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Businesses spur debate over morals

Tall City no longer wholesome, one Midland woman says

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Amy Azcarate and her husband moved to Midland nearly 15 years ago to raise their children around the Tall City's family-oriented charm.

At the time, Midland was a "wholesome Christian town," Azcarate said, and one of the last places in America to maintain strong morals and values.

"This world is so unsafe and so unwholesome," she said. "This is the one place I felt I could really raise some decent kids."

But in recent years, as the population continues to grow and new businesses open in the Tall City, Azcarate said Midland has lost some of its wholesome charm.

In general, the Midlander said she doesn't welcome any establishment "that causes you to lust." Specifically, she is opposed to the Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery — a national sports bar and restaurant chain known for waitresses who wear thigh-length kilts and exposed midriffs — and Cindie's, a lingerie store that also sells sex toys.

Azcarate said she fears the Tall City is becoming more like Odessa, which has a Twin Peaks and a Hooters — two national chains that rival Tilted Kilt. Midland's neighboring county to the west (Ector) is also home to Jaguars Odessa, an all-nude gentlemen's club.

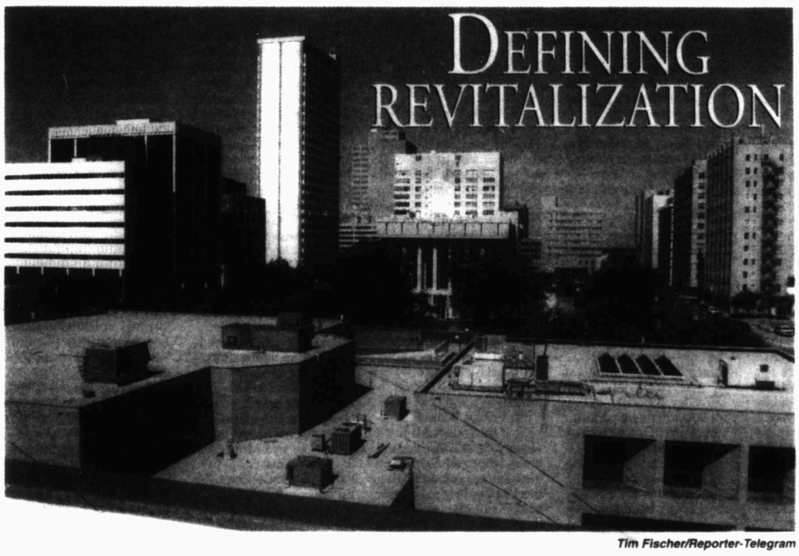
Midland, historically, has been a family-friendly city that hasn't sought to bring new businesses that could defy that culture, said Bobby Burns, a former mayor and current Chamber of Commerce president and CEO.

"We've always sent that message that's not what we want in our city," Burns said. "There are just some businesses we don't seek out and we don't believe they'd be profitable."

Burns, unlike Azcarate, said he doesn't believe Midlanders have lost their family-oriented culture.

District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy, who represents the area where Tilted Kilt is slated to open, said he has noticed a shift in Midland's demographic. The population overall is much younger than it used to be, which isn't a

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View of downtown from the roof of the Wall Street Lofts

Downtown revitalization differs in people's minds

By Joseph Basco
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When District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks suggested the termination of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone over downtown Midland, he justified it by saying downtown is already revitalized.

He cites the huge increase in taxable downtown property valuations — $322.9 million as of June 27 compared to $97.7 million in 2001 — and the successful, non-incentivized renovation of a downtown building that became Concho Resources' headquarters as proof that downtown Midland is in a stimulated state. Therefore, he also believes TIRZ's collection of downtown property taxes into a public fund for downtown revitalization projects is unnecessary at this time.

"I don't feel that there's a need to incentivize people to come to Midland," Sparks told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday. "There's so much growth that's been done without incentives. Why should we incentivize what can happen regardless?"

Sparks believes incentives would be needed if the economy is downtrodden and a project with the potential for stimulation comes along.

The conservative councilman, who is chief operating officer of Discovery Operating Inc., came out with his thoughts on downtown revitalization and public-private partnerships a week before City Council is to determine whether the city will continue its participation in one of the most significant downtown revitalization efforts in decades: the $300 million, multi-use Energy Towers at City Center. Incentive terms are being renegotiated at this time because the city and project co-developer Energy Related Properties made previous agreements when Energy

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Cindie's Lingerie boutique to join new businesses

Editor's note: Business reporter Cale Ottens is looking at the growth of new businesses and those responsible for the start-ups in this Business Spotlight series. Stories are tentatively scheduled to run every other week. Email cottens@mrt.com with details on any new businesses.

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Cindie's, a Houston-based lingerie boutique, recently grabbed the curiosity and attention of many Midlanders even though it has yet to celebrate its grand opening.

Self-proclaimed as the No. 1 store for "fantasy and fun," Cindie's plans to offer something new to the Tall City. The boutique chain sells lingerie, women's shoes, costumes, make-up, jewelry, lotions, oils, gag gifts and a few sex toys.

While the company has already set itself apart from virtually every other Midland business by offering sex toys, Cindie's still faces challenges nearly identical to most Tall City startups.

But so far, no hurdle has stopped the boutique from moving forward. It plans to open later this month inside the Colonnade at Polo Park shopping center near Garfield Street and Loop 250. Construction delays, however, have slowed down progress. In fact, the grand opening has been pushed back from the original plan to open last month.

Melissa Luevano, a Midlander, was hired by the company earlier this year to run the Midland location and serve as the general manager.

Perks to opening in Midland

Like most new businesses that have popped up around the Tall City in recent years, Cindie's was attracted by the

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DOWNTOWN

From 1A

Towers was still planned to be a 53-floor, $500 million skyscraper that combined office, hospitality, residential, retail and convention spaces into a single building.

Sparks said that while younger people moving into Midland would want to see the type of revitalization that turns downtown into a retail zone and party center, he is not sure if Midlanders as a whole would embrace something like San Antonio's River Walk or Austin's Sixth Street.

Sparks then again referenced the increase in downtown property valuations and said that is his definition of downtown revitalization.

"Businesses are filling up the downtown area," Sparks said. "Buildings definitely have more occupancy than they did 15 years ago. Is that revitalization? Yes."

While the Energy Towers development team declined to comment until after City Council votes Tuesday, ERP President William Meyer gave his definition of downtown revitalization.

"My definition of downtown revitalization is a 24-hour, live-work-play environment," Meyer said. "Why settle for anything less?"



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Surveillance cameras attached to the unused Midland County Courthouse look out toward Centennial Plaza, photographed March 28.

Still a demand

Other conservative council members, Scott Dufford, Spencer Robnett, who are at-large members, and District 4 Councilman J. Lacy, all agreed with Sparks that the TIRZ has run its course but all three also thought downtown Midland should also include more than just office space.

"Why would you not want downtown to be completely redeveloped and lively with residential space, hotels, restaurants and movie theaters?" Dufford said. "I get that some people think City Council is lining their pockets with whatever is going on. I don't understand where these people are coming from and I think they're goofballs."

One of the most vocal Midlanders against the Energy Towers project, Joel Rogers, agrees with Sparks' definition of downtown revitalization. Rogers also agreed with Sparks in the sense that downtown should not be a party district but is willing to concede the demand for some new restaurants or retail shops.

From a political standpoint, Rogers said government planning frequently causes the very problems it should solve, such as unaffordable housing, more traffic congestion and increased crime, adding that the council should stick with a free market. City Council should not be helping promote commercial development because it is not their job, he said.

"They're supposed to take care of our community and not socially engineer it," Rogers said.

Obstacles

On the other hand, the city should help eliminate downtown development obstacles, City Manager Courtney Sharp said, adding that it is more expensive to develop downtown compared to the rest of the city.

And one such obstacle is parking, as evidenced by the all-day occupation of public parking spaces that have two-hour time limits, or the dearth of hourly parking garages.

"For an example, if I'm going to build a retail shop outside of downtown, I'm more likely to be able to do surface parking for about $2,000 to $3,000 per parking spot," Sharp said, "If I develop downtown, then I'll have to build a parking garage to accommodate my customers. And that would be in the $15,000 to $18,000 range per parking spot."

In several high-profile public-private partnerships between the city and developers, parking was the bargaining chip. It was the basis of how the city and the TIRZ calculated the $50 million amount it was planning reimburse Energy Tower developers. It was the reason why the city — through the Midland Development Corp. — paid Wall Street Lofts developers $5 million for constructing a parking garage in exchange for two stories of public parking.

On Friday, Midlanders had the opportunity to come together for a downtown event, but it was also an example of a parking shortage, as some people parked blocks away at the Baird Street public parking spots between the Reporter-Telegram and First United Methodist Church. They walked to Centennial Plaza, joining the crowd to watch fireworks, listen to live music and patronize local food trucks and trailers at the Star-Spangled Salute. It was one of the rare times Centennial Plaza was not empty.

Still an opportunity

Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bobby Burns said Midlanders do want a first-class city and an improved downtown that provides a "work, live and play" atmosphere.

"As a result, it's just a matter of leadership stepping up now to deliver what they demand," Burns said.

The current leader of Midland, Mayor Jerry Morales, said there is a need for the city — the owner of seven downtown buildings — to keep up with the momentum of downtown revitalization that the private sector has accomplished.

"We know Midland Center is outdated, Centennial Plaza is so-so, and there's the vacant county courthouse," Morales said. "So can we create, and have the city help with the vision, this dynamic, vibrant downtown with a 15-hour day? I think there's still opportunity and I think the city has to be a part of it."

Todd Brown is a local food trailer entrepreneur who shares the vision of a a vibrant downtown with a selection of things to do, and wants to be part of downtown revitalization efforts.

On Friday, Brown set up behind the former Midland County Courthouse several hours before the Star-Spangled Salute evening festivities began. Brown's food trailer isn't often parked downtown, unlike the army of food trucks that satisfy the daily lunch crowd on the downtown streets of Washington, D.C. or Los Angeles.

Feeding oilfield workers onsite or catering events, as Brown does, is more profitable for food truck entrepreneurs than going to downtown Midland, despite the passage of an ordinance in April that allows mobile vendors to stay at a downtown spot all day, but not all night.

"Food trucks are very instrumental," Brown said. "We need food trucks downtown. It's going to happen. It's projected in the next year to be a multi-billion dollar industry."

Bars, another staple of major metropolitan downtowns, are also few and far between in Midland. Bourbon St. DC, a Wednesday through Saturday beer and wine bar on Main Street, has seen a decline in business, primarily because of street closures from construction surrounding the establishment.

But that doesn't stop Hilda Armendariz, who co-owns Bourbon St. DC with her husband, Mercelino Armendariz, from thinking that more choices are better downtown. Furthermore, she thinks once Wall Street Lofts are completed next door, it may bring in more customers to her bar.

"People go to Dallas, they go to San Antonio because there's more to see and do," Armendariz said last week. "That's what we need in Midland, especially with the new population. We're getting more people in; let's keep them here."

Armendariz has lived in Midland for a long time and agrees that having a more urbanized downtown could have negative consequences — such as increased traffic and crime — but she said Midland has to change.

Armendariz's optimism for downtown Midland prompted her to contemplate what she could do to improve the bar. She is considering a liquor license and establishing a game room. And if Energy Towers were to be built across the street, Armendariz said she would think of doing renovations to match up with the upscale, cosmopolitan lifestyle that the large development could promote.

"Now, we'll be on the map instead of people knowing (Midland is) 20 miles out of Odessa," Armendariz said. "People know Odessa more than Midland and I think we need to get up there — movin' on up like 'The Jeffersons.'"

Several council members, including Sparks and Lacy, are waiting to see what will happen with the retail space on the first floor of Wall Street Lofts, because that will gauge how future downtown development will turn out. The lofts have two 2,500-square-foot spaces that can be split into smaller units. Developers have previously said they have between 15 and 20 businesses interested in leasing the retail space.

Another indication of Midland's development future is the demand for the lofts themselves. The waiting list for one of the one- or two-bedroom units is beyond 200 names, developers previously said. Developers have expressed an interest in building another downtown apartment complex.

Unlike west and south Midland, downtown Midland's role is still unclear. And because downtown skylines or landmarks are how people identify cities, Midland has an identity crisis.

"We're getting such an influx of new residents that are moving from cities that have vibrant downtowns, so there's that segment of the population that wants a nice downtown," Sharp said. "But then we have to be considerate of the folks that have been here for a long time and are used to a sleepy Midland and are upset with the growth."

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NEW YORK

Nonprofits help dying make farewell videos

SCARSDALE — Carolyn Ngbokoli doesn't remember the sound of her mother's voice. She was just 19 when her mom died, and no recordings were left.

Now Ngbokoli, 37, faces the possibility of her own early death — from breast cancer. But she has made sure that her sons, 4 and 6 years old, can see how she loved them, hear how she spoke to them and be reminded of her advice to them long after she's gone.

With the no-cost help of an organization called Thru My Eyes, Ngbokoli, of White Plains, recorded a video of memories and guidance.

"I want to be able to tell my boys as much as I can and leave them something to look back on," she said.

Leaving a farewell video isn't new — Michael Keaton did it in a 1993 movie called "My Life" — but it is evolving beyond the version in which a dying person talks to an unmanned camera on a tripod or spends hundreds of dollars for a videographer who also records weddings and bar mitzvahs.

Thru My Eyes, based in Scarsdale, and Memories Live, of Milburn, New Jersey, are among the nonprofits filling a niche in which people with terminal diagnoses — usually cancer-stricken parents with young children — get emotional as well as technical support, for free.

WASHINGTON

First lady bucks GOP on school lunch rules

First ladies typically avoid getting into public scraps, but Michelle Obama has jumped into perhaps her biggest battle yet.

She's fighting House Republicans effort to soften a central part of her prized anti-childhood obesity campaign and said she's ready "to fight until the bitter end."

Obama even mocked the GOP effort in an opinion column and argued her case on Twitter.

"Remember a few years ago when Congress declared that the sauce on a slice of pizza should count as a vegetable in school lunches?" she wrote in The New York Times. "You don't have to be a nutritionist to know that this doesn't make much sense. Yet we're seeing the same thing happening again with these new efforts to lower nutrition standards in our schools."

Obama lobbied largely behind the scenes four years ago for the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which requires more fruits, vegetables and whole grains in school meals, along with less sodium, sugar and fat. It was a major achievement, the first update to school lunch rules in decades designed to make school meals more nutritious.

The School Nutrition Association, an industry-backed group that represents school cafeteria workers and originally supported the standards, has now turned against them. The association said it fully supports getting kids to eat healthier but said many districts are losing money because students aren't buying the healthier lunches.

More than 1 million fewer students eat lunch at school each day since the first round of standards went into effect in 2012, following decades of steadily increasing participation, said Diane Pratt-Heavner, a spokeswoman for the association, citing federal data. A second round of rules, including standards for school breakfasts, took effect July 1.

"How can we call these standards a success when they are driving students away from the program?" she said.

Her group wants more flexibility for districts that are losing money. A House bill to fund the Agriculture Department next year would give districts a chance to apply to skip the requirements for one year.

MICHIGAN

Family maintains hold on pit-spitting contest

EAU CLAIRE — When it comes to pit-spitting in southwestern Michigan, it's tough to beat the Krause family, who on Saturday maintained their dominance in the 41st International Cherry Pit-Spitting Championship.

Brian Krause took top honors with a distance of 80 feet, 8 inches, said Monica Teichman, who runs the market at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire, just north of the Indiana state line.

Coming in second this year was Brian's father, Rick, with a spitting distance of 77 feet, 7 1/2 inches. Kevin Bartz took third with 64 feet, 8 inches.

Last year's big winner was Matt "BB Gun" Krause with a distance of 41 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

The Krause family has won 26 of 41 of the contests since farm owner Herb Teichman launched the tournament in 1974 as a lark — but also to mark the region's tart cherry harvest.

Brian Krause holds the record spit of 93 feet, 6 1/2 inches, set in 2003.

More than 100 people tried to qualify Saturday for the championship round.

A strong breeze may have accounted for the long distances after organizers changed the direction of the spitting, Monica Teichman said.

"We had some really good spits here," she added. "The breeze felt good, but ... it wasn't good for the spitting. We needed to change because we would have been spitting into the wind."



AP file photo

In this April 2012 photo provided by Jenny Hubbard, her daughter Catherine Hubbard hugs their dog Sammy at their home in Newtown, Conn. Despite her tragic death in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012, Catherine's dream of helping animals is close to becoming a reality. By early August, the state is expected to finalize transferring 34.4 acres of the former Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown to the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation Inc., which is raising money to fund the new Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary.

Newtown victim's animal shelter dream set to become a reality

By Susan Haigh
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Before she was killed in the Newtown school massacre, 6-year-old Catherine Violet Hubbard raised money from returnable bottles and cans to buy bones for dogs at the pound and designed business cards for an imaginary animal shelter, listing herself as "caretaker."

Her pretend animal shelter is now on track to become a reality as the state prepares to transfer 34 acres of a former psychiatric facility to a foundation raising money to build an animal sanctuary to honor the life of the little girl who was one of 20 first-graders killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

"It was just in her soul," said Jenny Hubbard, describing her late daughter's love of animals. "She didn't care if it was fuzzy or slimy."

Plans for the sanctuary in her name include a shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs, a refuge for farm and work animals, and a rescue and release program for injured, native wildlife. Plans also include a state-of-the-art veterinarian clinic and a welcome center where educational programs will be held. The goal is to open the main building in Newtown in 2016.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy recently signed legislation instructing the Department of Agriculture to convey the state land to the private Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation set up by her parents. Several steps remain before Attorney General George Jepsen can sign off on the final transfer.

For Jenny Hubbard and her husband, Matt, who each have business backgrounds and wrote the sanctuary's business plan, the project has been both a healing and humbling experience. They've been amazed by the outpouring of support To date, $800,000 has been donated, even though formal fundraising efforts have not yet begun. Various professionals, from veterinarians to a Newtown architectural firm PH Architects, have donated their services.

"We remind ourselves every day there are kids murdered across the country and not everybody has the opportunity to do this for their child's life," Jenny Hubbard said.

A mistaken Google search ultimately led to the idea for the sanctuary. Tasked with the unimaginable job of writing their 6-year-old's obituary, the Hubbards decided to ask people to donate money in lieu of flowers to the local animal control center.

But as a friend looked up the address, they instead discovered The Animal Center, a small, nonprofit group of volunteers who provide foster homes to stray cats and dogs until permanent homes can be found. Harmony Verna, the group's vice president, remembers getting a call from the Hubbards, asking if the center would mind being listed in Catherine's obituary. Within two weeks, $150,000 had been donated in the little girl's name.

Given the large sum, Verna said she felt the Hubbards needed to have a say in how the money was spent. Verna shared with the couple The Animal Center's dream of someday opening an animal sanctuary, a place where all kinds of animals could find a healing place and have nothing to fear.

"I'll tell you, like this energy entered the room and they looked at us and said, 'That's it,'" Verna said. "This would have been her dream."

Word then spread about the sanctuary and Catherine's dream. Last November, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals posthumously honored Catherine with its Kid of the Year award, saying the girl "had a natural ability to connect and care for animals."

Jenny Hubbard says the sanctuary project has brought the family hope.

"We know that what we're doing is honoring Catherine and it's about Catherine. And that alone has helped us stay connected to her memory and honoring her life," she said. "We have said from the very onset of this, we were not going to be defined by the two minutes of evil that took her life."

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Friday
■ Family Friday: Artful Words and Storytelling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.
■ Science class "Powered by Energy" at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Saturday
■ Midland Nature 101: Butterflies, 9-11 a.m., Sibley Nature Center, I-20 Wildlife Preserve and CAF Water-Wise Garden. 853-9453
■ Old Settlers Reunion in downtown Stanton. 934-5520
■ West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.
■ TallTownes Backyard BBQ at KD's BBQ. talltownes.com.

Meetings this week

City Council
9 a.m. Monday
Basement conference room
300 N. Loraine St.

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

MISD
5:30 p.m. Monday
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m. Monday
Distance Learning Center
Greenwood High School

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

Support group today

Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031

Community calendar

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Diabetes and Nutrition Learning Center is hosting a free prediabetes class 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.
■ The 81st annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion is set for Saturday. The reunion begins at 10 a.m. with a parade through downtown Stanton and concludes with a dance at the Martin County Community Center.
A free hamburger lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. at the community center, and supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. at the center. Supper tickets are $10 each.
For more information, call 432-934-5520.

Water usage

(Includes deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, T-Bar Ranch and Paul Davis well fields)
June 23: 18,520,000
June 24: 18,851,000
June 25: 22,049,000
June 26: 19,339,000
June 27: 20,792,000
June 28: 23,504,000
Sunday: 23,534,000
Monday: 21,398,000

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.
Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.
Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.
Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.
The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.
Use of water to fill, refill or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight beginning on their designated watering days.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-7-7
Pick 3 day: 6-9-7
Pick 3 evening: 0-0-7
Pick 3 night: 5-4-0
Daily 4 morning: 0-9-2-0
Daily 4 day: 3-3-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 3-8-1-4
Daily 4 night: 8-0-3-5
Cash Five: 1-5-21-23-32
Lotto Texas: 2-25-30-35-41-47
Powerball: 24-34-36-57-58 PB: 11 Power Play: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-7-8-10-11-12-16-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-6-7-10-12-14-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-6-8-10-11-14-15-16-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-8-12-14-15-16-18-19-20-22-23 - 24

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robust local economy, said Angel White, a regional manager.

The company is family-owned, but George Lou is the co-owner who oversees Midland's location. And when Lou visited the area to ensure it would be a good fit to open a boutique, he found that Midland has more to offer than just a booming economy, White said during an interview last month.

"Everybody here was very friendly," she said.

Additionally, the company noticed a lack of competitors it would encounter in this area, White said.

"You guys don't really have anything like this here," she said. "With the population growing, it's a great opportunity to have a business here."

Other local stores — such as Victoria's Secret, Soma Intimates and Pennyrich Bra & Lingerie Shop — also sell women's lingerie, but White said Cindie's is different because it provides everything necessary "to set your whole mood for romance... (but) not to the point of tackiness."

The goal is to provide a pleasant atmosphere for shoppers, she said. Lingerie, role-play costumes and other clothing are offered in several sizes, from extra-small to six-extra large.

"Every woman wants to look beautiful," White said. "We are there to help them with that."

Men are not discouraged from shopping at the store. It's common for husbands to purchase anniversary gifts from Cindie's, she said.

"It's cute when they come in," White said. "They go home and get rewarded for a great anniversary present."

About Cindie's

Business: Cindie's
Address: 4610 N. Garfield St., Suites A4-5
Hours: 9 a.m.-midnight Monday-Saturday
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sundays
Grand opening: This month (no date set)
Employees: 7
General manager: Melissa Luevano
Founded: Houston, July 1994



Cale Ottens/Reporter-Telegram

Cindie's, Houston-based lingerie store, begins stocking the new Midland store set to open this month.

Challenges

Luevano, though anxious for Midland's boutique to finally open, said she feared she wouldn't find enough workers. White, who lives in Killeen, said she would have to move to Midland to help Luevano run the store.

"When you have a help-wanted sign on every corner, people have a lot more to choose from," White said. "Other cities are flooded with resumes but Midland wasn't."

Many applicants were hesitant to work for Cindie's, she said, because they had never heard of it.

To entice enough people to join the company, Cindie's offers higher wages in Midland than almost any other market, White said.

The cost to rent space also surprised the company. Despite Midland being only a fraction of the size of other major cities, like Houston, rental rates are just as high in the Tall City.

Typically, most would expect the cost to rival those in Killeen, for example, because the cities are roughly the same size. But that's not the case, White said.

History

Founded exactly 20 years ago this month, Cindie's opened its first boutique in Houston.

The family-owned operation proved to be something Texans wanted in 1994, so Cindie's expanded almost immediately thereafter.

"In the beginning, it exploded," White said.

Today, there are 25 stores throughout the Lone Star State, Louisiana and the Pacific Northwest.

Two locations — one in Baton Rouge and the other in Lubbock — opened last year.

Future plans

Lou and Robert Hunter, the other co-owners, hope to keep growing the Cindie's brand, White said.

New locations would likely be added in the general areas where Cindie's already exists, she said. The company plans to open its first boutique in San Antonio later this month.

No other official plans are in place at this time, White said.

MORALS

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bad thing, Lacy said.

Even if some Midlanders oppose the idea of businesses such as Tilted Kilt and Cindie's, Lacy said he supports free market enterprise and welcomes new businesses. Odessa also has "family values," he said.

"We need to be a little more open-minded here in Midland," Lacy said.

Meanwhile, Mark Hanby, Tilted Kilt's senior vice president, said his company's restaurants throughout North America offer an unbeatable audio-visual package for sports viewing and "it's not just about the costume."

Tilted Kilt, based in Tempe, Arizona, is investing $3.5 million to build a pub in Midland, Hanby said. The restaurant, now in the process of acquiring its building permit, is slated to sit at 1119 Deauville Blvd., near the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

The pub will offer 30 craft beers on tap and a full menu. Families are welcome, Hanby said, adding every Tilted Kilt provides highchairs in-store.

The "sexy pub girl costume" is "all in good fun," he said, hoping it doesn't deter Midlanders from trying the restaurant.

"Midland kind of makes sense. You have the whole component of the oil fields. We want to be there," he said. "I hope they'll give us a chance."

The Tall City's first Tilted Kilt location is tentatively scheduled to open in late September or early October.



Courtesy photo

Female servers at the Tilted Kilt restaurant chain reveal bare midriffs and wear short kilts. Tilted Kilt, based in Tempe, Arizona, is investing $3.5 million to build a pub in Midland. The restaurant, now in the process of acquiring its building permit, is slated to sit at 1119 Deauville Blvd., near the Scharbauer Sports Complex. It is tentatively scheduled to open in late September or early October.

Cindie's, on the other hand, is expected to open later this month. The lingerie shop requires customers to be at least 18 years old to enter but co-owner George Lou said last month the store is comprised mostly of lingerie and clothing items. Sex toys make up less than 10 percent of the inventory, he said.

Lou said he believes the public will enjoy the store once it opens. The boutique is tucked inside the Colonnade at Polo Park shopping center near Garfield Street and Loop 250.

The only reason Midland has not had other businesses like Tilted Kilt or Cindie's is because similar chains simply haven't tried to expand into the Tall City, according to Mayor Jerry Morales.

It is not the role of government to hinder business growth in the city, Morales said, also showing his support of the free market.

"At the end of the day, if it's not a good business it won't last," Morales said.

Furthermore, the city is very business-friendly and is receptive to new companies, the mayor said.

"Midlanders are looking for something new and refreshing," he said. "It's fun and exciting (but) we still have our hometown favorites we still love."

Differing perspectives emerged in the wake of recent news about Tilted Kilt and Cindie's, prompting opposing online petitions.

One petition, "Keep Midland TX wholesome for families," was created by Azcarate last month.

Azcarate, a mother of five, said she plans to present her petition to City Council after it gets 1,000 signatures. She is urging residents to demand that the city prevent "unwholesome" businesses from coming to Midland.

"Christians have grown lukewarm. They've accepted what's wrong with this world," she said. "We need to stop running from this and face it head on. This is war."

Days later, another petition — "Let Midland Adults Keep the Freedom to Choose" — was posted on ipetitions.com. Neither petition, however, had substantial support within the first week of becoming public.

For now, city leaders say Midland has not strayed from its historical reputation.

"Midland is still the beautiful and wonderful city I grew up in," Morales said.

Burns, who served three terms as mayor, echoed the current mayor's statements but also pointed out that some values change over time.

"It's a very conservative community. Having a family atmosphere is what we want," Burns said. "We hope as Midland grows, we maintain that culture but we'll see what the future holds."

Senate majority could rest on the sage grouse

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

DENVER — An obscure, chicken-sized bird best known for its mating dance could help determine whether Democrats or Republicans control the U.S. Senate in November.

The federal government is considering listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered species next year. Doing so could limit development, energy exploration, hunting and ranching on the 165 million acres of the bird's habitat across 11 Western states.

Apart from the potential economic disruption, which some officials in Western states discuss in tones usually reserved for natural disasters, the specter of the bird's listing is reviving the centuries-old debates about local vs. federal control and whether to develop or conserve the region's vast expanses of land.

Two Republican congressmen running for the U.S. Senate in Montana and Colorado, Steve Daines and Cory Gardner, are co-sponsoring legislation that would prevent the federal government from listing the bird for a decade as long as states try to protect it.

"Montanans want locally driven solutions," Daines said in an interview. "They don't want bureaucrats thousands of miles away in Washington, D.C., dictating what should happen."

Environmentalists and the two Democratic senators being challenged, John Walsh in Montana and Mark Udall in Colorado, oppose the idea. They say they don't want a listing, either, but that the threat of one is needed to push states to protect the bird.

"A bill like what some in the House are proposing that would delay listing the bird would actually undermine locally driven efforts," said Udall spokesman Mike Saccone.

The greater sage grouse is described in the journals of explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and it once roamed widely across the massive sagebrush plateaus of the West's interior.

The bird is perhaps best known for its unusual springtime mating dance, during which it puffs its bulbous chest and emits odd warbles. But livestock grazing eroded the bristly plant that the bird depends upon, development chopped up its habitat and energy exploration erected towers that chased it away from its home range.

Rachel Carson warned in 1962 of the bird's possible demise in "Silent Spring," her classic environmental book.

Three environmental groups sued to force the federal government to protect the bird after the government declined to list it as endangered in 2005. In a 2010 settlement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to decide on listing by September 2015.

A major factor will be whether the federal, state and local landowners whose land it inhabits protect the grouse. Many environmental groups say the bird is a stand-in for a vanishing Western ecosystem that needs preserving.

"This is the great landscape of America, when you travel west and see open spaces. This is all the stuff you grew up watching on television," said Randi Spivak of the Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Arizona, one of the groups that sued to force grouse protection. "And that land has been drilled, subdivided."

Industry groups and state governments worry about the cost.

A study by the Western Energy Alliance, a Denver-based trade organization of independent oil and gas producers, estimates that from 5,000 to 31,000 jobs could be lost should the federal government take steps to protect the grouse.

Kathleen Sgamma, the group's vice president of government and public affairs, said that as the federal government starts to draw up protections, energy leases are being deferred, drilling projects shut down and bureaucratic hurdles raised to any kind of development in the bird's range.

"It's another issue that's slowing economic growth and job development in the West," Sgamma said.

Local officials are alarmed, too. Udall and other Colorado lawmakers pushed for the Obama administration to delay a decision on a far less prevalent species, the Gunnison sage grouse, until after the November elections. Federal land managers have already declared more than 400,000 acres off-limits to development to protect that bird. The Western Governors Association last month urged the federal government to defer to states on protecting the bird.

The administration announced last month that it would spend $32 million over 10 years helping ranchers in Nevada and California preserve the bird's habitat.

Industry leaders and environmental groups agree that the grouse can be protected without serious economic damage. Some point to Wyoming, the state with the greatest amount of both energy exploration and grouse, which has put in place a plan to conserve the bird's core habitat.

"It's based on sound science, and helps us advance meaningful conservation of the species," said Jeriniah Rieman, energy and natural resources policy director for Gov. Matt Mead, R-Wyo.

Gardner, the Republican congressman from Colorado, and others opposed to a listing, also point to Wyoming as an example of why states should take the lead. "The states are working right now very diligently," Gardner said. "Once you list it, there's sort of a wall that comes down between people."

But environmentalists say the proposal amounts to a needless delay. Even Democrats who argue the federal government should defer to states don't support the Republican legislation.

Gov. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., has warned against listing the bird and led a task force of Western governors who are trying to deal with the issue. A spokesman said Hickenlooper doesn't support the legislation because it lacks adequate bipartisan support.

TODAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny
High: 95 Low: 72	High: 95 Low: 75	High: 97 Low: 75	High: 95 Low: 75	High: 94 Low: 74	High: 94 Low: 73

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 95 and south winds between south wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 72 and south winds between 5 to 10 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 95 south wind between 5 to 10 mph. Expect clear conditions at night, with a low around 75 and south winds around 10 mph.

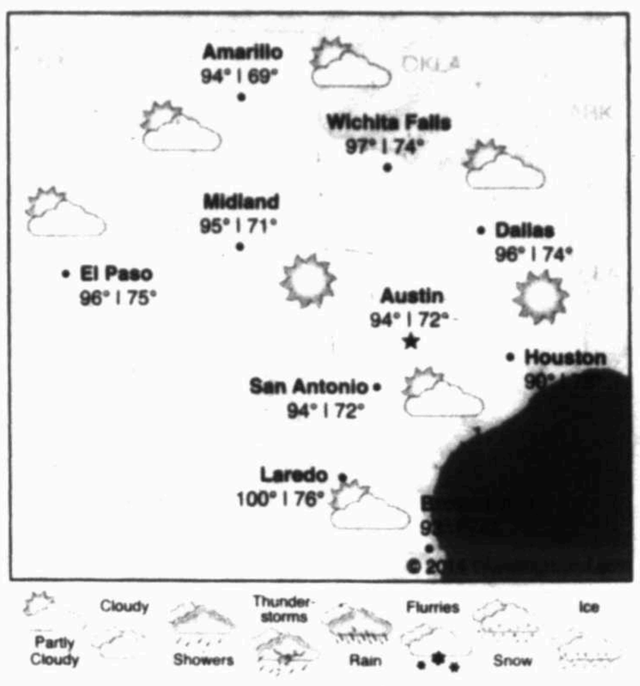
Tuesday, the forecast calls for a high of 97 during the day and mostly clear conditions at night with a low around 75.

The high on Saturday reached 95, while the low dropped to 69. The record high for July 5 is 104 set in 1971. The record low is 60 set in 1972.

National forecast

High pressure will hang on for the end of the holiday weekend across the Northeast, allowing for more beautiful weather and sunshine today from Maine through the Mid-Atlantic states.

Another storm system will be close by as a front dips down from a low-pressure area in Canada. This system will bring showers and thunderstorms across the Upper Midwest and across the Great Lakes.



Precipitation

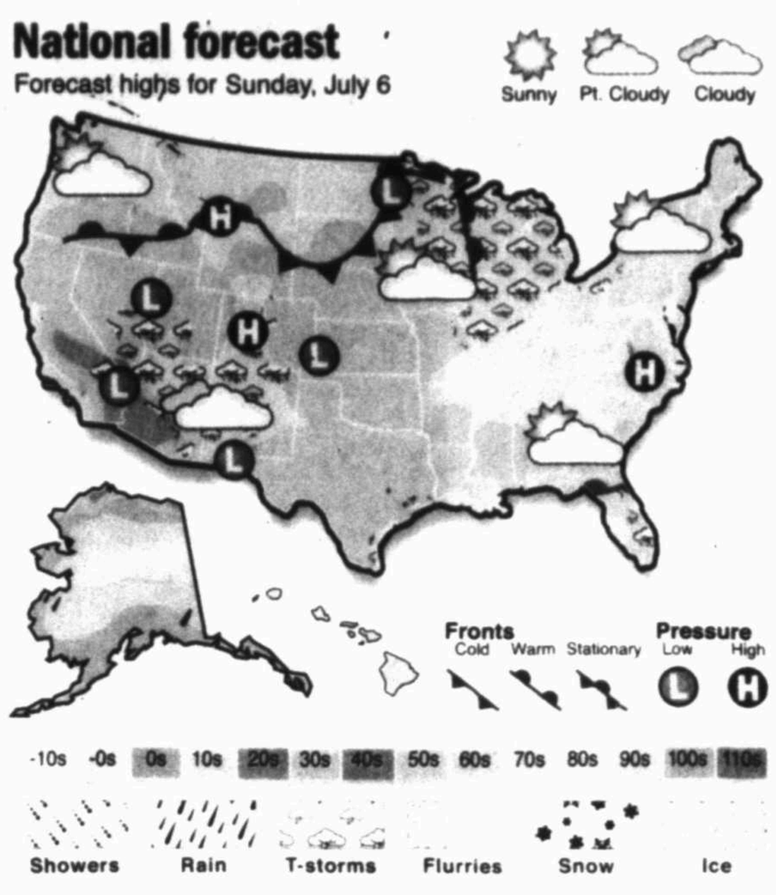
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	3.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.36 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	95
Low	69
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:48 a.m.
Sunset	5:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, July 6



Only road onto NC island reopening after Hurricane Arthur

By Emery P. Dalesio
Associated Press

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. — North Carolina's popular beach towns began returning to the business of recreation Saturday, after Arthur lashed the state's coast with forceful winds and heavy rain and then churned northward without leaving a trail of significant damage.

Arthur was downgraded to a tropical storm early Saturday, but the storm's near-hurricane strength winds slammed into Canada's maritime provinces, causing about 250,000 customers to lose power. The storm has caused flight cancellations and delays at the region's largest airport in Halifax, while flooding some local roads in New Brunswick.

New England was largely spared from damage spawned by the storm, but some 19,000 people in Maine and 1,600 in Vermont were without power after high winds and heavy rains pounded the region. There were reports of localized flooding in coastal areas of Massachusetts and the Nova Star Ferry suspended service Friday and Saturday morning because of dangerous seas. No injuries or deaths have been reported.

The hurricane's effects in North Carolina were mostly confined to Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, and some vacationers were already back on beaches to the north and south on Friday. But the ocean churned by Arthur remained dangerous Saturday with the risk of rip currents able to wash the strongest swimmer to sea. That didn't stop thousands of people from enjoying the sun and sand and leaving lifeguards to remind beachgoers of the danger.

"We're going to try to keep people out of the water and keep them safe," said David Elder, lifeguard supervisor for the town of Kill Devil Hills. "However, if conditions abate, I'd be glad to drop" the no-swimming warning. More than 600 of the 700 lifeguard rescues by Elder's department last year were required because of rip currents, he said.

The only road onto Hatteras Island was reopened to all traffic on Saturday afternoon, hours after permanent residents were first allowed to return. The island had been closed to visitors since early Thursday. With many weeklong cottage rentals running Saturday to Saturday, local businesses were hoping to salvage the second half of the holiday weekend.

A small section of fragile North Carolina Highway 12 buckled after being submerged by churning waters during the Category 2 hurricane. Officials also tested the 2-mile-long Bonner Bridge onto the island to ensure it was safe for traffic. The road also suffered extensive flooding in some areas and officials warned drivers to watch for pockets of sand on the highway.

Farther south, Ocracoke Island's electricity distribution system was badly damaged by Arthur, leading officials to order residents to quit using air conditioners and water heaters so that generator-supplied power could provide refrigeration and other necessities during a cycle of planned outages. A nightly curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. was declared until power was fully restored. Vacationers were being coaxed to leave with the offer of free ferry rides out.

Parts of Rodanthe and Salvo were flooded on Friday across nearly the entire width of Hatteras Island from the ocean to the sound. Trailers toppled in campgrounds where they were left, pictures from a Coast Guard helicopter that flew over the island showed.

Josh Fiscus was still cleaning up the mess at his Salvo home Saturday.

"We had about two feet of water here in my garage," he said.

Jackson Whitley, 14, was back to another day of picking up wind-blown debris and fallen tree limbs from around his family's Buxton home much as he did Friday. Apart from the lack of normal summertime crowds, he said streets were pretty much back to normal.

Linda Savage, 65, said she and a neighbor collected a small refrigerator and a trash can with lid intact left behind by flood waters about three feet deep. The flooding rose almost to the front door of her Salvo home without seeping inside, but Arthur's winds of almost 100 mph caused other damage.

"I lost a tremendous amount of shingles from my roof," Savage said.

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What's making US economy a world beater? 5 factors

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press



Richard Drew/AP

Trader Peter Tuchman jokes with a handmade "Dow 17,000" cap as he works Tuesday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Five full years after a devastating recession officially ended, the economy is finally showing the vigor that Americans have long awaited. In June 2014, employers added 288,000 jobs, reducing the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent, the lowest since September 2008.

WASHINGTON — How does the U.S. economy do it?

Europe is floundering. China faces slower growth. Japan is struggling to sustain tentative gains.

Yet the U.S. job market is humming, and the pace of economic growth is steadily rising. Five full years after a devastating recession officially ended, the economy is finally showing the vigor that Americans have long awaited.

Last month, employers added 288,000 jobs and helped reduce the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent, the lowest since September 2008. June capped a five-month stretch of 200,000-plus job gains — the first in nearly 15 years.

After having shrunk at a 2.9 percent annual rate from January through March — largely because of a brutal winter — the U.S. economy is expected to grow at a healthy 3 percent pace the rest of the year.

Here are five reasons the United States is outpacing other major economies:

An aggressive central bank

"The Federal Reserve acted sooner and more aggressively than other central banks in keeping rates low," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group.

In December 2008, the Fed slashed short-term interest rates to near zero and has kept them there. Ultra-low loan rates have made it easier for individuals and businesses to borrow and spend. The Fed also launched three bond-buying programs meant to reduce long-term rates.

By contrast, the European Central Bank has been slower to respond to signs of economic distress among the 18 nations that share the euro currency. The ECB actually raised rates in 2011 — the same year the eurozone sank back into recession.

It's worth keeping in mind that the Fed has two mandates: To keep prices stable and to maximize employment. The ECB has just one mandate: To guard against high inflation. The Fed was led during and after the Great Recession by Ben Bernanke, a student of the Great Depression who was determined to avoid a repeat of the 1930s' economic collapse.

Janet Yellen, who succeeded Bernanke as Fed chair this year, has continued his emphasis on nursing the U.S. economy back to health after the recession of 2007-2009 with the help of historically low rates.

Stronger banks

The United States moved faster than Europe to restore its banks' health after the financial crisis of 2008-2009. The U.S. government bailed out the financial system and subjected big banks to stress tests in 2009 to reveal their financial strength. By showing the banks to be surprisingly healthy, the stress tests helped restore confidence in the U.S. financial system.

Banks gradually started lending again. European banks are only now undergoing stress tests, and the results won't be out until fall. In the meantime, Europe's banks lack confidence. They fear that other banks are holding too many bad loans and that Europe is vulnerable to another crisis. So they aren't lending much.

In the United States, overall bank lending is up nearly 4 percent in the past year. Lending to business has jumped 10 percent.

In the eurozone, lending has dropped 3.7 percent overall, according to figures from the Institute of International Finance. Lending to business is off 2.5 percent. (The U.S. figures are for the year ending in mid-June; the European figures are from May.)

A more flexible economy

Economists saod Japan and Europe need to undertake reforms to make their economies more flexible — more, in other words, like America's.

Europe needs to lift wage restrictions that prevent employers from cutting pay (rather than eliminating jobs) when times are bad. It could also rethink welfare and retirement programs that discourage people from working and dismantle policies that protect favored businesses and block innovative newcomers, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has argued.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has proposed reforms meant to make the Japanese economy more competitive. He wants to expand child care so more women can work, replace small inefficient farms with more large-scale commercial farms and allow more foreign migrant workers to fill labor shortages in areas such as nursing and construction.

Yet his proposals face fierce opposition.

"Europe and Japan remain less well-positioned for durable long-term growth, as they have only recently begun to tackle their deep-rooted structural problems, and a lot remains to be done," says Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University.

China is struggling to manage a transition from an economy based on exports and often wasteful investment in real estate and factories to a sturdier but likely slower-growing economy based on more consumer spending.

Less budget cutting

Weighed down by debt, many European countries took an ax to swelling budget deficits. They slashed pension benefits, raised taxes and cut civil servants' wages. The cuts devastated several European economies. They led to 27 percent unemployment in Greece, 14 percent in Portugal and 25 percent in Spain. The United States has done some budget cutting, too, and raised taxes. But U.S. austerity hasn't been anywhere near as harsh.

A roaring stock market

The Fed's easy-money policies ignited a world-beating U.S. stock market rally. Over the past five years, U.S. stocks have easily outpaced shares in Europe, Japan and Hong Kong. That was one of Bernanke's goals in lowering rates. He figured that miserly fixed-income rates would nudge investors into stocks in search of higher returns. Higher stock prices would then make Americans feel more confident and more willing to spend — the so-called wealth effect.

Most economists agree it's worked.

Performer drapes, lights firecrackers on body

Associated Press

COOPERSVILLE, Mich. — John Fletcher gets a bang out of firecrackers — especially those he wraps around himself.

The 51-year-old Michigan performer's act includes setting off 10,500 firecrackers attached to his body. The Detroit News reported Saturday.

"I guess I'm a little nuts," said Fletcher, who goes by the name Ghengis John the Human Firecracker. "I got a little bit of 'Hey, look at me.'"

He performed last weekend before 300 people and four firefighters at a motorcycle rally in the western Michigan town of Coopersville. It was one in a string of shows that Fletcher said would be his last.

He has yet to keep those promises.

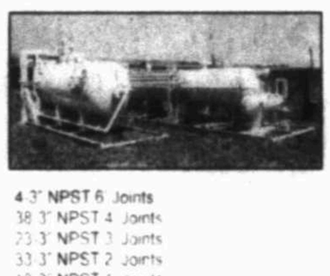
"He's getting too old," Sharon Warner, a friend of Fletcher's, told the newspaper. "I've been telling him that a long time."

Fletcher said that over 16 years, he has set off 600,000 firecrackers attached to his body. His ribs have been fractured 17 times and once Fletcher said he was knocked unconscious. He also has been burned.

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From big to giant: Big TVs start to take off

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Supersized isn't just for french fries.

Americans are increasingly replacing their once-enviable 50-inch TVs with even bigger screens. Think: 65-inches and up.

People are snagging big screens — pushing sales of them up 50 percent in the past year while overall TV sales have faltered. As prices fall, hardcore TV watchers and video gamers are finding sets affordable that a few years ago would have been playthings for wealthier people.

Jarvis Jackson, for instance, plans to spend up to $1,500 for a 65-inch TV with Internet capability. Jackson, who lives in Birmingham, Alabama, said he'll scale back on dining out and postpone other purchases to make room in his budget.

"You definitely can tell the difference between a 55-inch and a larger size TV," said Jackson. "To get the right TV is important, especially when football season is coming up."

Shoppers like Jackson are being enticed by new technologies, such as Internet capability that allows Netflix streaming, and Ultra HD screens, which offer a sharper picture.

Falling prices have also made big screens more accessible to the average person: TV prices overall have fallen 9 to 11 percent, and the average price of a 50-inch TV is down $75 from two years ago to $573, according to research firm NPD Group.

"TVs are more affordable than they've ever been, so a 'supersized' TV today is still far less expensive than smaller screens were three or four years ago," said Jamie Bastian, a spokeswoman for Target, which expanded its selection of big-screen TVs to include 70-inch versions this year, up from last year's 60-inch limit.

Although TVs 65 inches or bigger account for just 2 percent of sets sold, they're the bright spot in a market that has been slumping in part because more people are using tablets and cellphones to stream movies and TV shows.

Overall, TVs 50 inches and bigger accounted for 25 percent of the sets sold in the past 12 months, up from 14 percent in 2012. NPD expects the figure to reach 30 percent this year.

The advent of flat screens and high-definition television prompted a rush to upgrade a decade ago, but things such as 3-D TVs have failed to entice buyers in recent years. But experts say Ultra HD is a simple enough upgrade to gain widespread adoptjon in the next few years.

While overall TV sales have dropped as much as 10 percent annually since 2010, big-screen TVs have become the fastest growing category. During the year that ended April, 800,000 65-inch TVs or larger were sold, a 69 percent jump. That equated to a 50 percent increase to $1.6 billion in sales in a TV market totaling an estimated $18 billion.

Lower-income shoppers are accounting for a larger share of the supersized TVs. In the year that ended in April, 61 percent of TVs 60 inches or larger were purchased by shoppers with household incomes of $75,000 or less, up from 45 percent a year earlier, according to NPD.

Retailers are taking advantage of the demand. Amazon.com Inc. plans to feature some 100-inch models this year, while Chicago-based electronics store Abt is expanding its warehouse space by nearly 30 percent, partly to accommodate bigger TVs.

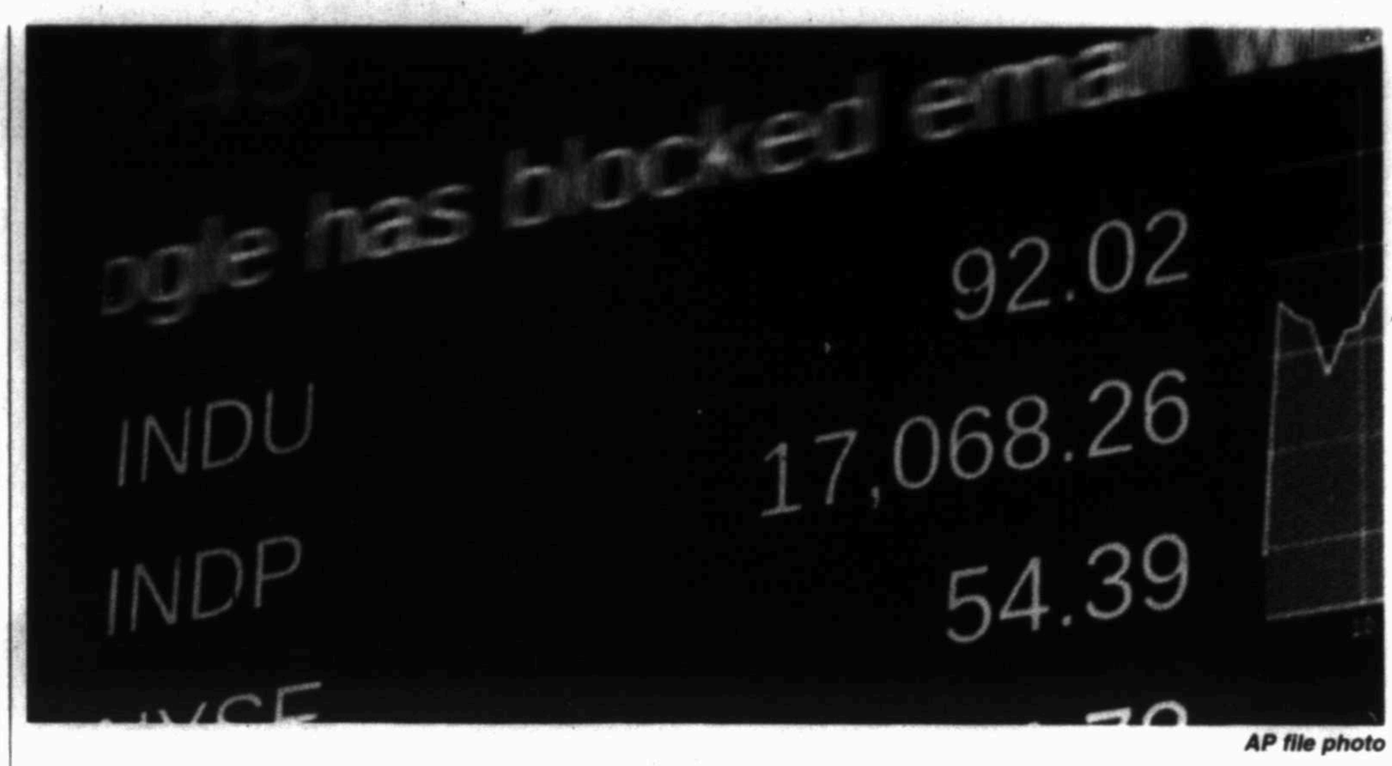
Best Buy is increasing its selection of 55-inch-plus TVs by 20 percent. But big-screen TVs come with hassles: Best Buy delivery people sometimes have to open the box on the customer's front lawn or go through a patio door because the box won't fit through a regular door. Best Buy said a 55-inch Samsung TV weighs 37 pounds whereas a 75-inch Samsung TV weighs 83 pounds.

"I don't think anyone would have estimated the appetite for the size of these TVs," said Luke Motschenbacher, director of Best Buy's TV business.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, is also beefing up its big-screens because of increasing customer demand. The retailer is allocating half of its TV wall to 50- to 60-inch TVs this year, up from about a third last year. It's also offering 80-inch TVs, including a $2,998 Vizio, in some stores. And Walmart.com is increasing its selection of stands to accommodate TVs over 60 inches.

This year, at Wal-Mart's Sam's Clubs, nearly half of the TVs will be at least 55 inches, up from about 30 percent last year. Last year, the biggest TV that Sam's Club sold in its stores was 80 inches. This year, it will sell 90-inch TVs in some locations.

Sam's Club CEO Rosalind Brewer said the trend is "counterintuitive" to the overall frugality it's seeing from members, who are switching to cheaper chicken from more expensive cuts of beef.



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Dow 101: The Dow and how it works

Associated Press

The Dow Jones industrial average, an index of 30 U.S. blue-chip stocks, is the oldest barometer of the stock market. On Thursday, it jumped above 17,000 for the first time in its 118-year history.

What is it?

The Dow is a group of 30 big corporations, nearly all of them household names, and its dips and jumps during the trading day reflect changes in their share prices. Its exclusive roster runs from American Express to Walt Disney. Other indexes, such as the Standard & Poor's 500, open their doors to many more companies, providing a better overall picture of the market's performance.

The Dow may not be the best measure, but the oldest index remains the best-known shorthand for the stock market.

Beginnings

In the late 19th century, following a number of bubbles and busts, most investors considered the stock market a dangerous place. Charles H. Dow created his index, in part, to make the market easier to understand.

The original Dow Jones industrial average had 12 big businesses, including American Cotton Oil, National Lead and Laclede Gas Light Co. Dow first published his average on May 26, 1896; later that year, The Wall Street Journal began running it in the daily paper.

A select group

The number of companies making up the index expanded to 20 in 1916 and then to 30 in 1928. The number has remained the same since then, though the cast of characters changes every few years. Last September, Goldman Sachs, Nike, and Visa replaced Alcoa, Hewlett-Packard and Bank of America.

Entry is restricted to a company that "has an excellent reputation, demonstrates sustained growth and is of interest to a large number of investors," according to the Dow's managers.

Longest-standing member

General Electric Co. is the only remaining original member. The industrial giant dropped out of the average for brief spells but returned for good in 1907.

Best days

The Dow's biggest point jump was on Oct. 13, 2008, when the average soared 936.42 points, or 11 percent, to close at 9,387.61. That followed the announcement of a European plan to bail out financial institutions.

Its biggest percentage jump was more than 15 percent when it reopened on March 15, 1933, during the Great Depression. The newly inaugurated President Franklin D. Roosevelt had shut down the banking system earlier that month. During this extended bank holiday, Congress passed a law to shore up the financial system and Roosevelt created the country's first insurance for bank deposits.

Worst days

The Dow's biggest point drop came on Sept. 29, 2008, when the average lost 777.68 points, or 7 percent. That was the day Congress rejected a plan by the George W. Bush administration to bail out the financial industry.

In percentage terms, the Dow's biggest drop was on Oct. 19, 1987, when it fell 508 points, or almost 23 percent, to close at 1,738.74. An overvalued stock market and expectations of rising interest rates combined with computerized trading to create that crash, known as Black Monday.

Record low

The Dow's lowest level was 28.48, reached on Aug. 8, 1896, two and a half months after the index was started.

Who owns it?

The Dow Jones industrial average is no longer run by Dow Jones, the media company that publishes The Wall Street Journal (Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. bought Dow Jones in 2007.) The index is calculated and published by S&P Dow Jones Indices, a joint venture company that is majority-owned by the publishing giant McGraw-Hill. CME Group and Dow Jones hold smaller stakes.

What moves

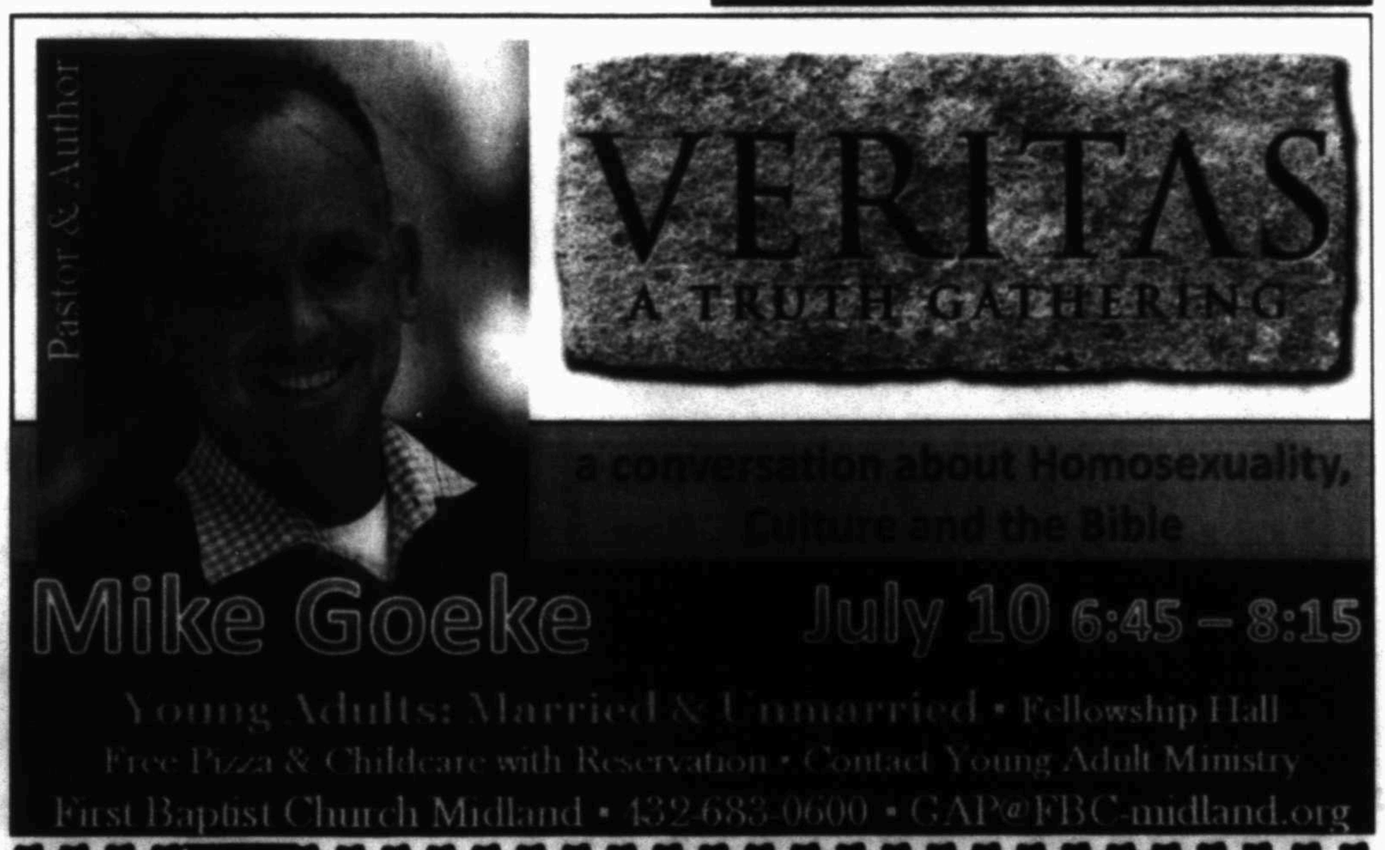
A $1 change in any Dow stock is equal to a move of 6.42 points for the Dow. In other words, if one blue chip rose $1, and the 29 other companies sat still, the Dow would increase 6.42 points.

Equal weight

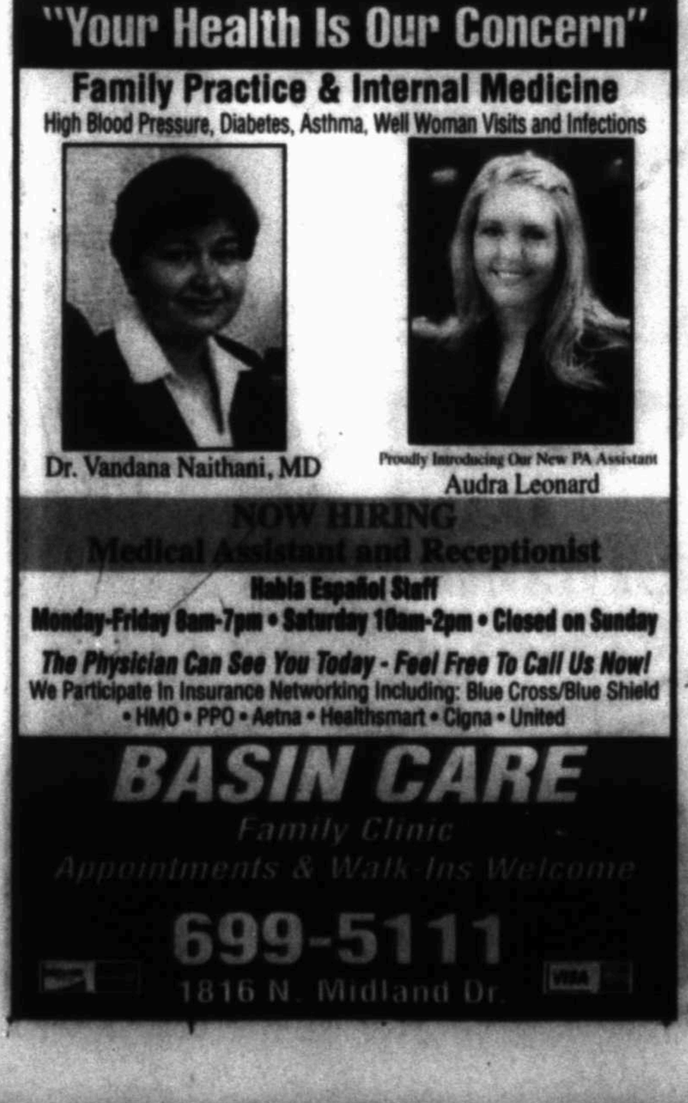
The Dow is a price-weighted index. Most other indexes account for a company's overall market value, which is found by multiplying the number of shares outstanding by the stock price. For the Dow, the price is all that matters. So, a $1 rise in the price of AT&T's stock will have the same impact on the index as a $1 gain for Nike, even though AT&T's value is worth more than two Nikes.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index accounts for a company's market value, making it a more accurate reflection of the market. As a result, mutual funds use it as a benchmark for their performance instead of the Dow.











Politicians hedge their bets despite positive numbers

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Does anyone in politics dare talk up the economy? Apparently not.

After five months of steady job growth and with unemployment hitting a six-year low, the reaction in Washington Thursday was a collective "Yeah, but ..."

Across the political spectrum, liberals and conservatives still found reason to despair and point fingers — a function of election-year politics, been-there-before skepticism and honest perceptions by many Americans that the recovery has yet to improve their lives.

Consider this from Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota: "Too many working families are still treading water. Our focus now must be on solutions that strengthen the middle class and give more hardworking Americans a fair shot by raising the minimum wage, making college more affordable, and investing in workforce training."

And this from Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus: "We're glad to see some Americans found work last month, but we can't rest until jobs are easy to find. That's why Republicans have passed dozens of jobs bills in the House of Representatives. Sadly, Democrats in Washington, D.C., have other priorities."

Even President Barack Obama, who would be eager to take credit for an economy on the mend, felt compelled to throw in a dampening caveat as he drew attention to the 288,000 jobs created in June, to the lower, 6.1 percent unemployment rate and to the fastest job growth since 1999.

"As much progress as has been made, there are still folks out there who are struggling," he said Thursday. "We still have not seen as much increase in income and wages as we'd like to see. A lot of folks are still digging themselves out of challenges that arose out of the Great Recession."

To be sure, there are real economic reasons to be wary, or at least not euphoric, over the most recent report.

The labor market remains weak, with a labor force participation rate stuck at 62.8 percent, the lowest since 1978. Construction jobs reached their highest level since June 2009 but are still more than 1.7 million jobs below their 2006 peak, according to an analysis of jobs numbers by the Associated General Contractors of America.

Moreover, hiring has tended to be predominantly in low-wage jobs, leading to stagnant wage growth, and the number of hours worked per week has not changed. Gains in paychecks are small enough that they can be wiped out by inflation. "The headline number masks the lingering structural weakness in the U.S. labor market," said Lindsey Piegza, a chief economist at the Sterne Agee brokerage house.

"Even if we saw June's rate of job growth every month from here on out, we still wouldn't get back to health in the labor market for another 2 1/2 years," said Heidi Shierholz of the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

More important, beyond those statistics, are public perceptions of the economy.

An Associated Press-GfK poll in May found that the share of those surveyed who called the economy "good" stood at 34 percent, while 65 percent described it as poor. That's about the same as it has been all year, though slightly above where it was during the partial government shutdown in October. Few expected improvement in the economy over the next 12 months, and more expected it to get worse.

The perceptions have a partisan hue, as well.

Economic confidence as measured by Gallup found Democrats had the highest and Republicans the lowest.

In the face of that, politicians are not likely to cheer an economic number.

"In the voting booth, economic perception beats economic statistics every time," said Republican pollster Whit Ayres.

What's more, Democrats and Republicans want to blame each other for not enacting policies they say would create more jobs. So Obama complains about Republicans not increasing the minimum wage and Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Obama has failed to lead on issues such as trade and workplace flexibility.

"In order for us to make real progress, the president must do more than criticize," Boehner said.

With the economy still emerging as the top issue of the day with a plurality of voters, each side will continue to brand the other as uncompromising obstructionists. And even if the economic trends show improvement, the fall campaign season may be coming too quickly to change the battleground.

"It takes a long time for economic statistics to be felt in people's pocketbooks," Ayres said. "It may be too late at this point to affect the political environment of the midterm elections."

Indeed, neither side has an incentive to tout much progress.

"For Republicans, the reality is that they are not going to want to give credit for anything that Obama should be credited for," said Ken Warren, a political scientist and pollster at St. Louis University. "As for Democrats, when the public feels some way in the polls and it's not going to play well, even the Democrats in this case would see a downside.

"To contradict what the people think can be perceived as liability."



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President Barack Obama stands next to a painting of "Uncle Sam" during a visit Thursday with workers at 1776, a hub for tech startups, in Washington. The president said job growth in June shows the recovery is taking hold, but the economy could still do better. He also urged Congress to work with him to help create more jobs.

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Active war wounded pushing medical science

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The blood is not the most jarring part of the photograph taken shortly after the bomb blew off Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Meyer's leg and hand.

It's his smile.

The bomb technician had asked a team member to take the picture. He knew his defiance in the face of death would keep his comrades going and ease the torment caused by what they had witnessed.

His attitude set the tone for the long journey the double amputee is taking along with nearly 2,000 troops who lost one or more limbs from combat injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It's also pushing military medicine to find better ways to accommodate such a large population of young, severely disabled combat veterans who want to maintain an active lifestyle. Many wear out their prosthetic limbs in a matter of months, doing everything from mountain climbing to running marathons.

With survival rates reaching historic highs during the two wars, the Naval Health Research Center is launching a major, six-year study on wounded warriors to track their quality of life and better understand the road to recovery.

So far, 1,500 people have signed up for the Wounded Warrior Recovery Project study. The Navy aims to recruit 10,000.

About 50,000 military personnel have been injured in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, with 16,000 hurt so severely that they likely would not have survived previous conflicts.

Doctors say a positive attitude is key to recovery, so the study will also examine mental resilience and why some troops have it and others don't. It will rely on Web-based, telephone and mailed surveys conducted every six months about mobility, ability to function and social activity. Researchers will also analyze military databases detailing clinical encounters with each servfce member injured while deployed.

The study aims to provide one of the broadest reviews yet of how post 9-11 veterans with a variety of combat injuries are coping and enjoying life, and how much their quality of life impacts their long-term care.

Meyer is not yet part of the study but intends to participate. His case was featured in the New England Journal of Medicine in May to demonstrate the success of battlefield trauma care over the past decade.

The retired Marine has benefited from a host of new medical strategies used by the military, including laser treatments.

Cmdr. Peter Shumaker, chief of dermatology at Naval Medical Center San Diego, helped pioneer the use of an ablative laser -- commonly used to smooth wrinkled or acne-scarred skin — to ease Meyer's scar tissue, dramatically improving the range of motion in his fingers, among other things.

"It's a privilege to work with soldiers and Marines, like Brian, because they're young and motivated and healthy and they can go farther than we ever thought," Shumaker said. "They don't want to just walk, they want to do things that their colleagues are doing, their friends are doing."

Meyer was hospitalized for a month after the 2011 bomb blast in Afghanistan. He lost his right leg above the knee, and his right hand above the wrist. Only his pinky and ring finger remained intact on his left hand.

After multiple surgeries, he was outfitted for prosthetics and learned to walk again. But Meyer, 29 at the time, wanted full independence.

He turned down offers to install wheelchair ramps in his home. He debated before accepting a handicap parking permit. He did not want to avoid the struggle to reintegrate. He wanted to go anywhere.

"I focus on what I have left, not what I lost," Meyer said.

His prosthetic arm has a flashlight so at night he can see where he plants his prosthetic foot. His prosthetic arm has the knobs and battery pack positioned to one side so he can shoot a bow and arrow.

Thanks to the laser treatments on his scar tissue, he can now hold a toothbrush, write with a pen, dial his phone, and pull the trigger of a hunting rifle. Laser treatments also removed a sore, allowing him to withstand his prosthetic leg for 18 hours a day.

Shumaker and Dr. Chad Hivnor, who recently retired from Lackland Air Force Base, helped pioneer the method. Hivnor also discovered that botulinum toxin A injections decrease perspiration where the prosthetic limb attaches, helping stop it from slipping off while the person is exercising or in hot climates.

The findings were recently presented to the American Academy of Dermatology to promote the treatment for severely scarred people in the general population.

"These are not special, scar lasers or special, wounded warrior lasers," Shumaker said. "We've taken these techniques that are primarily used for cosmetic purposes and altered them a bit to apply to trauma rehabilitation."

Such unconventional treatments make a big difference in daily life, veterans and their doctors say. One soldier's scar tissue has softened so he can grasp his daughter's hand; another can now type.

A week after a recent treatment, Meyers rode on his motorcycle through a shopping district in Murrieta, 60 miles northeast of San Diego. His pinky and ring finger operated the throttle that has been put on the left side because he only has a left wrist. It has a side car that can carry another amputee, wheelchair or his dog.

Meyer and two others have started the nonprofit organization, Warfighter - Made, which modified his motorcycle. It also customizes sports cars, off-road vehicles and other transportation for veterans who can join in the work.

"What we want is for a guy in the coolest car to drive into a handicap spot and have people be like, 'What's this guy doing?' Then they see him get out with his prosthetic legs," said Meyer, whose prosthetic leg sports a sticker of Bill Murray and the word "Laugh."

Meyer works for the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund, counseling fellow combat veterans. He loves the photograph taken after he was injured because "it's the exact opposite of what somebody expects you to do. So when I show it to people, and they are inspired by it instead of being shocked, I know they get it."



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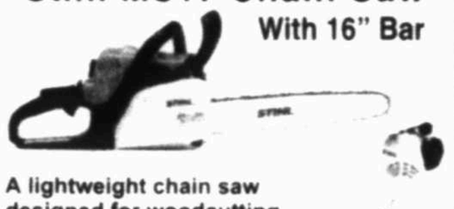
Retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Meyer grimaces as he grips a workout machine with a prosthetic arm and two fingers June 10 at the Wounded Warrior Hope & Care Center in Camp Pendleton, Calif. Meyer lost his right leg above the knee, his right hand above the wrist, and three fingers on his left hand while disarming a bomb in Afghanistan in 2011.

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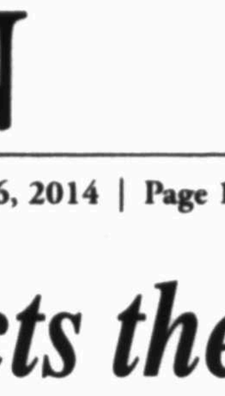
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MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

On July 9, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was first publicly read to the citizens of New York — "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..." — they responded by decapitating an equestrian statue of George III, cutting off his nose and placing his head on a spike outside a tavern. Metal from the statue was later turned into 42,088 bullets, intended, by one account, "to assimilate with the brains" of the British.

Americans have always taken their John Locke and natural law with a side of ferocious nationalism. The Declaration's shining vision of universal rights was introduced, after all, in the midst of a vicious war of attrition. The document itself accuses the king of inciting mass atrocities against civilians. Gen. George Washington was convinced that the British had sent prostitutes infected with smallpox into his Cambridge camp in December of 1775 — the 18th-century version of WMD.

The "glorious cause" split the fledgling country roughly into thirds: patriots, the uncommitted and loyalists (who were sometimes roughly treated). The Civil War was not the first American conflict that divided families. William Franklin, Ben's illegitimate son, was the last royal governor of New Jersey. His father disinherited him.

And the ideals of the new nation were immediately rendered hypocritical by the presence of about 600,000 enslaved human beings. The British took full (and appropriate) propaganda advantage. "How is it," said Samuel Johnson, "that we hear the loudest yelps for liberty among the drivers of Negroes?"

Yet one of those slave-owners, Thomas Jefferson — bookish, retiring, possessing what John Adams called a "happy talent for composition" — injected a philosophic statement into a protest movement: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

America could have been declared independent from Britain without all men being declared equal. The various "injuries and usurpations" relating to the traditional rights of Englishmen would have been enough. But something more ambitious and universal got planted.

The seed lay dormant for decades. At first, Americans celebrated their independence each year without paying much attention to the Declaration. "See your Declaration Americans!" vented abolitionist David Walker in 1829. "Do you understand your own language?" In 1857, Abraham Lincoln compared the document to "old wadding left to rot on the battlefield after the victory is won." But he suspected that the ideals of the Declaration had been placed there "for future use."

And Lincoln himself used them. While Lincoln had little respect for Jefferson as a political figure, he praised him for "the coolness, forecast and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document an abstract truth ... and so to embalm it there, that today, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling block to the very harbingers of reappearing tyranny and oppression."

This remains one of the most unlikely stories of history. Because Jefferson inserted an abstract truth into a bloody, fratricidal struggle, Lincoln could claim the mantle of the Founders during a bloodier struggle, essentially refounding the country on the best interpretation of its principles. After a further century of African-American suffering, striving and demand, Lyndon Johnson could sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and hand a pen to Martin Luther King Jr. Slowly, awkwardly, America was learning to understand its own language.

This story justifies a mix of realism and idealism. Our advance toward the ideals of the Declaration has been protracted, violent and often hypocritical. And yet: All men *are* created equal. The phrase is enough to cause a catch in the throat.

Recently I met with a group of democracy activists from Burma. During lunch, I sat next to a young man who appeared college-aged. I found that he had already spent 5 1/2 years in prison for organizing student protests. The idea of equality still drives people to amazing, almost irrational sacrifices. It remains the most disruptive, hopeful force of history: All men are created equal. Just a whisper of the words is enough to cause humble people to sacrifice everything, enough to cause tyrants to fear.

This is not, in the end, just an American language. Shortly before his death, Jefferson reflected that the Declaration was "pregnant with our own and the fate of the world." A difficult delivery, no doubt. But long expected.

OUR VIEW

Midland's support for Habitat paying off in our community

There is no greater thrill for this newspaper than to recognize an example of the spirit of this community's philanthropy.

Midlanders, in our view, are as generous with their time and money as residents of any Texas city. Per capita, we suspect, there is no equal.

Today, we offer the news that Habitat for Humanity is ready to break ground for a 54-home neighborhood in southwest Midland. That's right, 54 homes. It's not a misprint, but a testament to the greatness of our community's Habitat organization and the support Midlanders provide for its future.

"I realized how lucky we are in Midland, Texas, because we have this spirit of giving, of philanthropy, volunteerism, and it just makes a huge difference," Habitat Executive Director Alynda Best told the Reporter-Telegram. "Everybody from all different walks and scopes of life gives what they can, does what they can and it just makes it a better place."

During these times of sky-high prices, we cannot imagine a greater need in this town than affordable housing, and 54 houses over a five-year period will make a difference. It is fitting that Wednesday's groundbreaking of the brand new neighborhood comes one day before Habitat's dedication of its 123rd home. While the organization has been in existence since 1991, it seems to recently have hit its stride, averaging 10 or more homes a year.

The Reporter-Telegram is proud to bring more coverage of the groundbreaking of this unique development in Monday's edition. The coverage will include details on the development and firsthand accounts of why Habitat is such a key player in our community.

The location of this Habitat neighborhood is across the street from the yet-to-be-rebuilt Bunche Elementary School. Best told the Reporter-Telegram that with a new school and new housing development, a gateway into the city will receive a needed shot in the arm. A "neighborhood revitalized" is how Best described it. A community rebuilt sounds pretty good to us.

We don't have to mention the sweat-equity buy-in that those living in Habitat houses must make, but it's true. We also won't mention the fact that families living under the roof of a home generally outperform peers living in apartments or other arrangements. That impact is probably not lost on our readers.

Instead, today, we want to focus on who makes this possible: a host of generous residents providing the resources and a legion of volunteers dedicating their time to making Midland a better community.

Philanthropy is alive and well in Midland, Texas. You need to look no farther than Habitat for Humanity.

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During July, let kids be kids

■ Give the fight against brain drain a needed break and see what memories can be made



ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

We're deep into my family's unprecedented "Summer of Lethargy."

SOL (for those of you who like acronyms) is progressing as anyone might expect. At present count, my youngest son has been in pajamas for a good 42 hours and counting. My oldest hasn't done laundry in at least two weeks. No firm plans have been put into place for anything, with each day oozing unpredictably into the next.

After last year's "Summer of Busy Busy Fun!" (SOBBF doesn't adequately capture the ethos), during which we schlepped through multiple camps, outings, pool time, book clubs, the local amusement park, math worksheets, sporting activities and a too-long vacation that we'd booked before realizing every moment was accounted for, SOL was sorely needed.

In the key transition summer from middle to upper middle school for my younger son and from eighth grade to high school for my oldest, my husband and I were dead set against allowing any sort of summer brain drain to occur.

No siree, Bob, no one in my house was going to blow his crucial beginning-of-year benchmark tests or have a rough start in the fall.

In all, SOBBF was a successful endeavor. Both boys started school in early August — yes, *early August!* — in a strong position and did well in each of their new schools. They were mentally prepared for the higher expectations and, for the most part, met them. It was like a first marathon taken on with a 30-mile tempo run already under the belt.

The coming school year is a known quantity, however, so the gloves are off. There is a moratorium on screen-time limits, required reading has been temporarily suspended and even music lessons are on hold. The kids are chillin'.

Much has been made lately of unstructured free time for children. In The Atlantic, Jessica Lahey recently wrote "Why Free Play is the Best Summer School," a paean to the idylls of carefree summers:

"Unscheduled, unsupervised playtime is one of the most valuable educational opportunities we give our children. It is fertile ground; the place where children strengthen social bonds, build emotional maturity, develop cognitive skills, and shore up their physical health. The value of free play, daydreaming, risk-taking, and independent discovery have been much in the news this year, and a new study by psychologists at the University of Colorado [on self-directed activities and brain maturation] reveals just how important these activities are in the development of children's executive functioning."

I agree wholeheartedly, but this sort of "Let the kids roll around Mayberry on their own until the street lamps come on," is a middle-class-and-up luxury. Highly talkative families with consistent, sustained quality interpersonal relationships and set daily routines can get away with really taking a break over summer without worrying too much about the erosion of skills known in education circles as "summer learning loss."

It also helps if your family lives in an ultra-safe neighborhood where unsupervised outdoor play is a legitimate option.

But one size does not fit all. There are children for whom no set bedtimes or wake-up times, being out all day or having unlimited access to video games and no reading isn't a treat. It's the norm.

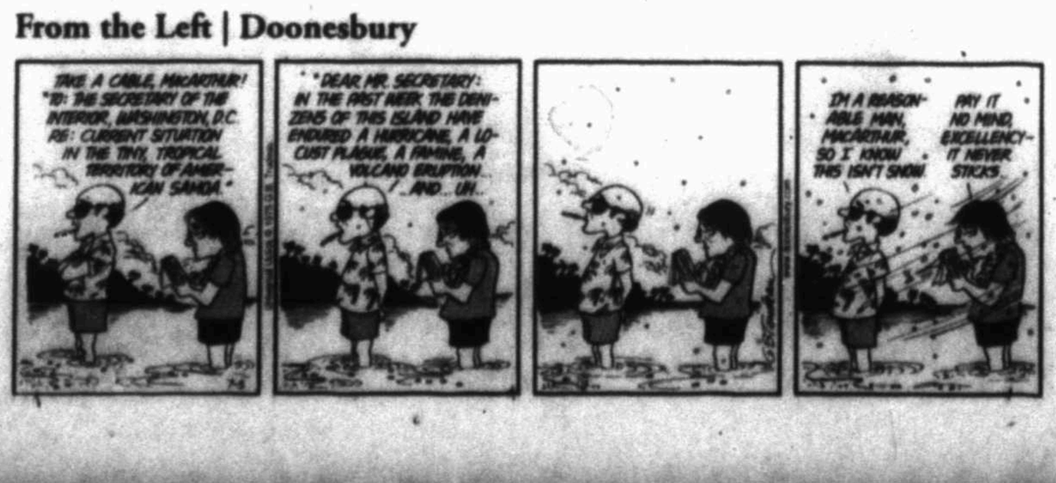
While no one should suggest that all children need to let their hair down, all the way, all summer long, mine won't for much longer because their schools require certain books be read and math packets, which are counted toward their grades, to be completed before the first day of school. Still, we should at least declare July "opposite month" for our kids.

In a perfect world the high-achievers could unwind with some brain-drain time and the ones with few resources, who feel they "never get to do anything" could find an affordable sport, art, craft or story time to take them away from their regular routine of low-quality time-killing.

Recreation — in the true sense of enjoyment, pleasure or leisure — does re-create us and a change of pace does almost everyone good.

Whatever your socioeconomic situation, find a way to give the children in your life something different just for the weeks of July. Make it your special "opposite" time and see if it doesn't make for at least a few good memories.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MISD should tighten belt to deal with deficit

The more I read what (Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder) Warren's suggestions were, the madder I get. Where do we get these people coming into Midland and telling Midlanders what we should do about the deficit they have created?

I know we had carpetbaggers after the Civil War, but it is now 2014 and in my house if I have a deficit I do not ask my neighbor to pay for it while I take a raise and give a raise to the rest of my staff (and) retention pay. If I have to, I will take a mortgage on my house to pay my bills.

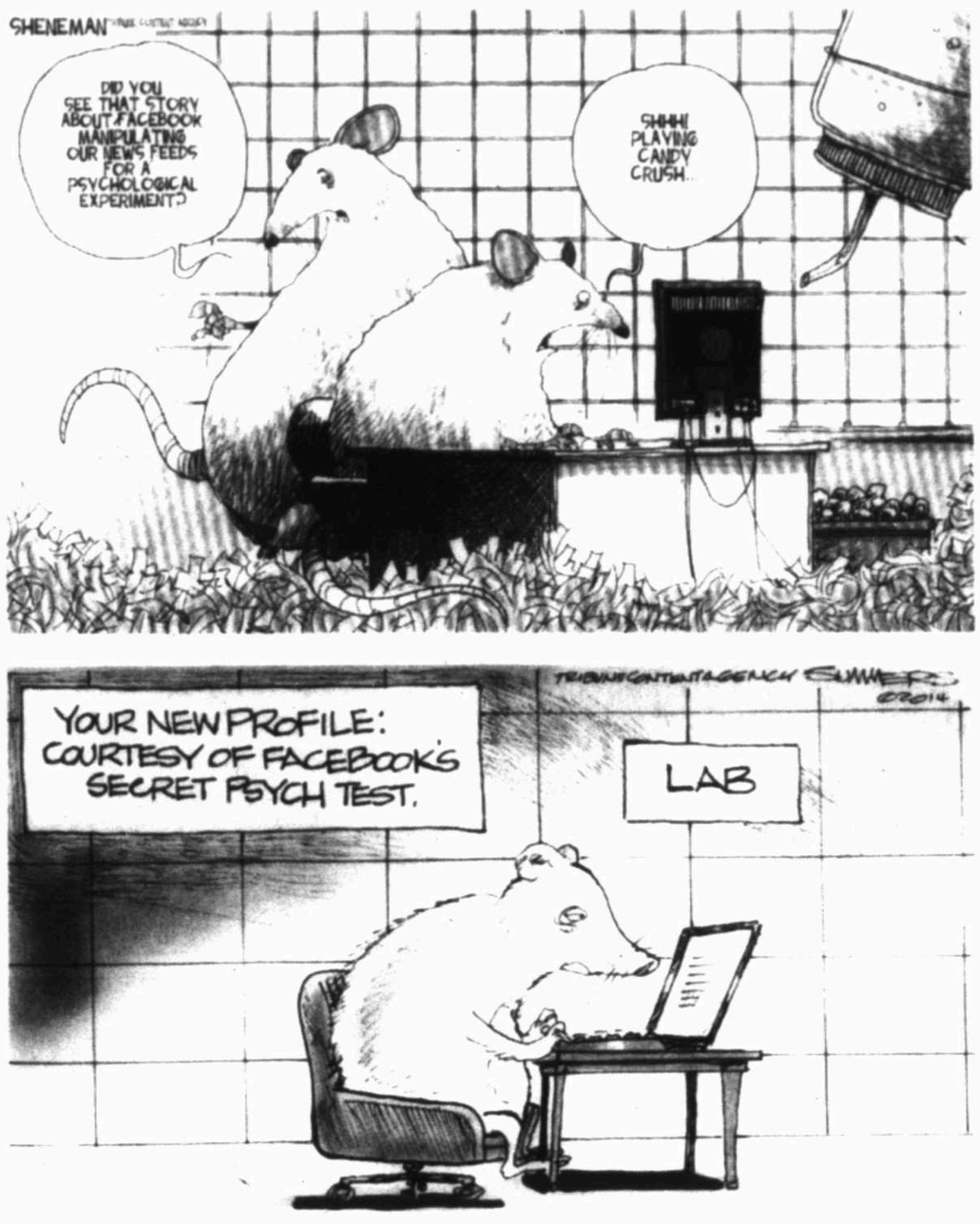
Will Warren do the same — take a cut in pay and tighten his belt until he can be a better steward of our money and assets? If he cannot be, then we need someone who can be. Why do we continue to import such people to Midland who are only looking out for themselves? We have a history of doing this.

No, Warren, your suggestions should start from within your domain and not ask the community that continues to pay your salary. What a joke — asking for pay raises for not only yourself but also retention salaries. Now, do you really think you all have really done a good job of money managing? Where does it not compute that you have a deficit and ... you created it? No one from my house came by and helped you all create that deficit; you did it all yourself. Take credit; start taking pay cuts if you have to. You took a job with responsibilities; we did not give you and open checkbook to play with. If you need money, do something extra on the side — mow yards, have bake sales — use less people (and) maybe do with less help.

Maybe Warren should take a job in the oil field if he wants to help the deficit (extra money to help pay for the increase in salaries).

Those are some of my suggestions. They don't have to be taken.

Lillian Smith



Historical background could explain terrorism

Thanks to the Midland Reporter-Telegram for providing such thorough coverage for what's happening in the Mideast. I will add some of the historical background to help in understanding what we face. In my research I found many details that explain the "why" of Islamist terrorism.

Originally that part of the world consisted of many tribes, or fiefdoms, each controlled by a warlord. They fought each other and there were blood feuds. When Mohammed came along with his new religion, 700 years after the crucifixion of the Prince of Peace, it became a rallying call for all to join into one entity. At first it was called Mohammedanism, then Muslims, or, as he called it, Islam, a religion of peace.

Divisions within Islam occurred soon after Mohammed's death because of succession to the caliphate. Many followers sided with his cousin, and adopted son, Ali, who married Mohammed's daughter, Fatima. Others preferred Mohammed's bosom confidant and companion in the flight from Mecca to Medina, Abu Bekr, who was finally chosen the first caliph. Those who preferred Ali became the current Shiites, while Bekr's followers are the Sunnis. Other sects split off from the original two because of differences in interpretations of the Quran, and all are the major participants in the current strife, with the Muslim Brotherhood the background instigator for believing they are destined to rule the world.

Today, Mohammed would be considered a plagiarist. He studied Jewish and Christian teachings and was inspired to create a similar type of worship for his countrymen as a substitute for their superstitious beliefs and rituals. He ridiculed their worship of a black stone that "fell from heaven" until merchants threatened him for destroying an object that brought them many customers as they made pilgrimages to see the stone.

Mohammed began his fear of the Jews when they wanted to join with him in one inclusive faith. He realized they would recognize his theft and renounce him eventually, according to a Catholic priest in India, who wrote, "Life and Religion of Mohammed," published in 1912, warning his fellow countrymen.

Merrilyn Richardson

Taking CHL course could be educational experience

In (the June 29) edition of the Reporter-Telegram was an article titled "How to stop mass shootings," which went on to completely miss the point contained in the title. The main thrust of the article was tighter purchasing requirements for guns but used Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza as the focal point or "poster child" to make the points, thereby sailing rudderless into a sea of ignorance. I hasten to add that Lanza was mentally and emotionally unstable and did not — repeat, not — purchase any weapons. He murdered his own mom and used her legally purchased weapons in his spree of indiscriminate slaughter.

Here is a challenge for all who like to pontificate about gun control: Complete the necessary course to obtain a concealed handgun license (CHL). The subjects covered include restrictions, liability, safety, restraint and proficiency. No convicted felon gets a CHL, and neither does anyone with a domestic violence conviction, whether felony or misdemeanor. No one under a protective order is licensed or allowed to purchase guns or ammunition for the duration of the court order. And no one who is or has been treated for mental incapacity or drug addiction is allowed to purchase — a little-used facet of the law thanks to the ACLU and not the NRA as the article stated.

Everyone is allowed their own opinion on the matter but not their own facts. Remember how upset we all were to learn the DOJ was spying on reporters, violating their First Amendment guarantees? Just remember, the Second Amendment makes all the others possible. God created man; Samuel Colt made them equal.

Drew Matthews

Police deserve to be treated as professionals

I feel the detective who recently "took care of business" at La Bodega should be praised for his action. But not only because he took matters out of the hands of someone with the potential to do harm, but he did it with great risk to himself, as all of our police do on a daily basis.

We do not have armed people invading our lives every day, but the possibility of such is with us 24/7. I think it is about time we treat our police and all our law enforcement professionals as "professionals." If we are going to expect them to be ready to protect us even when they are off duty and with their families, we should pay them accordingly.

Our Midland Police Department is shorthanded at this time and has been for a very long period. Why? Friday night at La Bodega might be part of the answer. For as little as our law enforcement is paid, who wants to put their lives on the line? Not many — which I think you can tell from the lack of police officers we have. Sure, no one wants to pay more in taxes, but with the influx of revenue coming into the city coffers, I think it is time to pull some of it out and pay a decent living to those who protect us.

I wonder if all those present this past Friday night think that having a professional police force is worth it? We should not only shower him, and all our police, with praise, we should provide them with the monetary living true professionals deserve.

I am very thankful the high salaries paid in the oil field did not lure this brave man out of public service. I also hope the next time something like this happens, the police officer who would have been there — had he been paid properly — is not out on some drilling rig trying to make enough to provide for his family. It's time to pay up, Midland.

Patrick L. Fairchild

MISD should keep up with mowing school grounds

Let me preface this by saying that I first tried to call MISD but could not get them on the line, hence this letter. We live across the street from Quanah Parker Elementary, and it looks mighty lush and green outside our windows. The sprinkler system at the school is doing a fine job. Some weeds on the playground have grown to 37 inches tall. (I measured.) We neighbors work very hard to keep our yards well-manicured and free of weeds, so we're hoping that the school grounds will be mowed very soon. Our neighbor said she wonders if the mowers might bag the clippings to keep seeds from blowing over here. Well, we can hope, can't we?

In advance, we thank the school district for helping to keep Midland beautiful.

Nancy Pollard

Rise in population leads to higher number of pets

My friend, Sue, and I are neighbors. We each have indoor cats that we adopted as kittens through normal channels. We are responsible pet owners: nourishing food, regular vet visits with shots, licenses and neutering. Owning a pet is a big responsibility and should be taken seriously.

Sue and I are taking care of two cats that were abandoned in our neighborhood over a year ago. We named them Garfield and Bailey. They have both been neutered. Two other families have joined us in looking out for their well-being. They go from Sue's house/backyard to my garage. They get a modicum of food, water and love from each household. The cats deserve families of their own.

A few days ago, I went into my garage to find a new stray eating the food I had put out. I startled him, and he ran out of the garage but came back soon to finish eating. Another dumped cat, I guess.

Midland is experiencing growing pains because of the increase in the city's population. Challenges are insufficient housing, overcrowded schools and restaurants that can't find enough employees to keep their doors open. Businesses are trying to increase their staffs to accommodate the growing population.

Meanwhile, the rise in the number of abandoned animals is staggering. It used to be possible to take abandoned animals to the Animal Control office on Fairgrounds Road where they were cared for while waiting to be adopted. Because of the increase in abandoned animals, cats and dogs who are taken to the facility are put down after three days. What is the solution? All the no-kill shelters in Midland are full. Is turning them over to an agency that will kill them within three days the only option for these innocent animals?

Pam Floyd

Editor's note: Animal Services is required by city ordinance to keep animals for three days. After that time animals are available for adoption, are transferred or are euthanized, and adoptable animals often are kept longer than three days, according to department manager Paul O'Neill.

Questions remain about Energy Tower project

I am heartened by recent comments by councilmen Jeff Sparks and J. Ross Lacy, nevertheless, the following questions remain:

■ Since the budget for one building was reduced by 40 percent for two buildings, will the amounts pledged by last year's COM/MDC/TIRZ be reduced by a comparable percentage?

■ Will the $2.2 million COM paid the county for the courthouse property be recovered in this process, or was that under-the-table money to Meyers et al.?

■ Will COM monies be disbursed to these outsiders — i.e., tax abatements — in a lump sum or in installments over a period of time?

■ I understood Gary Williams to say that taxpayer money was not an investment but a loan and that the city would have no ownership of the garage(s). Will the city have no ownership in Midland Center and the parks, i.e., will COM have any legal title in this proposal; will legal documents protect the interests of the taxpayers should the developers decide not to pursue the

Please see LETTERS/12A

It's time for America to work together or die by suicide

■ America's center is large; now is the time for it to act like it



DONNA BRAZILE
Universal Uclick

In his Farewell Address, George Washington warned us about the excesses of political parties. He said: "Political parties ... serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party."

He added, "(Parties) are likely in the course of time and things ... to subvert the power of the people ... and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines that have lifted them to unjust dominion."

Washington did not foresee the modern campaign tools that parties use to push Americans to partisan extremes. He did not foresee the technological revolution, the predominance of cable chatter, the creation of super PACs, and the enormous role of special interests — and that, as a result, the people themselves are driving partisanship. We know this thanks to Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan "fact tank" that does extensive polling and research on issues of importance to the public.

Pew Research's most recent findings on our partisan divisions are both shocking, and to some extent, comforting. Here's the good news: "The majority (of Americans) do not have uniformly conservative or liberal views," Pew tells us. "Most do not see either party as a threat to the nation. And more believe their representatives in government should meet halfway to resolve contentious disputes rather than hold out for more of what they want."

And the not-so-good news: "(Partisan) ideological overlap between the two parties has diminished: Today, 92 percent of Republicans are to the right of the median Democrat, and 94 percent of Democrats are to the left of the median Republican."

Political scientists Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal, who developed an objective scale to measure partisan leanings, find "Congress is now more polarized than at any time since the end of Reconstruction (following the Civil War)."

Pew summed it up this way: "The more you love politics, the more you hate the other side." Because the partisans are more vocal, and more involved in every step of the political process, the middle feels frustrated and disengaged from politics, allowing the partisans to become more intolerant, as they drive the discourse of national life.

In the daily emails I receive, and in my Twitter feed, I see how much partisan animosity has grown. The more a party aligns itself with a rigid ideology, the more the dislike and distrust of the "other" people. We have, rightfully, held gerrymandering responsible. We have, rightfully, held responsible the personal attacks and smear campaigns that portray the other party's candidates as not just always wrong, but corrupt, depraved or even un-American.

Gerrymandering cannot be solved by simply drawing geographic lines more equitably. That's become almost impossible, as more and more people live only among those who share their politics. Increasingly, Americans are grouping geographically by politics.

In what Pew calls, "stereotypes come to life," rigid (or "consistent") conservatives prefer the rural life and to live among people of the same religious faith, while rigid (or "consistent") liberals prefer the cities and greater diversity in everything. Both are becoming more distrustful of the other.

This goes way beyond red or blue.

We have entered a vicious cycle: Vocal partisans drive our national politics, preferring a gridlocked Congress to a Congress that compromises and finds solutions. As a result, more and more Americans sort themselves out by a political theology, choosing to live in geographic enclaves where it is heretical to question that theology, which reinforces vocal partisanship.

Here are a few of the overall findings: 1. The number of Americans who are rigidly conservative or liberal has doubled in the last two decades. 2. Differences go beyond politics, affecting the daily life of where and among whom people live. 3. The political "center" has shrunk. More and more people, including independents, hold partisan viewpoints. 4. Increasingly, those in the expanding opposite poles of each party say, "compromise now means they get more of what they want."

Pew decided it had to abandon the red and blue values that have sorted American's politically: "The political landscape includes a center that is large and diverse, unified by frustration with politics and little else." And they have every right to be frustrated.

Now, I don't have a solution. Citizens who want a more moderate middle, a Congress that compromises, a greater nonpartisan approach on Capitol Hill, need to gather quickly and work out solutions. They need to hold town hall meetings this fall before going back to the polls to cast their ballots.

Just after this 238th Birthday of our nation, let me conclude with a warning sounded by Abraham Lincoln, who held our nation together during the greatest threat to its unity:

"(Danger) cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time or die by suicide."

It's time the free men and women come together to help chart a better course for our nation. We are still a young nation. This shouldn't be hard.







ABOVE AND AT RIGHT
Immigration activists with Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) demand the Mexican government take more measures to protect and respect the rights of unaccompanied minors and families crossing Mexico's territory, during a protest Thursday outside the Mexican consulate in Los Angeles. Activists demanded support of migrant children and families two days after U.S. Homeland Security buses carrying the migrants were routed away from American flag-waving protesters in Murrieta, Calif., and transported to a facility in San Diego.

FAR RIGHT
Attendees cheer as Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone speaks about a plan to process immigrants detained in Texas at the Murrieta U.S. Border Patrol facility, during a meeting Wednesday at the Murrieta Mesa High School auditorium in Murrieta, Calif.

AP photos

New flood of immigrants unsettles some US towns

Los Angeles Times

MURRIETA, Calif. — A day earlier, angry protesters had blocked buses carrying immigrant detainees from reaching a Border Patrol processing facility here.

On Wednesday, while the rancor in Murrieta had eased, some remained adamant that they would fight any attempts to settle, even temporarily, young immigrants and their guardians from Central America who crossed the border illegally.

And officials and townspeople in Riverside County and elsewhere in border states wrestled with the correct response to the arrival of those immigrants and the backlash it has created.

Carol Schlaepfer, an activist from Pomona, California, who helped block the buses Tuesday in Murrieta, said she and others will organize another protest if officials try again to move immigrants there.

"We're going to be there," she vowed. "We're going to do the same thing, and hopefully with greater numbers of people."

In the small New Mexico town of Artesia, Mayor Phil Burch said residents held an emotional town hall debate Tuesday night over whether the city should oppose the arrival of underage immigrants at a federal facility nearby. In the end, the town decided not to raise-picket signs to protest the move.

"We don't like it," Burch said. "We'd prefer they not bring these people here. But we'll do our part to support the government."

The number of children and teenagers arriving alone from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador is expected to reach up to 90,000 by the end of the year, along with a surge of families with children seeking safe passage into the U.S. Many immigrants say they are fleeing violence in their home countries.

The dramatic standoff in Murrieta highlighted a current of angst over the influx and underscored the challenges the government may face as it moves to transfer immigrants away from border areas, where detention facilities are overcrowded.

Many minors who arrive by themselves are being transferred to emergency shelters in Texas, Oklahoma and California, while some children accompanied by a guardian are being sent to processing stations in Laredo and El Paso, and Murrieta and El Centro, California. Most will be released with orders to appear in immigration court.

Immigration officials have not said exactly how many people will be moved.

Murrieta became a flash point for emotions Tuesday afternoon, when 100 to 150 people blocked three buses of immigrant children and adults from reaching the Border Patrol processing station. Demonstrators and counterdemonstrators shouted and even spat at one another.

Rep. Juan Vargas, D-Calif., said he was surprised that members of the "angry mob" weren't arrested, adding, "I have never seen a group of people prevent federal officers from doing their job and not get arrested."

The migrants who were turned back from Murrieta were driven to San Diego and taken to at least three Border Patrol stations. Officials have not said if and when they will attempt another transfer to Murrieta.

Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., whose district includes Murrieta, said the government should not send immigrants caught in Texas to California. "They should handle this problem in Texas," said Calvert, who described his constituents as "extremely upset."

"I'm getting hundreds of phone calls," he said. "The anger is growing."

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., offered a different view.

"The buses the protesters tried to stop weren't filled with dangerous criminals," she said. "They were carrying women and children, many of whom fled their homes in Central America to escape violence and death."

While many of the migrants are likely to be eventually deported, "we must afford them access to basic due process and treat them with simple human dignity while they are in our government's custody," she said.

Calvert, who sits on the House Appropriations Committee, will play a critical role in Congress' response to President Barack Obama's request for more than $2 billion to manage the influx of immigrants crossing the Southwest border illegally.

He plans to examine whether National Guard troops should be deployed to the border, as a number of his GOP colleagues have suggested.

Calvert, who toured the Murrieta Border Patrol facility earlier this week, said he expects the protests to continue if more buses with immigrants arrive. He said the Inland Empire's struggling economy has fueled tensions over immigration.

In neighboring Imperial County, El Centro also received a convoy of migrants to the city's Border Patrol station, but the reaction was muted.

"We're 12 miles from the border," said El Centro Mayor Cheryl Viegas-Walker. "We understand the dynamics a little bit better here."

She cited the city's close working relationship with the Border Patrol and said that, after initial concerns that arrivals would swamp the area's social services, officials are confident that the federal agencies have a plan in place. And residents have mostly responded positively to the new arrivals, she said.

In Murrieta, a handful of local residents stopped by Wednesday to see if there would be any further protests.

Skylar Faria said he joined the protest Tuesday after learning about it on Facebook. "We have no idea who these people are," he said. "There are a lot of medical costs (and) once the children become of age then they're in schools."

While activists opposed to illegal immigration waited to see if they would have another chance to block busloads of migrants, immigrant advocates were preparing for their possible arrival.

Tina Nicholas, who has lived in Murrieta for 25 years, said she has been working with local churches to coordinate relief for the migrants. Residents have collected bags of groceries, hygiene products and diapers in anticipation of the arrivals, she said.

Luz Gallegos of TODEC legal center, which offers services to local migrants and is based in nearby Perris, said locals have been emailing, calling and using social media to offer shelter, food and transportation for the migrants.

"It's overwhelming all the response from the community," she said. "We are welcoming our migrants and it breaks our hearts that there is so much hate."

Gallegos said she drove by the protests Tuesday but decided not to stop.

People "see the protests," she said. "But they don't see the goodness of people coming together across the Inland Empire."

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From 11A

matter? Will there be a "performance bond" protecting taxpayers in the event the project is not completed? If COM does not maintain title to Midland Center, who will book the facilities and receive the proceeds, if any, generated thereby?

■ Will the taxpayers of Midland be protected in the event of bankruptcy of any of the parties involved in this boondoggle, e.g., if these high rollers decide to sell their interests in this mess, will taxpayers be protected in such transactions? Remember, William Meyers was trained by Lehmann Brothers, the first entity to fall in the last recession, the basis of which was shady financing of properties.

■ If the taxpayers ever get any money out of this, will property taxes be reduced to reasonable levels?

■ Since we live in a capitalistic, free-enterprise economy, why do taxpayers have to bankroll big business? Why do not venture capitalists finance this foolishness?

Since taxpayers are not allowed to vote, email City Council members and let them know what you think about this matter. http://www.midlandtexas.gov/Directory.aspx?DID=7

Mary Mabry

Is it too late for moral majority to step forward?

The snazzy article that Cale Ottens wrote for the Reporter-Telegram regarding Midland's titillating new "breastaurant," the Tilted Kilt, certainly sent our Celtic tempers flaring. My husband, Christopher, and I are working to understand how on earth an establishment of this nature was approved.

We sent an email to the City Council members asking how and why a restaurant such as the Tilted Kilt was approved for Midland. Evidently it wasn't their call, so we're investigating further. Our city is historically morally conservative in nature and has managed to preserve such status to this point. My husband and I grew up knowing that we could someday safely raise a family here.

As we mentioned to the council, if one wishes to see or frequent such an establishment, we know which town to conveniently drive to. You could also go to New Orleans or Vegas to really kick things up a notch; we do. If there are folks here vying for this kind of excitement, they could move somewhere that already has it all. Midland is where we live, where we strive to preserve safety and security, raise great kids and help our community. So now we'll wait with bated breath to further witness the slow decline in the nature of our fair city. We'd place a hefty wager on that.

If it's too late for someone to actually represent the moral majority of Midlanders, I guess we need to designate a new "yellow light district" for these business types. I certainly hope these places will be as close to Midland's governing body's homes as they will be to yours and mine. But then again, we may not have quite enough friends in the right places or actual representation on the council or with whoever approved this place to help that.

Perhaps the first strip club that opens outside our city limits will be named after whomever made this call.

Jacque Lanning

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A pedestrian looks at his phone near steam vented from a grate near the Philadelphia Museum of Art on a cold morning. A study released Thursday by the journal Science, which involved college students who left their cellphones and other distractions behind to be alone to think for six to 15 minutes, found that many of them reported it wasn't very fun.

Study: Just thinking by yourself isn't much fun

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wouldn't you love to escape this busy world and just spend some time alone with your thoughts? Maybe not, said a study of volunteers who actually tried it.

Some even started giving themselves electric shocks as the minutes ticked by.

"I think many of them were trying to shock themselves out of boredom," said psychologist Timothy Wilson of the University of Virginia. "It's just a sign of how difficult (being alone with one's thoughts) can be for people ... This isn't something that most people find really enjoyable."

At least, that's the case for people not trained in techniques such as meditation, Wilson and co-authors said in a paper released Thursday by the journal Science.

In a series of experiments, college students left their cellphones and other distractions behind and spent six to 15 minutes alone in a sparsely furnished room on campus. They were told to entertain themselves just with their thoughts, or imagine doing one of three pleasant activities, such as hiking.

The experience was not exactly heavenly. On a 9-point scale of enjoyment, their average rating was about in the middle. And about half the participants gave it a rating at the halfway mark or below.

In nonscientific terms, the overall verdict was: Eh.

Doing it at home proved no more enjoyable. When the researchers had 61 people from the community try it at home, about half admitted to cheating by doing things such as checking their cell phones, writing or doodling. Their overall results were about the same as with the students.

The most startling experiment involved the electric shock. Students first shocked themselves in the ankle and rated how unpleasant that was. They were asked to imagine being given $5 and to specify how much they would pay to avoid another shock or to receive one. Then they were told that they could shock themselves again during their time alone, which ran 15 minutes, if they wanted to.

Of the 55 participants, 42 said they would pay to avoid feeling the shock again. But once they were left alone, even some of these volunteers chose to shock themselves anyway; 12 of 18 men and six of 24 women.

Wilson was surprised by the overall results. When the experimenters began the study, "it seemed that it shouldn't be that hard for people to use (their brains) to entertain themselves," he said. "All of us have pleasant memories we can call upon, we can construct stories and fantasies."

Maybe the problem is that while pleasant thoughts pop up naturally while we're doing something, such as driving or exercising, it's hard to activate them on demand, he said.

"I think it's an issue of mental control. The mind is built to engage in the world and when you give it nothing to engage it, it's hard to keep one train of thought going for very long."

In any case, the result is probably not a consequence of modern-day life, Wilson said, because even in medieval and ancient Roman times, there were complaints that people don't take enough time to contemplate.

Jonathan Schooler, a psychologist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, who didn't participate in the work, said he found the results "surprising and in some ways a disappointing statement about human nature."

Most people have interesting things to think about "so I don't understand why they find themselves such bad company," Schooler said.

"This is innovative new research, which means it's the beginning of our understanding of this phenomenon, and not the end," Schooler said.

How strong is that drink? Try a calculator

By Lauren Neergard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How strong is that pina colada? Depending on how it's made, it could contain as much alcohol as two glasses of wine.

The National Institutes of Health is trying to spread the word: Take a look at its online alcohol calculator to see how much you're really drinking with those summer cocktails.

A "standard drink" is the amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits. It's a useful way to track alcohol consumption. But the multiple ingredients of mixed drinks make for a harder count.

"Most people don't realize how much alcohol is actually in a drink," said Dr. George Koob, director of the NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

"Obviously, it depends on the bartender and who's mixing the drinks," Koob adds.

Recipes matter: The calculator's pina colada example, for instance, assumes it contains 3 ounces of rum. Plan on using 2 ounces instead? The calculator adjusts to show it's like 1.3 standard drinks.

What about a margarita? The calculator concludes it's the equivalent of 1.7 standard drinks, if made with 1.5 ounces of tequila, an ounce of orange liqueur and half an ounce of lime juice.

A mojito? 1.3 standard drinks. A martini, extra dry? 1.4 standard drinks.

Other favorites? Type them in: http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/ToolsResources/CocktailCalculator.asp .

Beyond beverage choice, Koob, who specializes in the neurobiology of alcohol, has some tips:

Summer heat

Heat increases thirst but alcohol is a diuretic, Koob notes. So in addition to the usual advice to pace yourself — no more than one standard drink an hour — Koob said to stay hydrated by alternating some water or club soda with the alcohol.

Gender differences

Women's bodies react differently to alcohol, and not just because they tend to weigh less than men. They don't metabolize alcohol as quickly, and their bodies contain less water. On average, it takes one less drink for a woman to become intoxicated than a man of the same weight, Koob said. The NIAAA's definition of low-risk drinking for women is no more than seven drinks a week and no more than three drinks on any single day, while for men the limit is no more than 14 drinks a week and no more than four drinks on any single day.

Beyond drinking and driving

The July Fourth holiday weekend is historically dangerous on the highways. 38 percent of fatalities involved alcohol-impaired driving in 2011, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

But alcohol also doesn't mix with boating, swimming or diving, Koob said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol use is involved in up to 70 percent of adult and adolescent deaths associated with water recreation.

Holding your alcohol

What determines why one drink is plenty for one person while another routinely downs two or three? Genes play a big role. So do environmental factors, such as getting used to drinking a certain amount. That tolerance is a balancing act, Koob said. He cites research showing the person who can drink others under the table is at higher risk for alcohol problems later in life than is someone more sensitive to its effects.

When alcohol is a problem

Alcohol use disorders affect an estimated 17 million Americans. There are two medications that can help, targeting different steps in the addiction cycle, Koob said. More medications that work in different ways are needed, but changing lifestyle, cognitive therapy and support groups all play a role, he said.

Medications "are never going to cure the disease," Koob said. "What they will do is help you on the way."

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City of Midland to propose tax rate increase

Additional general fund revenues to pay for more City Hall employees as town grows

By Joseph Basco
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The city of Midland will propose a tax rate for fiscal year 2015 to the City Council that, if passed, will generate $1.16 million in extra revenue to cover City Hall's growth concurrent with the city's growth.

A property tax rate of $0.4198 per $100 valuation will be suggested for the upcoming budget cycle. While it's a decrease from the current $0.4319 rate, the proposed rate is the fiscal year 2015 effective rate of $0.4075 plus 3 percent.

The city plans to fund $12 million dollars worth of infrastructure improvements; 17 new employee positions, six of which are police officers;a $1.9 million cost of living adjustment for employees; 26 replacement police cars, one replacement fire engine, various new vehicles and equipment; and $875,000 worth of facility improvements to the police station and service center in 2015.

Upcoming meetings

After Monday's workshop, City Council will hold several meetings for the public to comment about the tax rate or the budget:

July 25 — Filing of budget online and in the City Secretary office.

Aug. 5 — First public hearing on the tax rate.

Aug. 12 — Second public hearing on the tax rate.

Aug. 19 — Public hearing on the budget, first votes on budget and tax rate.

Aug. 25 — Second votes on budget and tax rates.

"You know, nobody wants a tax increase, but we're trying to create a budget that addresses the growth," City Manager Courtney Sharp said. "We're seeing unprecedented growth at this time. And we think the budget we are submitting is not a 100 percent cure to the growth, but it's a start."

In total, the budget for all city operations is proposed to be $245.5 million, a 10.79 percent increase from the current fiscal year.

In its general fund, the city is projecting $42.2 million from sales tax and $33.6 million from property tax, which would make up 86 percent of its revenue. The remaining 14 percent is estimated to come from other sources, such as fines, licenses and permits.

In total, general fund revenue is budgeted to be at $105 million.

Regarding expenditures in the general fund, 24 percent is allocated to the fire department and 25 percent is allocated to the police department. The next largest slice of the general-fund pie would be 14 percent for the engineering department.

Only one time in the last decade — fiscal year 2011 — has the city increased its tax rate. The rate went from $0.4568 cents per $100 valuation in fiscal year 2010 to $0.4733 in fiscal year 2011.

Meanwhile, property valuations have continued to grow since at least 2004.

Please see **TAX RATE**/3B

TRYING TO COME BACK



Associated Press

Visitors walk by the historic Dr Pepper bottling plant in Dublin on June 14. The departure of Dr Pepper two years ago was a blow to this small Central Texas town. For decades Dr Pepper's oldest bottling plant drew tens of thousands of tourists a year.

Ex-Dr Pepper town seeks to boost tourism

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

DUBLIN — Early leaders named the streets Patrick, Shannon and Erin to give a diverse Texas frontier town a sense of Irish identity.

Nonetheless, most of Dublin's nearly 3,900 residents believe the connection to Ireland's capital city is mythical and that the town is named after the early settler expression "doublin' up" — circling covered wagons at night to defend against Plains attackers.

But over the last century, Dublin developed a distinctly different identity tied to its biggest tourist draw: Dr Pepper. With its famous sugar cane soft drink and the world's oldest Dr Pepper bottling plant, Dublin thrived on a merchandising bonanza that drew 90,000 people annually to the Central Texas town.

All of that is gone now.

More than two years after Dr Pepper cut ties with the local bottler over a licensing dispute, the town is trying to stabilize its economy by promoting its lesser-known claims to fame, from a festival highlighting its debatable Irish roots, to Dublin's bygone rodeo glories, to its location within the county Dairy Capital of Texas. The efforts exemplify how other communities across the country — stripped of the iconic industry that put them on the map — cast about for ways to redefine themselves and replace lost incomes.

"I guess we all felt like, 'Let's get on down the road,'" said Karen Wright, executive director of the Dublin Economic Development Corporation. "Our new reality is not Dublin Dr Pepper. It's something different. We've got to define it. It's up to us."

Towns facing sluggish economies have gone about rebuilding notoriety in inventive ways.

Evans City, Pennsylvania, is planning its first-ever "Night of the Living Dead" festival, a month-long event next October to celebrate being the setting where the 1968 horror movie was filmed. In Newton, Iowa, an annual sculpture festival recently celebrated its 12th year as the community tries to recover from appliance maker Maytag's departure from its longtime hometown.

But Dublin without Dr Pepper is turning out to be a hard sell. At the annual summer festival in June — the first since 1980 in which Dr Pepper's birthday was not celebrated — the town saw how far its largest tourism event had fallen.

Five line dancers in tap shoes performed to a near-empty set of bleachers. The bicycle race was canceled after the organizers failed to show. An arts and crafts fair included only two stands. Food options were also slim: the Surfing Cowboy's Cajun shrimp on a stick or a Mexican taco truck.

"It just don't have the push that Dr Pepper had," 66-year-old resident and Lion's Club president David Cleveland said as he surveyed the fair.

Dublin never worried about tourism revenue in the past. The early 1900s brought a railroad and the cotton trade, which prosperous families used to build elaborate Victorian mansions in this rural community 120 miles southwest of Dallas. Later, the surrounding dairy

Please see **DR PEPPER TOWN**/4B

Being a sportswriter beats working for a living

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



When I was a kid, my dad used to ask me all the time what I wanted to be when I grew up. I never gave him a straight answer.

My dad was one of those guys who thought, "A little hard work never hurt anybody." So, he made sure I had a steady diet of hard work.

I chopped cotton; I worked in the oil field with pulling units; I worked at a swimming pool; I sacked groceries; I pumped gas and washed windows at a full-service station; I sold newspapers on the street; I painted houses; I raised hogs and I mowed people's lawns.

I always kept myself aligned with a job for two reasons: to have my own spending money and to keep my dad from finding a job for me. His jobs were always the worst.

So when my dad wanted to know what I wanted to be when I grew up, I never had an answer because I just about hated every job I had ever worked at and was quickly coming to the conclusion there was not work worth doing for a full life.

There was only one way I could answer Dad's question: with the truth. For instance, if we were chopping cotton together, I would simply say, "I don't know what I want to be, but I know I don't want to be a farmer."

I would do that with whatever job I held at the time. Working at different jobs helped me to eliminate when it came to choosing a work field.

I don't want to give the wrong idea here. I think I was a pretty good worker and I earned my money honestly, but working hard and liking what you are doing are two totally different things.

But I will admit that all the hard work I did as a kid encouraged me to find a job I would like for the long haul. When I was in the fourth grade, I took to reading our science book because I thought being a doctor would be cool.

But such endeavors rock your boat when you can't pass the science test even after reading the book. I also dabbled with banking, geology, engineering and working in a planetarium. None of those panned out because all required more than simple math, and I wasn't great at math.

I am pretty good at analyzing sports talent, so early on I discarded the idea of playing professional sports, the one dream that would fulfill all my wants, desires and money needs.

Then, my eighth-grade English teacher asked me if I would like to join the staff of the school newspaper.

She wanted me to write short stories on the school's sports games each week. I loved that job.

Please see **WILLIAMSON**/3B

In AG race, Democrats hope Houston gives Paxton a fight

By Edgar Walters
Texas Tribune

Sam Houston, the first president of the Republic of Texas, has already staked his claim to the state's history books. This year, a man by the same name is hoping to make a little Texas history of his own.

Sam Houston, the little-known Democratic nominee for Texas attorney general, has so far run a modest campaign. Houston, a lawyer with West Texas roots and a thick drawl, drives his family car to campaign events and usually opts for an open-shirt with his navy blue blazer. He has never held public office, and at last tally he had raised a mere fraction of the campaign cash of his Republican opponent, state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney.

But Democrats, who have not held a statewide office in decimated Texas since 1998, are not discounting Houston. They believe that Paxton is vulnerable because of ethical problems. Paxton easily won the Republican runoff in May despite reports that he had violated state securities law. The Texas State Securities Board fined Paxton $1,000 for acting as the unregistered representative of an investment adviser.

Paxton's supporters say Democrats have little cause for optimism. A tea party favorite buoyed by some well-publicized praise from U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, Paxton crushed his runoff opponent by 27 percentage points in May, despite a bruising race in which the candidates spent more than $2 million on television ads.

"Over the last decade, Sen. Paxton has exceeded expectations of political prognosticators in elections for state representative, state senator and two statewide contests," a spokesman for his campaign, Anthony Holm, said. "This success is certain to continue in November."

In an interview recently at his Houston home, Houston acknowledged his underdog status but said he is not concerned.

"I don't worry about money," he said. "Some candidates get a bus. We've got that Prius out there. I'll raise enough funds."

Republican political consultants are skeptical.

"At the end of the day, you might have something negative to say about your opponent, but if no one hears it, it's like a tree falling in the forest," said Matt Mackowiak, a Republican political consultant not affiliated with Paxton's campaign. A "first-rate, truly competitive" race for attorney general will cost $5 million to $10 million, he added. In January, the last time he was required to disclose his campaign finances, Houston had raised about $185,000.

In a recent 10-minute address at his party's convention, Houston did not throw any new punches at Paxton but echoed some of the attacks that had surfaced in the primary. "Republicans have said that his ethical violations may be a crime, that he might be prosecuted by the federal government and he may be disbarred," Houston said. "I don't know that, but I'll let them say it."

Paxton's supporters say suggestions that he could face criminal prosecution are liberal pipe dreams. Holm has said the matter is "closed" and "fully resolved" by the securities board.

Under state securities law, local prosecutors may pursue criminal charges in cases involving failure to register as an investment adviser. Representatives from the district attorney's office in Collin County, Paxton's home county, said they have not received any referrals from the securities board.

"The truth of the matter with the

Please see **HOUSTON**/3B

Priest guilty of killing nun will get funeral Mass

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Roman Catholic priest convicted of stabbing and strangling a nun 34 years ago in a hospital chapel will receive a funeral Mass, a church official said Saturday.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson remained an ordained priest after his conviction and his services will follow the usual protocol for a diocesan priest's funeral, the Rev. Charles Ritter, administrator for the Diocese of Toledo, said in a statement.

Robinson, 76, died Friday. He had been serving a prison sentence of 15 years to life in what church historians have characterized as the only documented case of a Catholic priest killing a nun. He was arrested 24 years after the nun's death and found guilty in 2006 of stabbing and strangling Sister Margaret Ann Pahl at a Toledo hospital where they both worked.

Robinson had been in a hospice unit since the end of May after suffering a heart attack.

Robinson and Pahl, 71, had worked closely together at the hospital, where he was a chaplain and she was caretaker of the chapel. He presided at her funeral Mass.

Prosecutors said Robinson murdered Pahl because he felt she was domineering over him. Pahl was also upset over the shortening of Good Friday services a day before she was killed.

Robinson continued to maintain his innocence.

"Whether in the eyes of God, Father Robinson was or was not guilty of this crime, I do not know," Ritter said in his statement. "I do know that he is the work of God's hands, as are we all."

The statement said funeral arrangements were pending.

Obituaries



Alvin D Hammon

Alvin D Hammon, 75, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Alvin was born September 21, 1938, to the late John and Bonnie Hammon in Healdton, Oklahoma. He was raised and educated in Kermit and the West Texas area.

Alvin met and later married Charlotte Ann Wingfield on August 28, 1959, in Kermit, Texas. He attended Texas Tech University for over three years. Alvin worked for Texaco as a field superintendent, retiring after 32 years of service.

After his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. They were the light of his life, even though he loved to harass them from time to time. He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Charlotte Hammon of Midland; two sons, Gregg Hammon and wife Michelle of Midland, and Michael Hammon of Austin, Texas; one brother, Melvin Hammon of Pampa, Texas; one sister, Louise Holladay of Tijeras, New Mexico; two grandchildren, Alexandra Hammon of Austin, Texas, and Cordell Hammon of Midland; and by two nephews and six nieces.

Viewing will be Monday, July 7, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens

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

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Aramita "Nita" Payne

Aramita "Nita" Payne, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on July 7, 2014, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses located at 1405 Woodcrest Dr Midland, Texas. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Nita is survived by her six children son, Manuel and wife Wilma Andrade of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Rosie Sanchez of Dallas, Texas, Diana Boyd of Estero, Florida, Jesse Payne of Midland Texas, son, Danny and wife Adele Payne of Ft Stockton, Texas, and daughter China and husband Scott Heller of Magnolia, Texas; she had two brothers, Abel Tarin and Nestor Tarin; and one sister, Mary Camarena.

She also had 19 grand children and numerous great grand children, nieces, and nephews.

She is also preceded in death by her parents Abel and Lola Tarin; husband, James Edward Payne; and daughter, Esther Calderon.

Nita was born September 24, 1937, in Marfa, Texas. She married her late husband Jim Payne on November 17, 1972. He preceded her death on January 18, 1997.

She was a loving wife, mother and "Grandmama" and was very involved in her religion. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses and was a model of faith. She was never more than a phone call away for her family, friends, spiritual brothers and sisters and sometimes people she didn't even know.

The family request memorials to be sent to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses at 1405 Woodcrest, Midland, Texas.



Martha Elba Garcia

Martha Elba Garcia, 70, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2014 in Midland.

A Rosary will be held on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland.

Martha was born on March 30, 1944, to Herlinda and Joaquin Canseco in Mexico City. Her studies and work were in Mexico City until she married and moved to the United States. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend to all who knew her. She loved music, flowers and everything beautiful about life. Although her loss will be deeply felt, she now watches over us all and will be forever in our hearts until we meet again.

She is survived by her husband, Miguel Garcia; son, Michael Garcia and his wife, Shawna; son, Mark Garcia; daughter, Michelle Barcio and her husband, Bernard; sisters, Maria Eugenia Vargas and Herlinda Canseco; brother, Jorge Canseco; and grandchildren, Regina Barcio, Aaron Barcio, Amanda Burns, and Nicholas Garcia.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Michael Garcia, Mark Garcia, Bernard Barcio, and Sergio Lango.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to St. Stephen's Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

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

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.



Patricia Joyce Griffin Womack

Patricia Joyce Griffin Womack, 58 years of age, of Mesquite, Texas, went to be with the Lord on June 29, 2014, in Mesquite, Texas.

Visitation will be 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 6, 2014, and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2014, at Martinez Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday July 8, 2014, at Martinez Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Donald Flynn of Rose of Sharon, officiating.

Patricia was born in Odessa, Texas, to Harold Neal and Willie Mae Satchell on April 8, 2014. She went to school in Midland and to American Commercial College of Odessa, to Court Reporting Institute of Dallas, receiving certificate as legal secretary. She was very fond of animals, and went to receive a certificate in Dog Grooming.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, R.C. Griffin; uncles, Floyd Satchell, Curtis Satchell, Herman Neal, and Charles Neal; and niece, Katrina Shaw.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Fred Womack of Mesquite, Texas; son, Deddrick Griffin of San Jose, California; daughter, Ashley Womack of Dallas, Texas; sisters, Gloria Dancer and Kathy Shaw, both of Odessa; brother, Ladell Cleaver of Los Angeles, California; aunt, Clara Hubert of Midland; uncles, Clarenee (Donna) of Odessa, Terry (Lovie) Neal of Hearne, Texas, Billy Joe (Inola) Neal of Crane, and Willie Neal of Midland; and brother-in-law, Albert Price.

Arrangements are under the direction of Martinez Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Claudette Hartley

Claudette Hartley was called home to our Lord and Savior on July 3, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receiye friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 6, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Leonard John Hartley; her son, Ty Hartley; a brother; and her mother-in-law, Edna Hayworth.

Delbert Richard Copeland

Delbert Richard Copeland, 93, of Odessa, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 5, 2014.

Survivors are his sons, Gary Copeland and Ronnie Copeland; daughter, Debra Hopper; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at Westover Baptist Church of Odessa. Delbert will be laid to rest following the funeral service at Andrews West Cemetery in Andrews, Texas.

Henry R. Valverde

Henry R. Valverde, 55, of Big Spring, died Wednesday July 2, 2014. Vigil services will be 7:00 p.m. on Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Valverde; father, Luis O. Valverde; one sister and two brothers.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Louis Brown, father of Nicole Brown Simpson, dies

DANA POINT — Louis Brown Jr., the father of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, has died at his Southern California home, a family attorney said Saturday. He was 90.

Brown died Thursday in the seaside community of Dana Point, attorney Natasha Roit said in an email. A statement issued on behalf of the family did not include a cause of death.

Brown was the father of Nicole Brown Simpson, who was slashed to death in 1994 with friend Ronald Goldman. Her former husband, an ex-football player, was acquitted of murder in the high-profile murder trial, which was televised live.

A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable in 1997 for the deaths of his ex-wife and Goldman, providing a moral victory for grieving relatives who thought he got away with murder.

Louis Brown, who sat stone still as the verdict was announced, stood and smiled afterward. "I want to get outside and scream," he told the AP at the time. The jury awarded $ 33.5 million in damages.

Brown and his daughter Denise founded a charitable foundation in his slain daughter's name to raise awareness of domestic violence and increase funding for assistance.

Brown served in World War II as a pilot and married in Switzerland after the war, the statement said.

GEORGIA

Paul S. Amos, 88, a founder who took Aflac to the office, dies

COLUMBUS — Paul S. Amos, one of the three brothers who founded the Aflac insurance company nearly 60 years ago and the man behind its huge success in selling policies at workplaces, died Wednesday in Columbus, Georgia. He was 88.

In 1955, his oldest brother, John, formed the insurance company, originally called the American Family Life Insurance Co., and the middle brother, Bill, and the youngest, Paul, joined the effort that year. John, a lawyer, was the visionary always seeking to expand the company and turning it into a major insurer in Japan, while Bill was the operations guy who knew how to keep costs down. Paul focused on selling.

While most insurers sold policies by knocking on doors, Paul had the company emphasize cluster selling and worksite marketing. Instead of making presentations to individuals, the company's sales representatives often went to companies to make sales pitches to groups of employees. Today, most of Aflac's U.S. policies are bought through payroll deductions.

"Paul's contributions can't be overstated," Kenneth Janke, Aflac's deputy chief financial officer, said in an interview. "He was the one who set us on the path of marketing our product at worksites, as opposed to door to door. It was a very efficient manner of distribution. It made our agents more productive."

Thanks to such strategies, Aflac, known for selling supplemental policies like cancer insurance, has grown into a giant that insures more than 50 million people and has $121 billion in assets and 185,000 agents worldwide.

In 1964, the company changed its name to the American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, and in 1969, it adopted the acronym Aflac. A duck that quacks the word "Aflac" has become the company's famous — and humorous — symbol.

After John died in 1990, Paul succeeded him as Aflac's chairman, and Paul's only son, Daniel, was named chief executive. Bill died in 1997.

"My father was a consummate businessman," Daniel, now the company's chairman and chief, said in a statement. "He was a straight-shooter who believed in the simple tenets of honesty and integrity."

Paul Shelby Amos was born on April 23, 1926, in Enterprise, Alabama. His family moved to Milton, Florida; after graduating from Milton High School, he joined the Coast Guard during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946, part of the time in the Pacific Theater.

After the Coast Guard, he returned to Milton, where he worked for the family's dime store business instead of going to college. Years later, recognizing the importance of college, he set up a fund at Aflac that provides scholarship assistance for employees and their children.

He met Jean Roberts at Milton Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. They married in 1948 and were together for 65 years, founding the Paul and Jean Amos Foundation, which gives to many causes.

In addition to his wife and son, Amos is survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Upon joining the insurance company, Amos was in charge of sales in Alabama and West Florida. He later became first vice president/director for marketing, and later president, vice chairman and, finally chairman.

In his later years, Amos had Parkinson's disease. Even though he retired in 2001, he went to his office several days each week until recently.

In a 2007 interview with the Ledger-Enquirer in Columbus, he said of his health problems, "There is not a thing in the world wrong with me that youth wouldn't cure."

UKRAINE

Head of Ukraine's Orthodox Church dies at 78

KIEV — The head of Ukraine's Orthodox Church has died at 78 after leading it for more than two decades during the tumultuous post-Soviet period.

Metropolitan Volodymyr, who had been credited with stabilizing the church, died Saturday "after a long illness," the church announced online Saturday.

In his more than 20 years as head of the country's largest church, Volodymyr weathered the breakaway of two groups that declared themselves independent of the Moscow Patriarchate, which incorporates the Ukrainian church. Observers said he succeeded in preventing even more splits.

"He will go down in history as the savior of the Ukrainian Orthodoxy during a very difficult historical moment, as the preserver of the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodoxy," said Andrei Zolotov, a Russian journalist and expert on Orthodoxy.

Recently, Volodymyr often reflected pro-Russian opinions in Ukraine, where government troops are fighting a separatist insurgency in the east of the country.

Volodymyr was elected the head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in 1992 to replace Metropolitan Filaret, who was excommunicated by Moscow and went on to form the rival Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kiev Patriarchate. Another group of schismatics formed the Ukrainian Autocephalous Church.

Volodymyr worked to contain splits between Moscow-leaning and independence-minded church leaders and congregants, while also obtaining broad autonomy for governance and some cultural and religious matters from Moscow.

"There exist contradictions (in the Ukrainian Church), which up until now Volodymyr was able to contain, to balance out," said Viktor Yelensky, head of the Ukrainian Association for Religious Freedom. "He prevented a further split."

Most experts believe that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will eventually be recognized as fully independent. But were the Ukrainian church to abruptly and fully break away from Moscow, fierce battles over parishes and property would likely occur.

Volodymyr adopted the more gradual approach of developing Ukraine's Orthodoxy under Moscow's guidance.

Born Viktor Sabodan to a family of farmers in western Ukraine in 1935, Volodymyr studied at seminaries in Odessa and Leningrad, was ordained at 26 and took monastic vows soon thereafter. Orthodox priests are allowed to marry, but that limits their career paths.

He served briefly in Russian Orthodox Church missions in Jerusalem and Geneva, then as a bishop in Russia and Ukraine, both of which were then a part of the Soviet Union.

He was appointed the rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary and promoted to the rank of Archbishop of the Moscow Diocese. He later became a senior administrator at the Moscow Patriarchate.

SAN FRANCISCO

Frank M. Robinson, author and adviser to Harvey Milk, dies at 87

Frank M. Robinson, a well-regarded science fiction writer whose credits include a novel adapted for the 1974 blockbuster film "The Towering Inferno," and who was also a speechwriter and adviser to Harvey Milk, the San Francisco city supervisor assassinated in 1978, died Monday at his home in San Francisco. He was 87.

The cause was heart disease and pneumonia, said Robin Wayne Bailey, an author, friend and former president of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, which announced the death.

Robinson had moved to San Francisco from Chicago in 1973 to work with a friend and fellow writer, Thomas N. Scortia, on a novel about a skyscraper fire. While writing the book, he befriended Milk.

"The Glass Inferno," their 1974 novel, was mined for parts in creating the final script for "The Towering Inferno," producer Irwin Allen's disaster-film follow-up to "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972). Parts of Richard Martin Stern's 1973 novel, "The Tower," also found their way into the movie. All three authors earned screen credit and substantial paydays.

Robinson used his money to settle in San Francisco and to help Milk in his quest to become one of the first openly gay elected officials in the country.

"It came up that I was a writer," Robinson said in a 2008 interview with The Chicago Reader, describing the conversation that began his political partnership with Milk. "He said, 'Hey, why don't you be my speechwriter? It'll be a hoot.'"

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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Height and weight: 5 feet, 11 inches; 210 pounds
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- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dustin C. Bennett, 34, of Gardendale was charged Thursday with theft greater than $20,000 but less than $100,000.

James M. Busbee, 51, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance.

Joshua C. Childs, 18, of Midland was charged Thursday with burglary of a building.

Howard G. Cooper, 63, of Midland was charged Thursday with multiple counts of theft greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000 and theft of service greater than $100,000 but less than $200,000.

Jaime del la Rosa Jr., 37, of Midland was charged Thursday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Daniel B. Diaz, 40, of San Angelo was charged Thursday with failing to comply with sex offender registry duties.

Patricia A. Esparaza, 39, of Midland was charged Thursday with theft greater than $1,500 and $20,000.

Miguel U. Garcia, 23, of Midland was charged Thursday with violating probation.

Kurtis L. Hawkins, 24, of Midland was charged Thursday with tampering or fabricating physical evidence and injuring a child, elderly or disabled person through criminal negligence.

Ivy Jones Jr., 54, of Midland was charged Thursday with violating parole.

Bacilio Mendoza Jr., 36, of Midland was charged Thursday with evading arrest or detenion with a vehicle.

Enrique Rojas II, 33, of Midland was charged Thursday with theft greater than $20,000 but less than $100,000.

Christy L. Scott, 44, of Midland was charged Thursday with injuring a child.

Ryan M. Stevens, 18, of MIdland was charged Thursday with tampering or fabricating physical evidence with the intent to impair its verity, legibility, or availability.

Jeremy A. Thomas, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with violating probation.

Patricia Whitefield, 41, of Midland was charged Thursday with forgery of a financial instrument, credit or debit card abuse and theft greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000.

Christopher N. Wilson, 31, of Midland was charged Thursday with assault of a family or household member causing bodily injury.

Diego I. Carrera, 17, of Midland was charged Friday with tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Matthew Clark, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15.

Deeann O. Cox, 51, of Garden City was charged Friday with violating parole.

Jose D. Dominguez, 42, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was charged Friday with intoxicated manslaughter and possession of a controlled substance.

Thomas M. Gesell, 56, of Midland was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated three times or more.

Bryce A. Gould, 21, of Midland was charged Friday with obstruction or retaliation and possession of a prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Josue I. Hernandez, 23, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

John D. Hollowell, 35, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance and theft.

Dennis Jordon, 27, of Midland was charged Friday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Nancy N. Jordan, 30, was charged Friday with securing execution of document by deception and failure to appear at a bail jumping hearing.

Darlin A. Munoz-Pedromo, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Donald R. Prevost, 53, of Andrews was charged Friday with driving whole intoxicated three or more times.

Tanner H. Roach, 20, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and sexual ssault of a child.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

County judge expects debate on immigrants

The Dallas County judge expects strong opposition against a county plan to house and care for 2,000 children who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border alone.

Clay Jenkins on Friday told The Dallas Morning News that there has been fierce debate over the proposal, with activists on both sides expected to attend meetings of the commissioner's court, as well as community forums.

Jenkins is also concerned about demonstrators coming out in force when the immigrant children begin arriving in Dallas County at the end of the month.

"I hope people will listen to their greater angels and see these children as children and not the others," Jenkins said while attending state Rep. Dan Branch's annual Fourth of July picnic.

Jenkins on Thursday announced three proposed sites to house the immigrant children: a middle school in the Red Bird area, an alternative education building in Grand Prairie and a Parkland Memorial Hospital warehouse.

Texas has been the main entry point for the more than 50,000 children who've come illegally to the U.S., many without adults, from Central American countries.

KILLEEN

Officials investigate fire, death at motel

Officials in Killeen are investigating the cause of death of a woman who was found inside a smoke-filled motel room.

Killeen police said in a statement that police and fire officials responded to a fire call Saturday at the Palace Inn. When motel employees noticed smoke near one of the rooms, a passkey was used to check on the welfare of a woman who was occupying it. Upon entering they found her dead.

Justice of the Peace Bill Cooke pronounced the 25-year-old woman dead and ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

HOUSTON

4 shot at festival, 2 hurt when leaving

A man opened fire on an arena floor at a Caribbean music festival, wounding at least four people, police said, and two women were injured as the crowd rushed to flee the shooting.

Several thousand people had gathered at the arena for a Fourth of July party at the Houston Caribbean Festival, which was supposed to run until around 5 a.m., Houston Police spokesman Jodi Silva said.

Witnesses told police they saw a man open fire at 1:55 a.m. Saturday on the floor of the arena, hitting four men, Silva said.

"Everybody was having a good time, until someone shot a firearm," Silva said.

Immediately after the shots were heard, people panicked and began to flee, Silva said. Two females were hurt as people rushed to exit, but Silva did not know the extent of their injuries. Silva said the shooting victims were taken to two different hospitals, and one man was in critical condition and not expected to survive.

No ages or identities for any of those hurt were immediately available.

The Houston Caribbean Festival is an annual event that takes place during the holiday week at different venues in the area. Messages left at the telephone number listed on the organizer's website were not immediately returned.

The arena is accessible by a small two-lane road, which made it difficult for emergency crews to arrive as thousands of cars tried to leave.

The organizer of the festival had medical care personnel at the arena that gave first aid to the victims, Silva said. They were assisted by people at the party who had medical training.

There have been no arrests. The Houston Police Department is calling for people with information to come forward.

Silva said about 30 off-duty policemen were at the festival to provide security but they were on the perimeter of the arena.

HOUSTON

Potential mid-air plane collision averted

Federal Aviation Administration authorities say air traffic controllers at a Houston airport averted a potential mid-air collision of two planes.

The incident happened Thursday night 10 miles northeast of Bush Intercontinental Airport when a Singapore Airlines 777 jumbo jet and Delta Airlines A320 came about a half-mile horizontally and about 200 feet vertically of each other. Federal guidelines say aircraft should be separated a half-mile vertically and three miles horizontally.

FAA's Lynn Lunsford tells the Houston Chronicle reported that an air traffic controller noticed the danger and gave pilots instructions.

Lunsford said they have taken steps to ensure flight crews are aware of the guidelines.

In May, the FAA was investigating another incident in which an air traffic controller's mistake put two planes on a collision course.

FRISCO

Girl, 8, injured in North Texas zip line accident

North Texas authorities are investigating a zip line accident in which an 8-year-old girl fell 20 feet to the ground.

Frisco police said the girl fell from the zip line attraction at the city's annual Freedom Fest event Friday.

Police said she was airlifted to a nearby hospital, where she was in stable condition.

WACO

Police rescue boy from Brazos River

Two Waco police officers rescued a 7-year-old boy after he slipped into the Brazos River during a Fourth of July event.

Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton told the Waco Tribune-Herald that the child was playing on the river walk Friday when he stepped onto some rocks covered in moss, slipped and went under water.

Two police officers were standing nearby. Swanton said Detective Dennis Taylor jumped into the water and dove down to pull the child to the surface and Detective Daniel Harper helped bring him to shore.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

That task didn't pay anything — just like real journalism — but you had your name on the story and you got to tell people what happened at the event you covered. Man, that was special.

I later found out that you could do that for a living. People really made a living, well sort of, by writing about sports. Now I could tell my dad what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wanted to be a sportswriter.

"Look, Dad, I would get to go to games nearly every day, free of charge. Then I would get to tell people how those games turned out. I would have great seats in the press box so I would be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. I would get to meet the athletes and go to great events at the expense of my employer," I told him.

I couldn't find a downside at the time. I hadn't yet discovered the fact that you had to be impartial or that there would be screaming coaches, howling fans and crying moms along the way.

I thought everyone would love me, but even the wife doesn't like some of the things I write about. But the part about getting into the games free was true, and it sure beat working for a living.

Of course, my dad always thought it was an illegitimate job. He would say, "You should at least have a job that provides a little spending money."

Well, truth be told, there are downsides to every career path — even one that provides free games.

Thought for the Week: "Life will always throw you curves, just keep fouling them off; the right pitch will come and when it does be prepared to run the bases."

— Sara Ann Nielsen

TAX RATE

From 1B

In fiscal year 2004, the assessed property valuation for the city was below $4 billion. The estimated assessed property valuation for the city in fiscal year 2015 will be close to $10 billion, a $1.2 billion increase from the current fiscal year.

"There's a lot of towns in Texas that don't even have a total valuation of $1.2 billion, and we grew that amount in just one year," Sharp said.

The average home value also increased from $172,652 in fiscal year 2014 to $195,078 in fiscal year 2015, a 12.99 percent increase. The city will make its presentation to the council Monday.

If passed, the increased tax rate would increase city property taxes by $24.46 if a home's valuation was $200,000.

"It's a new council," Mayor Jerry Morales said, answering how the council will respond to the proposed tax rate. "There's some really strong conservative views on there, so I think you're going to hear a newer message than you have in the past."

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HOUSTON

From 1B

Paxton stuff is, we're in pretty uncharted waters," said Jeff Rotkoff, a Democratic adviser unaffiliated with Houston's campaign. "Anybody who's going to talk about it is going to be speculating."

That has not stopped Democrats from talking.

Some have wondered aloud whether District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg of Travis County, a Democrat, might have jurisdiction in the case because her office oversees the state's Public Integrity Unit, which investigates malfeasance among elected officials. That theory has not been substantiated.

One Democratic consultant, Matt Angle, emailed supporters on Monday to say he was looking into speculation that Republicans "may be urging" the Public Integrity Unit to prosecute Paxton. Gregg Cox, the unit's director, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Houston's supporters are optimistic nonetheless. They say he has experience on the campaign trail — he ran for the Texas Supreme Court in 2008 — and has a familiar name. "He could well end up being the top vote-getter for Texas Democrats," said Harold Cook, a Democratic consultant not affiliated with Houston's campaign.

It would not be the first time Houston's 2008 bid was the most competitive among Texas Democrats in statewide races; he ultimately lost with 46 percent of the vote. The only Democrat to receive more votes that year was Barack Obama.

Houston's fate will probably be decided by the top of his ticket. Cook recalled the 2002 election, when Kirk Watson, a Democrat and now a state senator from Austin, unsuccessfully challenged Greg Abbott, a Republican, in the race for attorney general.

"Voters had decided they didn't like Democrats that year," Cook said, "starting with Tony Sanchez," that year's Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Since then, no Democrat running for Texas attorney general has earned even 40 percent of the vote.

"The attorney general's race is a very difficult race because typically it doesn't get as much coverage as the races like lieutenant governor and governor," Watson said. "Sometimes that makes it hard to even raise money, because it's not the premier race."

It is an obstacle all down-ballot candidates face, especially in the minority party. That has prompted at least one lesser-known Democratic candidate, Jim Hogan, the agriculture commissioner hopeful, to forego fundraising and run on his name alone. Hogan, who did not attend the Texas Democratic Party convention, has said his name makes him sound "like a nice guy." In the Democratic primary, he beat out another candidate with a recognizable name: the musician and frequent political candidate Kinky Friedman.

Houston bristles at any suggestion that he is running on his moniker. "I try not to be so cynical to think that people just go in and vote for a name," he said.

And though the name Sam Houston may be memorable at the ballot box, he added, it also has its drawbacks.

"You can't get a clean Google page with just me on it," Houston said. "I've tried."

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It's Been A Busy Year So Far!

Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done the first six months of 2014

Electricity	107 families	$ 30,757.00
Gas	30 families	$ 4,893.13
Water	48 families	$ 18,585.06
Rent	447 families	$510,264.19
Transportation	25 families	$ 16,998.18
Propane	4 families	$ 471.00
Medical	29 families	$ 22,436.52
Home Repairs	12 families	$ 6,384.38
Food Pantry		$ 3,874.94
Legal Expenses	10 families	$ 4,330.00
Misc.	21 families	$ 15,148.56
TOTAL	**734 families**	**$634,142.96**

While this number may seem high to many of you, especially in light of the success of our thriving economy, we feel a need to remind people that when times are very, very good for some of us, the poor suffer greatly. And yes, there are poor, even in Midland.

The skyrocketing cost of rent in Midland impacts the poor the most. As was recently reported in our local newspaper, even though newly-built apartments are opening up all over Midland to alleviate the housing shortage, rents are not going down. Instead, they continue to rise. To the elderly who subsist on fixed incomes of $600 to $1500 per month Midland has become a very difficult town in which to live – especially when the cost of their $800 per month apartment may jump another $400 per month and even more. These huge increases in rent are also affecting young families with small children who are also impacted by the high cost of childcare in Midland. Low income families (often those in retail, restaurant and day laborers) similarly cannot afford the huge increases. We deal every day with families who have been evicted from their homes when their rent jumps astronomically when the lease comes up for renewal. They are hard-working people, but with jobs paying $10 or $12/hour they simply cannot afford to pay $1,500/month for an apartment, plus all of the other expenses that come with daily survival. And then we have the family coming to Midland on their last dime to take advantage of the surplus of jobs in our city. While they land jobs as soon as they get here, they were unprepared for the high cost of living and the reserve money they have brought with them runs out before their first paycheck comes in. They were not expecting to pay $80+ per night for a motel room.

We also see those people who are impacted by debilitating illness. They can either pay their rent or their medical expenses. And now we have the extreme heat of summer upon us, when electric bills will begin to escalate. To many of these people they can only cry out "when will it end?"

We wish we could help everyone who comes to us with a legitimate need, however the numbers are just too great in Midland right now. Those of us who volunteer at Helping Hands feel blessed to be able to help as many people as we do, thanks to your generous support. May God bless you for your compassion in helping our neighbors in need.

Texas sees massive spike in surrogate pregnancies

By Mary Ann Roser
Austin American-Statesman



Deborah Cannon/Austin American-Statesman

Nicole Benham hugs her son Andrew, 10, at their Hutto home on May 24. Called a gestational carrier or gestational surrogate because neither baby comes from her own eggs, Benham is among hundreds of American women who carry babies for family, friends and strangers each year.

AUSTIN — An Austin nurse spread gel on Nicole Benham's pregnant belly and slowly moved a sonogram wand over it, describing the images on nearby monitors. This scene, in which parents get their first glimpse of baby, is played out many times a day in medical offices across America, but this plot has a twist.

Benham is carrying twins, but they are not her babies. They belong to Sheila and Kevin McWilliams, a New Jersey couple who lost their firstborn and can't have another child together. They provided the eggs and sperm, and they will bear all costs, which average $75,000 to $100,000 and include fees to the surrogate, the matchmaking surrogacy company and lawyers for both parties, experts said.

Despite such costs, U.S. surrogate births have jumped 250 percent in eight years, and experts expect them to continue rising because of advances in reproductive technology, increasing numbers of same-sex marriages and growing acceptance of surrogacy.

In the vast majority of surrogate births today, the intended parents provide the egg and sperm, minimizing the risk of custody battles. Data suggest that there are fewer multiple births and, perhaps surprisingly, more surrogates bearing babies for others more than once.

Conservative Texas is more surrogate-friendly than many other states, especially when the intended parents are a married man and woman. Though the state's law doesn't outright forbid surrogacy for gay couples, it allows only one partner's name on the birth certificate. The unnamed partner can face a long adoption process, but that hasn't stopped some gay men from seeking surrogates here, surrogacy company representatives said.

For the McWilliamses, Texas was an easy choice over New Jersey, where the surrogacy climate is more fraught. They flew to Austin in May so they could be at Dr. Byron Darby's office for Benham's sonogram. They wanted to see how the twins are developing and learn their genders.

"It's a second and a third chance," Sheila McWilliams, 41, told the Austin American-Statesman with a nod to the twins.

"I'm so blessed."

As Benham, 35, lays back, occasionally glancing at a facing monitor, the couple was transfixed by the views nurse Nancy Kirks showed of the twins' anatomy. A tiny foot here, a perfectly formed hand there.

"Aw, I can see the knuckles," Sheila McWilliams said. Her eyes filled up when Kirks announced the first twin is a boy. She was thinking of Cameron, the son she lost, Sheila McWilliams said. Kirks later identified the other baby as a girl.

It's a perfect scenario for the McWilliamses, said Sheila, who had an emergency hysterectomy in 2007 after Cameron was born. He died in 2011 of a heart condition.

Called a gestational carrier or gestational surrogate because neither baby comes from her own eggs, Benham is among hundreds of American women who carry babies for family, friends and strangers each year. Although surrogacy accounts for less than 1 percent of all U.S. births, annual births by gestational surrogates climbed more than 2 1/2-fold between 2004 and 2012, to 1,898 babies, according to the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Even so, surrogacy remains controversial. State laws vary widely, with such liberal locales, such as New York and the District of Columbia, banning it outright. The Catholic Church also forbids it, along with in vitro fertilization, the process in which the egg and sperm are combined in a lab before being transferred to the carrier.

"It removes procreation from that intimate act of love and puts it in the realm of science and medicine," said Marie Cehovin, director of the Office of Pro-life Activities and Chaste Living for the Catholic Diocese of Austin. "The whole idea of creating life in a petri dish is horrendous to us."

The church also opposes the destruction of embryos and terminating the fetus, which could happen, for example, if a different gender is preferred, she said.

Some critics call surrogacy "womb renting" and exploitative to women. It isn't regulated nationally, nor do many states that allow it, including Texas, oversee businesses that match surrogates to intended parents. Anyone can act as a surrogacy company, experts said.

"I think it's somewhat dangerous not to have regulation," said Gayle East, owner and director of Waco-based Surrogate Solutions.

East, 39, has been a surrogate three times since having her own two children. Two attempts failed, but, in the one that worked out, she gave birth to twins, now 5 and living in France with their parents. "That's the most amazing thing I've ever done in my life," East said.

She remains close to that family and visits them. The only problem she experienced was high blood pressure, which still requires medication, East said.

Nearly a third of the carriers with her company have been surrogates more than once, she said. One worker at Surrogate Solutions had two children of her own before carrying seven babies for five other couples.

The McWilliamses are the second couple for whom Benham is a surrogate. She sees surrogacy as giving back.

"I was adopted, and I always thought, 'I'd love to do something like that,'" said Benham, who lives with her husband, John, and their two children, ages 10 and 12, in Hutto.

She acted after hearing a sermon three years ago at her church, New Hope Christian, in Hutto. The preacher spoke about "finding your purpose in life," she said. Benham searched the Web that day and found The Surrogacy Experience in Red Bank, N.J. The company made a home visit, and soon Benham was matched with a couple.

The process was like a dating service in which both sides shared profiles, corresponded and ultimately met to see if they clicked, Benham said. The next steps included signing a "humongous" contract, Benham said, hiring lawyers and undergoing the embryo transfer.

Contracts, which experts called essential, are aimed at protecting both parties, including the carrier's health and the intended parents' right to take the baby home. Contracts generally state that the carrier can't drink or do illicit drugs. Some order that a specific diet be followed. Benham's contract forbids her from getting a chiropractic adjustment, she said. She also is not allowed to travel outside of Texas, mainly because she would be bound by another state's laws if anything happened, she said.

Neither Benham nor the McWilliamses, with whom she has become close, would state the precise fee Benham will receive. A surrogate's fee averages $20,000 to $30,000, and expenses can include transportation to doctors' appointments, lost wages and child care.

Some gestational carriers do it for the money, but surrogates interviewed for this article said that wasn't their motivation, and those involved with them agreed.

East said her company doesn't accept women on public assistance, who might be motivated solely by money.

Diane Hinson, a Maryland lawyer who founded and owns Creative Family Connections, said emphatically, "Our surrogates are doing this to change someone's life. They are amazing, wonderful women, and something's motivated them to give back. To them, their children are their most important thing in the world. They love being pregnant, but they're done with diapers."

Generally speaking, gestational surrogates also have completed their own families and have supportive spouses, said Judith Sperling-Newton, director of the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys. The only downside she

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DR PEPPER TOWN

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farms were big employers.

And Dublin had Dr Pepper. The local bottler used the classic formula of the soda sweetened with the traditional cane sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup, which has become standard in soft drinks.

But in 2012, Dr Pepper Snapple Group announced it was ending its 120-year relationship with its oldest but smallest bottler, claiming the bottler had violated its licensing agreement by selling Dr Pepper abroad with an unauthorized logo.

Since then, tourism has dropped by two thirds and many businesses shuttered.

Local leaders decided Dublin needed to promote other aspects of the community, and the local chamber of commerce has experimented with "repurposing" Dublin's obscure history.

"We're a big dairy area and a lot of places would do dairy events during dairy month, but since a lot of dairies are going under, they kinda stopped doing it," said Luanne Schexnider, who became president of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce shortly after Dr Pepper left.

Her current campaign involves handing out miniature PayDay candy bars at meetings of regional chambers of commerce and economic development officials. Attached are cards stating that all peanuts in PayDay bars were dry-roasted in Dublin.

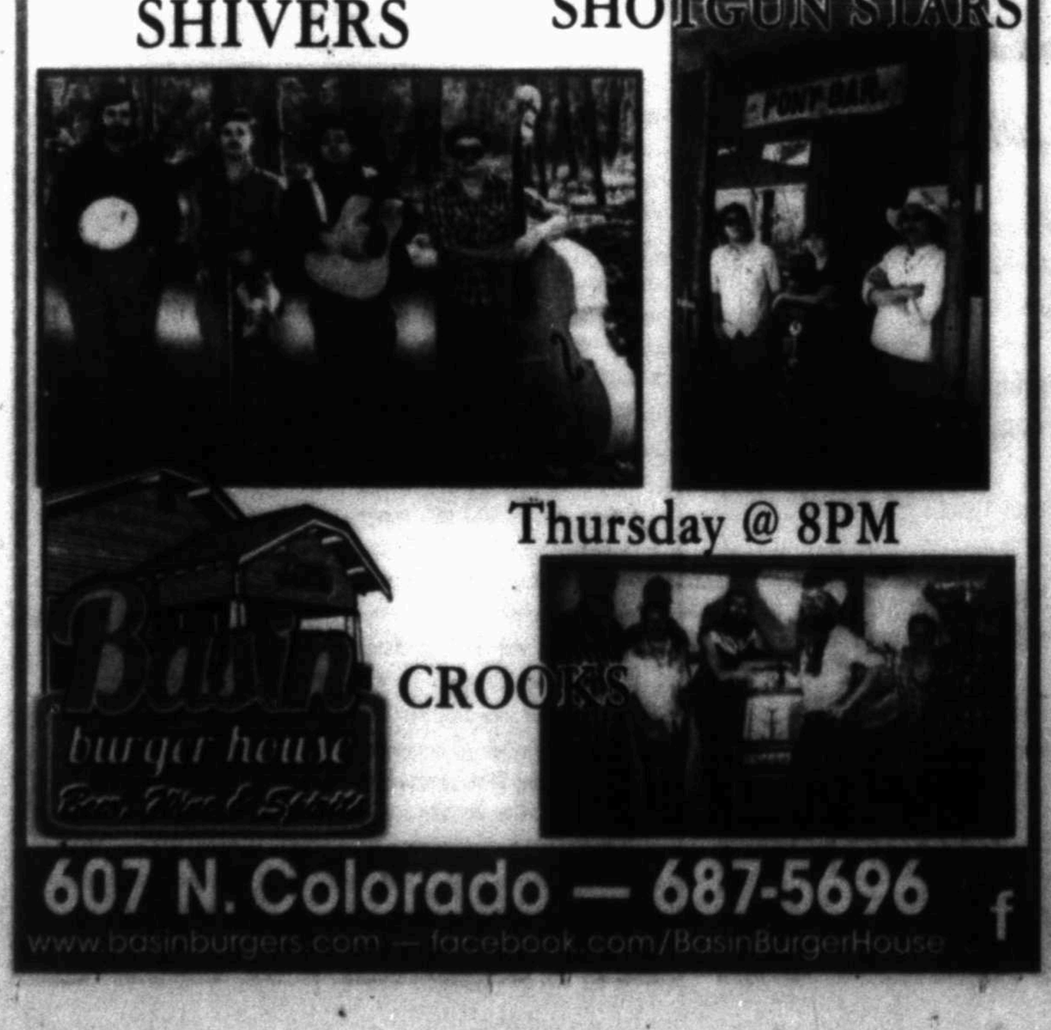
To draw in extra money, Dublin also holds three days of festivities each March that include a parade, a Shamrock Queen pageant, a rodeo and a stew cook-off in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

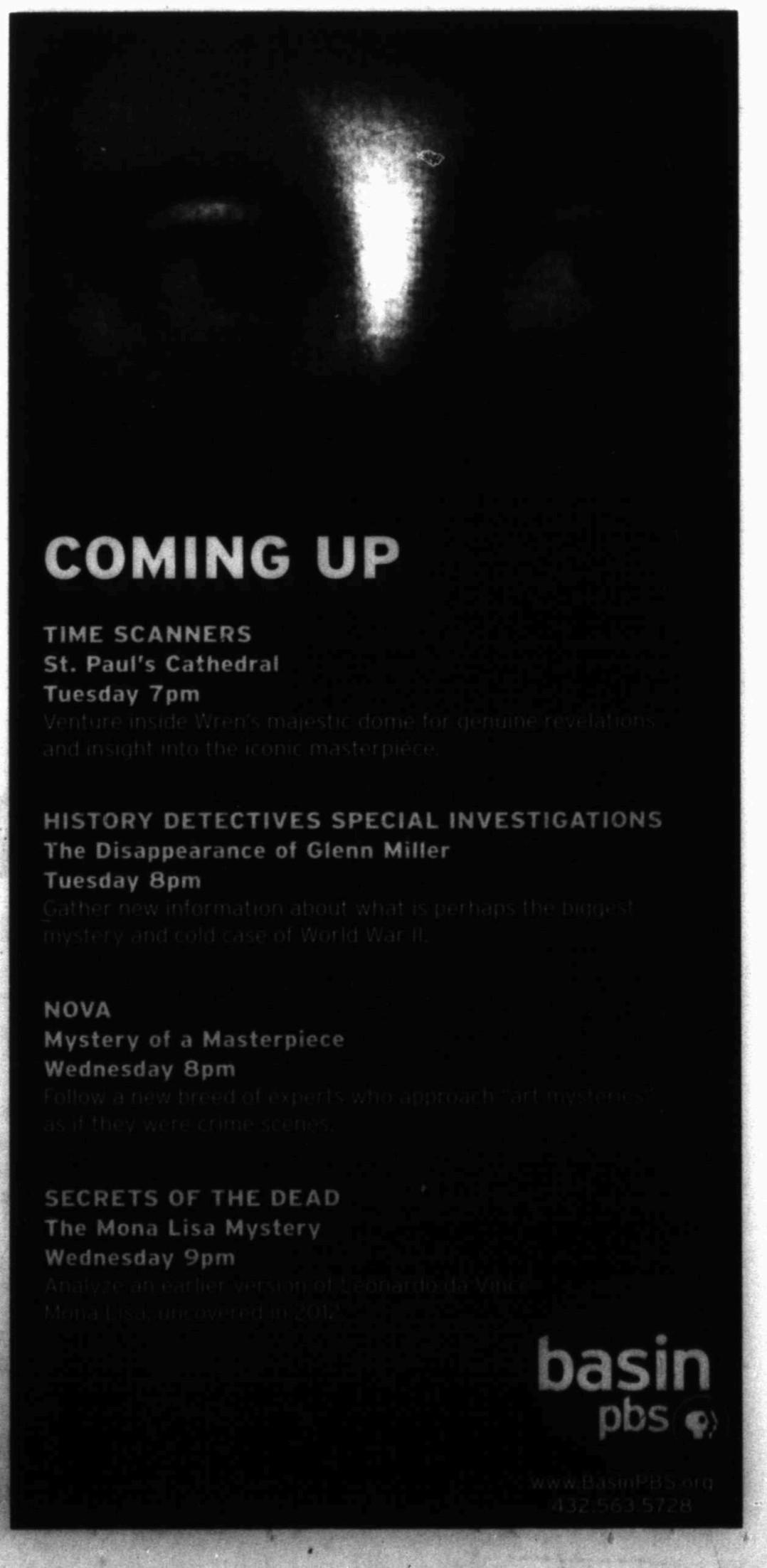
And although much of the Dr Pepper signage that once adorned this town is gone, Dublin Bottling Works Inc. hasn't given up trying to recapture the lore of its past.

Chief Executive Bill Kloster is pushing a line of soda in glass bottles with retro flavors and labels in Texas grocery stores, maintaining his grandfather's decision to never use corn syrup.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group is now distributing its own cane-sugar sweetened Dr Pepper, but for the most devoted fans, Dublin's old-fashioned soda shop sells bottled syrup made with the Dublin Dr Pepper recipe.

"There's both a sense of disappointment and a sense of excitement in taking a 122-year-old company and trying to reinvent it," Kloster said.







Deborah Cannon/Austin American-Statesman

Gayle East, founder and owner of Surrogate Solutions, sits in her office in McGregor on June 24. East, 39, has been a surrogate three times since having her own two children.

SURROGATES

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sees is the cost, which can put surrogacy out of reach for lower-income people.

Guidelines by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology recommend that carriers have at least one uncomplicated pregnancy before carrying for another couple. The guidelines also say that carriers should not have more than five previous deliveries or three prior cesarean sections.

As for the intended parents, the guidelines say surrogacy is indicated when a "true medical condition" would put the mother or fetus at great risk. East is seeing an increase in single women and men seeking surrogates. One intended parent working with East's company is a man in Italy, she said.

Sheila said she was comforted that Benham, who works as a medical assistant in Austin, had been a surrogate previously and is strong in her faith. Benham said her first surrogacy experience went so well that, three months later, she was ready to start the process again.

"When I was pregnant the first time and I felt her move, I thought, 'This is going to be so difficult,'" Benham said. "I was really worried about what it would be like at the hospital. (But) when the baby was born, I was so happy to see them together."

She didn't bond with the baby or experience sadness afterward, although a friend who was a surrogate became depressed, she said.

Benham's parents were worried about her health and feared her children would be confused, she said. "When I told them I was going to do it again, they said, 'OK, we'll support you no matter what you want to do,'" she said.

Each time, Benham said her husband was "super-excited." Like her, he thinks pregnant bellies are beautiful, she said.

Benham's United Healthcare policy doesn't cover surrogacy, so both sets of intended parents bought insurance to cover her care. Some United policies do cover surrogacy, spokeswoman Kim Whitaker said, adding that United doesn't ask women if they are surrogates. Nor does insure, Aetna, spokeswoman Anjie Coplin said.

Several years ago, military wives were mentioned as frequent surrogates, but Hinson said she didn't see that trend. Tricare, the insurance carrier for active military members and their dependents, "has made it very clear" in the last few years that it doesn't intend to use taxpayer money for surrogate births, she said.

The McWilliamses bought coverage for Benham, and the couples are in constant contact.

"Nicole is like mother earth. She has that calmness," Sheila McWilliams said. They met when Benham went to New Jersey for the embryo transfer in February. Two were used in the hope one would work. Both did, to Sheila McWilliams' surprise.

"I am so thrilled it happened on the first try," said Sheila McWilliams, a freelance court reporter. Kevin McWilliams, 46, is a house painter and restaurant manager.

Although surrogacy is allowed in New Jersey, experts said the state's climate is daunting. New Jersey was home to the famous Baby M case in the 1980s, in which the surrogate used her egg and the intended father's sperm. At the birth, she had a change of heart, fought for custody and ended up with liberal visitation rights.

That case, along with a lack of understanding about how modern surrogacy works, is one reason it remains controversial, said Hinson, the Maryland lawyer whose firm provides surrogate matching and legal services.

A lot of people think that the carrier is using her own eggs and has a biological bond to the child. While that is true for what are called "traditional surrogates," in vitro fertilization has changed the landscape.

"Surrogacy is complex, but the fact that technology came along that allowed that separation made it all a lot simpler," Hinson said.

She is seeing "a surrogacy explosion — at least a mini-explosion," she said. "I think we'll see an exponential increase" in the future.

Hinson and other experts said more carriers are forbidding multiple embryos from being transferred at once.

Austin surrogacy lawyer Simi Denson, 36, said she broke her own rule in March 2013 to limit an embryo transfer to one and not more than two while acting as a surrogate. Taking medical advice that three embryos were needed to ensure "any chance of a pregnancy," she was surprised when all three bore fruit.

Denson, a married mother of two who became interested in being a surrogate around the same time she began her surrogacy law practice, had told the couple that if all three embryos "took" she wouldn't terminate any; the couple agreed, she said.

Denson didn't get to have a midwife-attended birth like she had with the first couple for whom she carried a baby at age 31. Carrying more than one baby is often more complicated, and the risk of premature birth is higher.

At 28 weeks, Denson moved in with the intended parents in Houston and had the babies by C-section at 33 weeks, about seven weeks early, she said. Her family visited on the weekends.

Her mother worried about her health, she said. In her first surrogacy, she had miscarried one of the two embryos transferred.

"It was a huge loss for both of us," Denson said, adding that she remains close to the couple. "Very difficult."

In her second surrogacy, she had a miscarriage with the couple for whom she later bore triplets.

Denson remains close to the parents of the triplets and visited them earlier this month. "There's no other gift you can give like that," she said.

She represents about 80 to 100 surrogate arrangements per year across the state, she said.

Hinson, the Maryland lawyer, said, "Gestational carriers bond with the parents, not the child. I have surrogates who tell me when they met with the parents, 'I'm just living for that moment when the parents hold that baby for the first time.'"

Benham said that's what fuels her. She is due Nov. 10, and the McWilliamses will be in the delivery room with her.

Former Union Pacific contractor could face fines

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A former contractor on a $400 million Union Pacific railroad hub in Santa Teresa along the state's southern border with Mexico has been accused of bidding for the job without a legal New Mexico license.

Potential fines levied against the company, Ames Sundt JV, could reach into the millions of dollars, the Albuquerque Journal reported Saturday.

The state Construction Industries Division began an investigation into the company about two years ago. Formal complaints were filed in March, the newspaper reported.

The Union Pacific facility opened in April.

Closed-door mediation over the complaints lodged against Ames Sundt JV begin Tuesday in Albuquerque with the state Construction Industries Commission and the Attorney General's Office.

The case involves a contract amount of about $178 million, Attorney General spokesman Phil Sisneros said. State law allows for fines equal to about 10 percent of the value of the contract, he said.

Attorneys for the contractors — Ames Sundt JV is a joint venture between Minnesota-based Ames Construction and Arizona-based Sundt Construction — declined to discuss the case, citing the pending legal matters. But the Journal reported that state records indicate the companies deny wrongdoing.

The initial investigation began after an Albuquerque businessman who lost out on his bid for a portion of the railway project filed a complaint with the state, according to emails obtained by the Journal.

Kevin Yearout, of Yearout Mechanical in Albuquerque, complained that Ames Sundt JV wasn't legally licensed under New Mexico law at the time it bid on the project, and it only obtained the proper licensing about 75 days later.

Lottery chief seeks change in funding scholarships

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The head of New Mexico's lottery system wants the state Legislature to cut the 30 percent minimum it is required to provide in revenues to the college scholarship program, noting such a move could increase lottery sales and create an even larger revenue stream for the program.

However, the director of a Santa Fe-based think tank, whose 2006 study led state lawmakers to set the 30 percent minimum, said the move would only put more money in the pockets of lottery vendors and administrators and won't enrich the scholarship program with additional funds, the Albuquerque Journal reported Saturday.

The Legislative Lottery Scholarship program provides tuition money for students at state-funded institutions.

The 30 percent mandate prevents the lottery from offering higher payouts on its instant-win scratcher tickets, lottery CEO David Barden said. Higher payouts would attract more players and increase sales, he said.

But Fred Nathan, founder and executive director of Think New Mexico, noted that of the 12 states that mandated minimum contributions from their lottery systems in 2007, including New Mexico, only North Carolina and California have eliminated the benchmarks.

Since then, "the percentage of revenues delivered to beneficiaries in California has fallen from 34 percent in 2010 to 28 percent in 2013," Nathan said.

"The proponents of this change point out that it resulted in more absolute dollars going to beneficiaries, which is true," he said. "But only 20 percent of the increase went to beneficiaries, with the remaining 80 percent going to prizes and overhead."

He noted that part of that increased overheard could go to Barden, who earns an annual salary of $145,000 but stands to make thousands more in bonuses if sales increase.

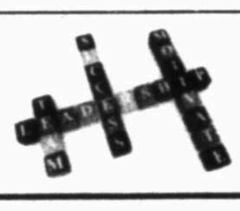
The New Mexico lottery system has raised more than $610 million for education, helping pay for the scholarships of more than 90,000 students, lottery officials said.

Barden said that by reducing the mandated contribution amount and increasing sales, the lottery likely could provide even more toward education. "Unfortunately, the 30 percent requirement makes it impossible for the New Mexico Lottery to provide scratcher prize levels that have driven success in other states," Barden said.

Nathan suggested that the lottery should simply reduce its overheard to keep pace with the growing demand for lottery scholarships and increase sales.



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Texas man fights to get off the road to paralysis

By Sherry Jacobson
Dallas Morning News



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Betty Rasch drives her son's, Michael Rasch, motorized wheelchair to a garage sale in Denton on April 25. Michael has Duchenne muscular dystrophy

DENTON — The 400-pound motorized wheelchair is zooming along the house-lined streets near the University of North Texas. Both riders are keeping an eye out for potholes.

Sitting is 47-year-old Michael Rasch, who has not walked on his own in almost 30 years. Standing behind him is his 78-year-old mother, Betty Rasch, who is "driving" the two-wheeled vehicle from her somewhat precarious perch on the back.

With a clear view over Michael's head, she spots the garage-sale sign on Linden Drive and steers the chair up the driveway. "Looks promising," Betty says, hopping down and straightening Michael's visor in a single motion.

Their garage-sale outing is no small feat, starting with the fact Michael can tolerate a one-mile ride in a speeding wheelchair. As one of the longest survivors of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, he has lost nearly all of his muscle control, including his ability to breathe on his own.

"This is one of my favorite things to do," Michael says, puffing on a portable ventilator throughout the two-hour trip to three garage sales. In good weather, these outings occur weekly.

"I like listening to music," he told The Dallas Morning News. "I've collected close to 1,600 CDs from garage sales. I'm willing to pay 50 cents to $1 apiece, if they sound interesting."

Michael shares his passions freely but is less likely to talk about how he has outlived nearly every prediction about his life. Foremost was the grim warning that he should have died decades ago. He shrugs it off.

"Other people see something special about my life, but I don't see it," he says of his unexpected survival. "Everybody has issues they deal with. A lot of people are in much worse situations than I am."

Michael was 5 when he was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. Doctors predicted he would not walk past age 12, would never finish high school and probably would die a teenager.

Michael didn't cooperate. He did not abandon walking until he was 19. He not only survived high school, he earned a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Missouri and a master's in mathematics from Texas Woman's University. For two semesters, he taught calculus at UNT.

These days, Michael's requires round-the-clock monitoring and nine hours of respiratory therapy daily. Between his treatments, he tutors high school and college students in math in the home he has shared with his mother since the early 1990s.

Friends marvel at the family's dedication to Michael and how well it's working.

"I sit back in total amazement and wonder how could they do it?" says Cora Martin, a neighbor and former gerontology teacher at UNT. "A lot of times, Betty has help from her children. But sometimes, they're all gone, and it's all on her shoulders."

The Raschs live a modest life that focuses mainly on Michael's daily needs. Money is not something the family talks about, although mother and son depend mainly on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Outside income is a concern because earning too much would threaten Michael's access to care.

"Michael's students are required to donate his tutoring fees to a local food pantry," Betty says. "Medicaid covers all his medical equipment. Any income could interfere with his eligibility."

While his mother is his primary caretaker and closest companion, Michael's four siblings and their families take turns helping her. Every two years or so, a family member will move home from as far away as Africa or Central America.

"We resigned our teaching jobs in Chicago in 1994 and moved to Texas to help," recalls brother Ivan Rasch, who is a year younger than Michael. "Both of my children grew up seeing Michael's treatments. They were not afraid of his equipment. They'd sit on the footrest of his wheelchair and ride through the house."

When not assisting his mother or Michael, Ivan taught in the Flower Mound school district for several years. But in 1999, he and his wife decided to become teachers at a missionary school in Nigeria. The couple taught in Ghana until they returned recently to help with Michael.

Younger sister Kendra Crowther helped from 1999 until 2006, and older brother Jeffrey Rasch pitched in after that. Brother Kevin Rasch and his family make regular visits from Honduras to help, too.

Such dedication might seem unusual, but not to the Rasch family. These are the people who stop to help when a stranger's car breaks down along the highway, says Jennifer Rasch, who is married to Ivan.

"They will drive complete strangers 40 miles to get gas," she says. "They are an amazing family. They stop what they're doing and meet the need. I feel honored to have married into a family like this."

Michael is the family's top priority, although college students also are hired to oversee his extensive breathing treatments. The household buzzes around Michael's room and there's never any discussion about this being a burden.

"Sometimes, families will find a nursing home or someplace that will assist them," Betty says of other Duchenne patients. "As long as anybody is able-bodied in our home, we wouldn't do it."

The Raschs are not a typical American family, starting with the fact that four of the children were born in Nigeria when their parents were missionaries.

For nearly 30 years, Betty and her husband, Walter, who was known as Wally, served as missionaries in Nigeria for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The birth of Michael, their second son, coincided with the start of a civil war that forced the family to return temporarily to the U.S. Michael adapted to the abrupt changes in his young life but also developed a habit that caught his family's attention.

"Michael fell a lot and would hit the same spot in the middle of his forehead," Betty recalls. "There was something wrong with his balance. We all sensed that some condition was causing it."

Nigerian doctors could not figure it out. During a U.S. trip, doctors in Los Angeles witnessed Michael's inability to climb stairs and tested him for Duchenne. The diagnosis was hidden by the fact the disease normally strikes 75 percent of the boys in an affected family.

"Of our four boys, only Michael got it," Betty said. "The doctors decided it was a random genetic mutation."

His mother remembers feeling devastated that her 5-year-old son might not have a chance to grow up. "He looked like a very healthy child. I ran upstairs and cried out: 'Lord, Lord, why would this happen?'" she says.

In prayer, Betty found acceptance.

"I was given overwhelming peace about it," she recalls. "I learned to accept it and was reassured that God would give me what was needed or the people who would assist me. It has worked out that way."

The family returned to Nigeria with Michael, who was always treated like just another kid. He joined his siblings and other missionary children at a boarding school about 15 hours from their village. He was forced to leave in the sixth grade, when his wheelchair couldn't reach his second-floor classroom.

Michael spent four years living in a village house lacking modern amenities. His home-schooling followed a University of Nebraska curriculum.

"It was somewhat lonely, but I played with the kids in the village," Michael recalls. "There was a close community of missionaries living near us. But it felt strange to see the parents and not their kids."

The family was reunited when the Raschs agreed to become house parents at the boarding school. After four or five years, Michael decided he was ready to leave for college. He chose Missouri because its Columbia campus was advertised as wheelchair-friendly.

But, eventually, he needed his brothers to help him finish. Jeffrey and Ivan enrolled at Mizzou and became Michael's roommates while finishing their own degrees. Michael earned his bachelor's in 1990 at 23. His proud parents journeyed from Africa to attend his graduation that winter.

As the family drove him back to the campus, the car hit a patch of ice and slid off the road. Michael's head struck the dashboard, flattening his face. He also had a broken shoulder, leg and facial bones.

"When we got him to the hospital, they said he wouldn't live," recalls Betty, who was not injured. "They thought the membrane between his nasal passage and his brain was severed. They were waiting for him to die."

The doctors didn't realize that Michael always defied expectations. His nose popped out after five days and other injuries mended after three months in the hospital.

Unfortunately for the Rasch family, their patriarch was found to have untreatable cancer shortly after the accident. Wally Rasch died three months after his diagnosis at age 54.

Betty and Michael moved to Denton, where Kendra was a TWU student. They shared her apartment near the campus for two years after Michael rejected the idea of teaching special education. He was concerned he couldn't control the class.

Looking for something to do, he began reading one of his brother's calculus books. Until then, Michael didn't even know he was good at math. His mind changed when he achieved a perfect math score on the graduate entrance exam.

To get his master's, Michael needed someone to help him inside the classroom, particularly taking notes and solving problems at the chalkboard. Betty got the job.

"I didn't know if it was a math symbol or what it was," she recalls of her scribblings.

Like dancers of a complicated waltz, mother and son adapt to every change the disease throws at them. As Michael becomes more and more dependent on his caretakers for his physical needs, his mother encourages his mind to stay free.

"I like to say Michael is my brain, and I am his hands and feet," she says with a laugh. "It sounds funny, but I mean it."

Most days, Michael sits at his computer for about four hours, scanning Facebook and other social media. His 150-plus contacts keep him in touch with their lives and the day's events. He mostly reads whatever they pass along and doesn't search for more.

"I can probably type eight or nine words a minute," he says. "But I seldom send email."

Other than his facial muscles, Michael can only manipulate his right index finger, which he uses to move a sensitive computer mouse. Jennifer, his sister-in-law, helps keep the muscles limber by bending his finger back until it almost touches his hand.

Physical therapy was a periodic part of his life until five years ago when the treatments began to feel like a waste of time. "They were too painful for him," says his mother.

Michael doesn't see doctors much anymore. His annual visit to see a Duchenne specialist in Dallas became too tiring. A couple times a year, he visits a Denton pulmonary specialist, who has no other Duchenne patients.

Rather than focus on his medical issues, Michael would rather concentrate these days on the subjects he enjoys. They are ever-changing.

"I have an aptitude for learning languages so I'm working on German now," says Michael, who also plays chess and enjoys chatting with visitors about their interests.

Other than going to church, his most satisfying outings are to local garage sales.

On the recent search, Michael scans the tables of used goods, noting the toys and knickknacks that do not interest him. Despite his firm belief in recycling, including the clothes he wears, Michael won't buy anything he can't use.

"No CDs? No French, German or Spanish books?" he asks hopefully at one sale. "I guess I'll have to keep looking."

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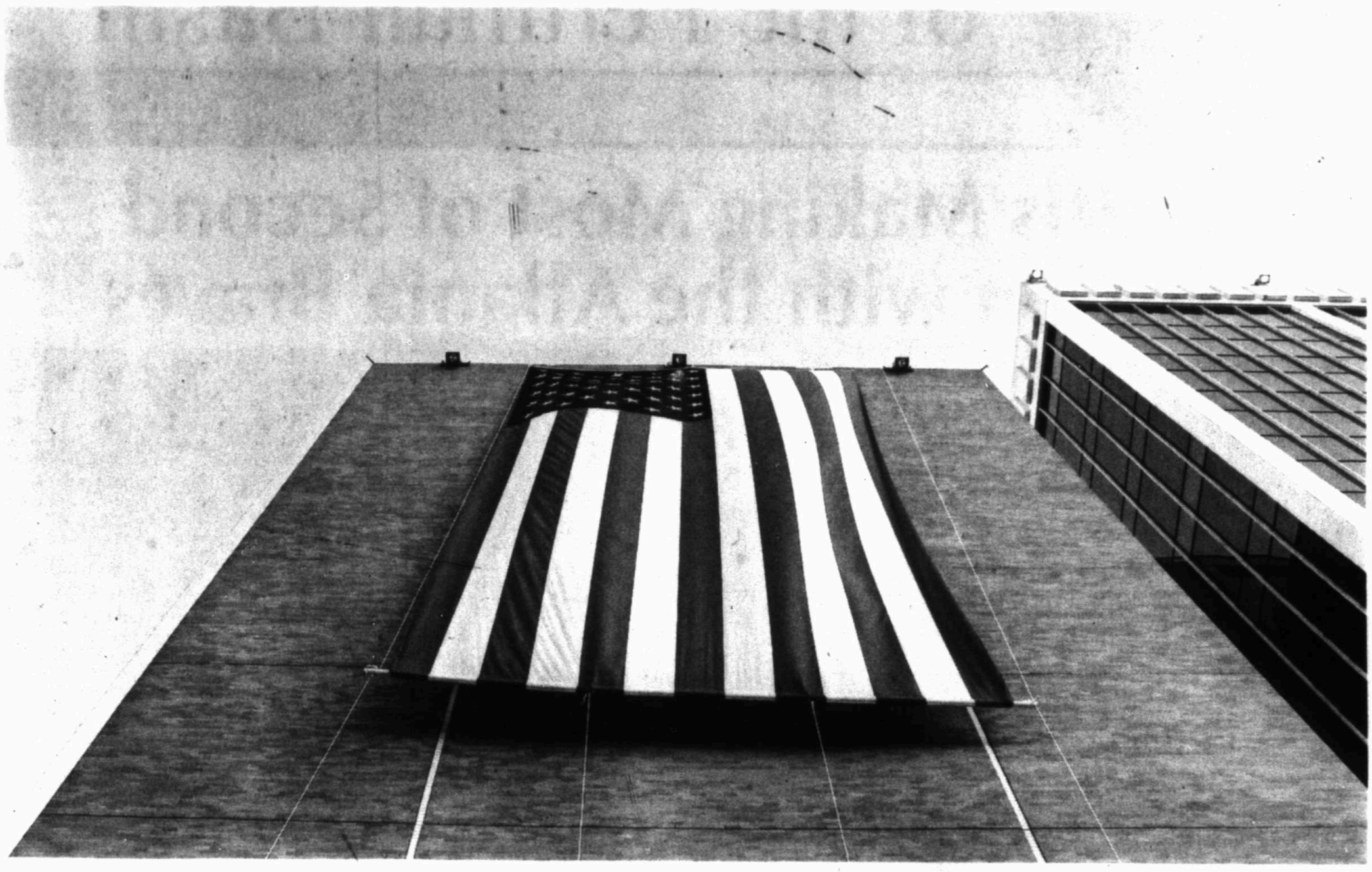
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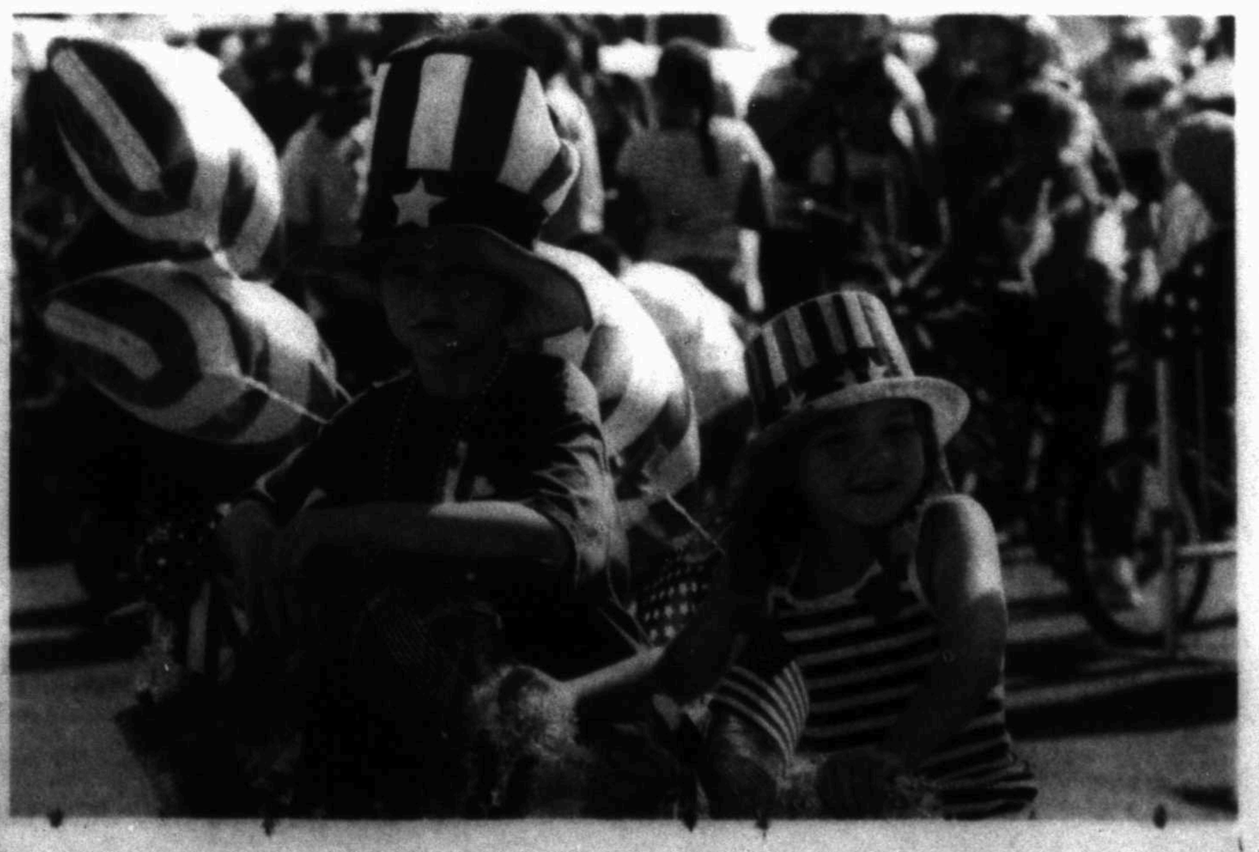








Children and parents decorate bikes and wagons Friday morning for the Children's Sidewalk Parade.



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Gattis Making Most of Second Season with the Atlanta Braves

Ryan Haage
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In just a year and a half, former UTPB Falcon Evan Gattis has gone from making the Atlanta Braves roster to becoming one of the best catchers in baseball.

The Atlanta backstop wrapped up the first half of the 2014 season leading all catchers with 16 home runs while ranking fourth at the position with a .290 batting average while hitting cleanup in the batting order. He rebounded after a slow month of May to hit .353 in June with six home runs and 17 runs batted in and in the process recorded the 16th hitting streak of hits in at least 20 consecutive games in team history with a 20-game streak last month.

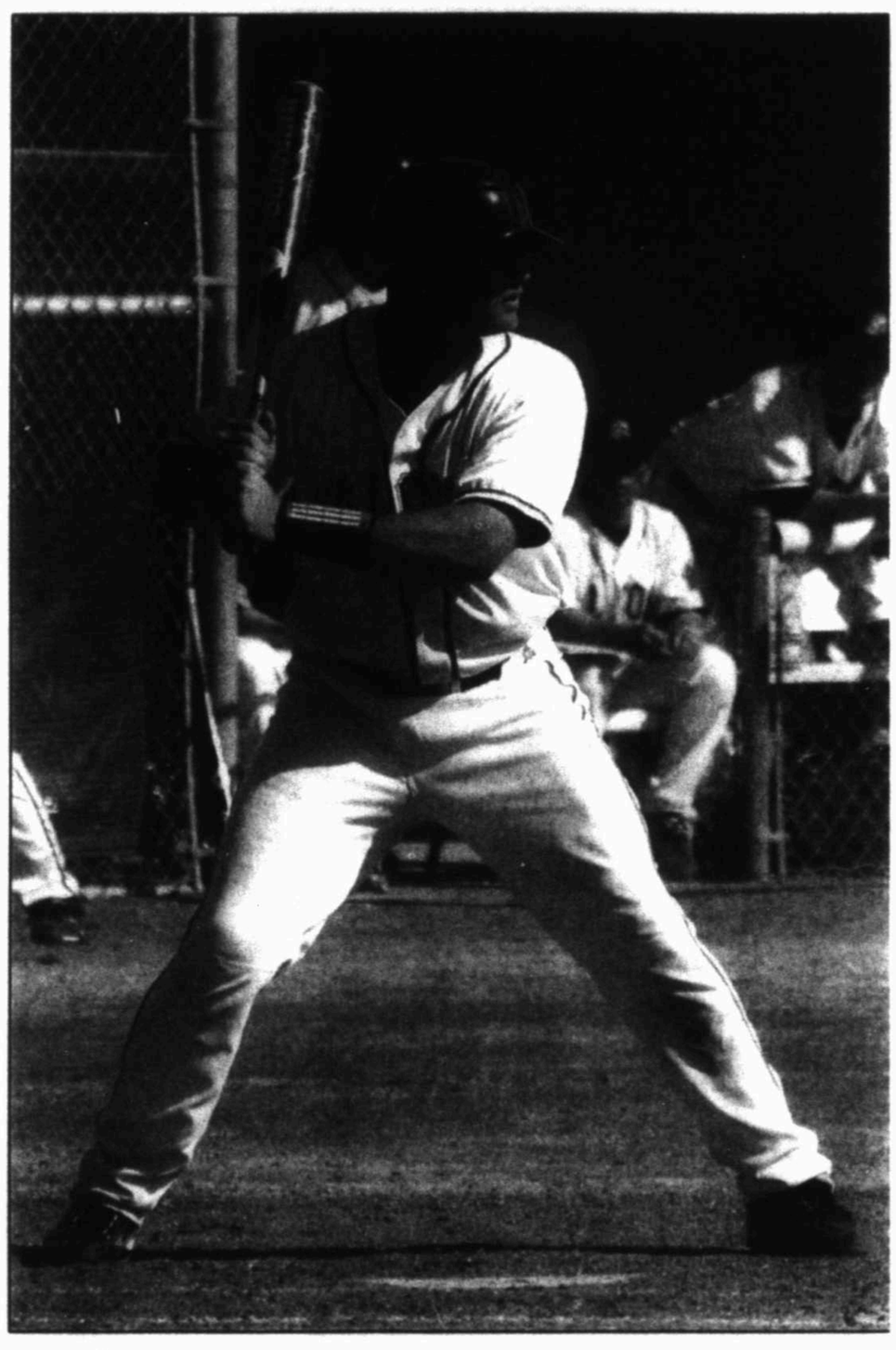
He has been solid behind the plate for the Braves this season in helping the team to a 3.26 team-Earned Run Average, third in the National League.

Selected in the 23rd round of the 2010 MLB Draft by Atlanta, Gattis spent three years in the Braves minor league system before being named to the team's 2013 Opening Day roster.

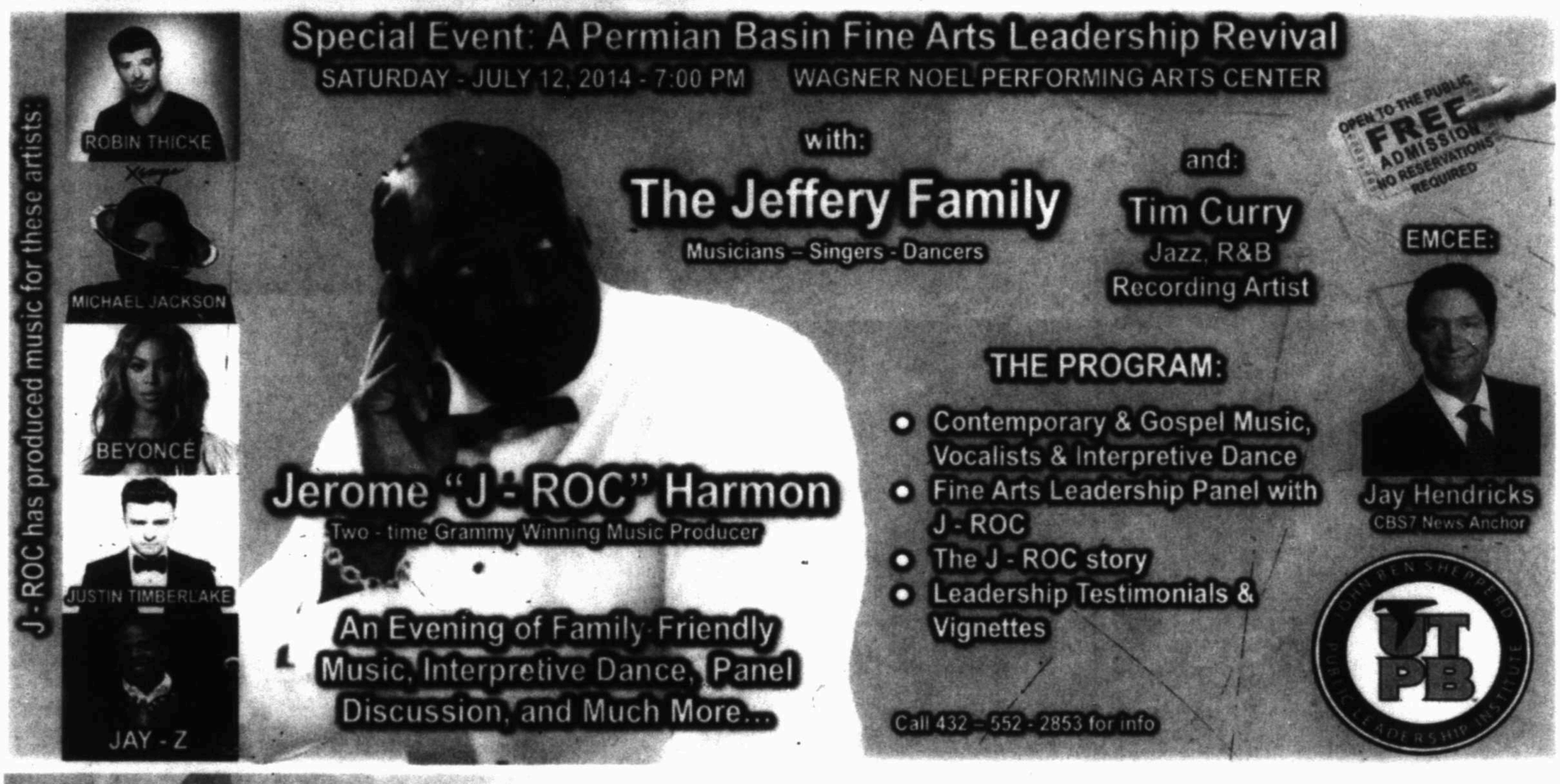
He hit 21 homers and drove in 65 runs in just 381 at bats in his rookie season, ranking fourth on the Braves despite playing in just 105 games.

Gattis led UTPB in nearly every offensive category in 2010 in his one season with the Falcons.

A member of the All-Heartland Baseball First Team, he led UTPB with a .403 average, 12 home runs, 54 runs, 62 RBI, 35 walks and a .519 on-base percentage in helping the Falcons to a 38-21 record.



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Aztex continue mastery of Sockers FC with late goal



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Sockers FC's Mario Alvarez heads the ball during Saturday's game against the Austin Aztex at Grande Communications Stadium. The Aztex came away with a 2-1 win.

By Chris Hummer
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Fireworks burst over Grande Communications Stadium on Saturday evening, shortly after the newly minted Mid-South Division champions celebrated in an exuberant circle at midfield.

But for Sockers FC head coach Matt Barnes, there was little revelry in the moment. Head down, a dejected Barnes had just watched his team surrender a goal in the 89th minute to the Austin Aztex — a painful sense of déjà vu he had hoped to avoid experiencing.

"We're gutted," Barnes said. "We've struggled finishing off games all year. (We) had one minute to go, and we just had to clean the game up."

Aztex	2
Sockers FC	1

The 2-1 loss is a familiar score for the Sockers (6-4-2) against Austin (9-1-1), the defending PDL champions. They've lost to the Aztex three times this year by the same result. The last two have been especially agonizing, with Austin netting the go-ahead tally with less than five minutes remaining in both games.

"It's the difference between national champions and first-year PDL guys," Barnes said. "We missed, 5, 6, 8 chances to put it away, and they got one and plugged it."

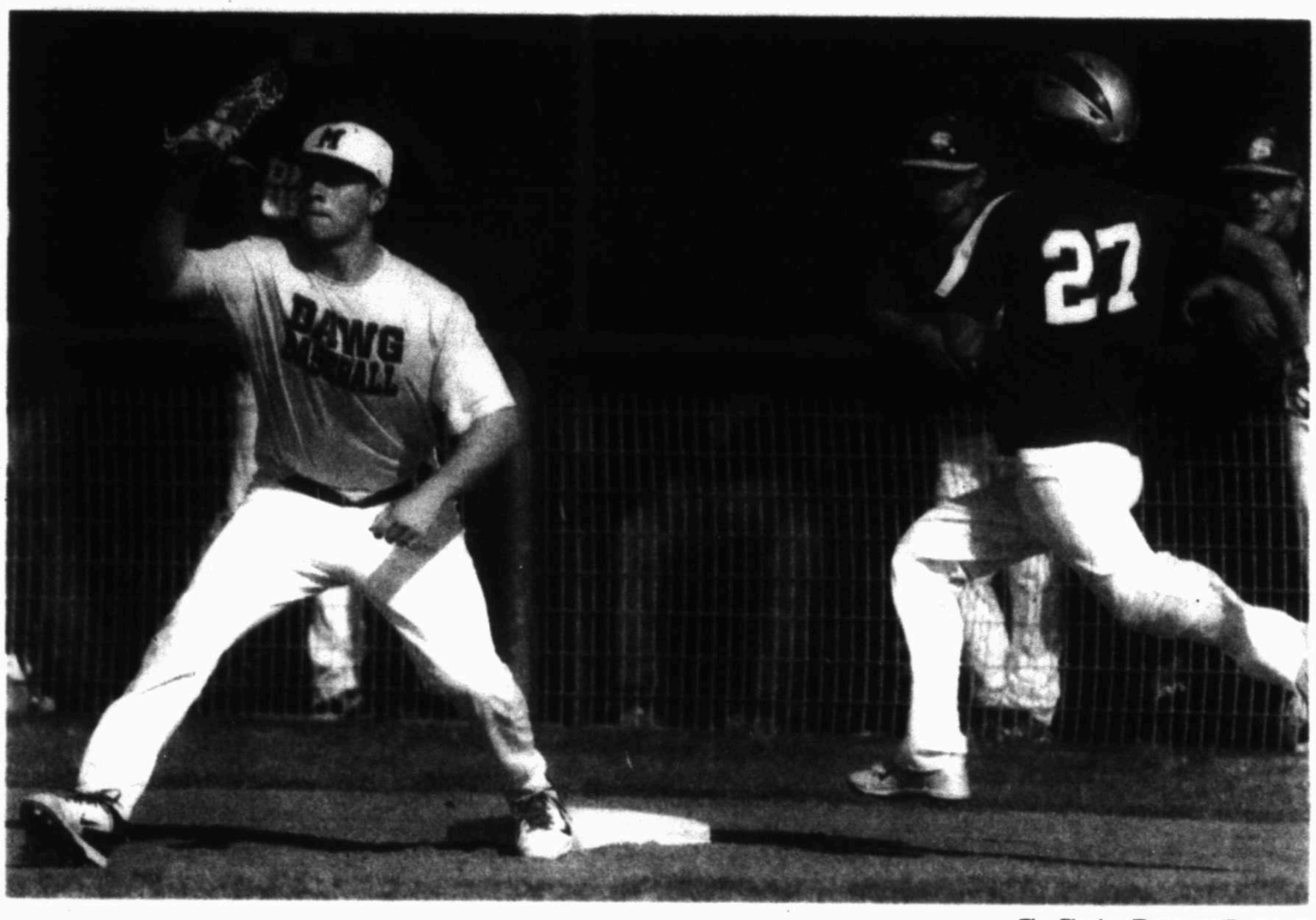
The loss is critical to the Sockers' playoff hopes. Thanks to a Laredo Heat loss, the Sockers remain five points ahead of the Heat for second place. But a point Saturday evening would have been huge as the Heat has a game in hand over the Sockers with just two games remaining on their schedule.

With the score knotted at 1, the Sockers controlled possession for much of the second half and had several opportunities to snag a lead. But after a turnover deep in Aztex territory, Austin played a ball long to Eddie Campbell, who made a cross across the box hoping for one of several runners against a shorthanded Sockers' defense.

Sockers FC goalie Jason Babyack jumped in to cut the ball off, but it bounded out of his grasp. One Austin striker's shot went off Babyack.

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Chance to play at home



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's Fabian Fuentez, left, reaches for the ball to make the out as Fort Stockton's Kevin Marler races to first Monday in a Connie Mack League baseball game at Zachery Field.

Connie Mack League gives players more options

By Chris Hummer
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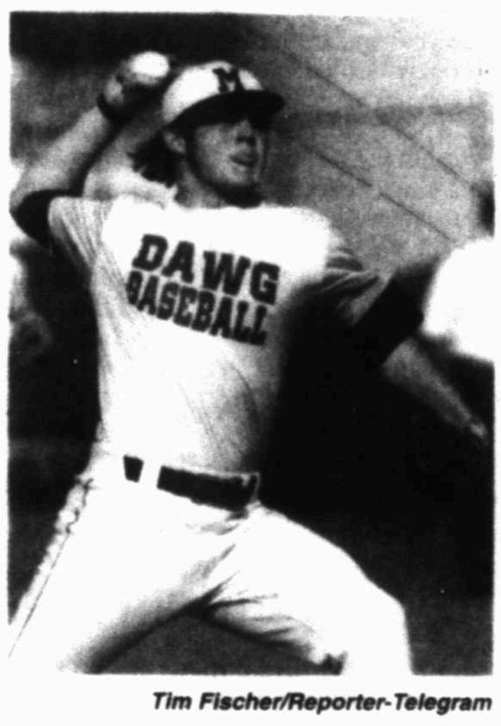
Connie Mack, the longest tenured manager in major league history, once said, "No matter what I talk about, I always get back to baseball."

Sixty-five years later and 58 years after his death, Mack is still speaking about the game — in West Texas no less. Or, at least, the 130 plus high school kids who played in the league bearing his stamp chattered plenty.

High school players in the Permian Basin have a summer league alternative to expensive select baseball thanks to the introduction of the Connie Mack League this past June. The league, established by Dave Parker, whose son is a freshman at Midland High, is designed to give local talent an opportunity to continue playing affordably in the summer.

Parker and area high school coaches worked in tandem to form a league for the athletes. While Parker considered many organizations as an umbrella for the league, he ultimately settled on Connie Mack as a foundation.

A wood-bat league, associating with Connie Mack does two things for the high school athletes: One, it gives the players an opportunity to use something different than their usual aluminum weapon of choice, which teaches swing discipline; and two, teams, if they choose, can advance to state level tournaments with the goal of playing in the Connie Mack World Series.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's Mason Gohr pitches Monday against Fort Stockton in a Connie Mack League game at Zachery Field.

"(It's a) good avenue for the high school kids," Parker said. "They just enjoy playing. That's their biggest thing. They get to keep playing all summer."

The Connie Mack league is an avenue between the expenses of select ball and the hindering thought of no organized games for kids in Midland.

Barry Russell, the head baseball coach at Midland High, was one of the staunchest supporters of the league's formation. Russell estimated 12 of his players could afford or had the time to play select during the summer, but 24 others were left without a way to compete.

"Those kids need to keep playing," Russell said. "You can't have 12 kids playing baseball during the summer and the other kids not. You're just not going to be any good."

He added: "We want to keep the price down, which is a big deal," Russell said. "I think (baseball is) going to the way of an elitist sport, pricing us out, and I hate that. I just think a lot of kids can't afford to play on the travel teams."

The Connie Mack League costs each player a few hundred dollars. This is opposed to expenses associated with select baseball, which includes travel, hotels, equipment and team fees, often adding up to a few thousand dollars a summer.

Consisting of 13 teams from schools in the Permian Basin, the players in the Connie Mack league paired with their high school teammates during the 12-game schedule, which spanned from the beginning of June to July 3. The short time frame gave players plenty of

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Pavel Golovkin/AP

Petra Kvitova celebrates after defeating Eugenie Bouchard on Saturday in the women's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

2nd Wimbledon title for Kvitova

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Petra Kvitova plays so much better at the All England Club than anywhere else, and now she owns two championships to prove it.

In one of the most dominant performances in a women's final at Wimbledon, the sixth-seeded Kvitova of the Czech Republic overpowered and overwhelmed 13th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada 6-3, 6-0 in only 55 minutes Saturday to add to her 2011 title at the grass-court Grand Slam.

"I know," Kvitova said, "this is the best tournament for me."

Absolutely true. Her career record of 26-5 at Wimbledon translates to an .839 winning percentage, compared to her marks of .667 at the three other majors and .681 at all other events.

In 2014, Kvitova lost in the first round at the hard-court Australian Open, and in the third round at the clay-court French Open. But get her on the grass court, and those speedy serves and flat forehands really shine.

"For sure, she was on," Bouchard said. "We know that when she's on, she's very tough to beat. Especially on this surface."

On Saturday, the 24-year-old Kvitova certainly was "on." Oh, was she ever. Pretty much perfect in every way.

The left-hander hit serves that reached 113 mph (182 kph) and earned easy points. Walloped big, deep returns that left Bouchard little time to react. Smacked flat groundstrokes off both wings that zipped right where she intended, often skidding near lines, helping accumulate a 28-8 edge in winners. Won 11 of 14 points she played at the net.

Most surprisingly, even to Kvitova herself, was the way she motored around the Centre Court grass with her right thigh heavily bandaged, displaying defensive skill that she's not necessarily known for. It was telling that Bouchard lost in such a lopsided manner despite four unforced errors.

"I mean, (a) few shots was really incredible, and I really couldn't believe that I made it, actually," said Kvitova, who was within two points of defeat against Venus Williams in the third round. "I said, 'Oh, my God, this is good!'"

Please see **WIMBLEDON**/4C

Netherlands beats Costa Rica in shootout

By Mike Corder
Associated Press

Netherlands	0
Costa Rica	0

Netherlands wins on penalty kicks, 4-3.

SALVADOR, Brazil — Tim Krul came on as a substitute in the final minute of extra time and then saved two penalties in a 4-3 shootout victory over Costa Rica on Saturday, giving the Netherlands a spot in the World Cup semifinals.

Krul saved spot kicks from Costa Rica captain Bryan Ruiz and Michael Umana after the match had finished 0-0.

"We had a lot of chances but it didn't go in," Krul said on Dutch television. "Then I come in, stop two penalties and here we are."

In another stroke of tactical genius at this year's World Cup, Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal pulled Jasper Cillessen moments after the Ajax goalkeeper had saved a shot from Marcos Urena in extra time.

"The trick is good," said Krul, who plays for Newcastle. "A lot of preparation went into it."

The Dutch team will next face Argentina in the semifinals on Wednesday in Sao Paulo.

Krul looked super confident during the shootout at the Arena Fonte Nova, saving the second and fifth penalties by diving to his left and sticking out his hand.

When Krul stopped Ruiz's penalty, Cillessen, watching from the sideline, punched the air in celebration.

When he saved the second to win the match, Cillessen out-sprinted the rest of the bench to get to Krul, who was already being mobbed by jubilant teammates who had watched from the halfway line.

Costa Rica goalkeeper Keylor Navas had kept his team in the match with a string of great saves in

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Matt Dunham/AP

Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul, right, celebrates after saving Costa Rica's Bryan Ruiz's shot in a penalty shootout during a World Cup quarterfinal match Saturday at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil.

HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 1, Arkansas 0

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m., Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas

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Midland 8-7, Arkansas 8-8

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
Midland 6, NW Arkansas 0	Midland 1, Arkansas 0	Midland at Arkansas	Midland at Arkansas	San Antonio at Midland

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Coke Zero 400, 10 a.m., TNT
IndyCar, Pocono 500, 11 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Formula One, British Grand Prix (same-day tape), 4 p.m., NBC Sports Network
NHRA, Summit Racing Equipment Nationals (same-day tape), 8 p.m., ESPN2
GP2 (same-day tape), 10 p.m., NBC Sports Network
CYCLING
Tour de France, stage 2, York to Sheffield, England, 5 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Tour de France, stage 2, York to Sheffield, England (same-day tape), 3 p.m., NBC
GOLF
European PGA Tour, Open de France, final round, 6:30 p.m., TGC
PGA Tour, The Greenbrier Classic, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, The Greenbrier Classic, final round, 2 p.m., CBS
Web.com Tour, Nova Scotia Open, final round, 2 p.m., TGC
HORSE RACING
Thoroughbreds, United Nations Stakes, 4 p.m., Fox Sports 1
MLB
Texas at New York Mets, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest
Chicago Cubs at Washington, 12:30 p.m., WGN
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 1 p.m., TBS
All-Star Game Selection Show, 6 p.m., ESPN
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7 p.m., ESPN
SOCCER
MLS, Chicago at Kansas City, 2 p.m., ESPN
TENNIS
Wimbledon, men's championship, 8 a.m., ESPN
WNBA
Minnesota at New York, 1 p.m., ESPN2
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m., ESPN2

LOCAL SPORTS

MCC JULY 4TH TWO MAN LOW BALL
Friday
Midland Country Club
1: Kyle Pierce-RobRoy McDonald 57. 2 (tie) Noble Starnes-Matt Gussinger 60; Roger Letz-Rick Houston 60. 4. (tie) RobRoy McDonald-Dustin Pannell 61; Brett Douglas-Chas Sammons 61. 6 (tie) Dan Leroy-Kelly Leonard 62; Noble Starnes-Daniel Wesson 62; Daniel Wesson-Hunter Landers 62; Roger Letz-RobRoy McDonald 62. RobRoy McDonald-Rich Vanderpool 62. RobRoy McDonald-Blake Brazelton 62. Blake Brazelton-RobRoy McDonald 62

MCC STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
Results of last weekend's Midland Country Club Stroke Play Championship
Senior Flight
Gross: 1 Larry Snyder 166. 2 Buddy Sipes 175
Net: 1 Bill Rennert 148. 2 Bill Hill 154
Gold Flight
Gross: 1 Larry Phillips 152. 2 Mike Canon 168. 3 Ed Anderson 168
Net: 1 Leroy Peterson 148. 2 Paul Colwell 148. 3 James Garrett 150
Blue Flight 3
Gross: 1 Paul Lucas 166. 2 Robert Sheets 175. 3 Matt Weatherly 178
Net: 1 Matthew Glover 147. 2 Michael Barton 154. 3 Noble Starnes 157
Blue Flight 2
Gross: 1 Rob Porter 150. 2 Tom Hill. 3 Chase Sammons 161
Net: 1 Jordan Davis 156. 2 Ben Griffin 147. 3 Colter Lange 149
Blue Flight 1
Gross: 1 Andrew Wyatt 140. 2 Jermiah Lunell 142. 3 Terence Bergnal 145
Net: 1 Jim Hill 143. 2 Jay McHugh 149. 3 Brett Douglas 150
Midessa Cup Qualifiers: Larry Snyder Buddy Sipes, Larry Phillips, Mike Canon. Paul Lucas. Robert Sheets. Rob Porter. Tom Hill. Jeremiah Luttrell. Andrew Wyatt

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled LHP Tommy Layne from Pawtucket (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Acquired LHP Joe Thatcher and OF Tony Campana from Arizona for OF Zach Borenstein and RHP Joey Krehbiel.
OAKLAND A.'s ETICS — Optioned LHP Tommy Milone to Sacramento (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed OF Cole Gillespie off waivers from Seattle Designated OF Kenny Wilson for assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS -I Recalled LHP Eury De la Rosa from Reno (PCL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Acquired INF Addison Russell, OF Billy McKinney, RHP Dan Straily and a player to be named from the Oakland for RHPs Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Activated LHP Boone Logan from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Ryan Wheeler to Colorado Springs (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Claimed INF Dean Anna off waivers from the New York Yankees and optioned him to Indianapolis (IL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tomas Alastre. RHP Pedro Avila. LHP Gilberto Chu and RHP Christian Flores on minor league contracts.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Signed INF Travis Weaver
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded RHP Coleman Stephens to Amarillo for RHP Ian Kadish
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C Jeff Lusardi. Released RHP Matt E. Smith and C Danny Masiello
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released RHP Erick Gonzalez
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed LHP Zach Fowler.
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP John Kovalik and LHP Eric Perrault
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Travis Bradshaw and RHP Colin Gotzon. Released RHP Greg Billo
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Signed F Mitch McGary
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed WR Drew Davis on the training camp PUP list
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Named Joe Nixon offensive assistant coach
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed D David Savard to a two-year contract
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Joe Piskula to a one-year contract
COLLEGE
MEMPHIS — Named Blake Smart men's golf coach

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	5	.706	—
Connecticut	9	10	.474	4
Chicago	8	9	.471	4
Indiana	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Washington	7	12	.368	6
New York	6	11	.353	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	12	3	.800	—
Minnesota	13	5	.722	1/2
San Antonio	10	9	.526	4
Los Angeles	7	9	.438	5 1/2
Tulsa	7	11	.389	6 1/2
Seattle	7	12	.368	7

Saturday's Scores
San Antonio 71, Indiana 70
Atlanta 86, Washington 73
Connecticut 78, Tulsa 76
Chicago at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Minnesota at New York, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	8	5	4	28	24	18
Sporting Kansas City	7	5	4	25	22	14
New England	7	7	2	23	23	23
Toronto FC	6	5	3	21	19	18
New York	4	5	8	20	26	26
Columbus	4	5	8	20	19	19
Houston	5	10	3	18	18	34
Philadelphia	4	8	6	18	26	30
Chicago	2	4	9	15	23	26
Montreal	3	7	5	14	16	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	11	3	2	35	33	23
Real Salt Lake	7	7	7	28	27	23
Colorado	7	5	5	26	24	19
FC Dallas	7	7	5	26	30	29
Vancouver	5	3	7	22	25	22
Los Angeles	5	3	6	21	19	13
Portland	4	5	9	21	30	30
Chivas USA	4	7	5	17	16	26
San Jose	3	7	4	16	15	16

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Wednesday's Scores
Chicago 1, Toronto FC 1, tie
Chivas USA 1, San Jose 0
Friday's Scores
Houston 2, New York 2, tie
FC Dallas 2, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 1, Columbus 1, tie
Real Salt Lake 2, New England 1
Los Angeles 2, Portland 2, tie
Saturday's Scores
D.C. United 2, Toronto FC 1
Seattle FC at Vancouver, late
Montreal at Chivas USA, late
Today's Game
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 2 p.m.
Friday, July 11
D.C. United at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 12
Houston at Toronto FC, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Columbus at New York, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 13
Portland at Seattle FC, 9 p.m.

AFL STANDINGS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
z-Arizona	14	1	0	.933	870	721
Los Angeles	3	11	0	.214	533	768
San Antonio	1	13	0	.071	590	840

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Jose	10	4	0	.714	780	561
x-Spokane	8	7	0	.533	784	685
Portland	4	11	0	.267	677	924

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	8	6	0	.571	778	799
Tampa Bay	8	7	0	.533	760	790
Jacksonville	5	9	0	.357	709	694
New Orleans	2	12	0	.143	592	920

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Cleveland	14	1	0	.933	923	686
x-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	844	645
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	903	830
Iowa	6	9	0	.400	716	849

x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference
Saturday's Score
Cleveland 61, Portland 40
Today's Games
Jacksonville at San Antonio, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Monday's Games
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 11
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 12
Cleveland at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Spokane, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, July 14
Iowa at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today
At Grozny, Russia: Ruslan Chagaev vs. Fres Oquendo, 12, for the vacant WBA World heavyweight title.
July 9
At Hard rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (FS1), Alfonso Gomez vs. Ed Paredes, 10, junior middleweights.
July 10
At Miami, Argenis Mendez vs. Rances Barthelemy, 12, for Mendez's IBF junior lightweight title.

Sunday Morning Line



LEN HAYWARD
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This and that as the business of baseball made things interesting for the Midland RockHounds:

■ I'll have to admit there sure were a lot of people in places other than their homes watching the United States play Belgium in the World Cup on Tuesday.

It's like we were an actual soccer nation. OK, that's going a little too far, but for a sport that is maligned as much as it is praised in this country, the popularity of the men's national team was as high as its ever been here.

There was even some criticism of coach Jurgen Klinsmann after the game for how the US team was not attacking like it should. But make no mistake, soccer still has some work to do in this country to reach the popularity of the big three — football, basketball and baseball.

Is it catching up to baseball? Yes. But all those kids that play the game are either venturing off to different avenues as their grow up, or doing what every other American sports fan is doing and that's watching football, whether it's college or the NFL.

I'm part of the generation that was influenced by the now-defunct NASL and Pele playing in New York, and after the 1990 World Cup, there was talk of soccer having a resurgence in this country, but it fell off after the initial joy of going to Italy.

Four years later, the World Cup was here and there was more talk about how the game was growing, only to see it slow down until 1998, and then interest was back up again. In 2002, the US made the quarterfinals and everyone was paying attention, only to fall off once the World Cup was over.

Are you sensing a pattern here? It's the fact that most sports fans in this country don't look at soccer on a regular basis unless they are a hardcore fan, and many look at it like Olympic sports — they only pay attention every four years.

There were fans gained this week by the American team's performance in Brazil, but the test of soccer's popularity will come after the World Cup is over. Will they still talk about it on SportsCenter or Fox or the NBC Sports Network, and will it lead a sports cast, be on the front page of a newspaper website or the front of the sports page?

There is no doubt that soccer is gaining on baseball in popularity in this country, and maybe the crescendo it's on right now will continue. I like soccer and always have, and watching the World Cup is thrilling, but only time will tell whether soccer has reached the heights those that run the sport have long wanted.

■ So long Addison Russell, we hardly knew ya.

Russell's inclusion in a mutli-player trade between the Chicago Cubs and the Oakland A's was a giant surprise.

Russell was considered the next star for the A's organization, but I guess winning now took precedent for A's General Manager Billy Beane over winning in the future.

Sometimes you've got to take chances, and Beane is taking a big one.

Russell is a player that will one day be playing every day in the majors, and now he will be doing it at Wrigley Field instead of Oakland. Beane has made big decisions before, and they've paid off. We'll know in October whether this one did.

In the meantime, it was fun to see Russell here for the short time he was.

■ And finally, when will NBA free agency end?

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Pitching leads RockHounds past Travelers

From staff reports

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Midland RockHounds pitcher Jose Flores retired three straight batters with the bases loaded to help the RockHounds preserve a 1-0 victory against the Arkansas Travelers on Saturday night at Dickey-Stephens Park.

Flores found himself in some trouble in the ninth when he walked the first two batters he faced — Mike Bianucci and Jett Bandy — and then pinch hitter Drew Heid reached on a fielder's choice.

But Flores then struck out Kaleb Cowart, induced a foul out to Eric Stamets and struck out Maikol Gonzalez to end the game.

The RockHounds' lone run was scored in the top of the third when D'Arby Myers hit in Dusty Coleman with a sacrifice fly to center.

Flores came into the game with one out in the eighth, replacing Frank Gailey, and promptly got Brian Hernandez to hit into a double play with the bases loaded to end the inning and preserve a 1-0 RockHounds lead.

The Travelers (8-8) and RockHounds both left a total of 10 runners on base in the game in the pitcher's duel.

Midland starter Nate Long had another stellar outing in improving to 8-4 this season as he threw 6 2/3 scoreless innings, giving up three hits with eight strikeouts and three walks.

Flores, meanwhile, earned his first save with the RockHounds (8-7), pitching 1 2/3 innings with two strikeouts and two walks.

Billy Burns, Max Muncy and Chad Oberacker each had two hits for the RockHounds on Saturday. The three RockHounds pitchers gave up four hits to Arkansas in the victory.

The two teams will continue their three-game series at 6:10 p.m. today at Dickey-Stephens Park.

RockHounds	1
Travelers	0

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	8	8	.500	—
NW Arkansas	8	8	.500	—
x-Tulsa	7	9	.438	1
Springfield	6	10	.375	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	10	6	.625	—
x-Frisco	8	7	.533	1 1/2
Midland	8	7	.533	1 1/2
Corpus Christi	8	8	.500	2

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 7, Frisco 3
Springfield 2, San Antonio 1
Midland 1, Arkansas 0
Corpus Christi 7, Tulsa 2
Today's Games
Frisco at Northwest Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.
Springfield at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Corpus Christi, 6:10 p.m.
Midland at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 1, TRAVELERS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	4	0	2	0
Myers lf	4	0	0	1
Muncy 1b	3	0	2	0
Marte 3b	4	0	1	0
Nakajima dh	4	0	0	0
Forsythe c	4	0	0	0
Oberacker rf	4	0	2	0
Coleman ss	2	1	0	0
Crumbliss 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	7	1

Midland	000	000	000	—1
Arkansas	000	000	000	—0

DP — Midland 2. Arkansas 1. LOB — Midland 10. Arkansas 10. 2B — Burns 2 (16). SB — Marte (4). Melker (9). S — Gonzalez. Held. SF — Myers.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Long W, 8-4	6 2	3	0	0	3	8
Gailey	0 2	1	0	0	2	1
Flores S, 1	1 2	0	0	0	2	2
Arkansas						
Brady L, 0-2	4	3	1	1	1	2

HBP — by Long (Bandy). Balk — Carpenter. T — 3:19. A — 5,191.

SOCKERS FC

From 1C

another off a Midland defender, but there was no one home to stop a third shot from Chuy Cortes.

"I was thinking, 'Get up, try and get it'," Babyack said. "But I wish I could have held it. It's tough."

The Sockers were largely outplayed in the first half and did not improve early in the second frame. A defensive miscue in the box cost the team in the 50th minute, as a Kalen Ryden cross from the right side streaked untouched past a pair of Sockers FC defenders and onto the foot of Campbell, who promptly deposited the ball into the net.

But instead of demoralizing the team, Barnes said the goal provided a needed stimulant for a stagnant and timid unit.

Barnes subbed in Ricardo Diegues and Victor Parreiros shortly after the goal, and each player brought needed energy in the attacking half. From that point on, the Sockers outshot the Aztex, 10-4, creating chance after pristine chance in the box.

The Sockers tied the game at 1 in the 61st minute after a Tucker Hume cross skipped through the box to Conrod Goulbourne for an easy score. It's Goulbourne's third tally of the season and Hume's fourth assist, which set a team record for most in a season.

Hume appeared to have earned a penalty kick in the 87th minute when he was tugged down about 10 yards from net, but the referee ruled he did not have a chance for a shot and awarded the Sockers a free kick instead.

"He said I didn't have control of the ball, but I was about to strike it," Hume said. "That's just poor referring, and it's just unfortunate."

Barnes didn't make any excuses for his players. They had a number of opportunities to take the lead and a combination of missed chances and outstanding play from Aztex goalie Neal O'Sullivan stymied the Sockers.

As fireworks exploded over the crowd, the Sockers had to find a way to look forward. With two games remaining, Sockers FC needs points, and another date with Austin looms large Friday. Something a dejected group is eagerly anticipating.

"It's really frustrating," Babyack said. "They could have waited (to celebrate) until they got on the bus. But we get to go down there next week and do it on their field. And that's what we plan to do."

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Kittel's thrill, Cavendish spill in 1st Tour stage

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

HARROGATE, England — Mark Cavendish went down in a late crash. Marcel Kittel's hands went up in victory. And British royals who turned out for the Tour de France debut in England witnessed new signs of a changing of the guard among two of the world's top sprinters.

For many British fans, with cycling's greatest race making a rare start in England on Saturday, Stage 1 wasn't supposed to end this way: They wanted British speedster Cavendish to get his first race leader's yellow jersey and 26th career Tour stage win after the 118-mile ride through Yorkshire countryside.

But with the pack swelling in intensity and his rivals up front as the finish neared, Cavendish leaned his head to his left into Australia's Simon Gerrans, and their bikes tumbled to the ground — with the Briton coming down hard.

Germany's Kittel then made it look easy by dusting three other rivals at the finish. Cavendish got up gingerly and cruised across, cradling his right arm, and got into an ambulance. Tests showed a separated right shoulder. His team said it'll be decided Sunday morning if Cavendish rides in Stage 2 from York to Sheffield.

Contrite despite the pain, Cavendish said he was "gutted" about the crash.

"It was my fault. I'll personally apologize to Simon Gerrans as soon as I get the chance. In reality, I tried to find a gap that wasn't really there. I wanted to win today," he said in a statement. "Sorry to all the fans that came out to support — it was truly incredible."

The sprint specialist from the Isle of Man had a lot riding on this stage: His mother is from Harrogate. He had said winning Saturday was one of his key goals this year. And he had a bit to prove: Kittel, a 26-year-old rising star in sprinting, won four Tour stages last year, to Cavendish's two. Many Britons wanted him to win gold in the road race at the London Olympics, but that quest also ended in disappointment.

Cavendish surely would have wanted to be in Kittel's pedal-clip shoes when Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, handed the yellow jersey to the German, and she, husband Prince William and Prince Harry flanked him, clapping, on the winner's podium in Harrogate.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

Saturday
At Harrogate, England
First Stage
A 118.3-mile, flat ride from Leeds, England to Harrogate, with one Category 4 and a pair of Category 3 climbs

1. Marcel Kittel, Germany, Giant-Shimano, 4 hours, 44 minutes, 7 seconds.
2. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Cannondale, same time.
3. Ramunas Navardauskas, Lithuania, Garmin Sharp, same time.
4. Bryan Coquard, France, Europcar, same time.
5. Michael Rogers, Australia, Tinkoff-Saxo, same time.
6. Christopher Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
7. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha, same time.
8. Sep Vanmarcke, Belgium, Belkin Pro Cycling, same time.
9. Jose Joaquin Rojas, Spain, Movistar, same time.
10. Michael Albasini, Switzerland, Orica GreenEdge, same time.
11. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, Trek Factory Racing, 8 seconds behind.
12. Paul Voss, Germany, NetApp-Endura, :09.
13. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.
14. Martin Elmiger, Switzerland, IAM Cycling, same time.
15. Samuel Dumoulin, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
16. Simon Clarke, Australia, Orica GreenEdge, same time.
17. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, same time.
18. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Belisol, same time.
19. Koen de Kort, Netherlands, Giant-Shimano, same time.
20. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time.

Also
21 Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Belkin Pro Cycling, :14.
22. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, same time.
24. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
32. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
34. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, same time.
44. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Trek Factory Racing, same time.
80. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Trek Factory Racing, same time.
1-65. Christopher Horner, United States, same time.
Lampre-Merida, 26.
70. Peter Stetina, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
84. Matthew Busche, United States, Trek Factory Racing, same time.
90. Daniel Navarro, Spain, Colnago, same time.
97. Benjamin King, United States, Garmin Sharp, :43.
133. Alex Howes, United States, Garmin Sharp, 1:00.
160. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 1:16.
168. Danny Pate, United States, Sky, 1:30.
184. Edward King, United States, Cannondale, 2:29.
194. Andrew Talansky, United States, Garmin Sharp, 4:15.

Athletics finalize blockbuster trade with Cubs

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The beginning of July's first blockbuster trade occurred about a month ago, when Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane called Chicago Cubs executive Theo Epstein to ask about Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel.

Beane told Epstein he liked the starting pitchers, and he was going to be aggressive in an attempt to improve the AL West leaders. Fast forward to this weekend, when Beane proved just how serious he was during that initial call.

Oakland and Chicago announced the big trade on Saturday, with Samardzija and Hammel heading to the West Coast for a package of prospects that included the A's first-round selections in each of the past two drafts.

The Athletics began the day with the best record in baseball, but Beane felt he needed to add depth to a rotation that responded well to season-ending injuries for Jarrod Parker and A.J. Griffin. Drew Pomeranz also is on the disabled list with a broken right hand.

Samardzija and Hammel join Scott Kazmir and Sonny Gray in one of the majors' best group of starting pitchers.

"We had to dig into our depth really early, and we felt like we needed two (starting pitchers)," Beane said.

Samardzija will start for the A's on Sunday. He was scheduled to pitch for the Cubs Saturday.

In somewhat of a surprise, the A's sent left-hander Tommy Milone to Triple-A Sacramento later Saturday to make room for Samardzija.

Milone was 6-0 with a 2.62 ERA over his last 11 starts and 6-3 with a 3.55 ERA in 16 starts overall.

Oakland will make a move Sunday to clear space for Hammel.

Minor leaguers Addison Russell, Billy McKinney and Dan Straily went to Chicago in another painful deal for the lowly Cubs, who have played better of late, but are still last in the NL Central. Chicago also gets a player to be named in its latest July sell-off.

The Cubs lost at least 91 games in each of the previous three years. They traded away starting pitchers Ryan Dempster and Paul Maholm in July 2012, and Matt Garza and Scott Feldman last July.

"We certainly hope that this is the last year that we're obvious sellers at the trade deadline," Epstein said.

The key piece for Chicago in the deal with Oakland was Russell, a 20-year-old shortstop headed for Double-A Tennessee. A torn right hamstring sidelined the No. 11 overall selection in the 2012 draft earlier this season, but he was batting .333 in 13 games for the Midland RockHounds at the time of the trade.

Chicago and Oakland talked about a Samardzija for Russell deal, but Epstein said the one-for-one framework didn't work. He spoke with Beane on Thursday night, and that's when the trade grew into the larger package.

"We felt like Russell was a key for us in any deal with Oakland," Epstein said.

The hard-throwing Samardzija had a 2-7 record for the Cubs, but he also had a 2.83 ERA and 103 strikeouts in 108 innings, making him one of the most coveted pitchers on the market. The former Notre Dame receiver was selected by Chicago in the fifth round in 2006.

MIDLANDPRO BASEBALLUPDATE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through July 4

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Milwaukee Brewers

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	11.1	2-1	0	14	10	9	4	17	7.15

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
25	24.1	2-4	6	31	15	14	14	14	5.55

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
23	23.2	0-2	4	27	15	10	8	26	3.80

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), RHP, Jupiter Hammerheads (Miami Marlins Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
24	34.0	2-1	4	28	8	6	8	38	2.12

Cory Bafidis (Midland College), LHP, Auburn Doubledays (Washington Nationals Short Season A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	6.2	0-1	0	11	6	5	4	4	6.75

Position Players

Jayson Nix (Midland High)

3B, Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays Triple-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
135	19	30	6	0	2	12	18	1	.222

Philadelphia Phillies (through May 9)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
39	4	6	1	0	1	2	2	0	.154

Steel Russell (Midland College), C, Frederick Keys (Baltimore Orioles Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
37	4	8	2	0	0	4	4	0	.216

Hunter Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), C, Ogden Raptors (Los Angeles Dodgers Short Season-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
2									.286

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 7 TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Tampa Bay's Chris Archer came within two outs of a complete game, holding the Detroit Tigers to six hits in the Rays' 7-2 victory Saturday.

The Rays broke the game open with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth, and the Tigers never mounted much of a rally against Archer (5-5). The 25-year-old right-hander allowed solo homers to Alex Avila in the seventh and J.D. Martinez in the ninth.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon finally pulled him with two on and one out in the ninth after 106 pitches.

Anibal Sanchez (5-3) took a no-hitter into the fifth, but things unraveled quickly for the Detroit right-hander. He allowed seven runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings, with four walks and a strikeout.

Logan Forsythe homered for Tampa Bay.

MARINERS 3 WHITE SOX 2, 14 INNINGS

CHICAGO — Brad Miller hit an RBI double in the 14th inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 3-2 on Saturday for their fifth win in the last six games.

Michael Saunders reached on an infield single against Ronald Belisario (3-5) and swiped second before Miller hit a drive into the gap in left-center for a ground-rule double. It was Miller's first hit in six at-bats on the day.

Tom Wilhelmsen (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win and Fernando Rodney got three outs for his 25th save in 27 chances.

Logan Morrison and Michael Saunders had three hits apiece for Seattle, which has won 11 of 14 overall. Felix Hernandez pitched eight sharp innings to help the Mariners bounce back from Friday night's 7-1 loss in the series opener.

TWINS 2 YANKEES 1, 11 INNINGS

MINNEAPOLIS — Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli made a throwing error in the 11th inning that allowed Josh Willingham to score from second base, giving the Minnesota Twins a 2-1 victory over New York on Saturday.

With the bases loaded, Trevor Plouffe hit a dribbler to reliever Matt Thornton (1-1). The left-hander flipped it to Cervelli for the forceout at home.

Cervelli then tried for the double play but his throw sailed way over the head of first baseman Mark Teixeira and Willingham raced home with the winning run.

The win snapped a seven-game home losing streak for the Twins against the Yankees and was just Minnesota's fourth win against New York in 17 games at Target Field.

Brian Duensing (2-2) pitched around a Carlos Beltran single in the 11th.

1ST GAME RED SOX 3 ORIOLES 2

BOSTON — Jonathan Herrera had a pinch-hit, broken-bat single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving the Boston Red Sox a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader to snap a three-game skid.

After poor hitting and fielding spoiled Red Sox left-hander Jon Lester's attempt for a 10th win, the Red Sox rallied in the ninth.

Pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes legged out a leadoff infield single off reliever T.J. McFarland (1-2). David Ross then bunted Gomes to second before Herrera's blooper over second base scored Gomes.

Koji Uehara (4-2) worked a perfect ninth and Stephen Drew hit his first home run since the World Series for Boston.

The Orioles' two runs came on Xander Bogaert's two-out error in the third.

Lester allowed two unearned runs and five hits in eight innings, striking out seven with no walks.

INDIANS 7 ROYALS 3

CLEVELAND — T.J. House allowed three runs over 6 2/3 innings for his first major league win and the Cleveland Indians beat the Kansas City Royals, 7-3, on Saturday night.

House (1-2) scattered nine hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter. The rookie left-hander was making the eighth appearance, and seventh start, of his career.

Michael Bourn's leadoff homer sparked a three-run third inning while Nick Swisher's bases-loaded single scored two runs in the fifth and finished Jeremy Guthrie (5-7).

Michael Brantley had three hits, including an RBI single in the eighth, for Cleveland.

National League

ROCKIES 8 DODGERS 7

DENVER — Drew Stubbs hit a two-run homer, Jorge De La Rosa pitched six strong innings before giving way to a shaky bullpen and the Colorado Rockies snapped a five-game skid by holding off the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers 8-7 on Saturday.

The Rockies are 3-16 since June 16 — with De La Rosa (9-6) accounting for each win. The lefty allowed two runs and three hits, all in the first inning. He then watched the bullpen almost completely unravel.

The Dodgers turned this into a game with a five-run seventh, but Adam Ottavino put the brakes on the rally.

NATIONALS 13 CUBS 0

WASHINGTON — Gio Gonzalez pitched eight sparkling innings and Ryan Zimmerman tied a career high with four hits and drove in three runs as the Washington Nationals roughed up the Chicago Cubs without recently traded Jeff Samardzija for a 13-0 victory Saturday.

Jayson Werth and Anthony Rendon added three hits and two RBIs for the Nationals on a day the Cubs were forced to start Carlos Villanueva (4-6) following the trade of Samardzija, the scheduled starter, and Jason Hammel to the Oakland Athletics.

BRAVES 10 DIAMONDBACKS 4

ATLANTA — Andrelton Simmons drove in four runs. Aaron Harang won his third straight start and the Atlanta Braves beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-4 Saturday for their season-high ninth straight victory.

Justin Upton added a two-run homer and a third RBI for the Braves, who have won 11 of 12 and are 11 games over .500 for the first time this season.

PIRATES 3 PHILLIES 2

PITTSBURGH — Edinson Volquez allowed one run in seven sharp innings and Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer in the first to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday.

Volquez (7-6) had an RBI groundout with the bases loaded in the second inning as the Pirates moved a season-high five games over .500 at 46-41. The Pirates could've added to the 3-0 lead but Gregory Polanco Starling Marte each flew out with men on second and third.

MARLINS 6 CARDINALS 5

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Baker's RBI hit with two outs in the ninth inning helped Miami rally to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 on Saturday.

Casey McGehee fouled off five full-count pitches from Cardinals closer Trevor Rosenthal (0-4) before getting the tying hit, with Donovan Solano running from first and just beating a relay to the plate that catcher Yadier Molina couldn't quite handle.

BREWERS 1 REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Matt Garza threw a two-hitter for his fourth career shutout, and the Milwaukee Brewers ended their four-game losing streak by beating the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 on Saturday night.

Despite a slump that matched their longest of the season, the Brewers maintained the best record in the league and a comfortable lead in the NL Central.



Mark Lennihan/AP

Texas' Robinson Chirinos sticks out his tongue as he returns to the dugout after hitting a three-run home run Saturday in the first inning of a game against the New York Mets at Citi Field.

Rangers power past Mets

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

Rangers	**5**
Mets	**3**

NEW YORK — Robinson Chirinos hit an early three-run homer, Adrian Beltre connected again and the Texas Rangers ended a six-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over the New York Mets on Saturday night.

Alex Rios had three hits, including an RBI double off longtime Texas nemesis Bartolo Colon in a four-run first, and Colby Lewis (6-5) pitched six steady innings to help the Rangers win for only the third time in 17 games.

They snapped a 10-game skid on the road, their longest since a club-record slide of 12 games in 2003, with their first win away from home since June 16 in Oakland.

Travis d'Arnaud homered for the Mets, who have dropped five of six and eight of 10. David Wright had a double in four at-bats as he returned to the lineup after missing seven games with a sore left shoulder.

Colon (8-7) went seven innings but lost his second consecutive outing after going 6-0 with a 1.58 ERA in his previous seven starts.

The 41-year-old right-hander fell to 20-9 in 34 starts against the Rangers, his most wins against any team and the most by any pitcher vs. Texas.

Lewis allowed three runs — two earned — and eight hits in six innings. He struck out seven, walked none and pitched around Wright's leadoff double in the fifth, retiring his final six batters to protect a two-run lead.

Shawn Tolleson escaped an eighth-inning jam after Texas turned Juan Lagares' hard grounder into a double play. Joakim Soria, pitching for the first time in six days, worked a one-hit ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances.

Andrus and Rios hit consecutive doubles in the first to put Texas ahead. Colon had a chance to get out of the inning down by only one, but Chirinos drove a 1-2 pitch the other way to right-center for his eighth home run.

Beltre, who also homered Friday in the Rangers' first visit to Citi Field, made it 5-0 in the third with his sixth career home run off Colon.

Curtis Granderson hit an RBI double, and Bobby Abreu had a run-scoring single in the bottom half, but Lewis stopped the Mets there. With the bases loaded, Wright flied out to shallow center, Lucas Duda struck out, and Lagares grounded out.

New York cut it to 5-3 on d'Arnaud's leadoff homer in the fourth.

Chirinos was a bit shaken up in the fifth when a foul ball hit him in the mask. After a trainer and manager Ron Washington came out for a look, Chirinos and Washington playfully shoved each other before the catcher returned to his spot behind the plate.

Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy made a diving stop in the sixth and managed to throw out Rougned Odor from the seat of his pants. Odor singled to center with two outs in the eighth, but Lagares threw out Carlos Pena at the plate.

NOTES: The banged-up Rangers fielded a different lineup for the 20th straight game. They have used 45 players this season, most in the majors and one shy of their total from last year.

Washington said he'd encourage Yu Darvish to participate in the All-Star game if the Japanese right-hander is chosen for the AL roster Sunday — but he doesn't want his ace throwing more than 20 pitches. Darvish's next scheduled start is Wednesday against Houston. ... Pena snapped an 0-for-20 slump with an eighth-inning double. He is 4 for 36 (.111) since getting called up from Triple-A Round Rock on June 24.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	46	40	.535	—
Toronto	47	41	.534	—
New York	43	43	.500	3
Boston	39	47	.453	7
Tampa Bay	40	50	.444	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	48	36	.571	—
Kansas City	45	41	.523	4
Cleveland	42	44	.488	7
Chicago	41	47	.466	9
Minnesota	39	47	.453	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	53	33	.616	—
Los Angeles	49	36	.576	3 1/2
Seattle	48	39	.552	5 1/2
Texas	38	49	.437	15 1/2
Houston	36	52	.409	18

Saturday's Scores
Boston 3, Baltimore 2, 1st game
Minnesota 2, N.Y.Yankees 1, 11 innings
Seattle 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 14 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 2
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 3
Texas 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Baltimore at Boston, late
Houston at L.A. Angels, late
Toronto at Oakland, late
Today's Games
Kansas City (Duffy 5-7) at Cleveland (Kluber 7-6), 12:05 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 3-3) at N.Y Mets (Za Wheeler 3-8), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 3-2) at Boston (Peavy 1-7), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Kuroda 5-6) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-6), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 3-6), 3:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 4-7) at L.A. Angels (Richards 9-2), 2:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 6-6) at Oakland (Samardzija 9-0), 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 7-7) at Detroit (Porcello 11-4), 7 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	38	.563	—
Washington	47	39	.547	1 1/2
Miami	42	45	.483	7
New York	38	49	.437	11
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	36	.591	—
St. Louis	47	41	.534	5
Pittsburgh	46	41	.529	5 1/2
Cincinnati	44	42	.512	7
Chicago	38	47	.447	12 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	40	.556	—
San Francisco	47	39	.547	1
San Diego	39	47	.453	9
Colorado	37	51	.420	12
Arizona	36	53	.404	13 1/2

Saturday's Scores
Miami 6, St. Louis 5
Washington 13, Chicago Cubs 0
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 10, Arizona 4
Colorado 8, L.A. Dodgers 7
Milwaukee 1, Cincinnati 0
Texas 5, N.Y. Mets 3
San Francisco at San Diego, late
Today's Games
Milwaukee (Gallardo 5-5) at Cincinnati (Latos 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Za Wheeler 3-8), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (Bilby 3-6) at Atlanta (A.Wood 8-6), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-11) at Washington (Zimmermann 6-4), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 5-7) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Miami (H.Alvarez 5-3) at St. Louis (Gonzales 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 5-5) at Colorado (Rlande 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 7-5) at San Diego (Hahn 4-1), 3:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 5, METS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo lf	5	0	0	0	Grndrs rf	5	0	2	1
Soria p	0	0	0	0	DnMrp 2b	5	0	1	0
Andrus ss	5	1	1	0	DWright 3b	4	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	1	3	1	BAreu lf	3	0	1	1
ABeltre 3b	4	1	1	1	CYoung ph-lf	1	0	0	0
LMartn cf	3	1	1	0	Duda 1b	3	0	1	0
Chirins c	4	1	2	3	Campll ph-1b	1	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	3	0	1	0	Lagars cf	4	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	dArnad c	4	1	1	1
Lewis p	3	0	1	0	Tejada ss	4	1	1	0
Colls p	0	0	0	0	B.Colon p	3	1	0	0
ByTitsn p	0	0	0	0	Edgin p	0	0	0	0
DRichrd ph-lf	1	0	1	0	Germin p	0	0	0	0
					Niwnhs ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	36	5	11	5	Totals	36	3	9	3

Texas									001	000
New York									002	100

E—A.Beltre (9). DP—Texas 1, New York 2. LOB—Texas 6, New York 6. 2B—Andrus (28), Rios (17), C.Pena (1), Grandinson (15), D.Wright (21), Nieuwenhuis (5). HR—A.Beltre (11), Chirinos (8), d'Arnaud (5). SB—Rios (14).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Lewis W,6-5	6	8	3	2	0 7
Colls	1	0	0	0	1 1 2
Sh.Tolleson	1	0	0	0	1 0
Soria S,16-17	1	1	0	0	0 1
New York					
B.Colon L,8-7	7	10	5	5	2 3
Edgin	1 2/3	3	0	0	0 1
Germen	1/3	0	0	0	0 1

Colls pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
T—3:10 A—24,418 (41,922)

MARINERS 3, WHITE SOX 2, 14 INNINGS

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
J.Jones cf	6	0	0	0	Eaton cf	6	0	1	0
Bmgrt lf	3	0	0	0	GBckh 2b	6	0	0	0
EnChvz ph-lf	4	0	1	0	JAreu 1b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	5	1	2	0	LaGarc pr-lf	2	0	1	0
Hart dh	4	0	1	0	A.Dunn dh	5	0	0	0
Ackley pr-dh	2	1	0	0	AlRmrz ss	6	0	0	0
Seager 3b	5	0	0	0	Gillaspi 3b	4	1	1	0
Zunino c	5	0	0	1	Viciedo rf	3	0	1	1
Morrsn 1b	6	0	3	0	Sierra pr-rf	0	1	0	0
MSndrs rf	5	1	3	1	Konerk ph-1b	2	0	0	0
BMiller ss	6	0	1	1	De Aza lf	5	0	0	0
					Flowrs c	4	0	0	1
Totals	51	3	11	3	Totals	47	2	4	2

Seattle									000	000
Chicago									000	000

E—B.Miller (12). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Seattle 11, Chicago 6. 2B—B.Miller (7), Viciedo (19). 3B—Gillaspie (3). SB—Cano (6). M.Saunders (3). SF—Zunino, Flowers.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle					
F.Hernandez	8	3	2	2	1 8
Medina	1	0	0	0	1 1
Furbush	1-3	0	0	0	0 0
Rzepchyr	1 2-3	1	0	0	0 3
Wilhelmsen,W,1-1	2	0	0	0	0 2
Rodney,S,25-27	1	0	0	0	0 1
Chicago					
Quintana	7 2-3	4	0	0	1 10
Petricka	1-3	0	0	0	0 0
Surkamp	0	0	1	1	1 0
Putnam BS,1-2	1	3	1	1	0 0
Duffin	2	1	0	0	0 2
Belisario L,3-5	3	3	1	1	0 1

Surkamp pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
WP—Fernandez, Medina.
T—4:38 A—20,113 (40,615).

SATURDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
FIRST GAME
BOSTON 3, BALTIMORE 2

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 5 1
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3 9 3

M.Gonzalez, McFarland (8) and C.Joseph. Lester, Uehara (9) and D.Ross. W—Uehara 4-2. L—McFarland 1-2. HRs—Boston, Drew (1).

TWINS 2, YANKEES 1, 11 INNINGS

New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 7 1
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2 7 1

Phelps, Kelley (8), Thornton (10) and Cervelli. Pino, Guerrier (7), Fien (8), Perkins (9), Burton (10), Duensing (11) and K.Suzuki. W—Duensing 2-2. L—Thornton 0-2. HRs—Minnesota, Willingham (8).

RAYS 7, TIGERS 2

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	7 11 0
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2 6 0

Archer, Balfour (9) and Hanigan. A.Sanchez, Coke (6), Chamberlain (8), McCoy (9), B.Hardy (9) and Avila. W—Archer 5-5. L—A.Sanchez 5-3. HRs—Tampa Bay, Forsythe (3). Detroit, Avila (6), J.Martinez (11).

INDIANS 7, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3 12 0
Cleveland	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	x	7 10 0

Guthrie, Buono (6), C.Coleman (8) and S.Perez. House, Shaw (7), Allen (8) and Kobasew. W—House 1-2. L—Guthrie 5-7. HRs—Kansas City, Valencia (2). Cleveland, Bourn (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 6, CARDINALS 5

Miami	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6 10 0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5 10 0

Heaney, Ja.Turner (4), S.Dyson (6), M.Dunn (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis, S.Miller, Maness (6), Neshek (6), Choate (8), Rosenthal (9), S.Piscotty (9) and Y.Molina. W—M.Dunn 6-4. L—Rosenthal 0-4. Sv—Cishek (19). HRs—Miami, Yelich (7). St. Louis, Craig (7), P.Peralta (13).

NATIONALS 13, CUBS 0

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 5 0
Washington	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	4	x	13 19 0

Villanueva, Rusin (3), Grimm (6), W.Wright 7) and Castillo. G.Gonzalez, Stammen (9) and W.Ramos. W—G.Gonzalez 6-4. L—Villanueva 4-6.

PIRATES 3, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2 5 0
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	3	6 0

D.Buchanan, Giles (7), Bastardo (8) and Rupp. Volquez, Watson (8), Melancon (9) and C.Stewart. W—Volquez 7-6. L—D.Buchanan 4-5. Sv—Melancon (16). HRs—Philadelphia, Asche (6). Byrd (17). Pittsburgh, A.McCutchen (13).

ROCKIES 8, DODGERS 7

Los Angeles	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	7 8 0
Colorado	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0x	8 12 2

Haren, J.Wright (6), Howell (7), League (8) and A.Ellis. J.De La Rosa, Massel (7), Logan (7), Ottavino (7), Hawkins (8) and Rosario. W—J.De La Rosa 9-6. L—Haren 8-5. Sv—Hawkins (15). HRs—Colorado, Stubbs (7), Dickerson (11).

BREWERS 1, REDS 0

Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1 7 0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2 0

Garza and Lucroy, Bailey, Ju.Diaz (9) and Mesoraco. W—Garza 6-5. L—Bailey 8-5.

BRAVES 10, DIAMONDBACKS 4

Arizona	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4 9 2
Atlanta	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	1	x	10 14 2

Bolsinger, Delgado (4), Stites (6), E.De La Rosa (7) and M.Montero. Harang, S.Simmons (8) and Bethancourt. W—Harang 8-6. L—Bolsinger 1-5. HRs—Arizona, Inciarte (1). Atlanta, J.Upton (17).

WIMBLEDON

From 1C

The match was played under a heavy cover of clouds, and it seemed as if Bouchard's best chance to regroup would be a rain delay.

"I don't know," Bouchard's mother, Julie Leclair, said, "if there was much she could've done."

A shower arrived minutes after the brief-as-could-be final concluded. Before the trophy presentation, the retractable roof was closed, and both players left the court for a bit. Bouchard was told to wait in the room used to engrave champions' names.

"I was watching them work," Bouchard said, "wishing one day — dreaming — that he'll write my name somewhere."

The previous time a runner-up won only three games in the Wimbledon final was 1992, when Steffi Graf beat Monica Seles. Before that, it hadn't happened since 1983, when another Czech lefty, Martina Navratilova, defeated Andrea Jaeger.

Just 10 times in the history of a women's tournament first played in 1884 has a champion ceded fewer games in the final than Kvitova did.

Kvitova, who was thrilled to have nine-time champion Navratilova present Saturday, remains the only player born in the 1990s to win a major singles title. Bouchard, 20, would have been the second.

Already a semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Open this season but playing in her first Grand Slam final, Bouchard was a little wowed by the occasion.

"We were holding flowers instead of our tennis bags," Bouchard said. "The applause was really loud when we walked out. That's the main thing that registered in my mind."

When play began, Kvitova immediately took charge, breaking to lead 2-1 with a cross-court forehand winner she celebrated by yelping, "Pojd!" — the Czech equivalent of "Come on!"

Federer, Djokovic set for Wimbledon men's final

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

LONDON — For all their time on the world's biggest tennis stage — Roger Federer in 24 Grand Slam finals and Novak Djokovic in 13 — two of the sport's "Big 4" have met in only one major final: Federer won in straight sets at the 2007 U.S. Open.


Federer


Djokovic

They'll renew their rivalry in a championship match at Wimbledon on Sunday and equal a Grand Slam record. It's the 12th time they've met in any round of a major, equaling Djokovic's duel with Rafael Nadal in majors.

Federer leads Djokovic 6-5 in Grand Slams tournaments, including a win the only time they've met at Wimbledon — Federer prevailing in four sets in the 2012 semifinals, the only time they've met on grass.

The Swiss star holds an 18-16 edge in career matches, although Djokovic has won three of five matches they've played since 2013, including this year on clay at Monte Carlo.

Federer is making his first appearance in a Grand Slam final since he won here in 2012, and has done it emphatically — dropping just one set in six matches.

Here are some other things to know about Sunday's match on Centre Court at the All England Club:

TOP RANKING: A victory by Djokovic will return him to the No. 1 ranking for the first time since September of last year, taking over from Nadal. Djokovic first rose to No. 1 when he won his only Wimbledon title in 2011, although he was already guaranteed of securing the top ranking even before beating Nadal in the final.

NOT THIS TIME: Defending champion Andy Murray, who lost to Grigor Dimitrov in the quarterfinals here, or Nadal, who was beaten by Nick Kyrgios in the fourth round, had featured in 18 consecutive Grand Slam finals.

DOMINATION CONTINUES: The final match-up guarantees that 36 of the past 38 Grand Slam singles titles have gone to a member of the Big 4 — Federer, Djokovic, Murray and Nadal. For trivia buffs, the ones they didn't win: the 2005 French Open (Juan Martin del Potro) and this year's Australian Open (Stan Wawrinka).

NOVAK SAYS: "We know each other's games. Most of the matches we've played against each other went the distance, so I'm going to be physically ready and fit. The key against him is trying to not allow him to dictate too much because he likes to be very aggressive, he likes to come to the net. I'm going to have to be able to get as many returns back in the court and try to also stay closer to the line, protect the baseline."

ROGER SAYS: "We both like to take charge, especially on quicker courts. He has a wonderful way of either redirecting or taking the ball early, taking pace from the opponent, even generating some of his own. There's not really a safe place you can play into. Novak can hurt you down the line or cross-court on both sides."

Hurley extends lead to 2 at Greenbrier Classic

By John Raby
Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Billy Hurley III doesn't plan to lose much rest sitting on a third-round lead for the first time on the PGA Tour.

The former U.S. Navy officer shot a 3-under 67 on Saturday to extend his advantage to two strokes over Angel Cabrera entering the final round of the Greenbrier Classic.

"I've been working for a long time to win on the PGA Tour," Hurley said. "I figure if I shoot the lowest score tomorrow, I can't lose."

Hurley never relinquished the lead he has held since midway through the second round at Old White TPC. He birdied the par-5 12th and par-4 13th before dropping a stroke on the par-3 15th.

He had a 12-under 198 total. No third-round leader has won the Greenbrier Classic, now in its fifth year. Playoffs have decided the tournament twice.

Cabrera shot 64. He's looking for his first non-major win on the PGA Tour.

Kevin Chappell was third at 9 under after a 69. Steve Stricker had a 68 to top the group at 8 under.

There will be more than a trophy to raise and a $1.2 million winner's check available Sunday. The four best finishers not previously eligible for the British Open among the top 12 on the final leaderboard will earn spots in the July 17-20 tournament at Royal Liverpool.

Hurley finished his five-year Navy service in 2009 and would still be a naval officer if golf wasn't keeping him busy. He returned to the PGA Tour this year after playing on the Web.com Tour in 2013.

He said nerves won't play a part in how he gets ready for what could be a memorable Sunday.

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing," he said. "I just want to put my mind in position so that I can play well. I slept fine last night. The benefit of the Navy if you learn how to sleep anywhere. I think I'll sleep fine tonight, too!"

Cabrera wore an Argentine blue shirt in the third round and is riding his country's momentum in the World Cup, including Saturday's 1-0 win over Belgium to advance to the semifinal round.

"I was very happy when I found out they won," Cabrera said, adding that he was equally as giddy when he started his round with four birdies on the first six holes.

Old White sets up nicely for Cabrera's long drives and he made four birdie putts of 19 feet or longer.

"I was able to get the speed of the greens, and that was the big difference," Cabrera said.

At the Wells Fargo Championship in May, Cabrera was the second-round leader but closed with a pair of 75s.

Another under-par round Sunday would mark the first time that he has had four rounds in the 60s since the 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship.

Chappell barely got anything going until making a 12-foot putt for birdie on the par-5 17th.

"I don't think I've had my best ball-striking day yet," he said. "Hopefully, my putter gets hot and (it) should be fun."

GREENBRIER CLASSIC SCORES

Saturday
At The Old White TPC
White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Purse: $6.5 million
Yardage: 7,287; Par 70
Third Round

Billy Hurley III	68-63-67—198
Angel Cabrera	68-68-64—200
Kevin Chappell	67-65-69—201
Michael Thompson	66-72-64—202
Cameron Tringale	72-66-64—202
Will Wilcox	68-69-65—202
Joe Durant	65-71-66—202
Camilo Villegas	68-67-67—202
Steve Stricker	66-68-68—202
Chris Stroud	66-66-70—202
Jim Renner	65-70-68—203
Bill Haas	69-70-65—204
Hudson Swafford	72-67-65—204
David Hearn	68-68-68—204
Luke Guthrie	67-69-68—204
Bubba Watson	68-67-69—204
David Lingmerth	67-68-69—204
Troy Matteson	72-61-71—204
Davis Love III	67-73-65—205
Steve Marino	69-70-66—205
Kyle Stanley	71-68-66—205
Andrew Loupe	69-69-67—205
Brendon Todd	71-67-67—205
Jason Bohn	65-72-68—205
Jonas Blixt	64-73-68—205
Robert Allenby	67-70-68—205
George McNeil	70-67-68—205
Keegan Bradley	67-69-69—205
J.B. Holmes	68-68-69—205
Sang-Moon Bae	66-74-66—206
Trevor Immelman	69-70-67—206
Scott Langley	68-71-67—206
Michael Putnam	67-72-67—206
Richard H. Lee	71-68-67—206
Troy Merritt	66-72-68—206
Charles Howell III	67-71-68—206
David Toms	69-69-68—206
Oliver Goss	70-68-68—206
Matt Bettencourt	70-68-68—206
Patrick Cantlay	69-68-69—206
Bronson La'Cassie	70-66-70—206
Brice Garnett	68-66-72—206
Shawn Stefani	73-67-67—207
Webb Simpson	71-69-67—207
Andres Romero	72-68-67—207
Heath Slocum	70-69-68—207
Brendon de Jonge	70-68-68—207
Tom Watson	71-68-68—207
Justin Leonard	71-67-69—207
Bud Cauley	69-68-70—207
Kevin Na	66-70-71—207
Charlie Beljan	67-69-71—207
Patrick Reed	67-69-71—207
Danny Lee	65-71-71—207
Johnson Wagner	68-68-71—207
Patrick Rodgers	65-75-68—208
Ted Potter Jr.	70-70-68—208
Gary Woodland	69-70-69—208
Josh Teater	69-69-70—208
Stephen Ames	69-68-71—208
Andrew Svoboda	72-68-69—209
Robert Streb	68-72-69—209
J.J. Henry	70-70-69—209
Wes Roach	69-71-69—209
Roberto Castro	72-68-69—209
Jason Dore	70-70-69—209
Scott Stallings	70-69-70—209
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	68-71-70—209
Carl Pettersson	71-68-70—209
Ken Duke	72-67-70—209
Tim Wilkinson	68-71-70—209
Chad Collins	66-73-70—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	67-70-72—209
Chris Kirk	65-69-75—209
Made cut did not finish	
Woody Austin	68-72-70—210
Scott Brown	72-68-70—210
Martin Flores	70-70-70—210
Pat Perez	66-69-75—210
John Daly	68-72-71—211
Jeff Maggert	69-70-72—211
Steven Bowditch	68-70-73—211
Deren Ernst	71-69-72—212
Greg Chalmers	69-69-74—212
Scott Gardiner	70-67-75—212
Jamie Lovemark	68-72-73—213
D.A. Points	65-75-74—214
Mark Wilson	68-72-74—214
Brendan Steele	70-68-77—215
James Hahn	65-74-78—217

WIMBLEDON

Results
Saturday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Women
Championship
Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, def. Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada, 6-3, 6-0

Doubles
Men
Championship
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock, United States, def. Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5
Women
Championship
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (14), France, 6-1, 6-3
Mixed
Semifinals
Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, and Sam Stosur (15), Australia, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Vera Dushevina (16), Russia, 7-5, 6-2
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Chan Hao-ching (14), Taiwan, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Kristina Mladenovic (5), France, 7-6 (4), 7-5

Invitation Doubles
Gentlemen
Round Robin
Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, and Mark Philippoussis, Australia, def. Goran Ivanisevic and Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 10-5
Albert Costa, Spain, and Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, and Mark Petchey, Britain, 7-5, 5-7, 10-8
Senior Gentlemen
Round Robin
Andrew Castle, Britain, and Mikael Pernfors, Sweden, def. Sergio Casal, Spain, and Joakim Nystrom, Sweden, 5-2, retired
Ladies
Round Robin
Iva Majoli, Croatia, and Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, and Conchita Martinez, Spain, walkover. Championship
Jana Novotna, Czech Republic, and Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Martina Navratilova, United States, and Selima Sfar, Tunisia, 6-0, 7-6 (1)

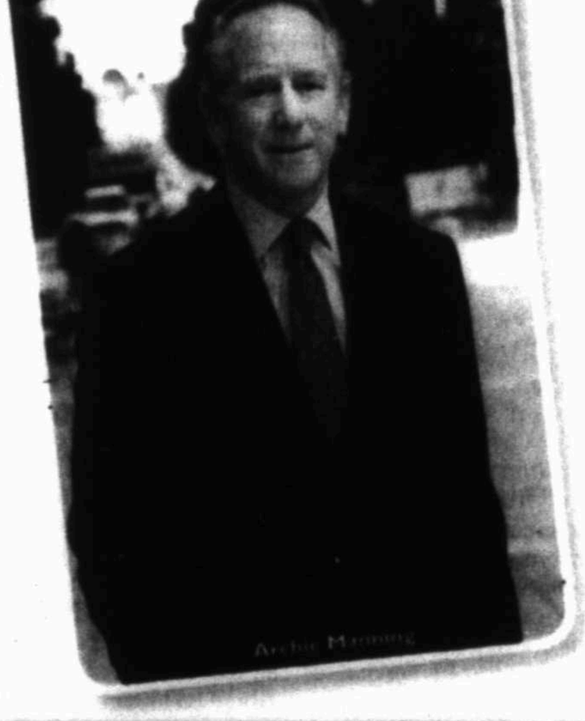
Junior Singles
Boys
Semifinals
Stefan Kozlov (6), United States, def. Johan Sebastien Tatlot (8), France, 6-3, 7-6 (7)
Noah Rubin, United States, def. Taylor Harry Fritz, United States, 6-4, 6-2
Girls
Semifinals
Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Marketa Vondrousova (12), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2
Kristina Schmiedlova (8), Slovakia, def. Elena Gabriela Ruse, Romania, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

Junior Doubles
Boys
Semifinals
Stefan Kozlov, United States, and Andrey Rublev (1), Russia, def. Petros Chrysochos, Cyprus, and Nino Serdarusic (7), Croatia, 6-2, 7-5
Orlando Luz and Marcelo Zormann (3), Brazil, def. Naoki Nakagawa, Japan, and Tim van Rijnoven, Netherlands, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
Girls
Semifinals
Tami Grende, Indonesia, and Ye Qiu Yu, China, def. Usue Maitane Arconada, United States, and Fanny Stollar, Hungary, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, and Dalma Galfi, Hungary, def. Priscilla Hon, Australia, and Jil Belen Teichmann (2), Switzerland, 6-1, 4-6, 9-7

Wheelchair Doubles
Men
First Round
Stephane Houdet, France, and Shingo Kunieda (1), Japan, def. Tom Egbrink, Netherlands, and Gordon Reid, Britain, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
Maikel Scheffers and Ronald Vink (2), Netherlands, def. Frederic Cattaneo, France, and Joachim Gerard, Belgium, 6-3, 7-6 (2)

Show Court Schedules
Sunday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Centre Court
Play begins at 8 a.m.
Men's Singles Final: Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Roger Federer (4), Switzerland
Mixed Doubles Final: Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Chan Hao-ching (14), Taiwan, vs. Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, and Sam Stosur (15), Australia

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Argentina's Ezequiel Lavezzi and teammates celebrate at the end of a World Cup quarterfinal match after Argentina beat Belgium on Saturday at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil.

Argentina reaches World Cup semis

By Gerald Imray
Associated Press

Argentina.....1
Belgium.....0

BRASILIA, Brazil — This time for Argentina, it was less about Lionel Messi and more about the men behind him.

Argentina made the semifinals of the World Cup for the first time in 24 years on Saturday as stubborn defending and clever tactics overcame Belgium in a tight 1-0 victory.

Before the quarterfinals, Messi's magic had bailed out the team as it labored unimpressively through the group stage and past Switzerland in the second round, relying on four goals and a couple of assists from its playmaking superstar.

But coach Alejandro Sabella's strategy appeared to work at Brasilia's Estadio Nacional as Argentina scored early and then out-maneuvered a Belgium team that was left completely frustrated.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots criticized Argentina as "an ordinary team" that relied on a couple of attacking players and mostly defense, built on the back four and combative midfielders Lucas Biglia and Javier Mascherano.

It was good enough to beat Belgium, though, and might be the key to Argentina overcoming more impressive teams in the last four of the World Cup as the South Americans go in search of a third title but first since 1986.

"The players today played a wonderful match. I would say that it was excellent," Sabella said, "(From) the tactical point of view."

Despite having a team that includes Messi, probably the most exciting attacking player in the game, Sabella is a firm believer in the importance of closing down other teams and limiting their opportunities. He calls it "occupying the spaces" and used his favorite catchphrase 10 times in an answer Friday when explaining tactics to a reporter.

"It was a team that was very well balanced today. ... Sometimes forward, sometimes to the back," he said.

Even Messi has a defensive role in Sabella's game plan.

Argentina's No. 10 tracked back to help out when his team didn't have the ball against Belgium, even resorting to a foul to halt a late Belgian counterattack. Not the kind of thing you would normally expect from Barcelona's four-time world player of the year.

"They had a great defense because they knew how to close down the space we were looking for," Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois said as he watched his team push forward for most of the second half, and yet manage just four attempts on target through the 90 minutes.

That's exactly what Sabella's tactics are designed to do.

"It is not only scoring goals," Sabella said.



Hassan Ammar/AP

Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul saves a penalty kick during a World Cup quarterfinal soccer match against Costa Rica on Saturday at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil. The Netherlands won, 4-3, on penalty kicks.

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the first half and again in extra time. When Wesley Sneijder twice beat him late in regulation and again in the second half of extra time, the woodwork made the stop.

Sneijder hit the post with a free kick in the 80th minute and sent a curling shot over Navas and off the crossbar before the penalty shootout.

At the end, however, Navas could not stop any of the four Dutch penalties as veterans Robin van Persie, Arjen Robben, Sneijder and Dirk Kuyt all scored.

The Krul substitution will only boost Van Gaal's reputation as a coach who leaves nothing to chance and who has a golden touch with replacements. And it kept his tenure with the Netherlands alive for two more matches before he becomes the manager at Manchester United next season.

World Cup glance

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, July 4
At Rio de Janeiro
Germany 1, France 0
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Brazil 2, Colombia 1
Saturday
At Brasilia, Brazil
Argentina 1, Belgium 0
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands 0, Costa Rica 0, Netherlands advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil vs. Germany, 3 p.m.
Wednesday
At Sao Paulo
Netherlands vs. Argentina, 3 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 12
At Brasilia, Brazil
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 13
At Rio de Janeiro
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

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in-game experience while giving high school kids a summer window to relax before football two-a-days.

Plus, the players really enjoyed playing baseball with their teammates in a low pressure atmosphere.

"You want to stay close to your teammates, chemistry builds a better team," said Midland High junior Jacob Mata. "And you get to play all the kids you'll play in the actual season."

Almost every major area school in the UIL fielded a team, and the experience is invaluable. While the high school coaches can't coach the teams due to UIL regulations, they love that their players took hacks against district competitors.

"Geographically, where we're at it's a good situation with the area schools," said Lee head coach Brian Roper. "I think it's a great setup."

For smaller schools such as Fort Stockton or Pecos, it's an extra thrill for the players to face the big area schools.

"It's all they talk about, something they don't get to do on a regular basis," said Fort Stockton's coach for the summer Paul Casias.

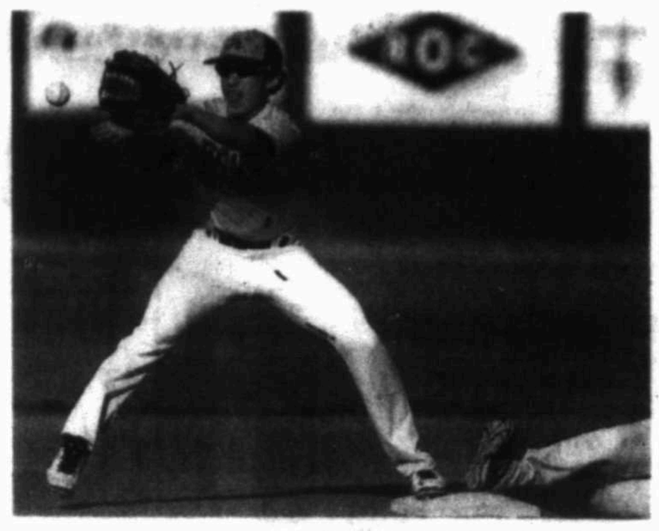
This year the league finished without an end-of-year tournament. But next year Parker hopes to add a Connie Mack qualifier. This would serve as both the league's year-end tournament and an opportunity for teams to move into the regional round of Connie Mack qualifying, where teams compete for a spot in the Connie Mack World Series, which is held in Farmington, New Mexico.

Parker also hopes to add a second division featuring teams from the Big Bend area. He said a few schools have already reached out and expressed an interest in doing so. This would mean a Permian Basin and a Big Bend district with teams playing a slightly extended schedule.

As the games wrapped up Thursday, Parker was already diagramming next season in his head. But the parents and players involved were just thankful for an affordable way to play.

"It was a very last minute thing, but it's come together really well," said Jen Raies, whose son Josh plays with Midland High. "But we're just really grateful to these men who basically just put it together for the love of baseball."

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Midland's Josh Raies gets the ball too late to make the play at second in a Connie Mack League game against Fort Stockton on Monday at Zachery Field.

Montoya wins 1st IndyCar pole at Pocono

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — In open wheel or a stock car, Juan Pablo Montoya knows how to top the speed chart at Pocono Raceway.

Driving for Team Penske in his open-wheel return after seven years in NASCAR, the Colombian knocked off Penske teammate Will Power on the final qualifying run Saturday.

Montoya had a two-lap average of 223.871 mph for both a track record and his first career IndyCar pole.

"I feel at home in the car now," he said.

Montoya won a Pocono pole in NASCAR in August 2012. He also won 14 open-wheel poles in CART in 1999-2000.

Carlos Munoz joined Montoya and points leader Power on the front row. Takuma Sato, Marco Andretti and James Hinchcliffe completed the second row.

Montoya had the good fortune of going out last after one driver after another took a turn atop the leaderboard. Helio Castroneves, Andretti, Sato and Power all set the one-lap track record and held the provisional pole. Montoya snagged it when it counted.

Power and Castroneves are 1-2 in the standings for Roger Penske. Montoya is fifth and climbing fast after three straight top 10s.

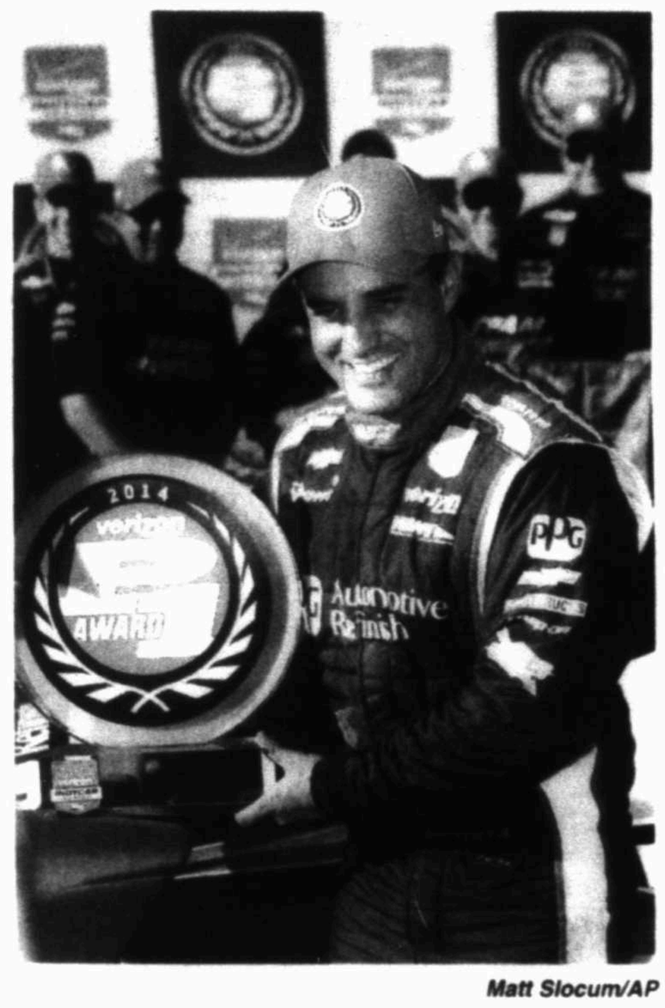
"He's brought a lot of good stuff to the team, from the very beginning, actually," Power said. "The experience of all three of us is really helping push the cars in the right direction. The beauty about driving for Penske is that you've got the resources to develop what you want."

Indianapolis 500 champion Ryan Hunter-Reay will start ninth. Hunter-Reay is the only driver who can win the open-wheel series' Triple Crown. Pocono and Fontana join the Indianapolis 500 as the three races that use three-wide starts, run 500 miles and award double points. Unlike last season, there is no title sponsor or $1 million prize for a three-race sweep.

IndyCar ran a Triple Crown at Indianapolis, Pocono and Ontario from 1971-1980 and from 1981-1989 at Indy, Pocono and Michigan. Only Al Unser won all three races in 1978.

Defending Pocono winner Scott Dixon will start 15th. Dixon's IndyCar season could have been summed up by what he saw in his role as judge at Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest: So much of it has been tough to swallow.

Dixon's spot as IndyCar's top dog could come to a crashing halt unless the reigning series champion has a reversal of fortune over the final races. He's stuck well behind Power in ninth in the standings. Dixon has only one podium finish and was 19th and 18th in last weekend's Grand Prix of Houston doubleheader.



Matt Slocum/AP

IndyCar driver Juan Pablo Montoya poses with the pole award Saturday after qualifying in the first position for today's Pocono IndyCar 500 race in Long Pond, Pennsylvania.

Rain postpones Coke Zero 400 at Daytona

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The day race at Daytona International Speedway ended up at night.

And now the night race will go off during the day.

Steady rain forced NASCAR to postpone the Sprint Cup race at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday night. It's the second race at Daytona this year delayed by rain. The season-opening Daytona 500 was stopped for more than six hours because of rain and ended under the lights.

"We seem to have a little bad luck with the weather," said Joie Chitwood III, the track president. "We had it in February and we have it right now."

The Coke Zero 400 will start at 10 a.m. today, about 14 hours after officials postponed the event. The forecast calls for more rain today, but Chitwood said scheduling an early start gives NASCAR a "bigger window of time to get it in."

The race was supposed to start at 7:57 p.m. Saturday, but showers soaked the 2 1/2-mile superspeedway and forced officials to delay the green flag and eventually postpone the race.

This is the fourth Cup race affected by rain this season and the second to be postponed a day. Bristol also was affected by rain, and Texas was delayed a day.

Despite the latest washout, Chitwood does not want the race moved from its traditional Saturday night spot around the July Fourth holiday. The race has been run in that spot for 27 years, and prior to that, it went on the annual holiday itself.

Chitwood was reminded of what a rain-free event looked like as he watched a replay of last year's Coke Zero 400 during Saturday's delay.

"The crowd was fantastic and the weather was good and we gave the fans a heck of a show," he said. "I think July Fourth weekend is a great time."

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Sprint Cup

After Friday qualifying; race today
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 199.322 mph
2. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 199.221
3. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 199.194
4. (33) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 198.97
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 198.79
6. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 198.776
7. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 198.697
8. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 198.684
9. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 198.662
10. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 198.575
11. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 198.531
12. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 198.474
13. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 198.47
14. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 198.373
15. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 198.224
16. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 198.229
17. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 198.116
18. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 198.103
19. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 198.068
20. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 198.056
21. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 198.055
22. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 198.042
23. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 198.033
24. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 198.015
25. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 197.994
26. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 197.85
27. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 197.82
28. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 197.741
29. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 197.724
30. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 197.364
31. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 197.273
32. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 197.217
33. (66) Josh Wise, Ford, 197.132
34. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 196.975
35. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 196.691
36. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 196.661
37. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Owner Points.
38. (32) Terry Labonte, Ford, Owner Points.
39. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Owner Points.
40. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
41. (66) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, Owner Points.
42. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, Owner Points.
43. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, Owner Points.

Failed to Qualify
44. (29) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 195.763

Formula 1

British Grand Prix Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Silverstone Circuit
Silverstone, England
Lap length: 3.66 miles
Third Session

1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1 minute, 35.766 seconds
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 1:37.366
3. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 1:38.200
4. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:38.417
5. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 1:38.329
6. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 1:39.232
7. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:40.457
8. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:40.606
9. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 1:40.707
10. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 1:40.855

Eliminated after second session
11. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:36.486
12. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 1:38.705
13. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, No Time

Eliminated after first session
14. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 1:43.518
15. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 1:45.695
16. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 1:45.935
17. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 1:39.800
18. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:46.684
19. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 1:49.421
20. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1:44.018
21. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 1:49.625
22. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 1:40.912

NHRA

Saturday
At Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park
Norwalk, Ohio

Pairings based on results in qualifying, which ended Saturday. DNQs listed before pairings.

Top Fuel

1. Shawn Langdon, 3.745 seconds, 325.22 mph vs. 16. Terry McMillen, 3.806, 324.36.
2. Doug Kalitta, 3.748, 327.82 vs. 15. Richie Crampton, 3.803, 302.21.
3. Antron Brown, 3.763, 323.04 vs. 14. Clay Millican, 3.880, 315.42.
4. Bob Vandergriff, 3.777, 322.73 vs. 13. Pat Dakin, 3.875, 313.86.
5. J.R. Todd, 3.783, 319.52 vs. 12. Troy Buff, 3.853, 311.49.
6. Steve Torrence, 3.792, 324.67 vs. 11. Larry Dixon, 3.839, 322.65.
7. Tony Schumacher, 3.794, 324.12 vs. 10. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.832, 316.97.
8. Spencer Massey, 3.800, 324.12 vs. 9. Brittany Force, 3.814, 324.98.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Cory McClenathan, 3.821, 298.87. 18. Leah Pritchett, 3.998, 309.42. 19. Luigi Novelli, 4.006, 286.92. 20. Chris Karamesines, 4.134, 265.12.

Funny Car

1. Del Worsham, Toyota Camry, 4.000, 321.88 vs. 16. Jeff Diehl, Toyota Solara, 4.343, 269.20.
2. John Force, Ford Mustang, 4.016, 322.04 vs. 15. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.160, 307.65.
3. Tommy Johnson Jr., Dodge Charger, 4.030, 319.67 vs. 14. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 4.170, 303.57.
4. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.044, 318.69 vs. 13. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.158, 299.93.
5. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.048, 316.15 vs. 12. Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.106, 321.42.
6. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.050, 310.91 vs. 11. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.077, 308.21.
7. Chad Head, Camry, 4.052, 318.02 vs. 10. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.076, 311.49.
8. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.064, 317.94 vs. 9. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.065, 315.12.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Terry Haddock, 6.994, 275.51.

Pro Stock

1. Erica Enders-Stevens, Chevy Camaro, 6.523, 212.63 vs. 16. Travis Mazza, Ford Mustang, 7.365, 200.86.
2. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.527, 211.89 vs. 15. Mark Hogan, Pontiac GXP, 6.738, 208.23.
3. Allen Johnson, Dodge Dart, 6.532, 211.89 vs. 14. Larry Morgan, Mustang, 6.698, 210.77.
4. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.548, 211.53 vs. 13. John Gaydosh Jr. GXP, 6.677, 209.26.
5. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.551, 211.69 vs. 12. Shane Tucker, Camaro, 6.603, 211.56.
6. Jeg Coughlin, Dart, 6.554, 212.03 vs. 11. Roger Brogdon, Camaro, 6.574, 211.23.
7. Dave Connolly, Camaro, 6.557, 211.00 vs. 10. Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.586, 211.39.
8. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.584, 211.20 vs. 9. Jonathan Gray, Camaro, 6.586, 211.69.

Did Not Qualify: 17. V. Gaines, 7.639, 190.40.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.844, 195.05 vs. 16. Elvira Karlsson, Suzuki, 6.984, 188.81.
2. Hector Arana Jr. Buell, 6.898, 196.33 vs. 15. Jim Underdahl, Suzuki, 6.981, 193.24.
3. Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 6.885, 195.48 vs. 14. Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 6.952, 193.05.
4. Chaz Kennedy, Buell, 6.887, 194.27 vs. 13. Michael Ray, Buell, 6.943, 192.03.
5. Hector Arana, Buell, 6.871, 196.80 vs. 12. Shawn Gann, Buell, 6.933, 192.60.
6. Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 6.873, 195.03 vs. 11. Angie Smith, Buell, 6.928, 193.79.
7. John Hall, Buell, 6.882, 194.63 vs. 10. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.913, 193.16.
8. Matt Smith, Buell, 6.909, 193.88 vs. 9. Adam Arana, Buell, 6.912, 196.07.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Justin Finley, 6.994, 192.14. 18. Joe DeBaltis, 7.002, 191.76. 19. Wendell Daniels, broke.

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A capital campaign was needed to underwrite the needed streets, sewers and water lines. A special thank you to everyone who helped during this process. A special category of donor called The Diamond Donor Award was established to honor all who gave $100,000 or more to make the Cloverdale development a reality.

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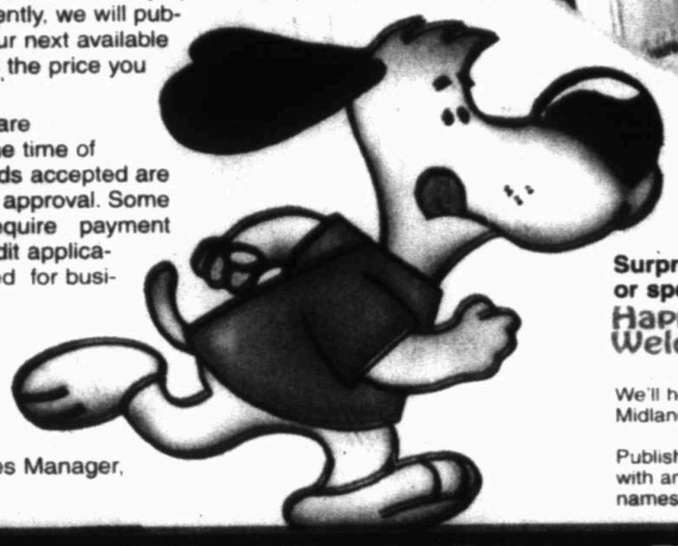
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By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

If you work in an office, there's a good chance you've wasted a lot of time in bad meetings. But it doesn't have to be that way.

"If companies are in meetings a lot, it's a sign they're not aligned," says David Gray, founder of the design consultancy XPLANE. "It's a sign that they're not coordinated. It could be a sign of a very political environment."

Gray says that 90 percent of meetings can be eliminated when organizations use tools like a Kanban board with sticky notes to coordinate work by dividing tasks into to-do tasks, in-process tasks and completed tasks columns. Software services like Trello can help teams accomplish the same thing remotely.

"Meetings are great. It's the bad ones that suck," says Jon Petz, author of "Boring Meetings Suck." (Wiley, 2011) "Meetings are where we collaborate, where we make decisions, where we have record-breaking new ideas." It's the default Monday morning and information-sharing meetings that can suck the life out of teams.

For more effective meetings:

1. Define a clear meeting purpose and outcome. "If you can't articulate the purpose of the meeting, then it's probably not necessary to have the meeting," says Gray.

2. Send pre-read materials within an agreed-upon period of time in advance of the meeting.

3. Invite only those who can contribute meaningfully in the "to" field and "cc" those who need to know about the meeting.

4. Politely decline a meeting or press for more information on why you're needed there if you don't understand how you or your team will add value.

5. Engage the people you want to participate in your meetings by writing them into the agenda. "You want people coming there with ideas, not just searching their brain for ideas while they're there," says Petz.

6. Come to meetings prepared or don't come at all. "Otherwise, you're going to waste everyone else's time going back and reading the pre-read materials," says Petz.

7. Follow the ten-minute rule. If that critical decision-maker you need there doesn't show, reschedule.

8. Visualize all ideas in the meeting with sticky notes, diagrams and line drawings. "The less stuff people have to keep in their heads, the less distracted they'll be," says Gray. If you give a PowerPoint presentation, provide hard copies so that people can take notes on them.

9. Have someone take notes or minutes that include action items and deliverables, and post them to a public drive after the meeting.

10. Keep the meeting short – preferably an hour or less – unless it's a meeting people are flying in for.

11. Provide food. "Biological triggers happen when people are eating food together that helps them become closer and more bonded," says Gray.

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LEARN HOW TO LISTEN

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

Some call it an art, particularly in a world full of digital distraction. Active listening requires the use of all senses, and developing the skills is more critical today for workplace advancement.

In fact, mastering the art of active listening is one of the top five required skills among the fastest growing jobs, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics compiled by New Jersey author Laurence Shatkin.

Because active listening is something most people do not practice, career coaches say it's critical to learn the art as it relates to the workplace. Good listening skills allow you to work more productively given that are you are better able to understand assignments and expectations, and they enable you to develop as a more empathetic co-worker, says Jan Yager, a sociologist and time management coach from Stamford, Conn.

"Nowadays it's not just what you know, it's how well you get along. Active listening plays a huge role in building productive relationships," says Yager, author of "Productive Relationships: 57 Strategies for Building Stronger Business Relationships." (Hannacroix Creek Books, 2012)

Yager says active learning requires practice, starting with making eye contact, smiling if appropriate and nodding your head when you agree. Avoid looking at your watch or a clock in an obvious way that might make people feel that you're bored or dismissive. Of course, you must also refrain from talking too much, particularly if you have the tendency to dominate conversations.

Yager offers the following five additional tips:

1) Focus and restate. Concentrate on what someone is saying when he or she talks to you. Should your mind wander, reel it back to the conversation. To force yourself to focus, practice restating.

2) Ask questions. This is how you show an interest in someone else. Self-interest is a basic principle upon which individuals operate; it's only human. If you show interest in another, you are fanning that person's self-interest and deflecting some of the attention from yourself.

3) Avoid critical statements. Being critical may lead your coworkers to withhold information out of fear that you will disapprove. Before you know it, you might find yourself out of the loop with your coworkers and unable to perform your job as effectively.

4) Enjoy quiet. By allowing for silence, you show that you are reflecting upon what you are hearing.

5) Remember the power of now. Don't plan your next line when you should be focused on listening and what your co-worker, supervisor or client is saying to you.

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A survey recently released from the Center for State and Local Government Excellence and two related groups finds that 66 percent of the 298 human resource professionals from state and local governments around the country were hiring in 2013.

Hiring should continue this year, notes Joshua Franzel, research manager at SLGE.

But one of the traditional attractions to government work – rich retirement and benefits packages – are no longer one of the big draws municipalities and states can offer. The survey finds that 61 percent of respondents reported that more health benefit costs were shifted to workers, and 35 percent reported that their government altered retirement benefits over the last year, with about one-fourth requiring increased contribution from workers to pensions.

But the opportunity to perform "meaningful work and make a difference" is a motivation to government work, notes Franzel. And, "many flexible work arrangements" are often possible, another draw, he adds.

Moreover, pay scales, especially for in-demand, highly skilled workers may be more competitive, Franzel acknowledges.

Some of the key positions in demand according to the SLGE: correction officers, dispatchers, engineers, epidemiologists, financial professionals, human resource specialists, firefighters and medical workers.

At the federal level, hiring should also pick up, especially since about one-quarter of the federal workforce will be eligible to retire by September of 2016, according to the federal Office of Personnel Management.

Check job boards as well as the websites of governments and government agencies to look for postings on open positions, says Franzel.

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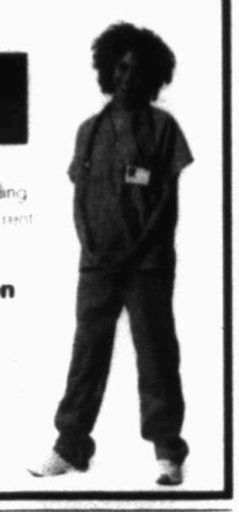
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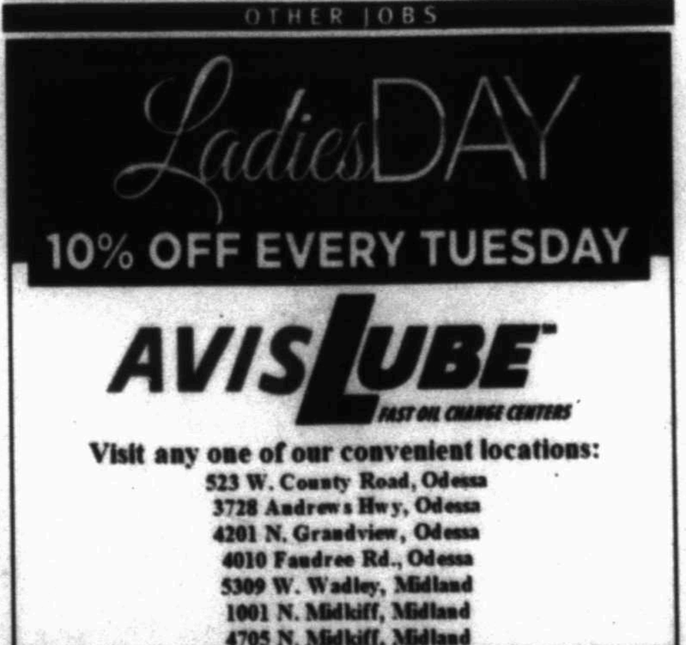
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Job# 14-17

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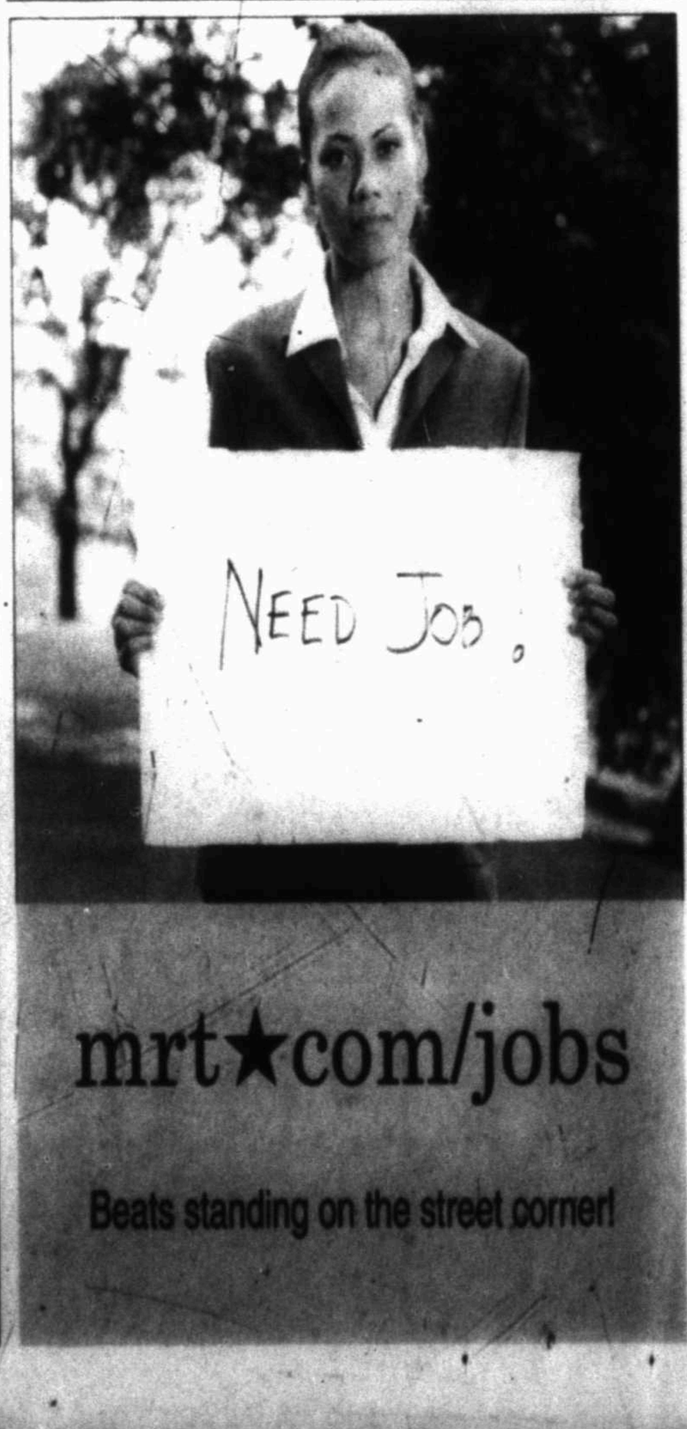
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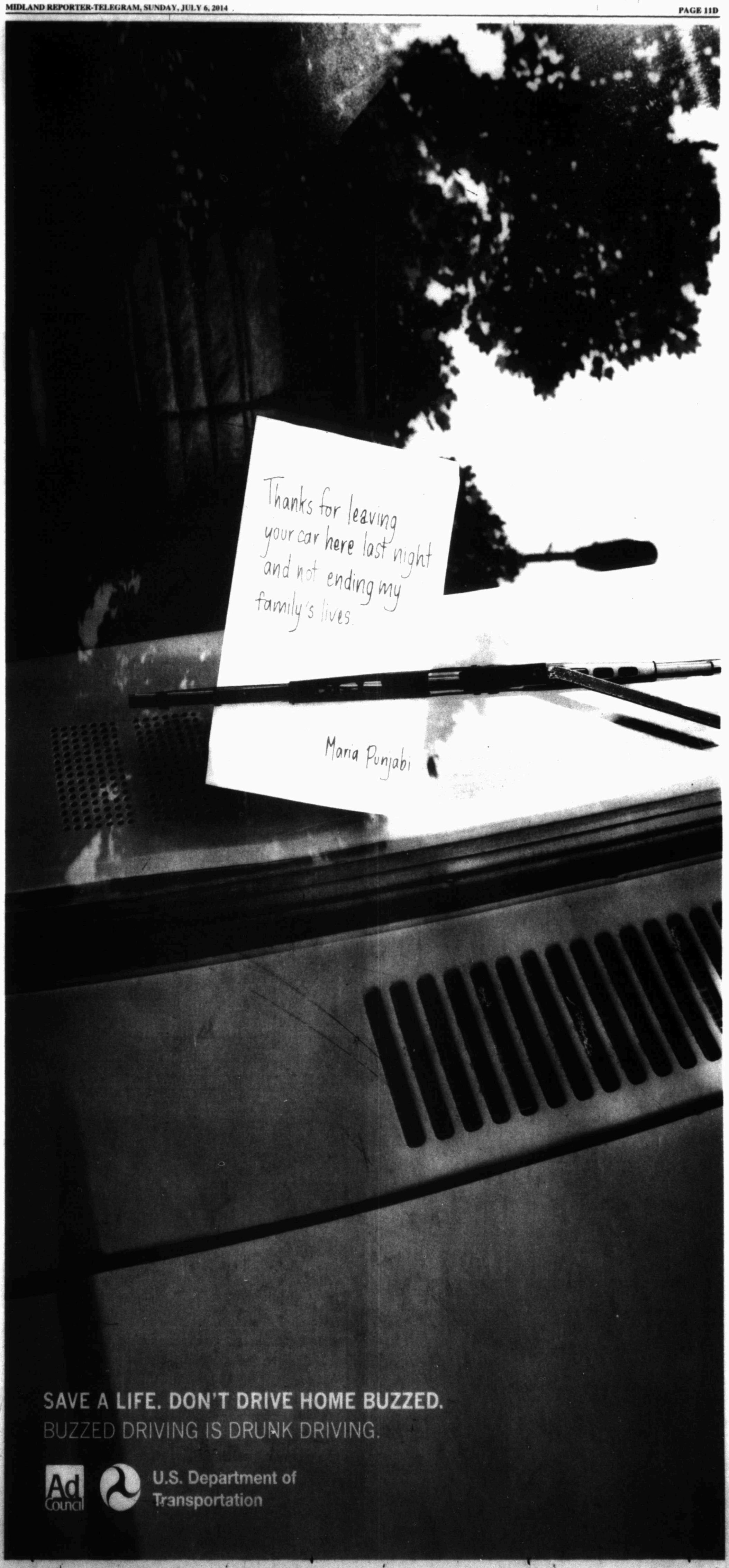
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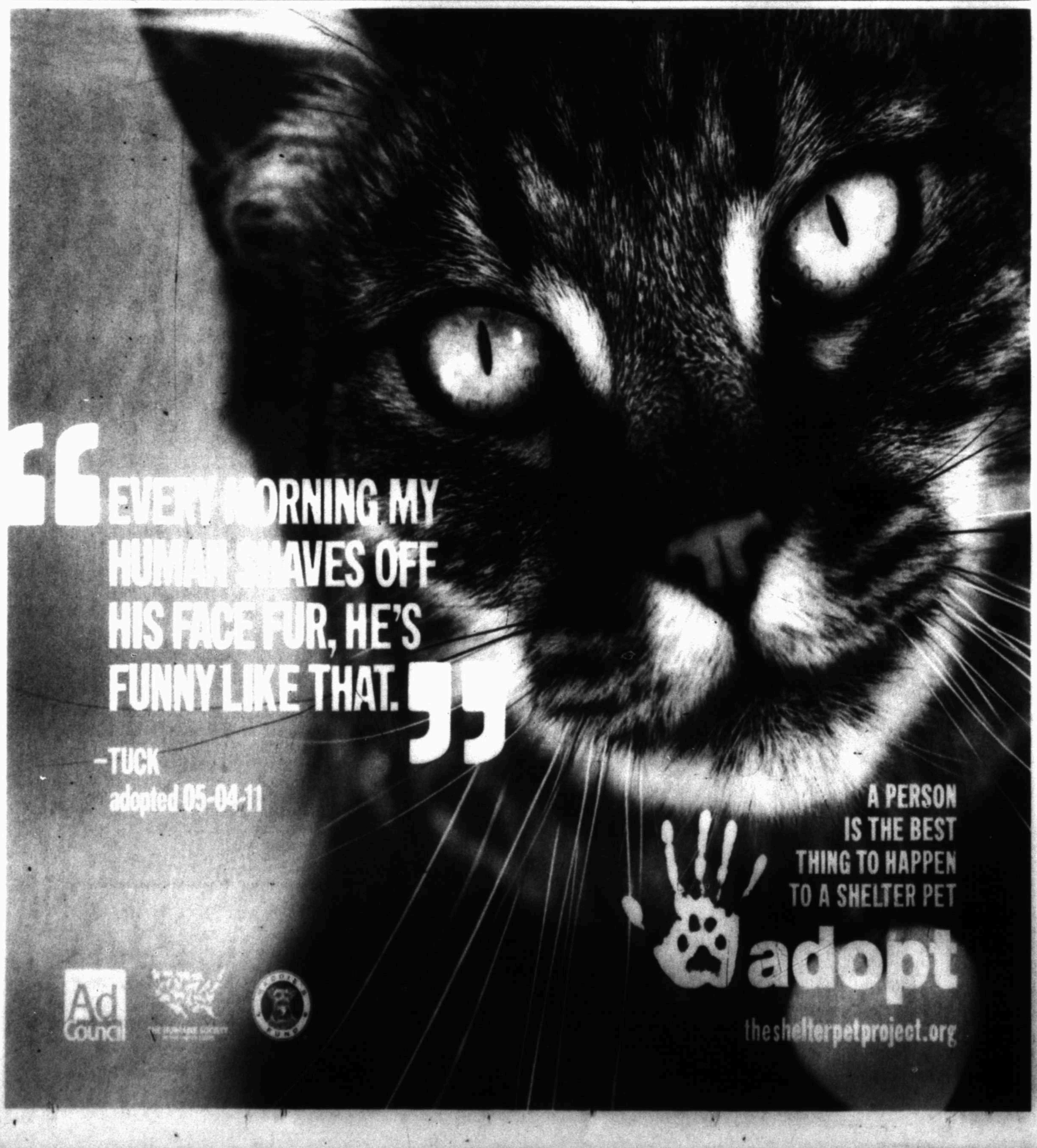
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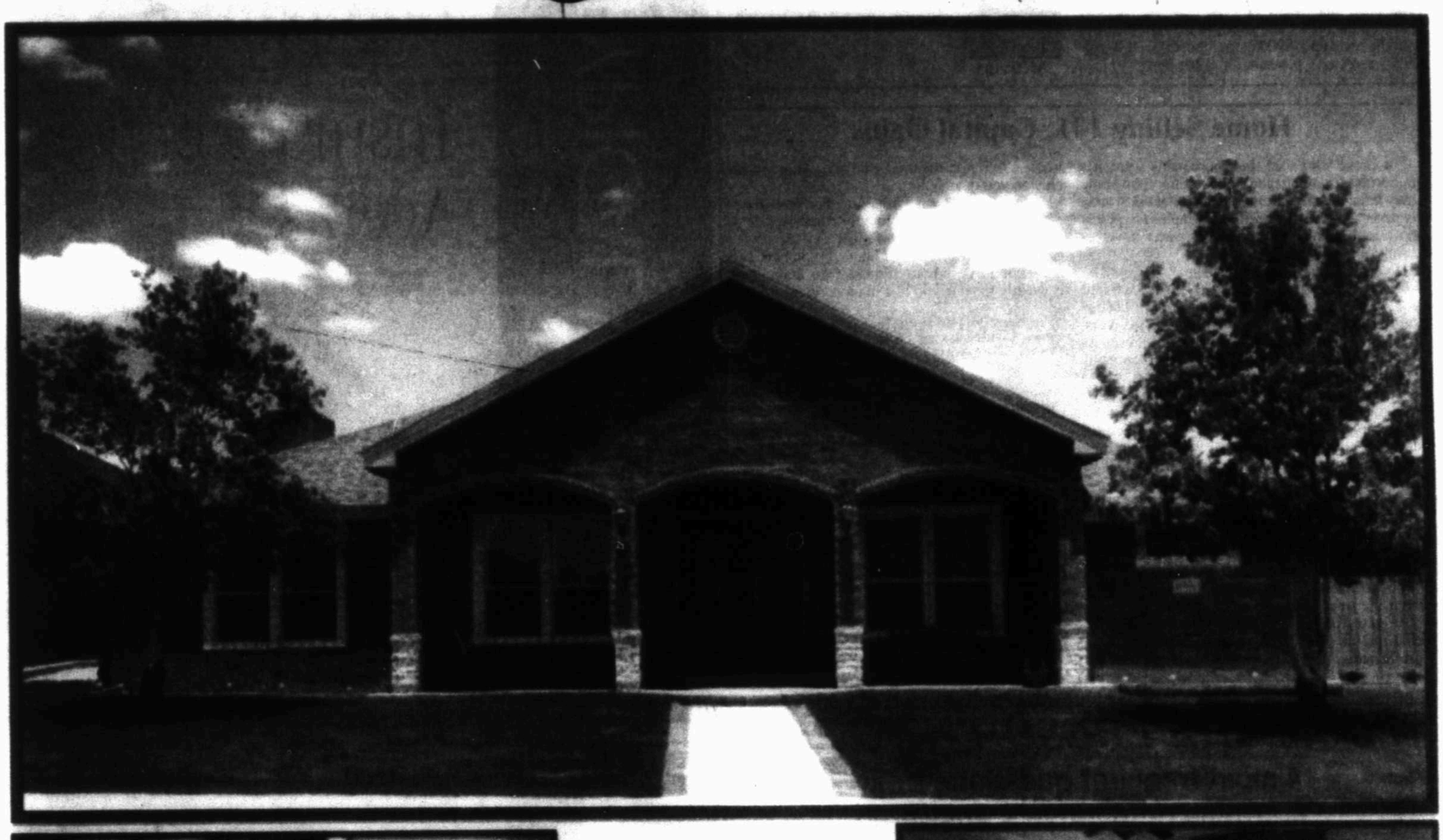
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It is great customer service for your residents because they are protected against damage to or loss of their possessions. If the hot water heater leaks and ruins their furniture, the insurance policy covers the damage to their possessions. I can't tell you how many times I have seen grown managers cry because a resident came in angry about damage to some object. When the manager explained that the owner's insurance policy only covered the bricks and sticks of the building, but not the resident's $900 ostrich boots, well it usually wasn't very pleasant for either party.

If the home was unlivable for a several months while repairs were being done, renters insurance would help your residents with living expenses, so that they would not have to camp out with their relatives.

Or let's say that your resident has a dog, which bites someone. You are at risk of litigation. (I know, I know) But if your resident has renters insurance, it will help defend him and you against the dog bite claim.

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Home Selling 101: Capital Gains

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If you sell your primary residence, you may be able to exclude up to $250,000 of gain – $500,000 for married couples – from your federal tax return. To claim the exclusion, the IRS says your home must have been owned by you and used as your main home for a period of at least two out of the five years prior to its sale.

There are a few catches: You also must not have excluded gain on another home sold during the two years before the current sale. However, special rules apply for members of the armed, uniformed and foreign services and their families in calculating the 5-year period.

If you do not meet the ownership and use tests, you may use a reduced maximum exclusion amount. But only if you sold your home due to health, a change in place of employment, or unforeseen circumstances.

An extra perk? If you can exclude all the gain from the sale of your home, you do not report it on your federal tax return. If you cannot exclude all the gain, or you choose not to, you must use Schedule D of Form 1040, Capital Gains or Losses, to report the total gain and claim the exclusion you qualify for.

How about for those with more than one home? You can exclude the gain only from the sale of your main residence. You must pay tax on the gain from selling any other home. If you have two homes and live in both of them, your main home is usually the one you live in most often.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

4 most frequent questions from first-time homebuyers answered

If you're thinking of buying your first home, you've undoubtedly got questions about how to get started and what the process entails. Here are answers to four common first-time homebuyer questions to help you make informed decisions.

1. Is it the right time for me to buy? You might hear conflicting ideas about whether or not it's the right time to buy. The answer is ultimately up to you, but here are some things you should consider when deciding if buying now is the right move for you:

- Do you have a stable source of income?
- Are you able to make monthly mortgage payments?
- What is your credit situation?
- Are you prepared to cover the additional costs of homeownership, such as regular home maintenance or unexpected repairs?

2. How do I get started? The best place to get home buying help is from a local REALTOR®. REALTORS® do more than show you properties. They can help you determine how much home you can afford, negotiate the best price for your dream property, and help you navigate the tricky process that comes along with purchasing a home. You can get recommendations for local REALTORS® from family or friends, or use the Find a REALTOR® search on www.pbbor.org.

3. What's the difference between all of these mortgage loans? You should ask your REALTOR® to explain in more detail various mortgage loans, but here are two of the most common:

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- Adjustable-rate mortgages. Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) have interest rates or monthly payments that can fluctuate over time. While ARMs start out with lower monthly payments, they can be riskier in the long run because of their potential changes.

This is a basic overview of just two mortgage loan options, so make sure spend some time talking with your REALTOR® about options that may work best for your situation.

4. How much should I offer for a house I want? When you find a house you love, it can be confusing – maybe even a little scary – figuring out how much to offer. Come in too low and you may lose the house. But you don't want to pay more than you have to either. Your REALTOR® is the best resource to help you put together a strong offer. He or she will provide information about the local market, the home's condition, and comparable home sales. Your REALTOR® also will help you understand all the factors besides price that go into an offer. Be open to negotiations. You may have to go back and forth with the seller to reach the best price for both of you.

Being a first-time homebuyer is exciting, but it's easy to get overwhelmed with the details. A local REALTOR® can provide more information about these common questions, plus answer yours. Visit www.pbbor.org to find the best local REALTOR® for you and to look at our open houses and listings!



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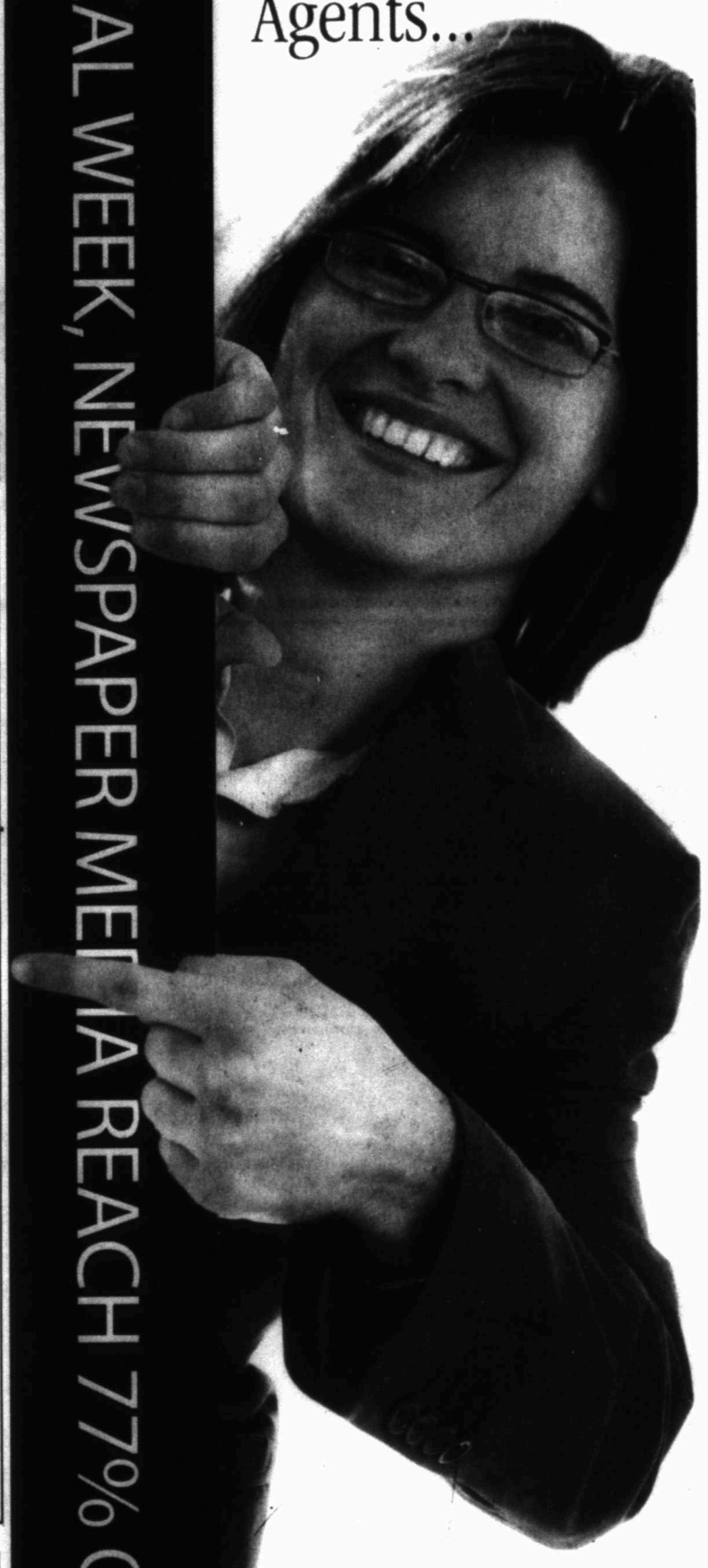
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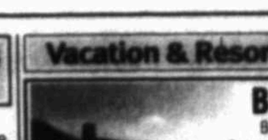
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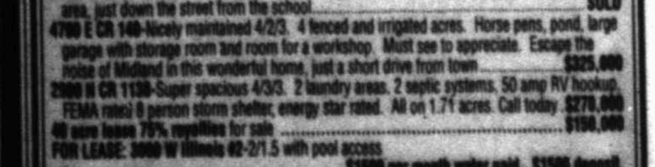
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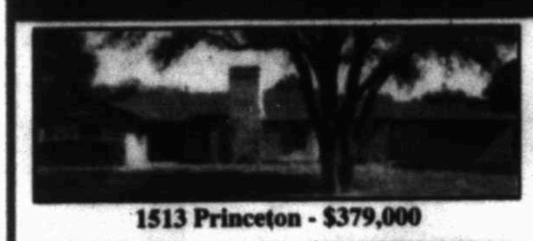
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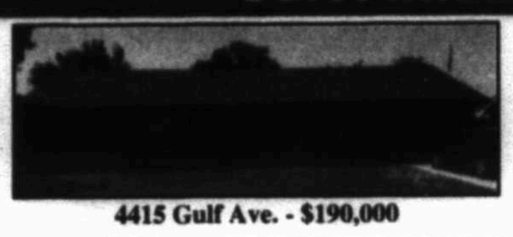
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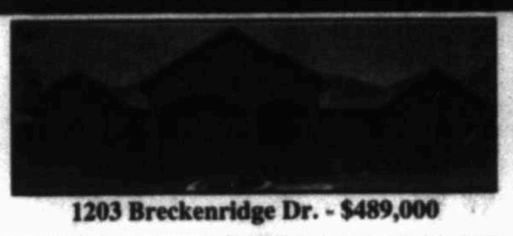
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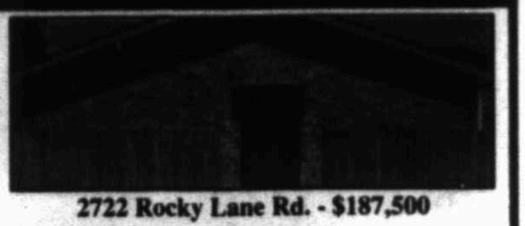
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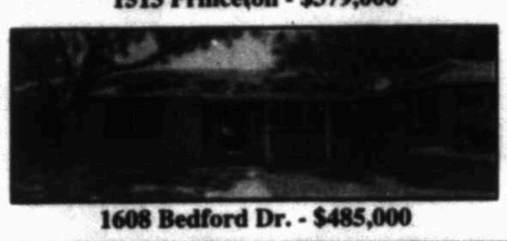
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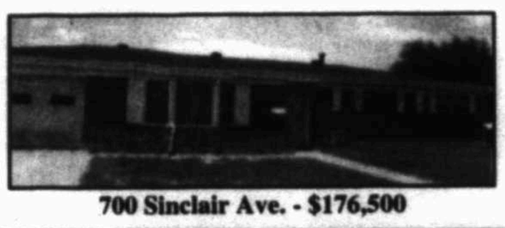
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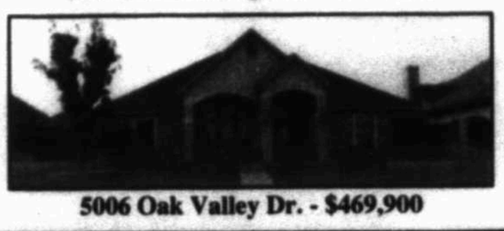
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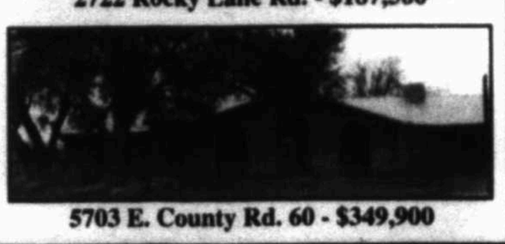
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700 Sinclair Ave. - $176,500



5006 Oak Valley Dr. - $469,900



5703 E. County Rd. 60 - $349,900

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Chaney Ranch-New Greenwood Subdivision w/acreage ..... Call now to reserve lots 432-638-3090
4505 Best Tree- Lovely home in Green Tree North with Pool! $757,000
605 Crested Butte Ct.-Incredible world style 4 bedroom. 3.5 bath. 3 living area. 4 car garage in Woodland Park. Wood beams, upgrades galore $699,000
1000 Douglas-Beautiful Old Midland w/pool! $625,000
1700 W. Illinois Ave.- Stunning Mid-Century Old Midland! $549,000
1203 Breckenridge-Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Woodland Park with great open plan $499,000
1608 Bedford-Updated Old Midland! Fantastic pool. 4BR, 3BA $485,000
5013 Pole Parkway-Beautiful 4 or 5 bedroom home with that pottery barn style! Hardwood floors/tile floors. versatile plan and in move-in condition. $439,000
7100 E. Co. Rd. 110-Wonderful M.R. Lary custom build w/1.38 acres located in the new Chaney Ranch Addition! $398,000
1512 Princeton-3BR/2BA/2Largarage & wkshop/storage. beautiful hardwoods & updates $379,000
2603 Frontier Ave.-Spacious home w/pool, outside serving area, great kitchen $369,000
3202 Reo Dr.-Texas sized 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. 3 living. updated kitchen $320,000
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3216 W. Louisiana-3 bedrooms, 2 baths. wood floors. water well $163,700
504 Broadway, Stanton-Wonderful historic home with 3 bedrooms ready for move-in $115,000
3205-A Wadley-3/2 1400 sq. ft. - completely remodeled w/granite & woods floors. Pets allowed w/deposit ..... $2,400/MO.

Two Bedrooms

1510 N A St.- Almost new, beautiful 2/2 custom townhome across from Bowie & the duck pond! Custom cabinets, granite, and stainless appliances. ..... U/C...$235,000
2722 Rocky Lane Rd.-Open, light and bright! Beautifully updated 2 bedroom. 2 bath home in Odessa $187,500
2102 Freeport Ln.-Nice low maintenance common wall townhouse ..... U/C...$169,900

Three Bedrooms

2000 Pasuque Way-20 acres in town, gorgeous! $2,500,000
1500 Douglas Ave.- beautiful home w/pool $629,000
1405 W. Co. Rd. 150-This one has it all! including extra large pool & party room $595,000
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2603 Frontier Ave.-Walk to Fannin Elementary. great floors. pretty yard. open plan $369,000
1005 Shirley Ln-Low maintenance townhome in coveted location! $359,900
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5805 Hoiss Ryon Dr.-Like New! ..... U/C...$229,000
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3407 S. Hwy. 349-Great Commercial location $195,000
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1203 Calvillo Dr., Odessa-Move in ready! ..... U/C...$186,000
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Four Bedrooms

2003 Winfield-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping. great amenities $1,100,000
9 Hawthorne Ct.-Fabulous family home in coveted Saddle Club. Beautifully updated! ..... SOLD...$975,500
2011 Tanforan Ave.-Move in ready with a grand pool for summer! All the bells and whistles ..... U/C...$949,000
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805 Crested Butte Ct.-Incredible world style 4 bedroom. 3.5 bath. 3 living area. 4 car garage in Woodland Park. Wood beams, upgrades galore $699,000
8200 Edinburgh-4bdr/3 5bth on acreage! One owner custom home w/hardwood floors and granite kitchen $559,000
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5006 Oak Valley Dr.-Spectacular open plan. high ceilings. hand scraped wood floors. granite. shutters. double sided fireplace. 2 living areas - Wow! $469,900
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5002 Heather Rd.-Amazing New Mexico style beauty 4BR/3 5BA/3LV-APPROX 4565SF all oversized rooms ..... U/C...$425,000
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2211 Sinclair Ave.-Stylish and sleek 4 bedroom 3 bath home in Old Midland ..... SOLD...$299,000
3617 Imperial Ave.-4Bdr/3Bth home with updated tile & wood floors. pool size backyard w/large covered patio. Great family home! ..... U/C...$267,000
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Five or More Bedrooms

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2903 Sinclair-Fabulous 5BR in Warwick. 4LA. pool. spa. gameroom. beautifully updated $949,000
2900 Shell-5 bedroom in the "Heart of Warwick" ..... SOLD...$775,000
4016 Baybrook-Spectacular 5BR. 3BA. 2LA. formal dining, 3 garage, light, bright walls of windows. hardwoods. granite. shutters. pool/spa! ..... U/C...$598,500
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#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house. Lake Nasworthy $179,000
7013 W. Co. Rd. 52-Water well $160,000
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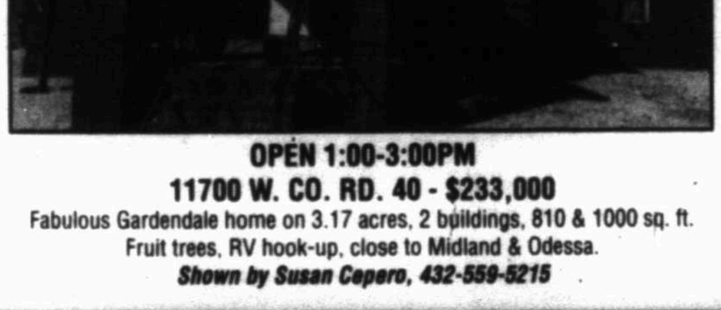
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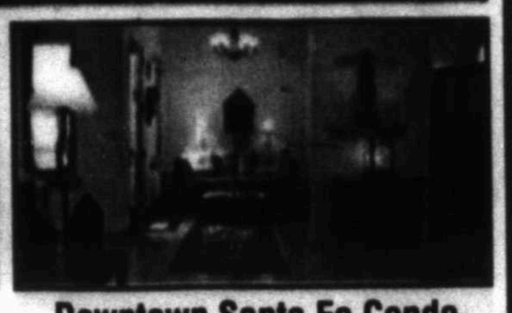
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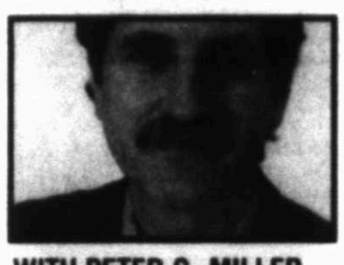


Number of Americans over the age of 1 who moved in 2013. FYI: One in eight Americans changes addresses each year.

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Ask our broker



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WHY IS PMI SUCH A PAIN?

QUESTION:

I always have felt that mortgage insurance were withdrawn or otherwise eliminated and people were required to put at least 5 percent down (and preferably not more than 10 percent), you would see huge home sale increases. People with good credit who make all their payments in a timely manner also would have a much easier time if they didn't have to come up with an additional couple hundred dollars a month, no?

ANSWER:

You can, at this very moment, buy real estate without private mortgage insurance. With good credit and 20 percent down, lenders will be elated to provide financing for you.

However, if you want to buy with 5 or 10 percent down, then lenders worry that they have too much risk in the transaction – and you, the buyer, have too little. To offset the traditional requirement for 20 percent down they instead accept VA, FHA or private mortgage insurance – all forms of mortgage insurance – from borrowers who either lack cash or prefer to use their capital in other ways.

PMI is an insurance product that's regulated by the states, and the states require strong reserves. PMI companies generally are "monoline" insurance providers, meaning they only sell mortgage insurance, not auto insurance or any other kind.

The value of mortgage insurance can be understood in several ways.

First, it allows individuals to purchase homes without waiting to acquire 20 percent down, something that might literally take decades to achieve.

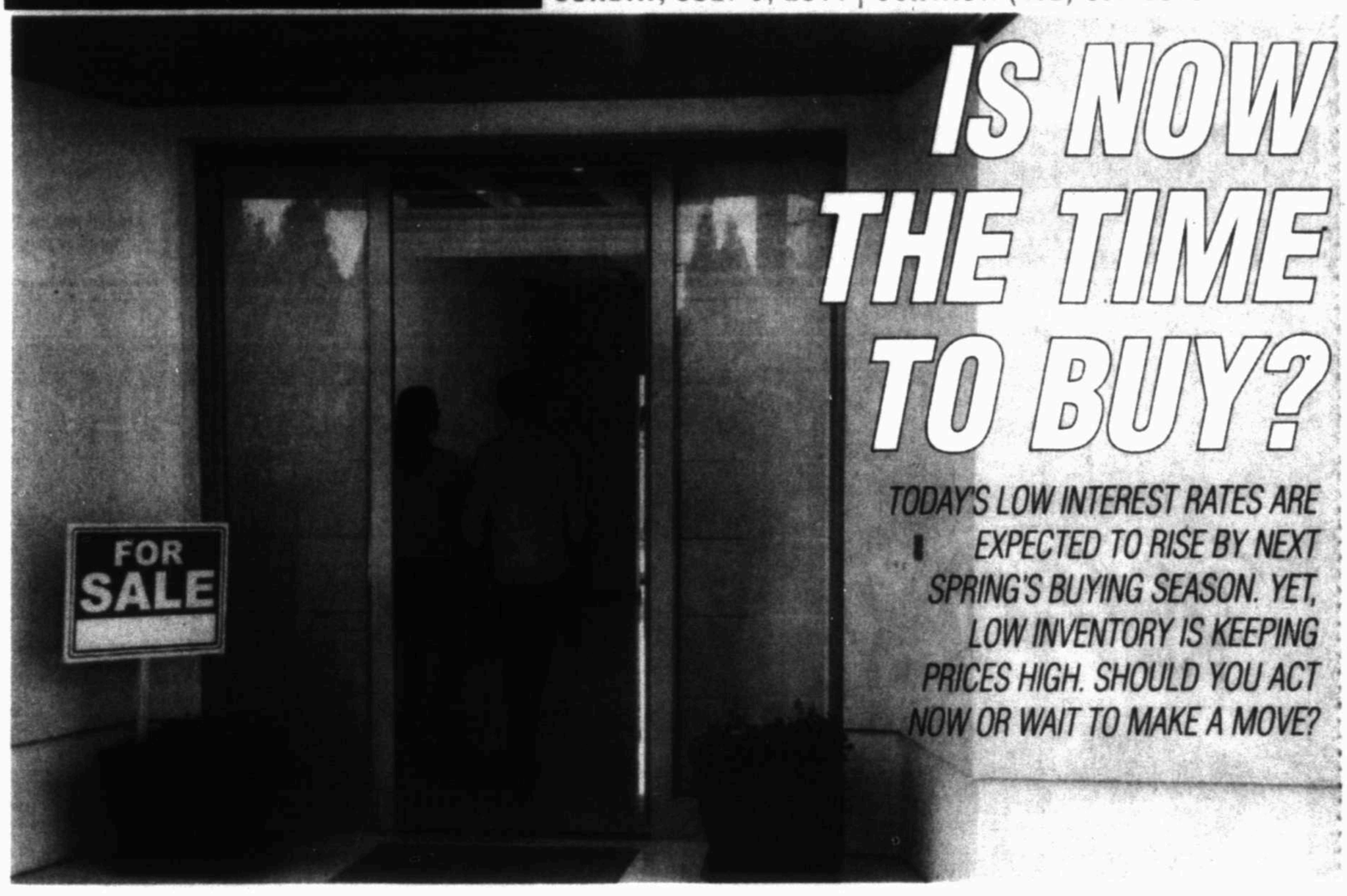
Second, PMI companies pay claims when homes are foreclosed – more than $40 billion since 2008.

Third, PMI companies have helped many borrowers avoid foreclosure with "claim advance" programs. With a claim advance the PMI company prevents a foreclosure by bringing the loan current, buying down the interest rate, or both. The company does this because a claim advance is cheaper than a full-blown foreclosure claim.

The National Association of Realtors reports that 60 percent of all first-time buyers purchase with 6 percent down or less. Without FHA, VA and private mortgage insurance these purchases largely would not be made, meaning fewer home sales, less demand and thus lower home values. For this reason both buyers and sellers benefit from the availability of private mortgage insurance.

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IS NOW THE TIME TO BUY?

TODAY'S LOW INTEREST RATES ARE EXPECTED TO RISE BY NEXT SPRING'S BUYING SEASON. YET, LOW INVENTORY IS KEEPING PRICES HIGH. SHOULD YOU ACT NOW OR WAIT TO MAKE A MOVE?

By MADHUSMITA BORA
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With stock markets hitting record highs, and bond yields still hovering at the bottom, the Federal Reserve is tapering its bond purchase programs. That's an indication that those lucrative mortgage rates that you are now seeing in the market may soon be a thing of the past.

According to Mortgage Bankers Association, which tracks 30-year and 15-year mortgage rates on a weekly basis, rates for the 30-year loans were at 4.16 percent for the week ending May 31. But, they may not stay that low for long.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac predicts interest rates will climb to 5.3 percent by the 2015 spring buying season. That means, a borrower who waits until next year will pay $136 more per month on a $250,000 loan at 4.4 percent. The additional interest over the life of the loan would add up to $49,090.

"The sooner the consumer locks into the lower rate, the better," says Lawrence Yun, chief economist for National Association of Realtors. "We don't know what date precisely, but interest rates will creep up."

In many markets, borrowers anticipating a rate hike already are quitting the waiting game. There has been a frenzy of buying activity in the Philadelphia market, says Ricardo Silva, a Philadelphia-based Realtor.

"We have a stronger market right now with low inventory and lots of buyers," Silva says. "The market is really picking up this year."

In Indianapolis, too, the trend is similar, according to Realtor Beenu Sikand. Buyers are having a harder time negotiating, while sellers are smiling their way to their banks. "Sellers are getting multiple cash offers on homes," she says. "It's just amazing."

Buyers also are taking advantage of the low interest rates, Sikand adds. With low inventory levels, many buyers are taking the plunge the moment they find their dream home. And those that can afford are not worrying about the price tags. But not everyone is that lucky.

Nationally, asking prices jumped 8 percent in May compared to a year ago. Prices in Las Vegas and the California cities of Sacramento and Oakland rose about 15 percent. The sharp increases have made some markets unaffordable for the average buyer.

According to a recent RealtyTrac analysis, of 1,567 counties nationwide, 315 hit a new 10-year peak in home prices. Some of the counties that experienced major price hikes are Kings County in New York, and Oklahoma County in Oklahoma. Investors, low inventory and an increased demand are triggering price hikes.

"It makes me think that it's not the best time to buy in those markets," says Daren Blomquist, vice president at RealtyTrac.

Blomquist said buyers should take into account factors besides interest rates such as their employment situation, family life before making the most important investment of their lifetime.

But, if all those factors are stable, Blomquist says don't wait.

"If you are in a market where you can afford to buy, the interest rate now is truly amazing in the context of the housing market," he says. "I wouldn't wait for the price bubble to pop or rates to go down."

Here are a few things to keep in mind before you go house hunting.

GET PRE-APPROVED

It's a competitive market, so sure you have a pre-approved loan before you even start looking at homes, Blomquist says. The market is hounded by cash buyers, who are often more desirable for sellers. If you are pre-approved, you have a better chance of nabbing that home and your offer won't fall through because of a lack of financing.

SHOP AROUND FOR A LOAN

Get competitive bids from different mortgage companies and shop around for rates. Find the best offer that's out there.

EMBRACE THE STRESS

Buying a home and applying for mortgage is stressful. Anticipate that, and embrace the process. "It's not going to be a cakewalk, so go in with the expectation that it will be tough," Blomquist says.

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BUYING & SELLING

GET TO KNOW YOUR REALTOR

The National Association of Realtors' annual survey takes a closer look at the housing pros who help you buy and sell

Expect to see some new faces the next time you work with a Realtor.

Twenty-thirteen saw an influx of new and younger members, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors' Member Profile.

Compared to 2012, the average years of experience in real estate decreased from 13 years to 12; the typical tenure at a firm decreased to six years from seven; and the average age of members also dropped a year, to 56 from 57.

Sixteen percent of Realtors are between the ages of 30 and 44, and 3 percent are under the age of 30. Further, the percentage of Realtors with one year or less of experience rose to 9 percent in 2013 from 5 percent in 2012 — a sign that agents are attracted to the benefits and opportunities of being a Realtor, according to NAR President Steve Brown, owner of Irongate Realtors in Dayton, Ohio.

The majority of NAR members, 57 percent, are licensed as sales agents, 26 percent are brokers, 17 percent broker associates, and 3 percent are appraisers — though some professionals hold multiple licenses. Women make up 57 percent of all Realtors, making up 52 percent of brokers and 62 percent of sales agents, respectively.



If you're looking to buy but have not yet found an agent, ask a friend. Referral business accounts for 21 percent of activity for Realtors. Repeat business from previous clients also accounted for a median 21 percent of activity, with those in business more than 16 years that jumps to 42 percent.

If you don't have a direct referral, check the web, as today's Realtors keep a large online presence. More than two-thirds have a personal website; 61 percent use social or professional networking sites, and 12 percent maintain a blog.

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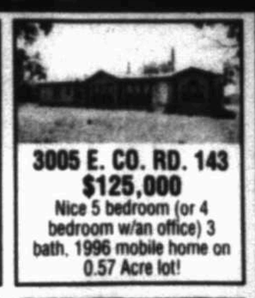
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$1,287,000
Spectacular New construction by Troy Hunt Homes 5 bed, 5 bath, 4 car garage w/ a Gameroom in Mockingbird Oaks!



6307 CO. RD. 1244
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Gorgeous custom on 3.25 acres w/50x80 insulated shop in Sunridge Ranch Estates!



5201 Rainbow
$235,000
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3005 E. CO. RD. 143
$125,000
Nice 5 bedroom (or 4 bedroom w/an office) 3 bath, 1996 mobile home on 0.57 Acre lot!



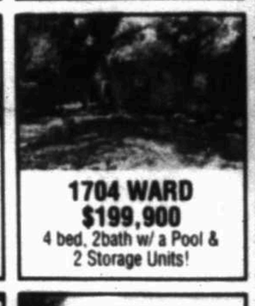
4705 S. CO. RD. 1172
$499,900
Fabulous Mediterranean style 4 bed, 3 bath home w/24x30 shop & carport on 2 acres!



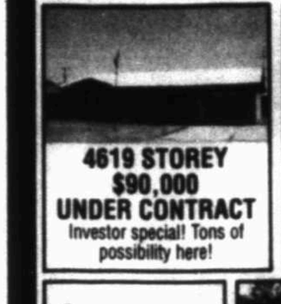
2807 DURANT
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Beautiful 4 bed/3.5 Bath home in Kimber Lea!



5 DIAIS CIRCLE
$480,000
UNDER CONTRACT
Beautiful 4bed, 3bath, 2 living areas in Ponderosa East Odessa!



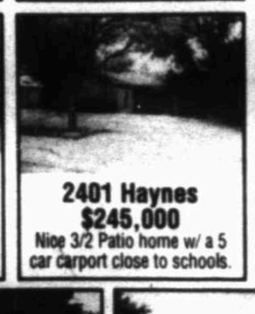
1704 WARD
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4 bed, 2bath w/ a Pool & 2 Storage Units!



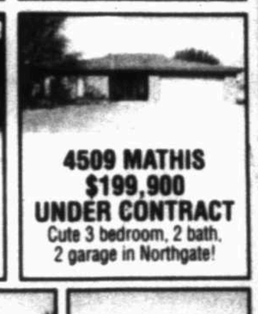
4619 STOREY
$90,000
UNDER CONTRACT
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2513 MAXWELL DR.
$265,000
Adorable! Cute & clean 4 bedroom & 2 bath home in a great neighborhood!



2401 Haynes
$245,000
Nice 3/2 Patio home w/ a 5 car carport close to schools.



4509 MATHIS
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UNDER CONTRACT
Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage in Northgate!



2024 S. CO. RD. 1068
$464,900
UNDER CONTRACT
Fabulous 4bd, 3.5Ba on 1.44 Acres in Greenwood!



3809 TODD DRIVE
$329,900
UNDER CONTRACT
Great country property near the city! Beautiful 3bed, 2.5Bath home on 2.49 Acres!



1329 TERRA CT.
$389,500
UNDER CONTRACT
Beautiful 4 bed, 3 bath w/ guest house! 2 Living/ 2 dining areas!



3901 LEHIGH
$269,900
UNDER CONTRACT
Lovely, low maintenance 3001 sqr w/ 30 x 30 insulated shop w/ electric opener, tool bench & loft storage

9705 S. CO. RD. 1213
$309,900
UNDER CONTRACT
Spacious 4 bed, 3 bath home, large 24x60 shop & inground pool on 2.4 acres!



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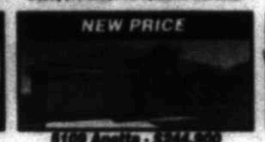
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4+ BEDROOMS

6405 Mockingbird - Gorgeous French Country Design with this Brand New Floor Plan by Summit Homes! High End Finishes, Upgraded Appliance Package, Granite, Plantation Shutters, 3 Car Oversized Garage! Still Time To Make Selections. Estimated Completion Nov. 2014 — **New Construction! $1,098,000**

29 La Provence - 5 Bedroom, 5 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Million $ New Construction by Keith Antilley Homes! Legendary Details EVERYWHERE!!! Outdoor Living w/Fireplace! $1.1 Million $ Appraisal, Instant Equity! Call Chris for a Private Showing! — **New Construction! $680,000**

4000 E Co Rd 85 - 5 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 2 Living + Study! Fantastic Quiroz Resale!!! IMMACULATE 1 Owner Home. Lots of High End Upgrades. On 2.7 ACRES, Oversized Pool w/Hydrotherapy, Outdoor Water Slide, & Hot Tub! Don't Miss This One!!! — **New Listing! $789,000**

2800 Rosewood - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, 4 Car Garage. Another Outstanding McPherson Home! One of the last interior lots in Grassland West! This One is LOADED! — **Sale Pending! $635,000**

2813 Rosewood - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, 4 Car Garage. Another Stunning NEW McPherson Home! Still Time To Make All Selections!!! Est Completion November 2014 — **New Construction! $615,000**

2812 Rosewood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Living, Open Plan. HUGE Home w/Fabulous "Party Pool & Pool!!!" Gorgeous Pool w/3 Water Falls & Hot Tub! — **New Listing! $575,000**

6405 Rosewood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Living. Sensational NEW Plan by Almand Construction! All The Bells & Whistles! Granite, Stainless, Faux Paint & Stone Accents! Total Landscape Package! Room For A Pool. $3,500 TOWARD BUYERS CLOSING COST — **Sale Pending! $479,900**

1516 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living. Another Stunning Almand Home! Beautiful Amenities. Gourmet Kitchen. Still Time To Make Selections. Estimated Completion Aug 31st — **New Construction! $444,990**

5510 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Fabulous Low Maintenance NEW Almand Construction! High End Finishes! Still Time To Make Selections. Estimated Completion July31st Under Construction! Please Call Norma For An Appointment! — **New Construction! $426,900**

5502 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Beautiful New AGA Home! Austin Stone Accents! Granite, High End Stainless Appliances, Skylights, Est. Completion Mid July. — **New Construction! $426,900**

5504 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Beautiful New AGA Home! Austin Stone Accents! Granite, High End Stainless Appliances, Skylights, Est. Completion Mid July. — **New Construction! $425,000**

7005 Keyhaven - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. 3 Car Garage! Brand NEW Construction. Rosas New Homes! Granite, Shutters, All The Bells & Whistles! Landscape Package! Estimated Completion May 2014! — **Sale Pending! $398,500**

112100 W Co Rd 56 - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Living. Great Floor Plan! 5 ACRES. Insulated Workshop with 1 Car Garage and Carports! — **New Listing! $360,000**

2403 SW Ave D, Seminole - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Living. 2 Car Garage. Luxurious 2 Story Country Home in Seminole built in 2004! Traditional colonial drive up w/circle drive. Lots of space & storage! Fantastic Floor Plan. Oversized Yard! — **New Price! $354,500**

5007 Castlehill - 4 Bedroom. 3 Bath. 2 Living. 2 Dining in Saddle Club South!!!! Established Neighborhood w/Mature Landscaping. Gorgeous Pool & Hot Tub! — **New Listing! $345,000**

5514 Carmel Ct - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Wonderful Home in Prestige Condition in Los Patios! Faux Finishes. Hardwood. Granite. HUGE Skylight. Oversized Patio! — **Sale Pending! $342,500**

408 Wanda Ct - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath with wonderful upgrades! 2011 Resale w/wood floors, crown molding, granite. Relaxing master retreat! — **SOLD! $300,000**

3052 Robin, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. HUGE Space, Little Price! Super Clean & Immaculately Kept 2007 Resale! Perfect Mother-in-Law Suite. THIS IS A DEAL — **New Price! $299,900**

3610 Imperial - 4 Bedroom. 3 Bath. 2 Living. 2 Dining Home! Almost 3,000 sqft. Large kitchen. w/HUGE Breakfast Bar/ Dining Room! Cul Sac! 2 People! Skylights! Large Lot! 0.287 Acres — **New Price! $299,500**

5109 Abella - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Like a New Home!!! Clean & Ready to Move in! Open Plan, Lots of Windows! — **New Price! $244,900**

3618 Breonna - 3 or 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Living Areas! Great Open Plan! Sequestered Master Bedroom. Plenty of Storage! — **Sale Pending! $182,000**

2105 Mariana - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. TOTALLY REDONE!!! Beautiful Flooring, All New Blinds, New Counters in Kitchen. Updated Baths! — **New Listing! $137,000**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5104 N Co Rd. 1150 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath on 5 Acres! Tucked away on your own private retreat! Winding porch, granite, wood floors, heated tile floors in bathrooms! Sumptuous Master Bedroom w/2 complete master baths! Park like setting w/mature pecan trees! — **Fantastic New Price! $650,000**

2000 Shell - 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3Living, 2 Dining, Modern Beauty in OLD Midland! Mediatic Italian hand cut tile, mosaic tile, travertine marble, granite! In-ground pool! — **New Price! $475,000**

28 Lafayette - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Gorgeous NEW Onyx Townhome! 2 Story in Berkman Square! — **New Listing! $350,000**

2705 Cypress - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Dining, 3 Car Garage! Beautiful High End Finishes, Granite, Crown Molding, Stainless Appliances, & Much More! — **New Price! $317,000**

2700 Marie - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage! Fantastic Find! Newer Custom Build, Super Hip & Functional Country Living Property! — **New Price! $299,900**

1714 Crane - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining. HUGE Home in Mc-Mar Heights. Over 2,000 sqft. Granite & Stainless in the Kitchen! Large Lot 0.299 Acres — **Sale Pending! $295,000**

913 Del Mar - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. OLD Midland! So much NEW! Totally Updated Kitchen, Bedroom Kitchen, & So Much More! — **Sale Pending! $295,000**

2610 Imperial - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Dining, 2 Car Rear Entry Garage & Carport! In Hyde Park. Lee High District!!! — **New Price! $289,000**

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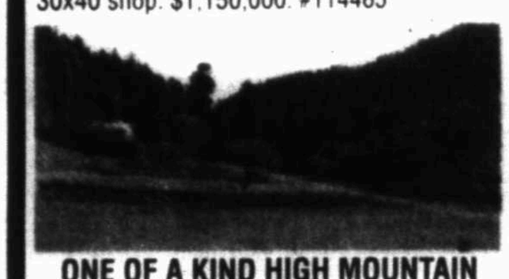
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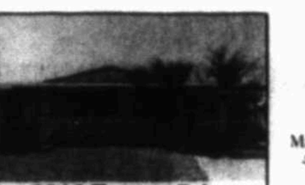
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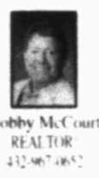
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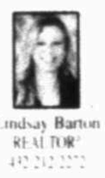
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3915 Anetta Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/Circle Drive	U/C
323 Rocky Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
15425 Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
4400 Crenshaw Dr	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$192,000
3214 Preston Dr	2 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4805 Floyd Court	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5106 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$230,500
3903 Crestline Ave	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3121 Patrick Pl	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
1701 Castleford Rd	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$297,300
6210 Olympic Ct	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
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7801 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$629,000
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4400 Llano Ct	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$365,500
5705 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2Ba/3 car garage	U/C
5521 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$369,000
5707 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5709 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5711 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/ 2 Ba/3 car garage	U/C
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,000
4300 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
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6607 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Greenwood	$469,000
5314 Brown Heart Ln	Rema Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,850
2511 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$539,500
6605 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$595,000
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$949,500

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4003 E. Poppy Dr	Gardendale/ 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas	U/C
6739 E. Co. Rd. 94	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Approx. 20 Acres	$250,000
12044 E. Goldenrod	Gardendale/Approx. 27.17 Acres	$625,000
7801 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$629,000
8011 FM 307	Approx 150 Acres/Greenwood	$1,102,500

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4409 Crenshaw Drive



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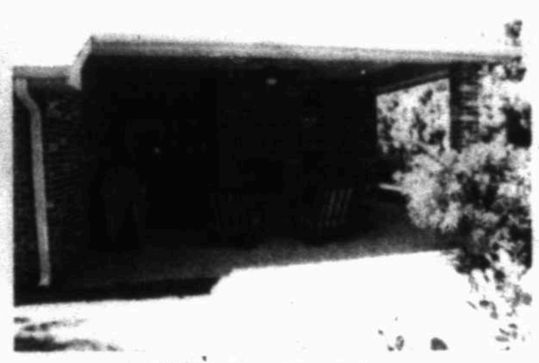
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Why Designers Are Going for the Gold

Warm gold and brass tones are back, mixing it up at home. Gold futures, anyone?

By Maria Miller | CTW Features

After years of decorating with stainless, chrome and colder metals in the home, designers are bringing back warm gold and brass for a bit of class and sass.

Gold, copper and brass in hardware, trim, furniture, fittings, light fixtures and home accessories are popping up everywhere. Gold accents add warmth to a living space. Designers are mixing metals and liking the look.

"We've been seeing so much of these colder finishes, we're longing for warmth," says Jeanne Chung, a Los Angeles designer and blogger and color and trend moderator for the Google+ Interior Design Community. "The entire modernist period has been cold metal, which we associate with sterility and hygiene."

Chung attended the High Point, N.C., furniture market this spring and reported back to followers of her Cozy Stylish Chic blog that brass and gold were all the rave, showing up in almost every showroom at the annual trade event where new furniture and accessories are introduced.

Brass and gold pair well with jewel colors, like emerald, chosen by Pantone as its color of the year in 2013. But the gold finish has come into its own, serving not just as an accent color or embellishment, but in new finishes and as bold pieces that can stand alone.

Designers are always looking to try new things or change up what has been done before, says Vicki Payne, designer and home improvement expert who hosts and produces the popular PBS show "For Your Home."

"Brass is coming back, but it's coming back in a different color," she says. "It has more lux to it, more patina. It's a really rich, luxurious kind of color that we're after."

Chung describes the look as a dull, matte finish as opposed to bright and shiny. Brass and copper represent warmth and intimacy, and those metallic finishes are making their way to the kitchen and bath.

"We're bringing that warmth into the kitchen, seeing more gold and brass and copper incorporated into the fixtures," Chung says. "I'm seeing it in furniture, in hardware, in lighting, in just individual products for the home. Even in dinnerware, you're seeing porcelain or ceramic with brass trim mixed with silver trim."

In the past, consumers thought if they had stainless steel appliances, all metal finishes throughout the house had to be stainless. But many designer showcase houses this spring featured mixed metal finishes as part of their design statements.

"It's absolutely fine to mix metals," Chung says. "We seek balance in our lives. It's the yin and the yang, having the cool and the warm tones. It's more dynamic and exciting."

The knobs on high-end ranges are incorporating brass and stainless metals and the look is working its way into more widely distributed product lines, Chung says.

Several manufacturers at the spring furniture market introduced a new finish that they call vintage brass, says Payne. The finish is warmer with a lightly tarnished appearance. The new brass is coated with a tarnish-resistant finish that cleans up with just a soft damp cloth, no polishing required.

Gold has been on the market for a couple of years now, Payne says. As with brass, the look is more rich and lush. Soft, platinum gold is in, shiny is out.

Vintage brass is easier for some homeowners to embrace – and care for – than the shiny silver finishes normally associated with contemporary design, she says. But the styles are still modern and trendy.

Arteriors Home's High Point showroom featured vintage brass lighting and accessories during spring market. The Keegan Chandelier, with its "George Jetson" design, took center stage at the entrance. Wall mirrors, tables and decor also incorporated the metal.

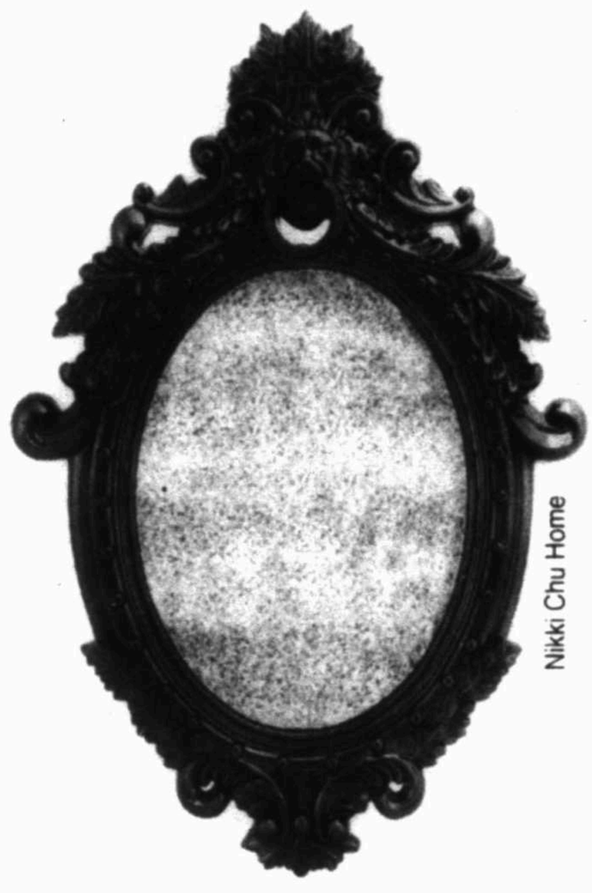
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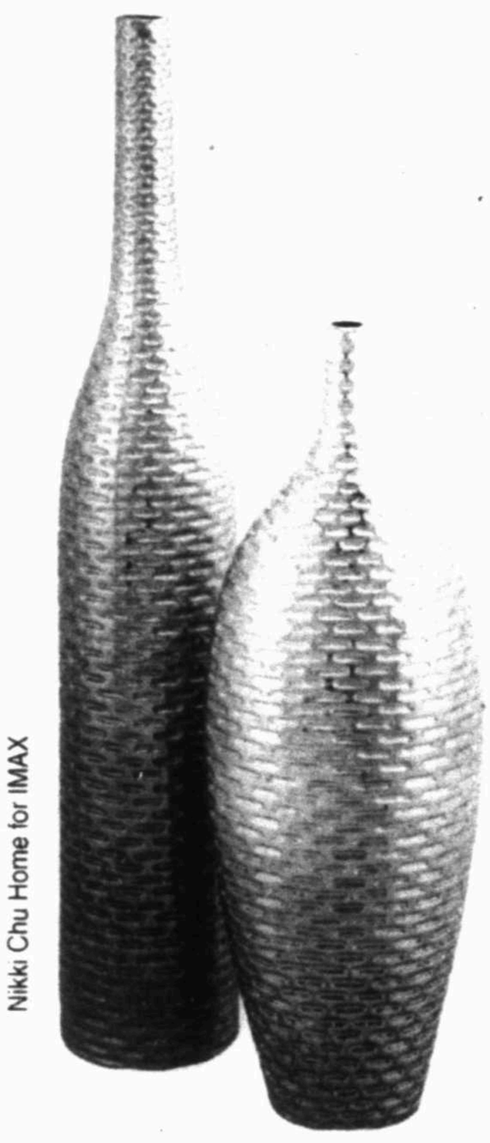
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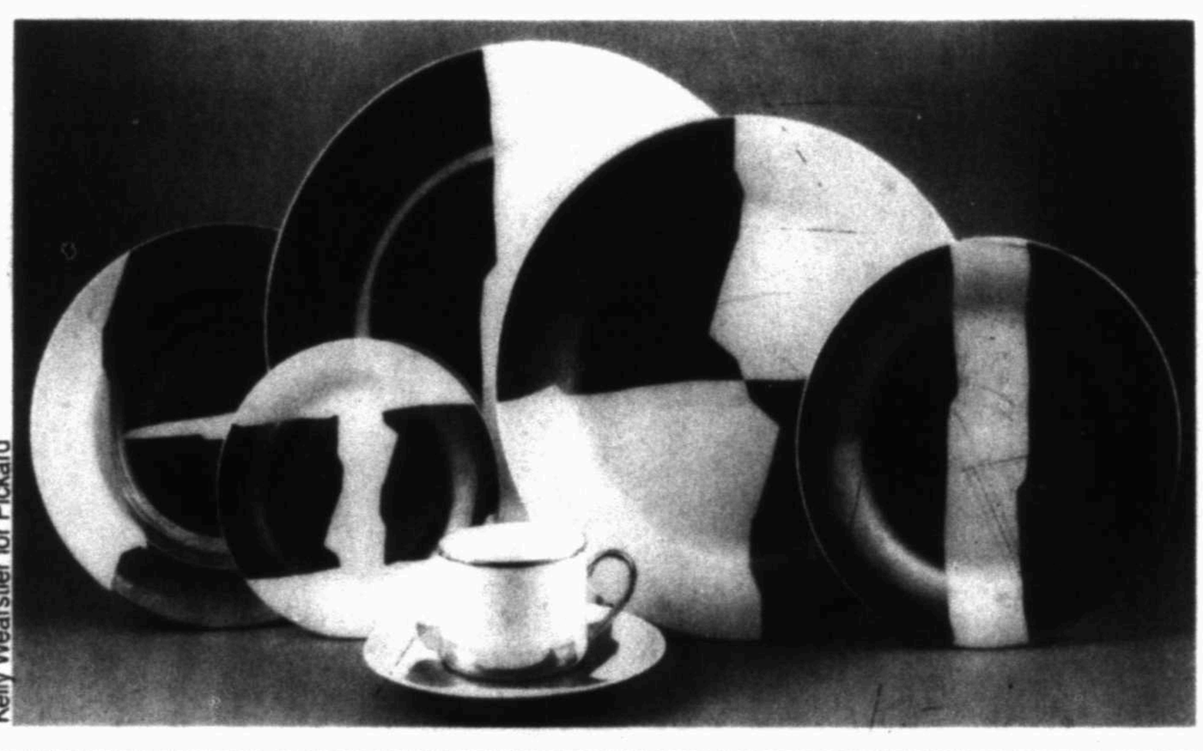


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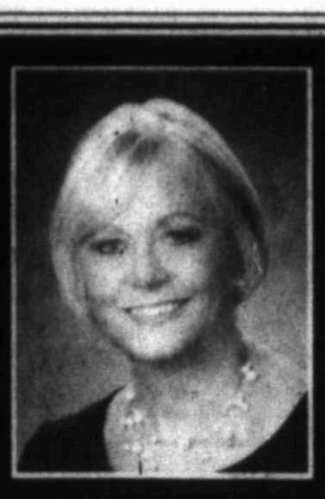
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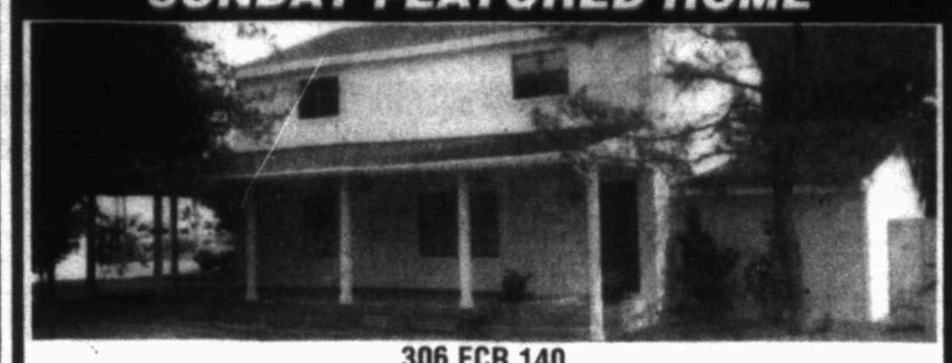
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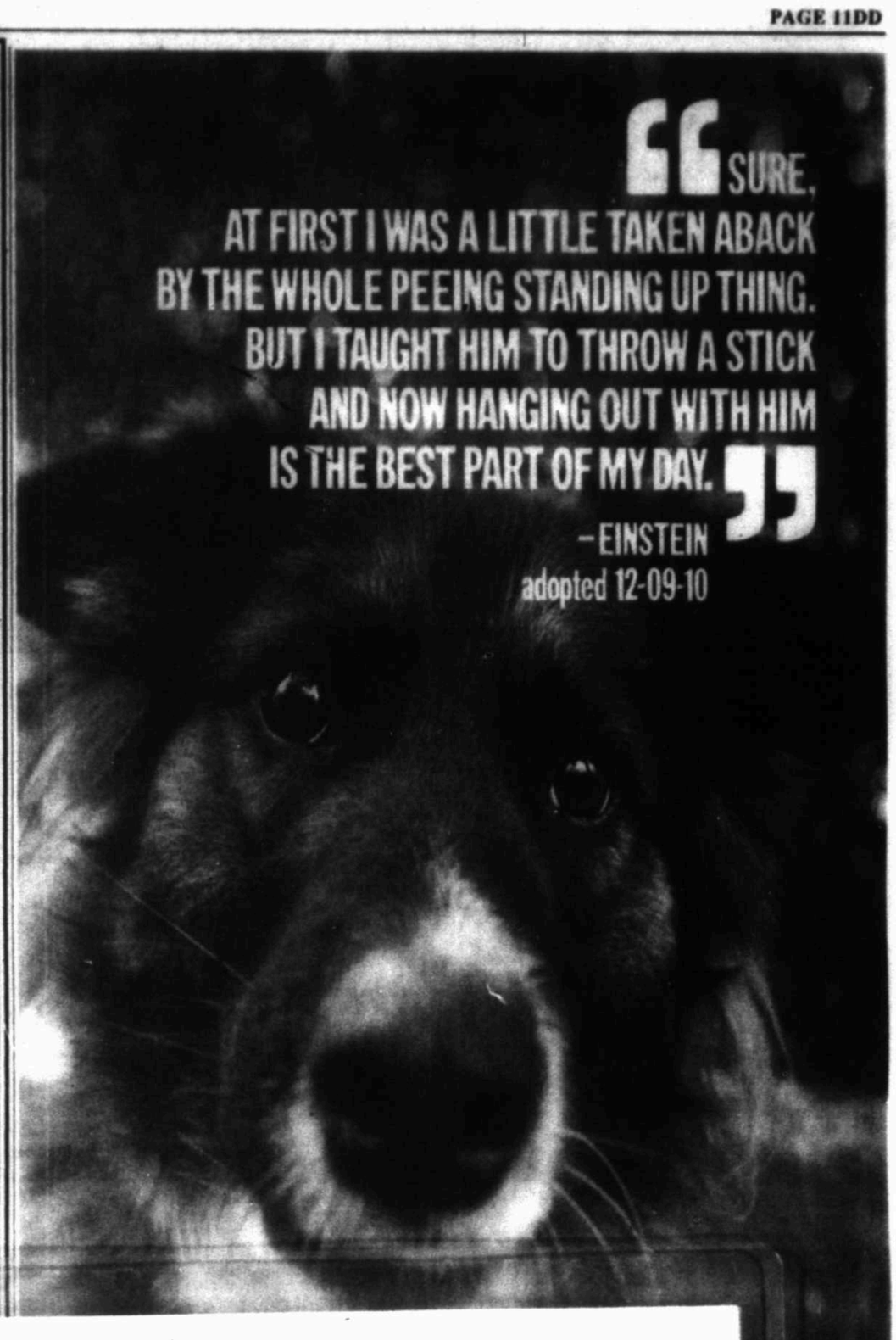


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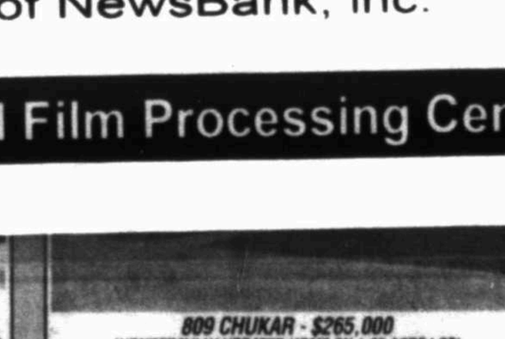
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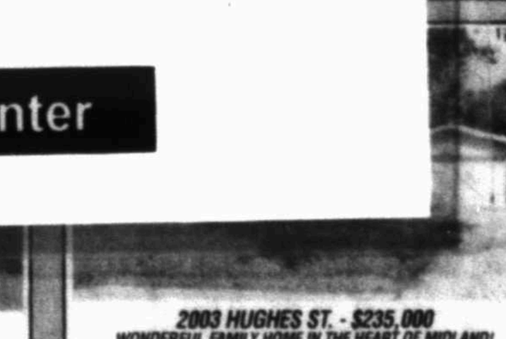
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Large living room w/built-ins, fireplace & high ceilings! Formal dining! Kitchen w/island, pantry, recent appliances & breakfast bar is open to the den! Spacious sep master suite w/nice bath offers dual sinks, sep tub & shower, 2 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Big utility rm! Enclosed patio is great sunroom/playroom! Pretty yard w/recent sod! Close to Clemn pool!!



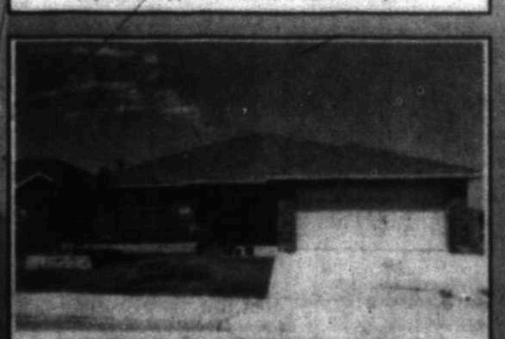
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GORGEOUS & SPACIOUS HOME W/UPDATES GALORE!
Fantastic 3 bedroom 2.5 Bath home w/2 living areas! Formal dining plus breakfast nook! Gourmet kitchen is updated & offers double ovens plus custom cabinetry & lighting! All bedrooms are very spacious! Open floorplan! Jacuzzi tubs in both baths! Lush, mature landscaping! Covered patio! Move-in ready! 2 Car oversized garage! Inspections, repairs, appraisal all complete!



809 CHUKAR - $265,000
WONDERFULLY UPDATED HOME ON 1.25 ACRE LOT!
Fenced & close to downtown! Wood floors! Granite countertops! Crown moulding! Tons of windows! Roomy bedrooms & great baths! Garage has been converted for a wonderful gameroom/2nd living room! High efficiency windows, hvac & tankless water heater! Low-e vinyl insulated windows! City utilities!



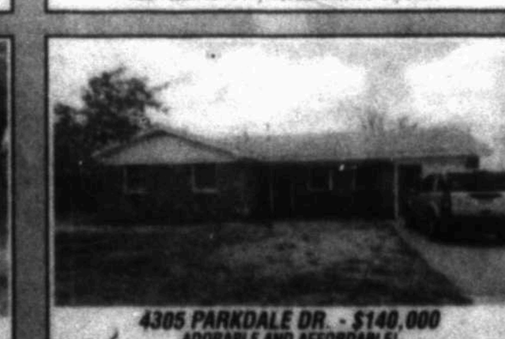
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710 BURLESON, STANTON TX - $199,000
WOW! EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED INSIDE & OUT!
Gorgeous landscaping! 4 Bedrooms 2 bath home with Sequestered master, separate vanities in master bath. Open living/ dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!!



1221 MARY ST., CRANE, TX - $150,000
GREAT SPACIOUS HOME IN CRANE!
Formal living room! Kitchen has abundant countertops, breakfast bar & breakfast nook! Cozy den with fireplace! Study/office too! 3 Roomy bedrooms! 2 Full baths! 4 Carports (2 on front & 2 on side)! Storage bldg! Cinder brick fence! Patio! Corner lot! Nice front porch!



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Nice 3 bedroom house with 2 full baths! Living area w/large window! Spacious dining room could also be a second living area w/eating area beside the glass door! Kitchen w/lots of cabinets! Sequestered master with upgrade bath! Utility room! Great backyard is perfect for pets or children to play! Enclosed garage is great for office, gym or storage!

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Why Designers Are Going for the Gold

Warm gold and brass tones are back, mixing it up at home. Gold futures, anyone?

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After years of decorating with stainless, chrome and colder metals in the home, designers are bringing back warm gold and brass for a bit of class and sass.

Gold, copper and brass in hardware, trim, furniture, fittings, light fixtures and home accessories are popping up everywhere. Gold accents add warmth to a living space. Designers are mixing metals and liking the look.

"We've been seeing so much of these colder finishes, we're longing for warmth," says Jeanne Chung, a Los Angeles designer and blogger and color and trend moderator for the Google+ Interior Design Community. "The entire modernist period has been cold metal, which we associate with sterility and hygiene."

Chung attended the High Point, N.C. furniture market this spring and reported back to followers of her Cozy Stylish Chic blog that brass and gold were all the rave, showing up in almost every showroom at the annual trade event where new furniture and accessories are introduced.

Brass and gold pair well with jewel colors, like emerald, chosen by Pantone as its color of the year in 2013. But the gold finish has come into its own, serving not just as an accent color or embellishment, but in new finishes and as bold pieces that can stand alone.

Designers are always looking to try new things or change up what has been done before, says Vicki Payne, designer and home improvement expert who hosts and produces the popular PBS show "For Your Home."

"Brass is coming back, but it's coming back in a different color," she says. "It has more lux to it, more patina. It's a really rich, luxurious kind of color that we're after."

Chung describes the look as a dull, matte finish as opposed to bright and shiny. Brass and copper represent warmth and intimacy, and those metallic finishes are making their way to the kitchen and bath.

"We're bringing that warmth into the kitchen, seeing more gold and brass and copper incorporated into the fixtures," Chung says. "I'm seeing it in furniture, in hardware, in lighting, in just individual products for the home. Even in dinnerware, you're seeing porcelain or ceramic with brass trim mixed with silver trim."

In the past, consumers thought if they had stainless steel appliances, all metal finishes throughout the house had to be stainless. But many designer showcase houses this spring featured mixed metal finishes as part of their design statements.

"It's absolutely fine to mix metals," Chung says. "We seek balance in our lives. It's the yin and the yang, having the cool and the warm tones. It's more dynamic and exciting."

The knobs on high-end ranges are incorporating brass and stainless metals and the look is working its way into more widely distributed product lines, Chung says.

Several manufacturers at the spring furniture market introduced a new finish that they call vintage brass, says Payne. The finish is warmer with a lightly tarnished appearance. The new brass is coated with a tarnish-resistant finish that cleans up with just a soft damp cloth, no polishing required.

Gold has been on the market for a couple of years now, Payne says. As with brass, the look is more rich and lush. Soft, platinum gold is in, shiny is out.

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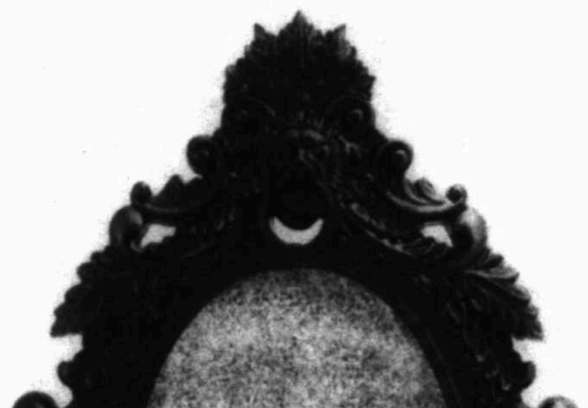
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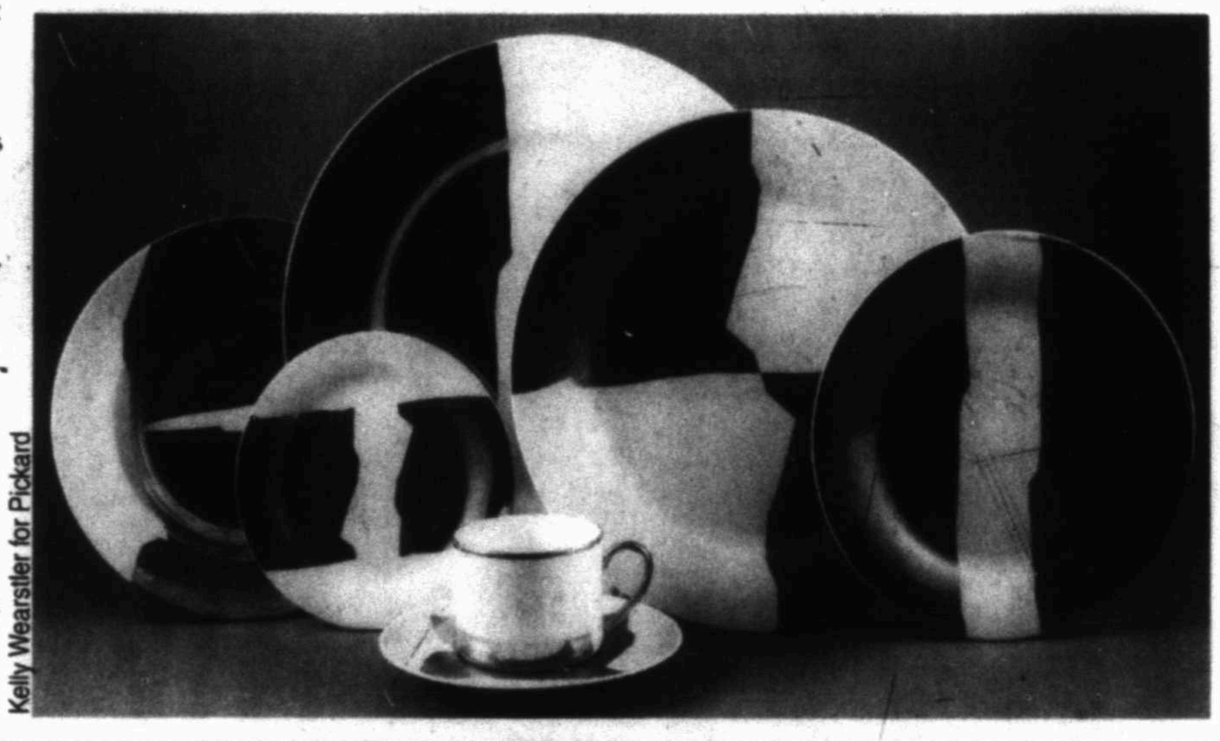


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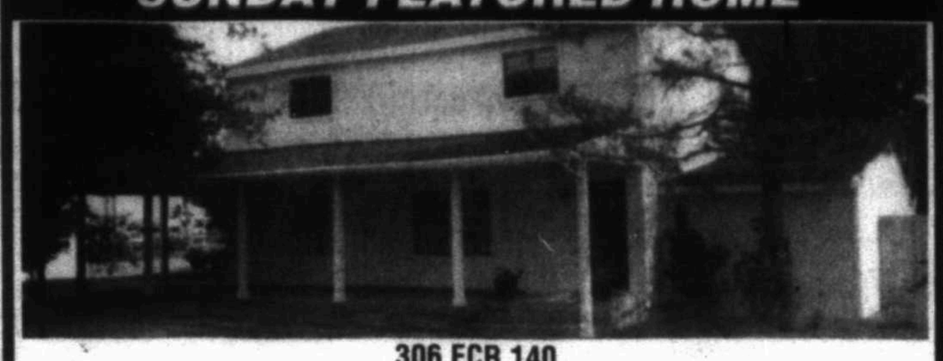
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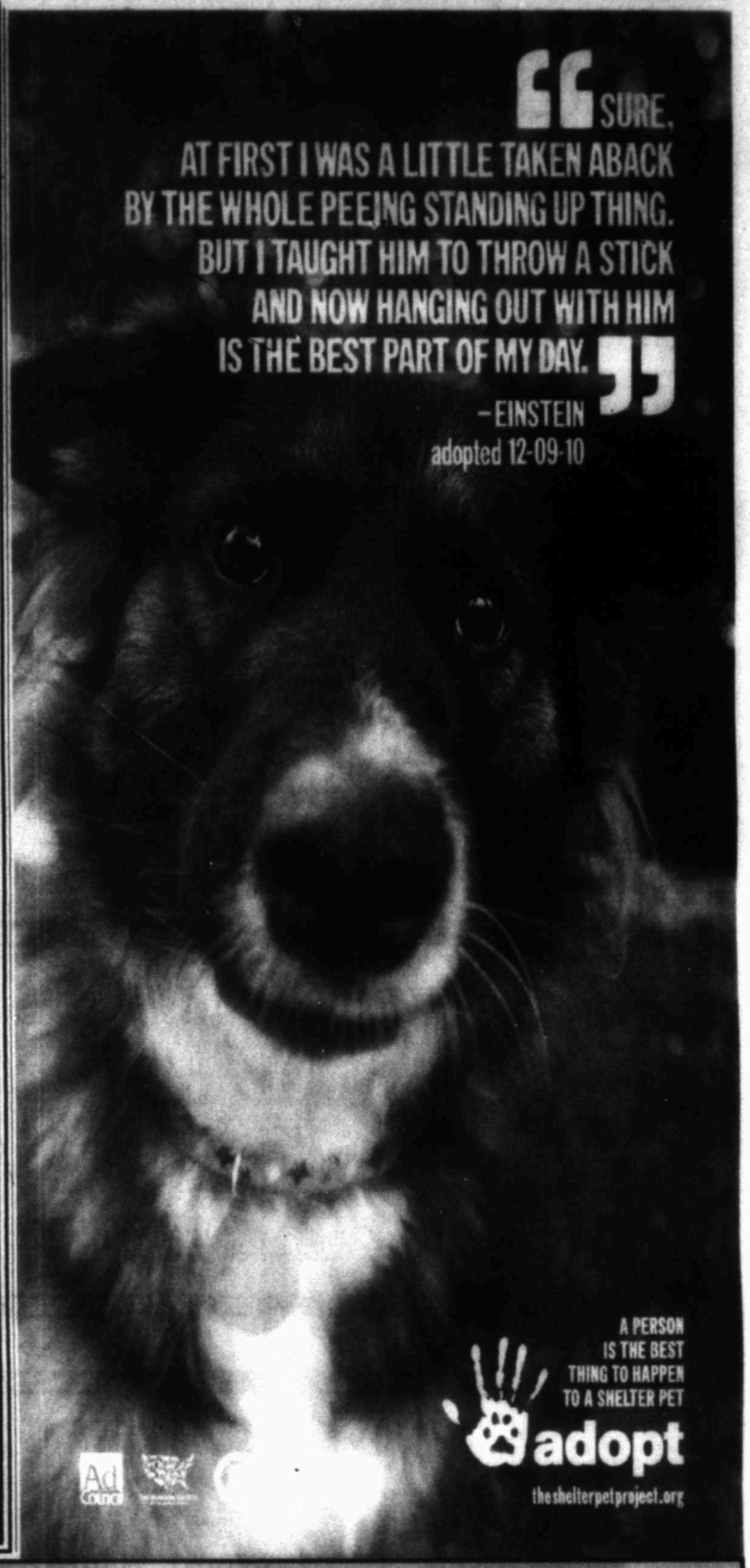
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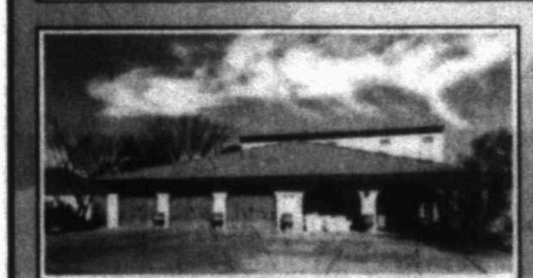
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UNBELIEVABLE SPACE IN THIS CLASSIC HOME!
Formal dining! Formal living w/views of pool! Cozy den w/fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast bar! Glass roof/sunroom! 2 Roomy, bedrooms w/full bath downstairs! Master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 2 Great bedrooms & hall bath on upper level! Sooooooo much storage in this one! Pool +diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!



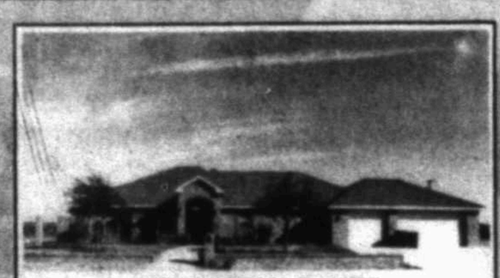
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Amazing living spaces! Great room is breathtaking w/walls of windows overlooking backyard & course! Dining room also has views! Kitchen w/island is loaded w/cabinets! Master bedroom is spacious & offers course views as well! Master bath w/jetted tub & sep shower,2 closets,2 sinks! Upstairs bdrm is large! Media rm/fr rm plus loft! Fabulous patio w/fireplc! Lush landscaping!



5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $550,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE ROASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/audio/blu tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym!2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios & open patios! 3Car



1913 GLADEWOOD - $550,000
GRASSLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen, w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counterspace plus pantry! Sep master w/nice bath & closet space! Sep in-law plan! Live outdoors, too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!



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GORGEOUS & SPACIOUS HOME W/UPDATES GALORE!
Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2.5 Bath home w/2 living areas! Formal dining plus breakfast nook! Gourmet kitchen is updated & offers double ovens plus custom cabinetry & lighting! All bedrooms are very generous! Open floorplan! Jacuzzi tubs in both baths! Lush, mature landscaping! Covered patio! Move-in ready! 2 Car oversized garage! Inspections, repairs, appraisal all complete!



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718 BURLESON, STANTON TX - $199,000
WOW! EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED INSIDE & OUT!
Gorgeous landscaping!4 Bedroom 2 bath home with Sequestered master, elaborate vanities in master bath. Open living/ dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!



1221 MARY ST., CRANE, TX - $150,000
GREAT SPACIOUS HOME IN CRANE!
Formal living room! Kitchen has abundant countertops, breakfast bar & breakfast nook! Cozy den with fireplace! Study/office too! 3 Roomy bedrooms! 2 Full baths! 4 Carports (2 enclosed & 2 on side) Storage bldg! Cinder block fence! Patio! Corner lot! Nice front porch!



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Why Designers Are Going for the Gold

Warm gold and brass tones are back, mixing it up at home. Gold futures, anyone?

By Marla Miller | CTW Features

After years of decorating with stainless, chrome and colder metals in the home, designers are bringing back warm gold and brass for a bit of class and sass.

Gold, copper and brass in hardware, trim, furniture, fittings, light fixtures and home accessories are popping up everywhere. Gold accents add warmth to a living space. Designers are mixing metals and liking the look.

"We've been seeing so much of these colder finishes, we're longing for warmth," says Jeanne Chung, a Los Angeles designer and blogger and color and trend moderator for the Google+ Interior Design Community. "The entire modernist period has been cold metal, which we associate with sterility and hygiene."

Chung attended the High Point, N.C. furniture market this spring and reported back to followers of her Cozy Stylish Chic blog that brass and gold were all the rave, showing up in almost every showroom at the annual trade event where new furniture and accessories are introduced.

Brass and gold pair well with jewel colors, like emerald, chosen by Pantone as its color of the year in 2013. But the gold finish has come into its own, serving not just as an accent color or embellishment, but in new finishes and as bold pieces that can stand alone.

Designers are always looking to try new things or change up what has been done before, says Vicki Payne, designer and home improvement expert who hosts and produces the popular PBS show "For Your Home."

"Brass is coming back, but it's coming back in a different color," she says. "It has more lux to it, more patina. It's a really rich, luxurious kind of color that we're after."

Chung describes the look as a dull, matte finish as opposed to bright and shiny. Brass and copper represent warmth and intimacy, and those metallic finishes are making their way to the kitchen and bath.

"We're bringing that warmth into the kitchen, seeing more gold and brass and copper incorporated into the fixtures," Chung says. "I'm seeing it in furniture, in hardware, in lighting, in just individual products for the home. Even in dinnerware, you're seeing porcelain or ceramic with brass trim mixed with silver trim."

In the past, consumers thought if they had stainless steel appliances, all metal finishes throughout the house had to be stainless. But many designer showcase houses this spring featured mixed metal finishes as part of their design statements.

"It's absolutely fine to mix metals," Chung says. "We seek balance in our lives. It's the yin and the yang, having the cool and the warm tones. It's more dynamic and exciting."

The knobs on high-end ranges are incorporating brass and stainless metals and the look is working its way into more widely distributed product lines, Chung says.

Several manufacturers at the spring furniture market introduced a new finish that they call vintage brass, says Payne. The finish is warmer with a lightly tarnished appearance. The new brass is coated with a tarnish-resistant finish that cleans up with just a soft damp cloth, no polishing required.

Gold has been on the market for a couple of years now, Payne says. As with brass, the look is more rich and lush. Soft, platinum gold is in, shiny is out.

Vintage brass is easier for some homeowners to embrace – and care for – than the shiny silver finishes normally associated with contemporary design, she says. But the styles are still modern and trendy.

Arteriors Home's High Point showroom featured vintage brass lighting and accessories during spring market. The Keegan Chandelier, with its "George Jetson" design, took center stage at the entrance. Wall mirrors, tables and décor also incorporated the metal.

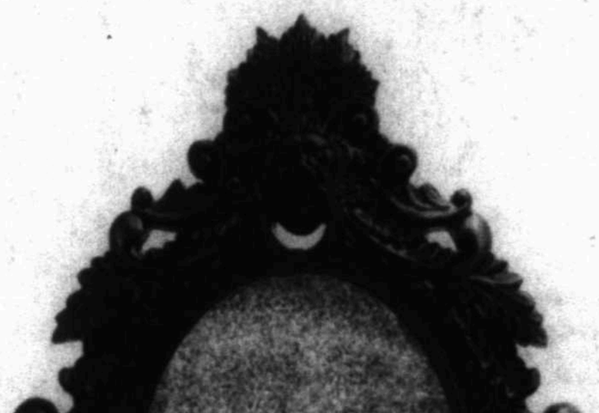
Payne says brass and gold accents on high-end furniture create "a rich look," but homeowners don't have to break the bank to incorporate it into an existing room. One of the best ways to add a touch of metal is with a new little accent table, she says. They are available at home furnishing stores for less than $350.

Homeowners also can update a dining room with a new chandelier or a couple of wall sconces.

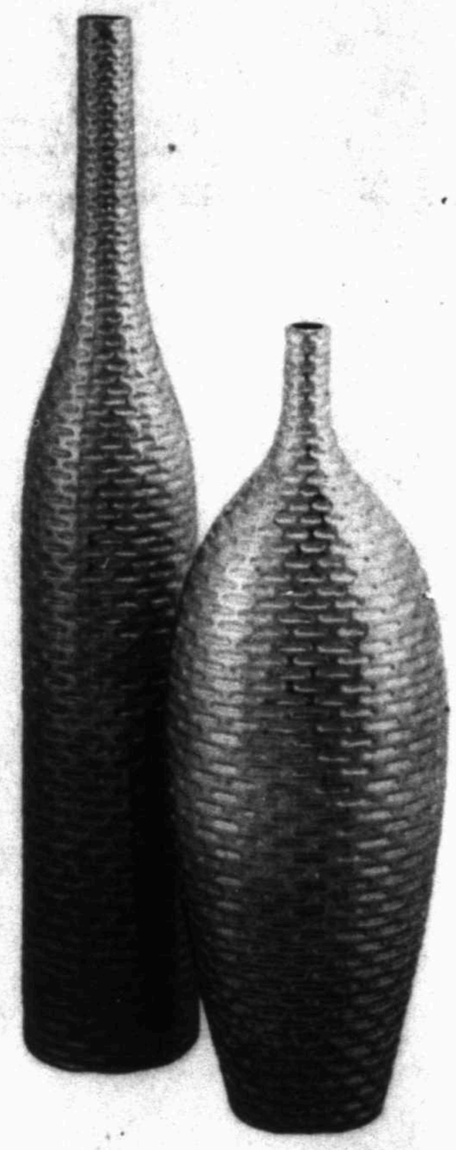
"It's very easy for people to take a chance with a pretty tray or picture frame or wall art," she says. "A little bit is all you need to be on the cutting edge, but without being locked into it."

If the look "doesn't hang around," she says, "you can get rid of it."

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Nikki Chu Home



Nikki Chu Home for IMAX

Good as gold: gold antiqued mirror with lion's head door knocker, above, and ombré gold and silver textured vases, right, both from the new Nikki Chu Home for IMAX collection. Metallic gold adds drama and elegance to Dolheny, below, a new china collection by Kelly Wearstler for Pickard.



Kelly Wearstler for Pickard

Roll Out Those Lazy Days of Summer – But First, a Project

Homeowners have their minds set on backyard relaxation this summer. But first, many of them have a to-do list.

More than two-thirds (68 percent) of respondents in a recent poll of remodelers said they plan outdoor home improvement projects this season, according to a poll of 2,023 adults by Zillow, the Seattle online real estate marketplace. In last year's poll, just 40 percent had ambitions for an outdoor living reno.

Top features they dream about: outdoor living rooms with accessories in muted colors, upholstered couches and wood arbors.

The Zillow Home Design Trend Report surveyed a group of design experts from across the country and reviewed the most popular outdoor photos shared on Zillow Digs, where site visitors post images of home improvement and design inspiration.

The median budget for a summer remodel was $1,000. Many homeowners said they are considering more extensive outdoor remodels such as open-air living rooms to expand useable square footage for year-round use, adding value to their home.

The top three trends:

Muted colors

Soft, muted hues are the most popular colors for open-air living rooms, polled homeowners and designers said.

"Subtly, not saturation," rules when it comes to choosing colors for outdoor living this season, says Marc Thee, Marc Michaels Interior Design, Winter Park, Florida. Homeowners have "dialed back" more vibrant accent colors popular last year and instead are choosing paler shades. Think sea glass, rather than turquoise; greyed shrimp rather than watermelon; and "beautiful sherbet" rather than bright orange, Thee says.



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Living the dream: all the comforts of home, outside

Upholstered couches

Designers identified fully upholstered couches as a growing open-air living room trend. Homeowners want to invest in "comfortable seating and lounging pieces for a real indoor/outdoor feel," says Mara Miller of Carrier and Company, New York, N.Y. Other typically interior accessories such as rugs, lamps and wood coffee tables are among the accessories that site visitors admire.

Wood arbors

Wood arbors are a popular feature among homeowners who say they are looking to create a clearly defined outdoor space that functions as a second living room.

"Arbors featuring lots of greenery" create the illusion of an "open-air ceiling," says Melissa Klebanoff, Melissa Klebanoff Interior Design, Seattle. Wood structures with white curtains and twinkle lights are a favored look among the polled site visitors.

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306 ECR 140

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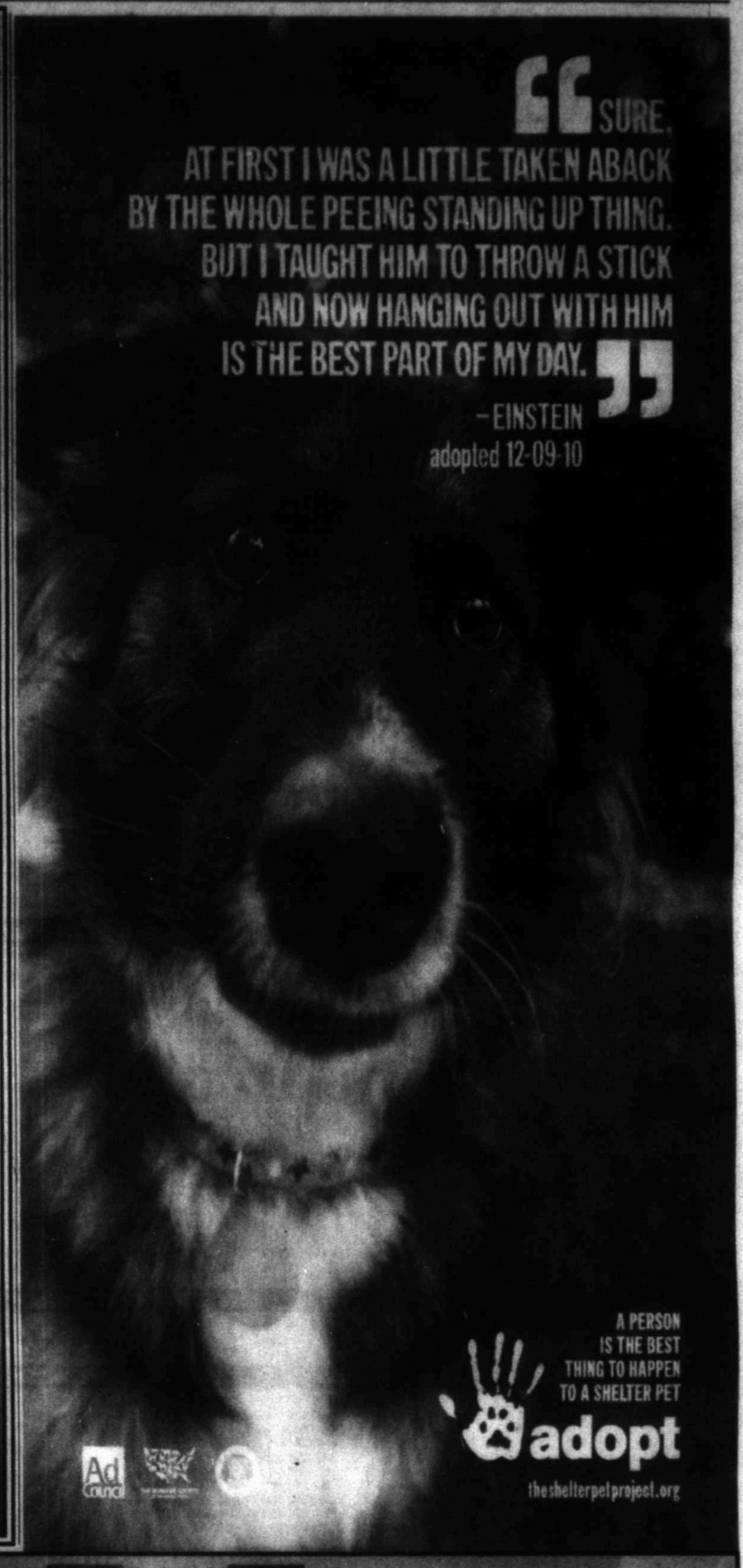
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000 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres		MLS #98687	$115,500
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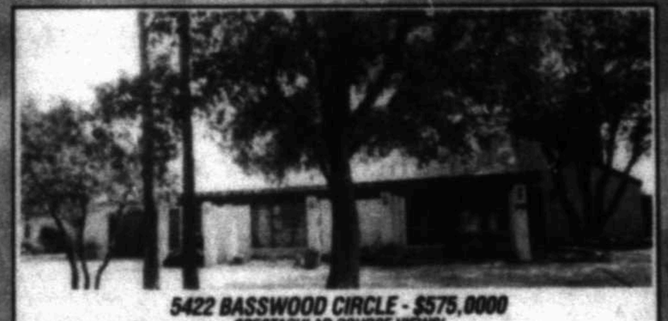
Happy Independence Day Weekend!



5312 BELLA PLACE - $599,900
REMARKABLE & BEAUTIFUL!
Builders custom home! Incredible living rm w/high ceiling, fireplace & walls of windows overlooking patio is also open to the gorgeous kitchen & dining area! Breakfast bar! Viking appliances! Marble countertops! Spectacular master suite w/amazing bathroom & closet area/in-law plan! Great utility rm! 2Nd living rm upstairs! 2 Bedrooms up each w/private baths! Unbelievable storage! Wow!



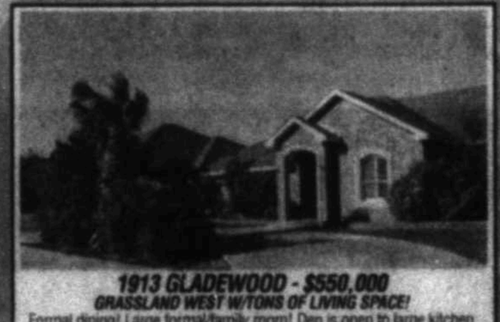
2104 N. I ST. - $575,000
UNBELIEVABLE SPACE IN THIS CLASSIC HOME!
Formal dining! Formal living w/views of pool! Cozy den w/fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast bar! Glass sundrooom! 2 Roomy bedrooms w/full bath closets/clean! Master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 2 Great bedrooms & hall bath on upper level! Soooooooo much storage in this one! Pool w/diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!



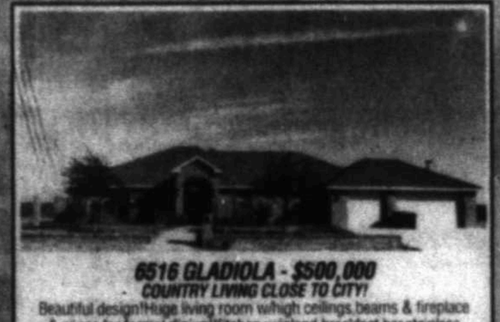
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SPECTACULAR COURSE VIEWS!
Amazing living spaces! Great room is breathtaking w/walls of windows overlooking backyard & course! Dining room also has views! Kitchen w/island is loaded w/cabinets! Master bedroom is spacious & offers course views as well! Master bath w/jetted tub & sep shower,2 closets,2 sinks! Upstairs bdrm is large! Media rm/tv rm plus loft! Fabulous patio w/firepit! Lush landscaping!



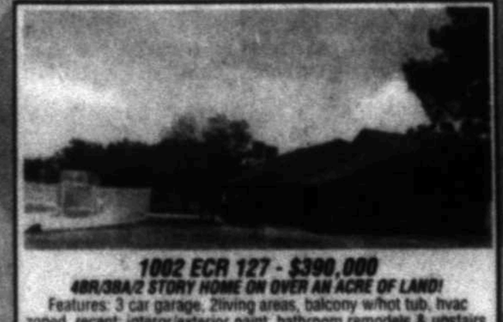
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Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/rustic tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym!2 Bedrooms/2,5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living spaces! Covered patios & open patios! 3Car



1913 GLADEWOOD - $550,000
GRASSLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counterspace plus pantry! Sep master w/nice bath & closet space! Sep in-law plan! Live outdoors too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&Jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!



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MUST COVET 5! AN INVESTORS DREAM & MORE!
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4712 WOODNAR CT...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #99252 ... SALE PENDING
1501 W. SCHARBAUER DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #97180 ... SALE PENDING
10806 E. CO. RD. 103...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98701 ... SALE PENDING
1000 ALMONT...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98577 ... $475,000
5706 DEVLIN...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #98845 ... $475,000
1114 TELLURIDE CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #99381 ... SALE PENDING
1303 DAVENTRY...Lisa Jansa 631-3389 ... MLS #98268 ... SALE PENDING
1114 TELLURIDE CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #99381 ... SALE PENDING
4813 TATTENHAM...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98706 ... SALE PENDING
3210 HAYNES...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #99701 ... $450,000
5087 LOS ALAMITOS...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #99326 ... $436,500
3418 MEADOWRIDGE LANE...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #99652 ... $415,000
4905 HILLTOP...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99440 ... SALE PENDING
1002 E. CO. RD. 127...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99536 ... $395,000
5601 RIDGEMONT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #98899 ... SALE PENDING
5815 GRASSLAND...Larry Hatfield 349-4790 ... MLS #98662 ... SALE PENDING
6209 SEGUOIA DR...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #98235 ... $389,900
3322 W. CO. RD. 185...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #97471 ... SALE PENDING
4901 KINGSBORO...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #98894 ... $384,900
1609 MISSOURI...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #98627 ... SALE PENDING
5000 PIMLICO...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #98283 ... $379,500
12 FAIRFAX...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #99020 ... SALE PENDING
4906 HILLSBORO CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #97651 ... $370,000
5911 OAK CREEK...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $370,000
2715 SAVOY...Call Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... $368,500
2403 METZ PLACE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99260 ... $354,000
2414 MAXWELL DRIVE...Madison Shaw ... $337,500
3531 WADLEY AVE...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #98929 ... $329,900
2304 SEABOARD...Lisa Jansa 618-5074 ... MLS #99203 ... $329,900
300 E. CO. RD. 140...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98742 ... $329,900
4706 YEARWOOD...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99608 ... $327,500
4102 STRATTON DR...Josie Alvarez 618-6513 ... MLS #98604 ... $319,900
5615 HIGHLAND...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99661 ... $315,900
3602 SHANDON AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99322 ... $315,000
3511 STANOLIND AVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #99309 ... SALE PENDING
2017 STUTZ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99140 ... SALE PENDING
2108 WHITNEY...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99144 ... $300,000
4609 TANFORAN AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98848 ... SALE PENDING
3211 TEALWOOD PL...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #98715 ... $306,000
2820 W. DENGAR AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #98160 ... $305,000
5400 LOG PATIOS...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98797 ... $305,000
1410 W. MISSOURI...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #97421 ... $299,900
2300 CIMMARON...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412 ... MLS #99021 ... $290,000
6005 ALLANDALE...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... SALE PENDING
3029 FREDNA...Melissa Williams 349-2812 ... MLS #99232 ... $280,000
2810 METZ...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99662 ... SALE PENDING
3003 N. PECOS...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #99403 ... $279,000
2 AUBURN CT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ... SALE PENDING
4901 PLEASANT DR...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #98578 ... $275,000
4406 DALTON...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... MLS #98898 ... $274,900
4902 RIO GRANDE...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99505 ... $269,900
4607 #2 PINE MEADOW DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98693 ... $255,000
3501 LOCKHEED...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #97658 ... $253,500
2609 FRONTIER...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #99378 ... $249,000
3519 SEABOARD...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98075 ... SALE PENDING
3806 FAIRGREEN CT...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #98958 ... $244,500
3806 W. LOUISIANA...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #99664 ... $210,000
6500 SHAWNEE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #98905 ... SALE PENDING
1401 E. CO. RD. 145...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98044 ... $190,000
4518 A8 ST. ANDREWS...Brian Sales 432-618-1818 ... MLS #99045 ... SALE PENDING
300 WILLOWOOD DR...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99051 ... SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #93898 ... SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

8600 N. CO. RD. 1150...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... HUGE Shop. 208+ Acres $2,950,000
1209 W. CUTHBERT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #99117 ... $1,585,000
3807 NORTHFIELD...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #97301 ... $889,900
3302 BLUEBIRD LANE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #94206 ... 5.13 Acres/$550,000
6516 GLADIOLA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #95989 ... $580,000
1700 CUTHBERT...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #96293 ... $468,000
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #97704 ... $449,000
3403 FELDSPAR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #99114 ... $395,000
405 E. CO. RD. 127...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #96749 ... $384,000
1900 WINDRIFT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #99704 ... $340,000
3225 PATRICK PLACE...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #98802 ... SALE PENDING
46 OAKLAWN PARK...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #98613 ... $330,000
4604 MEADOWOOD COURT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #99453 ... $325,000
2117 BRADFORD CT...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99481 ... $315,000
4505 LENNOX DR...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #99592 ... $309,000
2805 EMERSON LANE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99294 ... $305,900
2907 MARMION DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99067 ... $300,000
2403 STUTZ PLACE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... CONTINGENCY
2514 QUAIL POINT...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98796 ... SALE PENDING
2010 DURANT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #99124 ... $299,900
501 HOGFORD ST...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #98897 ... $275,000
5130 ASHDOWN...Amy Blasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #98919 ... SALE PENDING
809 CHUKAR LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98697 ... $255,000
3201 HIGHSKY DR...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #99405 ... $255,000
3300 PROVIDENCE DR...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #99771 ... $245,000
2003 HUGHES ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99539 ... $240,000
1810 PUEBLO...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... $239,900
3204 APPERSON...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #98935 ... $232,500
3817 STANOLIND...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99645 ... SALE PENDING
4902 FOXBORO CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #99495 ... SALE PENDING
5411 LA JOLLA...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98954 ... SALE PENDING
2103 MARCIE CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #98008 ... SALE PENDING
4201 ST. ANDREWS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98998 ... SALE PENDING
5509 SAN SABA...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412 ... MLS #99036 ... SALE PENDING
4506 STILLMEADOW...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #98769 ... SALE PENDING
4506 MEREDITH...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98941 ... SALE PENDING
2904 DORA...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99493 ... SALE PENDING
4903 BROOKDALE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #98741 ... $216,000
3014 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #99633 ... $215,000
4507 BELTON PLACE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98304 ... SALE PENDING
4407 PASADENA...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98308 ... SALE PENDING
2518 FAULKNER...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #98024 ... $213,900
5109 LAVACA...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #99409 ... $205,000
3000 FREDNA PLACE...Ashley St John 352-6254 ... SALE PENDING
914 MAYS DR...Lisa Jansa 681-3389 ... SALE PENDING
1202 STANOLIND AVE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #99509 ... SALE PENDING
3607 CRESTMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #99282 ... $180,000
2802 S. CO. RD. 1002...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99419 ... SALE PENDING
1614 W. LOUISIANA...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #99416 ... SALE PENDING
108 COTTONWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99013 ... SALE PENDING
5005 JOY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99250 ... SALE PENDING
4723 PRINCETON...Lisa Jansa 618-5077 ... MLS #99145 ... $165,000
2005 H. D ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99420 ... $165,000
408 WOODCREST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #99620 ... $165,000
4629 SHADY LANE DRIVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #99331 ... SALE PENDING
4501 WILSHIRE DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #98338 ... SALE PENDING
418 SWEETBRIAR...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99257 ... SALE PENDING
2606 W. CUTHBERT...Karen Foster 559-4806 ... MLS #99249 ... SALE PENDING
3319 LOUISIANA AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99515 ... SALE PENDING
4305 PARKDALE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99629 ... $145,000
4702 THOMASON DR...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99511 ... SALE PENDING
2600 N. MIDKIFF...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #97024 ... SALE PENDING
1700 ENGLISH DR...Jonse Rendon 689-8394 ... MLS #98368 ... SALE PENDING
4725 LAURA...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #99676 ... $129,900
4207 ANETTA DR...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #96057 ... $119,000
1413 E. OAK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #99279 ... SALE PENDING
4617 COMANCHE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #99675 ... SALE PENDING
803 SPRUCE AVE...Melissa Williams 349-2812 ... MLS #91025 ... SALE PENDING
4725 CROCKETT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #99490 ... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

2100 W. WADLEY #68...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #94465 ... $205,000
4525A FAIRGATE DR...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #99549 ... $179,900
3830 NASSAU...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #99484 ... $164,500
4705 TIMBER LANE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98719 ... SALE PENDING
2009 A&B W. LOUISIANA...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #99450 ... SALE PENDING
202 COWDEN...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99110 ... $119,900
2303 CASTLEFORD RD...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #99006 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

9700 E. CO. RD. 127...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #98330 ... Roping Area/25 Acres/$950,000
4109 E. CO. RD. 63...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #99043 ... 4BD/$599,900
2200 S. CO. RD. 1067...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #98780 ... SALE PENDING
4109 E. CO. RD. 63...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #99043 ... SALE PENDING
901 E. CO. RD. 125...Clemmie Sorge ... MLS #98997 ... 4BD/$549,000
1312 E. CO. RD. 128...Melissa Williams 349-2812 ... MLS #95538 ... 4BD/$539,000
2010 E. CO. RD. 1214...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99082 ... 4BD/$524,900
6516 GLADIOLA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #95989 ... 3BD/$500,000
5800 FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98956 ... 3BD/$439,900
3005 W. CO. RD. 145...Josie Alvarez ... MLS #98906 ... $425,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1084 1/2, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #98692 ... SALE PENDING
13105 E. CO. RD. 120...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #98767 ... SALE PENDING
3322 W. CO. RD. 185...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #97471 ... SALE PENDING
2501 W. CO. RD. 130...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #96114 ... 3BD/$375,000
405 E. CO. RD. 127...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #96749 ... 3BD/$364,900
2804 ANN DRIVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99774 ... 4BD/$342,000
2101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98849 ... SALE PENDING
306 E. CO. RD. 140...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98742 ... 4BD/$329,900
2501 W. CO. RD. 130...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #96114 ... 3BD/$325,000
3700 S. CO. RD. 1178...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... 2+ Acres/$329,000
1707 E. CO. RD. 135...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #99463 ... 10 Acres/$300,000
4206 N. CO. RD. 1130...GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #96528 ... 1.5 Acres/$299,000
1415 S. CO. RD. 1129...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99090 ... SALE PENDING
3605 W. CO. RD. 145...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #98995 ... 4BD/$239,900
1401 E. CO. RD. 145...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98044 ... $190,000
2902 S. CO. RD. 1082...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99419 ... SALE PENDING
3408 S. CO. RD. 1071...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #99377 ... $145,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #93898 ... SALE PENDING
5001 S. CO. RD. 1137...Lisa Jansa 681-3389 ... MLS #97679 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

9600 N. CO. RD. 1150...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... HUGE Shop. 208+ Acres $2,950,000
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #94739 ... 3BD/16+ Acres/$1,100,000
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98671 ... 4BD/$625,000
5 BRISTOL CT., ODESSA...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #98987 ... SALE PENDING
105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY...Peggy Spence 664-3011 ... MLS #123919 ... 4BD/$399,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 127...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99536 ... $395,000
10 VIA PLAYA, ODESSA...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #92571 ... 2BD/$350,000
10121 HORSESHOE DR., GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97931 ... 1+ Acres/$339,000
2916 SAN PEDRO DR...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99491 ... SALE PENDING
441 W. CHAMBERS, GARDEN CITY ... MLS #98390 ... SALE PENDING
1292 S. NELSON, MONAHANS...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #95441 ... 3BD/$275,000
2822 MAXWELL...Madison Shaw 430-528-4640 ... MLS #99033 ... 4BLS #99033 ... 3BD/$269,900
2825 MERCEDES HOUSE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #97748 ... 3BD/$229,900
6000 BRIARWOOD AVE., ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #97723 ... $225,000
710 BURLESON, STANTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99494 ... $204,700
207 SW 12TH, SEMINOLE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... $194,900
1524 SANDALWOOD LANE...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #91729 ... SALE PENDING
1812 CINDY PL., ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98967 ... SALE PENDING
302 9TH ST., IRAAN...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #92308 ... 5BD/$179,000
7244 MANFORD LANE, ODESSA...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #381981 ... SALE PENDING
2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89268 ... 3BD/$169,900
1221 MARY ST., CRANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $160,000
900 NE 2ND, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #90362 ... 3BD/$140,000
1211 NW 4TH ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89896 ... SALE PENDING
708 COLLIE WAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89681 ... SALE PENDING
109 GRAY ST., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #94344 ... 3BD/$132,000
2102 ALLENDALE, BIG SPRING...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #95681 ... 4BD/$130,900
10751 E. COLGATE AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #99101 ... 3BD/$129,900
711 ST. FRANCIS, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #93473 ... SALE PENDING
2203 S. JOHNSON AVE., PECOS...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #89618 ... 4BD/$106,000
105 E. 21ST., CRANE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #85747 ... SALE PENDING
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #88348 ... SALE PENDING
1712 HACKBERRY ST., PECOS...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #98971 ... SALE PENDING
514 W. 83RD, ODESSA...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #92454 ... 3BD/$79,900
2706 BAGLEY, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #86570 ... 3BD/$78,000
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #97750 ... $89,900
1407 NW AVE. B., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89176 ... 2BD/$38,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #94739 ... 16+ Acres/$1,100,000
6701 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #99120 ... SALE PENDING
5308 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99121 ... $999,900
1002 S. MARIENFELD...Jonse Rendon 689-8394 ... MLS #97538 ... $580,000
1915 S. CO. RD. 1083...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #97604 ... 4.68 Acres/$375,000
9605 CO. RD. 307...Sue Lytle 661-5338 ... MLS #96951 ... 26.33 Acres/$300,000
3102 CUTHBERT AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ... MLS #99770 ... $215,000
1409 W. IDLEWILDE DR...Sue Lytle 661-5338 ... MLS #99451 ... SALE PENDING
2703 S. CO. RD. 1180...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... Commercial Yard/6 Available/5 Acres/$175,000
110 E. CO. RD. 114...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #97579 ... $150,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS#79313 ... $95,000
310 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #89966 ... $95,000
503 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89899 ... $75,000
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #97750 ... $69,900

LANDS AND LOTS

W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97407 ... SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
3021 E. I-20...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #96595 ... 31.74 Acres/$2,500,000
CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97403 ... CLEAN Land; Will Split. 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97408 ... IDEAL Land. 502.20 Acres/$2,008,000
CO. RD. 1110...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #96969 ... 261.045 Acres/$1,435,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97406 ... SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #94070 ... 185 Acres/$925,000
3201 CYNTHIA DR...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ... MLS #97539 ... 11.4 Acres/$630,000
13105 E. CO. RD. 129...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #98768 ... 22.48 Acres/$405,000
5401 E. CO. RD. 120...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #95128 ... 31.22 Acres/$375,000
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #96344 ... 10 Acres + a building!/$325,000
N. CO. RD. 1150/ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #95384 ... 20 Acres/$299,900
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #99518 ... 20.1 Acres/$291,000
S. CO. RD. 1009 (CIELO VISTA)...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #97325 ... 15.685 Acres/$299,700
1409 W. IDLEWILDE DR...Sue Lytle 661-5338 ... MLS #99451 ... Land Only/$280,000
S. CO. RD. 1135...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #94205 ... 14 Acres/$280,000
4709 TROBAUGH...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #96920 ... SALE PENDING
807 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #94740 ... 1.75 Acres/$200,000
903 & 905 S. MAIN ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89500 ... 1.08 Acres/$197,500
4219 S. HWY. 349...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... SALE PENDING
2703 S. CO. RD. 1180...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... Commercial Yard/6 Available/5 Acres/$175,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... 3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
00 W I-20 SERVICE RD...Brian Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #97852 ... $130,000
1006 S. CO. RD. 1072, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #96343 ... 2.74 Acres/$79,900
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #97750 ... SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 110...Mark Philibber 222-5071 ... MLS #93331 ... 1 Acre Lots/$27,000
4921 N. CO. RD. 1147...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... 8+ Acres/$20,000/Acre
7103 ECR 90...Laura Sales 618-1818 ... MLS # 98868 ... SALE PENDING
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97405 ... GREAT Land. 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
112 SW 2ND ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #89499 ... SALE PENDING
S. TYLER...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #92810 ... SALE PENDING

FARMS AND RANCHES

8600 N. CO. RD. 1150...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... Lush & Beautiful. 208+ Acres $2,950,000
CO. RD. 160 & 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97407 ... SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97403 ... CLEAN Land; Will Split. 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #97408 ... IDEAL Land. 502.20 Acres/$2,008,000
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #94739 ... 16+ Acres/$1,100,000
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... Red Bluff Ranch. 35,100 Deeded. 23,040 BLM. 1,280 State Lease ... SALE PENDING
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... SALE PENDING
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BABY BOOM

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June sees most child births this year

By Steve Kuhlmann
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As the oil industry continues to promote growth in Midland, the increasing population is attracting chain restaurants, specialty stores and an abundance of new apartments and residences. But there is something else the boom seems to be bringing to town — babies.

According to Casey Weems, child birth education coordinator at Midland Memorial Hospital, early estimates indicate 240 births at the hospital in June alone.

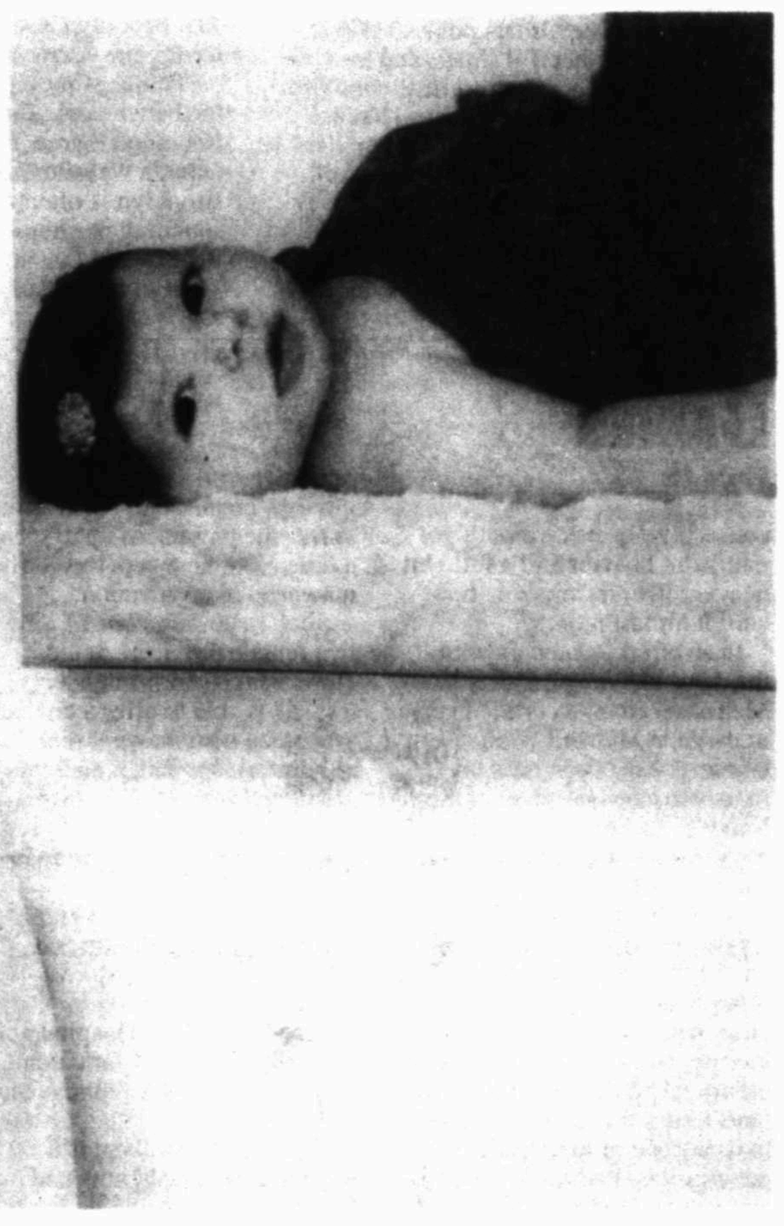
"Since January we've been averaging right around 200," said Weems, who added that May saw 201 deliveries. "That's a huge jump in (one) month."

Weems, who has been with the hospital for two years, said that up until about a year ago, the hospital had been averaging 150 to 160 deliveries per month. After that, the number of deliveries began "steadily increasing" each month.

"In (one year) we've gone up almost 100 deliveries per month," she said. "Over the last six months,

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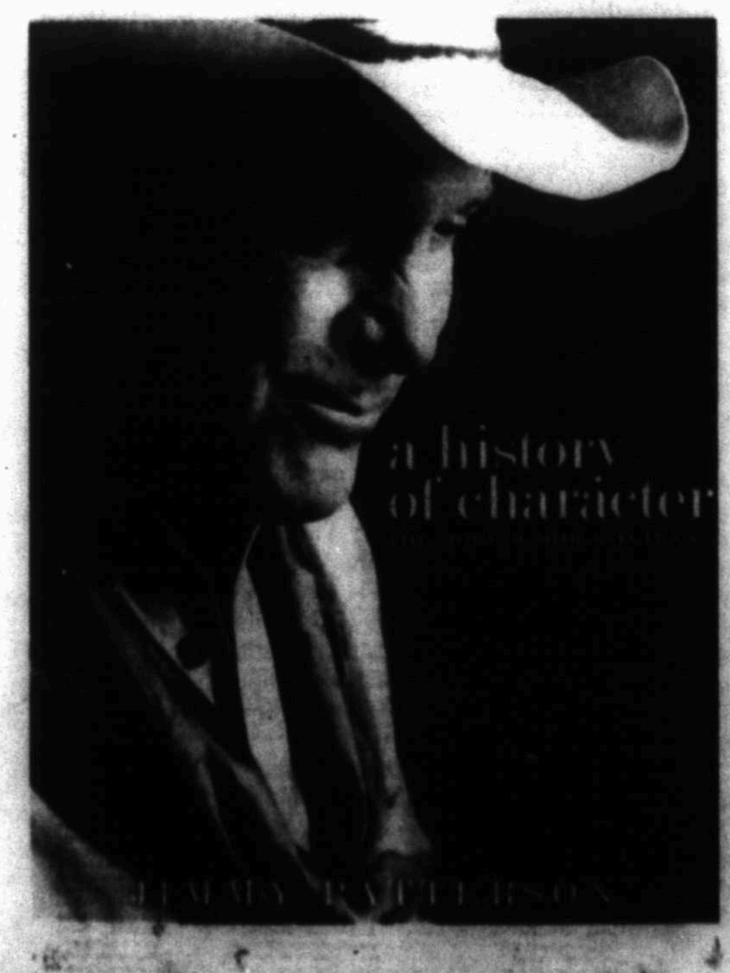




TOP
Melissa Scott is a certified nurse midwife at Midland Women's Clinic.

LEFT
The nursery at Midland Memorial Hospital.

ABOVE
Registered nurses Courtney Elam, and Barbara Aylor, look over charts and patient information last year at one of the team stations in labor and delivery.



Midland has long history of patriotism through kindness, service to others

Editor's note: This is part three of a seven-part series leading up to the publication of "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" by Jimmy Patterson. The series, featuring Midlanders of character, will continue every other week until Sept. 7.

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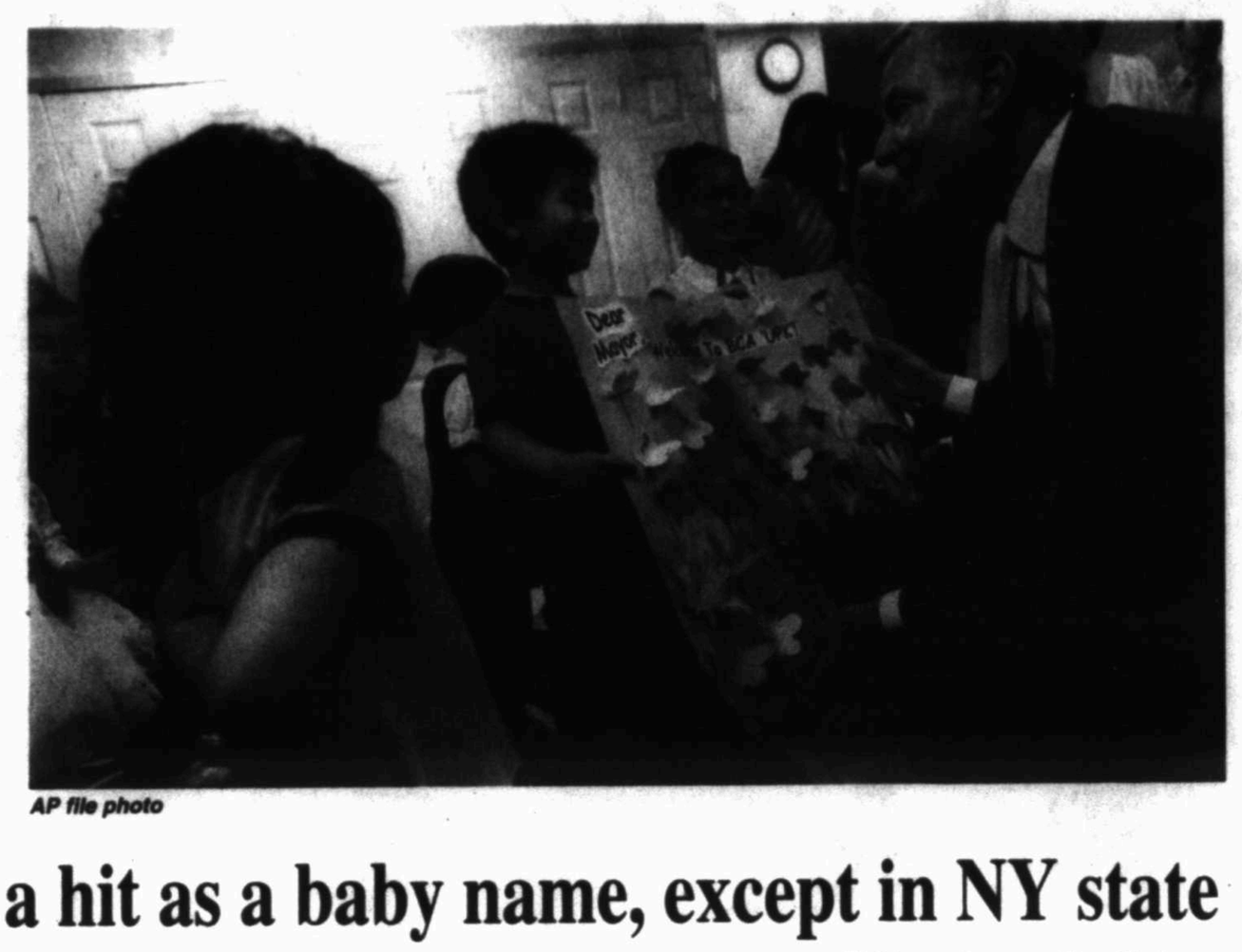
Since even before the June 1941 day when Sloan Field was leased to the U.S. government for the establishment of the Midland Army Air Field, Midland has always taken care of its veterans. From 1942-1945, the life of "Bombardier College," and the telling time that followed when scores, perhaps hundreds, of veterans who returned to Midland stayed here and called West Texas home, it is one of the most unmistakable distinctions about Midland: men and women in uniform have always been held in the highest esteem.

Just a few years ago, it seemed improbable to be able to visit the Midland International Airport without having the opportunity to join with the Patriot Guard in giving a hero's welcome to a service man or woman in uniform returning from a tour in the Middle East or other international location.

Almost three years ago, after Midland High School graduate and U.S. Marine 2nd Lt. Patrick Wayland died suddenly in a training accident in Florida, on Aug. 5, 2011, an estimated 75 Marines descended on Midland in support of their fallen brother. In return, and probably quite unexpectedly to those visitors, the same 75 Marines witnessed firsthand how much Midland loves the military.

Col. Joseph P. Richards, Wayland's commanding officer, who attended Wayland's funeral, said, "It was something you just don't have words for, to feel the honor and patriotism of Midland. Your tremendous respect for Patrick and the Wayland family was a beautiful sight to see."

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New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, right, visits children May 27 in a pre-kindergarten class at the Brooklyn Chinese American Association Early Childhood Education Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York. The rise in popularity of Brooklyn as a name for girls parallels the borough's renaissance. De Blasio, seeking to capitalize on the spirit of cool coursing through the city's most populous borough, last week pitched Brooklyn — not Manhattan — as a potential host for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

AP file photo

Brooklyn a hit as a baby name, except in NY state

By Michael Sisak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe it's the ultimate sign that New York City's up-and-coming borough has finally arrived. Brooklyn is now one of the nation's most popular baby names.

Over the past two decades, Brooklyn as a name for girls has surged from No. 912 to the top 30 in each of the last three years. Some credit soccer star David Beckham and his wife, Victoria, for naming their son Brooklyn. Some cite model and actress Brooklyn Decker. Others point to "Girls" and the many other TV shows and movies that tap into the borough's gritty, cool vibe.

But one thing is clear: Of the 41 states where Brooklyn is now the most popular girl's name beginning with B, New York is not among them. Real Brooklynites say naming your child Brooklyn is strictly for out-of towners.

"It's almost like a magical place far away that doesn't exist to them," said parent Heath Farnsworth-Williams. "For us, Brooklyn is home, and we'd have a hard time trying to make the identity of our home coexist with the identity of our child."

More than 6,600 girls born in the U.S. in 2013 were named Brooklyn, making it the 28th most popular girls name ahead of stalwarts Samantha, Allison and Sarah, according to recently released Social Security Administration data.

Brooklyn beat out such place names as Savannah (No. 37) and London (No. 85), but trailed Madison (No. 9) and Charlotte (No. 11). Brooklyn as a boy's name is still rare, having never cracked the top 1,000.

"People want more creativity, many for the better, some for the worse," said Pamela Redmond Satran, co-founder of the baby naming website Nameberry.com, who notes Brooklyn is often favored as a unique-sounding mashup of the more conventional Brooke and Lynne.

Brooklyn Presta said her parents in Kansas were thinking unique, not New York, when they named her. Now 26 and living in Brooklyn, Presta said she often gets questions about whether she changed her name to fit her chosen borough.

"It's kind of crazy to be Brooklyn in Brooklyn," Presta said.

The popularity of the Brooklyn name parallels the renaissance of the borough of 2.6 million, with the gentrification of its leafy brownstone neighborhoods, a thriving arts scene and the return of big-league sports with the Brooklyn Nets.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, seeking to capitalize on that spirit of cool, last week pitched Brooklyn — not Manhattan — as potential host for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

"There's no greater way to show admiration for a borough than to name your child after it," said Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. "You don't see too many people calling their children Manhattan or the Bronx."

BABIES

From 1E

consecutively every month got a little bit heavier and a little bit heavier. It's just amazing how hard it hit last month."

In an effort to keep up with the demand, care providers like Melissa Scott — a certified nurse midwife at Midland Women's Clinic — have been brought in to help alleviate some of the heavy work load being placed on physicians as well as to provide another option to patients.

"I'm maxing out at 10 deliveries per month," said Scott. "I have a little bit more wiggle room than most of the physicians who are delivering 25 babies per month. I also have room on my schedule for patients who have issues that come up. So I may see one of the physician's patients who had a stomach bug and just wanted to come in and talk to us and make sure that everything is OK."

Under the supervision of a physician in the hospital, Scott primarily works with "normal, low-risk pregnancies" in an effort to free the physicians up to spend a little more time with those who may need more attention.

Scott believes as one of only two female providers at the clinic who performs deliveries, she is able to offer a choice to women who may not feel as comfortable with a male provider.

"Some women just feel more comfortable going to a woman practitioner," said Scott.

However, with such a high volume of young people and young families being drawn to Midland by the economy, Midland Memorial Hospital and Midland Women's Clinic don't seem likely to see a reprieve any time soon.

"I think that Midland is a booming town right now and the oil fields are bringing in so many new people, every single day, every single month," said Weems. "I feel like the population of Midland has significantly increased over the last two to three years and is just continuing to grow."

At the hospital, post-partum room availability has become an increasingly concerning issue, said Weems.

"We have 30 post-partum rooms and sometimes there are babies that aren't able to be discharged yet but the mom can be, and then the babies are here and mom is not," said Weems. "We're flip-flopping rooms around and trying to allow moms to be close to their babies, but then we need those rooms for delivering moms who are coming up."

Both the recovery room, where C-sections are usually performed, and the antepartum unit are currently being cleaned, repurposed and used as patient overflow when necessary.

"Unfortunately, it's hard sometimes because you can't turn away a pregnant mom if she's in labor and about to have her baby, you've got to find something to do," said Weems.

When emergencies like that arise the hospital rearranges the schedule of those mothers who had been scheduled for induced labor in order to accommodate any last-minute deliveries that may be necessary, said Weems.

"As long as there are no indications that there are any health risks for mom or for baby, then we can postpone those patients from coming in until the next day or later in that day when we have more room availability," she said.

Despite the unexpected overload of patients, Weems remains proud and positive about the level of care the hospital staff has been able to provide.

"I think it is awesome for us to have an increase and withstand the number of deliveries that we have," said Weems. "As a division and as a whole, the staff here has really pulled together and really done amazing work over the last month to give the best patient care that they possibly can give."

ALEX ROSE

AARP Community Service volunteer



Walking club to host statewide walking event

The Midland Walkabout Volkssporting Club will host a statewide event Aug. 2, that has never before been held here. Volkssport clubs from all across Texas will be walking the streets of our city, as well as Odessa and surrounding areas.

Twice a year the Texas Volkssporting Association (TVA) asks a volkssporting club to plan and organize the semi-annual meeting. Along with the meeting there is always a 10K walk that Saturday morning.

This year, the 10K walk will begin at the Junior League Building, 902 Dengar Ave., between 7-9 a.m. The finish time for the walk is no later than 12:30 p.m.

Those new to our city will have the chance to see the Bush Childhood Home, the duck pond at Wadley Barron Park and lovely homes in the Racket Club neighborhood. The Wildlife Preserve also will be an attraction. With our recent rains, the ducks might be out in full force.

Hopefully new visitors will be so impressed that they will either stay or come back to walk the nine walks the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club has sanctioned with the American Volkssport Association. These sanctioned walks are in Midland, Odessa, Stanton, Fort Davis, Monahans and Big Springs. Volkssporters are always looking for walks to take them through new areas where they can get AVA credit. Once here, many visitors will not leave without doing all the walks.

The Doubletree by Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 W. Wall St., will be the host hotel for the weekend and club member Bob Hicks will host a wine and cheese get together 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1 as the walkers gather. After the 10K the walkers will gather at the Junior League Building for a light lunch and the semi-annual meeting where officers will be elected. Helen Hull of Garland is the president for the TVA and Carolyn Peterson is the president of the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club.

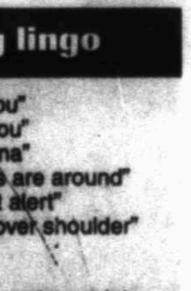
The TVA meetings date back to the early 1990s with the first meeting being held in Houston. Since then, many cities have been involved including Brenham, Granbury, Abilene, San Antonio, Plano, Dallas and Fort Worth.

For more information, visit www.midlandwalkabout.org.

Parents should communicate about teen's social media use

ANGIE MORRIS

Centers for Children and Families



There is no doubt teens are using social media more now than ever. According to a survey done by Pew Research Center, 95 percent of all teens ages 12-17 are now online. As caregivers of children, we must be aware of all the social trends of adolescents in order to actively supervise their behaviors and Internet usage.

Facebook is no longer the main social outlet for juveniles. Since 2011 Facebook has seen a steep decline in teenage users. Now teens seem to be using other social apps such as Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr, Kik messenger, Google+, Vine and Wanelo. These apps provide teens with the ability to share messages, photos and videos in a closed domain. Teens are constantly using one of the above listed avenues to connect with friends and acquaintances on a daily basis.

So how can we be active supervisors of our children as new media trends pop up? First and foremost, parents must be actively involved in their children's lives and media use. Actively supervise both computer and phone use. You can put parental controls on your computer and your child's phone. It is also important to ask questions, and if you feel the need, ask to look at your child's cell phone.

Another important step in active supervision is keeping open communication between you and your adolescent about his or her Internet use. Talk about the apps your children use and what their friends are up to. Do some research about the new trends and apps in the media that are popular with adolescents. It seems there is always a new teen trend in regard to the Internet. Be aware of what is out there. Messaging lingo is also something parents should be aware of.

Messaging lingo

"143" means "I love you"
"182" means "I hate you"
"420" means "marijuana"
"CD9" means "parents are around"
"P911" means "parent alert"
"MOS" means "mom over shoulder"
"8" means "oral sex"

For more information, go to pewinternet.org/fact-sheet/teens-fact-sheet

Ask your child about this lingo and any other concerns you may have in regard to his or her social media use. The message this will send your child is that you care and you are watching.

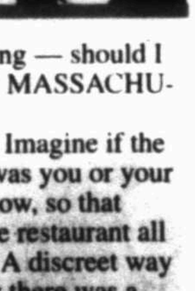
Adolescents are online now more than ever. We must be aware of all the avenues they can use or be a part of. With active supervision and open communication with your child, you can be aware of what your child is doing on the phone and on the Internet.

Angie Morris is a lisenced professional counselor who joined Centers in 2013. She is a bilingual therapist and enjoys working with young children and adolescents.

Birthday girl boldly asks guest to bring second gift

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate



DEAR ABBY: I am planning to attend a birthday party for my friend "Sophia" who is turning 50. When I mentioned to her that I would be shopping for her birthday gift, she asked that while I was shopping for her, that I also pick up a gift for her friend "Stacy."

I have met Stacy only a couple of times, and I think it was extremely nervy for Sophia to ask me to do it. The party is only for her, and I don't see the connection.

Sophia has done this in the past, and I'm trying to think of a way to tell her I'd rather not buy a gift for her friend. How should I handle this? — NO LONGER A DOORMAT

DEAR NO LONGER A DOORMAT: Tell Sophia with a SMILE that you are not close to Stacy, don't know her taste and do not feel comfortable shopping for her. Smiling when you say it should prevent your refusal from appearing confrontational.

P.S. I agree she had a lot of nerve to ask.

DEAR ABBY: We went out to dinner with another couple. The wives are psychiatric nurses; the husbands are a banker and a business owner. All of us are accustomed to dealing with "sensitive" issues.

A woman at the table next to ours went to the ladies' room. When she returned, a short "train" of toilet paper was caught in the waistband of her slacks. It was very obvious. There was silence, but a palpable "energy," so the woman knew something was amiss and it might have something to do with her. The tissue "floated" with each step, so I knew it wasn't weighed down with moisture.

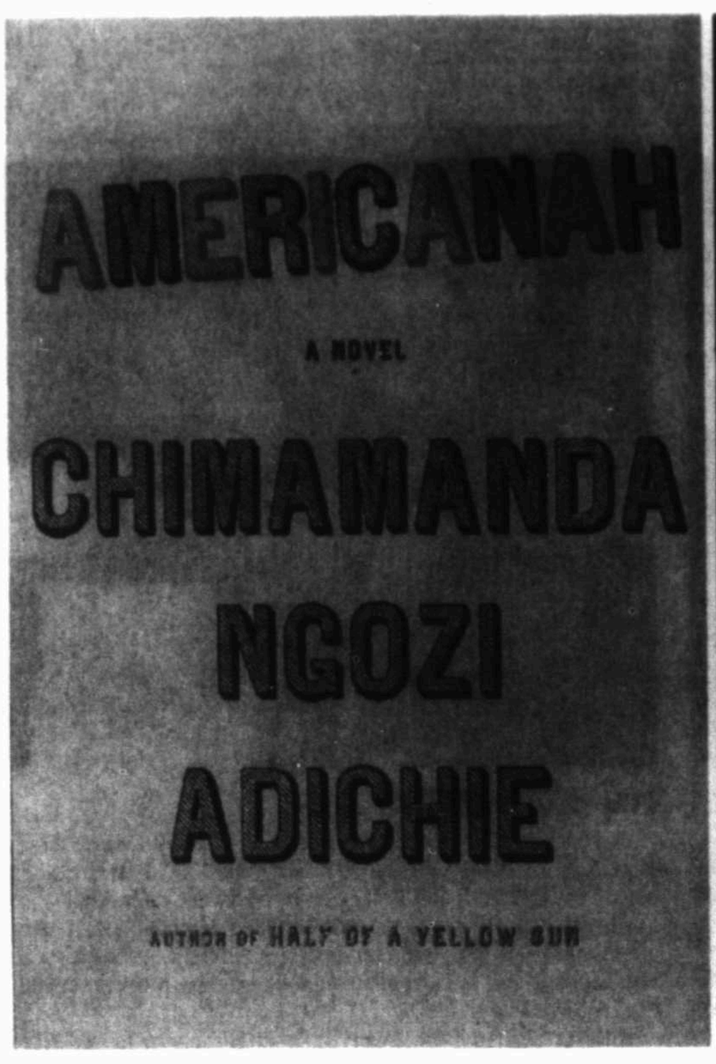
Because I didn't perceive it to be an imminent public health threat, I joined the silent legion. Did I miss a moral imperative by not letting her know? I didn't know how to do it discreetly. If this should ever happen again, what — if anything — should I do? — MR. MANNERS IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MR. MANNERS: Imagine if the person with the paper trail was you or your wife. Would you want to know, so that when you got up to leave the restaurant all eyes didn't follow you out? A discreet way to have let the woman know there was a problem would have been for you or your wife to have written her a note, and given it to her server to pass to her. That way, she would know there was a problem with the least amount of embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, who is nearing 60, throws plates of food at the wall if he gets upset about something. It is usually minor and totally spontaneous. He then leaves it for me to clean up and won't apologize. I am sick of living with a 60-year-old going on 4. What can I do? — HAD ENOUGH IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: How long have you been tolerating your husband's explosive outbursts of temper? Has he been breaking other things, or raising a hand to you?

There are several things you can do. The first is stop cleaning up after him. Eat separately if you have to. You could also warn him that if he doesn't seek help now for his temper that you have had it. If you need my permission to go, I am giving it to you.





New wave of African writers making a splash

By Felicia Lee
N.Y. Times News Service

More than a decade ago, when the young Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was struggling to get her first novel, "Purple Hibiscus," published, an agent told her that things would be easier "if only you were Indian," because Indian writers were in vogue. Another suggested changing the setting from Nigeria to America. Adichie didn't take this as commentary on her work, she said, but on the timidity of the publishing world when it came to unknown writers and unfamiliar cultures, especially African ones.

These days she wouldn't receive that kind of advice. Black literary writers with African roots (although some grew up elsewhere), mostly young cosmopolitans who write in English, are making a splash in the book world, especially in the United States. They are on best-seller lists, garner high profile reviews and win major awards, in America and in Britain. Adichie, 36, the author of "Americanah," which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction this year, is a prominent member of an expanding group that includes Dinaw Mengestu, Helen Oyeyemi, NoViolet Bulawayo, Teju Cole, Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor and Taiye Selasi, among others.

There are reasons for the critical mass now, said writers, publishers and literature scholars. After years of political and social turmoil, positive changes in several African nations are helping to greatly expand the number of writers and readers. Newer awards like the Caine Prize for African Writing have helped, too, as have social media, the Internet and top MFA programs. At the Iowa Writers' Workshop, black writers with recent African roots will make up more than 10 percent of the fiction students come September. Moreover, the number of African immigrants in the United States has more than quadrupled in the past two decades, to almost 1.7 million.

And publishing follows trends: Women, Asian-American, Indian and Latino writers have all been "discovered" and had their moment in the sun — as have African-Americans, some of whom envy the attention given to writers with more recent links in Africa.

"People used to ask where the African writers were," said Aminatta Forna, author of "The Hired Man" (2013, set in Croatia). "They were cleaning offices and working as clerks."

Some writers and critics scoff at the idea of lumping together diverse writers with ties to a diverse continent. But others say that this wave represents something new in its sheer size, after a long fallow period. (There were some remarkable exceptions, like Wole Soyinka's 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature and Ben Okri's 1991 Booker Prize.) And it differs from the postcolonial wave, roughly beginning in the 1960s, which brought international acclaim to writers like Chinua Achebe and Nuruddin Farah, among others.

There are more women, for one thing. More important, the stories being told, while sometimes set in Africa, often reflect the writers' experiences of living, studying or working elsewhere and are flecked with cultural references — and settings — familiar to Western audiences.

Adichie's "Americanah" chronicles the lives of Ifemelu and her lover, Obinze, whose adventures take them from Nigeria to America and Britain. In the United States, Ifemelu writes a popular blog about her growing racial consciousness and finds love with American men, both black and white. Back in Nigeria, her friends use the word "Americanah" to tease her about her Americanized attitudes.

Adichie, who divides her time between the United States and Nigeria and runs a summer writing workshop in Lagos, has now written three well-received novels and a book of stories. She has amassed awards and has a movie adaptation this year of her novel "Half of a Yellow Sun," about the Biafran war. She even made it into a Beyonci song: "Flawless," released in December, sampled several lines about feminism from a public lecture she gave.

The success of "Half of a Yellow Sun" (2006), after the critical embrace of "Purple Hibiscus" (2003), was a major factor in sending publishers scrambling to find other talented African writers.

The flowering of new African writers is "an amazing phenomenon," said Manthia Diawara, a professor of comparative literature and film at New York University. "It is a literature more about being a citizen of the world — going to Europe, going back to Lagos," he said. "Now we are talking about how the West relates to Africa and it frees writers to create their own worlds. They have several identities and they speak several languages."

But for all the different themes and kinds of writing, the novelist Dinaw Mengestu said that he saw a thread. "There's this investigation of what happens to the dislocated soul," said Mengestu, 36, the author of "All Our Names" and a MacArthur "genius" award winner, who was born in Ethiopia but left at age 2 and grew up in Illinois.

The novelist Okey Ndibe, 54, said for his part, "My reflexes are shaped mostly by life in Nigeria, but so many aspects of me are in the American mode." His second novel, "Foreign Gods, Inc.," is about an educated Nigerian in New York eking out a living as a taxi driver. Ndibe, who arrived in America in 1988, said that as someone coming from a place where being black was the norm, he became fascinated by the experience of American blacks.

"My protagonist's life in America is as important as his life in Nigeria, if not more so," he said.

Jonathan Galassi, the president and publisher of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, agreed that "there is a new, self-aware internationalism" and "a much more welcoming interest" in this country, too. Earlier generations, he added, "had it much harder."

Breaking in isn't getting easier for everyone, however. Some professionals in the book world say that too many literary publishers would rather put out work by writers from Africa than work by African-Americans because in the current climate the Africans are considered more appealing for what is seen as a "black slot."

Marita Golden, an African-American writer who is a founder of the Hurston/Wright Foundation, which supports black writers around the world, acknowledged that those sentiments exist but disagreed with them.

"Black writers operate within a small, culturally defined sphere," she said. "That space is not defined by us, so with any shifts people may feel victimized or that they've lost, or they're experiencing a deficit."

Adichie said she understood those feelings, too.

"In the U.S., to be a black person who is not African-American in certain circles is to be seen as quote-unquote, the good black," she said. "Or people will say, 'You are African so you are not angry.' Or, 'You're African so you don't have all those issues.'"

Publishers, not surprisingly, tend to disagree with the idea that African-American writers are being overlooked now.

"Hogwash," said Robin Desser, vice president and editorial director at Alfred A. Knopf and Ms. Adichie's editor. "When the next Toni Morrison comes around I can say that publishers will go crazy."

Given the inroads they have made and the new roots they have planted, African writers say they have proved they are much more than a trend.

"My hope is we all become part of the canon, not just here but internationally," said Ishmael Beah, 33, who lives in the United States. His 2007 memoir, "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," about Sierra Leone's civil war, was a best seller. His novel, "Radiance of Tomorrow," about the aftermath of that conflict, came out this year.

"We all have a lot to say," Beah said, "and we realize that we have to speak for ourselves about the diversity, the difficulties, the beauty of this continent."



JOY MARAIO
Book club mediator

Fitzgerald explores love, privilege in 'Gatsby'

The newly formed Unabashedly Bookish Club will meet again 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Many of us have seen the Hollywood movie versions of the "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. However, as in most cases, the book is so much better than the movie.

As a child, I remember seeing the magnificent mansions of the Long Island shore by the Hamptons. My family was not wealthy, so we would go to the public beach, Jones Beach, for respite from the summer heat. Even as a child, I understood there was a difference in how my family "summered" on Long Island and how those families across the bay who had much more money spent their days.

Decades later, I am even more aware of the privilege of money and influence. On the surface "The Great Gatsby" is about a tragic love story, but for me it is so much more. I comprehend the societal influences that prevented the love affair between Daisy Buchanan and Jay Gatsby to fully bloom and take root.

Both Daisy and Jay are flawed characters. But Daisy's misdeeds go unpunished because she is able to hide behind a shield of money and power. Jay's loyalty and love are ultimately his downfall.

West Texas is certainly different than Long Island but in many ways it is very similar. In Midland, as in many towns across the nation, there are elite who possess power, influence and money and for whom there is protection and privilege.

Come join us at the Unabashedly Bookish Club where membership is free and open to anyone 21 and older. Reading is a simple pleasure for us all to enjoy.

Copies of "The Great Gatsby" can be borrowed from the Midland County Public Library or purchased from retail outlets.

For more information about Unabashedly Bookish Club of Midland, contact Joy Maraio at 698-0158.

BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. "Top Secret Twenty-One" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "Written in My Own Heart's Blood" by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte Press)
4. "Silkworm" by Robert Galbraith (LB/Mulholland)
5. "All Fall Down" by Jennifer Weiner (Atria)
6. "The Goldfinch" Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
7. "The Matchmaker" by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown)
8. "Unlucky 13" by Patterson/Paetro (Little, Brown)
9. "The One & Only" by Emily Giffin (Ballantine)
10. "The Target" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
11. "Ghost Ship" by Cussler/Brown (Putnam)
12. "The Hurricane Sisters" by Dorothea Benton Frank (William Morrow)
13. "Field of Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)
14. "All the Light We Cannot See" By Anthony Doerr (Scribner)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Hard Choices" by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
2. "One Nation" by Ben Carson (Penguin/Sentinel)
3. "Instinct" by T.D. Jakes (FaithWords)
4. "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" by Thomas Piketty (Harvard/Belknap)
5. "Think Like a Freak" by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
6. "Good Calf" by Jase Robertson (Howard Books)
7. "The Closer" by Mariano Rivera (Little, Brown)
8. "Everything I Need to Know I Learned From a Little Golden Book" by Diane Muldrow (Golden Books)
9. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
10. "Killing Jesus" by O'Reilly/Dugard (Henry Holt)
11. "America" by Dinesh D'Souza (Regnery)
12. "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis (W.W. Norton)
13. "A Fighting Chance" by Elizabeth Warren (Metropolitan)
14. "Finding Me" by Michelle Knight (Weinstein)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Takedown Twenty" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "The 9th Girl" by Tami Hoag (Signet)
3. "Second Honeymoon" by Patterson/Roughan (Vision)
4. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
5. "Zero Hour" by Cussler/Brown (Berkley)
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12. "First Sight" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
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2. "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
3. "Doctor Sleep" by Stephen King (S&S/Gallery)
4. "10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse" by J.J. Smith (Adiva)
5. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
6. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
7. "Heaven Is for Real (movie tie-in)" by Todd Burpo (Thomas Nelson)
8. "The Silver Star" by Jeannette Walls (Scribner)
9. "Sweet Salt Air" by Barbara Delinsky (St. Martin's)
10. "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" by Neil Gaiman (William Morrow)
11. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
12. "How to Read Literature Like a Professor" by Thomas C. Foster (Harper Perennial)
13. "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris (Back Bay)
14. "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith (LB/Mulholland)

PATTERSON

From 1E

Then, three years ago this November, the community came together as it often does, in support of veterans felled by a horrific train collision just as those soldiers and their families were being honored.

Terry Johnson, organizer of Show of Support's Hunt for Heroes, pours his life into the annual event. A year after the tragedy, he still clearly remembered the instantaneous response of Midlanders.

"The businesses across the street from where this had all happened began taking people in instantly," Johnson said. "When we found out everyone had been accounted for, we headed to the Hilton. Buses were sent to take us all to the hotel. Over the next four days the folks at the Hilton let us move into the ballroom. They brought water, blankets, they just let us get our heads together for four days. We had people manning phone banks, calling moms and dads, sisters, brothers. We had offers to send private jets all over the country to bring family in."

One of the most remarkable aspects of the generosity that poured forth for the veterans and the families involved in the accident came with the news that in the span of a few days, donations totaling $500,000 poured in to Hunt for Heroes. Of that total, Johnson estimated 80 percent — $400,000 — was raised just by the people of Midland.

What is even more remarkable, are the words the veterans and their families leave with Johnson and others at the conclusion of a Hunt for Heroes event.

"People always ask me if the veterans are from Midland," Johnson said. "But we pick them from all over the United States on purpose. We want the guy from Ohio to go back and say, 'You're not going to believe what they're doing in Midland.' They come to Midland and tell us, 'Man, I want to move here. Y'all are the best people, the friendliest people I've ever met. Where I'm from, when I came home from the war, it's like I never left. But I come here and y'all don't know me, and yet you love me.'"

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An excerpt from "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas"

In his 2001 book "The Stars Were Big and Bright: The United States Armed Forces and Texas During World War II (Vol. 2)," author George E. Alexander quoted Thomas Bellingham, a cadet at the Midland Army Airfield: "There was just absolutely nothing to look at out there. One old timer I knew called that whole Midland-Odessa part of Texas the 'Flat Brown,' and I think he was being overly generous."

First impressions can be important and long lasting. Yet for the thousands of men who came to train at the bombardier school at the Midland Army Airfield in 1942 and throughout a good portion of World War II, first impressions were often followed by impressions that ran much deeper and longer. When those displaced cadets met the people of West Texas, many, perhaps hundreds, made the decision to stay here after they returned from the war.

In a Reporter-Telegram article headlined "Science of War taught," written for the publication's centennial edition, the bombardier school was called "Uncle Sam's most potent weapon. Not only was the school one of just 14 across the country that taught bombardiering, it was also the largest. The government believed that at the type of bombardier schools found in Midland and elsewhere, the men learning and working with bombsights would actually shorten the length of the war."

"The value their training had in the overall war effort defies calculation," Judge Hyde told the Reporter-Telegram in 2011. "Within a few months of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entry into the war, the old Midland Sloan Field became Midland Army Airfield. In a span of just three years, the school graduated more bombardiers than any other training base in the United States, and in the first 17 months of its operation, more than 800,000 practice bombs were dropped."

"A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be published in September by The Abell-Hanger Foundation and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. For information about a presentation on the book for your civic organization or church group, email historyofcharacter@gmail.com.

WEDDINGS



McClung - Weaver

Sam and Dawn McClung, and Steve and Elaine Weaver, all of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Dawn McClung to Stephen Blake Weaver.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Barbara McClung and the late Wayne McClung of Midland, Texas, and Patsy Rhea and the late G. M. "Corky" Rhea of Midland, Texas.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mary Wallace and the late Reverend Audice Wallace of Midland, Texas, and Ken and Kay Weaver of Midland, Texas, and Gary and Sue Fuller of Floydada, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Grace Harrison of Midland, Texas.

Elizabeth is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School and is employed with Phillips Eye Clinic. Blake is a 2009 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and is employed with HPC Energy Services.

The couple will be married on July 19, 2014 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, Texas.



Snellgrove, Barker plan July ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Snellgrove of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Barker of Midland are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Ashton Elise Snellgrove and Drew David Barker.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Hughlyn and Marsha Todd of Stanton and William and Daphne Snellgrove of O'Donnell. She is a 2011 graduate of Stanton High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in December with a Bachelor's in Animal Science and a minor in Chemistry.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Pat Barker and the late Billy Barker and Mary Dorchester and the late Ernest Dorchester, all of Midland. He is a 2009 graduate of Midland Classical Academy and is pursuing a Biblical studies degree from Liberty University.

The couple plan to wed on July 19, 2014 in Midland.



Franklin - Lehew

Rayford and Dolly Calhoun are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Franklin, to Billy Lehew, son of the late Tom and Polly Lehew of Sweetwater, OK.

Christi is a 1984 graduate of Midland High School. After attending Tarleton State University, she obtained her Real Estate License and is currently employed as the property manager of Wilco Tower.

Billy graduated from Sweetwater High School in Oklahoma in 1981, and is currently employed as a salesman with Great White Pressure Control.

The couple will be married in an outdoor ceremony on July 25, 2014 at The Shack In The back.

To submit engagement, wedding, anniversary or quinceneara announcements:
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Lee Reich/AP

In this undated photo, strong fragrance in addition to beautiful blossoms double the pleasure of Strawberry Hill rose, from rose breeder David Austin, in New Paltz, New York.

SENSORY THRILLS

What's behind different floral scents?

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Wave after wave of scent has filled the air since my garden awakened in spring. Most prominent have been the aromas from daffodil blossoms, plum, flowering currant, and now dame's rocket, pinks and roses.

Of course, it's not for us that flowers waft those sometimes delectable aromas. Evolutionarily speaking, we don't return the favor with anything more than the carbon dioxide that we — and all other animals — breathe out, and that plants use for photosynthesis.

Flowers release their aromas to attract pollinators. As such, floral aromas might mimic countless other kinds of aromas, depending on just what creature a particular flower is trying to attract.

Some of those floral aromas are actually unpleasant to us. Skunk cabbage (smelly and inedible) is a good example, but there are worse — or better — examples. The arum lily of South Africa, for example: From its spathe, a spike-like inflorescence of many small flowers rising up from what looks like an upended purple skirt, wafts the smell of rotting flesh. This aroma is perfect for attracting the carrion beetles that pollinate this plant. Heat generated inside the inflorescence heightens the morbid effect and helps pump the aroma out into the atmosphere.

But on to more pleasant aromas — for instance, flowers that mimic pheromones, the scents that female animals give off to signal their readiness to mate. Of course, those ersatz pheromones coming from flowers are directed at insects, because they are the ones flowers want to attract to perform pollination.

Floral deception

More than mere scent may be needed to keep an insect on a flower. The mirror orchid, for example, deceives the male bees that pollinate it by not only smelling like receptive female bees, but also by looking like them.

After one or two flowers, any smart bee is going to realize that he's not dealing with a real female and give up trying. So to keep up the deception, each mirror orchid plant smells slightly different; it takes a half dozen or so before a bee catches on, and by then the flowers have gotten what they wanted.

Even more intricate in its deception is the bucket orchid of Central America, which splays out little "buckets" filled with a quarter-inch of perfumed liquid. Each of the 20 or so species of this plant has a slightly different perfume — although the differences are undetectable to us — according to the species of iridescent bee it means to attract. In the flurry of activity around a bucket, an occasional bee falls in. As the bee squeezes out through a narrow tube, it incidentally pollinates the orchid flower.

Aromas that please humans

What makes a scent pleasing to humans? Perhaps, as with bees, some aromas conjure up pleasant primeval associations. At any rate, we like them enough to put great effort into capturing and bottling them.

The first essential oil, attar of rose, was bottled by the Arabian physician Avicenna about 1,000 years ago. Two hundred years later, Eleanor of Aquitaine had 2,500 pounds of violets crushed to make 1 pound of violet attar.

Humans soon learned to preserve a scent better by combining it with a fixative. Fixatives originally were musk extracted from the genital area of deer and ambergris from sperm whales, but now synthetics are also used.

As an alternative to the elaborate extraction and fixing of floral aromas, consider planting a rose outside your back door, then stepping outside and putting your nose to it. Even better, plant a spectrum of scented blossoms for sensory thrills from late winter to late fall.

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Hop to it: Plant what you need to brew beer

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press



Dean Fosdick/AP

Chili peppers, that would be good additions to a beer recipe if used sparingly, are seen hanging in a pepper display Feb. 11, 2013 at The Pike Place Market in Seattle. Many vegetables such as pumpkins, squash, potatoes and chili peppers are popular adjuncts — used as supplements for or additions to hops to give beers their distinctive flavors, odors and colors.

You don't need a garden to succeed as a home brewer, but growing your own ingredients is a flavorful step up.

Much of the creativity involved in crafting a custom-made beer starts with the plants you select.

"The modern palate pretty much demands some hops in beer, but beyond that, there's a lot of choices available," said Dennis Fisher, an organic farmer from Winterport, Maine.

Fisher, who with his brother Joe wrote a popular reference book for beginners, "The Homebrewer's Garden" (Storey Publishing, 1998), said one of the most satisfying aspects of home brewing is producing some or all of your own ingredients from scratch. "Scratch brewing," the brothers wrote, "refers to the cultivation, preparation and use of hops, barley, malts and other non-barley grains, and adjuncts ranging from fruits to herbs to vegetables."

Growing your own ingredients ensures that the products are as organic, fresh and unique as possible. Homegrown also is cheaper than store-bought, the Fishers said.

The four basic ingredients needed for brewing are malt (malting provides the fermented sugar that yeast feeds on to produce alcohol), hops (reduces spoilage and balances the sugar's sweetness with a bitter flavor), brewer's yeast and water (about 90 percent of beer's content).

"Hops are a particularly good (garden) choice because they thrive almost anywhere," said Dennis Fisher. "They are also a great addition to a landscape — big, attractive columns of greenery."

If the water from your tap tastes good, then it also should taste good in the beer you make, Fisher said. "But if it's chlorinated, then you need to let it stand overnight to allow the chemicals to outgas before brewing with it."

Adjuncts, in homebrew speak, are plants used to replace or complement hops to give beers distinctive flavors, odors and colors.

"Just about any flower you can eat can be made into a beer," said Rebecca Kneen, an organic farmer and writer from Sorrento, British Columbia, who wrote about backyard brewing in the new "Groundbreaking Food Gardens," By Niki Jabbour.

"It's useful to experiment with them all though to determine how much should be used and when they should be added," Kneen said.

Some common and not so common home brewer's garden adjuncts include:

■ Herbs: (Bittering) Sage, horehound, gentian, yarrow. (Flavoring) Juniper, rosemary, ginger, oregano, mint, thyme. (Aromatic) Lavender, lemon balm, chamomile.

■ Flowers: Nasturtiums, wild roses, scented geranium leaves, daylilies and marigolds.

■ Vegetables and fruits: Rhubarb, blackberries and elderberries, pumpkin, chili peppers, sorghum, apples. "We like to add spruce tips to some beers," Fisher said. "It's more of a wild-gathered than homegrown adjunct that in Colonial times was a hops substitute."

For even "greener" beer, recycle the brewing ingredients and their byproducts, Kneen says. "You can compost them, feed them to pigs and sheep, put some into your chicken feed," she said. "We use them heavily as mulch ... The gray water (relatively clean wastewater) is used for irrigation on our pastures. That's the bulk of what comes out of our brewery."



Matthew Mead/AP

Tilapia BLT pita pockets are seen Wednesday in Concord, N.H.

'Fried' fish BLT pitas

Start to finish: 35 minutes
Servings: 4

4 slices bacon
1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
1/2 cup light mayonnaise
4 teaspoons lemon juice
4 small tilapia fillets (about 2 1/2 ounces each)
Salt and ground black pepper
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
3/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
2 large egg whites
2 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
Four small whole-wheat pita pockets, halved to form 8 rounds
1 beefsteak tomato, sliced 1/3 inch thick
2 large romaine lettuce leaves, halved crosswise

Heat the oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment.

In a medium skillet over medium, cook the bacon until crisp, then transfer to paper towels to drain.

In a small bowl stir together the basil, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Set aside.

Season the fish with salt and pepper. On a sheet of kitchen parchment, combine the flour with the paprika. On a second sheet of parchment, spread the panko. In a shallow dish, lightly beat the egg whites. Coat the fish first in the flour mixture, then dip it in the egg whites, letting the excess drip off, then dredge in the panko, making sure the fish is well coated.

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat 1 1/2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the fish and cook until lightly browned on the bottom, about 2 minutes. Turn the fish, add the remaining oil and cook until golden on the second side, about another 2 minutes.

Transfer the fillets to one end of the prepared baking sheet. Wrap the pita rounds in foil and place them at the other end of the baking sheet. Bake for 4 to 5 minutes, or until the fish is just cooked through.

To serve, spread a some of the basil mayonnaise on the cut sides of the pita rounds. Top 4 of the rounds with a piece of bacon, broken in half, a piece of fish, followed by some sliced tomatoes, a piece of lettuce and the second pita round, mayonnaise side down.

Nutrition information per serving: 550 calories; 280 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 31 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 60 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 4 g protein; 890 mg sodium.

Bulking up the classic BLT without adding fat

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

In terms of flavor and texture, it's hard to beat a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, reportedly one of the most popular sandwiches in America. Trouble is, it's not exactly filling.

I've always thought of the BLT as an air sandwich; it packs plenty of calories but demonstrates very little staying power. So here I've rejiggered the traditional recipe in ways that simultaneously slim it down and bulk it up.

The best news, to start, is that a little bacon goes a long way. I've used the real stuff — no turkey bacon, please — but less than usual, just a slice per sandwich. Meanwhile, I've amped up the protein with a small piece of crispy breaded tilapia. A sustainable fish choice, tilapia has a mild flavor with a firm texture, which keeps it from falling apart in the sandwich. But any firm-fleshed fish will do.

The tilapia is coated in flour that's been seasoned with smoked paprika, which nicely echoes the bacon's smokiness. The crunchiness comes in when the fish is dipped in egg whites and coated in panko breadcrumbs (everyone's favorite breadcrumb these days). The fish then is sauteed in a skillet and finished in the oven, a process requiring less oil than if it was cooked from start to finish on top of the stove.

I've flavored the mayo with lemon and fresh basil. Basil and tomato go together like love and marriage. And speaking of tomatoes, now is the time to splurge on the beefsteak heirloom tomatoes that may well be gracing your local farmers market. A properly grown, fully ripe tomato in season is one of the pleasures that make life worth living.

The standard lettuce of choice for a BLT is romaine, which I like for its crunch. But you certainly could swap it out for spinach or arugula. Finally, I've sliced the pita pockets horizontally to form two thin rounds. This little trick helps to cut back the usual amount of bread in a BLT. You end up eating one six-inch pita instead of two slices of bread.

Hints from Heloise

King Features Syndicate



Cooks can freeze chopped onion, garlic for future use

Dear Heloise: I just finished finely chopping onions for food I was preparing. Could I chop some in advance, place in a plastic freezer bag and store it in the freezer for future use?

How about doing the same with garlic? — Ernst G., via email

Yes to freezing both of these items! After chopping, wrap tightly in plastic wrap or a plastic freezer bag. Just be sure you will be adding the onions or garlic to something you are cooking in the future. After these foods have been frozen, the texture changes, so you don't want to use them raw after freezing. — Heloise

Food demonstrations

Dear Heloise: Many grocery stores have people they pay to demonstrate food items. There are some problems with this, so some of us in the industry have hints to help out:

- These foods are samples, not snacks.
- Do not allow your kids to roam the store in search of these samples, and be aware that many stores do not let kids have samples unless parents are present.
- Always ask what the food is first. Do not eat the food and then ask, "What is it?" and then tell the demo person that you are allergic.
- Do not touch something and then put it back.

Thank you for helping to educate the public. — Food Demonstrators in the Midwest

These samples are a great way to try new foods, and these are some good rules for all to remember before approaching a demonstration. — Heloise

Saving grapes

Dear Heloise: I have two young kids who enjoy grapes as a healthy snack (me too). We like to buy them in bulk, but have the problem of them shriveling up and drying out in the refrigerator if not eaten right away.

To counter that, I simply pluck them off the stem and then store them in a bowl, covered with water. It keeps them hydrated so they last longer, and it doubles as a great way to wash them off, too. — Paul M., via email

This is the same storage method many readers use for keeping celery and carrots lasting longer. However, experts state grapes are to be stored, unwashed, in the refrigerator, loosely wrapped in paper towels or a plastic bag. — Heloise

Convenient chicken

Dear Heloise: Rotisserie chickens are very convenient and can be used in many ways. I buy two and chill them in the refrigerator for a few hours to cool them off. It is very easy, at this point, to rip the carcass in half with your hands or a knife, and cut off the meat for use in future meals. I wrap enough for one meal in a foil packet and stack these packets in a large, freezable container. You can then take out one packet at a time, while keeping the rest frozen. — Rose R. in Florida

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BACKYARD BBQ

TallTownes Backyard BBQ features bands The Greencards, Butch Hancock, Uncle Lucius and more, Saturday at KD's Bar-B-Q. talltownes.com.

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland

SUNDAY

Tex Mex Barrel Race, at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

Free Admission Sunday made possible by Cimarex Energy Co. 2-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org

MONDAY

Whiskey Shivers at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Movie camp "Epic," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Met: Live in HD presents Verdi's "Otello," 7 p.m. at Cinemark theater in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Tessy Lou & the Shotgun Stars at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com

THURSDAY

Mommy & Me & Nature: Flowers and Gardens, 10-11 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org

"RiffTrax Live: Sharknado" film screening Thursday and July 15 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14. fathomevents.com.

Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog, 8 p.m. at La Hacienda. summerlandtour.net

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281

FRIDAY

Shooters That SHARE 3rd Annual Clay Shoot, 9 a.m. at Windwalkers Sporting Clays in Stanton. Benefits SHARE. spc.convio.net/shooterst-hatshare

"Katie Maratta" exhibit opening at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Jumping Giants," 8 p.m. at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hot-summer.

Mini Day Camp: Bizarre Birds at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Artful Words and Storytelling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Science class "Powered by Energy," at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

MAP Monster Trucks, Friday and Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org

Pickwick Players present "42nd Street," through July 19 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

Storyteller Eric Strong, 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib

E Flat Porch Band, 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib

West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

TallTownes Backyard BBQ at KD's Bar-B-Q. talltownes.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Art Camp, through Aug. 1 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. Register now. noelartmuseum.org

Summer Science Classes, through Aug. 1 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Summer Bug Camp and Mini Day Camp, through August at Sibley Nature Center. Register now. 684-6827

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' reserved studio time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420, www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum's "Healing Blade" through Aug. 24. "In the Making: The Art of Tracy Krumm." Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Galactic Golf" through Sept. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's 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

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Mary Tucci in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during July.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research; 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

"Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" through Sept. 15 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Ken Little through Aug. 24.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West. 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"ET TRADING" By FRANK VIRZI

ACROSS

1 Final approvals
7 Had to repay for
13 Come into
20 Total
21 Bread for burritos?
22 Break, as laws
23 Pair of pooches synchronized dash?
25 Lee of poetry
26 Altar boy
27 Broke the tape
28 Language of southern China
30 Vegas tip
31 Angle iron
33 Cold response
34 Boss' personal brewing ingredient?
38 Malachite and magnetite
43 Shoves off
46 "Swans Reflecting Elephants" artist
48 Dredge, say
49 Guiding principles
50 Blast off?
54 Super Bowl XXXIV champs
55 "With a Little Help From My Friends" singer
57 Utah lily
58 Rock follower?
59 Molecule that carries energy: Abbr.
60 "Go, team!"
61 Not to mention
63 Cub Scout leader
66 "We're boarding the elevator now, chaps!"
74 One-celled critter
75 Rock producer Brian
76 Temperamental TV pooch
77 Water, chemically
78 Old orchard spray
81 Gp. led by a Grand Exalted Ruler
84 Part of a flight
86 Scared, maybe
87 Natural source of a Massachusetts dairy product?
91 Cry of triumph
93 Yogurt flavor
94 Dutch astronomer who lent his name to a cloud
95 South American border lake
97 Valentine figure
99 Result of washing political dirty laundry?
102 They're stuck in corners
104 Flying A rival
105 "Breaking ___ Hard to Do"
109 "0 carbs, 0 calories" drink
113 "Prompt!"
114 Tramp
117 Trap
118 Course that covers crop circles?
121 More puffed up
122 Way out
123 Harvey of "The Piano"
124 Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland, e.g.
125 Exodus challenge
126 Eventually

DOWN

1 1978 Peace co-Nobelist
2 Big name in gas
3 Concerned query
4 Some rental agreements
5 Just
6 "Let it be"
7 Prefix with meter
8 Nomuc home
9 "Bewitched" witch
10 Faculty boss
11 There's a statue of him outside TD Garden
12 V-shaped slit
13 Russian infant emperor, 1740-41
14 Video game giant
15 They may be roasted
16 Panache
17 Broccoli ___
18 Ending for residents
19 TV segment?
24 Yamuna River city
29 Drawing a bead on
32 Light wood
33 ESPN figures
35 Dr. Leary's turn-on
36 Bible reading
37 CEO, e.g.
39 Formally end
40 Give on the back
41 Univ. staff title
42 Bygone blade
43 One who's all skin and bones
44 Pindar's Muse
45 Tantalize
47 One in a pack?
51 Cafeteria carrier
52 River of Florence
53 Michener's "The Bridges at ___"
56 English channel
60 CD-___
62 Bill word
64 Some retired faculty
65 Reagan adviser Nofziger
67 Sauce with soie
68 Brew servers
69 Dirty Harry's rank: Abbr.
70 "Don't look at me!"
71 "If ___ Hammer"
72 Type of acid found in Brussels sprouts
73 Letter after eta
78 "SOS" singers
79 Good earth
80 "It will come ___ surprise"
82 War on Poverty org.
83 O.K. Corral brothers
85 Justice Dept. staffers
86 "Just think"
88 Bridge opening
89 One going on and on
90 L.A. bus-and-rail org.
92 Cacophony
96 "___ a Rainy Night": 1981 chart-topper
98 Slim candles
100 Catches up with old classmates
101 African insect attracted to the color blue
103 Pepper picker
106 Page of music
107 Against a thing, to a judge
108 Panache
109 ATM transactions
110 Cross inscription
111 Those caballeros
112 Hardware item
113 Pick in a trick
115 Golfer Isao
116 FBI agents
119 Soft drink ord.
120 Govt. property org.

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The re-appearing trump trick

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9 5
J 5 3
K 6 5 4 3 2
♣ J

WEST
♠ J 8 2
Q 10 6
10 9 8
♣ K 10 5 3

EAST
♠ 10 7 6 4
7
A Q 7
♣ A 8 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 3
A K 9 8 4 2
J
♣ Q 9 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1	Pass	2
Dbl	4	Pass	Pass
Pass	–		

Opening lead: 10 of ♠

South's leap to game was quite reasonable, but the dummy was a disappointment. Though there were not enough entries to use the diamond suit, declarer could still succeed if he could get two club ruffs in the dummy or the trumps split 2-2.

East won the opening diamond lead with the queen and shifted to the seven of trumps, trying to cut down on potential club ruffs. Declarer won the ace of trumps and led a low club. Should East win this trick, he would be unable to play a second trump and South would easily obtain the two club ruffs that he needed. There is a different problem if West wins this trick — the 10 of trumps lead from West prevents two club ruffs, but it gives away the defensive trump trick. Can you see a way for the defense to prevail?

The contract can be defeated if West rises with the king of clubs at trick three and shifts to the queen of trumps! This gives away his trump trick as surely as leading the 10, but the trump trick comes roaring back to life when South ruffs a club with the trump jack in dummy. The defense comes to two clubs, one diamond and one trump. Nice play!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 6, 2014:

This year you often feel as if you need to make a decision for the group. Pressure to deal with the outside world often conflicts with your personal life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Allow a loved one to steal the stage. You have a strong personality that easily could outshine many people. Tonight: Cater to someone else's needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be more practical and direct if you were not so worried about others' responses. Tonight: So many invitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to start working on a project that you have been putting off. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have a tendency to overindulge. A loved one might entice you into going on what he or she deems a fun adventure. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll make your point easily, especially if you are relaxed. Others won't be too reactive. Tonight: Make it a quiet night at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll perk up by midafternoon. Return calls, and you might be surprised by some of the news you hear. Tonight: Think about tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might wake up feeling as if you are unstoppable. By midafternoon, some of that exuberance might no longer be present. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could feel energized in the afternoon, which will bring you out of a funk that has been plaguing you for a while. Tonight: You are the lead actor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You'll have a problem when dealing with someone who wants to control others. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Now that some of the weekend craziness has died down, reach out to a pal. Tonight: Among the crowds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who you weren't able to spend time with this weekend. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Catch up on someone else's news, and make plans to get together very soon. Be willing to indulge a loved one. Tonight: Paint the town red.

BORN TODAY

Actor Sylvester Stallone (1946), former U.S. President George W. Bush (1946), painter Frida Kahlo (1907)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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POTS AND PRINTS





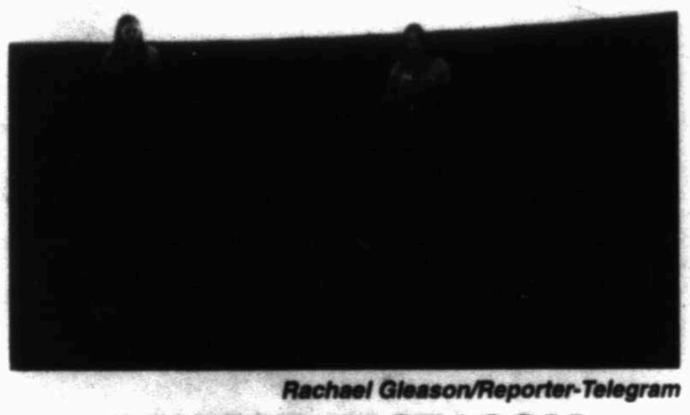
ABOVE
Isaac Rodriguez and others work on molding their clay Wednesday during the UTPB Pots and Prints mobile workshop at the Boys and Girls Club on South Goode Street.

RIGHT
J'Vion Carrasco hand molds a cup during the workshop.

FAR RIGHT
Quay Smith and McKinley Warren work on making pinch pots by hand.

Pots and Prints, UTPB's mobile ceramic and printmaking workshop will be at Midland Boys and Girls Club again next week. The nonprofit program sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts, Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities and UTPB gives students an opportunity to try ceramics and printmaking.

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SCIFRIDAY SEASON

Chelsea Dey, marketing director, and Kristen Wagstrom, curator of education, give out time travel-related prizes to audience members with the most movie trivia. Museum of the Southwest kicked off its SciFriday season June 20 with an open campus night and showing of the 1960s classic, "The Time Machine."
The next SciFriday takes place July 25 with a free showing of the R-rated film, "Looper," at the Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The film starts at 8:15 p.m. after a dome show and star talk at 7:15 p.m. Snacks and beer and wine for guests ages 21 and up are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
For more information, visit www.museumsw.org.

ARTIST

From 8E

her brother to be the artist. Now, he sells real estate in Dallas.

"He would buy him all kinds of drawing stuff but my brother would toss it aside and I'd pick it up and I guess it stuck with me. I've been drawing since I learned to write my name and I just thought everyone could do it, but I ultimately realized I can do something really good here," Ramirez said.

That relationship with her photographer father grew into more than just that of parent and daughter. His criticism is constructive and direct and they'll compare notes.

"He'd always tell me I'd learn from my mistakes and I hated that, but he was right. His eye was honest and any criticism makes my work stronger," she said.

She describes her art as urban and contemporary and mostly the result of phases like her Day of the Dead works or Native American inspired pieces. For the Rebelution show, she described her work as her drip phase. By day, Ramirez, 30, teaches art at New Tech Odessa High School. She's also a mother to a 4-year-old who has expressed his own creative side.

"He loves music and plays it on his little guitars and drum set," she said. "I think sometimes he does it also to get my attention because I'll get so involved in my art."

From her grade school days drawing cats to today, it's no surprise Ramirez's art matured, but she saw a bloom in her work during college. Citing art masters Salvador Dali for his surrealism and Frida Kahlo for her subject matter, her art echoes some similar notions and has grown into the work she creates today.

"After school, I was mostly self-taught, but when I got into college, I really saw it grow. The maturity showed in how I rendered the paints and even my subject matter. Early in school, my thoughts were extremely random, but now, they are more cohesive," she said.

Such elements caught the eye of Fabian Molinar, one of the creators of Cerebal Rebelution.

"I easily consider her one of the best artists in this area," he said.

With art consuming both her professional and personal life, a break for Ramirez isn't expected.

"I could never get tired of it. I'll step away from a medium and get into sculpting or printmaking or something else, but I'm stuck with art whether I want to or not," she said.

SWINFORD

From 8E

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Swinford: I've honestly never considered that. I suppose I'd prefer it be a meal like any other in which I'm generally ignorant of what's coming next.

MRT: What's your proudest achievement as a musician?

Swinford: Playing in the Summer Mummers band this year and having my name appear in the program — misspelled. OK, tongue-out-of-cheek, I'm proud that I've found a group of peer musicians in which to enjoy myself and enjoy making music. I'm proud of them as well. I sound much better in an ensemble than solo.

MRT: What's your not-so-secret indulgence?

Swinford: Take your pick — enchiladas in almost any form, Dr. Pepper and rum, fried chicken (the spicier, the better), pasta, cream-based sauces and soups, buying old Pyrex, cheese, tasty wine, full-throttle merges onto the freeway, putting in my earbuds and pretending I'm blissfully alone in the world, laying in the grass (in a place without stinging insects and thorny foliage), leaving town, coming home. I tend to overdo the things I enjoy. And I have no remorse in that.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Swinford: I have a 4-minute commute so music in my car is whatever the local radio grants me. My iPod has 10,000+ tracks on it and I keep it on shuffle because I like the variety; if I didn't like the music, it wouldn't be in my collection.

EARLE

From 8E

permission or input. When native peoples pick up the camera, it can be used as a tool for empowerment and sovereignty, allowing them to choose how, when and why they will be depicted. The exhibition contains several generations of artists, documenting their own communities and identities, and making commentary on the environments that they live in.

I could have chosen to organize this exhibition thematically, touching on the stories, histories, family and politics of all of the artists represented. It was tempting to organize the exhibition chronologically, starting in 1899 and ending at the present day. "Our People, Our Land, Our Images" was organized by the C.N. Gorman Museum at UC Davis, and the curators arranged the catalogue by past, present and future. I decided to organize this exhibition geographically. The first gallery displays artists from the continental U.S., leading into the second gallery featuring artists from Canada, Alaska, Peru, the Middle East and New Zealand. I wanted to focus on the different lands represented in this exhibition, because a photographer from a Maori background working in New Zealand is going to have a different perspective than a photographer from a Navajo background working in the Southwest. With this geographic layout it is possible to see artists from different generations side by side, and observe how style and subject matter change. For example, Martín Chambi is Quechua, a member of one of the major indigenous cultures in Peru and his work from the early 20th century is displayed next to the photographs of his grandson, Teo Allain Chambi. The continuity and contrasts between artists of the same culture can be as striking as the contrasts between a photograph from 1899 and a photograph from today.

Wendy Earle is curator of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of the Southwest.

Upcoming Texas Furniture Makers Show seeks artists

From staff reports

The 15th annual Texas Furniture Makers Show is seeking entries from furniture artists around the state. Artists' work will be presented to the public in a formal gallery atmosphere at the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center in Kerrville from Oct. 30 through Nov. 29.

There will be cash and merchandise awards for winners in all categories.

Past Texas Furniture Makers Shows have included a variety of furniture styles. Artists who want to display their work but not sell it are also invited to participate.

Deadline for entries is Sept. 2. For more information, go to www.texasfurnituremakersshow.com.



HER OWN VOICE

Midlander brings an edginess to art scene

By Rich Lopez
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In the recent Cerebral Rebelution art show at Dee's Bistro in Odessa, Rachel Ramirez's art was selected as the face of the show — and with good reason. Her art is hard to ignore.

Her selected untitled piece is a portrait of a woman with half her skull exposed. As morbid as it may sound, it's a lesson Ramirez learned when she debuted her Day of the Dead pieces last year in a show at Salon 2020.

"I try to stand firmly with my own voice but I also expect the worst," she said. "I wondered if they were too morbid, but people flocked to them. A lot of people are coming into Midland and Odessa with an open view on things culturally."

Whether from afar or native, folks have responded positively to Ramirez's art enough to encourage her to continue her vision. Not to mention, art is in her blood.

Ramirez has an aunt and uncle who are artists and her father is a photographer. Ironically, her father encouraged

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Artwork By Rachel Ramirez





Photos courtesy of Rachel Ramirez

Meet the Artist

5 questions with Bryce Swinford



By day, Bryce Swinford works as a geophysicist. But when it comes to the extra curricular, Midland can find the Crane-born musician in the Summer Mummers band playing the euphonium. He's played regularly since sixth grade in 1996, but admitted to only playing a few times in the past seven years until he joined the Midland Community Symphonic Band in January. That led to his opportunity to play for Summer Mummers.

MRT: Who are your musical heroes?

Swinford: I don't have heroes; it's hard enough committing to a favorite movie or food. However, my dad would tell me to say it is Mark Knopfler, Joe Walsh or Eric Clapton and my mother is partial to vocalists that "sing from their toes." I admire most the people who continue to make music long after it's an academic requirement and for the sheer joy music brings. Sometimes they never stop playing, sometimes they take a 50-year break and decide to pick up the instrument again and that's all great.

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'Our People, Our Land, Our Images' defies easy organization



One of the most fun aspects of mounting an art exhibition is physically laying out the space. For most exhibitions, this involves moving the artwork around the gallery, trying out different configurations and making a plan for how a viewer will move through the space. Every gallery is different, but there will always be physical constraints and visual considerations. The curator's goal is to make every object in the exhibition worthy of exploration by the visitor, and the layout of the exhibition goes a long way toward that goal. It can be equally challenging to layout 10 small sculptures or one hundred large paintings. One of the most difficult exhibitions for me to layout was "Our People, Our Land, Our Images," made possible by Claire and James Woodcock, on view until Aug. 10. This exhibition features an international group of indigenous photographers, i.e. native artists from the United States and other countries. Each of the 26 artists whose work is on display has a large body of work, a genuinely interesting personal story and a strong photographic style. The types of photography on view are so different and engaging in their own right that I could write an article about each artist.

Native artists, especially in the United States, are not known for their photography, so this is a new kind of exhibition. This exhibition represents the changing ways that Native peoples are presented, moving from passive object of artistic representation to active subjects and actors. There is a long history of indigenous people being documented by non-indigenous people, often without their

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CELEBRATING 110 YEARS

West Texas National Bank reflects on its roots

By Mella McEwen
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West Texas National Bank has grown to include four locations in Midland as well as locations in Alpine, Crane, Denver City, Kermit, Pecos, Seminole and Terlingua, all offering the latest in banking technology and services.

But its roots date back 110 years and its 1904 charter as a bank located in Alpine.

Though the bank had relocated to Midland by 2001 and broadened its focus, Keith Moore, the bank's president and chief executive officer said its beginnings have not been forgotten.

"We began with agriculture and ranchers," he said. "We were a rural community bank that grew, we've added energy lending but we're still also agriculture. We still support Sul Ross University and Alpine; we try to support all our communities."

The bank was acquired by its current owners in 1982 and with the acquisition of the First national Bank of Pecos and Seminole National Bank, the three banks were chartered as West Texas National Bank in 2000 with the move to Midland.

The new name, Moore explained, reflected the region the bank served.

A focus quickly became energy lending to augment its other businesses, he said.

"We now have, we believe, top notch energy lending, commercial and industrial lending and commercial real estate expertise," he said, as well as agriculture in the South Plains with a lending office in Lubbock. "We're able to do just about any type of deal."

Indeed, he said, the bank has $1 billion deals through syndication with national megabanks.

"No one is too small and we can do really large deals, which are important to the oil and gas business," he said.

The bank, Moore said, is very positive on the Permian Basin and West Texas, especially with the region's thriving oil and gas business.

"I think West Texas and the Permian Basin, Midland in particular, is blessed with a wealth of talented businessmen and technical people, from engineers to geologists, attorneys to landmen. That aspect, we think, is unique to the energy business in West Texas."

Local energy companies, he said, tend to get on a growth path and grow rapidly and it's the bank's job to ensure they have the funds necessary to grow."

He doesn't see much speculation among current oil and gas companies, he said, as they work to build the infrastructure West Texas needs not only "to sustain us where we're at but where we're headed."

Individual consumers haven't been overlooked, he said, especially with Midland's population growth. The bank offers checking and savings accounts, consumer and mortgage loans and the latest banking technology, from ATMs to online banking.

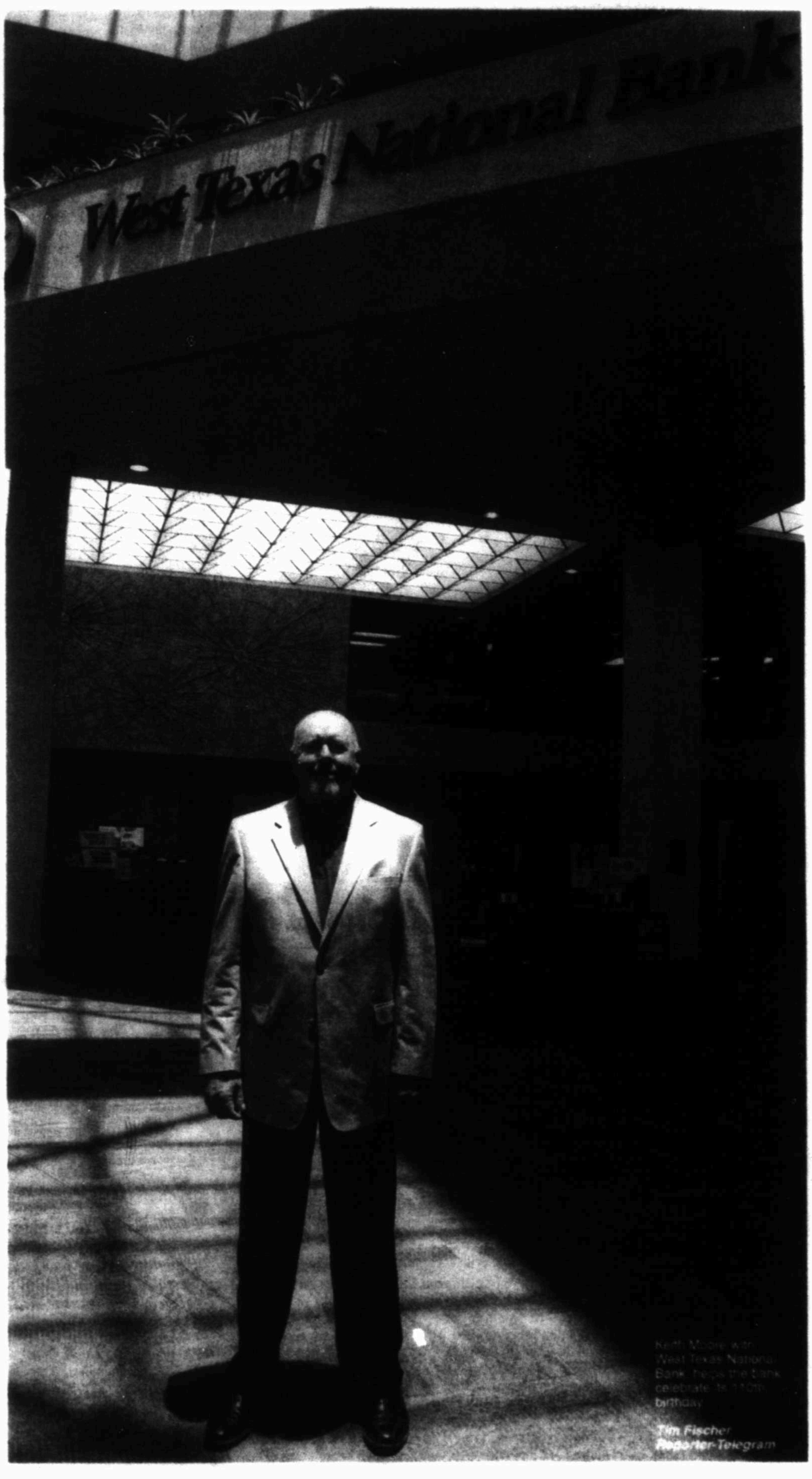
"Technology has transformed the banking industry, particularly over the last 20 years," Moore said.

Right now, he said, a major focus for West Texas National and other banks is compliance "as the federal government puts more and more layers of regulations on banks" in the aftermath of the 2008 recession and even further back, to 2003 when regulators clamped down on money laundering.

"All banks are in the process of staffing up and acquiring technology" to aid in compliance, he said. "We see it as our duty to ensure we're compliant."

He takes those compliance requirements, he said, as a challenge to do better.

As the bank marks it beginnings 110 years ago, Moore also looks ahead, and said plans are to "keep doing what we're doing and get better."



Keith Moore, with West Texas National Bank, cuts the bank's 110th birthday cake, Tuesday.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Midland Park Lanes invests in Bowlero design

There's a new look to AMF's Midland Park Lanes bowling facility at 5320 Loop 250.

Manager Beau Carter said the company has invested over $1 million in what's known as Bowlero which is designed to make the bowling facility more festive for parties, birthday parties, corporate events or other special events.

He stressed that it will not affect league bowling.

Already installed are a new scoring system and projection screens that project images on the lanes. "The non-profit Be the Change recently rented the entire house for a fundraiser, he said, and he was able to project the corporate sponsors on the lanes. And if a corporation wanted to have an event at the facility, he said they could project a collage of company events across the lanes while employs bowled and enjoyed the food and music.

"Right now the lights are off on half the house so people can see the balls glowing," he said.

A light system is still being installed that will include flashing lights. He expects work to continue for another month or two.

THE ECONOMIST

Current oil boom likely to be with us for some time



M. RAY PERRYMAN

Texas oil production has staged a remarkable comeback over the past few years, and the size and speed of the upswing are impressive and surprising to many people (including me). I get asked a lot of questions about the oil business as I travel around the state; it's a topic near and dear to many hearts. Here are some of the aspects of the current oil surge which I find most interesting.

If the Lone Star State were a country, it would rank among the top crude oil producers in the world behind Saudi Arabia, Russia, the United States as a whole, China and Canada (and about even with Iraq and Iran). Annual production is on pace to be about 770 million barrels this year, which is a level not seen since the late 1980s. While it's still well below the 1.2 billion barrel range of the early 1970s, it's a strong improvement from the 357 million barrels produced in 2010. In just three years (2010 to 2013), production rose enough to counter some 30 years of declines.

Look on any ranking of fastest-growing or top-performing cities, and you're likely to see several Texas towns that are in and around oil-producing areas. The Permian Basin (including Midland, Odessa and other communities across a wide swath of West Texas) has produced close to 30 billion barrels of oil in the decades since its discovery, and many experts believe there is even more than that still in the ground. The region is currently producing in excess of a million barrels of oil each day, up from less than 712,500 just five years ago. The Barnett Shale, located under and around the Metroplex, is primarily a natural gas formation, producing about 4.8 billion cubic feet per day. The Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas has seen amazing growth in oil production per day, from about 0 in 2008 to 15,000 in 2010 to 804,300 now. The Eagle Ford is also contributing nearly 3.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The Cline Shale is generating a lot of activity around San Angelo and northwest from there; the Granite Wash is adding to the action in the eastern Panhandle. There are others.

It remains to be seen how these shale plays will develop over time. As they mature, growth rates will naturally slow. It's also unclear how quickly production will taper off. Regardless of your assumptions, though, it is clear that they will remain sources of economic activity for nearby areas for the foreseeable future.

The oil surge has been important to Texas' recovery from the recent recession. Although direct employment in the industry is a small percentage of total jobs in the state, the work is often well-paying. Moreover, the ripple effects through the economy of this high value-added industry are large. Oilfield services companies, engineering firms, pipeline builders, and others with ties to the industry are benefitting from the activity. In addition, a range of businesses taking care of the workforce are seeing higher sales and profits (restaurants, hotels, and so on). Housing markets in nearby towns are strong, and construction companies are landing contracts for new homes and commercial buildings to keep up with the economic expansion. Many Texans are also receiving royalty payments, which are finding their way back into the economy as well.

There is, of course, a downside. Cities are struggling to cope with an influx of new residents, and rising needs for infrastructure and services. In some areas, it is difficult to find and retain quality workers. In many regions, water supplies are very tight, and hydraulic fracturing requires fresh water (though the industry is working toward using brackish or reclaimed water). The industry uses only a small fraction of the overall total amount of water used in Texas, but many of the areas where drilling is intensive tend to be dry and drought prone. Also, heavy trucks and other traffic are wearing out and overloading roadways.

Texas has endured boom and bust cycles in the past, and there are understandable fears that these good times will be followed by bad. While cycles in the industry are inevitable, I do think this time is different. For one thing, we have "been there and done that" and many of the folks on corporate boards, bank loan

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Ask the Fool

Bad Pennies

Q Since penny stocks are so inexpensive, I can buy thousands of them, which can make me richer faster, no? — *H.E., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

A Sorry, no. Penny stocks might seem like bargains, but they won't necessarily grow faster than other stocks. A $1 stock and a $60 one can both go up (or down!) by the same percentage in one day. With a 5 percent increase, the $1 stock will rise in value by 5 cents, to $1.05. For the $60 stock, it's a $3 jump, to $63. If the $60 stock is tied to a healthier company with competitive advantages, actual revenue and profits, and a lower valuation (perhaps as suggested by its price-to-earnings ratio), it's likely a much better bargain than the $1 stock.

Penny stocks (which trade for $5 or less per share) can be more likely to plummet than skyrocket. They're risky, and often hyped and manipulated. Penny-stock investors are typically looking to get rich quick, but that's not how reliable wealth-building works. Focus on the long run — plenty of big, successful blue-chip companies have made shareholders happy over many years. Penny stocks have made many unhappy. It's fun to own 5,000 shares of something, but not when they crash.

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Q How can I become a millionaire in my lifetime? — *P.J., Muskegon, Michigan*

A You might want to start soon. You can earn a million dollars if you sock $5,000 per year into the stock market and earn its historic average annual return of roughly 10 percent over 31 years. You'll get there in 25 years if you invest $10,000 per year. No return is guaranteed in the stock market, but if you invest well and for a long time, you can build great wealth.

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Technical or Fundamental?

As you learn about investing in stocks, you'll run across two key approaches: fundamental analysis and technical analysis. We at The Motley Fool have long favored the former.

Fundamental analysts study companies and make investment decisions based on factors such as financial health, competitive advantages, management quality, growth prospects, profitability, price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and macroeconomic factors. In contrast, technical analysts focus on charts reflecting companies' stock price movements and trading volume, and make investment decisions based on patterns they see in them.

Fundamental analysts explain that shares of a company's stock represent a piece of a business, and that investors are buying a piece of that company's future cash flow generation. Technical analysts believe that price patterns repeat themselves because we humans react similarly to similar market events — so they seek certain patterns.

Technical analysts ignore many determinants of a company's performance, including its regulatory environment, country of operations, etc. If two companies, no matter how wildly different, happen to have similar historical charts, a technical analyst will predict similar outcomes for each. That defies logic, don't you think?

Think, too, of the world's most famous successful investors, such as Ben Graham, Warren Buffett, Peter Lynch, John Templeton, Shelby Davis, Philip Fisher, George Soros, David Dreman and John Neff. Despite their different approaches, each outperformed the overall market using fundamental analysis. It's hard to come up with a group of hugely successful investors known for using technical analysis.

A 2008 study by New Zealand's Massey University tested more than 5,000 technical analysis strategies in 49 different countries. The result? Not one added value "beyond what may be expected by chance." A study of Dutch investors found technical investors earned lower returns.

You can succeed with a bad strategy, but usually only in the short term and often due to luck. The evidence strongly suggests that buying stocks using technical analysis will lose you money. Large nest eggs can be built over many years using fundamental analysis — or simply by investing in low-cost, broad-market index funds.

My Dumbest Investment

Misjudged Apple

My dumbest investment was not buying Apple. I considered doing so when the stock was at $93, but I thought that was too high. — *Tony, online*

The Fool Responds: Ouch. You're probably painfully aware that Apple stock has recently been trading near $90 per share — and that's after a 7-for-1 stock split. The split-adjusted price you were considering it at is about $13, so you missed a gain of almost 600 percent. If you weren't confident in the company's future, though, you were right not to buy.

Remember that any stock's price alone doesn't tell you much. A $400 stock can be a bargain, and a stock that has recently tripled might still keep growing. You need to consider how rapidly its revenue and earnings (and, ideally, profit margins) are growing, what its growth prospects are, and how attractive its price is relative to various measures — such as earnings, via the price-to-earnings ratio.

Apple's stock might still seem pricey to some, but its P/E ratio was recently only near 15, and it offered a 2.1 percent dividend yield, too. (The Motley Fool owns and has recommended Apple shares.)

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

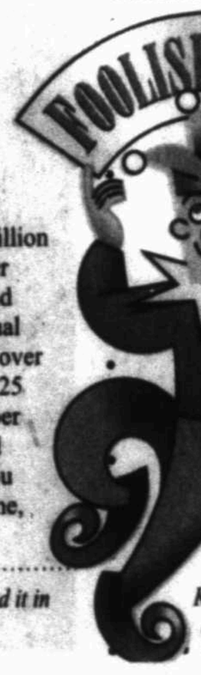
Kicking Hertz's Tires

If you have a parking spot to fill in your long-term portfolio, consider Hertz Global Holdings (NYSE: HTZ). Accounting problems have pressured the stock and may potentially delay the spinoff of its equipment business, but there's a lot to like in Hertz.

Hertz will be restating its past three years of financial reports. That's not great news, but it could be worse. First off, the restatement is focusing on expenses, not aggressive revenue recognition policies or anything that suggests dramatic wrongdoing. Revenue growth, which is critical, will not change.

With the car-rental industry consolidating in recent years, having fewer competitors can prop up prices and profit margins for Hertz. (Hertz has participated in the consolidation, buying Dollar Thrifty last year for $2.3 billion.) Of course, business landscapes change over time. It remains to be seen whether new ride-sharing businesses such as Uber and Lyft turn into threats for car-rental companies such as Hertz.

Hertz plans to complete the spinoff of its equipment-rental business sometime next year. The move will give the company net proceeds of $2.5 billion, which will be used to pay down debt and reward shareholders via share buybacks (which reduce share count and thereby boost earnings per share). With a forward P/E ratio near 12, Hertz is worth a closer look. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Hertz.)



Name That Company

A pioneering global importer of decorative home furnishings and gifts, I was born in California in 1962. My early offerings included beads, incense, beanbag chairs and groovy furniture, and over my decades in business I've sold all kinds of things, such as wicker armchairs, hand-painted dinnerware, distinct clothing, scented candles, decorative accessories, and even life-sized suits of armor. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, since 1966, I now boast more than 1,000 locations in 49 states and Canada – and I have a presence in Sears de Mexico boutiques, as well. I employ about 21,000 people globally. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

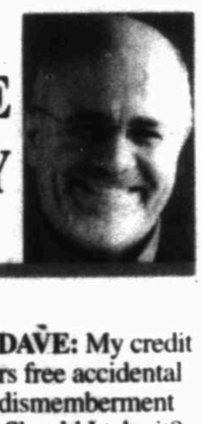
LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Born in 2006, I'm now a global communications force, with about 255 million active monthly users and 500 million messages sent daily. (Look closely at many messages, and you'll see tiny tic-tac-toe boards.) I support more than 35 languages. I went public in 2013 and launched Vine, the six-second video company, the same year. Roughly half my 3,000 employees are engineers, and 1,440 hard-boiled eggs are eaten each week at my San Francisco headquarters. I break a lot of news before the traditional media does. If I wrote a novel, it would be complex, with 140 characters. Who am I? (Answer: Twitter)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. *Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.*

DAVE SAYS

Contentment has nothing to do with money



DAVE RAMSEY

DEAR DAVE: My husband has a great job, and I love my work and schedule as a substitute teacher. However, he wants me to take a full-time position so we can build more wealth. The only debt we have is our house, and we've already saved and invested a lot of money. What's your suggestion for this situation? — Marie

DEAR MARIE: First and foremost, you two have a responsibility to take care of each other and your own household. It sounds like you're doing that pretty well. So, if he wants you to take a full-time job only to build more wealth, I think that's a bad idea.

Wealth is for quality of life, and quality of life includes giving. It also includes a safe and stable future. But if you have to surrender the joy in life to do that — to build extra wealth or build at a different pace — well, to me that's just wrong. Contentment has nothing to do with how many hours you work or how many zeroes are in your bank account. Contentment has to do with your state of being. It's connected to your sense of gratitude, happiness and your priorities. The idea that contentment is on the same spectrum as ambition? No, it's not.

I don't think you should take on a job or a schedule you hate just to pay off your house a couple of years earlier. I wouldn't do that, and I don't recommend you do it either. People should do something with their lives they find enjoyable and they're called to do. Now, if your kids are going hungry and your bills aren't getting paid, then you do whatever it takes. But in this case, Marie, you're happy and you guys are in a great place. I'm sure your husband is a great guy, but I think he's wrong on this one.

DEAR DAVE: My credit union offers free accidental death and dismemberment insurance. Should I take it? — Alaina

DEAR ALAINA: That's fine if it's free. However, I wouldn't rely on it as an integral part of my overall financial plan.

In most cases, accidental death and dismemberment policies are just a gimmick. You're not double dead if you die by accident, and your spouse or family doesn't need the money if you die by accident rather than a heart attack. They need the same coverage and the same protection regardless. When it comes to life insurance, I recommend a good level term policy that's 10 to 12 times your annual income. That means if you make $50,000 a year, you need $500,000 to $600,000 in coverage.

Still, if it's really free I've got no problem with the policy. Just make sure you're not paying some other big fee to join a club so you can get "free" stuff. When that happens, it's not really free after all!

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at #1. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits June 23-27

4005 Roadrunner	MH-Single Lot	$45,500
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover	Commercial Alt.	$160,000
200 W. Dakota Ave.	Commercial Add.	$2,120,335
107 S. Mineola St.	New Residence	$162,360
4613 Sunshine Parkway	Residence-Detached	$3,585
5300 Balfour Court	New Residence	$265,500
600 N. Marienfeld St.	Commercial Alteration	$20,000
4610 Erie Drive	Residential Addition	$40,000
1408 N. Loraine St.	Residential Addition	$1,800
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	Residence-Detached	$2,200
908 Andrews Highway	New Commercial	$15,000
803 W. Wadley Ave.	New Commercial	$15,000
5003 Diamond Lane	Swimming Pool	$42,000
2003 Shell Ave.	Residential Alteration	$80,000
22 Oaklawn Park	Residential Alteration	$28,000
5700 Starboard Drive	Sign	$50,000
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4610 N. Garfield St.	Commercial Alteration	$42,500
903 W. Dakota Ave.	Residential Addition	$20,000
503 Coliseum Court	Residence-Detached	$3,400
2508 W. Cuthbert Ave.	Residential Addition	$2,500
4521 Mercedes Drive	Residential Addition	$2,000
608 Ruby Drive	Residential Addition	$8,000
1703 Bryant St.	Residential Addition	$5,300
607 S. Fort Worth St.	MH-Single Lot	$20,000
4610 Mercedes Drive	Residential Addition	$500
1121 Andrews Highway	New Commercial	$2,100
912 Keystone Court	Swmming Pool	$35,000
3306 Andrews Highway	Sign	$1,700
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1911 Bryant St.	Residence-Detached	$6,000
4607 Graceland Drive	Residence-Detached	$6,200
5501 Camino Reale	New Residence	$225,270
1424 Lanham St.	Residential Addition	$40,000
2411 W. Washinton Ave.	Fence	$700
2413 Arbor Circle	Residential Alteration	$32,900
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$120,000

Source: City of Midland

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committees, and city commissions remember the late 1980s downturn all too well. There is a greater sense of conservatism than there might be otherwise, as well as a realization that frenetic activity tends to settle down over time. There are also some very real contrasts to the damaging 1980s cycle ranging from world politics to price drivers to demand conditions. The current surge is likely to be with us for a while, providing an important source of stimulus to the Texas economy for years to come.

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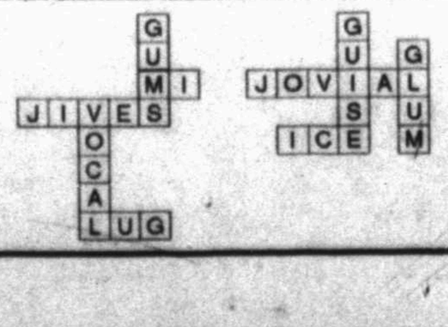
For each of the three words below, change one letter to an **A**, and then rearrange the letters to spell a word that can be added to the end of MICRO- to form a word.

VIEWABLE

GARMENT

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Yesterday's Answer:



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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid		This Week (N)		Church	E, Wild
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning				FaceNat.		First Baptist Church	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Beaver	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari		Edgemont		Gilligan	Gilligan
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa		FaithAve		Rain	Consumer
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KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Jungle	Dora	Diego	Para ser	Al punto		El Chavo	Animado	Republica deportiva	
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HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) The Sistern...		★★ War of the Worlds Tom Cruise.						★★ Robots Ewan McGregor.		★★★ Snitch	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) ★★★ The Laramie Project							★★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.		(:40) ★★★ The Godfather II	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★★ French Kiss Meg Ryan.					(:45) ★★ Moonrise Kingdom		(:20) ★★ Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:10) ★★★ JFK ('91, Hist) Kevin Costner.						(:20) ★ South Park: Bigger, Lo...		(:45) ★ Mama ('13, Hor) Jessica Chastain.			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:10) ★ Bee Season		★★ Just My Luck				(:45) ★★ Kicking and Screaming			(:25) ★★ Blue Streak		
PLEX			96			Movie	(:25) ★ A Storm in Summer					(:05) ★★★ De-Lovely ('04, Bio) Kevin Kline.			(:15) ★★★ Forget Paris Billy Crystal.		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Hope Springs		★★ Sahara Matthew McConaughey.						(:15) ★ The Cold Light of Day Henry Cavill.		Ray Donovan	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	★ A Kid in King Arthur's Court		★ The Chaperone Paul Levesque.				(:15) ★★★ When a Man Loves a Woman					Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Crim. Minds "Proof"		Criminal Minds				Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Epilogue"	Longmire
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Dead "Isolation"		Dead "Indifference"		Dead "Internment"				Dead "Live Bait"		Dead "Dead Weight"	Dead "Too Far Gone"
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel				Lift Voice		★★★ Ray ('04, Bio) Kerry Washington, Jamie Foxx.	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Listing Miami		Listing Miami		(:55) Housewives				Real Housewives		Real Housewives	Real Housewives
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CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union				Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources	State of the Union
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid		Paid		Deadliest Catch				Deadliest Catch		Epic Homes	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	Mickey M.	Jake	Jake (N)	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie	I Didn't	Jessie	Jessie
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ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Fishing Bassfest		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter					
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★★ Gnomeo and Juliet				★★ Race to Witch Mountain						★★★ The Goonies ('85, Adv) Sean Astin.	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Giada	Barefoot	Rachel Ray's...		Pioneer	Southern	Heart	Giada (N)	BBQ (N)	Big Bite	The Kitchen	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	OSSAA "Tennis"		Paid	Paid	18 Holes	Swing	Xterra		Insider	Pre-game
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Sucker Punch ('11, Fant) Emily Browning.						★★ Push ('09, Thril) Dakota Fanning, Chris Evans.				★★ Knowing	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Hitched for ...		★ Catch a Christmas Star						★ Matchmaker Santa Lacey Chabert.		★ Snow Bride	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Reno.	Reno.	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Decoded "Fort Knox"		Decoded "Fort Knox"		Fort Knox: Secrets Revealed		Who Really Discovered America?				Don't Know Dixie	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Witches "Snake Eyes"		Witches of East End		Witches East "Pilot"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:00) Cycling Tour de France Stage 2 York - Sheffield (L)										IndyCar Auto Racing	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Monsters	KungFu P	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Ninja	Parents	Parents
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program				Wheaton	★ Vikingdom ('14, Act) Natassia Malthe, Dominic Purcell.					★ Dungeons & Dr...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Sullivan	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Father of the Bride Steve Martin.				★ Father of the Br...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Top Hat		★★★ Annie Get Your Gun Betty Hutton.				★★★ Dangerous When Wet				★ Viva Las Vegas	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Jay Jay	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Last Ship		FallSky "The Eye"		★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring Elijah Wood.							Movie
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Griffith (:50) Griffith		(:25) A. Griffith Show		Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		NCIS "Silver War"		NCIS "Probie"		NCIS "Deception"		NCIS "Jeopardy"	
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JULY 6, 2014

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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	Celebrity Wife Swap		ITF Tennis Wimbledon Site: All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club						News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	PGA in Review		Off-Road Racing		PGA Golf The Greenbrier Classic Site: The Old White Course (L)						... ...st.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		Cannon		The Rockford Files	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★ Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer				Roswell Top Secret				Outdoors	HomeT	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	To Be Announced		Off-Road Racing Mint 400				Cycling Tour de France				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Euromaxx	Get Away	BioCent	F&Porter	Beads	Sewing	Knitting	Sew It All	Drexel	News. (N)	PBS Pre.
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Republica		Tras la Verdad				El Chavo	Animado	Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The FBI Files		R.Carpet	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:30) ★★ The Yards		★★★ The Bedroom Window						★★ Street Fighter		(:15) ★ Shadow Co...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	Last Week	Bill Maher		★ 112 Weddings ('13, Doc)				(:45) ★★ War of the Worlds Tom Cruise.		Movie	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(10:40) ★★★ The Godfather II Al Pacino.				(:05) ★★ Enough Said				(:40) ★★ Admission ('13, Com) Tina Fey.		LastWeek	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	LastWeek	Making It	(:20) ★ The Darjeeling Limited					★ The Leftovers "Pilot"	(:15) ★★★ Parental Guidance		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:30) ★★★ Lethal Weapon		★★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.						★★ The Negotiator Samuel L. Jackson.		Movie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ The Wedding Date		★★★ Red Dragon Sir Anthony Hopkins.				(:40) ★★★ The Lovely Bones ('09, Dra) Rachel Weisz.					
PLEX			96			★★★ Late for Dinner		(:35) ★★ Think Tank Eric Artell.				(:10) ★ A Storm in Summer		(:50) ★★★ Annie			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Ray Donovan		Donovan "Twerk"		Ray Donovan				Ray Donovan		Ray Donovan	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:30) ★ Silver Linings Playbook				(:35) ★★★ Elizabethtown Orlando Bloom.				(:40) ★★ Boat Trip		(:15) ★ Quartet	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Longmire		S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	★★★ Walking Tall				★ The Scorpion Ki...	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Walking Dead "After"		Dead "Inmates"		Dead "Claimed"		Walking Dead "Still"		Dead "Alone"		Dead "The Grove"	
BET	58	26		40		(9:30) ★★★ Ray		★★ Set It Off ('96, Act) Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith.								★ If I Can Do Bad All by Myself Tyler Perry.	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine		MarriedMed		Kandi's Wedding				Kandi's Wedding	Kandi's Wedding
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Epic Tech Homes		Epic Log Homes		Epic Log Homes		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Jessie	★ Teen Beach Movie				(:45) ★★★ High School Musical			(:35) ★ High School Musical 2		
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(8:00) ITF Tennis Wimbledon (L)				MLS Soccer Sporting KC vs Chicago (L)				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Hot Dog Eat Contest		WNBA Basketball Minnesota vs New York (L)				WNBA Basketball Phoenix vs Los Angeles (L)				SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★★ Jumanji ('95, Fant) Bonnie Hunt, Robin Williams.					★ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				★★★ The Smurfs	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Southern	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at New York Mets Site: Citi Field (L)						Rangers	Game365	Rally		Polaris	Golf (N)
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) ★★ Knowing				★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr.						★★★ Iron Man 2	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) ★ Snow Bride		★ Naughty or Nice ('12, Dra) Hilarie Burton.						★ Hats Off to Christmas! Haylie Duff.		★ Fir Crazy	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) KnowDixie		Hillbilly: The Real Story				Alaska `Alaska: A Land of Extremes`				Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★ Nights in Rodanthe Diane Lane.				★★ Maid in Manhattan Jennifer Lopez.				★★ Bride Wars ('09, Com) Kate Hudson.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				(11:00) IndyCar Auto Racing Pocono 500 Site: Pocono Raceway (L)				IndyCar Auto Racing		F1 Auto Racing British Grand Prix					
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	★ The SpongeBob SquarePan...		Sponge	★ Monster High: 13 Wishes			★ Jinxed ('13, Fam) Ciara Bravo.				iCarly 1/2	iCarly 2/2
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue				★ Indiana Jones	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ Dungeons ...		★★ Outlander ('08, Sci-Fi) James Caviezel.						★ In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) ★ Father of ...		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Minnesota Twins (L)						Queens	★★ Life as We Know It		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	★ Take Me Out to the Ball Ga...					(:15) ★★★★ The Music Man ('62, Mus) Robert Preston.				★ Seven Brides fo	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:30) ★ Amores perros ('00, Dra) Emilio Echevarria.						★ El trapatio ('09, Cri) Ana De la Reguera.			Op. Repo	★ Monster House	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	20/20		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Dateline `Suspicion`		Dateline NBC	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(11:45) ★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers ('02, Fant) Elijah Wood.						(:45) ★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King					
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Jennifer	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Smoked"		NCIS "Blowback"		NCIS "Leap of Faith"		NCIS		NCIS "Bounce"		NCIS "Semper Fidelis"	
WGN	19	18				Leadoff	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Washington Nationals (L)					(:15) 10th...	Home Videos		Home Videos		MP

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 6, 2014

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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		Wipeout "All-American Wipeout" (N)		Rising Star (N)				KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Reckless `Parting Shots` (N)		Unforgettable `The Combination` (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kojak "Dead on His Feet"		Columbo A seemingly bumbling detective solves murders.		Family	American Dad	M*A*S*H		Thriller `Hay-Fork and Bill-Hook`		The Alfred Hitchcock Hour	The Fugitive
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	B.Burger "Topsy"	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Update News	Dollars & Sense	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	American Ninja Warrior "Miami Qualifying"				Miley Cyrus: Bangerz Tour Excerpts from the `Bangerz` tour. (N)				News-West 9	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Evan Smith	America and World	Last Tango in Halifax (N)		Masterpiece Mystery! `Endeavour` Nocturne (N)		Vicious (N)		Austin City `Queens of the Stone Age`		Backstage Pass `Elliott Street Lunatic`	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Bailando por un Sueño				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica Mundialista	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trobador
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ Shadow Co...		★★ The Yards ('00, Cri) Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ Buffalo Soldiers		(:40) ★★ Cool Runnings			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:50) ★ The Best Man Holiday				True Blood (N)		The Leftovers (N)		LastWeek	True Blood		Leftovers
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		True Blood		★★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.				(:10) ★ The Counselor Cameron Diaz.			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		★★★ Argo ('12, Thril) Ben Affleck.				★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fabulous				★★ Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:50) ★★★ Warm Bodies				★ South Park: Bigger, Longer...				★★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.		Topless	Topless
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ Con Air ('97, Act) Nicolas Cage.				★ About Time ('13, Rom) Domhnall Gleeson.				LifeTop	(:35) ★★★ Pitch Perfect		
PLEX			96			(4:50) ★★★ Annie		★★★ Forget Paris		(:45) ★★★ De-Lovely ('04, Bio) Ashley Judd, Kevin Kline.						Alone	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Donovan "Bridget"		Donovan "Road Trip"		Donovan "Fite Nite"		Ray Donovan		Ray Donovan		Penny Dreadful	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ Quartet		★★★★ Silver Linings Playbook				(:05) ★★ Elizabethtown Orlando Bloom.				(:10) ★ The School ...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(5:00) ★ The Scorpio...		★★★ Gladiator ('00, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.						Wahlburgers		★★★ Gladiator	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Walking Dead "Us"		Walking Dead "A"		The Talking Dead (N)		Halt/ Catch Fire (N)		Halt and Catch Fire		Walking Dead "Us"	
BET	58	26		40		(4:00) ★ I Can Do B...		Sunday Best "Season 7 Sneak Peak" (N)				Sunday Best "Season 7 Sneak Peak"				BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Kandi's Wedding		Kandi's Wedding "Meet the Tuckers" (N)				Married Medicine (N)		Watch (N)	Wedding	"Meet the Tuckers"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	Money	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		Buried Treasure		Buried Treasure		The Car Chasers	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Special Report		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked `Primal Fear`		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Movie	★★ High School Musical 3: Senior Year			Girl		Jessie	Dog Blog	Jessie	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB All-Star Show		MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Detroit Tigers Site: Comerica Park (L)				SportsCenter					SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	ESPN FC "World Cup Encore"				NHRA Drag Racing Summit Racing Equipment Nationals						MLB Baseball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ The Smurfs		★ Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked				★★★ The Smurfs		Hank Azaria.		J.Osteen	Paid
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting		Stossel		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped "Swai Not?"		Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at New York Mets Site: Citi Field						Football	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Iron Man 2		★ Act of Valor ('12, Act) Alex Veadov.				★★ Act of Valor ('12, Act) Alex Veadov.					
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Fir Crazy		★ Let It Snow ('13, Rom) Alan Thicke.				★ Christmas With Holly Sean Faris.				★ Naughty or Nice	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Bargain	Bargain	Brother vs. (N)		HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Brother vs. Brother	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		The Hunt (N)		Mountain Men		Mountain Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★ 27 Dresses ('08, Com) Katherine Heigl.				Witches East End (N)		Maids "Proof" (N)		★★ 27 Dresses Katherine Heigl.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught Cam "Hostage"				Sex Slaves "Branded"		SexSlave "Addiction"		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				Racing	F1 Extra	Cycling Tour de France Stage 2 York - Sheffield						F1 Auto Racing		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam & Cat		★ House	★ House	★ House	★ House	★ House	★ House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★ Indiana ...		...and the Last Crusade		★★ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull						Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ In the Name of the King: ...		★ The Last M...		★★ The 6th Day ('00, Act) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				★ Vikingdom Dominic Purcell.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(6:30) ★ Life as We...		★★ One for the Money Katherine Heigl.				★★ One for the Money Katherine Heigl.				★ Life as We Kno...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Seven Bride...		★★★ Jason and the Argonauts				★★★ 7th Voyage of Sinbad				★ Kiki	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) ★ Monster H...		★ Transformers: Dark of the Moon ('11, Act) Shia LaBeouf.						Titulares	Op. Repo	★ El hijo del pueblo	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Dateline NBC		Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		Return to Amish (N)		Sister Wives		Return to Amish	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:45) ★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return...		The Last Ship (N)		FallSky "Exodus" (N)		FallSky "Exodus" (N)		The Last Ship		(:05) FallSky "Exodus"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Jack Knife"		NCIS "Obsession"		NCIS "Borderland"		NCIS "Patriot Down"		NCIS "Rule Fifty-One"		Low&O:SVU "Poison"	
WGN	19	18				★★ The Matrix Reloaded ('03, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.						Salem (N)		Salem "Ashes, Ashes"		Salem "Ashes, Ashes"	

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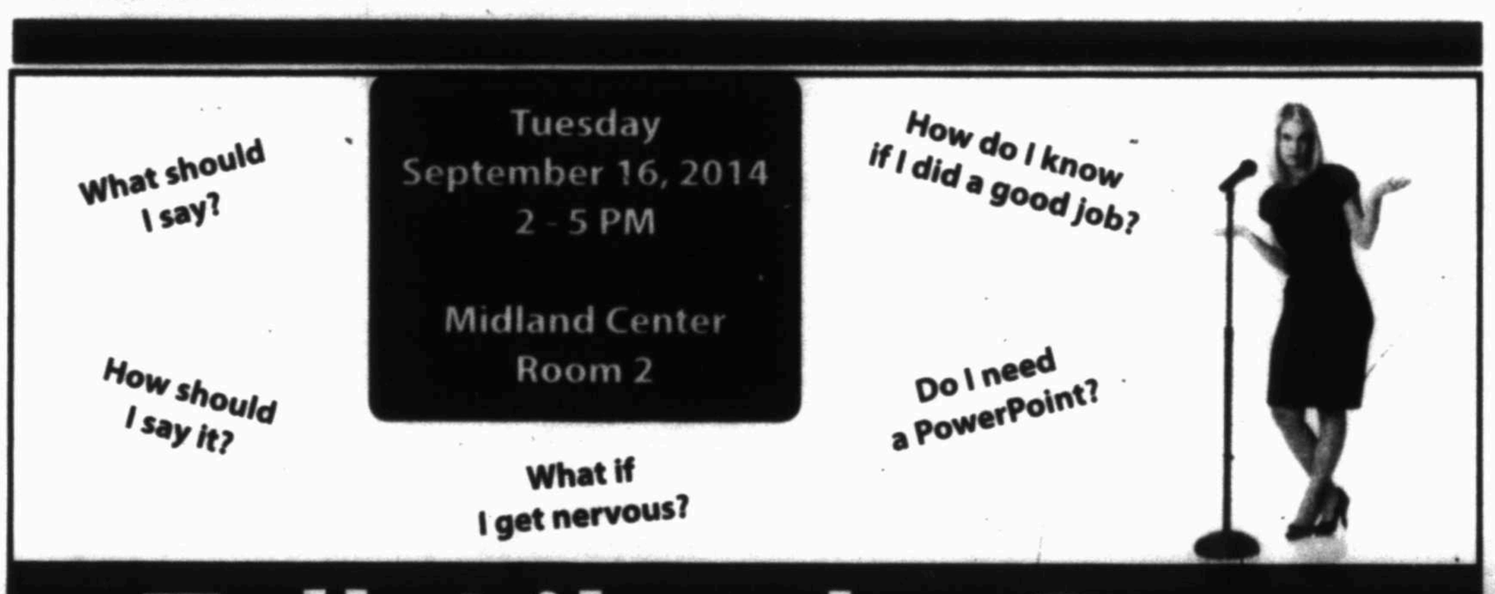


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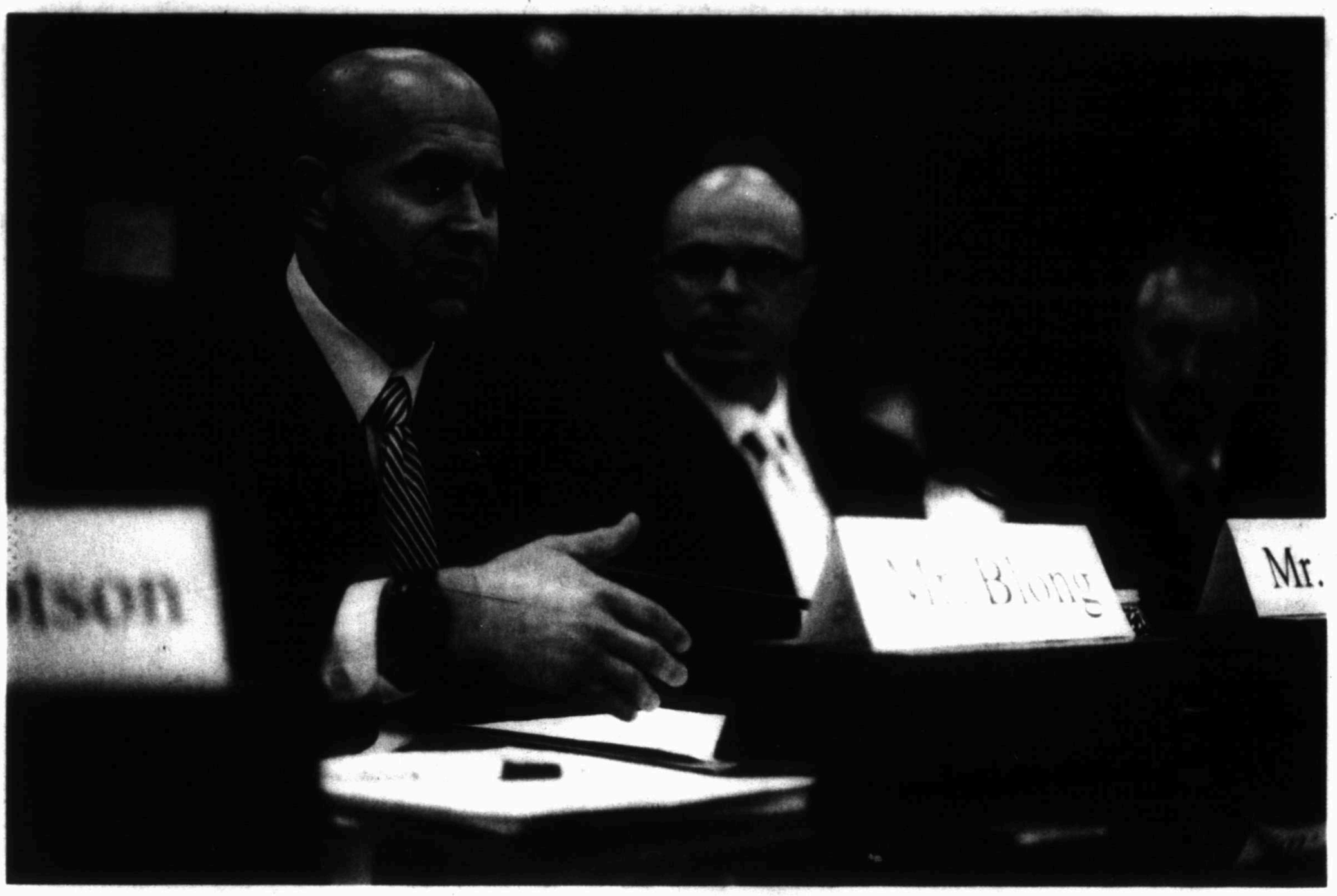
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EXPORT TESTIMONY



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Midlander Jared Blong, CEO and president of Octane Energy, testifies before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade.

LEFT
Blong talks with Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Colorado, chairman of the subcommittee.

Photos courtesy International Association of Drilling Contractors

Midlander testifies in support of exporting crude

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin oil and gas executives have joined in the debate over whether to lift the nation's 40-year ban on exporting domestic crude.

Jared Blong, chief executive officer and president of Octane Energy LLC, testified late last month on the subject before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade.

The Midlander explained that the opportunity arose from efforts to revitalize the Permian Basin chapter of the International Association of Drilling Contractors, which he served as chairman.

"It was a unique opportunity to sing the Permian Basin's song," he said after returning from the nation's capital.

Testifying before the subcommittee, he described the impact lifting the ban would have on his company, which provides oilfield services support to exploration companies. He told the committee that Octane Energy, founded last year, expects sales of $3.5 million this fiscal year and currently provides project management on eight oil and gas rigs for seven operators. The company employs 12, six of them military veterans, with a goal of doubling in size over the next 12 months.

"What was interesting was the perspective of Congress on energy, which is largely colored by larger independents and integrated majors like Exxon and Chevron," Blong said. "They don't drive the boat out here any more."

Instead, he said, smaller operators like Henry Resources to large independents like Concho Resources and Pioneer Natural Resources, even start-ups like Unitex Oil & Gas, are leading activity in the Permian Basin.

"Our operating companies are entrepreneurial, and that creates opportunities for entrepreneurial service companies like ours," he said.

In his testimony, Blong said current policy is artificially suppressing the rig count "and thereby suppressing U.S. jobs, manufacturing investment, tax revenue as well as oil and gas production." He cited a recent IHS CERA study that said domestic oil output would fall by 3 million barrels per day if the ban is not lifted because the price of domestic crude will continue to be sold at a discount, reducing investment in new production by $750 billion.

Lifting the ban, he told the subcommittee, would facilitate Octane's direct investment in the manufacturing of an American-made rig fleet, which would create secondary and tertiary sustained job growth, contribute to growth in the investment sector and all the way through the energy sector into transportation and manufacturing. "Construction of an Octane Rig will create jobs in New York for the production of shale shakers, Ohio for the manufacture of mud pumps, and various locations in Texas for drill pipe, automation and

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Oil and gas activity in Permian Basin hits higher gear

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin oil and gas activity shifted into a higher gear as 2014 reaches its midpoint, fueled by rising crude prices.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, reported that the May index jumped from April to May and is 9.8 percent above May 2013 levels. He added that the region's oil and gas economy has now seen unfettered growth for four-and-a-half years.

"Not that there was any indication oil and gas activity was slowing down or on the decline," he said, "but we thought it had flattened. Now, clearly we're seeing the impact of higher crude oil prices" fueled by tensions between Ukraine and Russia and unrest in Iraq.

Those higher prices immediately flowed through the Permian Basin oil and gas industry, sending the rig count for the three Railroad Commission districts that comprise the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin further into record territory.

Crude prices averaged $98.32 per barrel in May, up 7.5 percent from $91.43 last May and so far this year are averaging $95.49 per barrel, up 6.6 percent from $90.51 last year.

"With an additional $5" for crude prices, he said, "projects that were not economic are now economic and off we go."

Ingham said the rig count in May averaged 460 rigs, up 16.2 percent from 396 last May, a new record level and higher than at any point since at least 1980.

"The April rig count had already passed a record and now it's beyond that and beyond that some more," he said. So far this year is averaging 424 rigs, up 7.9 percent from 393 last year.

After posting year-over-year declines in the first four months of the year, Ingham said the number of drilling permits issued in the Permian Basin soared 24 percent in May compared to last May. The Railroad Commission issued 1,098 drilling permits in May, up from 884 last May. For the year, the commission has issued 4,454 drilling permits, down 2.9 percent from 4,588 a year ago.

Permian Basin crude production continues to climb as a result of high drilling activity. Ingham reported May production volumes were 11.9 percent higher than last May and so far this year are 12.1 percent higher than a year ago.

The value of that crude production is also climbing because of higher prices. May's crude production was valued at $3.19 billion, up 20.4 percent from last May's $2.65 billion. For the year, Permian Basin crude is valued at $16.4 billion, up 19.5 percent from $13.77 billion in the same period of 2013.

Producers reported 1,490 oil well completions in May, down 16 percent from $1,774 last May. So far in 2014, producers have completed 9,030 oil wells, up 82.9 percent from 4,937 the previous year.

Natural gas activity is rebounding as prices strengthen. Natural gas prices averaged $4.54 per Mcf in May, up 11 percent from

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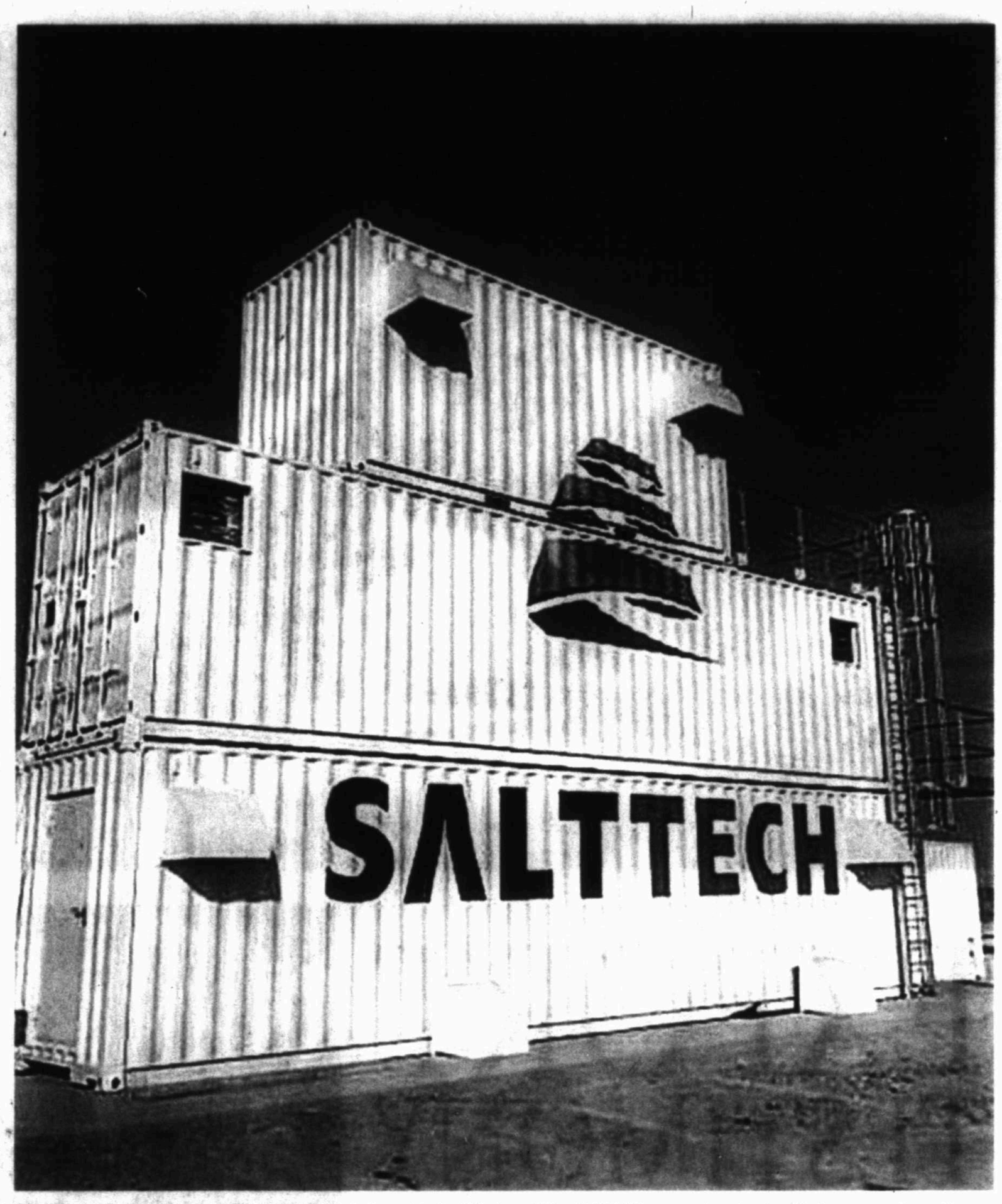
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Saltech's desalination unit is providing drinking water to the residents of Mentone. Midland's STW Resources is partnering with the company to use the technology to process brackish, flowback and produced water for oil producers.

DESALINATION

Midland firm brings next-generation desalination to Permian Basin

By Mella McEwen
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New, green water processing technology is arriving in West Texas.

STW Resources has reached an exclusive licensing agreement with Saltech to offer the Netherlands-based company's desalination processing technology throughout the United States.

The process, said Stanley Weiner, STW's chief executive officer, uses no chemicals and requires very little power. "At the end of the process you have clear, fresh water."

The system, he said, can process brackish water, sea water, flowback or produced water containing up to 300,000 total dissolved solids and provide fresh water, 10# brine for use in drilling operations instead of mud for drilling or fracturing operations, or crystalized salt and minerals.

Weiner noted that reverse osmosis often results in leftover salt that, on the Gulf Coast is put back in the ocean. "This is zero discharge," he said.

It is technology he has been looking for for years, he said.

"This is what I've wanted to do to begin with and now I've finally found the technology," he said.

He plans to offer it to his existing client base of producers and service companies. He has already met with a large Midland-based producer who wants to see a demonstration and Pioneer Natural Resources is using the system to provide water at its complex of facilities on East Highway 80. Legacy Reserves, he said, has two units. The partnership is also providing drinking water for area mancamps and is talking with several municipalities to provide fresh water through the desalination process.

Saltech's unit at Mentone brought the company to Weiner's attention and he made a deal with the company. Not only does he have exclusive rights to the U.S., but also Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America.

"We can get the costs down, so ultimately we can replace reverse osmosis and not have any chemicals or byproducts," he said.

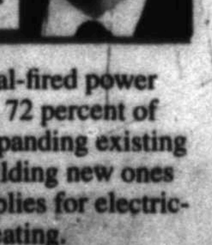
STW Resources has already grown to 200 employs, Weiner reports, and the company has expanded beyond offering water analysis, reclamation and remediation services. Its construction unit builds roads, pits, locations and water pond construction as well as evaporation covers for frac ponds. Its STW Energy subsidiary provides turnkey rig washing and STW Holdings can process drilling waste fluids, tank bottoms and oil-based cuttings. The company's pipeline construction and maintenance division builds and constructs pipelines and flowlines to new wells.

Right now, Weiner said, the pipeline division is his largest but he expects water processing will grow into his most active division, especially with the new desalination technology.

"Saltech is a think tank with brilliant engineers and scientists who are always asking how they can make it better," he said. "I think this will be a game changer for desalination."

Candidates who engage voters on energy issues will win in November

DAVID HOLT
Consumer Energy Alliance president



Polling conducted for Consumer Energy Alliance this spring in key U.S. Senate races found that energy issues, including the Keystone XL Pipeline, are very important in terms of how someone will vote. Support in the nine states ranged from 67 percent of voters in Kentucky to 84 percent in Colorado, with the other seven states seeing support above 70 percent.

Keystone XL is not the only energy issue startling voters.

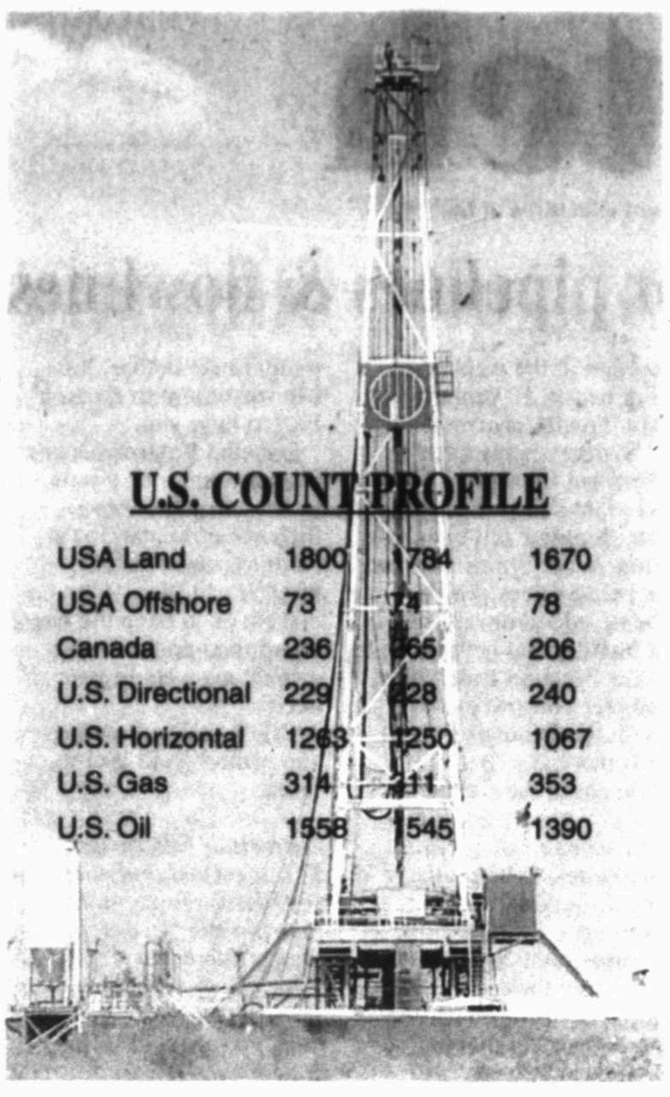
Control of the U.S. Senate could hinge on the outcome of two sleeper races in Iowa and New Hampshire. Voters in these states are connecting the cost of their electricity and home heating bills with who they will vote for in November. In Iowa, 55 percent of voters said they support generating electricity using coal-fired power plants. In New Hampshire, 72 percent of voters said they support expanding existing natural gas pipelines or building new ones to increase natural gas supplies for electricity generation and home heating.

When it comes to a debate over the cost of basic necessities such as heat or electricity, voters will not give candidates much wiggle room. The candidate who can make the case that their vote will support policies that make prices affordable is going to win over their electorate.

Energy is an issue on the mind of voters as they head into the voting booth.

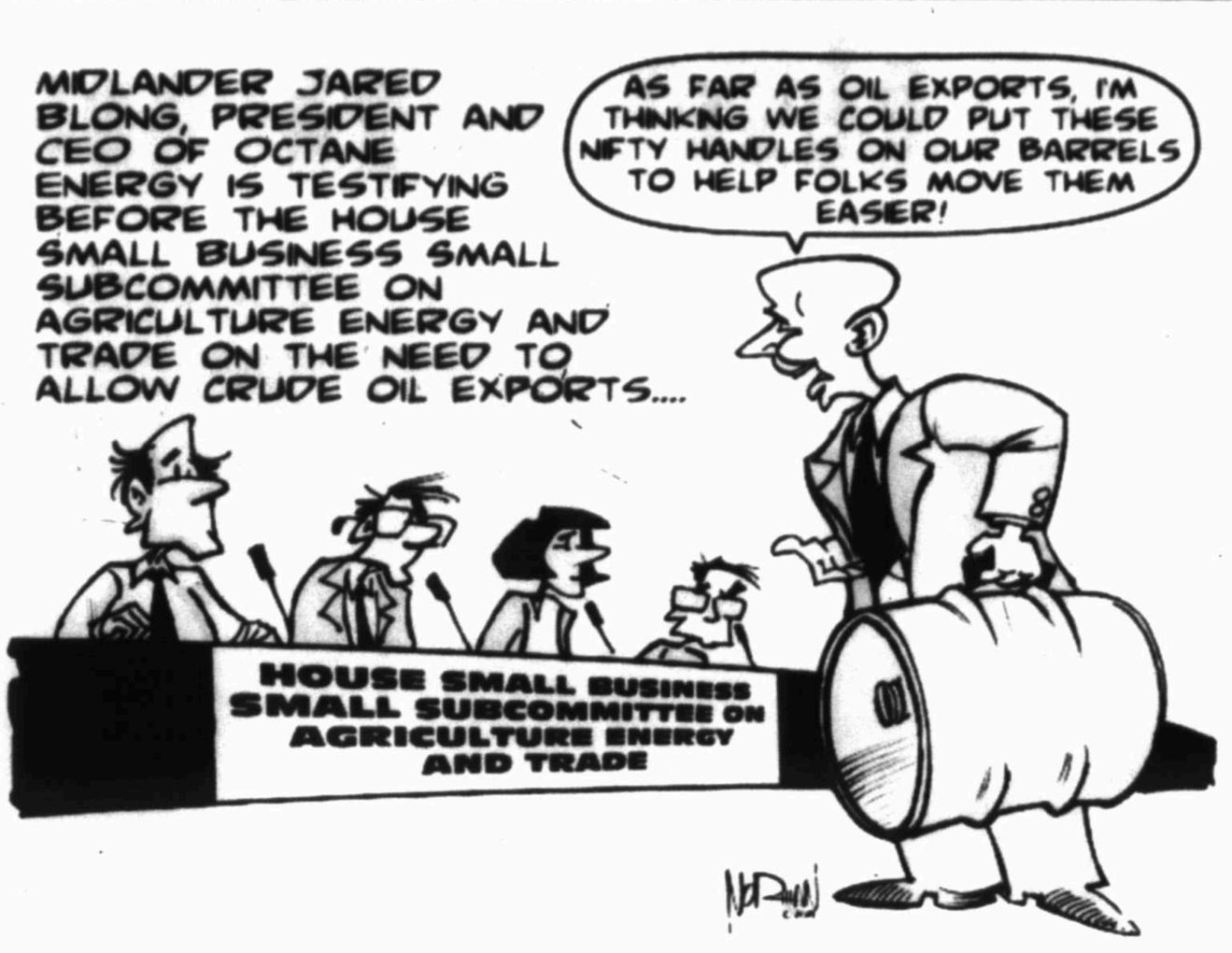
In Colorado, 52 percent of voters said they would be less likely to support incumbent Democrat Mark Udall if the president denied Keystone XL. In North Carolina, where Kay Hagan faces Republican Thom Tillis, 49 percent of voters say they would be less likely to support Hagan if Keystone XL is denied.

Polling shows energy issues are important to voters. The campaigns for U.S. Senate will show which candidates are capable of communicating to energy consumers.



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USA Land	1800	1784	1670
USA Offshore	73	74	78
Canada	236	265	206
U.S. Directional	229	228	240
U.S. Horizontal	1263	1250	1067
U.S. Gas	314	311	353
U.S. Oil	1558	1545	1390





MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$102.00
Flint Hills Resources*	$101.75
Phillips 66*	$101.96
Plains*	$101.75
Shell Trading*	$102.00
Sun*	$101.75
NYMEX futures	$105.57

*Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of July 1, 2014

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	1
Concho	0
Crockett	11
Irion	21
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	30
Runnels	1
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	2
Tom Green	2
Upton	35

DIST. #8

Andrews	33
Brewster	0
Crane	5
Culberson	11
Ector	21
Glasscock	39
Howard	17
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	18
Martin	50
Midland	36
Mitchell	3
Pecos	10
Presidio	0
Reeves	53
Sterling	1
Ward	21
Winkler	3

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	1
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	2
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	8
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	3
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	8
Terry	2
Yoakum	4

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New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	45
Lea	35
Roosevelt	1
N.M. TOTAL	81

Oil industry forms information hub for cyberattacks

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A Hunt Oil executive and others are planning to select cybersecurity experts this year to staff a new group that will collect information and analyze cyberattacks on the oil and gas industry.

The American Petroleum Institute helped form the new Oil and Natural Gas Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a data hub that oil and gas companies will be able to use to learn more about cyberthreats to automated systems that run exploration-and-production operations, pipelines, refineries and other energy infrastructure.

Curt Craig, a Hunt Oil executive and a founding director of the cybersecurity group, said once the professional team is in place, analysts will send cybersecurity reports to member companies.

On its website, the group said energy-reported attacks made up 53 percent of the more than 200 incidents reported to the Department of Homeland Security's industrial control systems emergency response team. Some oil companies already share information on cyberattacks, but some players say the industry desperately needs to open up more lines of communication.

"If everyone's out there doing their own thing, everyone has to learn the same lessons time and time again," said Craig, manager of business systems and information security for Dallas-based Hunt Oil, in an interview with FuelFix last week. "Sharing information and intelligence around cyberthreats is a much more efficient way to improve everyone's maturity and capability, in a shorter period of time."

The industry has kicked around the idea of a formal group for about 18 months, he said. So far, 25 oil and gas companies have signed on as members.

The Oil and Natural Gas Information Sharing and Analysis Center hopes to be a formal gathering place for the industry to dig through accumulated knowledge about threats to control systems that link much of the nation's energy infrastructure, as hackers send increasingly complex malware into energy-company computer systems.

It's one of 17 individual Information Sharing and Analysis Centers, or ISACs, which collect information for defense-industry suppliers, the electricity sector, financial services firms, and other industries, according to the National Council of ISACs.

Craig said there's plenty of common ground that upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas sectors can learn from each other, as operations from petroleum refineries to offshore drilling platforms rely on automated systems that run day-to-day functions.

The group's staff "will be small initially," tailored to the needs of its member companies, he said. The group said it won't track or report on incidents that may be experienced by its members, but does facilitate sharing of threat intelligence among the companies.

Alpha Crude to proceed with Basin pipeline

TULSA — Alpha Crude Connector, LLC announced a successful open season for the Alpha Crude Connector Pipeline, a new FERC regulated, crude oil transportation pipeline to be located in Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico and Culberson, Loving, Reeves and Winkler Counties, Texas. Having received sufficient binding commitments, Alpha's owners have determined to proceed with the Pipeline.

The pipeline will have the capacity to accept over 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil from numerous lease tank batteries and other field receipt points and a truck terminal in the northern Delaware Basin. Shippers will have the ability to deliver crude through the System to multiple downstream pipelines and a rail terminal, providing access to local refineries, Cushing and the U.S. Gulf Coast. The pipeline is projected to be in service in the second half of 2015.

Alpha intends to conduct a second open season that will end November to explore obtaining additional binding long-term acreage or long-term volume commitments for this new crude oil transportation system. The second season will provide an additional opportunity for interested shippers to secure long-term transportation commitments for certain capacity rights at competitive rates.

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 8A

Dickens County

DRACO ENERGY, INC. WILDCAT (O) DRILL Well# 1 BIGHAM, 475 FEL 580 FSL, SEC 1 BLK ML, ML HALE SUR., A-1302 5400', 8 N DICKENS

Terry County

CR3 OPER. CO., LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ADAIR 1592, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 44 BLK DD, JH GIBSON/ OE ADAMS SUR., A-1592 14000', 3 SW WELLMAN

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 EG BEDFORD HEIRS ET AL, 806 FNL 634 FEL, SEC 3 BLK DD, JH GIBSON/ MRS A JENKIN SUR., A-1933 15000', 18 NE BROWNFIELD

New Mexico

Eddy County

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Cimarex Energy Co.
Foxx 31 Fed Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 31 T26S R27E; 369/N & 310/E; 15 mi SE Black River; Rot 13,793 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42095

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Klein 33 Fed Com #4
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Klein 33 Fed Com #5
Wildcat; Sec 33 T26S R27E; 310/S & 1980/W; 14 mi SE Black River; Rot 15,963 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42098

Lea County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ironhouse 24 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 24 T18S R34E; 200/S & 1980/W; 4.5 mi S Buckeye; Rot 14426 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41695

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Dunkle 7 St #1
Wildcat; Sec 7 T18S R36E; 200/S & 865/W; 5 mi NW Arkansas Jct; Rot 13752 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41693

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Dopplebock 8 St #1
Wildcat; Sec 8 T18S R36S; 200/N & 1980/E; 4 mi N Arkansas Jct; Rot 13762 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41694

ConocoPhillips Co.
Red Hills West 16 St M #1
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R32E; 2690/S & 1310/E; 17 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41685

Can virtual reality can help the oil industry's worker shortage?

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — From a non-descript office in the Galleria area, you can walk around a refinery, an oil rig and even an offshore platform — thanks to high-tech software taking advantage of virtual reality.

Houston-based FuelFX is hoping to cash-in on the need for more skilled, younger workers in the energy sector by developing training applications that use virtual reality technology to give employees an immersive experience.

The company is pitching the technology as a way to give workers a more effective — and in some cases, more affordable — training regimen. The sensation resembles something those younger workers are likely already familiar with: video games.

"It's like Call of Duty," said FuelFX CEO Oliver Diaz, referring to the popular shoot-'em-up game. "Except you're on a rig."

The company builds 3D models of oil infrastructure and places them in a simulated environment that can be viewed through the Oculus Rift, a virtual reality headset that surrounds a user's field of vision and can be controlled by tilting the head in any direction.

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$4.09 last May and are averaging $4.66 so far this year, up 31.6 percent from last year's $3.54.

Natural gas production volumes in May were 4.3 percent higher than last May and are 3.5 percent higher so far this year than last year. That production was valued at $437.1 million in May, up 15.7 percent from $377.7 million. Production so far this year is valued at $2.3 billion, up 36.5 percent from $1.73 billion in 2013.

Producers completed 14 natural gas wells in May, up 133.3 percent from six last May. They have completed 52 natural gas wells so far in 2014, up 36.8 percent from 38 last year.

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iron, just to name a few," he testified.

His testimony, he said, was eye-opening for committee members. "They didn't realize that small energy companies are operating at a disadvantage courtesy of the government, when you tell them their policies are augmenting the profits of the majors and holding back job creation," he said.

Blong said he felt he made a strong case that lifting the export ban would encourage creation of good-paying jobs, especially for military veterans. "I don't care which side of the aisle you're on, that resonates," he said. "Those are their constituents, that's their job."

A higher rig count, he told committee members, means he could not only hire more people but create higher-quality jobs. For Octane's consulting practice, he could conceivably add four new well site leaders at $220,000 per year per team member. Once Octane establishes its drilling company, each rig could employ up to 25 employees per rig at $76,000 per employee per year.

"Lifting the ban on oil exports would ensure the sustainability of these well-paying jobs in our company and other companies in the industry," he testified. "The same goes for catering companies that feed rig hands, for steel manufacturers that make drill pipe, for technology companies that make wireline downhole sensors, and for countless other businesses that take part in energy exploration and production."

He also addressed concerns that lifting the export ban would increase domestic gasoline prices. He cited studies that found lifting export bans would actually lower gasoline prices for consumers. He quoted an IHS study that found increasing global gasoline supplies would lower global oil prices and, as a result, U.S. gasoline prices because they are based on global oil prices rather than domestic oil prices. IHS estimated U.S. motorists would save $265 billion from 2016 to 2030 if the ban is lifted.

How, Blong asked, can the U.S. promote free markets around the globe when the restrictions on crude exports sends the wrong message to the nation's trading partners? The restrictions, he said, slow job growth, restrict supplies and negatively impact the global refined product balance. The ban, he explained, creates an inefficient distribution of crude oil among refineries not only in the Western Hemisphere but elsewhere around the world.

"We have to fight for a free marketplace in all its facets," he said, "not just pick and choose."

Blong said he felt his comments were well-received and he is confident that, at some point in the near future, Congress will move forward with legislation to lift the export ban.

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For today's heavy workloads Somers recommends customers have backup equipment in their fleet. That way they can have a spare or two to fill in when repairs or preventive maintenance work is necessary. This is especially vital on those remote rigs where there is no power grid for miles. Even closer to town it can take days or week to have power lines connected, causing work delays.

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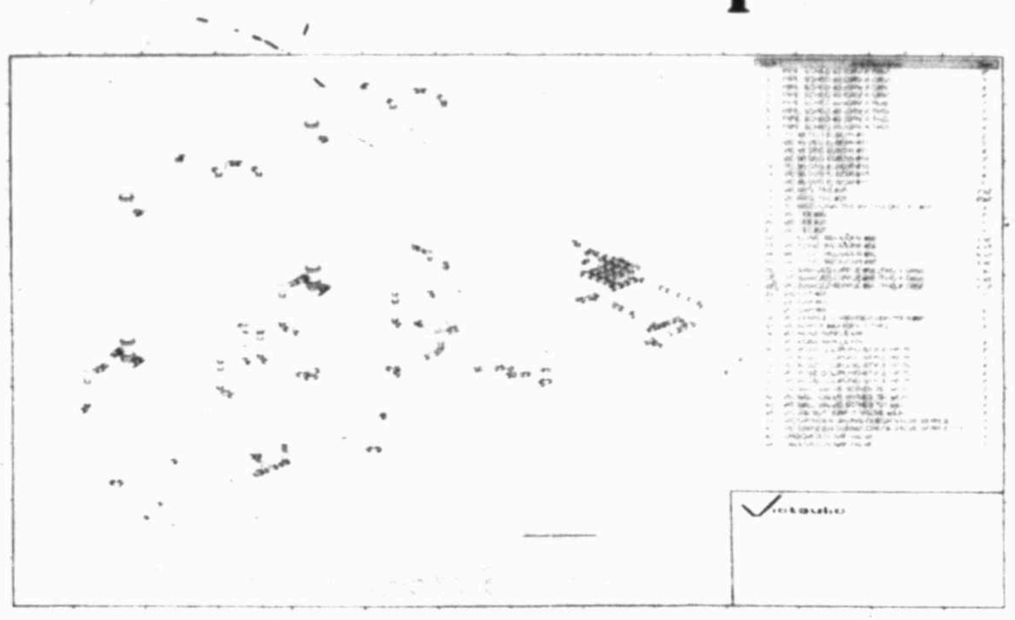
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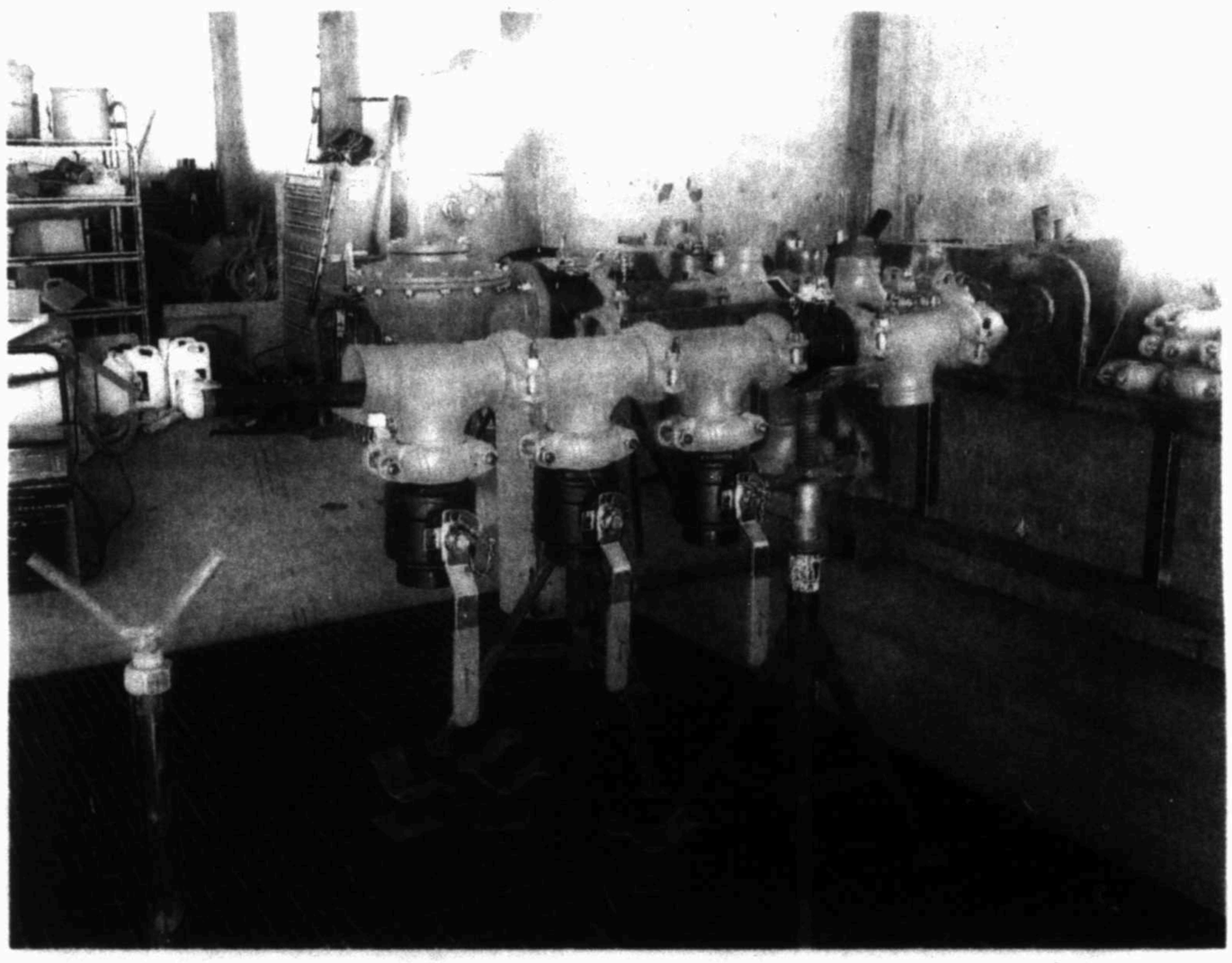
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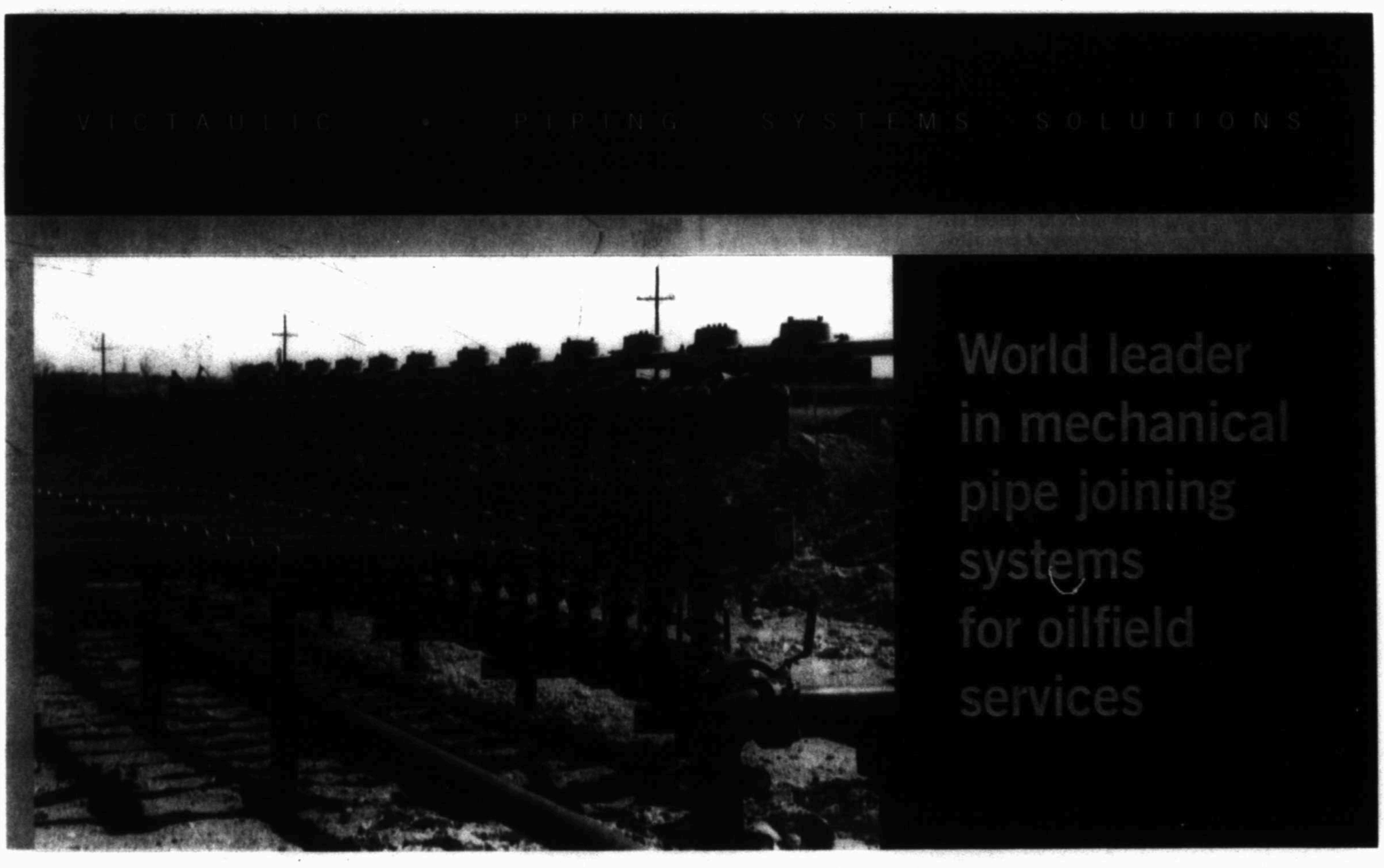
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LEAKY WELLS





Fracking study finds new gas wells leak more

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In Pennsylvania's gas drilling boom, newer and unconventional wells leak far more often than older and traditional ones, according to a study of state inspection reports for 41,000 wells.

The results suggest that leaks of methane could be a problem for drilling across the nation, said study lead author Cornell University engineering professor Anthony Ingraffea, who heads an environmental activist group that helped pay for the study.

The research was criticized by the energy industry. Marcellus Shale Coalition spokesman Travis Windle said it reflects Ingraffea's "clear pattern of playing fast and loose with the facts."

The Marcellus Shale formation of plentiful but previously hard-to-extract trapped natural gas stretches over Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York.

The study was published last week by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A team of four scientists analyzed more than 75,000 state inspections of gas wells done in Pennsylvania since 2000.

Overall, older wells — those drilled before 2009 — had a leak rate of about 1 percent. Most were traditional wells, drilling straight down. Unconventional wells — those drilled horizontally and commonly referred to as fracking — didn't come on the scene until 2006 and quickly took over.

Newer traditional wells drilled after 2009 had a leak rate of about 2 percent; the rate for unconventional wells was about 6 percent, the study found.

The leak rate reached as high as nearly 10 percent horizontally drilled wells for before and after 2009 in the northeastern part of the state, where drilling is hot and heavy.

The researchers don't know where the leaky methane goes — into the water or the air, where it could be a problem worsening man-made global warming.

The scientists don't know the size of the leaks or even their causes and industry officials deny that they are actual leaks. The study calls it "casing and cement impairment," but the study's lead author said that is when methane is flowing outside the pipe.

"Something is coming out of it that shouldn't, in a place that it shouldn't," said Ingraffea, who has been part of a team of Cornell researchers finding problems with fracking. Also, Ingraffea heads a group of scientists and engineers that has criticized fracking and two of his co-authors are part of the group.

The study didn't discuss why the leak rate spiked. Ingraffea said it could be because corners are being cut as drilling booms, better inspections or the way the gas is trapped in the rock formation.

Pennsylvania regulatory officials said their records show that gas leaks peaked in 2010 and are on the way down again, reflecting their efforts to stress proper cementing practices. Further in 2011, the state focused more on unconventional wells to make leak protection efforts "more stringent," wrote Morgan Wagner, a spokesman for the state environmental agency.

Energy industry officials attacked the study and Ingraffea.

Chris Tucker, spokesman for industry-supported group Energy In Depth, said what they measured may not be leaks but state inspectors detecting pressure buildup.

"The trick these researchers are pulling here is conflating pressure with leakage, trying to convince folks that the mere existence of the former is evidence of the latter," Tucker wrote in an email.

But outside scientists, even pro-drilling ones, praised the study.

Tony Engelder of Pennsylvania State University, a pioneering supporter of the Marcellus fracking boom, said it shows there is plenty of room for improving drilling safety.

"It clearly indicates that there is a problem with the production" of the wells, said University of California Santa Barbara engineering professor and methane expert Ira Leifer, who wasn't part of the study.

ABOVE
A farmhouse is seen in the background framed by pipes connecting pumps where the hydraulic fracturing process in the Marcellus Shale layer to release natural gas was underway July 27, 2011 at a Range Resources site in Claysville, Pa. In Pennsylvania's fracking boom, new and more unconventional wells leaked more than older and traditional wells, according to a study of inspections of more than 41,000 wells drilled.

TOP
This undated handout frame grab taken from video, provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection shows bubbling due to impaired cementing in an unconventional gas well in Pennsylvania.

AP file photos

Weatherford opens new manufacturing center

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

KATY — The smell of drying paint and grinding metal wafts through Weatherford International's new manufacturing center where workers are churning out components vital to the process of pulling oil from the earth.

The new facility — built at a cost of about $100 million — is the latest manufacturing plant in the area for the Houston-based oilfield service company and represents the company's belief that demand for its production technology is on the uptick.

Every month, it turns out 120 pump units — the iconic machines also known as pump jacks, nodding donkeys, thirsty birds or rocking horses — that rock back-and-forth in a process used to pull liquid from an oil well when there's not enough pressure for it flow to the surface on its own.

Today, the facility, which opened in January, employs 135 people, but Weatherford executives said they expect to have 335 people here by the end of next year, and it could eventually employ 500.

"We began thinking about this about two-and-a-half years ago," said Ernest Dunn, vice presient for production systems at Weatherford. "We saw what was happening with horizontal shales and the future demand for this type of equipment."

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A pumpjack looms over a worker at a Linn Energy site in the Permian Basin of West Texas.

TRADING HANDS

Linn Energy buying Devon assets for $2.3 billion

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Houston oil and gas producer Linn Energy is planning to snap up $2.3 billion in natural gas-rich assets in the Rockies, Louisiana, East Texas and elsewhere, the firm said.

The 900,000 net acres of U.S. land trading hands in the deal with Devon Energy Corp. have about 4,500 wells, many of which are mature, already pumping natural gas and oil at a lower production decline rate than newer wells.

Shale wells typically decline rapidly within the first year of production, but they eventually settle on a lower, but more stable level of output. Buying older wells means the company doesn't have to face the high decline rates, and can rely on the lower production levels to sustain its growth, said Daniel Guffey, an analyst with Stifel.

"That's consistent with their strategy," Guffey said, adding that as an upstream master limited partnership, Linn's goal is to consistently grow over time and avoid the pitfalls of high production decline rates.

The assets, in the Rockies, midcontinent, East Texas, north Louisiana and South Texas, produce about 275 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent per day, about 80 percent of which is gas. The deal is expected to close in the third quarter this year.

About three-quarters of the assets' 1.3 trillion to 1.5 trillion cubic feet of gas equivalent in proved reserves are developed. That will give Linn a steady stream of production, Guffey said.

Linn also said it has identified more than 1,000 future drilling locations. The firm is planning to pay for the Devon assets by selling off liquids-rich natural gas assets in the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma, where it is pumping 230 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent a day.

Those assets, known collectively as the Granite Wash assets, have faster decline rates than the assets Linn is buying, as the Houston firm trades more stable assets, said Kevin Smith, an analyst with Raymond James.

Linn is a master limited partnership, which is a tax-advantaged corporate structure that pays much of its cash flow to investors in the form of regular distributions.

"They're strengthening their ability to pay the underlying dividend, and de-risking that process," Smith said.

Unlike publicly traded C-corp oil producers, Smith added, MLPs often take the long view on their assets, as they're able to hedge their production out to three to five years. That makes low-priced natural gas more attractive for Linn than its competitors, he said.

The deal accomplishes several of Linn's objectives, including "reducing capital intensity while increasing efficiency," Mark Ellis, chairman, president and CEO, said in a statement.

For Oklahoma-based Devon, the sale is a chance to jettison the last of the non-core assets it promised investors it would sell off, which included assets along the Gulf Coast and other areas. All told, it has sold off assets in the U.S. and Canada for $5 billion in proceeds.

Devon president and CEO John Richel said the company will now focus on attractive North American plays, and expects to increase its liquids production to 60 percent of its output by the end of the year.

"The portfolio transformation we announced late last year is complete," Richel said.

Analysts with Wells Fargo wrote the sale, which was worth about $1 billion more than Wall Street investors had believed, would help further erase debt from Devon's balance sheet. This year, the company is expected to slash $4 billion in debt, the analysts wrote.

Vampire equipment sucking power, draining wallets, report finds

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The price people pay for always-on, around-the-clock Internet connections with modems, cell phones and laptops may be higher than they think.

According to a new report from the International Energy Agency, all of those networked electronic devices are sucking up a whole lot of electricity — mostly just to maintain their Internet connections — generating $80 billion worth of wasted power in 2013.

For the average household, the bill runs to "many tens of dollars per year, per device," said Maria van der Hoeven, executive director of the Paris-based IEA. "This may not sound like much, but in 2013, the cumulative impact of 14 billion such devices was … unnecessary operation of over 130 mid-sized coal plants producing around 400 terawatt hours of electricity and all the pollution and carbon emissions that goes with it."

The problem is expected to worsen as our homes become even more wired, with network connectivity spreading to washing machines, refrigerators, thermostats and even coffee pots. In 2013, there were an average of 10 network-enabled devices for every home with two teenagers in a developed country. By 2022, according to the IEA, that count will soar to 50.

Van der Hoeven said the world's networked devices are inefficient, consuming too much power just to maintain their connections in a "standby" mode where they are ready for action at any given moment. Many network-enabled devices — be they set-top cable boxes or printers — now draw as much power listening for signals in standby mode as when they are actively performing their primary functions.

But the IEA said that manufacturers could rein in 65 percent of that energy use by implementing best available technologies today.

"Addressing this energy waste, through technology and policy solutions already available, could lead to energy savings that correspond to the annual electricity generated by 133 mid-size coal-fired power plants (500 megawatts each), each requiring 1.4 million tons of coal per year," the report says.

'Unnecessary costs'

Without changes, the wasted power tied to the 50-billion network-connected devices expected to be running in 2020 could amount to $120 billion dollars in "unnecessary costs to consumers," van der Hoeven said in unveiling the IEA's paper.

In its 175-page report, the IEA urges a host of changes to stem the growing electricity demand of equipment in standby mode, with action needed from consumers and manufacturers, as well as policymakers.

IEA suggests that regulations could help drive efficiency improvements across the value chain, with software developers designing solutions to stem the power waste, manufacturers integrating the changes, Internet service providers deploying more efficient equipment and consumers making better choices in buying and running the devices.

Policy prescription

"In the absence of strong market drivers for energy efficiency, concerted global policy action is needed to curb escalating electricity demand from devices in network standby mode," the IEA report said.

Older government policies that target equipment that can be simply turned "off" or "on" — without a third standby or sleep option — need to be updated to govern electricity demand for the latest technology, the group said.

Some work is already under way in the United States, where Energy Star efficiency standards for appliances and equipment typically do not include discrete limits for different power modes and instead generally set a standard for total energy consumption. There are specific standby power requirements for some devices, such as microwave ovens.

After the U.S. Department of Energy drafted provisions to add set-top boxes and network devices to one of its efficiency programs, the industry in 2013 voluntarily reached an agreement to rein in the devices' power use. Under the agreement with the government, providers and manufacturers, 90 percent of all new set-top boxes purchased and deployed after 2013 must meet the government's Energy Star 3.0 efficiency standards.

Shale's junk debt at risk if Fed raises rates

HOUSTON — The oil and gas industry's junk-bond bonanza — which has caused the amount of the sector's speculative-grade debt to triple over the past seven years — has been a major driver of its rapid growth. But the wave of easy cash could be coming to a sudden stop, according to a story on HoustonChronicle.com from energy reporter Collin Eaton.

There have been signs that the Fed could soon end the era of near-zero interest rates, which have helped haul the economy out of a slump. Higher rates could draw investors to bonds with less risk than speculative-grade debt.

If so, analysts fear the loss of investor capital could put a heavy break on production growth. Bloomberg data shows that junk bonds made up half of all corporate bond debt that U.S. independent oil and gas producers sold in the first quarter of 2014.

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San Antonio energy tech company attracts high-profile investors

By Vicki Vaughan
San Antonio Express-News



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WellAware equipment measures the amount of fluid coming out of a well in Beeville and sends the real-time information to operators. The San Antonio-based WellAware is a tech startup that's focused on oilfield data.

SAN ANTONIO — Ed Whitacre, former chairman and CEO of AT&T and General Motors, has joined former Vice President Dick Cheney and Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim to invest in a San Antonio-based technology company that collects oilfield data.

The company, WellAware Holdings Inc., said Wednesday it has secured $37 million in funding that was led by Activant Capital Group LLC, a New York-based private equity firm, and Slim, an investor and CEO of América Móvil, one of the largest mobile phone carriers in Latin America.

Activant invests in technology and software businesses, according to its website.

Whitacre and Cheney, who also invested, are board members at WellAware.

WellAware was co-founded in 2012 by Matt Harrison, a former vice president at San Antonio-based InCube Laboratories, an incubator for biotech companies.

WellAware has created software that lets energy companies track wells, pipelines and other oilfield equipment using smartphones, iPads and computers. Its technology also allows users to control oil and gas production remotely.

The company's technology helps the oil and gas industry improve efficiency and reduce downtime by catching equipment problems as they happen. The company's data-gathering also is able to point to potential problems, such as a change in pressure, before equipment fails.

In an interview last fall, Harrison said he funded the company himself for several months in 2013 while he tested the technology. WellAware then raised $9 million in first-round financing from private investors, and last year it launched its real-time, remote monitoring business in South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale.

Harrison said the company's $37 million cash infusion will be used to continue to develop software and network communications and to take the company's technology to other U.S. shale plays.

The company has completed its Eagle Ford Shale network, and "we've gotten pretty far down the road in completing the Permian Basin" in West Texas, he said.

"With this round of funding, I expect that we'll be able to expand throughout the U.S. and internationally as well."

He expects the company to be in the early stages of planning to set up international networks in the next 12 to 24 months.

Harrison said Cheney joined WellAware's board earlier this month, while Whitacre joined in January.

"He (Whitacre) and I met, and obviously given his experience in business and particularly at AT&T, he was somebody I was very interested in learning from. He has been truly instrumental in continuing to help this business move forward."

Whitacre was not available for comment.

Harrison said his company was introduced to Activant through Raymond James & Associates, which acted as the placement agent in the financing.

Other board members at WellAware include Raymond Welder III, president of San Antonio-based Welder Exploration & Production Inc., and Gene Powell, San Antonio developer and the former board chairman of the University of Texas System.

Powell and his son, Cameron Powell, along with Stephen "Trey" Moore, also are founders of WellAware, Harrison said.



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Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Samson University "25" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 467 fnl, Sec 25, Blk 4, ULS, 11.2 ne Andrews; TD 10615; Comp 6/9/2014; producing from 8090-10478; pump 53 BO, 302 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45902

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University -A- #25
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1006 fnl, 1280 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 14, ULS, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4789 TVD, 4855 MD; Comp 6/7/2014; producing from 4487-4665, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 64.2 BO, 21 MCF, 2 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-4487-4665

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
W.H. Bush #33
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 1138 fsl, 692 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 4908 TVD, 4921 MD; Comp 6/5/2014; producing from 4508-4761, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 35 BO, 4 MCF, 135 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46134

Crane County

Henry Resources LLC
UnivKimra #4202
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 796 fwl, 491 fnl, Sec 42, Blk 30, ULS, 4 nw Crane; TD 9600; Comp 6/3/2014; producing from 8238-9198, fracture stimulated; pump 33 BO, 69 MCF, 92 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36299

Henry Resources LLC
UnivLindsay #1710
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 1980 fwl, 467 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 31, Abst. 65U, ULS, 10.2 nw Crane; TD 9500; Comp 6/19/2014; producing from 7919-9380, fracture stimulated; pump 41 BO, 24 MCF, 176 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36277

Midland County

Henry Resources LLC
Gwendolyn #2309D
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 4666 fwl, 2489 fnl, Sec 23, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 72, T&P RR, 7.8 e Odessa; TD 11101 TVD, 11440 MD; Comp 6/13/2014; producing from 8745-11356, fracture stimulated; pump 54 BO, 30 MCF, 401 BW, 43.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-38917

Ward County

Sundown Energy LP
Hutchings Stock Association #3059
Wickett North (Pennsylvanian); 8643 fnl, 3269 fwl, Sec 3, Blk F, Abst. 103, G&MMB&A, 2.9 ne Wickett; TD 10900; Comp 6/2/2014; producing from 8200-10550; flow 170 BO, 768 MCF, 406 BW on 25/64 inch choke, FTP 640 psi, 37.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36615

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #690R
Ward-Estes North; 485 fsl, 8430 fwl, Sec 1, Blk O, Abst. 119, G&MMB&A, 5 se Wickett; TD 2595; Comp 6/4/2014; producing from 2428-2556, treated with acid; flow 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 350 BW on open choke, FTP 180 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-20197

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Crosby County

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1036
Hoople (Clearfork); 3589 fnl, 3866 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 8.4 ne Slaton; TD 4372; Comp 6/4/2014; producing from 3193-3466, fracture stimulated; pump 22 BO, 120 BW, 37.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34167

Three R Oil Company
Post-Montgomery "D" #12
H & L (Glorieta); 330 fnl, 1417 fel, Sec 7, Blk 4, Abst. 497, K. Aycock, 7 ne Post; TD 3542; Comp 6/4/2014; producing from 3142-3443, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 22 BO, 118 BW, 37.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34165

Terry County

RAW Oil & Gas Inc.
W.M.L. 91 #1
Mound Lake; 903 fsl, 2385 fwl, Sec 91, Blk 4X, Abst. 221, D&SE RR, 10 ne Brownfield; TD 11650; Comp 6/10/2014; producing from 9351-11417, treated with acid; pump 153 BO, 130 MCF, 6 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-445-32387

New Mexico

Eddy County

LRE Operating LLC
Welch RL State #14
Artesia; Sec 28 T17S R28E; 2310/N & 2310/W; EL 3639 GL, TD 3660, PBTD 3608; Spud 1-21-14, Comp 2-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 3394-3510. Treat: 2706 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/57,847# 16/30 & 22,033# 16/30 resin coated sd in 25# x-linked gel. IP: 2-16-14 Pump 24 hrs 52 BO, 245 BW, 109 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 436 w/250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3645 w/375 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3564; API #30-015-40068

COG Operating LLC
Maple State #4
NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 990/N & 990/W; EL 3544 GL, TD 4892, PBTD 4820; Spud 10-5-11, Comp 11-10-11; production is through treated perfs: 3260-3510, 3730-3955, 4015-4240, 4300-4550. Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/463,409 gals gel, 550,903# 16/30 white sd, 121,542# 16/30 CRC. IP: 11-30-11 Pump 24 hrs 13 BO, 580 BW, 6 MCF, GOR 462, Gty 39.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 251 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 885 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4870 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4460; API #30-015-39298

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #66
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 570/N & 405/E. BHL: 344/N & 342/E; EL 3686 GL, TD 4508, PBTD 4470; Spud 11-10-13, Comp 12-20-13; production is through treated perfs: 3540-4170. Treat: 204,750 gals 20#, 245,501# sd, 3549 gals acid, 3402 gals gel. IP: 1-20-14 Pump 24 hrs 72 BO, 431 BW, 107 MCF, GOR 1486, Gty 39.5. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 513 w/670 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4508 w/640 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4223; API #30-015-41706

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #415
GB-Jackson; Sec 25 T17S R29E; 150/N & 660/E; EL 3607 GL, TD 5003, PBTD 4981; Spud 11-22-10, Comp 12-26-10; production is through treated perfs: 4350-4650. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/117,600 gals gel, 116,954# 16/30 white sd, 20,188# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 12-31-10 Pump 24 hrs 28 BO, 205 BW, 25 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 384 w/850 sx, 8 5/8 @ 970 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5001 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4669; API #30-015-37131

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #44
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 330/S & 330/E; EL 3746 GL, TD 6070, PBTD 6020; Spud 8-3-13, Comp 11-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 5044-5368, 5438-5607, 5664-5829. Treat: 2500 gals 15% NEFE & 64 BW, 2,189,124 gals SW, 70,640# 100 mesh, 466,143# 40/70 sd. IP: 11-30-13 Pump 24 hrs 95 BO, 1185 BW, 53 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 525 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6070 w/2000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4935; API #30-015-41539

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #70
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 2260/S & 990/E; EL 3724 GL, TD 6412, PBTD 6370; Spud 10-20-13, Comp 12-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 4740-5494, 5578-6186 Treat: 440,664 gals 20#, 554,965# sd, 8148 gals acid, 8820 gals gel. IP: 1-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 177 BO, 221 BW, 121 MCF, GOR 684, Gty 37.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 333 w/559 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3503 w/1090 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6412 w/1020 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6275; API #30-015-41112

Enervest Operating Ltd.
WLH G4S Unit #47
Loco Hills; Sec 10 T18S R29E; 2555/N & 10/E; EL 3503.4 GL, TD 2825, PBTD 2772; Spud 1-8-10 Comp 5-4-10; production is through treated perfs: 2644-2670. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/42300# 16/30 sd. IP: 5-4-10 Flow 24 hrs 4 BO, 382 BW, 0 MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 77. CP 80, Gty 36.1. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 390 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 2812 w/600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2652; API #30-015-37012

COG Operating LLC
Arabian 6 Fee #6
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T19S R26E; 150/S & 2267/W. BHL: 352/N & 2184/W; EL 3372 Gl, TD 7400, PBTD 7350; Spud 10-20-13, Comp 12-23-13; production is through treated perfs: 3090-7328. Treat: Acdz w/36,000 gals 15% HCL. Frac w/1,735,177 gals gel, 177,929 gals trt wtr, 215,558 gals WF R9, 2,726,644# 20/40 brown sd, 472,782# 16/30 CRC, 41,643# 100 mesh. IP: 1-11-14 Pump 24 hrs 18 BO, 1629 BW, 15 MCF, GOR 833, Gty 39.6. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1221 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7400 w/800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2416; API #30-015-39625

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ruger 6 Federal Com #5
Winchester; Sec 6 T20S R29E; 150/N & 1755/E. BHL: 360/S & 1800/E; EL 3294 GL, TD 13575 MD, 8979 TVD, PBTD 13510 MD, 8979 TVD; Spud 4-15-11, Comp 7-11-11; production is through treated perfs: 9248-13506 MD, 8897-8979 TVD. Treat: Frac w/17,000 gals 15% HCL & 964,000 gals 20# x-link gel carrying 884,000 20/40 sd, tailed w/242,500# SB excel. IP: 7-14-11 Flow 24 hrs 712 BO, 960 BW, 712 MCF, 34/64" Ch, CP 400, GOR 993, Gty 55. Csg; 20 @ 305 w/800 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1208 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2670 w/1480 sx, 7 @ 9185 w/1400 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8968 MD - 13510 MD, 8835 TVD- 8979 TVD; API #30-015-37198

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #105
SE Quahada Ridge; Sec 36 T22S R30E; 2428/N & 1340/W. BHL: 1947/N & 783/W; EL 3311 GL, TD 13017 MD, 7209 TVD, PBTD 13012; Spud 6-14-09, Comp 8-12-09; production is through treated perfs: 7730-12964. Treat: Frac w/72,780 gals 15# linear, 16,002 gals 15% HCL, 588,191 gals 25# Borate w/1,501,551# Ottawa. IP: 8-24-09 Pump 24 hrs 688 BO, 1428 BW, 484 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 602 w/575 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3825.5 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 7669 w/1035 sx, 4 1/2 @ 13017, 2 7/8 @ 6636; API #30-015-37064

Oxy USA Inc.
Harroun 9 #3
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 9 T24S R29E; 200/S & 550/E, BHL: 342/S & 3431/W; EL 2933 GL, TD 13196 MD, 8645 TVD, PBTD 13112 MD, 8647 TVD; Spud 10-29-13, Comp 1-9-14; production is through treated perfs: 9262-9589, 9751-10077, 10240-10566, 10729-11055, 11218-11544, 11707-12033, 12196-12522, 12685-13013. Treat: 149805 gals trt wtr + 32000 gals 15% acid + 81809 gals 20# Un Gel + 133209 gals 20# HCl gel w/2278426# sd. IP: 1-27-14 Flow 24 hrs 349 BO, 246 BW, 365 MCF, 17/64" Ch, TP 1375, CP 580, GOR 1046. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 567 w/620 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3000 w/910 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13187 w/1430 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7849; API #30-015-41488

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Willow Lake 35 Federal Com #2
SW Willow Lake; Sec 35 T24S R28E; 300/S & 370/W. BHL: 333/N & 355/W; EL 2981 GL, TD 12790 MD, 8292 TVD, PBTD 12741 MD, 8291 TVD; Spud 5-24-13, Comp 7-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 8768-12741 MD, 8298-8291 TVD. Treat: Frac w/323,704 gals slickwater, 267,478 gals 20# linear gel & 780,236 gals 20# XL gel carrying 89,961# 100 mesh sd, 1,719,981# 20/40 sd & 334,618# 20/49 SB excel sd. IP: 8-3-13 Pump 24 hrs 362 BO, 1219 BW, 809 MCF, GOR 2235, Gty 49.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 650 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2600 w/1256 sx, 7 @ 8648 w/1100 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8413-12750, 2 7/8 @ 7890; API #30-015-38106

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Ogden State #5
South Black River; Sec 2 T25S R28E; 825/S & 1650/E; EL 3370 GL, TD 2072, PBTD 2066; Spud 7-18-10, Comp 6-24-11; production is through treated perfs: 1970-2072. Treat: 33,669 gals & 40,220# 20/40 white sd. IP: 6-14-11 Pump 24 hrs 17 BO, 160 BW, 35 MCF, GOR 2059, Gty 32. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 305 w/355 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1970 w/655 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2006; API #30-015-37264

COG Operating LLC
Down South State Com #3
Hay Hollow; Sec 19 T26S R28E; 2180/S & 330/E. BHL: 1824/S & 286/W; EL 3030 GL, TD 12247, PBTD 12200; Spud 2-1-13, Comp 4-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 7985-12070, 12150-12160. Treat: Acdz w/28581 gals 7.5%, Frac w/2987940# sd & 2456346 gals fluid. IP: 4-21-13 Flow 24 hrs 921 BO, 1868 BW, 3431 MCF, 64/64" Ch, CP 660. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 421 w/415 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2301 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12247 w/1650 sx; API #30-015-37255

Lea County

CML Exploration LLC
Beams 15 State #3
Sanmal; Sec 15 T17S R33E; 352/N & 2094/E. BHL: 352/N & 2094/E; EL 4158 GR, TD 13,130, PBTD 12,950; Spud 10-7-13, Comp 12-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 11029-11127. Treat: 5200 gals 15% HCL & 200 BS. IP: 1-2-14 Pump 24 hrs 88 BO, 0 BW, 82 MCF, GOR 932, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1557 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4615 w/1500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13110 w/1910 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10901; API #30-025-41407

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ironhouse 19 State Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 19 T18S R35E; 150/S & 1215/W BHL: 322/N & 599/W; EL 3958 GL, TD 14,634 MD, PBTD 14,585 MD; Spud 9-10-13, Comp 12-4-13; production is through treated perfs: 10204-14580. Treat: 10 stage frac: 1365218# 30/50 WS, 40213 gals 15% HCL, 764,127# 20/40 SLC, 23,690 bbls slick wtr. IP: 12-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 496 BO, 1392 BW, 196 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1844 w/1470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5395 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14634 w/2445 sx; API #30-025-41245

Marshall & Winston Inc.
TJG Federal Com 3 #1
East Lusk; Sec 3 T19S R32E; 400/S & 330/E. BHL: 338/S & 325/W; EL 3674 GL, TD 13,885, PBTD 13,480; Spud 9-24-13, Comp 11-11-13; production is through perfs: 9930-13807. IP: 12-16-13 Pump 24 hrs 693 BO, 1214 BW, 845 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1395 w/1042 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5010 w/2170 sx, 5 1/2 @ 8919-13880 w/1600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8900; API #30-025-40421

Manzano LLC
Green Frog Cafe Federal #1
Salt Lake; Sec 18 T20S R33E; 810/N & 2310/E. BHL: 790/N & 2030/W; EL 3529 GL, TD 14156 MD, 10104 TVD, PBTD 14130 MD, 10102 TVD; Spud 12-1-12, Comp 4-17-13; production is through treated perfs: 10417-14130. Treat: Frac w/51750 bbls crosslink gel + 2,750,000# 20/40 sd. IP: 4-17-13 Pump 24 hrs 72 BO, 244 BW, 61 MCF, GOR 847, Gty 37.5. Csg: 20 @ 1203 w/1860 sx, 13 3/8 @ 3070 w/2060 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5231 w/1810 sx, 5 ? @ 9582 w/1485 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9852-14130, 2 7/8 @ 9326; API #30-025-40828

Amtex Energy Inc.
Stock Unit 15 State Com #1
Hat Mesa-Re-Entry of Getty Oil Co, Stock Unit #1, P&A, Old TD 14522; Sec 15 T21S R33E; 1978/S & 1978/E; EL 3836 GL, TD 14522, PBTD 14265; Spud 9-5-13, Comp 12-23-13; production is through treated perfs: 13800-13906. Treat: 29,210 gals trt wtr, 2000 gals 15% HCL acid, 20# wtr frac G-20010 gals 20# Delta Frac 200 carrying 1255.6 100# ceramic plus 20/40, 150196 gals liquid. IP: 12-31-13 Flow 24 hrs 6 BO, 55 BW, 671 MCF, 9/64" Ch, TP 2400, GOR 111833, Gty 45.5. Csg: 16 @ 437 w/450 sx, 10 1/2 @ 6039 w/3365 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11972 w/1400 sx, 4 1/2 @ 14552 w/360 sx; API #30-025-24655

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Gaucho Unit #10
Wildcat; Sec 17 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1780/E. BHL: 332/S & 1762/E; EL 3467 GL, TD 16126 MD, 11359 TVD, PBTD 16007 MD, 11357 TVD; Spud 8-7-13, Comp 11-15-13; production is through treated perfs: 11515-15992. Treat: Frac 11 stages w/2,252,409# 40/70, 55,892 gals 15% HCL, 604,630# 40/70 RCS. IP: 11-27-13 Flow 24 hrs 1197 BO, 1568 BW, 1364 MCF, CP 2050. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1653 w/1490 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5100 w/2070 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16126 w/2610 sx; API #30-025-41183

COG Operating LLC
Gettysburg State #2
West Antelope Ridge; Sec 16 T23S R34E; 330/N & 1980/W. BHL: 7589/N & 2059/W; EL 3420 GL, TD 17526, PBTD 17481; Spud 1-27-13, Comp 8-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 10484-14477, 14537-14547. Treat: Acdz w/33306 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3329049# sd & 2394294 gals fluid. IP: 9-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 611 BO, 621 BW, 858 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1255 w/875 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4969 w/1570 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17526 w/3700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9546; API #30-025-40874

Endurance Resources LLC
Telecaster 30 Federal #3
West Antelope Ridge; Sec 30 T23S R34E; 330/N & 1980/E. BHL: 351/S & 2945/E; EL 3585 GL, TD 14,908, PBTD 14866; Spud 10-17-13, Comp 12-28-13; production is through perfs: 10805-14797. IP: 1-10-14 Flow 24 hrs 1328 BO, 1523 BW, 2572 MCF, 34/64" Ch, CP 1412. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1285 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5106 w/1700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14908 w/2400 sx; API #30-025-41455

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC BRONTE (CAMBRIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 532 BRONTE, 1184 FWL 3419 FNL, SEC 331, N EASTLAND SUR., A-134 5500', 2 SW BRONTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC JAMESON DRILL (INJ) Well# 1187W JAMESON REEF UNIT, 281 FNL 1778 FEL, SEC 16, LR MATHERS/SF #150 SUR., A-1771 6900', 16 NW ROBERT LEE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC JAMESON DRILL (INJ) Well# 1185W JAMESON REEF UNIT, 718 FSL 696 FWL, SEC 16, LR MATHERS SUR., A-1771 6900', 16 NW ROBERT LEE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC JAMESON DRILL (INJ) Well# 1917W JAMESON REEF UNIT, 3339 FSL 370 FWL, SEC 525, C BROCKHUYSEN SUR., A-30 6900', 13 NW ROBERT LEE

Crockett County

DBS WATER, LLC N MILLARD (SOMA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 DEBBIE BRINE, 2976 FWL 803 FSL, SEC 58, I&GN SUR., A-575 800', 10 SE IRAAN

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC NE OZONA (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1104H UNIVERSITY UNIT, 1090 FWL 359 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 56, UNIV LAND SUR. 6260', 19 NE OZONA

Irion County

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3003L PECAN A, 2489 FSL 602 FWL, SEC 3003 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-219 10000', 26 NW MERTZON

V-F PETROLEUM INC. MERTZON (SAN ANGELO) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 SMITH, 2500 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 1, SAN ANTONIO ALAZAN DITCH CO SUR., A-537 2000', 5 SW MERTZON

Reagan County

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 301H COATES 738, 462 FWL 301 FNL, SEC 3, JWW WHATLEY/F CASTLEBERRY SUR., A-738 7300', 6 NE BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H HALFMANN 1214, 530 FWL 307 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HALFMANN 1214, 460 FWL 306 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HALFMANN 1214, 495 FWL 307 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1501H UNIVERSITY 48, 330 FWL 225 FNL, SEC 15 BLK 48, UL SUR., A-U327 6895', 7 SE BIG LAKE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 RED RIVER, 660 FSL 4902 FEL, SEC 2 BLK L, JR BARTON/B&B SUR., A-19 11500', 31 NE BIG LAKE

Runnels County

ATLAS OPER., LLC CREE-SYKES(GARDNER U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6018 CREE SYKES UNIT, 467 FWL 2448 FSL, SEC 3, HT&B SUR., A-267 5500', 5 N CREWS

Schleicher County

APACHE CORPORATION HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WILLOUGHBY 130, 330 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 130 BLK A, HE&WT SUR., A-1036 8000', 10 SW ELDORADO

WM. R. GUFFEY SW CODY BELL(WLFCMP) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 3 JAMES MIKA, 660 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 24 BLK LL, TC/SL CRAFT SUR., A-938 5700', 7 NW EL DORADO

Upton County

ALPHA PETROVISION (U.S.) INC. MCCAMEY (O/G) (HRZ) (RCMP) Well# S559HZ MCCAMEY UNIT, 64 FSL 1957 FWL, SEC 5, GC&SF SUR., A-213 2500', 2 E MCCAMEY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3NW MCELROY RANCH 132, 660 FNL 1900 FWL, SEC 132 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1465 11100', 11 NE CRANE

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 SKAGGS 8, 467 FNL 704 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/WH SKAGGS SUR., A-1493 11800', 10 W MIDKIFF

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC ROBLE GRANDE(STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (WDFRD) Well# 4 HALL 11, 688 FWL 473 FSL, SEC 11 BLK D, D&W SUR., A-126 11900', 16 NE RANKIN

SM ENERGY COMPANY SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3031H DORCUS, 330 FWL 400 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 41 T4S, T&P SUR., A-477 9800', 23 W MIDKIFF

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILLWell# 2909 BOBBIE, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-500 11100', 26 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 125H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 1150 FSL 2400 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U329 7500', 11 SW ANDREWS

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 127H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 930 FSL 2166 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 11, UL SUR. 7500', 11 SW ANDREWS

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY 8-3, 1709 FNL 1802 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 8, UNIV LANDS SUR., A-U221 12500', 14 NE ANDREWS

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TOMPKINS B, 467 FSL 1300 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 3, PSL/JA FOWLER SUR,, A-2340 11700', 9 SE ANDREWS

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BURNETT 24, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 3, PSL/SK TURNBOW SUR., A-2216 11750', 6 SE ANDREWS

ELK RIVER RES., LLC THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WAPITI 12-08, 550 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 12, ULS SUR. 8700', 21 SW ANDREWS

ELK RIVER RES., LLC THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WAPITI 12-11, 550 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 12, ULS SUR. 8700', 19 SW ANDREWS

FORGE ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H FISHER 76, 2850 FSL 1210 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A36, PSL/MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1953 4700', 8 NW ANDREWS

RING ENERGY, INC. BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1 FLAMSON, 330 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A35, PSL/J COOKE SUR., A-345 5100', 8 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 9 CC SENTRY, 75 FNL 1510 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 7 BROWN KNIGHT, 2308 FSL 350 FEL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP S BOYDELL(CLRFRK LO) (O) DRILL Well# 3 COX, 600 FSL 2005 FWL, SEC 4 BLK A31, PSL/WS WILLMON SUR., A-564 7500', 26 NW ANDREWS

Crane County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP RUNNING W (WICH-ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 486H MB MCKNIGHT, 300 FSL 1330 FWL, SEC 30 BLK B22, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1121 9000', 21 NW CRANE

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. DERBY (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H OWL DRAW 12 UNIT, 210 FNL 1375 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/ WW WEST SUR., A-6999 8123', 22 NW ORLA

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ASSAULT LL 14 UNIT, 200 FSL 2357 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 59 T1S, T&P/ PV HOLLEBEKE SUR., A-5559 10147', 16 NW ORLA

Ector County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1305 HURT, 858 FWL 2581 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 42 T1S, T&P SUR., A-90 11200', 8 N ODESSA

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1308 HURT, 975 FEL 1675 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 42 T1S, T&P SUR., A-90 11167', 8 N ODESSA

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 22H PARKER MINERALS 4, 30 FSL 1679 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 44 T2S, T&P/F VEST SUR., A-825 8100', 8 NW PENWELL

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2402 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 1959 FNL 1301 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-274 6950', 2 SW GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2408 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 731 FSL 1012 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JC BEATY SUR., A-686 6950', 5 SE GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2409 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2709 FSL 1993 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-284 7080', 5 S GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2401 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 664 FSL 208 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-271 6900', 1 SW GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2106H BARBA NEAL, 331 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-133 9700', 7 E GARDEN CITY

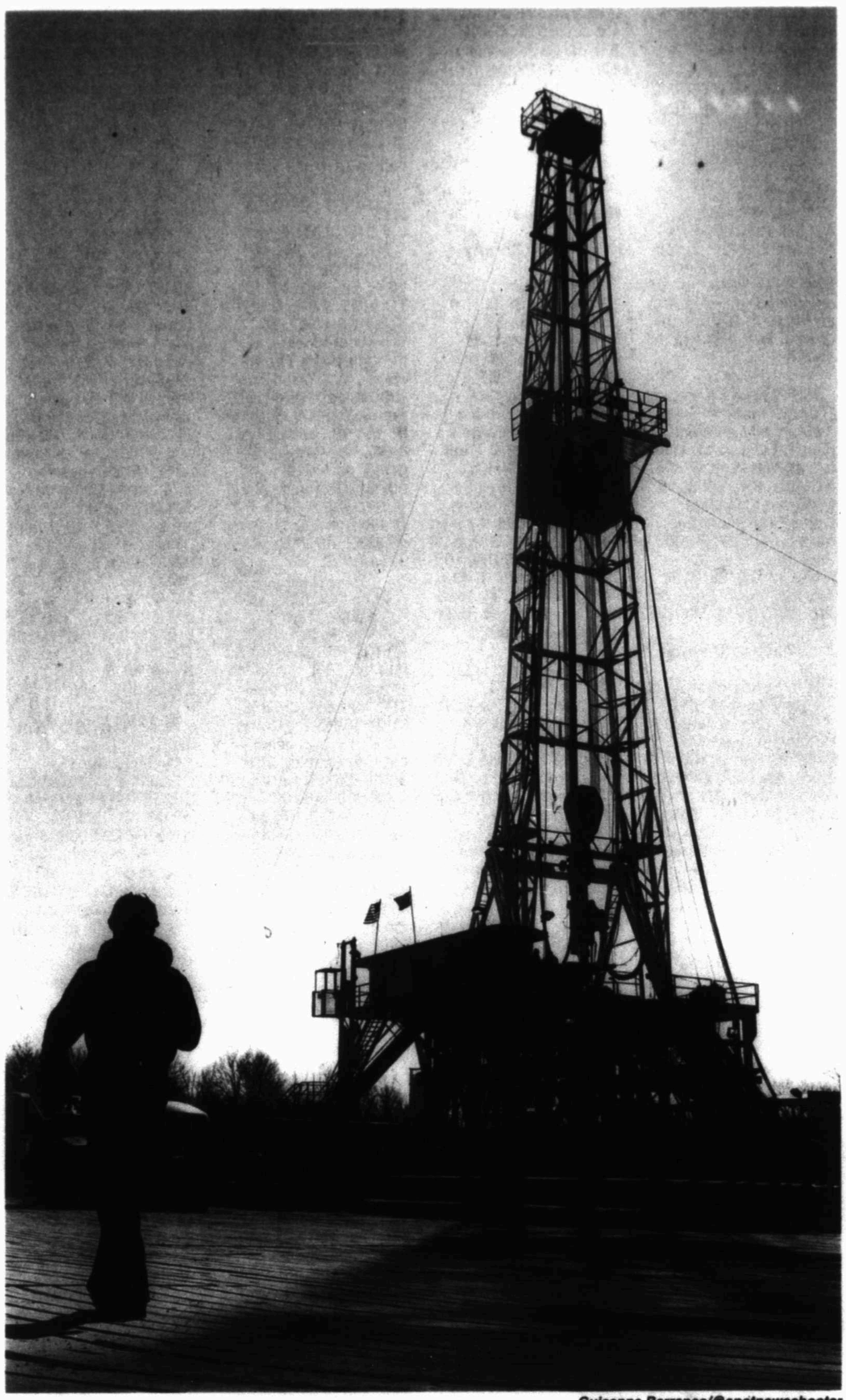
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ATHLON HOLDINGS LP STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 LAWSON 14B, 467 FNL 1088 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ E STONE SUR., A-1196 10200', 9 S GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LACY CREEK 12, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-909 10000', 10 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2 LACY CREEK 38, 1980 FSL

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1980 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ JS TURNER SUR., A-904 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LACY CREEK, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ WA MERRELL SUR., A-1193 10000', 11 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LACY CREEK 12, 1980 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ ET WILLIAMSON SUR., A-909 10000', 10 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. ROBLE GRANDE (STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (WDFRD) Well# 6A BARBEE B, 1025 FNL 915 FEL, SEC 6, CCSD&RGNG/NB FISK SUR., A-1143 10500', 31 N BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 45H LANE TRUST D, 2490 FNL 2020 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-1154 12500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BOATWRIGHT 26, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ WS FUQUA SUR., A-1283 10600', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) FDTFR) Well# 1 MUSGROVE 9, 1980 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 31 T1N, T&P SUR., A-84 9200', 10 NE BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WYNN 29, 2173 FSL 1088 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 31 T1N, T&P SUR., A-94 9500', 8 NE BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WYNN FARMS 28, 1709 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 31 T1N, T&P/ SD BUCHANAN SUR., A-1019 9400', 9 NE BIG SPRING

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP HILL RANCH (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 REID 13, 467 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-134 9700', 7 NE BIG SPRING

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 COUGAR 22, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ ME HENDERSON SUR., A-1666 11000', 5 NE BIG SPRING

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MIDDLETON 21, 468 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-328 12000', 13 NW BIG SPRING

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CATES 24, 467 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ TB BENNETT SUR., A-1390 11000', 2 SE ACKERLY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 JOHNSON 2, 2185 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/IO ALLRED SUR., A-1457 12000', 6 S ACKERLY

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 171 WR SETTLES A, 684 FNL 765 FWL, SEC 135 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-476 9900', 3/4 SW FORSAN

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MIDDLETON 47-38, 2525 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-357 9000', 16 NW BIG SPRING

Loving County

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. GRICE (DELAWARE) (O/G) (RECLASS) Well# 5 JUNE, 1310 FNL 2619 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 53 T2, T&P/PA GATES SUR., A-1049 4700', 12 N MENTONE

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BOLD JOHNSON 56-T1-36, 225 FSL 706 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 56 T1, T&P SUR., A-152 14000', 9 NE ORLA

Martin County

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P. CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 MOORE 21, 470 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 21 BLK 37 T2N, T&P SUR., A-246 12000', 2 SW TARZAN

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 374 WILKINSON RANCH, 483 FSL 696 FEL, SEC 37 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-1119 12000', 6 SW KNOTT

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 DOROTHY FAYE 248, 467 FSL 717 FWL, HARTLEY CSL/ LABOR 25/LEAGUE 248 SUR., A-600 12500', 9 NW TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 22 DOROTHY FAYE K, 660 FNL 660 FWL, GARZA CSL/LG 319/LB 25 SUR., A-998 12500', 11 W TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 MABEE RANCH 318, 467 FSL 467 FWL, PARMER CSL/LEAGUE 318/ LABOR 9 SUR., A-1006 12500', 10 NW TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (37) Well# 21 DOROTHY FAYE K, 925 FEL 467 FNL, GARZA CSL/ LG 319 LB 6 SUR., A-998 12500', 11 NW TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 DOROTHY FAYE 248, 922 FSL 467 FWL, HARTLEY CSL/ LABOR 23/LEAGUE 248 SUR., A-600 12500', 8 NW TARZAN

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 221H SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 1900 FSL 1409 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 39 T1S, T&P/ JS CURTIS SUR., A-711 12500', 7 N MIDLAND

Midland County

BERRY OIL COMP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 DOUGLASS 36, 660 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ WK JOHNSTON SUR., A-1174 12000', 8 SE MIDKIFF

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 604H INDUSTRIAL, 54 FEL 624 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/LW VAUGHAN SUR., A-757 12000', 4 SW MIDLAND

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 6 LONNIE RAY B, 467 FWL 853 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/MIDLAND HWD & FURNITURE CO SUR., A-1379 12000', 10 SE MIDLAND

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 LONNIE RAY B, 2019 FWL 2031 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/VC RAY SUR., A-1091 12000', 10 SE MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3002H SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT, 342 FSL 2395 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 8500', 18 SE MIDLAND

XTO ENERGY, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H LILLIE MIDKIFF 5, 191 FNL 610 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 38 T5S, T&P SUR., A-179 9700', 25 SE MIDLAND

Mitchell County

TRISUN ENERGY SERVICES LLC MITCHELL (ELLENBURGER) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 COLORADO CITY SWD, 463 FSL 2275 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 26, T&P SUR., A-442 5150', 5 N COLORADO CITY

Pecos County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC YATES (O/G) (HORZ) RECOMP) Well# 214B24 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1600 FSL 5280 FWL, SEC 3, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2169 1999', 4 W IRAAN

Reeves County

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCCAMEY FORREST 56-T2-16, 230 FNL 672 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-586 14000', 3 W ORLA

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 CAPPS 214 A, 300 FNL 2040 FWL, SEC 214 BLK 13, H&GN/JJ BUSH SUR., A-2567 12000', 19 SE PECOS

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 NEWBURY, 500 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 4 BLK C21, PSL/JP MEEK SUR., A-2317 13500', 24 NW PECOS

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 2 BOUCHER 2, 500 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 2 BLK C21, PSL/LA CASEY SUR., A-5469 13500', 25 NW PECOS

Ward County

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. S WARWINK (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY 17-12, 467 FSL 4812 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U48 12000', 18 NW MONAHANS

SIERRA MADRE NATURAL RES., LLC S WARD (YATES) (G) DRILL Well# 1X J ATLANTIC-MILLER, 5510 FEL 645 FNL, SEC 19 BLK 32, H&TC SUR., A-144 2425', 7 NW GRANDFALLS

Winkler County

OXY USA WTP LP MASH (DEVONIAN) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1 MASH WATERWELL, 2197 FNL 2100 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 45 T1N, T&P/M WEAVER SUR., A-271 1500', 12 NW GOLDSMITH

OXY USA WTP LP THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MARGARET WA, 455 FSL 1540 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 45 T1N, T&P/M WEAVER SUR., A-271 11875', 12 NW GOLDSMITH

OXY USA WTP LP THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H O'REILLY WA, 330 FNL 1550 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 45 T1N, T&P/M WEAVER SUR., A-271 11800', 12 NW GOLDSMITH

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Borden County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BROOKS 10, 2173 FSL 2159 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 27, H&TC/ CA ENGLE SUR., A-1297 7700', 19 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BROOKS 10, 467 FNL 2159 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 27, H&TC/ CA ENGLE SUR., A-1297 7730', 19 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BROOKS 10, 1585 FNL 2159 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 27, H&TC/ CA ENGLE SUR., A-1297 7720', 19 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BROOKS 10, 709 FSL 2160 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 27, H&TC/ CA ENGLE SUR., A-1297 7670', 19 NW COAHOMA

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC. DOUBLE S (CNYN REEF) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 SOUTH LAKE THOMAS 82, 1134 FEL 940 FSL, SEC 82 BLK 20, LN CO/ WT SMITH SUR., A-638 7500', 6 NE VINCENT

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP. KOONSMAN (ELLEN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1R GUILLIAMS RANCH 26, 661 FSL 714 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 2, T&NO/J BURETT SUR., A-1071 8700', 12 NE GAIL

Cochran County

SLATE HOLDINGS, INC. SE BUCKSHOT (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 FROST 13, 510 FWL 2546 FNL, SEC 13 BLK W, PSL/W STONEHAM SUR., A-275 5999', 22 SW MORTON

SLATE HOLDINGS, INC. SE BUCKSHOT (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 1 FROST 13, 510 FWL 1533 FSL, SEC 13 BLK W, PSL/W STONEHAM SUR., A-275 5999', 22 SW MORTON

Dawson County

SDX RESOURCES INC. DEROEN (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 BOGGAN, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 2, TT SUR., A-199 11000', 10 NE LAMESA

Gaines County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5607 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1432 FNL 942 FEL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 8200', 1 S DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. N ROBERTSON (CLR-FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 6255 ROBERTSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1300 FSL 1750 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A24, PSL/LB MCEWING SUR., A-579 7700', 8 SW SEMINOLE

XTO ENERGY INC. N ROBERTSON (CLR-FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 653W ROBERTSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 450 FSL 1160 FWL, SEC 4 BLK AX, PSL/MRS IM WESCOTT SUR., A-1162 7600', 8 SW SEMINOLE

Garza County

APACHE CORPORATION PEG'S DRAW (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE HELIOS 1328 UNIT, 467 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 2 BLK LG, LM BROOKS/ BH KELLY SUR., A-1221 9500', 7 SW POST

King County

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC. BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 33 FORKS GGG, 1040 FSL 1231 FEL, MEP&P SUR., A-252 3975', 10 SW GUTHRIE

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC. BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 6 PITCHFORK IIII, 5154 FWL 4011 FSL, SEC 1, SOMERVELL CSL SUR., A-284 3950', 11 SW GUTHRI

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5613 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 851 FNL 2280 FWL, SEC 38 BLK AX, PSL/G BOND SUR., A-1772 8200', 1 SE DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. Hackberry 23 Fed Com #2
NW Hackberry; Sec 24 T19S R30E; 2280/S & 180/W; 12.5 mi NW Halfway; Rot 18,844 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42093

Mewbourne Oil Co. Perazzi 9 DS Fed #1 Parkway; Sec 8 T20S R29E; 920/N & 150/E; 13 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12,794 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42090

Oxy USA Inc. Cypress 34 Federal #9 Cedar Canyon; Sec 34 T23S R29E; 279/S & 1070/E; 6 mi NE Malaga; Rot 13292 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42088

Yates Petroleum Corp. Glow Worm ALX Fed #4
So Livingston Ridge; Sec 3 T23S R31E; 200/N & 990/E; 15 mi SW Halfway; Rot 12705 Delaware; API #30-015-42067

Yates Petroleum Corp. Glow Worm ALX Fed #10
So Livingston Ridge; Sec 3 T23S R31E; 200/N & 660/W; 15 mi SW Halfway; Rot 12645 Delaware; API #30-015-42066

Mewbourne Oil Co. Maverick 13 DM Fed #1
West Willow Lake; Sec 13 T24S R26E; 185/N & 660/W; 1 mi N Black River; Rot 11601 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42089

Yates Petroleum Corp. Lily ALY Federal #11
Ingle Wells; Sec 3 T24S R31E; 330/S & 500/E; 19 mi NE Malaga; Rot 8500 Delaware; API #30-015-42065

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 14 #1
Paduca; Sec 14 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1150/W; 10 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14787 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42091

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 14 #2
Paduca; Sec 14 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1200/W; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14810 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42092

Lea County

Harvey E. Yates
Airstrip 31 State Com #5
Airstrip; Sec 31 T18S R35E; 150/S & 660/E; 8 mi W Arkansas Jct; Rot 15170 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41699

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Laguna 16 St SWD #8
SWD; Sec 16 T20S R32E; 480/S & 390/E; 2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 16000 Devonian; API #30-025-41697

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Boston BSN St Com #3
North Berry; Sec 6 T21S R34E; 2595/S & 1980/W; 14 mi W Oil Center; Rot 18921 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41698

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Papaya BVP State #1
North Grama Ridge; Sec 10 T21S R34E; 200/S & 1980/W; 11 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15254 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41690

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Papaya BVP State #2
North Grama Ridge; Sec 10 T21S R34E; 200/S & 880/W; 11 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15411 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41691

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Parsley ARA Fed Com #5
Triste Draw; Sec 26 T23S R32E; 200/S & 330/W; 13 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15430 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41686

COG Operating LLC
Sebastian Fed Com #1
North Red Hills; Sec 18 R24S R34E; 190/N & 660/W; 4 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15440 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41687

COG Operating LLC
Sebastian Fed Com #3
North Red Hills; Sec 18 T24S R34E; 190/N & 1770/E; 4 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15419 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41688

COG Operating LLC
Sebastian Fed Com #4
North Red Hills; Sec 18 T24S R34E; 190/N & 380/E; 4 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15429 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41689

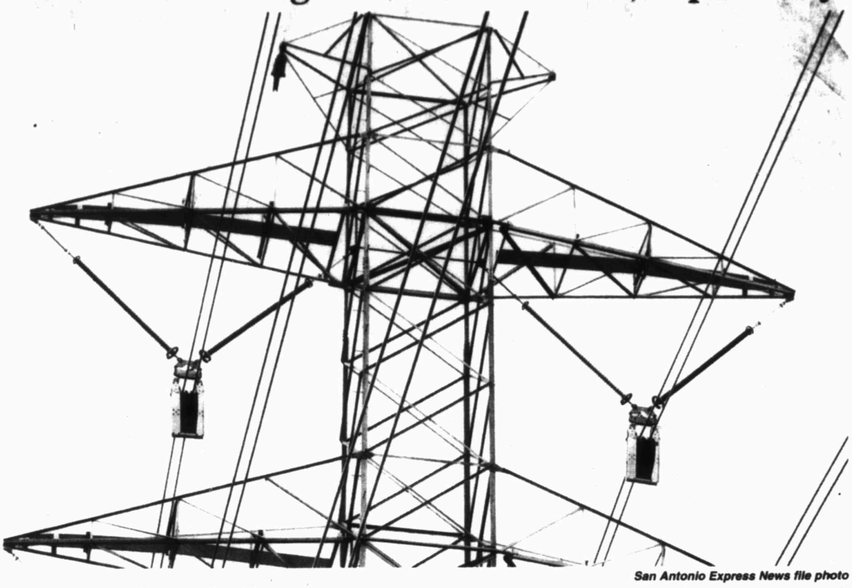
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Ophelia 27 #6
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2410/N & 1999/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14511 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41681

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #7
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 2029/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14151 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41682

ConocoPhillips Co.
Wilder Fed 28 AC Com #8
Jennings; Sec 28 T26S R32E; 280/N & 330/W; 18 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15964 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41692

Dragonfly attacks should alert generators to threat, experts say

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle



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HOUSTON — A new wave of cyberattacks should be a wake-up call to U.S. electricity generators and grid operators who believe their control systems are safe from hackers, data security experts said.

Most of the time, power generators' industrial control systems aren't connected to unsecured networks like the Internet, unless operators need to install manufacturers' software upgrades or run diagnostics.

A group of Russian hackers known as "Dragonfly," recently exposed by cybersecurity company Symantec Corp., has proven that the sliver of time that control systems are connected to outside networks is more than enough to imbed malicious software to spy on power grids, said Mark Thibodeaux, a Houston lawyer with Sutherland Asbill & Brennan who specializes in data security, in an interview with FuelFix on Tuesday.

Symantec found the hackers used remote-access malware to infect three industrial control system equipment manufacturers. Those companies were vendors to the real targets, including U.S. and European electricity providers, which inadvertently installed the malware when they downloaded the manufacturers' software upgrades.

"These infections," Symantec wrote on its website last week, "not only gave the attackers a beachhead in the targeted organizations' networks, but also gave them the means to mount sabotage operations against infected (industrial control system) computers."

Defense-levels against cybersecurity threats vary widely from company to company, but studies and other indications show power companies broadly "aren't as prepared as they ought to be," Thibodeaux said.

Thibodeaux said a security measure known as an "air gap," a method of keeping control systems disconnected from other networks, has proven effective, but has led some companies to think their systems are largely safe from cyberattacks.

"When they want to run diagnostics, they connect, and that's the opportunity that hackers exploit," Thibodeaux said. "They've gotten deeper into the systems, and if the allegations are true, it's more worrying because they've probably been there for a while conducting espionage and mapping out the lay of the land."

After a broad cyberattack is exposed, companies typically should do an in-house or third party security audit to make sure systems aren't infected, he said.

A recent study by ThreatTrack Security shows even though energy companies have faced more attacks than the financial sector, only a third have invested in advanced malware detection technology. Two in five U.S. energy companies say advanced cyberattacks have gotten past their defenses, according to that study.

Thibodeaux said the "Dragonfly" cyberattacks may be the broadest politically-motivated threat since Iranian hackers' alleged "denial of service" attacks that flooded banks with web traffic in an effort to shut down certain systems.

Symantec alleged the hackers have the markings of an effort supported by a foreign government. From a power generator's perspective, that may make them much harder to deal with than ordinary hackers, said Robert Lemus, another Houston lawyer for Sutherland who has specialized in data security and privacy. It may require meeting with law enforcement agencies, he said.

"State actors are out to learn as much as they can about your infrastructure. It's a different kind of war," Lemus said. "If you have a hacker in the states, that's one thing. But when you have one outside of U.S. jurisdiction, it's always more difficult, especially if it's a state-sponsored entity.

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