

CBS7 News on the CW (KCWO)

Quarterly Report

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The CBS7 News Team is dedicated to providing a comprehensive, viewer-friendly newscast to our viewers. We produce almost four hours of live, up-to-the-minute news five days per week and weekend newscasts that provide the local viewer with an overall look at world, state and local news.

Random sampling of stories aired by CBS7 News at 9 on the CW (KCWO) between January 1st, 2024 through March 31st, 2024.

Date: January 1st, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: CBS7 Exclusive Story

Length: 3:20

Story Summary: Sixty-four Chinese refugees can now call the Permian basin their new home. These men, women and children have been trying to come to America for the last four years.

After battling religious persecution from the Chinese government, now they are in the land of oil and gas, ready to start a new life. Cbs7's Noe Ortega met with the pastor for the mayflower church in China and mission messiah in Odessa about this long-awaited journey.

Date: January 2nd, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Weekend Events

Length: 1:24

Short Summary: Organizers prepare for the sandhills stock show and rodeo at the Ector County Coliseum. The rodeo athletes are gearing up for their competitions that include saddle bronc rider, Brody Cress, who is looking forward to his time in Odessa. In fact, Cress won the 2023 saddle bronc riding at sandhills last year and hopes for another great season.

Date: January 3rd 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Environmental

Length: 1:52

Story Summary: Pilot water solutions wanted to place several saltwater disposal wells near the city's Winkler County water supply, but the city protested. The case was set to appear in front of the Texas Railroad Commission next week, but yesterday, the settlement was filed. In previous court documents, the city argued it should have the right to protest pilot's swds because an accident near T-bar ranch could pollute the water...Last year, the city protested some of the 18 swd permits pilot water solutions proposed, but this settlement allows for four saltwater disposal sites further away from the reservoir, with 6-8 more possible with the city's approval.

Date: January 4th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Tracking Crime

Length: :29

Story Summary: Tracking crime now. Where earlier today the Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Department responded to a bomb threat. The county courthouse, library, and other facilities were evacuated, and the Brewster County sheriff's office sent a bomb-sniffing dog to assist in clearing the affected buildings. county judge Curtis Evans said in a statement quote...."The threat was taken very seriously; we did evacuate and followed the protocol to see what substance that threat posed to us. Finding none, we went back to work"

Date: January 5th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Election News

Length: :54

Story Summary: We are two months away from the 2024 election cycle across midland county there are 23 polling locations with an average of six workers at each location, which means there are about 150 workers needed, out of those 150 spots, there are lots of openings. If those slots aren't filled lines at polling locations might be a little longer which can cause things to move slower.

Date: January 8th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Consumer

Length: 1:14

Story summary: In November of 2022, it was reported that midland had just over one hundred and seventeen thousand employees. In 2024, that number has risen to 122,400 employees. According to the bureau of labor statistics, the city of midland had a 4.7 Percent gain in employment this November which was the sixth largest across the entire nation. The growth of jobs has positively impacted the city with more restaurants, hotels, and apartment complexes coming into town.

This has also led to education growing with the passing of school district bonds and college pipelines in west Texas which has helped keep students in the area after graduating.

Date: January 9th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Environmental

Length: 59

Story Summary: The City of Midland approved a \$4 million contract to place a lift station on the northwest edge of the I-20 preserve. City officials say that this project is aimed at keeping the preserve safe, but also preventing any future mishaps. Preserve leadership dealt with sewage leaks between 2019 and 2022. The city worked to mitigate those issues and spent \$350,000 to clean up the main leak in 2022, but it still polluted the area and caused concern about the main water source on the preserve.

Date: January 10th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Travel

Length: :33

Story Summary: Security company idemia will be in the Permian basin hosting a pop up event for tsa precheck. the week long event will be held at the midland international air and space port. Enrollment event sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. To noon and 1 p.m. To 5 p.m. Each day the enrollment takes less than 10 minutes and includes....Taking your fingerprints and photo....If you are interested in getting the pre-check be sure to bring documentation that proves your identity and citizenship status...

Date: January 11th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Health Headlines

Length: :19

Story Summary: Medical center hospital got a five hundred-thousand-dollar donation from the city of Odessa's American Rescue Plan Act funds. The hospital says that money will help open and operate a free diabetes clinic at the former M-C-H urgent care on 42nd Street. The clinic will be for low-income or non-insured diabetes patients

Date: January 12th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Community

Length: :48

Story Summary: Ever wanted to own an exotic pet but don't want to drive to Lubbock or Dallas? Well you're in luck.. A new pet store called jumanji just opened up. the owners are born and raised in midland, and want to make a big name for themselves in the world of exotic pets. The owners of jumanji pets store started this business for their simple love for animals.. Alex Gonzalez and his cousin opened jumanji just last week..However, this idea has been with them for a while now.

Date: January 15th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: CBS7 Exclusive

Length: 3:11

Story summary: Its a story you'll only see on CBS7....95 Years ago Dr martin Luther king jr was born in Atlanta Georgia. The impact he made has touched the lives of millions of Americans. Here in west Texas, one woman named Dr. Viola Coleman also made an impact on the community that is still felt today. Cbs7's Tyler pogltisch met with Conrad Coleman the son of Dr. Coleman to learn more about how viola changed midland.

Date: January 16th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Tracking Crime

Length: :34

Story Summary: A former elected official in big spring has been arrested for indecency with a child. This is Bryan stokes... Howard colleges former chief institutional effectiveness officer. According to our media partners at kbest media... Stokes resigned from that position on January 12-th after he was arrested on January 4-th. Kbest reports stokes also resigned from his position as big sprind isd trustee for district 6 on December first of 20-23. The big spring isd board said the position would stay vacant until the election in may of this year.

Date: January 17th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :51

Story Summary: MISD discussed a new update on the school bond that passed in November regarding new elementary schools... And what areas they can improve on.Over the winter break, the school district had a team of architects walking through the schools and put together project packages...District officials want to develop an idea of what is important for facilities to include to encompass 21st century learning...

Date: January 18th 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Environmental

Length: 2:30

Story summary: Midlanders may have recently noticed a lot of news about their water. Over the last week, we've told you about water main breaks in the city and arsenic in the water. Today, utilities director Carl craigo held a meeting to address these issues and discuss next steps. Cbs7's Hannah Brock visited with craigo. Hannah, what did you find out?

Date: January 19th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Tracking Crime

Length: :24

Story Summary: Midland police are investigating a homicide. Last night around 9 o'clock, mpd and the midland fire department responded the palladium apartments in the 2300 block of lamesa road... When they arrived, officers found 26 year old E'Darius reed dead on the ground in the

apartment parking lot with a gunshot wound... No arrests have been made at this time, and the investigation is ongoing.

Date: January 22nd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Community

Length: :43

Story Summary: The Nonprofit management center in Odessa is gearing up for its n-m-c celebrity chef showdown battle for the golden skillet. The culinary battle will be between eleven local chefs... Competing to win that golden skillet... And raise money for the n-m-c. Today the chefs found out what protein they will use as the main ingredient. Its all to help show off the chefs... And the n-m-c.

Date: January 23rd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Oil and Gas

Length: :50

Story Summary: The Midland Chamber of Commerce hosted the seventh annual State of oil and gas luncheon to review some of the biggest topics throughout the industry heading into the new year. Topics that were discussed included the growth of barrels of oil produced per day, how critical the Permian basin is to the oil industry, and just how much we produce out here... as well as how the supply and demand for oil rely on two things. The first is the economy and the second by how big the population is going to be.

Date: January 24th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :42

Story Summary: Education news in the basin... UTPB was chosen to advance to the first scholars phase of the first scholars network. Its a recognition UTPB was awarded because of it's work to help first generation college students graduate. UTPB does that work through its center for first

generation student success. Now that the college is in the first scholars phase it will work to earn the title of champion campus.

Date: January 25th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Holiday/ Feel Good

Length: :38

Story Summary: In your news across West Texas... The valentine post office in Jeff Davis county has selected its winning valentine's day postmark. A senior in the valentine independent school district drew this tractor in memory of her father who passed away in 20-22. Every year the valentine post office gets an influx in valentines mail to be stamped in valentine... Then sent to loved ones all over the world. The postmaster says the office sees an average of ten to twelve thousand envelopes every year. There are special mailing instructions to get your valentine message postmarked in valentine...

Date: January 26th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Tracking Crime

Length: :36

Story Summary: Jesus Fabian Rodriguez Scobell has been charged with theft of petroleum products over ten thousand dollars and under one hundred thousand dollars.

According to the midland county sheriff's office... Deputies were called out to a petroleum theft after a tractor truck hauling a water tanker took crude oil from a tank battery without the consent of the oilfield company. Deputies pulled scobell over and found he had stolen about 34 barrels of crude oil and it wasn't the first time he had done it. He had two warrants out for his arrest for the same charge... In Glasscock county.

Date: January 29th, 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Local Sports

Length: :42

Story summary: The UTPB women's basketball team have won 5 games in a row and are still undefeated at home. Over the weekend the falcons defended their nest against St. Edward's and St. Mary's. That improved utpb's record to 15-3 this season.

The Falcons are one of the leaders in the lone star conference, with a 10-2 record in those games. Saturday's dominant victory was also made coach Rae Boothe the winningst coach in program history.

Date: January 30th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Health Headlines

Length: :55

Story Summary: Back on January 7, the American red cross declared an emergency blood shortage and asked people to donate for national blood donor month. Midland memorial hospital and vitalant held a blood drive today in midland. Every day, thousands of people need blood. One donation of blood is one to two pints and each pint can help up to three people

The whole process takes less than an hour and your blood levels return to normal within just a few hours.

Date: January 31st , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Scam Alert

Length: :29

Story summary: The Odessa police department is warning the public about multiple credit/debit card skimmers being found at local gas stations.... Skimmers devices read and store card information from the magnetic strips of your card to be used later. Skimmer devices usually look like the machine they are attached to and can be hard to notice.

If you believe you have been the victim of a skimmer device, contact your bank... And if you have any information on these devices, please contact opd.

Date: February 1st , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Special Report

Length: 6:13

Story Summary: You've seen the headlines right on cbs7, 30 missing children recovered after a trafficking operation, seven arrested in joint human trafficking investigation, 14 victims found during recovery operation. And most recently, 50 arrested during human trafficking awareness month. Despite those recovery operations, and trafficking investigations, people, children, are still being abducted, and trafficked, right in our backyard.

"I'm a young kid...surely nobody would hurt me" - survivor 13...that's how old she was when she was first trafficked. She was sleeping behind a gas station... when she met him...

"he was nice...he was very nice...even if I had saw him in a different scenario...I would never have thought...like that's not a good person....Or that's someone I shouldn't trust..." -survivor it starts with kids who are homeless or at risk. Traffickers use these vulnerabilities to psychologically manipulate their victim "I used to think that girls out there,, everyone had a choice...and everyone didnt have a choice...I didn't have a choice" -survivor sometimes its just a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The Permian basin is considered a hot spot of human trafficking... because of its position on I-20... and proximity to I-10 in the west. Even though it is a hot spot... there are organizations in west Texas working day in and day out to stop trafficking and help victims. The basin dream center is one of them...offering transitional living for adults who are homeless, at risk, or have aged out of the foster care system "so what we are finding out is I would say probably about 80% of our kids have experienced some form of trafficking..." "we need a support system.... We need a patient support system...." -Survivor thats what the dream center does... Providing a home...a safe space...and a seat at the dinner table...."one of my favorite things that we do here is sit down and have family style dinner with them" without support, trafficking survivors typically have a hard time returning to normal life, and finding jobs. Soraye Lara...founded unlimited jewelry to provide survivors with a job...and to empower them...."each piece has a story..Somebody has gone through darkness, unimaginable things have happened, but yet they're able to create something beautiful.... We're not limited to our past...our opportunities are unlimited..." all of this jewelry is survivor made.... Whether by survivors in the Permian basin...or from across the globe"I do have partnerships with international anti-human trafficking organizations...but all that jewelry that's not made by local survivors still contributes to local organizations here in the Permian basinpurchasing from unlimited jewlery...and donating to organizations like basin dream center can have a major impact on survivors in the Permian basin...but if you can't support financially.....one of the best ways you can help is education...knowing the signs...

"really it's people that are close to you...it's a grooming process of gaining your trust they use the vulnerability and use that against you..." -soraye"you would think that someone that does that to you...you would be scared of them to the point where you don't trust them...but he had a way.... Of being the person who's hurting me but also my support system" -survivor music and this quote on screen from b roll... "I want every girl to know that her voice can change the world"she wants a chance to succeed probably more than anyone else wants it for her...but the

things that are hindering her are triggers and trauma...and an unspoken battle that she's not able to explain."

Christina Payne is another survivor...and now advocate...of human trafficking...she is the founder of survivor lead non-profit within reach they help survivors deal with trauma using a technique. Called neurofeedback."so neurofeedback is a form of biofeedback and what it does is actually uses the brains natural reward system to retrain the different areas of the brain...we start with the body...it brings the brain back down to a resting place...a place of peace and calm....And that way every other part of their life can then be restored" Payne knows first hand how healing the process of neurofeedback can be for survivors of human trafficking..."I began to heal...it was because my nervous system was beginning to relax and rest...so a lot of things that were bothering me..Didn't bother me anymore..."but this healing process takes time... and patience..."there are people willing to help and they don't want anything from you..."and there is hope for a second chance..."there's always second chances...and there's third chances...and statistically sometimes there's seven chances...but we're making a difference in their lives...we wanna reduce the trauma..And we wanna produce successful kids..And return them back into our community as productive adults." "We just had a young man that graduated with his electrical certificate...and he has cried so many times because he said 'I never thought I could do this' and now he gets to..He's living the life" if you are a victim trafficking...or you know someone who needs help getting out of a bad situation you can call the national trafficking hotline at 888-373-7888..."the problem most people fear is what if this isn't human trafficking, what if I'm wrong? But that's not for you to worry about, because what if you're right? And if you're right, you may have just saved a life." -Basin dream, Stephanie "I'm worth something...I can do this.."For cbs7 first alert news...I'm Lauren munt

Date: February 2nd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Remembering

Length: :28

Story Summary: Today we continue to remember the life and legacy of midland city councilman at large Dan corrales....You're looking now at a candlelight vigil held ealier this evening in honor of corrales at first Baptist church in midland. Corrales died earlier this week... And flags in midland have been lowered to half staff to mark corrales' life of service to the midland community. Tomorrow morning... The midland animal services will be hosting its monthly rescue runners in Dan's honor.

Date: February 5th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Health

Length: 1:01

Story Summary: We use our ears to connect with our family and friends every day. One Odessa woman thought she'd never experience that fully again.

Today that changed. Because of new technology, Mary Medrano now has bi-cross hearing aids. They communicate sounds from her deaf ear to her functional ear, so she can experience sound fully. The hearing aid is rechargeable, connects to Bluetooth for phone calls and helps people determine the direction of sounds. This means Medrano can understand her grandchildren again, among other experiences she has missed. Beltone staff want other people experiencing single-sided deafness to stay hopeful.

Date: February 6th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Continuing Coverage

Length: 1:25

Story summary: The city of midland wants to dismiss a motion made by five midland Christian educators... That claims four city officials knew the educators were falsely arrested for intent to conceal neglect or abuse...

After they were no billed by a grand jury in 2022... The educators filed a lawsuit against the city and arresting officers... Then months after that... Three of the five educators were arrested again... On the same charge... The midland county district attorney's office recused themselves of that case... And the Ector County district attorney's office... Dismissed the second case all together.

The attorney for the educators called the second arrest false and retaliatory. In the complaint that was amended in December... Attorneys added that police chief Seth Herman... City manager Robert Patrick... Mayor Patrick Payton... And d-a Laura Nodolf as people that knew the charges in the second arrest were false... But allowed them to be arrested anyway.

In response the city motioned to dismiss the claims in that amended complaint. Attorneys for the educators filed a response to that motion saying that there is enough precedent... And they have provided enough facts to demonstrate municipal liability in their amended complaint. Cbs7 has reached out to the city of Midland for comment and has not received a response.

Date: February 7th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :22

Story Summary: UTPB is welcoming a new face to the campus. The school has named Monica Tschauner as the new executive director for the shepperd leadership institute.

Tschauner is a native Odessan and has experience working in non-profit. She says she's looking forward to serving the students and loves what the institute offers to them. The instiute hosts events and offers programs that help educate and connect people on campus.

Date: February 8th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Technology

Length: 1:08

Story Summary: A cybersecurity forum, specifically tailored for small business owners in west Texas, was hosted at the midland community theater.

The forum, titled "protect your business" in response to the increasing statistics on cyberattacks targeting small businesses...Expert guest speakers at the event included the head of cybersecurity at Morgan Stanley, a consultant with Concentrix... An I-t firm out of Lubbock... And the former lead of the FBI in midland. Participants learned about the latest trends in cybercrime and received guidance on developing comprehensive security strategies, discussing the emergence of new threats posed by artificial intelligence, such as phishing, social engineering, ransomware, and check fraud, along with strategies to defend against these cybercriminal tactics.

Date: February 9th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Tracking Crime

Length: :46

Story Summary: 20-year-old Alex Brackman has been arrested for a string of auto burglaries. He faces multiple counts for those burglaries, along with other charges... felon in possession of firearms.

On February 4 OPD responded to the area of parks bell ranch for reported multiple vehicle burglaries where several firearms were taken...

Then on February 6 an officer was patrolling the area when he saw a man in a hoodie and gloves next to a vehicle... Who then fled on a bike when approached by the officer.

Opd teamed up with utpb officers to track down brackman using a drone... Shortly after, opd started receiving calls of multiple auto thefts at the candlewood suite hotel and four additional auto burglaries in the parks bell ranch community. The investigation is ongoing.

Date: February 12th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Oil and Gas

Length: :37

Story Summary: Diamondback energy, inc. And endeavor energy resources, l.p., Have entered into a definitive merger agreement, valued at around 26 billion dollars.

Diamondback's existing stockholders are expected to own around 60-point 5 percent of the combined company, and endeavor's equity holders are expected to own around 39-point 5 percent of the combined company. The transaction was unanimously approved by the board of directors of diamondback and has all necessary endeavor approvals.

The combined company will continue to be headquartered in midland.

Date: February 13th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: On Social Media/ Feel Good

Length: 1:04

Story Summary: Eric baker...better known as eb_trumpet on social media...recently gained national attention from a video that went viral of him playing the trumpet while picking up his daughter from school.

His claim to fame came from the idea to do a series similar to the ones where athletes are mic'Ed up while in practice or during games.. It gives people behind the scenes action and they are able to see the authenticity of the professional athletes...

baker took that idea to professional musicians in the west Texas symphony.

Date: February 14th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Traffic

Length: :52

Story Summary: one of TX dot's major campaigns is to stop the streak... The streak of car fatalities. In the first twelve days of February so far... There have been eleven fatalities on the road... Last year... There were only eight in the entire month. the top contributing factors of fatal crashes are roadway and lane departures which account for forty percent of car accidents...

One way drivers can avoid being part of that statistic is to wear their seat belt and to put their phone away while driving. Odessa police department and txdot are urging drivers and pedestrians to be extra careful on the road.

Date: February 15th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Oil and Gas

Length: 1:38

Story Summary: the house of representatives has passed rep. August pfluger's legislation, h.r. 7-1-7-6. It's a bill that reverses the export ban of liquified natural gas... And create lower energy costs. Last month, president biden announced a ban on the export of natural gas to non-fta countries while the fta conducts a climate impact review on natural gas... The white house said the review was due to the "existential threat" of climate change...

The department of energy has already done five studies... That unanimously prove liquefied natural gas exports benefit the u-s economy and gas prices... Previous studies have even shown that there are environmental benefits.

Triple a is reporting gas prices are rising in west Texas and across the state. According to the report from triple a ... Midland is seeing the most pain at the pump in our area... Averaging around three-oh-nine-a gallon. Meanwhile, drivers in Odessa are paying two dollars and 97 cents a gallon.

The highest price in the state is in el Paso ... Where drivers are seeing prices around three dollars and 29 cents a gallon.

Date: February 16th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Consumer

Length: 1:06

Story Summary: The Midland entrepreneurial challenge has just finished... Meaning five businesses won a share of half a million dollars. The bootcamp was led by the midland development corporation and utpb... It lasted six weeks... Started with 62 businesses... And ended with funding for five selected businesses.

They each got to learn more about how to run their business.. And build a plan to continue growing it. Winners were chosen based on a panel of judges assessing each opportunity for long-term success and they received a share of \$500,000.

Date: February 19th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Election

Length: :46

Story Summary: In your election representative Brooks Landgraf has taken to Facebook to deny claims that he is endorsing Brandon Pugh for precinct chair....Landgraf says he does not and will not endorse Pugh...Despite recent paid political advertisements by Pugh claiming landgraf's endorsement...

On Facebook Landgraf wrote quote.."His unauthorized use of my name in his ad has understandably confused voters by appearing to to some voters to imply my endorsement or support.

Additionally, there are important facts that he omitted from his text message: Brandon Pugh actively and enthusiastically supported my most recent opponents and was even on one's payroll.

I grew up in precinct 202 and went to elementary school there. I don't want the republican voters in my old neighborhood to be misled by this spam text...."

Date: February 20th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Health Headlines

Length: :21

Story summary: A vitalent blood-mobile stopped by all American Chevrolet in Odessa for a blood drive...Back on January 7, the American red cross declared an emergency blood shortage...

And says approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day. If you missed today's drive... Vitalant holds blood drives almost every single day.

Date: February 21st , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :30

Story summary: Midland isd is taking a new initiative to improve campus safety.

The district is in the process of installing a protective film around all exterior doors. This special film is designed to make the glass shatter-resistant - meaning a potential intruder wouldn't be able to easily break the glass to access the building. The film causes the glass to hold together, even when shot with a bullet or smashed with a baseball bat.

It's one of many ways that schools are working to ensure their students and staff are safe.

Date: February 22nd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Travel

Length: 1:04

Story summary: attention all flyers– if you've been to the airport this month you've probably noticed an increase in people flying in and out of the area. Midland international air and space port has received a federal grant of \$2.8 Million dollars for new installations and improvements. The grants are part of the bipartisan infrastructure law to improve 114 airports across the u.s., According to an announcement from the biden-Harris administration. The award will fund approximately 70% of the design for the replacement and modernization of the terminal building's hvac and related systems, and passenger screening area.

Date: February 23rd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Weekend Plans/ Community

Length: :24

Story summary: You may have noticed... A new tent set up at the Midland Park Mall... Cirque Italia has made its way to west Texas. You're looking at some of the performances that are part

of the show... The group of acrobats... Clowns... Jugglers... Mermaids and more... Will be performing tonight... Through the weekend... With their last show... Sunday night.

And if you can't make it don't worry... There are plans for cirque Italia to perform in Odessa as well.

Date: February 26th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Local Sports

Length: 1:57

Story summary: The Midland Christian mustangs are back in the tapps 5a final four for the second year in a row... Saturday's victory marks head coach Chris ryburns 300th career win....the mustangs look ahead and will prepare for the St Michaels crusaders....both of these teams met last year in the same round but St Michael's got the edge...this years mustangs have lots of confidence to get over the hump.

Date: February 27th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Update/ Remembering

Length: :48

Story summary: In an update on the death of Midland city councilmember at large Dan Corrales, the justice of the peace for precinct two in midland county has ruled his death an accident...

An autopsy was ordered... And found corrales shot himself near the shoulder... And he died from blood loss.

"Common sense dictates that there are other places on one's body to shoot themselves to end their life immediately. Mr. Corrales did not leave any notes... Letters... Voicemails or tell anyone he was intending to end his life."

Date: February 28th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Weather

Length: 1:09

Story summary: Over the last 48 hours, 500,000 acres of land in the panhandle have been on fire... It is now the second largest wildfire in state history... And the area is needing outside help to fight the fire.... Including the midland fire department...

This fire has been able to spread because of the weather conditions we've experienced not just this week with the high winds and low humidity...But also because of the drought this past year.

Because of the strong winds in the panhandle fanning the flames... The fire is even causing weather changes here in the Permian basin.

Earlier this afternoon, the air quality in the midland-Odessa area was leveled at being unhealthy for people who have a sensitive respiratory system which can cause being outside too long to be dangerous for their health...

Date: February 29th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Public Safety

Length: :57

Story summary: Though we don't have control over wildfires and what is currently happening in Hemphill county...we do have control over what happens inside our own homes... Which is why it's important to take preventative measures within your household, and have a plan in place in case of an emergency...

This plan should outline evacuation routes, designated meeting points, and essential items to grab in case of a rapid evacuation order.

Date: March 1st , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Election

Length: 1:19

Story summary: There are currently five candidates for the vacant midland city council at-large position.. We've heard from four so far, and today hear from Eric Davidson. Although Davidson was not born in midland, he considers this his forever home..

Date: March 4th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Developing

Length: :28

Story summary: The Midland City Council has made their first approval on a new ordinance that will help make the community safer. Mayor Lori blong said on facebook that they're looking for a solution for the abandoned and unsafe buildings in downtown midland... Like the Vaughn building you're seeing right now... Due to development of "crime hotspots"... The new ordinance would secure the vacant sites so there are no unauthorized entrances...

Date: March 5th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Election Day

Length: 2:50

Story summary: CBS7's coverage of Super Tuesday featured lots of local elections including: Commissioners, District Attorney's, Sheriff's, and Presidential Primaries.

Date: March 6th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :37

Story summary: The Kermit isd superintendent, Dr. Joe Lopez, has announced he is the lone finalist for the super-intendent of Greenville isd in north Texas.

Date: March 7th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Community

Length: :37

Story summary: The museum of the southwest unveiled the Coterra energy sound garden. the big industrial structure is made to hear and feel sound waves as you walk through the sound garden

Date: March 8th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Public Safety

Length: :24

Story summary: Bed bugs were found on the second floor of the center point building, prompting it's closure. Officials report the building will be sprayed to get rid of the insects. Residents who need to pay their bill can do so by visiting the city's website. The building is expected to re-opened on Monday.

Date: March 11th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Oil and Gas

Length: :34

Story summary: Triple-a says the national average for a gallon of regular gas climbed to three-40 a gallon on Friday. That's a four-month high. experts say there is no reason to panic about gas prices, at least not yet. Gas prices always rise at this time of the year, as the demand for fuel goes up once winter ends. It also means the end of cheap winter fuel and the switch to the more expensive summer fuel blend. That process is just getting started in most states. This year's late-winter jump in prices has been boosted by troubles at refineries --with extreme cold in January knocking some refineries offline.

Date: March 12th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Travel

Length: 1:02

Story summary: according to officials ... Around 47-thousand people flew out of midland in february 20-23 and more than 53-thousand flew out last month. that's six-thousand more people and a 14-percent increase. southwest airlines carried the most passengers ... seeing around 25-thousand people aboard their flights. And m-a-f continues to see growth with delta becoming the fourth airline to provide flights which start next month.

Date: March 13th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Utilities

Length: 3:07

Story summary: The ecud board alleged public information requests from a few residents cost them thousands of dollars in recent legal fees. Cbs7's Hannah Brock spoke with two of those west Odessa residents and she has more on what they said.

Date: March 14^h , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Crime

Length: 2:39

Story summary: A 27-hour hostage situation in Midland prompts hours of coverage live at the scene. mpd remained on scene since 11 pm Wednesday night.. And because midland police have been on scene for that long... For the saftey of the officers Texas dps has now taken over... But a number of FBI agents have arrived in the last hour... Which according to seargaent Blanco with Texas dps... Means that the FBI could be taking over soon.

Date: March 15th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Crime

Length: 3:28

Story summary: A 27-hour hostage situation in Midland prompts hours of coverage live at the scene.

Midland police identified the man as Christian Milan. He is charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping and sexual assault.

Midland police arrived at the sundance apartment complex at 11 p-m on Wednesday march 13... And report Milan had barricaded himself... And was threatening to shoot the police. 12 hours later... At 11 am... They were still there... And more law enforcement had arrived... Including Odessa police and Texas dps.

Residents in the building were evacuated... And told to avoid the area.

Midland police told reporters on the scene they could not provide a timeline as to when the situation would end... <..."The reason this is going on this long is because he is in contact with the negotiations. We're doing everything possible to get this resolved at the lowest form possible for the life and safety of these people being held hostage." ...>around 4 o-clock Texas dps troopers took over... For the safety of all officers involved... Who had been working the situation for over 16 hours.

But around 3-30 in the afternoon... Milan called cbs7 news.

Milan told cbs7 he is holding the woman hostage for cheating on him... And that he is heartbroken.

Milan said he had the woman tied by the wrists in the apartment... But that she had at some point talked to the police over the phone.

Milan also talked about the young girl that was in the apartment... And that he did not plan to cause her any harm.

Cbs7 recieved the Milan's permission to record the phone call he made... And we sent the recording to the midland police department... Texas dps and the FBI.

After 18 hours the city of midland began to coordinate with midland county and the American red cross... To help those people that were displaced by the hostage situation...

And in that same hour... Milan called cbs7... Again.

At 6-30... Milan was agitated... Threatening and using foul language... A recording of that phone call was also sent to Texas dps and the FBI.As the evening went on... A number of FBI agents arrived on scene... And part of that motorcade... An enterprise truck.Still... For everyone on the outside of the situation... It was a waiting game... The 24 hour mark passed... And it was in hour 27... That it all came to a head.<..."He did fall asleep, and that was the opportune moment. Once again these things are long and stressful, he's didn't have the breaks that we were giving everybody else. So, once he got exhausted and we found the most best time to get him while he was not ready, that was when they went in." ...>

at about 2 early Friday morning... Our crew on scene reported what appeared to be flashbangs and loud pops...Then shortly after Milan was taken away in handcuffs...

<..."He was overwhelmed. There was a plan in place to take him into custody quickly, with a lot of diversions and it worked." ...>

the a woman and nine year old girl that were being held hostage by Milan were rescued by the multitude of law enforcement agencies that were on scene. <..."We worked closely with our neighbors, we've called in assets brought in out of el Paso, FBI coming in out of d.c., Just everybody we've called on to help, came out as fast as they could, brought all the help they could bring, lots of equipment. And we had a successful mission today.

Date: March 18th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Social Media

Length: 1:25

Story summary: The united states senate is gearing up for a vote that could lead to a ban on tiktok, one of the most widely used apps in the world....If the ban passes it's estimated that 1.1

Million content creators will lose their platform...One of those creators is west Texan Eric baker... A professor at utpb who teaches in the music department and has over 40 thousand followers on tiktok...

Date: March 19th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Traffic

Length: :29

Story summary: the city of midland has released it's 2023 traffic crash report which shows the following trends...The total number of crashes increased from 2 thousand 919 in 20-22 to 3 thousand and 16 in 20-23...In 959 of those crashes someone was injured additionally...There were a total of 20 fatalities.....

Date: March 20th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Education

Length: :52

Story summary: The midland isd board of trustees had multiple people come out to speak about books inside of misd schools that they say are inappropriate for children.. They say that the books depict rape, incest, molestation and more..

Date: March 21st , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Public Safety

Length: :15

Story summary: the city of midland will close the customer service department for the second time in two months...For a health concern... the city says they are closing out of abundance of caution on suspicion of bed bugs....If you need to pay any bills you can go to city hall...

Date: March 22nd , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Crime

Length: :38

Story summary: You may remember this week's midland isd board meeting got heated when members of the community came forward to voice their concerns about topics found in books in the district...Today, misd released a statement responding to threats that have been made since the board meeting, saying quote,...

"EARLY TODAY, AN EMAIL CONTAINING THREATS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE MIDLAND ISD SCHOOL BOARD AS WELL AS AN MISD ADMINISTRATOR WAS SENT. POLICE WERE NOTIFIED, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE NOW INVESTIGATING..ALL THREATS ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. IF ANYONE BELIEVES THEY SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, THEY CAN SUBMIT TIPS ANONYMOUSLY TO MIDLAND CRIMESTOPPERS..."

Date: March 25th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Entertainment

Length: 1:14

Story summary: An all new thirteen part docu-series takes international audiences inside Odessa's medical center hospital desert doc follows Dr. Sudip (sue deep) Bose, an emergency physician with a storied past. The series promises to give viewers an authentic look at the challenges and triumphs in a real-life emergency room.

Date: March 26th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: Crime

Length: 1:25

Story summary: over the weekend a northern Odessa neighborhood... Experienced multiple thefts... As an individual made their way around the neighborhood taking packages. According to Odessa police... Porch pirates come in waves... So even though Andrew Lange has lived in Odessa for years... It is still possible that this is the first time his neighborhood has seen porch pirates. Just this year alone Odessa police have received 18 reports regarding people stealing from people's... but most of the time those types of thefts don't get reported.

Date: March 27th , 2024

Newscast: 9 P.M.

Topic: EDUCATION

Length: 2:50

Story summary: The Midland ISD board of trustees held a special meeting to discuss the Ranchland Hills Golf Club. You may remember that many members of the community spoke at the last board meeting to ask MISD to consider using another location to build a new Midland high school campus.

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KCWO supported the Midland County Livestock Show with news coverage. The Midland County Livestock Show is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members from across Midland County to exhibit their project work. Community members and business leaders come together to support these young people and raise much needed funds.

KCWO supported the major fundraiser for the Casa de Amigos-House of Friends event by airing PSAs. All proceeds go towards helping the local community with GED & ESL classes, after school tutoring, a medical clinic for uninsured adults, assistance for older adults, emergency food pantry and other food assistance, financial literacy, and more.

KCWO aired PSA's to support the annual Ellen Noel Art Museum fundraiser. This event raises money to fund museum improvements, community children's programs, and art exhibits.