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Nonprofits face uncertainty in wake of new tax law

Conaway files bill to reverse policies impacting local organizations

By Simone Jasper
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As Midland nonprofits face the requirement of paying a new tax, some leaders are uncertain how the change will impact their organizations financially. The situation unfolds as they await the outcome of a bill that proposes repealing parts of the tax law that affect them.

The revised U.S. tax code adopted in December includes a provision that makes nonprofits responsible for paying a 21 percent tax on some benefits they offer their employees — including those related to parking, transportation and on-site athletic facilities.

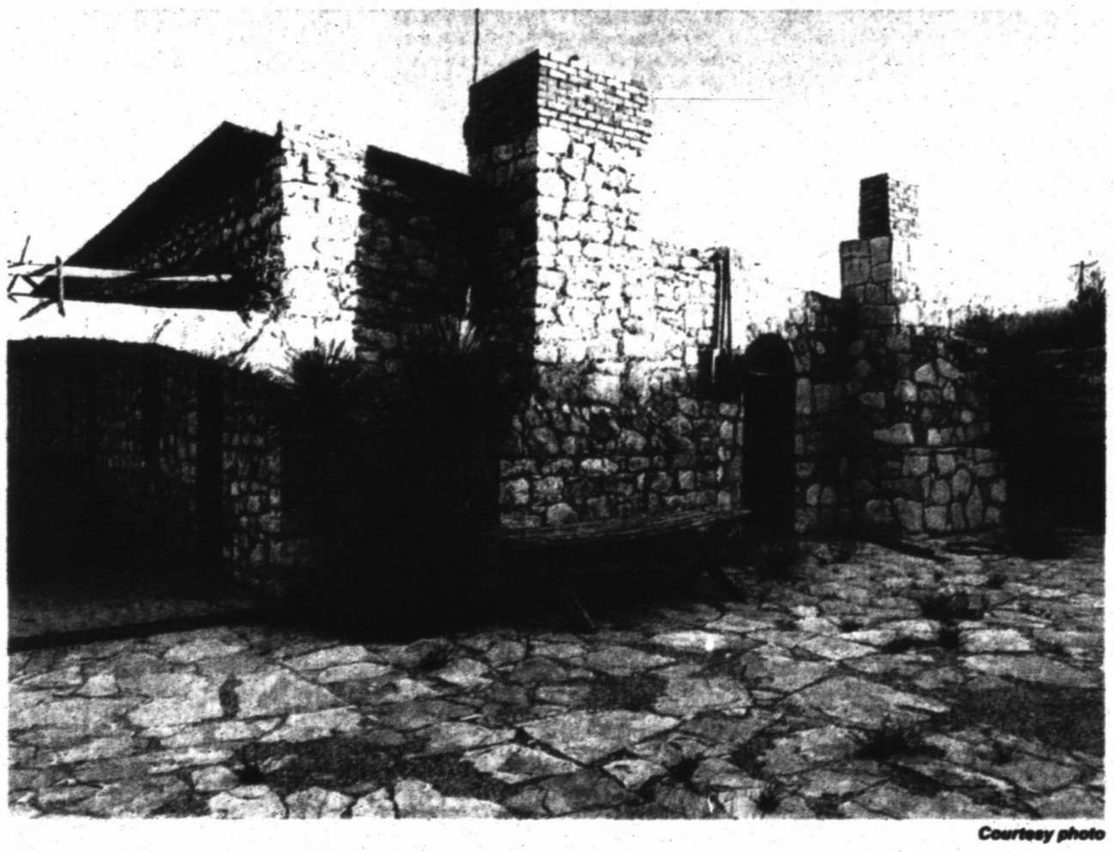
Those offerings are now considered unrelated business taxable income, meaning they are not part of a nonprofit's central purpose and can be taxed. The provision went into effect in January, but some local leaders say they are still awaiting guidance.

"We're in limbo," said Guy McCrary, president and CEO of the Permian Basin Area Foundation. "Basically, we're in an advocacy position. We're sharing information with other nonprofits in the area and across the state."

The foundation hopes it and other traditionally tax-exempt organizations in the United States will receive clarification about the law and relief from the tax,

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GHOST TOWN FOR SALE



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The main house is shown at The Villa de la Mina, a ghost town in Terlingua, which is near Big Bend. The Villa de la Mina is for sale for $1.75 million.

West Texas fortress goes on the market

■ Owner hopes a developer will revitalize Villa de la Mina

By S.M. Chavey
San Antonio Express-News

A 62-acre town with all the amenities of an early 1900s village could be yours for $1.75 million — a lower asking price than many of the luxury houses in San Antonio.

The owner of the Villa de la Mina, a ghost town in Terlingua, recently put the property on the market. Near Big Bend National Park in West Texas, it includes the largest mine in the area with a railroad track entering it.

Herman Everett bought the property a couple years ago hoping to revitalize it. At the time, four different people had partial stakes, so he spent about a year chasing them down until he had obtained full ownership.

Everett, who has acted in the television show "Badlands," filmed in West Texas, also owns the High Sierra Bar and Grill and the El Dorado Hotel.

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Several factors combine to push up price of oil

By Stanley Reed
New York Times News Service

LONDON — When major oil producers last met in Vienna, they said they would curb rising prices by ramping up production. Why, then, are oil prices still going up?

Oil report

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Officials from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, and other major oil producers like Russia pledged last month to increase total output by around 1 percent of the global oil supply. President Trump has pressed the issue further, repeatedly calling for lower oil prices.

Yet prices have remained stubbornly high. The price of Brent crude, the international benchmark, has risen more than 20 percent so far this year, to around $78 a barrel.

Here are some of the factors pushing prices higher.

RISKY PRODUCERS

Saudi Arabia is under pressure to quickly increase its production of oil, but those increases may not be enough to offset declines in three countries grappling with crises: Iran, Libya and Venezuela.

The Trump administration has softened demands that countries like China and India end all imports of oil from Iran. But Trump has nevertheless sought to line up support against Tehran as the United States prepares to reimpose sanctions on its energy sector.

At present, Iran exports around 2 million barrels of oil a day, equivalent to

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New rules could impact foreign graduates
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The Marathon Petroleum Corp. Garyville refinery stands May 25 in Garyville, La.

US oil refiners at full throttle with margins under threat

By Jessica Summer
Bloomberg

U.S. refiners have returned from maintenance with a vengeance, processing more than 18 million barrels a day of crude and other oils for the first time in the week ending June 22. What does that mean for the markets?

Gasoline stockpiles have increased 2.9 percent in June, the biggest gain for the month since 2009. There's enough supply to cover 25.4 days of demand, almost a full day above the five-year average.

Shrinking margins

The record runs are squeezing the once-mighty profit margins for refiners. The Nymex gasoline crack spread, a rough measure for how much refiners make from producing the motor fuel, sank more than 30 percent in June, the biggest drop for the month in a decade, helped by a tightening WTI-Brent spread.

Out of tune

With gasoline the weakest relative to diesel seasonally in five years, refiners are pushing out motor fuel into a swamped market.

Typically, production maxes out in the summer to meet driving demand, and refiners are "tuned" to produce more of the motor fuel. A glut of gasoline will weigh on margins, given it's almost twice the yield of distillate. "These prices that we are seeing at the pump are going to dissuade growth on the consumer side. On the diesel side, prices are still a little lower than they had been--there was still some room to run," said Ashley Petersen, lead oil analyst at Stratas Advisors in New York. "It's a little easier for shipping companies to distribute those costs than it is for John Smith who is paying $3.50 at the pump to distribute that in his monthly budget."

Refining, exports

The refining bonanza typically leads to declines in U.S. crude stockpiles as refiners increase demand for oil to process. Crude inventories are sliding, after lagging previous years' declines for the beginning of peak driving season.

Record crude production from the Permian Basin can't keep up with all-time high demand from refiners and exporters. Stockpiles posted the biggest June drop on a percentage basis since 2009, tumbling across the Midwest and Gulf Coast.

Pump prices

On a four-week average basis, gasoline implied demand is the lowest seasonally since 2015, and falling at a time when it normally increases. The latest monthly data show April demand was down 0.7 percent from a year earlier, according to the Energy Information Administration.

"Now that demand is starting to evaporate as a function of the price being too high, people are going to say 'I'm not driving to Maine this summer. I am going to drive to the Jersey Shore for my five-day vacation instead,'" said Bob Yawger, director of futures at Mizuho Securities USA Inc. in New York. As a result, you'll "have all this gasoline laying around."

Some of the apparent demand weakness could be due to exports of the fuel, which have run well above historical levels this spring. Higher pump prices may also put a damper on demand. Retail gasoline flirted with $3 a gallon before falling back, and is still about 60 cents a gallon more expensive than a year ago.

It's typical to see demand increase around the U.S. Independence Day holiday and into the rest of the summer, according to Nick Holmes, an analyst at Tortoise in Leawood, Kansas, which manages $16 billion in energy-related assets. "The next 45 days will be important" in terms of evaluating the demand trend for the remainder of the year, he said.

Scientists: Better pavement could improve mileage

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

Ways of stretching more miles out of a gallon of fuel run from the practical, keep it under 65 mph, to the extravagant, buying premium gasoline, to the outright anti-Texan, buying a smaller vehicle.

Now scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology think they have found a solution. But they're not looking to improve the vehicle, but rather what it drives on.

Researchers are studying what they describe as "Pavement-Vehicle Interactions," namely how road quality or the lack thereof affects vehicle efficiency.

"PVI leads to excess fuel consumption, which is wasted fuel consumption beyond what is required to move a vehicle," MIT's website reads. That "contributes to smog and greenhouse gas emissions, and impacts drivers, states, and municipalities financially."

The road factors being researched are roughness, texture and something called deflection — apparently roads bend when they are driven on, creating a drag effect on the vehicle.

A study of California road data found that the condition of the pavement increased fuel consumption by 1 billion gallons over a five-year period, accounting for 1 percent of total fuel consumption.

The solution, scientists say, is to build smoother and stiffer roadways, minimizing vehicle resistance while also reducing tire wear.

Price

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about 2 percent of global supply. But the United States wants to drastically curb Tehran's ability to sell its natural resources, eating into any additional supply from Saudi Arabia, Russia or elsewhere.

"The administration is posturing, to a certain extent, with this hard-line position," said Andrew Keller, a former State Department sanctions expert who is now a partner at the law firm Hogan Lovells.

Still, analysts have been increasing their estimates of how far Iranian crude exports are likely to fall, from a few hundred thousand barrels a day to around a million. A loss in the upper end of that range would wipe out much of the added supply that oil producers had promised in Vienna.

That looming outage is far from the only potential disruption weighing on the oil markets.

Venezuela, once a major producer, has nearly halved output, to less than 1.4 million barrels a day, as its economy has cratered and international sanctions have been imposed on the country. Further declines seem almost certain.

Fighting among various armed factions in Libya, meanwhile, has meant that the North African country will not be able to supply around 850,000 barrels a day, most of its output.

"It is almost turning into a geopolitical perfect storm for the oil markets," said Helima Croft, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets, an investment bank. It will be tough for Saudi Arabia, she added, "to bridge the gap caused by Venezuela, Iran and now Libya."

Supply and demand

Oil is not in short supply — for now.

Long-running production cuts by OPEC and Russia have drained once-brimming storage tanks to more normal levels. That means that any threats to output have a bigger effect on oil prices.

With the world economy growing and demand for energy on the rise, "prices can skyrocket well past $100 a barrel," unless supplies are quickly found to meet any potential outages, analysts at the oil and gas consultancy FGE wrote in a note to clients.

Saudi Arabia is already preparing to replace the falling supplies from Iran and elsewhere — Saudi exports increased substantially in June, while storage levels also rose, according to analysts at Kayrros, a Paris-based firm that monitors oil industry activity using satellite data. Russia is increasing its own exports.

But there is skepticism as to how much either country can do, and for how long. Riyadh claims to have two million barrels a day of spare production capacity, but analysts say the kingdom can realistically add only about one million barrels to its daily output without additional drilling.

Most forecasters agree that a substantial global buffer now exists, but that it could be stretched in the future. Wood Mackenzie, an energy consultancy, estimates global spare capacity to be 2.5 million barrels a day of additional production, most of it in OPEC.

Threats to production in Iran, Libya and Venezuela eat into that potential, and Nigeria's supplies are also vulnerable to strikes by workers and other issues. The oil market's increased dependency on crude exports from the United States poses its own risks, because Gulf Coast ports can be shut down by hurricanes in the summer and the fall.

Politicized markets

On top of all these factors, oil markets are also becoming increasingly politicized, potentially adding to volatility.

Trump has, for example, been unusually vocal for an American president in trying to push gasoline prices down by asking King Salman of Saudi Arabia to increase production.

But analysts say Iran's reaction to renewed United States sanctions could affect the market's dynamics even more. If the country's oil exports sink below one million barrels a day, the situation could "get really dangerous," said Homayoun Falakshahi, an Iran energy analyst at Wood Mackenzie.

Iranian officials have been vocal about the dangers. In a telephone interview from Tehran, Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, a high-ranking Iranian oil official, warned that prices could rise to $100 a barrel, or even $140 a barrel, unless tensions were cooled down. "You better keep the market away from politics," he said.

US adds 213,000 jobs; unemployment up to 4 percent

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers kept up a brisk hiring pace in June by adding 213,000 jobs, a sign of confidence in the economy despite the start of a potentially punishing trade war with China.

The job growth wasn't enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising from 3.8 percent to 4 percent, the government said Friday. But the rate rose for an encouraging reason: More people felt it was a good time to begin looking for a job, though not all of them immediately found one.

The growing optimism that people can find work suggested that the 9-year old U.S. economic expansion — the second-longest on record — has the momentum to keep chugging along. Yet its path ahead is uncertain. Just hours before the monthly jobs report was released, the Trump administration imposed taxes on $34 billion in Chinese imports, and Beijing hit back with tariffs on the same amount of U.S. goods.

"The tariffs jumble things about what we should expect to see in the next few months," said Cathy Barrera, chief economist at ZipRecruiter, the online jobs marketplace.

Some companies will likely respond to the tariffs by putting their hiring plans on hold until the trade picture becomes clearer.

Major U.S. stock indexes were mostly higher Friday after the jobs report was issued, keeping the market on track for a weekly gain after two weeks of losses.

The June jobs data showed an economy that may be on the cusp of producing stronger pay growth, something that could be disrupted if additional tariffs are imposed. Trump has suggested that more than $500 billion worth of Chinese imports could be taxed in his drive to force Beijing to reform its trade policies, which he insists have unfairly victimized the United States.

Average hourly pay rose just 2.7 percent in June from 12 months earlier. That relatively modest increase means that, after adjusting for inflation, overall wages remain nearly flat. But the average was skewed downward in June because the job seekers were mainly those with only a high school education or less, who are generally paid lower wages, Barrera noted.

The ranks of unemployed people seeking jobs jumped by 499,000 in June, which caused the unemployment rate to rise from its previous 18 year-low. With 93 straight months of job growth — a historical record — many employers have said they're feeling pressure to raise wages. But significant pay gains have yet to emerge in the economic data.

Mara Fortin, who owns seven Nothing Bundt Cake stores in the San Diego area, said she raised pay last month to $13 an hour from $11.50. A widespread availability of jobs and the prospect of higher wages at other employers made it harder to retain workers, she said.

"In the past six months, people were just leaving right and left," she said. "We've seen that happen at an alarming rate."

Manufacturers added 36,000 jobs last month. The education and health sector added 54,000. But retailers shed 21,600 jobs, with the losses concentrated at general merchandise stores.

In its report Friday, the government revised up its estimate of job growth in May and April by a combined 37,000. Over the past three months, the economy has produced a robust average monthly job gain of 211,000.

The broader U.S. economy appears sturdy. Economists are forecasting that economic growth accelerated to an annual pace of roughly 4 percent during the April-June quarter, about double the previous quarter's pace.

Signs of strength have helped bolster hiring despite the difficulty many employers say they're having in finding enough qualified workers to fill jobs.

Manufacturers and services firms have said in recent surveys that their business is improving despite anxiety about the tariff showdown. Housing starts have climbed 11 percent so far this year. Retail sales jumped a strong 0.8 percent in May in a sign that consumers feel secure enough to spend.

Though economic growth appears to be solid, the gains have been spread unevenly. President Donald Trump's tax cuts have provided a dose of stimulus this year, but the benefits have been tilted significantly toward wealthy individuals and corporations. Savings from the tax cuts enabled companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index to buy back a record number of shares in the first three months of 2018.

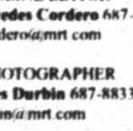
Yet the tax cuts have done little to generate substantial pay growth. Most economists say they still think the low unemployment rate will eventually force more employers to offer higher pay in order to fill jobs.

The economy also faces a substantial threat from the trade tension with China and from other trade disputes with U.S. allies, including Canada and Europe. Any escalation in the conflict with China could disrupt hiring as companies grapple with higher import prices and diminished demand for their exports. On Thursday, Trump floated the prospect of imposing tariffs on more than $500 billion in Chinese imports.

The Trump administration has also applied tariffs on steel and aluminum from allies like Canada and Mexico and has threatened to abandon the North American Free Trade Agreement. Trump has spoken about slapping tariffs on imported cars, trucks and auto parts, which General Motors has warned could hurt the U.S. auto industry and drive up car prices. Automakers added 12,000 jobs in June.

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pyrotechnics
[pye-ruh-TEK-niks]
noun
1: singular or plural in construction : the art of making or the manufacture and use of fireworks
2: a: a display of fireworks
b: a spectacular display (as of extreme virtuosity)



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Things to do

Today

■ Tall City Gospel Brunch, 11 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. tallcitybluesfest.com.

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

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

■ Alison Krauss, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $51.75-$121.75. wagnernoel.com.

Monday

Midland Music Ensemble, 10:30 a.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Free.

Saturday

The Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38-$48. wagnernoel.com.

Saturday and July 15

The 35th annual Family Fiesta 5-9 p.m., San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, 1100 Camp St.

Camps and summer classes

■ Kids Summer Art Classes: Sculpture, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Art Smart Studio, 2517 Neely Ave. $175. 438-0848.

■ Summer Science Camp. Powered by Science for ages 8-12, 9:30-11 a.m. Monday-Thursday, Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. pbpetro.org.

■ Summer Kids Art Camp: Pirates and Princesses. For ages 4-13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $45 per day, $150 all four days. kiddsart.com.

■ 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. Monday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Summer STEAM will offer hands-on learning using science, math, art and more. For youth ages 7-15, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Palmer Activity Christian Center, 1305 E. Illinois Ave. mtrosefgbc.org/steam.

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.

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

Frost to launch school supply drive

Frost is launching a school supply drive as part of the banking company's 150th anniversary celebration.

Between Monday and July 27, Frost will accept school supply donations at its 130 financial centers across Texas, including the three in Midland: 508 W. Wall Street, 800 W. Wadley Ave. and 4101 N. Midland Drive.

Needed items include No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ballpoint pens, markers, dry-erase markers, highlighters, crayons, 5-inch scissors, 12-inch rulers, composition notebooks and spiral notebooks, folders, binders, dividers, notebook paper, index cards, glue bottles and sticks and USB drives.

Frost launched its anniversary celebration with a food drive in the first quarter and a toiletry drive in the second quarter.

Bush's birthday bash



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A party to celebrate the 72nd birthday of former President George W. Bush was held Friday at the George W. Bush Childhood Home. The event included free tours of the home, food served by the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang, cake, balloons and face painting.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 5-5-5
Pick 3 night: 6-8-9
Daily 4 morning: 1-9-0-5
Daily 4 day: 9-5-3-9
Daily 4 evening: 5-2-1-7
Daily 4 night: 1-3-8-2
Cash Five: 2-5-10-26-34
Triple Chance: 3-7-10-20-27 31-35-36-38-40
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Powerball: 1-10-43-45-64
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures

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Low	70
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

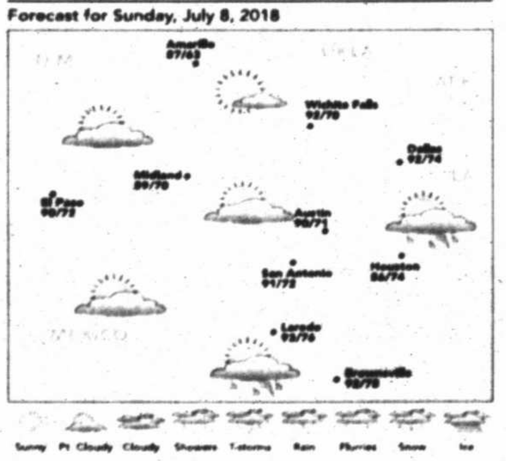
July 7's records
Record high: 108, set in 1994
Record low: 62, set in 1946 and repeated in 1952 and 1958

Precipitation

Friday	0.31 in.
Saturday	trace
Month total	0.31 in.
Year total	3.71 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.48 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 13 mph
Gust speed: data missing

Forecast for Sunday, July 8, 2018



Today's forecast
High: 90
Low: 71
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: East 5-10 mph today and tonight
Chance of rain: 30 percent today and tonight
Sunrise ..... 6:50 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:58 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 Cancer and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, July 8, 2018:**

This year is a year to remember. Creativity, romance and children are highlighted. You also are likely to create what you desire. Your circle of friends will be instrumental in making your year so memorable. If you are single, imagine what could happen if you opted to be more open-minded. Explore your options. If you are attached, the two of you act as if you are new lovers. Enjoy this romantic period. TAURUS gives you good advice, but you tend not to follow it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will enjoy the easy and fun pace of the day. You might want to relax by the water or head to a favorite museum. Wherever you choose to be, you will enjoy yourself to the fullest. Try not to be so much in your own head. **Tonight:** Share a dream with a loved one. **This Week:** Good news comes to you regarding your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You feel optimistic, and are willing to let go more than usual. You finally might get together with a long-time friend. When you stop and look around, you'll realize how lucky you are. A new beginning becomes possible as the day goes on. **Tonight:** Stay present in the moment. **This Week:** You feel a change in the air.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might opt to get a head start on a project. When you are silent and reflective, you see a new path. A discussion with an associate probably is necessary. Though often you prefer not to hear this person's feedback, today might be a different story. **Tonight:** Do some re-evaluating. **This Week:** You head into the week a force to behold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could see a personal matter much differently because of how someone explains the other side. Know that you might need to let go of a certain position in order to make progress. Seek out others' opinions, as you have today. **Tonight:** Happiest among the crowds. **This Week:** An eclipse in your sign announces a new beginning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are all personality. The problem lies in the fact that others want to involve you in all aspects of socializing. If you had your way, you would give yourself more space and spontaneity. Don't worry, you will be able to relax soon enough. **Tonight:** You're a presence to be cherished. **This Week:** Zero in on what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach past your normal limits right now, whether you are making plans, considering a different approach or having a discussion. You might start understanding a loved one who at times seems ditzy. This person is often daydreaming. **Tonight:** Go along with a friend's wishes. **This Week:** Others follow your lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating elicits a strong reaction from a partner. You can deal with the issues upfront surrounding the situation. Fortunately, your sense of humor carries you through problems. You could be confused about what needs to happen. **Tonight:** Sort through different ideas. **This Week:** Look at an issue from someone else's point of view.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have the opportunity to see a friend or family member quite differently. If you step back and observe how this person is with others, you might understand him or her better. Up to now, you have wondered about your past interactions. **Tonight:** Say "yes" to an invitation. **This Week:** Events encourage you to use logic.

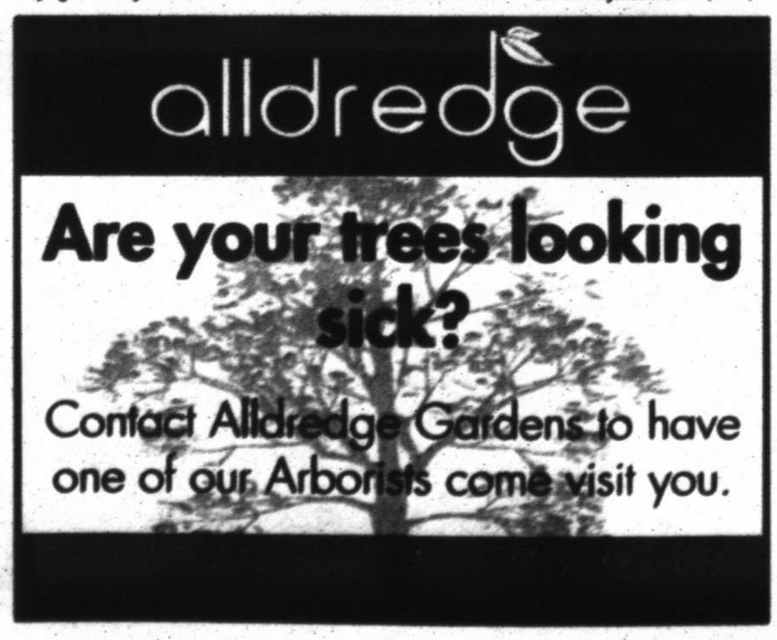
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Make it your pleasure to get into a project. You could enjoy the time alone. Perhaps you can do some thinking and questioning about recent events. Playing it low-key would be smart, and could help you see some obstacles that are likely to arise. **Tonight:** Get a head start on tomorrow. **This Week:** One-on-one relating could be stymied later in the week.

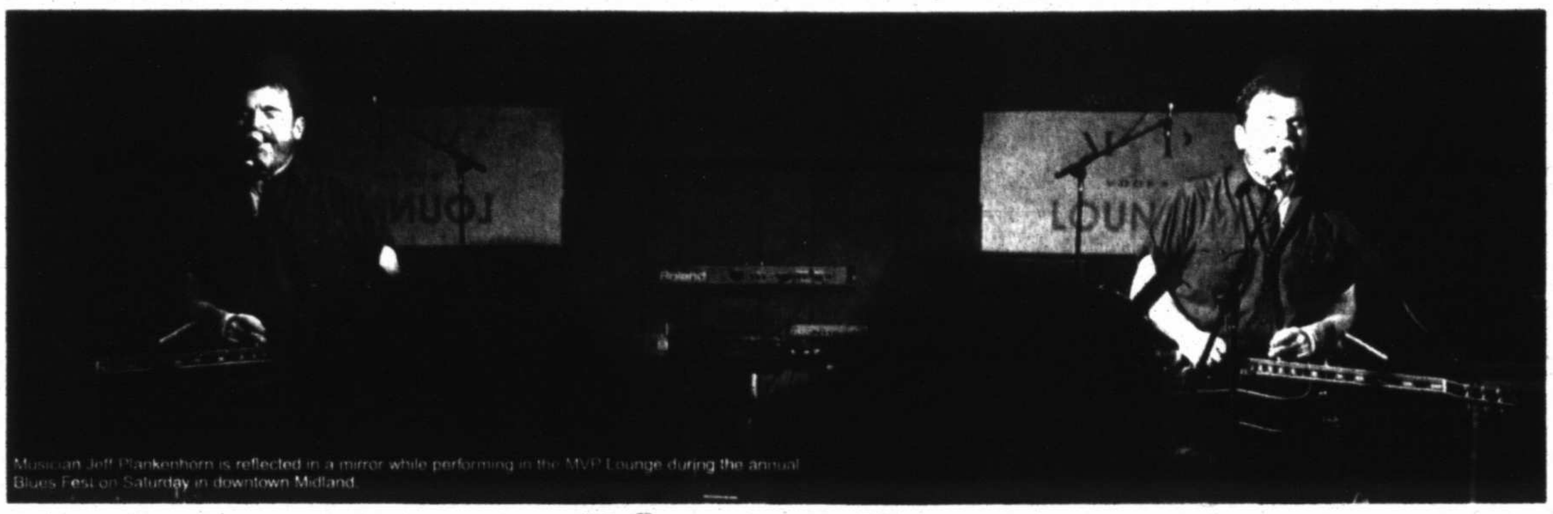
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your playfulness delights a child or loved one. Know that this person will respond in kind. Decide to get involved with a hobby or activity that delights both of you. You might even head out to a fair or an amusement park. Let your inner child out. **Tonight:** On center stage. **This Week:** Dive into your work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Get together with a friend whom you have not been able to see in a while. You need to visit with this person in order to explain how busy you have been. Once you clear the air, you will have a great time together. **Tonight:** Go to dinner and a movie with a loved one. **This Week:** Spontaneity marks the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You can be a bit too vague for people to really get who you are. Opt for simplicity, and be open to others' questions. Though you have difficulty being simple and clear, make an effort. A close friend wants to call the shots and run the show; let him or her. **Tonight:** Dinner for two. **This Week:** Strap on your seat belt.

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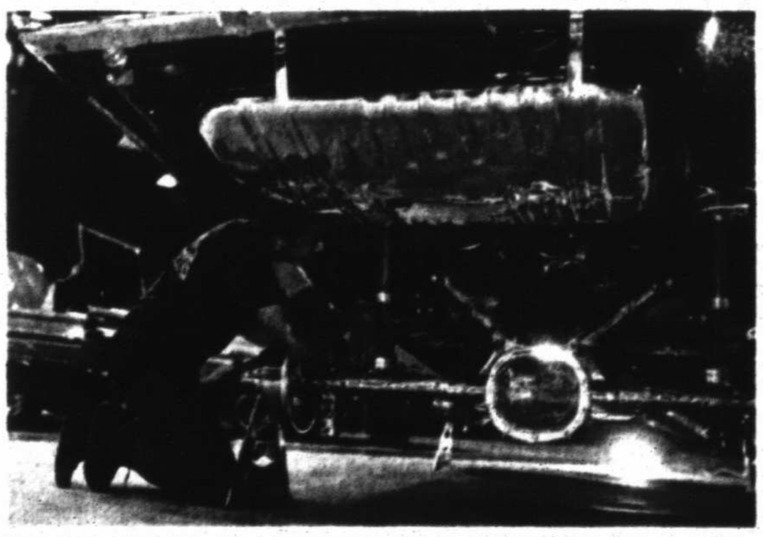
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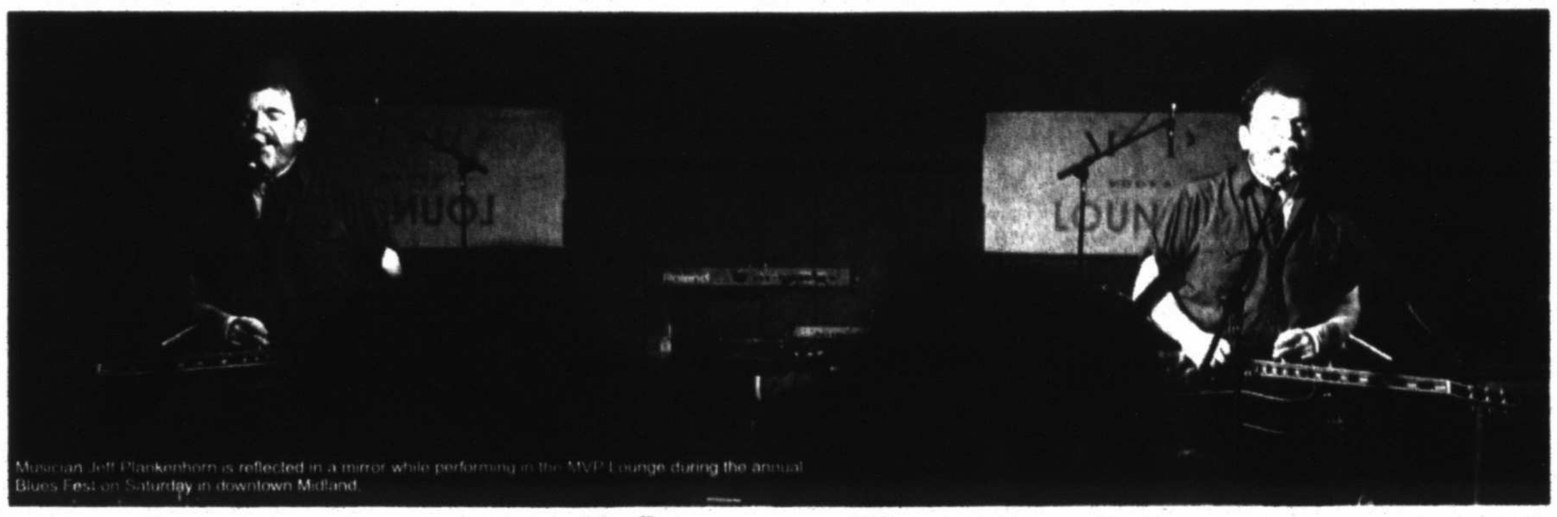


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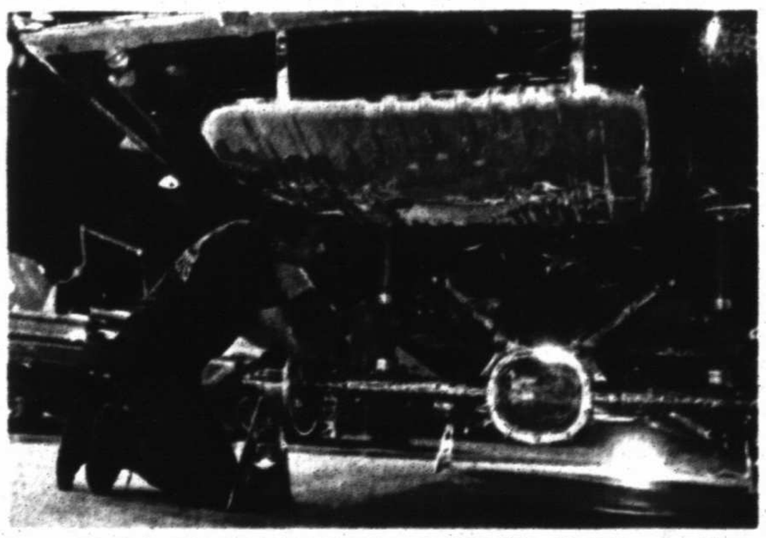
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Algae expert Rebecca White, vice president of operations for Qualitas Health Inc., looks over algae grown in a pond June 5 in Imperial. The algae is harvested for its omega 3 for human health benefits.

Algae farm cultivates nutrients on massive scale

By Lynn Brezosky
San Antonio Express-News

IMPERIAL — Inside a high-tech lab in a modular building in the West Texas desert here, a young scientist peered through a microscope at a slide of live and multiplying algae. She was on the prowl for "grazers," a sort of cellular-level locust that could wreak havoc on the multimillion-dollar crop proliferating in thick green ponds outside.

It's the equivalent of a cotton farmer walking rows in search of disease-carrying bolls, explained Rebecca White, the 38-year-old microbiologist who runs one of the world's few commercially viable algae farms.

The harvest? For now, kilos upon kilos of biomass that is a plant-based source of omega-3 fatty acids, which in recent years have become all the rage for lowering cholesterol, promoting healthier skin and promising other health benefits. Common practice has been to consume them via a hunk of salmon or supplements derived from fish or krill. But since fish and krill actually get their omega-3 from algae, White and her team have figured out how to cut out the "middle fish" and capitalize on cultivating the source.

In a sign of how commonplace the practice has become, White, whose family has for generations raised cotton and cattle in the Texas Panhandle, says her grandfather has begrudgingly acknowledged that domesticating aquatic microorganisms counts as real farming.

The farm in Imperial is owned by Houston-based Qualitas Health, which partnered with H-E-B for the alGeepa line of supplements and is now expanding into the $33 billion omega-3 market with iWi. The latter line rolled out at Amazon.com, the Vitamin Shoppe and Sprouts Farmers Market, as well as in H-E-B, in June.

"But that is just the very beginning, that is just one of our verticals," said Spanish entrepreneur Miguel Calatayud, who is Qualitas' CEO. "What we are really excited about is the food thing, the protein. Our protein has all the essential amino acids, so it's better than beef. It is the best vegan protein we've ever seen."

Calatayud has been in the food business for 20 years and at one point grew more than 700 million pounds of vegetables at sites around the world. Smoothie fans in South Texas may know the line of frozen "Blendables" he developed for H-E-B. He's convinced high-protein snacks derived from algae will be his next big thing.

It will be a challenge. The United Nations in 1974 called algae "the most ideal food for mankind," and the Food and Agriculture Organization declared it "the best food for tomorrow." But so far not even NASA's been able to get people to want to eat it. At least, not the average American.

With more people eschewing certain foods and a world population expected to approach 10 billion by 2050, however, a new generation of scientists says the mainstreaming of algae is inevitable.

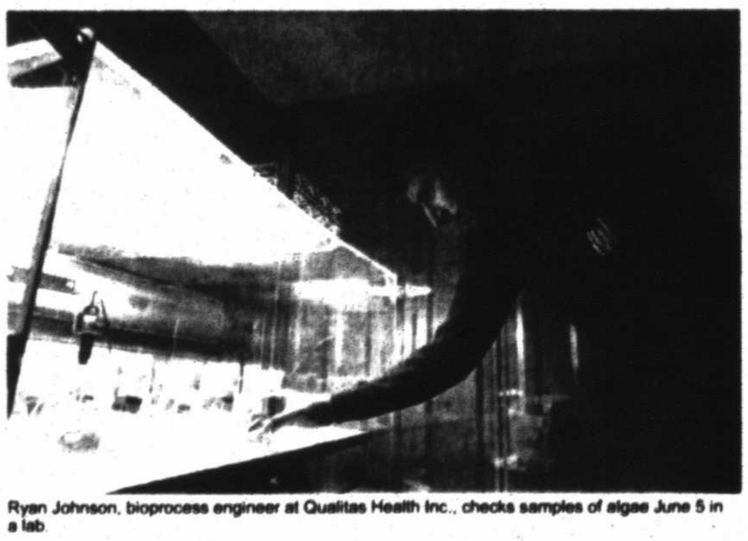
"Most people's experiences with algae are a contamination event of some sort," White said. "Your pool, the dog bowl, the Great Lakes, your swimming hole — that's all negative. But algae has been doing so many positive things for so many years that they don't talk about in a way that gets people's attention. ... Our goal is to make people think about algae as food."

Researchers have been studying algae's potential for decades, of late thanks to billions of dollars in public and private investment into turning its high-lipid concentrations into a renewable energy source.

White, who earned her doctorate at Texas A&M University, started out in that realm, working in a southern New Mexico algae farm owned by Sapphire Energy. Sapphire's efforts flopped, as have similar biofuel forays around the world.

"It was kind of a fool's errand," said Robert Henrickson, CEO of Smart Microfarms and founder of California-based Earthrise, which together with its Japanese partner's farm in China is the world's leading producer of spirulina algae used largely as a blue-toned food coloring.

"They couldn't even get close on the cost," Henrickson said. "It would have to be to be competitive with fossils or solar. So a lot of those companies either failed or tried to pivot to what is already a great business for algae, which is high-value products like food, nutraceuticals, proteins."



Ryan Johnson, bioprocess engineer at Qualitas Health Inc., checks samples of algae June 5 in a lab.

Green Stream Farms bought out Sapphire's farm in Columbus, New Mexico, and is now partnering with Qualitas as the main production hub for iWi (pronounced ee-wee). The Imperial facility is a former shrimp farm with a couple of working oil pump jacks.

Its arid climate and access to a brackish water aquifer make the otherwise barren land ideal for algae farming.

The research takes place in Imperial, and the algae for the H-E-B line is produced there to maintain its "Go Texan" label.

The recipe is simple: Sun, salty water, seed bio-prospected from the ocean and fertilizer. Paddles churn the water so there are no algae at the bottom being consistently starved of sunlight.

Unlike terrestrial crops that generally produce one plant per seed, the water-based algae have volumetric scaling. You grow some in a small amount of water until it reaches a certain density, then put it into successively larger amounts of water and continue building up that way. There's a new crop every day, and summer growth is so fast each pond is typically harvested three times a week.

A strain that starts in a beaker can eventually produce between 10,000 and 15,000 kilos of biomass per acre a year.

White monitors ponds for color, favoring a bright Kelly green to deep forest green. She gives newcomers paint swatches for reference. A muddy, brownish green means something isn't optimal. The effect of high air temperature can be played with by deepening ponds or speeding water flow to increase the cooling effect of evaporation. But if a strain can't handle the region's intense sunlight, that farm is done with that strain.

Rain would dilute all the hard work, hence aquaculture in the desert.

"We're the only type of farmer that doesn't like rain," White said.

Qualitas is growing a genus of algae called nannochloropsis, targeting each of omega-3's two essential long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids. The better known is DHA (docosahexaenoic acid), said to benefit brain structure and function and found in infant formula, baby food and prenatal vitamins. The other is EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid), touted as a powerful anti-inflammatory that is good for cardiac health, joint health, mood and a lot of other things.

"Early in life you need more DHA than EPA, and then later you need more DHA than EPA, but for the in-between, the majority you need more EPA than DHA," White explained. "There's one type of algae that makes DHA and there's one type of algae that makes EPA. So wherein with fish or krill you get what you get, because we're making them separately we can blend them together however we want."

There are other marketing points. Algae-sourced omegas are available without tapping already overfished marine ecosystems. People with shellfish allergies or dietary restrictions on animal products have a new way to get the vital nutrient.

There's also related economic development in Imperial, as the farm scales up to a planned 150 to 200 acres of ponds from its current 50 acres. Two new food trucks, one by started by a Qualitas cleaning lady, have sprouted up near the property because there wasn't anywhere nearby for Qualitas staff and visitors to buy lunch.

Kimberly Kawa, senior nutritionist and retail reporting analysts for SPINS, a Chicago-based consumer insight and consulting firm focusing on natural, organic and specialty products, said brands featuring algae oil supplements report double- and triple-digit growth.

She called iWi "an emerging brand" in the field.

"Algae can tout plant-based, vegan and omega-3 marketing, as well as being a sustainable ingredient," she said in an email. "As a protein source, it may gain more appeal as consumers continue to explore the non-animal-derived protein landscape."

Her research showed algae popping up all over grocery stores — salad dressings and plant-based creams and creamers in the refrigerator section and as ingredient boosts for shelf-stable baby food, chocolate candy and instant coffee.

Marketers are now pushing spirulina as a protein source for powders as well as in juices and wellness bars, she said. But while strong, spirulina's growth rate has been declining, while algae products highlighting omega-3 or DHA are growing.

The close-knit global algae world is rooting for Qualitas' success.

"There's very few people in the U.S. that can raise their hands and say they've grown acres of algae," said John McGowen, director of operations at Arizona State University's Center for Algae Technology and Innovation, which has conducted Department of Energy-funded research into algal biofuels as well as studies of how algae can be used to draw the last bits of nitrogen and phosphorous out of treated wastewater.

"They've got a really nice long history of just kind of slogging it out over the last few years, of driving the production costs down, getting to scale and generating products that are attractive in the marketplace within the U.S.," he said. "What they're doing isn't novel per se, but they've done their due diligence and done the hard work of creating an algae farming mindset."

"You can find a lot more of these sorts of products, algae-based nutraceuticals and different food products in Europe and in particular the Far East, but it's starting to break through here," he added. "And with the iWi brand in particular, they've got some good slick marketing coming out."

For algae scientists like White, it's part of a quest to do something big.

"I would say that I'm very much new-generation algae," she said. "There's definitely a difference in vision about how to execute getting algae into people's everyday lives between people who are my age and the people who have been doing it for 30 years."

"Algae is the story in some aspects but it's not the headline," she said. "This is about reinventing how we feed people, it's about extending resources. ... But I also understand that that's not for everyone. You can't just assume that people are going to want it. It's got to taste good."

Tax

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according to McCrary.

Responding to the tax

For Cyndi Vara, the impact of the tax provision is still unknown. As a CPA and the foundation's chief financial officer, she is waiting to receive instructions about calculating the value of parking for the organization's eight employees.

"We have reached out to the Treasury and the IRS to ask for delayed implementation," Vara said. "You know, give us guidance and then give us some time to adjust."

The IRS "continues to work on implementing the new tax law and providing guidance as it becomes available," according to an email from the agency.

Meanwhile, the tax code provision related to parking for tax-exempt organizations is in effect across the country — including in places that may have paid parking.

But for some local nonprofits that offer employee parking without associated fees, complying with the tax law brings confusion. Until their leaders receive clarification from the federal government, many organizations only have calculated estimates.

When making approximations for the cost of the tax for Senior Link Midland, Executive Director Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie considers possible effects on the people the organization serves. She said money it receives could go toward providing meals for seniors.

"This does impact us, and it is something that is in full effect," Kirwan-Haynie said. "All nonprofits better know that this is something that could affect them."

In addition to having to make the first-time payment, at least one nonprofit has considered hiring an accountant to assist with completing and filing forms.

Patci A. Lewis, executive director of Midland Need to Read, thinks those costs would add up for her small organization. Lewis said the nonprofit — which helps adults reach their literacy goals — should be good stewards of the funds it receives from donations and grants.

"It makes no sense to use those very donations to pay taxes — especially when we are providing a 'tax exempt' service that we do not profit from," she said via email.

While Midland Need to Read provides parking for its six employees, larger nonprofits also expect to experience impacts from the tax law.

Melanie Saiz is marketing and development director for MARC, which employs more than 150 people. She said the organization works hard to provide services for community members with disabilities, and extra expenses could further strain its already-stretched budget.

"Nonprofits in general are struggling for funding all of the time," Saiz said. "It's kind of the nature of what we do."

Addressing the provisions

To prevent organizations from having to pay taxes on certain employee benefits, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway last month introduced the Nonprofits Support Act — or HR 6037. The bill also calls for repealing another section of the tax code that currently requires separate computing for each unrelated business activity.

"The idea was to give not-for-profits not only in West Texas — but across the country — a rallying point to begin to approach their individual members of Congress to get them to sign on," said Conaway, a Midland lawmaker and CPA.

Last year, he joined several other House Republicans to vote in favor of tax code changes. Conaway said he didn't know the adopted tax law contained provisions imposed on nonprofits before he spoke to leaders of West Texas organizations at a town hall meeting in May.

At the meeting, Conaway said people across the nonprofit sector described impacts the provisions would have on their ability to serve others. They also informed him that smaller nonprofits may not have the resources to comply, he said.

"A combination of their input and just how strongly they felt about it, I took a look at it, decided this is something we shouldn't have done in the tax code in December and filed a bill to reverse those provisions that affected our not-for-profits," the congressman said.

Some Midland nonprofit leaders welcomed Conaway's action. Lewis and Kirwan-Haynie were among those who spoke in support of the effort to repeal provisions that would impact their organizations.

"I was very pleased to hear that he listened to us when we had the meeting that day and that we do have a voice," Kirwan-Haynie said.

Conaway isn't currently on the House Committee on Ways and Means, which writes tax code. He said in the minds of committee members, the provisions created equality between for-profit businesses — which no longer deduct the costs — and nonprofits that had never been responsible for paying taxes on certain employee fringe benefits.

McCrary said he supports tax cuts, but he thinks the government shouldn't offset them with provisions that impact historically tax-exempt organizations. The foundation leader said he is pleased about Conaway's bill and what could come from it.

"We're grateful for his attention to this matter and hopeful that others across the nation will see the value of this resolution he's introduced," McCrary said.

The foundation and MARC were also listed among the signers of an online petition that calls for ending the parking-related provision of the tax through legislation or Treasury Department action. The petition from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability had garnered nearly 2,300 signatures from organizations across the country as of Thursday afternoon.

"We're just trying to advocate for nonprofit organizations because nonprofits are very important," Saiz said. "We serve a very critical service to the community as a whole."

Nationwide groups, such as the National Council of Nonprofits and Council on Foundations, have also published letters requesting guidance and clarification about the tax provisions.

THE ECONOMIST

M. Ray Perryman



Results of Mexico's presidential election illustrates desire for change

Mexicans have elected Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador president by a wide margin. President-elect Lopez Obrador is a left-leaning, long-time politician who ran on a platform emphasizing change and a reduction in corruption and violence. Both major candidates in the race expressed concern regarding President Trump and the state of Mexico's relations with the United States, but the primary issues for voters were domestic.

Reforms over the past few years are working, with prices for telecommunications and electricity falling, conditions improving and tax receipts rising. However, growth has been uneven, with some states far outpacing others. Poverty and income inequality remain massive problems, Mexico compares poorly in terms of the perceived level of corruption, and violence is a concern. Mexicans responded to these issues by electing a very unconventional candidate.

In addition to strong cultural and familial ties between the two nations (particularly in border states such as Texas), the situation in Mexico is of crucial importance to the U.S. economy. Mexico is one of our most important trading partners, ranking second among U.S. export markets and third in total trade (imports plus exports). Many industries rely on cross-border supply chains to remain competitive in global markets, while others depend on accessing the Mexican workforce.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is projecting that the pace of growth in the Mexican economy will increase. Unemployment is expected to remain at historic low levels, and inflation should continue to decline. Challenges noted by the OECD include "high levels of violence and corruption, poverty, inequality, informality and slow productivity growth." Uncertainty is also a problem, including questions about the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and whether negotiations will end favorably.

The president-elect is taking office with some advantages (such as the improving economy) as well as difficulties. He will also be working to smooth and strengthen Mexico-U.S. relations. He indicated in his speech to supporters that he would work toward a relationship based on mutual respect. Lopez Obrador also said he will be working to support Mexicans living and working in the U.S. as well as to enhance the Mexican economy to reduce the need for migration. On the other hand, he is a forceful personality and will face pressure to respond to adverse U.S. actions, and tensions could escalate.

The wide margin of victory is indicative of a strong desire for change. Reforms to date have been helping, but there is more to do. The United States will benefit from improvement in Mexico, and U.S. actions to facilitate NAFTA and work with our neighbor to the south toward common goals is in the best interest of Mexicans and Americans alike.

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Courtesy photos

The main house is shown at The Villa de la Mina, a ghost town in Terlingua, which is near Big Bend. The Villa de la Mina is for sale for $1.75 million.

SALE

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Since purchasing, he's discovered he doesn't have time to do the work he envisioned, so he's selling in the hopes that someone else will.

"We're looking for somebody that wants to revitalize it, turn it into what it could be," Everett's girlfriend Evin Hanke said. "Somebody who wants to own their own private luxury resort in a very rapidly growing area."

Everett said he envisions a luxury resort, similar to Cibolo Creek Ranch, with rooms available between $300 and $1,500 per night. He imagines the main house of the villa being transformed into a private club of sorts that requires reservations or memberships. He would like to be a member himself, he said.

The property, one of the last fortresses left in Southwest Texas, has about 20 standing buildings, each with rock walls and cement floors. The roofing needs work and the buildings need plumbing and electricity, but they're still structurally sound, Hanke said. "Every single structure in the property is made out of local rocks," Hanke said. "If you wanted to build something like that today, it would cost about $300,000 per building just to do the rock work and concrete floors."

On the property are normal resort amenities: a two-story hotel, private cabins, several fireplaces, and a pool. Then there are the reminders that The Villa was built a hundred years ago: the reptile holding tank, a reinforced-door dynamite shack, an outdoor oven.

There's also a great place for a helipad, according to the website.

"People who have lots of money and are trying to get away from the city, their regular American life, and they can go out here and be themselves," Hanke said.

A dark skies ordinance keeps the night sky clear of pollution — "It's just millions of stars like diamond dust," Hanke said — and a small nearby airport makes the Villa a convenient destination.

Since the website and Facebook page were launched in April, the Villa's received more than 12,000 website views and more than 90,000 views on Facebook, Hanke said. She said a few people have made offers, but none have been the right fit.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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Villela

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Crime of the week

We need help locating a homicide suspect. Midland police were dispatched to 2201 E. Interstate 20 on June 21 in reference to a shooting. They found two men with gunshot wounds; both were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. One of the victims, a 29-year-old San Antonio man, died as a result of his injuries. The other man was treated and released.



Lopez-Beltran

The suspect is Julio Cesar Lopez-Beltran, 27, a Hispanic male, approximately 5 foot, 8 and 150 pounds. One of his eyes is "clouded over."

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Texas has most counties in the nation

State's size, desire for small local governments are reasons Texas has 254 counties

By Marilyn Haigh
Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, made news this summer for achieving a long-held goal in his campaign for U.S. Senate — visiting all of Texas' 254 counties.

That's a lot of travel time, and the news made us — and our readers — wonder why Texas has so many counties. Texas is the second-largest state in both area and population, and it has 95 more counties than any other state.

Georgia, with 159, has the second most. Delaware, with three, has the fewest. California, which has the largest population, has just 58 counties.

So why does Texas have so many?

Basically, Texas is big, and the state's founders wanted to keep its local governments small. In the state's early days — Texas became a state in 1845 — Texans needed to be close to those local governments, which were responsible for courts, jails, schools and roads, said lawyer David Brooks, who specializes in Texas county government.

Brooks said counties needed to be small enough that residents could travel to and from their courthouse in a day on horseback to do business. Most farmers couldn't afford to take more than one day off to travel to the county seat.

As the state expanded throughout the years and the population increased, the number of counties did, too. The earliest counties in Texas history were called municipios and date back to Spanish rule, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

There were 23 municipios in what's now the southeastern part of the state.

Texas became independent in 1836, and the municipios became counties. As settlers moved west, Texas added 14 new counties in under 10 years. When Texas joined the United States, the number of counties went from 37 to 67.

When Texas sold land to the United States as part of the Compromise of 1850, another nine counties were added. By 1860, there were 152 counties in the state.

Growth slowed during the Civil War and picked up again after Reconstruction, according to Kathryn Siefker, curator at the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

The Constitution of 1876, which is what much of Texas state law today is based on, set requirements for Texas counties. New counties had to be at least 900 square miles and, whenever possible, laid out like a grid.

Land known as the Young Territory in the Panhandle plains was split into 54 counties that year, which is why northwest Texas counties are squares and rectangles. The borders of older counties in the southern part of the state follow natural boundaries such as water basins, Brooks said.

During the end of the 19th century, Texas' larger counties in the western part of the state were split into smaller units as the population grew.

"They found it would be better to go smaller or increase the amount of counties," Siefker said.

The state's last county, Loving County, was added in 1931.

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US, China brawl over high technology

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To understand why the United States and China stand on the brink of a trade war, consider the near-death experience of American Superconductor Corp.

The company, known as AMSC and based in Massachusetts, was reeling after a Chinese partner stole its technology — the electronic brains that run wind turbines. The loss was devastating: AMSC's stock shed $1 billion in value, and the company cut 700 jobs, more than half its workforce.

"Attempted corporate homicide" is what CEO Daniel McGahn called it. In January, its Chinese partner, Sinovel Wind Group, was convicted in a U.S. court of stealing AMSC's trade secrets.

To the Trump administration, Sinovel's predatory practices are hardly isolated. Beijing, it charges, is orchestrating a brass-knuckles campaign to supplant U.S. technological dominance and over the next few decades make Chinese companies global leaders in such fields as robotics and electric vehicles.

According to a report by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Beijing's tactics include coercing American companies to hand over trade secrets in return for access to the Chinese market; forcing U.S. businesses to license technology in China on unfavorable terms; using state funds to buy up American technology; and sometimes outright theft.

Critics have long asserted that China runs roughshod over intellectual property rights. But President Donald Trump, who ran for the White House on a vow to force China to reform its trade policies, is the first U.S. leader to risk a trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

"We've been in a trade war for a long time, but we weren't participating," said Richard Ellings, president of the National Bureau of Asian Research. "We've awakened. ... This is a fundamental change. It's a historic moment."

Critics argue, though, that while Trump has picked the right fight, he has chosen the wrong weapon. They predict China will defy an array of U.S. tariffs set to take effect Friday and will retaliate immediately. And they warn that the escalating trade war will slow global growth and jeopardize the second-longest economic expansion in U.S. history.

Many analysts say the United States should have enlisted key allies like Japan and the European Union — which share U.S. complaints about Chinese trade policies — to impose unified pressure on Beijing. Instead, the U.S. is engaging in trade disputes with its friends over imported steel, aluminum and autos.

"There is no way to meaningfully influence Chinese behavior on intellectual property without coordination among like-minded advanced nations, and presently there is almost none," said Daniel Rosen of the economic research firm Rhodium Group.

Barring a last-minute breakthrough, the Trump administration will impose tariffs last week on $34 billion in Chinese products that have benefited from China's strong-arm policies.

Once Beijing responds with retaliatory tariffs, as it has said it will, the combat could escalate. Trump has said he is prepared to slap taxes on up to $450 billion in Chinese imports, or nearly 90 percent of the goods China shipped to the United States last year.

Peter Navarro, the White House trade adviser, has said the United States needs to protect its high-tech "crown jewels" from predatory Chinese practices.

The stakes go beyond the economy. Many of today's advanced technologies — the ability to collect and analyze vast amounts of data, for instance — have military uses.

"Today, the acquisition of a Silicon Valley startup or even a health care provider may raise just as serious concerns from a national security perspective as the acquisition of a defense or aerospace company," Assistant U.S. Treasury Secretary Heath Tarbert told Congress in April.

That's why the United States in January effectively blocked the acquisition of the money transfer service MoneyGram by China's Ant Financial. Concerns were raised that the deal would give China access to the financial records of millions of Americans, including members of the military.

The U.S. says the Chinese government blurs the lines between state and private companies by bankrolling deals like Geely's 2010 purchase of Volvo Cars and appliance manufacturer Media's 2016 acquisition of German robotics maker Kuka.

In 2017, Trump vetoed the sale of a U.S. semiconductor manufacturer to a Chinese investor as a threat to national security after Washington concluded the financing came from China's government.

U.S. officials see a threat in Beijing's long-range development plan, called Made in China 2025. The plan calls for creating powerful Chinese players in such areas as information technology, robotics, aerospace equipment, electric vehicles and biopharmaceuticals. Foreign business groups argue that Made in China 2025 is unfairly forcing them to the sidelines in those industries.

Whatever the reasons, China has been gaining traction. Stephen Ezell, director of global innovation policy at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation think tank, said China has raised its share of global output in 18 high-tech manufacturing industries from 8 percent in 2003 to 27 percent now. It is now the world's largest exporter of high-tech products.

Tim Tangredi, CEO of Dais Analytic in Odessa, Florida, supports Trump's aggressive moves, likening the U.S. tariff threat to America's "shock and awe" military campaign against Iraq in 2003.

About four years ago, Dais had lined up a Chinese company to help develop its business in nanotechnology that helps produce clean water. But the partnership imploded. Tangredi said the Chinese company persuaded a long-time Dais employee to defect with trade secrets.

"They just stole it, and they are using it against us," he said.

Tangredi said he hopes the threat of a trade war will force China to rethink its practices: "You've got to do something to get their attention."

Commercial spaceports still waiting for liftoff

By Sophie Quinton
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — Last summer, a slim red-and-black rocket blasted off from a vacant industrial site in swampy south Georgia. The rocket was 40 feet tall, about a tenth of the size of the rockets that sent the first astronauts to the moon, but it represents an increasingly important part of the space industry: rockets designed to take small satellites into orbit.

If local officials have their way, the August test flight will be the first of many launches at the Camden County facility. Local leaders are seeking federal permission to develop a commercial spaceport there, a project they hope will attract space-related jobs to the largely rural area.

"The spaceport's the catalyst," said County Administrator Steve Howard, who's in charge of the project. He envisions a research park set up near the launch and landing sites, complete with services for small businesses and startups.

State and local leaders in Florida, Texas and New Mexico also have established licensed launch sites in the past decade. Adams County, Colo., is also going through the federal application process.

But turning an old industrial site or sleepy local airport into a space industry hub is easier said than done. Industry experts question the need for new launch sites, pointing out that most existing spaceports aren't all that busy.

"It's a little bit of a chicken-or-egg scenario," said Carolyn Belle, a senior analyst for Northern Sky Research, a market research firm that focuses on the space industry. Many companies are looking for a launch site but haven't yet developed a final product to launch, she said.

Spaceports can make money contracting with companies that are still in the research phase — by renting them hangar space, for instance — but they stand to make more money once there are actual launches, she said.

Spaceport backers, meanwhile, say creating facilities now will position them for a profitable future. The commercial space industry is worth $345 billion globally, mostly driven by satellite services such as television, imaging and radio. The sector is set to grow as companies develop cheaper rockets and spacecraft for sending tourists past the edges of the atmosphere and, perhaps, eventually to Mars.

Enterprises such as Elon Musk's SpaceX, Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic have put space exploration back in the headlines. President Donald Trump has called for a new era of American dominance in space and signed three presidential directives on space policy.

"There's a risk in doing something, and there's a risk in doing nothing," Howard said. The county, he maintains, is at the right place at the right time.

Camden County officials began to seriously consider creating a spaceport about four years ago, when Blue Origin approached Georgia's economic development agency looking for a site suitable for launching spacecraft from a runway.

The company didn't end up choosing Georgia, but the request, and others like it, got state and county officials thinking. In an unincorporated part of Camden County, not far from the ocean, sat an industrial site that had been a rocket-testing facility in the 1960s.

The spaceport now planned for the site would allow for up to a dozen vertical rocket launches a year, plus research and development. It could directly support over 100 jobs and add $22 million to the regional economy annually, according to an analysis from Georgia Southern University.

But getting there will take time and money.

The county is now in the final stages of a lengthy federal environmental impact assessment, a necessary step toward getting a launch operator license. Rockets that lift off from the site would shoot over beach homes and Cumberland Island National Seashore, a national park and protected wilderness area.

Some homeowners and environmentalists don't like the idea of rockets blasting over their heads. "If a rocket explodes, we're going to be under it," said Kevin Lang, an attorney whose family owns a cottage on Little Cumberland Island. He says there's a good chance environmental concerns will kill the project.

Since 2014, Camden County has spent about $4 million developing the spaceport plan, mostly on engineering and environmental consulting fees, according to the county's annual financial reports. The money includes a $960,000 payment to Union Carbide Corp., the company that currently owns the industrial site, for the option to purchase it.

Buying the land and upgrading basic infrastructure to create a spaceport would cost additional money. Howard said the county isn't sure of those costs yet, but noted that many modern space companies don't need a big buildout. Vector Launch, the company that conducted last summer's test flight under a federal waiver, brought in its own mobile mission control.

If Camden County does get its launch-operator license, the next challenge will be turning the industrial site into an economic engine.

Analysts who study the space industry say that the nation has enough launch sites to meet existing demand — with one possible exception. "The biggest strain right now is on Cape Canaveral," said Bill Ostrove, principal space analyst at Forecast International, a Connecticut-based forecasting firm.

The Cape Canaveral Spaceport Complex in Brevard County, which includes launch pads operated by NASA, the state of Florida, SpaceX and the military contractor United Launch Alliance, is popular because it's easier to get rockets into orbit if they take off close to the equator.

Since 2015, two-thirds of the 58 commercial launches licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration have taken off from Florida. Government launches don't require a license.

Most other commercial spaceports hosted no licensed or permitted launches last year, although the launch figure doesn't include test flights and other aerospace research and development.

Camden County, like Cape Canaveral, has a favorable southern launch location. The county is also targeting the small satellite market, a fast-growing segment of the space industry.

Perhaps the nation's most controversial spaceport is New Mexico's Spaceport America. In the mid-2000s, then-Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat, persuaded state legislators and local taxpayers to fund a monumental terminal and spacecraft hangar in the middle of the desert.

Virgin Galactic, a company developing spaceships that will take tourists into space, signed on as the anchor tenant. At the terminal's dedication, in 2011, Richard Branson popped open a bottle of Champagne while rappelling down the side of the building. "We're ticking the final boxes on the way to space," he said at the time.

Today Virgin Galactic remains the anchor tenant at the nearly $220 million facility. But space tourists have yet to travel there. The company, delayed in part by a fatal crash, is still testing its spaceships, not in New Mexico, but at the Mojave Air and Space Port in California.

"New Mexico made the huge mistake, I think, of building for one specific, relatively untried technology," said Paul Gessing, president of the Rio Grande Foundation, a fiscally conservative think tank based in Albuquerque. That includes building a runway extension to suit Virgin Galactic spacecraft.

"That should have been Richard Branson taking the risk, not the taxpayers of New Mexico," he said.

Supporters say the spaceport is about more than Virgin Galactic. Last summer four other companies were leasing space at Spaceport America, although two of them had yet to fly missions from the spaceport.

Karen Barker, director of strategic solutions at the spaceport, said there's plenty of activity taking place, including manufacturing and testing. Late last month, the spaceport hosted a major college rocket competition that routinely draws over 1,000 people.

Virgin Galactic maintains an office in nearby Las Cruces that's reportedly adding employees as the company gets closer to its first launch with paying passengers. Virgin Galactic could not be reached for comment.

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BIG FRIENDS & FAMILY

New EPA chief promise to reach out to staffers

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking over from an ambitious predecessor known for seeking out the rich, powerful and conservative, the Environmental Protection Agency's newly named acting chief has promised to reach out to anxious staffers throughout the demoralized agency and to lawmakers of both political parties.

By late afternoon Friday, there had been no public comment from either Scott Pruitt, whose resignation President Donald Trump announced Thursday after months of Pruitt's ethics scandals, or Andrew Wheeler, the Washington veteran and former coal lobbyist who Trump announced as the agency's acting head.

In an email sent out to EPA staffers Thursday night and obtained by the Associated Press, Wheeler said he was honored to take temporary leadership of the agency where he started his Washington career in the early 1990s, as an EPA employee dealing with toxic substances and other matters.

"I look forward to working hard alongside all of you," Wheeler wrote agency employees.

Pruitt, Oklahoma's attorney general at the time of his EPA appointment, had embraced the perks of office in Washington.

He instituted unusual and costly round-the-clock protection for himself, flew premium class to Europe and North Africa, and directed agency staffers to help seek housing for his family, high-dollar employment for his wife, and pleasures such as luxury lotion and tickets to top sporting events.

Trump had praised Pruitt for his regulation-trimming ways at EPA. On Thursday, however, Trump said Pruitt himself had concluded the EPA chief's ethics scandals were too much of a distraction and was stepping down.

Some EPA staffers linked to Pruitt's tumultuous 17-month tenure feared for their jobs Friday, former top staffers under Pruitt said. That included the roughly 20 members of a security detail Pruitt's EPA had created to guard him around the clock.

The guards were originally trained for investigating environmental crimes. The agency's security officials are expected to decide what level of protection Wheeler needs.

"There's definitely that fear" of a shake-up among Pruitt's remaining political appointees, said Kevin Chmielewski, the former deputy chief of staff who fell out of favor with Pruitt after questioning spending. "This is the follow-up stories, the people's lives he's affected, going down to the agents and everyone else."

Some scientists and other career staffers, who learned of Pruitt's departure through news and social media on Thursday, quietly expressed relief, Elizabeth Southerland, who quit last year as the science director at the agency's Office of Water, said after hearing Thursday and Friday from many still at the agency.

Wheeler's public statements show him to be a skeptic, like Pruitt, about the extent to which coal, oil and gas emissions drive climate change, something that mainstream science says is indisputable fact.

After leaving his four-year stint at the EPA in the 1990s, Wheeler became the top staffer for the Senate's most ardent challenger of manmade climate-change, Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma. Wheeler then went to work as a lobbyist for top coal companies and other businesses and interests.

In a hearing on his appointment as the agency's deputy administrator last November, Wheeler described himself as someone who "always tried to find common ground and work across the aisle" in Washington.

Where Pruitt openly criticized the work of EPA employees under the Obama administration, Wheeler at the Senate committee hearing made a point of praising the agency's career staffers as "some of the most dedicated and hard-working employees" in federal government.

Wheeler told the Washington Examiner earlier this year he was focusing on repairing relationships with EPA career staff who bristled at Pruitt's leadership.

At the EPA, staffers expect Wheeler to stick to the agenda set by Pruitt and Trump: Cutting environmental regulations that the Trump administration and industries see as unnecessarily burdensome to business, Southerland, the former water official, said.

"There's not a single person who doesn't think that will happen," Southerland said of the current EPA staffers she has talked to.

However, "they think at least the contemptuous behavior will stop," she said. She was referring to allegations that Pruitt ignored all but his own political appointees at the agency, and used his office for personal gain.

EPA's press office sent out biographical information on Wheeler late Friday, but did not respond to interview requests for him.



Andrew Wheeler during his confirmation hearing to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency before the United States Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works on Nov. 8, 2017, on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Alex Edelman/CNP/Zuma Press/TNS

EPA's new boss unlikely to change Trump environmental policy

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Different administrator, same policies.

Andrew Wheeler, the former coal lobbyist who takes over Monday as acting head of the Environmental Protection Agency, doesn't have the high profile of Scott Pruitt, who resigned Thursday amid ethics scandals.

When it comes to substance, Wheeler has eschewed hardline political statements on environmental issues — but the public comments he has made show him in line with Trump administration policies.

A look at some Wheeler statements over time:

Climate change

Wheeler has consistently played down the role that humanity's use of coal, oil and other sources of greenhouse-gas emissions plays in climate change.

"I believe man has an impact on the climate, but what is not completely understood is what the impact is," Wheeler told a Senate committee last November.

Back in 2004, Wheeler was the staff director for Oklahoma Republican Rep. James Inhofe, the Senate's highest-profile denier of manmade climate change. Wheeler indicated then that climate change — and climate-changing fossil fuel emissions — shouldn't prey on people's minds too much.

"I think the only reason it's important to reduce greenhouse gases is to increase efficiency" in industry, he told the Greenwire news organization at the time.

"The fact is that the climate changes regularly and what we need to make sure is that we aren't confusing the regular cyclical movements of the climate for some extrapolation of a specific rise in temperatures or lowering," he told E&E News two years later.

Coal

Wheeler worked as a lobbyist for coal and other mining and energy companies after his stint as a Senate staffer. As an energy adviser to the Trump campaign, Wheeler defended Donald Trump's claims that one state, Michigan, missed out on over 50,000 jobs because of canceled or delayed projects involving coal.

In his appearance before the Senate committee, Wheeler pledged to recuse himself from any EPA decision-making that conflicted with his work for coal companies or other industries.

Science and transparency

Pruitt transformed the way the EPA considered scientific findings in making regulatory decisions, giving industries more of a say in decision-making and academic scientists less. Critics called the overhaul of the role of scientific studies at EPA possibly the most momentous of all Pruitt's actions at the EPA.

Asked about the matter at his Senate committee hearing last year, Wheeler promised he "would certainly listen to the career scientists at the agency and the outside science advisory boards to the agency on what is the best available science at the time for any regulatory decisions."

Opponents accused Pruitt of meeting more with industrial and conservative political leaders than with ordinary people, and of shutting out all but a close circle of top aides within EPA. Wheeler — who worked at the EPA in the early 1990s, dealing with toxic substances, public disclosure of environmental risks, and other issues — promised public transparency. "I think when we make informed decisions and we explain to the public why we are making the decisions, that is paramount to what we do at the agency," he said in his Senate hearing.



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DEVELOPMENT

Report: Year-over-year rent in Midland increases 38.8 percent

- Average one-bedroom is nearly $1,400 a month

From staff reports

No community in the nation experienced the year-over-year rent increases in June that Midland has.

A booming economy has created rent-increasing opportunities. Midland's 38.8 percent increase — compared to June 2017 — topped Odessa's rise of 36.6 percent, according to RentCafe, a nationwide apartment search website.

RentCafe's statistics also show the disparity between Midland, Odessa and the rest of the nation. The third largest percentage increase was 10.2 percent in Lancaster, California. Reno, Nevada (9.9 percent), and Peoria, Arizona (9.6 percent), rounded out the top five.

RentCafe statistics also show 38.8 percent was the average increase in Midland. For those renting a one-bedroom apartment in Midland, the increase was 41.1 percent. RentCafe reports the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment was $1,388 ($16,656 annually). The average rent for a two-bedroom apartment rose 38 percent to $1,778 ($21,336 a year).

In Odessa, the average one-bedroom apartment, according to RentCafe, was about $250 less than a one-bedroom in Midland. Still, the year-over-year rent increase for a one-bedroom was 37 percent. The average two-bedroom apartment rose 38.2 percent in June. RentCafe reports average rents of $1,137 and $1,552 for one- and two-bedroom apartments, respectively, in Odessa.

While rents spiked in Midland-Odessa, they were on the decline as close as 100 miles to the north. RentCafe reports Lubbock was home to one of the nation's largest price decreases (1.1 percent year-over-year). Two other Texas cities cracked the top five in terms of price decreases. Brownsville was No. 1 with a 1.9 percent drop, and McAllen was fourth as rents fell by 1.2 percent. Norman, Oklahoma (1.8 percent drop) and Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1.3 percent drop) were second and third, respectively.

The average rent at the national level has reached an all-time high of $1,405 in June, according to RentCafe. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment was $1,271. Two-bedroom units were averaging $1,489.

Growth

The five communities where rents grew by the largest percentages year-over-year during the month of June, according to the RentCafe website

Midland 38.8
Odessa 36.6
Lancaster, California, 10.2
Reno, Nevada, 9.9
Peoria, Arizona, 9.6

Average rents in Texas

Midland	**$1,618**
Odessa	**$1,359**
Austin	$1,336
Plano	$1,273
McKinney	$1,234
Dallas	$1,171
Houston	$1,092
Fort Worth	$1,068
San Antonio	$1,000
Lubbock	$904
Amarillo	$730
Killeen	$699
Brownsville	$675

Here are the hottest markets in the nation during the month of June, according to Realtor.com. Number in parentheses indicates the ranking in May.

1. Midland (1)
2. Columbus, Ohio (4)
3. Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Massachusetts-New Hampshire (2)
4. Fort Wayne, Indiana (10)
5. Boise, Idaho (6)
6. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, California (3)
7. Vallejo-Fairfield, California (5)
8. Buffalo, Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, New York (8)
9. Colorado Springs, Colorado (11)
10. Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, Michigan (16)
11. Racine, Wisconsin (20)
12. Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Michigan (9)
13. Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade, California (12)
14. Rochester, New York (14)
15. Kennewick-Richland, Washington (61)
16. Stockton-Lodi, California (7)
17. Dallas-Arlington-Fort Worth (19)
18. Worcester, Massachusetts-Connecticut (13)
19. Spokane-Spokane Valley, Washington (18)
20. Santa Cruz-Watsonville, California (25)

Realtor.com: Midland is 'hottest' housing market

From staff reports

For the second month in a row, the "hottest" housing market in the country, according to Realtor.com, was found in Midland.

Realtor.com reported Midland's "median age of inventory" in June was 29 days, an increase from May when it was 28 days. Midland beat out Columbus, Ohio, for the top spot. Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Massachusetts-New Hampshire, was third, and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Boise, Idaho, rounded out the top five. Midland and Dallas-Arlington-Fort Worth were the only two Texas metropolitan-statistical areas in the top 20. Realtor.com reported the median age of inventory in the Metroplex was 38 days.

The report shows the age of inventory in the top 20 markets averaged 34 days, with the typical age of inventory registering 40 days or less in each market.

According to Realtor.com's June housing data, the nation's inventory of active home listings decreased 4 percent on an annual basis, a slower rate than the 8 percent average decrease in the previous 12 months. Coupled with 547,000 new listings hitting the market in June, a 2 percent increase year-over-year, there is some relief to tight inventory conditions. But, with a record low of 54 days on market and a record high median listing price, the U.S. housing market will continue to be a challenge for buyers for the foreseeable future.

Report: Permian Basin produces more than $4.35B for state in taxes

From staff reports

The Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance reported last week an increase in the economic impact in the Permian Basin.

A Permian Basin Coalition fact sheet showed the basin was responsible for:

- 62.69 billion in gross sales;
- $21.05 billion in sales subject to sales tax.

The information also shows that in 2017, the Permian Basin produced more than $4.35 billion for the state of Texas in sales and severance taxes and Permanent University and School funds alone. That's up more than $600 million annually from 2011.

The information also shows $153.2 billion worth of market value ad valorem property, $125.3 billion in taxable value ad valorem property. That property, according to MOTRAN, generated $548 million in county revenue from ad valorem revenues, up $84 million since 2011.

Other economic impact showed that the Permian Basin:

- generated $1.263 billion sales tax for the state (does not include locally generated sale tax amounts);
- generated $1.627 billion in severance tax for the state (this amount accounts for nearly 75 percent of all severance taxes collected);
- generated $747.6 million for Permanent University Fund (this amount accounts for 100 percent of University Lands/PUF fund revenues); and
- generated $673.09 million for the Permanent School Fund.

Building permits June 26-29

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In Supreme Court fight, Dems target 2 GOP Senate moderates

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By themselves, Democrats can't stop the Republican-run Senate from confirming President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick. But they're determined to make it agonizing for a pair of pivotal GOP senators to back the nominee.

Just a weekend from Trump's big reveal on Monday, Democrats' early strategy is to cast the battle as either protecting the right to abortion and the 2010 health care law, or emasculating both. Citing Trump's views on the issues, they say the latter is exactly what Trump's selection would inevitably do.

The hope is to pressure GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine or Alaska's Lisa Murkowski to vote "no," which many view as difficult. Neither faces re-election this year, but both are centrists who've backed abortion rights and helped block their party's 2017 drive to repeal former President Barack Obama's health care statute.

If either flips, the nominee's fate would be in Democrats' hands. Republicans control the chamber 51-49, but Sen. John McCain's absence as he battles cancer has pared that edge to 50-49, making every GOP vote decisive.

The pressure on Collins and Murkowski is just starting. Demand Justice, a new group helping coordinate liberal opposition to the pick, has started airing ads in Maine and Alaska, part of $5 million it plans to spend nationally during the campaign.

"Why won't she rule out voting for Trump's anti-choice picks?" each spot asks. The American Civil Liberties Union began similar TV ads in both states.

A Republican defection would turn the tables and focus attention on three Democrats seeking re-election in states that gave Trump landslides in 2016: Indiana's Joe Donnelly, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and North Dakotan Heidi Heitkamp.

If Republicans have the votes to prevail, some Democrats looking ahead to November's elections for congressional control want to give the three moderates room to stray if they so decide.

"There's a reason we still have the ACA, OK?" Jim Kessler, vice president of Third Way, the centrist Democratic group, said of Obama's Affordable Care Act, which the Senate narrowly thwarted Trump from dismantling last year. "And that's because we have these senators."

But the three moderates' decisions about voting would be far more fraught if the nominee's fate is in the balance. They'd face enormous pressure from the party's liberal base and probably Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

"Then his job becomes exponentially harder," Patrick Griffin, a former top Democratic White House and Senate aide, said of Schumer. Griffin said at that point, Schumer would likely tell them, "I need you, because the argument would be defeat of the candidate is paramount."

Whatever happens, the fight offers both parties a chance to raise money and galvanize voters. Right now, it seems unlikely that Senate Republicans would sink a Trump nominee, due to the sky-high stakes and the country's hyper-partisan political climate.

Yet that would still confront top Democrats with a tough balancing act, even as Election Day rolls closer. They'd need to satisfy anti-Trump liberal voters demanding a battle royale against his selection while allowing Heitkamp, Manchin and Donnelly latitude to make their own voting decisions.

The brewing fight is already highlighting Democrats' strains.

Winnie Wong, political adviser of Women's March, said her liberal activist group is planning marches, rallies and "massive civil disobedience" and said Schumer should press all Democrats to oppose Trump's nominee. Women's March helped organize a noisy Senate office building protest against Trump immigration policies last week in which nearly 600 women were arrested.

"I want them to hold the line and I don't want them to cave," said Wong.

Republicans are mocking Democratic opposition to a nominee who's not yet been named. "Radical Left Takes The Reins," headlined an email aides to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., sent reporters.

Aiming their comments at Collins and Murkowski, Demand Justice and other liberal organizations said Thursday that Trump's nominee must explicitly endorse the rights to abortion, contraception and same-sex marriage and voice support for Obama's health care statute.

Collins has said she would not back someone hostile to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that established the right to abortion. The groups said her litmus test was insufficient because past nominees have said they'd honor precedents but ruled otherwise as justices.

Schumer this week called abortion rights and the health care law "the most consequential issues" at stake in the fight. By painting those guidelines in a New York Times column, Schumer offered a roadmap for Donnelly, Manchin and Heitkamp.

Their states' conservative voters would be uncomfortable with a senator voting "no" based on abortion rights. But defending Obama's health care law is popular, especially provisions like its protections for people with pre-existing medical conditions. That could give those endangered Democrats a safer political pathway to opposing the pick.

Liberal organizations are already preparing the battlefield. The anti-Trump group Indivisible is organizing demonstrations around the country next week. Abortion-rights groups are planning a "Day of Action" for August 26, the anniversary of the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Brian Fallon, Demand Justice's executive director, said the group plans spots next week in Manchin's, Donnelly's and Heitkamp's home states asking them to continue protecting patients with pre-existing conditions by opposing a nominee who'd threaten that.

Youth, conservative cred not only factors in high court pick

By Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They're all younger than 55 and conservative enough to make a first cut. But the four judges who are apparently the finalists for President Donald Trump's second Supreme Court nomination are being measured against a set of questions that go well beyond age and ideology.

Presidents weigh all sorts of considerations in deciding on a Supreme Court nominee, often beginning with the big question: Will the choice be confirmed by the Senate? Academic credentials, professional experience and sometimes even gender, race and geographical diversity all can be part of the equation.

The stakes are sky high for filling the opening created by Justice Anthony Kennedy's imminent retirement. The new justice has the potential to entrench conservative control of the Supreme Court for years to come.

Here are some of the pluses and minuses for each of the presumed leading candidates, in alphabetical order:

AMY CONEY BARRETT, 46, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit


Barrett

If Trump is looking to make history, Barrett could have some appeal. If she's chosen and confirmed, it would be the first time four women would serve together on the nine-member Supreme Court. In addition, she is the youngest of the leading candidates, and Trump has said he wants his nominee to serve for decades. Barrett, a longtime law professor at the University of Notre Dame, also served as a law clerk to the late Justice Antonin Scalia, who is beloved by conservatives. And she recently made it through the confirmation process, with the Senate approving her nomination to be an appeals court judge in October. Three Democrats voted for her then.

But Barrett's recent ascension to the appeals court means she does not have the long, conservative record that lawmakers on the right find reassuring. Barrett is also seen as a potentially divisive nominee because of statements she's made about her Catholic faith and about abortion. In her 20s she co-authored a paper that said Catholic judges, if they are faithful to church teachings, are "morally precluded" from enforcing the death penalty. At her recent confirmation hearing, however, she said it was never permissible for judges to "follow their personal convictions in deciding a case." More recently, she's written that abiding by precedent is "not a hard-and-fast rule" in the Supreme Court's constitutional cases. Although the statement is undoubtedly accurate, it is likely to be seized on by supporters of abortion rights as they try to convince moderate Republican senators that Barrett might vote to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a woman's constitutional right to abortion.

THOMAS HARDIMAN, 52, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit


Hardiman

Hardiman was a runner-up when Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch to the high court in 2017. He might appeal to Trump if the president is looking for someone from a blue-collar background. Hardiman was the first in his family to attend college, at the University of Notre Dame, then helped pay for his law school education at Georgetown by driving a taxi. Hardiman has some notable opinions in his 11 years on the appeals court that could appeal to Trump, including upholding strip searches of jail inmates, even those arrested on minor charges, backing collection of genetic evidence from people at the time of their arrest, and dissenting from a ruling that upheld gun regulations in New Jersey.

Hardiman's judicial chambers are in Pittsburgh, where his wife comes from a family of prominent Democrats. He also was a colleague of Trump's sister, Judge Maryanne Trump Barry, who stopped hearing cases last year. Some conservative groups don't trust Barry because she wrote an opinion striking down a New Jersey abortion regulation in 2000, and they hope she has no influence over her brother's choice.

BRETT KAVANAUGH, 53, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit


Kavanaugh

Roughly 300 opinions in 12 years as a judge and a raft of legal articles and speaking engagements make Kavanaugh the most prolific of the prospective nominees. He is widely viewed as a skilled, conservative judge on what is often called the second most powerful court in America. His opinions include several dissents that were later vindicated by Supreme Court majority opinions. Kavanaugh, who worked on the investigation that led to President Bill Clinton's impeachment, later wrote that he thinks presidents shouldn't have to deal with criminal investigations or civil lawsuits while in office — a view that Trump might find attractive. He attended Yale both as an undergraduate and law student, and served as a law clerk to Kennedy. He is active in his local Catholic church and as a coach for his daughters' basketball teams.

Some social conservatives fear Kavanaugh isn't committed to issues that matter to them, like abortion. They cite a recent case involving a pregnant teenaged immigrant in federal custody. Kavanaugh would have delayed the teen's abortion, in line with the Trump administration's position, but another judge would have gone farther and declared that, as someone who is in the U.S. illegally, the teen had no right at all to an abortion. Kavanaugh's close ties to the Bush family, stemming from his five years in the White House under President George W. Bush, might not be a positive to Trump, who has sparred with the Bushes. Kavanaugh also was a clerk for Judge Alex Kozinski, who retired abruptly last year as allegations of sexual misconduct grew.

RAYMOND KETHLEDGE, 51, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit


Kethledge

Kethledge's 10 years as a federal appeals court judge give him a long record of conservative opinions that may make Trump and Republican senators feel secure about the kind of Supreme Court justice he'd be. He's written opinions siding against unions in a dues collection case, admonishing the IRS in a case about its targeting of conservative groups and okaying broad access by the government to cellphone location data, an opinion overturned last month by the Supreme Court. He's also seen as a strong supporter of the Second Amendment.

Like Kavanaugh, Kethledge is a former Kennedy clerk and would no doubt cite that experience in attempting to appeal to moderates. Kethledge also has first-hand experience with Congress. For about a year and a half in the 1990s, Kethledge was counsel to Republican Sen. Spencer Abraham of Michigan. If Kethledge is the nominee, that experience working for Congress could help in the customary courtesy visits to senators before a confirmation hearing.

At the same time, Kethledge left Washington to return to Michigan two decades ago. He probably has fewer friends in the nation's capital than Kavanaugh, but Trump may put value on the fact he's an outsider and less well known in Washington. In addition, Trump is thought to be looking for a nominee with superior academic credentials. That could be a problem for Kethledge if what Trump really meant was that he wants an Ivy Leaguer, like the rest of the high court. Kethledge attended the University of Michigan for both undergraduate and law school.

Senate's McConnell on mission to reshape the courts

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was upbeat the night after Justice Anthony Kennedy announced he was retiring from the Supreme Court.

The Kentucky Republican had already led the Senate in confirming more circuit court judges in the first year of Donald Trump's presidency than in that of any other president in history. Now McConnell had the chance to confirm a second Supreme Court justice, a thrilling prospect for his party.

More than any other accomplishment, including the passage of the GOP's tax cuts, the remaking of the judiciary is fast becoming the cornerstone of the Republican leader's legacy. It's something he's been working on for a long time.

"Well, I think it's a little too early to be talking about legacy," McConnell said with a smile as he left the Senate chamber.

"A year and a half ago, I said it was a top priority," he said about confirming judges, "and it remains so."

With McConnell leading the way in the Republican-controlled Senate, Trump is seeking to put his imprint on the federal judiciary for generations to come.

While the latest opening on the Supreme Court is commanding all the attention, with Trump set to announce his pick on Monday night, the nominees to the lower courts are also consequential. More than 40 federal district and circuit court judges have been confirmed to lifetime appointments so far during Trump's term, and those judges will have enormous sway in shaping legal arguments nationwide.

Nearly 100 other judicial nominees are awaiting Senate confirmation. In all, there are more than 150 vacancies on the courts.

The GOP's focus on the judiciary has been sharpened by their narrow 51-49 Senate majority, which has made passing legislation difficult. Sixty votes are normally required to advance a bill, while judges can be confirmed with a simple majority.

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Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis listens as President Donald Trump speaks Dec. 20, 2017, during a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington. Trump's cabinet offers its members broad opportunities to reshape the government and advance a conservative agenda. But that comes with everyday doses of presidential adulation, humiliation, perks and pestering. Sometimes all at roughly the same time.

Life in Trump Cabinet: perks, pestering, power, putdowns

By Jonathan Lemire, Catherine Lucey and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross came in for an Oval Office tongue-lashing after he used a mundane soup can as a TV prop. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis got overruled by President Donald Trump's announcement that a new "Space Force" is in the offing. Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt caught a sharp admonition from Trump to "knock it off" after his ethics problems dominated cable television.

Welcome to the Trump Cabinet, where broad opportunities to reshape the government and advance a conservative agenda come with everyday doses of presidential adulation, humiliation, perks and pestering. Sometimes all at roughly the same time.

Members of the president's Cabinet have a measure of prestige and power. They can streak across the skies in Air Force One with Trump, act unilaterally to roll back regulations not to their liking and set policies with far-reaching implications for millions of Americans. But they also can quickly find themselves in a harsh spotlight when an administration policy comes under question.

With the issue of migrant children separated from their families dominating headlines, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar was so determined to get a better handle on the 12,000 migrant children under his department's care that he was up until 1 a.m. one night last week personally poring through cases in the operations center of the bunker-like HHS building at the foot of Capitol Hill.

The Cabinet members are lashed to a mercurial president who has been known to quickly sour on those working for him and who doesn't shy from subjecting subordinates — many of them formerly powerful figures in their own rights — to withering public humiliation. Think Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a former senator who was labeled early on as "beleaguered" by presidential tweet and who has since been repeatedly subjected to public criticism. Trump's Cabinet, a collection of corporate heavyweights, decorated generals and influential conservatives, has been beset by regular bouts of turnover and scandal. A Cabinet member's standing with Trump — who's up, who's down; who's relevant, who's not — is closely tied to how that person or their issue is playing in the press, especially on cable TV.

Over the last 16 months, that dynamic has resulted in a Cabinet with varying tiers of influence with the president. Though all 24 Cabinet members, including the vice president, can, at times, have the president's ear, some have been able to consistently influence Trump behind the scenes and mostly retained his respect. Others have fended off — so far — a swarm of accusations of ethical violations and moved steadily forward enacting the president's agenda. A third group has largely flown under the radar, their names out of the headlines and their jobs seemingly secure.

Trump, like many modern presidents, has consolidated power in the West Wing and largely judges his Cabinet members by how well they reflect upon him, according to nearly two dozen administration officials, outside advisers and lawmakers. Most of those interviewed for this account spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about private discussions.

One key measure of the effectiveness of Cabinet members has been their ability to manage up to the president — and manage their disappointment when he ignores their counsel.

Mike Pompeo, first as Trump's CIA director and now as his secretary of state, has seemingly cracked that code.

During a classified briefing on economic assistance for one African nation, the then-CIA director whipped out an annotated map, pointing out where U.S. troops were located and showing how aid contributed to their counterterrorism mission. One official in the room said Pompeo presented the map as though he had worked it up the night before, rather than his teams of analysts, earning brownie points and a sympathetic response from the president.

Pompeo's stock with the president ran deep as an early supporter. But as CIA director, he worked with the national security team to try to steer the unconventional president toward more conventional approaches. Their personal relationship grew as Pompeo attended nearly every presidential daily intelligence briefing he could — always bringing visual aids.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Sessions, whom Trump has tormented publicly in an onslaught of tweets and interviews while, in private, often refusing even to speak his name, sometimes just referring to him simply as "one of my attorneys." He unloads to confidants whenever Sessions appears on the TV in his private West Wing kitchen or his office on Air Force One. And he has accused the Justice Department of conspiring against him.

But to his deep frustration, Trump has been restrained from firing Sessions, for at least as long as special counsel Robert Mueller's probe continues. The attorney general has support from conservatives and Republican senators, and Trump's confidants, including attorney Rudy Giuliani, believe that dismissing Sessions would upend the special counsel's investigation.

Sessions, for his part, has largely been silent in the face of Trump's attacks. Earlier this year, to mark the one-year anniversary of his confirmation, his senior aides gave him a gift: a bulletproof vest emblazoned with his name.



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Facebook censors post on Declaration of Independence

By Eli Rosenberg
The Washington Post

At first glance, the Vindicator's Facebook promotion did not seem designed to make waves.

The small newspaper, based out of Liberty, a Texas town of 75,000 outside of Houston, planned to post the Declaration of Independence on Facebook in 12 daily installments leading up to the Fourth of July — 242 years since the document was adopted at the Second Continental Congress in 1776.

But on the 10th day, the Vindicator's latest installment was removed by Facebook. The company told the newspaper that the particular passage, which included the phrase "merciless Indian Savages," went against its "standards on hate speech," the newspaper wrote.

The story about how Facebook had censored one of the United States' founding texts on the grounds that it was hate speech has traveled around the world. And it is another glaring example of how the mechanisms that tech companies use to regulate user content — many of which involve algorithms and other automated processes — can result in embarrassing errors. Facebook uses a mix of human work and technological efforts to moderate its content.

Facebook has since apologized to the Vindicator and restored the newspaper's post.

"The post was removed by mistake and restored as soon as we looked into it," the company said in a statement distributed by spokeswoman Sarah Pollack. "We process millions of reports each week, and sometimes we get things wrong."

The Vindicator's managing editor, Casey Stinnett, writing about the ordeal, said the newspaper believed the post had been flagged through an automated process. The passage that Facebook blocked, paragraphs 27-31, speak unsparingly of England's King George III as part of a list of dozens of complaints about the king that follow the text's much repeated opening lines.

"He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions," it reads.

Hate speech is generally not permitted on Facebook, though the company notes that context is important to its evaluations. Pollack said the phrase could violate Facebook's hate speech policies but its removal was a mistake because of a misunderstanding that the quote originated from the Declaration of Independence.

"Unfortunately, Jefferson, like most British colonists of his day, did not hold an entirely friendly view of Native Americans," the Vindicator noted, adding that "there is a good deal in that passage that could be thought hateful."

Stinnett said the episode was a reminder that the newspaper "has become dependent, perhaps too dependent," on Facebook.

"Some Vindicator stories posted on thevindicator.com attract thousands of page views, but usually only after links to them are shared on Facebook," Stinnett wrote.

Last year, some Trump supporters thought NPR was spreading "propaganda," after it tweeted the Declaration of Independence's text in short portions.

Facebook has come under the microscope for removing some content in the past, including the famous photo from the Vietnam War that depicts a naked child running away after a napalm attack. As The Post's Elizabeth Dwoskin and Tracy Jan wrote, "Moderators have deleted posts from activists and journalists in Myanmar and in disputed areas such as the Palestinian territories and Kashmir and have told pro-Trump activists Diamond and Silk they were 'unsafe to the community.'"

Stinnett wrote that he saw some irony in the episode.

"This is frustrating, but your editor is a historian, and to enjoy the study of history a person must love irony," Stinnett wrote. "It is a very great irony that the words of Thomas Jefferson should now be censored in America."

Zuckerberg tops Buffett as world's 3rd-richest

Bloomberg

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg has overtaken Warren Buffett as the world's third-richest person, further solidifying technology as the most robust creator of wealth.

Zuckerberg, who trails only Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, eclipsed Buffett Friday as Facebook shares climbed 2.4 percent, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

It's the first time that the three wealthiest people on the ranking made their fortunes from technology. Zuckerberg, 34, is now worth $81.6 billion, about $373 million more than Buffett, 87, chairman and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Zuckerberg's ascent has been driven by investors' continued embrace of Facebook, the social-network giant that shook off the fallout from a data-privacy crisis that hammered its shares, sending them to an eight-month low of $152.22 on March 27. The stock closed Friday at a record $203.23.

Technology fortunes make up about a fifth of the more than $5 trillion in wealth tracked by the Bloomberg index, more than any other sector. The ranking, which tracks the world's 500 richest people, is updated after the close of each trading day in New York.

Buffett, once the world's wealthiest person, is sliding in the ranking thanks to his charitable giving, which he kicked off in earnest in 2006. He's donated about 290 million Berkshire Hathaway Class B shares to charities, most of it to Gates's foundation. Those shares are now worth more than $50 billion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Zuckerberg has pledged to give away 99 percent of his Facebook stock in his lifetime.

Police: Man says he'd kill supporters of Trump, congressman

Associated Press

NESCONSET, N.Y. — Police say an angry Long Island man nearly backed over a campaign worker moments after saying he wanted to kill supporters of President Donald Trump and U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, both Republicans.

Martin Astrof was charged Friday with making a terroristic threat and reckless endangerment. The 75-year-old was jailed pending a Saturday arraignment.

Information on his lawyer wasn't immediately available. A message on his home phone wasn't immediately returned.

Suffolk County police say Astrof confronted campaign worker Donato Panico at Zeldin's campaign headquarters. They say he aggressively backed up his car and nearly struck Panico before speeding off.

Zeldin has represented parts of Long Island since 2015. He says he's received threats since Trump's election.

He tweeted on Saturday that Trump's son, Donald Jr., had reached out to make sure Panico was OK.



Astrof





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President Donald Trump speaks as Sen. Joni Ernst, R- Iowa, looks on during a meeting with Republican senators on Dec. 5 at the White House. Ernst said the farm bill's lack of a work requirement "misses an opportunity" to help SNAP recipients rise up out of poverty.

SNAP work requirements could increase poverty for some

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Designed to boost the earnings and job prospects of low-income Americans, proposed work requirements for food stamp recipients could have another unexpected effect: causing deep poverty rates to spike among those who lose their benefits and can't find work, researchers say.

That's what happened to nearly 1 million single mothers in the years after the 1996 welfare reform legislation imposed work requirements and time limits on cash benefits provided through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, at a time when the U.S. economy was similarly thriving.

While many welfare recipients found work and earned their way out of poverty after the work requirements were enacted, others lost their TANF benefits when they couldn't meet the new law's required work activities.

For those mainly single mothers, "there was little or no safety net to catch them anymore and they fell" into deep poverty, with income below 50 percent of the federal poverty level, said Arloc Sherman, a senior fellow at the left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Among female-headed families with children, the deep poverty rate more than doubled from 2.7 percent, or about 800,000 people in 1995, to 5.7 percent, or roughly 1.7 million people in 2005, according to a 2015 CBPP analysis.

"The data show it was the decline in government assistance and not changes in people's paychecks and other private income that drove the increase in deep poverty," Sherman said.

Deep poverty rates could rise again under new work requirements that Congress is considering for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, said Robert A. Moffitt, an economics professor at Johns Hopkins University.

"There almost certainly will again be quite a large fraction of those recipients who will have difficulty finding earnings to make up for all those benefits ... And they will probably be worse off," said Moffitt, who studies economic issues facing low-income Americans. "Whether that'll be 5 percent or 25 percent is really difficult to predict. But on the basis of what we know from that 1996 experience, it's probably likely to be a pretty substantial minority."

For SNAP recipients who have already lost TANF benefits, "food assistance might really be their last best safety net and taking that away might drop them further toward zero income," Sherman said.

One of the nation's most effective anti-poverty programs, SNAP reduced the number of people in deep poverty by more than 4.6 million, or nearly 28 percent, in 2015, according to Urban Institute estimates based on census data.

But Robert Doar, resident scholar in poverty studies at the American Enterprise Institute, said it's "a little rash to predict with certainty that the outcome of this will be more poverty" for some SNAP recipients.

"I think that the increased attention to employment for nonworking recipients of food stamps would help those families and is more likely to lead them out of poverty than to keep them in poverty," said Doar, who formerly administered the New York state and New York City SNAP programs.

"It's unclear to me whether the effect of work requirements has an impact one way or the other" on deep poverty, he said.

"I think it's just as likely that increased work, as a result of work requirements, could lead to less deep poverty, not more. ... A lot depends on the economy and right now the economy is very strong," Doar added.

As Congress and the Trump administration ponder new work requirements for SNAP, subsidized housing and other public assistance programs, Sherman and Moffitt said the strong job market doesn't ensure that those who leave public assistance because of work requirements will be better off once they do.

Last week, the Senate passed its version of the farm bill after the House proposal called for able-bodied adults without dependents between ages 18 and 59 to either work 20 hours per week or participate in 20 hours of education or training activities in order to keep their SNAP benefits.

House and Senate negotiators must now merge the bills into one. That will be a tall task since only the House version of the bill contained SNAP work requirements, even though many Senate Republicans are pushing for them.

"We know the conference committee is going to be a wild and wooly debate as we go forward," said Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, ranking member of the Senate Agricultural Committee.

Republican Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa said the Senate farm bill's lack of a SNAP work requirement "misses an opportunity to help able-bodied SNAP recipients rise up out of poverty" at a time when jobs are plentiful.

But economist James Ziliak, founding director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky, said "there's just no evidence to suggest that just because it's a good economy, now's the time to do it. Because we don't really have the compelling evidence to say that these work requirements (actually) work," to get people out of poverty, Ziliak said.

Doar said the new work proposals for SNAP are perfectly reasonable.

"In households where there's no other income, we should do something to help them get to work," he said. "We shouldn't be saying 'oh no, SNAP can't do that. That's not their job.' I don't think that's helpful to those households."

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Trump's rallies get extensive airtime on Fox News

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's campaign-style rallies have found a receptive audience at Fox News Channel, which unlike the other cable news networks often carries his speeches live and in their entirety.

Four times in the past few weeks, Fox has set aside its usual prime-time programming to air the president speaking live to supporters at events in South Carolina, Minnesota, North Dakota and West Virginia. The network also promised live coverage of a Trump rally Thursday in Montana, where Democratic Sen. Jon Tester faces a tough fight for re-election.

Critics say Fox is essentially giving the Republican president free, repeated access to his supporters in a midterm election year.

Fox counters that it is simply covering newsworthy events and that the criticism is absurd. The rallies have also been good for business.

CNN and MSNBC generally do not air the rallies live, and once were taunted on the air by Fox for that.

The programming choices represent a stark illustration of how the cable networks have positioned themselves during the Trump administration. The president gives an overwhelming percentage of his TV interviews to Fox personalities, prime-time host Sean Hannity is a close confidant and fierce defender, and the White House on Thursday announced the hiring of former Fox News executive Bill Shine as deputy chief of staff for communications.

Meanwhile, MSNBC is now typically second only to Fox News Channel in popularity for all cable networks with a prime-time lineup that appeals to anti-Trumpers, who would probably howl if Chris Hayes or Rachel Maddow were knocked off the air for a presidential rally.

Not counting Tuesday's speech before a military group in West Virginia, Fox has aired Trump rally speeches virtually in their entirety six times, according to Media Matters, a liberal media watchdog. That amounted to six hours, 33 minutes of programming. Meanwhile, MSNBC aired one rally for about eight minutes, while CNN has shown none of them live.

The airtime on Fox has "enormous value" politically, said Steve Schmidt, an MSNBC contributor and former campaign manager for Sen. John McCain who recently renounced the Republican Party over his distaste for Trump. Last week's speech in West Virginia was on the home turf of Joe Manchin, another Democratic senator up for re-election this fall in a state with a heavy concentration of Trump supporters.

"I don't say this lightly, but this is a network functioning as state television for the president of the United States," Schmidt said.

While past presidents would often campaign for broad public support for their policies, Trump is most interested in keeping his base of supporters excited and inflamed, he said. Fox offers exposure to a large group of his fans.

Fox noted that two of the recent rallies came on the heels of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement announcement and Trump's executive order ending his policy of separating migrant children from their parents.

"The president makes news whenever he speaks, and in this nonstop news cycle, there are constant headlines for President Trump to react to," Fox said in a statement.

During coverage of one rally, Fox aired an onscreen message that said, "Trump rally live only on Fox News, other networks ignore presidential rally."

"It's a bit odd to complain that this will give Trump an advantage," said Tim Graham, director of media analysis for the conservative Media Research Center. "If so, then all of (the networks) were Trump fans in 2015 and 2016. It's also a bit odd to suggest he's less newsworthy now that he's president."

Indeed, Trump appearances were catnip for cable news producers when he was a candidate. CNN chief executive Jeff Zucker said shortly before the 2016 election that his network made a mistake in airing too many of Trump's campaign rallies in the early days of the campaign, largely because "you never knew what he would say." MSNBC's morning duo of Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, now outspoken Trump critics, lent him considerable airtime and credibility in the months before the 2016 primaries.

CNN and MSNBC would not make executives available for comment. Network representatives note that there is a difference between covering a speech and carrying it live. In several cases, clips from the rallies air in later news coverage.

Fox News is seeing what every network discovered during the campaign — that Trump draws eyeballs.

During the South Dakota, Minnesota and and North Dakota events, which pre-empted Tucker Carlson's prime-time show, Trump's audience was bigger than what Carlson alone drew for his own show in the days surrounding the rallies, the Nielsen company said. Trump's average audience twice exceeded 3 million viewers, and Carlson didn't hit that mark on his own.

Prosecutor: Two dead in house blast, no foul play suspected

Associated Press

NEWFIELD, N.J. — A house exploded in New Jersey early Saturday, killing a husband and wife and reducing the two-story home to piles of scattered rubble, but no foul play was suspected, authorities said.

The blast initially reported as a gas explosion shattered windows in nearby homes, KYW-TV reported. Debris was strewn over several blocks, and pieces could be seen hanging from a tree and power line.

John Paladino, 73, and Carole Paladino, 72, were the only occupants of the Newfield home when the blast occured at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, the Gloucester County prosecutor's office said. Autopsies on the victims were slated for Sunday.

Prosecutors said the cause and origin of the explosion remained under investigation by their office and the county fire marshal, but no foul play is suspected.

Neighbors said the Paladinos had a new stove delivered on Friday, but it wasn't clear if officials believed the explosion was related to the appliance, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

"At this time, the (cause) is still being evaluated," said South Jersey Gas spokesperson Marissa Travaline, the newspaper reported. Utility crews arrived within 20 minutes of the blast and suspended service to 15 homes while emergency responders worked to get the scene under control, Travaline said.

Friends told the Inquirer that Carole Paladino was a retired school nurse from the Millville Public Schools while her husband worked part-time at the DeMarco-Luisi Funeral Home in Vineland and was taking care of his wife.

"Just good people," said Wayne Ingling, a family friend from Vineland as he stood down the street. "It shakes you up. It's a really bad scene up there."

Multiple fire crews responded to the blast along township police, a state police arson-bomb unit and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



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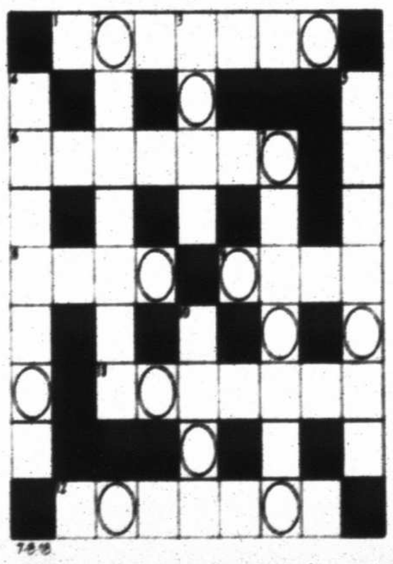
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Sunday Puzzle



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ clam	AAGBGEG
6. Frightened	RELAADM
8. Silence	TUME
9. ___-Tense	SAPT
11. Forceful	NGIVRID
12. ___ try	LECGEOL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Made suitable	PDETAAD
3. Board ___	MAGE
4. Agriculture	MAFGIRN
5. ___ cheese	TOCGATE
7. Wheeling and ___	LAEGNID
10. Tablet	LIPL

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BONUS

CLUE: This person served in the U.S. Army from 1827 to 1829

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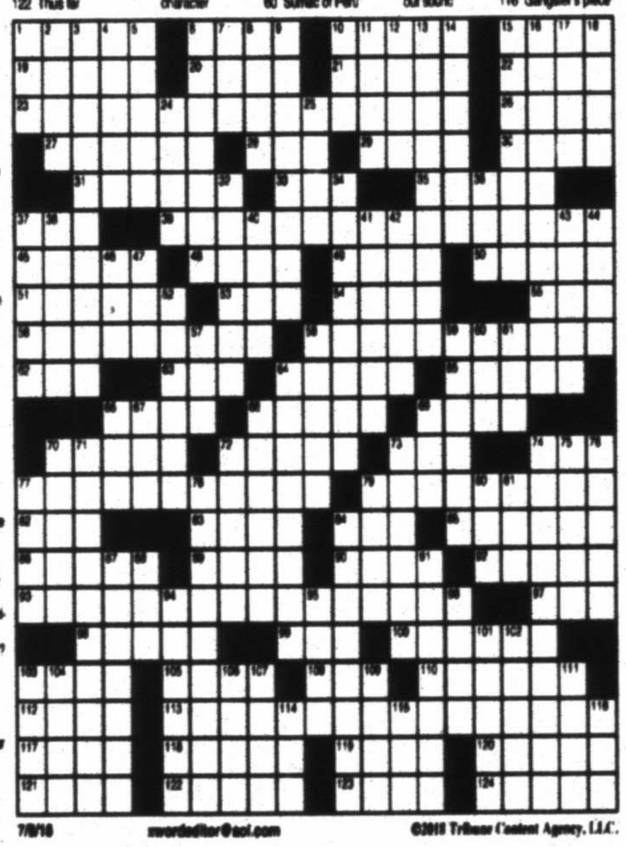
"STRAIGHT A'S" By VICTOR BAROCAS

ACROSS

1 Derby town
6 One of 256 in a gal.
10 Dave of "Dr Dolittle"
15 Pale tone
19 Bread in a Hillel sandwich
20 Learn
21 __ William Scott of "American Pie" films
22 Second person in Paris?
23 One who has blown a gasket, perhaps
26 Top-notch
27 Livestock identifier
28 Greek vowel
29 Jay or A
30 Dr.'s hours, e.g.
31 Soviet Union: Sally it :: USA : __
33 Inventor Whitney
35 Classic fruity drinks
37 Living area in "The Martian," with "the"
39 AAA, to a 23-Across
45 Chilly
48 Cleveland's lake
49 One-time Jets home
50 Indiana Jones' real first name
51 "House" star Hugh
53 Friend to Tarzan
54 "Three and out" football play
55 Shell propeller
56 Old recording accessory
58 AAA, to a 56-Across, usually
62 Pre-op test
63 Wrath
64 Friend of Che
65 Brontë sister
66 "The cookies are done!" sound
68 Religious acts
69 Like some vises
70 Baggy
72 First name in sci-fi
73 School opening?
74 Faux __
77 North Carolina baseball team
79 Office builder?
82 Convoy member
83 Pop singer Brickell
84 Debtor's letters
85 Adverb in the "Star Trek" intro
86 Rock with bands
89 Put on a mission
90 Wanton want
92 Like the center of attention
93 AAA, for the 77-Across
97 Frehley of Kiss
98 Dismal, poetically
99 Sgt.'s underling
100 Stills, say
103 Transit map dot
105 1003, to Tiberius
108 Verdi's " __ tu"
110 Copy illegally
112 "Daily Planet" byline name
113 AAA, for 79-Across
117 MLBer with 696 home runs
118 Fist fight fists
119 Soothing agent
120 Prisoner's place, in an 1894 adventure novel
121 Snowblower brand
122 Thus far
123 Are inclined
124 Rye blight

DOWN

1 Common core?
2 Liver spread
3 European Parliament meeting city
4 Missouri's __ Mountains
5 "Spamalot" name
6 What's "afoot," to Holmes
7 Home for a tulip
8 Likewise, with "the"
9 Doolittle, to Higgins
10 Bear, in Barcelona
11 Blood fluids
12 Move easily
13 Lacking feeling
14 Major course
15 Like many a politician's answers
16 Deep-fries
17 Mystical character
18 Like many eBay products
24 Glen relative
25 Cooper work
32 Read the riot act to
34 Big-time
36 Title for Kate Middleton, briefly
37 Split in two
38 Shakespearean cry of woe
40 Ready to pick
41 Inclined channels
42 Streisand title role
43 Nonsensical
44 Charlotte's Jane
46 Bobby enshrined in a Toronto hall
47 Shakespearean cry of disgust
52 "The Monster" rapper
57 Website suffix
58 Small servings
59 Surf music feature
60 Sumac of Peru
61 RSVP part
64 Topped off
66 Cry from Homer
67 "Love __ Battlefield": Pat Benatar hit
68 Court decision
69 Member of Sauron's army, in Tolkien
70 Video game brother
71 Certain transplant: Abbr.
72 Where Herod reigned
73 Pope during the French Revolution
74 Offering downloadable content
75 Company with a duck in its logo
76 Flair
77 Nip at a bar
78 "Stop fooling around!"
79 Pouty face
80 Wind-knocked-out sound
81 Cal Poly campus site, initially
84 Behave cruelly towards
87 Sea battle weapon
88 "I kissed thee __ I killed thee": "Othello"
91 Trying to resist the rich dessert, say
94 Wavelength symbol
95 Even once
96 Retreat
101 Barely hit
102 Food processor?
103 Venetian blind part
104 Root for a luau
106 Black
107 Output from Rodin's thinker?
109 Not in operation
111 Prefix with skeleton
114 Minn. winter hours
115 Bromide particle
116 Gangster's piece



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Offshore energy, strong military go hand in hand

MICHAEL JAMES BARTON

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When Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke announced plans to consider unlocking the energy America has offshore, he probably expected howls of outrage from the multimillionaires who live along the coast and politicians who represent them.

What he probably didn't expect, though, was the criticism from some military champions. They worry that more drilling could disrupt offshore training exercises and impact military preparedness.

Offshore drilling has long coexisted with military training. For years, oil exploration has occurred near military bases and seaports in the Gulf of Mexico without hampering operations or readiness. That's because the federal agencies involved, the Departments of Defense and Interior, carefully synchronize operations and set strict standards for safety.

In fact, studies conducted by the Department of Defense show that offshore drilling, with some restrictions on permanent structures, is compatible with military requirements for 89 percent of the surface area of the eastern Gulf of Mexico and 95 percent of the Atlantic seaboard.

It's useful to remember why cultivating the natural resources in these waters is so important. Even with 94 percent of the areas off of America's coast closed, offshore exploration still delivers 1.6 million barrels of oil daily — about 16 percent of total U.S. production.

The potential for opening more areas to drilling is vast. Current estimates point to 90 billion barrels of untapped oil offshore. President Donald J. Trump's plan to open these areas up to exploration will vastly increase America's own oil and gas inventory and continue to reduce U.S. reliance on overseas energy providers.

America is currently a leading global oil and natural gas producer, but competition from Russia and China is increasing. Russia and China are already exploring and drilling for oil in coastal waters without compromising military preparedness. There is no reason United States should fall even further behind.

The claim that offshore drilling endangers national security is curious to say the least. And it should not be used to deny

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What should be done about ICE?



TOP: Police confront demonstrators outside the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency on Thursday in Philadelphia. Several protesters were arrested. *Jessica Griffin/The Philadelphia Inquirer via AP;* U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke speaks with Megan Matson, Leo Kostelnik and their daughter, Cass Kostelnik, 15, all of Bolinas, CA, June 23 after O'Rourke toured the "tent city," built to house immigrant children separated from their parents after crossing illegally into the U.S. or seeking asylum, at the Marcelino Serna Port of Entry in Tornillo. *Lisa Krantz/San Antonio Express-News*

America deserves debate about the border

ERICA GRIEDER

Houston Chronicle

In recent weeks, Texas Democrats have been grappling with the question of what to do with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the agency tasked with enforcing America's immigration laws.

The issue has arisen because ICE has, as of late, been enforcing Donald Trump's controversial policies in addition to our extant laws.

And some, on the national left, have argued the agency should be abolished outright.

Most Texas Democrats have been reluctant to take such a stark position. Most have argued ICE should be reformed; some have argued ICE should be disbanded and replaced with something else.

But the mainstream consensus, at least among Texas Democrats, is along the lines recently laid out by U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

"I understand the urgency of this," said O'Rourke, this year's Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, at a (recent) town hall in San Antonio. "I just want to make sure that we're constructive in how we talk about meeting this challenge and that I understand what abolishing ICE would mean in terms of enforcing our laws going forward."

The difference between Texas Democrats and their national counterparts could be explained by politics; Texas is still a red state, after all. Or it could reflect the relatively nuanced perspective that most Texans have on such issues.

Thousands of people turned out in Houston on Saturday to protest the family separations that have resulted from Trump's zero tolerance policy. Some of them called to "Abolish ICE." But others were calling, more narrowly, for an end to the family

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New rules could impact foreign graduates

MITCHELL SCHNURMAN

The Dallas Morning News



Since the 2012-13 school year, the University of Texas at Dallas has added over 4,000 foreign students, an increase of 79 percent. That put UTD at No. 9 in the country with 9,305 foreign students, according to the Institute for International Education.

Over the same time, the number of foreign students at the University of Texas at Arlington doubled to almost 7,300.

One reason for the rapid growth is a federal program known as Optional Practical Training, which allows these students to work in the U.S. after graduation. OPT offers experience to round out their education, along with potential

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GUEST VIEW

Cruz, Cornyn seem unconcerned about Texas producers

Houston Chronicle

Among the 300 stands that filled the exhibition hall at the 2018 World Gas Conference in Washington, D.C., last week, the one that seemed to catch the most attention wasn't put up by a super major driller or some Permian Basin hydraulic fracturer. It belonged to CNPC, the Chinese National Petroleum Corp.

It only makes sense, as Financial Times Energy Editor Ed Crooks pointed out on Twitter. China is about to become the world's largest gas importer.

The Asian powerhouse is moving away from dirty coal and needs U.S. natural gas to power its growing economy. And the United States, the world's largest producer of natural gas, needs China to buy it.

So, much to the chagrin of competing Australian exporters, growing trade tensions have spared U.S. liquified natural gas — for now.

Texas politicians better work to keep it that way.

Across the natural gas industry, talks with potential buyers in China are being put on hold.

President Trump's 25 percent tariff on Chinese products unfortunately hits key parts used by natural gas drilling and production platforms — not exactly good for domestic industry. And China has also announced plans to slap tariffs on U.S. crude and other petroleum products if things get worse.

Meanwhile, Texas oil and gas promoters worry that tariffs on imported steel and aluminum will make it more expensive to acquire pipes, valves and important components that let oil and gas workers do their jobs.

"Not everything we need is made here," Chevron Corp. CEO Mike Wirth said during a panel at the World Gas Conference. "Certain types, sizes of pipes are not made in the United States, and so we have to procure those elsewhere. That's the reality."

It's a reality that Gov. Greg Abbott sees clearly. In a rare disagreement with the president, the governor sent a letter to Trump on Thursday urging him to reconsider his steel and aluminum tariffs. Abbott's argument was heavy with facts: Texas alone has 225,000 jobs in oil and gas, nearly twice the entire nation's 140,000 jobs in steel and aluminum. Texas imports more than $8 billion worth of steel and aluminum, more than any other state. Poorly crafted tariffs will drive up the cost of oil and gas exploration and stifle the booming energy industry.

According to Karr Ingham, an economist for the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, the tariffs will cost the United States between 1 and 1.5 oil and gas jobs for every steel or aluminum job they

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separations and the detention of minors, both of which are the result of a policy adopted by the Department of Justice — not the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees ICE.

Still, at the national level, calls to abolish ICE have persisted, and will likely continue to do so. This is heartening news for Republicans, who have cited the slogan as evidence that Democrats, writ large, are secretly agitating for open borders.

Trump, for example, has argued that critics of ICE, the agency, are by extension critics of its agents and its stated mission.

"Many Democrats are deeply concerned about the fact that their 'leadership' wants to denounce and abandon the great men and women of ICE, thereby declaring war on Law & Order," he tweeted Monday.

"Democrats' calls to abolish ICE would mean abolishing America's borders — and opening the floodgates to crime, drugs, and terrorism," said a tweet from the Republican National Committee on Tuesday.

That morning, the Nebraska Republican Party reported that someone had thrown a brick through the window of its headquarters in Lincoln and spray-painted "ABOLISH ICE" on the sidewalk in front of the broken glass.

This is getting a bit out of hand, so let's address a few facts.

DISMANTLING ICE?

The first is the idea of disbanding ICE isn't inherently absurd. The agency itself is a relatively new creation. In 2002, Congress passed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, which disbanded the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, referring most of its functions to three new entities — ICE, Citizenship and Immigration Services and Customs and Border Protection.

This kind of reorganization shouldn't be done without consideration, probably, given the scope and powers of the federal government. But Republicans decrying the idea of abolishing ICE haven't been reluctant to suggest similarly bold proposals. Last month, for example, the Trump administration proposed merging the Department of Education and the Department of Labor into a new Department of Education and the Workforce.

The second point that should be made, in this context, is that calls to "Abolish ICE" are no more inherently seditious than calls to "Abolish the IRS" or "End the Fed." The progressives who have embraced the former slogan might not have a cogent plan for enforcing America's laws in the absence of the agency they're criticizing. The same could be said of the Republicans who embraced the latter slogans during the Obama administration.

THE MATTER OF THE WALL

For that matter, Trump campaigned for president in 2016 on a promise to "Build the Wall" —without quite specifying whether he was talking about a literal or metaphorical wall.

He has, since his inauguration, repeatedly claimed the wall as he envisioned it is being built, which is certainly not the case. And the Republicans who are decrying Democratic calls to abolish ICE are doing so as a dodge.

But the fact is neither party is, as it stands, engaging in a serious debate about the interrelated issues of border security and immigration.

Republicans, in private conversations, will readily concede they have concerns about the family separations at our southern border and the capriciousness of our immigration system.

Democrats, similarly, acknowledge the need to secure our southern border, to facilitate legitimate commerce and exchange, while allowing for operational control.

Both sides should set aside the sloganeering, and commit to holding a conversation about the border America needs.

They might not agree on the appropriate approaches to immigration reform and border security.

But the conversation at hand is one America deserves.

Obituaries



Alfredo Hector Lopez, Jr.

Alfredo Hector Lopez Jr. also known by Freddy, 27 of Midland, TX. Departed from us on his favorite holiday Wednesday July 4, 2018. He was born on September 5, 1990 in Midland, TX.

Freddy was a great father to his 4 beautiful children, Alfredo Xavier Rodriguez Lopez III, Karmela Aliza Lopez, Eli Josiah Lopez and Gianna Alani Lopez. He was married to Elizabeth Rodriguez for over 10 years and loved her very much. He enjoyed BBQing for his family and thought he was the best grillmaster ever. He loved to rough house with all his nieces and nephews. He had a huge personality with a big heart. He was also a huge Dallas Cowboy fan and had a passion for welding. At the time he was learning to weld at Diablo Fabrication where he had work for over 2 1/2 years. He will always be remembered for his laughter and smile. He is survived by his parents, Gloria Molinar and Freddy Lopez both of Midland, TX. stepmom, Anna Reyes Lopez of Midland, TX. brother, Fernando Gallardo of San Antonio, TX. 3 sisters, Beatrice Lujan and Luis, Rebecca Lopez, Yvette Lopez all of Midland, TX. stepbrother, Joe Ybarra, 2 stepsisters, Jennifer Ochoa, Alexandria Almaras all of Midland, TX. grandparents Jose and Ofelia Gallardo of El Paso, TX. and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A viewing will be held Monday July 9, 2018 at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday July 10, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Pallbearers- Fernando Gallardo, Luis Lujan, Anthony Lopez, Isaiah Lopez, Angel Lujan, Gabriel Lujan, Steven Lopez and Johnny Gallegos.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards everybody's prayers, love and support.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home



Frances Wollin Baldwin

Frances Wollin Baldwin, 82, of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully on July 2, 2018. She was born and raised in Illinois, relocating to Midland as a young adult.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Fran retired from the financial services industry where she served as a client sales associate and branch service manager for many years.

After retiring, she volunteered as a "Grandmother" with the Midland Independent School District, reading to elementary school students and assisting teachers at Bush Elementary School.

Fran was passionate about her beloved Schnauzer dogs throughout her life. She was an avid reader and member of "On the Journey" church.

She also enjoyed traveling the world and fast sports cars! She will be missed by her many adoring friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home and Cemetery, Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christmas in Action, Meals on Wheels, or the SPCA.

American Heritage





Jerry Edmond Chiles

An entrepreneur, a patriot, and a UT Longhorn is how he described himself. Jerry Edmond Chiles was born on the 20th of April 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, because Seagraves, Texas didn't have a hospital.

Jerry and his family lived in Seagraves until 1949 when his family moved to Midland. He was the only son of Wilma Klein and H.E. "Eddie" Chiles. Jerry and his parents moved to Fort Worth for his senior year and where he graduated from Arlington High School.

Although both of Jerry's parents graduated from the University of Oklahoma, Jerry attended the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with honors in Petroleum Land Management in 1965. Recognized for the leader he was, Jerry was elected to the Student Assembly and President of the Business School's Student Council. He was named an Outstanding Freshman, Outstanding Advisor of the Freshman Council, and he was one of ten Outstanding Seniors in the Business School. Jerry was an officer of the Sigma Nu social fraternity and member of Sigma Iota Epsilon and Beta Gamma Sigma (honorary business fraternities). He was in the naval ROTC.

Upon graduation from UT, Jerry received his commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He served two years as an Ensign and a Lieutenant JG (Junior Grade) and four years in the Naval Reserve. His active duty was spent in Hawaii, at the Fleet Operations Command Center for the Pacific Fleet where he worked on several top secret projects related to the Vietnam War.

After his release from active duty in 1967, Jerry joined Arthur Andersen and Company as part of their new business consulting group. In 1970, he joined Western Oceanic, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Western Company of North America, as Vice President of Marketing and Sales. While there, he commissioned a market study that pointed towards the building of semi-submersible rigs to target the just-developing North Sea market. He convinced his management to pursue this line of business, which proved to be a successful move. When financing became an issue, he argued to the U.S. Maritime Administration that the rigs were "vessels" and, therefore, qualified for a financial guarantee under Title XI of the Maritime Act. The "Western Pacesetter I" was the first of many rigs financed by this method.

In 1975, at the age of 31, Jerry left Western to form Houston Offshore International. His rig, "Sabine I", became the first jack-up rig to be financed with a MARAD Title XI guarantee. He also conceived of the idea of raising capital for drilling rigs through the use of Limited Partnerships. So successful was this device that others copied it, and it was widely used in the late 70s and 80s. HOI eventually built and managed the operation of seven jack-up drilling rigs in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

While in the drilling business, Jerry was on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and Chairman of the local Houston chapter.

In the late 1980s, Jerry sold the offshore drilling rigs and entered the thoroughbred horse breeding business under the name, Ironwater Farms Joint Venture. At the peak of this operation he had as many as 22 broodmares. He would sell most of the yearlings, but Jerry would also race some homebreds in Texas, Louisiana, New York, Kentucky and Florida.

Jerry met Emily, his wife of eighteen years, after a friend suggested Emily do "a little decorating" for Jerry; they wed nine years later. They married in their garden next door to their beautifully decorated home in Stablewood.

Jerry remained an enthusiastic supporter of the University of Texas, especially its football team. He was also a member of its Chancellor's Council and several other UT societies. He was a member of numerous committees of the National Republican Party and was a member of Houston's River Oaks Country Club and The Houstonian. He was also active in the Space City Ski Club and Cadre', a men's social club.

Jerry's health became a serious issue in 1996, and in 1998 he received a liver transplant. After receiving this lifesaving gift, Jerry and Emily travelled a great deal. Besides going to Austin for football games, they went to see their horses run, and sometimes win. Some of their other favorite destinations were Hawaii, Scottsdale, Arizona and lately, cruising the Mediterranean.

About three years ago, Jerry's health, once again, began to decline, and, June 30th, at the age of 75, Jerry died at his home.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Emily Jane Pavlovic; his sister, Carol Ann Chiles Ballard and her husband, Les Ballard; his niece, Leslie Ballard Hull and her husband Mark, and their daughter, Katherine, also of Houston. Jerry acquired seven more nieces and nephews when he married Emily: Russell Nolen and wife Gabrielle; Sebastian Turullols and wife, Erin; Andy Nolen and wife, Julie; James Fagan and wife, Amy; Katie Pavlovic and husband, Cody Taylor; Peggy Pavlovic and husband Joel Ross, and Anne Pavlovic. He also had numerous cousins, mostly in Houston, and many great nieces and nephews.

A private interment is to be conducted on the 11th of July at Glenwood Cemetery in Houston. Arrangements for his memorial service and celebration of life are to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to The Life Gift Donation Center at 2510 Westridge St., Houston, TX 77054 or to The University of Texas.

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Patty McDonald Frizell

Patty was born November 17, 1929 in Pampa, Texas. She died in McKinney, Texas on July 1, 2018.

Patty and her husband, James H. Frizell, were residents of Midland for more than 60 years.

Patty was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church throughout its existence and became a member of Grace Presbyterian Church with the same zeal. She was active in Presbytery committees throughout her life. Patty was as a founding member of Midland Quilter's Guild, where her quilts were regularly displayed and sometime award winners.

Her husband preceded her in death on March 3, 2013.

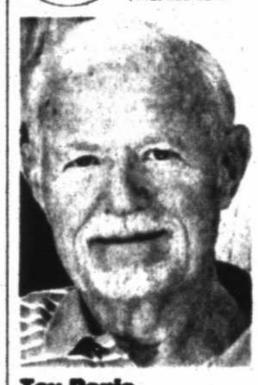
Patty is succeeded by her children Janet Hudson of Prosper, Texas and James M. Frizell of Frisco, Texas and their spouses J.C. Hudson and Toni Frizell; grandchildren, Sarah and Andrew Kopec and their spouses, Michael Roberts and Chassi Kopec, and Chad Blum and his wife, Aimee; great grandchildren, Elizabeth Roberts and Micayla and Zoie Blum as well as Baby Kopec due in August and Baby Roberts due in October and four bonus great-grands who she loved as her own. Patty is further succeeded by Stan Kopec, Joann and Jimmy McCown, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, July 9, 2018 from 5 to 7 pm.

Interment will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Tuesday, July 10 at 10:00 am. A memorial service will follow at Grace Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

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Tex Paris

Tex Paris, born November 14, 1940, died July 5, 2018

Tex grew up in Odessa and graduated from Odessa High in 1959. He graduated from Howard Payne University with a degree in Education.

He also earned a master's degree from Texas Tech, and a doctoral degree from North Texas.

He married Dinah Sue Cannon on June 1, 1963.

They enjoyed 38 years of marriage before her death in 2002. His career in education spanned 45 years, with 43 of those years at Midland Independent School District. He taught history, served as an assistant principal, and finally spent 24 years as Director of Vocational Education.

He married Judie Gibson in 2003, and after retiring, Tex enjoyed riding his horse, traveling with family and participating in Civil War reenactments. He delighted in his family: Daughters April Paris, Aimee Shelton (husband Ivy), and Amanda Helm (husband Donny). His grandchildren Hannah and Aaron Helm, Nathan, Andrew, and Daniel Shelton, were his pride and joy, and they continually brought him much delight.

Tex is also survived by his brother Phil Paris. He was preceded in death by his parents E.V. and Eva Paris, wife Dinah, and his second wife Judie.

Tex followed Christ as a young man and loved God and his word. He was a member of First Baptist Midland, and a member of the John Sunday School class. Chapel of Grace Funeral Home in Lubbock handled cremation services. Memorial services will be held Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of First Baptist Church, Midland.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials be directed to Light and Glory Ministries, P.O. Box 5053, Midland Tx, 79704-5053, or Gideons International.

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Death Notices

Alissa Lozano Rodriguez

Alissa Lozano Rodrigues, 50, of Midland, passed away July 5, 2018.

There will be visitation held on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

She is survived by her sons, Pedro Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, and Timothy Rodriguez; and by eight sisters and six brothers.

Carthage broadcaster is known for his sense of humor

TUMBLEWEED SMITH



I've known Bev Brown for a long time. He's a broadcasting friend who lives in Carthage. He thinks a lot about his town.

"Carthage is the best little town in Texas," he told me. "It's the third best town in the United States according to the guy who did the research and wrote the book on the best little towns in America."

He carries the family name, Beverly. Most of the men in his family used it as the middle name, but for him, it's his real first name.

"Well I couldn't get a room in the girls' dorm when I got to college." He has never minded his name. When he gets mail addressed to Mrs. Beverly Brown he just throws it away.

He was an infantry officer in the military and didn't have any problems with his name.

Bev was a car salesman in 1957 when he found out local radio station KGAS was going to shut down. So, he got some backing and bought it.

"I was too lazy to work and too nervous to steal. I thought radio was an ideal career for me."

He owned the station 31 years. He used to broadcast football games. "I was a poor announcer. You wouldn't recognize the game from the way I described it. (Of) course we were a daytime-only station. We ran down at sundown. We recorded the game and played it back on Saturday. But we had a PA system we put up downtown and carried the game live on the PA system. People who couldn't go to the out-of-town games came to the square and listened to the ball game. It was a big deal. We just fed the broadcast direct to the PA system with a telephone line. We did that for years. And I'll tell you, the revenue wasn't bad. We had big bucks out of that because

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pathways to a career here.

Advocates say it's a way to attract high-skilled workers, especially in science, technology, engineering and math.

Critics counter that it's become a source of cheap labor for employers that holds down American wages.

The program may soon be overhauled. This spring, the Trump administration said it would propose rules "to improve protections of U.S. workers" and reduce fraud and abuse.

It's too soon to know how this will affect Dallas' economy and local employers.

They have benefited from higher college enrollments and access to more talent, including some students who use the program as a bridge to other visas.

Under the program, foreign grads in STEM fields can extend their F-1 visas to work in the U.S. for three years.

Initially, it was available for 12 months, but the timeframe was extended by Presidents George W. Bush (to 29 months) and Barack Obama (to 36 months).

Their rule changes contributed to a 400 percent increase in the program's STEM students, according to Pew Research Center. Over a dozen years, OPT attracted nearly 1.5 million foreign graduates, Pew said.

The Optional Training Program is popular at UTD with an estimated 80 percent of foreign students applying for it, said Josephine Vitta, director of immigration services.

"Our students are very focused on employability," Vitta said. "They can't just get a degree and not have the opportunity to work in industry and learn the technology.

It's all part of the package of a complete education that makes them more marketable — whether they're going back home, remaining in the U.S. or moving to a third country."

In 2008, when Bush extended the program, about 79,000 foreign grads nationwide were approved, Pew said.

By 2016, when Obama expanded the program further, the number of approvals was 257,000.

This "is one mechanism by which the U.S. can compete with other countries for top talent," Pew researchers wrote.

In 2014, when Obama was pushing for comprehensive immigration reform, he argued for extending career opportunities to foreign students.

"Are we a nation that educates the world's best and brightest in our universities, only to send them home to create businesses in countries that compete against us?" Obama said at the time. "Or are we a nation that encourages them to stay and create jobs here, create businesses here, create industries right here in America?"

From 2008 to 2016, the number of foreign students doubled in the U.S., Pew said. More recently, the number of new visas for foreign students has declined sharply, in part because of the rhetoric and policies of President Donald Trump.

In Texas, the number of foreign students at public universities has declined 5 percent in the past two years, and the number of foreign grad students has declined by double-digits.

Opponents of the program said it needs to be reformed, starting with reducing the timeframe to 12 months.

In testimony to Congress in 2016, Ron Hira of Howard University said it "masquerades as a mentoring and training program," but in practice, it's "a large temporary work-visa program for foreign workers with virtually no rules."

"This is clearer than ever," Hira wrote in an email on Monday. "In my conversations with OPT students, it's clear that they and their employers see this as a three-year work permit, not an educational experience.

So the whole rationale of the regulation — for education — was a ruse. I don't think government should make laws by ruse."

According to Pew, DFW had over 48,000 foreign grads working under the program from 2004 to 2016.

That ranked No. 8 in the U.S., ahead of Seattle and Philadelphia and behind Chicago, Washington and San Jose, California.

DFW companies hired almost two-thirds of the region's foreign grads in the program, and they recruited more than were lost to other metros, Pew reported.

Perhaps most important, the region developed much of its own talent.

UTD accounted for 7,900 foreign grads in the program, a number matched by UTA.

The University of North Texas and Southern Methodist University were next, with a combined 5,100 foreign grads.

In DFW, India provided the most foreign grads in the program, and by far. China, Nepal, South Korea and Taiwan were next, Pew said.

How important is the federal training program in recruiting foreign students? It's hard to isolate a single factor, said UTD's Vitta, because the school also improved its curriculum, faculty and facilities. But it's a real positive that foreign grads are finding jobs here.

"It shows that our students are able to compete in the labor market," Vitta said. "They're quality candidates."

How many will stay around and for how long? That's to be determined.

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save. That's just the reality of our modern economy.

There's just one problem: President Trump doesn't particularly care about reality. If you need any evidence of that, just listen to his speech recently in North Dakota. The president claimed that, thanks to his tariffs, "United States Steel is opening up six plants through expansion, and new."

That's simply not true.

If the nation has learned anything since 2016, it is that neither rational arguments nor statistical evidence will convince the president to back down until the economic and political damage becomes too overwhelming to ignore. At that point, the harm would already be done.

Texas' U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn need to act on Abbott's words oy signing onto U.S. Sen. Bob Corker's bipartisan plan to check Trump's tariff authority and return control to Congress. But so far, the duo seems more concerned with pleasing Trump than protecting Texas producers.

"I heard … the senior senator from Texas saying the other day, 'Well, gosh, we might upset the president,'" Corker said on the Senate floor last month. "We might upset the president of the United States before the midterms. So gosh, we can't vote on the Corker amendment."

At a certain point, Cruz and Cornyn are going to have to choose: Team Trump or Team Texas.

Our oil and gas economy is at stake — and the millions of jobs that rely upon it. The industry may be booming now, but global markets can change quickly.

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If we don't protect our energy industry, imagine how quickly Texas could plummet.

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Americans, especially in coastal regions, the additional benefits the gas and oil industry can bring to their communities. Opening the Atlantic and Pacific to oil exploration could increase domestic oil production by 3.5 million barrels a day and create 840,000 jobs.

Such domestic job creation is exactly the type of activity politicians and the media criticize presidents for not creating enough of. This should make all of them happy.

And offshore energy, far from an obstacle to military preparedness, is an essential component of national security.

By the Pentagon's own estimates, drilling is compatible with important training exercises.

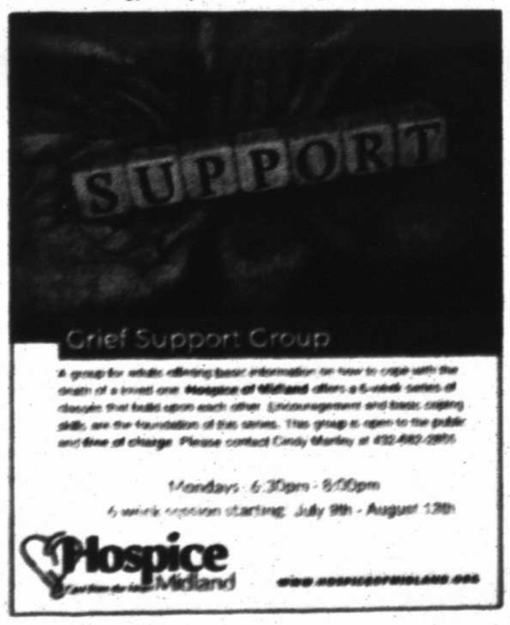
Arguing otherwise ignores the facts and joopardizes America's foreign policy objectives.

For decades, the politicians and the media have been claiming that the US must get off of oil imports. Such reliance on those imports were blamed for US military operations in the Middle East.

Between the hydraulic fracturing revolution and open ocean energy exploration, the day of US energy independence is drawing near.

You would think politicians and the media would be happy to have within our grasp what they have always claimed that wanted: A secure America which is energy independent. Strange that they are not celebrating.

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Abbott says his campaign is 'fight for freedom'

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman



It's a subject area that was something of a political issue, and later something of a bigger thing on Broadway back in the 1970s, when some Texans were shocked to learn there was a brothel in La Grange.

The topic is back, sort of, in the current gubernatorial campaign, thanks to Gov. Greg Abbott.

Before diving into this, let's acknowledge a stark, sad and serious reality: Human trafficking — a too-polite name for a disgraceful scourge — is a real and real serious issue. We should be grateful to officeholders of any political stripe who work to do something about it. It's an ongoing battle, and it has very real victims.

Abbott brought the issue up during a recent telephone town hall with his supporters. More accurately, these periodic calls are fundraising efforts, and the campaign's goal was $60,000 during the June 26 call.

The governor said some things and heard some things you should hear.

The first was something of a history lesson taught by Abbott in response to the appeal by the emcee (Nicole, I believe) for Abbott to say something that might move "folks who are on the fence tonight about helping out" with a donation to the already well-funded Abbott campaign.

Abbott went Alamo.

"But here's the deal," Abbott said. "All those people who fought for our freedom at the Alamo? They're all gone. They're all gone."

I checked. He is correct.

Here's something Abbott heard from caller Roger in Houston that the governor probably didn't want to hear. Roger self-identified as a "big fan of the Second Amendment" and is involved with "several different gun organizations."

"And I have been getting a lot of brochures from them saying you are cratering on a lot of Second Amendment issues since the Santa Fe (school) shootings," Roger told the governor.

Abbott pushed back at length, listing all the measures he has supported.

A few minutes later, the governor said something else worth checking. It came in response to a question from Kerry in Fort Worth, who asked about campaign messaging. Abbott's answer included this: "In Houston, Texas, there are more brothels than there are Starbucks."

I tweeted it and got predictable retweets, with comments: "I'll be in Houston Saturday. I'll count." "He would know." "I thought you were an upstanding Christian man. How do you know so much about brothels in Houston?" My personal favorite: "Did he also tell them there are more Mattress Firm stores than Starbucks in Austin? Coincidence or conspiracy?"

Snark aside, the best response came from a pro, CNN's Dallas-based correspondent Ed Lavandera: "Is there documentation of this?"

Abbott is a pretty good politician. Hard to believe he'd make the brothels/Starbucks comment without either actually having done the count or having a reference to somebody who did. So I asked.

Team Abbott responded with a link.

It leads to an excellent Houston Chronicle story from Jan. 22 with the headline "Houston: City has 'more brothels than Starbucks.'" (We'll gloss over the notion that those words also could mean Houston has more brothels than Starbucks has.)

In the story, Robert Sanborn, president and CEO of Children at Risk, said, "We have more brothels than we have Starbucks in our city."

Sanborn said there are more than 400 of what the newspaper called "storefront sex businesses" in Houston. My count of Starbucks locations in Houston, as shown on the company website is 50, but that seems low and seems to only include locations within the Interstate 610 loop.

So that's about the best I can do by way of fact-checking this one.

Wait a second, here's one more Abbott comment worth checking. It came in his closing remarks on the call.

"What happens if I lose this race for governor? Candidly, what happens is I'll go get a higher-paying job," he said.

Probably true.

But, for other Texans, his November loss would be nothing less than catastrophic, Abbott predicted. "The bad news is if I lose the election, Texas is lost to a very liberal Democrat," he said of challenger Lupe Valdez. "The principle that has led Texas to be the greatest state in the history of America will be wiped out."

"This is a fight for freedom itself. You're one of the soldiers in this fight," he said in rallying the troops.

And remember what else the governor told us: This time around, we can't count on the heroes of the Alamo. They're all gone. They're all gone.

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we had lots of sponsors."

Bev served as president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters and was on the board of the National Association of Broadcasters. "At that time, no one from a market this small had ever been chairman of the radio board. I'm so blessed. I've been honored so many times and received lots of awards but feel like I didn't deserve any of them. But I've got arthritis and don't deserve that, either."

Bev is known for his sense of humor. When you mention his name to anyone who knows him, it brings a smile. He enjoys entertaining people. Once, he made a sales call to Longview.

"I gave the secretary my card and told her my business. She went into her boss' office and soon came back out and said she was sorry but he was tied up and just doesn't have time to talk to you today and he's not really interested in buying any advertising right now. I said I understand. Would you mind going back in there and get my business card and bring it back to me. I have to pay for these things to be printed. She looked at me with this deer in the headlights expression and went in there and got the card and handed it to me. You could hear the guy laughing and he said to the secretary, 'Tell him to come on in.' I went in and we had a nice visit. He didn't buy any advertising, but I got my card back."

Bev is 90 and still does a weekly broadcast about current events.

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Rules are important. Rules help create structure, maintain order and keep us safe and secure. But sometimes, rules need to be flexible and bend. We met with a young lady who was recently released from jail. She was expecting to reunite with the man she had been living with for the last several years, however, he wasn't there to pick her up upon her release -- nor was he living in their place of residence. He had moved out of town two months prior, taking all their combined possessions with him, all-the-while, keeping up the charade of being there for her upon her release. She was blind-sided. Shocked, heartbroken and frankly, scared-to-death, she wondered where she would live. She had no money, no job, and no family to turn to. She was a broken down, defeated human being. We decided to move aside certain rules of ours here at Helping Hands and opened up our arms to her.

We paid for emergency shelter, gave her some clothes and food and referred her to several agencies in town that deal with long term care. Looking at this lost child of God and seeing her pain, our hearts went out to her. It was difficult to not keep to the rules, though. These rules have kept our organization safe from a lot of frustration, abuse and chaos in the past. Do we dare break them now? The Holy Spirit quickly brought to our minds the passage in James where it talks about seeing a brother or sister without clothing or food. Will you say "Go in peace, be warmed and filled" instead of giving them what they truly need? Sometimes, compassion says move those rules aside and meet the immediate need right in front of you, right here, right now. It wasn't much we gave her in the physical sense, but based on the spine crushing hugs she gave us before she left it was an enormous emotional blessing. We gave her hope. Such is the beauty of our organization. We can, through your faithful donations, extend our hands in kindness to meet the needs of those around us whenever and however the Lord leads. Please keep this young lady in your prayers. God bless you.

PRO "Was the US right to leave the UN Human Rights Council over its anti-Israel bias?" CON

UN's Human Rights Council reeks of hypocrisy; US was right to leave

Lawrence J. Haas

Tribune News Service

The Human Rights Council's recent vote to investigate Israel for its response to "protests" on its Gaza border highlights everything that's wrong with this hypocritical body, and why the United States was right to leave it.

First, the vote reflects the council's longstanding obsession with Israel, which has far more to do with its status as the world's only Jewish state than with any serious council concerns about the world's biggest human rights problems.

The United Nations created the council in 2006 to replace its Human Rights Commission, which by then had become an object of derision because of its anti-Israel bias.

In 2002, professor and dogged U.N. watcher Anne Bayefsky reported that over the previous 30 years, the commission spent 15 percent of its time on Israel and made it the subject of a third of its country-specific resolutions.

The commission's successor, however, has only proved worse. The council has made Israel its only permanent agenda item, which means that it discusses the Jewish state at each of its three meetings a year — but it doesn't necessarily discuss such true humanitarian horrors as North Korea, Syria and Venezuela, nor such regular human rights abusers as China, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Cuba.

Moreover, through the council's first decade — that is, through June of 2016 — UN Watch reported that 65 or nearly half of its 135 resolutions criticizing countries over human rights focused on Israel.

Second, consider the nature of the council's vote over Gaza. On May 18, it voted 29-2 with only the United States and Australia opposed to send an "independent, international commission" to investigate "alleged human rights violations in the occupied territories, East Jerusalem and particularly in Gaza."

"Independent?" Hardly. The council has already made up its mind about Gaza, for it sought the investigation "in the context of the military assaults on the large-scale civil protests" in Gaza and "condemned" Israel's "disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force... particularly in the Gaza Strip."

The investigative effort is Orwellian to begin with. Rather than launch "military assaults," Israel is protecting itself from efforts, spearheaded by the genocidal terrorist group Hamas, to either break through the border or create mayhem along it — all in the service of killing Israelis or destroying their property.

Hamas' leaders and activists have admitted that the protests aren't "peaceful," acknowledged that most of the Palestinians killed were Hamas members, showcased members of its Fence-Cutting Unit on Al-Aqsa TV with wire cutters in their hands, positioned women and children in harm's way at the border, posted maps of Israel on social media and suggested routes to key towns and kibbutzim, and encouraged infiltrators to, as one Gazan put it, "murder, slaughter, and burn."

Protestors have placed bombs along the border, tossed Molotov cocktails, rocks and burning tires into Israel, and flown burning kites, adorned with swastikas, to ignite fires on Israeli farms.

Third, consider the council's 47 members, who include some of the world's worst human rights abusers.

In its annual "Freedom in the World" report, Freedom House ranks countries as "free," "partly free," or "not free" based on political rights and civil liberties. Thus, at the Human Rights Council, "not free" Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, China, Cuba, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela are among those lambasting "free" Israel over human rights.

Membership provides legitimacy, never more so than when the world's most powerful nation joins a global body.

After President George W. Bush kept the United States off the council over its anti-Israel bias, President Barack Obama reversed course in hopes of reforming it from within.

With that effort a clear failure, the United States was right to leave and wash its hands of this apparently unredeemable institution.

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US withdrawal from UN's Human Rights Council send wrong message to world

John B. Quigley

Tribune News Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio —

The Trump administration shot itself in the foot by withdrawing from the Human Rights Council of the United Nations. Our withdrawal sends a signal that the United States views human rights in the world as a low priority matter.

Our absence from the council will make it harder for the United States to pressure other governments into respecting human rights.

Even from a narrower perspective, the withdrawal harms the United States. We criticize adversaries on human rights as one way of getting them to do what we want.

The Human Rights Council is an ideal forum for doing so. It has held repeated sessions, for example, on Syria, levelling sharp criticism against Syria's government. It has been unsparing in its criticism of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Human Rights Council is made up of 47 states that are members of the United Nations. Its function is to monitor human rights observance by all 193 U.N. member states. States are elected by the U.N. General Assembly for three-year terms. The current U.S. term would have run to Dec. 31, 2019.

Until the withdrawal, the United States was a member because the Obama administration successfully put the U.S. forward in an October 2016 election, so the United States was a member when Trump took office.

The Trump administration has used the U.S. seat on the council to rail against it for resolutions critical of Israel's practices in the Palestinian territories that Israel occupies.

The Human Rights Council keeps Israel as a permanent agenda item, a fact that Trump has denounced. But military occupation presents a unique situation for human rights protection.

When an army, in this case Israel's, occupies foreign territory, the risk of abuses is high. In the case of this particular occupation, Israel has shown scant regard for the rights of the population.

The Human Rights Council has focused on Israel's construction of civilian settlements in Palestine's territory, a major violation of the rights of an occupied population.

Trump's criticism of the council is one aspect of his broader catering to Israel. He has given Israel a pass on its rights violations. He has softened the U.S. stance on Israel's construction of settlements. He has refused to criticize Israel for the recent fatal shootings of Palestinian protesters at Israel's border with Gaza.

Trump's obsession over the Human Rights Council's criticism of Israel overlooks the broad work of the organization for human rights.

The Human Rights Council has representatives assigned to monitor violations by 12 different countries that have been found to be major violators of rights.

The United States has a long history of involvement in U.N. human rights activity.

The United States was instrumental in inserting human rights into the U.N. Charter, when it was drafted in 1945. The hope was to avert atrocities like those witnessed during World War II.

Our first human rights representative at the U.N. was a high-profile individual, Eleanor Roosevelt. The George W. Bush administration stayed out of the Human Rights Council, but the Barack Obama administration got us in.

During the Obama years, the United States took the lead in promoting LGBT rights, against the reluctance of many governments.

Importantly, the withdrawal does not exempt the United States from accountability to the United Nations for our own observance of human rights. All U.N. member states must report every few years to the Human Rights Council and undergo grilling at its headquarters in Geneva on their shortcomings.

Trump's decision to withdraw from the Human Rights Council is not irreversible. The United States can stand for election again. But our absence deprives the United States for now of the opportunity to shape the international human rights agenda and to press for better rights protection around the world.

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Flag, anthem is part of nationalism people need

Megan McArdle



The Washington Post

This has been the year of the national anthem. Never before have so many Americans been so passionately interested in the details of its performance.

Lengthy debates were held over whether the third verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" was racist, most of them conducted by people who had not previously been aware that "The Star-Spangled Banner" had a third verse. One faction decided that in a country whose Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of expression - right up front, where you can't miss it! - refusing to stand during the national anthem was a near cousin to treason. Another argued that kneeling was extremely patriotic and yet, somehow, also an excellent form of protest against American society. A third suggested that perhaps we should just stop playing the national anthem at sporting events.

The people refusing to stand for the national anthem are trying to make an important point, so are those who argue for choosing a different form of protest. There is something to be said for both sides. But there is nothing to be said for entirely getting rid of the anthem at sporting events, except that the idea is rather shockingly naive about what it takes to hold a country together.

"Nationalism" has become a dirty word in the modern era, having become inextricably associated with repression of minorities and imperialist ambition. We've forgotten that the nationalists actually did start out in the 19th century with a worthy and difficult project: persuading a large group of people to think of themselves as a single unit. This was immensely hard work that took most of a century to complete in places such as Italy, Germany and Greece. We fail to appreciate it only because their efforts were so successful that we can now take the results for granted.

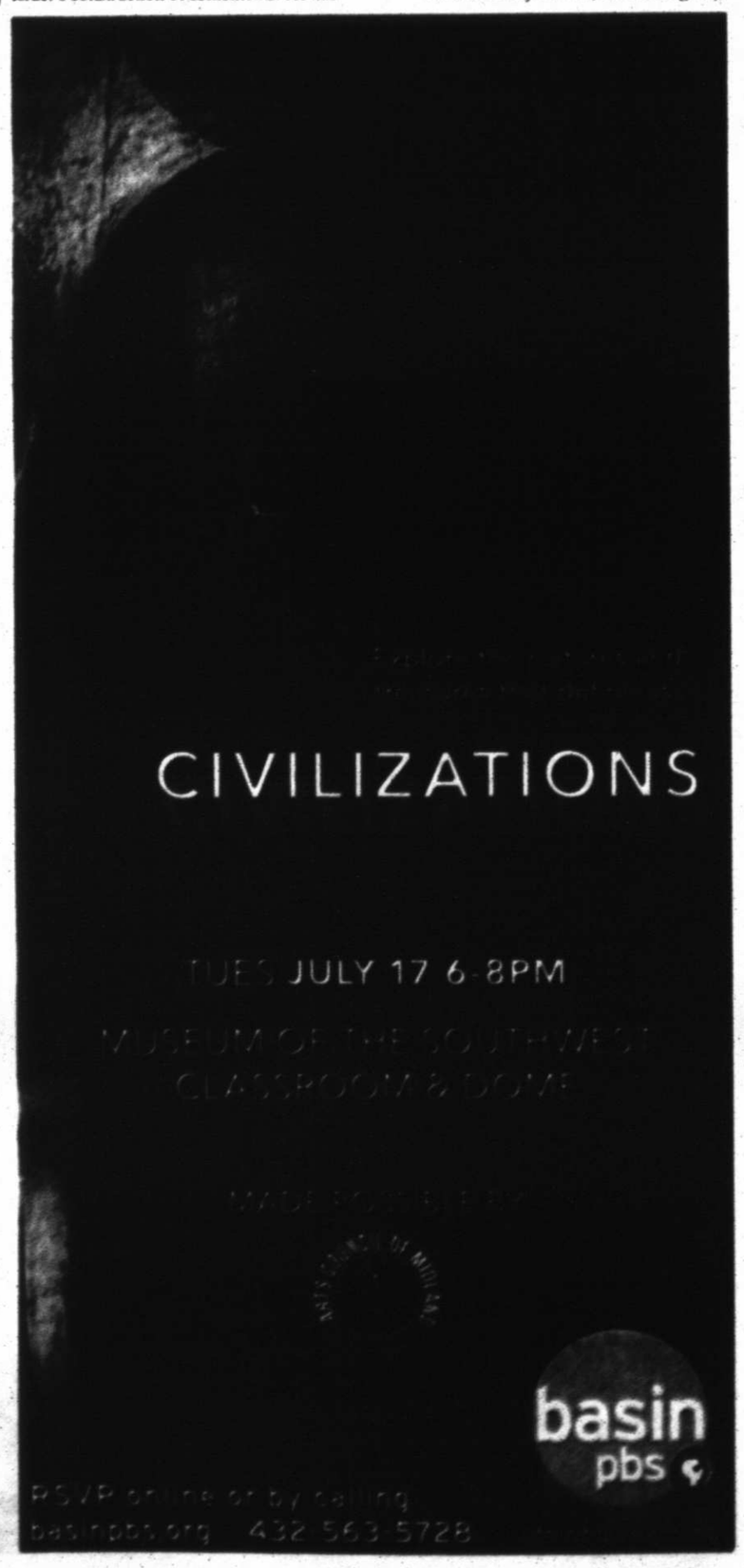
Just how much we take them for granted is reflected on the left, which utters harsh words for nationalism while also constantly engaging in nationalist projects. A welfare state, after all, is a fundamentally nationalistic enterprise, and it is frequently justified on those terms: invidious comparisons to the allegedly superior amenities offered by rival states; claims about obligations to fellow Americans that would be nonsensical without an important, and binding, national identity. We may debate whether the U.S. government should provide health care for all its citizens, but we are not arguing about whether we should open up an Obamacare exchange in Chad.

Of course, there's good reason that "nationalism" ultimately became a dirty word; the quest for a strong national state sometimes resulted in internal purges of minorities and in external conquest. Thus the appeal of a cosmopolitan, denationalized political ethos that reified the individual over the group. There's a lot to like about that view. As a matter of pure logic, it is hard to argue for anything else. Unfortunately, human beings are not creatures of pure logic. We evolved in the African plains, not a freshman philosophy seminar.

Our particular species of primate is, as social psychologist Jonathan Haidt says, "groupish." Most of us do not want to think of the place we live as merely another sort of consumer choice, and of our neighbors as nothing more than fellow consumers, for the same reasons we prefer home ownership to living in a hotel.

Nationalism channeled that groupish instinct into the nation-state. Some of those nations then used the immense power of mass group-ness to commit great horrors. It's understandable, and perhaps inevitable, that so many people rejected any hint of nationalism in the aftermath of World War II. But the current political moment illustrates the limits of that approach: The groupish instinct has not gone away, and neither has it leveled up into a mass identification with all humanity. Instead, it has leveled down, into a global outbreak of populist particularism. That particularism is threatening to tear the United States apart as rival tribes lose the ability to do anything, however trivial, together.

If we are to fight our way back from this soft civil war, we will need a muscular patriotism that focuses us on our commonalities instead of our differences. Of course, such a patriotism must not be either imperialist nor racialized. Which means we desperately need the flag, and the anthem, and all the other common symbols that are light on politics or military fetishism and heavy on symbolism. We need much more of them, rather than much less - constant reminders that we are groupish, and that our group consists of 328 million fellow Americans with whom we share a country and a creed, a song and a flag, and the deep sense of mutual obligation that all those things imply.





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MULTIPLE CAREERS, ONE RESUME?

By Kim Thompson

Part of thriving career is change, and it's not uncommon for you to have multiple careers, but the key to implementing a successful job search begins with how you present your skills to the employer's needs.

Having a broad background in various industries can be an advantage, giving you more depth in experience and skills. The risk with having three or more distinct and separate careers listed on one resume is the unexpected confusion an employer could develop when reviewing your interests. The value that you bring to the employer can get lost in the number of industries.

One effective way to begin your search is to first determine what field of interest you want to pursue and then focus highlighting your skills and accomplishments in that area. One of the biggest trends in moving your career forward is your ability to frame your achievements into stories.

Multiple careers can be used to your advantage if you show a theme of certain skills throughout your resume. Using a theme helps to reinforce you core competencies or skills that an employer is needing. Instead of the hiring decision maker focusing on numerous careers, they now see how you developed skills that are relatable to solving their problems.

Targeting your resume to the industry might be another helpful technique rather than sending one generic resume with no focus. Look at your resume as a tool that's always changing, you are likely to need multiple resumes. An effective way to target your resume is to use a good summary statement and utilizing key words that relate to the position you are seeking.

The key is generating interest from the employer by demonstrating you are competent in the industry you are seeking. Don't make the mistake of listing job duties rather take the time to spell out what you did to help the company succeed and the results – tell a story with results.

It is much easier for the employer to grasp your skill set that applies to the position rather than giving a "jack of all trades" perception. Think in terms of combing transferable skills, those skills that cross over industries.

Job candidates often have multiple resumes to use in their search to help the employer quickly identify the skill set and how their backgrounds relate to the position. Having multiple careers is an accomplishment rather than unplanned mayhem.

With each career move, think of the experience gained and how this makes you stand out from other candidates. Your multiple industry experiences give you a broader understanding of how business operates and demonstrates your adaptability to change.

Have multiple careers helped your job search? What did you do to use them to your advantage?

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OPINION

Democrats are powerless to block court nominee

■ Party discovers miscalculations have long-term effects



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As President Trump prepares to announce his replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Democrats are desperate to block the president's nominee — but are powerless to so. They have no one to blame but themselves. Let's take a moment to recall the sordid 15-year history of Democratic miscalculations that brought them to this point.

The Democrats' first mistake was to launch unprecedented filibusters against President George W. Bush's appellate court nominees, starting with his 2001 nomination of Miguel Estrada for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The D.C. Circuit is considered the country's second-most important court, having produced more Supreme Court justices than any other federal court. Estrada was a supremely qualified nominee who had the support of a clear majority in the Senate. His confirmation should have been easy.

But Democrats killed his nomination. Why? According to internal strategy memos obtained by the Wall Street Journal, they blocked Estrada at the request of liberal interest groups who said Estrada was "especially dangerous" because "he is Latino, and the White House seems to be grooming him for a Supreme Court appointment." Democrats did not want Republicans to put the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court. Instead, two years after his nomination, they made Estrada the first appeals court nominee in history to be successfully filibustered. It was an extraordinary breach of precedent.

They did not stop with Estrada. Democrats also filibustered nine other Bush circuit-court nominees, all of whom had majority support in the Senate. It was, as columnist Robert Novak wrote at the time, "the first full-scale effort in American history to prevent a president from picking the federal judges he wants."

The Democrats' second big mistake was using the "nuclear option" to pack the federal circuit courts with liberal judges. After Democrats won control of the Senate and the White House, they set about trying to fill court vacancies — particularly on the D.C. Circuit — with judges so left-wing they knew they could not meet the 60-vote "standard." When Republicans (following the precedent Democrats had set) filibustered some of President Barack Obama's nominees, Democrats again broke precedent and eliminated the filibuster for all but Supreme Court nominees. The short-term gain of going nuclear was immense. Obama flipped most of the circuit courts from conservative to liberal majorities, including the D.C. Circuit. But the long-term costs were around the corner.

The Democrats' third mistake was to filibuster Neil M. Gorsuch. After Republicans had won back the Senate, they refused to confirm Obama's choice of Merrick Garland to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia (citing as precedent the promise made in 2007 by Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., that Democrats would not confirm a Supreme Court justice during President George W. Bush's final year in office). When Donald Trump was elected and appointed Gorsuch to fill Scalia's seat, apoplectic Democrats made a fatal error: Instead of keeping their powder dry until Kennedy resigned, they filibustered Gorsuch's nomination. The decision to block such an obviously qualified nominee — praised for his impeccable temperament, character and intellect by legal scholars on both the left and right — freed tradition-bound Republicans to end the filibuster for Supreme Court nominees and confirm him with a simple majority.

Had Democrats not tried to block Gorsuch, they would still have the filibuster. And Republicans, who now have just a single-vote majority, would have a much more difficult time mustering the votes to change Senate rules today. But thanks to Democrats' miscalculations, the GOP doesn't have to.

Democrats are accusing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., of hypocrisy moving forward with a Supreme Court nominee during an election year. But McConnell never said he would not confirm nominees before midterm elections in the second year of a presidency. Three sitting justices were confirmed in midterm election years: Elena Kagan (August 2010), Samuel A. Alito Jr. (January 2006) and Stephen G. Breyer (August 1994) — as were retired Justice David Souter (October 1990) and Scalia (September 1986). Trump is going to do exactly what Presidents Obama, Bill Clinton and both Bushes did before him: He will nominate a qualified candidate to fill the high court vacancy, and Senate Republicans will confirm his nominee. There is nothing the left can do about it. If Democrats are upset, too bad. They should have confirmed Miguel Estrada.

GUEST VIEW

Chief justice must come to the rescue

The announcement that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy is retiring has triggered joy among conservatives and anguish among liberals and moderates who follow legal issues — as well as concern among some Americans who fear that's what's next could put our nation in a fraught and ominous place.

While Kennedy — nominated by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 — is generally seen as a conservative, he is more of a liberal-libertarian on some high-profile issues. It was striking to see so many analysts agree that some of his most important decisions advanced progressive goals, including legalizing gay marriage, upholding abortion rights, forcing California to end mass overcrowding of state prisons, banning the death penalty for minors and upholding the right of detainees at military bases such as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to defend themselves and challenge their treatment before a judge.

This is why so many people are nervous about what will happen if President Donald Trump and the Republican Senate majority, emboldened by the recent string of 5-4 high court political victories, install a purer conservative as Kennedy's replacement. It's quite possible reproductive rights would disappear or be sharply limited in numerous states and that the criminal justice reform movement would face new barriers. It's also possible Kennedy's departure would lead to efforts to roll back some gay rights he worked to establish and end the court majority's limited support of affirmative action programs to help more minorities overcome obstacles they face in pursuing the American Dream.

But while it is unrealistic to think that Trump will pick a Kennedy-style justice, there is hope that a hard-right court won't go on a precedent-shredding crusade in coming years. That hope lies with Chief Justice John Roberts, who is likely to become the court's swing vote and is acutely aware of the court's image and the damage that's possible to its reputation and to the nation if it is seen as just another wing of deeply ideological conservatism.

There's evidence this is why Roberts was the fifth vote to save the Affordable Care Act in 2012 when President Barack Obama's signature 2010 law came before the Supreme Court. As CBS News legal correspondent Jan Crawford reported at the time, court observers rejected the notion that Roberts had succumbed to liberal media pressure, writing that Roberts saw nothing but peril for the high court in the "historical consequences" of "unelected judges" thwarting the will of Congress in a murky area of the law. This reluctance was evident again in another challenge to Obamacare's legality, in 2015, when Roberts (and Kennedy) joined four liberal justices in preserving the law.

This is as it should be. Any chief justice who doesn't appreciate the importance of preserving the idea that the Supreme Court is a judicial body, not a political one, risks damaging the institution. Yes, polls already show deep public skepticism that this is true. Yet, not just Roberts, but all justices must appreciate what's at risk if this skepticism builds.

A 2016 essay by Jason Willick in The American Interest examined how relative public confidence in the court helps maintain a belief in government legitimacy despite intense polarization. A Supreme Court widely seen as "a vehicle for validating and implementing the agenda of one of the two parties" is a court that poisons the well of democracy. But so long as America has a high court that "doles out enough victories to both sides so as to make the idealized version of the nonpartisan council of philosopher kings seem not too far removed from the reality," government legitimacy remains.

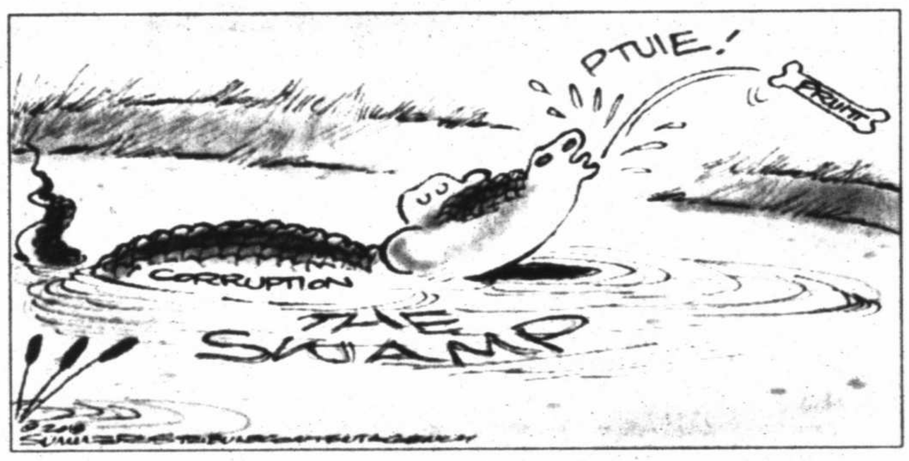
Roberts appears to have grasped this long ago — or at least Americans who seek the best for their nation should hope. Because if he hasn't, the ugliness of our present politics only will get worse — as hard as that may be to believe.

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Freedom: Spending July 4 in Moscow

■ Before Trump, Republicans would have erupted in fireworks over lawmakers visiting Russia on Independence Day



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"What does July 4th mean to me? Freedom," Sen. Ron Johnson chirruped on Twitter on Independence Day.

For the Wisconsin Republican, it meant, specifically, the freedom to spend July 4 in Moscow with seven other Republican lawmakers posing for propaganda photos with Russian officials. On the same day it was reported in Britain that two more people had been poisoned by a Russian nerve agent British officials say came from Vladimir Putin's regime. On the day after the Senate Intelligence Committee affirmed the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Russia interfered in the election to help Donald Trump.

Johnson and his colleagues apparently exercised their freedom not to meet with opposition or civil society figures (those whom the Putin regime has not imprisoned or killed), avoiding the risk of offending their hosts. They also exercised their freedom to soft-pedal their criticism of the Russian government, leading Russian politicians and state media to mock them as supplicants.

Yet despite this lavish display of the freedom to kowtow, they didn't get the meeting they hoped for with Putin himself. He was busy, the Kremlin said.

There was a time, in the pre-Trump era, when Republicans would have erupted in fireworks over an Independence Day visit by submissive American lawmakers to the country the 2012 Republican presidential nominee called "our No. 1 geopolitical foe." (Relations have worsened considerably since then.) They called Jane Fonda "Hanoi Jane" and a traitor when she went to North Vietnam in 1972. After Democrats visited Iraq in 2002, Republicans ridiculed them as "Baghdad boys."

So, what do we call these Red Square Republicans? My interlocutors on Twitter suggest "Moscow Mules." Or, given the position they put themselves in before our masters in Moscow, perhaps they should be called the Prostrate Eight: Sens. Richard C. Shelby (Ala.), Steve Daines (Mont.), John Hoeven (N.D.), John Neely Kennedy (La.), Jerry Moran (Kan.), John Thune (S.D.) and Johnson, plus Rep. Kay Granger (Texas).

Their excellent adventure included a ballet performance of "Sleeping Beauty," and fairy-tale notions pervaded their official meetings, too. "I'm not here today to accuse Russia of this or that or so forth," Shelby told Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin. "I'm saying that we should all strive for a better relationship."

Yes, let us strive for camaraderie with a government that attacks us with cyberwarfare, meddles in our elections, denies entry to American officials who are critical of Moscow, destabilizes Europe and the Middle East, kills critics at home and abroad, occupies its neighbors' land and shoots down the occasional passenger jet. Or, as Shelby put it, "this, that or so forth."

One can hardly wait to see the lawmakers' next codel: meeting with wounded Taliban fighters on Veterans Day? A Memorial Day wreath-laying for fallen members of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard? Flag Day at a street protest in Tehran?

Soon they'll be meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and praising him as talented, honest and trustworthy. Oh, wait.

"I asked our friends in Russia not to interfere in our elections this year," one of the Moscow Mules, Kennedy, said after their meetings. "I asked them to exit Ukraine and allow Ukraine to self-determine. I asked for the same thing in Crimea. I asked for their help in bringing peace to Syria. And I asked them not to allow Iran to gain a foothold in Syria."

Apparently, he didn't say "pretty please with a cherry on top," because the Russians were dismissive of the Americans' pleading.

Duma member Vyacheslav Nikonov said that of the many meetings he has had with American lawmakers, this "was one of the easiest ones in my life," The Post's Anton Troianovski reports.

The Post's Karoun Demirjian reports that state television in Russia mocked the meek Americans. One Russian military expert said, "We need to look down at them and say: You came because you needed to, not because we did."

Sergey Kislyak, Russian legislator and former ambassador to Washington, dismissed the Prostrate Eight's message as "things we'd heard before," and said "our guests heard rather clearly and distinctly" Russia's denial that it interfered in U.S. elections.

They hardly needed to go to Moscow for that, though, because Trump himself tweeted last week: "Russia continues to say they had nothing to do with Meddling in our Election!"

This came after Trump pushed for Russia to be readmitted to the Group of Seven, and in advance of the July 16 Putin-Trump meeting in Helsinki that an Esquire writer called Trump's "annual performance review."

"Happy 4th of July!" Shelby, leader of the Moscow Mules, tweeted from Russia. "We are the land of the free because of the brave."

And what is more courageous than visiting your foe on the Fourth of July and shrinking from accusations of this or that or so forth?

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Roe v. Wade has precedent, but can be overruled

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Abortion isn't mentioned in the Constitution, but it is the main topic in the debate over replacing retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court. We are certainly going to hear a lot of polarized rhetoric about abortion over the next few months. But we should keep in mind three middle-of-the-road truths.

First: The public is ambivalent about abortion. People who favor legal abortion can point to a lot of polls that appear to show them in the majority. Because it's a Supreme Court nomination we are going to be debating, right now they are especially eager to note that polls have pretty consistently shown strong support for Roe v. Wade. In the most recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll, two-thirds of Americans supported it.

But polls that ask other questions about abortion undercut that finding. Gallup has consistently found that a small majority of the public, currently 53 percent, believes that abortion should either be "illegal in all circumstances" or "legal only in a few circumstances." Only 45 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be legal in the first trimester "when the woman does not want the child for any reason," and only 28 percent think it should be generally legal in the second trimester.

Roe and its successor cases require abortion to be legal for any reason in the first and second trimesters. (They allow bans after fetal viability, so long as they include an exception when a doctor believes abortion is necessary for the physical or emotional health of the woman.)

In short: Most Americans do not want a ban on abortion, and favor its availability especially early in pregnancy and in cases of rape and incest, threats to the mother's life, and severe fetal abnormality. But they also favor restrictions that are incompatible with current Supreme Court jurisprudence.

Second: Roe has force as a precedent but can still be overruled. Almost all legal thinkers accept that some past holdings have to be left in place even if they were mistaken, in order for the law to have stability. On the current Supreme Court, only Justice Clarence Thomas denies this concern should apply, and he does so only in constitutional cases. But nearly everyone also agrees that precedents must sometimes be abandoned.

One factor that is generally conceded to affect the force of a precedent is how wrong it was in the first place. Roe had very little constitutional basis, and has been assailed on that basis even by many legal scholars who approve the result that abortion is legal.

Another factor is the age of a precedent. Roe came down in 1973. But the court has abandoned old precedents before. In June, in a case involving the rights of public-sector workers to refrain from paying dues to unions, it overruled a decision nearly as old as Roe. In another case recently, it condemned the even older decision that allowed Franklin Roosevelt to intern Japanese-American citizens during World War II.

The stability of the precedent — and the related question of how much reliance can be placed on it — should also be part of the analysis. Roe was reaffirmed, but also substantially modified, in the Casey decision of 1992, which upheld some restrictions. During the next major abortion case, in 2000, the authors of the Casey decision split about how to apply it to partial-birth abortion. In 2007, the Supreme Court essentially reversed its 2000 decision.

In both 1992 and 2007, the court had suggested that protecting human life is a legitimate governmental interest even before fetal viability. In 2007, it said that the government has an interest in preventing the coarsening of society with respect to human life. In 2016, another decision cast doubt on both points.

A state legislator trying to decide how to vote on an abortion bill cannot confidently tell what provisions will be held constitutional. The court could decide in some future case that it has been unable to use the Constitution to come up with a workable legal code on abortion — and get out of the business altogether.

Third: The confirmation of a new conservative justice would raise the probability that Roe v. Wade will be overturned but not guarantee it. You may have noticed that politically savvy opponents of abortion, who dearly want Roe overruled, are nonetheless emphasizing the no-guarantee point. That's because they know that there are a lot of ambivalent voters who fear sweeping and drastic change in abortion policy.

But what they're saying is also correct. While Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito are conservatives who have voted to uphold abortion restrictions, we do not know that they are willing to overrule Roe. Roberts, in particular, has tended to prefer making narrow rulings which in this case could mean continuing to uphold discrete restrictions on abortion while leaving Roe on the books. Of the sitting justices, only Clarence Thomas has said Roe should go.

The coming confirmation hearings are unlikely to give us a definitive answer about the nominee's proclivities. President Donald Trump has said that he wants a justice who will overrule Roe. But the president says a lot of things. While his legal advisers will be looking for someone who has demonstrated evidence of being a strong legal conservative — something that correlates with opposition to Roe — there is no reason to think that they, or Trump himself, would ask the nominee a direct question about it. They will avoid it in part because it would be hard for the nominee to dodge senators' questions about any such exchange.

The senators aren't going to get a definitive answer either. The nominee will say, appropriately, that it would be improper to commit to ruling one way or another on a case that might come before the court. The nominee will probably also say, less defensibly but in keeping with a common convention of nominees from both parties, that it would be wrong to comment at all on the merits of disputed constitutional questions.

The nominee might allow that the Constitution protects a right to privacy, as when it restricts the government from quartering troops in your house, but refuse to say whether that right extends to abortion. The nominee will almost certainly take a moderate line on the power of precedent: It exists, but it's not absolute, and it would be wrong to make pre-commitments about how it would apply in specific cases.

We don't know for sure how many justices now on the court would vote on Roe, and we won't know for sure how the new justice will vote, either. But we can expect that Roe will be on shakier ground if a new justice is confirmed.

People for whom that's an unacceptable risk will, as they should, oppose confirmation of the president's nominee. The problem for them is that all of that public ambivalence on abortion policy leaves them in the minority. The upshot is that legislatures are likely to get more power to restrict abortion — and maybe a lot more.

Republicans could do worse than finding another Kennedy

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The Supreme Court vacancy presents more peril for Republicans than Democrats. Democrats want you to believe that somehow the president's eventual nominee represents a frightening goose step to the right. They want you to think that freedoms and progress around gay marriage, all abortions, the environment and other liberal go-to causes would be eviscerated by a suddenly right-wing activist court. Typical of this is Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who on Thursday was joined by a few of the other would-be Democrat presidential candidates including Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Kamala Harris of California in front of the Supreme Court, where she declared, "The battle lines have been drawn. Which side are you on?" As The Post's Sean Sullivan reports, "The extraordinary scene underscored the divide in the Democratic Party, pitting the centrists facing reelection this year against the possible 2020 hopefuls."

But more broadly, it speaks to the partisan hyperbole and the demagoguery that is building around the Trump Supreme Court nomination that hasn't yet happened. The fact is that a solid conservative is likely to be replaced by another solid conservative. Justice Anthony Kennedy will likely be succeeded by someone in the same mold, not the knuckle-dragging misogynist everything-hater that the Democrats want voters to believe President Donald Trump will nominate. The left is nothing if not predictable these days.

Kennedy was a consistent, classic conservative. Remember, he was a Reagan appointee. Frankly, it may be hard to find someone much more reliably conservative than Kennedy. As of July 2014, he had voted with the late Justice Antonin Scalia 82 percent of the time, according to The New York Times.

Anyway, the Democrats are already overreaching in hopes of riling their activists, the media is trying to boost ratings by hyping the fight, and both Democrats and Republicans are trying to energize their voters and donors. The rhetoric is already so over the top that by the time there is an actual nominee, it will be anti-climactic. All the weeping and gnashing of teeth will just be background noise. If all goes well, this nomination will unfold much like the Neil Gorsuch nomination. Once Republicans secure 50 votes, the Democrats will release a few senators from red states so that they will not suffer with their more conservative voters back home. Remember, Gorsuch did end up receiving three Democratic votes from Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Joe Donnelly of Indiana. I wouldn't be surprised if this nominee gets at least that many and maybe a couple more red-state Democrats on the ballot in November.

But I remind Republicans that nothing is a sure thing. A lot of uncertainty exists. There are at least two nightmare scenarios for Republicans. Trump could make a big mistake and nominate another David Souter. I was in the White House during Souter's nomination in 1990 and everyone just got it wrong. As soon as he crossed the Washington beltway after departing New Hampshire, he became a reliably liberal member of the court. There is a small chance it could happen again. Even worse, the president could nominate someone who midway into their nomination suffers from a surprise revelation that could be disqualifying. That would push the confirmation timeline beyond the midterm elections — when Republican retention of the Senate majority is uncertain.

Regardless of who is nominated and confirmed, there is very little chance of having five members on the court who will do anything to roll back substantive components of the laws that surround issues such as abortion and gay rights. First, the court is largely bound by precedent. Second, modern Americans have mostly come to terms with those issues. Gay marriage is now part of the American tapestry, and very few think abortion will be completely outlawed. Restricted probably but not outlawed. (For their part, the Democrats have abandoned any sense of objectivity on the issue of abortion. They are the ones who left the mainstream by nominating candidates who support abortion anytime, anywhere.) I hate to break it to the Democrats and their allies in the media, but 50 Republicans in the Senate would not hold together if the nominee were against gay marriage and for the criminalization of abortion. As a reminder, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said on Sunday she "would not support a nominee who demonstrated hostility to Roe v. Wade."

Despite all of the howling that is set to take place over the next few months, when it is all said and done, about the best Republicans can hope for is that the new Supreme Court appointee will look like the old Kennedy.

GOP needs to prepare for fallout of overturning Roe v. Wade

CHARLES LANE
The Washington Post

Justice Antonin Scalia did not frame his opposition to Roe v. Wade in terms of opposition to abortion per se. His complaint was that the 1973 ruling created a nationwide constitutional right to abortion, thus channeling the issue into the federal courts and away from normal political processes.

By "foreclosing all democratic outlet for the deep passions this issue arouses," wrote Scalia, who died in 2016, in his dissent from the court's 1992 reaffirmation of Roe, "by banishing the issue from the political forum that gives all participants, even the losers, the satisfaction of a fair hearing and an honest fight, by continuing the imposition of a rigid national rule instead of allowing for regional differences, the Court merely prolongs and intensifies the anguish."

Scalia's concern about judicial overreach was not unreasonable. No less a feminist than Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg worried, before joining the court, that Roe short-circuited a developing political movement to legalize abortion, which might have succeeded without giving Roe to the pro-life right as a rallying cry.

Viewed in the context of today's frenzied, hyperpartisan politics, though, Scalia's opinion seems utopian: If a court stocked with President Donald Trump's picks overturns Roe, in whole or in part, Scalia's imagined "fair" and "honest" political fight over abortion will take place on Twitter — including Trump's feed — Instagram, Fox News, MSNBC and, inevitably, the streets. Maybe even in the farm-to-table restaurants.

Returning the issue to the "political forum" means that every candidate of both parties for every federal and state legislative and executive office, and probably many other positions, will soon have to declare as pro-choice or pro-life — not in the abstract, but knowing that their positions entail real consequences for which they will be accountable.

Not only that, politicians may have to weigh in on specifics such as spousal and parental notification, waiting periods, fetal pain laws, "heartbeat" laws and targeted regulations of abortion providers. Such rules and regulations have already been proposed and enacted in (mostly red) states over the past two decades.

Feminism, or at least equality for women, has gone mainstream since 1973; reproductive rights and bodily autonomy are central to it. Unlike those who might have felt compelled to hover in the shadows before 1973, women in the new post-Roe era will speak out in wrenching detail about their struggles against abortion restrictions.

Talk about "anguish." Ironically, if it was up to the American people as a whole, they'd probably vote for something very much like, or at least compatible with, the Roe schema, as modified by the 1992 ruling in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, from which Scalia dissented: unrestricted first-trimester abortion, with tighter but not "undue" regulations later in pregnancy.

Unlike views on gay marriage, which had swung in favor before the 2015 Supreme Court ruling legalized it, public opinion on abortion has been relatively stable since Roe was decided.

A total abortion ban has consistently garnered roughly 20 percent in the Gallup Poll since 1976. From one quarter to one third of Americans favors legal abortion under all circumstances (29 percent says that now). The middle 50 percent to 60 percent says it should be legal "under certain circumstances."

According to a Knights of Columbus/Marist poll in January, 51 percent of Americans considers themselves "pro-choice," but 56 percent says abortion is "morally wrong."

Yet there won't be a national referendum or, probably, national legislation. The states will act, and as they do, every nuance will be a potential battle cry for one side or the other, especially in purple states.

Think of it this way: If you tried to rewrite the Supreme Court's current abortion jurisprudence as a statute, what would it say? I don't have any idea either.

Post-Roe America could be an abortion-law patchwork with more restrictive laws, on balance, than it has today, and almost certainly with more furious, but still inconclusive, political argument.

The immediate impact of Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement is good for Republicans; it energizes their base and creates a dilemma for red-state Democratic senators. Over time, though, Republicans will have to move from milking a Roe-repeal promise for evangelical Christian votes to defending the consequences of keeping that promise.

Scalia used to liken Roe v. Wade to Dred Scott, the 1857 ruling that also created a right — slaveholders' rights to their property, human beings — out of a general invocation of "liberty." Rather than stabilize a country on the verge of civil war, the court's intellectual and political overreach destabilized it.

What may have been most destabilizing about Dred Scott, though, was not the new right it so sloppily created, but the rights it abolished: those of African Americans, both enslaved and free, and of anti-slavery whites.

Taking rights away is risky political business. People get mad — which means the Republican Party better get ready.

It's time abortion issue is returned to the states

MEGAN MCARDLE
The Washington Post



The extent to which Roe v. Wade has come to dominate American politics can be found in the anguished cries that followed the announcement of Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement from the Supreme Court. There are other issues that people care about, but Roe forms the centerpiece of any discussion about what a post-Kennedy court might look like.

I am myself uneasily pro-choice. Moreover, just a few days ago, I argued that the increasingly bitter judicial wars tearing apart today's politics can only be ended with more judicial deference to legislatures and to precedent. It stands to reason that I would be dismayed by the politically electrifying prospect that Roe might be overruled entirely. But I wouldn't be dismayed. I'd be glad to see Roe go, as quickly as possible.

How can someone who calls herself pro-choice oppose Roe v. Wade? Let me count the ways.

The decision itself is a poorly reasoned mess. It failed to mount a convincing case that the Constitution contains language that can be read as guaranteeing a woman's right to abort her pregnancy. Nor have the subsequent courts that amended and extended Roe managed to come up with a constitutional justification; it's all "emanations and penumbras" and similarly float-y language that did little to convince opponents that Roe v. Wade was a good or necessary ruling. Even many liberal supporters of a constitutional right to abortion have voiced concerns about the way the Burger Court got us there; those critics include Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

That poor drafting quasi-accidentally left America with some of the most permissive abortion laws in the world, far beyond what most legislatures would permit if the matter were open to public debate. Today, the United States is one of only a handful of countries to allow elective abortions after the 20th gestational week.

And that, in turn, is the biggest problem with Roe: It has given the most religious developed country in the world one of the world's most permissive abortion laws. This is not some peculiar quirk of the American political psyche. The abortion law is out of step with what the majority of the population wants, and given the seriousness of what's involved, it is Roe, more than any other opinion, that is driving both the radicalization and the judicialization of American politics, as pro-lifers fight like caged tigers to amend the law through the only avenue left open to them.

It might have been reasonable at some point to hope that eventually pro-lifers would accept that Roe is, as liberals are fond of saying, "settled law" and move on to another issue. Nearly 50 years in, however, that hope is borderline delusional. Public sentiment on abortion has changed surprisingly little since the 1970s. One might even argue that Roe has frozen American politics in a sort of a time warp, because for almost five decades no one has had to do the hard work of specifying, when, and under what conditions, abortion should be legal.

With the Supreme Court having, in effect, written abortion law covering the first two trimesters of pregnancy, offering an opinion about abortion is

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Americans can take action in immigrant crisis

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It's been just a few weeks since the nationwide uproar over the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border, yet it feels like the issue is already slipping from people's radar.

That's partly because the initial media coverage and subsequent protest rallies and outrage — spurred by images of immigrant children sleeping in cages and audio of them crying for their parents — were soon followed by President Trump issuing an executive order to keep families together.

The "Temporary Detention Policy for Families Entering this Country Illegally" reads, in part, "The Secretary of Homeland Security ... shall, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, maintain custody of alien families during the pendency of any criminal improper entry or immigration proceedings involving their members."

That looks all right on its face. In practice, however, it could usher in more problems for the vulnerable families it purports to protect.

Trump's executive order leaves in place the existing "zero tolerance" policy that separated family members who arrived at the border in the first place, according to Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), a Washington-based nonprofit that has been providing legal representation for immigrant children for more than 10 years.

It also raises the possibility that, in the name of keeping children and parents together, families will be held in detention for an indefinite amount of time.

This would violate what is known as the Flores agreement, a 1997 consent decree that requires children in detention to be released within 20 days, and it potentially worsens conditions for whole families.

"People need to understand that there's a deeper agenda here," said Wendy Young, the president of KIND. "If you parse the executive order, you see that it doesn't stop parents from being prosecuted for seeking asylum at a port of entry, leaving the door open to, effectively, punishing people for seeking refuge from human rights abuses."

Young told me that Trump's simultaneous push to fast-track asylum cases is a terrible idea.

Instead of being able to take a year or so to investigate and gather evidence on whether a migrant is eligible to take refuge in the U.S., putting cases at the "front of the line" and requiring them to be closed within 14 days makes a sham of what is usually a complex legal process.

"A lot of this rushing the process is about closing the door," Young said. "Holding families hostage in prison-like settings is an attempt to force them to leave. It doesn't recognize that these families are fleeing some of the worst violence in the world, and all they are asking for is an opportunity for a fair hearing."

"End catch and release" is the rallying cry of the Trump administration, and it has resulted in a campaign to detain and deport. It's based on the supposition that immigrants who are allowed to leave detention and return for check-ins and proceedings become dust in the wind.

Not true.

As of May 2017, 2.3 million immigrants who were under some sort of supervision by the Department of Homeland Security because of pending cases (2 million of them didn't have a criminal record) regularly reported to their deportation officers.

People didn't start getting scared to go in for their check-ins until the Trump administration started targeting them for quick deportations, according to news reports.

Viable alternatives to mass detention that are more effective and cheaper than holding families in detention already exist.

One Obama-era pilot program provided tracking, support and legal services at a fraction of the cost of family detention, and it resulted in 80 to 99 percent of immigrants showing up for their meetings and hearings. But the Trump administration canceled it.

It's clear that this is no time to forget about the families in detention.

"It's disturbing that we really have not gotten any clear idea of what they're going to do to unify families, and I'm worried they're trying to figure out another workaround to keep people detained," Young said.

It's time to take action. Volunteer or donate money to organizations like KIND and others helping immigrants. Call your elected officials to demand that our country fix the U.S. policies toward Latin America that have led to asylum seeking.

Just do something — the internationally recognized humanitarian crisis at our border won't get better without you.

Stereotypes at work in admission of Asian-Americans

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Everybody knows how President Donald Trump asked for a Muslim ban in his campaign, and at least some of us know his travel ban was no such thing. This country did, however, once have a Chinese ban — people didn't want them around for mostly bigoted reasons. Thank heavens, the population of Asian-Americans from some 20 countries is now booming despite some lingering inhospitality.

We have to watch the generalities — Asian-Americans are a diverse group, and what counts ultimately is individuals — but here is a gift that keeps on giving. As the Pew Research Center reports, no racial group in America can match them in income or education, and they embrace hard work, are big on marriage and family and really, really like it here.

Their overall median income is $73,000, something like $20,000 above the national median income, although one Asian segment, Indians, makes that seem picayunish. Their median is $100,000. But why dwell on money?

One reason is that minority immigrants seldom have ease of passage, as is illustrated by the 19th century Chinese ban that lasted until the 1940s. The fastest growing racial group in America, now about 5.6 percent of the population, Asian-Americans are largely blessed with a culture and values helping to overcome difficulties, yanking the most out of tough circumstances. And besides income, consider how they also excel in school to the extent that half have college educations while less than a third of all Americans do.

At Harvard, widely considered the top of the top universities, Asian-Americans knock on the door with academic achievements higher than any other racial or ethnic competitors. Test scores? No. 1. High school grades? No. 1. Extracurricular activities? No. 1.

The New York Times, which tells us all of this, also tells us that if admissions were based on such matters alone, these exemplars of matters of the mind would constitute 43 percent of the student body. Instead, they are somewhere around 19 or 20 percent and have been for a long time.

How come? The answer is discrimination, Students for Fair Admissions says in a lawsuit that contends that the university balances out racial groups in prearranged percentages that negate actual qualifications. Stereotypes are at work here, much as in the quota system limiting the number of Jewish students in the 1930s, the plaintiff alleges. The Harvard position is that there are other criteria of character and the like and that the selection system is fair and commendable.

I would agree that it can be worthy to examine nonacademic aspects of who a student is, but then you have the interesting fact that the university itself once explored whether there was a bias toward Asian-Americans and concluded there was. That was about all we know — no reforms or apologies emerged — and meanwhile we are also aware the university is particularly tough on Asian-Americans in assessing what they are like personally.

Not so hot, would be one way of summing it up.

My limited contact with Asian-Americans has been with a few acute professionals and entrepreneurial souls who have started businesses and are conscientious and honest while doing a good job. Such anecdotal evidence, even with statistical backing, hardly frees any broad statement of annoying exceptions. But with no intended disparagement of any other of our amazing groups, I will nevertheless argue there is a reinvigorating quality about many Asian-Americans portending large benefits for our American future.

Of course, there is this about some of our ideologically instructed academic and other leaders: They betray principles fallaciously supposing they thus serve a higher good. Are you aware that the Supreme Court, in affirming affirmative action, did so with reference to a law forbidding racial preferences? Someday, however, I am guessing there will be an Asian-American president of Harvard whose talent, grit and character carried the day.

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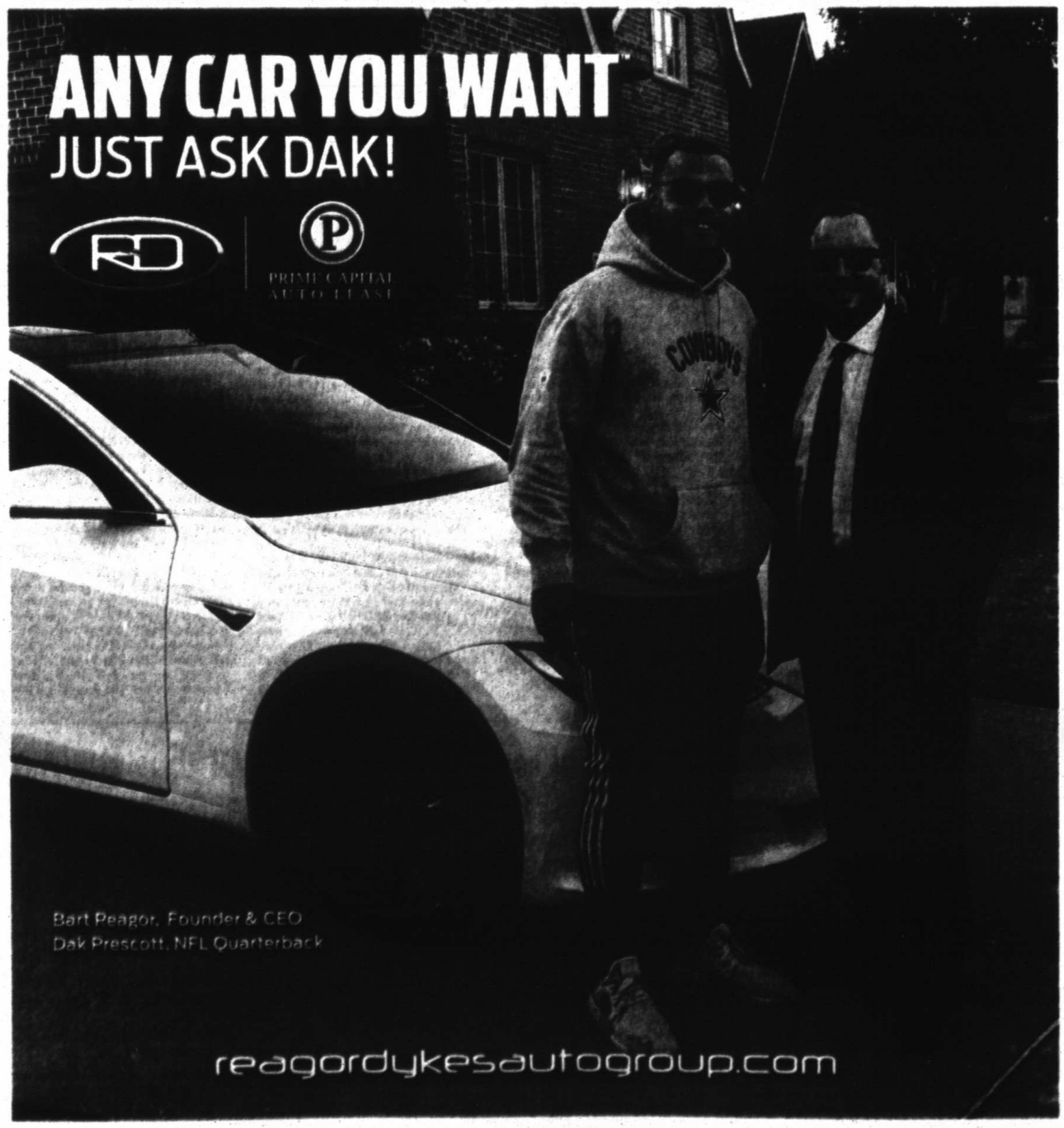
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costless. Pro-lifers can say that abortion ought to be outlawed even in cases of rape and incest, knowing full well that they'll never have to look a rape victim in the face and explain why she had to carry her attacker's baby to term. Pro-choice advocates, meanwhile, don't have to directly advocate allowing second-trimester abortions; the Supreme Court removed that burden. No wonder abortion politics are so polarized and poisonous.

Somewhat paradoxically, the way to make abortion less contentious is to throw the matter back to the states so that people can argue about it. Debating the difficult decisions regarding gestational age and circumstances would force people to confront the hard questions that abortion entails, which tends to have a moderating effect on extreme opinions.

Returning the matter to the states would give most people a law they can live with, defusing the rage that permeates politics and has more than once culminated in acts of terrorism against doctors who perform abortions.

If you're pro-choice, it's probably hard to swallow the idea of "permissive in New York and illegal in Alabama"; you'd much prefer to keep the status quo. But that's politics: both sides settling for less than what they want. The alternative is for one side to seek total victory in a total war. That's not an alternative you should endorse unless you're surer than any American can be that your side will be the one that ultimately wins the war. After all, Roe once seemed like total, permanent victory. Not anymore.



Gurriel, Bregman homer in Astros' 12-6 win over White Sox

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros' offense looks to be back on track.

After totaling 21 runs in their previous seven games, the World Series champs have scored in double-figures in each of their last two.

Yuli Gurriel and Alex Bregman each homered and Charlie Morton won his 11th as the Astros beat the Chicago White Sox 12-6 Saturday for their fifth straight win.

"I think we're swinging the bats well and playing good baseball," Bregman said. "I think offensively, we have a done a good job of passing the baton to the next guy, and if we continue to do that, we will be successful."

Morton (11-2) allowed five runs and five hits with eight strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. The right-hander has won four of his last five starts.

"I feel bad for Charlie because he got a little nickel and dimed at the end with a few soft hits and an ill-timed walk and then a well-placed, bases-clearing double," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "I thought his stuff was really good at the end. That saying that he pitched better than the line indicates, that's going to be the day today. Still a winning pitcher, still a guy that gave us a chance to win."

James Shields (3-10) allowed a season high-tying eight runs on a season-high 10 hits with nine strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings for the White Sox, who have lost four straight. Shields had allowed one run over his prior two starts.

"Just wasn't my day today," Shields said. "I'm just not really happy about not going deep in the game. I'm really trying to save this bullpen. These guys are taxed. I really wanted the ball and be that guy to go deeper in the game."

Gurriel, who also had an RBI single in the eighth, hit a three-run homer to left field to increase Houston's lead to 4-0 in the third inning.

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Eric Christian Smith/Associated Press

Chicago White Sox's Tim Anderson, right, safely steals second as Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve applies the tag during the fifth inning, Saturday in Houston

Demolition derby



Ron Sander/Associated Press

Chase Elliott (9), Darrell Wallace Jr (43), Joey Logano (22) and Daniel Suarez (19) wreck during the NASCAR Cup Series race at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Stenhouse turns Daytona into crash-filled race, Jones gets 1st Cup win

By Mark Long
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Erik Jones has won a crash-filled NASCAR race at Daytona International Speedway, passing defending series champion Martin Truex Jr. on the final lap and then wildly celebrating the first victory of his Cup Series career.

Jones was involved in one of the many wrecks Saturday night, but his No. 20 Toyota was still in good enough shape to get by Truex. Truex blamed himself for failing to see Jones' run coming in his rear-view mirror.

Truex finished second, followed by AJ Allmendinger, Kasey Kahne and Chris Buescher — another odd top 10 at Daytona. Ty Dillon was sixth, followed by Matt DiBenedetto, Ryan Newman and Daytona 500 champion Austin Dillon.

For Jones, a 22-year-old Michigan native driving in his first season for Joe Gibbs Racing, the breakthrough victory came in his 57th career start.

"Oh boy," he said. "How about that race boys and girls? I thought we were out of it and all of a sudden we're right back in it. My first Cup win. My first win at Daytona. My first superspeedway win. What an awesome day."

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Last year's race winner, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., had the most memorable run of the night. He started two early accidents that wrecked more than half the field and was part of two more cautions late.

Stenhouse took out Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski and others. Jones was one of the lucky ones who avoided major damage.

"Definitely happy to see those guys get their first win," said Truex, who had Jones as a teammate at Furniture Row Racing last year. "For them to get it here at a really big race was cool to see."

It also may have been a much-needed victory for NASCAR's so-called "Young Guns," the up-and-coming generation of drivers who had gotten most of the promotion and none of the previous wins in 2018.

International Speedway Corp. President John Saunders pinned some of NASCAR's woes on the failure of the new crop of drivers that have failed to replace a crop of retired stars of the sport.

Saunders said this week the sport needed the stable of young drivers to come along and "start to win and build their brands."

Ryan Blaney and Darrell Wallace Jr. fired back at Saunders, saying the 20-somethings were trying their best to win.

Jones delivered.

Truex took a jab at the critics, saying "now maybe ISC and those guys can be happier about those things."

CHEVY WOES CONTINUE

Chevrolet extended its winless streak to 18 races, its longest since a 31-race drought in 1981-82.

CEMENTED IN HISTORY

Austin Dillon celebrated his Daytona 500 victory by putting his signature, hand prints and right foot on a cement block on the track's Walk of Fame earlier Saturday. It's been a tradition for each Daytona 500 champ since 1996.

Dillon has enjoyed the spoils that come with winning NASCAR's biggest race, including a visit with retired NBA great Shaquille O'Neal.

"He wrapped his hand around mine twice when I shook it," Dillon said.

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Tigers chase Hamels in 7-run first, beat Rangers 7-2

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

DETROIT — Long after the Detroit Tigers broke the game open, JaCoby Jones made the play of the day.

Maybe even the play of the year in the Comerica Park outfield.

Jones' twisting, backhanded catch in the sixth inning took a home run away from Adrian Beltre in Detroit's 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

The Tigers scored all their runs in the first, chasing Cole Hamels before that inning was over. It was still 7-0 when Jones made his spectacular catch in left-center field.

Beltre's drive was headed toward the Texas bullpen, but Jones came over from center and jumped, reaching over the wall with his left hand and backhanding the ball. Jones' momentum spun him around a bit, and he fell forward onto the ground, holding on for the out.

"You have to time it," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "As you saw, his whole arm went over the fence, and he snagged it behind. It's a timing thing, and you have to be athletic to be able to do some of those things."

Jones did not stay in the clubhouse to talk to reporters afterward.

Hamels (4-8) retired only two batters for the Rangers in his shortest start since 2010.

Mike Fiers (6-5) allowed a run and five hits in six innings. He struck out six with one walk.

Rougned Odor hit a solo homer for Texas immediately after Beltre was robbed by Jones. Shin-Soo Choo doubled twice for the Rangers to extend his on-base streak to 46 games, tying Julio Franco's club record set in 1993.

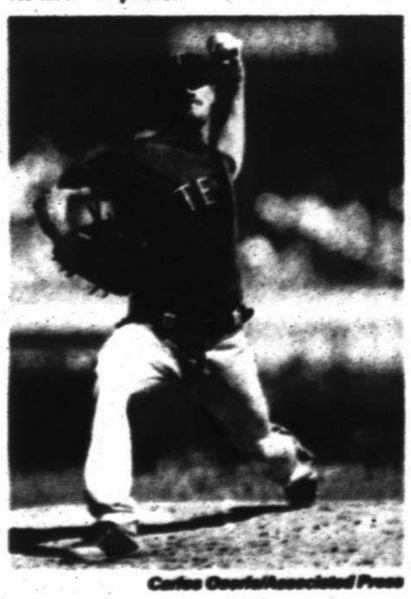
Niko Goodrum had four hits for the Tigers.

Nicholas Castellanos opened the scoring with a solo homer with one out in the first. John Hicks added an RBI single, and Jose Iglesias hit an infield single with two outs and the bases loaded to make it 3-0.

Hamels still would have made it out of the inning, but center fielder Delino DeShields misplayed a line drive by Jones for an error, allowing three more runs to score.

"It just knuckled on me," DeShields said. "I was trying to stay with it, but it swerved on me at the last second. It's frustrating, because you are doing everything you can to make the play, but he hit it right on the screws and right at me, and that's when a ball will take off on you."

Mikie Mahtook followed with an RBI double, and Hamels was replaced after allowing five hits, two walks and three earned runs. He threw 41 pitches.



Carlos Osorio/Associated Press

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws during the first inning against the Detroit Tigers on Saturday in Detroit.

Croatia ends Russia's run, advances to semifinals



Rebecca Blackwell/Associated Press

Croatia's Mario Mandzukic, left, challenges for the ball with Russia's Mario Fernandes during the quarterfinal match between Russia and Croatia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Fisht Stadium on Saturday in Sochi, Russia.

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Nyet this time.

Although Russia made it further at this year's World Cup than most anyone expected, it was Croatia that advanced to the semifinals with a 4-3 shootout victory Saturday following a 2-2 draw.

The overachieving hosts, the lowest ranked team in the tournament at No. 70, were trying to make it to the World Cup semifinals for the first time since the Soviet Union finished fourth at the 1966 tournament in England.

"I left everything on the field and unfortunately we were unlucky," Russia midfielder Roman Zobnin said. "We gave everything we could."

The Croats hadn't advanced this far at the World Cup since 1998, when the country made its first appearance.

Croatia will next play England in the semifinals on Wednesday in Moscow. The English team defeated Sweden 2-0.

With the crowd silenced following an extra-time goal from Croatia defender Domagoj Vida in the 101st minute, Russia defender Mario Fernandes scored to send

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

Cycling
Tour de France, Stage 2: Mouilleron-Saint-Germain to La Roche-sur-Yon, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN

Golf
EPGA: Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Final Round, 6 a.m., GOLF
PGA: A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS
Web.com: LECOM Heath Challenge, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Thornberry Creek Classic, Final Round, 4:30 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Texas at Detroit, Noon, FSSW
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 1 p.m., TBS
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 1 p.m., ATTSW
MLB All-Star Selection Show, 6 p.m., ESPN
LA Dodgers at LA Angels, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
MLS: New York City FC vs. New York Red Bulls, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Motorsports
NHRA: New England Nationals, Noon, FS1
IndyCar: Iowa Corn 300, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

NBA Summer League
Washington vs. San Antonio, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
Portland vs. Atlanta, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2
Golden State vs. Houston, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Memphis vs. Orlando, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
LA Lakers vs. Chicago, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2

Swimming
TYR Pro Swim Series: Day 4, 5:30 p.m., NBCSN

Track and Field
IAAF World Challenge, 11:30 a.m., OLYHD

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Detroit, Noon, KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 1 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Springfield, 6 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Cincinnati 1B Montrel Marshall (Dayton-MWL) and Minnesota 3B Sean Miller (Chattanooga-SL) 50 games for their violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Signed LHP Kacey Murphy and RHP Chris Farrish to minor league contracts.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent OF Nicky Delmonico to Birmingham (SL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Signed LHP Kacey Murphy and RHP Chris Farrish to minor league contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned OF Jake Marisnick to Fresno (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Kyle Tucker from Fresno.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Trevor Oaks to Omaha (PCL). Activated LHP Ervny Romero.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP Nick Tropeano to Inland Empire (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Signed OF Erick Rivera to a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated RHP David Hale for assignment. Recalled OF Clint Frazier from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed OF Matt Joyce on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Recalled OF Nick Martini from Nashville (PCL). Sent RHP Daniel Mengden to Nashville (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Nick Rumbelow to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled OF John Andreoli from Tacoma. Signed C Cal Raleigh to a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated OF Jeremy Hazelbaker for assignment. Selected the contract of LHP Adam Kolarek from Durham (IL). Signed LHP Shane McClanahan to a minor league contract. Sent RHP Jake Faria to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Thomas Pannone to Buffalo (IL). Assigned RHP Preston Guilmet outright to Buffalo (IL).

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Designated RHP Fernando Salas for assignment. Optioned RHP Silvino Bracho to Reno (PCL). Reinstated RHP Randall Delgado from the 60-day DL. Reinstated C Alex Avila from the 10-day DL.
CHICAGO CUBS — Assigned C Chris Gimenez outright to Iowa (PCL). Signed OF Edmond Americaan, LHP Josh Sawyer, 2B Andy Weber and RHPs Nate Stone and Jake Reindl to minor league contracts.
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of 2B Dilson Herrera from Louisville (IL). Sent RHP Rookie Davis to the AZL Reds for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed LHP Mike Dunn on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Placed C Tom Murphy on paternity leave. Recalled RP/OF Jordan Patterson and LHP Jerry Vasto from Albuquerque (PCL). Sent RHP Bryan Shaw to Albuquerque for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Signed LHP Ben Holmes to a minor league contract. Activated RHP Dylan Floro. Placed RHP Kenta Maeda on the paternity list.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Dillon Peters to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated OF Garrett Cooper from the 60-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned INF Nate Orf to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Jorge Lopez from Colorado Springs.
NEW YORK METS — Placed LHP Jerry Blevins on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Paul Sewald from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Jake Thompson to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated RHP Edubray Ramos from the 10-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Dovydas Neverauskas and LHP Josh Smoker to Indianapolis (IL). Signed SS Zack Kone and RHP Deivy Mendez to minor league contracts. Reinstated RHP Michael Feliz from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Alex McRae from Indianapolis.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent RHP Luke Gregerson to Springfield (TL) and LHP Tyler Lyons to Memphis (PCL) for rehab assignments.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Robert Stock to El Paso (PCL). Placed LHP Jose Castillo on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP Kazuhisa Makita from El Paso. Reinstated RHP Kirby Yates from paternity leave and RHP Phil Hughes from the 10-day DL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed 2B Joe Panik on the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Chris Stratton to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated RHP Jeff Samardzija from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of SS Chase d'Arnaud from Sacramento. Transferred RHP Hunter Strickland to the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent RHP Reds Glover to the GCL Nationals and C Matt Walters to Harrisburg (EL) for rehab assignments.

American Association
CHICAGO DOGS — Released RHP Brandon White. Signed OF Kenny Wilson.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Sold the contract of LHP Carlos Diaz to the Cincinnati Reds.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Geoff Broussard. Signed RHP Will Lamaiche.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP John Shinn.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Mark Haynes.

Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Gerald Bautista and RHP Philipe Sabo.

Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Released UT Jeremy Scott.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Thomas Nosti.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP David Puttery.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS — Named Gregg Polinsky director of player personnel. Signed G Bruce Brown Jr. Waived G Dwight Buycks.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed F Keita Bates-Diop.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed RW Filip Zadina to a three-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Promoted Tim Burke to assistant general manager.
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Signed D Colin Miller to a four-year contract.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	6	.667	—
Connecticut	10	6	.556	2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3½
Chicago	6	12	.333	6
New York	5	13	.278	7
Indiana	2	17	.105	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	14	5	.737	—
Seattle	14	5	.737	—
Los Angeles	12	8	.600	2½
Minnesota	11	7	.611	2½
Dallas	9	8	.529	4
Las Vegas	7	12	.368	7

Saturday's Scores
Washington 83, Los Angeles 74
Minnesota at Chicago, late
Connecticut at Las Vegas, late

Today's Games
Dallas at New York, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 7 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	12	4	4	40	42	23
New York	10	4	2	32	34	16
New York City FC	9	4	4	31	34	24
Columbus	8	5	6	30	24	19
New England	7	4	6	27	30	25
Montreal	8	11	0	24	24	32
Chicago	6	7	5	23	27	31
Philadelphia	6	9	3	21	21	27
Orlando City	6	10	1	19	24	37
Toronto FC	4	10	3	15	27	34
DC United	2	7	5	11	23	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	10	2	5	35	28	19
Sporting Kansas City	9	4	5	32	29	22
Los Angeles FC	9	4	4	31	27	27
Real Salt Lake	8	6	2	26	25	24
Portland	7	3	5	26	24	21
Vancouver	6	7	5	23	25	25
Houston	6	6	4	22	20	25
LA Galaxy	6	7	4	22	27	28
Minnesota United	6	10	1	19	23	30
Seattle	4	9	3	15	15	22
Colorado	4	11	3	15	22	32
San Jose	2	9	4	12	20	35

Scores & Schedule

Saturday's Scores
Atlanta United FC 2, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 2, Colorado 1
Seattle 0, New England 0, tie
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, late
Minnesota United at Houston, late
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late
Chicago at Vancouver, late
Columbus at LA Galaxy, late
Orlando City at Los Angeles FC, late
San Jose at Portland, late

Today's Games
New York at New York City FC, 6 p.m.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, July 6
At Nizhny Novgorod
France 2, Uruguay 0
At Kazan
Belgium 2, Brazil 1
Saturday, July 7
At Samara
England 2, Sweden 0
At Saint Petersburg
Croatia 2, Russia 2, Croatia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks
At Moscow
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 10 a.m.
At St. Petersburg, Russia
France vs. Belgium, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11
At Moscow
England vs. Croatia, 1 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 14
At St. Petersburg
Semifinals winner, 10 a.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 15
At Moscow
Semifinals winners, 10 a.m.
FINAL
Tuesday, July 10

Thrilling, unpredictable World Cup living up to hype



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The World Cup continues to grow on me.

The 2018 version has delivered with action-packed matches and late dramatics that has people on the edge of their seat.

One of the biggest gripes you hear about soccer is the lack of scoring. But that hasn't been the case in Russia as there has been only one scoreless draw through 60 matches, the lowest percentage (1.7 percent) of 0-0 matches since 1954.

Additionally, this World Cup has set the record for most match-winning goals (9) in the 90th minute or later. The goal that broke the record just so happened to be Nacer Chadli scoring on an across-the-pitch counter attack to lift Belgium to a 3-2 win over Japan after the Belgians trailed 2-0 with less than 20 minutes remaining.

For those that like penalty shootouts, four knockout round matches have been decided this way so far, which is compelling, must see TV even though it's not my favorite way to pick a winner.

There's been some criticism that the remaining four teams — France, Belgium, England, Croatia — are all European.

With the exception of France, the 1998 champion and 2006 runner-up, the three other teams are relatively fresh in terms of competing for World Cup titles. England, for all its soccer clout, has not played in a World Cup final since it claimed the title in 1966. The English are going to play in their first semifinal since 1990, so they are a feel good story even though they boast the most popular club league in the world.

Furthermore, neither Croatia nor Belgium have won the World Cup, let alone played in the final.

Belgium is playing in its first semifinal since 1986, while Croatia hasn't been in one since 1998. Croatia, even if you count Yugoslavia, never reached the final.

From an underdog standpoint, this has been a great World Cup because the blue bloods — Brazil, Germany, Argentina, Italy — are nowhere to be found. There's a two in four chance that we will be crowning a new champion.

Even beyond the exciting matches and the new crop of title contenders, the World Cup has been appealing to me because it's fan friendly.

In the era of the 3-hour baseball game and the NFL game that is bogged down by replay reviews and TV timeouts, a 90-minute regulation soccer match lasts less than two hours.

The soccer match is non-stop action. The stoppages are short. There are no commercial breaks. We get one 15-minute halftime break to escape the TV, which comes in handy.

That's not to say I'm going to be watching Major League Soccer matches anytime soon, but every four years, the World Cup provides enough excitement to catch my attention.

And it has drawn me in even without the United States participating.

■ The NBA has been a league of dynasties for as long as I can remember.

The Golden State Warriors' dominance is nothing new to basketball.

Despite that fact, I think the balance of power has gotten out of hand when the 16-time NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers add LeBron James and the Warriors sign four-time NBA All-Star DeMarcus Cousins for an extreme discount.

How does a team like the Minnesota Timberwolves, New Orleans Pelicans or Milwaukee Bucks sell hope to their fans if Karl Anthony-Towns, Anthony Davis or Giannis Antetokounmpo are eventually going to be lured to a tailor made, ready-to-win situation? It takes years for a young-and-upcoming franchise to become championship caliber, so why should young stars be patient and stick it out when it's easier to join a veteran team like the Boston Celtics that's on the cusp?

Obviously, dynastics and super teams sell and draw ratings, but on the flip side of that is we're left with a number of downtrodden teams with virtually no appeal. Imagine trying to sell season ticket packages for the San Antonio Spurs or Cleveland Cavaliers next year.

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Djokovic slams Wimbledon crowd after being booed

By Mattias Karen
Associated Press

LONDON — Novak Djokovic shrugged off a bad call by the chair umpire that cost him a break in his Wimbledon win over home favorite Kyle Edmund on Saturday.



Djokovic

He was less forgiving when it came to the way he was treated by the crowd at the All England Club.

"There is a certain unwritten borderline where you feel that it's a bit too much," Djokovic said about being booed at times by the partisan crowd on Centre Court. "I didn't deserve to be treated the way I was treated by certain individuals."

Neither the crowd nor a big mistake by the umpire could unglue Djokovic, though, as the three-time champion won 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the round of 16 for the 11th time at the All England Club.

He was robbed of a break at 3-3, 15-40 in the fourth set when the ball bounced twice before Edmund managed to return it over the net. Djokovic complained to the chair umpire but the call stood — even though TV replays also showed Edmund's shot had actually landed wide.

Edmund ended up holding serve but Djokovic broke at his next opportunity to make sure there will be no British players in the second week of the tournament.

"I was 100 percent convinced it (bounced) twice," Djokovic said.

"Anybody can make a mistake. That's OK. But I don't understand why he (the umpire) didn't allow me to challenge the ball. I asked him. ... So, yes, it was quite a strange decision from (the) chair umpire, but it happens."

That wasn't the only point of contention in the match. Djokovic got into a bit of a two-sided argument with the crowd after he was booed following a time violation in the third set. He responded by blowing kisses into the stands.

"I thought the crowd's reaction after that (time violation) was quite unnecessary. A couple (of) guys really, you know, pretending they were coughing and whistling while I was bouncing the ball more or less to the end of the match at that end where I received the time violation.

"Those are the things obviously that people don't get to see or hear on the TV. I just think it's not necessary. That's what I didn't like. ... My interaction with the crowd, I thought had good things and not great things. I just reacted the way I thought was fair, the way they reacted to me."

Edmund, the last British player remaining in the tournament, said he didn't notice anything disrespectful from the crowd, but acknowledged it was a Davis Cup-like atmosphere.

"It was a great atmosphere to be in," Edmund said. "When you're at Centre Court, to have the crowd behind you is a great thing."

He also insisted he was unsure whether the ball actually bounced twice on the disputed call in the fourth set.

"If in real life it's hard to tell, then it's hard to tell for me when I'm scrambling," he said. "We need the umpire to get off his chair and go to the TV monitor on the side."

It was the third time Djokovic faced a British player at Wimbledon, losing to Andy Murray in the 2013 final and beating James Ward in 2016. But this was the first time he got a reaction like this from the crowd.

"The crowd was very fair when I played against Andy. Obviously they support their player," he said. "But today there was just some people, especially behind that end where I got the time violation, they kept on going, they kept on going, provoking. That's something that I can tolerate for a little bit, but I'm going to show that I'm present as well, that they can't do whatever they feel like doing."

Wimbledon Results
Saturday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $41.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Men's Singles
Third Round
Karen Khachanov, Russia, def. Frances Tiafoe, United States, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-1
Novak Djokovic (12), Serbia, def. Kyle Edmund (21), Britain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0
Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3
Gilles Simon, France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (2)
Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Fabio Fognini (19), Italy, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Alex De Minaur, Australia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Dennis Novak, Austria, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2
Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia (15), 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-4

Women's Singles
Third Round
Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan, def. Simona Halep (1), Romania, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Elise Mertens (15), Belgium, 6-2, 6-2
Jelena Ostapenko (12), Latvia, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, 6-0, 6-4
Aleksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, def. Daria Gavrilova (28), Australia, 6-3, 6-1
Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, def. Anett Kontaveit (28), Estonia, 6-2, 6-3
Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, def. Ashleigh Barty (17), Australia, 7-6, 6-3
Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Naomi Osaka (16), Japan, 6-2, 6-4
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (27), Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

DAYTONA

From 1C

"He just told me some pretty cool things, so it was cool hanging out with him because I've always been a great fan of him."

Pit crew history

Brehanna Daniels and Breanna O'Leary worked as tire changers for Rick Ware Racing driver Ray Black Jr.

Daniels is believed to be the first female black crew member to compete in a NASCAR national series event. She had pitted in more than 25 Xfinity, Truck and ARCA races and made her Cup debut on Saturday night.

"What I'm doing in NASCAR is so much bigger than me," she said. It's been so rewarding to be part of history while at the same time inspiring others to take on challenges they thought might not be possible."

O'Leary made her third appearance overall in the Cup Series and second this season.

O'Leary and Daniels, roommates in North Carolina, are the fifth and sixth female NASCAR Drive for Diversity crew members to reach the Cup series.

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Coke Zero Sugar 400 Results
Saturday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 160 laps, 0 rating, 40 points.
2. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 160, 0, 35.
3. (24) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 34.
4. (38) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 40.
5. (25) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 32.
6. (19) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 37.
7. (91) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 160, 0, 30.
8. (7) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 29.
9. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 160, 0, 28.
10. (2) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 27.
11. (34) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, 160, 0, 26.
12. (15) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 160, 0, 25.
13. (35) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 160, 0, 24.
14. (22) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 157, 0, 23.
15. (21) David Ragan, Ford, 157, 0, 22.
16. (88) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 157, 0, 0.
17. (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 157, 0, 40.
18. (43) AJ Viney, Toyota, 155, 0, 0.
19. (5) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 152, 0, 18.
20. (23) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 152, 0, 19.
21. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 152, 0, 0.
22. (9) Chris Buescher, Ford, accident, 152, 0, 15.
23. (4) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, accident, 152, 0, 16.
24. (37) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 152, 0, 13.
25. (66) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, accident, 101, 0, 0.
26. (6) Michael McDowell, Ford, accident, 100, 0, 20.
27. (28) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 100, 0, 16.
28. (95) Paul Menard, Ford, 152, 0, 0.
29. (14) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 123, 0, 29.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

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7/09 6:00 Enhanced Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
7/28 11:00-1:00 Microchip Clinic at Pet Wants Permian Basin

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'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CARDINALS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 4, 10 INNINGS
At Hammons Field, Springfield, Missouri

TOP HITTERS: Springfield catcher Jeremy Martinez went 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored, while Ramon Urias was 1-for-4 with a three-run home run. ... For Midland, first baseman Seth Brown was 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles and two RBI, while teammate Eli White was 3-for-4 with a home run, a double and a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: Cardinals starter Sam Tewes held the visitors to one run on six hits over seven strong innings while striking out four in a no-decision. ... RockHounds starter Parker Dunshee surrendered four runs over eight innings, fanned seven and did not get a decision.

HIGHLIGHTS: Springfield took a 4-0 lead after Lane Thomas belted a solo home run in the second and then Urias clubbed his three-run shot in the third. ... White knocked a solo home run to left field in the sixth to cut Midland's deficit to 4-1, before Brown doubled in the eighth to make it 4-2. ... In the ninth, the RockHounds tied the game on singles by Skye Bolt and Brown. ... Martinez won the game with a single to left in the 10th.

NOTES: Midland, now on a four-game losing streak, fell in extra innings for the second time in as many nights and dropped to 4-12 in the second half. Springfield leads the three-game series 1-0 and the two teams will resume the series at 6:10 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — TBD; Springfield — TBD

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	10	4	.714	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	9	5	.643	1
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	3	10	.231	6½
Springfield (Cardinals)	4	12	.250	7

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	11	4	.733	—
Frisco (Rangers)	10	5	.667	1
San Antonio (Padres)	8	7	.533	3
Midland (Athletics)	4	12	.250	7½

Saturday's Scores
Springfield 5, Midland 4, 10 innings
Arkansas at San Antonio, late
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, late
Frisco at Tulsa, late

Today's Games
Arkansas at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Midland at Springfield, 6:10 p.m.
Frisco at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

CARDINALS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 4, 10 INNINGS

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Springfield	ab	r	h	bi
E. White 2b	4	2	3	1	Edman ss	4	0	0	0
Sportman 3b	5	0	0	0	Urias 2b	4	1	1	3
Brown 1b	5	0	3	2	Mendoza 3b	4	0	0	0
Mannoov rf	5	0	1	0	Chiesa 1b	4	0	0	0
Ramirez lf	3	0	1	0	Thomas cf	4	1	1	1
Martin ss	4	0	1	0	Roache rf	4	0	0	0
Siddall dh	5	1	1	0	Mieses rf	3	0	0	0
Chavez c	4	0	0	0	Martinez c	4	1	3	1
Bolt cf	4	1	1	1	Dykstra dh	3	1	2	0
Totals	39	4	11	4	Totals	34	5	7	5

Midland ..... 000 001 012 — 4
Springfield ..... 013 000 000 1 — 5

E – Sportman (5). DP – Springfield 1. LOB – Midland 10, Springfield 3. 2B – Brown 2 (20), White (18), Siddall (9), Martinez (3), Dykstra (3). HR – White (7), Thomas (15), Urias (5). SB – Martin (10). CS – Urias (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Dunshee	8.0	6	4	4	0	7
Finnegan L, 0-1	1.1	1	1	1	0	2
Springfield						
Tewes	7.0	6	1	1	1	4
Arias	0.2	2	1	1	1	0
Medina	0.2	2	2	2	1	0
Latcham W, 1-0	1.2	1	0	0	1	1

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Astros

From 1C

Josh Reddick had a run-scoring fielder's choice and Evan Gattis added an RBI single to push the Astros' advantage to 6-1 in the fifth. However, Matt Davidson had an RBI single with the bases loaded and Omar Narvaez followed with a three-run double to pull Chicago within one in the sixth, chasing Morton.

Bregman's two-run homer in the bottom of the inning extended Houston's lead back to three.

"A 2-0 count, I was trying to get something over the middle of the plate," Bregman said. "I was fortunate enough to put a good swing on it."

Bregman finished a triple shy of the cycle to extend his hitting streak to 12 games.

"He's doing everything right in the batter's box as far as seeing the ball, his selectiveness, his approach is A-plus," Hinch said. "Bat-to-ball has been exceptional."

Max Stassi hit an RBI double in the second and an RBI single in the eighth for the Astros. Marwin Gonzalez added an RBI single in the seventh as every Houston starter had a hit. Houston won 11-4 Friday night.

"It's an excellent ball club, let's face it they've got guys that swing the bat up and down the lineup," Chicago manager Rick Renteria said of the Astros. "They've got an air of confidence that they play with, which comes with the things that they've accomplished. It's natural."

Avisail Garcia hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth and a solo home run on to the train tracks in left in the eighth for Chicago. Garcia has five home runs in his last six games.

Tucker promoted

The Astros promoted top prospect, outfielder Kyle Tucker from Triple-A Fresno. Tucker, who was named to the Pacific Coast League's All Star team, was hitting .306 with 14 home runs and 66 RBIs. He went 1 for 4 with a single and run scored in the seventh and an RBI walk in the eighth to go along with three strikeouts. The Astros optioned outfielder Jake Marisnick to Fresno in a corresponding move.

Trainer's room

White Sox: SS Tim Anderson returned to the lineup. Anderson was out Friday after being hit on the left forearm the previous day. Anderson went 0 for 4 and reached on an error in the fifth.

Up next

White Sox: RHP Lucas Giolito (5-7) will make his 18th start of the season in the series finale. Giolito is 2-3 with a 7.50 ERA in his last eight stars and gave up nine runs in two innings in his last start against the Astros on April 21.

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (5-8) is looking for his third straight win. Keuchel allowed two runs over seven innings in his last start Tuesday against the Rangers.

Honeycutt dead after exchanging gunfire with police

By Amina Khan and Carlos Lozano
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Tyler Honeycutt, a former UCLA basketball star who also played for the NBA's Sacramento Kings and Houston Rockets, was found dead early Saturday after barricading himself in a Sherman Oaks home and exchanging gunfire with Los Angeles police, according to a friend of the family.

Bort Escoto, who coached Honeycutt for four years at Sylmar High School, said he had been in contact with Honeycutt and his mother.

"He was a fantastic kid," Escoto said. "He was a great kid to be around. But he was having some problems ... From what I know, he shot himself."

The incident began when SWAT officers responded to a call of a "man with a gun" about 5:10 p.m. Friday, said Officer Tony Im, a police spokesman.

While officers were communicating with the person, he fired a gun from inside the residence, Im said. The officers returned fire, and the man barricaded himself inside the home.

For several hours, officers believed the man was alive, according to the LAPD's Twitter account.

Hours later, the SWAT officers entered the home and found the man, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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American League

TWINS 5
ORIOLES 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Kyle Gibson recovered from a rough start to throw seven innings, and Max Kepler homered in his second straight game to lead Minnesota past Baltimore 5-4 on Saturday.

Bobby Wilson went 2-for-3 with three RBIs for the Twins, who won their third in a row.

Gibson (3-6) allowed three runs in the first inning — including a two-run homer by Chris Davis — but only gave up two hits after that while striking out nine. It was Gibson's highest strikeout total since fanning 10 batters on April 26 against the New York Yankees.

Kepler's solo shot off Kevin Gausman sparked a three-run fifth that tied it. Wilson's two-run double off Miguel Castro (2-5) in the sixth gave Minnesota the lead for good.

The team with baseball's worst record, meanwhile, lost its fifth in the row.

RED SOX 15
ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andrew Benintendi homered, doubled, walked a career-high four times and scored four runs, and the Boston Red Sox routed the Kansas City Royals 15-4 on Saturday night.

Mookie Betts had four hits, raising his American League-leading average to .343. Ten Red Sox players had RBIs as they scored a season high in runs. They scored 11 runs after the sixth inning.

Benintendi became the first Boston player to walk four times and homer in a game since David Ortiz in 2007. He also drove in two runs.

Xander Bogaerts had three RBIs for the Red Sox, who have won five straight and 12 of their past 15.

Christian Vazquez had a two-run, two-out single in the seventh.

YANKEES 8
BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Luis Severino pitched five innings to earn his major league-leading 14th win, Brett Gardner and Aaron Judge each hit solo home runs, and New York beat Toronto.

Severino (14-2) won his fifth straight start, allowing three runs and five hits. Two of the hits were home runs, marking the first time this season that Severino has allowed more than one homer in a game. He has allowed three earned runs or less in 16 consecutive starts.

Jonathan Holder, David Robertson, Dellin Betances each worked one inning and Aroldis Chapman got the first out of the ninth before leaving with an apparent injury. Chasen Shreve finished for New York, giving up a solo homer to Aledmys Diaz.

J.A. Happ (10-5), a potential trade target for the Yankees, had a dreadful audition. He allowed six runs and four hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

ATLETICS 6
INDIANS 3
(11 innings)

CLEVELAND — Stephen Piscotty hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the 11th inning and Oakland Athletics past Cleveland.

Matt Chapman, who had a career-high four hits, scored later in the frame on Jonathan Lucroy's grounder to complete the A's comeback victory and make a winner out of closer Blake Treinen (5-1).

Oakland won for the ninth time in 11 games since June 25 and snapped the Indians' home winning streak at eight. Josh Tomlin (0-5), who was Cleveland's sixth pitcher, allowed all three runs in the 11th.

Corey Kluber tossed seven shutout innings, but was denied in his bid to become the first Indians pitcher with 13 wins before the All-Star break since Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry had 15 in 1974.

National League

CUBS 8
REDS 7

CHICAGO — Javier Baez homered and had four hits — including a game-tying infield single in the eighth — and Chicago rallied from a five-run deficit and over Cincinnati.

Anthony Rizzo's RBI groundout capped a four-run eighth inning for Chicago, which has come from behind in each of its last eight wins.

Eugenio Suarez homered and Billy Hamilton added three hits and three stolen bases for Cincinnati, which had its five-game winning streak against the Cubs snapped.

Randy Rosario (4-0) allowed two hits in 2 1/3 innings to get the win. Brandon Marrow worked the ninth for his 20th save.

Jared Hughes (2-3) took the loss, part of three Reds relievers who allowed five runs in 2 1/3 innings.



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Jesmuel Valentin makes a play on Saturday in Pittsburgh.

MARLINS 5
METS 2

MIAMI — Brian Anderson hit a two-run homer off Jacob deGrom and Miami climbed out of last place in the NL East.

For the second game in a row, a Marlins pitcher beat the Mets while making his first major league start. Pablo Lopez (1-0) allowed two runs in six innings in his big league debut.

The Mets (32-48) lost for the 10th time in 11 games and fell into last place for the first time this year. They finished 5-21 this month for the worst June in franchise history, and they've plummeted from 10 games over .500 to 15 under at an earlier date than any team in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

PHILLIES 3
PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Nick Williams, Scott Kingery and Jorge Alfaro drove in runs on consecutive at-bats in the seventh inning to help Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh and extend the first-place Phillies' winning streak to six games.

Jake Arrieta (6-6) worked around six hits with the help of eight strikeouts to hold the Pirates to two runs over seven innings.

Pirates starter Jameson Taillon (5-7) was charged with all three runs. He had allowed just two singles coming into the seventh. He struck out eight and walked none.

Starling Marte singled and scored in the first and homered in the second as part of a three-hit afternoon to stake the Pirates to an early lead.

Victor Arano worked around a leadoff double in the ninth for his second save.

CARDINALS 3
GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Carlos Martinez pitched seven effective innings for his third consecutive win and St. Louis beat San Francisco.

Martinez (6-4) allowed one run on six hits with three strikeouts and did not walk a batter for the third time this season. The right-hander also drove in the Cardinals' first run with an RBI double in the third.

Jordan Hicks allowed a run in the eighth and Bud Norris retired three batters for his 17th save.

Brandon Belt had three hits and drove in both runs for the Giants. San Francisco has been held to two runs or fewer in five of its last six games.

BRAVES 5
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Anibal Sanchez pitched effectively into the seventh and Freddie Freeman added three hits, lifting slumping Atlanta over Milwaukee.

Sanchez (4-2) retired 19 in a row at one point to help snap Atlanta's season high four-game skid. He exited with two outs in the seventh after being hit by a liner on his right hip.

Atlanta got to Brewers spot starter Aaron Wilkerson (0-1) early to end Milwaukee's five-game winning streak. Wilkerson had taken the rotation turn of Brent Suter, who went on the 10-day disabled list with left forearm tightness on Friday.

Sanchez struck out six in a row at one point. But after two easy outs in the seventh, his day ended quickly following a walk to Hernan Perez.

NATIONALS 18
MARLINS 4

WASHINGTON — Mark Reynolds homered twice and drove in a career-high 10 runs, Max Scherzer won for the first time since June 5, and the Washington Nationals beat the Miami Marlins 18-4 on Saturday night.

Washington has won three straight and scored a combined 35 runs since calling a players-only meeting on Wednesday after falling under .500 for the first time since May 2.

Reynolds (5 for 5) tied his career high for hits and equaled the Nationals' RBI record.

Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the second inning into the same visitors' bullpen where his walk-off homer landed on Friday. He followed that up with an RBI double in the second, a two-run single in the fifth, a three-run homer in the sixth, and a two-run single in the seventh.

Washington, which has won 14 straight against Miami, broke it open by batting around the order and scoring a season-best seven runs in the fifth inning.

Interleague

RAYS 3
METS 0

NEW YORK — Blake Snell blanked the Mets over a career-high-tying 7 1/3 innings, Wilson Ramos drove in a pair of runs and Tampa Bay downed New York.

Snell (12-4) struck out nine, scattering six hits and three walks while lowering his ERA to 2.09. The lanky lefty has yielded two runs or fewer in nine of his last 10 starts and is 4-0 with an 0.63 ERA over his last four outings, two against the Astros.

Steven Matz (4-6) continued his recent surge, charged with one run on five hits and three walks in 6 1/3 innings — striking out five. The Long Island native has allowed four earned runs across his last his three starts, a span of 18 2/3 innings.

Sergio Romo pitched a scoreless ninth for his ninth save in 13 chances.

ROCKIES 5
MARINERS 1

SEATTLE — Noel Cuevas hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning among his three hits to lead Colorado to a win against Seattle.

Carlos Gonzalez added a double and a run-scoring single for the Rockies, who have won five in a row.

Jean Segura homered for the Mariners, who came into the series having won nine of their last 10, but have now lost two in a row.

Seattle starter James Paxton (8-3) lost for the second time in three starts, allowing four runs and seven hits in seven innings. It was the third time in four starts Paxton allowed at least that many runs and hits.

Reliever Scott Oberg (2-0) earned the win by throwing a perfect sixth inning, striking out two.

DODGERS 3
ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ross Stripling pitched another gem and Justin Turner drove in two runs to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 win over the Angels on Saturday night.

Stripling (7-2) is making a strong case to make the AL All-Star team with another terrific outing. He allowed just one run and three hits — all by Mike Trout — in six innings. The right-hander struck out seven and walked none, and lowered his ERA to 2.14.

After blowing a save opportunity on Friday night, Kenley Jansen pitched a perfect ninth to earn his 24th save.

The 28-year-old Stripling retired nine of the last 10 batters he faced for the Dodgers, who have won five of their last six games.

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	61	29	.678	—
New York	57	39	.594	7
Tampa Bay	44	44	.500	16
Toronto	41	47	.466	19
Baltimore	24	64	.273	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	49	36	.576	—
Minnesota	39	45	.464	10½
Detroit	40	51	.440	12
Chicago	38	50	.432	13
Kansas City	25	63	.284	26½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	31	.659	—
Seattle	50	41	.549	10
Oakland	49	42	.538	11
Los Angeles	45	45	.500	14½
Texas	39	51	.433	20½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	49	37	.570	—
Atlanta	51	38	.573	—
Washington	45	43	.511	5
New York	32	56	.364	18½
Miami	31	55	.360	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	35	.602	—
Chicago	50	36	.581	2
St. Louis	46	42	.523	7½
Pittsburgh	44	43	.506	9
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	46	45	.505	—
Los Angeles	46	46	.500	½
Colorado	46	46	.500	½
San Francisco	46	46	.500	½
San Diego	38	55	.409	9½

Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 5
Houston 12, Chicago White Sox 5
Detroit 7, Texas 2
Oakland 6, Cleveland 3, 11 innings
Boston 15, Kansas City 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 7
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 3, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 1
Washington 18, Miami 4
San Diego at Arizona, late

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Colorado 5, Seattle 1
L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 1

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees (Sanchez 3-4) at Toronto (Sounds 6-1), 12:07 p.m.
Oakland (Montas 4-2) at Cleveland (Bieber 4-6), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Minor 0-1) at Detroit (Fulmer 3-7), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 3-10) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 3-6), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-7) at Houston (Verlander 5-6), 1:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 10-5) at Kansas City (Lamb 5-10), 1:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Miami (Richards 3-6) at Washington (Roark 3-10), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 0-0) at Milwaukee (Guerra 5-6), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-2), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 5-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-6), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 7-6) at Arizona (Gentry 9-5), 3:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Fiexen 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 3-1) at Seattle (LeBlanc 4-0), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-6), 8:05 p.m.

Texas bonus

ASTROS 12, WHITE SOX 4

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Moncada 2b	5	1	2	0	Springer cf	4	2	1	0
Y.Gonch 2b	3	0	1	0	Bregman 3b	5	3	3	2
J.Abreu dh	4	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	2	0
A.Garcia rf	3	2	1	2	Gurriel 1b	4	2	2	4
Palka lf	3	1	0	0	Reddick rf	5	1	1	1
Davidson 1b	4	1	1	1	Gattis dh	4	1	2	1
Narvaez c	4	0	2	3	K.Tucker lf	4	1	1	1
T.Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	Stassi c	5	0	3	2
Engel cf	3	0	0	0	M.Gonzalez ss	5	1	2	1
Tilson ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	6	7	6	Totals			4012 1712	

Chicago ..... 000 105 010 — 7
Houston ..... 203 022 10x — 12

E – M.Gonzalez (6). DP – Chicago 1. LOB – Chicago 4, Houston 9. 2B – Y.Gonzalez (10), Narvaez (10), Bregman (20), Altuve (23), Gattis (15), Stassi (12), M.Gonzalez (12). HR – A.Garcia (8), Bregman (17), Gurriel (6), 3B – T.Anderson (21), Springer (6), Altuve (13). SF – A.Garcia (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Shields L,3-10	5⅔	10	6	6	2	0
Kinder	1	2	1	1	1	1
Fry	2⅓	4	3	3	0	1
Wraps	2⅓	1	0	0	2	0
Houston						
Morton W,11-2	6⅔	5	5	5	2	6
Harris H,11	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
McHugh H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Giles	1	1	1	1	0	1
Smith	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—Harris.

TIGERS 7, RANGERS 2

Texas	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh		4	0	2	0
Andrus ss		4	0	1	0
Gyorko 1b		0	0	0	0
Mazara rf		4	0	1	0
Texo pr-rf		0	0	0	0
Beltre 3b		4	0	1	0
Kiv-Pil 3b		0	0	0	0
Odor 2b		4	1	2	1
Profar 1b-ss		4	1	1	0
Gallo lf		3	0	0	0
R.Chirinos c		4	0	0	1
D'Vazio ph-cf		4	0	0	0
Totals		35	2	8	2

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Martinez lf	5	0	2	1
Collins cf	4	1	1	1
Goodrum 2b	4	1	4	0
Jh.Hrn 1b	4	1	1	1
V.Mrtn dh	3	1	1	0
V.Reyes pr-dh	1	0	1	0
Cnd'no 3b	4	1	0	0
J.McCnn c	5	0	0	0
J.Upton ss	4	1	2	1
J.Jones cf	2	1	0	0
Totals	38	7	12	4

Texas ..... 000 001 001 — 2
Detroit ..... 700 000 00x — 7

E—Gyorko (4), DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 7, Detroit 12. 2B—Choo 2 (33), Odor (11), Profar (23), Martinez (8), Goodrum (10), J.Upton (21). HR—Odor (9), Castellanos (15). SB—Goodrum (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Hamels L,4-8	3⅔	5	7	3	2	2
Minor	4⅓	2	0	0	4	6
Claudio	1	5	5	0	0	4
Detroit						
Pena	6	5	1	1	1	5
Hardy	2	2	0	0	0	3
Wilson	1	1	1	1	0	0

HBP—by Minor (Jones), WP—Minor 2.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 5, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore ..... 200 020 000 — 4 7 1
Minnesota ..... 200 102 00x — 5 8 0

Gausman, Castro (8), Scott (7), Britton (8) and Sisco; Gibson, Hildenberger (8), Rodney (9) and B.Wilson. W—Gibson 3-6. L—Castro 2-5. Sv—Rodney (10). HRs—Baltimore, Davis (9). Minnesota, Kepler (16).

TIGERS 7, RANGERS 2

Texas ..... 000 001 001 — 2 6 0 1
Detroit ..... 200 005 00x — 7 12 0

Kolarek, Minor (1), Claudio (8) and Chirinos; Pena, Hardy (7), A.Wilson (8) and McCann. W—Pena 6-5. L—Hamels 4-8. HRs—Texas, Odor (9). Detroit, Castellanos (15).

ASTROS 12, WHITE SOX 4

Chicago ..... 000 104 010 — 6 7 0
Houston ..... 013 022 12x — 12 17 1

Shields, Fry (7), Wraps (8) and Narvaez; Morton, Harris (6), McHugh (7), Giles (8), J.Smith (9) and Stassi. W—Morton 11-2. L—Shields 3-10. HRs—Chicago, Garcia (8). Houston, Bregman (17), Gurriel (6).

YANKEES 8, BLUE JAYS 5

New York ..... 400 000 031 — 8 9 0
Toronto ..... 000 101 031 — 5 9 0

Sturgs, Ramirez (6), Rivera (8), J.Anderson (7), Parker (9) and Maldonado; Cashner, Stock (7), Givens (8), Scott (8), Biagini (9) and Joseph. W—J.Anderson 2-2. L—Givens 0-5.

RED SOX 15, ROYALS 4

Boston ..... 020 060 317 — 15 16 1
Kansas City ..... 010 000 030 — 4 6 0

Sturgs, Ramirez (6), Rivera (8), J.Anderson (7), Parker (9) and Maldonado; Cashner, Stock (7), Givens (8), Scott (8), Biagini (9) and Joseph. W—J.Anderson 2-2. L—Givens 0-5.

ATHLETICS 6, INDIANS 3
(11 innings)

Oakland ..... 200 000 00003 — 6 12 1
Cleveland ..... 110 001 00001 — 3 9 1

Pnos, Hendriks (8), Barnes (7), Kelly (8), Wieckow (8), Wilkerson (9) and C.Vargas, Lowe; Kahle, Hill (8), Adam (8), Rzepcz (7), McCarthy (8), Mayer (9), Bates (9) and S.Perez. W—Hendriks 4-1. L—Adam 0-2. HRs—Boston, Bernhard (14), Kansas City, Duda (7).

INTERLEAGUE
ROCKIES 5, MARINERS 1

Colorado ..... 000 100 301 — 5 10 0
Seattle ..... 000 000 001 — 1 7 0

Freeland, Oberg (8), Shawver (7), W.Davis (9) and Iannetta; Paxton, Swanford (6), Wilhelm (8) and Pollock. W—Oberg 2-0. L—Paxton 8-3. HRs—Colorado, Cuevas (2), Seattle, Segura (7).

GIANTS 3, CUBS 0

Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 000 — 0 3 0
New York ..... 000 000 03x — 3 7 0

Snell, Castillo (8), Alvarado (9), Ramos (9) and Ramos; Matz, Gsellman (7), Swarzak (8) and Plawecki. W—Snell 12-4. L—Matz 4-6. Sv—Ramos (9).

DODGERS 3, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles ..... 000 000 021 — 3 6 1
Los Angeles ..... 000 001 000 — 1 4 0

Stripling, Floro (7), Goeddel (7), Hudson (8), Alexander (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal; Mc-Guire, Alvarez (4), Cole (4), Bedrosian (7), Parker (8), Ho.Ramirez (9) and Maldonado. W—Stripling 7-2. L—Cole 9-1. Sv—Jansen (24). HRs—Los Angeles, Puig (10). Los Angeles, Trout (20).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 8, REDS 7

Cincinnati ..... 220 201 000 — 7 11 1
Chicago ..... 200 201 10x — 8 13 0

Harvey, D.Hernandez (5), Garrett (7), Hughes (8) and Barnhart; Chatwood, R.Rosario (6), Mooney (8) and Caratini. W—R.Rosario 6-0. L—Hughes 3-3. Sv—Kimbrel (22). HRs—Cincinnati, Suarez (16). Chicago, Baez (17).

PHILLIES 3, PIRATES 2

Philadelphia ..... 000 000 300 — 3 8 0
Pittsburgh ..... 101 000 000 — 2 8 0

Arrieta, Dominguez (8), Alvarez (9) and Alfaro; Taillon, E.Santana (7), Crick (8), Vazquez (9) and E.Diaz. W—Arrieta 6-6. L—Taillon 5-7. Sv—Alvarez (2). HRs—Pittsburgh, Marte (10).

CARDINALS 3, GIANTS 2

St. Louis ..... 001 200 000 — 3 7 1
San Francisco ..... 000 001 010 — 2 6 0

C.Martinez, J.Hicks (8), Norris (9) and Perez; Samardzija, Holland (8), Dyson (7), Gearrin (8), Melancon (9) and Hundley. W—C.Martinez 6-4. L—Samardzija 1-6. Sv—Norris (17).

BRAVES 5, BREWERS 1

Atlanta ..... 000 000 050 — 5 8 0
Milwaukee ..... 000 000 100 — 1 4 0

A.Sanchez, Winkler (7), Vizcaino (8), Minter (9) and Flowers; Wilkerson, Thornburg (6), Zagurski (7), Lopez (8) and Nieto. W—A.Sanchez 4-2. L—Wilkerson 0-1.

NATIONALS 18, MARLINS 4

Miami ..... 000 010 120 — 4 7 1
Washington ..... 203 113 10x — 18 17 0

Chen, E.Hernandez (2), Wayne (7) and Realmuto; Holtzman, Solis (4), Kintzler (5), Suero (6), Doolittle (8), Rainey (9) and Severino. W—Doolittle 1-0. L—Chen 3-6. HRs—Miami, Castro (8), Realmuto (10). Washington, Stanton (2), Reynolds 2 (16).

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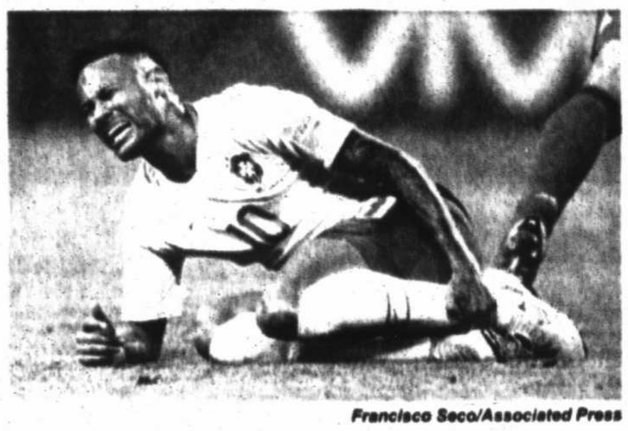
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Brazil's Neymar holds his shinbone during the quarterfinal match between Brazil and Belgium at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Kazan Arena on Friday, in Kazan, Russia.

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Winds of football change blow at Russia World Cup

By John Leicester
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia — The mini-revolt that started eight months ago, when Sweden toppled Italy in qualifying and barred the four-time champions from the World Cup for the first time since 1958, is blowing up into a full rebellion at the tournament itself.

Brazil, Argentina and Germany, a virtual World Cup dictatorship that won 11 of the 20 tournaments before this one, have all been overthrown and chased away before the semifinals. That is a World Cup first.

Another indication of the winds of change: Among those taking their place is Belgium, which has never won the title but looks capable of doing so after reaching the semis for only the second time. Its team of seasoned, well-traveled players, with big-name stars who play for big clubs, is making a compelling argument that experience is a cornerstone to success on football's biggest stage.

Compelling, that is, until one considers the counter-examples of France and England. The youngest teams in the knockout round, they've proved that youthful exuberance is a mighty force, too. Exhibit A: The contender for goal of the tournament scored for France by Benjamin Pavard against Argentina. Had the right-back been aged 31 and playing in his fourth World Cup like the careworn Lionel Messi, instead of 22 and playing in his first, perhaps Pavard wouldn't have dared to attempt the sliced, long-distance strike. His goal oozed freshness and a young person's can-do attitude.

Also striking: the final four teams are all European. This is only the fifth time that has happened (after 1934, 1966, 1982 and 2006). The absence of other continents in the semis this time in Russia isn't anecdotal. It reflects how western Europe has become the epicenter of football wealth and innovation and how South America has fallen behind.

Brazil, with the first three of its five titles coming in 1958, '62 and '70, and two-time winners Argentina and Uruguay together were a match for Europe at the first 13 World Cups from 1930 to 1986, winning seven of them to Italy, Germany and England's combined total of six.

But then came Europe's football revolution, with the 1992 formation of the Premier League, the European Cup's rebranding as the lucrative Champions League, the start of the influx of new mega-money from television, sponsors and investors, and the 1995 Bosman ruling that empowered players and freed them to play where they wanted.

Since 1990, the eight World Cups including this one have seen just two South American wins, both by Brazil — and the last of those was back in 2002. The impression, increasingly, is that all that remains of Brazil's heydays are fumes. After its 7-1 humiliation by Germany in the 2014 semi-finals, Brazil was knocked out even earlier this time, losing 2-1 to Belgium in the quarterfinals. Already the only continent to win three World Cups in a row, Europe is now guaranteed to extend that to four in the July 15 final in Moscow.

This World Cup also spelled the beginning of the end of the Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo era. Both in their thirties, the superstars are unlikely to return in Qatar in 2022. With Brazil's skillful but frustrating Neymar now out, too, the tournament is showing that game-changing players need fully functioning teams around them and cannot carry their nations' hopes alone.

And while we're on the subject of Neymar: This could have been the World Cup where he made a move from No. 3 in football's superstar hierarchy to No. 1. Instead, the 26-year-old playmaker regressed, becoming the butt of jokes because of his theatrics and flops.

But into the vacuum, a new star: France's 19-year-old Kylian Mbappe, likened to the great Pele after he burned through Argentina, scoring two goals and winning a penalty in a 4-3 victory for Les Bleus.

France vs. Belgium promises to be the pick of the two semifinals, because both teams are rapier-quick, packed with talent, favor open, attacking play and have outstanding players — Mbappe for France, Kevin de Bruyne for Belgium — who can make a difference.

With traditional powers gone, this World Cup could be a now-or-never chance for Belgium's players to live up to the 'golden generation' tag they've embraced.

But there is also much more to France than Mbappe's champagne skills and the enterprise of its other young players like Pavard.

The team also has a seasoned spine running from back to front, via goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, central defender Raphael Varane, midfielder Paul Pogba and striker Antoine Griezmann. All veterans of the last World Cup in Brazil, and with a deep pool of experience from their combined 266 appearances for Les Bleus, they were game-changers in the 2-0 quarterfinal victory over Uruguay that moved 1998 World Cup-winner France into its first semifinal since 2006.

The group stage was spectacular. With high drama in the knockout stage, too, this World Cup is going from great to greater. And, perhaps fittingly given the host country's revolutionary history, change is in the air.

England reaches World Cup semifinals, beats Sweden 2-0

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

SAMARA, Russia — England achieved something David Beckham's generation never managed: It reached the semifinals of the World Cup.

Harry Maguire and Dele Alli scored with headers in a 2-0 win over Sweden on Saturday, earning England's youthful team a match against Croatia for a place in the final on July 15.

"We looked composed," England captain Harry Kane said. "We looked like we controlled the game."

England's fairly muted celebrations reflected the routine nature of the victory over a hard-working Swedish side that had already gone further than expected in its first major tournament without Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

England's deep run also is a surprise. Not even the England side containing stars like Beckham, Steven Gerrard and a young Wayne Rooney ever got this far at a major tournament.

The 1966 World Cup champions last reached the semifinals in 1990, losing the first of a series of haunting penalty shootouts. In 2014, the team didn't even make it out of the group stage.

Yet the performances of Gareth Southgate's squad — the second youngest at the tournament — are being celebrated wildly back home. Even at Wimbledon, the home of lawn tennis, updates of England's goals were spread by fans watching or listening to the match on their cell phones.

"I know the fans here are enjoying it," Kane said. "The fans at home, I'm sure we'll see some videos tonight of them enjoying it."

The chant of "On our way, on our way, to Moscow, on our way" came from England fans in one corner of the Samara Arena throughout the match, and the team's march to the Russian capital is being fuelled by goals from set pieces.

There was another against Sweden, with Maguire heading in a driven corner from Ashley Young in the 30th minute. It was England's eighth set-piece goal of its 11 in Russia, and the center back's first in international soccer.

The standard of England's crossing has particularly stood out this tournament, and Alli added the second goal by meeting a far-post cross from midfielder Jesse Lingard with a powerful header in the 59th. At 22, Alli became the second-youngest scorer for England at a World Cup behind Michael Owen.

"We knew set plays would be key," Maguire said. "And also that little ball that Jesse sent in for Dele, that was great. We worked on that in practice."

It proved to be a match too far for the Swedes, who advanced further than they ever did with Ibrahimovic — the team's star for more than a decade — by being compact and hard to break down. That helped them win a two-leg playoff against Italy to get to the World Cup, top a group containing Germany, and then beat Switzerland in the round of 16.

They began solidly against England in a slow and sloppy start to the game that resembled a pre-season friendly at times, only to be outdone by a goal Sweden isn't used to conceding.

"Up until that corner, I felt that we had everything under control," Sweden coach Janne Andersson said. "I felt that we had the match in our hands."

Although Sweden rallied in the final 30 minutes, forcing two good saves from goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, England comfortably held on for its first shutout of the tournament.

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the match to yet another penalty shootout.

Fernandes, who was born in Brazil but rejected a chance to play for that country's national team, sent his penalty kick wide of the net in the shootout, giving Croatia the advantage.

Both goalkeepers made early saves in the shootout, with an injured Danijel Subasic stopping the opening shot from Fedor Smolov. Igor Akinfeev later blocked an attempt from Mateo Kovacic.

At 1-1, Fernandes missed his shot — only the second player to miss in any of the four shootouts at this year's World Cup.

The teams then traded two scores each before Ivan Rakitic calmly scored the winning penalty.

Denis Cheryshev gave Russia the lead with a shot into the upper corner in the 31st minute. Croatia equalized with Andrej Kramaric's header near halftime.

It was the second straight time both teams played in a shootout. Russia beat Spain 4-3 and Croatia defeated Denmark 3-2 in the round of 16.

Argentina in 1990 had been the last team to win consecutive World Cup shootouts. It defeated Yugoslavia in the quarterfinals and Italy in the semifinals that year, which also made Italy the last host nation to lose on penalties before Saturday.

Gaviria rekindles Colombian glory at Tour de France debut

By Joseph Wilson
Associated Press

FONTENAY-LE-COMTE, France — Colombia, the land of climbers, finally has a cyclist back in the yellow jersey at the Tour de France.

And it took a sprinter to do it.

Fernando Gaviria won the opening stage on his debut on Saturday, becoming the first Colombian since Victor Hugo Pena in 2003 to don the leader's maillot.

Top Colombian riders such as Luis Herrera, Fabio Parra, and current star Nairo Quintana can't claim that honor.

"It's important, many Colombians tried it, but I believe we needed somebody to get rid of the curse that Victor Hugo left us," Gaviria said. "Many years later we have done it and Colombia has the yellow jersey.

"It's incredible because in Colombia there were only climbers before."

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos celebrated Gaviria's win by tweeting: "Colombia wears yellow! Congratulations to the great Fernando Gaviria, winner of the first stage and leader of the 2018 Tour!"

The 23-year-old Quick-Step rider easily powered away from world champion Peter Sagan to claim the 201-kilometer (125-mile) stage from the island of Noirmoutier-en-l'Ile along the Atlantic coast to Fontenay-le-Comte in nearly 4 1/2 hours.

No Colombian had ever won a bunch sprint at the Tour.

He also became the first rider to win the opening stage on his Tour debut since Fabian Cancellara in 2004. David Zabriskie also won a prologue on his debut in 2005 but was later stripped of the victory for admitting to doping.

To cap off the perfect day, Gaviria was greeted by five-time Tour winner Eddy Merckx on the podium.

Gaviria had his breakout last year when he won four stages at the Giro d'Italia.

"This is a dream come true, it's something we have been working so hard for," Gaviria said. "And today we reap what we sowed."

In Gaviria, Quick-Step has found its replacement for sprinter Marcel Kittel. Kittel won five stages for Quick-Step at the 2017 Tour before he signed with Katusha for this season. On Saturday, he was third behind Gaviria and Sagan.

Colombians have come close to the ultimate goal of winning the Tour in recent years.

Quintana finished second overall to Tour champion Chris Froome in 2013 and 2015, while Rigoberto Uran was runner-up to Froome last year.

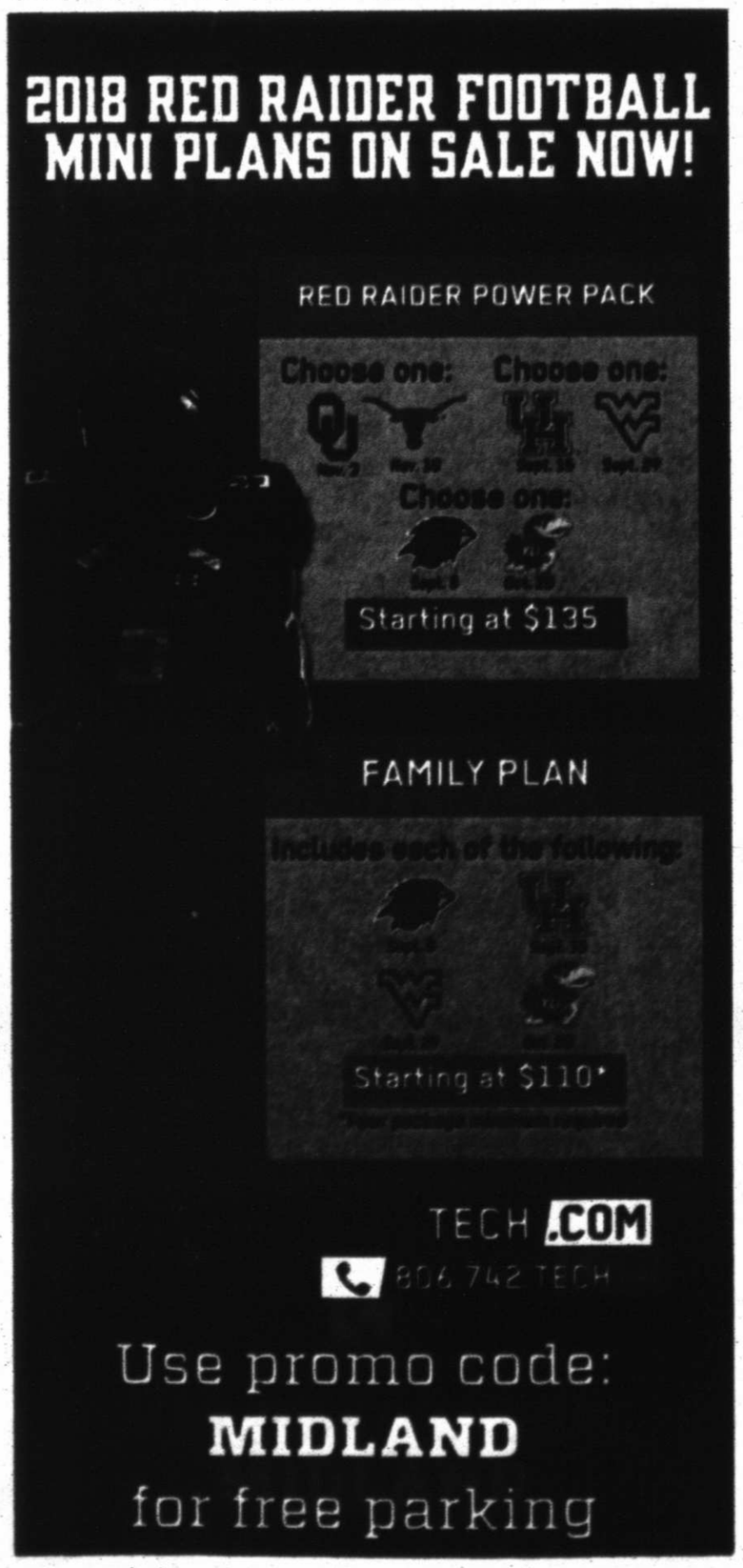
But Quintana has had a wretched start to this race.

The Movistar rider punctured both tires when he drove over a curb with just over three kilometers to go and ended up finishing 1:10 after Gaviria. Teammate Jose Rojas, the rider who has supposed to support Quintana in case he had a problem, fell in a pileup moments before.

The only thing that mitigated that loss was seeing Froome finish 51 seconds behind Gaviria after he fell.

"This changes things because right now we have lost a significant amount of time respect to other riders," Movistar director Eusebio Unzue said.

"But that is how the Tour is. You saw that on the first stage, many of the best riders fell and others were separated from the pack. At least (Quintana) is not hurt."



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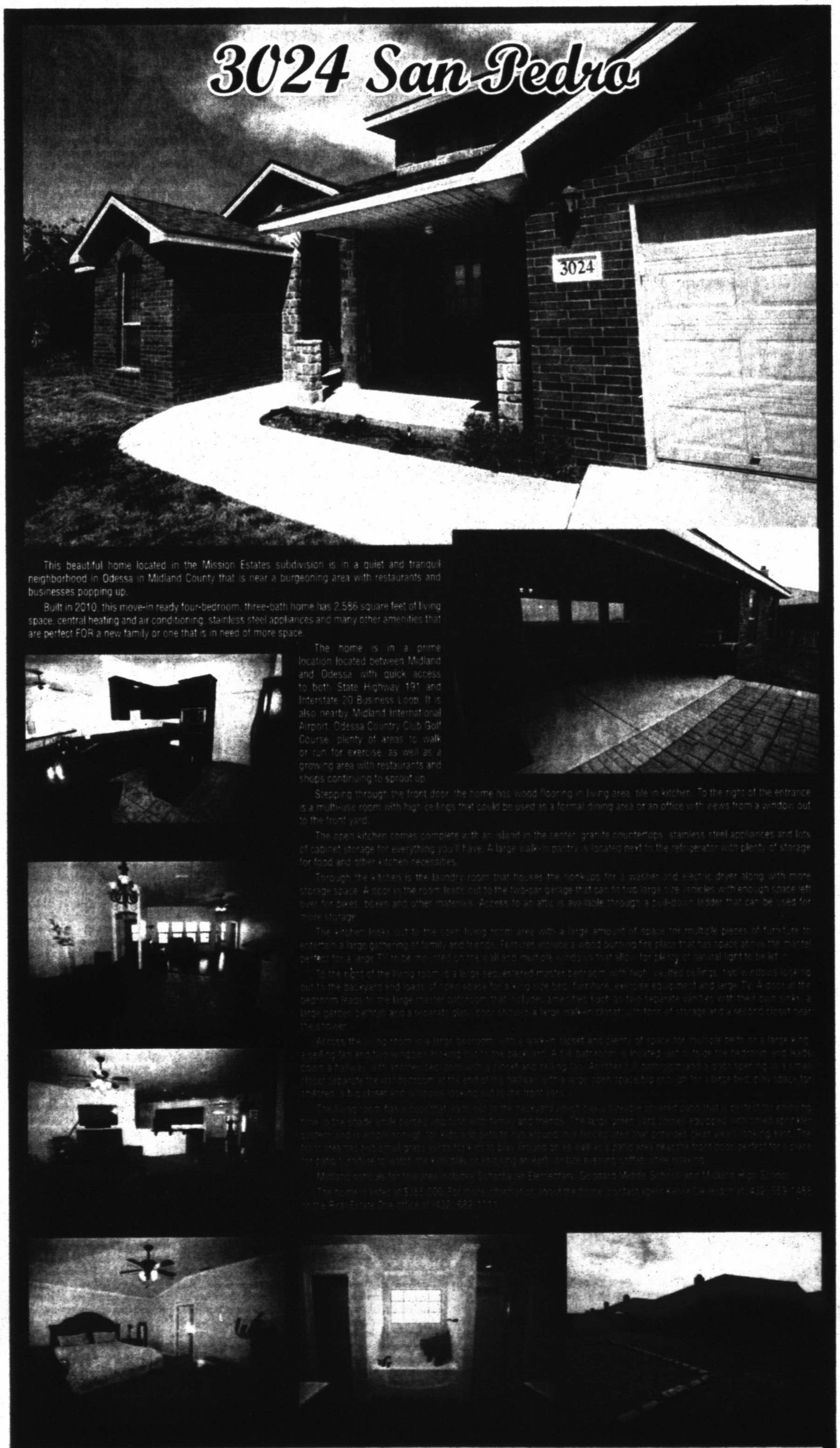
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Stepping through the front door, the home has wood flooring in living area, tile in kitchen. To the right of the entrance is a multi-use room with high ceilings that could be used as a formal dining area or an office with views from a window out to the front yard.

The open kitchen comes complete with an island in the center, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and lots of cabinet storage for everything you'll have. A large walk-in pantry is located next to the refrigerator with plenty of storage for food and other kitchen necessities.

Through the kitchen is the laundry room that houses the hookups for a washer and electric dryer along with more storage space. A door in the room leads out to the two-car garage that can fit two large size vehicles with enough space left over for bikes, boxes and other materials. Access to an attic is available through a pull-down ladder that can be used for more storage.

The kitchen looks out to the open living room area with a large amount of space for multiple pieces of furniture to entertain a large gathering of family and friends. Features include a wood-burning fire place that has space above the mantel perfect for a large TV to be mounted on the wall and multiple windows that allow for plenty of natural light to be let in.

To the right of the living room is a large sequestered master bedroom with high vaulted ceilings, two windows looking out to the backyard and loads of open space for a king-size bed, furniture, exercise equipment and large TV. A door in the bedroom leads to the large master bathroom that includes amenities such as two separate vanities with their own sinks, a large garden bathtub and a separate glass-enclosed shower, a large walk-in closet with tons of storage and a second door near the shower.

Across the living room is a large bedroom with a walk-in closet and plenty of space for multiple pieces of furniture and a ceiling fan and light to keep it cool during the hot summer days. A full bathroom is located just outside the bedroom and leads down a hallway with several doors to closets and storage. Another bedroom is located on the opposite side of the home, also separate from the other bedrooms and has a large closet and ceiling fan. Large back glass doors for children's play space and entrance out to the front yard.



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Some of them only call for a short certification process and can have many of the same perks and prestige that are attached to roles such as physician or administrator. Finding the role that is right for you all depends on how you want to spend your professional life.

The job search website CareerCast and the University of Wisconsin recently compiled a list of the hottest jobs in health care. Their list takes into consideration many factors, including salary, growth potential, stress and longevity. Other dynamics spanned the work environment, potential safety hazards, physical demands and hiring outlooks.

Here are the four jobs that topped the list with some general information on the tasks required for each position:

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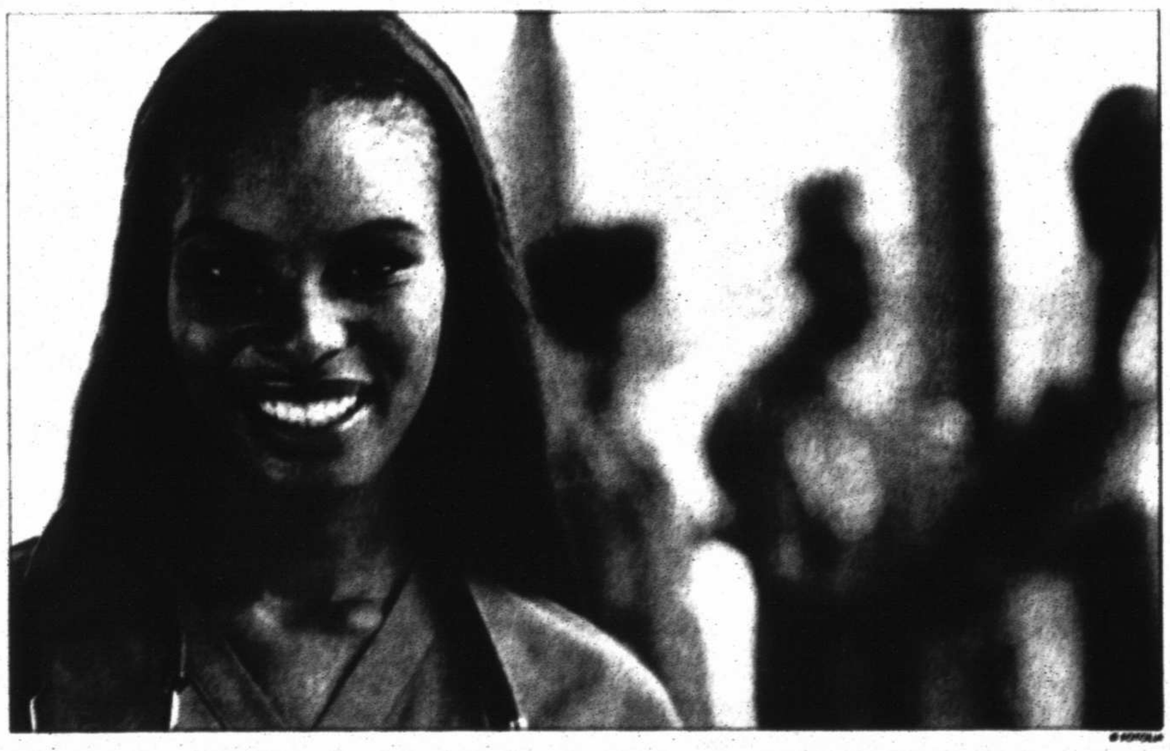
• **Biomedical engineer.** Biomedical engineers work with colleagues and health care professionals to uncover new, life-changing therapies for a variety of medical issues. They are specialists in the design, development, production, research and testing of new methodologies.

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Land a Job in Health Care

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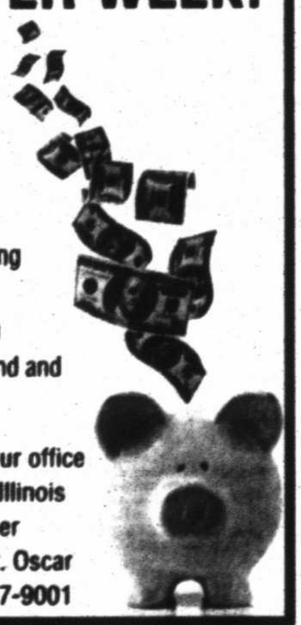
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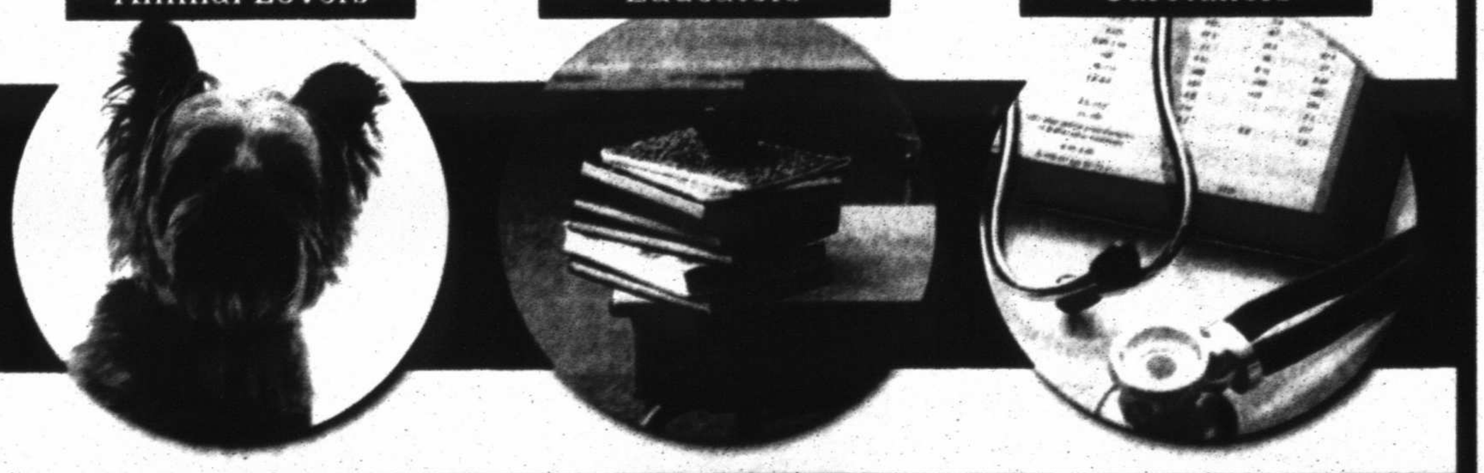


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Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a nurturing personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of level 1 technicians

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:
- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configuration(s).
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians
- Create, request, and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote procedure
- Participate in after-hours upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or on-call availability as needed
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- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services, including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPN
- Identify, diagnose, and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion
- Provide infrastructure services in all areas needed: storage networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system back-up and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients
- Utilize superior customer service skills
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates

Requirements:
- 5 -7 years of prior IT experience
- Prior experience working for a service provider is a plus
- Experience working with Windows Desktop XP-10, Windows Server 2003 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies
- Hands on experience with Wired and Wireless networking, PC and server virtualization software, virus protection, backup systems
- Microsoft certifications preferred
- MCSA, VCP & CCNA certifications are preferred

Skills:
- Effectively communicate by phone or in person
- Strong written communication skills
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion
- Works effectively both as a team member and independently to resolve problems
- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalates appropriately
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must.
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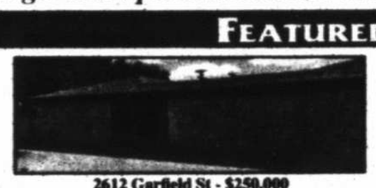
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501 Schatzauer Dr -Nice large 1BR/1BA townhome. Updated kitchen. New HVAC unit. Complete w/Refrigerator & stove. Several Large closets. small fenced area just steps from assigned carport ..... SOLD...$68,900

TWO BEDROOMS

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810 Almont Dr - Beautiful 3 Bedroom 3 Bath home in Woodland Park! $450,000
400 Pinewood Ct- Super light and bright! Fresh Paint! Recently updated master bath! Separate office off of master bedroom, Huge closets. Fantastic patio with water feature/fire pit. Quiet location! $429,000
2505 Cimarron Ave- Lovely open concept 3BR/2BA in Fyawn school district. Updated kitchen, large backyard, covered patio, storage shed. Giant master, updated bathrooms, walk-in laundry room off kitchen w/built-in office. New landscaping in front yard ... U/C...$300,000
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3104 Baybridge Ct- Gorgeous 3br +sw lower maintenance home w/ a quiet area, *spacious living area w/high ceilings, gas logs in the fireplace, plantation shutters, wood floors, & formal dining/study, new kitchen complete w/pantry, stainless appliances, and granite $330,000
3704 Baybridge Ct-Impeccable 3 Bedroom/2 Bath +Rm/2 Living area, on quiet cul-de-sac. Close to shopping and Loop 250 ... U/C...$335,000
2502 Kenwick Rd.-Beautifully remodeled home with so much new! Giant living offers spacious guest rooms w/walk-in closets and jack-n-jill bath. Lg. master suite. Large living/dining area w/vaulted ceiling, lovely granite, new doors, flooring, fixtures, and more!! $329,900
1600 Kansas-Great old Midland location on the corner! Wonderful mid century architecture. Needs some TLC $325,000
1213 Loraine Ct- Better than new in Daybreak Estates! This move in ready home has many great features including a 3 Car garage! Open floor plan w/beautiful brick fireplace. Huge kitchen, spacious master suite w/large walk-in closet. The front and backyard are landscaped with lush grass and a separate dog run $295,000
6016 Hull Dr Pano-Fessenden brand new! Upgrades including tiled showers, RO, water softener, crushed granite in back yard, kitchen w/large peninsula/breakfast bar, saddled front yard w/large pear tree. Why wait to build when this is ready now! $292,000
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3513 Dawsons Ave- Most impeccable property on the market in this price range! Redone top to bottom, New open floor plan, a chef's dream kitchen w/ chiseled edge granite, WOW $255,000
3912 Garfield St-Low maintenance 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath home with nice courtyard. Many possibilities! $250,000
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2100 W Wadley Ave #30-Spacious condo w/3 large bedrooms Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout ..... U/C...$109,000

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3024 San Pedro Dr-Located in Mission Estates. Wonderful 4BR/3BA home w/open floor plan,lots of windows,natural light & hardwood floors!Huge Family Room w/wood burning fireplace!Large & open kitchen. Formal Dining! Both covered and open patio!Midland or Odessa schools! $350,000
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FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

3014 Baybrook Ct.- Beautiful 5BR/3LA/3.5BA Flagstone around thoughtfully Pool plan Outdoor kitchen! ..... U/C...$795,000
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11020 W Hwy 158, Gardne City- 20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land w/a 2,880 sq. ft. home. 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator $400,000
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600 Broadway St- Light Industrial facility located on the South service road of Interstate 20 at the intersection of First Street or FM 820. Coahoma, TX. FM 820 connects to the Snyder Hwy on the north side of Coahoma $900,000

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7401 Briarwood Ave.-Restoration farm & Inn House Boutique- Spacious home w/4 bed/2.5 baths-pool bath/5-living/2+dining/basement & pool! Adjoining property w/3 apartments & workout room! 15.15 acres in prime location w/horse stalls & stalls, pipe fencing & water well! $1,800,000
4000 Island Dr.-Majestic estate on club (1.482 ac) on 9th tee box in GTN! 6 or 7 bed/4 full+2 1/2 baths (in home)- 3 or 4 living/huge 4 car gar! Dazzling pool w/ pool house w/bath, brick & iron fencing & landscaped grounds w/50+ trees! $1,700,000
401 Sir Barton Pkwy.-Stunning custom (by Woodruff)- to be completed 5/19! 6-7 bed/4-5 living/2 dining/5.5 bath+ guesthouse w/ kitchen & bath! Top appliances, all hardwood floors, upstairs game room & plumbed for pool/water well! $1,500,000
9300 Clovenger Rd.-Fabulous contemporary 6 bed/5.5 bath/4+living (great room, game/media room, formal, study)/2 dining area/4 car gar-fantastic horse barn/stalls & dazzling pool on 2.84 acres in Musick Estates! Outdoor kitchen! $1,325,000
4002 Island Dr.-Beautiful remodeled estate w/amazing water views! 5 bed/4.5 bath/3 living/2 dining/3 garage w/dazzling pool & stone patio! Gorgeous water views, floor to ceiling windows, spacious living areas inside & out, and landscaped grounds on huge lot (.7ft)! $1,250,000
2100 Duncan Ln.-Dramatic one-of-a kind 6 bed/6 bath+ 2 1/2 bath/2 dining/9 living (studies, theater, formals, great room, game room, gym)/2 kitchens! Soaring ceilings, lovely marble flooring, theater w/equipment! In-ground pool! $999,000
3000 Timber Wolf Trl.-Spectacular 2018 home- 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living (den, study)/2 dining & oversized 3 car garage! Miles of ceramic tile flooring, 12' & 13ft ceilings & archways! Gourmet kitchen, custom cabinetry & custom light fixtures thru-out! $799,000
10210 SCR 1210-Fantastic, unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hangar, office & living accommodations! 50x76 hangar w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/6 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop! $999,000
2021 Timber Wolf Trl-Absolutely spectacular Anderson Construction 4 bed/2.5 bath/1 living/1 dining/3 car oversized garage w/10ft doors! Rustic wood-stone, EVEL & stained cedar beams! Gourmet kitchen, granite throughout, tile "hardwood" flooring (carpet in beds) & indoor & outdoor fireplaces! $999,000
3104 San Jose Dr.-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 bath/great room/2 dining area home w/dazzling pool! Updated gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops! Landscaped grounds w/water well! Zoned HVAC, Roof 2017! $849,000
1710 E Sahara Ave Dr.-Absolutely fabulous! 5 or 6 bed/4 bath/4 or 5 living (great, game room, media room, work-out room, study)/3 car home on landscaped dual lot! Gourmet kitchen, stainless appliances, custom cabinets & granite! Outdoor kitchen, large backyard w/ extra tall brick fence! $499,000
5724 Grassland Blvd.-Fantastic 4 or 5 bed/3.5 bath/2 or 3 living (great room, formal, study)/2 dining/3 car garage home w/fabulously updated gourmet kitchen! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, hardwood & tile flooring! $449,000
600 Raymond Rd.-Cute! Cute! Cute! 4 bed/2 bath/spacious living great for entertaining/breakfast dining home w/2 car garage on landscaped lot! 1 year old roof, 30x35 shop built in 2018 & newly serviced water well! $299,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2576 Hwy 2318 (De Leon)-Fantastic 3 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/3 din/4 car gar w/6 carport home on secluded 36 acres! Guest house or barn + 600sqft shop! 3 tanks for fishing, pockets of brush for hunting & plenty of room to graze livestock! $899,000
5212 Ellen Joyce Way-Spectacular Lance Friday home! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home w/ large open living/kitchen, professional grade appliances, buyers still have time to pick finishes! Completion date August 2019! $429,000
5215 Ellen Joyce Way - Spectacular Lance Friday new build! 3 bed/2 bath/1 living/2 dining/2 garage home! Large open living/kitchen area, professional grade appliances, buyers still have time to pick finishes! $429,000
5203 Green Tree Blvd.-Wow! What a find on #9 west fairway in Green Tree Country Club- spectacular view! 3 bedroom/3 bath/2 living area (den-large upstairs game room/or 4th bed) low maintenance stucco townhome! $309,000
2202 Whitney Dr.-Charming & well kept home in loving Rio Mar Terrace has 3 bed/2.5 baths/2 living (great room-game room)/2 dining/2 car garage! Huge game room, plantation shutters & great storage! Lushly landscaped grounds w/mature trees! $310,000
702 W Kansas-Adorable & totally updated 3 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 dining home on corner lot with zero scape yard! New exterior/interior paint, updated kitchen w/granite & stainless appliances, tile flooring thru-out & light fixtures! $320,000
4023 W Spring Meadow Ln.-Wow! 3 bed/2 bath/2 living or 2 dining/2 car gar low maintenance home in Meadow Park! Recent updates: "hardwood" tile flooring thru-out, paint, baths updated w/granite, fixtures & handicap acc shower! 2 fireplaces & 2 patios (front & back)! $314,000
1007 Cimarron Dr.-Fantastic 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 living areas/2 car garage home in "Old Midland" (Fawcett) area w/recently renovated guest house w/bath, approx 300sqft w/tankless WH! Exterior paint (June, 2018)! $299,000
4103 S County Rd 1107-Remarkable find in Ridge Heights on 2.00 acres! 3 spacious beds/2 baths/2 giant living areas (great room-game room)! Unbelievable updates include "hardwood" tile flooring, paint, decorative rock & stone accents! $284,000
1004 W Louisiana Ave.-Charming "Old Midland" home has 2 bedrooms/2 bath/2 dining areas/very spacious living areas/1 car garage 1050sqft (per appraiser) on large lot! Light & bright & cheerful! $179,000
305 Dallas St (Colorado)-Guest 2 bed/1 bath/1 garage home in a fabulous location in Coleman TX! Cul-de-sac lot/ home w/ by living & dining area w/ wonderful kitchen! Large chainlink fenced backyard- perfect for play! $85,000
1015 W Cedar (Colorado)-2 bed/1 full bath and 1 three quarter bath/2 living/2 dining/new car-carport home on large lot in Coleman, TX! Huge back & front yards w/ lots of trees for shade, covered patio & chain-link fenced yard! $99,900

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2722 S Commercial Dr (Coleman)-Fantastic commercial building multi-purpose! Over 3100sqft- fabulous space & rooms on huge corner landscaped lot w/ large paved parking lot! 3 dining areas/2 baths & bright front entry! $160,000
Timber Wolf Estates, North - Brand new subdivision, approx. 3-5 acre lots, plat available, Water/septic/fence can all be added at buyer's expense. Maryland electric company, Builder specific: Robert Anderson, Minimum size home 2,500 square ft. ..... $70,000 - $120,000
1201 Cone Way, Snyder Tx 79549 - 6 Acres perfect for industrial use located in industrial park southeast snyder! Approximately 1 acre yard fenced with caliche pad, includes a metal office building 200 sq ft and small storage building! $65,000
Timber Wolf Estates-For young outdoor-type wolf, within city of midland, north to, Appr 5 parcels @ 5+/hours, plat available, Water w/shop/rv system can be added to price but @ buyers expense, Maryland electric, Can divert wildlife tax or storm rel, tile home 2,500 sq ft $80,000
715 W Shallow St.-Great location on the north side of Coleman! 1271sqft brick building can be used for a variety of purposes & businesses! Larger cooler, two storage rooms, an office & bath! Fabulous visibility! $30,000
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CV54349

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. CV54349

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper in Midland County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Laura Ochoa, Deceased,
Defendants, GREETINGS:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 385th District Court of Midland County, described below, at the Courthouse being located at **500 N. Loraine St., Suite Number 801**, in the city of **Midland, Midland County, Texas**, by filing a written answer with the Clerk of the Court at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being filed in said court, on the docket of said court and styled.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v
Sergio Ochoa, and the Unknown Heirs at law of Laura Ochoa, Deceased,
Defendants.
Cause No. **CV54349**
Court: **385th Judicial District Court, Midland County, Texas**
Pleading: **Plaintiff's Original Petition**
Date of Filing: **March 28, 2018**
Nature of Suit: **Suit involving land described as follows: LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK SEVEN (7), MIDKIFF PLAZA ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF ECORD IN CABINET C, PAGE 24, PLAT RECORDS, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Plaintiff requests that upon final hearing, that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and, the Court enter judgment granting: a declaration that all of Decedent's heirs-at-law have been made parties to this suit and are vested with all of Decedent's right, title, and interest in the property; a declaration that Plaintiffs statutory lien against the Property be enforced by a foreclosure, that through foreclosure the Defendants be divested, and that Plaintiff be vested with all of Decedent's and Defendants' right, title, and interest to the Property; or a declaration that vendor's lien held by the Mortgagee upon the Property gives the Mortgagee superior title to that of the Defendants, that Defendants be divested through foreclosure of the vendor's lien by non-judicial sale, and that upon such sale Mortgagee be vested with all of Decedent's and Defendants' right, title, and interest to the Property; and attorney fees and costs of suit; and all other relief, in law and in equity, to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any Judgment or Decree which will be binding upon you.

The Officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of the law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.
Issue Date: 6-26-18

ALEX ARCHULETA
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By: Kourtney N. Garrett, Deputy

NOTICE
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issue this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and the above pleading, a default judgment may be taken against you.

M. Tori Jones
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79707

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Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Midland Housing Authority is accepting proposals from the independent attorneys/firms for legal service for a two-year period with one year extension. Proposals must be received by Tuesday July 31, 2018 no later than 10:00 AM. Incomplete proposal will not be accepted

Proposal packets can be picked up beginning July 2, 2018 at 700 W. Scharbauer Drive, Midland, Texas 79705. (432) 382-0011

Equal Housing Opportunity

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Public Notice
Proposal #2018-020

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for custodial services. The term of this contract will be October 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018 in the Gibson Board Room, PAD 137, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record in the Pavehouse Administration Conference Room #106, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas. A final determination will be made at a future board meeting. Midland College reserves the right to reject any and all Request for Proposals and waive any and all formalities and conditions.

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AT O. H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted ***by mail only*** beginning July 15, 2018 and ending August 15, 2018, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 432-267-6341, or by writing to

CRMWD
ATTN: Public Hunting
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721
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A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2018 Hunting Season, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 24, 2018, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 20th day of June, 2018, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 20th day of June, 2018, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August, 2018, being the 7th day of August, 2018, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 AM on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V___/P___) or document number of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	TX1448 7	Midland Central Appraisal District v Arturo Baeza In the 441st District Court	Lot 26, Block 3, Edwards Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1483, Page 719, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 403 Mississippi Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-3571, Account #R17585
2	TX14506	Midland Central Appraisal District v Leonard Mayfield In the 142nd District Court	the West 41.7 Feet of Lot 5 and the East 16.6 Feet of Lot 6, Block 44, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 309, Page 317 and Document No. 2017-5471, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2002 East California, Midland, Texas 79701-7678, Account #R23822
3	TX14515	Midland Central Appraisal District v Dee Woodard In the 385th District Court	Being the Middle 50 feet of the Northeast quarter, Block 74, Original Townsite Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 73, Page 295, and Volume 670, Page 593 of the Deed Records, and Probate #P9052 and #P9053, Midland County, Texas), 102 S Jefferson Street, Account #R35442
4	TX14541	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert Rodriguez In the 441st District Court	Lot 12, Block 7, Loma Linda Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 517, Page 569, Midland County, Texas), 312 Hickory Avenue, Account #R28870
5	TX14581	Midland Central Appraisal District v Imogene Gildon In the 238th District Court	Lot 6, Block 10, Loma Linda Replat, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 484, Page 642 and Volume 2416, Page 790, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 305 Hickory Drive, Midland, Texas 79705-7901, Account #R28921
6	TX14596	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ladene Loeffler In the 238th District Court	Lot 12, Block 42, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 232, Page 456, and Volume 2722, Page 793, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 307 Spraberry Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-6435, Account #R37944
7	TX14634	Midland Central Appraisal District v Matthew Wells In the 238th District Court	Lot 10, and the South one-half of Lot 11, Block 25, Moody Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1494, Page 414, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 106 North Lamesa Road, Midland, Texas, Account #R32547
8	TX14809	Midland Central Appraisal District v Felix Pando, III In the 441st District Court	5.360 Acres, more or less, of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1701, Page 700, Deed Records and Probate #P18258, Midland County, Texas), 3414 S County Road 1220, Midland, Texas, Account #R5077
9	TX14939	Midland Central Appraisal District v Francisco R. Gonzales In the 385th District Court	The East 48 1/3 feet of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 156, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 851, Page 339, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 107 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R45814
10	TX14976	Midland Central Appraisal District v Leroy Franklin, III In the 238th District Court	the East 33 Feet of Lot 6 and the West 33 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Replat of Barberdale 1st Section, an Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2009-13240, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 108 East Shandon Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-5629, Account #R10061
11	TX15050	Midland Central Appraisal District v Stephanie Kay Nutter In the 441st District Court	a Manufactured Home Only, Label #TEX0539425, Serial #V400667, located in Midland County, Texas, Account #M22674
12	TX15080	Midland Central Appraisal District v Bobby Green, Jr. In the 238th District Court	Lot 1, Block 23, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 548, Page 453, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 500 South Benton Street, Midland, Texas 79701-1215, Account #R23543
13	TX15130	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sid Lennox In the 441st District Court	East 5 feet of Lot 23 and all of Lot 24, Block 14, Kelview Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Being a part of that in Volume 960, Page 247 and Volume 2307, Page 587, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), Account #R27805
14	TX15130	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sid Lennox In the 441st District Court	1.00 Acre, more or less, being the Southwest quarter, Section 46, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 677, Page 181, and Volume 2307, Page 587, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), Account #R5863
15	TX15137	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eliza J. Flournoy In the 142nd District Court	Lot 8, Block 1, Eastover Addition, Second Extension, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 91, Page 625 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1607 Willeys Avenue, Account #R17330
16	TX15137	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eliza J. Flournoy In the 142nd District Court	Lot 7, Block 1, Eastover Addition, Second Extension, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 91, Page 625 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), Willeys Avenue, Account #R17329
17	TX15187	Midland Central Appraisal District v Billy Sutton In the 238th District Court	Lot 1 and the West 22.9 Feet of Lot 2, Block 5, Emerson Heights Addition, Section One to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 628, Page 306, Deed Records, and Document #2016-29011, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 2826 Moss Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-4225, Account #R17817
18	TX15194	Midland Central Appraisal District v Manuel L. Garcia In the 441st District Court	2.5 Acres, more or less, out of Section 10, Block 39, T-2-S, T & P RR Company Survey, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1122, Page 331, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2712 South County Road 1192, Midland County, Texas, Account #R5306
19	TX15202	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ricky Reyes In the 441st District Court	Lot 2, Block 3, Casa Loma Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2014-20304, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 4716 Comanche Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-6815, Account #R13024
20	TX15202	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ricky Reyes In the 441st District Court	Lot 3, Block 3, Casa Loma Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2718, Page 375, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 4714 Comanche Drive Midland County, Texas, Account #R13025
21	TX15212	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mark A. Owensbey In the 385th District Court	Lot 8 and Lot 7, save and except the West 5 feet of Lot 7, Block 126, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1516, Page 263 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1700 W. Front St, Account #R52573
22	TX15230	Midland Central Appraisal District v Brisa Lozano Munoz In the 238th District Court	Lot 10, Block 5, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2516, Page 918, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3405 Roosevelt Avenue, Midland, Texas 79703-6215, Account #R37060
23	TX15239	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gonzalo Almaguer In the 142nd District Court	Lot 9 and 10, Block 3, Evans Acres Addition, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2150, Page 413, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), East County Road 133, Midland, Texas 79706-7077, Account #R105784
24	TX15241	Midland Central Appraisal District v Tommy Yorkman In the 238th District Court	Lot 6, Block 2, Westwood Village Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2379, Page 701, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1106 East Parker Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-2800, Account #R53770
25	TX15241	Midland Central Appraisal District v Tommy Yorkman In the 238th District Court	Lot 9, Block 82A, East Midland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2011-18097, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1106 East Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79701, Account #R17201
26	TX15251	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jesse Morales In the 142nd District Court	Lot 11, Block 8, East Midland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2015-8409, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1509 East Walnut Lane, Midland, Texas 79701-3748, Account #R16893
27	TX15260	Midland Central Appraisal District v Maria Antonia Vasquez In the 385th District Court	Lot 2, Block 199, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2014-19521, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1002 South Fort Worth Street, Midland, Texas 79701-7375, Account #R46234
28	TX15265	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jose Terrazas In the 385th District Court	Lot 24, Block 3, Sun Garden Village Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1927, Page 384, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1123 East Pecan Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-6814, Account #R46950
29	TX15269	Midland Central Appraisal District v Oscar Ronquillo In the 238th District Court	Two Acres, more or less, out of the Northwest quarter of Section 23, Block 38, T-2-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-21895, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 3300 East County Road 153, Midland County, Texas, Account #R207316
30	TX15271	Midland Central Appraisal District v Deirdre Hopes In the 441st District Court	Lot 17, Block 4, Paridea Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2902, Page 334, Deed records, Midland County, Texas), 2701 Franklin Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-3010, Account #R36338
31	TX15274	Midland Central Appraisal District v Petra Roxanna Magallanes In the 441st District Court	Lot 24, Block 4, Trueland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County Texas (Document #2015-27438, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1607 East Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79701-2530, Account #R49156
32	TX15281	Midland Central Appraisal District v Teresa De Jesus Martinez In the 142nd District Court	Lot 22, Block 78, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1308, Page 57 and Volume 2680, Page 697, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1103 Waverly Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-7089, Account #R38707
33	TX15286	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sylvia N. Reynosa In the 441st District Court	West half of the South half of Lot 1, Block 181, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2011-20049, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 603 S Pecos St, Midland, Texas, Account #R46082
34	TX15316	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jessica Sandoval Garcia In the 142nd District Court	Lot 13, Block 3, Trueland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-11296 of the Deed Records, and District Court Cause #FM59200, Midland County, Texas), 1703 English Drive, Account #R49109
35	TX15316	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jessica Sandoval Garcia In the 142nd District Court	Lot 12, Block 3, Trueland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-10105 of the Deed Records, and District Court Cause #FM59200, Midland County, Texas), 1705 English Drive, Account #R49108
36	TX15317	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mary R. Fuller In the 238th District Court	Lot 8, Block 180, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 201, Page 146 of the Deed Records and Probate P08001, Midland County, Texas), 809 South Marienfeld Street, Account #R46076
37	TX15320	Midland Central Appraisal District v Lionel Garcia In the 238th District Court	Lot 4, Block 80, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2788, Page 837 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3611 Thomason Drive, Account #R38754
38	TX15342	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eric Mata In the 385th District Court	1.479 Acres, more or less, out of the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Block 39, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2967, Page 868, Deed Records, SAVE AND EXCEPT Document #2016-12756, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 3810 South County Road 1195, Midland County, Texas, Account #R205516
39	TX15372	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jessica Lynn Marroquin In the 385th District Court	Lot 1, Block 2, Southern Flats Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Document #2016-9299, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1708 East County Road 136, Midland County, Texas, Account #R46336
40	TX15387	Midland Central Appraisal District v SJL Partners In the 441st District Court	Lot 12, Block 14, Leeco Industrial 18th Filing Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Document #2012-6918 Official Public Records and Cabinet H, Slide 252, Plat Records, Midland County, Texas), Faudree Road, Midland County, Texas, Account #R211826
41	TX15382	Midland Central Appraisal District v SJL Partners In the 441st District Court	Lot 10, Block 8, Leeco Industrial 14th Filing Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Document #2012-6918 Official Public Records and Cabinet H, Slide 182, Plat Records, Midland County, Texas), West Interstate 20, Midland County, Texas, Account #R211687
42	TX15395	Midland Central Appraisal District v William R. Brown In the 142nd District Court	Lot 26, Block 9, Fairgrounds Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1050, Page 582, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 915 San Andres Drive, Midland, Texas, Account #R19279
43	TX15412	Midland Central Appraisal District v Wescon Services, L.L.C. In the 142nd District Court	2.87 Acres out of Tract One, City View Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-9487, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 2312 Cloverdale Road, Midland County, Texas, Account #R13462
44	TX15412	Midland Central Appraisal District v Wescon Services, L.L.C. In the 142nd District Court	Lot 31 and the South one-half of Lot 32, Block 3, Edwards Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 3077, Page 609, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 911 North Fort Worth Street, Midland, Texas 79701-3563, Account #R17591
45	TX15434	Midland Central Appraisal District v Teresa Villa In the 441st District Court	Lot 19, Block 3, Kingsway Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1922, Page 828, Deed Records and District Court Cause No. FM-46768, Midland County, Texas), 1403 E Oak Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R29009
46	TX15445	Midland Central Appraisal District v Theldon Kim Odom In the 441st District Court	Lot 1, Block 67, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1773, Page 480, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 709 Beckley Dr, Midland, Texas 79703-7043, Account #R38445
47	TX15464	Midland Central Appraisal District v Perfecto Caudillo In the 238th District Court	Lot 4, Block 6, Dellwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2011-16869, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 703 Harmony Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-6863, Account #R16499
48	TX15478	Midland Central Appraisal District v Kay Stephenson Phillips In the 441st District Court	Lot 1 and the East 2 Feet of Lot 2, Block 6, Kimber Lea Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 664, Page 731, and Volume 746, Page 329, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3200 Durant Drive, Midland, Texas 79705-4816, Account #R27799
49	TX15482	Midland Central Appraisal District v Laura G. Rogers In the 441st District Court	the West one-half of Lot 20, Block 8, Partlea Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1068, Page 799 and Volume 1102, Page 495 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 1168, Page 147, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2817 Roosevelt Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R38416
50	TX15491	Midland Central Appraisal District v Barbara Sue Ashwood In the 142nd District Court	the East 45 Feet of Lot 6 and the West 41 Feet of Lot 7, Block 9, Lilly Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 467, Page 437, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3404 Bedford Avenue, Midland, Texas 79703-5150, Account #R29279

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 20th day of June, 2018, at Midland, Texas

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Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

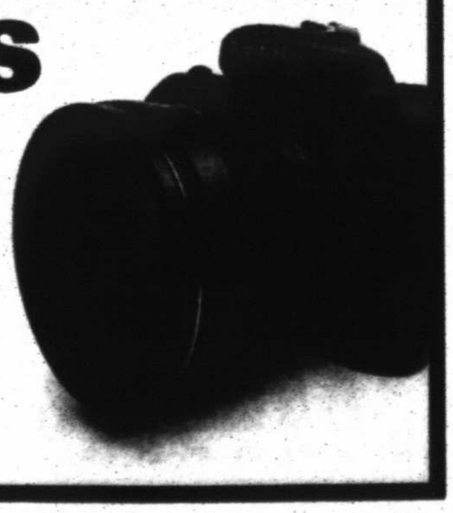
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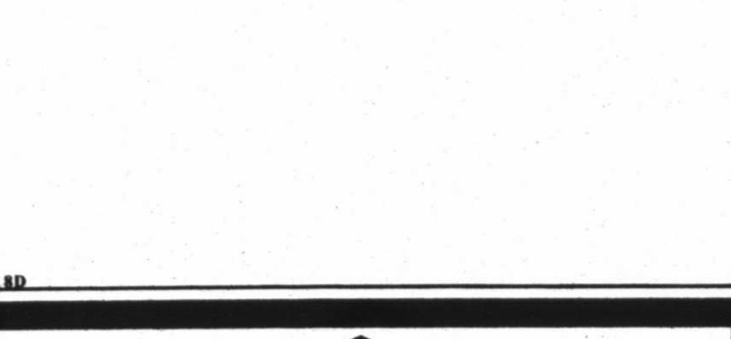
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

5004 Anetta Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
4614 Spence Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6008 Waurika	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
1609 Garfield Street	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C
5317 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C
2511 Colonial Oaks Court	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$789,900
6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$898,500

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1201 Rhett Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1200 Stonefield	Lopez Construction/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1205 Convair Dr	Ham Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5301 Torrey Vista Dr	Valencia Homes/4 Bd/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5105 Binney Cove	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5107 Binney Cove	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6207 Brown Heart	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4401 Casa Verde Ct	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5109 Binney Cove	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5303 George Yard Ct	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$540,000
5400 Stonebridge Dr	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
7317 E. CR. RD. 112	Elgin Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$540,000
13212 E. Co. Rd. 115	Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

2204 N. Co. Rd. 1139	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Brownwood/Mobile Home	$94,000
2000 S. Co. Rd. 1080	5.780 Acres	$116,000
2303 Co. Rd. 2031	Mobile Home/ 3 Bdrm/ 2 Ba/ 1 Car Garage	U/C
2430 S.E. Co. Rd. 2091	Andrews/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Acres	$179,000
2113(A) S. Co. Rd. 1083	Duplex/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$255,000
2113(B) S. Co. Rd. 1083	Duplex/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car GArage	$255,000
7000 E. Co. Rd. 99	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Brownwood	$329,000
7000 S. Co. Rd. 1105	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$344,900
4705 E. Co. Rd. 140	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$280,000
14045 W. Co. Rd. 124	4 Bdrm/ 3.5 Ba/ 6 Car Garage	$499,900
2000 S. Co. Rd. 1080	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3700 S. Co. Rd. 1104	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Carport	U/C
13117 E. Co. Rd. 116	4 Bdrm/ 3.5 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

110 E. 20th Street	Odessa/3 Unit Strip	$695,000
3010 W. Co. Rd. 113	Approx 40.16 Acres	U/C
302 S. Marienfeld	11,500 Sq. Ft.	$750,000
3400 Thomason Dr	8,012 Sq. Ft./2 Buildings	$1,000,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$240,000
County Rd. C2400	320 Acres	SOLD

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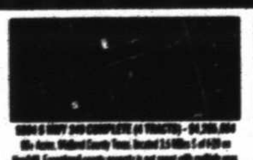
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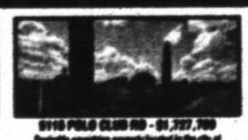
SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES



3701 E COUNTY RD 160 - $4,800,000
Here is a chance to own a high income producing property with two homes, 14 water wells, 55 RV Spaces and 8 septic systems all on 75 acres of land. Main house is approximately 2600 sq. ft and the guest house is approximately 1400 sq. ft with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Call your agent for a private showing.
Jerry Thomas (432) 631-1079



6304 S HWY 349 COMPLETE (4 TRACTS) - $4,320,864
80+ Acres, Midland County Texas. Located 3.5 Miles S of I-20 on Hwy349. Exceptional county property to not accept with multiple uses. Acreage is flat, good soil, plentiful water throughout, 915' of Hwy frontage, multiple structures including a tall right barn. Due to the proximity to City of Midland. This premier property has the ability to be the ideal site to build a yard or commercial investment.
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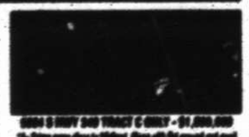
6110 POLO CLUB RD - $6,237,700
Desirable equestrian property located in the city of midland. This property includes 11.19 Acres, home studies, workshop, a very nice 2,541 sq ft recently remodeled home in a well-established community. Situated close to midland while offering end of the road privacy and room to grow make this exemplary property a true hallmark of the area.
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6304 S HWY 349 TRACT D ONLY - $1,401,024
Two 20-Acres including 915' of Highway frontage. Great entry access, ample water. Has ground a well thought out home training area, multi horse stalls, tack room and more). This multi-active property has the ability to become a site for various goods or commercial development. Potential multiple uses are abundant. Located close to town, surrounded by Midland activity makes this an exceptional property
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6304 S HWY 349 TRACT A ONLY - $1,501,000
20+ Prime acres close to City of Midland. This tract is home to a 4500sqft barn w/living quarters built inside. This distinct tract joins with other tract being offered. Multiple uses are viable. Has Zoning, developed resources, local access and close proximity to major oil and gas activities adds to the desirability of this acreage offered just outside the City limits of Midland, Texas.
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6304 S HWY 349 TRACT C ONLY - $1,200,000
10+ Prime acres close to Midland. Along with the ground and good well this acreage offers access from CR120 and utilizes the road to the North. This property provides endless possibilities and multiple uses. Currently located in Oil Gas activities in the Midland Basin. Situated in the country, ample water, no pipelines, distinctive layout and unrestricted atmosphere with room for future expansion
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5705 DEVLIN PLACE - $699,900
Absolutely stunning home in desirable subdivision of subdivision. Designer floor for all to entertain featuring guests surroundings and breakfast, outdoor spillover, awesome corners, large living area, wood floors, 2 fireplaces and 1 complete with a double, large master bath, backyard is a dream with beautiful inground pool, complete with pool and hot tub, beautiful yard!
Kayla Lockhart (432) 556-1040



6304 S HWY 349 TRACT B ONLY - $699,900
40 Acres including 915' of Highway frontage, multiple structures including a tall right barn. Due to the proximity to City of Midland. This premier property has the ability to be the ideal site to build a yard or commercial investment.
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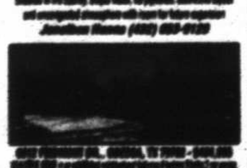
1709 TRAIL CO. ODESSA, TX 79765 - $355,000
STUNNING 4 bedroom 3 bathroom home in Lonesome Dove. This home has 4 spacious bedrooms, gourmet kitchen, tall ceilings, and sits on 2.5 acres.
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6110 HIDDEN COVE - $404,900
Gorgeous Mid Cape with 3 beds 2 baths and an office on a huge double lot. Open entry, dry wet gorgeous wood accents throughout. Open living, kitchen and dining area with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Master bedroom with en suite bath and walk in closet. Secondary bedrooms with carpet and ceiling fans. Backyard has a covered patio and is fenced. Call your agent today to see this beautiful home!
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3600 E COUNTY RD 1107 - $449,900
Spacious country home on 4 acres. Enjoy sitting in the open air in the living room, large master suite with a walk in closet, 2 more bedrooms with carpet and ceiling fans, 2 full baths, 2 car garage with a 3rd detached garage, and a 2 bedroom/1 bath guest house. Only 10 minutes out of Elbow! Come, enjoy a homemade meal, and spend time on our 4 beautiful acres.
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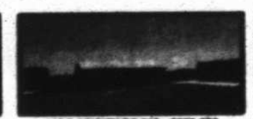
6201 WINDSOR PL, ODESSA, TX 79765 - $315,000
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6304 LL HWY - $400,000
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3300 HUNTSVILLE RD - $425,000
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110 E COUNTY RD 310 - $399,000
Great place to escape the City life. 1000 sq ft! This 2 bdrm home on 20 acres of land. Also has a 1,200 sq ft Workshop and a 1,000 sq ft hay garage. Endless possibilities or what you could do here. Great place to escape to or use as a cute cozy weekend getaway. Call your agent today for your Private Showing.
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3400 Lonesome Lane - $385,000
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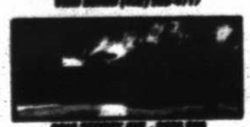
3500 E COUNTY RD 1107 - $349,900
Lovely home on 4 acres with a 2 car garage and a 3 car detached garage. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Three acres are horse ready. Call your agent today to see this beautiful home!
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6212 5TH ST, ODESSA, TX 79763 - $249,900
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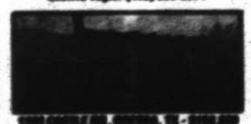
3507 W WASHINGTON AVE - $350,000
This beauty has big bedrooms, a dedicated office, and that unique detail with the living room. The master bedroom is huge and sit in the back yard. Nice home that has potential.
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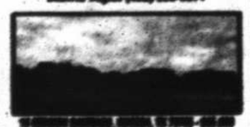
3211 CHANEL, ODESSA, TX 79762 - $249,900
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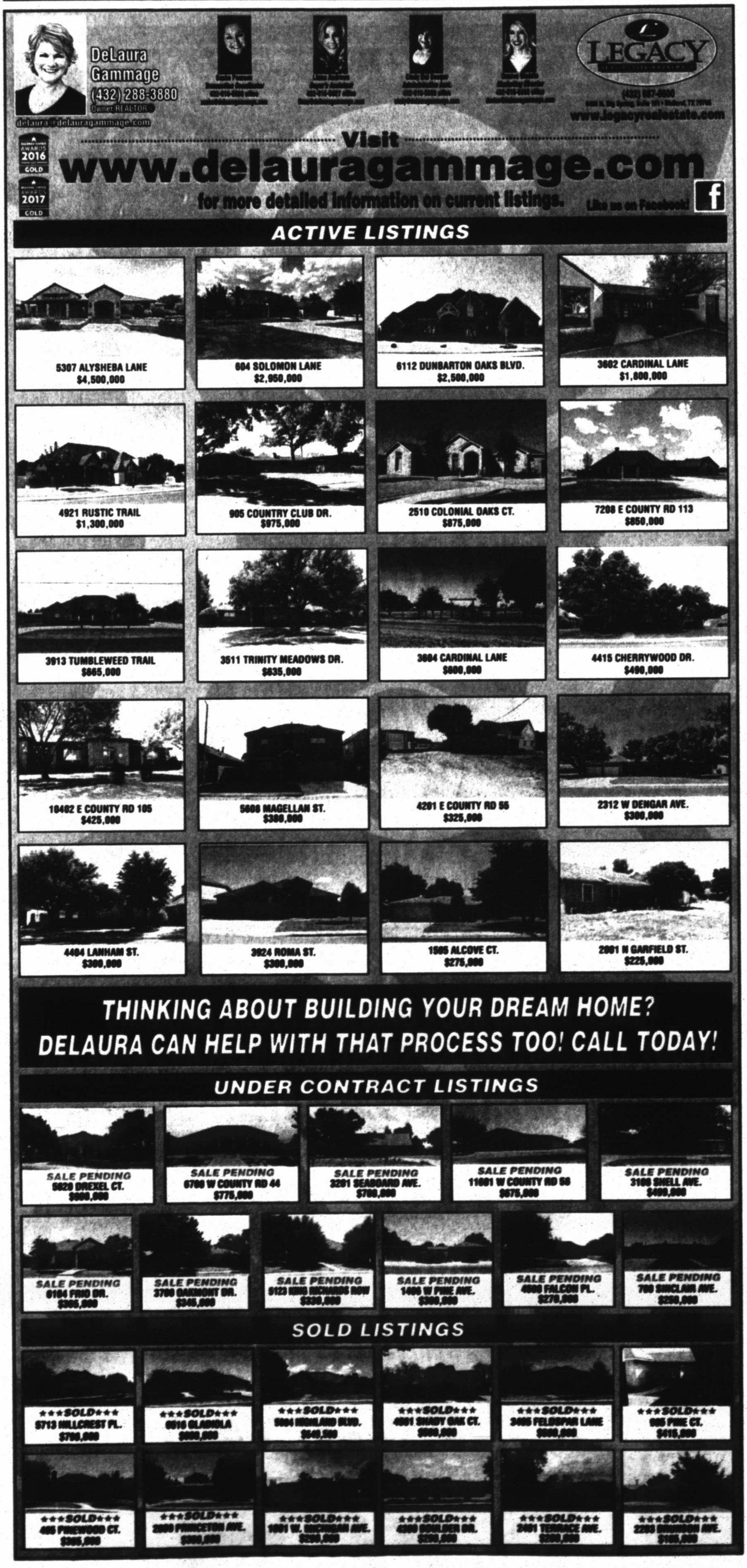


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Listing a home on a Wednesday or Thursday can bring benefits for sellers according to a new analysis by Redfin. The firm looked at how well 100,000 homes that sold in 2017 performed on selling price and days on market. Those listed on a Sunday did worst and the other days were ranked relative to it. Wednesday was the best day to maximize price with sellers listing on that day gaining a $2,023 advantage over those who listed on a Sunday. Thursday was the best day for speed of sale and certainty of sale, finding a buyer five days sooner than Sunday-listers and more likely to be sold within 90 days and 180 days. "Serious buyers typically start making their weekend house-hunting plans late in the work week," said Redfin Denver agent Karla Kirkpatrick-Adams. "You want your home to be one of the fresh listings buyers see pop up as they decide which homes they should see over the weekend. In her competitive Denver market Kirkpatrick-Adams says that many homes are listed on Wednesday and Thursday with the expectation that buyers will come through over the weekend, submit offers by a Monday afternoon deadline and the home will be under contract by Tuesday. *Source: Redfin*

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Why Become a Homeowner?

From obtaining a mortgage to keeping up with repairs and renovations, some millennials find ample excuses to rent instead of buy. However, the satisfaction that comes with owning your own space (and from not flushing away thousands of dollars a year on rent) is hard to beat.

Among the most appealing aspects of being a homeowner is the most obvious: you own your home. This gives you, instead of a landlord, control of your living space. Want to refinish your basement, add a swanky outdoor living space or knock down a wall? You're free to do so.

Other benefits stem from potential tax savings and the buildup of equity as your property likely appreciates in price over time. Equity can be used to help put children through college, purchase a second home, or make home improvements.

The mortgage interest paid on a home loan is tax deductible, as is the local property tax. If you get a fixed-rate home mortgage loan, you can also invest more wisely knowing that your monthly mortgage payment, unlike rent, will not change substantially.

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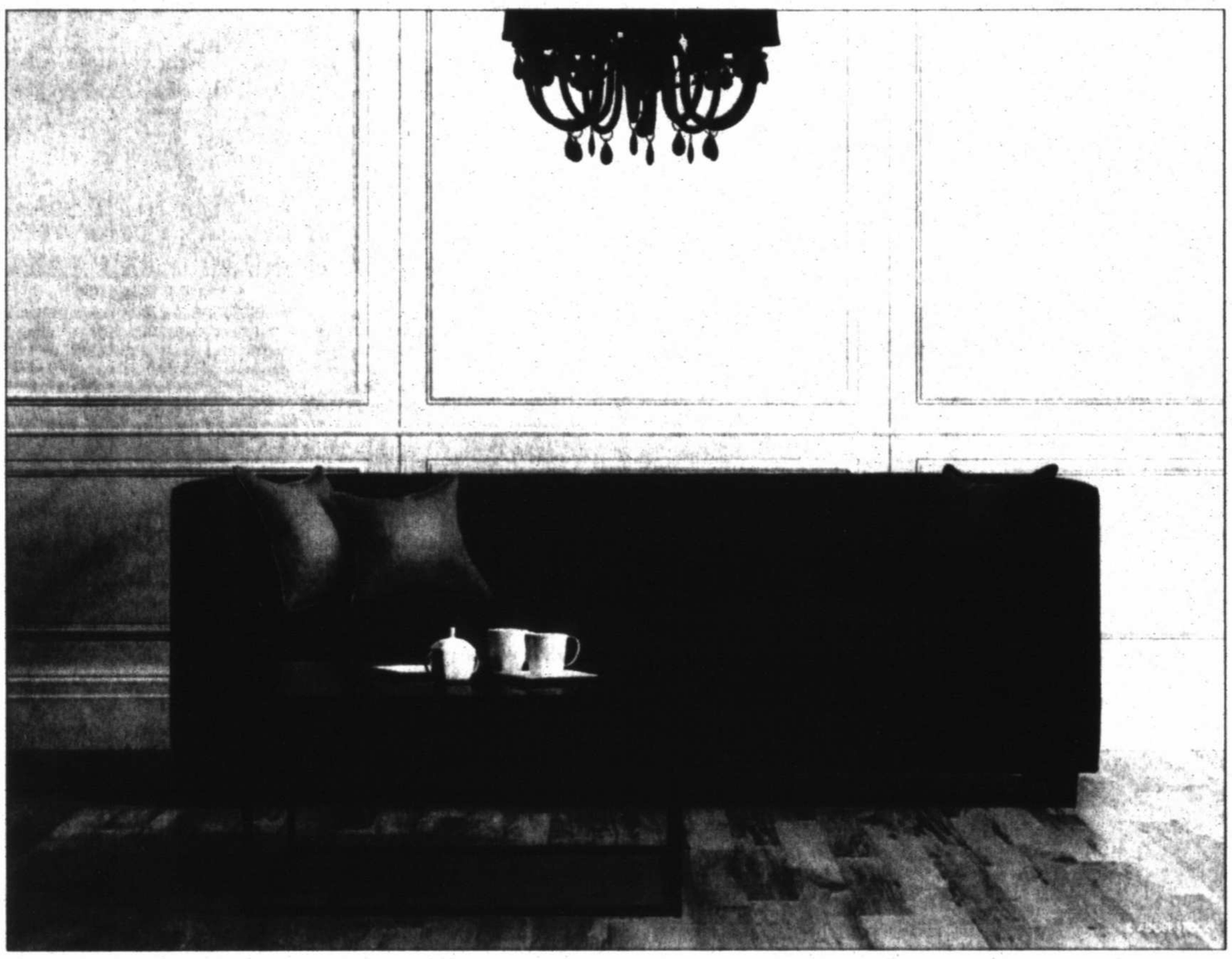
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Interiors: What's In, What's Out?

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

We all know the avocado range is several decades out of style, but it's a tall order to keep up to date with modern interior design trends.

It can seem that just as you've added chevron prints here there and everywhere or DIY-ed your sliding barn doors in every room, new trends have arrived. Here's a roundup of what's in and what's out. (Of course rules are meant to be broken, and embracing your rebellious side could prove a worthy aesthetic venture.)

WHAT'S IN?

Textures: Add depth to your designs with unique textures. Concrete accent pieces, velvet upholstery, woven baskets and ramie curtains are just a few examples of the "have-to-touch-it" vibe showing up across the home decor industry.

Colors: Gray has been enjoying its own moment for a while. It can be warmed up or cooled down with various hues, making it a versatile, modern neutral. Taupes and browns, however, are poised for a comeback. House Beautiful predicts newfound popularity for a few shades of purple, from dark plum in the dining room to both dark and light shades of a dustier purple. The magazine also expected big things from Asian-inspired chinoiserie red, deep turquoise, a variety of yellows and emerald green. Pantone's color of the year is Greenery, a bright yellow-green affair that pairs well with cobalt accents.

Juxtaposition: What's old is new when rustic meets modern. Think hand-crafted Moroccan tile paired with sleek slate-gray cabinets, or a hand-hewn timber table with modern industrial chairs. A cowhide rug in front of an uber-modern streamlined sofa. Fractured glass tile beneath chic glass-and-metal lighting. Revived mid-century modern furniture. This is where throwing out the rulebook can pay big dividends and a thrift store find can steal the show.

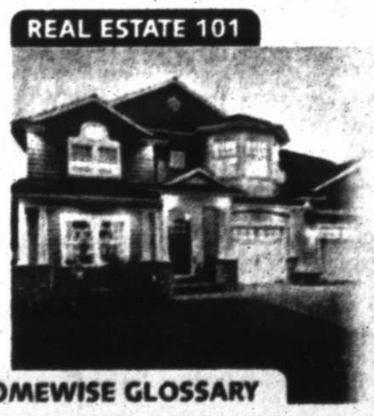
WHAT'S OUT?

The editors at Elle decor wish Edison bulbs back to the day of their namesake. They also are "so over" everything from nautical themes, Tuscan kitchens and too much granite to Mason jars, vertical blinds, dusty pastels and wicker furniture. Of course, if you can't help yourself, think of ways to bring modern touches to these reportedly outdated elements. For example, if you just can't say no to nautical, try sea glass-inspired tile. Still mad for plaid? Try tartan or shades of gray.

Elle Decor predicts the ouster of the once-ubiquitous chevron pattern. Apartmenttherapy.com wishes people would stop it already with the obsessive matching of every item in a room, while various style watchers opine an overabundance of brass fixtures and all things marble. Realtor.com envisions a world free of sliding "barn door madness."

At the end of the day, your space should reflect your personality. Mix and match, or disregard the "rules" altogether for a style all your own.

REAL ESTATE 101



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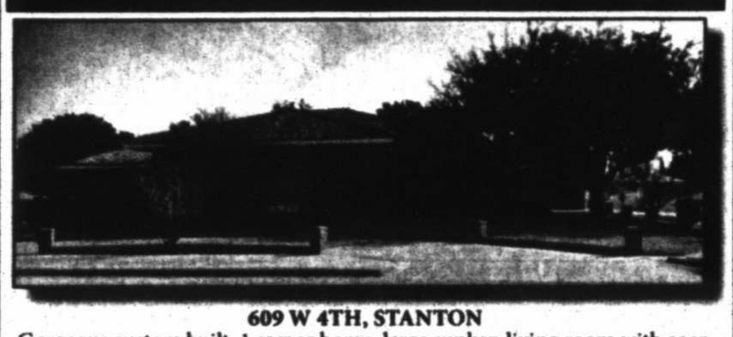
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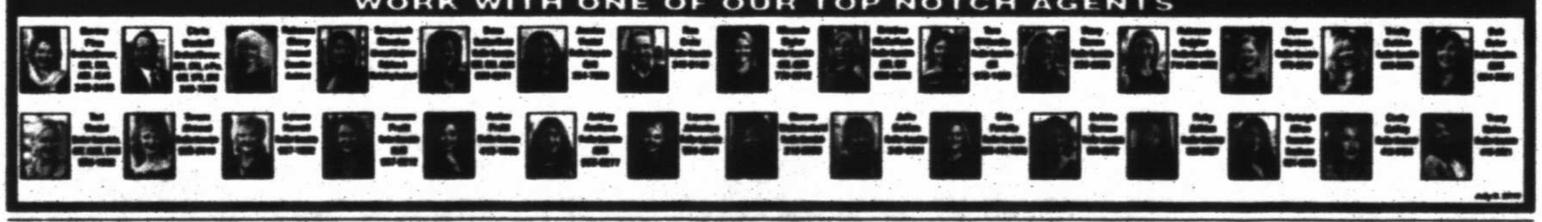
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12100 E. CO. RD. 110...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50014986...SALE PENDING

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5307 ALYSHEBA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015036...$4,500,000
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6112 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50012849...$2,500,000
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2606 SINCLAIR AVE...Leah Watkins 599 2187...$1,775,000
4021 RUSTIC TRAIL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015946...$1,300,000
509 AFFIRMED LN...Denise Brasher...MLS #50014360...$1,025,000
905 COUNTRY CLUB DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015516...$975,000
5620 DREXEL CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...SALE PENDING
2510 COLONIAL OAKS CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50012754...$875,000
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4017 BAYBROOK DR...Pam Dodd...$725,000
3201 SEABOARD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015569...SALE PENDING
2101 DEEANNA...Susan Palmer...MLS #50013118...$690,000
3913 TUMBLEWEED TR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50014090...$685,000
3511 TRINITY MEADOWS DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015308...$630,000
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1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE...Wendy Waddell 638-9955...MLS #50015930...$388,000
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5200 MATHIS...Martha Manulik...SALE PENDING
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9123 KING RICHARDS ROW...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015499...SALE PENDING
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3204 HIGHSKY...Martha Manulik...MLS #50013329...SALE PENDING
1007 WRANGLER...Amanda Gunter 413-7330...$295,000
2900 DURANT...Pam Dodd...$290,000
1905 ALCOVE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015379...$275,000
3017 IMPERIAL...Susan Palmer...MLS #50014747...SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

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6200 HOMESTEAD...Karen Foster 559-408...MLS #50015623...$649,500
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1206 HARVARD...Larry Hatfield...MLS #50013581...$425,000
5217 GREEN TREE BLVD...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757...MLS #50015633...$379,900
6104 FRIO DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50016109...SALE PENDING
1509 COMMUNITY LANE...Gina Reyes...MLS #50016066...$360,000
4321 STOREY AVE.-DUPLEX...Skye Farris...MLS #50014101...$350,000
4001 KNIGHTS PL...Sandy J Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50015442...$349,900
4009 HAVASOTA...Reannah Glover...MLS #50015727...SALE PENDING
2401 GODDARD COURT...Ashley St John...MLS #50015362...SALE PENDING
2212 W. DENGAR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...$300,000
4404 LANHAM ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015865...$300,000
1405 W. PINE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015684...SALE PENDING

6111 INDIGO SKY...Larry Hatfield...MLS #1000043514...$299,900
3215 SOUTHRIDGE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...SALE PENDING
4504 FALCON PL...Ashley St John...MLS #50015193...SALE PENDING
1108 LIZZARD COURT...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062...SALE PENDING
2900 SKYLINE...Lydia Scudder 853-2700...$279,000
1410 PINE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883...MLS #5001414...$275,000
2605 EMERSON...Mark Philbier...MLS #50016026...$275,000
3620 STANFORD...Karen Foster 559-408...MLS #50015631...$274,900
3210 MAXWELL...Karen Foster 559-408...MLS #50015485...$268,000
4500 FALCON PL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015010...SALE PENDING
109 CLUB DR...Jesse Alvarez...$264,900
3600 OAKMONT...Sandy J Hanson 638-3818...MLS #50015137...SALE PENDING
2605 DOUGLAS...Karen Foster...SALE PENDING
9509 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd...$260,000
1500 ALCOVE CT...Darla Davis...MLS #50014059...$260,000

3400 HEELY...Karen Foster 559-4086...MLS #50015417...$259,900
3705 FAIRHAVEN...Larry Hatfield...SALE PENDING
3527 SEABOARD AVE...Cheryl Parrish...MLS #50013745...$254,900
5200 CANADIAN...Pam Dodd 413-0780...SALE PENDING
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700 SINCLAIR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015018...SALE PENDING
2001 DOUGLAS...Pam Dodd...SALE PENDING
2001 N. GARFIELD ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015948...$225,000
3011 PRINCETON...Donna Omar...$220,000
3005 JORDAN AVE...Skye Farris...$213,000
1510 PUEBLO...Reece Rivera 230-8647...MLS #50015706...$170,000
306 S. DALLAS ST...Darla Davis...MLS #50002162...$167,000
4706 LAURA DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...$124,900
4405 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 413-2764...$124,000
4100 PLEASANT...Amanda Rimer 413-7330...MLS #50015730...$90,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

1606 STOREY AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...$425,000
2311 CASTLEFORD RD...Reece Rivera 730-8647...MLS #50014655...$215,000

2400 COLLEGE...Susan Palmer...MLS #50013713...SALE PENDING
4724-B HARVARD AVE...Stephanie Masterson 556-1564...$150,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

6400 E. CO. RD. 63...Danny Norwood 413-2764...MLS #108422...$900,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 113...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...$850,000
9706 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...31 Acres/$749,000
5700 W. CO. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50010101...SALE PENDING
4211 E. CO. RD. 66...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062...$685,000
11601 W. CO. RD. 56...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50013559...SALE PENDING
7213 E. CO. RD. 114, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50009497...$630,000
12100 E. CO. RD. 110, CHAMPIONS RUN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50014986...SALE PENDING
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #108236...$484,900
1107 W. CO. RD. 143...Jose Alvarez...2.8 Acres/$429,900

10500 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Lara Flores 385-5843...$425,000
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7500 E. CO. RD. 110...Nicole Duncan...MLS #50012462...SALE PENDING
7712 S. CO. RD. 1084...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50014557...$389,500
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9000 S. CO. RD. 1130...Andrea Snell...MLS #50014055...SALE PENDING
8001 E. CO. RD. 86...Stephanie Masterson...MLS #50013602...SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

16 LA PAZ CIRCLE, ODESSA...Reannah Glover...MLS #50011656...$5,800,000
14000 SR 8., BROWNWOOD, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458...MLS #50008868...$900,000
CO. RD. 240A, COMANCHE TX...Melody Carrol...MLS #50011044...160.391 Acres/$750,000
10 LA CAMPANA DR...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666...MLS #50012653...$600,000
7600 VISTA DEL SOL, ODESSA...Ashley St John...MLS #50014343...$549,000
9706 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Sandy J Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50015627...$499,000
9011 CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50011954...$475,000
4235 CANDY LANE, ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242...MLS #109176...SALE PENDING
6010 STONEHENGE RD., ODESSA...Wendy Waddell 638-9955...MLS #108928...SALE PENDING

3024 ROMA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015776...$300,000
COLORADO CITY...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #50008943...10 Acres/$300,000
3600 CO. RD. 310, HUBBARD CREEK LAKE-BREKENRIDGE...Jesse Alvarez...$275,000
2702 FAIR OAKS CIRCLE...Darla Davis 268-8077...MLS #109035...$275,000
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1716 ROSEWOOD AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis...MLS #50011952...$199,000

2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA...Larry Hatfield 340-4788...MLS #50008073...$190,000
611 E. 50TH ST., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062...MLS #50012859...$190,000
409 OLD COURSE RD...Amanda Gunter...MLS #104104...$190,000
409 E. 50TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330...$189,000
14501 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins...MLS #50007356...$189,000
9421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis...MLS #109231...$179,000
10075 E. EMERSON ST., GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #50004436...$169,000
9122 CENTER AVE., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062...MLS #107310...$117,000
6252 LAKE CO. RD. 255...Sandy J Hanson 638-3818...MLS #109036...$89,400

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

4309 S. CO. RD. 1131...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50009725...$1,800,000
12502 W. CO. RD. 100...Ashley St John...MLS #50012355...SALE PENDING
4309 S. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #50009725&0 Acres/$1,375,000

9700 FM 307...Sandy J Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50006743...$900,000
9705 FM 307...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50016099...91 Acres/$749,000
9705 FM 307...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50016101&17+ Acres/$499,000

200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50007763...$350,000
2222 WOLFCAMP CIRCLE...Susan Palmer...MLS #50013380...SALE PENDING
401 HIGHLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2700...MLS #109087...$99,000

LAND AND LOTS

3302 S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50010433...09 Acres/$1,540,000
4309 S. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50011032...40 Acres/$1,375,000
E. CO. RD. 87...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50013484...59.02 Acres/$900,000
3701 CARDINAL LN...Pam Dodd...$850,000
3604 CARDINAL LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50015681...$600,000
9705 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...17.60 Acres/$499,000
9700 FM 307...Sandy J Hanson 638-3818...MLS #50005743...$499,000
4000/05...Karen Foster...MLS #50014129...11 Lots/$229,000
CO. RD. 60 W. 4000 1205...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883...MLS #50007449...5 Acres/$100,000
EIGHTH CO...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...MLS #50007174...10 Acres/$110,000
4575 S.E. CO. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50013546...5.735 Acres/$94,000
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GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50013115...SALE PENDING
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7004 FERGLOVE ST., GRADY 1RD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633...$89,000
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200 S. GARNER...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #50007179...$89,000
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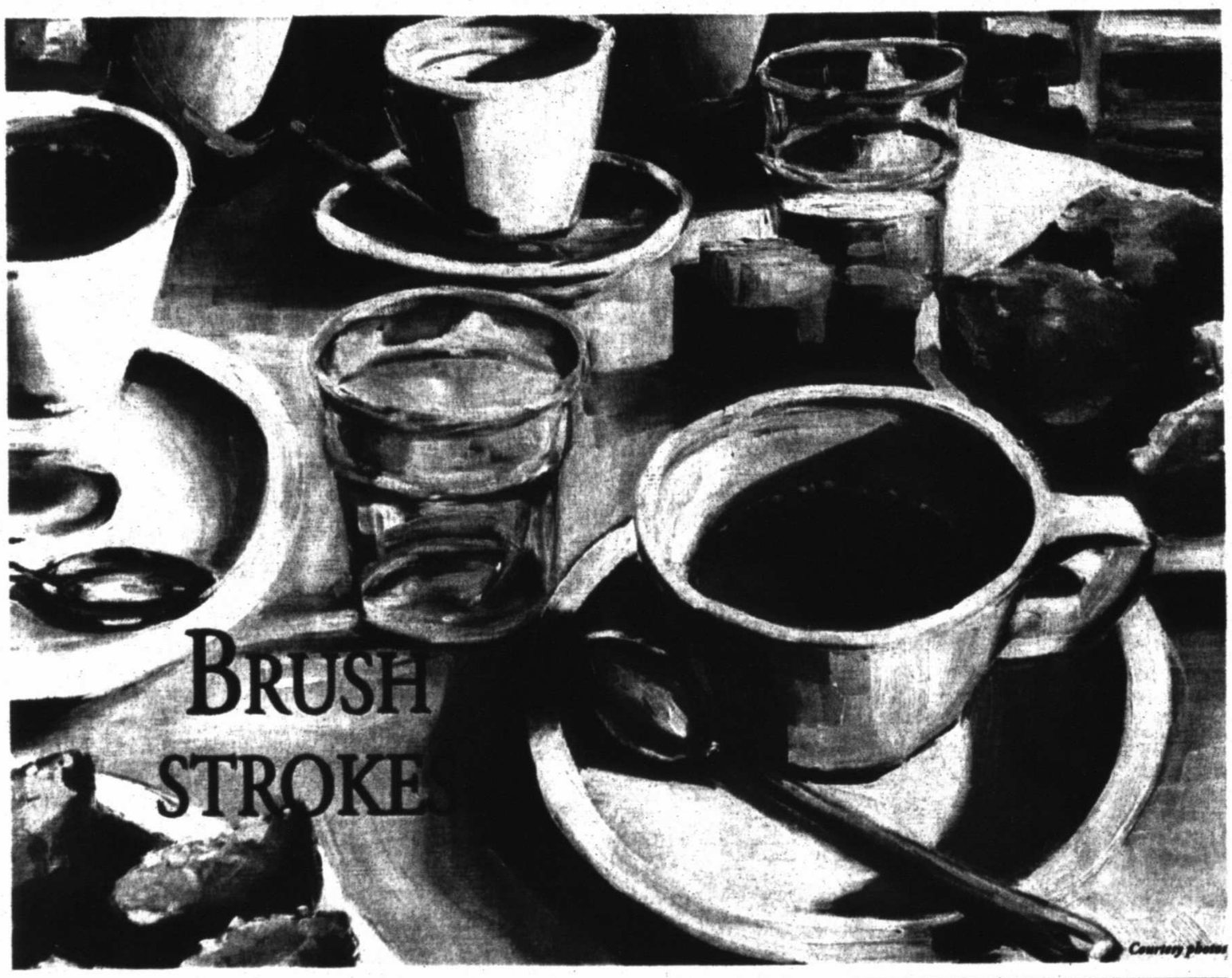
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West Texas artist looks for the exotic in the ordinary

By Rich Lopez
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Maggie Walker-Nelson is very aware of West Texas. The former Amarillo resident and her husband moved to Pecos for his work, and a year ago, they moved to Midland. But she was keen on spotting that which was often forgotten or overlooked — and such sights made their way into her artwork.

From the palm trees in Alpine to discarded library checkout cards, Walker-Nelson perpetuates her personal artistic journey by extending the lives of inanimate objects.

"A lot of the works are from traveling but also items that are forgotten or ordinary: old pay phones, hotels, gas stations. By stopping to photograph and then paint them, they stay alive, and there's this loyalty to them," she said.

Walker-Nelson's work can be seen in "Places and Things," part of Arts Council of Midland's Visions 2018 series.

"Maggie Walker-Nelson's paintings are an interesting contrast of beautiful colors and compositions played against subjects that showcase the man-made state of deterioration," ACM director Danny Holeva said. "Whether it's a pay phone or a gas station where service attendants once pumped our gas, checked our tires and cleaned our windshields, her still-life paintings are nostalgic memories with attention to detail."

The past year has been eventful for Walker-Nelson. She had a baby, started a consulting business and began working with the nonprofit Dress for Success on its marketing strategy. Now, there's the art show.

Her interest in art began as a child. She said she wasn't a prodigy; art simply appealed to her and took on meaning for her as a teen.

"I've always enjoyed it. I wasn't particularly good at it, but over time I became better," Walker-Nelson said. "But drawing was kind of an escape from stress and not fitting in. I think it helped me get away from all that normal adolescent angst."

She felt shy growing up and in her own way, ordinary.

"That's what draws me into my subjects. I connected with things, and I'm also very sentimental,' she said.

While living in Pecos, art helped her adjust to the environment that was different from her home in Amarillo.

"When we got there, I missed everyone, and the town was small, and it was just a different experience for me," she said. "But I found these houses that had palm trees and were different colors that I had to paint them. In that way, I could daydream that I was somewhere else."

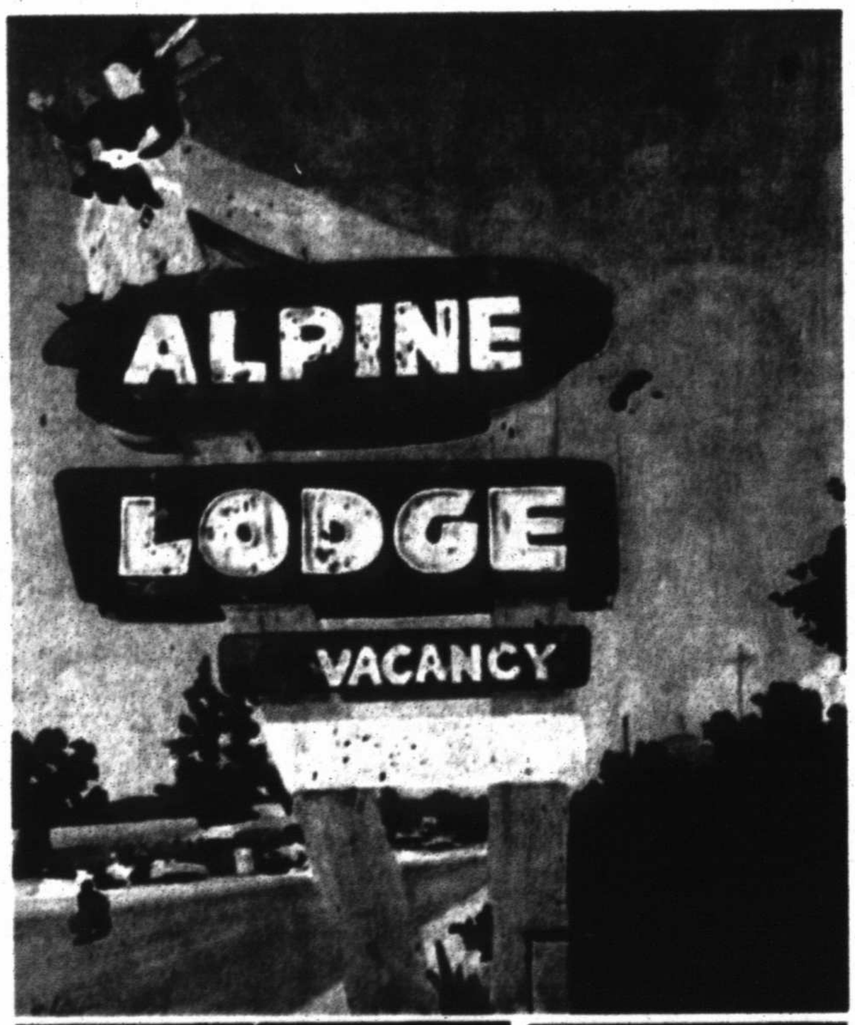
She and her husband have considered one day moving to Florida, which she said is something that worries her.

"We love to travel, and my husband is from Florida, and we have dreams of living out there someday," she said. "I think, though, that it would be cheating for me to live someplace beautiful. I always look for 'the ugliness' to create composition. I think I'd still find it, but it would be hard to create for me with beautiful surroundings and not just looking like another art piece."

For a time, she commuted from Amarillo to Pecos, a nearly six-hour drive that often gave her inspiration. Her artwork depicts wide-open spaces or the Fort Davis mountains on the horizon. She said those drives were reminiscent of the random day trips she used to take. Walker-Nelson used to teach art at Amarillo College, and when she was free during the summer, she would get in the car and head out for a day's adventure.

"It was my way of being a little bit rebellious and wild. I'd find these small towns with things that interested me," she said. "I also like to go camping, so I'd stop along the way to take pictures

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If you go

Visions 2018: "Places and Things" on display through Sept. 9. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Local artist Maggie Walker-Nelson works on some of her paintings Thursday in her home studio. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

5 QUESTIONS

With Anita Gamertsfelder | Midland County Public Library

Anita Gamertsfelder serves as the education and program coordinator for Midland County Public Library. Originally from San Angelo, she has lived in Midland for 17 years. She and her husband Jon have three children: Allison, Luke and Merit. She attended Texas A&M University and the Scottsdale Culinary Institute.

MRT: What's been your proudest or most significant achievement in your career or in nonprofits?

Gamertsfelder: I am a volunteer coach with MISD Values Project where we are working with MISD to help train all staff on the 12 Core Action Values. This is the same program that Midland Memorial Hospital is doing.



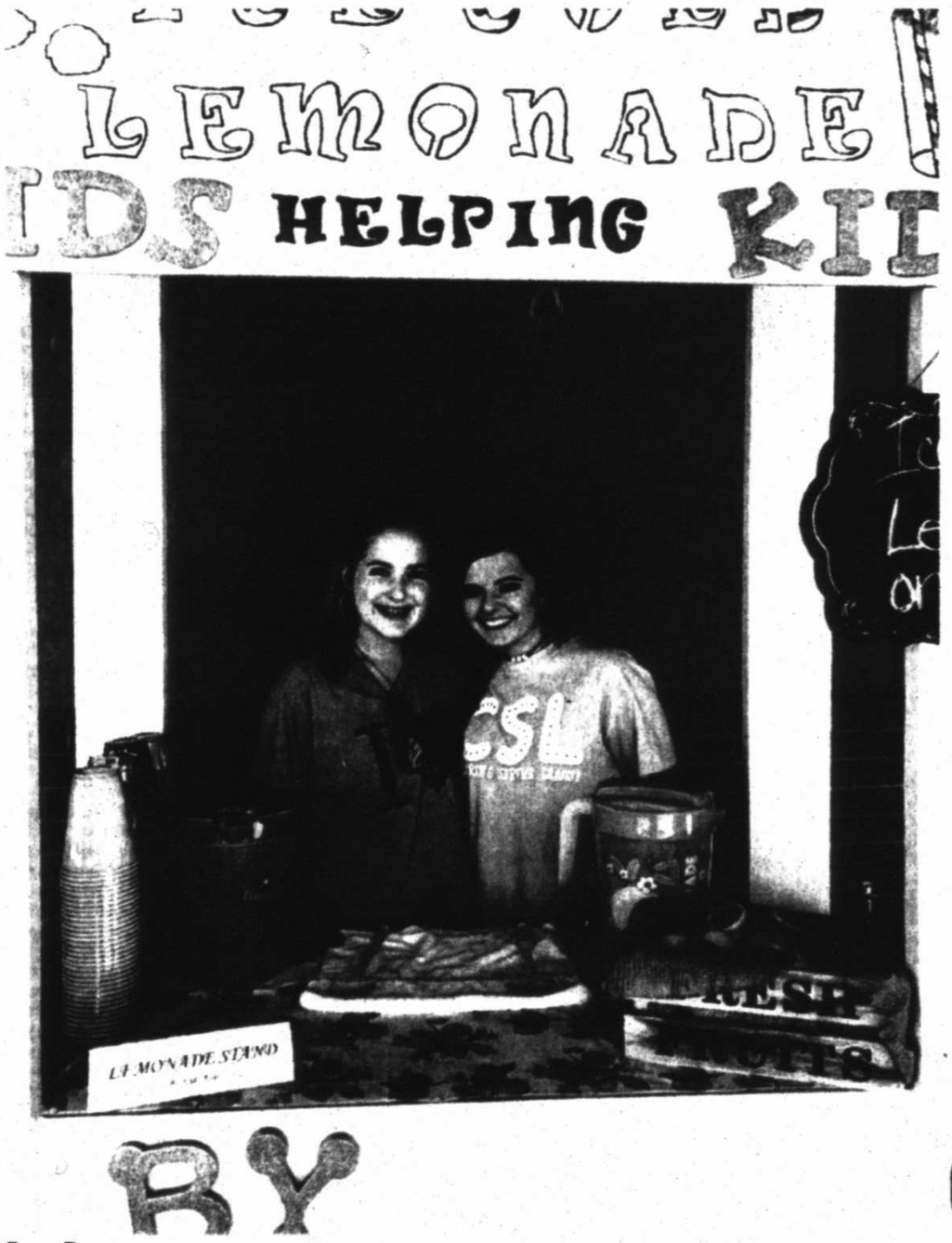
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by Julie Donnelly



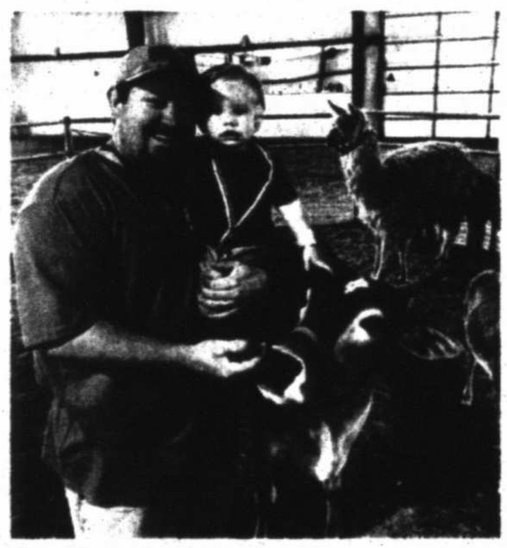
Basin Bikefest

Airyn Lochridge, left, and Christie Moore



Basin Bikefest

Luca Unquieta, left, and Emma Urquieta



Basin Bikefest

Britton Butts, left, and Brody Butts

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Basin Bikefest

Brynleigh Foote, left, and Camden Foote



Basin Bikefest

Lauren Marquez



Chamber mixer

Becky Wisdom, from left, Elliott Hankins, Larisa Luna, Lucy Arcidez and Felipa Lara



Chamber mixer

Kim Henderson, from left, Guy McKenzie and Loren Gribble

HORSE PAINTING WAS HIGHLIGHT OF MCRC EVENT

The Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center recently hosted its fourth annual Basin Bikefest. The event got underway with two separate bike rides that started in front of the organization's facility.

After crossing the finish line, families moved to the backyard of the building where they could participate in numerous games, face painting, crafts, a petting zoo and shopping. A highlight of the morning was children getting to use paint to decorate a horse.

The fundraiser included a lemonade stand and a popcorn booth. H-E-B was also on hand distributing free water, fresh fruit and beach balls.

MCRC provides pediatric occupational, physical and speech therapy to infants through 22-year-olds.

CHAMBERS HOST NETWORKING MIXER AT DIAMOND CLUB

The Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce joined forces recently for its annual networking mixer at the Security Bank Ballpark Diamond Club.

Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and drinks were served throughout the evening, and prizes were awarded. The event was sponsored by the Midland RockHounds, the Sockers FC and Wells Fargo.



CHAMBER MIXER

Cody Williams, from left, Steven Palma, Ricka Brown and Mike Davis





ABOVE: CHAMBER MIXER Keith Dial, left, and Rosa Gavia
RIGHT: BASIN BIKEFEST William DuPreez

NamesIn TheNews

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Greathouse Elementary sixth-grader Christian Villarreal participated in the National Youth Leadership Conference June 15-26 in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Lisa and Adriana BalerioVillerreal.



Villerreal

Christian made the A-plus Honor Roll during the 2017-18 academic year, he has received awards for perfect attendance and for good citizenship, and his artwork has been part of a Museum of the Southwest student exhibit. He volunteers with the Midland Fire Department, Keep Midland Beautiful and H-E-B Feast of Sharing.

He has been involved in baseball through Midland Junior Baseball Association since 2011, and he was a member of the 2018 Northern LL Texas League Champions (Nationals).

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U.S. Navy Airman Francisco Miranda is serving on the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship.



Miranda

Miranda, a graduate of Olympic Heights High School in Boca Raton, Florida, is the son of Midlanders Javier and Minerva Miranda.

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U.S. Air Force Capt. Christopher Gheen has been named U.S. Transportation Command 2017 Company Grade Officer of the Year at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is the son of Michael and Pamela Gheen of Loveland, Colorado, and the grandson of Kathleen Schulz of Midland.

Gheen, a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, has served in the military for 15 years.

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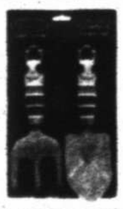
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Odessa Arts announces ArtPocalypse collaborative for fall

From staff reports

A series of arts events will work to engage West Texans with local arts through museums, music and a book club.

The ArtPocalypse is an arts collaborative spearheaded by Odessa Arts that's centered on the novel "Station Eleven," by Emily St. John Mandel. The program is designed to encourage reading in the community, invite conversation about the role of the arts in a community and showcase the Permian Basin's cultural offerings.

Five-hundred copies of "Station Eleven" and the juvenile companion "The Giver" will be distributed for free to the community.

The program will kick off with a concert by Amy Huzjak, Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale's principal cellist, at the historic Rose Building at noon on Sept. 1 as part of the Second Tuesday Salon series.

Participants will be given a Cultural Passport that will include a schedule of events, a reader's guide and information about the program. Passports will be stamped by each entity as people attend events. Passports can then be redeemed for items such as posters and T-shirts.

Participants who attend every event can redeem their passport to be entered in a drawing for a trip for two to New York City.

Confirmed events for the inaugural ArtPocalypse

September

Noon Sept. 11 | Kickoff event in The Rose Building with the city proclamation, a performance by Huzjak, the book selection announcement with distribution of the title and the Cultural Passport.

6 p.m. Sept. 13 | Community book discussion at the Ector County Library.

6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 | Cassatt String Quartet performance, Rose Building.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 22 | Community Art Day at the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

7 p.m. Sept. 22 | Keep Odessa Beautiful Recycle Fashion Show, Rose Building.

6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 | Community Book Discussion at Barn Door during Permian Basin Restaurant Week.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 29 | 100 Poets for Social Change at Dee's Bistro.

October

Oct. 4 | Community Book Club. Time and location to be announced.

Noon Oct. 9 | Second Tuesday Salon, Rose Building.

7 p.m. Oct. 11 | "Station Eleven" author Emily St. John Mandel at the Globe Theater.

7 p.m. Oct. 12 | Literary Death Match with special guest Typewriter Rodeo at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

6 p.m. Oct. 18 | Community Book Club. Location to be announced.

Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27 | "The Giver" at Permian Playhouse.

6 p.m. Oct. 25 | Opening reception for artist Heidi Petri and Community Book Club, Ellen Noel Art Museum.

Oct. 25 - Nov. 25 | "A Permanent Record" exhibition, Ellen Noel Art Museum

10 a.m. Oct. 27 | Random Acts of Art class, Ellen Noel Art Museum.

November

Nov. 1 | Community Book Club. Time and location to be announced.

Nov. 4 | Adventures in Art, Ellen Noel Art Museum

Nov. 4-10 | Odessa Shakespeare Festival, Globe Theater

Noon Nov. 13 | Second Tuesday Salon, Rose Building

Nov. 15 | Community Book Club, Ellen Noel Art Museum

Nov. 16-18 | West Texas Film Festival, Odessa College

Hints from Heloise



King Features Syndicate

French cooking terms are confusing

Dear Heloise: There are some French terms in cooking that I'm not familiar with, so it makes it confusing when I see certain words, such as "bisque." Would you explain some of the French terminology in cooking? — Wade N., Topeka, Kan.

Wade, here are some commonly used French terms:

"Au gratin": Dish topped with buttered crumbs or cheesy crumbs that have been oven-browned.

"Bisque": Usually a thick, creamy soup, but it also can be a frozen cream dessert.

"Frappe": Word meaning "lightly frozen."

"Roux": Butter and flour cooked into a paste to thicken sauces. — Heloise

Kitchen artist

Dear Heloise: I've discovered that food looks much better if you can "paint it" with something, such as soy sauce or Worcestershire sauce, to not only enhance the appearance, but also improve the flavor. — Mandy W., Tulare, Calif.

Pantry cleaning

Dear Heloise: I cleaned and reorganized my pantry in a new way. Everything was scattered everywhere, so I decided that certain areas were for pastas, and other areas were for canned vegetables or canned fruit. Then I labeled each shelf so that the rest of the family knows where everything is intended to go. It's made finding items much easier. — Cassie M., Rocky Hill, Conn.

White pepper

Dear Heloise: What is white pepper made from, and is it really pepper? — Mary P., Sweetwater, Tenn.

Mary, white pepper is the inner core of the black pepper, removed either before or after the black, outer shell is sun-dried. — Heloise

Blood oranges

Dear Readers: Although the blood orange has an unappetizing name, it is a very healthy, delicious fruit that gets its name from the red fruit inside. Unlike the navel orange, the blood orange is available only in December through May.

The blood orange is an excellent source of fiber and vitamin C and contains small doses of protein and potassium.

Despite the ruby red interior, the blood orange tastes just like a navel orange. This tasty fruit was originally from Spain and Sicily, but today also is grown in Texas and California. — Heloise

Leftover ideas

Dear Heloise: Monday through Thursday, I make wonderful dinners for the whole family. Unfortunately, there often was so much left over that I put it in the refrigerator, where it all too often went uneaten.

So, Friday night became "leftover night." I worried that the family would hate it, but they loved the idea of having a smorgasbord of different foods. — Linda F., Moab, Utah

Letter of laughter

Dear Heloise: When I was just a kid, a school bully used to take my lunch money all the time.

He still takes my money every time he says, "You want fries and a drink with that order?" — Peter R., Ashland, Ky.

12-step programs offer healing for sexual addiction

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: After reading the letter from "Dumbstruck in Chicago" (April 24), who's dating a recently divorced man who was unfaithful to his ex-wife through multiple affairs and one-night stands with prostitutes, I cannot stay silent. That man screams of being a sex addict. He needs the help of a certified sex addiction therapist before he wrecks another woman's life.

"Dumbstruck" should *run* — not walk — to the nearest S-Anon meeting. It's a 12-step program for people who have been affected by another person's sexual behavior. These behaviors include infidelity by emotional or physical affairs, one-night stands with prostitutes, hanging out in strip clubs and porn addiction.

S-Anon saved my sanity and gave me the courage to offer my husband of 30 years a choice — recovery or divorce. Because he knew I was serious, he reluctantly went into Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) as well as therapy with a certified sex addiction therapist (CSAT) and has been sexually sober for five years. Our marriage is better today than I ever dreamed it would be.

Sex addiction is a disease and needs to be recognized as the cause of ruining many marriages and tearing families apart. Please, Abby, suggest SA and S-Anon when you reply to people who write you about these issues. — ANONYMOUS IN KENTUCKY

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thank you for writing. I have recommended the resources you mentioned in my column in the past. Sexaholics Anonymous and S-Anon have been in existence for more than 35 years and have helped many individuals stop unhealthy, destructive cycles of behavior. There are chapters nationwide. Readers, to find a meeting near you, visit sa.org or sanon.org.

DEAR ABBY: I was raped by a man I thought was a friend. Since then, I don't accept men's opinions, including those I work for. When they try to give me constructive criticism, I shut down.

I know I need therapy. How do I get past this thing and become a productive employee? I no longer want to be just another number and/or statistic. — GETTING PAST THIS

DEAR GETTING PAST: Not all men are rapists, and not all rapists are men. What happened to you was appalling, and I hope you reported it to the police so it won't happen to another trusting friend of his.

You know you need therapy, so why not contact a rape treatment center and ask for help now? If you do, it will help you in many areas of your life, in addition to your work environment.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 18 and have been working a minimum-wage job for a little over a year. I've saved up a good bit of money, and it has taken a while to do, but I really want to travel. Should I be responsible and keep saving or use the money to buy a plane ticket? — BROKE AND RESTLESS

DEAR B & R: I think you already know the answer to your question but allow me to point out that the more money you save, the farther (and longer) you will be able to travel.

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

June 25

Dorothy Brenneman-Linda Buzan, Ann Servatius-Charlie Grimes, Marlene Blumentritt-Audie Brooks, Linda Scarpelli-Kay Sewell, Lonnie Yee-Terri Melton, Betty Moore-Dorothy Baird

June 26

Tommie Strack-Servatius, James Hawkins-Scarpelli, Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Patti Heard-Kay Arrell, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks

June 27

Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Marty Massie-Higgins, Buzan-B. Brooks, Brenneman-Paula Baggett, Nancy Ward-Yee

June 28

Baggett-Brenneman, Gloria Jackson-Ward, Servatius-Moore, Linda McDonald-Linda Farrar, John Seymour-Helen Davis, Cordell Hammon-B. Brooks

Greg Keys-Sewell, Mike Robinson-Buzan, Ann Brooks-Belle Harris, Audie Brooks-Sarana Savage, Phyllis Maxwell-Douglas Brown

Overall: Baggett-Brenneman, Keys-Sewell, Ward-Jackson, Buzan-Robinson, Servatius-Moore, Ann Brooks-Harris, Audie Brooks-Savage, McDonald-Farrar, Maxwell-Brown, Seymour-Davis, B. Brooks-Hammon

July 1

K.C. Evans-Curry, Marilyn Matthews-Deborah Brookins, Grimes-Servatius-Blumentritt-Baggett, Ward-Yee, Buzan-B. Brooks

Coren Bridge

With Bob Jones

No quibbles

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠Q42
♡A74
◇J64
♣AK106

WEST
♠J9
♡K1093
◇Q102
♣QJ82

EAST
♠AK1083
♡6
◇K875
♣543

SOUTH
♠765
♡QJ852
◇A93
♣97

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	Dbl*	Redbl
INT	2♡	2♡	All pass

*Negative

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

What does the redouble of a negative double mean? It shows a useful hand that can't raise, usually with a doubleton in partner's suit. The West hand fits that definition, but many would have chosen to bid one no-trump instead.

The defense took the first three spade tricks, with West discarding a club on the third. A low diamond was ducked to West's queen and West continued with the 10 of diamonds to the jack, king, and ace. South cashed the nine of diamonds and led the queen of hearts, covered with West's king and won in dummy with the ace. Declarer cashed dummy's ace-king of clubs and ruffed a club. This established dummy's 10 of clubs to no avail, as South's last three cards were all trumps.

Declarer had been paying close attention, and he had a perfect count on the hand. He knew that West had started with 2-4-3-4 distribution and therefore had all three of the missing trumps.

He led a low heart toward dummy's seven. West won this with his nine, but then hand to lead away from his 10 and give South the last two tricks. Making two!

We might quibble about some of West's defensive plays. The return of the 10 of diamonds didn't work out and he would have defeated the contract had he not covered the queen of hearts. All of his plays, however, were reasonable. Let's not bother with quibbles and just credit declarer with paying attention and making a nice play.

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From 1E

with its employees to help create a positive culture. Community members, MISD and the Warren Charitable Foundation are providing this excellent training with classes each month for teachers and staff to build a strong culture of ownership.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Gamertsfelder: Chocolate ganache cake. A moist three-layer chocolate buttermilk cake that is divided with a raspberry coulis. Chocolate butter cream surrounds all the layers before it is enrobed in a dark chocolate ganache. Lots of fresh berries piled on top make a great party presentation — no candles needed!

MRT: Who is a fictional hero and why?

Gamertsfelder: Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone with the Wind." She was strong and determined. I loved the transition her character goes through from having everything done for her to doing whatever she must for survival of herself, her family and her beloved Tara. Her devotion to her family and friends during the war was very memorable. I used to tell my mom I wanted to be like Scarlett but she always tried to encourage me to try and be more like Scarlett's kind sister-in-law, Melanie Hamilton.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence is…

Gamertsfelder: A café latte in the late morning. I'm always up for a good cup of coffee but when you add the frothed milk it puts it over the top and can be a great pick-me-up.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

Gamertsfelder: "A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving. It's a story about grace and forgiveness wrapped around characters you can love and root for. My favorite part is the friendship aspect and how one good friend can get you through when life gets tough.



Courtesy photo

Having too many vegetables is never a problem

BARBARA PORSCH
Permian Basin Master Gardener

About now is the time when the backyard garden produces like crazy. Your counter top hasn't seen the light of day for weeks because it is covered with squash, cucumbers and maybe okra or herbs. And you likely ask yourself, "What am I going to do with all this?"

You can never have too many tomatoes because they are easy to handle. Of course, you can make sauce or relish, but the easiest thing to do is freeze them. Rinse off the tomatoes, put them on a rimmed jelly roll pan and leave the pan in the freezer until the tomatoes are frozen. Then you can store them in a freezer bag. Larger tomatoes can be sectioned and put into a quart-sized freezer bag. I find that is just about the equivalent of a 15-ounce can of diced tomatoes. A friend cores the smaller tomatoes — such as Roma — and when he takes them out of the freezer, the skin slips right off.

Squash, such as zucchini, and okra also can be frozen.

Some gardeners like to blanch their vegetables before freezing. I don't think it is absolutely necessary, especially when you have a large amount, but it sets the vegetable's bright color. Blanching is easy, but time-consuming. Bring a big pot of water to boil. Cook the whole tomatoes or sliced squash for just one minute. Then put them into a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. That's all there is to it.

You just have to remember that these frozen veggies will need to be used in baking or soups, stews or chili. They will never have that crisp, fresh texture, so be sure to eat as many as you can before you resort to freezing.

My favorite salad is made with tiny, raw zucchini, thinly sliced yellow squash and red onion and shaved parmesan cheese. Pickled squash is a real southern delicacy also.

Okra is great to add to gumbo and other Cajun dishes. Pickled okra is a culinary delight.

Cucumbers also are abundant. Slice up a cucumber in your pitcher of ice water for a delightful, refreshing drink. Pickles are easy to make. Many companies that sell canning supplies have seasoning packets to use for different tastes. Also, if you have an extra refrigerator in the garage, these pickles can be stored there and you do not have to do the hot water bath.

Maybe you have a few herbs, such as basil and chives, in the garden.

Pesto is always a great way to use extra basil. Just Google basil pesto, and you will get more recipes than you want to read. Freeze your pesto in a plastic ice cube tray. When frozen, pop them out to store in a freezer bag. One cube is great to add to soups, pasta or on top of cream cheese. Or you can make basil oil, which is great for dipping bread.

You can also freeze chives like this. Just fill up the tray with chives and cover with water.

I hope I have given you a few ideas of how to handle the onslaught of too many veggies. Just remember how great a taste of the summer will be on a winter day. It is well-worth the effort.

For more information about vegetables that perform best in our area and optimum planting schedules, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices at 686-4700.

Fertilizing is not as complicated as you might think

LEE REICH
Associated Press

Every garden needs periodic fertilization. "Designer" fertilizers are available for some kinds of plants, and so are fertilizers that you're directed to apply at specified times throughout the season. So roses get their rose food, tomatoes get their tomato food, and so on, on schedule.

All this effort might make you feel good, but isn't really necessary for your plants. Feeding plants can be very simple.

For example, forget about all the machinations of getting fertilizer deep into the soil to feed the roots, as is sometimes recommended.

Plants' feeder roots are mostly in the top few inches of soil, so just sprinkle fertilizer on the surface or, at most, scratch it into the surface. Rain, time and earthworms will put the nutrients where they belong.

If rainfall is insufficient — and that means a good soaking, enough to fill a straight-sided container an inch or more deep with water — then turn on the sprinkler for a while.

General kinds of fertilizers

Fertilizer recommendations often call for fertilizing two or more times each growing season. In fact, most "chemical" (or "synthetic") fertilizers must be applied in small doses throughout the season. These chemicals dissolve quickly in the soil, so can wash away or burn plant roots if a season's worth is applied all at once.

You can get by with a single application of chemical fertilizer if you use a type specially formulated to release its nutrients into the soil at a slow rate. Such fertilizers usually are called "slow release" or "controlled release" fertilizers.

Most "organic" fertilizers, which are derived from natural minerals, plants, or animals, are either slowly soluble in water or release their nutrients as they are "gobbled up" by soil microorganisms. In either case, nutrients are bled slowly into the ground, the practical effect of which is that you need to apply the fertilizer once per season.

Bagged or homemade compost is a special slow-release fertilizer. It's relatively low in nutrients (so low that it can't be legally called a "fertilizer"). But besides offering plants food, it also improves the soil for aeration and moisture retention, and supports a wide variety of pest-fighting and otherwise beneficial microorganisms. A layer of an inch or two laid down annually will provide a feast for your plants.

In fact, any bulky organic material — wood chips, straw or wood shavings, for example — laid on the ground as mulch will, as it decomposes, enrich the soil with nutrients (and provide some of the same benefits as compost). But the benefits will accrue at a much slower rate. Your plants might be hungrier for a more immediate feeding.

For an organic fertilizer with less bulk, use some type of seed meal such as cottonseed or soybean meal, available at garden centers and feed stores. For ease of handling, pelleted organic fertilizers are also available.

More ways to apply fertilizers

Another easy way to fertilize is by injecting fertilizer right into the water line while you are watering.

Fertilizer injectors attach near the hose spigot, and bleed fertilizer at the correct rate into the hose line either from solid tablets or from a concentrated fertilizer solution you mix up. A fertilizer injector could be combined with a drip irrigation system.

Install a backflow preventer, sometimes called an anti-siphon device, at the spigot whenever you use a fertilizer injector to avoid siphoning fertilizer into your water system should your water pressure drop. Fertilizer injectors can be used with readily soluble fertilizers.

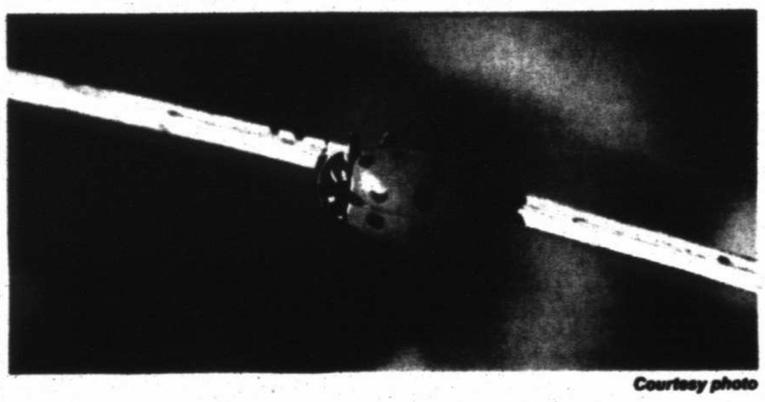
Moderation is needed

As much as fertilizer is needed in a garden, too much can be as damaging as not enough, rendering plants susceptible to pests and burnt roots, even killing plants. Follow application directions.

Also, we'll soon be approaching that midsummer time when plant growth should start to slow down in preparation for winter, and should not be stimulated by fertilizers.

Finally, remember that plant health also reflects weather conditions, the plant variety chosen, and pests.

Fertilizer is just one component of plant health. An old saying has it that "the best fertilizer is the shadow of the gardener"; pay frequent attention to your plants.



Courtesy photo

Ladybird beetle goes by more familiar name

MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas



The process that occurs for the naming of a species of animal has always piqued my interest. Animals' common name generally describes either its appearance or where it lives. However, one species of insect that is quite common in this area was first described as a ladybird beetle in Europe, perhaps referring to the shiny and appealing appearance. Here in the United States, this invertebrate animal is known as the "ladybug."

There are several varieties of species of the ladybird beetle that inhabit the United States, but the one species that is common throughout West Texas is the convergent ladybird beetle (*Hippodamia convergens*). This variety can be observed throughout the southwestern United States as well, primarily where food items are abundant. Taxonomically speaking, it comes from a gigantic and diverse order of insects (order *Coleoptera*) that include the infamous scavenger beetles from the Middle East.

Ladybird beetles have three body parts; the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. Each one has a specific purpose, with the head being the area where the eyes and feeding appendages are, the thorax is where the legs and wings are attached, and the abdomen is where most the internal organs are housed. The skeletal structure is on the outside of their body. This structure is known as the exoskeleton. They have six legs, as well as two pairs of wings and two antennae.

This species of beetle is attractive and eye-catching as the shiny, hardened wings are generally bright orange, and are often adorned with large, black circles. The thorax and head are jet black, and the thorax is often outlined with a white border. The thorax also typically has two white dots on top that at first glance appear like eyes. The mandibles are designed for chewing, while the eyes and antennae are small.

Overall, this species is rather diminutive in size, with adults attaining a total length of just under one-half inch. Despite the feminine namesake, there are no apparent differences in appearance between males and females.

While this brilliant coloration allows the animal to stand out against the green habitat that it normally prefers, it has been shown that the "ladybug" is rather distasteful and bitter to predators, perhaps a reason for the bright coloration.

The ladybird beetle is active during the day, and many individuals will congregate in areas where prey is abundant.

Gardens are a favorite area of congregation. If one "ladybug" is observed, there are typically many more individuals close by.

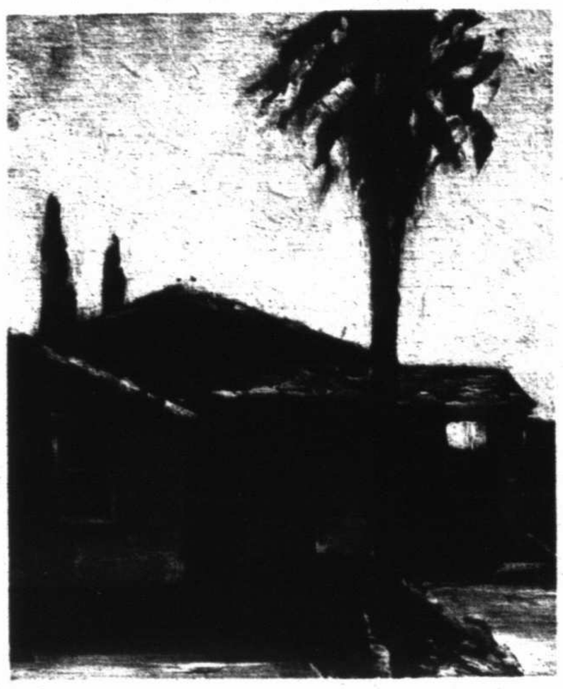
Although small and seemingly innocuous, ladybird beetles are highly predatory, particularly when in the larval stage. Many gardeners view this insect as a beneficial, or "good bug" because of its propensity for feeding on large amounts of crops and destroying insects such as aphids and other soft-bodied plant eaters.

To that end, many companies will sell "ladybugs" to control aphids; however, there are no scientific studies to show that these displaced insects will feast upon aphids upon their release.

But even if it is nothing more than adding a colorful "good bug" to your garden, the possibilities of them feeding on damaging insects is well worth it.

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and draw."

She's also incorporated items into her works that have or may one day disappear.

"I've used things like library cards, telephone books and newspapers in my work. I feel like these are things in my lifetime that will be gone," she said.

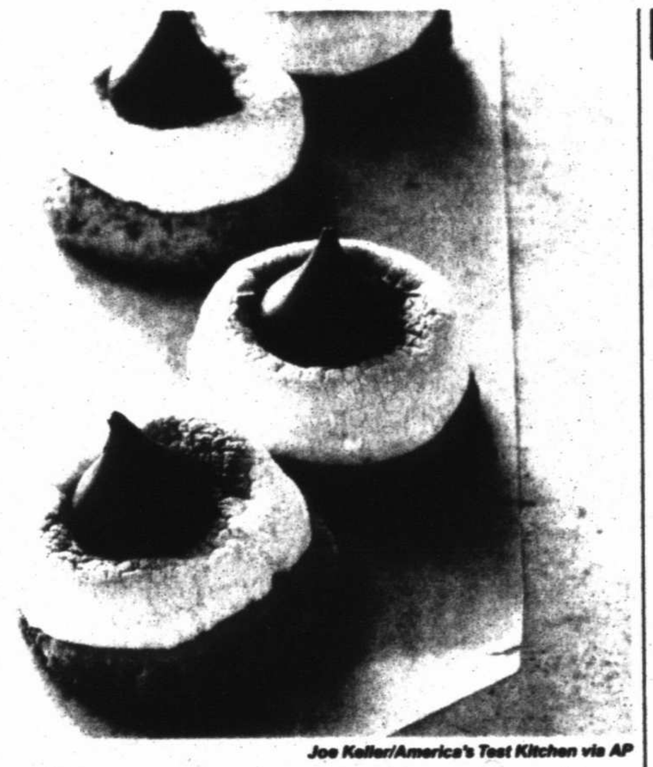
In some ways, she gives those items an added life. Walker-Nelson hopes people who observe her work engage with those items as much as with the art itself.

"I've seen them read the names on the cards or the phone book and maybe they find a connection that's authentic," she said.

She doesn't take quick road trips as often these days, and her art has gone in a different direction. She went back to school to study business after opening a gallery that didn't work out. Walker-Nelson discovered she can be of service to those opening a business who lack the acumen to run it.

"I loved teaching but lost the passion. With that gallery experience, I learned that there are people who are good at what they do but terrible at business," said Walker-Nelson, who has taught classes on entrepreneurship at Odessa College. Business and art may use different sides of the brain but with her, they go hand-in-hand.

"Art isn't just creativity; it is a system of processes," she said. "When you complete a painting, you have to go through a process. Business is the same way. When you come up with a plan, it's also a process."



Joe Keller/America's Test Kitchen via AP

This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in June shows s'mores blossom cookies in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "The Perfect Cookie."

A cookie may be better than a 'smore and without the campfire

By America's Test Kitchen

S'mores may conjure memories of warm nights and sleep-away camp, but it doesn't need to be summertime to capture the flavors of this treat; the combination of wheaty graham crackers, rich chocolate and sweet, gooey toasted marshmallow is good any time of year.

We wanted to package s'mores into a neat blossom cookie, one that would give us all the flavor without the sticky, burned fingers. We made a basic butter cookie dough for the base and proceeded to boost its flavor by mixing in graham cracker crumbs.

To really highlight the sweet, whole-wheat flavor of the grahams and to add some crunch, we also rolled the balls of cookie dough in more crushed graham crackers. A halved marshmallow sat neatly on top of the baked cookie and, once melted, took on the same size and shape as the cookies.

To get a brulee on the marshmallows without the burn, we ran the baked and topped cookies under the broiler until the marshmallows developed a toasty-roasty top. At last we turned to the crowning touch: the chocolate.

Rather than use bar chocolate as with traditional s'mores, we thought we'd follow the dressed-up vibe of this cookie and top it with a Hershey's Kiss hat for the same chocolate flavor with a touch of flair. This cookie might just be better than the classic s'more — and there's no campfire required.

S'MORES BLOSSOM COOKIES

Servings: 24 cookies
Start to finish: 30 minutes

- 1 1/4 cups (6 1/4 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (3 1/2 ounces) sugar
- 6 whole graham crackers, crushed into fine crumbs (1 cup)
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 12 large marshmallows, halved crosswise
- 24 Hershey's Kisses, unwrapped

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in bowl.

Using stand mixer fitted with paddle, beat butter, sugar, and 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs on medium-high speed until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add egg and vanilla and beat until incorporated. Reduce speed to low, slowly add flour mixture, and mix until just combined.

Spread remaining 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs in shallow dish. Working with 1 tablespoon dough at a time, roll into balls, then toss in graham cracker crumbs to coat; space dough balls evenly on prepared sheets. Bake, 1 sheet at a time, until just set and beginning to crack on sides, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cookies cool on sheets for 5 minutes.

Adjust oven rack 10 inches from broiler element and heat broiler. Place 1 marshmallow half, cut side down, in center of each cookie. Broil cookies until marshmallows are deep golden brown, 30 to 45 seconds, rotating sheet halfway through broiling for even browning if needed. Transfer sheet to wire rack and immediately place 1 candy in center of each marshmallow, pressing down gently. Repeat with remaining cookies, marshmallows and kisses. Let cookies cool completely before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 126 calories; 52 calories from fat; 6 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 74 mg sodium; 16 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 10 g sugar; 2 g protein.

GARDENING CHORES FOR JULY 2018

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

As fireworks blast off at the beginning of this month, so does the garden: Many perennials peak, annuals spread like wildfire, and summer vegetables take a place at the table. Ensure they remain healthy and vigorous by following these tips and chores all month long.

1. When tomatoes, eggplants and peppers set fruit, give them another shot of fertilizer.

2. Accommodate for rainfall, or a lack thereof, and ensure the lawn gets 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water per week. Less-frequent, deeper watering trumps a daily sprinkle.

3. Change the water in birdbaths often.

4. Happy Fourth of July! Alas, there will be no independence from garden chores. Today is prime time to fertilize the lawn.

5. For more verbena, euonymus, ivy and climbing roses, pull a stem to the ground and cover with soil. Cut away when roots grow and plant elsewhere.

6. To protect against late blight, treat potato and tomato plants with a fungicide containing chlorothalonil (or copper, if growing organic) and reapply every week.

7. Harvest green beans daily: The more you pick, the more the plant will produce.

8. Shear creeping phlox, sweet alyssum and candytuft now, and you'll have fuller plants with more flowers next year.

9. Add one bunch of eelgrass per square foot of the pond's surface water to inhibit algae growth.

10. For bigger pumpkins, pick off all but one flower from each plant, then fertilize once a week.

11. Join the Great Long Island Tomato Challenge by sending a photo of your plant and your growing strategy to jessica.damiano@newsday.com.

12. To stave off powdery mildew, thin crowded plants, water only in the morning and aim water at roots, not leaves.

13. Water and turn the compost pile.

14. For larger dahlia blooms, remove side shoots from main stems.

15. Today's the last day to shear hedges this year without risking damage.

16. Fertilize flowering perennials now with a 5-10-5 product to increase blooming.

17. For the best flavor, harvest herbs around 10 a.m. — after the dew has dried, but before the sun is at its strongest.

18. For fuller chrysanthemums and more fall flowers, cut plants back by one-third now. No worries about removing buds; they'll make more.

19. Ensure trees planted this spring get a total of 1½ inches of water per week from rain or supplemental irrigation.

20. Pick flowers in the morning so they'll last longer in a vase; clip them late in the day if you plan to dry them.

21. Sow seeds of cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, radish and broccoli directly into the garden for a fall crop.

22. Harvest potatoes when leaves begin to die back.

23. Harvest squash when fruit is 5 to 6 inches long, or plants will stop producing.

24. Go on a search-and-destroy mission for tomato hornworms. Pick them off by hand and drop them into a bucket of soapy water.

25. Deadhead grandiflora roses and hybrid teas.

26. Pick melons when their skins turn yellow and stems feel loose.

27. "Moon gardeners" claim to notice rapid plant growth during the full moon. Observe plants this week and share your findings with me at jessica.damiano@newsday.com.

28. If you're planning a vacation, remember to arrange for a surrogate waterer. Heat waves and drought can be killers.

29. To protect against vine borers, mound soil up around the bottom of squash and cucumber stems.

30. Divide bearded iris, replanting with the tops of crowns exposed.

31. Fertilize container plants every two weeks with a water-soluble product.

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Fruit smoothies are great for hot weather

By Katie Workman
Associated Press

Holy mother of summer, it's gotten HOT. My dog is sleeping in our shower because the tiles are cool. I'm testing recipes in the morning because I don't want my oven cranking all afternoon. And (this is how I know it's really hot), I may be coming close to drinking my daily recommended amount of water.

But water can get a little boring.

All this by way of saying, if you have a blender, get it out.

Buy frozen berries and other frozen fruit, or freeze the fresh stuff yourself. Cut watermelon into chunks and stash those in the freezer.

Have some honey or agave or simple syrup on hand. Blend it all up, maybe with some crushed ice, or juice, or even some sort of milk or nut milk or yogurt for those of you who are into the creamier thing. Drink. Rinse and repeat.

After 5 p.m., you may also add liquor to the grownups' glasses. After 4 p.m. if it's a Sunday. After 3 p.m., if it's above 90 degrees Fahrenheit outside and it's a Sunday.

WATERMELON STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Servings: 2
Start to finish: 5 minutes

- 2 cups frozen watermelon chunks
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup crushed ice
- 1 1/2 cups orange juice, preferably fresh
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon agave or honey, or to taste

Remove the watermelon and berries from the freezer and let sit at room temperature for 10 minutes to soften just slightly.

Place all the ingredients in a blender. Process until blended and thick. Serve in glasses with straws.

Nutrition information per serving: 193 calories; 6 calories from fat; 1 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 6 mg sodium; 47 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 36 g sugar; 3 g protein.

There's a little bit of everything in

Education

Look for it in Tuesday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

SUNDAY MORNING — JULY 8, 2018

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Texas	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
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KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odesse	Paid	Paid	Outdoors	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Essentials	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nuevo Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	In Search	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid	Paid	Good Y.	Paid
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		LaMet.	Latino	Spaces	Homeo.	Green	Hazelton	PooPaok	Garden	First Baptist Church		Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	579		165		(5:30) ★★ The Good Shepherd ('06, Spy) Matt Damon.						(5:55) ★★ Double Take		(7:55) ★★★ The Illusionist		Movie	
HBO	300	500	14	14		Movie	(:45) Making	★★ Barbershop Ice Cube.				(5:45) ★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business				★ Fantastic Beasts & Where ...	
HBO2	302	501	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) ★ ★★ The Bone Collector					(5:40) ★ ★★★ Dolores Claiborne ('95, Thril) Kathy Bates.				★ The Hand That ...	
HBO5	304	502	16	102		(5:20) ★ Goodbye C...		(7:10) ★ Gifted ('17, Dra) Chris Evans.				(7:10) Believer				(9:45) ★ ★★ All About Steve	
MAX	320	557	17	120	24	(5:40) ★ An Affair to Remember		(7:40) ★ ★★ The Time Traveler's Wife				(7:20) ★ ★★★ Sherlock Holmes				Movie	
MAX2	322	558	18	122		(5:25) ★ ★★★ Adaptation		★ ★★★★ The American President				(7:20) ★ Grosse Pointe Blank				(11:10) ★ Everything...	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:40) ★ Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon			(7:40) ★ ★★ Mermaids ('90, Com) Cher.						(9:55) ★ ★★ Underclassman	
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	(5:05) ★ The Big Chill	★ ★★ No Way Out ('87, Thril) Kevin Costner.					★ ★★ The Exorcism of Emily Rose				★ The Girl on the...	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★ ★★★★ Life Is Beautiful Roberto Benigni.				★ Jimi: All Is by My Side André Benjamin.				★ ★★★ Pink Pte Dean O'Gorman.			
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DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Maverick	Whunt (N)	Local (N)	Fishing	Street Outlaws "Broken"						Homes "Alaska"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Puppy	Vampirina	Rapunzel	Gravity	BigHero6	DuckTal.	BigCity	BigCity	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	StuckMid.	StuckMid.
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FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rules	Heart	BBQ	Baked (N)	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	GirlFarm	Southern	Southern	Kitchen
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	(:55) ★ Mamma Mia!		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Paid	Golf Life	Riders	EpcTrail	Paid	Paid	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers				Insider	Pro-game
FX	31	56	59	64	60	MikeAM.	MikeAM.	MikeAM.	MikeAM.	Mother	Mother	★ ★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr...					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Ms. Matched ('18, Rom) Alexa PenaVega.				★ ★★ October Kiss Ashley Williams.				★ All Things Valentine Sarah Lafferty.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Bolso Boys		Bolso Boys	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Counting Cars: Drive		"Countdown to Car Week: Part 5" (N)				Counting	Bs.Eval
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	News (N)	Business	Politicalution (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				TBF Pre	Cycling Tour de France Stage 2 Mouilleron-Saint-Germain - La Roche-sur-Yon (L)									Indy	Racing
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	★ Ranger	★ Ranger	Sponge	Sponge			★ ★★★ Ice Age: The Meltdown		Dare	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid	Paid	E. Power	Off-Road	Truck Y.	D.Muscle	Bar Res.	(:20) Bar Rescue		BarRes.
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight		★ ★★ Knowing ('09, Sci-Fi) Nicolas Cage.				★ Last Knights	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ ★★ Money Talks Charlie Sheen.				★ Fun With Dick ...	
TCM	41	75	24	69	66	Movie	(:45) ★ ★★★★ Pride and Prejudice Greer Garson.					★ ★★★★ Party Girl ('58, Cri) Cyd Charisse.				★ Here Comes Mr...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	El Viaje	Animales	Aventura	Natural	Una Mana	El Campo	Pagado	America's	Funniest	Baker y
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TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:35) E. Gibb	(:20) The Golden Girls		E. Gibb	(:20) E.Gibb	(:40) E.Gibb	(:20) E.Gibb	(:20) The Golden Girls		E. Gibb	(:20) E.Gibb
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Colony "Sea Spray"		Shooter		SVU "Wildlife"		SVU "Boggsie"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Leading	Paid	★ ★★ Norbit ('07, Com) Eddie Murphy.				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JULY 8, 2018

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Spec. Olympics (L)		ITF Tennis Wimbledon				Baconator Elite (N)		News (N)	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	National Salute		PGA of America (N)		PGA Golf A Military Tribute Sta: The Old White TPC (L)						NewYrsv.	News (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	FactsLife	Strokes	Gilligan	Gilligan	Mama's.	Mama's.	Jeffers.	Jeffers.	The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★ ★★ Alexander ('04, Adv) Angelina Jolie, Colin Farrell.								★ ★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing		Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shofar	Maoz Eitan	Aleph	Creation	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid	YOLOTax	Paid	Paid	Paid	Show Tour		(Cycling Tour de France			Inside Ed.	News (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Kinfron.	Cook's	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Baking "Desserts"		Move		News. (N)	Shooting
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Al Pinal...	Todo Queda en Familia			Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Al punto		Nacional	Soldiers
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Wonder	Bucket List	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Addicts	Entertainers		Mining	Carrasco	Outdoor	Outdoor
FLIX	340	579		165		(11:40) ★ Dragonjam Cowboy				★ ★★★ Caitlin's Way ('13, Cri) Sean Penn, Al Pacino.				★ ★★ The Good Shepherd Matt Damon.			
HBO	300	500	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★ ★★★ State of Play ('09, Dra) Russell Crowe.					VICE		★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle Taron Egerton.			
HBO2	302	501	15	101	23	(11:40) ★ The Hand...		★ ★★★★ The Silence of the Lambs				Succession		Succession		Seasons "Lifeboat"	
HBO5	304	502	16	102		(:55) ★ ★★ Bridget Jones's Diary				★ ★★ Shakespeare	Paul Giamatti.			(7:10) ★ ★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun			
MAX	320	557	17	120	24	(11:40) ★ Almost Time		(:20) CB Strike: Evil		(:20) ★ ★★★ Jupiter Ascending ('15, Sci-Fi) Mila Kunis.						★ ★★ Still Less	
MAX2	322	558	18	122		(11:10) ★ Everything...		(:55) ★ ★★★ Fried Green Tomatoes				(7:10) ★ ★★ Jason Bourne Matt Damon.				(11:) ★ Kids 3 Scott	
PLEX			96			(:10) ★ ★ Boat Street Rue Dawn Chong				(:05) Countdown to Zero				(7:20) ★ Lost and the Real Girl		(:20) ★ Underclas...	
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	(11:05) ★ The Girl on...		★ ★★★ Gloria Amanda Seyfried.		(:50) ★ Confessions of a Teena...				(7:10) Dying Up Here		(:10) ★ Red Manno	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★ Office Christmas Party Jason Bateman.				★ ★★ Charlie Wilson's War				(:20) ★ ★★ Bridesmaids Steve Martin.			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(11:00) ★ ★★ War		★ ★★ Limitless ('11, Myst) Bradley Cooper.				P. Wars	P. Wars	P. Wars	P. Wars	P. Wars	P. Wars
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BET	58	-		40		Browns	(:40) Browns	(:20) ★ Good Deeds ('12, Com/Dra) Thandie Newton, Tyler Perry.								(:20) ★ ★★ Madea's Family Reunion	
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DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Homes "Waterfront"		Ultimate Homes		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "The Hunted"		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	BigCity	BigCity	DuckTal.	DuckTal.	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	★ Adventures in B...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) SportC (ESPY Rem.		Poker World Series Site: Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino - Las Vegas, Nev. (L)								Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(11:00) Dunking Top Rank		E:60		NBA Basketball Summer League Was./S.A. (L)				NBA Basketb. Summer League (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ	Fox News Sunday		Journal Editorial R.			America's News HQ		Greg Gutfeld Show		FOX Report Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Cannabis Kitchen		Diners, Drive-ins		Diners, Drive-ins		Diners, Drive-ins		Iron Chef America	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(noon) ★ Mamma Mi.		(:10) ★ ★★★ Maleficent ('14, Adv) Angelina Jolie.				(:20) ★ ★★★ Wedding Mama ('13, Act) Albert Brooks.				Movie	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers Site: Comerica Park (L)						Rangers	Focus. (N)	Paladio	EpcTrail	Champions Tennis	
FX	31	56	59	64	60	★ ★★★ The Avengers ('12, Act) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr...						★ ★★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Chris Pratt.				Movie	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Love at First Bark ('17, Rom) Jana Kramer.						★ Wed, I Do ('18, Rom) Jen Lilley.				★ My Secret Valentine Andrea Walker.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(11:30) Doing Evil				American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:40) ★ Guilty at 17		★ Fugitive at 17 ('12, Thril) Casper Van Dien.				★ Missing at 17 ('13, Dra) Vicki D'Kelley.				★ Pregnant at 17	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press	
NBCSN	38	43				(11:00) IndyCar Racing		Pre-race		IndyCar Auto Racing Iowa Corn 300 (L)				Post-race		AMA Motocross		Race W	Bobsledding
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Level It.	Level It.	Level It.	Level It.	Level It.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(11:00) Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ Last Knights Clive Owen.		(:35) ★ ★★ Yesssssssss! ('15, Adv) Bibi Robertson.								★ Prince of Persia: The Sands	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) ★ Fun With D...	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers Site: Miller Park (L)							Drop Mic	Drop Mic	★ My Big Fat Gre...	
TCM	41	75	24	69	66	Movie	(:30) ★ ★★★ A Streetcar Named Desire Vivien Leigh.					★ ★★★ It Happened at the World's Fair				(:20) ★ The Proble...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	★ Blood ('14, Rel) Lionel Mena, Johan Cruz.					★ Pelé: Birth of a Legend ('16, Biography)				Peloton	Soccer
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Last In Transition		Last In Transition	90 Day Fiancé
TNT	24	34	48	26	50	★ ★★ National Treasure ('04, Adv) Nicolas Cage.								★ ★★★ San Andreas ('15, Act) Dwayne Johnson.			★ Captain Americ...
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:20) E.Gibb	(:55) E. Gibb	(:20) The Golden Gibb		E. Gibb	E. Gibb	Gibb	Gibb	Gibb	Gibb	Gibb	Gibb
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Hammered"		SVU "Rescue"		SVU "Missing Pieces"		SVU "Tender Tricks"		SVU "Learning Curve"		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Blue Bloods	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 8, 2018

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		The $100,000 Pyramid (N)		To Tell the Truth (N)		News (N)	(:05) Blue Bloods "Good Cop Bad Cop"		(:05) Extra Weekend
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Under Pressure"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Liabilities"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) Outdoors	(:05) Cialis "Clear and Present Danger"	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	The Odd Couple	The Odd Couple	Columbo "Rest in Peace, Mrs. Columbo"				Vanished by Angel "A Loving Grace" 1/2				The Vampire Diaries "The Dark"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Dos Hombres "Escape"		The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Mom	2 Broke Girls		Bob Hearts Abishola	Big Bang Theory
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shofar	Shepherd's Heart	The Generation	Light of the Southwest			Light of the Southwest		Nature		The Wall	The Messiah
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Sunday Night Football "Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers" (N)		Associates Island "Survivors 2" The survivors continue with acts of all types and ages.				Shades of Blue "A Walking Shadow" (N)				Rock	Hawaii
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Antiques Roadshow "Preservation Abbey, Series II"		Masterpiece Classic "Poldark"		Masterpiece Mystery! "Endeavour: Passenger" (N)				Nova "Fatal Flaw" (N)		Secrets Revealed "Food Your Island"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y ahora		Al Pinal... Todo Queda en Familia				Cristina		Noche de Reyes		Hablando Hablando	Republica deportiva
KOSA MNT	15	15		15		Home		Hawaii 5-0 "Ma`a Mau"		CSI "Sole or Sole"		MOM "Mommy, Interrupted"		Mom (N)		Criminal Minds	
FLIX	340	579		165		(11:40) ★ Dragonjam Cowboy				★ ★★★ Game of the Year				★ ★★★★ The Illusionist ('10, Rom) Jessica Biel.		★ Temptress Creek	
HBO	300	500	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★ ★★★ Lincoln ('12, Dra) Daniel Day-Lewis.							★ ★★★ Hidden Figures ('16, Dra) Taraji P. Henson.		★ Men in Bl...	
HBO2	302	501	15	101	23	(11:40) ★ The Hand...								★ ★★★ Bad Boys for Life Will Smith.		★ Men in Bl...	
HBO5	304	502	16	102		(:55) ★ ★★ Bridget Jones's Baby								★ ★★★ All About Steve			
MAX	320	557	17	120	24	(11:40) ★ ★★ War								★ ★★★ Creed II Michael B. Jordan.		★ Rings	
MAX2	322	558	18	122		(11:10) ★ Everything...								★ ★★★ Creed II Michael B. Jordan.			
PLEX			96			(:10) ★ ★ Boat Street Rue Dawn Chong											
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	(11:05) ★ The Girl on...								★ ★★★ Gloria Amanda Seyfried.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★ Office Christmas Party Jason Bateman.								★ ★★★ Bridesmaids Steve Martin.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(11:00) ★ ★★ War								★ ★★★ Creed II Michael B. Jordan.			
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:40) Dead	(:20) Walking Dead							★ ★★★ Creed II Michael B. Jordan.			
BET	58	-		40		Browns	(:40) Browns										
BRAVO	65	76		41		(11:20) Mods	Top 25										
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(5:30) Paid Program											
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CALENDAR

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JULY 8-14

TODAY

Tall City Gospel Brunch with Earnest Pugh, Vanessa Collier and more. 11 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Alison Krauss. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $51.75-$121.75. wagnernoel.com.

MONDAY

Kids Summer Art Classes: Sculpture for ages 6 to 16. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Thursday at Art Smart Studio, 2517 Neely Ave. $175. 438-0848.

Summer Kids Art Camp: Pirates and Princesses. For ages 4-13. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Thursday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $45 per day, $150 all four days. kiddsart.com.

"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.

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.

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.

Pour, Drag and String art workshop. 6-9 p.m. at Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. $60. paletteclubmidland.com.

West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $6. For more information, call 638-3707.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time. 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children. 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Summer Nutrition Classes: Whole Food Wednesdays. This session compares processed foods with natural items; participants will assist in preparing stuffed bell peppers. 1 p.m. at West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free. wtxfoodbank.org.

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.

Philosophy Series Yoga with Kendra Pennington. The series will feature discussion and yogic sequence. Notebooks are suggested. 6 p.m. through July 25 at Dharma Art, 2-34 W. Cuthbert Ave. $35. mydharmaart.com.

THURSDAY

Floral Design workshop with Lady Snitker. The retired floral designer will teach seniors to make fashion bows, corsages and arrangements. 12:30 p.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. 681-7636.

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

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. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

"On the Town" by the Pickwick Players. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Runs through July 22 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Hot Summer Nights: Current Nine. The 25th season of the concert series features local talent with food trucks, children's activities and more. 8 p.m. at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. Fifth St., Odessa. In the event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to Deaderick Auditorium at Odessa College. Free. downtownodessatx.com.

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. MCTmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through Oct. 27 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

"Family, Friends and Front Porch Swings:" The 85th annual Old Settlers Reunion. The event will open with the parade followed b games and contests in the historic downtown. Live music will be performed by the Koonce Family and games will be held in the community center. The Connell House, Martin County Historical Museum and the Convent will be open for tours until noon. Concessions will be available and an evening barbecue meal and dance are planned for 6 p.m. Reunion kicks off at 10 a.m. in downtown Stanton.

2018 West Texas Talent Search Odessa Preliminary. 2-5 p.m. at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. westtexastalent.com.

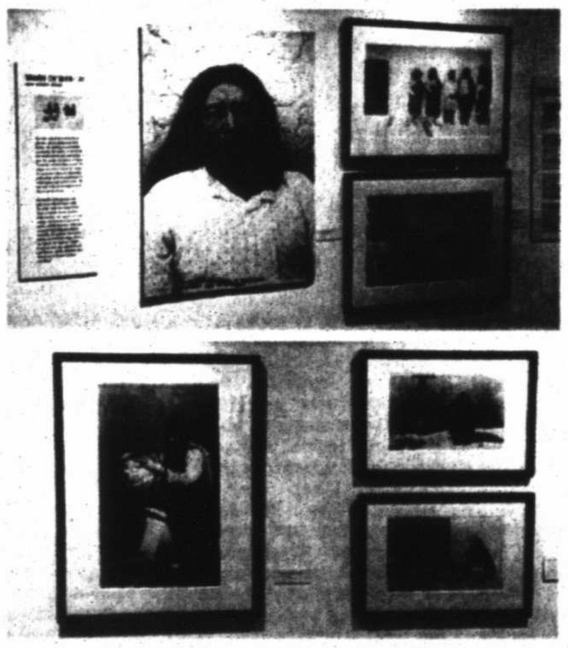
The 35th annual Family Fiesta with live music, washer tournament, food, games and more. 5-9 p.m. Saturday and July 15 at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, 1100 Camp St.

Screen Printing Workshop with Scott Lunson and Dagan Sherman. Class fee includes supplies. 6-9 p.m. at The Black Hen Gallery, 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. $30. mydharmaart.com.

Music in the City with Matt New. 7-10 p.m. at The Wall Street Lofts, 100 N. Main St. Free but limited to 150 people.

The Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey. 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38-$48. wagnernoel.com.

Red, Hot and Wild Comedy Improv and Karaoke Party. 8-11 p.m. at MCM Elegante Hotel, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $10. westtexastalent.com.



ON DISPLAY

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"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 must 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. 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.

"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.

Visions 2018: "Places and Things." This exhibit features works by Midland artist Maggie Walker-Nelson. On display through Sept. 9. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Local artists show. Black Hen Gallery. Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Inside Dharma Art, 2034 Cuthbert Ave. mydharmaart.com.

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. 335-6640. odessa.edu.

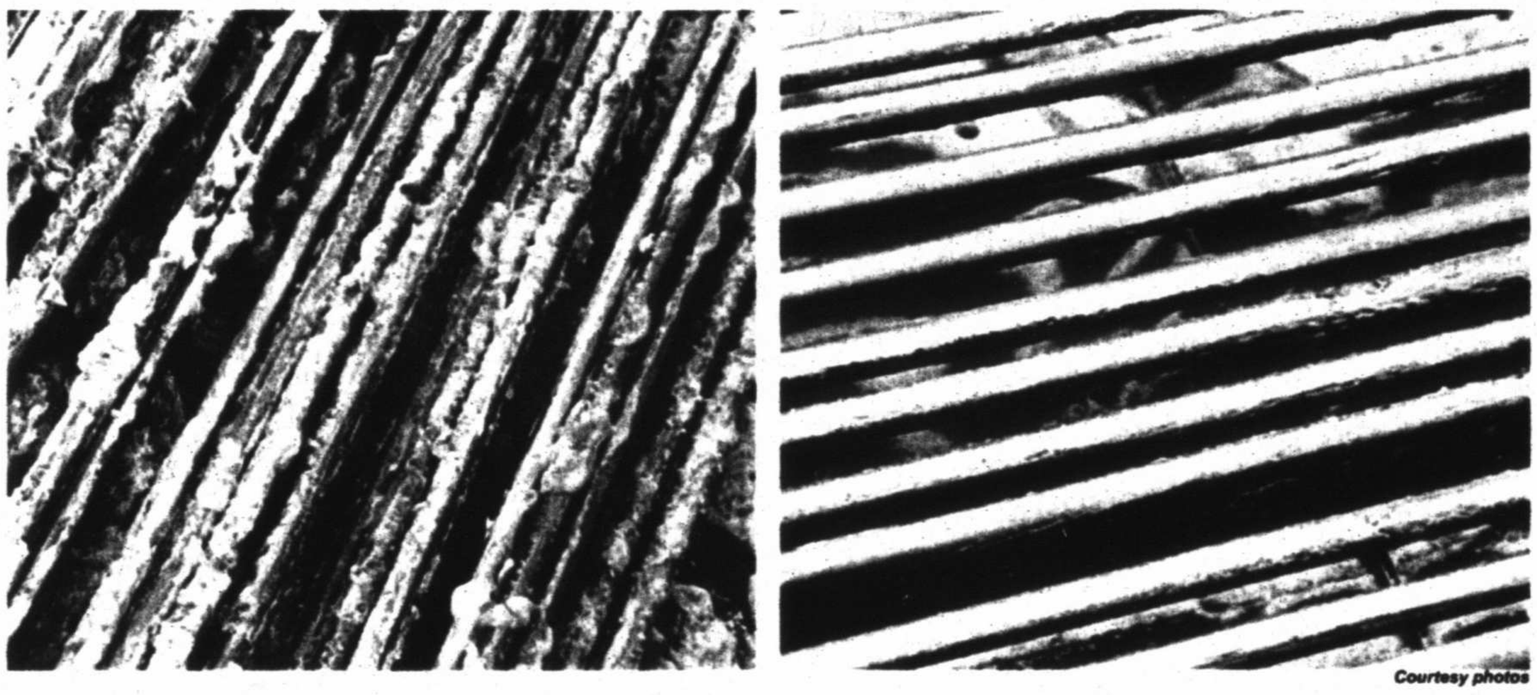
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Lineberry House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

OIL REPORT

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GOING MICRO



Courtesy photos

Locus Bio-Energy has opened a Midland facility that will offer paraffin dispersal and EOR solutions to Permian Basin customers based on non-toxic byproducts of locally produced non-GMO, non-bacterial microorganisms. Results are shown with pre-treated rods and rods post treatment.

Locus Bio-Energy opens Midland facility

Company will offer locally produced microorganisms for paraffin dispersal, EOR

By Mella McEwen
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Rising activity in the Permian Basin oil patch has given rise to demand for innovative products to help improve crude and natural gas production.

That has prompted an influx of companies providing those products. The most recent company is Locus Bio-Energy Solutions.

The Solon, Ohio-based company has opened a Midland facility at 2314 E. County Road 123 to provide personalized treatment programs based on byproducts of locally produced non-genetically modified organism, non-bacterial microorganisms for paraffin dispersal and enhanced oil recovery, according to information provided by Locus Bio-Energy. The 4,700-square-foot facility will offer full fermentation and production capabilities to customers throughout the Permian Basin.

Locus originally introduced its AssurEOR Flow paraffin dispersal and AssurEOR STIM enhanced oil recovery treatments in the Appalachian Basin and says its paraffin treatment can increase production by an average of 50 percent. So many operators signed up for treatments before the facility even opened that Locus is already working on a second facility.

Gary West, senior vice president with the company, has helped expand Locus'operations into additional markets, with a particular focus on Texas' producing basins. He discussed the company's expansion into the Permian Basin via email.

Q: How difficult is it to personalize this treatment to specific wells?

A: Each well is unique and has its own characteristics — making customization an important factor. Personalizing the treatment is a fairly easy process. First, we collect samples of paraffin, a waxy buildup in a well that can reduce or block oil flow, from representative wells in the local area to be treated. We then analyze its chemical composition in our lab and depending on the profile, we have pre-determined customized treatment formulas that maximize breaking down the paraffin. This ensures the best possible solution for the particular type of paraffin problem an operator has, and ensures maximum efficacy.

Q: How different is the Permian Basin from the Appalachian, where you got your start?

A: Production rates for individual wells are higher in the Permian than those in the Appalachian basin. The paraffin chemical compositions are different as well — which is why treatments should be customized. The differences can be explained in part by the fact that the Appalachian wells we treat were previously predominantly treated with chemical solvents that mostly work on the higher carbon content of paraffin — so the lower, or lighter, carbon content is still there. Most of the paraffin in the Permian — across almost all of the formations — that we have profiled do not have much of the

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Two Midlanders named Texas Tech Distinguished Engineers

Editor's note: Steve Guthrie will be profiled in an upcoming edition.

By Mella McEwen
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Two Midlanders joined the ranks of Texas Tech University's Edward Whitacre College of Engineering Distinguished Engineers, continuing a program that dates back 52 years.

"I'm very surprised and pleased. It is an honor," said Clark Butts, who earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech in 1973. He and his wife, Shirley, and three other partners founded BCCK Engineering in 1980. He is founder and currennt president and chief executive officer of BCCK Holding Co., parent company of BCCK Engineering, NG Resources Corp. and NG Field Construction LLC.

Also honored by Texas Tech at a luncheon earlier this year was Steve Guthrie, senior vice president, business operations and engineering for Concho Resources. Guthrie, who was unavailable for comment, received his degree in petroleum engineering from Tech in 1984.

Butts, who grew up in Christoval, was encouraged by his math and science teachers and participated in science fairs, which generated his interest in engineering.

When he arrived at Tech, he was undecided about which engineering path to take, he said.



Butts

"I knew I wanted to be an engineer, but I was undecided between mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering," he said.

He said that in 1969 petroleum engineering was seen as more limited.

"If I wanted to go into the petroleum engineering field, I could do so with a mechanical engineering degree. But I really couldn't go into mechanical engineering with a petroleum engineering degree."

Butts sold his majority interest in BCCK about 18 months ago and said the company has grown since then. BCCK is active in the Permian Basin and elsewhere in Texas as well as in New Mexico, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Wyoming and the Denver-Julesburg Basin in Colorado.

From developing nitrogen rejection units, the company has shifted its focus to natural gas liquids recovery, he said.

"We have a new standard plant with capacity of 225 million cubic feet per day that's gaining traction. It's new technology we're using in the industry that's gaining traction," he said. "We can maximize ethane recovery, or we can maximize ethane rejection.



Guthrie

"The trick is – historically people have developed one technology or the other. Flexibility is the name of the game now," he said.

Butts takes very little of the credit for the company's success. He credits what he calls a very strong team.

"I'm just hanging on the ride."

He said he was able to realize his dream of owning his own company because of the strong engineering professors at Tech and others who helped him along the way.

He said that having worked for Pool Well Services during college, "I vowed never to go into the oil patch." Initially he was not interested in living in Midland, where he arrived in 1976 to work for The Ortloff Corp.

"Beware what you say you'll never do," he said.

"I'm very happy here," Butts said. "Things turned out well. I'm fortunate and blessed in a lot of different ways. The Permian Basin has been very good to me and my family."

Apache taps Marathon Health to operate onsite clinic at Midland office

By Mella McEwen
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An increasing number of Permian Basin oil and gas companies are working to ensure their employees have timely access to health care.

Apache Corp. has joined that list of companies, partnering with Marathon Health of Winooski, Vermont to operate an onsite clinic in the new building Apache is constructing in Midland. It will be staffed by full-time nurse practitioners and registered nurses for Apache employees, their spouses and dependents. It is expected to open when Apache moves into its new building this fall; recruitment to staff the clinic is underway.

Jerry Ford, Marathon Health's chief executive, said the company has had a presence in Midland for almost six years.

"We were originally brought in by Concho," he said in a phone interview.

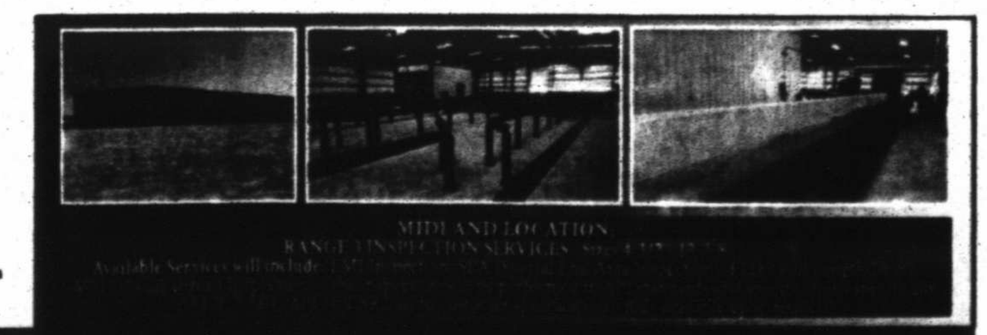
Since then, Marathon Health has established partnerships with companies such as Endeavor Energy Resources and expanded into Artesia, New Mexico.

He said the company prides itself in offering an overall health management service. Staff focuses not just on primary and occupational health services but also preventative care, lifestyle coach-

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Forget tech, big Oil is doling out America's fattest paychecks

By Alex Nussbaum
Bloomberg

Move over Wall Street titans and Silicon Valley giants. When it comes to paychecks, Big Oil now looks like the best bet for U.S. workers.

Spurred partly by the shale boom, the median pay for energy workers last year was $123,000, according to data newly mandated by the U.S. That topped all sectors, including utilities, tech and health care. While energy chief executives made an eye-popping 120 times more, the gap with their employees was still the second-smallest among all industries.

What's fueling this paycheck potency? First, a reliance on geologists, petroleum engineers and other highly skilled, well compensated professionals. Add to that the efforts needed to retain expertise — and lure young talent — after the recent oil price rout led to hundreds of thousands of job losses.

"They had to retain critical employees at almost any cost," said Bill Arnold, a former Royal Dutch Shell executive who now teaches energy management at Houston's Rice University. "Companies had little managerial flexibility."

Businesses across the country are dealing with labor shortages, and in the red-hot Permian shale basin in Texas and New Mexico, "you see it even more dramatically," said Bob Sullivan of AlixPartners, a New York-based consultant to energy companies. "At some point, the wage pressure starts to get pretty high."

Oil and gas companies are essentially paying out now for two epic hiring slumps that followed price crashes in the the mid-1980s, and again in the middle of this decade. They've forced the business to play catchup, even as crude prices recover and drilling surges to new records.

The 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reforms required public companies to disclose their CEO-to-worker pay ratio starting this year. The figure is calculated by dividing a CEO's compensation package by the pay of the median employee, one who makes more than half of the company's workers and less than the other half.

Within energy, a pecking order is clear: Producers and refiners staffed with highly trained, highly credentialed scientists, engineers and other professions had the most generous median pay. Offshore oil explorer Kosmos Energy led the pack at more than $230,000. Refiner Valero Energy Corp., was second highest and Cheniere Energy Inc., the liquefied natural gas exporter, was third.

"The roles and responsibilities that make up the sector tend to be highly skilled," said Brian Blackwood, an executive compensation consultant with Willis Towers Watson in Minneapolis. "That's what you need to play in this space."

Oilfield service companies that employ the worker bees of the shale field -- the roughnecks, mechanics, truck drivers and other blue-collar staff -- dominated the bottom.

Energy's widest boss-to-employee gap was at Marathon Petroleum Corp., the fuel refiner and marketer, where CEO Gary Heminger's $19.7 million pay package was 935 times the median. The company said that figure was skewed by the 32,000 employees, many of them part-timers, at its Speedway chain of service stations. Excluding them, the ratio would fall to 156-to-1, according to Marathon's proxy statement.

Comparing ratios among companies is an inexact science, at best.

CEO pay reported in regulatory filings is based on stock estimates and accounting values, and the figures don't always reflect what executives end up putting in the bank. Companies also have leeway in how they measure median pay; the rules allow them to exclude contractors and a share of non-U.S. workers, for example.

In the U.S., Big Oil's best paid CEO last year was John Watson of Chevron Corp., who earned almost $25 million in his last year before retirement. At the other end of the spectrum was Kinder Morgan Inc.'s Stephen Kean, who received a $1 salary and $377,000 in dividends from the pipeline company.



Photo courtesy Kinder Morgan

Kinder Morgan's Allen Fore purchased grand champion ducks at the Harrison County Fair in Ohio as the company sought to build goodwill within the communities along the route of its Utopia pipeline.

Building pipeline support, one chicken, lamb and goat at a time

By Katherine Blunt
Houston Chronicle

Last July, Allen Fore made a name for Kinder Morgan at the Harrison County Fair in the tiny Ohio town of Cadiz, a rural community atop the burgeoning Marcellus shale fields that span the Appalachian Mountains.

The Houston pipeline company's vice president of public affairs, attending the annual livestock auction, bid $4,700 on champion ducks, chickens and rabbits to support the schoolchildren who raised them. It was part of the company's years-long effort to generate support for its $540 million Utopia pipeline by holding dozens of community meetings and otherwise courting favor along a 215-mile path between Cadiz and the Michigan border.

The charm offensive is part of the new reality for the nation's largest pipeline companies, no longer able to simply push through projects as rising concerns about climate change, pollution and damage to natural resources prompt unprecedented scrutiny and opposition from environmentalists, landowners and political leaders. In the wake of several high-profile controversies that have collectively cost them billions of dollars, Kinder Morgan and other industry giants are amplifying efforts to foster public support and prevent legal challenges that could force costly delays or worse — project abandonment.

"It's really a different ballgame," Fore said. "You cannot take anything for granted."

Kinder Morgan recently learned that the hard way. Despite the support of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Kinder Morgan last month gave up on the expansion of its Trans Mountain pipeline, choosing to sell the project to the Canadian government for $3.5 billion rather than continue to fight environmentalists, indigenous nations and British Columbia's provincial government. It was the latest major project to face political or legal challenges amid a surge in North American oil and gas production driving demand for more pipelines.

That incident demonstrated how much the atmosphere has changed in the course of a decade. Ten years ago, Kinder Morgan was nearing completion of its 1,700-mile Rockies Express pipeline between Colorado and Ohio, a project the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dubbed the "king of pipelines." It began operating in 2009 as one of the largest natural gas lines in the country.

"We had the support of every governor along the route," Fore recalled. "Will there ever be another one like that? I don't know."

Much of the recent opposition stems from environmentalists who have targeted the transportation of oil and natural gas as part of a broader effort to curtail production of fossil fuels, blamed for accelerating global warming. That movement, powered by social media and targeted protests, has politicized the building process and heightened concerns of other interests, particularly landowners who have shown increasing willingness to challenge companies' power of eminent domain to take land for projects.

As a result, industry officials and analysts say, many pipeline operators are meeting with local officials, landowners and residents earlier and more consistently and mapping routes aimed at avoiding political or regulatory pushback.

"We are operating in a world today where pipeline projects are more susceptible to scrutiny than they ever have been," said Robin Rorick, director of midstream and industry operations at the American Petroleum Institute, a trade group. "The industry is trying to respond in kind."

Regulatory disputes have heightened the industry's sense of uncertainty. While pipelines generally come under federal jurisdiction, state, county and municipal officials in recent years have found ways to delay or even kill projects, a development that has forced companies to pay closer attention to local politics.

In 2016, for example, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration cited environmental concerns in denying a water permit for the 125-mile Constitution pipeline designed to deliver natural gas from Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale fields to New York. Both energy executives and environmental activists saw the decision as a harbinger of greater state involvement in pipeline regulation.

Around that time, Kinder Morgan suspended plans to build its $1 billion Palmetto petroleum pipeline between South Carolina and Florida when officials in Georgia temporarily restricted the company's use eminent domain in the wake of opposition to the project from landowners and environmentalists.

Protests and regulatory back-and-forth can cost companies millions, if not billions, of dollars. Some operators, including Kinder Morgan and Energy Transfer Partners of Dallas, have tweaked disclaimers in securities filings to state more explicitly the risk of delays and cost overruns caused by public opposition

"Reliability in permitting is critical," Fore said. "If you have a changing regulatory scheme while you're trying to build the

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lighter carbon content — possibly due to our clients having previously used hot oil or water-based treatments which reduce that part of paraffin. Also, the salt content of produced fluids in the Appalachian basin is higher than the Permian, meaning the effectiveness of our products is not diminished at all by this factor. Apart from that, the physical properties of the oil reservoirs and the downhole well temperatures are all very similar.

Q: You're already working on a second facility — will it be in Midland as well or elsewhere to, say, focus on the Delaware Basin while the Midland facility focuses on the Midland Basin?

A: We are still in the early stages of the planning process, but we plan on locating the facility in Midland. It's a strategic location that allows us to seamlessly serve wells throughout the Permian basin, which is why we're focused on expanding there. In addition, as our business continues to grow and demand increases for additional well treatments, we will look to build new facilities in close vicinity to where large numbers of wells are located.

Q: Is the new Midland facility full staffed? Are you having staffing issues? What kind of staff are you looking for?

A: We have recently finished fully staffing our Midland facility with the addition of an experienced petroleum engineer. Response to our products, company and unique approach have been very favorable — with continued interest in joining our team. We will continue adding staff on a regular basis as our business continues to grow. We haven't experienced the staffing problems that have occurred with other companies — which could be due to the non-toxic, environmentally-friendly factor of our product line. Demand for our treatments is growing rapidly, so a large focus is on continued staffing for treatment truck drivers. Other future positions we will be adding include field techs, production, QC & lab, accounting and business development.

Q: I know the challenge of treating for paraffin and find it interesting you say it helps boost oil recovery up to 50 percent. Would you liken it to clearing a heart's arteries?

A: Yes and no. Clearing an artery does clean it out, but the effect may only be temporary. So initially, like the cleared artery, there is definitely a production increase impact from the improved flow in the well. But what makes our treatment unique is the prolonged production increase. In over 95 percent of the wells we've studied that were treated in the last 20 months, there has been a prolonged uptick in production which is extending their economic life. These wells used to be treated with Toluene, which is one of the best solvents — meaning that we are having more of a production impact than just a one-time clearing of paraffin per treatment. We are changing some of the properties of the oil, such as viscosity, or thickness, which in combination with very effective biosurfactants (surface tension reducers that alter how the oil flows in the reservoir), help enhance oil recovery and encourage ongoing production increases.

Q: Is the non-toxic aspect of the treatment driving its acceptance?

A: Yes — in fact, the non-toxic aspect was one of the driving factors for our first client. They came to us because they were having issues with spills that lead to fines, as well as health issues with their pumpers from using harsh solvents, and wanted environmentally-friendly solutions that provided results. Our non-toxic solutions are safer, but can be as effective as Toluene, while also providing other benefits — such as enhanced oil recovery (as well as potential tax credits). The combination of these factors makes our products appealing as a chemical alternative for clients that want to protect the welfare of their personnel while also achieving bottom-line impact. Refineries have tested our products and continue to purchase thousands of barrels of crude treated by us without any issues — another important element. Additionally, because the solutions are non-bacterial product, clients do not have to worry about bacterial or biofilm growth downhole, as well as H2S issues that might adversely affect their staff.

Apache

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ing and helping patients manage chronic conditions.

Katie Disher with Apache told the Reporter-Telegram the company went through a rigorous bidding process for the onsite clinic.

"It has always been a component of the new building and will be a complement to the other benefits we'll be able to offer" with the expansion of Apache's Midland office, she said.

"This is one component for us in the many amenities that will be available in the next few months," she said.

Noting his company's work with different Permian Basin companies, Ford said it's a rising tide.

"One of the biggest things companies in the Permian Basin as well as across the nation face is how to make sure care is readily available to employees at the right time with the right provider," he said.

Answering that question can reduce unnecessary utilization of medical care and unnecessary hospitalization, he said.

He described Apache, Concho, Endeavor and other companies that establish onsite clinics as forward thinking.

"It's a good draw when everyone's fighting over the same worker you want to be part of your family," he said.

In talking with potential partners, he said the conversation involves "how do we do the right thing for our people? We align with all those companies that we've had the joy of working with in the Permian Basin," he said.

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To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's New Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

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Instructor: Sherry Robinson
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Oil and Gas Law and Its Impact on Land Practices
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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

Basic Drilling for Non Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: July 10 – 11, 2018
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

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
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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Sucker Rod Pumps: From Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
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Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
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PetroSkills; Corrosion Management in Production/Processing Operations – PF-22
Instructor: Dr. Carlos Palacios
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Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
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Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
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Cost: $350, Out of State $375

New Course: Gas Lift and Optimization in Unconventional – Primer through Intermediate Application Concepts
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
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Cost: $1500; $1525 Out of State (Lunch included)

SQL
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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

LMKR: New Course: PRIZM-Petrophysics Essentials
Register directly with LMRK: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Carlos Yanez
Start Date: August 28 -29, 2018 – Tuesday — Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1,500

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

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Seismic Interpretation
Instructor: James Ewert
Start Date: September 5, 2018 – Wednesday — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800- Register directly with IHS Markit

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Seismic Interpretation
Instructor: James Ewert
Start Date: September 6, 2018– Thursday — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800 — Register directly with IHS Markit

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Basic Oilfield Operations
Instructor: Albert Garza
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Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: September 27-28, 2018 – Thursday — Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Upton County

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Goodbar 89 #5H
McElroy-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 795 fel, Sec 89, Blk Y, Abst. 171, GC&SF RR, 6.8 se Crane; TD 3128 TVD, 8235 MD; Comp 6/15/2018; producing from 3476-8063, fracture stimulated; pump 166 BO, 91 MCF, 267 BW, 30.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-40779

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Ring Energy Inc.
Chaos #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1660 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-34, Abst. 556, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 4685 TVD, 10073 MD; Comp 6/3/2018; producing from 5336-9988, fracture stimulated; pump 550 BO, 261 MCF, 1234 BW, 33.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47781

Martin County

Hunt Oil Company
McMurry-Crim 60 #106HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 989 fsl, 441 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 5.28 ne Stanton; TD 8699 TVD, 17215 MD; Comp 6/5/2018; producing from 9641-17013, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 658 BO, 481 MCF, 1046 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 350 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-41048

Hunt Oil Company
McMurry-Crim 60 #106HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 989 fsl, 391 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 5.28 ne Stanton; TD 8146 TVD, 16823 MD; Comp 6/4/2018; producing from 9046-16418, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 998 BO, 780 MCF, 2259 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 360 psi, 39.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-41051

Hunt Oil Company
McMurry-Crim 60 #106HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 989 fsl, 411 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 5.28 ne Stanton; TD 8574 TVD, 16776 MD;

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Ward County

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2013
Wildcat; 1980 fel, 7261 fsl, Sec 19, Blk F, Abst. 5, G&MMB&A, 1.27 ne Wickett; TD 11500; API #42-475-37597
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Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2038
Wildcat; 9900 fsl, 1980 fel, Sec 19, Blk F, Abst. 5, G&MMB&A, 1.72 ne Wickett; TD 11500; API #42-475-37599
Permit issued 6/29

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2078
Wildcat; 16498 fsl, 3312 fel, Sec 17, Blk F, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 2.87 n Wickett; TD 11500; API #42-475-37598
Permit issued 6/29

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
E.W. Estes #2002
Wildcat; 7509 fnwl, 5596 fswl, Sec 29, Blk B-19, Abst. 743, PSL, 6.75 se Wickett; TD 11000; API #42-475-37600
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Wildcat, 180 fwl, 1478 fsl, Sec 79, Blk 20, Abst. 764, LN Co., 20.4 sw Snyder; TD 4980, API #42-033-32468 Permit issued 6/28

New Mexico

Lea County

Chisholm Energy Operating LLC
Minis 1 Federal Com 3BS #6
Wildcat; Sec 1 T21S R32E; 150/N & 1398/E; 5 mi NE Eunice; Rot 18970 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44811

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Rio Blanco 4 33 Federal Com #38
Wildcat; Sec 4 T23S R34E; 2630/N & 470/W; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17658 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44829

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Rio Blanco 4 33 Federal Com #39
Wildcat; Sec 4 T23S R34E; 2567/N & 1373/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17483 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44830

XTO Energy Inc.
Outrider Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 28 T25S R32E; 274/S & 660/W; 14 mi W Ochoa; Rot 20674 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44817

XTO Energy Inc.
Outrider Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 28 T24S R32E; 274/S & 1980/W; 14 mi W Ochoa; Rot 20642 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44818

XTO Energy Inc.
Outrider Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 28 T24S R32E; 270/S & 825/E; 14 mi W Ochoa; Rot 20632 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44819

XTO Energy Inc.
Outrider Federal #5
Wildcat; Sec 28 T24S R32E; 265/S & 785/W; 14 mi W Ochoa; Rot 20648 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44820

Ameredev Operating LLC
Amen Corner 26 36 27 State Com #105
Wildcat; Sec 27 T26S R36E; 200/N & 2300/E; 6 mi SW Jal; Rot 18927 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44809

Ameredev Operating LLC
Magnolia 26 36 22 St #125
Wildcat; Sec 27 T26S R36E; 200/N & 2400/E; 6 mi SW Jal; Rot 21918 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44810

FORE

From 2F

project and you based cost projections on a certain schedule, that can be very problematic."

In the face of that uncertainty, pipeline companies are taking a barnstorming approach to securing proposed routes for construction. Some have become more proactive in explaining the benefits of their projects, crafting information campaigns meant to counter those designed by environmental groups.

Last October, Virginia's Dominion Energy inadvertently released an internal presentation explaining the "campaign to elect a pipeline" developed for its controversial Atlantic Coast Pipeline, a project to transport natural gas from West Virginia to Virginia and North Carolina. The presentation noted that "historically non-political processes are now political" and stressed the importance of getting ahead of potential opposition.

"Below the radar is no longer an option," the presentation said.

At the time, the company had amassed a "supporter database" of more than 23,000 people, sent more than 9,000 cards and letters to elected officials and FERC regulators and held 14 "tele-town halls" to speak remotely with landowners and other interested parties.

"Companies are working more with on-the-ground outreach," said Bob Comer, a Denver attorney who has worked on issues involving the Dakota Access pipeline, which was delayed for months by environmental and local opposition in North Dakota. "They're trying to message better and more robustly with communities."

In Ohio, where Kinder Morgan faced challenges regarding eminent domain, it hired more community relations experts familiar with local politics to discuss the project with officials and landowners in each of the counties along the Utopia route. They held numerous town meetings to address concerns and questions.

The company's public affairs team took a similar approach to its $1.75 billion Gulf Coast Express pipeline between the Permian Basin and the Corpus Christi area, spending two weeks visiting each county along the 500-mile route to meet with officials and answer questions about the project. Construction began in May.

"Maybe 10 or even five years ago, it was sufficient to say we need a pipeline to move product to market," Fore said. "Now, you need to make sure the folks have an understanding of why the project is important not from our perspective, but from their perspective."

Many industry experts point to the $8 billion Keystone XL pipeline as the first major example of the broader challenge facing oil and gas transport. The project, first proposed by TransCanada in 2008 to transport oil from Alberta to Nebraska, ignited years of intense protests by environmentalists and landowners. The Obama administration blocked the project in 2015, a decision the Trump administration reversed last year.

The Dakota Access pipeline, operated by Energy Transfer Partners, became the next big project to attract intense opposition from environmentalists and Native American tribes along the route. That project, which began operating last year, faced numerous lawsuits during construction and is still subject to pending legal disputes.

TransCanada and Energy Transfer Partners declined requests for comment.

"Pipelines seem to be taking longer and longer," said Kevin Birn, vice president of North American crude oil markets for research firm IHS Markit. "There is greater risk, not necessarily with the completion itself, but with the time and capital required to do it."

Kinder Morgan has sought more creative ways to bolster support for its projects alongside its traditional outreach. Seeking to run the Utopia pipeline through 14 of Ohio's 88 counties, the company recognized the risk of failing to connect with local residents and community leaders.

On the recommendation of local officials, Fore, the vice president of public affairs, represented the company at the county fair in Bowling Green, Ohio, in August 2016, buying the grand champion lamb and goat. He then visited the Wayne County Fair, the Harrison County Fair, the Richland County Fair and Ashland County Fair, bidding on livestock at each auction.

The pipeline, which transports ethane for plastics production, began operating in January.

"You have to put in that upfront time," Fore said. "If you don't, you do so at your own peril."

COMPLETIONS

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Comp 6/6/2018; producing from 9197-16569, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 481 BO, 355 MCF, 894 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 340 psi, 40.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-41049

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Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #303-eA
Kelly-Snyder; 11530 fsl, 15953 fwl, Sec 203, Blk 97, Abst. 2714, H&TC RR, 7.6 sw Snyder; TD 7180; Comp 5/31/2018; producing from 6580-6763; pump 23 BO, 58 MCF, 1121 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35292

New Mexico

Eddy County

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 17 #35
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T26S R30E; 150/N & 895/W. BHL: 233/S & 380/W; EL 3071 GL, TD 16245 MD, 11543 TVD, PBTD 16133; Spud 5-21-17, Comp 2-17-18; production is through treated perfs: 11585-16093. Treat: 3,932,283# proppant, 11,044,952 gals fluid. IP: 2-25-18 Flow 24 hrs 481 BO, 4401 BW, 6304 MCF, 30 Ch, CP 4150, GOR 13106, Gty 53.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1036 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3386 w/840 sx, 7 @ 11653 w/1165 sx, 4 ½ @ 10732-16220 w/560 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11189; API #30-015-43884

Lea County

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Negra Federal Com #6
Lea; Sec 24 T19S R34E; 440/S & 2010/W BHL: 194/N & 1874/E; EL 3788 GL, TD 14055 MD, 9611 TVD, PBTD 14033 MD, 9611 TVD; Spud 10-23-17, Comp 2-1-18; production is through treated perfs: 10004-13871. Treat: Frac in 24 stages w/23159 gals acid, 9764360# proppant, 8478188 gals fluid. IP: 3-8-18 Pump 24 hrs 927 BO, 1270 BW, 900 MCF, GOR 970, Gty 77.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1895 w/1655 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4044 w/1184 sx, 5 ½ @ 14035 w/1770 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8893; API #30-025-43811

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Hamon A Fed Com #12
East Teas; Sec 18 T20S R34E; 320/N & 1145/W. BHL: 328/N & 1930/W; EL 3610 GL, TD 15200 MD, 10249 TVD, PBTD 15200 MD, 10249 TVD; Spud 9-8-17, Comp 11-22-17; production is through treated perfs: 10622-15131. Treat: 1,360 bbls acid, 6,736,583# sd & 172,228 bbls wtr. IP: 3-22-18 Pump 24 hrs 854 BO, 1112 BW, 799 MCF, GOR 936, Gty 41. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1550 w/1400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5425 w/1900 sx, 5 ½ @ 15200 w/2300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9810; API #30-025-43253

EOG Resources Inc.
Hunter 21 State Com #601
Wildcat; Sec 21 T23S R35E; 200/N & 680/W. BHL: 231/S & 332/W; EL 3410 GR, TD 16,397 MD, 11,636 TVD, PBTD 16,288 MD, 11,636 TVD; Spud 2-14-18, Comp 4-30-18; production is through treated perfs: 11881-16288. Treat: Frac w/11,395,900# proppant, 181,541 bbls load fluid. IP: 5-5-18 Flow 24 hrs 896 BO, 3773 BW, 985 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 666, GOR 1100, Gty 36. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1571 w/1340 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5410 w/1505 sx, 5 ½ @ 16,384 w/2005 sx; API #30-025-44279

EOG Resources Inc.
Hunter 21 State Com #602
Wildcat; Sec 21 T23S R35E; 200/N & 713/W BHL: Sec 28 2409/N & 1199/W; EL 3409. TD 18,966 MD, 11,633 TVD, PBTD 18,855 MD, 11,633 TVD; Spud 2-17-18, Comp 4-30-18; production is through treated perfs: 11742-18,855. Treat: Frac w/18,542,630# proppant, 292,647 bbls load fluid. IP: 5-3-18 Flow 24 hrs 1406 BO, 5627 BW, 140 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 1256, GOR 100, Gty 36. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1571 w/1330 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5360 w/?2110 sx, 5 ½ @ 18951 w/3090 sx; API #30-025-44280

EOG Resources Inc.
Hunter 21 State Com #603
Wildcat; Sec 21 T23S R35E; 200/N & 2300/W.BHL: Sec 28 2409/N & 1947/W; EL 3431 Gr, TD 18,870 MD, 11,640 TVD, PBTD 18,756 MD, 11,640 TVD; Spud 2-3-18, Comp 4-29-18; production is through treated perfs: 11,836-18,756. Treat: Frac w/17,314,712# proppant, 286,265 bbls load fluid. IP: 5-1-18 Flow 24 hrs 703 BO, 7844 BW, 566 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 904, GOR 805, Gty 36. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1611 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5334 w/1115 sx, 5 ½ @ 18,845 w/2775 sx; API #30-025-44281

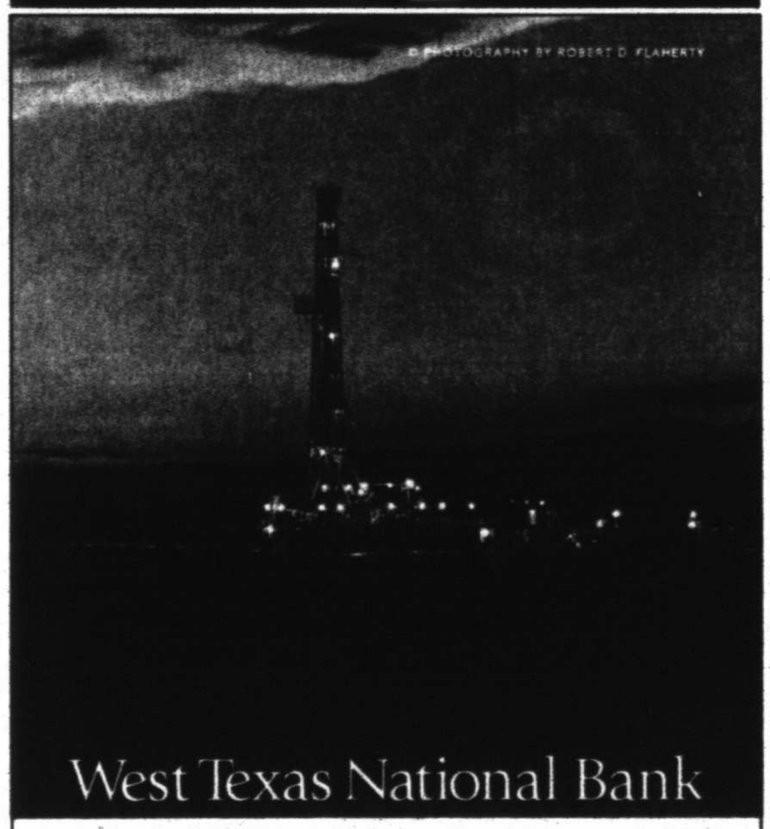
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Hunter 21 State Com #604
Wildcat; Sec 21 T23S R35E; 200/N & 2333/W. BHL: Sec 28 2409/N & 2560/E; EL 3431 GR, TD 18,847 MD, 11,615 TVD, PBTD 18,738 MD, 11,615 TVD; Spud 3-3-18, Comp 4-29-18; production is through treated perfs: 12,206-18,738. Treat: Frac w/17,220,220# proppant, 208,887 bbls load fluid. IP: 5-1-18 Flow 24 hrs 1941 BO, 7914 BW, 1645 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 1945, GOR 847, Gty 36. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1614 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5387 w/1530 sx, 5 ½ @ 18,829 w/2758 sx; API #30-025-44282

EOG Resources Inc.
Python 36 State Com #701
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R32E; 310/S & 703/W. BHL: 221/N & 364/W; EL 3558 GR, TD 17,183 MD, 12,321 TVD, PBTD 17,063 MD, 12,321 TVD; Spud 2-10-18, Comp 4-25-18; production is through treated perfs: 12,730-17,063, Treat: Frac w/10,710,920# proppant,143,073 bbls load fluid. IP: 4-26-18 Flow 24 hrs 1679 BO, 5590 BW, 5094 MCF, 56 Ch, TP 1627, CP 1241, GOR 3034, Gty 41. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1107 w/1180 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4833 w/1380 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11745 w/429 sx, 5 ½ @ 17,168 w/575 sx, 2 7/8 @ 12,068; API #30-025-44337

EOG Resources Inc.
Python 36 State Com #702
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R32E; 310/S & 736/W. BHL: 233/N & 586/W; El 3557 GR, TD 17,752 MD, 12,878 TVD, PBTD 17,639 MD, 12,878 TVD; Spud 2-12-18, Comp 4-24-18; production is through treated perfs: 13,033-17,639. Treat: Frac w/11,274,420# proppant, 173,958 bbls load fluid. IP: 5-6-81 Flow 24 hrs 1030 BO,

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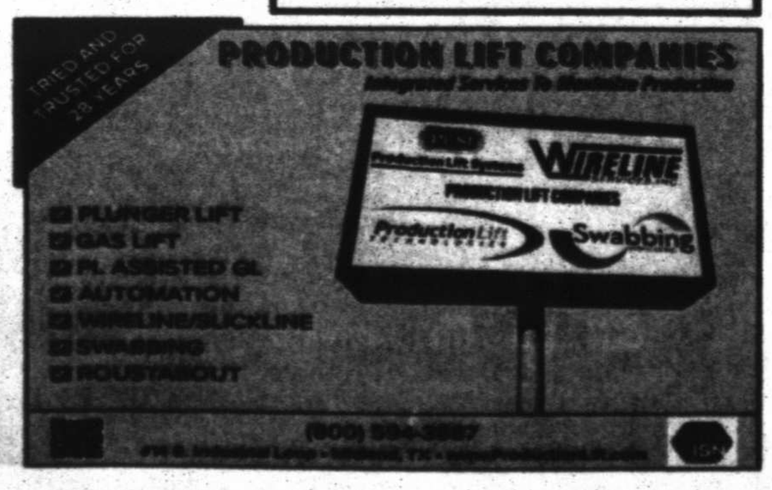
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4422 BW, 6145 MCF, 84 Ch, TP 645, CP570, GOR 5969, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1108 w/1180 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4286 w/1380 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11,511 w/405 sx, 5 ½ @ 17,735 w/635 sx, 2 7/8 @ 12,675; API #30-025-44338

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Boomslang 14 23 Federal #2
North Red Hills; Sec 14 T24S R33E; 225/N & 1450/W. BHL: Sec 23 215/S & 2171/W; EL 3599.7 GL, TD 19,432, PBTD 19,328; Spud 8-18-17, Comp 3-27-18; production is through treated perfs: 9677-19,271. Treat: Frac w/16,037,660# proppant, 57,876 bbls acid. IP: 4-21-18 Pump 24 hrs 1680 BO, 0 BW, 2981 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1434 w/1075 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5199 w/1595 sx, 5 ½ @ 19417 w/2500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9115; API #30-025-43308

COG Operating LLC
Columbus Fee #23
Bobcat Draw; Sec 34 T25S R33E; 210/N & 1340/E. BHL: Sec 3 T26S R33E 231/S & 1637/E; EL 3326 GR, TD 22256, PBTD 22162; Spud 3-5-17, Comp 4-9-18, production is through treated perfs: 12632-22142. Treat: Acdz w/198,204 gals 71/2%, Frac w/19,266,901 # sd & 19,768,854 gals fluid. IP: 4-9-18 Flow 24 hrs 54 BO, 343 BW, 300 MCF, 13/64" Ch, TP 4400, CP 300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1212 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 11760 w/3550 sx, 5 ½ @ 22235 w/4000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11924; API #30-025-43489

EOG Resources Inc.
Dogwood 23 Federal Com #702
Wildcat; Sec 23 T26S R33E; 200/S & 604/E. BHL: Sec 14 342/N & 832/E; EL 3331 GL, TD 22467 MD, 12507 TVD, PBTD 22443 MD 12507 TVD; Spud 11-16-17, Comp 3-26-18; production is through treated perfs: 12661-22443. Treat: Frac w/24,553,040# proppant, 398,021 bbls load fluid. IP: 4-4-18 Flow 24 hrs 2250 BO, 6088 BW, 4122 MCF, 42/64 Ch, CP 2864, GOR 1832, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1022 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5041 w/1400 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11844 w/475 sx, 5 ½ @ 22447 w/1030 sx; API #30-025-44074

EOG Resources Inc.
Barlow 34 Federal Com #705
Sanders Tank; Sec 34 T26S R33E; 300/S & 1646/W. BHL: Sec 27 2383/S & 1793/W; EL 3282 GL, TD 17,054 MD, 12372 TVD, PBTD 16971 MD, 12372 TVD; Spud 11-25-17, Comp 3-26-18; production is through treated perfs: 12507-16971. Treat: Frac w/11,261,560# proppant, 130,145 bbls load fluid. IP: 4-4-18 Flow 24 hrs 2618 BO, 5100 BW, 5031 MCF, 42 Ch, CP 2138, GOR 1922, Gty 42. Csg:13 3/8 @ 897 w/785 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4934 w/1255 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11697 w/360 sx, 5 ½ @ 17034 w/545 sx; API #30-025-44168

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Crockett County

Fenix Petroleum Group LLC
R.L. Vaughan #F 14
Vaughn (Consolidated); 330 fwl, 1717 fsl, Sec 84, Blk OP, Abst. 5023, GC&SF RR, 11.68 nw Ozona; TD 1700; API #42-105-42456 Permit issued 6/27

Irion County

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 01 #37HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 852 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36294 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 02 #35HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 872 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36295 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 03 #32HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 892 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36296 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 04 #30HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 912 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36297 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 05 #27HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 2172 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36298 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 06 #25HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 2192 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36299 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 07 #22HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 2212 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36300 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 08 #20HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 2232 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36301 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 09 #17HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 324 fnl, 3492 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36302 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 10 #15HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 324 fnl, 3512 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36303 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 11 #12HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 324 fnl, 3532 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36304 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 12 #10HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 324 fnl, 3552 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36305 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 13 #07HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 4661 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36306 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 14 #05HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 4681 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36307 Permit issued 6/26

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 213-216 Alloc 15 #02HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 4701 fel, Sec 213, Blk 1, Abst. 632, T&P RR, 7.15 nw Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36308 Permit issued 6/26

Reagan County

Apache Corporation
University 25W #R 1HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 710 fel, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.88 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40323 Permit issued 6/26

Apache Corporation
University 25W #R 2HU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 740 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.89 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40324 Permit issued 6/27

Apache Corporation
University 25W #R 3HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 770 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.89 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40325 Permit issued 6/26

Apache Corporation
University 25W #R 4HU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 858 fel, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.76 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40326 Permit issued 6/26

Apache Corporation
University 25W #5HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 828 fel, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.76 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40327 Permit issued 6/26

Apache Corporation
University 25W #6HU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 798 fel, Sec 25, Blk 58, Abst. 364U, ULS, 11.76 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40328 Permit issued 6/26

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
SRH -A- #1111RB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1707 fnl, 6319 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A, Abst. 404, J.C. Rogers, 20 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40330 Permit issued 6/29

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
SRH -A- #1111SM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 201 fnl, 7351 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A, Abst. 404, J.C. Rogers, 20 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40331 Permit issued 6/29

Upton County

Driftwood Energy Operating LLC
Sequoia #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 2317 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 136, EL&RR, 2 se Rankin; TD 9000; API #42-461-40916 Permit issued 6/28

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Morgan 25-26B-F #4412H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 858 fnl, 997 fel, Sec 24, Bk B, Abst. 1486, CCSD&RGNG, 13.8 n Rankin; TD 9882; API #42-461-40914 Permit issued 6/28

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Morgan 25-26B-F #4212H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 828 fnl, 997 fel, Sec 24, Bk B, Abst. 1486, CCSD&RGNG, 13.8 n Rankin; TD 9481; API #42-461-40915 Permit issued 6/28

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University 3-15A #101H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 650 fnl, 1265 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 3, Abst. 15U, ULS, 6.9 ne Rankin; TD 10250; API #42-461-40894 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University 3-15B #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 650 fnl, 38 fel, Sec 15, Blk 3, Abst. 15U, ULS, 6.9 ne Rankin; TD 10250; API #42-461-40895 Permit issued 6/26

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Andrews County

Mercury Operating LLC
Sinclair-University #5
Fullerton (San Andres); 330 fsl, 379 fel, Sec 2, Blk 13, Abst. 394U, ULS, 13.7 nw Andrews; TD 6000; API #42-003-47851 Permit issued 6/26

Howard County

Rover Petroleum Operating LLC
G.O. Chalk #43CF
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 200 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 114, Blk 29, Abst. 1131, W&NW RR, 6.9 ne Forsan; TD 4300; API #42-227-39678 Permit issued 6/29

Rover Petroleum Operating LLC
G.O. Chalk #44CF
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 942 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 114, Blk 29, Abst. 1131, W&NW RR, 7.1 ne Forsan; TD 4300; API #42-227-39679 Permit issued 6/29

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Aspen 55-1-30 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2253 fnl, 430 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1163, T&P RR, 19.87 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-34037 Permit issued 6/27

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Longhorn 55-1-30 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2251 fnl, 630 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1163, T&P RR, 19.73 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-34036 Permit issued 6/28

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Pistol 21801 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 580 fnwl, 2777 fnel, Sec 80, Blk 33, Abst. 1370, H&TC RR, 5 nw Mentone; TD 11300; API #42-301-34076 Permit issued 6/28

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Rifle 21801 #1H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 2258 fnel, 530 fnwl, Sec 90, Blk 33, Abst. 387, H&TC RR, 5 nw Mentone; TD 9920; API #42-301-34078 Permit issued 6/27

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
WRS Hesperaloe F #5HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2250 fnl, 2260 fel, Sec 37, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 544, T&P RR, 8.29 ne Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-39420 Permit issued 6/27

CrownQuest Operating LLC
WRS Hesperaloe E #3HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1320 fel, 2250 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 544, T&P RR, 8.29 ne Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-39443 Permit issued 6/27

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hughes "A" 43-47 #212
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 313 fsl, 340 fel, Sec 43, Blk A, Abst. 322, Bauer & Cockrell, 11.5 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-41560 Permit issued 6/28

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hughes "A" 43-47 #113
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 363 fsl, 340 fel, Sec 43, Blk A, Abst. 322, Bauer & Cockrell, 11.5 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-41561 Permit issued 6/28

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hughes "A" 43-47 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 288 fsl, 340 fel, Sec 43, Blk A, Abst. 322, Bauer & Cockrell, 11.5 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-41559 Permit issued 6/27

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hughes "B" 43-47 #221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 338 fsl, 340 fel, Sec 43, Blk A, Abst. 322, Bauer & Cockrell, 11.5 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-41562 Permit issued 6/29

Energen Resources Corporation
Parker Farms NS 25-28 03 #503H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1000 fel, Sec 25, Blk 35, T-2-N, Abst. 77, T&P RR, 7 ne Lenorah; TD 12000; API #42-317-41542 Permit issued 6/26

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #107HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1666 fel, 453 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 9700; API #42-317-41558 Permit issued 6/27

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #107HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1666 fel, 483 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 9570; API #42-317-41563 Permit issued 6/28

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #207HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1666 fel, 513 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 9260; API #42-317-41564 Permit issued 6/28

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #107HM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1667 fel, 543 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 8450; API #42-317-41565 Permit issued 6/28

RSP Permian LLC
Ted Johnson #303H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 920 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 39, Abst. 724, T&P RR, 21 e Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-41549 Permit issued 6/28

RSP Permian LLC
Ted Johnson #403H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 2130 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 39, Abst. 724, T&P RR, 21 w Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-41552 Permit issued 6/28

XTO Energy Inc.
Merrick Unit 2 #1127SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 991 fsl, 340 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-2-N, Abst. 876, T&P RR, 5.4 ne Lenorah; TD 8508; API #42-317-41519 Permit issued 6/27

XTO Energy Inc.
Merrick Unit 2 #1116AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9581 fwl, 326 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-2-N, Abst. 876, T&P RR, 5.4 ne Lenorah; TD 8999; API #42-317-41524 Permit issued 6/26

Midland County

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A17 #2405MH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 2487 fnl, 2228 fel, Sec 9, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 12.6 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42643 Permit issued 6/25

Diamondback E&P LLC
Whitefish Unit #913MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2695 fnl, 306 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 719, T&P RR, 5.89 nw Midland; TD 8370; API #42-329-42521 Permit issued 6/27

Diamondback E&P LLC
Bozeman Unit #803WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2145 fwl, 306 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 719, T&P RR, 5.89 nw Midland; TD 10450; API #42-329-42526 Permit issued 6/26

Diamondback E&P LLC
Butte Unit #804WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2175 fwl, 306 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 719, T&P RR, 5.89 nw Midland; TD 10740; API #42-329-42520 Permit issued 6/27

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
WTH 10-3 F #262
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 338 fnl, 2426 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 16.1 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42641 Permit issued 6/25

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland C Unit #4305H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 860 fnl, 2286 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 9500; API #42-329-42481 Permit issued 6/28

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland C Unit #2805H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 841 fnl, 2229 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42478 Permit issued 6/28

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland C Unit #4205H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 851 fnl, 2257 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 10100; API #42-329-42480 Permit issued 6/28

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37G #7H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 619 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42522 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37H #8H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 639 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42527 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37I #9H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 659 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42528 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37J #10H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 679 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42514 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37K #11H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 699 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42515 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
TXL-Shackelford 37L #12H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 719 fwl, 280 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 105, T&P RR, 16.6 se Midland, TD 10550; API #42-329-42516 Permit issued 6/26

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania E5X #124H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 725 fsl, 1217 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 487, T&P RR, 15.3 e Midland; TD 9500; API #42-329-42646 Permit issued 6/25

XTO Energy Inc.
LRT Unit 1 Allocation #2314AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2065 fel, 250 fnl, Sec 35, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 235, T&P RR, 20.8 sw Midland; TD 9575; API #42-329-42648 Permit issued 6/26

Pecos County

Gordy Oil Company
Cross Bones #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1101 fnl, 2456 fwl, Sec 526, Abst. 39, CCI Co., 7.5 e Fort Stockton; TD 11500; API #42-371-39769 Permit issued 6/28

Reeves County

Apache Corp.
Redwood #105BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 2441 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 71, Abst. 1689, PSL, 11.4 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37304 Permit issued 6/25

Apache Corp.
Redwood #106BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 2411 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 71, Abst. 1689, PSL, 11.4 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37305 Permit issued 6/25

Apache Corp.
Navajo #401A
Phantom (Wolfcamp); 717 fsl, 513 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 55, Abst. 1756, T&P RR, 7 se Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37320 Permit issued 6/29

Apache Corp.
Oak State Unit #103AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 1170 fwl, Sec 1, Blk C-9, Abst. 4051, PSL, 11.9 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37326 Permit issued 6/29

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Zeman 40 Alloc. F #42H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 288 fsel, 2470 fswl, Sec 40, Blk 4, Abst. 2014, H&GN RR, 3.1 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-37322 Permit issued 6/28

COG Operating LLC
Tumbler State F #1805H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2202 fnl, 1242 fel, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.39 se Pecos; TD 10900, API #42-389-37213 Permit issued 6/27

COG Operating LLC
Tumbler State G #1875H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2203 fnl, 1287 fel, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.38 se Pecos; TD 11400, API #42-389-37214 Permit issued 6/27

COG Operating LLC
Lock Master State A #1755H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1384 fsl, 1534 fwl, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.43 se Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-37217 Permit issued 6/29

COG Operating LLC
Lock Master State B #1706H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1341 fsl, 1520 fwl, Sec 18, Blk C-7, Abst. 4881, PSL, 6.43 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-37218 Permit issued 6/29

Energen Resources Corporation
Longfellow Unit 3-13 #603H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1740 fnwl, 250 fnel, Sec 20, Blk C-19, PSL, 12.9 nw Pecos; TD 14500; API #42-389-37199 Permit issued 6/27

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Whirlaway 24 #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 808 fnwl, Sec 24, Blk C-9, Abst. 5468, PSL, 5.17 sw Lindsay; TD 15000; API #42-389-37296 Permit issued 6/28

MDC Texas Operator LLC
California Chrome 27 #8HM
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 1388 fwl, Sec 27, Blk C-8, Abst. 3624, PSL, 7.61 e Toyah; TD 10300; API #42-389-37299 Permit issued 6/27

MDC Texas Operator LLC
On A High 11 #7H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1889 fwl, Sec 11, Blk C-18, Abst. 5740, PSL, 8.95 nw Lindsay; TD 15000; API #42-389-37307 Permit issued 6/25

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Pickpocket 21 #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 429 fsl, 360 fwl, Sec 21, Blk C-9, Abst. 5652, PSL, 7.34 sw Lindsay; TD 10300; API #42-389-37312 Permit issued 6/26

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Pickpocket 21 #3H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 428 fsl, 228 fwl, Sec 21, Blk C-9, Abst. 5652, PSL, 7.39 sw Lindsay; TD 10300; API #42-389-37313 Permit issued 6/26

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Pickpocket 21 #4H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 428 fsl, 268 fwl, Sec 21, Blk C-9, Abst. 5652, PSL, 7.39 sw Lindsay; TD 10300; API #42-389-37314 Permit issued 6/26

MDC Texas Operator LLC
State Toyah Unit #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 1065 fwl, Sec 24, Blk C-17, Abst. 4942, PSL, 7.16 ne Toyah; TD 10300; API #42-389-37316 Permit issued 6/27

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
South Mitre 2 Unit #L 01H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2165 fsel, 400 fnel, Sec 22, Blk 2, Abst. 1813, H&GN RR, 15.73 e Orla; TD 11300; API #42-389-37282 Permit issued 6/28

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Calamity Jane West #2833H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 452 fswl, 1500 fsel, Sec 28, Blk C-6, Abst. 4898, PSL, 10 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37311 Permit issued 6/28

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Calamity Jane West #2807H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 452 fswl, 1470 fsel, Sec 28, Blk C-6, Abst. 4898, PSL, 10 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37317 Permit issued 6/28

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Calamity Jane West #2809H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 452 fswl, 1440 fsel, Sec 28, Blk C-6, Abst. 4898, PSL, 10 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37319 Permit issued 6/28

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation "B" #112
Monahans North (Clearfork); 1981 fsl, 1980 fel, Sec 69, Blk A, Abst. 54, G&MMB&A, 9 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34187 Permit issued 6/29

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation "B" #109
Monahans North (Clearfork); 1980 fnl, 725 fwl, Sec 70, Blk A, Abst. 55, G&MMB&A, 9.8 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34189 Permit issued 6/29

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation "B" #111
Monahans North (Clearfork); 3303 fnl, 675 fwl, Sec 70, Blk A, Abst. 55, G&MMB&A, 9.6 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34190 Permit issued 6/29

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation "B" #114
Monahans North (Clearfork); 3302 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 70, Blk A, Abst. 55, G&MMB&A, 9.3 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34188 Permit issued 6/29

Impetro Operating LLC
Haley #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 249 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 27, Abst. 1731, PSL, 13 w Kermit; TD 13500; API #42-495-34185 Permit issued 6/28

Impetro Operating LLC
Haley #2H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 249 fsl, 1020 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 27, Abst. 1731, PSL, 13 w Kermit; TD 13500; API #42-495-34186 Permit issued 6/28

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #2502H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1318 fnel, 469 fnwl, Sec 36, Blk 20, Abst. 31U, ULS, 7.5 sw Wink; TD 9200; API #42-495-34182 Permit issued 6/27

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #2501H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1318 fnel, 449 fnwl, Sec 36, Blk 20, Abst. 31U, ULS, 7.5 sw Wink; TD 9500; API #42-495-34181 Permit issued 6/27

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #2503H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1318 fnel, 489 fnwl, Sec 36, Blk 20, Abst. 31U, ULS, 7.5 sw Wink; TD 9500; API #42-495-34183 Permit issued 6/27

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #2504H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1318 fnel, 509 fnwl, Sec 36, Blk 20, Abst. 31U, ULS, 7.5 sw Wink; TD 9200; API #42-495-34184 Permit issued 6/27

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Siren Unit 36-48 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 28 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 726, T&P RR, 9.98 nw Knott; TD 10000; API #42-033-32476 Permit issued 6/29

Surge Operating LLC
Medusa Unit A 28-21 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal, 444 fsl, 331 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 1177, T&P RR, 8.1 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32477 Permit issued 6/29

Surge Operating LLC
Minotaur Unit B 16-09 #7AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 384 fsl, 1157 fel, Sec 16, Blk 31, Abst. 1202, T&P RR, 12 2 Gail; TD 10000; API #42-033-32478 Permit issued 6/29

Cochran County

Silver Creek Oil & Gas LLC
Black Hawk #2H
Cochran (San Andres)-Horizontal; 900 fnl, 980 fwl, Sec 7, Blk Y, Abst. 184, PSL, 17.78 sw Morton; TD 6000; API #42-079-33394 Permit issued 6/25

Silver Creek Oil & Gas LLC
Geronimo #3H
Cochran (San Andres)-Horizontal; 489 fsl, 1055 fel, Sec 6, Blk Y, Abst. 403, PSL, 18.12 sw Morton; TD 6000; API #42-079-33395 Permit issued 6/25

Dawson County

Steadfast Oil & Gas LLC
Lamesa FW South 91 #1H
Welch-Horizontal; 800 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 91, Blk M, Abst. 312, EL&RR, 15.4 nw Lamesa; TD 5200; API #42-115-33776 Permit issued 6/27

Gaines County

Sabinal Energy Operating LLC
Presley 360 #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1618 fnl, 2302 fwl, Sec 25, Blk A-12, Abst. 360, PSL, 10 w Seminole; TD 4900; API #42-165-38723 Permit issued 6/29

Garza County

Three R Oil Company
Post-Montgomery "D" #18

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H&L (Glorieta); 891 fsl, 2354 fel, Sec 7, Blk 4, Abst. 497, K. Aycock, 7 ne Post; TD 4000; API #42-169-34279 Permit issued 6/27

Yoakum County

Steward Energy II LLC
Kimber 434 #2H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 255 fel, 180 fsl, Sec 383, Blk D, Abst. 326, J.H. Gibson, 7.52 ne Plains; TD 6000; API #42-501-37016 Permit issued 6/28

Steward Energy II LLC
Benelli 433 #2H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1048 fel, 188 fsl, Sec 384, Blk D, Abst. 1830, J.H. Gibson, 6.37 ne Plains; TD 6000; API #42-501-37018 Permit issued 6/29

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Hullabaloo 648 #2XH
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 194 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 648, Blk D, Abst. 1727, J/H. Gibson, 13.8 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-37017 Permit issued 6/27

New Mexico

Chaves County

Marshall & Winston Inc.
Moonshot #1
South Elkins; Sec 26 T7S R28E; 2112/S & 2467/W; 1 1/2 mi SE Elkins; Rot 7233 Fusselman; API #30-005-64314

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Fed CA #953
Fren; Sec 9 T17S R31E; 1130/N & 508/W; 6 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 15245 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44982

Matador Production Co.
Marbob 19 State Com #124
Scanlon Draw; Sec 19 T19S R29E; 135/S & 310/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13750 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44987

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Turquoise PWU 27 #9
West Parkway; Sec 27 T19S R29E; 770/N & 165/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13852 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44983

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Turquoise PWU 27 #61
West Parkway; Sec 27 T19S R29E; 800/N & 165/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13863 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44984

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
F H "28" St Com #7
South Carlsbad; Sec 28 T23S R26E; 1980/S & 1650/W, 5 mi NW Black River; Rot 12,008 Morrow; API #30-015-29270

Matador Production Co.
General Kehoe 02 24S 28E RB #223
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 303/N & 1805/E; 2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 15350 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44985

Matador Production Co.
General Kehoe 02 24S 28E RB #228
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 217/N & 368/E; 2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 15450 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44986

Tap Rock Operating LLC
Double Diamond Fed #238
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T24S R31E; 305/S & 860/E; 18 mi E Malaga; Rot 17735 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44981

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 17 Federal #171
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T24S R31E; 374/N & 1545/W; 15 mi E Malaga; Rot 16512 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44989

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Patton MDP1 17 Federal #172
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T24S R31E; 374/N & 1580/W; 15 mi E Malaga; Rot 16464 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44990

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 17 Federal #173
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T24S R31E; 374/N & 1615/W; 15 mi E Malaga; Rot 16504 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44991

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
North Brushy Draw Federal Com 35 #13
Brushy Draw-Re-Entry of Penwell Energy INC, P&A, OLD TD 12,008; Sec 35 T25S R29E; 380/S & 280/W; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14891 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44992

Chisholm Energy Operating LLC
Cottonwood 29 32 Federal Com 2BS #10
Welch; Sec 29 T26S R28E; 200/N & 1355/E; 12 mi SE White City; Rot 14413 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44988

Lea County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #660
Hobbs; Sec 13 T18S R37E; 854/S & 967/W; 3 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4500 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44821

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #664
Hobbs; Sec 23 T18S R37E; 334/N & 1795/E; 3 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 6000 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44822

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #670
Hobbs; Sec 23 T18S R37E; 2493/S & 1094/W; 3 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 6000 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44823

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #671
Hobbs; Sec 23 T18S R37E; 1139/S & 2424/W; 3 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 6000 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44824

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #674
Hobbs; Sec 24 T18S R37E; 635/S & 794/W; 2 1/2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4500 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44826

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #675
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How the United States steers OPEC

By Mohammed Aly Sergie
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Russian Minister of Energy Alexander Novak, Khalid Al-Falih Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia and Minister of Energy of the United Arab Emirates, UAE, Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei, fromm left, attend a news conference after a meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, and non OPEC members June 23 at their headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

The U.S. isn't a member of OPEC, a cartel that's anathema to the free-market capitalism of the world's biggest economy. Yet presidents have long pressured its top producer Saudi Arabia to adjust oil production policies, usually to lower gasoline prices. U.S. President Donald Trump has abandoned quiet leverage for loud protest, tweeting last month: "Oil prices are too high. OPEC is at it again. Not good!"

Q: What does Trump want from OPEC?

A: Lower gasoline prices as Americans head into the summer driving season. Average pump prices in the U.S. are up 13 percent this year, rising above $3 a gallon in April for the first time since 2014. He has tweeted about the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at least 63 times since 2011, repeatedly saying the group is "ripping us off" and that crude should cost no more than $25 a barrel. U.S. oil closed Friday at $74.15 a barrel.

His most recent shot came when Trump said Saudi Arabia's King Salman agreed to boost output by as much as 2 million barrels a day to make up for lower production in Venezuela and potential disruptions in Iranian supplies. While the White House later backed away from an agreement, the tweet came after oil and gasoline prices surged last week even after Saudi Arabia convinced OPEC to potentially add nearly 1 million barrels a day to the market. U.S. oil prices jumped 8 percent last week.

Q: Have other U.S. presidents tried to influence OPEC?

A: OPEC has been a punching bag for U.S. politicians since the 1970s, when the group had far more power over oil prices than it does today. Republican presidents, especially George H.W. Bush and his son, used diplomatic channels with Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter which pumps almost one-third of OPEC's output. Prior to Trump's public berating, Bill Richardson, the energy secretary during the second administration of Bill Clinton, phoned the Saudi oil minister in the middle of an OPEC meeting in 2000 asking for a production increase, enraging other members of the cartel and exacerbating a schism between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Q: How is Trump different?

A: President Trump has been a vocal critic of OPEC for decades, first in his books and then via Twitter. He has gone further than other presidents in commenting on specific oil prices and production levels, and has mused about "how much money the average American would save if we busted the OPEC cartel." This track record is important because U.S. lawmakers have resurrected the "No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act," or NOPEC, which could make the group subject to the Sherman antitrust law, used more than a century ago to break up the oil empire of John Rockefeller. U.S. politicians haven't succeeded in passing the NOPEC bill despite several attempts since 2000.

Q: Can Saudi Arabia make up for OPEC's losses?

A: Many OPEC members have been struggling to keep their production up. Venezuela's oil industry is in shambles and conflict in Libya has caused large swings in supplies. Trump's administration in early May said that it would renew U.S. sanctions on Iran and has sought to reduce other foreign buyers' purchases of Iranian oil. Saudi Arabia has the largest spare capacity of about 2 million barrels, which would be stretched to the limit if the kingdom would have to make up for lost supplies. Bringing all those barrels to market could take up to a year, and render OPEC agreements irrelevant.

Q: How are OPEC members reacting to Trump's intervention?

A: There has been little public reaction so far, though some producers may be irked by Trump's request which would alter in effect an OPEC decision. Iran Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said any production increase above limits agreed to by OPEC would "breach" the deal, according to a letter he sent to OPEC President Suhail Al Mazrouei. OPEC should reject the U.S. call for a production increase which is "politically motivated against Iran," he said.

Trade tensions loom over world's fastest-growing fossil fuel

By Rachel Adams-Heard, Dan Murtaugh, and Anna Shiryaevskaya
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The world's fastest growing fossil fuel is bracing for a direct hit from increasing global trade tensions.

President Donald Trump's tough talk on trade with China is looming over U.S. efforts to become the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas. In Europe, a potential pipeline project from Russia has been imperiled by possible U.S. sanctions, while the sales practices of Qatar, the world's biggest LNG seller, are under investigation as being anti-competitive.

The friction risks disrupting global trade of gas worth almost $300 billion last year, threatening to distort flows of the commodity just as demand for the cleaner-burning fuel explodes. It's also casting a shadow over multi-billion dollar export projects in the U.S. while creating opportunities for countries untouched by the wave of protectionism.

"Populism has come back and with it a form of economic nationalism, and that's occurred at the same time as the emergence of global gas," said Trevor Sikorski, head of natural gas and carbon research at Energy Aspects in London. "The former is leading to trade wars, and as soon as that happens everything is on the table."

The complications arising from trade disputes and geopolitical tensions could distort the global gas market, although it's unlikely to derail its growth, Sikorski said. For instance, if China levies tariffs against U.S. LNG, traders could re-route cargoes to Japan and South Korea while selling Australian gas to China. Or a drop in Qatari shipments to Europe could be replaced by fuel from Nigeria or Angola.

The end result will be extra fees for traders and slightly higher costs for end consumers, said Nicholas Browne, an analyst with Wood Mackenzie in Tokyo. He pointed to the example of Russia's gas pipeline to Europe, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary, as how trade can endure despite disputes. "Even at the height of Soviet tensions or the worst days of the Ukraine crisis, they continued to export gas to the West," Browne said. "When it's in the economic interest of both parties, trade will continue."

That's being tested anew by Russian efforts to boost European sales. President Vladimir Putin recently claimed U.S. trade interests are at the heart of Trump's threats of sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline between Russia and Germany because its success could reduce Europe's demand for U.S. gas.

Meanwhile, Europe is also trying to give its utilities greater flexibility and weaken Qatar's grip on the market. The European Commission last month said it would check "problematic territorial restriction clauses" in LNG contracts with the Middle East nation that may prevent importers reselling the gas. That probe comes a month after the regulator for the 28-nation bloc settled a 7-year investigation into how Russia's Gazprom's set prices for its pipeline gas supply to Europe.

"It's been a European policy goal for quite a long time to increase market liberalization," Wood Mackenzie's Browne said. "They want open access to European gas markets, and that doesn't work if you have a lot of supplier concentration."

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Noble Energy secures more Permian to Corpus crude oil pipeline capacity

Noble Energy has secured 20,000 barrels of crude oil pipeline capacity to bring petroleum from West Texas to the Gulf Coast.

The Houston oil and gas company said the five-year agreement will give it 10,000 barrels a day of pipeline capacity starting this month, ramping up to 20,000 barrels a day in October and for the rest of the contract.

The crude oil would be transported to Corpus Christi. The buyer of the crude oil was not announced.

The move comes as pipeline capacity from the Basin oil field has tightened in recent months as producers pump record amounts of crude oil. Pioneer Natural Resources' Scott Sheffield said in June that the Permian could face shut in wells within four months due to a lack of pipelines.

Venado Oil & Gas and KKR acquire Eagle Ford oil assets

Affiliates of Venado Oil and Gas LLC and KKR have closed on an acquisition of operated assets located in the Eagle Ford.

The assets acquired by Venado and KKR include current oil production from 22 producing wells and significant future resource development potential across approximately 23,000 net acres immediately adjacent to existing operated assets held by Venado and KKR in Atascosa and Frio counties. During the second quarter of 2018, the assets produced approximately 4,500 net barrels of oil equivalent per day (74 percent oil, 11 percent natural gas and 15 percent NGLs).

State reduces company's fine for failing to plug 2 wells

Alaska has reduced fines for an oil and gas company that failed to plug two Cook Inlet wells before the end of its leases.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the state entity responsible for ensuring that the subterranean portions of oil and gas developments are cleaned up after use, announced Friday that NordAq Energy will pay $25,000 for each well.

The fine is significantly less than the $771,000 fine for both wells that the state had originally proposed in December 2016 for failing to plug and abandon its Shadura 1 exploratory gas well north of Nikiski and its exploratory Tiger Eye 1 well on the west side of Cook Inlet.

The commission decided to lower the fine when it found mitigating circumstance after a series of hearings, reviews and reconsiderations held in April, June and September 2017.

Norwegian energy producer to expand North Sea field output

Norway's largest oil and gas company will invest an estimated $936 million to further develop an offshore oil and gas field beyond 2050 to strengthen the country's ability to supply Europe with gas.

"This is probably one of the most profitable and robust projects in the company's history," said Margareth Oevrum, vice president of Equinor, formerly known as Statoil.

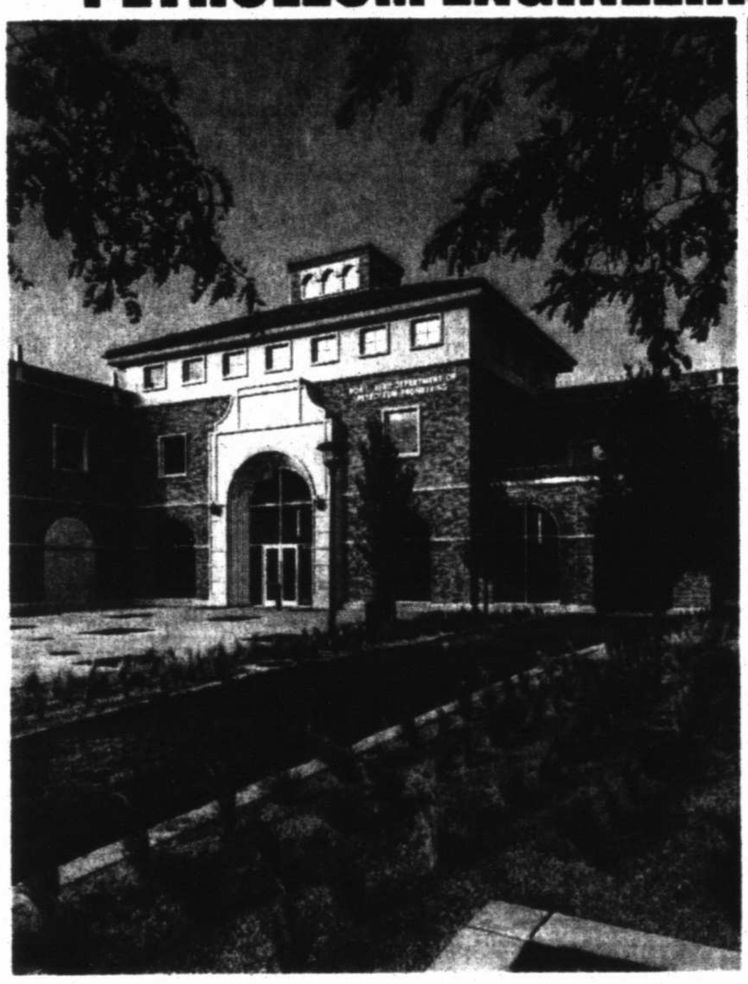
She said the new development phase of the Troll field would yield 2.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent with a break-even cost of less than $10 per barrel. The annual export volume from Troll is estimated to be 8 percent of the gas consumption in the European Union.

The company, in which the Norwegian state has a 67 percent stake, says "future value creation from Troll is estimated at $202 billion."

It said the plan means "carbon-efficient gas supply equivalent to the consumption of 50 million households in Europe for 30 years."

The Troll field has been Norway's biggest oil producer for the past five years and that after more than 20 years, about 65 percent of the gas has still not been recovered, Equinor said.

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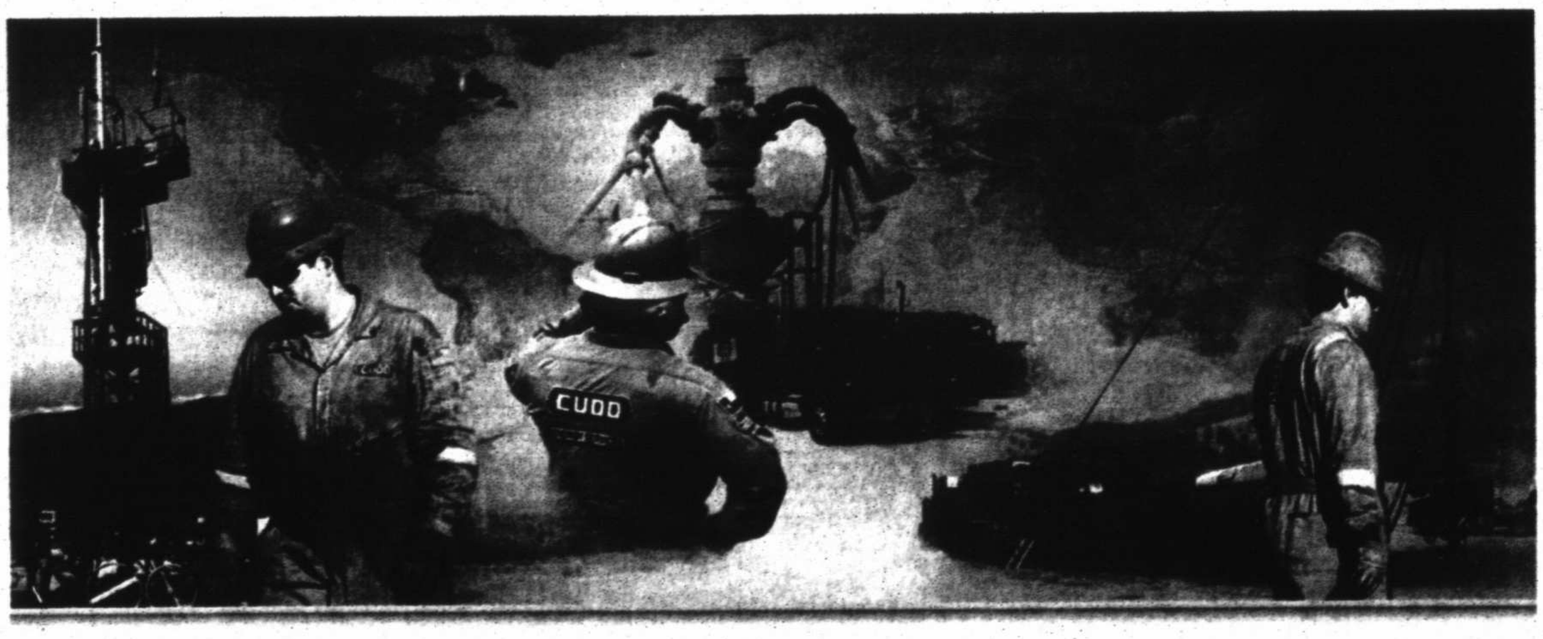
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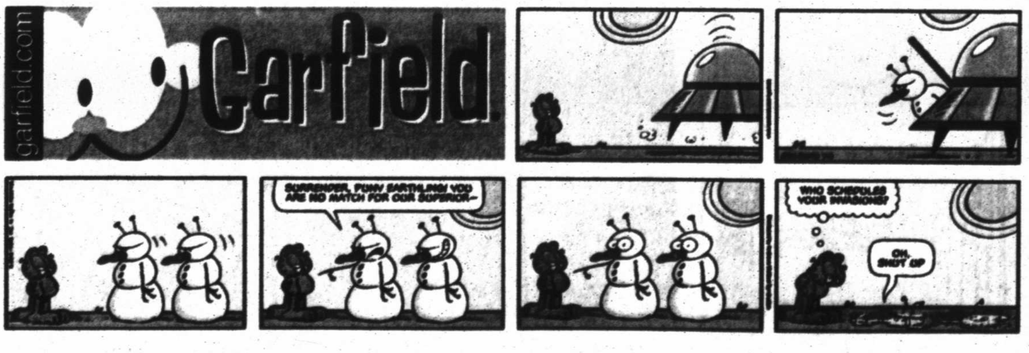
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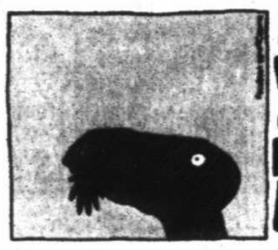














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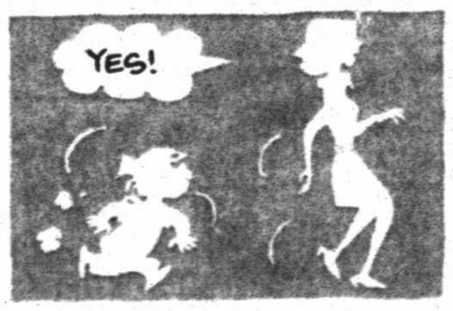


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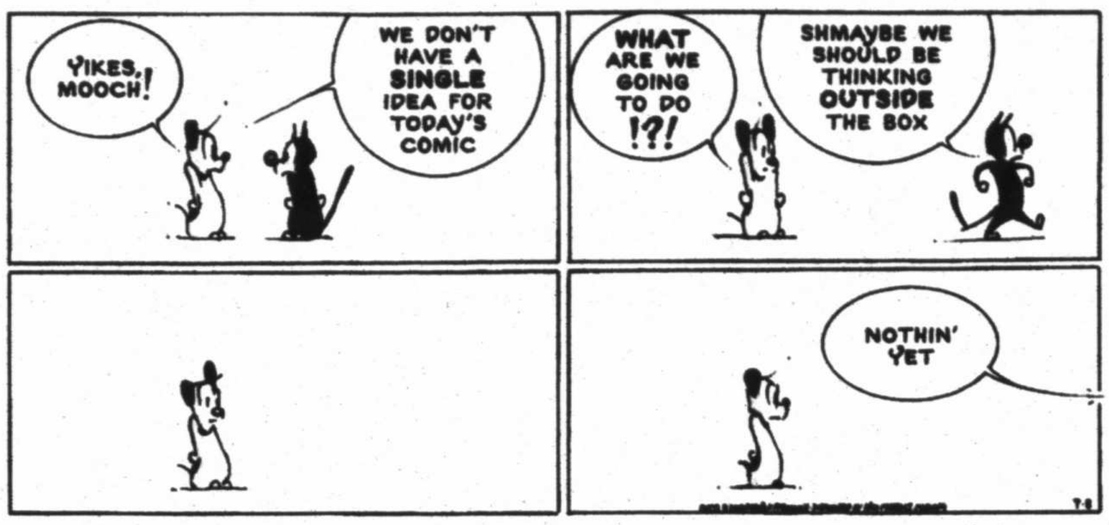
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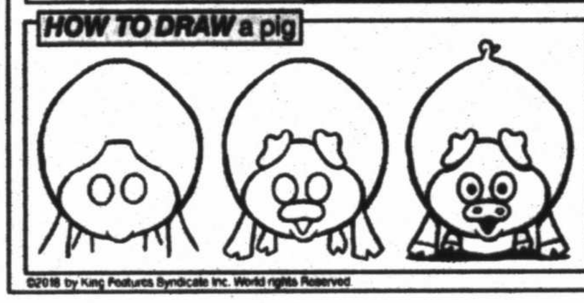
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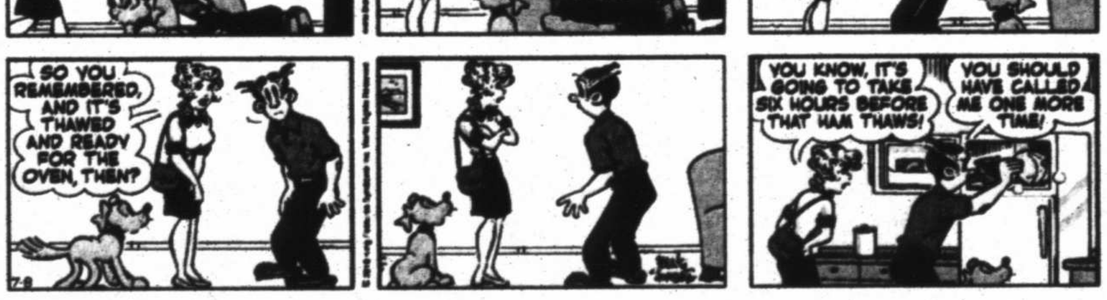
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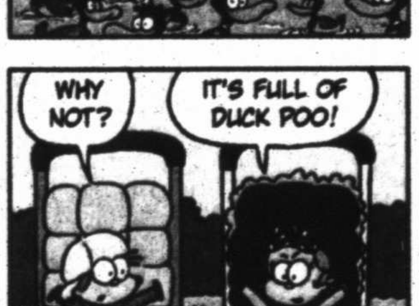




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