6112 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012849 ... $2,500,000	5007 SUNDANCE PL....Karen Foster ... MLS #50013650 ... $474,000	2004 DOUGLAS AVE....Lisa Russell 741-5984 ... MLS #50014953 ... $325,000
3602 CARDINAL LANE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015059 ... $1,350,000	2300 S. CO. RD. 1120....Betty Hicks 697-8565 ... $452,500	2303 GULF....Roannah Glover ... MLS #50014725 ... SALE PENDING
500 AFFIRMED LN....Denise Brasher ... MLS #50014380 ... $1,000,000	1101 CASTLEFORD DR....Denise Brasher ... MLS #50014276 ... $459,900	43 STUTZ CT....Cheryl Parrish ... $324,900
905 COUNTRY CLUB DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015518 ... $975,000	2 WINCHESTER COURT....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3018 ... MLS #50014566 ... $449,900	2002 CALDERA BLVD....Stacy Gonzalez ... MLS #50014333 ... $329,900
5620 DREXEL CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $900,000	3305 FELDSPAR LN....Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6806 ... MLS #50013191 ... $439,900	3304 DURANT....Stacy Gonzalez ... MLS #50014202 ... $329,900
2510 COLONIAL OAKS CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012754 ... $675,000	2112 EVANS LN....Pam Dodd 413-0790 ... $439,900	1311 CERRILLOS....Leah Watkins ... MLS #50010457 ... $314,900
6750 W. CO. RD. 44....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50010101 ... $775,000	3308 STANOLIND....Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013587 ... $425,900	5702 VANGUARD....Donna Omar ... $300,000
3017 FAIRWOOD COURT....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50014785 ... $749,900	3009 TRINITY MEADOWS....Donna Omar ... $425,000	5002 WIDENER STRIP....Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #50004532 ... SALE PENDING
2201 SEABOARD AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015569 ... $799,000	1025 TERRA CT....Susan Palmer ... MLS #50015008 ... SALE PENDING	4300-10 FAIRGATE DR.-DUPLEX....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50006199 ... $299,900
2101 DESANNA....Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013119 ... $699,000	5702 LOS PATOS DR....Pam Dodd ... $419,000	2016 NOEL....Larry Hatfield ... MLS #50015291 ... $299,900
3013 TUMBLEWEED TR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014090 ... $699,000	4913 VALLEY DR....Mark Philliber ... MLS #50013657 ... $399,900	1607 WRANGLER....Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $299,900
3611 TRINITY MEADOWS DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015309 ... $649,900	2911 CULPEPER....Stacy Gonzalez ... MLS #50014253 ... $399,900	9119 CRYSTAL SKY LN....Leah Watkins ... MLS #50006820 ... $299,900
3004 MARAR CT....Karen Foster ... MLS #50011311 ... $829,000	4015 RICHMOND....Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50014526 ... SALE PENDING	1505 ALCOVE CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015379 ... $299,900
4425 VERDE GLEN COURT....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3019 ... MLS #50014448 ... SALE PENDING	3204 HIGNEY....Martha Manulik ... MLS #50013329 ... $369,900	1601 W. MICHIGAN....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013888 ... SALE PENDING
5329 RIDGEFIELD CT....Roannah Glover ... MLS #50014648 ... $625,000	1600 MAGELLAN ST....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014758 ... $369,900	2600 DURANT....Pam Dodd ... $359,000
5712 HILLCREST PL., GRASSLAND ESTATES...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... $899,900	5208 MATHIS....Martha Manulik ... SALE PENDING	910 HARRISON COURT....Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50006418 ... $279,900
1901 GLADEWOOD DRIVE....Ray Rivera 934-5905 ... MLS #50014064 ... SALE PENDING	5005 GRASSLAND....Martha Manulik ... MLS #50012489 ... $375,000	3017 IMPERIAL....Susan Palmer ... MLS #50014747 ... SALE PENDING
5604 HIGHLAND BLVD....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING	3124 PATRICK....Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #50000486 ... $369,900	3005 VERMONT....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50014703 ... SALE PENDING
5308 DURRAVEN....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50014564 ... SALE PENDING	4105 CRESTRIDGE DR....Leah Watkins ... $399,900	3602 NORTHTOWN....Leah Watkins ... MLS #50005784 ... $279,900
4217 BAYBROOK PL....Karen Foster ... MLS #50011851 ... $915,000	2900 PRINCETON AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING	2600 FRONTIER DR....Darla Davis ... MLS #50011734 ... $269,900
5913 SABINE DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015051 ... SALE PENDING	5012 STONELEIGH DR....Denise Brasher ... MLS #50014011 ... SALE PENDING	7310 E. CO. RD. 01....Melody Carroll ... MLS #50009732 ... $259,900
3108 SHELL AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014036 ... $499,000	1200 CERRILLOS....Andrea Snell ... MLS #50014750 ... SALE PENDING	3709 STANOLIND....Donna Omar ... MLS #50014646 ... $255,000
2504 SENTINEL....Donna Omar ... MLS #50013240 ... $499,000	5005 BACA ST....Brittany Boyd ... MLS #50013004 ... $349,900	3217 SINCLAIR....Donna Omar ... MLS #50007299 ... $239,900
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3701 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd ... $900,000	1410 PINE....Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #50001414 ... $276,000	3001 DOUGLAS....Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
4403 GREEN TREE BLVD....Gina Reyes ... MLS #50013622 ... $899,000	4300 FALCON PL....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015010 ... SALE PENDING	1600 NEELY AVE....Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50004091 ... $292,900
3402 FELDSPAR LANE....Lisa Russell 741-5984 ... $499,900	100 CLUB DR....Josie Ahuyer ... $264,000	1109 BELLTOWN RD....Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50006001 ... $225,000
1206 HARVARD....Larry Hatfield ... MLS #10000043512 ... $449,000	3000 DASHOUT....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3018 ... MLS #50015137 ... SALE PENDING	2412 EMERSON CT....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50009158 ... $229,900
905 PINE CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014320 ... SALE PENDING	2401 TERRACE AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014545 ... SALE PENDING	1605 GRAND....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... SALE PENDING
5607 OPAL COURT....Roannah Glover ... MLS #50014957 ... $489,900	2905 DOUGLAS....Karen Foster ... SALE PENDING	702 SINCLAIR AVE....Lisa Russell ... MLS #50012959 ... $239,000
1 OAKLAWN PARK....Roannah Glover ... MLS #50014096 ... SALE PENDING	9601 MEDINA DR....Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... SALE PENDING	3601 STANOLIND....Danny Norwood 413-2784 ... $229,900
1504 NORTH H....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #50006505 ... $369,900	6000 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd ... $269,000	3604 SINCLAIR....Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50009605 ... $234,900
405 PINEWOOD ....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015072 ... SALE PENDING	1500 ALCOVE CT....Darla Davis ... MLS #50014059 ... $269,900	3011 PRINCETON....Donna Omar ... $219,900
5912 LLANO CT....Ashley St. John ... MLS #50014540 ... SALE PENDING	2400 BEELY....Karen Foster 559-4066 ... MLS #50015417 ... $269,900	3200 W. WARDEN....Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001915 ... $215,000
4321 STOREY AVE.-DUPLEX....Skye Farris ... MLS #50014101 ... $369,900	3705 FAIRHAVEN....Larry Hatfield ... SALE PENDING	3210 EDGEMONT DR....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50013046 ... $214,000
4601 KNIGHTS PL....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3018 ... MLS #50015442 ... $349,900	1200 PRAIRIE LANE....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #10000034433 ... $259,900	3605 JORDAN AVE....Skye Farris ... $213,900
2401 GODBARD COURT....Ashley St. John ... MLS #50015362 ... $319,900	3527 SEABOARD AVE....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50013745 ... $254,900	600 WAVERLY DR....Skye Farris ... MLS #50006416 ... $209,900
2312 W. DENGAR AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $314,900	5300 CANADIAN....Pam Dodd 413-0790 ... SALE PENDING	2305 HOYA DR....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50002192 ... $199,900
6111 BIGHO SKY....Larry Hatfield ... MLS #10000043514 ... $299,900	6000 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd 413-0790 ... $259,000	2309 BRUNSON AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50014735 ... SALE PENDING
3102 PRINCETON....Leah Watkins ... MLS #50010427 ... $299,900	700 SINCLAIR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50015018 ... $259,000	4405 PARKDALE DR....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50009701 ... $179,900
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2021 ROSS AVE....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50009731 ... $279,900	5210 CANADIAN....Donna Omar ... MLS #50003775 ... $235,900	4405 PARKDALE....Danny Norwood 413-2784 ... $184,900
2505 SKYLINE....Lydia Scudder 853-2700 ... $279,900	1601 CASCADE CT....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50012389 ... SALE PENDING	

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

2311 CASTLEFORD DR....Reece Brens 230-8647 ... MLS #50014655 ... $229,900	2400 COLLEGE....Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013713 ... SALE PENDING	4730-B HARVARD AVE....Stephanie Masterson 559-1504 ... $155,000

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4400 E. CO. RD. 60....Danny Norwood 413-2784 ... MLS #100422 ... $900,000	1107 W. CO. RD. 140....Josie Alvarez ... 2.0 Acres/$429,900	2200 E. CO. RD. 140....Donna Omar ... MLS #50013410 ... $349,900
5700 FM 307, GREENWOOD....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... 31 Acres/$750,000	10500 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD....Lara Flores 385-5843 ... $425,000	1910 S. CO. RD. 1005, GREENWOOD....Michelle Leslar 230-3633/MLS #50012907 ... $250,000
5700 W. CO. RD. 44....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50010101 ... $775,000	10304 E. CO. RD. 106, COLO VISTA....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... SALE PENDING	7200 E. CO. RD. 01....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... SALE PENDING
4311 E. CO. RD. 60....Tina Atkins 432-661-0002 ... $699,000	7600 E. CO. RD. 110....Nicole Duncan ... MLS #50012402 ... SALE PENDING	4607 S. CO. RD. 1177....Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50005748 ... $249,900
11001 W. CO. RD. 96....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013559 ... SALE PENDING	2712 E. CO. RD. 1054....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50014557 ... $399,900	10001 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD....Michelle Leslar 230-3633 ... SALE PENDING
1001 S. CO. RD. 1140....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50014512 ... SALE PENDING	2305 E. CO. RD. 140....Donna Omar ... $325,000	4010 N. CO. RD. 1215....Kay Rivera 934-5905 ... MLS #50012876 ... $199,900
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12107 W. CO. RD. 92....Lisa Russell 741-5984 ... MLS #108236 ... $494,900	3700 W. CO. RD. 145....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50008045...10 Acres/$365,000	

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14000 SID R., BROWNWOOD, TX ....Donny Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #50008868 ... $899,000	6400 KING RANCH RD., ODESSA....Pam Dodd 413-0790 ... $599,000	400 E. 50TH STREET, ODESSA....Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $189,900
10 LA CAMPANA DR....Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6806 ... MLS #50012653 ... $799,000	1700 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA....Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50014014 ... SALE PENDING	14201 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE....Leah Watkins ... MLS #50002350 ... $189,000
CO. RD. 240A, COMANCHE TX....Melody Carroll ... MLS #50011044 ... 160.301 Acres/$700,000	6400 JOY, ODESSA....Pam Dodd 413-0790 ... SALE PENDING	6421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA....Darla Davis ... MLS #105231 ... $175,000
7600 VISTA DEL SOL, ODESSA....Ashley St. John ... MLS #50014343 ... $949,900	2350 CO. RD. 1031, STANTON....Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #50014015 ... $215,000	10070 E. SHERMAN ST., GARDENDALE....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50004438 ... $199,900
5311 CO. RD. 1214....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3019 ... MLS #50011054 ... $475,000	1100 S. 44TH, ODESSA....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50007312 ... $200,000	3122 CENTER AVE., ODESSA....Tina Atkins 432-661-0002 ... MLS #107310 ... $117,000
6019 STONEHENGE RD., ODESSA....Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #108926 ... $899,900	1710 ROSEWOOD AVE., ODESSA....Darla Davis ... MLS #50011952 ... $199,900	6302 LAKE CO. RD. 250....Sandy J. Hanson 636-3019 ... MLS #108008 ... $99,400
COLORADO CITY....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50005943...10 Acres/$200,000	2201 S. 52ND, LAMESA....Larry Hatfield 340-4700 ... MLS #50005073 ... $199,900	106 4TH ST., STANTON....Ashley St. John ... MLS #50014388 ... SALE PENDING
3400 CO. RD. 310, HOWARD CREEK LAKE-BRECKENRIDGE....Josie Alvarez ... $275,000	411 E. 50TH ST., ODESSA....Tina Atkins 432-661-0002 ... MLS #50012959 ... $150,000	

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12302 W. CO. RD. 100....Ashley St. John ... MLS #50012355 ... SALE PENDING	200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON....Michelle Leslar 230-3633 ... MLS #50007763 ... $165,000	401 HIGHLAND DR....Lydia Scudder 853-2700 ... MLS #103887 ... $69,000
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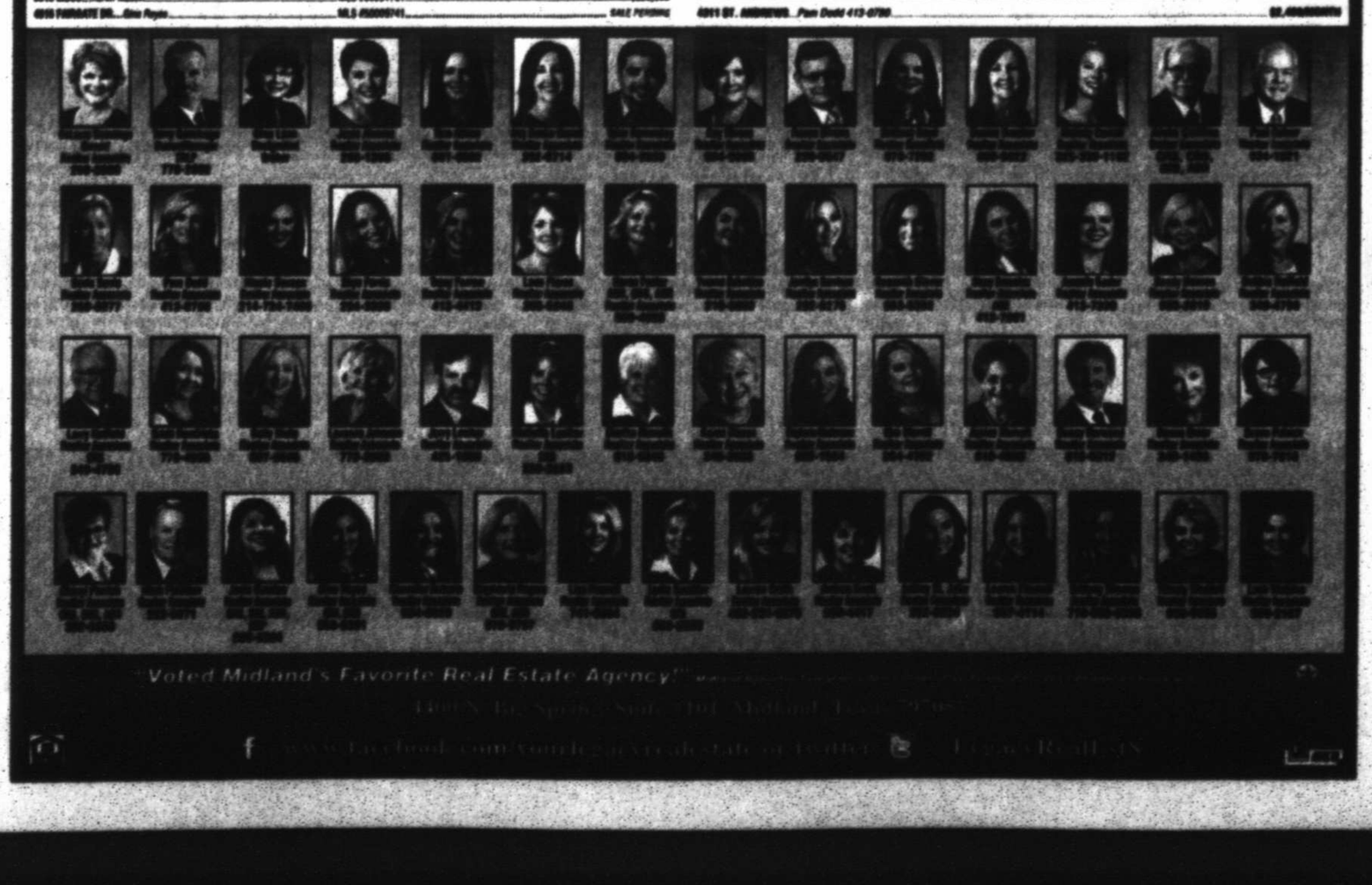
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3701 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd ... $900,000	4720 S.E. CO. RD. 2100....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50013539 ... 2.5 Acres/$44,000	2104 PINELOVE ST., GRADY RD....Michelle Leslar 230-3633 ... $31,500
3604 CARDINAL LANE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50011001 ... $900,000	4740 S.E. CO. RD. 2100....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50013540 ... 2.5 Acres/$44,000	3277 SIERRA LANES, GRADY RD....Michelle Leslar 230-3633 ... $31,400
9100 FM 307, GREENWOOD....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... 17.35 Acres/$600,000	4760 S.E. CO. RD. 2100....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50013541 ... 2.5 Acres/$44,000	3270 SIERRA LANES, GRADY RD....Michelle Leslar 230-3633 ... $31,200
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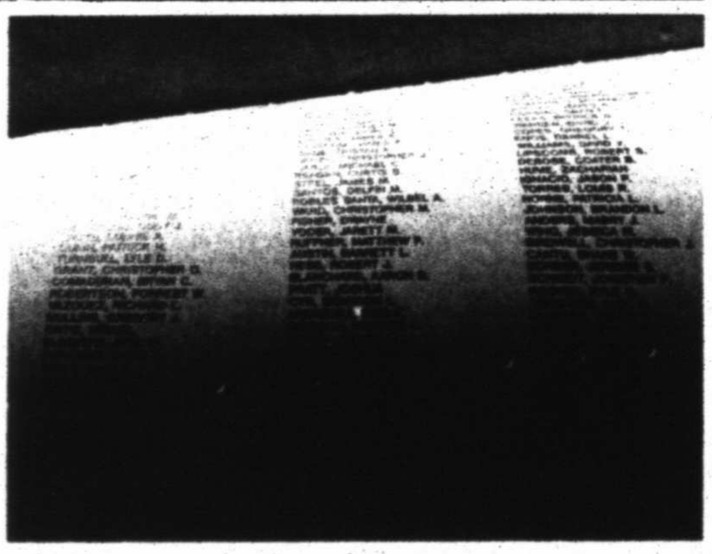
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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Rob Bowen stands beside a Beechcraft Baron B55 on May 12 during the Dyess Big Country Air & Space Expo at Dyess Air Force Base, west of Abilene. Bowen is a partial owner of the aircraft, which is covered in the names of military members who have lost their lives since 9/11. Jim Kaiser stands beside a Beechcraft Baron B55. military members who have lost their lives since 9/11 are posted on the fuselage of a Beechcraft Baron B55 plane. Photos by Ronald W. Erdrich/The Abilene Reporter-News via AP





Snowball Express in Texas helps honor late military members

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — In one regard, Snowball Express has certainly lived up to its name. "It literally has snowballed," said Jim Kaiser. "It started from a few hundred volunteers, and now, we've got 2,000 people. So, it's quite the deal."

Kaiser was standing beside an airplane parked among the other static displays May 12 during the Dyess Big Country Air & Space Expo. He and Rob Bowen, one of the plane's owners, had flown the light, twin-engine Beechcraft Baron B55 to the air show to honor the military members who have lost their lives since 9/11, their names painted along the fuselage of the plane.

"We've got 7,672 names on there right now," Kaiser said. "We've got them in chronological order of death on the airplane, mostly."

A nearby table manned by his wife, Michelle, also the librarian for the Cross Plains Public Library, features a book for visitors to thumb through. The names are cataloged by columns on the aircraft so a given person might be more easily located.

"We call it the 'Snowball Express: We Remember Tour,'" Kaiser said. "We are part of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Every

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Hotel Emma gets prestigious Five Diamond award from AAA

By Joshua Fechter
San Antonio Express-News

AAA has awarded Hotel Emma its Five Diamond designation, a highly coveted prize in the hospitality industry that's only been granted to one other hotel in Texas.

The Five Diamond designation places the boutique hotel in the Pearl development near downtown San Antonio among some of the best hotels in the country. Less than 1 percent of about 27,000 AAA Inspected & Approved hotels receive the rating, hotel officials said in a news release Wednesday.

The association said in January that 121 hotels had earned the designation for 2018. The Ritz-Carlton hotel in Dallas is the only other Texas hotel to receive the rating.

"We are honored to receive the prestigious AAA Five Diamond Award designation," Bill Petrella, Hotel Emma president and general manager, said in a news release Wednesday. "This award reflects the commitment of our staff and management to provide every guest with exceptional hospitality throughout their entire visit. I'm so proud of the entire Hotel Emma team for their hard work and dedication."

Hotels that receive the Five Diamond designation are subjected to a rigorous and stealthy process including in-person inspections, anonymous overnight stays and a review by a panel of experts, according to AAA.

Winners typically employ experienced staff and feature "extraordinary physical attributes, meticulous personalized service, extensive amenities and impeccable standards of excellence," the hotel said in the release.

"AAA is pleased to recognize Hotel Emma with the Five Diamond Rating, meaning its unwavering attention to both service and surroundings have placed it into the upper echelon of AAA Inspected & Approved hotels," Michael Petrone, director of AAA Inspections & Diamond Ratings, said in a statement. "Five Diamond properties consistently exceed expectations to deliver a highly personalized, memorable experience far above the ordinary."

If you get bumped off a flight, make it worthwhile

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Allison Preiss became a hero to airline passengers this spring when she scored a $10,000 travel voucher for losing her seat on an oversold flight.

Negotiating skill mixed with a bit of luck helped Preiss land the elusive payoff.

With the peak summer travel season right around the corner, other passengers can learn from Preiss's example if they wind up on an overcrowded flight.

There are two situations that passengers might find themselves in, and their rights — and bargaining power — vary greatly between them.

In the first, an airline forces a passenger off a flight for lack of space — called bumping. Under federal rules, the passenger is entitled to cash compensation, not just a voucher, and a seat on a later flight. Bumped passengers whose travel is delayed for at least an hour are entitled to up to $1,350 in compensation, with the amount based on the length of the delay and the one-way price of the ticket.

"The vast majority of Americans take one airline trip a year, and since vouchers are usually valid for just one year, most people should ask for cash," said George Hobica, a

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OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly





Earth Day

Joan Stewart, left, and Sophia Scholl



Earth Day

Cooper Green, left, and Kenley Green

MCC Ladies Association meets

The Midland Country Club Ladies Association spring luncheon featured a style show of Julian Gold's latest spring and summer wardrobes.

While enjoying the show, those in attendance dined on mixed greens topped with marinated tomato, fresh mozzarella and basil, then dined on a main course of filet and chicken duet with dauphinoise potato, asparagus, and a julienne vegetable medley.

KMB, West Texas Food Bank presents Earth Day event

Keep Midland Beautiful presented its 2018 Earth Day Festival at the West Texas Food Bank.

Those in attendance learned about potting soil, recycling, growing sweet potatoes, composting and bee hives and ate grilled vegetables that could be grown in backyard gardens.

Children's activities included making art animals out of newspaper and face painting.

Guests received goodie bags containing placemats, a jump rope and water bottles, all of which were recycled. Vendors included the Llano Estacado Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist, Permian Basin Master Gardeners, the Arts Council of Midland, Lowe's Home Improvement and Sibley Nature Center.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

Earth Day

Michelle Chastain, back, and Trevor Chastain, front row from left, Kaylynn Chastain and Phillip Marshall

Earth Day

Brianna Hicks, left, and Angelina Nieto

Earth Day

Rylee Large



Earth Day

Jade Munoz

Scholarship donation



Courtesy photo

The Enterprise Holdings Foundation has donated $1,000 to Midland College for the General Scholarship Fund, which helps pay the cost of tuition, fees and books. The foundation is the philanthropic arm of Enterprise Holdings, which operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent-A-Car brands. Presenting a "check" to Rebecca Bell, executive director of Institutional Advancement, left, are Tyler Carson, business rental sales executive for Enterprise, center, and branch rental manager Chris Lizama.



EARTH DAY

Bryant Floyd, from left, Debra Northcutt and Lynn Northcutt







MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Linda Buzan, from left, Betty Moore and Tommie Strack; Lauren Thompson, from left, Beth Qualia and Christin Thompson; Virginia Jones, from left, Joan Henry, Mitzi O'Neill and Linda Stephens



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Family of pranksters harass unhappy mom

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I tend to react poorly when someone pulls a prank on me. My reaction is usually anger, hurt or embarrassment, and I end up saying or doing things I later regret because emotion took over.

My husband has always liked playing pranks, and my children have started to follow his lead. The pranks tend to be things like ice down the back of my shirt, bopping the end of a glass or bottle while drinking so it splashes in my face, snapping wet towels, etc. I don't like it, and I never do it to them. If I react, I am made out to be the "bad guy" because I "can't take a joke."

I feel guilty about the latest incident because when my 10-year-old daughter bopped a drink in my face, I slapped her across the face. When I apologized for responding that way, she said, "Dad does it all the time."

I never get an apology from the pranksters. Is this normal? Are there others out there who don't like being the object of pranks? How do I get my family to understand that being subjected to these "jokes" isn't funny to me? — UNAMUSED IN INDIANA

DEAR UNAMUSED: Jokes at the expense of others can be funny, as long as everyone agrees that they're funny. Because you have told your husband you not only don't find his pranks amusing but find them hurtful, I can only conclude that his sense of humor is sadistic. Further, it has set a poor example for the children.

I wonder how your husband would feel if you informed him after a hard day that his accountant had called saying he owes $25,000 in back taxes. (Ho, ho!) Or if you poured a pitcher of ice water on him at 2 a.m. Would that be equally "funny?" I doubt it. Normally, I wouldn't stoop to that level, but this may be an exception.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing because we are receiving some snide comments because of our daughter's choice of college major. She's majoring in dance. When people with college-age kids or grandkids find out, you can see it in their expression or hear it in their tone of voice. "Oh, really? Ummm, how nice." Or worse, the condescending, "How 'sweet.'"

Our daughter has always been an honor student. Starting in high school she carried full loads of classes, extracurriculars, held jobs and was active in church. In college, she has added dance company and sorority to her resume.

I want these people to realize it takes guts to pursue her dream of becoming a dancer/choreographer and not major in something more conventional. We support her decision, and she already has her associate degree in a field that will be useful as a backup. Why can't people understand that fine arts majors are brave, bold and passionate about their crafts? — DANCER'S MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR DANCER'S MOM: If you react to the comments in a positive way rather than become defensive, they would give you the opening to smile and tell these "conventional thinkers" how proud you are of your daughter's choice to pursue her dreams, that her courage in pursuing a field as competitive as entertainment is more than "nice" and you admire her for it.

Prepare corned beef in slow cooker

HINTS FROM HELOISE



King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: Please advise me how to cook corned beef — roast or boil? Thank you for your informative column. Your soup recipe was enjoyed by my friends. — Cynthia, via email

Cynthia, one of my favorite ways of cooking corned beef is in a slow cooker. A 4-pound brisket takes about five hours, on high, to cook until it's tender. If you're adding cabbage, carrots and potatoes, put them in during the last hour.

Readers have suggested adding a spice packet (specific for corned beef) or even a can of beer for extra flavoring. — Heloise

Cost-cutting groceries

Dear Readers: I have four simple ways to avoid going over budget when grocery shopping:

- Eat before you go. Hungry shoppers buy more.
- Be sure to make a list, and then stick to it.
- Impulse-buying is a killer to any budget. Don't give in.
- Let your children pick out one item each. Turn a deaf ear to the "I wants." Most children tend to select junk foods that sink the food budget. — Heloise

Keep tea sealed

Dear Heloise: Can tea go bad? — Carol B., Aspen, Colo.

Carol, tea is actually a fragrant herb, and like most herbs, it can become stale or bitter. Always store tea in a tightly sealed container away from light and heat. — Heloise

Cracking up

Dear Heloise: Why does my meringue always have cracks? I make a tasty lemon pie, but the meringue always has a big crack down the center. — Rhonda D., Lewiston, Idaho

Rhonda, after your meringue is as brown as you'd like it to be, turn off the oven, but leave the oven door open a little bit. This allows the meringue to cool down gradually, so it won't crack. Never let it cool off near a draft. It needs to cool slowly. — Heloise

Read the labels

Dear Heloise: Please tell your readers to read all food labels carefully. My son has a nut allergy and bought a packaged food that almost killed him because it had peanut oil inside. Thankfully, he had medication in his refrigerator that stopped his throat from closing up. — Noreen C., Bismarck, N.D.

Knives in the dishwasher

Dear Heloise: My husband keeps putting my expensive, European-made knives in the dishwasher. I've heard this ruins the knife. — Tammy P., Moline, Ill.

Knives should never be washed in the dishwasher. Not only is the detergent too harsh for the sharp edge of a knife, but it gets banged around during the cleaning process. Always wash your sharp knives with hot water and soap, keeping the sharp side away from you. Dry the blade carefully.

You also might take note that any dinnerware or stemware edged in metal (gold or silver) should not go in the dishwasher. — Heloise

Send a great hint to: Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 or email it to heloise@heloise.com

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

May 28

Sarana Savage-Belle Harris, Kay Sewell-Tommie Strack, Marilyn Higgins-Marlene Blumentritt, Linda Scarpelli-Greg Keys, Linda Buzan-Betty Moore, Sonya Hopkins-Paula Baggett

May 29

James Hawkins-Bob Bacon, Ann Servatius-Strack, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks, Sewell-Blumentritt, Shirley Davenport-Buzan

May 31

Dorothy Brenneman-Baggett, Nancy Braskett-Servatius, Gloria Jackson-Helen Davis, Dorothy Blair-Phyllis Maxwell, Mike Schlueter-Savage, Linda McDonald-Linda Farrar

Sewell-Keys, Buzan-Moore, Stewart Doreen-Harris, A. Brooks-B. Brooks

Overall: Brenneman-Baggett, Keys-Sewell, Buzan-Moore, Doreen-Harris, Servatius-Braskett, Jackson-Davis, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Blair-Maxwell, Savage-Schlueter, McDonald-Farrar

June 1

Buzan-Moore, Bacon-Hawkins, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, A. Brooks-B. Brooks

June 3

Conly-Evans, Curry-Blumentritt, Ricki Perry-Bacon, Deborah Brookins-Marilyn Matthews, Buzan-B. Brooks

MICHAEL PRICE



Wild About Texas

Praying mantis preys on other creatures

Many animals can be adequately described by their name. The name Trans-Pecos ratsnake tells you where that species can be observed. The name eastern bluebird tells you what color the bird is. The name giant centipede describes the size of that species.

But there is one species of insect that occurs throughout Texas whose name is still the debate of many entomologists: the praying mantis.

The praying mantis (*stagmomantis limbata*) can be observed throughout Texas, and it does not seem to be more common in any one habitat. They are commonly observed in the dry desert areas of the Chihuahuan

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BOARD AND BEYOND

With Bob Jones

A cow flew by

East-West vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠A86
♡1087
◇Void
♣AKQJ973

WEST
♠K1042
♡3
◇AKQ10732
♣4

EAST
♠J973
♡AQ94
◇6
♣10652

SOUTH
♠Q5
♡KJ652
◇J9854
♣8

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	2♣	Pass	Pass
2◇	3◇	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

"A cow flew by" is a time-worn bridge expression representing the reason why a player made an inexplicable error — an error he would never have made had he not been distracted by a cow flying through the room. Even the greatest players have seen an occasional "cow."

North had a difficult decision at his second turn. He might have doubled and found his eight-card heart fit, but he chose to cue bid West's suit, asking for a diamond stopper. South had one, sort of, so he bid three no-trump.

It is worth noting that there are only two cards in the West hand that can be led to defeat three no-trump — the two singletons! It is even more noteworthy that West led one of them!

South won the opening club lead in dummy and quickly ran off all of his club winners. He discarded a spade, three hearts, and two diamonds from his hand.

West discarded two spades, his heart, and three diamonds starting with the seven to encourage in that suit. At this point declarer led a low heart toward his hand.

East was one of America's greatest players, with a long record of successful competition against the world's best. He inexplicably ducked his ace of hearts and the contract rolled home. A cow flew by!

East and West showed their class with a one-word conversation after this disaster. "Sorry," said East, and they moved on to the next deal.

We would like to thank Canadian expert John Carruthers for his excellent report on this deal.

EXPRESS

From 1E

year we bring families together in a communal-healing aspect."

Snowball Express was started in 2006 after the publication of a letter from a soldier to his wife. U.S. Army Pfc. Jesse Givens had left it behind when he deployed to Iraq, instructing her in a note on the envelope not to open it unless something happened to him.

"He didn't come back," Kaiser said. "In this letter, he talked about how much he loved his family, the things that he wanted them to do."

Givens had a young son and another child on the way. In the letter, he asked his wife Melissa to make sure she took their children to Disney World in Florida.

"Some people read it and thought they needed to help them," Kaiser said. "They realized there were hundreds of people in that same situation who had lost a loved one in the war. So, they decided to take them to Disneyland, because they were in California and it was closer."

Included on the airplane are six names from Dyess Air Force Base, the victims of an Oct. 2, 2015, C-130 crash in Afghanistan.

"I was just talking to a couple who intimately knew one of the pilots who went down," said Bowen. "They found his name on the plane, and they had a story."

Bowen said the book teaches visitors about those who died.

"I've found people who were in a helicopter, the lone survivor of a group, Medal of Honor winners," he said. "The stories are incredible, you can just pick any one and read them."

All of the names are drawn from official Department of Defense casualty lists.

"They were all active military who lost their life since 9/11," Kaiser said. "With a lot of people, they hear 'onesie-twosie' kinds of deaths, and it doesn't really strike home.

"But when you see all these names on this airplane, and you realize every one of those is a husband, a father, a brother, a son; or a mother, a daughter, a wife, a sister, it's big. It has a big impact on people."

Gold Star families are those who have lost a loved one in the military. Each year Fort Worth-based American Airlines donates aircraft, and flight crews donate their time, to fly Gold Star families to Disney's theme park. Kaiser and Bowen work for American and this year, Snowball Express will fly the families to Disney World on Dec. 8-12.

But the organization is about more than a trip to Space Mountain or Pirates of the Caribbean.

"We bring them together for communal healing; they bond together," Kaiser said. "We bring in a group of resource people to make sure (the families) are getting all their insurance benefits, all the financial aid they're supposed to get, I.D. cards, etc."

The nonprofit group has been based in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 2009. Actor Gary Sinise, perhaps best known as Lt. Dan in "Forrest Gump," has been involved with Snowball Express since 2007. On Jan. 1, he brought the group into his foundation, which supports veterans, their families and first responders.

Kaiser said while their efforts are to remind the public of the sacrifices made by Americans for their country, they also emphasize the healing environment their group has created for the children of these fallen service members.

"We've had families that say their children benefited more from the four days of Snowball Express than three years of therapy," he said. "It's really a great experience."

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FLIGHT

From 1E

travel expert who founded the airfarewatchdog.com website. But, he added, frequent fliers might want to negotiate to see how high the airline will go with a voucher.

That's what Preiss did back in March. Thanks to a broken seat, United bumped her from a flight from Dulles Airport outside Washington to Austin. But Preiss had leverage because United couldn't find anyone willing to give up their seat. She calculated that she was entitled to about $650 in cash based on the price of her ticket, and she turned down a $2,000 voucher. Then a second United employee said she could offer a voucher up to $10,000 plus a seat on a later flight, and Preiss took it.

The second situation occurs when the airline hasn't yet kicked anyone off an overbooked flight but instead looks for people to take a later flight in exchange for compensation — usually a voucher, the airline is not legally required to pay cash to volunteers.

When airlines know a flight is overbooked, they will make lowball offers to customers at ticket counters, kiosks and gate areas. They will raise the amount of the vouchers until they find a taker, pitting passengers against each other in a kind of reverse auction.

"My advice would be to start high," said Brian Kelly, CEO of travel website The Points Guy. "If you're going to be displaced for several hours, don't take the quick and easy $200 (voucher)."

Kelly said a $400 voucher for getting off a domestic flight or $800 for an international one would be "a solid starting point."

Travel experts suspect that airlines prefer vouchers partly because a high percentage of them never get used. The airlines do not disclose redemption rates.

Airlines have gotten very good at buying off passengers on overbooked flights. Last year, about 23,000 passengers were forcibly bumped — the lowest rate since the federal government started keeping track in 1995 — while nearly 342,000 people took an airline's offer and gave up their seat.

You might wonder how airlines ever come up short on seats.

Airlines can legally oversell flights — although some, like JetBlue, say they don't — on the assumption that some people won't show up. Overbooking can also occur when bad weather or a mechanical breakdown causes flights to be canceled, forcing the airline to scramble to accommodate stranded passengers.

Sometimes airlines switch a flight to a smaller plane with fewer seats. Occasionally, they need to make room for an air marshal or employees. And airlines may cancel flights or limit seating on smaller planes in hot weather because the thinner air makes it harder to generate enough lift for takeoff.

If you take a voucher for getting off a flight, there are some rules you should know. For instance, most airlines won't replace lost vouchers, and they can't be sold, although Delta allows them to be transferred to someone flying on the same reservation as the person who got the voucher.

On Southwest, vouchers can be applied only to airfare while American also lets them cover taxes and fees and Delta vouchers can be applied to government taxes. But you can't use vouchers to purchase extra legroom or an in-flight meal.

If your airline looks for volunteers to get off an overcrowded flight, experts offer this advice before accepting a voucher:

- Insist on a confirmed seat, not standby, on the next available flight in addition to the voucher for future travel.
- If you will be stuck for an extended time, ask for meal or hotel vouchers, too.
- Ask when the travel voucher expires — typically they are good for one year — and whether it can be combined with other discounts.
- Find out if the voucher can be used on other airlines; American and Delta vouchers can be used on some partner airlines, United and Southwest certificates cannot.

Kelly, the travel-points expert, advises that no matter what, "don't get stressed."

"Look at it as an opportunity for a nice little payday."

Spurge can become nuisance in flowerbeds, on lawns

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent



Spurge is an annual summer weed that can become a serious nuisance in flowerbeds and lawns. It's extremely invasive and grows up to a foot in diameter in as little as week. It hides easily among desirable ornamental plants and turf.

Among the several types of this pesky weed, the most common is spotted spurge, identifiable by a reddish oval marking located in the center of each half inch-by-quarter inch leaf.

It thrives in early summer heat, often sprouting just as single pre-emergent applications begin to play out.

Each plant can reproduce by both seeds and roots, making it difficult to control. Spurge is known as milkweed by some people because it will bleed white latex-based sap when its stem or root is broken. Like other relatives of poinsettia, its sap can be irritating to skin.

The best way to control spurge is to deny it from ever getting a start. Split applications of pre-emergent herbicides are more effective than single applications. Make the first application around mid-February, followed by a second treatment around mid-April to the first of May.

Hand weeding is quick and effective for mature plants because they have single thick taproots, allowing them to be pulled intact when sufficient moisture is in the soil.

In areas where drift will not affect ornamental plants or turf, glyphosate is effective on young spurge seedlings. However, its dense waxy coating and fleshy root often will allow a larger weed to survive post-emergent weed killers. A selective herbicide such as 2,4-D can be used to control spurge in warm season turf. Always follow label directions.

Unfortunately, like most weeds, spurge can take advantage of growing conditions that are unfavorable for most landscape plants.

Our current dry spell will keep Bermuda from filling in bare spots, while spurge is perfectly content to do so.

To learn more about weed control, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 432-686-4700 or email me at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

DEBBIE CARLSON
Chicago Tribune

5 mistakes you're making when purchasing garden supplies

It's easy to drop serious cash in a garden supply shop, falling in love with a gorgeous yucca plant or picking up a bunch of bargain tools.

But when the that sun-loving yucca dies in your shady, wet-soil backyard, or that plastic-handled spade breaks the first time you used, you've wasted money and you're frustrated. To help you avoid financial heartbreak, garden experts shared common mistakes they see new gardeners make.

1. You've neglected the soil. Joe Raboine, national design and training specialist for Belgard, a landscape supply firm, said that when people dig up part of their yard, install a raised bed or build a small vertical garden, good soil will mean the difference between plants that thrive and those that wither. Plants need a foot of soil to grow properly, he said. In some yards, much of the original topsoil is gone and needs to be replaced. In raised beds, Raboine said, "people don't put enough decent soil in. They put in, let's say, a bunch of scraps or gravel or things in the bottom of the container, and it just doesn't give plants enough of a place to grow roots."

Remedy this by buying topsoil or garden soil for yards and potting soil for raised beds and containers.

2. Choosing the wrong plants — and cramming in too many. Tim Johnson, senior director of horticulture at Chicago Botanic Garden, and Renee Young, manager at Christy Webber Farm and Garden, see these mistakes a lot.

"Where a lot of people go wrong from the get-go is they don't know plants. You're in the garden center and you see something that's in flower and beautiful, and it's like, 'Oh, that would look great in this corner of my garden,' " Johnson said.

But gardeners need to consider their spot's growing conditions. A plant that likes marshy conditions doesn't do well in dry soils, just as a plant that wants afternoon sun might not tolerate shade. Think about your design goals, he said, and talk to the staff for advice on what plants will fulfill those dreams. If your heart is set on a flowering viburnum that can mature at 7 or 8 feet high, but you don't have the space, ask if there's a dwarf version that will look just as good.

Young said she sees people stuffing too many plants into small spaces. "People will want to put three tomatoes in a 12-inch pot, and really one 12-inch pot is barely big enough for one tomato plant," she said.

A tomato plant without a roommate will likely produce more fruits than those in the overcrowded pot that will be fighting for nutrients and light, she said.

3. Buying cheap tools. Bargain tools don't last. That doesn't mean you have to buy the most expensive tools available, but you should invest in quality. Johnson said gardeners should pick up the tools and judge how they feel in their hands. Look for something comfortable and sturdy, he said, which may mean something different for each gardener. Good-quality tools have warranties, Young said. She likes hand tools by Dutch company DeWit, which have lifetime warranties.

"I try to encourage people to go with that tool that's going to last you a lifetime over something that's less expensive and may break after a couple of seasons," she said.

Other brands she recommends are Corona and, for pruners, she said, they all use ones by Felco, whether at the store or on landscaping jobs.

4. You didn't think about watering. Raised beds and vertical gardens, especially on rooftops, can dry out quickly. They may need daily watering and even more when temps hit 90. Raboine and Young said you need to buy, at a minimum, a watering can and hose. Young said Bond Aeroflex ($24.99 www.jet.com) makes attractive expandable hoses that shrink for storage in small places. Raboine said another option is to install drip irrigation, either with kits, such as those by DIG ($29.94, www.homedepot.com) or by creating your own by drilling holes in PVC pipes. Improper watering can stunt or kill plants.

5. You're overdoing it on fertilizer or pesticides. If you're gardening to be more environmental, the last thing you want to do is waste money on expensive fertilizers, and many of these can make your plant dependent on the feedings.

"(Synthetic) can harm your plant quite a bit. If you overfertilize, it will burn the roots of the plant, or the plant is so dependent on the synthetic fertilizer that the minute you stop using it, it begins to fail because it needs that constantly," Young said. She recommends organic fertilizers that feed the microbes and the soil, which will then in turn feed your plants.

Johnson frowns on the yearlong fertilizer programs that "weed and feed" lawns, such as powders or granular types in bags available at garden-supply shops, noting many release unneeded chemicals. If you feel the need to treat existing insect or weed problems, he recommends using liquid sprays for spot treatments.

"In my mind, ... you shouldn't be applying any sort of a pesticide, whether it's herbicide or insecticide if you don't need to," he said.

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There might be an assassin in garden

CARL WHITE
Permian Basin Master Gardeners

Learning to recognize insects of the garden is helpful in order not to destroy the beneficial predators that aid us. These predators include the assassin bug, which is not harmful if left alone and can effectively help us.

Also known as kissing bug, or vampire bug, the assassin bug is common in Texas. Although beneficial, they should be respected and not handled. Gardeners often plant milkweed plants for attracting butterflies. The milkweed assassin bug (*zelus longipes*) is bright red and black.

This effective predator hunter uses the large rostrum — or snout — to puncture and secrete tissue- dissolving saliva in its prey, which dies. This insect can be brown, black, gray or bright colors.

These predatory monsters of the insect world often wear the exoskeletons of their victims on their backs as a disguise. Not only an effective killing machine of insects, they can inflict a bite on humans and carry the *chagas* parasite that can cause disease and death. If mishandled, or caught up in your clothing, you likely will be bitten and be injected with their saliva.

The assassin bug is slow-moving and non-aggressive. When you see these bugs in the garden, avoid them, and they will continue to control harmful insects. The beneficial qualities of assassin bugs greatly outweigh the negative outcomes; learn their habits, avoid contact and enjoy their desirable qualities.

Join us in the Master Gardener program, visit the Texas AgriLife Extension service: Midland at 432-686-4700.

'I'm the same person I was before.' Michelle Obama's portrait artist is a star

By David Menconi
The News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Not too long ago, Amy Sherald was an acclaimed but largely unknown painter.

That changed Feb. 12, when the official portrait for former first lady Michelle Obama was unveiled to the world along with the Baltimore-based artist who painted it.

Sherald's elegant portrait of Obama and Kehinde Wiley's painting of former President Barack Obama both hang in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Sherald immediately was catapulted into the national spotlight and suddenly has become something of a celebrity.

She already was the centerpiece of "The Outwin 2016: American Portraiture Today" — the prestigious National Portrait Gallery competition — having painted the winning entry. But now there's some mainstream buzz on the show, which just opened at UNC-Chapel Hill's Ackland Art Museum and will be on display through Aug. 2. The opening-night talk with Sherald sold out well in advance.

"I'm the same person I was before, but people look at me different," Sherald said in an interview at the media preview. "People act nervous, and I'm like, 'Dude, I took a (expletive) this morning just like you did.'"

She paused to laugh.

"People ask for autographs and selfies now, which I'm happy to oblige," Sherald continued. "They're coming from a place of genuine warmth that people feel for Michelle. Because I painted her, I feel like an ambassador for her in a lot of ways.

"I probably shouldn't curse as much as I do," she concluded with another laugh.

Portraits on the road

"The Outwin 2016" presents the 42 finalists from that year's Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition, which the National Portrait Gallery sponsors every three years. In this first-ever tour of finalist entries, Ackland is the fourth and final museum to show the collection.

National Portrait Gallery director Kim Sajet came up with the idea around the time she started there in 2013 and told her colleagues, "We need to take this on tour."

"That year we had a self-portrait that an artist made out of 100 pounds of rice," Sajet said. "And everybody asked me, 'Are you out of your mind? What if we get another 100-pound rice lady?' I said I was sure we would, but we should do it anyway."

There were around 2,500 entries for the 2016 competition in a variety of media, photographs and sculptures as well as paintings. All three are on display in the show at Ackland.

Sherald's winning entry, titled "Miss Everything (Unsuppressed Deliverance)," stands out in the show, and it instantly stood out for the judges, too.

"This was a unanimous choice that rose to the top," said Dorothy Moss, curator of painting and sculpture at the National Portrait Gallery. "During the judging, no one could get (the subject's) expression out of their minds."

"Miss Everything" depicts a woman named Krystal Mack, who Sherald said rides a bike around Baltimore selling ice cream. The artist had acquired a polka-dot dress a year earlier and was on the lookout for just the right model to wear it when she met Mack.

"She just struck me from the moment I saw her for that piece," Sherald said. "Just her body type. Models in general, there's something very personal in what I see in them. I explain it as a presence that exists past to present to future, and it draws me to them."

Mack is shown holding an oversize teacup, which Sherald said was a reference to the fantastical landscapes of "Alice in Wonderland" and the 2003 movie "Big Fish." The expression that so struck the judges is a poised, direct gaze that rewards prolonged study.

"I wanted to create an archetype that was very present," Sherald said. "Historically, people of color are often shown looking away. I grew up in Georgia, and my mom would tell me how to perform and act. So I learned to repress a lot of myself so that other people would feel comfortable. But (Mack) has let that go and meets the viewer's gaze. She assesses the viewer rather than being assessed."

'The most chill people ever'

Part of the reward for winning the Outwin prize is a commissioned portrait for the National Portrait Gallery. The subject must be someone who has had a significant impact on American history and culture. Michelle Obama's selection of Sherald fits the bill nicely.

"Amy was the first woman and first African-American to win," said Sajet. "And when Michelle Obama chose her, that became her commissioned portrait prize. We could not have imagined how it would unfold."

Asked what it was like to paint the first lady, Sherald called it "stressful." But artist and subject both came in with the same idea, thinking about how to connect with younger audiences and future museum-goers.

"It was a great experience, but very intense," Sherald said. "Meeting them, doing interviews, hanging out in the White House Oval Office. Understand that they are the most chill people ever, and she is amazing. However amazing you think she is, multiply that by 10."

Sherald's method is to paint from photographs rather than live pose, which turned out to be a necessity for this project. Given the first lady's schedule, getting enough live-pose time to paint her might have taken years.

Sherald had 11 possible dresses picked out, which they narrowed down to four and ultimately two at the point when she started taking pictures. Obama is shown in a patterned dress from designer Michelle Smith, hand underneath her chin with a thoughtful expression on her face.

"We landed on that one because she felt more like herself," said Sherald. "Her spirit had settled in the way that I needed."

Once Sherald has the right photograph, the actual painting goes pretty quickly. This one was no exception.

"When I'm painting and in the zone, it's difficult for me to stop," she said. "It can take me half a day to get into that space and once I do, I only talk to a certain few people who won't disrupt it. Home to sleep and back at it, nothing else outside of getting food. Everything else is an annoyance getting in my way."

The only response Sherald ever received from the Obamas for her portrait was, "Congratulations, you did it."

Life since February has been a nonstop whirlwind, with the downside that Sherald hasn't had as much time to paint as she'd like.

"I've had to say no to a lot of stuff," she said. "I tell people, 'The only reason you want me is I paint, so don't keep me out of what got me here in the first place.'"

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Desert of the Trans-Pecos region as often as the lush forested areas of East Texas. The main requirement for this species is not the habitat itself, but rather the abundance of the food supply. Outside of Texas, this species of mantis is common in Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. Other members of this family (known as *mantidae*) can be found worldwide, except in cold, harsher environments.

This amazing insect varies in color from brown to tan to green, depending on many factors such as age, size and species. Most commonly observed colors are brown, tan and green. Like other insects, mantises have six legs and three body parts: the head, the thorax and the abdomen. The head is triangular, much like the multitude of alien creatures from Hollywood cultural lore. The eyes are large and compound, and as such, have the appearance of having a small pupil. The thorax is where the legs and wings are attached, and it is long and flexible, and the abdomen — where all the vital organs are stored — is soft and almost pudgy. There is a distinctive sexual dimorphism, which means males and females are different in appearance. In males, the abdomen is narrow and straight while the wings are long. In the opposite sex, the abdomen is quite thick, almost hip-like in look. The wings are much shorter in females, and as such, they are not as quick to flight as the more aerodynamic males.

What sets this insect apart from others, as well as causing the debate on its name, are the front legs. These forelegs are rather thick and long and have multiple sharp spikes. When not being used, they are folded at two joints per leg in an almost penitent posture of prayer. That is where the name probably originated. However, these forelegs are used to obtain food by impaling the victim and holding it in place while the mantis feeds at its leisure, giving it the name of "preying mantis."

This species is very beneficial to gardeners because it feeds on harmful insects such as aphids, and it has a voracious appetite. Many thousands of egg sacs, known as the ootheca, are sold commercially to gardeners as a biological pest control. Besides other arthropods, it also has been known to feed on small lizards, snakes and even small rodents.

Mating for the male preying mantis is quite a dangerous event. Females are cannibalistic and will feed on the males as soon as copulation is completed. Only the quickest and most alert males are capable of breeding with multiple females. In the early fall, after several weeks following successful copulation, the female will lay the ootheca, which is a hardened encasement for the thousands of eggs. The eggs incubate in the ootheca over the winter months and survival during the cold, harsh winter is not always a sure thing. Once the nymphs hatch, they already have a voracious appetite, and many feed on their siblings for their first meal. The nymphs are tiny miniatures of the adults, minus the wings.

So, whether you know it as the praying mantis because of its "folded hands" posture or as the preying mantis because of its predatory behavior, remember that it is a beneficial insect to have around and to let it do what it does best. Who knows, maybe both names are true. Perhaps it chooses to give thanks before it feeds.

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Follow these tips for a rack of lamb that's juicy inside

By America's Test Kitchen

Rack of lamb and the grill have great chemistry. The intense heat of the coals produces a bold crust and melts away the meat's abundance of fat, distributing flavor throughout while imparting a smokiness that's the perfect complement to lamb's rich, gamey flavor.

But the rendering fat can cause flare-ups that scorch the meat and impart sooty flavors, ruining this pricey cut. For a foolproof outcome, we trimmed the excess fat from racks of lamb and built a split fire around an aluminum pan, creating a cooler center where the fat could safely render before we moved the lamb over direct heat to brown the exterior.

As a last step, we stood the racks up and leaned them together to brown their bottoms. Because lamb tastes so good on its own, it needed only a simple wet rub of robust herbs and a little oil brushed on during browning to enhance its flavor.

We were rewarded with rack of lamb that was pink and juicy, with a well-browned crust that contrasted nicely with the lush, ultra-tender interior.

We prefer the subtler flavor and larger size of lamb labeled "domestic" or "American," but you may substitute lamb imported from New Zealand or Australia. Since imported racks are generally smaller, follow the shorter cooking times given in the recipe. We prefer rack of lamb cooked to medium-rare.

PHOTO: This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows a grill-roasted rack of lamb in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "How to Roast Everything." PHOTO CREDIT: Carl Tremblay/America's Test Kitchen via AP



Grill-roasted rack of lamb

Servings: 4-6
Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes

- 4 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 4 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 (1 1/2- to 1 3/4-pound) racks of lamb, fat trimmed to 1/8 to 1/4 inch and rib bones frenched
- Salt and pepper
- 1 (13 by 9-inch) disposable aluminum roasting pan (if using charcoal)

Combine 1 tablespoon oil, rosemary, thyme, and garlic in bowl; set aside. Pat lamb dry with paper towels, rub with remaining 1 teaspoon oil, and season with salt and pepper.

For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely and place disposable pan in center of grill. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour into 2 even piles on either side of disposable pan. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Leave primary burner on high and turn off other burner(s).

Clean and oil cooking grate. Place lamb, bone side up, on cooler part of grill with meaty side of racks very close to, but not quite over, heat source. Cover and cook until meat is lightly browned, faint grill marks appear, and fat has begun to render, 5 to 10 minutes.

Flip racks bone side down and slide to hotter part of grill. Cook until well browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Brush racks with herb mixture, flip bone side up, and cook until well browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Stand racks up, leaning them against each other for support, and cook until bottom is well browned and meat registers 125 degrees (for medium-rare), 3 to 8 minutes.

Transfer lamb to carving board and let rest for 20 minutes. Cut between ribs into separate chops and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 367 calories; 189 calories from fat; 21 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 150 mg cholesterol; 572 mg sodium; 1 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 46 g protein.



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May shows a quinoa, black bean and mango salad in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "Vegan For Everybody."

Daniel J. van Ackere/America's Test Kitchen via AP

A bright quinoa salad with a bite, creaminess and acidity

By America's Test Kitchen

Sure, quinoa is a complete protein and is known as a "superfood," so it's a great base for a hearty and healthful main dish salad. But we love it also for its intriguing and delicate texture and nutty flavor.

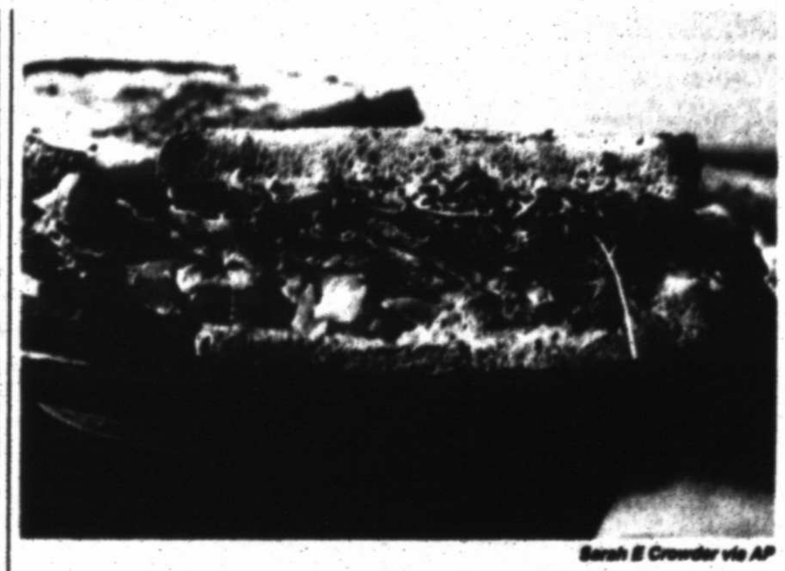
For a quinoa salad that showcased these great qualities, we started by toasting the quinoa to bring out its flavor before adding liquid to the pan and simmering the seeds until nearly tender.

We then spread the quinoa on a rimmed baking sheet so that the residual heat would finish cooking it gently as it cooled, giving us perfectly cooked, fluffy grains.

Black beans, mango, and bell pepper lent the salad bright flavor, color, and satisfying heft. A simple but intense dressing made with olive oil, lime juice, jalapeno, cumin, and cilantro gave this dish the acidity needed to keep its flavors fresh.

Finally, sliced scallions contributed bite, and a generous topping of avocado slices provided a creamy richness that balanced the bright dressing.

If you buy unwashed quinoa (or if you are unsure whether it's washed), be sure to rinse it before cooking to remove its bitter protective coating (called saponin). For a spicier dressing, add the jalapeno ribs and seeds.



Sarah E Crowder via AP

This October 2017 photo shows a California BLT in New York. This dish is from a recipe by Katie Workman.

A BLT showcases dueling dynamics

By Katie Workman
Associated Press

As summer nears and the promise of perfect tomatoes peeks up over the horizon, the prospect of an excellent BLT shines brightly. What is interesting to me about a BLT is the dueling dynamics of how the ingredients join together in this sandwich.

One the one hand, the bread, bacon, lettuce and tomatoes all become one better-than-the-sum-of-its-parts whole. On the other hand, the ingredients still manage to remain distinct. You're aware of the crisp-tender bread, the juicy lush tomatoes, the crunchy lettuce, the salty frizzled-up bacon and the mayonnaise pulling the components together. E pluribus unum.

I've ratcheted up the classic BLT a notch or two here by adding tarragon to the mayo, not only inside the sandwich but also on the outside of the bread before it's griddled, to give extra flavor and caramelizing.

What makes it a California BLT is the addition of avocado and sprouts.

Buy good bacon. Use good mayo. Find a great tomato. Make sure your avocado is ripe. After that, all you have to do is assemble, and you will have a fantastic sandwich.

Quinoa, black bean and mango salad with lime dressing

Servings: 4-6
Start to finish: 45 minutes

- 1 1/2 cups prewashed white quinoa
- 2 1/4 cups water
- Salt and pepper
- 5 tablespoons lime juice (3 limes)
- 1/2 jalapeno chili, stemmed, seeded, and chopped
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and chopped
- 1 mango, peeled, pitted, and cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed
- 2 scallions, sliced thin
- 1 avocado, halved, pitted, and sliced thin

Toast quinoa in large saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring often, until quinoa is very fragrant and makes sputtering popping sound, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in water and 1/2 teaspoon salt and bring to simmer. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer gently until most of water has been absorbed and quinoa is nearly tender, about 15 minutes.

Spread quinoa on rimmed baking sheet and let cool completely, about 15 minutes; transfer to large bowl. (Cooled quinoa can be refrigerated for up to 3 days.)

Process lime juice, jalapeno, cumin, and 1 teaspoon salt in blender until jalapeno is finely chopped, about 15 seconds. With blender running, add oil and cilantro; continue to process until smooth and emulsified, about 20 seconds.

Add bell pepper, mango, beans, scallions, and lime-jalapeno dressing to cooled quinoa and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve, topping individual servings with avocado.

Nutrition information per serving: 480 calories; 230 calories from fat; 27 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 230 mg sodium; 52 g carbohydrate; 11 g fiber; 10 g sugar; 11 g protein.

California BLTs

Servings: 4 sandwiches
Start to finish: 25 minutes

- 8 slices thick-cut bacon, halved crosswise
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons minced tarragon
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 8 slices good bread, country white, sourdough, multigrain, your choice
- 1/2 teaspoon finely minced garlic
- 2 large tomato, sliced
- 1 avocado, peeled, pit removed, and sliced
- 4 slices romaine heart lettuce, sliced crosswise
- 1/3 cup sprouts, such as broccoli sprouts

Preheat the oven to 400 F, and place a wire cooling rack in a rimmed baking sheet.

Lay the bacon on the wire rack and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until crisp (you want it crisp up a bit more as it cools, so take it out when it still has some pliability).

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, tarragon, lemon juice, and salt and pepper. Spread a thin layer of the mayonnaise mixture on one side of each of the slices of bread. (You should use less than half the mayo mixture). Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Place as many of the bread slices in the skillet as will fit, mayo side down. Allow to cook until very lightly brown, about 2 minutes, then remove from the skillet and repeat with the remaining slices. Set aside.

Stir the minced garlic into the rest of the mayo mixture. Divide the remaining mayo mixture over the bread slices, on the unmelted side. Layer the tomato, avocado, lettuce and a generous pinch of sprouts on top of the bread. Top with the remaining slices of bread, toasted side up. Cut in half, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 473 calories; 229 calories from fat; 26 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 19 mg cholesterol; 899 mg sodium; 52 g carbohydrate; 8 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 14 g protein.

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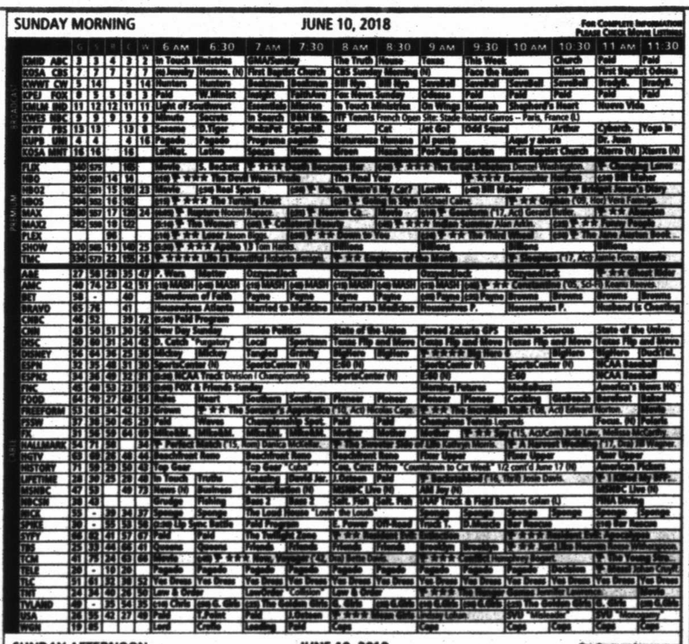
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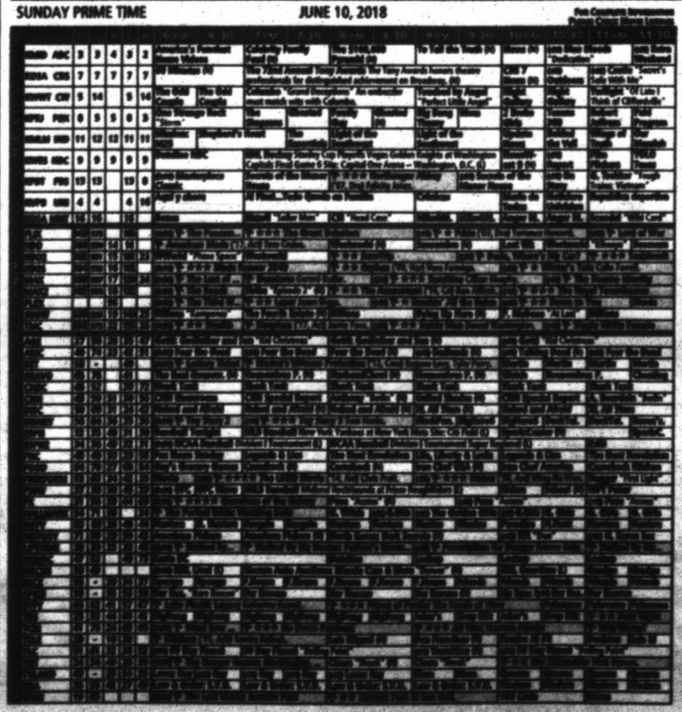
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Old Sorehead Trade Days features more than 600 vendor booths featuring antiques, food, decor and more. Noon-5 p.m. in downtown Stanton. stantontex.com.

CLOSING: "Smoke on the Mountain" by the Maverick Players. 2:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $20. maverickplayers.org.

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert Series with Weatherstone. The theme is members' night. 7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

MONDAY

"Curious George: Let's Get Curious!" is based on the familiar characters in H.A. and Margret Rey's stories and inspired by the animated PBS television series. The exhibit introduces young children into the word of Curious George with interactive math, science and engineering-based adventures. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Princess Ballet Camp by Midland Festival Ballet is open to all children ages 8-12. Space is limited so registration is required at the Youth Services desk. 1-3 p.m. through Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

West Texas Astronomers monthly meeting. Open to the public. 7:30 p.m. at the Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. wtastro.org.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Will Parker. The children's singer-songwriter performs an interactive show of music for all ages. 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Cuentos y Leyendas is a bilingual storytime for all ages. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Pour and Drag Acrylic Abstracts. Supplies included with registration, 6-8 p.m. at Palette Club of Midland, 907 W. Wadley Ave. $59. paletteclubmidland.com.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

Crossing the Lines West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097, bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Ukulele Club teaches youth ages 10-15 basic chords and songs to prepare for a group performance at the library's end-of-summer pool party. A limited number of instruments will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own. 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 1 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Alpine Photo Weekend features presentations, open panels, hikes and reception for "FotoTexas: People, Places and Culture." through June 17 at Museum of the Big Bend, 400 N. Harrison St., Alpine. museumofthebigbend.com.

Flashback Fridays invites children ages 8-12 to learn about music from past decades along with a dance and art project. 4-5 p.m. Fridays through July 13 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

West Texas Pride 2018 is an outdoor, family-friendly celebration with live performances, food and refreshments, educational booths and a rainbow-colored water balloon fight. 4-11 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 200 NE Mustang Drive, Andrews. Free. Facebook: @wtxpride.

The 70th Season of Summer Mummers: "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Wait — Was that a Squirrel in the Infield?" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 1 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. MCT-midland.org.

Hot Summer Nights: True Lite. The 25th season of the concert series features local talent with food trucks, children's activities and more. In the event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to Deaderick Auditorium at Odessa College. 8 p.m. at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. Fifth St., Odessa. downtownodessatx.com.

Family Fridays: Sculpture. Family Fridays are centered on educational activities, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free for members, class included with admission. museumsw.org.

"Disney's Aladdin Jr." Opens Friday and runs through June 23 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Banda MS, 7 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. $85. haciendamidland.com.

SATURDAY

The fourth annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1 Mile. 7 a.m. at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. midlandhumane.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. The market will include live music and food trucks onsite. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Cinema Under the Stars: "The Avengers." Noon at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.

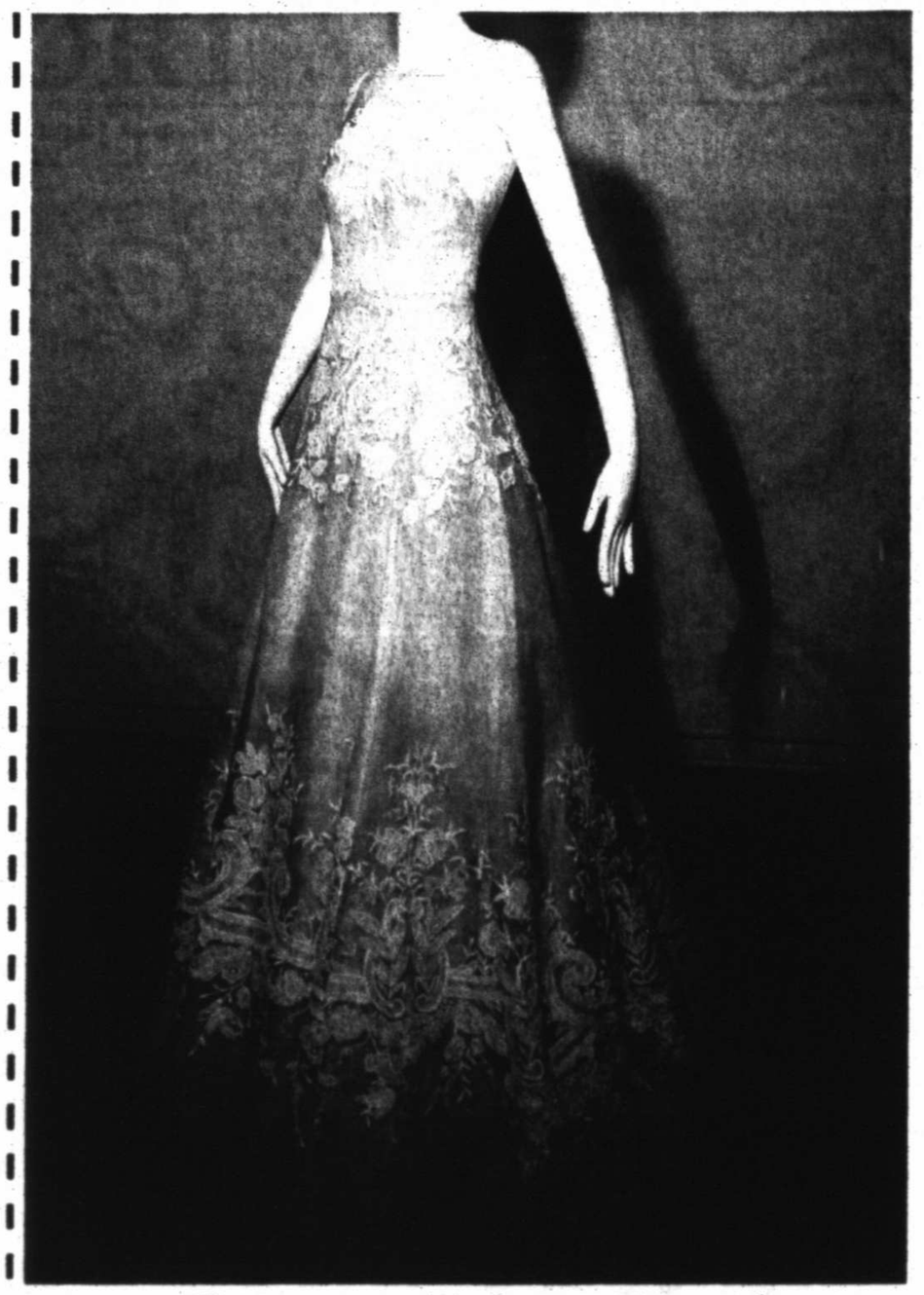
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Mini Picasso art class for ages 2-5. 10 a.m. Saturdays through June 30 at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. kiddsart.com.

Saturday Movies: "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie." 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

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Cinema Under the Stars: "Captain America: Civil War." 7 p.m. at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.



The Ellen Noel Art Museum recently opened the exhibition "Celebrate Texas: Art & Fashion" which focuses on artists from the 1850s to the 1940s and fashion designers from 1910 to the present day. Student work from teens participating in the Teen Artist Residency Program will also be on display. The show will be on display through Sept. 2.
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NEW: "Celebrate Texas" features Texas artists with a variety of medium including fashion, painting, sculpture and more. Through Aug. 26. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

CLOSING: Visions 2018: "An Eastern Interpretation of Western Art." The series by the Arts Council of Midland hosts works by Lubbock artist Bo Tan closes today. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

60th annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition. This year's theme was "Metamorphosis." On display through June 29. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Artist of the Quarter featuring works by Carol Fairlie of Alpine. Runs through June 30. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

"The Fragile Box" is an exhibition of artwork by Nancy Macho comprised of photographs, prints and mixed media installation. Through July 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. At the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Time Exposures: Picturing Isleta Pueblo in the 19th Century." With more than 80 images and objects that detail life on the Isleta Pueblo Reservation, this exhibition reveals the changes experienced by Native Americans of the American Southwest after the arrival of railroads in 1881. Works by photographers Edward Curtis, A.C. Vroman, Karl Moon, Carlos Vierra are among those featured in the exhibition. Through Aug. 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. At the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"In the Box Exploring Shape and Texture." Visitors can explore selections from the permanent collection in this hands-on exhibition. Objects from each work of art are hidden inside boxes. Families have to work together to guess what the object is by making a connection between the texture and shape they feel in the box and what they see in the work of art. Through Aug. 18.

Spring art exhibit features works by the Midland Arts Association, Palette Club of Midland and Sibley Camera Club at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A St.

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 682-5447.

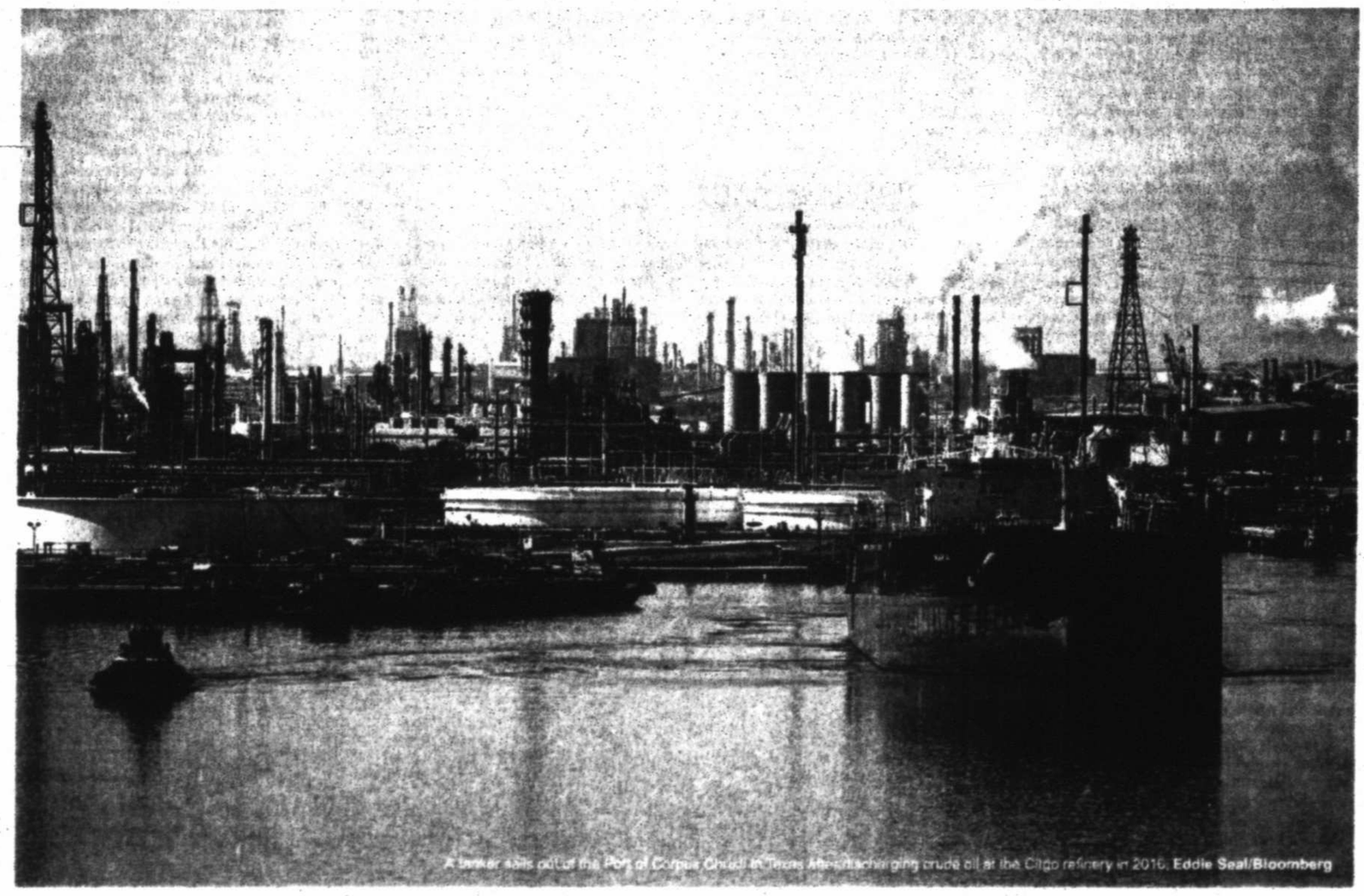
Options Gallery, Odessa College. 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Lindsey House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

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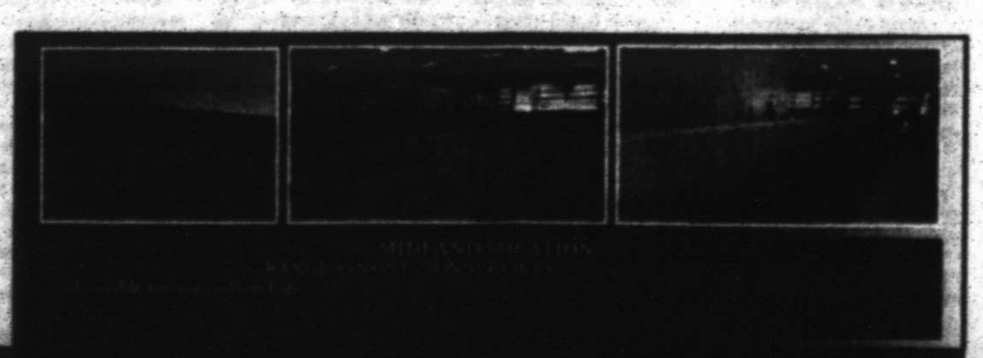
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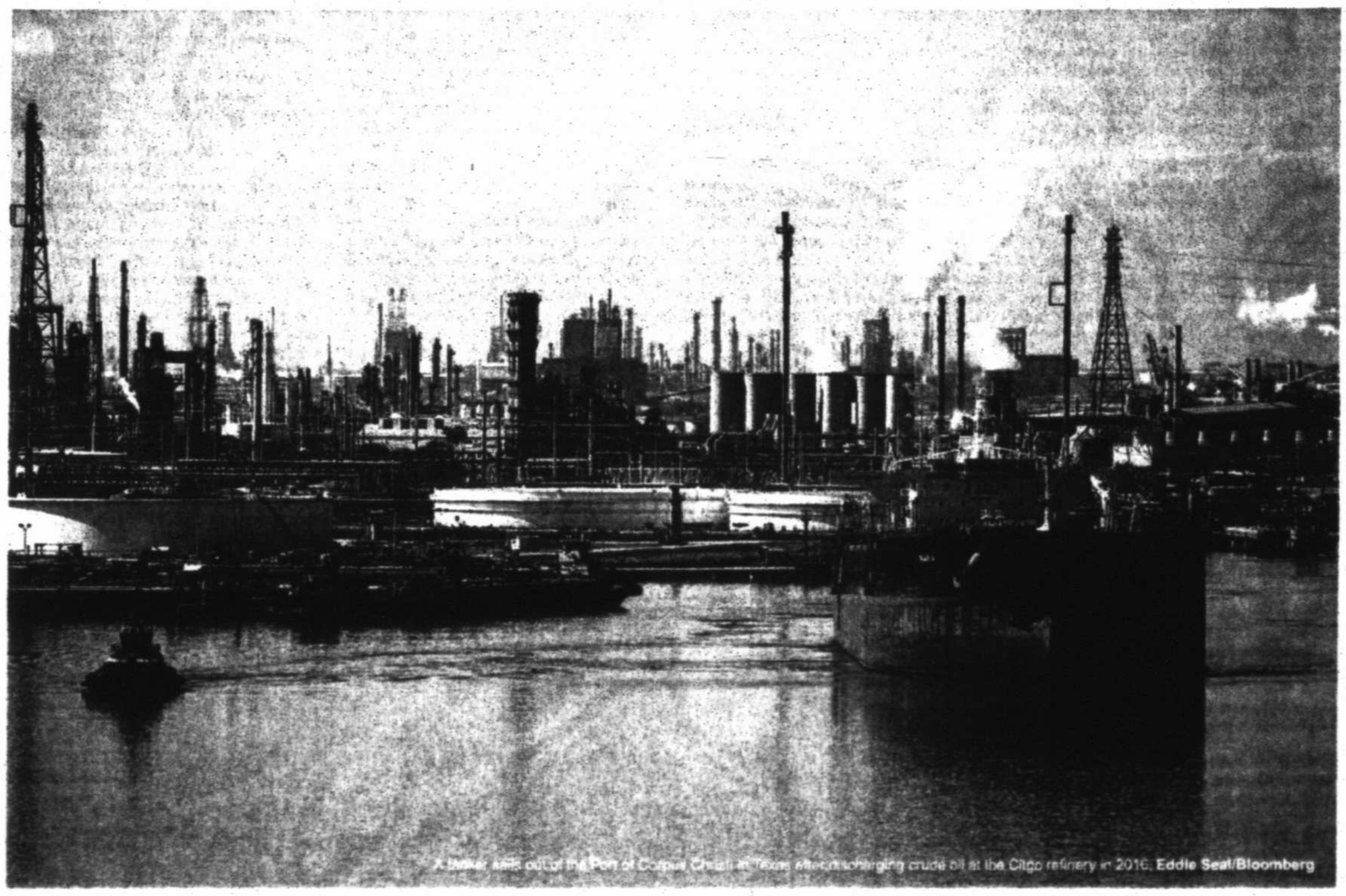
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When two oil and gas companies combine, it's often for acreage holdings, reserves or drilling locations.

In the case of Double Eagle Energy Holdings III and FourPoint Energy, the combination is of land expertise and technical expertise.

The companies announced plans last week to combine into DoublePoint Energy, the newest pure-Permian player with a focus on the Midland Basin.

"We think it's a great partnership with FourPoint," Josh Gregg, Double Eagle's chief financial officer, said in a phone interview. "We're partnering with them to grow our assets in the Midland Basin."

He said the companies had teamed up to make a Midland Basin acquisition, and Double Eagle's existing assets will be rolled into the new entity. The combination will allow the company to grow from operating one rig to operating three rigs early next year, Gregg said. The merger also will provide the capital for future bolt-on acquisitions and trades with offset partners, he said.

DoublePoint will have more than 70,000 acres in Midland, Glasscock, Martin, Howard, Upton and Reagan counties.

George Solich, president and chief executive officer of FourPoint and executive chairman of the new DoublePoint, said in a phone interview from his Denver office, that he had known Double Eagle founders Cody Campbell and John Sellers for years. Campbell and Sellers will serve as DoublePoint's co-chief executive officers.

"The combination of our two companies, Double Eagle's long history of expertise in land acquisition in the Permian Basin and our technical and operational expertise makes it a great fit," Solich said.

Solich said he believes the new entity will "get a fast start out of the gate." But he acknowledged there are challenges in the Permian's complex land situation.

He said one challenge is having the right takeaway capacity for oil and natural gas, something that all operators face. Another challenge is securing the appropriate services — equipment, sand, water, people. "These are the challenges of a very active and prolific basin," he said.

He said believes DoublePoint is in a good position to put together assets through acquisitions and trade.

"The players there are cognizant of getting trades done so they can drill long laterals," he said.

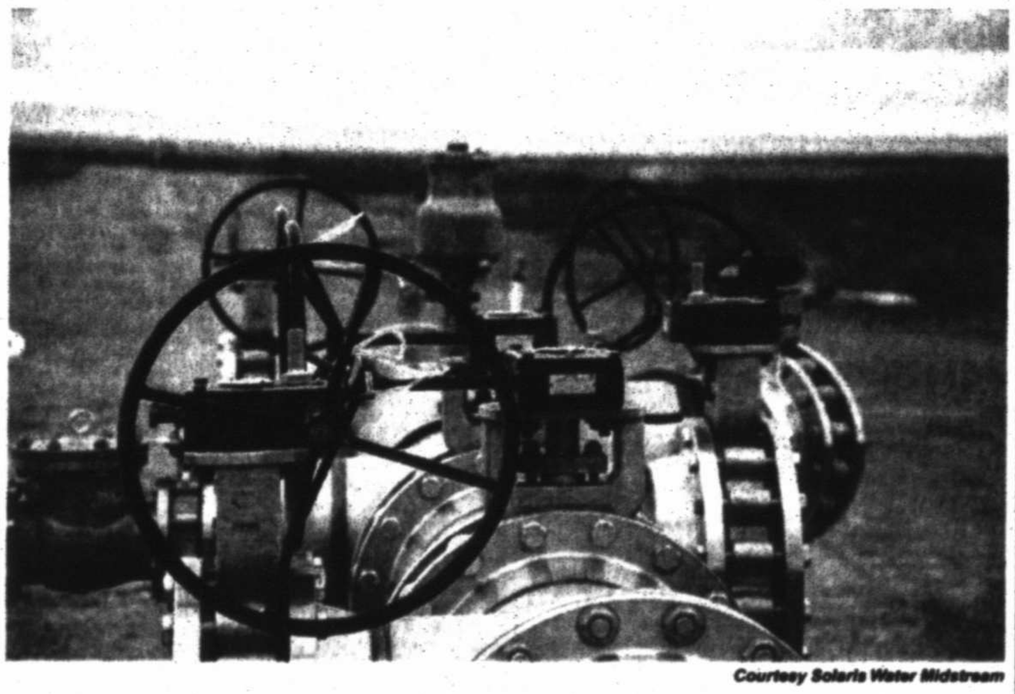
FourPoint originally began work in the Anadarko Basin and entered the Permian through its affiliate FourPoint Permian.

"We have always had in our FourPoint charter that we would be in the Anadarko Basin and the Permian Basin," said Solich.

He said both offer multiple pay opportunities, a lot of zones from which to pursue development programs.

"We have six rigs in the Anadarko Basin, which is geologically complex and operationally intensive," said Solich. "We can take that skill set and go to the Midland Basin and transfer those skills. Drilling wells and completing wells (in the two basins) are the same and different. We have the ability to understand the rocks and the nuances relative to the local geology and local challenges."

Double Eagle Energy Holdings III was formed in 2017, backed by funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management LLC, Magnetar Capital and management. FourPoint Permian was formed with equity from Quantum Energy Partners, FourPoint Energy, funds managed by GSO Capital Partners LP and other investors.



Courtesy Solaris Water Midstream

A Solaris Water Midstream take point in Eddy County is shown. Solaris' acquisition of Vision Resources will allow the company to expand its infrastructure in the Delaware Basin.

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water or blends of fresh and produced water. With the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing jobs evolving, "it makes it easier to reuse and recycle the water — it doesn't need to be Perrier," he said.

Solaris has a pipeline that runs up Farm-to-Market Road 1788 to a well west of 1788 and west of Midland International Airport. The company recycles water at a second well and also connects to third-party wells to either dispose of water or treat the water and send it back to the customer or to another producer.

The company is currently building an 11-mile, high-capacity water supply line that can transport about 150,000 barrels of water per day from Loving County to Eddy County, New Mexico. It's expected to come online next month.

"Water has been a part of the oil business a long time," Zartler said. "The size and the magnitude of water issues have grown rapidly. The size has created the need for infrastructure, like oil and gas created the need for roads. We're building that road in the form of pipeline.

"The first evolution of water management was trucks. With this evolution, we're getting trucks off the road."

ENERGYBRIEFS

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HOUSTON

Energy companies hire as oil prices rise

Energy companies in Houston and elsewhere have ramped up hiring as oil prices hover at their highest levels since 2014, according to LinkedIn's monthly workforce report.

Hiring in the oil and gas industry increased by 5.2 percent within the past year. In Houston, it grew by 12.4 percent.

Companies have resumed hiring for higher-paid, skilled positions such as engineers and geologists, an indication that the industry is stabilizing as it emerges from a two-year bust. The number of people with energy industry-related skills fell from more than 16,000 in February 2016, to under 14,000 in February this year, the report said.

Oil prices last month topped $70 a barrel for the first time since November 2014. They slipped below that threshold late last month on news that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might raise output, which could sink prices by adding to global crude supplies.

Cities in the oil patch are also hiring as production surges in the Permian Basin and other shale fields in West Texas.

WASHINGTON

Nat gas producers say Trump is using them as a 'scapegoat'

One of the natural gas industry's largest lobbying groups called out President Donald Trump's plans to bail out the coal and nuclear industry Thursday, saying he was using their industry as a "scapegoat."

Under pressure from Trump, Energy Secretary Rick Perry has repeatedly questioned the reliability of the nation's natural gas pipeline network, stating coal and nuclear plants could be better counted on in a crisis because they store their fuel on-site. A plan drawn up by the Energy Department would raise rates for two years for coal and nuclear plants, at a time many are being driven out of business by new natural gas plants and wind and solar farms.

"The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America is deeply troubled by the Trump administration's apparent move to scapegoat natural gas to prop up uneconomic coal and nuclear plants," a statement from the gas lobbying group read.

Gas producers are one in a long list of groups opposing Trump's plans, including everyone from the American Petroleum Institute to the Natural Resources Defense Council to corporations like Apple and General Electric.

In its statement, INGAA questioned the Energy Department's analysis of the vulnerability of the U.S. natural gas pipeline network, stating pipeline operators "have measures in place to protect pipeline infrastructure from cyber and physical security threats and mitigate the effect of a successful intrusion."

"While there are threats to the natural gas delivery system that warrant and are receiving attention, the draft (Energy Department report) focuses exclusively on these threats and ignores equally, if not more, serious threats to other critical energy infrastructure sectors," said INGAA President Don Santa. "For example, an attack on electric transmission would render fuel storage at generators irrelevant."

SAN ANTONIO

Energy relationship between Texas, Mexico touted at energy summit

Mexico's government is touting the connections between its energy industry and the U.S. despite continuing trade frictions.

Lluvia Ponce Avalos from the Consulate of Mexico in San Antonio said Mexico's natural gas demand is expected to increase 27 percent by 2031 and that the border region along Texas is expected to account for nearly a third of Mexico's overall natural gas demand.

She stressed that the link between Texas' energy industry and Mexico remains strong, pointing to the billions of cubic feet of natural gas pipeline capacity running from Texas to its southern neighbor.

"When we talk about Texas and Mexico we need to remember that we're trading partners, we're friends, we're neighbors," said Avalos, consul for political and economical affairs.

Avalos was speaking to more than 100 people at the 4th Mexico Gas Summit in San Antonio, a gathering of industry and government representatives to discuss the state of oil and gas opportunities in Mexico.

The importance of the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico is underscored U.S. exports of 4.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day into Mexico in 2017, according to data from the U.S. Energy Department.

Mexico opened its energy industry to outside investment in 2014 after nearly 80 years of state control.

The country has held multiple rounds of bidding for both onshore and offshore oil and gas resources since 2016.

ALASKA

Federal agency pegs $4M for Arctic refuge infrastructure

ANCHORAGE — The Interior Department announced Thursday it will spend $4 million on construction to support petroleum drilling within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in a release announced $50 million in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service construction projects to repair and rehabilitate aging wildlife refuge and fish hatchery infrastructure at refuges throughout the country.

"The President is a builder, he loves to build and he loves our public lands, so it is a natural fit that the Trump Administration is dedicating so much attention to rebuilding our aging Fish and Wildlife Service infrastructure," Zinke said in the announcement.

The construction money includes nearly $5.9 million for Alaska, with two-thirds targeted to support "heightened levels of activity" connected to preparing for oil exploration in the Arctic refuge.

The money will pay for six projects designed to improve or construct existing outbuildings and facilities needed for "oil exploration readiness and research operations." That includes an aviation fuel storage facility in the coastal village of Kaktovik to supply aviation fuel needed for biological field work and for storage buildings to protect vehicles and equipment from bears and brown bears.

American oil fight to heat up as US keeps more for itself

By Serene Cheong
Bloomberg

The U.S. is set to get a bit more possessive about its own oil, sparking a bidding war with eager buyers in the other side of the world.

Asian refiners from China to Taiwan and Thailand have boosted purchases of American crude in recent months because it was increasingly turning cheap relative to supplies from other parts of the globe. They're now about to face stiffer competition as the U.S.'s own demand rebounds, with domestic refineries restarting after spring maintenance, according to industry consultant Energy Aspects Ltd.

"There will be a tug of war between U.S. domestic demand and international markets," said Virendra Chauhan, a Singapore-based analyst at Energy Aspects. "That'll determine how much American crude will flow to Asia in the coming months."

While more than 1 million barrels a day of refining capacity in the U.S. was offline during May, only less than 200,000 barrels a day will be affected over the following three months as plants pump out fuel to meet demand during the summer driving season, according to the consultant. Crude volumes going into American refineries have also risen in recent weeks, data compiled from the Department of Energy show.

Higher intake by domestic plants will contribute to limiting the availability of cargoes for export even as pipeline bottlenecks pose hurdles for transporting all of the oil pumped inland to U.S. Gulf Coast terminals — an infrastructure headache that Citigroup Inc. and Energy Aspects see lasting until at least mid-2019.

That means, in the coming months, the likes of Taiwan's CPC Corp. and China's Unipec are unlikely to enjoy the price advantages that had spurred them to buy millions of barrels of U.S. crude recently, according to Chauhan.

CPC joined Unipec — the trading unit of China's state refining giant Sinopec — as one of Asia's top buyers of U.S. crude last month after it purchased as much as 7 million barrels of WTI Midland for loading in July. That's the equivalent to 225,000 barrels per day, or almost half of the Taiwanese refiner's total nameplate capacity at its domestic plants.

The company was said to have bought the crude at a premium of about $1 a barrel over London's Dated Brent benchmark, including freight costs for shipping the supply from the U.S. to Taiwan, a journey of more than 13,000 nautical miles lasting almost two months. That pricing level for the American oil is attractive relative to similar grades with lower sulfur levels such as Abu Dhabi's Murban and Arab Extra Light from Saudi Arabia, according to Chauhan.

Even as the wide spread between West Texas Intermediate and other global benchmarks continues to support the sale of U.S. oil to Asia on paper, the actual flow of physical cargoes that take advantage of arbitrage opportunities is at risk as American refiners bid barrels away from export markets, according to Chauhan.

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an analysis indicates that won't happen for a while, based on the price response to the OPEC threat.

The fall in overall prices triggered a parallel widening of price differentials that seem to favor exports and the widening of domestic price spreads increases the pressure for new U.S. production to reach the coast for export, he said.

Fielden said that since U.S. production fell to a low of 8.6 million barrels a day in September 2016, it has pumped more than 2 million barrels a day to a weekly average of 10.7 million barrels a day in May, much of it coming from the Permian Basin.

"This burst of new production has been matched virtually barrel for barrel by increases in crude exports," according to Fielden. "Even though the U.S. continues to import 7 (million) to 8 million barrels of medium and heavy crudes to feed domestic refineries, the new shale output is of light quality that domestic refiners can't easily process, making it more economic to export."

He also pointed out that almost immediately after crude prices began their decline, the Saudis and Russians showed signs of hesitation about increasing output.

"They have little appetite for a price war," Fielden said. "That means U.S. producers will continue to gain market share at the expense of OPEC and allies."

"My argument is as long as OPEC and friends are keen to support prices — not at $100; more like $80 a barrel — as long as they do that, that opens the markets for the U.S.," he said.

It all depends on prices remaining above break-even levels, he said. And as long as crude prices remain above those levels and continue better than two years ago, "no one's going to go home just yet," he said.

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temporary disruptions, but the Permian geology is too compelling and opportunities too broad for these issues to last long. Expect a scramble to address the export deficits for the next two years. The most crucial projects needed are in natural gas pipelines to the Gulf. I expect the next round of competitive announcements in the next two quarters."

COMPLETIONS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Hawker 1504BL #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 666 fsl, 6736 fel, Sec 15, Blk B, Abst. 290, L&SV RR, 22.4 sw Garden City; TD 8845 TVD, 18541 MD; Comp 5/2/2018; producing from 8717-18314, fracture stimulated; flow 1133 BO, 1402 MCF, 2341 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 1016 psi, 42.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39788

Texas RRCD 8

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #203
Spraberry (Trend Area); 420 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 41, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 5.6 ne Gardendale; TD 11485; Comp 5/9/2018; producing from 8403-11293, fracture stimulated; pump 287 BO, 661 MCF, 422 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43569

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Longhorn 55-1-30 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2239 fsl, 2639 fel, Sec 30, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1163, T&P RR, 19.49 nw Mentone; TD 11171 TVD, 18684 MD; Comp 5/8/2018; producing from 11424-18524, fracture stimulated; flow 3623 MCF on 30/64 inch choke, FTP 2647 psi; API #42-301-33297

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Oak 55-1-30 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 416 fnl, 65 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1163, T&P RR, 19.49 nw Mentone; TD 11425 TVD, 18835 MD; Comp 5/2/2018; producing from 11774-18671, fracture stimulated; flow 5587 MCF on 48/64 inch choke, FTP 1795 psi; API #42-301-33301

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Rainier 55-1-28 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2140 fnl, 2570 fel, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1162, T&P RR, 18.51 nw Mentone; TD 11375 TVD, 18827 MD; Comp 5/2/2018; producing from 11722-18665, fracture stimulated; flow 3188 MCF on 30/64 inch choke, FTP 2812 psi; API #42-301-33303

New Mexico

Eddy County

XTO Energy Inc.
Cattle Baron State #1-Y
SE Willow Lake; Sec 6 T25S R29E; 200/S & 940/E. BHL: Sec 31 2403/S & 977/E; EL 2915 GL, TD 16932, PBTD 16874; Spud 4-14-17, Comp 2-10-18; production is through treated perfs: 10368-16828. Treat: Frac 34 stages w/384,947 bbls wtr, 12,860,640# 40/70 sd & 34727 gals 15% HCl acid. IP: 3-7-18 Flow 24 hrs 960 BO, 4876 BW, 1771 MCF, 42/64" Ch, CP 1395, GOR 1844.79. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 571 w/660 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2721 w/826 sx, 5 ½ @ 16932 w/3376 sx; API #30-015-44130

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Federal 30 #124
Gem; Sec 30 T19S R33E; 228/N & 698/E; EL 3602 GL, TD 14,700 MD, 10,020 TVD, PBTD 14,577; Spud 11-11-17, Comp 1-13-18; production is through treated perfs: 10162-14529. Treat: 737,100# mesh, 12,428,620# 20/40, 13,165,720# mixed sd total, 18280 acid, 165,813 gals fluid. IP: 1-24-18 Flow 24 hrs 816 BO, 1180 BW, 467 MCF, 42/64 Ch. Csg: 26 @ 1264 w/2470 sx, 13 3/8 @ 3200 w/2600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4986 w/2430 sx, 5 ½ @ 14572 w/2361 sx; API #30-025-44149

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Lea Unit #36
Lea; Sec 24 T20S R34E; 2270/S & 1530/W. BHL: Sec 13 330/N & 430/W; EL 3677 GL, TD 18199 MD, 10418 TVD, PBTD 18198 MD, 10418 TVD; Spud 12-23-16, Comp 9-5-17; production is through treated perfs: 11120-18124. Treat: 3,063 bbls acid, 9,082,875# sd & 226,185 bbls wtr. IP: 10-31-17 Pump 24 hrs 1189 BO, 1104 BW, 692 MCF, TP 380, CP 120, GOR 582, Gty 36.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1773 w/1500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5575 w/1800 sx, 5 ½ @ 18200 w/3550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10016; API #30-025-43076

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Chili Parlor 17 Federal Com #3
Red Tank; Sec 8 T22S R33E; 240/S & 2200/E. BHL: Sec 17 334/S & 2284/E; EL 3589 KB, TD 15750 MD, 10852 TVD; Spud 7-9-17, Comp 10-27-17; production is through treated perfs: 11136-15630. Treat: 10,886,960# 30/50 100 mesh. IP: 11-3-17 Flow 24 hrs 1607 BO, 4170 bW, 2416 MCF, 58 Ch, CP 975. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1086 w/1365 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4794 w/2200 sx, 5 ½ @ 15737 w/2924 sx ; API #30-025-43138

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Rojo D 781 JV-P Com #2
Red Hills; Sec 22 T25S R33E; 210/N & 1254/E. BHL: Sec 27 136/S & 1274/E; EL 3349 GL, TD 19452 MD, 9313 TVD; Spud 7-6-17, Comp 11-19-17; production is through treated perfs: 9900-14010. Treat: Acdz w/2305 bbls acid, Frac w/512,900 bbls fluid, 24,310,180# sd. IP: 12-7-17 Pump 24 hrs 1230 BO, 1807 BW, 2340 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1147 w/995 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5013 w/1900 sx, 5 ½ @ 19452 w/3400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9100; API #30-025-42918

EOG Resources Inc.
Dogwood 23 Federal Com #703
Wildcat; Sec 23 T26S R33E; 200/S & 1595/E. BHL: Sec 14 653/N & 1323/E; EL 3318 GL, TD 22272 MD, 12476 TVD, PBTD 22140 MD, 12476 TVD; Spud 11-19-17, Comp 3-18-18; production is through treated perfs: 12739-22140. Treat: Frac w/23,456,240# proppant, 393,096 bbls load fluid. IP: 4-4-18 Flow 24 hrs 2477 BO, 7186 BW, 4483 MCF, 42/64 Ch, CP 3120, GOR 1810, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1011 w/875 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5015 w/1045 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11849 w/805 sx, 5 ½ @ 22257 w/1090 sx; API #30-025-44075

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Rojo D 7811 JV-P Com #3
Red Hills; Sec 22 T25S R33E; 210/N & 2178/E. BHL: 220/S & 2161/E; EL 3364 GL, TD 19444 MD, 9307 TVD; Spud 6-9-17, Comp 11-20-17; production is through treated perfs: 9640-19330. Treat: Acdz w/2311 bbls acid, Frac w/514,357,341 mm# sd. IP: 11-30-17 Flow 24 hrs 1226 BO, 2505 BW, 2157 MCF, 42/64" Ch, TP 800, CP 175, GOR 1759, Gty 43.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1172 w/995 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4971 w/1550 sx, 5 ½ @ 19444 w/3405 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8838; API #30-025-42899

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #705
Wildcat; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 241/S & 279/W. BHL: Sec 3 2186/S & 348/W; EL 3333 Gr, TD 20,192 MD, 12,837 TD, PBTD 20,092 MD, 12,837 TVD; Spud 11-30-17, Comp 2-28-18; production is through treated perfs: 13,241-20092. Treat: Frac w/17,112,380# proppant, 252,363 bbls load fluid. IP: 3-20-18 Flow 24 hrs 842 BO, 6680 BW, 2444 MCF, 86 Ch, TP 481, CP 199, GOR 2901, Gty 41. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1024 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5225 w/1465 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12314 w/460 sx, 5 ½ @ 20184 w/820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 12,625; API #30-025-44175

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #707
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 220/N & 1061/E. BHL: 231/S & 1371/E; EL 3321 GR, TD 17,465 MD, 12,868 TVD, PBTD 17,357 MD, 12,868 TVD; Spud 10-31-17, Comp 2-18-18; production is through treated perfs: 12,891-17,357. Treat: Frac w/11,292,280# proppant, 134,781 bbls load fluid. IP: 32-24-18 Flow 24 hrs 2417 BO, 6409 BW, 3662 MCF, 42 Ch, CP 2404, GOR 1515, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 895 w/825 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5189 w/1484 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11935 w/355 sx, 5 ½ @ 17450 w/560 sx; API #30-025-44118

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Mesa 8105 JV-P #11
Jennings; Sec 1 T26S R32E; 310/S & 2178/W. BHL: Sec 12 194/S & 2200/W; EL 3324 GL, TD 14944 MD, 9823 TVD; Spud 12-16-16, Comp 2-16-17; production is through treated perfs: 10122-14807. Treat: Acdz w/2132 bbls 10% acid, Frac w/217,735 bbls & 4732 tons sd. IP: 3-2-17 Flow 24 hrs 491 BO, 3023 BW, 1012 MCF, 42/64" Ch, TP 645, CP 282, GOR 3061, Gty 43.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 862 w/730 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4793 w/1315 sx, 5 ½ @ 14944 w/2065 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10122; API #30-025-42847

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 24 Federal P24 #6
Jennings; Sec 24 T26S R32E; 200/S & 1210/E. BHL: Sec 13 175/N & 1241/E; EL 3137 GL, TD 19286 MD, 9083 TVD, PBTD 19189; Spud 8-11-17, Comp 12-7-17; production is through treated perfs: 9186-19103. Treat: Frac w/16,318,702# proppant. IP: 2-7-18 Flow 24 hrs 1841 BO, 1606 BW, 2449 MCF, 64/6" C, TP 847, CP 458, GOR 1462. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 705 w/844 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4495 w/1487 sx, 5 ½ @ 19278 w/2727 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8714; API #30-025-43673

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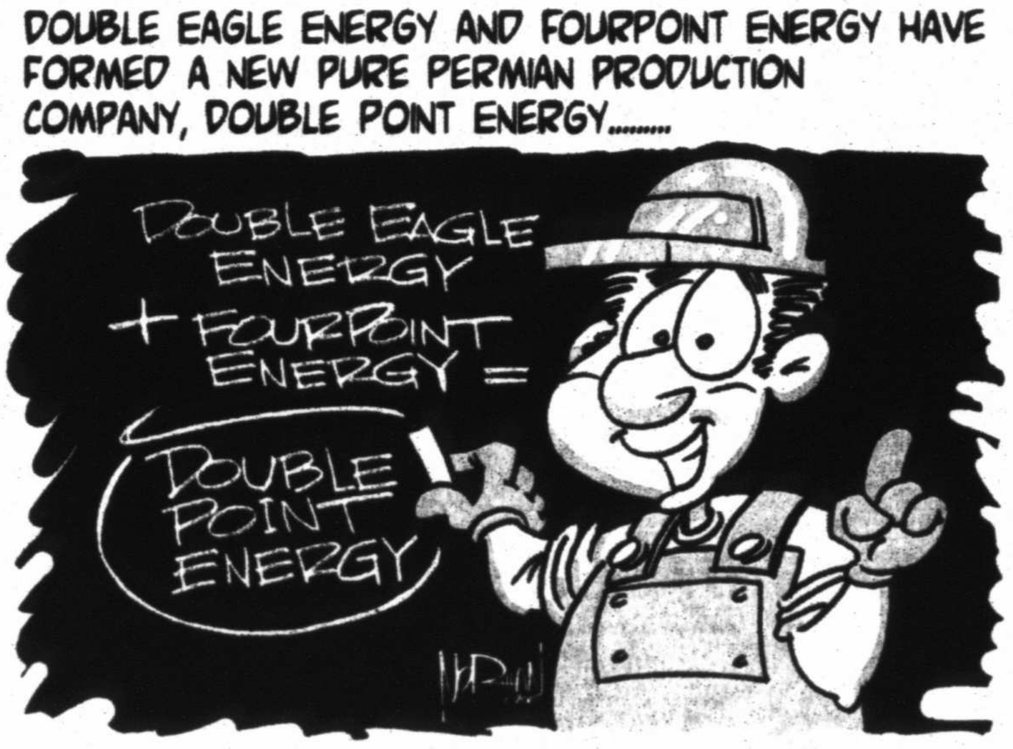
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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$62.05	Shell Trading	$610.30
Energy Transfer Partners*	$61.25	Nymex futures	$65.57*
Flint Hills Resources*	$61.25	*Net price without transportation charge	
Phillips 66	$61.35		
Plains*	$61.25	Note: Posted prices as of June 6	

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 7C

Upton County

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Powell 33A #1HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 548 fnl, 390 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 40, T-5-S, Abst. 1580, T&P RR, 22.7 nw Rankin; TD 10300; API #42-461-40861 Permit issued 6/1

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Powell 33A #2HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 573 fnl, 390 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 40, T-5-S, Abst. 1580, T&P RR, 22.7 nw Rankin; TD 10300; API #42-461-40862 Permit issued 6/1

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Powell 33A #3HM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 623 fnl, 390 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 40, T-5-S, Abst. 1580, T&P RR, 22.7 nw Rankin; TD 10300; API #42-461-40863 Permit issued 6/1

Hunt Oil Company
University 10-3 #105HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2225 fel, 1291 fnl, Sec 15, Blk 4, Abst. 51U, ULS, 6.4 se Rankin; TD 8300; API #42-461-40898 Permit issued 5/30

Hunt Oil Company
University 10-3 #106HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2196 fel, 1299 fnl, Sec 15, Blk 4, Abst. 51U, ULS, 6.4 se Rankin; TD 8300; API #42-461-40899 Permit issued 5/30

Hunt Oil Company
University 10-3 #107HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2167 fel, 1307 fnl, Sec 15, Blk 4, Abst. 51U, ULS, 6.4 se Rankin; TD 8300; API #42-461-40900 Permit issued 5/30

Hunt Oil Company
University 10-3 #108HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2138 fel, 1315 fnl, Sec 15, Blk 4, Abst. 51U, ULS, 6.4 se Rankin; TD 8300; API #42-461-40901 Permit issued 5/30

Summit Petroleum LLC
Cindy C #1409
Spraberry (Trend Area); 591 fnl, 1040 fel, Sec 14, Blk 42, T-5-S, Abst. 1478, T&P RR, 29 nw Rankin; TD 11200; API #42-461-40897 Permit issued 5/31

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Tawny Unit 8-12 #8LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1103 fel, 2240 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 230U, ULS, 15.7 ne Andrews; TD 10800; API #42-003-47832 Permit issued 5/31

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Tawny Unit 8-12 #7LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1134 fel, 2240 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 230U, ULS, 15.7 ne Andrews; TD 10800; API #42-003-47833 Permit issued 5/31

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Tawny Unit 8-12 #6LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1163 fel, 2240 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 230U, ULS, 15.7 ne Andrews; TD 10800; API #42-003-47835 Permit issued 5/31

Mercury Operating LLC
University D #8
Fullerton (San Andres); 668 fel, 1335 fel, Sec 3, Blk 13, Abst. 30IU, ULS, 2.25 ne Frankel City; TD 8000; API #42-003-47829 Permit issued 5/29

Pacesetter Energy LLC
University Frodo #1H
Shafter Lake (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2464 fnl, 1980 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 14, Abst. 445U, ULS, 7.1 nw Andrews; TD 9000; API #42-003-47834 Permit issued 5/31

Parallel Petroleum LLC
Margarita #1
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 720 fnl, 535 fwl, Sec 14, Blk A-33, Abst. 479, PSL, 15 nw Andrews; TD 6500; API #42-003-47827 Permit issued 5/29

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #1802
Fullerton; 1968 fwl, 3268 fnl, Sec 19, Blk A-37, Abst. 2144, PSL, 19.2 nw Andrews; TD 7600; API #42-003-47826 Permit issued 5/30

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #115
Lowe West (Strawn); 467 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 41, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.5 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-41148 Permit issued 5/29

Glasscock County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Foster 4344 #3HD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 650 fsl, 1550 fel, Sec 42, Blk 30, Abst. 797, W&NW RR, 9.3 se Forsan; TD 10000; API #42-173-37899 Permit issued 5/31

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Furqueron #1HD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1572 fel, Sec 2, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 522, Wade RR Co, 9 se Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-173-37908 Permit issued 5/31

DE3 Operating LLC
Fowler-Smith 12-7 B #4402H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 525 fel, 2310 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 818, T&P RR, 7.7 se Stanton; TD 9000; API #42-173-37905 Permit issued 5/30

DE3 Operating LLC
Houston 14 #4207H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 1560 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 302, T&P RR, 9.5 se Stanton; TD 8500; API #42-173-37909 Permit issued 5/30

Howard County

SM Energy Company
Waco Kid B #1945WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1094 fsl, 1905 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1082, T&P RR, 3.27 se Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39640 Permit issued 5/31

SM Energy Company
Waco Kid A #1944WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1091 fsl, 1875 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1082, T&P RR, 3.28 se Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39639 Permit issued 5/31

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-9 Unit E #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 530 fnl, 1160 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 76, Abst. 1233, PSL, 18.21 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-34041 Permit issued 5/31

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-9 Unit E #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 530 fnl, 1190 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 76, Abst. 1233, PSL, 18.21 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-34042 Permit issued 5/31

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-9 Unit E #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 530 fnl, 1660 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 76, Abst. 1257, PSL, 18.22 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-34045 Permit issued 6/1

EOG Resources Inc.
Goodnight Unit #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fel, 1258 fsl, Sec 47, Blk 76, Abst. 1019, PSL, 13 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-34038 Permit issued 5/29

EOG Resources Inc.
Goodnight Unit #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fel, 1225 fsl, Sec 47, Blk 76, Abst. 1019, PSL, 13 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-34039 Permit issued 5/29

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Sid M. Kyle 26 #C002
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 248 fnl, 1387 fel, Sec 35, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 61, T&P RR, 15 n Mentone; TD 11531; API #42-301-34030 Permit issued 5/31

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Sid M. Kyle 26 #D006
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 248 fnl, 1362 fel, Sec 35, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 61, T&P RR, 15 n Mentone; TD 10089; API #42-301-34040 Permit issued 6/1

Martin County

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Big Red Unit 75-82 #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 1295 fwl, Sec 75, Blk B, Abst. 351, Bauer & Cockrell, 10 n Lenorah; TD 17500; API #42-317-41482 Permit issued 5/29

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hazlewood H 41-32 #183R
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 800 fsl, 995 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 232, T&P RR, 10.5 nw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-41484 Permit issued 5/31

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #108HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1086 fel, 456 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 9700; API #42-317-41486 Permit issued 6/1

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #108HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1088 fel, 487 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 9570; API #42-317-41487 Permit issued 6/1

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Halsey 4 #402
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 551 fsl, 949 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 664, T&P RR, 4.8 ne Stanton; TD 10500; API #42-317-41485

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Lario Oil & Gas Company
Nimitz 8 #104
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 357 fnl, 984 fel, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-3-N, Abst. 181, T&P RR, 23.23 nw Stanton; TD 9610; API #42-317-41433 Permit issued 6/1

Midland County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
WTH 10-3 A #212
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 533 fnl, 268 fel, Sec 15, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 16.1 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42538 Permit issued 5/31

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
WTH 10-3 A #214
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 583 fnl, 267 fel, Sec 15, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 16.1 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42539 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #116
Lowe West (Strawn); 517 fsl, 4402 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 41, Abst. 2, G&MMB&A, 5.9 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-329-42489 Permit issued 5/29

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1865 fsl, 142 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 8500; API #42-329-42575 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1850 fsl, 141 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 8800; API #42-329-42576 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #3H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1835 fsl, 141 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 9200; API #42-329-42577 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #4H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1820 fsl, 141 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 9800; API #42-329-42578 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1805 fsl, 140 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 10000; API #42-329-42579 Permit issued 5/31

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Manor Park #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1790 fsl, 140 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland Townsite; TD 10350; API #42-329-42580 Permit issued 5/31

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 50 #205HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3204 fwl, 2970 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 946, T&P RR, 18.27 se Midland; TD 8140; API #42-329-42584 Permit issued 6/1

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 50 #105HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3178 fwl, 2969 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 946, T&P RR, 18.27 se Midland; TD 8510; API #42-329-42583 Permit issued 5/31

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Waffle Iron #H230MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 269 fnwl, 620 fswl, Sec 43, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 31, T&P RR, 2.2 ne Midland; TD 8500; API #42-329-42454 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Waffle Iron #H225WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 269 fnwl, 650 fswl, Sec 43, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 31, T&P RR, 2.2 ne Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42459 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H160LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 286 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 9300; API #42-329-42552 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H160MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 316 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 8500; API #42-329-42553 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H155WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 676 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42555 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H155SS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 646 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 8800; API #42-329-42556 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H150WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 1006 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 9900; API #42-329-42557 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H150LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 946 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 9300; API #42-329-42558 Permit issued 5/29

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel A #H150MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 110 fsel, 976 fswl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 1.7 s Midland; TD 8500; API #42-329-42559 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #20H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3944 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42541 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #21H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3924 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42542 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #22H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3904 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42543 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #23H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3884 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42544 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #24H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3864 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42545 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McClintic E #25H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 3844 fel, Sec 59, Blk 37, T-2-S, Abst. 972, J.R. Ray, 14.7 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42546 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3424H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1150 fwl, 492 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42560 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3425H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1195 fwl, 492 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42561 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3426H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1240 fwl, 492 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42562 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3430H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1314 fel, 508 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42582 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3429H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1485 fel, 503 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42554 Permit issued 5/29

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3431H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1315 fel, 463 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42567 Permit issued 5/30

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3432H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1316 fel, 418 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42568 Permit issued 5/30

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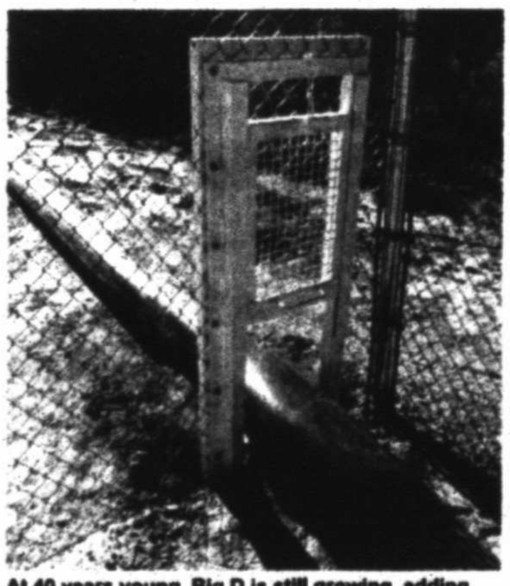
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Parks #0446SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1223 fel, 7044 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Midland; TD 8800; API #42-329-42563 Permit issued 5/30

XTO Energy Inc.
Parks #0407BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1173 fel, 7044 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Midland; TD 9850; API #42-329-42564 Permit issued 5/30

XTO Energy Inc.
Parks #0427SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1123 fel, 7043 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Midland; TD 8800; API #42-329-42565 Permit issued 5/30

XTO Energy Inc.
Parks #0417AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 451 fel, 6566 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42566 Permit issued 5/30

XTO Energy Inc.
Parks #0408BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 401 fel, 6564 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Midland; TD 9850; API #42-329-42581 Permit issued 5/30

Pecos County

Gordy Oil Company
Road King #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 669 fsl, 30 fel, Sec 526, Abst. 39, CCI Co., 7.5 e Fort Stockton; TD 11500; API #42-371-39755 Permit issued 5/29

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 51-54-E #4309H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 405 fnl, 2632 fel, Sec 51, Blk 8, Abst. 219, H&GN RR, 5.5 ne Coyanosa; TD 10300; API #42-371-39714 Permit issued 5/31

Pearl Resources Operating Co. LLC
Garnet State #2021HA
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal, 660 fwl, 330 fsl, Sec 20, Blk 8, Abst. 5206, H&GN RR, 31.63 nw Fort Stockton; TD 15000; API #42-371-39754 Permit issued 5/31

Pearl Resources Operating Co. LLC
Garnet State #2022HA
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 330 fel, 330 fsl, Sec 20, Blk 8, Abst. 5206, H&GN RR, 31.6 nw Fort Stockton; TD 15000; API #42-371-39756 Permit issued 6/1

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Burnside #407AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1898 fel, Sec 32, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-37207 Permit issued 5/29

Apache Corporation
Burnside #408BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1868 fel, Sec 32, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-37208 Permit issued 5/29

Apache Corporation
Burnside #409AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1230 fel, Sec 32, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-37209 Permit issued 5/29

Apache Corporation
Burnside #410BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1200 fel, Sec 32, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-37210 Permit issued 5/29

BHP Billiton Petroleum (TxLa Operating) Co.
State Willie Vee 56-T3-6 #W105H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 1567 fel, Sec 6, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 5313, T&P RR, 5.76 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-37211 Permit issued 5/31

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Carpenter State #U 47H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 348 fsl, 850 fel, Sec 248, Blk 13, Abst. 1605, H&GN RR, 19 sw Pecos; TD 10500; API #42-389-37195 Permit issued 5/29

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Mercedes #L 49H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 850 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 312, Blk 13, Abst. 4520, H&GN RR, 27.4 s Pecos; TD 10500; API #42-389-37219 Permit issued 5/31

COG Operating LLC
Tumbler State A #1853H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2234 fnl, 8 fwl, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.63 se Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-37192 Permit issued 5/29

COG Operating LLC
Tumbler State B #1873H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2233 fnl, 53 fwl, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.63 se Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-37193 Permit issued 5/29

COG Operating LLC
Tumbler State E #1874H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2202 fnl, 1152 fel, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.41 se Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-37212 Permit issued 5/30

COG Operating LLC
The Sphinx #770H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 716 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 6, Abst. 14, H&GN RR, 6.06 se Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-37204 Permit issued 5/29

COG Operating LLC
The Sphinx #772H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 295 fsl, 716 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 6, Abst. 14, H&GN RR, 6.06 se Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-37205 Permit issued 5/29

COG Operating LLC
The Sphinx #793H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 340 fsl, 716 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 6, Abst. 14, H&GN RR, 6.06 se Pecos; TD 9300; API #42-389-37206 Permit issued 5/29

Energen Resources Corporation
Longfellow Unit 3-13 #703H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1790 fnwl, 250 fnel, Sec 20, Blk C-19, PSL, 12.9 nw Pecos; TD 14500; API #42-389-37201 Permit issued 6/1

EOG Resources Inc.
State Coachman A Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 599 fel, 623 fnl, Sec 29, Blk 57, Abst. 4446, PSL, 18.3 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-37224 Permit issued 6/1

EOG Resources Inc.
State Coachman A Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 569 fel, 638 fnl, Sec 29, Blk 57, Abst. 4446, PSL, 18.3 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-37225 Permit issued 6/1

Luxe Operating LLC
Eagle Rare 4-3E Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 374 fsl, 727 fel, Sec 11, Blk C-18, Abst. 5740, PSL, 9.3 ne Toyah; TD 12000; API #42-389-37227 Permit issued 6/1

Oxy USA WTP LP
Vanguard 3 #17H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 516 fnl, 1043 fel, Sec 2, Blk C-7, Abst. 1974, PSL, 10.1 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37197 Permit issued 5/29

PDC Permian Inc.
Sunnyside State 2 #B 2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 129 fsl, 470 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 45, Abst. 3655, PSL, 9.86 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37222 Permit issued 6/1

PDC Permian Inc.
Sunnyside State 2 #A 3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 129 fsl, 443 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 45, Abst. 3655, PSL, 9.86 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37223 Permit issued 6/1

Ward County

Eland Energy Inc.
Sealy Smith #854
Wickett (Pennsylvanian); 3270 fnl, 1987 fel, Sec 85, Blk A, Abst. 965, G&MMB&A, 5 nw Monahans; TD 11000; API #42-475-37564 Permit issued 5/29

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Trestle #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 68 fnel, 112 fsel, Sec 228, Blk 34, Abst. 1078, H&TC RR, 6.5 nw Barstow; TD 12500; API #42-475-37562 Permit issued 5/29

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
UTL 1308A-17 #31H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fel, 1665 fnl, Sec 28, Blk 17, Abst. 67U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 15000; API #42-475-37565 Permit issued 5/30

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
UTL 1308A-17 #41H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1695 fnl, 450 fel, Sec 28, Blk 17, Abst. 67U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 15000; API #42-475-37566 Permit issued 5/30

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
UTL 1308B-17 #51H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fel, 2095 fsl, Sec 28, Blk 17, Abst. 67U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 15000; API #42-475-37567 Permit issued 5/31

Shell Western E&P
Brady 34-209 WRD Unit #1H
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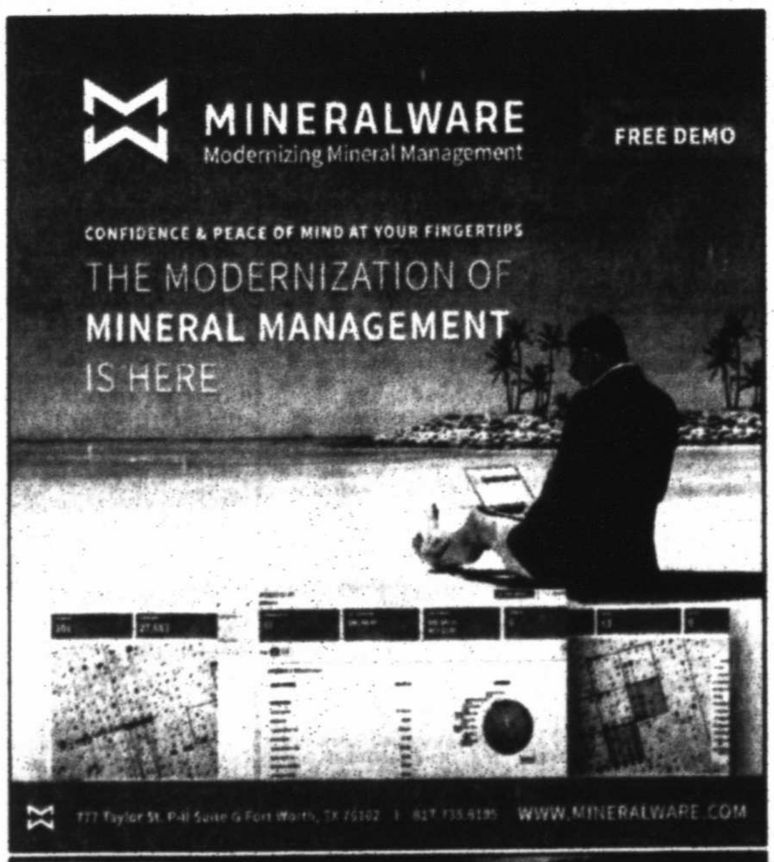
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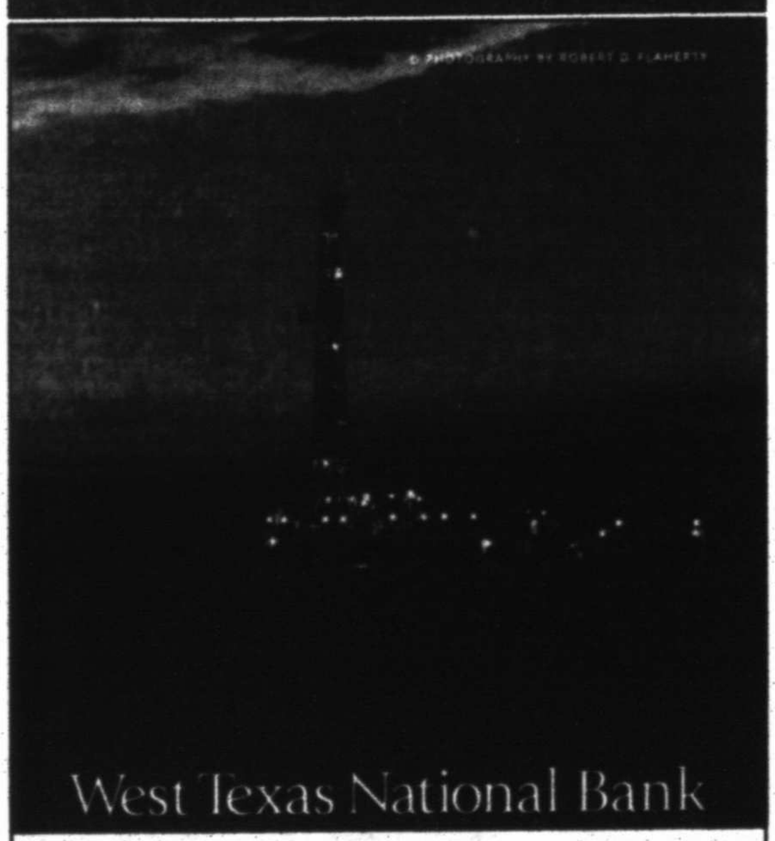
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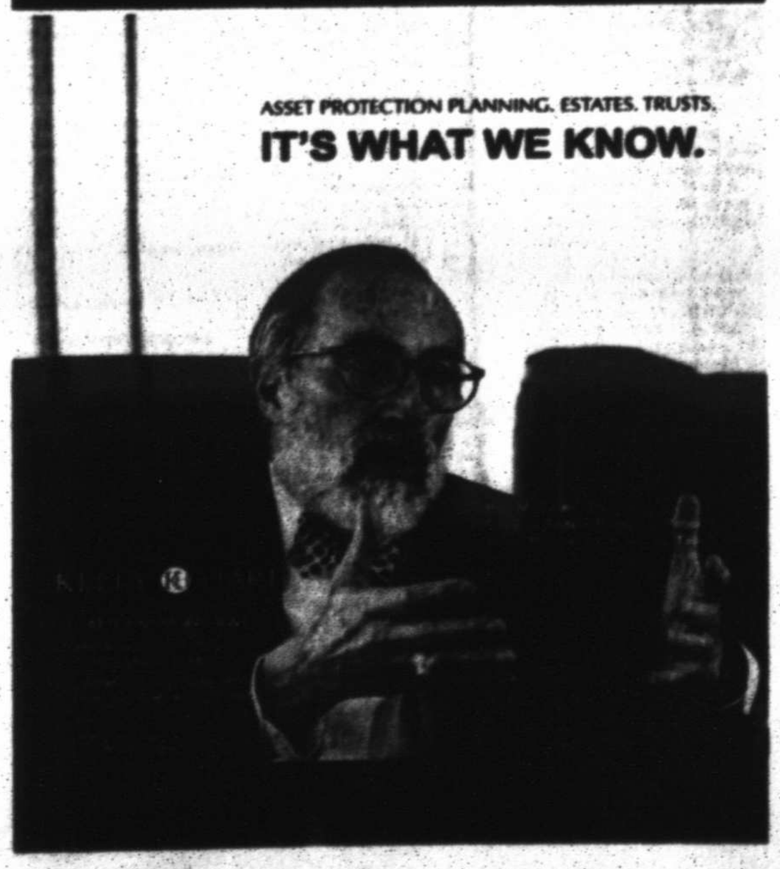
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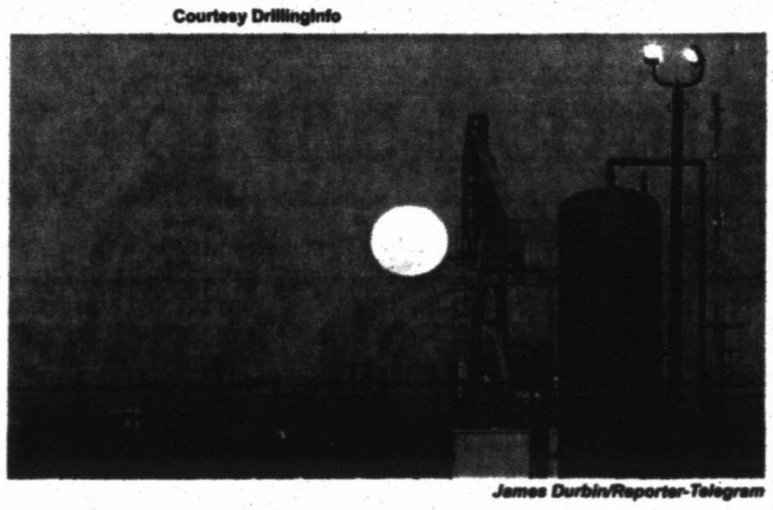






DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The moon rises over an active oil and gas exploration site near Interstate 20 on March 1 in Midland.

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Mi Noche #32H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 440 fnel, 295 fsel, Abst. 398, M. Kranskopf, 3.9 ne Pecos; TD 10230; API #42-475-37570 Permit issued 6/1

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Hornswoggle #4
Monahans North (Clearfork); 1787 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 71, Blk A, Abst. 56, G&MMB&A, 9.9 nw Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34160 Permit issued 6/1

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Hornswoggle #5
Monahans North (Clearfork); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 71, Blk A, Abst. 56, G&MMB&A, 9.3 nw Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34161 Permit issued 6/1

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
Booth Falls 2722-27 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnl, 937 fel, Sec 22, Blk 27, Abst. 1739, PSL, 9.27 w Kermit; TD 14000; API #42-495-34158 Permit issued 6/1

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
Booth Falls 2722-27 #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 937 fel, Sec 22, Blk 27, Abst. 1739, PSL, 9.27 w Kermit; TD 14000; API #42-495-34159 Permit issued 6/1

Impetro Operating LLC
East Axis #2H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 660 fel, 2266 fnl, Sec 16, Blk C-23, Abst. 1324, PSL, 12 nw Kermit; TD 13000; API #42-495-34152 Permit issued 6/1

WPX Energy Permian LLC
Kali 25 #1H
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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Orthrus Unit A 34-22 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 247 fsl, 653 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 31, Abst. 847, T&P RR, 9.9 e Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32471 Permit issued 5/29

Cochran County

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Where Choo Choo Go Unit 56-57 #1H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2589 fsl, 380 fwl, Sec 56, Abst. 38, T. Harrison, 13 se Bledsoe; TD 6200; API #42-079-33392 Permit issued 5/29

Energy Hunter Resources Inc.
Dean Unit "B" #1001H
Slaughter-Horizontal; 3092 fwl, 7202 fnl, Sec 91, Abst. 80, Lipscomb CSL, 12 sw Whiteface; TD 5300; API #42-079-33393 Permit issued 6/1

Occidental Permian Ltd.
IGOE-Smith Operating Area #4R
Slaughter; 2157 fwl, 2590 fnl, Sec 56, Abst. 66, Oldham CSL, 9.4 w Sundown; TD 5100; API #42-079-33384 Permit issued 5/31

Gaines County

Ring Energy Inc.
Ellen B. Peters #3H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 150 fnl, 2200 fel, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 7000; API #42-165-38720 Permit issued 5/29

Ring Energy Inc.
Ellen B. Peters #1H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 150 fnl, 380 fel, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 7000; API #42-165-38719 Permit issued 5/29

Ring Energy Inc.
Ellen B. Peters #6H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 150 fnl, 380 fwl, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 7000; API #42-165-38721 Permit issued 5/29

Seaboard Operating Co.
Robertson North Lower Clearfork Unit #517L
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 100 fsl, 4230 fel, Sec 10, Blk AX, Abst. 1052, PSL, 13 w Seminole; TD 7350; API #42-165-38710 Permit issued 5/29

Garza County

Shenandoah Resources LLC
UMT "167" #4
Coulter (Spraberry); 190 fsl, 1013 fwl, Sec 167, Abst. 372, ELSRR, 12 ne Post; TD 9500; API #42-169-34281 Permit issued 6/1

King County

Covenant Operating LLC
Springer #1535
Tankerwood Northeast (Tannehill); 470 fsl, 2093 fel, Sec 193, Blk F, Abst. 208, HSTC RR, 13.5 nw Guthrie; TD 4000; API #42-269-32978 Permit issued 6/1

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #138-11
Kelly-Snyder; 1407 fsl, 668 fel, Sec 178, Blk 3, Abst. 944, H&GN RR, 2.42 nw Snyder; TD 7800; API #42-415-35407 Permit issued 5/30

13595 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44904

Apache Corp. Palmillo 26 State Com #313 Winchester; Sec 26 T19S R28E; 1675/S & 275/E; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13346 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44905

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Apache Corp. Palmillo 26 St Com #316 Winchester; Sec 26 T19S R28E; 780/N & 230/E; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13551 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44908

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
State 22 27 #2 SW Palmillo; Sec 27 T19S R28E; 330/N & 380/E; 15 mi N Carlsbad; Rot 12805 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44901

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
State 22 27 #3 SW Palmillo, Sec 27 T19S R28E; 330/N & 420/E; 15 mi N Carlsbad; Rot 13705 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44902

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Airport State 22 26 36 WXY #10 Purple Sage; Sec 36 T22S R26E; 337/S & 1327/E; 2 1/2 mi S Carlsbad; Rot 13622 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44912

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Eagle Power Fee 23 27 5 WA #1 Purple Sage; Sec 4 T23S R27E; 1316/N & 259/W; 1 mi SW Otis; Rot 13748 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44909

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
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Chisholm Energy Operating LLC Cottonwood 29 32 Federal Com WCB #5 Purple Sage; Sec 29 T26S R26E; 100/N & 1360/E; 12 mi SW White City; Rot 16437 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44915

Chisholm Energy Operating LLC Cottonwood 29 32 Federal Com WCA #6 Purple Sage; Sec 29 T26S R26E; 100/N & 1145/W; 12 mi SW White City; Rot 15222 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44916

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Eagle 2 St Com #131 Lea; Sec 2 T20S R34E; 183/S & 222/W; 13 mi NE Hatlway; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44676

Matador Production Co.
Eagle 2 St Com #132 Lea; Sec 2 T20S R34E; 173/S & 1988/W; 13 mi NE Hatlway; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44677

Centennial Resources Production LLC Chedder 36S Federal Com #1 Bilbrey Basin; Sec 5 T22S R32E; 244/S & 370/W; 9 mi SE Hatlway; Rot 22100 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44692

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. Bell Lake Unit North #201 South Bell Lake; Sec 1 T23S R33E; 2140/N & 325/W; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 18518 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44690

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. Bell Lake Unit North #301 North Bell Lake; Sec 1 T23S R33E; 2120/N & 325/W; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 18982 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44691

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. Bell Lake Unit North #401 North Bell Lake; Sec 1 T23S R33E; 2100/N & 325/W; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 18982 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44693

Marathon Oil Permian LLC Flowmaster Fee 24 34 15 WXY #2 Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T24S R34E; 980/S & 1828/W; 2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17172 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44689

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Petroleum Professional Development Center

From 3F

2018 – Monday - Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675; Out of State $700

Basic Oilfield Operations
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: June 27 -28, 2018 – Wednesday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Vaiden
Start Date: June 27, 2018 - Wednesday– 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

Advanced Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Vaiden
Start Date: June 28, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: July 5, 2018; End Date: July 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., July 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Oil and Gas Law and its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: July 5, 2018; End Date: July 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m.., July 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Hydraulic Fracturing in Horizontal Wells
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: July 9 -10, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800; Out of State $825

Basic Drilling for Non Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: July 10 – 11, 2018
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: July 11 -12, 2018 – Wednesday – Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing
Instructor: Aaron Burton
Start Date: July 12, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pausé
Start Date: July 18-19, 2018 – Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1835; Out of State $1880

New Course: Artificial Lift and Production Optimization
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
Start Date: July 17-19, 2018 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1500; $1525 Out of State (Lunch included)

New Course: Artificial Lift and Real-Time Optimization for Unconventional Assets
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
Start Date: July 24 -26, 2018 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1500; $1525 Out of State (Lunch included)

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: July 24-25, 2018 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

SEGMarkit: Energy Seaview Training
Instructor: Keith Ine
Start Date: July 26, 2018 – Thursday – 9 a.m. to Noon
Cost: Complimentary - Register directly with IHS Markit

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: August 2, 2018; End Date: August 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., August 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: August 2, 2018; End Date: August 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., August 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Sucker Rod Pumps: From Basics to Troubleshooting
Instructor: Rodney Smith
Start Date: August 2, 2018 Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $150; Out of State $175

Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: August 6-10, 2018 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

PetroSkills: Corrosion Management in Production/ Processing Operations – PF-22
Instructor: Dr. Carlos Palacios
Start Date: August 6-10, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4190 - Register directly with PetroSkills

New Course: Gas Lift and Optimization in Unconventional – Primer through Intermediate Application Concepts
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
Start Date: August 14-16, 2018 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1500; $1525 Out of State (Lunch included)

SQL
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: August 16th – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State $400

Advanced SQL
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: August 17th – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $450; Out of State $475

PetroSkills: Piping Systems - Mechanical Designs and Specifications – ME-41
Instructor: Gerald Guidroz
Start Date: August 20-24, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4290 - Register directly with PetroSkills

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geological Interpretation
Instructor: Glen Penfield
Start Date: August 20-21, 2018 – Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1400 - Register directly with IHS Markit

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Seismic Interpretation
Instructor: Glen Penfield
Start Date: August 22-24, 2018 – Wednesday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $2100 - Register directly with IHS Markit

Fundamentals of Well Log Interpretation
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: August 22-24th – Wednesday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $775; Out of State $800

Professional Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: August 24, 2018 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: September 5, 2018; End Date: September 28, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., September 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil & Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: September 5, 2018; End Date: September 28, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., September 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

PetroSkills: Advanced Hydraulic Fracturing - AHF
Instructor: Alfred Jennings
Start Date: September 10-14, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4390 - Register directly with PetroSkills

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: September 11-12, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batchelder
Start Date: September 24-26, 2018 – Monday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State $1120

PEEVille
Instructor: Colin Hawkins
Start Date: September 25-26, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batchelder
Start Date: September 27-28, 2018 – Thursday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

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UT Permian Basin Falcon Athletics report student athlete excellence

"We are so proud of the hard work and determination that our student-athletes show every day both on the field and in the classroom."

–Dr. Sandra Woodley
President, UT Permian Basin

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The Spring 2018 academic report is complete and shows 179 of UT Permian Basin's student-athletes recorded a grade-point average of at least 3.0 during the spring semester.

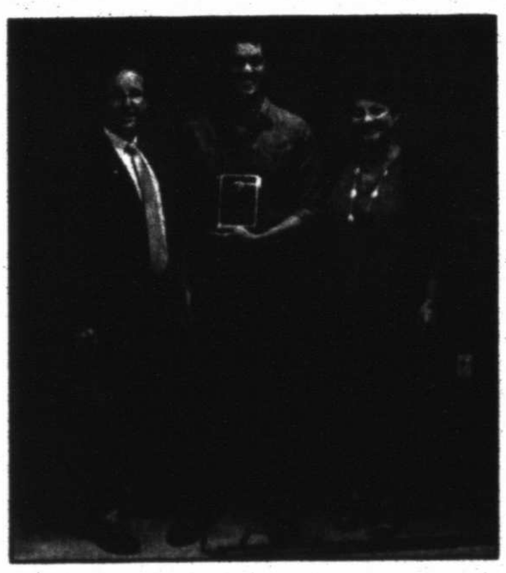
"I appreciate the emphasis that our coaches and staff have placed on receiving a great academic experience," said Director of Athletics Scott Farmer. "I am proud of how this report reflects on both the quality of education available at UT Permian Basin and the hard work and dedication by our student-athletes."

Four teams recorded a team-GPA above 3.0 this past semester, led by women's tennis with a 3.64 GPA. men's tennis followed with a 3.51 GPA, while men's soccer had a 3.14 GPA and men's swimming and diving a GPA of 3.13.

121 student-athletes met the requirements for the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll of a GPA of at least 3.3.

Almost 10 percent of student-athletes had a perfect GPA this past semester as 29 student-athletes had a 4.0 GPA or higher.

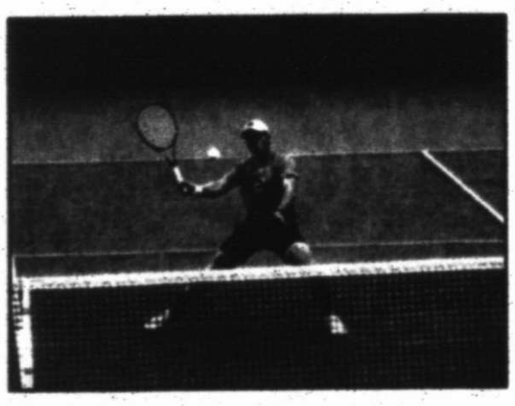
"We are so proud of the hard work and determination that our student-athletes show every day both on the field and in the classroom," said UT Permian Basin President Sandra Woodley. "I know how difficult it is to achieve success at the highest levels both academically and athletically. I respect these students for their commitment to excellence."





Above left: Scott Farmer, Gustavo Resende and Dr. Sandra Woodley. Right: Scott Farmer, Ashlynn Williams and Dr. Sandra Woodley Below: Raul Stevens plays in the quarterfinal match at the 2018 Lonestar Conference Championships in Corpus Christi TX.
All photos by UT Permian Basin Athletics

Ashlynn Williams (Softball) and Gustavo Damis Resende (Men's Swimming) were named the first-ever UT Permian Basin Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Williams along with Mike Fernandez (Baseball) were named Lone Star Conference Scholar-Athletes, and Williams was the Falcons' first recipient of the Lone Star Conference Degree Completion Award, a scholarship awarded to help a student-athlete that has exhausted their eligibility complete their degree.



Falcon Athletics to offer Football Camps



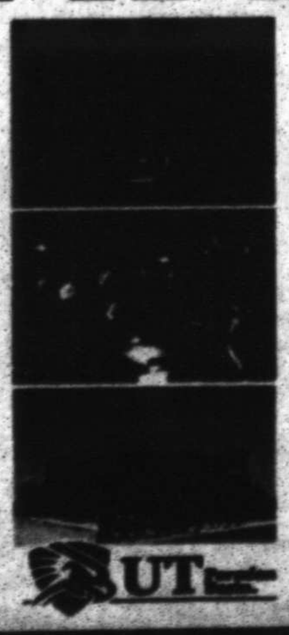
UT Permian Basin football will be holding four more youth camps over the rest of the summer, in both Odessa and various places around Texas.

A free three-day kids camp open to those in grades K-8 will be held on the campus of UT Permian Basin June 18-20.

Three camps for grades 9-12 will be held later in the summer; June 23 on campus at the Falcons turf field, July 20 in Houston and July 21 in San Antonio. Prices for these three camps are $30 in advance and $35 on the day of.

For more information on 2018 UTPB Football Summer Camps, visit www.utpbfootballcamps.com.

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ENERGYBRIEFS

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WTGS hosts New England researcher

Members of the West Texas Geological Society will meet tUESDAY in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Ramil Ahmadov from the New England Research Inc. will present "Integration of experimentally derived rock properties into characterization workflows."

Cost is $25 in advance, $35 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or by email at wtgs@wtgs.org. Online reservations are also available at www.wtgs.org and clicking on the Events tab.

KERMIT

Alpine Silica plans new frac sand plants in Texas, Oklahoma

Alpine Silica HAS announced two new projects in Van Horn, Texas and Fay, Oklahoma, further adding to its existing portfolio. The firm currently owns and operates one plant in the Permian Basin, with production capacity of about 3 million tons of high-quality frac sand per year.

Alpine Silica has secured nearly 51 million tons of reserves for the Oklahoma initiative and is estimating that the plant will produce over three million tons of premium frac sand per year. The project in Fay, is expected to break ground within the next 30 days with construction lasting six months by an affiliated construction group.

HOUSTON

Anadarko, Western Gas announce settlement of Tangible Equity Units

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Western Gas Equity Partners LP. announce the settlement of 9.2 million outstanding tangible equity units, originally issued in 2015, in exchange for approximately 8,207,320 WGP common units and cash in lieu of fractional units.

HOUSTON

EVX Midstream Partners announces Eagle Ford expansion

EVX Midstream Partners LLC has signed a definitive agreement with one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas producers whereby EVX will construct, own and operate a new produced water gathering and disposal system over approximately 40,000 dedicated acres in McMullen County.

Additionally, EVX announced the commissioning of its newly constructed Hacksaw crude gathering system. Also located in McMullen County, the Hacksaw system will provide its customers with wellhead gathering, treating and storage, as well as access to markets in the Houston Ship Channel and Corpus Christi.

HOUSTON

Houston American Energy CEO leaves

Houston American Energy Corp. announced certain management changes.

After careful consideration, the board of directors of Houston American determined not to renew the position of John Boylan as chairman, president and CEO of the company, terminating Mr. Boylan's service in those positions effective immediately.

Houston American will immediately commence a search for Boylan's replacement. Pending hiring a replacement, Steve Hartzell, a longtime director and lead independent director, has assumed the roleof chairman on a temporary basis and James Schoonover, a major investor in Houston American and April 2018 addition to the board, has assumed the role of interim CEO.

Hartzell stated; "After considering the recent slow pace of prospect generation, drilling and development and our low valuation, our board determined that a change of leadership was necessary. Our board believes that attractive opportunities remain available and that a leader with strong upstream oil and gas industry experience and access to deal flow will allow Houston American to tap attractive opportunities and develop and execute a coherent drilling and development strategy.

Our goal is simple - to put the company back on a growth path to achieve sustainable and growing production, reserves, revenues, profitability and cash flow.

We continue to hold valuable Permian Basin assets with existing production and an inventory of drilling prospects while retaining a debt-free balance sheet and access to public capital markets. We believe that these characteristics position the company to achieve our growth objectives and will allow us to attract new leadership with the necessary industry experience to develop and execute a sustainable growth strategy. We are appreciative of Mr. Boylan's contributions to Houston American and wish him well in his future endeavors."

OKLAHOMA

Midstates Petroleum closes sale of Aadarko Basin properties

TULSA — Midstates Petroleum Company Inc. has closed the previously announced sale of its Anadarko Basin producing properties located in the Texas panhandle and western Oklahoma for $58 million. The net proceeds were approximately $54 million, subject to standard post-closing adjustments. The proceeds will be used to pay down a portion of the outstanding borrowings under the company's revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes.



