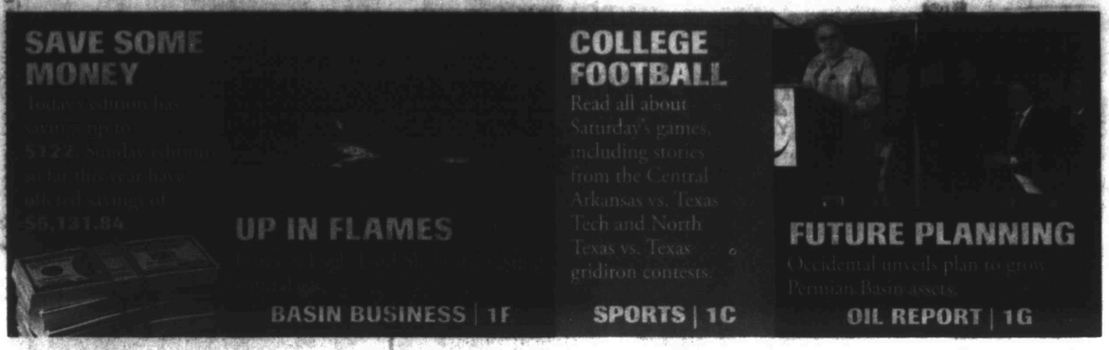

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Feds advance hydraulic fracturing rule

Measure would update standards for drilling on federal and Indian land

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

The Obama administration is on track to impose new mandates governing hydraulic fracturing on public land by the end of the year — a move that will test the White House's ability to appease worried environmentalists while still sustaining the drilling boom bolstering the U.S. economy.

The timeline is tied to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, which launched a final interagency review of the measure Tuesday. The office, which disclosed the review Friday, generally has 90 days to vet proposed regulations, though it can finish early and extensions are allowed.

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Official fights to keep oil boom out of North Dakota park.

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It appears unlikely the final rule would be published before the Nov. 4 midterm elections — a benefit to several Senate Democrats in tight re-election contests who have weathered attacks from opponents seeking to tie them to the administration's energy and environmental policies.

The measure, first proposed in May 2012 but then rewritten a year later, will update rules governing drilling on federal and Indian land for the first time in three decades. It also is set to be the first major federal rule governing the hydraulic fracturing technology that is now being used to stimulate oil and natural gas production from horizontal wells across the United States.

Written by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management, the rule is focused on boosting the integrity of wells to ensure fluids are contained within them, ensuring recovered fluids are safely stored and forcing disclosure of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing on public lands.

The Interior Department stressed in a statement that it is committed to expanding "safe and responsible domestic

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Texas voter ID trial begins amid elections

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A major election year in Texas has overshadowed an upcoming trial on the fate of the state's tough new voter ID law, with a judge set to determine whether it safeguards ballot integrity or discriminates against minorities by imposing a mandate that suppresses turnout.

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U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos in Corpus Christi will begin hearing arguments Tuesday on one of the nation's most stringent voter ID measures, which Republican Gov. Rick Perry signed into law in 2011.

A ruling is unlikely before Election Day, meaning that 13.6 million registered voters in Texas would still produce a photo ID this November. That hasn't stopped Democrats from wielding the law as a campaign cudgel, particularly Wendy Davis, who has attacked Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott over his office defending the measure in court.

The Texas law requires voters to show one of six kinds of photo ID. A Texas concealed handgun license is valid while a college student's university ID is not, which opponents said shows Republicans trying to imposes obstacles on voters who typically vote Democrat.

The Justice Department is taking an aggressive role in trying to dismantle the law after the U.S. Supreme Court last year threw out a key portion of the federal Voting Rights Act, which had thwarted a flurry of recently passed voter ID measures in conservative states from taking effect.

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SIGNING BONUS SUCCESS

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

More than 360 new MISD employees attend teacher orientation Aug. 11 at Lee High.

Warren says donations for hiring were helpful

By Tessa Duvall
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After a whirlwind four months recruiting and hiring hundreds of new district employees, Midland ISD officials are ready to take a step back and evaluate their successes and shortages.

Superintendent Ryder Warren said the $6.25 million donated to the MISD Education Foundation by eight outside companies and foundations for signing and re-signing bonuses has proven to be the recruiting and retaining tool he hoped it would be.

"Just listening through the spring and through the summer — principals being able to talk about having choices — that's what was missing over the last four years," Warren said. "They just didn't think they had a huge pool of applicants. We got some really good teachers those years, but there just wasn't what we'd call a true pool.

"They really thought the selection of applicants was a lot better this year, and I attribute that to the signing bonuses."

The multi-million dollar donation provided for 325 new teacher signing bonuses worth $10,000 over three years and 1,200 re-signing bonuses worth $2,500 for all current qualified teachers who signed on for the 2014-15 school year.

But hiring isn't done yet. Woodrow Bailey, director of professional certification, said the district still has

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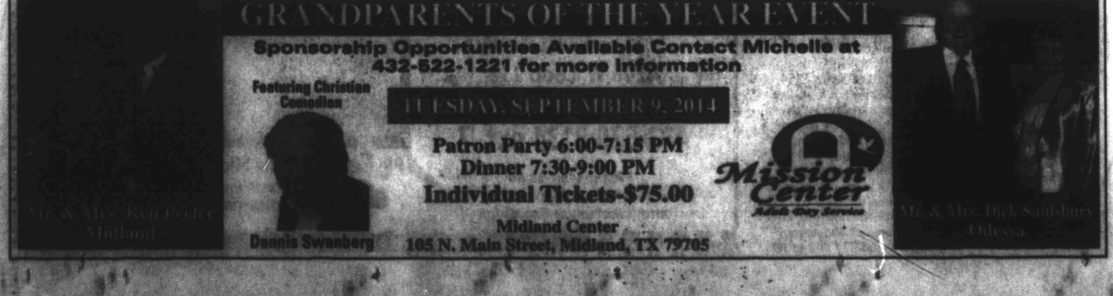

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5 things to know about the Texas elections

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The results of Texas' Nov. 4 election will kick off the state's largest political shakeup in a generation because not a single statewide incumbent is on the ballot. Here are five things to watch:

AP file photo

In this Feb. 26 photo, an election official checks a voter's photo identification at an early voting polling site in Austin. In elections that begin next week, voters in 10 states will be required to present photo identification before casting ballots — the first major test of voter ID laws after years of legal challenges arguing that the measures are designed to suppress voting.

Big shakeup

A Democrat hasn't won a statewide office in Texas in 20 years, the nation's longest such losing streak, and none of the party's candidates this election cycle are expected to prevail. But continued Republican dominance won't mean the same old faces in high political places. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's defeat by state Sen. Dan Patrick in the May GOP runoff means that no incumbents are left on the ballot. Gov. Rick Perry isn't seeking re-election and Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott is leaving his post and is favored to replace him. Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples both also lost in the GOP primary, while Comptroller Susan Combs isn't running again.

A Bush family first

Republican George P. Bush, the nephew of one former president, grandson of another and son of a former Florida governor, is expected to cruise to victory in the land commissioner's race.

If he does, the 38-year-old will accomplish something no one else in his famous political family has — winning his first election. George P.'s grandfather, George H.W. Bush, lost to Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough of Texas in 1964, while his uncle, George W. Bush, ran from Midland but lost to Democrat Kent Hance in a 1978 congressional race.

And George P.'s father, Jeb Bush, was narrowly defeated by incumbent Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles in 1994. Even George P.'s great-grandfather and the political dynasty's patriarch, U.S. Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, lost his first Senate race in 1950.

A Texas toss up?

Most of the state's races look like foregone conclusions, but a close contest is shaping up in the sprawling district of Democratic U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego — which stretches from San Antonio 600 miles west to El Paso. Gallego unseated incumbent Francisco "Quico" Canseco in 2012. Trying to flip the district back Republican is former CIA agent Will Hurd. Gallego has raised more campaign cash than Hurd, but GOP strategists insist that their candidate will be buoyed by Republicans electoral wins elsewhere statewide. In 2012, President Bill Clinton campaigned for Gallego — he may be back if things stay close.

Border politics

Perry deployed 1,000 National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border amid a surge of immigrant children pouring into the U.S.

But he's not alone in making the border a political issue. Patrick's campaign rallying cry is "secure our border," while Abbott has promised to permanently deploy 500 state troopers there. Even Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Wendy Davis and the party's lieutenant governor nominee, Leticia Van De Putte, have called for securing the border.

Road referendum

A ballot referendum asks voters to approve $1.2 billion per year for roads and other transportation infrastructure statewide by diverting half of the funds currently flowing into Texas' rainy day fund.

The Transportation Department has suggested that because of the state's booming population, $4 billion in spending annually will be required just to maintain current traffic levels on jammed roads. Last November, voters overwhelming approved $2 billion for water infrastructure projects and other drought-fighting initiatives.

Voter ID

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U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder made Texas a top target after vowing to go into states to wring out whatever remaining voter protections he could.

Minority rights groups that sued Texas over the voter ID law said the Justice Department has added muscle — and money — since joining the lawsuit last year.

"It's leveled the playing field," said Joe Garza, a San Antonio-based attorney for the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. "I think the overall evidence is going to show significant impact on them minority community."

The trial is expected to last two weeks. Although Gonzales Ramos could issue an immediate ruling from the bench that could affect the November elections, attorneys believe that is unlikely.

Court battles over voter ID laws elsewhere have been mixed. In August, a federal judge in North Carolina denied efforts to stop that state's newly passed voter ID from being implemented this November. Measures in Alabama and Indiana also remain intact, while one in Wisconsin remains on hold.

Attorneys for the state argue that despite months of preparation for trial, there is no evidence that the law was designed to suppress certain voters.

"After deposing numerous state legislators and legislative staff members, and after reviewing the record of this case, DOJ is unable to identify any statement made by any Texas legislator or staffer that evinces a desire to harm racial minorities," the state wrote in a filing this month.

Free voter IDs are offered by the state, though one third of Texas' 254 counties do not have Department of Public Safety stations that can provide the cards, and opponents said voters must still pay for copies of birth certificates or other documents to obtain the ID.

Since the law took effect last summer, the agency has issued 279 voting IDs but reports receiving 1,700 inquiries.

Texas has held two elections so far since the law took effect, neither of which resulted in widespread reports of turned-away voters. Following the November 2013 elections, state elections attorneys logged fewer than half the number of complaints as they did in 2011, according to the Texas secretary of state's office.

Turnout in those off-year elections is historically low, and opponents said the real ramifications won't be seen until November.

"Some of the most far-reaching implications wouldn't be fully clear until a huge election," said Natasha Korgaonkar, an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. "That's when we're going to see a number of voters who are vulnerable."

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vacancies, and could hire more teachers once enrollment numbers are evaluated.

MISD hired 401 certified personnel between March 1 and Aug. 26, Bailey said. Most of these positions are teachers, but other positions, such as administrators, speech pathologists, counselors and instructional coaches, are also included in that number, he said. Most of these hires are new to MISD, but some could also be existing employees hired in a new capacity, he said.

The district has officially hired 370 new certified employees since March, with 350 of those hires at elementary or secondary campuses, according to board of trustees materials. The majority of the 322 new teachers were approved at August meetings, with 198 hired in August. Employees already under contract with the district do not go before the board for approval because their changing role doesn't alter the terms of the contract, Bailey said.

The district has hired 137 teachers brand new to the profession, 112 in August, which accounted for 56.6 percent of the hires in August, according to agenda materials. By contrast, just 19.4 percent of the 124 teachers hired from March through July had no previous experience.

Warren attributes the shift in hiring patterns to the increased difficulty in finding candidates later in the summer. This is compounded by the fact that fewer college graduates are pursuing teaching, he said.

"There are reports coming out that there are fewer and fewer people coming into public education for teaching in our state than ever before," Warren said. "We know we're in an area that's even harder to recruit to. But what concerns me most as a superintendent — moving forward for all the school districts in the state is — there are fewer and fewer candidates for us to select from in total.

"To say you want to set a threshold, like you don't want to hire any zero-level teachers, you want to have five-plus, that'd be great, but that's just not reality."

But just because a teacher is fresh out of college or new to the profession doesn't mean they're unskilled.

"They bring a lot to the table," he said. "They really do. They bring a lot of energy, they bring a lot of new ideas. I really do like what I've seen with my crew that was here, the tenured crew, getting in with the new blood coming in here. Them coming together — I like the energy."

Bailey said these teachers aren't inherently less-qualified just because they're new to the profession. A lot of the late-summer new-to-teaching hires have to do with timing, not a limited applicant pool, he said. Sometimes applicants are August graduates or can't take the certification exams they need until later in the summer, he said.

"I would say some of our best teachers are the ones that have zero years of experience, and they bring all of those ideas and innovations into the classroom," he said. "They are less-experienced, but it doesn't mean that they're of less quality than a teacher who has been around."

Of the 325 sign-on bonuses available, 272 have been claimed, according to information obtained through an open records request. An additional 30 teachers opted for the housing stipend provided by a $3.3 million donation from the Scharbauer Foundation in 2013. Qualifying teachers are awarded a monthly stipend of either $500 or 40 percent of the their contracted lease or rental rate, but awards will not exceed $500, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

New hire fast facts

Fast Facts for new hires between March 1 and Aug. 26:
- 401 certified new hires
- 370 new hires approved by the board of trustees
- 350 new hires at elementary or secondary schools approved by the board of trustees
- 322 new teachers approved by the board of trustees
- 198 teachers approved at August board meetings
- 137 new MISD teachers with zero years experience approved by trustees
- 112 new MISD teachers with zero years experience approved at August board meetings
- 30 housing grants awarded to teachers
- 272 new teacher sign-on bonuses awarded
- 325 new teacher sign-on bonuses available
- An expected 1,277 teachers returning to MISD
- 1,200 re-signing bonuses available from outside donations

Sources: Midland ISD Human Resources records, MISD board of trustees agenda materials

Who applied for MISD certified jobs?

(Between May 6 and June 11)

	2014	2013
Total	2,190	1,999
Top undergraduate colleges		
	2014	2013
	1. UTPB 401	1. UTPB 357
	2. Texas Tech 205	2. Texas Tech 212
	3. Angelo State 148	3. Angelo State 142
Top states		
	2014	2013
	1. Texas: 1,878	1. Texas: 1,769
	2. Arizona: 29	2. Missouri: 18
	62 did not respond	92 did not respond

Source: MISD Human Resources records

Tim FischerReporter-Telegram

Midland ISD's Ed Zachary welcomes more than 360 new hires to MISD on Aug. 11.

Warren said new teachers were given the option to choose between the three-year signing bonuses, which are paid monthly, or the housing grant. The donors felt this was the best option, he said.

As for the unclaimed bonuses, MISD will ask the five companies and three foundations whether they want the funds to remain with the Education Foundation or returned to them, Warren said.

Current district estimates show that 1,277 MISD teachers returned for the 2014-15 year. However, District Attorney Leah Robertson said this number will be verified by payroll as it begins to assign the re-signing bonuses, which will be paid in December.

As it stands, MISD may have more returning teachers than bonuses granted by outside donors. Warren said budgetary "provisions have been made," if needed, in order to keep the promise made to teachers who re-signed with the district.

The district employs about 1,600 teachers when it is fully staffed, Warren said. The district's attrition rate for teachers has been around 20 to 25 percent, compared to 12 or 13 percent across Texas, he said.

"You really can't establish stability and consistency when you have attrition rates like that," Warren said.

MISD has not yet begun to analyze the teachers who left the district or why, he said. But, reducing attrition was one of the goals of the donation.

"That's why we set out to retain as many as we could," he said.

Bailey said MISD has about 20 to 25 vacancies it is looking to fill, with the greatest area of need being high school science teachers. This number of vacancies is about the same as last year or maybe four of five more, which is due to additional classrooms needed for growth, he said.

District administrators will meet throughout this week to determine if more teachers may be needed to handle the influx of new students. Bailey said about 30 positions had to be added last year after school started.

"You make projections, and sometimes they're right on or sometimes you're off; you either under-project over-project," he said.

Going forward, MISD's Human Resources department is going to press administrators to begin their hiring earlier in the year, Bailey said. Principals were instructed to finish out the school year before diving into applicants this summer, according to past Reporter-Telegram reports.

"I have noticed that the districts that are hiring in March and April are getting the best of the best because they're ready to go at that time," Bailey said. "The earlier that you can start, the better it's going to be for recruiting teachers. A lot of the college students who are graduating, they want to know when they graduate, the first part of May, exactly where they're going."

But, Bailey said he's confident the district will find the teachers it needs.

"We have to work to do that, but we've been successful in the past and I believe we'll be successful this year also," Bailey said.

Education requirements deter many would-be 'Dreamers,' activists say

By Cindy Carcamo
Los Angeles Times

TUCSON, Ariz. — Naira Zapata might seem a typical candidate for the Obama administration's deferred deportation program. Her family smuggled her across the U.S.-Mexican border when she was 12.

But Zapata, now 20, dropped out of high school three years ago after giving birth to her first child. She never received her diploma, hindered by poor finances and having to care for her two young children. She still lives with her parents in Phoenix.

Zapata is a sharp departure from what immigrant rights organizers once presented as a poster child for those who would benefit from Obama's immigration relief program: a high school graduate clad in a cap and gown, bound for the Ivy League.

Instead, Zapata is representative of those left behind. An estimated 426,000 young people nationwide meet all but one of the requirements of the immigration program launched two years ago: a high school diploma or GED.

Stifled by financial strain and discouraged by misinformation and a perception that they don't fit the image of the ideal recipient, many fail to apply for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. DACA, as the program is known, gives a work permit and deportation reprieve to people who were brought to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally.

In response, immigrant rights activists are making a big push to get more people like Zapata to return to school.

Yadira Garcia, lead field organizer for an outreach campaign in Phoenix, said one of the biggest challenges is getting potential applicants to see themselves as "Dreamers," as youth brought into the country as children are often called.

"They don't identify with the Dreamer narrative that was pushed for so long," Garcia said. "We're trying to demystify who can and cannot qualify."

Garcia is part of a trio of activists who hit the streets to find DACA applicants, targeting immigrant youth at the local Mexican consulate office, public events and forums around the Phoenix metropolitan area.

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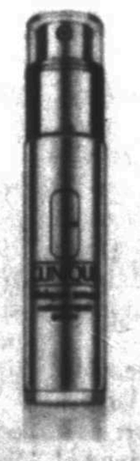

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Fourth: $7,147,371
2008
First: $8,737,614
Second: $10,548,545
Third: $10,883,084
Fourth: $10,245,166.36

Around West Texas
Midland: $27,969,565
Odessa: $22,307,701
Lubbock: $23,674,922
San Angelo: $11,557,249
Abilene: $11,583,009

Million-dollar hotels in 1Q

Hilton DoubleTree: $3,538,126
Hilton Garden Inn: $2,377,280
Residence Inn: $1,985,595
Holiday Inn Express: $1,640,504
Springhill Suites: $1,446,654
La Quinta (Wall): $1,345,078
Sleep Inn: $1,392,545
Townplace Suites: $1,318,378
Grand Texan Hotel: $1,227,129
Courtyard-Marriotte: $1,190,653
Midtown: $1,189,246
Best Western-Midland: $1,111,143

Community calendar

- Midland Association of Retired School Personnel is to meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Speaker is to be Annalon Gilbreath.

Lunch tickets are $5. To make reservations, contact Anita Patton at 697-1602 or apatton123@sbcglobal.net. Deadline is Monday.

- Midland Fire Department's annual Kids Boot Camp is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, calisthenics and relays, and there will be a "smoke house" activity that allows kids to practice confidently escaping a house full of smoke.

Events are focused on children 4-12. Participants should wear athletic attire with tennis shoes and to bring a refillable water bottle. Gatorade and water will be provided.

Register at Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or at www.midland-texas.gov (click on the "Documents and Forms" tab).

- Permian Basin Mensa is offering membership testing at 10 a.m. Saturday at the office of Dr. Ed Rowland, 3953 E. 42nd St. in Odessa. The fee is $40.

The test is open to anyone 14 and older. Parental consent is required for youth between the ages of 14 and 17.

For more information, call 889-6858.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-2-2
Pick 3 day: 9-0-4
Pick 3 evening: 9-3-0
Pick 3 night: 5-1-1
Daily 4 morning: 6-2-7-9
Daily 4 day: 5-3-2-7
Daily 4 evening: 9-0-0-8
Daily 4 night: 1-5-5-2
Cash Five: 14-21-22-26-32
Lotto Texas: 15-21-40-42-49-53
Powerball: 5-28-31-52-59
PB: 27 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-6-7-10-11-13-14-15-17-19-22-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-5-6-8-9-10-11-15-17-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-6-9-11-12-13-16-17-20-22
All or Nothing night: 1-3-6-7-8-11-14-15-16-17-21-24

Official fights to keep oil boom out of park

By Pam Louwagie
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Minneapolis Star Tribune file photo

Valerie Naylor makes her way down one of the many trails at Theodore Roosevelt National Park on July 23 in North Dakota. Naylor has made an effort to keep surrounding large oil companies out of the park.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK, N.D. — From the vista where Valerie Naylor stands, the scenery is undeniably spectacular: Sculpted hills with layers of beige sandstone and ribbons of gray coal, pockets of cottonwood trees and junipers rustling, the serpentine Little Missouri River shimmering below.

Most visitors who come to the Oxbow Overlook feel its serenity. But Naylor, the park's superintendent, worries. "So much of what you're looking at is outside the park, and it's so vulnerable," she said.

How will she protect it all?

As North Dakota's historic Bakken oil boom mushrooms around this little-known national park, Naylor, 56, is on a mission to keep its natural sounds, fresh air and breathtaking views free from the effects of runaway industrial development.

With a drilling frenzy now hitting a production milestone of 1 million barrels of oil a day, that work is getting more urgent. Naylor's fight to protect the park reflects a larger drama still unfolding across this vast region as it struggles to balance the mind-boggling jackpot of the oil boom with its accompanying trade-offs. Almost every week, it seems there's a new proposal near the 70,000-acre park, Naylor said. One week it's a cell tower. Another it's a saltwater disposal well. "If you don't keep your eye on everything, you could easily miss something that could have a massive impact on the park," she said. She estimated that she and her staff have tried to get changes on more than 20 development plans since the boom began, often through polite but firm letters, testimony and follow-up conversations.

Modest and plain-spoken, Naylor neither apologized for nor touts her efforts.

The park is "a very special place," she said. "It deserves the same kind of protection as Grand Canyon and Yellowstone."

As Naylor eased a hybrid SUV up the park's north unit scenic drive, she pointed to a boundary fence amid fields of grasses and sweet clover. In the distance, an oil pumpjack nodded slowly.

Though that well is still within view of the park, it's better than it could have been, Naylor said. A few years ago, that pump and its large storage tanks and infrastructure were proposed for a spot right along the fence. It was one of the first developments that Naylor successfully worked with a company to get moved away.

Naylor wrote letters to the company, and representatives there were receptive to moving the pumping station almost 2 miles away, she said, but it took the company months of paperwork and negotiating.

"We're very appreciative," Naylor said. "It was very complex and a lot of work."

Like 'swatting flies'

To Naylor, the park is a perfect example of what a national park should be: wildlife, scenery and historical value. The park was named after the president who hunted buffalo in that area as a young man from New York, and later briefly lived there as a rancher while grieving the loss of his wife and mother.

Naylor's affinity for the place began more than four decades ago, when she visited with her parents as a teenager from Oregon. She vowed to come back. She volunteered there as young adult, did research there during graduate school, and became the park's superintendent 11 years ago.

Now, North Dakota has more than 11,000 producing wells, and the state's oil and gas division estimates capacity for 60,000 more, with drilling continuing for at least 20 years.

At times at some vistas, Naylor said a park visitor could see more than 20 natural gas flares shining in the distance.

With no single clearinghouse for applications along the park's miles of jagged boundary, Naylor and her staff, along with the North Dakota citizen group Badlands Conservation Alliance, have been scouring meeting agendas of local and county governments and state commissions. They can only oppose the proposed developments that they see.

"There's so many things going on so quickly. It might be a pipeline, power line, oil well, rail loading facility or new road … any number of things," Naylor said.

Sometimes companies don't even realize that they're proposing development near the park boundaries, she and others said.

State officials proposed mandating a public comment period for certain oil and gas drilling plans up to 2 miles surrounding the park and 17 other areas deemed "extraordinary places" in North Dakota this year.

Industry groups including the North Dakota Petroleum Council opposed the change, arguing that special interests shouldn't trump the rights of private landowners. Officials scaled back the idea to allow public comment time for only public land developments in those zones.

The national park boundary abuts some drilling-susceptible public forest service land, which already has more than 600 wells in the western part of the state.

Minneapolis hiker David Kingman said he's been watching the conservation efforts of Naylor and others with interest as he spends much of his time in North Dakota now, managing a worker housing complex. He treasures the beautiful scenery on the park's marked trails, as well as on its unmarked bison trails, he said. Fending off development nearby, he said, looks like "swatting flies."

"They've got to just keep working at it," he said, "but some get through."

Sounds, scents and light

Naylor and others want to protect not only scenic natural views, but also the park's solitude: The sound of blowing wind and singing birds, not the hum of traffic.

The scent of sagebrush, not the sting of chemicals. The darkness of the night sky, not the glow of gas flares.

Typically, it works best to raise concerns directly with a company, Naylor said. Most are amenable, she said. She uses a diplomatic tone: "We are not opposed to energy development," she is quick to say, "but we want it done in such a way that the park is preserved."

New drilling techniques have made it easier for oil companies to comply with their requests, said North Dakota Petroleum Council communications manager Tessa Sandstrom.

"Thanks to the technology of horizontal drilling, you can be a little bit more flexible on where you put that drilling rig and still be able to recover the resources," she said, adding that companies "always try to keep an open dialogue."

One company put out a news release after abandoning a development plan, touting its commitment to preservation. Horizon Oilfield Services announced in April that it withdrew a permit application for an injection well near the park's boundaries.

The company highlighted a "desire to preserve the natural beauty and integrity of North Dakota public lands and National Parks," the release said.

Jan Swenson, executive director of the Badlands Conservation Alliance, targets development in not only the national park, but in all sorts of natural areas in the state.

Often, she and Naylor will appear at the same meetings, Swenson said, though she added that Naylor is probably more of a "realist" in choosing what to oppose.

"Sometimes I wish the park service was even more aggressive," Swenson said. Still, she said, "we are ever so lucky to have her."

Tourists unaware

As they drive the winding, scenic roads or march up the trails of the Badlands, most park tourists have no idea what Naylor and other preservationists have fended off.

No idea that Naylor won an award for her stewardship from the National Parks Conservation Association.

Deb Hornfeldt and Debbie Virnig carefully maneuvered a 32-foot Forester camper on the scenic drive to Oxbow Overlook.

It was their last national park stop on their way back to Lakeland, Minnesota, from a road trip in the western United States. They sought out parks to find serenity, they said.

"My stress level gets much smaller," said Hornfeldt, a recently retired teacher. "It's really important to have places like this. People crave this."

Pumpjacks and more flares and traffic would spoil the grandeur, Hornfeldt said.

"Find another place," added Virnig, who spoke in sign language with Hornfeldt translating. Natural spaces are getting smaller and smaller, she said.

With an average of fewer than 600,000 visitors a year recently, Theodore Roosevelt Park has never been among the country's most-visited. But as the population around it increases, the hum of the boom permeating the landscape, its popularity may increase.

On Christmas Day, for instance, when the park is usually abandoned, a dozen cars were in the parking lot, Naylor said. Oil industry workers now seek it out to get away from the constant construction, traffic, dust and noise that the boom has brought. That slice of serenity is more important than ever, Naylor knows.

Gravel crunched under Naylor's ranger boots as she hiked to the River Bend Overlook, which she pronounced "the most beautiful view in all of North Dakota." She held her wide-brimmed hat against the whipping prairie winds.

"I love this park," Naylor said. "I will continue to always protect it."

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energy production."

The final rule includes "commonsense updates that will increase safety while also providing flexibility and facilitating coordination with states and tribes," the department said. "As we continue to offer millions of acres of America's public lands for oil and gas development, it is important that the public has full confidence that the right safety and environmental protections are in place."

Major details are still under wraps.

For instance, it is unclear whether the final rule will roll back some major concessions to the oil industry, including a decision to apply requirements just to hydraulic fracturing on public lands, rather than broadly to all well stimulation activities. Another big question is whether the Interior Department will continue to endorse the industry's preferred chemical disclosure system, FracFocus, or if it will insist on changes to the industry-backed website and registry.

And while the 2013 proposal would allow the Bureau of Land Management to waive requirements in certain states or tribal regions if their own mandates meet or exceed the federal standards, the final rule could go further in spelling out when exceptions could be granted and how those decisions will be made.

Industry officials argue that the entire measure is unneeded and that state regulations are better geared toward the unique geology and circumstances of different regions, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

But conservationists said the federal rule will create an essential set of baseline standards that would apply across the country — setting a floor of requirements on which states could model their own regulations.

Study: Novel heart failure drug shows big promise

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

A new study reports one of the biggest potential advances against heart failure in more than a decade — a first-of-a-kind, experimental drug that lowered the chances of death or hospitalization by about 20 percent.

Doctors said the Novartis drug — which doesn't have a name yet — seems like one of those rare, breakthrough therapies that could quickly change care for more than half of the 6 million Americans and 24 million people worldwide with heart failure.

"This is a new day" for patients, said Dr. Clyde Yancy, cardiology chief at Northwestern University in Chicago and a former American Heart Association president.

"It's been at least a decade since we've had a breakthrough of this magnitude," said Yancy, who had no role in the study.

It involved nearly 8,500 people in 47 countries and was the largest experiment ever done in heart failure. It was paid for, designed and partly run by Novartis, based in Basel, Switzerland. Independent monitors stopped the study in April, seven months earlier than planned, when it was clear the drug was better than an older one that is standard now.

During the 27-month study, the Novartis drug cut the chances of dying of heart-related causes by 20 percent and for any reason by 16 percent, compared to the older drug. It also reduced the risk of being hospitalized for heart failure by 21 percent.

"We are really excited," said one study leader, Dr. Milton Packer of UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The benefit "exceeded our original expectations."

Results were disclosed Saturday at a European Society of Cardiology conference in Barcelona and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

Novartis will seek approval for the drug — for now called LCZ696 — by the end of this year in the United States and early next year in Europe

Heart failure is the top reason older people are hospitalized, and it's a leading cause of death. It develops when the heart muscle weakens over time and can no longer pump effectively, often because of damage from a heart attack. Fluid can back up into the lungs and leave people gasping for breath.

5 things to know about 2014 governor's races

By Brian Bakst
Associated Press

Thirty-six states will choose governors in the November elections. Winning one of these races can take years of paying political dues and a grueling nomination battle.

Incumbents are tough to beat, particularly when the economy is on the upswing as it is this year.

Most of the 28 incumbents trying for another term will get it with little trouble; a few others have reason to sweat. Seven states have open races where the person in charge, but not necessarily the ruling party, will change. And one governor, Hawaii's Neil Abercrombie, fell in a Democratic primary.

Five things to know about governors' races:

1. Party power

It's more than just party bragging rights on the line. Governors flex considerable muscle when it comes to raising or cutting taxes, strengthening or weakening labor unions and extending or easing restrictions on abortion, gay marriage and guns.

Twenty-two states run by Republicans have governors' offices at stake; in 14 others, a Democrat is now at the helm.

The GOP can sleepwalk to victory in state such as Alabama and Wyoming, where heavily Republican voter bases provide a huge advantage. Democrats have slam-dunk territory, too, mainly along the coasts.

National interest group money is flooding into competitive states, with the Republican Governors Association and Democratic Governors Association primed to spend tens of millions of dollars each to tip races.

Expect the contest in Florida to be the most costly. Republican Gov. Rick Scott and former Gov. Charlie Crist, a Democrat who once led the state as a Republican, have already drawn more than $60 million in combined campaign cash.

2. Trouble watch

Gov. Tom Corbett, R-Pa., is on the shakiest ground because of an uproar over cuts to education spending and several verbal gaffes. He has trailed Democratic businessman Tom Wolf throughout.

In Illinois, Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn is being pushed hard by businessman Bruce Rauner in a race where voter mood's been soured by high unemployment and the aftertaste of corruption during Democratic rule.

In Kansas, some in Gov. Sam Brownback's Republican Party are uneasy over his aggressive tax slashing. Several notable GOP moderates back Democratic rival Paul Davis, a veteran legislator.

In Maine, blunt-talking Republican Gov. Paul LePage's combative style is an issue in his race against Democratic Rep. Mike Michaud, who made national headlines himself by disclosing he's gay.

3. First this, then?

For several governors, a November win means more than one more term in the executive mansion. Any hope of trading up to the White House depends on it.

Republicans Nikki Haley of South Carolina, John Kasich of Ohio, Susan Martinez of New Mexico, Rick Snyder of Michigan and Scott Walker of Wisconsin could forget any shot at the presidency or vice presidency if they lose. The same goes for New York's Andrew Cuomo and Colorado's John Hickenlooper for the Democrats.

Walker faces the stiffest challenge. He is in a tight contest with business executive Mary Burke in his third statewide race in four years after a failed recall effort.

Even though New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie isn't on the ballot, the prospective presidential candidate has a big stake in the fall outcome. As chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Christie could be judged on how his party fares.

4. Big-state blowouts?

Barring dramatic late-season turns, the governors of two of the nation's most populous states could be headed for walkovers. California's Jerry Brown and New York's Cuomo, both Democrats, look to be in command of races for new terms. While Texas Gov. Rick Perry is stepping away, his Republican Party is well-positioned to keep a mansion it has held for two decades with the GOP nominee, Attorney General Greg Abbott, well ahead.

5. Milestone men

Iowa Republican Terry Branstad, already the nation's longest-tenured governor, would add to his longevity with an unprecedented sixth four-year term.

At 67, Branstad is also among a crew of retirement-age incumbents giving it another run. Brown (76), Idaho's Butch Otter (72), Georgia's Nathan Deal (72), Alabama's Robert Bentley (71), Minnesota's Mark Dayton (67) and Oregon's John Kitzhaber (67) are either the oldest-ever governor in their states or nearing the mark.

Punch-less summer box office offers lessons to filmmakers

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The movie of the summer might have been Marvel's irreverent hit "Guardians of the Galaxy," the top domestic film at the box office. Or it could have been Michael Bay's sequel-reboot hybrid "Transformers: Age of Extinction," the lone movie to even approach $1 billion globally.

But really, the movie of the summer was "Star Wars: Episode VII." Even though it's not due in theaters for more than a year, no other film captured the popcorn-hunger of moviegoers quite like J.J. Abrams' resurrection of George Lucas' space opera. As the blockbuster-to-come went into production over the summer, every bit of casting news was eagerly consumed; every hint of its plot was carefully parsed. Nothing can stop it, not even the broken leg of an aged Han Solo (Harrison Ford), at the mercy of a mechanical door on his trusty Millennium Falcon, no less.

The rabid interest for "Star Wars" is good news for Hollywood's 2015. Not so much for its 2014.

When the season sputters to a close on Monday, the summer box office — regardless of whatever is added to the coffers by weekend front-runner "Guardians" — will be about 15 percent down from last year's summer, making it Hollywood's worst summer in at least seven years.

Why did this summer fail to ignite at the box office? Here are some take-aways.

THE MOVIES SIMPLY WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH

"Maybe we had a lot of titles that looked good on paper," said Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., whose Adam Sandler comedy "Blended" and largely acclaimed Tom Cruise action flick "Edge of Tomorrow" found lukewarm receptions. "The audience didn't go for it. We have to do better." Many in Hollywood will often remind that the movies, after all, are ultimately a content-driven business. The self-mocking "Guardians," starring Chris Pratt, and the operatic apocalyptic tale "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" won the most cheers from moviegoers and critics alike. But many of the summer's top releases, like the Melissa McCarthy road trip "Tammy" and the flopping neo-noir sequel "Sin City: A Dame to Kill For," simply weren't up to snuff.

SEQUELS DIDN'T POP

Make no mistake about it: Sequels still rule the summer. Of the top 10 films at the box office, how many do you think were original? Zero. The most popular original movie — not a sequel, reboot or adaptation of a well-known property — was the Seth Rogen comedy "Neighbors," in 11th place.

But many sequels also showed growing audience fatigue. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" performed worse than all four previous "Spider-Man" movies. DreamWorks' "How to Train Your Dragon 2," also didn't rally the box office like it was expected to, and Sylvester Stallone's "The Expendables 3" signaled the end of an already elderly franchise.

THE CENTER IS SHIFTING

Two of the top movies of the year ("Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "The LEGO Movie") were released in spring, usually the homely sidekick to summer's dashing hero. And the summer's biggest hit, "Guardians of the Galaxy," wasn't released until the dog days of August. "The studios are starting to realize: Let's take advantage of the soft spots in the calendar," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

Not only that, they're also increasingly focusing overseas. "Transformers" was launched not in North America but in China, where it was also partially shot. And it was rewarded for it: The film made more money in China than in North America.

FEWER MOVIES

The summer was missing a few of its expected tentpoles that by themselves could have moved the needle on the overall box office. Following Paul Walker's death, "Fast & Furious 7" was postponed until next year. Pixar didn't have its usual summer entry. But overall, the studios are largely pulling back on their output, concentrating resources on fewer but bigger films. This has meant slightly less competition in the summer and more carefully guarded profit margins. The summer may have been down at the movies, but the studios had fewer high-profile bombs than they did last year, a record-setting but volatile summer. (Remember "Lone Ranger"?) Instead, the studios downshifted for more dependable results. Budgets may look fine in Hollywood, but they don't look as good for theater owners.

GET 'EM NEXT YEAR

"It'll happen next year," said Universal distribution head Nikki Rocco. "The business is cyclical." The hope is that the constant ebb and flow of the movie business will next year tilt back toward buffo box office. The year boasts arguably the two most lucrative franchises in movies: "Star Wars" and "Avengers." When "Avengers: Age of Ultron" kicks off May 1, nothing less than record-breaking will be expected. It won't be until December that "Episode VII" hits theaters, but nothing proves more than "Star Wars" — a series in which the last three films are almost universally derided — that franchise fervor springs eternal.

TODAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 99 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 75	High: 98 Low: 75	High: 89 Low: 74	High: 92 Low: 74	High: 92 Low: 71

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 99 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 75 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

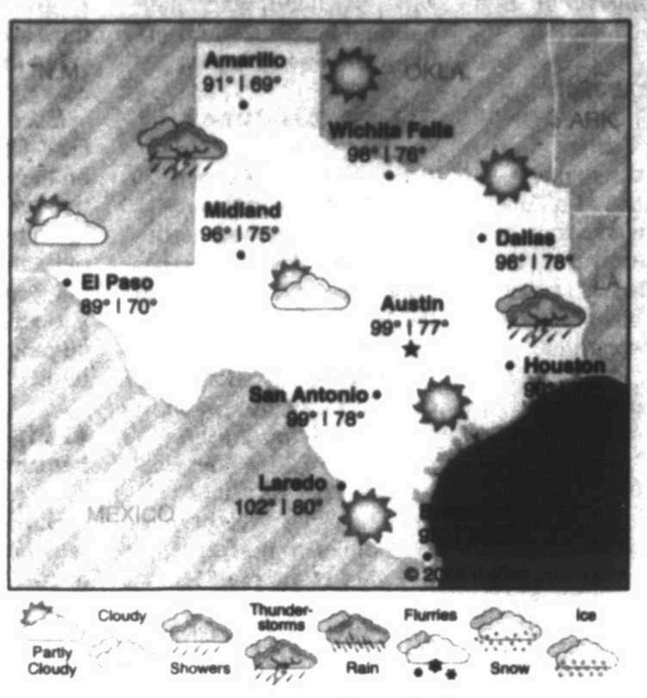
Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 100 and south winds around 10 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 76 and south winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 98 and a low around 75.

The high on Saturday reached 95, while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Aug. 30 is 106 set in 2011. The record low is 60 set in 2012.

National forecast

A front moving through the East will bring a soggy Labor Day holiday today. None of the showers and thunderstorms stretching from New England to the Gulf Coast are expected to be heavy or last all day. However, storms are most likely from central Maine through New York and Pennsylvania. Thunderstorms across the Southeast and Gulf Coast will be spottier, waiting until later in the day.



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Month total	0.77 in.
Year total	4.74 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.66 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	95
Low	70
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Normal low	67
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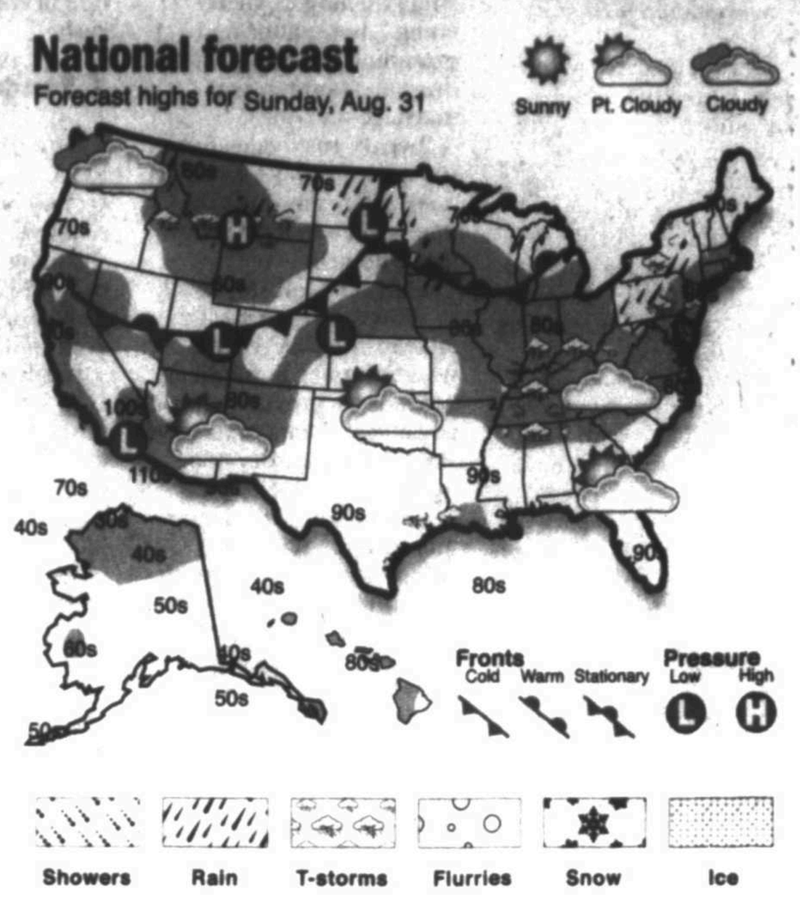
Sunset	8:14 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Aug. 31



Sesame catching on in southeast portion of nation

Associated Press

LAKE CITY, Ark. — Sesame is gaining a foothold in parts of the southeast United States, where cotton has long been king, as farmers take advantage of its drought tolerance and a recently developed trait that lets them bring it in with typical ag equipment.

Thousands of acres from Arkansas to Florida and Georgia were planted in sesame this year — sometimes joining a rotation of cotton, soybeans and corn and at times spread in fields too far away from irrigation lines.

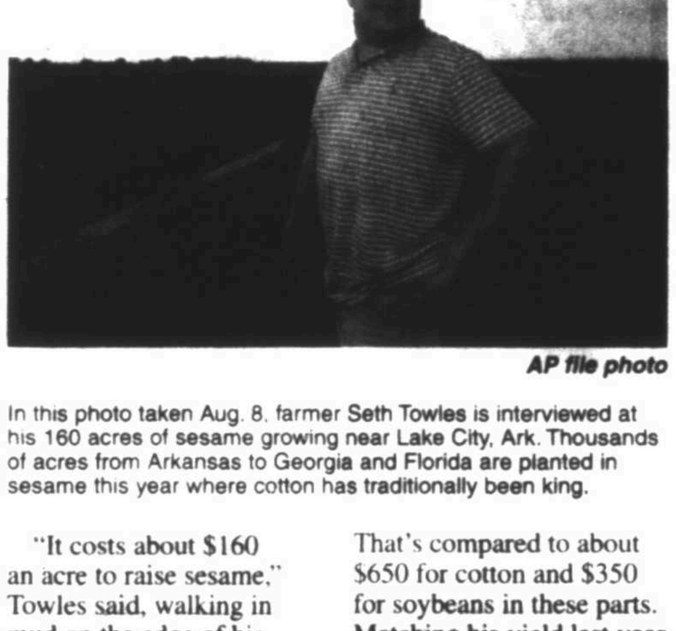
"It's just a tough plant" that endures through a variety of conditions, said Seth Towles, who has 160 acres of sesame growing in a field across a dirt road from his cotton crop.

The nation's traditional sesame-growing region is in Oklahoma and Texas west of Interstate 35. It yields between 350 pounds and 850 pounds per acre a year, according to Erick Scott, a territory agronomist for Texas-based Sesaco Corp., which promotes the crop and develops new strains. The problem is the area only gets 16 to 20 inches of precipitation per year.

"They get rain, but not at the right time," said Scott, from Memphis, Tennessee.

But in the southeast, where rainfall can exceed 50 inches annually, sesame flourishes.

The crop isn't likely to supplant cotton or other primary crops in the Southeast — 30,000 to 40,000 acres pales to the millions of acres holding cotton, beans, milo or corn, according to the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. It could, however, could fill out farms that haven't extended irrigation lines to every field, Scott said.



AP file photo

In this photo taken Aug. 8, farmer Seth Towles is interviewed at his 160 acres of sesame growing near Lake City, Ark. Thousands of acres from Arkansas to Georgia and Florida are planted in sesame this year where cotton has traditionally been king.

"It costs about $160 an acre to raise sesame," Towles said, walking in mud on the edge of his field after a summer soaker. That's compared to about $650 for cotton and $350 for soybeans in these parts. Matching his yield last year — 960 pounds per acre — at last year's price of around 42 cents per pound would bring him $400 per acre before expenses.

One problem with sesame seed pods is that they split open shortly after maturity and spill 50-80 seeds onto the ground — leading some linguists to debate whether this led to the password "open sesame" in the book "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves."

So, over the last 10 years, Sesaco has introduced a number of plants with shatter-resistant pods, letting farmers leave sesame in the field while they bring in more weather-sensitive crops. Later, farmers can adjust their combines to strip sesame plants of the hardy pods, keeping the seeds whole to protect the oil inside.

David Hodges of Jonesboro grew sesame last year but his crop rotation didn't leave him any space for it this year. He predicts it won't be much more than a niche crop in Arkansas — and this year's cool, wet weather could chase farmers away.

"If there's a bad year, that may be the death of it. If it's successful, it may go forward," Hodges said. "It's good where there are a lot of wildlife areas, where they have bad deer pressure. Deer don't like it."

The U.S. grows only 3 percent to 5 percent of the world's sesame, Scott said. Sesaco is the primary producer domestically and ships some of its crop overseas.

Seeds in Arkansas typically go to a Sesaco collection point, then to processers that compress them for oil or dry them for use as a food additive or condiment, such as a base ingredient for tahini or on buns.

"We just tell everybody, 'Eat hamburgers,'" said Scott Towles, Seth's father.

Seth Towles brought in last year's crop around Thanksgiving, but noted he didn't spend as much time fertilizing or irrigating the crop, as he does with cotton or beans. It was a nice contrast to "trying to fight cotton all year long," he said.

Scott believes Arkansas will be competitive with the traditional growing areas.

"You can mess it up and still make 800 pounds. It's a forgiving crop," he said.

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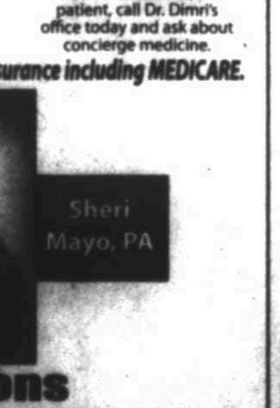

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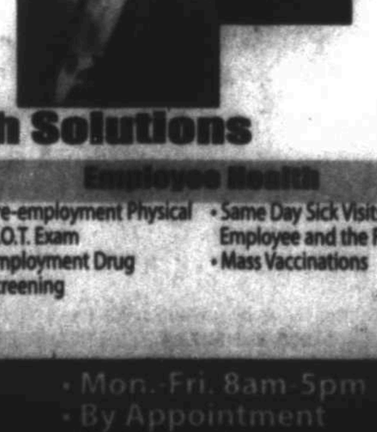

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Obama seeking allies for fight against extremists

By Bradley Klapper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's acknowledgement the U.S. still lacks a strategy for defeating the growing extremist threat emanating from Syria reflects a still unformed international coalition.

The president is meeting with his top advisers and consulting members of Congress to prepare U.S. military options. At the same time, he is looking for allies around the world to help the U.S. root out the Islamic State group that has seized large swaths of territory in Syria and Iraq.

A look at what the United States is probably asking, and not asking, of some of the region's central players:

IRAQ: Iraq is the focus of U.S. strikes against the Islamic State and is Obama's priority. The U.S. wants the new government under prime minister-designate Haider al-Abadi to be as inclusive as possible, bringing Sunni groups back to the government and away from the Islamic State. The U.S. also is likely to continue arming Iraqi Kurdish forces. All of the efforts aim to push back the extremists on the battlefield and isolate them from supportive communities. If Sunni tribes turn on the Islamic State, as with al-Qaida in Iraq in the last decade, it could leave the group short of local recruits and safe havens.

SYRIA: The epicenter of the problem, Syria is still the big question mark for Obama. He said the U.S. won't cooperate with President Bashar Assad, whose government is battling Islamic State fighters but whom Obama wants to leave power after a bloody civil war. U.S. and Syrian officials rarely, if ever, communicate any longer. However, the U.S. needs a ground force ready to assert control in the event of strikes against the Islamic State group; that won't be American soldiers. And in Syria, there are only two real alternatives to Assad's army and the Islamists: the moderate rebels and the Kurds.

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President Barack Obama speaks from the James Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House on Thursday. President Barack Obama's acknowledgement the U.S. still lacks a strategy for defeating the growing extremist threat emanating from Syria reflects a still unformed international coalition.

TURKEY: America's only NATO partner among countries bordering Syria, Turkey will be counted on to help in any military effort there, at least in a supporting role. The Obama administration will want to see greater action from its ally preventing extremists and weapons crossing into Syria, and stopping Islamic State fighters from smuggling oil out of Syria and into Turkey, a significant source of its revenue. If the U.S. decides to more seriously support Syria's opposition, it will probably ask Turkey to contribute in a big way. Much of the opposition's more moderate leadership is in Turkey.

IRAN: Little can be expected from one of the world's most hostile relationships. There is no room for Washington and Tehran to cooperate operationally. And their broader goals for Syria are at odds, with Iranian units fighting for Assad and the U.S. backing groups determined to oust him. When it comes to the Islamic State, however, U.S. and Iranian interests align. Officials even have held rare talks on the matter. The Americans, relieved at least that Iran is backing Iraq's new government, hope their rivals will do nothing to destabilize the region further. To that end, the U.S. will probably protest only half-heartedly continued Iranian military support to Iraqi authorities in Baghdad and Kurds in the north, in contravention of United Nations sanctions. In Syria, the scope for even tacit understanding between the two sides is more limited.

RUSSIA: Further afield, Washington would ideally seek Moscow's political support and ask it to serve as an intermediary with Syria and other Mideast governments the U.S. wants little to do with. Tension over Ukraine makes even modest cooperation unlikely. There is no chance of the Kremlin allowing a U.N. authorization for force in Syria. The U.S. could ask President Vladimir Putin to put in a word with Assad to minimize the risk of confrontation, especially if the U.S. sends planes into Syria's airspace or special forces cross into its territory. Whether Putin would cooperate is anyone's guess.

Ecuador heralds digital currency plans

By Gonzalo Solano
Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — Ecuador is planning to create what it calls the world's first digital currency issued by a central bank, which some analysts believe could be a first step toward abandoning the country's existing currency, the U.S. dollar.

The electronic money, which Central Bank officials say they expect will start circulating in December, does not have a name and officials would not disclose technical details, though they said it would not be a crypto-currency like Bitcoin. The amount of the new currency created would depend on demand.

Deputy director Gustavo Solorzano said it is to exist in tandem with the greenback and, by law, be backed by "liquid assets." It would be geared toward the 2.8 million Ecuadoreans — 40 percent of participants in the economy — too poor to afford traditional banking, officials say.

Initially, it will be able to make and receive payments on cellphones, Solorzano said.

The new currency was approved, and stateless crypto-currencies such as Bitcoin simultaneously banned, by Ecuador's National Assembly last month.

Leftist President Rafael Correa has said the project's only problem is that it has taken this long, defending it against "pseudo-analysts who have appeared in the media trying to smear (it)." He denies any plan to replace the U.S. dollar, which Ecuador set as its currency in 2000 after a crippling banking crisis.

The official in charge of the new currency, Fausto Valencia, said the software is already used in Paraguay by cellphone companies.

He said it is not like Bitcoin, whose advantage is in its technical underpinnings: Only a limited amount of Bitcoin can be minted. Without that safeguard, economists have warned, a government could theoretically create as much as it wants, risking inflation.

Nathalie Reinelt, an emerging payments analyst with the U.S.-based Aite Group, said she does not understand any other motivation for creating such a currency than to allow Ecuador to increase its money supply and, essentially, devalue its U.S. dollar holdings.

"It is far too early to know how they are thinking of making the electronic money work," said analyst Juan Lorenzo Maldonado of Credit Suisse LLC.

Some believe it could be a first step to abandoning the U.S. dollar, Ecuador's currency since January 2000. Correa denies it puts dollarization in peril.

His government has tripled social spending, and opposition lawmaker Ramiro Aguilar said it "has a serious fiscal liquidity problem. It needs money ... It doesn't mint money. It has no control over what circulates."

The state is currently $11 billion in debt, mostly to China, which buys most of Ecuador's oil. It recently sold $2 billion in bonds with a 7.95 percent return, as well as obtaining another $400 million from Goldman Sachs in exchange for part of its gold reserves.

Use of the currency will be voluntary and it will not be used to pay public employees or state contractors, according to the law. Nor can it be used to buy financial instruments the Finance Ministry emits

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As stocks rise, so does anxiety: Time to get out?

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is it time to cash out of stocks?

The market has nearly tripled in a little over five years, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 2,000 for the first time on Tuesday. With each record, the temptation grows to take your winnings and flee.

Plenty of experts think stocks are about to drop. But many others offer compelling arguments for the rally to continue for years.

The bulls point to a strengthening U.S. economy. They also like that companies have plenty of money to keep buying back their own stock.

The bears argue that stocks already reflect years of future profit gains. They also note that many economies around the world are stumbling and that U.S. interest rates could rise soon.

Remember, though, that even the best investors find it nearly impossible to time the market to catch the lows and highs.

The bull and bear cases in detail:

Bull Case

A STRONGER ECONOMY: Four of the past five bull markets have ended with investors selling in a recession, or bailing out because they anticipated one. The odds of a downturn anytime soon? Not very high, at least based on the latest economic reports and forecasts.

The U.S. economy is expected to grow 1.5 percent this year, then 3.4 percent in 2015, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates released Wednesday. One reason is companies are hiring at the fastest pace in eight years.

Analysts expect earnings from companies in the S&P 500 to rise 8 percent this year, then 12 percent in 2015, according to S&P Capital IQ.

LOW INTEREST RATES: Interest rates are low, and that's been great for stocks. They help lower borrowing costs for consumers and businesses. They also hold down interest payments on bonds, making stocks look more attractive by comparison.

Many investors expect the Federal Reserve to start raising short-term rates in the middle of next year. If the Fed keeps the hikes small, the stock market might shrug it off.

That's what happened in the last round of Fed hikes, in 2004. The S&P 500 gained 9 percent that year.

Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, notes that the short-term rates that helped drag stocks down at the end of the last seven bull markets were all higher than 4 percent. With the Fed holding those rates near zero, it could take many hikes for borrowing costs to rise enough to cause damage.

BUYBACK BOOM: One of the biggest forces in the stock rally so far is companies buying back their own shares. Companies in the S&P 500 have spent $1.9 trillion on buybacks since the bull market began in March 2009, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices.

By creating more demand for stocks, buybacks have kept prices rising even as others sell. Mutual funds, investment brokers, foreigners and pension funds have been net sellers of stocks over most of the last five years, according to the Fed.

Companies have pulled back sharply from their near-record buying in the first quarter, but their buybacks are still pushing up prices. And companies in the S&P 500 still have more than $1.1 trillion in cash, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

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In this Aug. 21 file photo, trader Edward McCarthy, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. As stocks continue to rise, investors are wondering if it's time to sell.

Bear Case

STOCKS NOT CHEAP: It's fine to forecast big profit gains well into the future, but what if prices fully reflect expected gains?

That's what many bears think. They cite the price-earnings ratio, or the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. If a share costs $100 and the company is expected to earn $5 per share in the coming year, the P/E ratio is 20.

The S&P 500 now trades at 15 times what companies are expected to earn over the next 12 months, according to FactSet. That is slightly above the 10-year average of 14.1.

The problem is, P/Es are often not reliable gauges of stock value. They are based on just one year's earnings, which can rise and fall along with the economy.

Many experts believe a better P/E is a "cyclically adjusted" ratio, which averages earnings over 10 years.

It is currently 26. That's far below the peak of 44 it reached in the late 1990s, but it's still very high. Since the end of World War II, the average is 18.3.

THOSE COMING RATE HIKES: The Fed may be able to raise rates slowly without damaging the economy and stock markets. But its record isn't entirely reassuring.

Three of the past five bull markets ended after the Fed increased rates.

Inflation doesn't appear to be a problem right now. The consumer price index is up 2 percent in the past 12 months, roughly equivalent to the Fed's target. But that could change fast if the economy heats up.

STRUGGLING ECONOMIES ABROAD: U.S. companies rely more than ever on foreign economies remaining healthy. Unfortunately, many of those economies are stumbling.

The 18 countries that share the euro didn't grow at all last quarter. China is slowing rapidly and Japan shrank 7 percent compared with a year earlier.

Most economists expect the U.S. to shrug off the troubles abroad and for growth to pick up. But not everyone.

David Levy, an economist, predicted the last U.S. recession with uncanny precision. He says another one is coming next year. The cause: Downturns elsewhere, not domestic trouble.

Even if he's wrong, slowing economies overseas will still matter since companies in the S&P 500 generate nearly half their sales abroad.

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Can success of ice bucket challenge be replicated?

By Martha Ross
San Jose Mercury News

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Check out local ice buckets challenges and the groups and people that have accepted them.

SAN JOSE, Calif. — In today's world of social media fundraising, the ALS Association has hit the jackpot — and created a social media model that nonprofits everywhere are anxious to exploit. But can they?

Some of the richest and most powerful figures in business, politics, media and sports — from Mark Zuckerberg to George W. Bush to Oprah Winfrey to Dale Earnhardt Jr. — have happily shared videos that show buckets of cold water being dumped on their heads. It's all for the cause of funding research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a neurodegenerative illness commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

As of Thursday, the organization's ice bucket challenge has raised $94.3 million since July 29 and spread information about ALS to millions of Facebook and Twitter users. The association raised $2.6 million during the same period last year.

"None of us could have imagined it would ever become this big or raise this much money," said Fred Fisher, the president and CEO of the Golden West Chapter of the ALS Association. "We all assume it will start to taper off and the world will go on. But who knows? It is going global, and people are hearing about it all over."

No doubt, many other nonprofit executives would like to be similarly blessed.

Philanthropy expert Beth Kanter, the Los Gatos-based author of "Measuring the Networked Nonprofit," said she imagines that staff at nonprofit organizations are now being pressed by their boards of directors to cook up the next viral fundraiser.

Certainly, the challenge's genesis and meme-like spread offer a window into the factors that go into a successful, high-profile social media campaign, Kanter said.

The challenge works like this: You write out a $100 check to ALS or subject yourself to a soaking, then call out three friends to do the same within 24 hours.

Former President Bush nominated his "friend" Bill Clinton (who has yet to respond to the dare); Gwyneth Paltrow called out her consciously uncoupled ex, Chris Martin (who happily accepted); and Zuckerberg challenged fellow tech titan Bill Gates, who responded with a video of himself inventing an elaborate rope-pulled device to release water onto his head.

"At first I thought this ice bucket thing was silly," wrote Jason Becker, a Richmond, California, guitar player who once played with David Lee Roth's band, in a message he posted with Gates' video. Becker, 45, was diagnosed with ALS at age 20 and can no longer walk, speak or play guitar, but he composes music and communicates through eye movement.

"Now, I can't thank everyone enough for bringing so much attention and awareness to ALS," he said in video Aug. 23 before he took the challenge in a way that wouldn't leak water into his tracheotomy site. Two friends placed a bag of ice on his head. "Ack!" Becker said with a twinkle in his eye before challenging Eddie Van Halen, David Lee Roth and John Mayer; Mayer accepted with a dedication to Becker.

The idea of dumping cold water on one's head to support ALS didn't originate in the association's office but began in July, among the friends of a former Boston College baseball player with ALS who did a group challenge.

The challenge's grassroots origins and selfie-based technology added to its appeal, making it seem like something regular people can do to make a difference, Kanter said. "Social proofing" — a kind of peer pressure — also inspired people to get involved in something their friends are doing, she added.

But timing was key. In a summer filled with seemingly relentless bad news at home and abroad, people may have been looking for "something that makes us feel good while doing good and something silly," Kanter said.

But the stunt fundraiser has detractors, including Californians worrying about wasting water in a drought and Catholic Church leaders who said it conflicts with church teachings by funding embryonic stem-cell research.

Some experts in business and nonprofit management, including William MacAskill, a research fellow at Cambridge University, voiced concerns that the challenge is a fad that will detract attention and dollars from other worthy causes and encourage "slactivism" — digital-enabled activism that involves little thought, effort or concerns about sustained results.

But both Kanter and Nora Silver, faculty director at the Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, said the campaign's pluses outweigh the minuses. Even if millions of people jumped on the icy bandwagon simply because their friends were doing it, the campaign brought news about ALS to the masses. "More knowledge and awareness is good," Silver said.

And both experts, as well as the Heart Association's Putnam, predict there could be a "rising tide lifts all boats" effect, with participants in this cause exploring ways they can help in other health crusades.

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In this photo posted on Facebook, courtesy of the George W. Bush Presidental Center, former President George W. Bush participates in the ice bucket challenge with the assistance of his wife, Laura Bush. As the ALS Association has raised over $94 million though the ice bucket challenge, other organizations are looking at how they can recreate the viral success of the ice bucket challenge.

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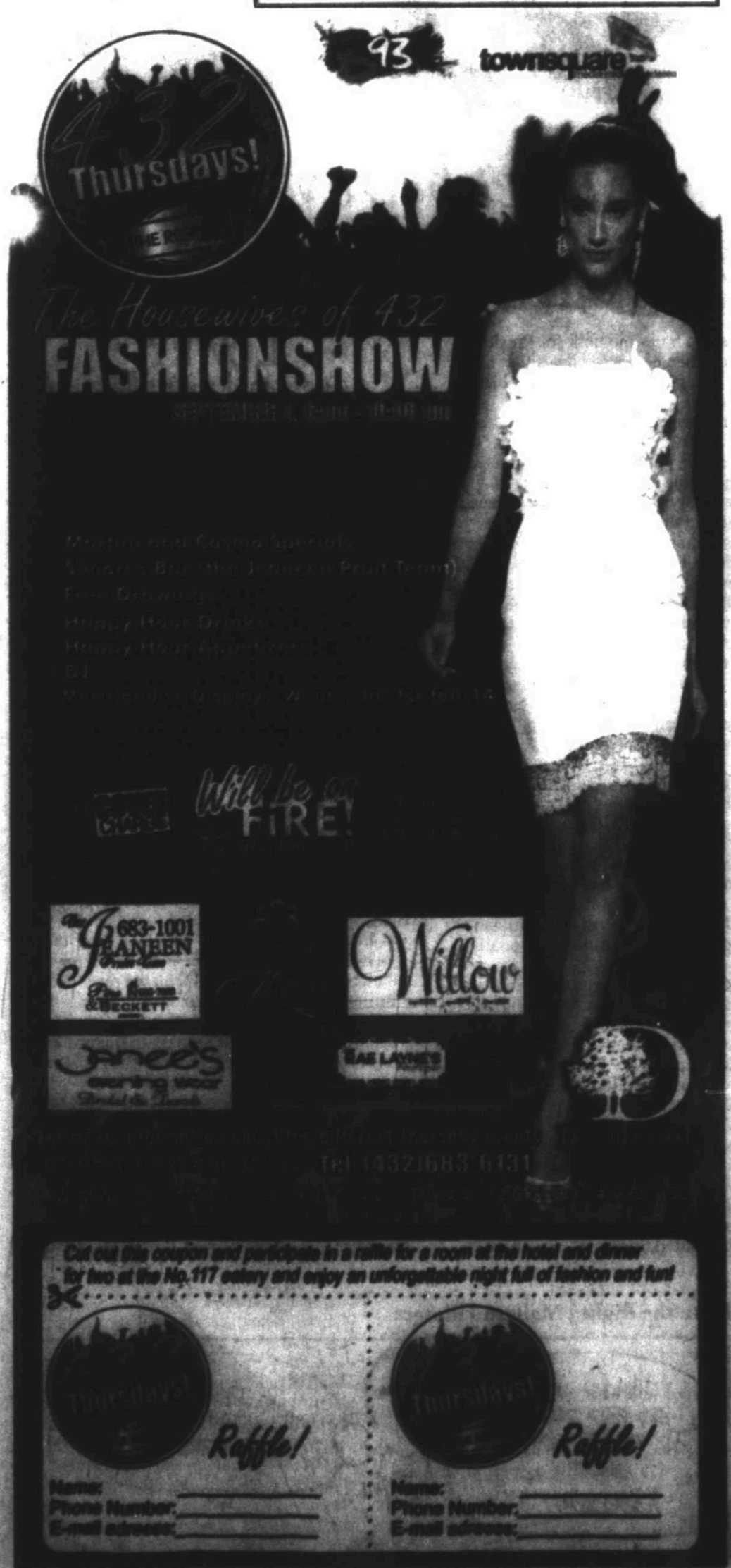

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America faces its own ice bucket challenge

■ The CBO throws cold water on the idea of government being in good fiscal health

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I'm just back from vacation in Europe, where, to judge from the political headlines coming out of the United States, this country had no greater care than which of its leaders would next be soaked in cold water.

George W. Bush was doused by his wife, Laura, and then nominated Bill Clinton to take the ice-bucket challenge for charity. Mitt Romney got a bucket poured on him by his former running mate, Paul Ryan, who joined other possible 2016 presidential aspirants Scott Walker and Chris Christie in performing the ritual. Alan Greenspan, the former Federal Reserve chairman, dumped a bucket on his wife, NBC's Andrea Mitchell, who then tapped Hillary Clinton for the treatment.

In my unplugged state, the occasional ice-bucket updates provided a sense of well-being: If this is going on, things must not be too bad in Ferguson, Missouri, or with the Islamic State, or with Ebola. And so I pursued my own ice-bucket challenge, which involved a bottle of wine and a view of the sea.

But on my first day back in Washington, the Congressional Budget Office threw cold water on my tranquility. Its semiannual report on the federal government's fiscal health, released Wednesday, was downright bone-chilling.

The top-line conclusions were grim enough, if not catastrophic: The federal budget deficit would shrink this year, but less than had been expected. The economy would continue its expansion this year — but at less than half the rate forecast earlier.

Read further, though, and you see that the long-term fiscal disaster, predicted for some time, has crept into the short term. We're several years into the expansion, and a full recovery from the 2008 collapse should come in the next few years, the CBO predicts — but just in time for that long-dreaded era when interest payments on the debt and the costs of Medicare and Social Security begin to crowd out everything else the government does. While we watch Lady Gaga and Justin Timberlake take their ice baths, the wolf is at the door.

Federal debt will reach 74 percent of gross domestic product this year, more than twice what it was at the end of 2007 and higher than in any year since 1950, the nonpartisan CBO found. In a decade, it will hit 77 percent; in 25 years, 100 percent — "a level seen only once before in U.S. history, just after World War II."

What's more, 85 percent of the federal government's spending increases between now and 2024 will be consumed by just three items: Social Security (which will claim 28 percent of the increase), Medicare and other health care programs (32 percent) and interest on the debt (25 percent). Spending on everything else — military and domestic programs alike — would fall to the lowest proportion of the economy since at least 1940, when such statistics were first collected.

The warnings, if not new, are stark, and the report offers an occasion to reflect on the folly of the budget battles of the last four years. Conservatives threatening government shutdowns and defaults forced discretionary spending levels down to levels not seen since early last century — hampering the economic recovery — and yet the debt continues to rise.

That's because of the cowardice of leaders on both sides, who have avoided serious changes to the tax code and to Medicare and the other "mandatory" spending programs that are the real problems. President Obama, in his news conference Thursday afternoon, made no mention of this as he cited recent evidence of growth. "Over the past 4 1/2 years, our businesses have now created nearly 10 million new jobs," he said, "so there are reasons to feel good about the direction we're headed."

He's correct — if you only care about the next three years. The CBO forecast that deficits would continue to shrink over the next few years, as the economy, after a long delay, finally begins to reach its potential. But after 2018, deficits are forecast to rise again as baby boomers retire and require new spending on entitlement programs. Medicare's trustees reported last month that the program would become insolvent in 2030 (slightly better than earlier forecasts, in part because of modest improvements made by Obamacare) and Social Security would run into trouble a few years later.

This, then, should be the real ice-bucket challenge. Washington has just a few years until deficits swell again and any changes to these programs become much more painful. Then it won't be a bracing splash of ice water, but a deep and deadly freeze.

GUEST VIEW

Flaring: the dark side of the oil boom

San Antonio Express-News

The flaring of natural gas in the Eagle Ford Shale makes for spectacular images. And it is slowly killing Texas and the world.

The state clearly needs to begin offering more than the illusion of regulation. This is the biggest take-away from the exhaustively reported four-part series, "Up In Flames," in the Express-News by Jennifer Hiller and John Tedesco.

It's difficult to determine which is the most disturbing detail in "Up In Flames."

Eagle Ford flaring is wasting enough natural gas to power cities and is emitting enough pollutants and greenhouse gases into the Texas sky to rival that spewed by six oil refineries. There is forgone tax revenue that the wasted natural gas represents. All occurring as a matter of the state's careless laissez-faire posture on the issue.

The market has dictated relatively low natural gas prices. So, oil and gas producers would rather burn the gas into the atmosphere than build the infrastructure required to collect and pipe it to processing plants for sale.

When gas prices warrant, pipelines will be built, said Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman, who recently ran for attorney general.

That's unacceptable. As the state's regulators dither, smells and pollution are sickening area residents and the greenhouse gases are contributing to global warming.

Even when done correctly, flaring releases a potent greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. But when the gas is simply vented — or not burned properly — it releases an even more dangerous substance, methane, which traps 20 times as much heat in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide.

The Railroad Commission has contended that no flaring is occurring without a permit, but reporting by Hiller and Tedesco reveals that this isn't true. The Railroad Commission regulates the industry, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality oversees air permits and investigates complaints about odors.

Neither one has demonstrated it is up to the task. And the Railroad Commission is particularly laughable in this regard since its commissioners run for election using campaign contributions from the industry they purport to regulate.

The result is not just inept or inadequate regulation — generating more paperwork than oversight — but allows the regulated to choose their regulators. Solutions, though not easy, exist.

Because state agencies have proven themselves feckless about regulation, the Environmental Protection Agency should use its authority to prohibit flaring, not just with natural gas well completions — already to take effect in 2015 — but with oil drillers as well.

The oil drillers are among the most egregious offenders here. They are hunting for crude, but unwanted natural gas comes with the territory.

The EPA should use this same authority to set pollution limits on oil and gas wells as it has with refineries and power plants. And it should include areas for this focus beyond dense population centers. Eagle Ford's pollution does not sit still.

The Legislature must take the steps to make railroad commissioner an appointed rather than elected position.

The Legislature should require that the TCEQ set up permanent monitoring sites directly in the Eagle Ford and mandate quicker response times to complaints of odors or illness. It should give the agency enough funding to accomplish this.

The Railroad Commission must more scrupulously require permits for those who flare. At the moment, it seems some drillers flare without permits. The commission must start levying real fines and penalties to force compliance on all regulations.

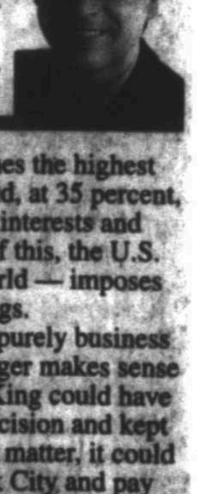
And the Legislature should explore ways — a loan program, perhaps — to incentivize drillers to collect the natural gas they find, process it on site and use it to power their own operations.

The Eagle Ford play has been a boon to the state in jobs and tax revenue. That, however, does not give the industry license to pollute and sicken nearly at will and it should not mean the state has to care more about the bounty than the health of residents and the globe.

"Up In Flames" illuminates the dark side of this boon. The state must act.

Warren Buffet betrays America

■ Time has come to reform the corporate tax system or expect more people to follow Buffet's and Burger King's leads



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It must have been a bitter moment for President Barack Obama when he got the news that his favorite economic guru not only doesn't like paying taxes but hates America.

Warren Buffett, whose eponymous rule was a staple of Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, is underwriting Burger King's proposed move to Canada that the left is denouncing as practically the most dastardly plot since the Rosenbergs helped the Soviets get the bomb.

Burger King is acquiring the Canadian coffee and doughnuts chain Tim Hortons in what is called a "corporate inversion." At least that's the technical term for it. Obama and the left prefer to call it by names usually reserved for spies before they get a blindfold and a last cigarette.

The practice of corporate inversion, or relocating overseas to avoid the burden of U.S. taxes, offends the president's sense of "economic patriotism," as he put it in a recent speech. He referred to firms that make this move as "corporate deserters."

Sen. Bernie Sanders, the socialist from Vermont, says companies like Burger King "have absolutely no loyalty to the people of the United States and our government." Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Ohio, has called for a boycott.

This outpouring of patriotic fervor is something to behold, especially from the same sort of people who used to think expecting a politician to wear a flag lapel pin was a crudely nationalistic imposition.

The left almost universally scorns the idea that a closely held family business might have religious motivations — and was outraged by the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision for this reason — yet believes that enormous globe-bestriding corporations should have patriotic feelings.

In most other contexts, Obama is a proud "citizen of the world." Except when it comes to taxing businesses. Then, he is transformed into the Giuseppe Garibaldi of American progressivism. For him, patriotism is the last refuge of the taxman.

It should give him and his allies pause that Canada — boring, socialistic Canada — is a tax haven compared with the United States. We now have a corporate tax system that combines the highest nominal rate in the developed world, at 35 percent, with loopholes that benefit special interests and the politically connected. On top of this, the U.S. — in a rarity for the developed world — imposes its high tax rate on overseas earnings.

Burger King says it is making a purely business decision, and it is true that the merger makes sense strictly on the merits. But Burger King could have made exactly the same business decision and kept its headquarters in Miami. For that matter, it could move its headquarters to New York City and pay higher taxes still, in an awe-inspiring act of patriotic commitment.

It is not that Burger King is "shirking" on taxes on its U.S. business through its move. It will have to pay U.S. rates on that regardless. It is avoiding paying the high U.S. taxes on its overseas business, and avoiding what would in effect be a tax increase for Tim Hortons by making it subject to the U.S. system.

If this seems unscrupulous, consider the wisdom of the Sage of Omaha, Obama's go-to economic mascot, whom he has often used to make arguments from authority. "I will not pay a dime more of individual taxes than I owe, and I won't pay a dime more of corporate taxes than we owe," Warren Buffett told Fortune magazine this year.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that he evidently has no compunction about helping to finance a deal widely derided for minimizing Burger King's taxes.

Despite all the yowling and patriotic chest-beating, our corporate tax system isn't the Declaration of Independence, or the Golden Gate Bridge, or the GI Bill. It is an ungainly, politicized disgrace that unduly burdens American business. The best way to keep American companies from wanting to flee it is simply to reform it.

It's either that, or try Warren Buffett for treason.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big trucks parked on streets is problem for homeowners

I'm not sure how many people have this problem, but I'm sure I'm not the only homeowner who has problems with apartment complexes. My problem is having residents of Trinity Apartments parking in front of my house. I'm not talking about cars or pickups, but big commercial trucks.

The latest was parked in front of my front door for more than 24 hours. This truck belongs to B&B Wrecking Co. And for anyone who doesn't know, they can park for as long as they want and the homeowner can't do anything about it. The driver informed me that it was "tough luck" for me and if I didn't like it, I could call his boss.

I'm over 70 years old and don't need some crude, rude truck driver giving me grief. If this was the first time, I could let it pass. But this is an ongoing problem. I hope that this isn't the way B&B conducts its business, and I doubt that this is the impression the company wants the public to have of them.

If Mayor Jerry Morales really means "Not in My City," maybe he can find an answer to this parking problem.

Thank you.

Judy Benton

Americans' finest asset is the ballot box

I have no political party affiliation, and I have no loyalty to any political party. I know that Albert Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

This November we again enter into the political process of voting for the same candidate and expecting different results.

We think our politicians are remodeling the world and that they are entirely capable of doing it right, although they possess ignorance, intolerance, egotism, self-assertion, opaque perception and dense, pitiful and an almost pathetic unconsciousness of what is really going down. We want our representative to be capable to heave bull dung with the best and bear a resemblance to the reported image of God. A politician must be able sell themselves like a brand of soap or like a used car salesman and have the integrity of a bordello madam.

In this country we have one great privilege that some other countries don't have. When things get to be absolutely unbearable, the people can rise up and throw it off. The finest asset we Americans have is the ballot box. Voting is the only commodity that Americans can peddle without a license. Voting is the primary source of our government. A man hardly knows sometimes whether to swear or cry over election results.

No party holds the privilege of dictating to me how I shall vote. If loyalty to party is a form of patriotism, I am no patriot. If there is any valuable difference between a monarchist and an American, it lies in theory that the American can decide for himself what is patriotic and what isn't. I claim that difference. I am the only person in the 300 million Americans who is privileged to dictate my patriotism.

I believe nothing much will change and that we will have two more years of political chaos. On a funny note, it was reported, "President walks on water." FOX News quickly reported, "It's because he can't swim."

Mark Twain said, "If voting made any difference, they wouldn't let us do it."

Dennis Wallace

Thank you to MISD foundation for good citizen grant

I look forward to the beginning of the school year with great expectations, high hopes and optimism. The new things that await our students are exciting.

Thanks to the Midland ISD Education Foundation's grant for Twenty-Twenty Phase III, the students at Milam Elementary will be involved in a program that promotes our core character traits of citizenship, responsibility, honesty, diligence, respect, fairness, courage, integrity and compassion. Each six weeks as these character traits are demonstrated, students will participate in program activities reinforcing the benefits of being a "good citizen." Students will meet influential members in the community as they share with the students the importance of having a positive attitude, goals and good character.

In addition, I would also like to thank the Midland ISD Education Foundation for the previous grants given for phases I and II of the Twenty-Twenty program. With the program, 40 African American and economically disadvantaged students had the opportunity in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to meet African American role models in the community and visit Midland College and the Martin Luther King Center. In addition, students were provided with the opportunity to attend after-school Homework Help and Twenty-Twenty meetings. Through this program, students learned about past and present influential people. And they learned how they can positively influence the future generations. At the end of each year, students had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments. Thank you again, Midland ISD Education Foundation. You are truly a group of "good" citizens.

Midland is a great community with many people who, when called upon, answer the call. Many thanks to our other "good" citizens: Robbyne Fuller, James Fuller, Michael Williams, Woodrow Bailey, Betty Lathan, Judge Billy Johnson and Juluis Brooks. The students and I truly enjoyed your visits.

Regina Wilson,
Milam Elementary School fine arts teacher

Olive Garden patron plans to 'pay it forward'

A big "shout out" to the generous couple who bought our lunch on Aug. 5 at Olive Garden. My sister and her husband, Julia and Jack Wichers, from El Dorado, Kansas, and I decided to have a lunch before their return trip home on Aug. 6.

Our waitress approached our table with a big grin informing us a couple sitting nearby had purchased our lunch. We were stunned. The experience was such fun as everyone in the eating area enjoyed the happening. We will "pay it forward."

Anne Cooper

Residents should challenge officials on important topics

I am responding to Ms. Hall's and Ms. Wolf's letter and article, respectively, three weeks ago titled "TIRZ board is committed to sustained development" and "TIRZ is best tool for making Midland world-class city."

In Ms. Hall's letter, she mentioned "Midland does not have a family (like the Fort Worth Basses) ..." to make their downtown vibrant and attractive. Sure, there are plenty of wealthy Midland families, but why should they waste their money "revitalizing" downtown when Midland is growing rapidly northwest?

Ms. Wolf's article stated that in 1972 there were plenty of businesses downtown. In 1972, those that worked downtown went home after 5 p.m. to their own home ("private property") — they did not live downtown. Also, I don't see how growing downtown into an urban center helps the poor and elderly in our city, with the accompanying usurious prices. Has our city forgotten about the most vulnerable among us?

Ms. Hall admitted to taking money from TIRZ by stating it "... enabled me to establish my candy factory in downtown Midland ..." Sounds like a public/private partnership; our city is picking winners and losers. I ask, Ms. Hall, why didn't every other small business in Midland receive that same incentive when starting their business? Is it only because they are not within the TIRZ boundary? Whatever happened to getting a loan at the bank to build your business?

My final point is the dangers of "sustainable development." This term surfaced at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is a 1,100-page document detailing a program for social engineering on such a massive scale that it would, if fully implemented, accomplish regimentation of all life on the planet during the 21st century; hence the name Agenda 21.

You have to go no further than Midland's own SMART Plan (Google: Midland SMART Downtown Plan 2007). There are plenty of cities that have pulled out of this Agenda 21 program such as Edmond, Oklahoma. Do not let the great city of Midland fall into the "sustainable development" trap. Always — always — question and challenge your elected employees (officials) on these important topics.

Ann Hedstrom

After time on earth will we have eternal life, eternal death?

In his recent letter, Major Houston posited three points: "the Virgin Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit," "lust is a natural feeling" and people "drive to other cities to be themselves and have a good time" (presumably this means to fulfill their lust).

Houston is correct that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God, was from the first moment of her creation, preserved from the stain of original sin. Thanks to Adam and Eve, the rest of us were not, and so we carry the wound with us, and with that wound comes the inclination, but not the obligation, to commit sin. So, to the extent Houston means that we are inclined to lustful feelings (because of original sin), he is correct. However, we are freely given God's grace to resist the inclination of "driving to other cities to be ourselves."

Because we are given an intellect and free will, we are above the animals who act solely on instinct. But when we give in to lustful inclinations we act like animals. St. Paul (Romans 6:19) refers to this inclination brought on by original sin: "I speak a human thing, because of the infirmity of your flesh. For as you have yielded your members to serve uncleanness and iniquity, unto iniquity; so now yield your members to serve justice, unto sanctification." He encourages the Romans to "Let no sin therefore reign in your mortal body, so as to obey the lusts thereof" (6:12) and gives them a stern warning in 6:21 and 6:23 that "What fruit therefore had you then in those things, of which you are now ashamed? For the end of them is death. For the wages of sin is death. But the grace of God, life everlasting, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We labor daily for one master or the other; at the end of our earthly career, what will our wages buy us, eternal life or eternal death?

Michael Banschbach

Most of the world now is socialist

Rich Lowry's column in Wednesday's Reporter-Telegram expresses views that probably reflect those of the majority of Americans. President Obama has made it clear in many of his speeches and in his books that he will stand with Muslims, "should the political winds shift in an ugly direction."

My research reveals that many people want to believe the majority of Islam is a "peaceful" religion, which it undoubtedly was, except for fanatics who think "Allah" calls on them to kill "unbelievers." Terrorists include the current ISIS and a number of duped Americans, along with al-Qaida, etc. Osama bin Laden was an early recruit.

Behind all fanatics is the Muslim Brotherhood, which was founded in 1928, in Egypt, by Hassan al-Nanna after the Ottoman Empire collapsed. It is a transnational movement that is committed to spreading Islam as a universal message that is contemptuous of individual liberty. It sanctions a 2004 fatwa that made it a religious obligation to abduct and kill U.S. citizens.

A 2001 raid on a Swiss bank found an employee who had been a member of the Muslim Brotherhood for 50 years. He possessed a 1982 document with a strategy to "establish an Islamic government on earth." One point in the document: Inflame violence and keep Muslims in the West "in a jihad frame of mind." Morsi, a brotherhood member and U.S.-educated, was elected president of Egypt in a close, short-lived election in 2012. Obama congratulated him and offered continued support.

In 2003, Joseph Farah reported in his G2Bulletin a radical Islam 20-point plan for conquering the U.S. by 2020. Points included: Terminate America's freedom of speech by nationwide "hate-crime" bills, etc.

All wars from World War II to Vietnam were between free men whose object was to establish freedom and socialist/communist serfs. As ideas of Karl Marx spread, more people voted to have wants supplied by "liberal" (socialist) leaders rather than becoming self-sufficient free people, which required effort. Most of the world is now socialist — even the USA, as Democrats became "liberals."

Merrilyn Richardson

GUEST VIEW

Houston Chronicle

When it comes to the border, Perry prefers tough talk, not practicality

Listening to Gov. Rick Perry muse about the possibility that Islamic terrorists could be slinking into the United States from Mexico is to listen to a man who's not serious about border issues. Of course, any Republican candidate negotiating the mine fields otherwise known as GOP primaries has trouble being serious about anything beyond stoking the party base. Still, we expect more from a long-serving Texas governor, someone who presumably knows more about complex border issues than most other elected officials. How refreshing it would be to hear a candidate speak thoughtfully, candidly and with an open mind about the border and immigration issues instead of resorting to tired, old obstructionism and demagoguery. Unfortunately, the latter was the governor's choice at the conservative Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., last week.

In response to a question following his remarks, the governor asserted that "there is a very real possibility" that terrorists could be infiltrating this country from Mexico by taking advantage of what he called an "unsecured" border, although he added that there is "no clear evidence" that they are. Predictably, he called for more border law enforcement. "I've seen no indication that (terrorists) are coming across the border with Mexico," said Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon's press secretary. Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Jose Antonio Meade said the governor's remarks were based on "beliefs, speculation and absolutely unfounded and absurd analysis."

Perry, who every day looks more like a genuine 2016 presidential candidate, is working to make sure he doesn't make the same mistake he made during his 2012 run. We're not talking about the "oops" error. Presidential primary voters haven't forgotten another damning heresy, the time during a 2011 debate when he used the word "heartless" to describe Republicans who oppose in-state tuition for so-called Dreamers. He has to show, this time, that he's just as tough on Dreamers and other undocumented immigrants as all the other presidential possibilities in his party.

What he could have talked about was the need to pass legislation designed to fix our broken immigration system. Passed by the Senate last year, the bipartisan bill combines a hefty border security buildup with a crackdown on illegal hiring, along with structural reforms of the legal immigration system and a mechanism that would allow the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country to emerge from legal limbo, register with the federal government and eventually earn citizenship if they meet certain strict criteria.

Perry doesn't want to talk about that comprehensive border fix, because members of his party have kept it locked up in the House for months, even though a majority probably supports it. House Speaker John Boehner won't even bring it up for a vote.

Perry also prefers talking tough to being practical when it comes to cooperation with Mexico, a key component of any effort to make immigration reform work in this country. Cooperation is key, whether it's working closely with our neighbor on law-enforcement and security issues (including drug cartels and human trafficking), on strengthening trade and economic ties, on addressing the wave of young refugees from Central America, to name just a few issues of mutual concern.

President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico called it "cohesion, not division" in remarks he made in California on Monday.

California Gov. Jerry Brown invited Peña Nieto to California after a July visit to Mexico, where he signed nonbinding agreements on trade, education and environmental cooperation. That's the approach we'd like to see from any candidate or elected official who's serious

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Texas growth is not about low taxes

PAUL KRUGMAN
New York Times

Gov. Rick Perry of Texas is running for president again. What are his chances? Will he once again become a punch line? I have absolutely no idea. This isn't a horse-race column.

What I'd like to do, instead, is take advantage of Perry's ambitions to talk about one of my favorite subjects: interregional differences in economic and population growth.

You see, while Perry's hard-line stances and religiosity may be selling points for the Republican Party's base, his national appeal, if any, will have to rest on claims that he knows how to create prosperity. And it's true that Texas has had faster job growth than the rest of the country. So have other Sunbelt states with conservative governments. The question, however, is why.

The answer from the right is, of course, that it's all about avoiding regulations that interfere with business and keeping taxes on rich people low, thereby encouraging job creators to do their thing. But it turns out that there are big problems with this story, quite aside from the habit economists pushing this line have of getting their facts wrong.

To see the problems, let's tell a tale of three cities.

One of these cities is the place those of us who live in its orbit tend to call simply "the city." And, these days, it's a place that's doing pretty well on a number of fronts. But despite the inflow of immigrants and hipsters, enough people are still moving out of greater New York — a metropolitan area that, according to the Census, extends into Pennsylvania on one side and Connecticut on the other — that its overall population rose less than 5 percent between 2000 and 2012. Over the same period, greater Atlanta's population grew almost 27 percent, and greater Houston's grew almost 30 percent. America's center of gravity is shifting south and west. But why?

Is it, as people like Perry assert, because pro-business, pro-wealthy policies like those he favors mean opportunity for everyone? If that were the case, we'd expect all those job opportunities to cause rising wages in the Sunbelt, wages that attract ambitious people away from moribund blue states.

It turns out, however, that wages in the places within the United States attracting the most migrants are typically lower than in the places those migrants come from, suggesting that the places Americans are leaving actually have higher productivity and more job opportunities than the places they're going. The average job in greater Houston pays 12 percent less than the average job in greater New York, the average job in greater Atlanta pays 22 percent less.

So why are people moving to these relatively low-wage areas? Because living there is cheaper, basically because of housing. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, rents (including the equivalent rent involved in buying a house) in metropolitan New York are about 60 percent higher than in Houston, 70 percent higher than in Atlanta.

In other words, what the facts really suggest is that Americans are being pushed out of the Northeast (and, more recently, California) by high housing costs rather than pulled out by superior economic performance in the Sunbelt.

But why are housing prices in New York or California so high? Population density and geography are part of the answer. For example, Los Angeles, which pioneered the kind of sprawl now epitomized by Atlanta, has run out of room and become a surprisingly dense metropolis. However, as Harvard's Edward Glaeser and others have emphasized, high housing prices in slow-growing states also owe a lot to policies that sharply limit construction. Limits on building height in the cities, zoning that blocks denser development in the suburbs and other policies constrict housing on both coasts; meanwhile, looser regulation in the South has kept the supply of housing elastic and the cost of living low.

So conservative complaints about excess regulation and intrusive government aren't entirely wrong, but the secret of Sunbelt growth isn't being nice to corporations and the 1 percent; it's not getting in the way of middle- and working-class housing supply.

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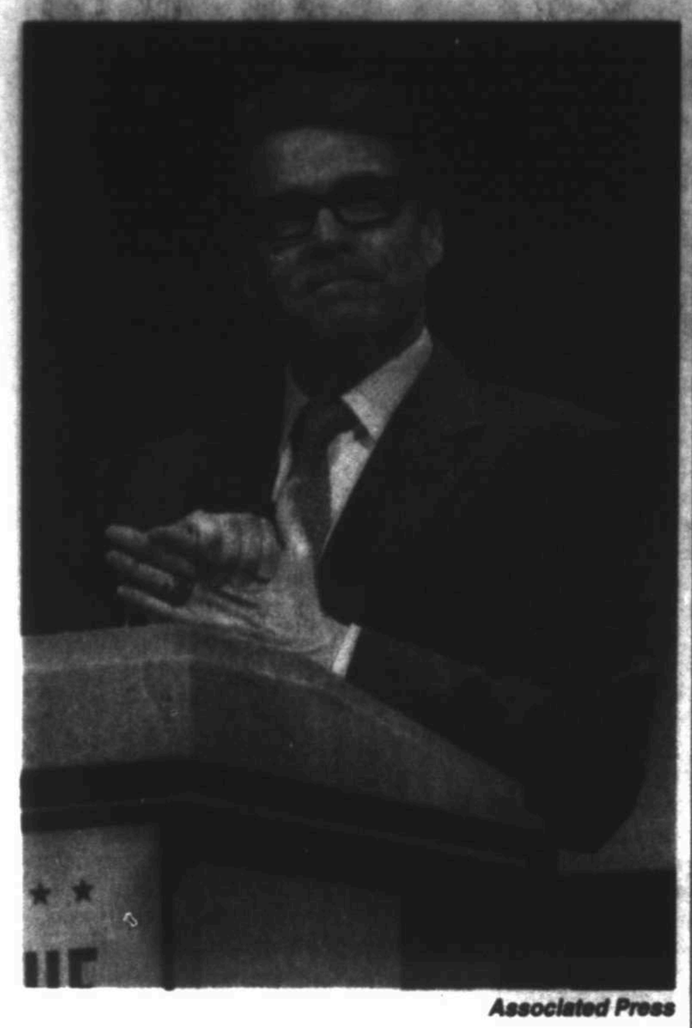

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Gov. Rick Perry pauses while speaking at the Americans for Prosperity gathering Friday in Dallas.

PERRY

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about immigration reform and border integrity.

Although Brown's Texas counterpart has said he enjoys visiting California — and maybe even living there some day — South Texas, we suspect, would have to freeze over in August before he would use the Californian as a model for anything. Nevertheless, Brown's positive approach to a seemingly intractable problem has merit.

Then again, the California governor, a Democrat who's up for reelection this fall, can afford to be practical and positive. He doesn't have to worry about Republican primary voters the way the Texan does.

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And this, in turn, means that the growth of the Sunbelt isn't the kind of success story conservatives would have us believe. Yes, Americans are moving to places like Texas, but, in a fundamental sense, they're moving the wrong way, leaving local economies where their productivity is high for destinations where it's lower. And the way to make the country richer is to encourage them to move back, by making housing in dense, high-wage metropolitan areas more affordable.

So Rick Perry doesn't know the secrets of job creation, or even of regional growth. It would be great to see the real key — affordable housing — become a national issue. But I don't think Democrats are willing to nominate Mayor Bill de Blasio for president just yet.

Obama becomes the president who won't look at me when making big decisions

■ Not once during his speech about airstrikes in Iraq did he look at the camera (and therefore the audience) and that's bothersome.

I have a complaint about our president. Mine differs from the complaints from kooks convinced he's a Kenyan-conceived commie committed to conspiracy to convert our country to a caliphate.

It's about how my president talks to me. More and more, it's caught my eye that Barack Obama often doesn't catch my eye when he talks to me. I like people who look at me when talking to me, even when doing so through the miracle of TV and especially when talking about important stuff like war.

The Obama I saw on the campaign trail in 2008 was one of the best public speakers I'd ever seen, right up there with Bill Clinton, Ann Richards and Henry Cisneros, perhaps the best three I've seen. Somewhere between the 2008 campaign trail and now Obama became Teleprompter Man, dependent on the clear glass panes that tell him what to say.

This hit a disturbing level as I watched Obama's Aug. 7 statement about his decision to authorize airstrikes in Iraq. As every president says, there's no decision they take more seriously than putting our troops in harm's way. All Americans feel the same way about that. That's why we want straight talk about that topic.

And that's why presidents should look straight at us when they discuss such decisions. Obama never did that on Aug. 7.

In eight minutes and 37 seconds, he never once looked directly into the camera and, by extension, at me and at you. Instead, his head swiveled from the teleprompter to his left to the teleprompter to his right. Having too much time on my hands, I went back and counted. The unofficial count I came up with showed he looked to his left 71 times and to his right 71 times.

He looked to his right, not at us, when he said the words I especially expect a president to say into my eyes: "My fellow Americans ... "

To me, teleprompters work well when a president — or anybody — talks to a large crowd. Speakers can appear to be looking at audience members to the left and right when they actually are just reading text from the device. I get it, though I still appreciate folks who can speak from their heart and brain rather than a text that somebody else might have written for them. Could it be that extemporaneous speaking has become too risky for our leaders?

"People in the Washington community see his use of the teleprompter as fitting into the story of his lack of interest in people. Rather, he likes the general discussion rather than pressing the flesh."

Martha Kumar, Towson University

There was no live audience — save for pool reporters — when Obama made his important statement about Iraq. He was in the White House State Dining Room, beneath a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and stripped of the furniture that's usually in that room.

I covered events in that room when I had pool duty during my White House correspondent days. In this case, what happened in the room was a statement, through television, to the people of America, not to the handful of reporters and staffers in the room.

New York Times correspondent Mark Landler, who was in the room, said it was a "very stripped down room" that evening, devoid of top White House staffers sometimes at such events. "No live audience," Landler said. "No aides at all, except press wranglers."

Nevertheless, Obama's head swiveled between the teleprompters the same way it would if he were speaking to a big hall audience of thousands. I found it distracting.

Neal Spelce knew exactly what I was taking about. Spelce, a former longtime local TV news anchor, has done a lot of speech prep work for big-time pols over the years, including Ann Richards and John McCain.

Spelce, agreeing with me that Obama is a talented speaker, is baffled at how and why the president has become "married" to teleprompters.

"The only reason I can come up with is he is most comfortable with doing that because he has done it so much," Spelce said. "It doesn't make sense in trying to communicate your message, especially a very important message like he was talking about. It just flat doesn't make sense."

"He was performing. He was not communicating with the most important people, the people he works for," Spelce said.

Teleprompters, he said, have their place. A statement to the people of America generally is not one of those places.

My go-to expert on presidential communications says Obama's dependence on teleprompters is odd. Martha Kumar is a political science professor at Maryland's Towson University. She does most of her work by showing up daily at the White House and watching presidents and their staffs communicate.

"In his State Dining Room speech he was looking side to side and missed the public entirely," Kumar said.

"People in the Washington community see his use of the teleprompter as fitting into the story of his lack of interest in people," she said. "Rather, he likes the general discussion rather than pressing the flesh."

For comparison, I re-watched President George W. Bush's March 19, 2003, speech in which he announced our military intervention in Iraq.

It's easy to go back and criticize the concept. "A campaign on the harsh terrain of a nation as large as California could be longer and more difficult than some predict. And helping Iraqis achieve a united, stable and free country will require our sustained commitment," Bush said.

"Longer and more difficult" no doubt. And 11 years later, Iraq as "a united, stable and free country" remains aspirational for the current president again called upon to use the military to try to successfully end what his predecessor began.

But know this about Bush: During the entire four minutes and six seconds of his March 2003 speech from the Oval Office, read from a text, he spoke directly into the camera. And that means he spoke directly to me and everyone who was watching.

Whether you agree or disagree with what a president is saying, that's how it should be said.

Tax forms could pose challenge for HealthCare.gov

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If you got health coverage through President Barack Obama's law this year, you'll need a new form from your insurance exchange before you can file your tax return next spring.

Some tax professionals are worried that federal and state insurance marketplaces won't be able to get those forms out in time, creating the risk of delayed tax refunds for millions of consumers.

The same federal agency that had trouble launching HealthCare.gov last fall is facing the heaviest lift.

The Health and Human Services Department must send out millions of the forms, which are like W-2s for people getting tax credits to help pay health insurance premiums.

The form is called a 1095-A, and it lists who in each household has health coverage and how much the government paid each month to subsidize their premiums. Nearly 5 million people have gotten subsidies through HealthCare.gov.

If the forms are delayed past their Jan. 31 deadline, some people may have to wait to file tax returns — and collect their refunds.

A delay of a week or two may not sound like much, but many people depend on their tax refunds to plug holes in family finances.

The uncertainty is unnerving to some tax preparation companies, which try to run their filing season operations like a military drill.

The Obama administration said it's on task, but
it won't provide much detail.

States operating their own health insurance marketplaces will also have to send out the forms, but the federal exchange serving 36 states has the biggest job.

HHS will have to manage that while in the midst of running the 2015 health insurance sign-up season, when millions more are expected to try to get coverage.

"It's very unrealistic to expect that they would be able to implement a process that distributed these forms in the middle of open enrollment, and on time," said George Brandes, vice president for health care programs at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

The average tax refund is about $2,690, and people who count on getting money back often file early.

Liberty Tax Service vice president Chuck Lovelace said his company is giving the feds the benefit of the doubt but the possibility of delays "is not something we can turn a blind eye to."

"It could have a dramatic impact on our customers," Lovelace said. "The tax refund is the largest check many consumers get."

Administration spokesman Aaron Albright said officials are "working to develop the technical processes to ensure the forms are generated accurately and timely." Part of the plan will include "robust outreach" to educate consumers about the importance of the forms, so 1095-As don't accidentally wind up in the recycling bin.

Some states running their own exchanges are providing more details about their plans.

California says it will include a cover letter with each form to help consumers understand what they need to do.

California is looking at using email blasts, public events and other educational efforts.

"We do not foresee any problems in meeting our responsibility," said James Scullary, a spokesman for the state marketplace.

The new health care law offers tax credits to help people without workplace coverage buy private health insurance.

Next year is when the connections between the law's coverage expansion and the tax system will start to surface for consumers.

The nearly 7 million people who got insurance tax credits through federal and state exchanges will have to tally up accounts with the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that they got the amount they were legally entitled to.

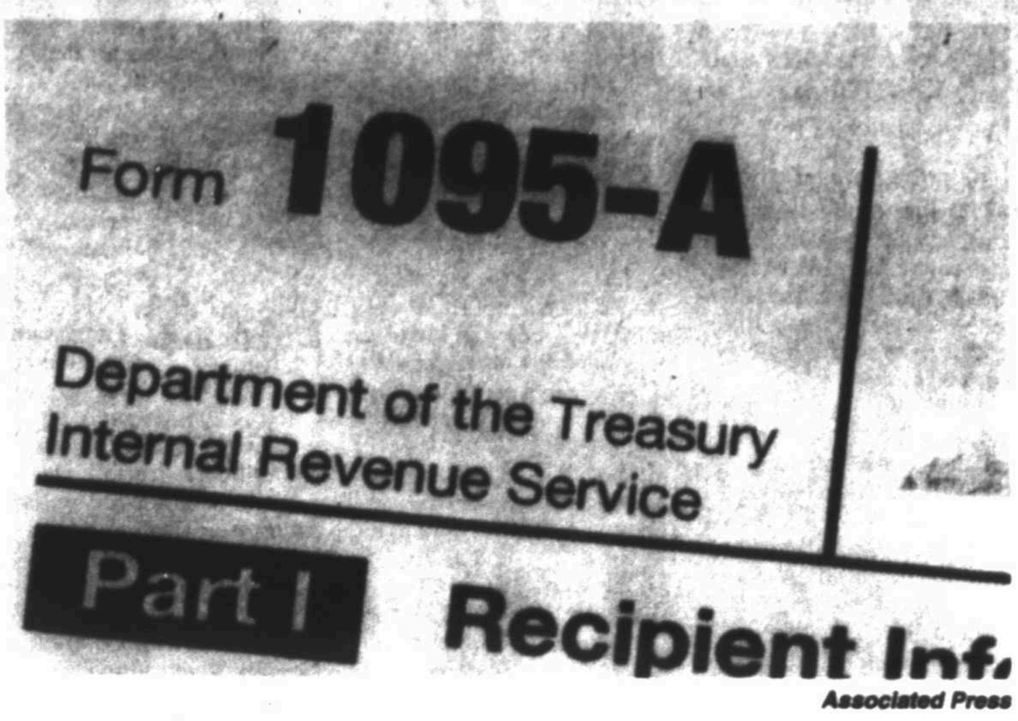
Funneling subsidies through the income-tax system was once seen as a political plus for Obama and the law's supporters. It allowed the White House to claim that the Affordable Care Act is "the largest tax cut for health care in American history." But it also promises to make an already complicated tax system more difficult for many consumers.

Supporters of the law are also concerned about a related issue: People who got too big a subsidy for health care in 2014 will have to pay it back next year. And docking refunds will be the first way the IRS seeks repayment.

That can happen if someone's income for 2014 ends up being higher than estimated when he or she first applied for health insurance. Unless such people promptly reported the change to their health insurance marketplace, they will owe money.

"If someone wound up having more overtime than they projected, or they received a bonus for good work, these are the kind of changes that have an impact on subsidies," said Ron Pollack, executive director of the advocacy group Families USA.

Since the whole system is brand-new, experts are predicting that millions will end up having to repay money.



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This photo taken Aug. 21 shows health care tax form 1095-A in Washington. The federal agency that brought you the glitchy HealthCare.gov website has a massive new project. Technical difficulties on this one could delay tax refunds for millions of Americans. That agency is the Health and Human Services department. To facilitate complicated connections between the new health care law and income taxes, HHS will have to send some 5 million households new tax forms that are like W-2s for health care. Those forms are called 1095-As, and they're being introduced next year.

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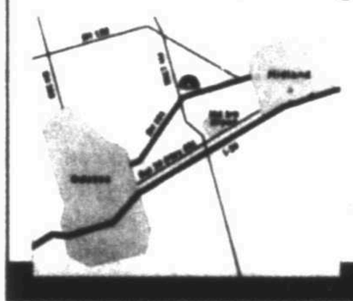

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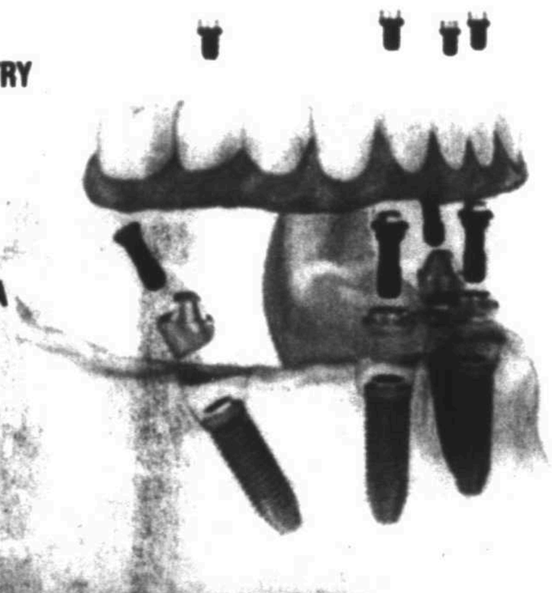

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2016ers jockey even before congressional elections

By Steve Peoples and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — One set of elections ends in early November and another begins when presidential hopefuls cross the unofficial starting line in the 2016 race for the White House.

With control of the Senate at stake this fall, the months leading up to the midterm elections offered a clearer window on a crowd of potential presidential candidates already jockeying for position from Nevada to New Hampshire.

Look for these would-be contenders to road-test rhetoric, expand coalitions and consider their own political flaws, and keep close watch on each other.

Democrats want Hillary Rodham Clinton to carry their flag. The Republican field remains crowded and wide open.

The jousting will be most apparent in states such as New Hampshire, home to the first-in-the-nation presidential primary and the site of closely watched races for governor, Senate and the House.

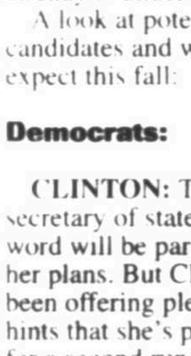
Whichever party controls the Senate after the Nov. 4 balloting — Republicans need a six-seat gain to win the majority — will say much about what President Barack Obama can accomplish in the final two years in office and the tone of the race to succeed him.

"The end of the 2014 general election does, in a sense, commence a beginning of the presidential primary phase," says New Hampshire Republican operative Rich Killion. "But an informal, unofficial opening to the process already is underway."

A look at potential 2016 candidates and what to expect this fall:

Democrats:

CLINTON: The former secretary of state's every word will be parsed for her plans. But Clinton has been offering plenty of hints that she's preparing for a second run.


Clinton

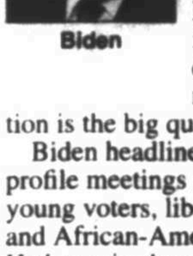
Her biggest splash could come in Iowa, where she'll join her husband, former President Bill Clinton, at Sen. Tom Harkin's annual steak fry fundraiser.

The event is billed as a tribute to Harkin, but it will generate wide interest because of her first visit to Iowa since she lost the 2008 caucuses.

Hillary Clinton has limited her campaign activity since leaving the State Department, but this fall should give voters a more concrete look at how she might present her candidacy. Her allies are wary of a "third Obama term" label, so Clinton's speeches and appearances offer a chance to distinguish herself from the president.

She will raise money for Democrats' four major campaign committees and could help several Senate campaigns where Obama remains a liability.

JOE BIDEN: The vice president has not ruled out a third presidential bid and expects to be an active surrogate for Democrats this fall. Whether he'd challenge Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination is the big question.


Biden

Biden headlined high-profile meetings with young voters, liberals and African-Americans. He has raised money for congressional candidates in Nevada and governors in Connecticut and Illinois. Biden is expected to visit New Hampshire, where he maintains ties to party activists, and Iowa, where Democratic Rep. Bruce Braley faces Joni Ernst in one of the top Senate races.

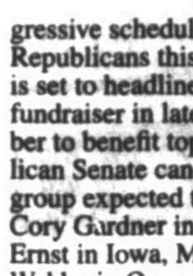
OTHER DEMOCRATS: Several Democrats are building for a national campaign in case Clinton doesn't run.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley has been the most active, raising money for candidates in Iowa and New Hampshire and traveling to states with active midterm contests.

Former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb recently traveled to Iowa. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, plans to visit Iowa in mid-September. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has denied interest in the White House but would face pressure to run if Clinton doesn't.

Republicans:

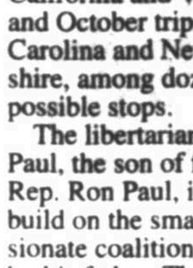
JEB BUSH: More than seven years out of office, the former Florida governor has been quieter than some of his GOP colleagues as he focuses on his private business dealings.


Bush

He recently said he would begin a more aggressive schedule to help Republicans this fall. He is set to headline a Florida fundraiser in late September to benefit top Republican Senate candidates, a group expected to include Cory Gardner in Colorado, Ernst in Iowa, Monica Wehby in Oregon and Tom Cotton in Arkansas.

RAND PAUL: The Kentucky senator has been perhaps the most aggressive prospective candidate.

The ophthalmologist recently squeezed in a mission to perform eye surgeries in Guatemala — and invited news organizations to cover it — between stops in Iowa and South Carolina. He has confirmed September appearances in California and Virginia, and October trips to North Carolina and New Hampshire, among dozens more possible stops.


Paul

The libertarian-leaning Paul, the son of former Rep. Ron Paul, is trying to build on the small but passionate coalition assembled by his father. The elder Paul wasn't taken seriously by many Republicans, but Rand Paul has emerged as a leading GOP voice on foreign and domestic policy.

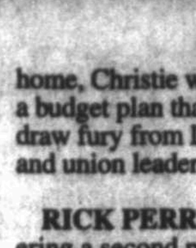
CHRIS CHRISTIE: Working to move past a bridge-clogging scandal that shadowed his plans, the New Jersey governor continues an aggressive travel schedule this fall as chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

Having already visited New Hampshire, he has announced a trip to South Carolina, where he will have a chance to test his message with more conservative voters. He's also planning trips to Ohio, Wisconsin and Florida.

Christie

Christie will lead a delegation of New Jersey business and political leaders to Mexico in early September, giving him a chance to bolster his appeal with Latino voters and burnish his foreign policy credentials. At home, Christie will release a budget plan that is sure to draw fury from Democrats and union leaders.

RICK PERRY: Considering a second presidential bid, the Texas governor was facing challenges related to his disastrous 2012 campaign even before his recent felony indictments.


Perry

His advisers suggest the charges could actually help his political prospects, and he has pressed ahead with visits to Iowa, Washington, D.C., New Hampshire, and more.

Perry heads to Iowa in early September shortly before a weeklong economic tour across Asia. He will turn his attention to helping Republican governors win re-election when he returns.

He plans to be in Europe in October.

OTHER REPUBLICANS: The possible GOP field also includes Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker hopes to use his re-election test this fall as a springboard into 2016.

Others must convince skeptical party leaders that they have mainstream appeal. This group includes conservative Sen. Ted Cruz and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum.

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5 things to watch in this fall's Senate races

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The top prize of the November midterm elections is control of the Senate for the final years of President Barack Obama's administration. Republicans need six more seats to take over.

There are 36 races: 21 Democratic seats, 15 held by Republicans. Realistically, fewer than a dozen will be competitive.

The outcome won't change the divided, slow-moving government in Washington: barring an unforeseen shift, Republicans will keep House control, and Obama isn't going anywhere.

But the Senate will tip the needle to one side.

If Republicans control both sides of Capitol Hill, they will have a much easier time sending GOP-friendly legislation to Obama, while continuing to stymie the president's agenda. If Democrats retain a slight upper hand in the Senate, then it leaves Republicans to take symbolic votes in the House while trying to block the majority's plans in the Senate.

Five dynamics to watch as Senate campaigns play out:

Democrats in Romney states

Democrats must defend seven seats in states where Republican Mitt Romney beat Obama in the 2012 presidential election. Incumbents are retiring in Montana, West Virginia and South Dakota, giving Republicans a strong head start toward their required six-seat gain. The GOP also is aiming at four Democrats in states where Obama remains unpopular: Mark Begich of Alaska, Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Kay Hagan of North Carolina.

Who's more unpopular: Obama or the GOP?

Republicans want to make the president an albatross for every Democrat, none more so than those in conservative states. Begich, Landrieu, Pryor and Hagan face ads attacking them as "the deciding vote" on the Affordable Care Act.

Other Democratic candidates are cast as "rubber stamps" for Obama and his "liberal agenda." Democrats are trying to link Republicans to the House GOP caucus and its tea party influences. The caucus as a whole is unpopular for its role in 2013's partial government shutdown, among other things. Hagan employs the same tactic against her opponent, North Carolina state House Speaker Thom Tillis. So Democrats use buzz words such as "extremist" and "obstructionist" to counter attacks about Obama. The strategies fire up partisans on both sides. The question is whether either can win the middle.

Can McConnell survive?

If there's any politician in Kentucky as unpopular as Obama, it's Sen. Mitch McConnell. The Senate's Republican leader wants to be the majority leader, but first he must defeat Kentucky's secretary of state, Alison Lundergan Grimes.

The race reflects everything about the national tug of war.

McConnell hammers Grimes as the "hand-picked" candidate of Obama and Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, whom McConnell decries as typical of liberals who don't understand Kentucky. Grimes blasts McConnell as a vicious partisan past his prime who cares more about fighting with Democrats than helping Kentucky.

McConnell has Romney coming to raise money for him soon. Grimes has had help from former President Bill Clinton, and she brought in Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a hero in the party's liberal-labor wing. In a state Obama lost by 22 percentage points, polls suggest the race will be tight.

Home cooking

Republicans are trying to make the election a referendum on Obama and general voter discontent. Many Democrats are trying to adhere by the adage that "all politics is local." Louisiana's Landrieu and Alaska's Begich play up their support for their states' oil and gas industries. Hagan emphasizes her office's work helping North Carolina veterans. Pryor hammers Rep. Tom Cotton for voting against the farm bill and certain aid appropriations for Arkansas storm victims. Their hope is that home-state specifics trump Republicans' broadsides against Obama.

Third party candidates

After hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on television advertising, consultants and voter turnout operations, Senate control could come down to third-party candidates. Libertarian Sean Haugh isn't going to win North Carolina's Senate seat, but he might attract just enough conservatives to give Hagan a winning margin over Tillis. Haugh ran in 2002 and won more than 33,000 votes, or 1.45 percent. In Alaska, the Libertarian and Alaskan Independence nominees will be on the ballot with Begich and Republican Dan Sullivan. Libertarians also have a nominee in Georgia, where Republican David Perdue and Democrat Michelle Nunn are battling for an open seat.

Obama seeks to do no harm to Democrats in midterms

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hampered by low approval ratings and an unfriendly electoral map, President Barack Obama enters the fall campaign as a liability to some vulnerable Democrats and a target for Republicans trying to fire up conservatives and appeal to disillusioned independents.

Mindful of his precarious political position, Obama is charting a midterm election strategy intended to help where he can and, perhaps most importantly, do no harm to Democrats.

Thus far, that has meant embracing his status as the party's most prolific fundraiser. While Democrats have grumbled in past election cycles about Obama's level of commitment to the party's success, the president has been an aggressive fundraiser during the 2014 campaign, headlining 40 money events this year, with more to come this fall.

Obama is also expected to do targeted outreach as Election Day nears, using radio interviews, online appeals and other strategies to encourage young people and African-Americans to vote.

White House officials say Obama probably will campaign in October for individual candidates, namely those running for the House, as well as gubernatorial candidates in contested states such as Florida, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Yet the president will be largely sidelined in nearly all of the races that will determine November's biggest prize: control of the Senate for the remainder of his presidency.

The most competitive Senate contests are in states where Obama has never been popular or has fallen out of favor with voters. Those states include Louisiana, Arkansas, Alaska, and North Carolina.

"We will go where we're most helpful and we will not go where it's not helpful," White House senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said about Obama's Senate strategy.

With just two months to go until Election Day, Obama has yet to campaign alongside a Democrat at risk of losing in November. He planned to hold a July fundraiser with Colorado Sen. Mark Udall, but the embattled incumbent pulled out at the last minute, citing a need to stay in Washington for votes.

Of course, it's more than a conservative-leaning electoral map that has some Democrats trying to keep Obama at arm's length.

For much of the year, his approval rating among the American public has hovered in the low 40s, the lowest of his presidency. He also has been battered throughout the summer by a seemingly endless string of foreign policy crises.

A Gallup poll conducted in August put public support for Obama's handling of foreign affairs at 36 percent. His approval rating on the economy sits at 35 percent, reflecting the fact that many Americans are yet to feel the impact of higher economic growth and lower nationwide unemployment.

Republicans see Obama's difficult stretch as a boon for their electoral fortunes. They are using the prospect of neutralizing the president for his final two years in office as a way to motivate conservatives to show up in an election where turnout is expected to be low.

GOP leaders are casting incumbent Democrats as little more than a rubber stamp for what they claim is the president's failed agenda.

"After voting with him anywhere between 90 and 100 percent of the time, it's easy to see that a vote for a 2014 Democrat is a vote for another two years of Obama," said Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Republicans themselves are experiencing their own historically low approval ratings. But the GOP is all but certain to maintain control of the House. Republicans need to pick up just six seats in order to achieve a majority in the Senate for the first time in Obama's presidency.

That leaves Obama with the grim reality that even the most favorable outcome of the fall campaign will be a continuation of the divided Congress that has stymied nearly all of his second-term legislative goals.

White House officials appear resigned to the notion that few legislative victories await them even if Democrats hold the Senate. Instead, they are casting the fight to retain control of the chamber as crucial to staving off Republican challenges to current laws and ensuring that the president can get nominees confirmed.

During a fundraiser in August, Obama tried to motivate Democrats by hinting that "we're going to have Supreme Court appointments" during his final years in office.

There are some bright spots for Obama.

His health care law rebounded after a deeply flawed rollout and no longer looks to be the drag on Democrats that it appeared to be earlier this year. Democrats say the president remains their best asset for rallying core constituencies who could sway close elections, particularly young people and black voters.

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SpaceX, Blue Origin compete for NASA contract

Contract similar to 'getting a taxi ride,' reduces amount needed for space travel

By Bobby Blanchard
Texas Tribune

Two private space travel companies working to launch shuttles out of Texas are competing for the same NASA contract that is expected to be handed out in the coming weeks.

The contract, called the Commercial Crew Transportation Capability, will hire a private company to carry astronauts to space. NASA said the service is similar to "getting a taxi ride," and four companies have spent the past few months pitching their shuttles and services to NASA.

Blue Origin, funded by Amazon CEO and billionaire Jeff Bezos, and SpaceX, funded by billionaire investor Elon Musk, are two of the four private companies competing for the project. Both are working to launch shuttles out of Texas.

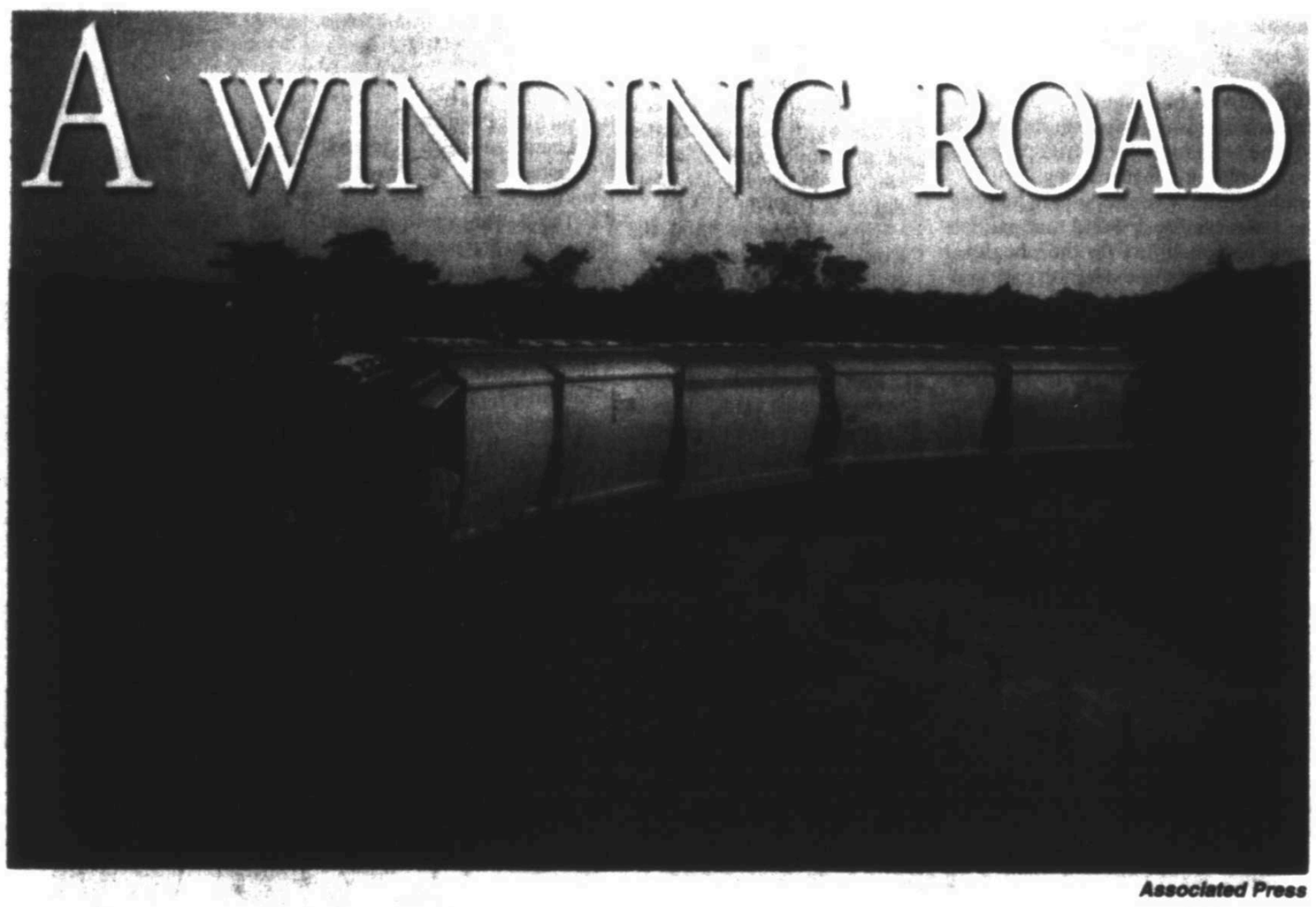
The Boeing Company and the Sierra Nevada Corporation are also pursuing the contract from NASA.

In 2011, NASA retired its space shuttle fleet. The United States is currently paying Russia $70.7 million per seat for rides to the International Space Station. NASA will likely pay much less for the rides from whatever private company it chooses. In a blog post earlier this week, NASA said the contract would free up resources and energy for the space exploration agency and allow it to focus on more ambitious projects — such as a flight to Mars.

"In late August or September, the agency will select the company or companies that will build an operational space transportation system," NASA said in its post. "NASA has not specified a set number of awards under (Commercial Crew Transportation Capability)."

Earlier this summer, SpaceX announced it was choosing Brownsville as the future home of a commercial launch facility. The state put up $15.3 million for the project. The shuttle SpaceX is pitching for NASA's contract launches out of California.

Several hundred miles away from SpaceX's planned Brownsville location, Bezos' Blue Origin has it's own developing launch site in West Texas.



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A handful of Central American migrants cling to a northbound freight train after jumping aboard outside Arriaga, Mexico, on Tuesday. A Mexican crackdown seems to be keeping women and children off the deadly train, known as "The Beast," that has traditionally helped thousands of migrants head north.

Mexico operations thwart migrants

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

CHAHUITES, Mexico — Mexico's largest crackdown in decades on illegal migration has decreased the flow of Central Americans trying to reach the United States and has dramatically cut the number of child migrants and families, according to officials and eyewitness accounts along the perilous route.

Convoys of Mexican federal police and immigration service employees in southern Mexico have begun scouring the tracks of the infamous freight train known as "La Bestia," or The Beast, that has long carried crowds of migrants on its lumbering route north. They have also set up moving roadblocks, checking the documents of passengers on interstate buses.

Associated Press journalists witnessed dozens of federal police and Mexican immigration agents storming the train as it came to an unscheduled stop in the post-midnight darkness Friday.

"We're federal agents! Give up! You're surrounded! Come down carefully!" the lawmen shouted to the huddled, stunned migrants.

Fewer than 15 were detained on a train that once carried 600 to 1,000 migrants at a time.

American and Mexican officials say they are noticing the same drop-off all along the route.

The roundups follow U.S. requests for help from Mexico, as well as Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador earlier this summer when the number of unaccompanied minors turning themselves into the U.S. Border Patrol reached what President Barack Obama called an "urgent humanitarian crisis."

On Aug. 7, the Department of Homeland Security released data showing the number of unaccompanied children and children traveling with a parent arrested along the Southwest border of the United States in July was roughly 13,000, half what it had been in June. DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson said the trend appeared to be continuing during the first week of August, and Obama said Thursday that numbers for the whole month will show a further decline.

Associated Press

Central American migrants sleep atop "The Beast" as it heads north from Arriaga toward Chahuites, Mexico, on Tuesday.

"We're seeing a significant downward trend in terms of these unaccompanied children," Obama said in a news conference.

With the new crackdown, the migrants who once circulated openly in shelters and boarded the cars as they were being attached to the locomotive are forced to hide in the woods, where criminals lurk. There are few women and no children because the journey now requires jumping a moving train.

Some of the Central American men say that, instead of trying to cross into the United States, they'll now stay and look for work in Mexico. Many families have apparently decided not to attempt the journey through Mexico at all since news of the raids and checkpoints — combined with stepped up efforts in the U.S. and among Central American governments — reached their communities, said Carlos Solis, the manager of a shelter in Arriaga. He said the city, once bustling with migrants waiting to board the train, emptied out almost overnight.

"They're also going after the coyotes, so it is increasing the cost of the trip and making them move through less visible areas," Solis said, referring to the smugglers paid to get migrants through to the U.S. border.

It is a far cry from the wave of migration that pressed toward the U.S. earlier this year, spurred on by a surge in violence in several Central American

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Following The Beast across Mexico

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

HUEHUETOCA, Mexico — After more than three weeks of silence, The Beast growled again, blew its whistle and finally left Tenosique, Mexico, near the border with Guatemala. Heading north, the train took on hundreds of Central Americans as shelters emptied along the way, from Veracruz to Puebla.

Held up for weeks by the Mexican government, and after pressure from the Obama administration, the freight train was running again. But many on board were having second thoughts about continuing on to the U.S.

By the time the freight train reached Mexico City and a migrant shelter in the state of Mexico, many had gotten off. The journey had become more perilous. The border with Texas seemed more distant, unwelcoming and unreachable. Instead, the migrants hoped to find jobs at the booming aerospace and auto plants in central Mexico.

"They're in the eye of the storm," said Ruben Figueroa, an immigration activist at a shelter in Tenosique and a former immigrant who once worked in North Carolina. "As always, their future — our future — is tied to U.S. electoral politics."

In recent months, Central American migrants, including 63,000 unaccompanied minors, have streamed across the U.S. border, mostly in South Texas. The flow has intensified debate among Americans about migrants from Central America, who for decades have made

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Spring can't hold a candle to fall

Most people will tell you that spring is the best time of the year, but those people don't live in West Texas.

Here in West Texas fall is the preferred season. And I have valid reasons for making this claim.

Those up north will tell you that spring is the season of renewal and fresh beginnings. The flowers bloom and nature is reawakened.

Butterflies appear, birds return to their summer haunts and the winter snow melts.

Well, they have a good point, but spring in West Texas is one continuous sand storm. The wind always blows, and the sky looks brown.

During the spring, you can just look out your window without going outside and have the feeling that you need to take a bath.

If it rains in the spring, it comes down as mud balls. And you still have to start mowing your grass.

Compare all that to a glorious fall day in West Texas. It starts by slowly getting cooler and the wind doesn't blow as much. Fall also means it won't be long before you don't have to mow your yard quite as often. Instead of renewal, we get some dead grass and more time off.

That is a glorious thing.

But if renewal and new beginnings are your thing, fall fills your bill even better than spring. School starts again, and you start fresh with no grade point average and new teachers. You get to start anew.

Think about it. Your football team is not out of the championship running. You can begin anew without last year's baggage.

Of course, fall begins on Sept. 1. I don't know where scientists get off on this Sept. 23 day as the first day of fall. Everyone I know thinks fall begins on Sept. 1, except this geek down the street who wears a pencil holder in his shirt pocket.

The start of fall used to mean something because, when I was a kid, we didn't start school until after Labor Day. Sept. 1 was a pivotal date on the calendar, and it should be given back its rightful place in the management of mankind.

Fall, however, does have some drawbacks associated with it. I went walking at the mall the other day, and the crowds were alarming as kids were in every store buying stuff for the new school year. It was too crowded to walk.

I went out to eat lunch on the first day of school, and the restaurants were completely full as high school students were back in droves.

Summer vacation is officially over, making traffic worse than ever on our city streets. And it's still over 90 degrees every day.

I'm really expecting the first day of fall (Sept. 1) to start changing some of these abnormalities. Expect cooler weather, some great football and nice a routine to develop over the course of the coming days.

Fall is the best time of the year. There's no doubt about it. The birth of our girls came during the fall. Even the wife understands the importance of this time of year. The wife had both our girls on a Thursday so I could be at a high school football game on Friday night.

So who says she doesn't love me. That gal would do anything for me.

That's why I love the fall. I feel renewed just thinking about it — that and the time for the next football game.

Thought for the Week: "Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." — Stanley Horowitz, conservative political activist.

Lawmakers need to stop the hemorrhaging at hospitals

CHRIS TOMLINSON
The Houston Chronicle

The Texas health care system is hemorrhaging money.

Emergency room doctors see critically ill poor people every day who waited too long to seek help because they lack health insurance. The ER doctors provide them with just enough care to responsibly send patients on their way, knowing full well that, while the patients will likely return, they will probably never pay the bill.

Hospitals have complained about this problem for at least 15 years and have coped by quietly padding the bills sent to insurance companies, driving up health care costs for the rest of us.

This has worked for a while, but the number of uninsured people continues to rise in Texas, and health care providers are demanding that lawmakers find a sustainable solution by expanding coverage for the poor.

"It's at a critical point in Texas. We need a more rational way to finance Medicaid and the uninsured," Memorial Hermann CEO Dan Wolterman said. "The current way we are doing it is not helpful. It's actually harmful."

Wolterman reiterated points I'd heard from dozens of health care providers while I reported at the Texas Capitol, but this time there was an added urgency. He'd just learned that Memorial Hermann will need to pass on between $600 million and $700 million in uncompensated health care costs to the people who pay their bills.

"We've been able to pass on those costs through higher insurance premiums, but the days of doing that are running out because insurance premiums are too high already for everybody," he told me. "When premiums get too high, employers can't afford it, and they drop insurance, and that raises the number of uninsured and that creates more costs. You get this downward spiral."

The potential solution and the political problem is Medicaid, the program that conservatives love to hate. The 50-year-old program is funded 60 percent by the federal government and 40 percent by the state, and at a minimum provides care to the disabled, impoverished children, pregnant women and the extraordinarily poor.

Texas has some of the strictest Medicaid limits in the U.S., and the GOP-controlled Legislature has rejected $85 billion in new federal funds over 10 years to include the working poor who cannot afford insurance through the Affordable Care Act. During the 2013 legislative session, conservatives rejected the expansion of Medicaid on fiscal grounds, even though it meant Texas taxpayers double-pay for treating the uninsured, first through federal tax money the state rejected and secondly through higher insurance premiums.

Gov. Rick Perry has demanded that the Washington send all of the money to Texas with no strings attached, but the federal government insists Texas follow federal law. The result is the highest uninsured rate in the country despite the nation's strongest economy.

"The governor and the Legislature have made it clear Texas will not be choosing to expand Medicaid," state Sen. Charles Schwertner, Republican chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said at a hearing earlier last month.

'An accurate picture'

But he also said the 24 percent uninsured rate and escalating health care costs are equally unacceptable.

"My intention ... is to start a conversation that will give us an accurate picture of who the uninsured are, what services are available to those individuals, and find ways to fill gaps in services in a fiscally responsible manner," he said.

Perry's and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's departures next year create an opportunity for lawmakers to find what is code-named the "Texas Solution" for expanding health care for the working poor, while providing political cover for conservatives.

One major theme of the Senate hearing was the conservative demand that patients take some responsibility for their health care, something that most health care professionals support. A Texas solution could offer a plan for the working poor - not called Medicaid but using federal dollars - that requires patients to make co-payments based on a sliding scale or by using a fee schedule that makes preventative treatments free and unnecessary emergency room visits cost-prohibitive.

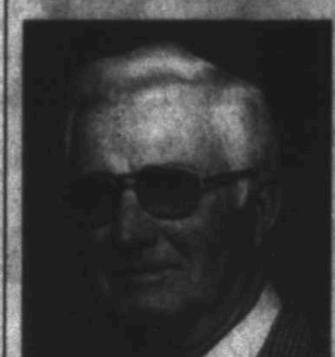
Removing the politics

Wolterman also suggested leveraging a program that currently funds one-time costs to overhaul the current Medicaid system, called the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment, and use that money to expand coverage. Since the money is not allocated under the Affordable Care Act and lawmakers can easily shut down the program if it doesn't work, it could take the politics out of the issue.

Lawmakers need to do something not only to reduce employer premiums, but also to protect Texas businesses that employ the poor people who qualify for Medicaid expansion. Because Texas doesn't offer them Medicaid and they can't afford to buy insurance, tax consulting firm Jackson Hewitt has estimated Texas employers will pay between $266 million and $399 million in penalties for not providing them with insurance.

Failing to provide health care to the working poor makes no fiscal sense, no matter how you run the numbers. Health care is one of the most important industries to Houston and Texas, and finding a solution for the uninsured will make the state's economy stronger if lawmakers can put the politics behind them.

Obituaries



Kenneth B. Baker

Kenneth B. Baker passed away on Monday, August 25, 2014. A private family Memorial Service will be held October 25, 2014.

Ken was born February 5, 1923 in Ft. Worth to Homer and Margaret Nell (Wilfong) Baker. He completed his education in Denton, Texas, graduating from high school in 1942.

After high school, he joined the US Coast Guard, in which he served from 1942 through 1946. He saw action in the convoy battles of the North Atlantic as his ship sank several U Boats during World War II.

Upon discharge from the Coast Guard, he married Billie Ann Hill in Denton, Texas on May 12, 1946. They moved to Midland, Texas later that year and he started his career in carpentry with Houston Hill, Inc., a construction company that built several of the area schools and churches. He retired in 1986 from Area Builders where he was working as a Construction Superintendent.

He was an accomplished athlete, being very successful in fast pitch softball, bowling, golf and fishing. He bowled a perfect 300 game in league play and won a brand new car. He shot his age in golf on numerous occasions and was still achieving this when he was in his 80's. His family is quite certain he has already been called to the First Tee in Heaven. He enjoyed being on the lake chasing that elusive big bass or catching a string of catfish.

Kenneth was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, pa-pa, and friend that was loved deeply and will be greatly missed by all.

Members of his family preceding him in death were his parents, Homer and Margaret Baker, his brothers, Homer Baker, Jr., Frank Baker and A.C. Baker, his sister, Helen Thomas, grandson, Zachariah Lee Baker, and great-grandson, Jacob Truesdell.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Billie Ann; sister, Barbara Tynes of Tyler, Texas; daughter and husband, Carol and Jerry Adams; son and wife, Bill and Loretta Baker; grandchildren and spouses, Carissa and Todd Hale, Jason and Erika Baker, Lindsay and Jim Livesay, Kendal Baker, and Bradley and Annie Adams.

He is also survived by 15 great grandchildren and many loved nieces and nephews.

His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the care given to Kenneth at Senior Care Services in Midland, Texas. Kenneth was a man of great character and devotion and will be greatly missed.

Laura Graves Tankersley

Laura Graves Tankersley, 44, of Canyon died Saturday, August 23, 2014.

Services were held in Hale Center. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd., Amarillo.

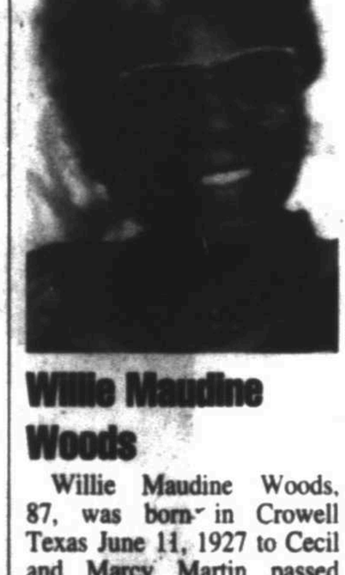
Laura Graves Tankersley was born March 26, 1970, in Lubbock to Bill and Linda Graves. In 1992, she graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. In 2000, Laura became a counselor after receiving her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Texas Tech. She worked as a Mental Health Coordinator with the Early Childhood Head Start Program.

Laura was a devoted Christian and a prayer warrior.

Those who knew her and loved her are deeply impacted by her untimely death. She will be missed here, but welcomed into Heaven.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Jeff Tankersley, and their three children: Jaren, Kathlyn, and Audrey, all of Canyon; her father Bill Graves of San Angelo; her mother Linda Graves of Troup; her grandmother, Dorothy McClain, of Troup; a sister Jana Graves Rueter and husband John Rueter of Georgetown; two brothers, Allan Graves and wife Krispin of Colleyville and Andrew Graves of San Angelo; five nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family has established a scholarship fund for the children. Contributions may be sent to: Tankersley Children Fund, C/O Andrew Graves, Atty., P.O. Box 1071, San Angelo, TX 76902 Sign the online guestbook at *www.boxwellbrothers.com.*



Willie Maudine Woods

Willie Maudine Woods, 87, was born in Crowell Texas June 11, 1927 to Cecil and Marcy Martin passed away Wednesday August 27, 2014 .

Visitation will be Tuesday September 2, 2014 at Thomas Funeral Home starting at 2:00 pm with a Wake service that evening 6 to 8 p.m. Graveside service and interment is Wednesday September 3, 2014 at Terrace Cemetery, in Post Texas.

Willie was preceded in death by husband, Ledrew Woods; mother, Marcy Lee Demming; father, Cecil Martin Sr.; son, Charles Johnson; two brothers, Henry and Cecil; two sisters, Mary Ann and Betty; and grand daughter, Bridgett Borden.

Survivors: Sons, Russell, William, Jimmy, and Lynn Woods, Melvin (Jermaine) Martin; daughter, Donna Tart; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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Isaiah Elijah Pate

There is no foot too small that it does not leave an imprint on this world.

Baby Isaiah Elijah Pate was born an angel on August 23, 2014.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Marianne Pate; maternal grandfather, Robert Pate; aunt, Brittany Pate; uncle, Sherwin Crowell; and cousin, Aliyah Crowell, all of Midland.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sandra D. Allen, 46, of Odessa was charged Friday with theft and violation of parole.

Scotti L. Batten, 36, of Midland was charged Friday with abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

Brittany N. Berzoza, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Melissa L. Blakeney, 35, of Midland was charged Friday with three counts of abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

Richard L. Gann, 39, of Midland was charged Friday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Sabrina Hernandez, 30, of Midland was charged Friday with exploiting a child, elderly or disabled person.

Nathan O. Montelongo, 19, of Midland was charged Friday with multiple counts of burglary of a habitation.

Pedro S. Silva, 46, of Midland was charged Friday with fraudulent deliver of a controlled substance.

Taylor R. Strickland, 23, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Laurencio M. Torres III, 21, of Midland was charged Friday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member and aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help identifying the suspects of credit card abuse.

On July 25 a woman realized her wallet was missing from her vehicle. She checked her credit card purchases and discovered that the card was used on July 24 to make three purchases at the north side Wal-Mart.

Detectives found two suspects on the store's surveillance video. One is a white male with brown hair in a burr haircut. He was wearing a tank top with a photo of red lips on it. The second subject is a white male with dirty-blond hair. He was wearing a black muscle shirt with the words "I'm A Wild..." in red lettering.

Surveillance photos can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com.

If you have any information on this suspect or suspects and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. No caller ID is ever used and you will remain anonymous.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

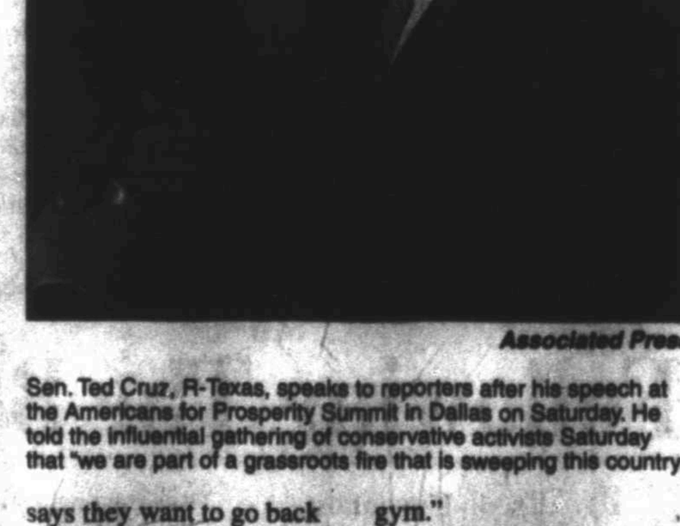
MONICA BURKS

DOB: 3-02-1974
Height and weight: 5 feet, 1 inch; 115 pounds
Charge: Theft o/$1,500 u/$20,000

- Warrant #F2140401
- Warited as of 08/30/14
- $250 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always, you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Cruz sounds like he's running in 2016

Associated Press



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Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks to reporters after his speech at the Americans for Prosperity Summit in Dallas on Saturday. He told the influential gathering of conservative activists Saturday that "we are part of a grassroots fire that is sweeping this country."

DALLAS — Republican Sen. Ted Cruz sounds increasingly like he's made up his mind to run for president in 2016, telling an influential gathering of conservative activists Saturday that "we are part of a grassroots fire that is sweeping this country."

"I'm convinced we're going to win in 2014, and 2016 is going to be even better," the Texas Republican said during a summit of Americans for Prosperity, the political arm of the billionaire GOP donors Charles and David Koch. "And in the year 2017, a Republican president in the Rose Garden is going to sign a bill repealing every word of Obamacare."

Cruz joked about inviting President Barack Obama to the border to see where thousands of unaccompanied immigrant children have poured into the U.S. The president declined such an invitation from Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

"I figured out the only way there is a chance in heaven he might come, I'm inviting him to come to a golf course," Cruz said.

Cruz offered a way to deal with Islamic State militants in Iraq. "ISIS says they want to go back and reject modernity," he said. "Well, I think we should help them. We ought to bomb them back to the stone age."

When the crowd of more than 3,000 at a hotel ballroom serenaded him with calls of "Run Ted, Run!" he offered a quip: "Oddly enough, that's the same thing my wife, Heidi, says to me when I go to the gym."

Cruz ignored direct questions about a presidential campaign when he met with reporters after the speech.

He told the conservatives, "Each of you are here because we are part of a grassroots fire that is sweeping this country" and added: "We are building an army."

Doubts soften embrace of capital punishment

By Dane Schiller
N.Y. Times News Service

Associated Press

"Old Sparky," the decommissioned electric chair in which 361 prisoners in Texas were executed between 1924 and 1964, on display at the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville on May 30, 2012.

HUNTSVILLE — Perhaps nothing symbolizes this state's swagger over being tough on crime like "Old Sparky," an electric chair that was used to execute 361 inmates and is now the centerpiece of a prison museum.

It sits just minutes from the Texas penitentiary where it was forever unplugged 50 years ago this summer following the execution of Houston's Joseph Johnson Jr. for murdering a grocer.

While the oak chair is now a capital punishment relic photographed daily by visitors, this state's death row is undergoing what looks to be a historic shift.

Texas forged an international reputation as it has executed far more inmates than any other state in the nation since 1982, when it resumed capital punishment with lethal injection. But this year, Texas just may lose its distinction as the state carrying out the most executions annually, sitting in a three-way tie with Missouri and Florida. Each state has executed seven people so far this year.

In Texas, a slew of changes in capital punishment that have been trotted out over the past decade or so and are taking hold. Those include requiring better legal representation for people facing the death penalty, giving jurors the option of sentencing defendants to life in prison without parole, and increasing the use of DNA and other scientific testing. And significant to the change is the realization by lawmakers and others that the system that condemns someone is not bulletproof.

The state executed an average of 29 people annually from 1997 to 2007, with 40 in 2000, according to statistics maintained by the Death Penalty Information Center. But it is now on track to have no more than 11 this year, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the fewest number in 23 years.

Texas is not getting weaker on crime, but getting smarter about who is sentenced to death by reducing the chances of condemning an innocent person, said former Texas Gov. Mark White.

"We are starting to recognize that being tough on crime doesn't mean you have to be tough on innocent people," White told the Houston Chronicle. "We have learned a lot: use the cutting edge of science, and not just the fast draw of the Old West."

He pointed to more than a dozen Texas death row inmates who were convicted, only to years later be freed on the grounds they were innocent.

"Being tough on an innocent person, that ain't tough, that is stupid," White said. "Being tough on crime does not mean being careless in how you find a perpetrator."

Anthony Graves is among the innocent. He was exonerated four years ago in the 1992 Burleson County murder of a woman as well as her four grandchildren and daughter.

He had been convicted of helping Robert Carter in the murders, but from shortly after Carter's arrest to his last declaration from the gurney moments before his execution, Carter said Graves had no role.

Students in a University of St. Thomas journalism class worked with The Innocence Network at the University of Houston Law Center to review the Graves case, and Graves' lawyers later successfully argued that prosecutors elicited false statements from two witnesses and withheld two statements that could have changed the minds of jurors.

The district attorney conceded that Graves did not do the crime and dropped the charges rather than pursue a new trial.

Graves said the debate should no longer be about whether it is right or wrong to execute a person, but whether the current justice system gets it right.

"That is when you have an honest conversation about it," he said of focusing on whether the system works properly. "To each his own. You cannot get mad at somebody because they believe someone should be executed for a crime they committed. That is between them and their god."

Graves said that he believes more Texans are now realizing that sometimes the wrong person is sent to death row.

"I did not give up eighteen and a half years of my life to come out here and be called some liberal activist against the death penalty," said Graves, who was improperly convicted due in part to official misconduct, perjury and misleading scientific information.

"From what I have gone through, I have seen it fail from top to bottom," he said. "I see a failed system that wrongfully convicted me, put me on death row and tried to murder me. There is no way in hell that I can tell you that works."

Other exonerations have hinged on scientific work, and DNA comparisons have grown more and more heralded each year. Michael Blair, who was wrongfully convicted in 1993 for killing a 7-year-old girl in Collin County was freed in 2008 due in part to DNA testing.

In 2013, such testing of all biological evidence became required by Texas law in all death-penalty cases.

Besides seeing a drop in the number of people the state executes, the number Texas sends to death row annually also has decreased. This state now trails Florida and California.

Defendants facing the death penalty have been required since 2006 to have two lawyers, and since the year before that had the possibility of being sentenced to life behind bars.

The life sentence affords jurors a punishment option that takes into account aspects of defendant's background, such as being emotionally disturbed.

Juan Quintero shot Houston Police officer Rodney Johnson multiple times in the back of the head, but jurors in 2008 gave him life in prison instead of the death penalty.

They said afterward that they considered Quintero's mental health and family background, among other factors in sparing him.

The option of pursuing a life sentence can also be more appealing for rural counties, as it is less expensive to prosecute than death penalty cases, which come with years of appeals.

Steve Taylor, who was a defense attorney for 24 years and recently joined the Liberty County District Attorney's Office, said the total cost for litigating a death penalty case is about $2.5 million. Some say it could be much higher.

That includes costs by the prosecutors and the state, as well as the cost of lawyers who are often appointed to represent death penalty defendants.

"Texas believes that some cases just take death," he said. "It depends on a variety of things — what does the victim's family want? There are lots of reasons that go into that decision, but financial cost to a smaller county versus a large tax based county makes a big difference."

Kathryn Kase, executive director of Texas Defender Service, an organization that consults with lawyers and trains them for death penalty cases, said the message is clear.

"Judges, jurors, prosecutors and certainly defense attorneys understand that we have to be much more careful when we have a death penalty case because the decision to kill someone, if it is carried out, is irreversible," said Kase, who is based in Houston.

Kase said that while she supports the changes, she is not yet convinced the trend will continue.

"I don't know that you can say those days are over," she said of the state's nation-leading use of the death penalty. "It is a system with a lot of cogs and wheels and it is very easy for it to go out of balance."

Still, numbers are down even in Harris County, which has sent far more people to death row than any other county in the nation.

Harris County has sent four people to death row so far this year. That compares with nine a decade ago and 14 in the year 2000.

"It takes a special kind of person to put the barrel of a gun to the head of a uniformed police officer and shoot," Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson told jurors about Harlem Lewis III, who in July was convicted of killing Bellaire Police Cpl. Jimmie Norman and business owner Terry Taylor.

Lewis' lawyers unsuccessfully sought to convince jurors that he should be spared the death penalty in part because he has a low IQ and because he was remorseful.

The next person scheduled for execution is Houston's Willie Trottie, who killed his ex-girlfriend and her brother after she broke off a relationship with him. He is to be followed by Lisa Coleman of Arlington, who was convicted of beating, tying up and starving a 9-year-old boy to death.

Fascination over Texas' death row has been fueled over the years with an appetite for details on everything from last meals to last words, and a play-by-play of executions, from the exact time the condemned person enters the death chamber here, to when the lethal injection begins to flow, to when they are pronounced dead.

It has been the stuff of movies, books and documentaries.

Jim Willett, a retired warden who works part time at the Texas Prison Museum, said streams of visitors are curious about executions and want to see Old Sparky.

It is the main draw, said Willett, who oversaw 89 executions during his career. The chair, which helped deliver up to 1,800 volts of electricity to the bodies of the condemned is roped off from the public. An alarm sounds should anyone get too close.

Leather straps that once restrained Joseph Johnson Jr. now hang limp.

Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, said change seems to be coming for Texas.

Arizona recently drew attention over an execution in which an inmate was "gasping and snorting" for two hours, and Oklahoma grabbed headlines for an execution that took 43 minutes.

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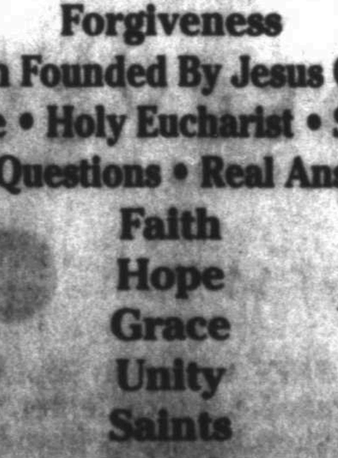

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countries and news that women and children who reached the United States were being let go inside the country with orders to return for immigration hearings because family shelter space had filled up.

From October to July, about 63,000 unaccompanied children were detained after entering the U.S. illegally, double the number from the same period a year earlier. Another 63,000 families — mothers or fathers with young children — were picked up during that period.

There were no Central American children in the government shelter in Reynosa, across the border from McAllen coordinator Jose Guadalupe Villegas Garcia said Thursday. During the surge, at any one time the shelter housed about 15 Central American kids who had been apprehended or rescued by Mexican authorities before crossing the Rio Grande. Officials say the children are being caught long before they get to the border.

"There are very few foreigners," said Carlos Jimenez, a spokesman with the Mexican family services agency in Reynosa. "We received three or four children" in August.

Omar Zamora, a Border Patrol spokesman in the Rio Grande Valley, where most of the unaccompanied children have entered the U.S., said Thursday that the agency was seeing about 30 to 40 children in custody each day in recent weeks. That is down from a peak when 300 or more were arrested in a day earlier this summer.

How long Mexico can or will sustain such a massive operation is unclear. Sealing off the notoriously porous border with Guatemala is neither physically possible nor politically popular, and strict enforcement further inland is already drawing criticism, because it so closely mirrors the deadly cat-and-mouse game that U.S. border patrol agents have long played with Mexican migrants farther north.

Associated Press

A lone Central American migrant looks ahead while riding a freight train heading north on Tuesday from Arriaga in Chiapas state to Ixtepec in Oaxaca state, top picture, and a train full of Central American migrants sleep and relax near Reforma de Pineda in Chiapas state on June 20. Mexico's largest crackdown in decades on illegal migration has decreased the flow of Central Americans trying to reach the United States and has dramatically cut the number of child migrants and families, according to officials and eyewitness accounts along the perilous route.

But for now, the effort shows no sign of abating.

Criminal gangs who used to prey on migrants on the train, threatening to throw them off unless they cooperated, are hiding in the woods near the highway checkpoints where immigration officials search passing buses, said Aliver Leon Lopez, 29, of Ahuachapan, El Salvador. He was shot in the neck by a band of thieves because he tried to hide his money from them.

"Before each checkpoint you have to get off and walk through the woods," said Leon Lopez, who still wears a bloody bandage on his neck. "They (criminals) have located the points where migrants get off to walk."

Faced with the nearly overwhelming obstacles in reaching the United States, Leon Lopez and others say they are giving up, at least for now. He plans to apply for a humanitarian visa available in Mexico to those who have been crime victims. Other migrants talked about finding work in Mexico, rather than the United States.

"Before you could get through more easily," said Abner Ramirez, 30, a coffee picker from Coatepeque, Guatemala, who was sleeping on the side of the railway tracks in Chahuites after fleeing another raid on the train over the weekend.

"If I can get a steady job, a steaady paycheck, I'd stay ... to send money back home," he said.

Juan Antonio Salmeron, a 48-year old construction worker from La Union, El Salvador, said he wants to work in the northern Mexico state of Sinaloa, picking fruit or vegetables. "You can earn good money there," Salmeron said.

Border Patrol agent shoots at armed militia member

By James Queally, *McClatchy/Tribune*

MCALLEN — A U.S. Border Patrol agent fired several rounds toward an armed militia member in Texas, reigniting concerns among law enforcement officials about conflicts with untrained and unregulated volunteers who have arrived at the Mexican border in the wake of the recent immigration crisis.

Omar Zamora, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency, told the Los Angeles Times on Saturday that the agent was chasing several suspects through an area of thick brush near the Rio Grande on Friday afternoon when he came upon a militia member holding a shotgun or rifle.

The agent fired several rounds, and the militia member immediately dropped his weapon, according to Zamora, who said no one was injured.

"It's difficult because we have several different law enforcement agencies there from federal, state and local ... we can work together, we can deconflict," he said. "We're all in uniform."

It was not immediately clear if the man, who was not identified, will face criminal charges. The Cameron County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident that occurred near Brownsville, but no one was available for comment on Saturday afternoon.

Zamora did not identify the patrol agent and said it was not clear what organization the militia member belonged to. He was standing on private property at the time of the incident.

A crush of law enforcement, including 1,000 Texas National Guard members called in by Gov. Rick Perry, have descended on South Texas in recent months as a flood of Central American immigrants have entered the country.

Nearly 60,000 immigrants, many of them unaccompanied women and children, have fled to the U.S. to escape gang and drug violence in their home countries since October. Most have crossed into Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Unregulated volunteers, including the Oathkeepers, Three Percenter's Club, Patriots and the Minutemen, have also arrived near the border, drawing the ire of law enforcement.

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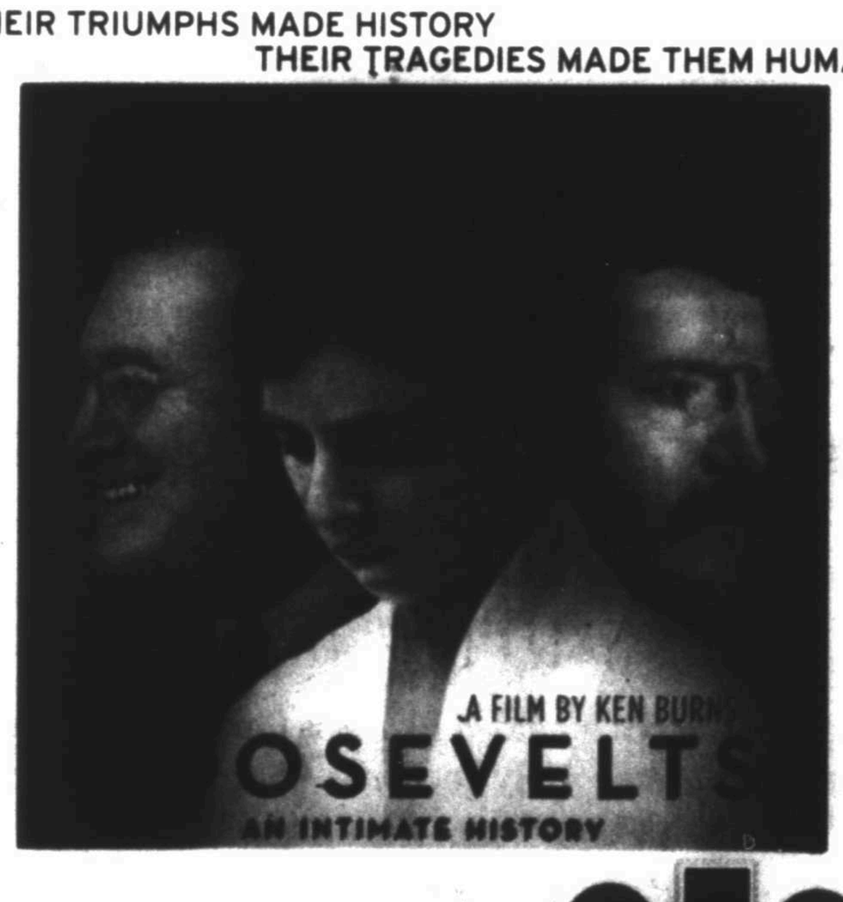

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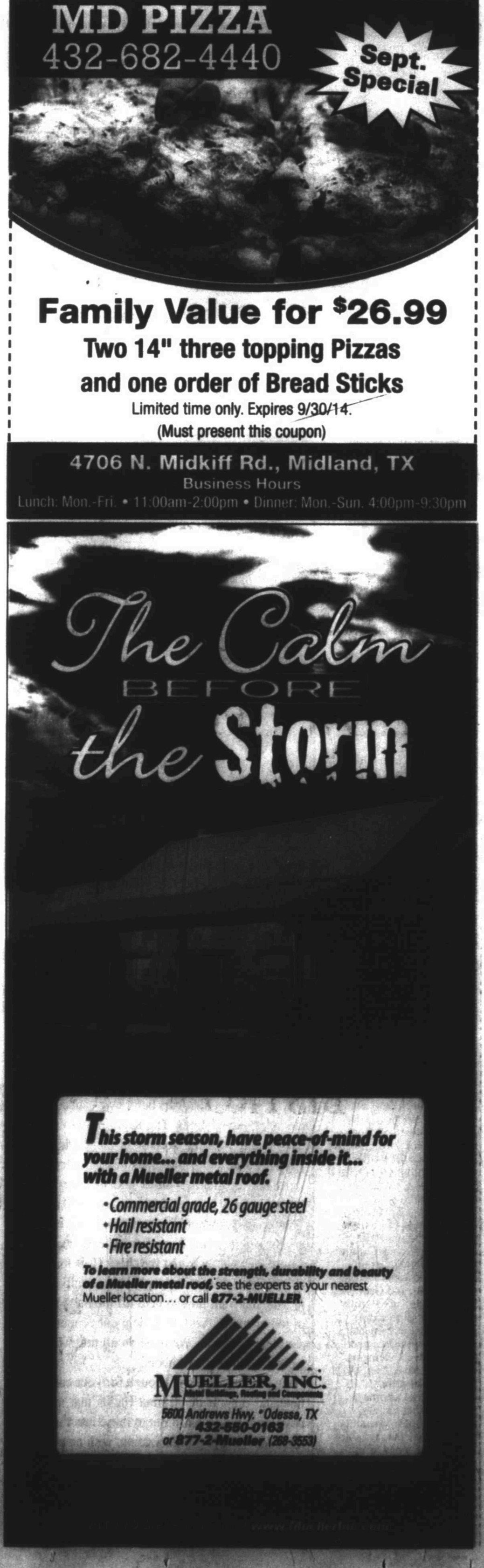

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The Beast

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the trip north to enter the U.S. illegally by stowing away atop freight trains.

Recently, I traveled for four days along some of southern Mexico's busiest migrant routes.

By car and bus, I followed the path of "La Bestia," or The Beast, so named because of the many migrants killed or maimed beneath its wheels. I continued along the route, watching The Beast zip through Central Mexico, from Puebla to Mexico City and the states of Mexico, Guanajuato and Queretaro. I talked to migrants on their way to Arizona and California, as well as entry points on the Texas border by way of Ciudad Juarez or Reynosa.

The barriers — from increased vigilance on both sides of the border to exploitation by criminals — had intensified, pushing some to take drastic measures.

Huehuetoca

At a shelter in Huehuetoca, just outside Mexico City, Jaime Eduardo Gonzalez of Guatemala has decided to travel with a new companion: a 22-inch machete.

"Many of us travel alone, accompanied only by God," he says, wrapping the machete with clothes and tucking it into his tattered suitcase. "These days, carrying a machete also helps."

He says he uses the machete to clear brush as he walks parts of the country on foot, away from the watchful eyes of Mexican authorities. But he also keeps it to proteet himself. Gonzalez, 20, says he was held against his will by a criminal gang in the state of Veracruz and was nearly killed when he escaped.

"There are some bad people along the way," he says.

Now, with machete in tow and fear in his eyes, he plans to reach Los Angeles, where his mother and brother live.

Ever Javier Melendez, 20, is heading in the opposite direction. Originally bound for the U.S. from his home in La Ceiba, Honduras, he had made it as far as San Luis Potosi state. There, members of the criminal group known as the Zetas took all his money and documents, even a letter he carried with a phone number for relatives in case he died.

"They wanted me to work for them, help them with the smuggling business," he says. "They slapped me around with a gun and then put it to my head. I agreed, but on the first opportunity, I ran away and caught the train south."

Behind a migrant shelter, he asks members of a humanitarian group called Nuevo Despertar, or New Awakening, for a handout. The group, from nearby Tultitlan, had spent three hours that morning making 300 sandwiches, refilling 300 water bottles and preparing fruit plates for the newcomers. They also prayed for the migrants' safety.

Melendez expresses his gratitude but additionally asks for bus money to go home, or for directions to Queretaro, where he has heard he might find a job putting together a plane or car, anything to bring some money home. "I can't go back empty-handed," he says.

"How far is Queretaro?" he asks me. "Can I walk?"

"You passed it," I say. "Up the road, two hours north."

El Bajio

The railroads cut through Queretaro state on their way north or northwest, not far from rural communities like Pozos, San Luis de la Paz, and on to San Luis Potosi. They pass through a region thriving economically, where factory workers build cars, airplanes and refrigerators in new factories, and fields of tomatoes, broccoli and lettuce stretch for miles.

Almost one-third of Mexico's automobile manufacturing industry is based in Queretaro, and the state is expanding into the burgeoning aerospace industry with more than 33 companies.

Lucas Anderson and Wilmer Lopez walk along 5 de Mayo Street and inquire at a coffee shop about possible jobs. The owner politely shakes his head and suggests they try factories in the outskirts of the city instead. "There is always work there," he says.

Later, he confides, "They say they're Mexicans, but you can tell in an instant they're Central American." The cafe owner prefers not to give his name, fearful that extortionists may target his business.

I catch up to the two men. They tell me they're from Mexico. I was just in Honduras, I respond. "I loved your country," I say. They look sheepish.

Yes, they say, they're from Honduras and they're looking for temporary jobs before they can continue on their journey to Texas, where they have family and friends in Galveston.

"We still want to get to Texas," says Anderson, 20.

"But it's not a good time, so we're looking for a job, anything," adds Lopez.

I ask what has changed about the trip through Mexico. "Everything," Anderson says. "It's like crossing the United States, with so much security, technology and, worse, criminals hunting us down as though we're animals."

El Paso

In Ciudad Juarez, The Beast ends its journey. A new journey begins on the U.S. side in places like El Paso, known as the Ellis Island of the Southwest.

The flow of migrants from Central America, U.S. authorities say, is slowly inching from the Rio Grande Valley toward El Paso.

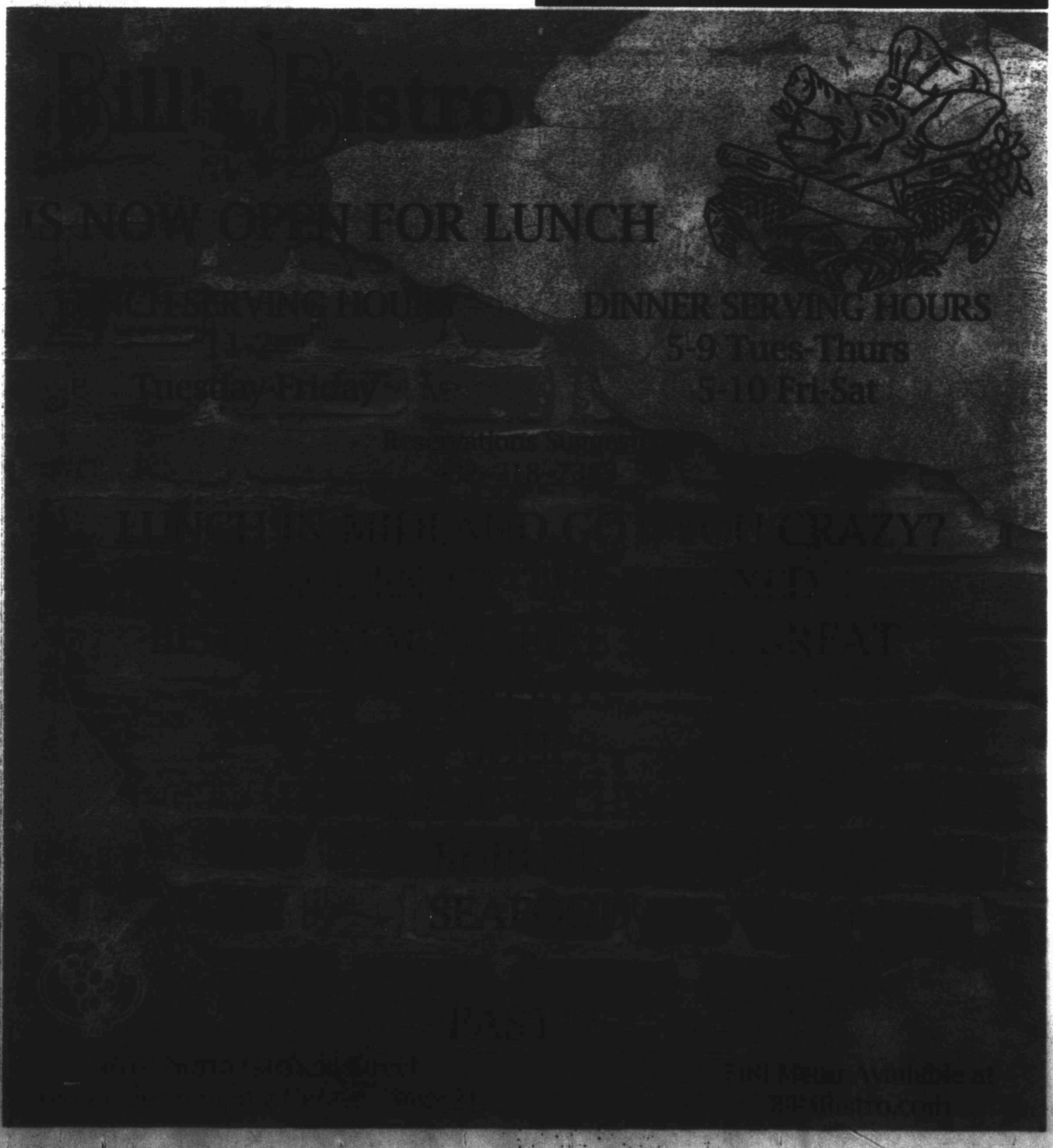
Politics are also in full swing. Recently, Gov. Rick Perry sent 1,000 members of the National and State Guard to protect the U.S. against what he called narco-terrorists, a move that critics say is politically motivated and flawed.

Critics, including a veteran U.S. intelligence agent, say the action doesn't make sense "when there isn't much smuggling happening as these unaccompanied children and women are turning themselves in to the Border Patrol and other U.S. agencies."

Attorney Carlos Spector has practiced immigration law for more than 30 years. In recent years he has represented Mexicans fleeing violence in their country, so many that he has a weekly radio show called "La Hora del Exiliado" (The Exile Hour). He recently picked up five new asylum cases — all Central Americans.

He suggests that the U.S. involvement in Central America's wars during the 1980s helped plant the seeds for the instability and turmoil there today.

"Whenever the United States tries to use military force, or meddle in internal affairs, as it did in Central America in the 1980s, there will be consequences that are no different than, say, Iraq or Afghanistan," he says. "The chickens have come home to roost."



Kidnapping schemes rise in Texas cities

By Dane Schiller
N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — The phone call was chilling. It was among the worst a father could receive.

"Daddy, come get me. Daddy, come get me," a woman screamed. Then she was cut short. A man got on the line. "I work with the cartels," he warned. "And I have kidnapped your daughter. If you ever want to see her again, you are going to have to pay a ransom."

Adrenaline surged through Dr. Ciro Porras' body during that call this month. The Houston pediatrician recalled Thursday how he tried to comprehend what he was being told, as it compared to what he was hearing. He did have two adult daughters, but the woman screaming didn't sound like either of them.

It turns out that there was no real kidnapping. His daughters were safe. Not a cent of ransom was paid.

The man who called him — on what turned out to be a phone line from Mexico — probably knew nothing more about Porras than what could be gleaned from the Internet.

Authorities are now warning the public that the scam, known as "virtual kidnapping," is spreading across Texas. It has been aimed at doctors and other medical professionals, especially those of Hispanic or Latino descent.

Cases have turned up in Houston and other Texas cities.

"Now we are starting to see individuals right here in Houston, for the first time, being targeted," said Special Agent Shauna Dunlap, spokeswoman for the FBI's Houston division. "They are reaching them on their Houston numbers."

The FBI is advising people how not to fall for the trap, and the Texas Medical Association also is warning its members to be vigilant as multiple medical professionals have been targeted.

"It is not a kidnapping; it is a scam," Dunlap said. "There is no individual actually being held. They are preying on your fears, and trying to pressure you to make it very quick: that you'll transfer the money without giving you time to see if it is true or not true."

Called at the office

Authorities said that the criminals hope that worried parents like Porras will quickly make payments before figuring out their children are safe.

Porras was called at his office. The person had told his receptionist that he was a doctor and knew enough to say he was with a hospital where Porras does plenty of work.

Porras recalled that even as his mind swirled and he stayed on the land line, he used his cellphone to text his daughters, who happened to be together, and determined they were OK.

And he hung up the phone.

Family still afraid

Another doctor wasn't so lucky. He said he got a similar call, and fearing for his child's life, used a wire transfer to pay a few thousand dollars toward a ransom.

He recalled how the screaming voice he heard in the phone sounded so similar to his child.

The caller said that he, too, worked for a cartel, had American police on the payroll, and would kill him and his family if he sought help from the police.

The man directed him to certain streets where he should drive and landmarks he should see as he made his way to the business where he was to wire the money.

"They gave me turn-by-turn directions," the doctor recalled. "I think they were running me around with Google."

The doctor said that while he now knows the kidnapping was fake, his family still lives with fear. He asked that his name not be published and said he does not know if the virtual kidnappers have people in Texas.

The scam spread across Mexico several years ago as scam artists aimed to make quick money off the families of people who were traveling or perhaps in movie theaters where their phones would be turned off, and they could not be reached. They have become more common in Texas cities along the border in recent years.

Prosecution difficult

The kidnappers weren't asking for suitcases of cash, but smaller amounts that could easily and quickly be handed over by middle-class victims.

The FBI's Dunlap said that when the kidnapping schemes in the United States are done with phones in a foreign country, prosecuting the criminals is difficult.

Porras left Mexico more than 30 years ago but said he was familiar with the scam, and that friends who live there had been through similar shakedowns.

"What really puzzled me is this guy spoke perfect English," Porras said.

Mexican cartels ramp up human smuggling business

Associated Press

EL PASO — Recent waves of Central American immigrants arriving illegally in the U.S. have made human smuggling at least temporarily more lucrative for Mexican drug cartels, according to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security agent.

Oscar Hagelsieb, assistant special agent charge of the department's investigations unit in El Paso, told The Dallas Morning News for a Saturday report that the Gulf cartel and others in the region have "clamped their claws" into human smuggling, without abandoning their drug smuggling activities.

"We've been able to trace millions of dollars going into the Reynosa area. You cannot operate a criminal venture of that magnitude without the cartels having a major role in it," Hagelsieb said.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, associate professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville, says new groups could also get involved in human smuggling, which she said has "become much more profitable."

Homeland Security chief Jeh Johnson said August 20 that more than 360 smugglers were arrested and more than $800,000 in illicit payments seized since the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency's anti-smuggling Operation Coyote began in July.

From October to July, about 63,000 unaccompanied children were detained after entering the U.S. illegally, double the number from the same period a year earlier. Another 63,000 families — mothers or fathers with young children — were picked up during that period.

But Mexico's largest crackdown in decades on illegal migration has decreased the flow of Central Americans trying to reach the United States, and has dramatically cut the number of child migrants and families.

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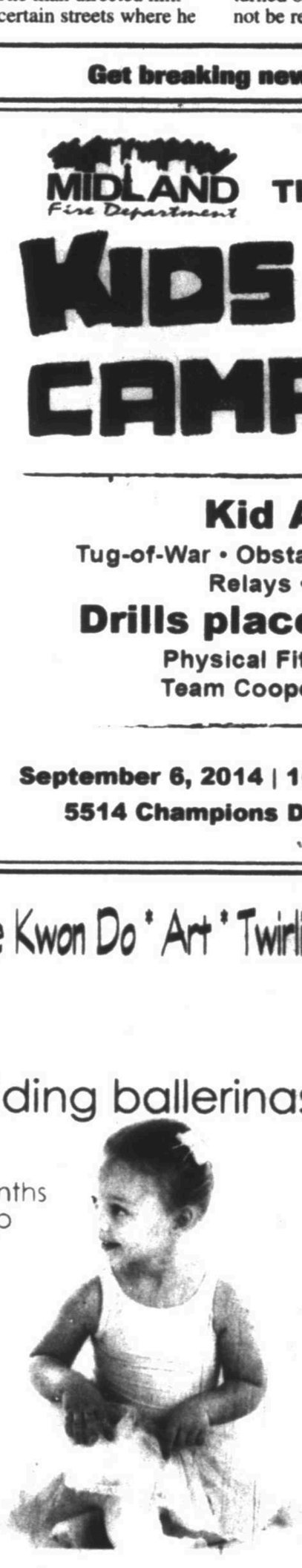
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Woman nicknamed 'No Soul' pleads guilty to hiring hitman

By Cindy Horswell
N.Y. Times News Service

WILLIS — The 85-year-old Willis woman wearing a pink-striped jail suit sat emotionless in her wheelchair this week in a Montgomery County courtroom, as prosecutors painted a portrait of her that was far from the grandmotherly figure she resembled.

Dorothy Clark Canfield had already pleaded guilty earlier this week to trying to hire a hitman to maim the district attorney there and kill his chief prosecutor. She had also pleaded guilty to stealing $100,000 from illegal immigrants, which authorities say she squandered on everything from skydiving to spa beauty treatments. As a result, Canfield was facing up to life in prison for the criminal solicitations of capital murder and aggravated assault and up to 20 years for the immigrant theft scam.

Before the prosecution rested its case in the punishment phase Thursday, Lisa Tanner, an assistant Texas attorney general handling the case, reminded the court how Canfield — whom jail inmates said had been nicknamed "No Soul" — had been recorded telling an undercover officer posing as a hitman how she was eagerly "looking forward" to seeing his job completed within a day after they talked.

Canfield had first only wanted the assistant prosecutor handling her immigrant scam case "knocked off," but then added Montgomery County's DA, Brett Ligon, to the "contract" — hoping investigators might link it to the shocking 2013 murders of another Texas district attorney, his wife and chief prosecutor in Kaufman County. That case was thought to possibly involve the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang, which had been vigilantly prosecuted by a task force that included Montgomery and Kaufman counties.

"It was a scary time," said Ligon, recalling how he had required a security detail for a while until a disgruntled Kaufman justice of the peace who had been convicted of theft was found to be the culprit.

Canfield also had correctly described Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Rob Freyer, who was handling her theft case, to the officer posing as the hitman. But she mistakenly gave him the name of the female assistant district attorney, Morgan Dashe, who had seized whatever assets Canfield had left in her bank accounts.

Freyer testified that he had never come across anything similar during his nearly 18 years as a prosecutor. "It's scary to think someone would go to such lengths to have me executed for just doing my job," he said. "I would take comfort if the court allows her to rot in prison and then in hell after that."

Ligon also took the stand to testify that any effort to attack an elected public servant threatens the very fabric of the order of law and should not be tolerated.

The plot to hire a hitman was spawned in the Montgomery County jail after Canfield heard TV reports about the killings of the two Kaufman County prosecutors that made her smile, two cellmates testified.

One of them, Kristen Kimmel, said that afterward Canfield pestered her to help find someone to "knock off" her own prosecutor. Kimmel testified tearfully that she had done some bad things in her life, but had never participated in murder.

In an audio recording, she can be heard trying to dissuade Canfield. But Canfield said she was old and wanted out of jail. "I've been here before. If I have to come back, it won't be much difference," she said.

Through Kimmel, she contacted the officer she thought was a hitman and they spoke by phone and then in person at the jail, where he went as a visitor.

She was also recorded admitting to scamming immigrants for thousands of dollars, pretending to help them get citizenship papers but providing them nothing. "I love pretty clothes. I love fancy living, and that takes money to do," she said on the tape.

Another cellmate, Glenna Jones, testified that Canfield also said she wanted to see a daughter-in-law killed because she had influenced her son against helping her.

The defense requested a pre-sentence report on Canfield, who has multiple theft convictions dating back decades, before presenting its evidence in the punishment phase. The court agreed and set testimony to resume Oct. 9.

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SAN ANTONIO

Siblings shot while mother tried to drive away

Police said two young siblings were shot in the head while sitting in a car as their mother tried to drive away from her male partner in southeast San Antonio.

A boy, 6 or 7 years old, and girl, 10 or 11, were rushed to area hospitals Saturday with multiple gunshot wounds after the man shot several rounds into the car, police said.

San Antonio police spokesman Javier Salazar said the 6-foot, 185-pound suspect remains at large.

The girl, grazed by bullets, is in stable condition at University Hospital. Salazar said the boy had surgery at the San Antonio Military Medical Center and is also in stable condition.

The police have not released the names of the victims or the suspect. Salazar said the children's mother was uninjured, and her whereabouts are unknown.

TOMBALL

Nearly 100 dogs seized in bankruptcy

Nearly 100 collie dogs have been seized from a suburban Houston home as part of a bankruptcy case.

The Houston Chronicle reported that U.S. District Judge David Jones signed an order Friday allowing Houston Collie Rescue to remove the dogs from the home of optometrist Elaine Kmiec.

The order said Kmiec failed in her duties as a debtor.

Houston Collie Rescue President Vickey Willard said she'd expected to remove 35 dogs. Instead, her team found more than 90.

She said it took about 8 hours to get all the dogs out of the Tomball home.

The dogs were found with ear infections, flea bites, mange and the smell of urine on their coats.

Willard said Kmiec also had dozens of dogs seized from her property in 2006 and 2007.

CORPUS CHRISTI

First Latina tapped to run ICE

A Corpus Christi native is poised to become the first Latina to head U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

President Barack Obama announced this week he was nominating 62-year-old U.S. district attorney Sarah R. Saldaña as assistant secretary of ICE. The division of the Department of Homeland Security is tasked with responding to the influx of unaccompanied children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported that Saldaña is the youngest of seven siblings. Her nomination requires Senate approval.

She won Senate confirmation in 2011 to become the first Latina serving in her current post.

Previously, Saldaña was a federal prosecutor in Dallas who worked on the City Hall corruption case that sent former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill to federal prison for 18 years.

AUSTIN

State commission OKs 'historical racing' terminals

State regulators have approved an effort by racetrack owners to expand gambling to include racing terminals that look similar to slot machines.

The Texas Racing Commission on Friday voted to allow a new form of betting at dog and horse tracks called historical racing. The machines allow people to bet on races that have already happened. The videos are stripped of any identifying information so people can't tell what races they're betting on.

Track owners have wanted to add the machines as an important revenue source for a struggling Texas industry. Groups opposed to gambling argue the commission has no jurisdiction in the matter.

A track now must receive the commission's OK on specific plans for adding the machines.

There are four horse tracks in Texas and three dog tracks.

EL PASO

Convicted rapist sentenced to life in prison

An El Paso man convicted of rape has been sentenced to life in prison.

The El Paso Times reported that jurors on Thursday sentenced 26-year-old Arturo Valtierra-Payan to four life sentences after he was convicted Tuesday of three counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of aggravated robbery. He also was sentenced to 99 years for burglary of a habitation.

The convictions are the result of a June 26, 2013, case in which prosecutors say Valtierra-Payan broke into a woman's home and then threatened her with a knife and demanded money and jewelry after raping her.

Prosecutor Penny Hamilton said Valtierra-Payan will be eligible for parole in 30 years.

Coast sees seaweed crisis cease

By Harvey Rice
N.Y. Times News Service

GALVESTON — The long stretches of seaweed that once blanketed many of the beaches along Texas' Gulf Coast are washing away. The unrelenting waves of marine algae that began drifting ashore in the spring are dwindling.

As the Summer of Seaweed winds down in beach communities, officials and some businesses are breathing a sigh of relief that the Sargassum invasion didn't put too much of a dent in local tourism.

"I would say we had a good summer, but my thought is it could have been better," said Mark McKenna, owner of Rita's Italian Ice on Seawall Boulevard.

And the natural phenomenon had some unintended consequences in Galveston: a new beach and a possible means for building and protecting beaches in the future.

Tides and rain Thursday scoured away what remained of a mass of seaweed east of the 61st Street pier that once swelled to 12 acres and was more than 3 feet deep, earning it the name "the Sargassum triangle." The triangle smelled and annoyed patrons at nearby businesses, but it also trapped sand and built a new beach from 61st to 69th streets, said Kelly de Schaun, Galveston Park Board executive director.

The Park Board is hoping to fortify the stretch of beach with excess sand from a beach replenishment project set to begin next week near the end of the seawall at Dellanera Park, de Schaun said. All that's needed is approval from the Texas General Land Office.

The reduction in seaweed landings comes just in time for the busy Labor Day weekend.

"What we've been seeing over the past few weeks has been a definite decrease over what we've seen this summer," de Schaun said.

Satellite observations confirm that the influx of seaweed is "tapering off," said Robert Webster, a Texas A&M University at Galveston researcher who developed the Sargassum Early Advisory System to warn beach communities of incoming seaweed.

"We're not seeing anything like we got this spring," he said.

Galveston beaches may get a few light landings over Labor Day weekend, but nothing like the piles that blocked the beaches at the onset of summer, he said. There were no visible seaweed patches near the coast in the most recent satellite images, although the possibility remains of more landings after Labor Day, he said.

Interviews earlier this summer found mixed opinions from small businesses on the impact of the seaweed on tourism. Some blamed the seaweed for steep declines in sales and others reported doing a brisk business.

The largest Sargassum season in memory did manage to deplete the Park Board beach-cleaning budget, de Schaun said. Beach-cleaning operations ate up the $2.5 million budget and a $172,000 contingency fund, despite the loan of employees and equipment from Galveston city and Galveston County, she said.

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RN to BSN expands nursing career opportunities

Iris Foster
Communication and Special Projects

Starting this fall, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will offer an RN to BSN degree to help meet the need and demand for bachelor's prepared nurses. Earning the BSN degree provides career advancement possibilities as well as more diverse nursing opportunities and responsibilities. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Nursing Program has designed two courses of study to assist RNs from accredited programs to earn BSNs while still healing the sick.

The campus based RN to BSN program enables students to meet face-to-face at UTPB or at a clinical setting one weekend (Friday and Saturday) per month. Dr. Dorothy Jackson, director of UTPB's Nursing Program, has obtained written agreements with local community affiliating agencies which will provide the clinical settings. The remaining required courses will be web-enhanced or conducted through BlackBoard, UTPB's learning management system.

The 12 required credits in the fall semester include a seminar on Professional Nursing Practices, a course on the Theories and Issues in Professional Nursing and Health Care, Spanish for Health Professionals, and Nursing Research and Quality Improvement Science. A non-nursing elective may be chosen from the following: Management Concepts and Organizational Theory, Human Resource Management, Business and Society, or Business Communications.

For nurses who elect to earn their BSN degrees online, their coursework will be conducted totally online except for required clinical practice experience which will be completed in the students' local communities through agreements. Both options will cover the same materials.

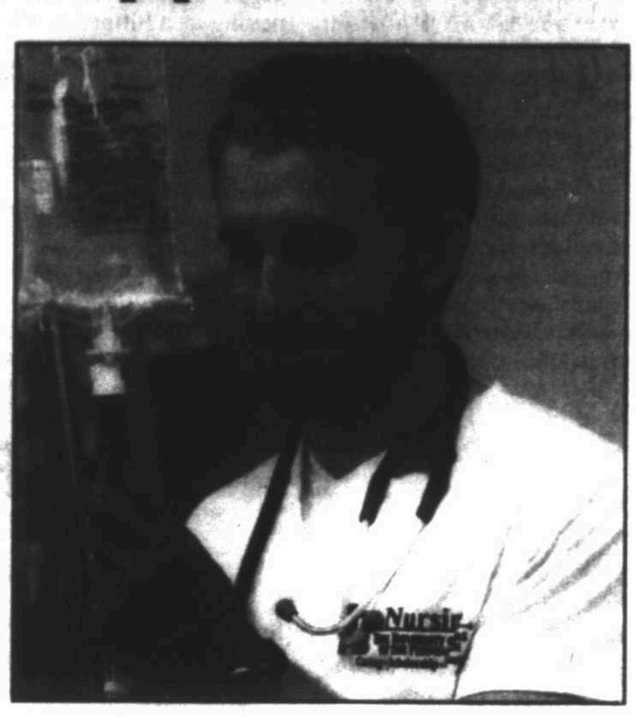
Nurses interested in applying for either of these RN to BSN programs must have:

- *been granted admission to UT Permian Basin;*
- *hold current RN license,*
- *graduated from a nationally-accredited nursing program, and*
- *completed the National League for Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exams (NLN ACE II-RN-BSN), available at the university's PASS office.*

They should then apply to UTPB's Nursing Program for admission to the RN-BSN nursing degree track.

As someone who worked while she obtained advanced nursing degrees, Dr. Jackson hopes a number of RNs will utilize this flexible opportunity to enhance their resumes and contribute more toward a profession which should always be in demand.

To inquire or register for the RN to BSN degree track, please contact Martha Burr at 432-552-2565 or by e-mail at burr_m@utpb.edu.



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On Friday, August 22, 2014, Dr. William and Mrs. Ordelle Watts presented The University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a check that established the William and Ordell Watts Professorship in Engineering.

The Watts' are long-time donors and benefactors of the University. Dr. Watts held the position of vice president of Business Affairs from 1977-1986, served as dean of the School of Business and retired from the UTPB faculty in 1999. He is now a professor emeritus at UTPB.

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STEM Academy News

The UTPB STEM Academy will be accepting applications for the wait-list in each grade level beginning September 2nd to fill openings as they arise for this school year. Please call 552-2580 if you are interested in being placed on the wait-list. We are a kindergarten through 6th grade, university based charter school. School hours are 7:55-12:15 pm daily.

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Trinity defense leads Chargers to victory at Grande

By Len Hayward
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Trinity has been focusing on speeding up games with its offense, but Saturday night it was the Chargers' defense that set the tone.

Trinity's defense shut out Loraine in the second half, while the Chargers' running game provided much of the offense in a 45-20 victory at Grande Communications Stadium in the final game of the ASCO Midland Football Madness.

The Chargers (0-1) did benefit from Loraine spread back Patrick Tillis sitting out much of the second half with an apparent leg injury, but after a long touchdown run in the first quarter, Tillis struggled to find space against Trinity's defense.

Chargers	45
Bulldogs	20

Tillis scored on a 44-yard run with just over five minutes left in the first quarter, but after that, he didn't have a rush for more than nine yards. He finished the night with 141 yards on 18 carries. He sat out nearly half of the third quarter and all of the fourth.

Meanwhile, in the second quarter, Trinity went away from its spread package and began running a tight formation. The change seemed to work as the Chargers erased a 12-point second quarter deficit in less than eight minutes.

Vincent Baiano scored on a 36-yard run with 8:45 remaining in the second quarter to cut Loraine's lead to 20-14. Three minutes later the Trinity defense forced the Bulldogs to turn it over on downs.

On the next drive, the Chargers didn't attempt a pass as four different runners carried the ball and Ethan Samuels completed the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 20 with two minutes remaining.

Trinity extended its lead with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter as Samuels scored on a 36-yard run and Will Brown caught a 24-yard touchdown pass as time expired in the third quarter to give Trinity an insurmountable 33-20 lead.

Trinity rushed for 223 yards on the night as Samuels had 104 yards on seven carries with a pair of touchdowns, while Baiano had 51 yards on

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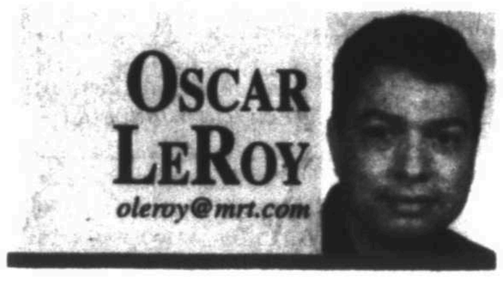
James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Trinity's Powers Ramsey (25) tries to stop Loraine's Patrick Tillis (1) on Saturday during the ASCO Midland Football Madness at Grande Communications Stadium.

Not an easy one



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Texas Tech had mistakes in win

Red Raiders	42
Bears	35

LUBBOCK —

This was supposed to be a dress rehearsal for the Texas Tech football team to usher in the anticipated second year under head coach Kliff Kingsbury.

It was supposed to be a showcase for the offense and a display of how much the defense had improved. Most of all, it was supposed to be an easy win over Central Arkansas, an FCS opponent out of the Southland Conference.

On a warm Saturday evening at Jones AT&T Stadium, it was anything but those things.

The Red Raiders were sloppy in every phase of the game, they continued to pile up penalties like they want to be among the nation's leaders in that category yet again, and they had defensive breakdowns at times when they had a chance to bury the upset-minded Bears.

It turned out to be a 42-35 victory for the Red Raiders in front of a record season-opening crowd of 60,778. Most of the people in the stands probably didn't know if they should cheer, cry or get angry after this one, which not many saw coming, not even Kingsbury.

"They just got their players ready to go and we didn't," said the coach, who just got a contract extension through 2020. "That's on me. I'll take that one. I thought we had good practices. It was great atmosphere, lots of fans, we just didn't show up."

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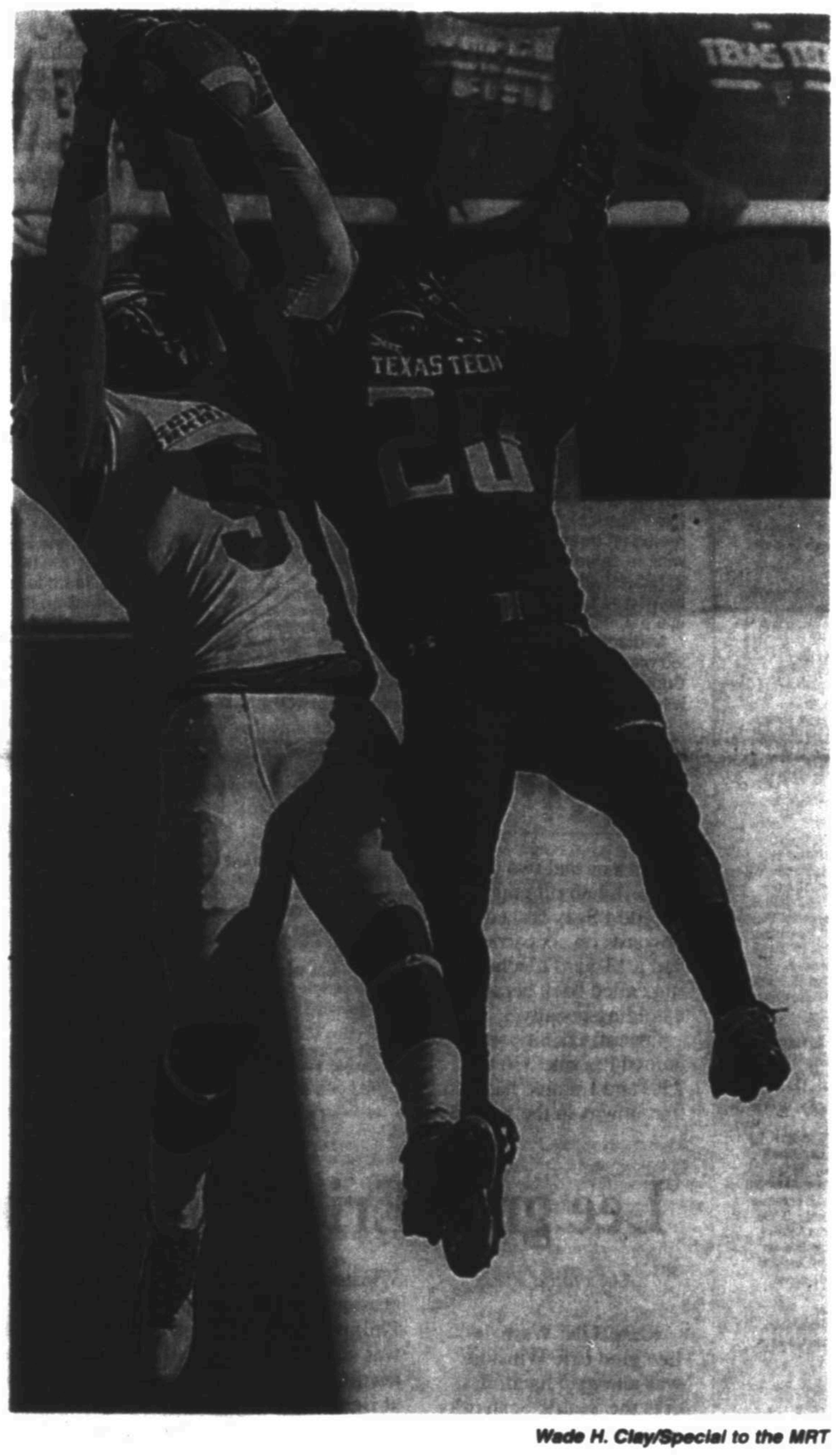

Wade H. Clay/Special to the MRT

Texas Tech's Tevin Madison (20) knocks the ball away from Central Arkansas' Dezmin Lewis (5) in the Red Raiders' home opener Saturday night at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

Baylor makes stadium debut against SMU tonight

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Bryce Petty is impressed by Baylor's new riverfront stadium, and relishes being the quarterback leading the 10th-ranked Bears back onto campus.

Bears coach Art Briles is thankful after watching 45,140-seat McLane Stadium progress over the past nearly three years — from just a vision, to a rising steel-and-concrete frame along the Brazos River and now a reality ready for tonight's season opener against SMU.

The game

SMU AT BAYLOR

When: 6:30 p.m. today
Location: McLane Stadium, Waco
TV: Fox Sports 1

There will be plenty of pomp and circumstance before the game, including Robert Griffin III scheduled to participate in the pregame dedication of a statue of the school's only Heisman Trophy winner.

For the Big 12 champion Bears, their focus is on what is most important — trying to debut with a victory on the field.

"We need to doggone make sure we protect our new house," Briles said.

"The stadium is a great privilege, but there's a reason that we got it, and there's a reason that we're in it, and it's to play football," said Petty, the reigning Big 12 offensive player of the year. "It's still 53 1/2 yards wide and 120 yards long. ... We want to protect that palace with everything that we've got, and put a team out there that's just as great as what we're playing in."

The Bears will play on the Waco campus for the first time since 1935. They closed out 54 seasons at Floyd Casey Stadium, about 4 1/2 miles away, when they won their 10th consecutive game there last December, beating Texas to clinch their first Big 12 Conference title. But they finished the season with a Fiesta Bowl loss to UCF, which is in the American

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Texas wins Strong debut over North Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — David Ash passed for one touchdown and ran for another and Texas started the Charlie Strong era with an overpowering 38-7 win over North Texas in the season-opener for both teams on Saturday night.

Malcolm Brown ran for two touchdowns and Texas held North Texas to 94 total yards.

Strong replaced Mack Brown, the coach who led Texas for 16 seasons and guided the Longhorns to the 2005 season national championship. Brown was forced out after four sub-par seasons that failed to produce any Big 12 titles.

Longhorns	38
Mean Green	7

Strong promised to put a tougher, more rugged team on the field. Texas delivered with a dominating defensive performance that produced three first half interceptions. North Texas' only touchdown came on a fumble recovery by cornerback James Jones in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Ash also proved durable, taking several hard hits after missing most of last season with concussion symptoms. His favorite target was John Harris, whose seven receptions topped his 2013 season total of five. Harris finished with 110 yards and a touchdown.

Texas hasn't reached double-digit victories since 2009 and getting the first was a big step for Strong, who pledged he would end what he called a sense of entitlement in the program.

The offseason was filled with get-tough disciplinary messages for the players, ranging from suspensions and outright dismissals to smaller things like making players walk to practice instead of riding a bus and

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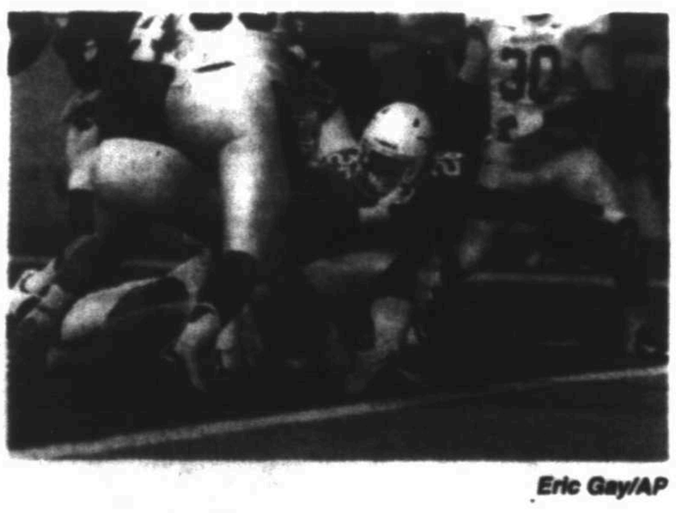

Eric Gay/AP

Texas' Malcolm Brown (28) stretches out with the ball to score a touchdown against North Texas during the first half Saturday in Austin

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ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
AUTO RACING

NHRA, qualifying for U.S. Nationals, 10 a.m., ESPN2

NASCAR, Truck Series, Chevrolet Silverado 250, 12:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NHRA, qualifying for U.S. Nationals, 4 p.m., ESPN2

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Oral-B USA 500, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

BASKETBALL

FIBA, World Cup, preliminary round, United States vs. Turkey, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FCS, Alabama A&M vs. North Carolina A&T, 10:45 a.m., ESPN

SMU at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Italian Open, final round, 6 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, 2 p.m., NBC

Web.com Tour, Hotel Fitness Championship, final round, 4 p.m., TGC

LPGA, Portland Classic, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

Champions Tour, Shaw Charity Classic, final round (same-day tape), 8 p.m., TGC

MLB

Texas at Houston, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., TBS

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 1:10 p.m., WGN

Cleveland at Kansas City, 7 p.m., ESPN2

MOTORSPORTS

MotoGP World Championship, Grand Prix of Britain, 6 a.m., Fox Sports 1

SOCCER

Premier League, Liverpool at Tottenham, 7:25 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Premier League, Arsenal at Leicester, 9:55 a.m., NBC Sports Network

MLS, New York at DC United, 7:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

National Women's Soccer League, championship, FC Kansas City at Seattle, 2 p.m., ESPN2

TENNIS

U.S. Open, men's third and women's fourth round, 10 a.m., CBS

WNBA

Playoffs, conference finals, Game 2, Phoenix at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., ABC

HS FOOTBALL SCORES

Alief Taylor 7, Fort Bend Bush 0
Alvin 26, Santa Fe 7
Anderson-Shiro 25, La Pryor 15
Austin LBJ 39, FW Wyatt 7
Big Spring 58, Kerrville Tivy 56
Blanket 54, Chillicothe 40
Blum 72, Water Valley 56
Brady 28, Brock 21
Conroe Oak Ridge 25, Katy Morton Ranch 21
Crowell 72, Abilene Christian 6
Dallas Episcopal 52, Houston Second Baptist 24
Dallas Highland Park 47, Frisco Centennial 0
Dallas Prime Prep Academy 48, Aldine MacArthur 0
Eagle Pass 27, Killeen Ellison 16
Escambia, Fla. 35, Vidor 6
Floresville 13, SA Highlands 7
Follett 57, Petersburg 12
Fort Bend Kempner 34, Pasadena Rayburn 14
Frankston 49, Grand Saline 7
Garden City 52, Zephyr 6
Grandfalls-Royalty 56, Sanderson 6
Happy 69, Aquilla 22
Houston Westbury 22, Houston Sharpstown 14
Houston Yates 29, Houston Wheatley 13
Humble 14, Houston Reagan 7
Imperial Buena Vista 52, Fort Hancock 7
Katy Taylor 40, Fort Bend Clements 14
Killeen Harker Heights 37, Waco 20
Klein Oak 50, Houston Langham Creek 44
Manfa 70, Sierra Blanca 25
Mullin 64, Whitharral 18
Odessa Permian 35, McAllen 7
Orange Community Christian 81, Coolidge 69
Pasadena First Baptist 50, Conroe Covenant 26
Pilot Point 30, Krum 7
Plano Prestonwood 45, Bellaire Episcopal 23
Roosevelle Ropes 70, Jayton 20
Rosenberg Lamar 23, Houston Westside 8
Rotan 81, Ackerly Sands 52
SA Holy Cross 31, SA Christian 13
SA Madison 35, Cibolo Steele 0
Strawn 58, Lueders-Avoca 14
Tyler Gorman 28, Eustace 25
Waco Live Oak Classical School 90, Lometa 64
Walnut Springs 63, Dallas Academy 18

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Charlotte (IL) and RHP Eric Surkamp from Birmingham (SL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Purchased the contract of LHP Kyle Ryan from Toledo (IL). Designated RHP Justin Miller for assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled LHP Robbie Ross, Jr. from Round Rock (PCL). Activated LHP Derek Holland from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Nick Tepesch to Round Rock. Designated 1B-OF Mike Carp for assignment.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled INF Brandt Morel from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned LHP Jeff Locke to Indianapolis. Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Release RHP Rob Whitenack.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed QB Kyle Orton and P Colton Schmidt to one-year contracts. Released S Deon Broomfield. LB Jimmy Gaines, WR T.J. Gotham, WR Caleb Holley, DE Ikponmwosa Igbinosun, DE Bryan Johnson, S Kenny Ladler, C Doug Legursky, G Antoine McClain and QB Jeff Tuel.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Terminated the contract of S Danieal Manning. Waived WR Cobi Hamilton, DE Dontay Moch, C Trevor Robinson and DT Devon Still. Placed QB AJ McCarron on the injury list.

DENVER BRONCOS — Released DT Kevin Vickerson, S Duke Ihenacho, QB Zac Dysert.

DETROIT LIONS — Released G Rodney Austin, LB Shaman Benton, WR Kris Durham, WR Patrick Edwards, TE Michael Egnew, DT Andre Fluellen, CB Chris Greenwood, FB Emil Igwengu, LB Brandon Hepburn, C Darren Keyton, RB Mikel Leshoure, WR Andrew Peacock, DT Xavier Proctor, S Nate Ness, G Garrett Reynolds, DT Jimmy Saddler-McQueen, CB Mohammed Seisay, LB Julian Stanford, TE Jordan Thompson, DE Darryl Tapp, OT Michael Williams and RB George Winn. Waived/injured S DeJon Gomes.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Waived CB Jamell Fleming, S Sherrod Martin, LB Nate Stupar and WR Kerry Taylor. Re-signed G Tyler Shatley.

NEW YORK JETS — Waived WR Stephen Hill, RB Daryl Richardson, RB Alex Green, LB A.J. Edds, QB Tajh Boyd, CB Johnny Patrick, TE Chris Pantale and DL Zach Thompson.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released K Alex Henery, CB Curtis Marsh, CB Roc Carmichael, RB Matthew Tucker, RB Henry Josey, QB G.J. Kinne, WR Damaris Johnson, WR Reesy Momah, WR Will Murphy, WR Quinton Patat, LB Emmanuel Acho, LB Josh Kaddu, DT Wade Keliikipi, DT Damion Square, OL Kevin Graf, OL Josh Andrews, S Keelan Johnson and S Ed Reynolds. Waived/injured RB Kenjon Barner. Placed WR Arrelious Benn and LB Travis Long on injured reserve.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

SKY BLUE FC — Loaned F Nanase Kiryu to NTV Beleza (Japan) and G Brittany Cameron Vegalta Sendai (Japan).

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South						
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North						
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West						
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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Thursday's Game
Green Bay at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Minnesota at St. Louis, Noon
Buffalo at Chicago, Noon
Washington at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Atlanta, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, Noon
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
San Francisco at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 11
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 14
Dallas at Tennessee, Noon
New England at Minnesota, Noon
Miami at Buffalo, Noon
Jacksonville at Washington, Noon
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, Noon
New Orleans at Cleveland, Noon
Atlanta at Cincinnati, Noon
Detroit at Carolina, Noon
Seattle at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 15
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Sept. 5
At Nikkei Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Ronnie Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBO Oriental title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Taguchi's WBC Silver Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 6
At [illegible], Thailand, Pongsaklek Wonjongkam vs. Pornsawan Porpramook, 12, for Wonjongkam's WBC Flyweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Jeffrey Mathebula, 12, for Donaire's WBO Interim Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 7
At Nikkei Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Ronnie Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBO Oriental title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Taguchi's WBC Silver Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 8
At [illegible], Thailand, Pongsaklek Wonjongkam vs. Pornsawan Porpramook, 12, for Wonjongkam's WBC Flyweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Jeffrey Mathebula, 12, for Donaire's WBO Interim Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 9
At Nikkei Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Ronnie Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBO Oriental title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Taguchi's WBC Silver Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 10
At [illegible], Thailand, Pongsaklek Wonjongkam vs. Pornsawan Porpramook, 12, for Wonjongkam's WBC Flyweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Jeffrey Mathebula, 12, for Donaire's WBO Interim Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 11
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Las Vegas (Fall), Luis Ortiz vs. Lateef Kayode, 12, for vacant WBC International Heavyweight title; Jhonny Gonzalez vs. Gamaliel Diaz, 12, for vacant WBA Interim Bantamweight title

Sept. 12
At Montevideo, Uruguay, Sand Duarte vs. Rafael Antunez, 12, for Duarte's WBA Fedecentro Bantamweight title; Cristian Coggi vs. Gamaliel Diaz, 12, for vacant WBA Interim Bantamweight title

At Nikkei Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Ronnie Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBO Oriental title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Taguchi's WBC Silver Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 13
At [illegible], Thailand, Pongsaklek Wonjongkam vs. Pornsawan Porpramook, 12, for Wonjongkam's WBC Flyweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Jeffrey Mathebula, 12, for Donaire's WBO Interim Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sept. 14
At Nikkei Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Ronnie Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBO Oriental title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Taguchi's WBC Silver Bantamweight title; Ryota Murata vs. [illegible]

Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as college and high school need to adopt the NFL clock rules, these long games are rough on deadlines:

■ Friday night was Smithson Valley's first visit to Grande Communications Stadium, and after a delayed start and a double overtime loss, the Rangers might be wondering why they made the five-hour trip.

But it was also a homecoming for a pair of Smithson Valley assistants, both with Lee ties. One was former Rebel assistant and track coach Corby Mauer.

The other was former Lee head coach Randy Quisenberry.

Quisenberry, 59, has been an assistant on Larry Hill's staff since 2009, except for one year when he went to San Antonio Central Catholic. But heading back to a place he once coached before is nothing new for the Odessa native.

He's had to do it when he went from Odessa High to Abilene Cooper and Abilene Cooper to Lee. Quisenberry's exit from Lee, though, wasn't the prettiest in 2009, but he's landed on his feet and has been a key part of Hill's staff at Smithson Valley.

Quisenberry was low key about his return on Friday, but said he still has plenty of family and friends that live in the Permian Basin.

"It's an exciting deal for me, and it's the first game excitement and it's a great thing to be part of (ASCO Midland Football Madness)," Quisenberry said. "Even though we played Permian two years, it'll be a new experience for the kids."

Quisenberry said he's officially been retired the last few years, and is now what is called a "retire-rehire" at Smithson Valley where he just coaches football and doesn't have to teach a class. He said he loves living and working in the Hill Country, but said as far as football there just aren't the defined rivalries like there are in West Texas.

"Here, there are so many schools and so many new ones that the district seems to change every two years," Quisenberry said. "That part of it may be a little bit different."

He's open to being a head coach again but said the opportunity must be right. For now, though, the former Lee mentor and one of the most successful coaches in the history of big school football in West Texas is as happy as ever.

■ Midland High's victory on Friday was something that I would call program-defining. The Bulldogs haven't had a victory like this since 2010 when they upended a powerful Arlington Bowie team in the playoffs. But since then, MHS has lost to the likes of Arlington Martin, Southlake Carroll and Hurst L.D. Bell.

It's a victory that only means a win in the win column on the standings and does nothing for the Bulldogs' playoff chances, but it could be the psychological boost that team needs to make a playoff run this season.

It's also a big boost for a coaching staff that has worked hard to get the Bulldogs back on track.

■ Meanwhile, Lee's win showed the Rebels will be able to play defense with a bunch of new players and that throw-it-every-down offense they had last year, I think that's a thing of the past, at least for now.

That could change as the season goes on, but if the first game is any indication, it looks as if the Rebels have gone back to their running roots just out of a shotgun spread formation.

Lee will have to throw the ball to win games, but I will be surprised if the passing records the Rebels set last year will be challenged.

■ And finally, another icon of my racing childhood retired this week. Legendary sprint-car driver Sammy Swindell announced he was retiring from sprint-car racing to go watch his son, Kevin, race in NASCAR. As a youngster he would infuriate me because he won all the time. But as I grew older and had the chance to interview him, I realized he was something special and someone the auto racing world will never see the likes of again. Congrats Sammy, it's a well deserved retirement.

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HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS TAKES MARGARET HUSSMAN TOURNEY TITLE

Midland High found itself down in a match for the first time in the Margaret Hussman Tournament in El Paso at the most difficult of times, the first set of the championship match Saturday afternoon.

But the Lady Bulldogs did not panic against Cleveland (New Mexico). Instead, MHS reeled off three straight set wins to defeat Cleveland, 20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-14, and earned its second tournament title of the 2014 season.

Midland High (20-1) was led offensively by Channing Burleson on the day with 26 kills, and by Kyndal Cowan, who registered a team-high 72 assists. Actually, she was the only player to have an assist on the day for MHS.

The Lady Bulldogs cleaned up in the tournament superlatives, with Jenna Gillean earning tournament MVP, Channing Burleson earning Outstanding Hitter of the tournament, and Konner Wood taking Outstanding Defensive Player.

Midland High will return to play Tuesday to face Frenship.

MIDLAND HIGH DEF. RIO RANCHO (NM), 25-9, 25-22, 25-21
MIDLAND HIGH DEF. CLEVELAND (NM), 20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-14
Midland High cumulative stats

Kills: Channing Burleson 26, Claire Lancaster 22, Jenna Gillean 14, Krista Epley 10, Kyndal Cowan 5.
Assists: Cowan 72
Digs: Konner Wood 39, Burleson 25, Lancaster 22, Elizabeth Low 13, Cowan 9, Gillean 6, Robbins 4.
Blocks: Wood 6, Epley 6, Cowan 5, Burleson 2, Gillean 2, Lancaster 1
Aces: Gillean 5, Burleson 4, Lancaster 3

LEE GRABS TWO WINS AT FRENSHIP TOURNAMENT

WOLFFORTH — The Lee volleyball team took two matches of three on the final day of the Frenship tournament, the two victories bring the team to finish at 4-2 overall on the weekend.

The Lady Rebels started the day with a win over Caprock, 25-20, 25-15. But fell to Seminole in the next match, 28-26, 19-25, 17-25, despite taking the first set. Lee finished the weekend strong, however, dropping Lubbock Monterey in straight sets, 25-16, 25-20.

Lee (13-9) will next play Monahans on the road Tuesday.

LEE DEF. CAPROCK, 25-20, 25-15
SEMINOLE DEF. LEE 28-26, 25-19, 25-17
LEE DEF. LUBBOCK MONTEREY 25-16 25-20
Lee cumulative stats
Kills: Bentleigh Dunavan 23, Darby O'Grady 16, jen Jeter 14, Haley Sparks 12, Alissa Erdeurm 11, Taylor Warren 9, Bree Jeter 3, Taylor Hopkins 2.
Assists: B Jeter 32, Hopkins 21, Alicin Latham 14, Warren 4, Rachel Pitchford 2, J Jeter 2, Sparks 1.
Digs: Pitchford 43, B. Jeter 23, Dunavan 19, Lexi Watts 17, J. Jeter 16, Hopkins 11, Sparks 10, Latham 6, O'Grady 2.
Blocks: O'Grady 9, Sparks 2, Erdwurm 2, Dunavan 2, J. Jeter 2.
Aces: J. Jeter. B. Jeter 1, Hopkins 1, Latham 1

TRINITY

From 1C

six carries and two TDs.

Freshman running back Treydon Seay rushed for 56 yards on six carries and had a 13-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty.

Overall, Trinity outgained Loraine 336 to 239, and Loraine had two first downs in the second half.

TRINITY 45, LORAINE 20

Trinity	8	12	13	12—45
Loraine	14	6	0	0—20

First Quarter

LOR — Patrick Tillis 44 run (Oscar Gonzales kick), 5:35

TRIN — Will Brown 50 pass from Vincent Balano (Preston Ramsey kick), 5:13

LOR — Tillis 7 run (kick failed), 1:52

Second Quarter

LOR — James Thomas Cooper 32 pass from Tillis (kick failed), 9:37

TRIN — Balano 38 run (kick failed), 8:45

TRIN — Ethan Samuels 6 run (kick blocked), 9:03

Third Quarter

TRIN — Samuels 36 run (kick failed), 7:12

TRIN — Brown 24 pass from Samuels (Preston Ramsey run), .00

Fourth Quarter

TRIN — Balano 1 run (kick failed), 2:37

TRIN — Ethan Schlitter (pass failed), 1:12

	TRIN	LOR
First Downs	9	7
Rushes-Yards	26-223	38-150
Passing Yards	113	89
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-10-0	5-15-0
Punts-Avg.	0-0	1-10.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	4-2
Penalties-Yds.	8-65	7-35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Trinity, Powers Ramsey 5-9, Ethan Samuels 7-104, Vincent Balano 8-51, Boomer Selvera 1-(-3), Treydon Seay 6-56, Ethan Schlitter 1-6; Loraine, Patrick Tillis 18-141, Jacoby Williams 2-10, Michael Garcia 2-(-4), Oscar Gonzales 2-10, Dakota Delgado 7-21, James Thomas Cooper 5-(-11), Dakota Smith 1-(-2), Team 1-(-15)

PASSING — Trinity, Samuels 3-4-0-39, Balano 4-6-0-74; Loraine, Tillis 4-13-0-85, Cooper 1-2-0-4

RECEIVING — Trinity, Gage Morrow, 1-9, Peyton Harrington 1-6, Vincent Balano 1-8, Jonah Starck 1-9, Will Brown 4-90; Loraine, Oscar Gonzales 1-28, Dakota Delgado 1-13, Abram Hernandez 1-11, Cooper 32, Sonny Benivamondez 1-4

Lee grad Eric Winston cut by Seahawks

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Lee grad Eric Winston was among a handful of cuts the Seattle Seahawks made on Saturday to get down to their 53-man roster.

Seattle terminated the veteran contracts of Winston, the NFLPA president, and cornerback Phillip Adams. Winston was signed at the start of training camp to compete at right tackle, a job that was won by rookie Justin Britt.

The Seahawks also cut quarterbacks Terrelle Pryor and B.J. Daniels as part of their final roster cuts.

Seattle announced its final roster decisions on Saturday. Seattle's two QBs for the opener will be starter Russell Wilson and veteran backup Tarvaris Jackson.

Also released were defensive end Benson Mayowa, guard Caylin Hauptmann and wide receiver Bryan Walters, all three were on the roster for last February's Super Bowl win over Denver. Seattle opted for seven receivers, keeping Phil Bates, Ricardo Lockette and rookies Paul Richardson and Kevin Norwood.

Cowboys cut RB Williams

Associated Press

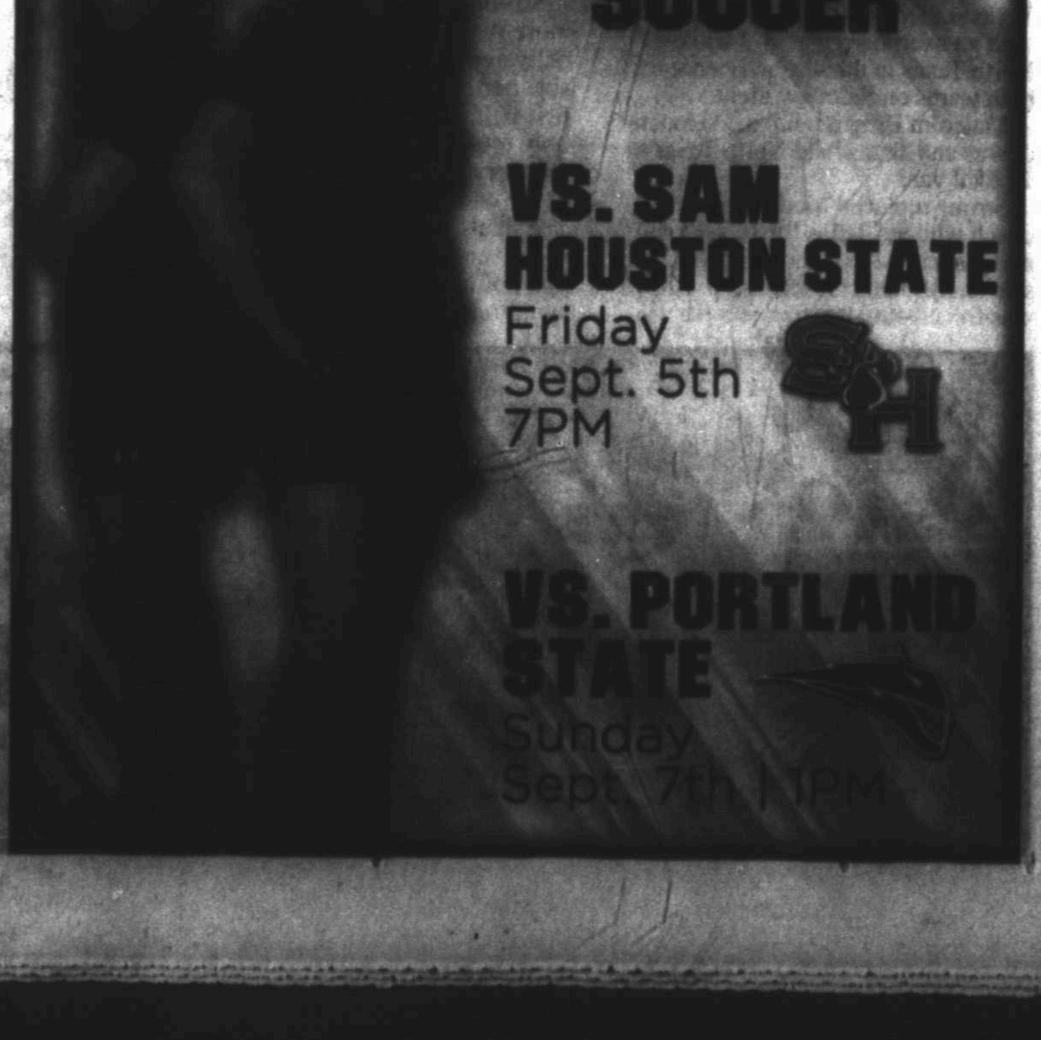
IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys have waived running back Ryan Williams and receivers LaRon Byrd and Jamar Newsome while acquiring defensive end Lavar Edwards in a trade with Tennessee.

Two of the team's five seventh-round draft picks this year were waived Saturday, cornerback Terrance Mitchell and linebacker Will Smith.

Williams, a 2011 second-round pick who had three injury-filled seasons with Arizona, was Dallas' leading rusher in the preseason but missed the finale with a groin strain.

Byrd and Newsome were the top two receivers in the exhibition games, but the Cowboys went to training camp all but set at the position.

Edwards, taken in the fifth round by the Titans



MHS teams finish 2nd at Tall City Invite

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On an unusually muggy West Texas day, Midland High runner Bryce Hoppel managed to fight through the humidity for a first-place finish in the Division 1 boy's race of the Tall City Invitational at Beal Park.

Not only did Hoppel place first, he finished less than a second ahead of Abilene High's Kelton Reynolds. Hoppel overtook Reynolds in the last 100 meters and finished with a personal best of 15:59.97, nearly 30 seconds better than his previous record mark.

"I did a lot better than I expected," Hoppel said. "Usually your first race isn't too good. But I got out there and got my PR."

Hoppel helped lead the Bulldogs to a second-place team finish, just 10 points behind Abilene High. Midland High placed four runners in the top 11 despite the team's second-best runner, Ruben Guerra, missing the meet due to a family emergency.

"They're used to winning, and I know they might be a little upset," said Midland High coach Hil Ochoa. "But one of our best runners is gone, and they all stepped up and ran great times."

The MHS girls team also had a strong overall showing at the Tall City Invite. The Lady Bulldogs finished second in the team standings behind the Lady Eagles. Brianna Ortiz lead the way for MHS finishing fifth overall with four other Lady Bulldogs placing in the Top 10.

Four of the Midland High runners in the Top 10 were seniors, and Ochoa expects that core four to carry the team the entire year.

"I think senior leadership will be the X-factor for them this year," he said.

The first meet of the season for teams is about setting expectations and warming to the competitive nature of the season, and that's exactly what Lee cross-country coach Alfred Acosta said his team got out of the meet.

"It's going good, building, building," Acosta said. "It's the first meet of the year, so we're trying to figure out where we are and build from there."

The Lady Rebels finished fourth in the Division 1 girl's race with several runners placing in the top 20, including Thalia Balderas, who finished 10th. The boys placed fifth overall, and competed well with MHS and Abilene High, both of which have a legitimate chance to make it to state.

Notable finishes from area teams: Andrews placed third in the boy's Division 1 with Big Spring finishing fourth and Midland Classical sixth.... Rice Pennington finished sixth in the girls Division 1 race despite running for the Lady Bulldogs purple team.... Michael Dutchover of Midland High finished second in the boys Division 2 race for the Bulldogs' JV team.

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Midland High's Brianna Ortiz reaches the finish of the Tall City cross-country meet on Saturday at Beal Park. Ortiz lead the pack of Midland High competitors, finishing in fifth place.

Tall City Invite
At Beal Park
Saturday
Division 1 Boys
Team Results

1. Abilene High 35; 2. Midland High 45; 3 Andrews 46; 4. Big Spring 118; 5. Lee 136; 6 Midland Classical 144; 7. Denver City 146.

Top 10 Medalists

1. Bryce Hoppel, Midland High, 15:59.97; 2 Kelton Reynolds, Abilene High, 16:00.65; 3 Jeremy Cervantes, 16:34.94; 4. Philip Lerma, Abilene High, 16:44; 5. Daniel Espinoza, Andrews, 16:52.95; 6. Parker Harrison, Abilene, 16:54.15; 7 Saul Arandra, Andrews, 16:54.09; 8. Cade Michael Midland High, 16:55.09; 9. Jacob Chapman, Andrews, 17:10.18; 10. Chad Schmidt, Midland High, 17:10.98.

Division 1 Girls
Team Results

1. Abilene High 26; 2. Midland High 41. 3. Midland High Purple 85; 4. Lee 93; 5. Abilene High JV 119.

Top 10 Medalists

1. Ashton Endsley, Abilene High, 17:10.83. 2 Mariah Deleon, Abilene High, 20:05.36; 3. Hilda Hartmann, Abilene High, 20:31.23; 4. Samantha Portillo Abilene High, 20:36.54; 5. Brianna Ortiz, Midland High, 20:58.99; 6. Rice Pennington, Midland High Purple, 21:07.84; 7. Briana Carrasco, Midland High, 21:25.50; 8. Macy Alvarez, Midland High, 21:45.71; 9. Olivia Dodd, Midland High 21:54.73; 10. Thalia Balderas, Lee, 21:59.92.

Division 2 Boys
Team Results

1. Sundown 29; 2 Levelland 62; 3. Forsan 150; 4. Crane 160; 5. Midland High 166; 6. Sonora 168; 7. Kermit 169; 8. Midland Christian 220; 9 Greenwood 228; 10. Abilene High 232; 11 Grady 273; 12. Big Spring 275; 13. Pecos 324; 14. Lee 331.

Individual Results

1. Joseph Carrasco, Sanderson, 16:30.16; 2. Michael Dutchover, Midland High, 17:02.26; 3 Fabian Velasco, Crane, 17:03.15; 4. Bo Thomas Sundown, 17:07.49; 5. Rock Thomas. Sundown 17:09.66; 6. Justin Torres, Sundown, 17:26.30; 7 Isaac Vargas, Levelland, 17:38.24; 8 Etan Posadas. Sundown, 17:26.30; 9 Estalander Magallan Greenwood, 17:44.63; 10 Mateo Gonzalez Levelland, 17:46.42.

Division 2 Girls
Team Results

1. Levelland 63; 2. Sundown 66; 3. Andrews 68; 4. Denver City 108; 5. Sonora 114; 6. Kermit 159; 7. Big Spring 181; 8. Stanton 226; 9. Greenwood 241; 10 Midland High 283; 11. Crane 327; 12. Fort Stockton 349.

Individual Results

1. Andrea Sanchez, Sundown, 12:19.57; 2. Morgan McCutchen, Levelland, 12:59.78; 3 Abnanna Carrasco, Sanderson, 13:05.89; 4. Cas Moore, Denver City, 13:34.63; 5. Aryanna Quintanilla, Sundown, 13:36.76; 6. Karen Torres Andrews, 13:44.58; 7. Janella Vasquez, Sonora, 13:48.11; 8. Hannah Jenkins, Sundown, 13:51.71; 9. Iris Franco, Kermit, 13:53.25; 10. Abby Nichols Sundown, 13:56.06.

HSFOOTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ODESSA PERMIAN 35 MCALLEN 7

CONVERSE — Odessa Permian began the season in impressive fashion Saturday afternoon, earning a 35-7 victory over McAllen at Judson Stadium in Converse.

Running back Brandon Bailey led the way for the Mojo offensively dashing for 155 yards on 16 carries along with a pair of touchdowns.

Permian (1-0) got off to a quick start in the first quarter after a 49-yard Bailey touchdown run. But it was the second quarter when the game broke open. The Panthers scorgd three touchdowns, all runs, within a five-minute stretch to take a commanding lead right before the half.

McAllen (0-1) and Permian exchanged touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

The Permian defense was stingy against McAllen, allowing only 218 yards.

Permian returns to action next Saturday against Mission Memorial at home, and McAllen will face Edinburg Friday on the road.

PERMIAN 35, MCALLEN HIGH 7

Permian	7	21	7	0—35
McAllen High	0	0	0	7—7

First Quarter

Permian — Brandon Bailey 49 run (Dakoda Delao kick), 11:15.

Second Quarter

Permian — Heath Wood 4 run (Dakoda Delao kick), 6:34.

Permian — Brandon Bailey 5 run (Dakoda Delao kick), 5:20.

Permian — Kobe Robinson 10 run (Dakoda Delao kick), 2:34.

Third Quarter

Permian — Kevin Hudnall 12 pass from Heath Wood (Dakoda Delao kick), 3:23.

McAllen — Fred Hover 66 run (Jheremi Villarreal kick), 7:24.

	Permian	McAllen
First Downs	16	12
Rushes-Yards	51-275	35-124
Passing Yards	95	94
Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-11-1	18-39-1
Punts-Avg.	4-41.2	5-31.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties-Yds.	5-65	7-75

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Permian, Brandon Bailey 16-155, Heath Wood 7-32, Kobe Robinson 3-26, Trey Potter 5-25, Mesquiti Allen 4-16, Dakota Nelson 4-15, Faizon Cruz 1-4, Jonathon Butler 1-0; McAllen, Fred Hover 12-110, Isaiah Gonzalez 11-35, Ricky Rodriguez 12-28, Ryan Puente 1-9, Team 4-(-20).

PASSING — Permian, Heath Wood 4-10-1—95, Trey Potter 0-1-0—0; McAllen — Fred Hover 10-29-1—94.

RECEIVING — Permian, Kevin Hudnall 2-49, Kobe Robinson 1-26, Dexter Hobart 1-11, McAllen, Ryan Puente 4-94, Justin Gonzalez 4-84, Osmani Meza 2-11, Dylan Centanni 1-6, Randy Ifo 1-6, Elias Cortez 1-6, Ricky Rodriguez 1-6, Antonio Ontiveros 1-5, Patricio Barrera 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS — Permian, Jordan Nguyen 1-12; McAllen High, Elias Cortez 1-18.

GARDEN CITY 52 ZEPHYR 6

ZEPHYR — Ismael Ramirez and Isaac Enriquez each scored two touchdowns as Garden City rolled to a 52-6 mercy-rule victory against Zephyr on Saturday at Bulldog Stadium.

The Bearkats (1-0) rallied from an early 6-0 deficit in the first quarter to score 52 unanswered points over the first and second quarters. Ramirez scored on a 35 yard TD run and also returned an interception for a touchdown.

Enriquez had a 31-yard touchdown reception and a 6-yard TD run to end the game.

Riley Eggemeyer threw for 114 yards and three touchdowns, and Ramirez had 97 yards on 12 carries.

Garden City will take on Eden in its home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bearkat Stadium.

GARDEN CITY 52, ZEPHYR 6

Garden City	20	32	x	x	—52
Zephyr	0	0	x	x	—6

First Quarter

ZHS — 51 run (kick blocked)

GC — Ismael Ramirez 35 run (kick blocked)

GC — Tanner Davis 4 pass from Riley Eggemeyer (kick blocked)

GC — Isaiah Enriquez 17 run (Oscar Gutierrez)

Second Quarter

GC — Isaac Enriquez 31 pass from Eggemeyer (Gutierrez kick)

GC — Pete Royall 44 pass from Eggemeyer (Gutierrez kick)

GC — Ismael Ramirez INT return for TD (Gutierrez kick)

GC — Isaac Enriquez 6 run (Gutierrez kick)

	GC	ZHS
First Downs	9	8
Rushes-Yds.	21-186	18-102
Passing Yds.	114	9
Comp.-Att.-Int.	5-7-0	2-6-1
Punts-Avg.	3-23.3	
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	3-30	3-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Garden City, Ismael Ramirez 12-97

PASSING — Garden City, Eggemeyer 5-7-0-114

RECEIVING — Garden City, Pete Royall 2-64

District 3-4A football

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene High	0	0	1	0
Lee	0	0	1	0
Midland High	0	0	1	0
Odessa HS	0	0	1	0
Odessa Permian	0	0	1	0
San Angelo Central	0	0	1	0

Thursday's Score

Lee 38, Keller 28

Friday's Scores

Midland High 33, Southlake Carroll 26, 2 OT
Abilene High 52, Colleyville Heritage 17
San Angelo Central 28, Del Rio 0
Odessa High 48, Lubbock Monterey 7

Saturday's Games

Odessa Permian at McAllen 7
Andrews at Lee 5
El Paso Coronado at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at El Paso Montwood, 5 p.m.
Abilene High at San Antonio Warren, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

San Angelo Central vs. Wichita Falls Rider Nelson, 11 a.m., AT&T Stadium, Arlington
Midland Memorial at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.

Williams scored on touchdown runs of 45, 14, 43, 24, 26, 18 and 30, and also had touchdown passes of 34 and 20 yards to Gruben and Samuel Rosenblad.

Sands quarterback Dayton Eddleman completed 24 of 31 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns, and also led the Mustangs with 111 yards rushing on 17 carries.

ROTAN 81, SANDS 52

Rotan	34	28	19	13	—81
Sands	24	14	0	14	—52

First Quarter

SAN — Dayton Eddleman 11 run (Sergio Plata kick)

ROT — Matt Williams 45 run (Morgan Moffett kick), 8:48

SAN — Dayton Eddleman 8 run (Plata kick), 4:16

ROT — James Gruben 34 pass from Williams (Moffett kick), 2:19

SAN — Eddleman 5 run (Plata kick), :20

ROT — Gruben 41 kickoff return (Moffett kick), :09

Second Quarter

ROT — Gruben 19 run (Moffett kick), 7:41

ROT — Williams 14 run (kick failed), 4:28

SAN — Dyllan Tindol 48 kickoff return (Plata kick), 4:17

ROT — Williams 43 run (Moffett kick), 4:06

SAN — Plata 1 fumble return (kick failed), 1:25

ROT — Williams 24 run (kick failed), :46

Third Quarter

ROT — Williams 26 run (Moffett kick), 4:19

ROT — Williams 18 run (Moffett kick), 1:23

Fourth Quarter

ROT — Samuel Rosenblad 20 pass from Williams (kick failed), 6:52

SAN — Tindol 9 pass from Eddleman (Plata kick), 5:05

ROT — Williams 30 run (Jayden Fronterhouse pass from Rosenblad), 4:44

SAN — Plata 5 pass from Eddleman (kick blocked), :46

	RHS	SHS
First Downs	15	12
Rushes-Yards	38-437	20-117
Passing Yards	70	255
Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-5-0	27-36-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	4-2
Penalties-Yds.	6-30	1-5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Rotan, Samuel Rosenblad 10-96, Matt Williams 16-288, James Gruben 8-56, Nick Ramirez 3-(-2), Team 1-(-1); Sands, Dylan Segundo 5-(-13), Will McMorris 11-68, Juan Diaz 2-35, Dayton Eddleman 14-111, Team 1-1.

PASSING — Rotan, Ramirez 2-3-0-16, Williams 2-2-0-54; Sands, Eddleman 24-31-1-239, Segundo 3-5-0-16

RECEIVING — Rotan, Williams 1-10, Gruben 2-40, Rosenblad 1-20; Sands, Will McMorris 2-36, Dyllan Tindol 11-137, Sregio Plata 8-57, Segundo 4-32, Diaz 2-11.

ROTAN 81 SANDS 52

Rotan running back Matt Williams rushed for 288 yards and accounted for nine touchdowns to lead the Yellowhammers to an 81-52 comefrom-behind victory against Sands on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rotan (1-0) was stopped by Sands on its opening possession and the Mustangs, who have won their previous two appearances at the ASCO Midland Football Madness, was able to keep the Yellowhammers at arm's length through the first quarter.

But early in the second quarter, the Yellowhammers gained the defensive stop they needed when a Sands pass fell incomplete deep on Rotan territory with the score tied at 24 with 9:36 remaining in the half.

Rotan running back James Gruben capped a five-play 65-yard drive after the incompletion that gave the Yellowhammers a 32-24 lead that it didn't give up. Rotan outscored the Mustangs (0-1) 47-28 in the final three quarters, including shutting out Sands in the third quarter.

FRIDAY'S LATE SCORES
COAHOMA 6, FORSAN 2

Forsan	0	2	0	0	—2
Coahoma	0	0	6	0	—6

Second Quarter

FOR — Safety, tackled quarterback in end zone, 11:13

Fourth Quarter

COA — Braxton Iden 65 run (run failed), 2:31

	COA	FOR
First downs	8	14
Rushes-Yards	36-152	35-129
Passing Yards	44	146
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-5-1	7-15-1
Fumbles-lost	4-0	2-1
Punts-Avg.	5-39.2	5-39.2
Penalties-Yds.	6-55	10-125

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Coahoma, Braxton Iden, 14-64; Kyler Franks 12-51

PASSING — Coahoma, Iden 3-5-1-44

RECEIVING — Coahoma, Frank 1-20, Garrett Parrish 1-8, Joe Melendez 1-16

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 28, DEL RIO 0

Del Rio	0	0	0	0	—0
Central	15	7	7	7	—28

First Quarter

SAC — Landon Sawyer 25 pass from Braden Hucks (Jacob Bible kick), 6:02

SAC — Hucks 10 run (Efren Morales run), 7:27

Second Quarter

SAC — Sawyer 6 pass from Hucks (Bible kick), 11:08

Third Quarter

SAC — Lane Ward 23 interception return (Bible kick), 5:28

Fourth Quarter

SAC — Monroe Lacy 25 pass from Hucks (Kaya Bonaventure kick), 9:36

	Del Rio	Central
First downs	8	19
Rushes-Yards	13-(-34)	40-219
Passing Yards	69	284
Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-32-4	14-25-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Punts-avg.	4-41.0	3-32.0
Penalties-Yards	10-72	11-88

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Del Rio, Walt Ashley 5-17, Albert Vasquez 2-(-3), Gustavo Rodriguez 3-(-12), TEAM 3-(-36); Central, Khalil Antoine 9-86, Braden Hucks 12-48, Monroe Lacy 7-40, Efren Morales 6-20, Jacob Bible 4-14, Will Grindstaff 1-9, TEAM 1-(-4)

PASSING — Del Rio, Steven Salinas 13-21-4 for 53 yards, Walt Ashley 3-11-0 for 46 yards; Central, Hucks 13-24-2 for 148 yards, Grindstaff 1-1-0 for -3.

RECEIVING — Del Rio, Shane Creamer 3-46, Lazaro Quintero 1-30, Vasquez 4-14, Braxton Bradley 2-9, Waldo Ashley 2-1, Patricio Garza 3-(-1); Central, Landon Sawyer 6-83, Lacy 2-26, Kaczarick Ware 2-24, Cody Fielder 2-18, Grindstaff 1-9, Marcel Leak 1-8, Michael Regino 1-(-3).

BIG SPRING 58 KERRVILLE TIVY 56

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring did not make it easy, but it sure was exciting.

After allowing the go-ahead touchdown with 27 seconds remaining, the Steers drove the ball 70 yards for the game-winning touchdown to defeat Kerrville Tivy 58-56. The final play came in the form of a 40-yard Hail Mary from Tobyn Tannehill to Hunter Hill

Before the enthralling final moments, it was an up-and-down offensive affair. Big Spring (1-0) had 669 yards of offense and Tivy (0-1) put up 683 yards itself.

Tannehill led the way for Big Spring. He threw for 280 yards, ran for 240 more and accounted for five touchdowns.

Big Spring	12	19	6	21	—58
Kerrville Tivy	0	35	14	7	—56

First Quarter

BS — Hunter Hill 64 run (pass failed) 11:41

BS — Hill 5 run (pass failed) 5:40

Second Quarter

KT — Redman Carson 1 run (Luke Fierst kick), 10:40

KT — Hutch White 32 pass from Cade Dyal (Fierst kick), 8:11

BS — Hill 57 pass from Tobyn Tannehill (pass failed), 7:49

KT — Dyal 10 run (Fierst kick), 5:46

BS — Preston Alexander 35 run (Tannehill kick), 4:42

KT — White 54 pass from Dyal (Fierst kick), 3:51

BS - Dee Porter 17 pass from Tannehill (kick blocked), 0:42

KT — White 24 pass from Dyal (Fierst kick), 0:11

Third Quarter

KT — Wyatt Tashen 58 pass from Dyal (Fierst kick), 11:11

BS — Porter 11 pass from Tannehill (pass failed), 4:55

KT — White 3 pass from Dyal (Fierst kick), 0:42

Fourth Quarter

BS — Hill 18 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 5:12

BS — Tannehill 80 run (Garrett Wigington pass from Tannehill), 1:59

KT — Carson McCoy 27 pass from Dyal (Fierst kick), 0:28

BS — Hill 40 pass from Tannehill, 0:00

	BS	KT
First Downs	29	27
Rushes-Yards	40-289	20-169
Passing	391	494
Comp.-Att.-Int.	18-29-0	31-43-0
Punts	2-35	0-57
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-77	10-97

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING — Big Spring, Tobyn Tannehill 20-241, Hunter Hill 12-66, Preston Alexander 5-62, Jeremiah Trotter 1-(-10), Wyatt Tashen 7-(-27), Hutch White 4-39, Cade Dyal 9-41.

PASSING — Big Spring, Tannehill 18-29-0-391 yards, Kerrville Tivy, Dyal 31-43-0-494 yards.

RECEIVING — Big Spring, Matt Yates 7-76, Dee Porter 5-77, Hill 3-113, Garrett Wigington 1-16, Nathan Schneider 1-3, Alexander 1-6; Kerrville Tivy, Tashen 6-159, White 9-197, Parker Brown 3-73, Carson 5-56, Carson McCoy 4-76.

RECORDS — Big Spring 1-0; Kerrville Tivy 0-1.

Penalties-yards 10-72 11-88

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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Isner loses to Kohlschreiber in US Open 3rd round

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once again, John Isner's trip to Flushing Meadows ended in the third round. Once again, it happened with a loss to Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber at that stage.

And once again, there are zero American men in the U.S. Open's round of 16 — something that had never happened until it did last year at the country's tennis championship, which was first played in 1881.

On a windy, cloudy evening, the 13th-seeded Isner hit 42 aces, saved all five break points he faced — and yet it wasn't enough. Unable to capitalize on plenty of openings, and surprisingly outplayed in a trio of tiebreakers, Isner lost to the 22nd-seeded Kohlschreiber 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4).

"It's disappointing for me personally — not for America as a whole," Isner said.

It was the third straight year that these two men faced each other in the third round in New York, and Kohlschreiber won them all. He eliminated the big-serving, 6-foot-10 Isner in five sets in 2012, and in four sets in 2013.

Isner only converted 1 of 12 break points he accumulated.

"Got a little tight, to be honest, and didn't move my feet on some points that I really needed," Isner said, resting his chin on his left fist. "I had chances. I just didn't convert."

The 29-year-old Isner is best known for winning the longest match in tennis history, an 11-plus-hour marathon spread over three days that ended 70-68 in the fifth set at Wimbledon in 2010.

Currently, he is the only U.S. man ranked inside the top 45, and has made clear he does not necessarily enjoy that distinction.

Fans at Louis Armstrong Stadium tried to boost their guy with chants of "Let's go, John!" And they roared throughout the fourth set, especially when Isner would edge ahead within a game.

But this one mainly came down to the tiebreakers, usually a strong suit for Isner: He entered the day 37-17 in those set-deciders this season, while Kohlschreiber was only 9-11.

"He was just better," Isner said. "I've got to be better. I know I can be. Just not showing it."

Earlier Saturday, 57th-ranked Sam Querrey — entering the day, the only other man from the host country remaining of the 12 originally in the draw — put up little resistance while bowing out against No. 1 Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Kohlschreiber now will face seven-time major champion Djokovic in the fourth round.

Other fourth-round matchups: No. 3 Stan Wawrinka, the Australian Open champion, against No. 16 Tommy Robredo or 19-year-old Nick Kyrgios; 2012 U.S. Open champion Andy Murray against No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga; No. 5 Milos Raonic against No. 10 Kei Nishikori. Wawrinka advanced when Blaz Kavcic withdrew because of pain in his right foot.

Given Isner's history against Kohlschreiber at the U.S. Open, it's tough to call that result surprising, even if the American is ranked higher and is 4-0 against the German everywhere else they've played.

Instead, look to the women for the "Did that really happen?" results. In the latest of a series of stunners, fourth-seeded Petra Kvitova — who won her second Wimbledon title last month — was sent home with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat against Aleksandra Krunic, a 21-year-old qualifier from Serbia who is ranked 145th.

That means that the women seeded 2, 3 and 4 behind No. 1 Serena Williams are all gone before the end of Week 1.

"I'm an outsider," Krunic said. "I honestly didn't know what to expect from myself at all. You know, I don't know my limits."

Of the top eight women, only Williams, No. 5 Maria Sharapova and No. 7 Eugenie Bouchard remained — and Bouchard still had to play her third-round match Saturday night.

Williams, the two-time defending champion, is the last American singles player left; there were 17 in the women's draw, and she's beaten three, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory against 2012 Olympic teammate and occasional practice partner Varvara Lepchenko.

Williams meets 50th-ranked Kaia Kanepi of Estonia, who knocked out No. 15 Carla Suarez Navarro 7-5, 6-0. Other women's fourth-round matchups: No. 11 Flavia Pennetta against No. 29 Casey Dellacqua, and Krunic against two-time U.S. Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka.

US OPEN RESULTS

Saturday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $38.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Third Round

Ke Nishikori (10), Japan, def. Leonardo Mayer (23), Argentina, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Milos Raonic (5), Canada, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3).

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Andy Murray (8), Britain, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, walkover.

Philipp Kohlschreiber (22), Germany, def. John Isner (13), United States, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4).

Women
Third Round

Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States, 6-4, 6-0.

Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, def. Petra Kvitova (3), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Casey Dellacqua (29), Australia, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Victoria Azarenka (16), Belarus, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-1, 6-1.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (15), Spain, 7-5, 6-0.

Ekaterina Makarova (17), Russia, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 7-6 (8).

Eugenie Bouchard (7), Canada, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (30), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4.

Doubles
Men
Second Round

Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (4), Brazil, def. Dustin Lapore, Serbia, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 7-6 (1), 7-6.

Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (9), Romania, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Bradley Klahn and Tim Smyczek, United States, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Alexander Peya, Austria, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, def. Sam Groth and Chris Guccione, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (11), Spain, def. Robin Haase and Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6.

Nenad Zimonjic, Canada, and Jack Sock (6), United States, def. Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Florin Mergea, Romania, 6-4, 6-4.

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Jonsd Donaldson and Michael Russell, United States, 6-1, 6-2.

Women
Second Round

Heidi Sprout, Spain, and Peng Shuai (2), China, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, and Michaela Kaplova (11), Netherlands, def. Jessica Moore, Australia, and Paula Kania, Poland, 6-3, 6-2.

Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova (9), Australia, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, and Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-2, 6-2.

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Sania Mirza (3), India, def. Caroline Garcia, France, and Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Jarmila Gajdosova and Ala Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (11), Italy, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova (15), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-0.

Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, and Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed
First Round

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, def. Lisa Raymond and Scott Lipsky, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 11-9.

Second Round

Abigail Spears, United States, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, and Robert Farah, Colombia, 5-7, 6-3, 11-9.

Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Ross Hutchins, Britain, def. Melanie Oudin and Rajeev Ram, United States, 6-2, 2-6, 13-11.

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, 6-1, 4-6, 10-4.

Sania Mirza, India, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Jame Murray, Britain, 6-2, 7-6 (8).

Junior Singles Qualifying
Qualifying Round
Boys

Andrea Pellegrino (9), Italy, def. Luis Valero Colombia, 7-5, 6-2.

Simon Friis Soendergaard, Denmark, def. Gianni Ross, United States, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-2.

Mikael Ymer (5), Sweden, def. Michal Dembek, Poland, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

Simone Roncelli, Italy, def. Connor Hance, United States, 6-0, 6-7 (6), 6-1.

Yuichi Takahashi (10), Japan, def. Jordi Arconada (4), Argentina, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

Viktor Durasovic (1), Norway, def. Djurabeck Karimov, Uzbekistan, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-4.

Matteo Berrettini (2), Italy, def. Admond Antoni, Turkey, 6-4, 6-2.

Rafael Matos (7), Brazil, def. Miomir Kecmanovic (15), Serbia, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Girls

Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Lucia Wangler (2), France, 6-2, 6-2.

Margot Yerolymos (6), France, def. Alexandra Sanford, United States, 6-0, 6-2.

Vera Lapko (3), Belarus, def. Johnnise Renaud, United States, 6-4, 6-1.

Katherine Sebov (10), Canada, def. Madison Sougarjoglou, United States, 6-1, 6-2.

Nadia Podoroska, Argentina, def. Anna Abdrakhimova (16), Russia, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

Fiona Crawley (13), Britain, def. Therese von Zyl, South Africa, 6-3, 6-4.

Ana Konjuh (8), Croatia, def. Fiona Ferro (1), France, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Mala Lumsden (9), Britain, def. Cao Bay (11), China, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Harvick dominates to win Atlanta Nationwide

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Kevin Harvick led the final 159 laps to beat Joey Logano and win an unusually wreck-free NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Saturday night.

Harvick, who will start from the pole Sunday night in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race, took the lead on the 37th lap and ruled the 1.54-mile track oval for his third win of the season in 11 races.

Kyle Larson, who started second, finished third. Kyle Busch was fourth, and pole-sitter Chase Elliott fifth.

AUTO RACING RESULTS & LINEUPS

Sprint Cup

One-B USA 500 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race today
At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.
Lap length: 1.54 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1 (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 190.356 mph.
2. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 190.098.
3 (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 188.893.
4. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 189.366.
5. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 189.666.
6. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 188.918.
7. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 188.629.
8. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.514.
9. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.45.
10. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 188.315.
11. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 188.06.
12. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 187.907.
13. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 189.163.
14. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 189.099.
15. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 188.841.
16. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 188.806.
17. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 188.642.
18. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 188.507.
19. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 188.43.
20. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 187.875.
21. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 187.703.
22. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 187.361.
23. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 187.272.
24. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 186.95.
25. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 188.002.
26. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 187.9.
27. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 187.748.
28. (37) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 187.481.
29. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 187.329.
30. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 187.316.
31. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 186.887.
32. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 186.642.
33. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 186.99.
34. (77) Joe Nemechek, Ford, 185.94.
35. (66) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 185.834.
36. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 185.786.
37. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, Owner Points.
38. (34) David Ragan, Ford, Owner Points.
39. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, Owner Points.
40. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, Owner Points.
41. (32) J.J. Yeley, Ford, Owner Points.
42. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
43. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Owner Points. Failed to Qualify.
44. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 184.646.

Nationwide

Great Clips 300 Results
Saturday
At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.
Lap length: 1.54 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (8) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 195 laps, 149.8 rating, 0 points, $50,000
2. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 195, 122.9, 0, $37,225.
3. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 195, 114.6, 0, $27,250.
4. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 195, 110.3, 0, $21,875.
5. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 195, 120.4, 40, $30,225.
6. (11) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 195, 99, 38, $23,875.
7. (9) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 195, 102.9, 37, $22,060.
8. (10) David Ragan, Ford, 195, 94.5, 0, $15,520.
9. (14) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 195, 99.2, 35, $20,900.
10. (5) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 194, 90, 34, $22,150.
11. (6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194, 99, 0, $13,850.
12. (7) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 193, 85.3, 32, $19,400.
13. (13) Chris Buescher, Ford, 192, 84.2, 31, $18,600.
14. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 192, 81.9, 30, $18,050.
15. (24) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 192, 81.4, 29, $18,725.
16. (23) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 191, 73.6, 28, $17,800.
17. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 191, 73.1, 27, $17,725.
18. (12) Ryan Reed, Ford, 190, 66.9, 26, $17,625.
19. (18) James Buescher, Toyota, 190, 68.5, 25, $17,350.
20. (29) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 190, 64.3, 24, $18,150.
21. (15) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 190, 72.7, 23, $17,375.
22. (20) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 190, 68.9, 22, $17,265.
23. (27) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, 189, 57.1, 21, $17,220.
24. (35) Eric McClure, Toyota, 188, 46.4, 20, $17,120.
25. (28) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 188, 53.6, 19, $17,570.
26. (25) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 188, 55.6, 18, $17,020.
27. (37) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 187, 39.8, 17, $16,970.
28. (22) Blake Koch, Toyota, 187, 50.3, 16, $16,895.
29. (36) Chris Cockrum, Ford, 183, 34.7, 0, $16,845.
30. (33) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 180, 44.1, 14, $17,045.
31. (92) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 180, 34.8, 13, $16,890.
32. (21) John Wes Townley, Toyota, engine, 157, 56.8, 0, $16,630.
33. (17) Deloda Armstrong, Ford, engine, 129, 55.8, 11, $16,565.
34. (94) Mike Harmon, Dodge, transmission, 92, 32.7, 10, $16,530.
35. (38) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, overheating, 51, 36.6, 9, $10,482.
36. (31) Kevin Swindell, Dodge, fuel pump, 43, 45.1, 8, $15,750.
37. (35) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, engine, 35, 30.3, 7, $15,715.
38. (40) John Jackson, Chevrolet, vibration, 19, 29.3, 6, $9,861.
39. (39) Carl Long, Chevrolet, overheating, 4, 30.3, 5, $9,545.
40. (30) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 29.2, 4, $9,480.) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 29.2, 4

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 140.091 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.567 seconds.
Caution Flags: 2 for 18 laps.
Lead Changes: 1 among 2 drivers
Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 1-36; K.Harvick 37-195

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 1 time for 159 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 36 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 874; 2. R.Smith, 859; 3. T.Dillon, 839; 4. E.Sadler, 826; 5. B.Scott, 820; 6. T.Bayne, 803; 7. C.Buescher, 713; 8. B.Gaughan, 694; 9. R.Reed, 658; 10. J.Buescher, 646.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Led-Lap Finish.

Camping World Truck

Chevrolet Silverado 250 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
Bowmanville, Canada
Lap length: 2.459 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (19) Alex Tagliani, Ford, 109.886
2. (20) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, 109.301
3. (51) Erik Jones, Toyota, 109.269
4. (77) Germain Quiroga, Toyota, 109.212
5. (00) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 109.01
6. (53) Andrew Ranger, Ram, 108.807
7. (54) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, 108.745
8. (98) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 108.728
9. (17) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 108.517
10. (32) Cameron Hayley, Chevrolet, 107.93
11. (99) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 107.734
12. (31) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 107.632
13. (9) Brennan Newberry, Chevrolet, 108.145
14. (29) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 107.552
15. (21) Joey Coulter, Chevrolet, 107.488
16. (8) John Hunter Nemechek, Toyota, 106.88
17. (13) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 106.788
18. (99) Bryan Silas, Chevrolet, 106.554
19. (07) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 106.047
20. (35) Mason Mingus, Toyota, 105.133
21. (07) Ray Courtemanche Jr., Chevrolet, 103.651
22. (50) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, 103.251
23. (63) Scott Stenzel, Chevrolet, 99.098
24. (04) B.J. McLeod, Chevrolet, 99.187
25. (36) Justin Jennings, Chevrolet, 98.736
26. (6) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 97.615
27. (10) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ram, 93.203
28. (0) Caleb Roark, Ram, 71.713

NHRA

Qualifying
Saturday
At Lucas Oil Raceway Park
Clermont, Ind.
Qualifying will continue Sunday for Monday's final eliminations.

Top Fuel

1. Tony Schumacher, 3,748 seconds, 328.54 mph. 2. Steve Torrence, 3.753, 326.16. 3. Morgan Lucas, 3.757, 322.81. 4. Richie Crampton, 3.772, 324.20. 5. Shawn Langdon, 3.779, 321.81. 6. Bob Vandergriff, 3.782, 325.08. 7. Brittany Force, 3.786, 326.50. 8. Dom Lagana, 3.788, 319.90. 9. Doug Kalitta, 3.797, 324.05. 10. T.J. Zizzo, 3.795, 321.58. 11. Spencer Massey, 3.799, 324.12. 12. Billy Torrance, 3.808, 323.66. Not Qualified: 13. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.808, 318.02. 14. Leah Pritchett, 3.812, 320.55. 15. Antron Brown, 3.833, 320.20. 16. Pat Dakin, 3.853, 312.64. 17. J.R. Todd, 3.874, 312.13. 18. Larry Dixon, 3.878, 311.05. 19. Terry McMillen, 3.881, 320.89. 20. Clay Millican, 3.945, 306.95. 21. Chris Karamesines, 3.966, 307.65. 22. Luigi Novelli, 4.109, 268.54. 23. Cory McClenathan, 4.593, 169.83.

Funny Car

1. Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 4.004, 319.07. 2. Cruz Pedregon, Toyota Camry, 4.016, 317.12. 3. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.021, 318.99. 4. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.025, 320.36. 5. Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 4.026, 317.46. 6. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.033, 316.52. 7. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.046, 311.70. 8. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.053, 316.67. 9. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.055, 316.15. 10. Chad Head, Camry, 4.073, 313.88. 11. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.082, 314.02. 12. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.103, 309.84. Not Qualified: 13. Courtney Force, 4.107, 306.60. 14. John Force, 4.126, 313.86. 15. Tony Pedregon, 4.147, 288.52. 16. Bob Bode, 4.164, 304.87. 17. Blake Alexander, 7.509, 83.24.

Pro Stock

1. Jason Line, Chevy Camaro, 6.589, 210.01. 2. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.601, 208.49. 3. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.603, 209.17. 4. Dave Connolly, Camaro, 6.607, 209.10. 5. Erica Enders-Stevens, Camaro, 6.607, 208.55. 6. Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.611, 209.14. 7. Allen Johnson, Dodge Dart, 6.614, 208.65. 8. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.624, 208.07. 9. V. Gaines, Dart, 6.629, 208.71. 10. Richie Stevens, Camaro, 6.632, 208.33. 11. Jonathan Gray, Camaro, 6.633, 208.84. 12. Aaron Stanfield, Camaro, 6.634, 207.94. Not Qualified: 13. Jeg Coughlin, 6.638, 207.91. 14. Shane Tucker, 6.649, 208.20. 15. Matt Hartford, 6.657, 208.49. 16. Rodger Brogdon, 6.665, 207.94. 17. Larry Morgan, 6.666, 208.95. 18. John Gaydosh Jr., 6.667, 207.24. 19. Kenny Delco, 6.738, 205.38. 20. Dave River, 6.753, 204.94. 21. Steve Schmidt, 6.790, 203.37.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1. Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 6.878, 194.18. 2. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.904, 194.74. 3. Hector Arana Jr, Buell, 6.908, 195.11. 4. Angie Smith, Buell, 6.915, 192.55. 5. John Hall, Buell, 6.925, 194.63. 6. Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 6.935, 192.85. 7. Matt Smith, Buell, 6.935, 193.63. 8. Michael Ray, Buell, 6.939, 192.52. 9. LE Tonglet, Suzuki, 6.944, 192.36. 10. Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 6.944, 192.55. 11. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.953, 192.17. 12. Adam Arana, Buell, 6.975, 192.85. Not Qualified: 13. Hector Arana, 6.979, 195.19. 14. Mike Berry, 6.990, 190.92. 15. Elvira Karlsson, 6.995, 189.92. 16. Chaz Kennedy, 6.998, 191.13. 17. Jim Underdahl, 7.001, 191.67. 18. Shawn Gann, 7.036, 192.03. 19. Freddie Camarena, 7.102, 190.73. 20. Craig Treble, 7.113, 186.80. 21. Joe DeSantis, 7.175, 187.91. 22. Redell Harris, 7.250, 185.84.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

DEUTSCHE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP: At Norton, Massachusetts, with an orange ribbon on his hat and nine birdies on his card, Matt Kuchar pulled within a shot of the lead Saturday in the Deutsche Bank Championship. Not that he needed a reminder, but a message posted on the scoring table spoke to his emotions.

Players were offered a chance to donate to a trust fund for the 4-year-old daughter of Lance Bennett, his caddie. Bennett's wife, Angela, died of a seizure Wednesday. Kuchar decided to play to raise awareness and get the tour involved in helping the family.

LPGA

PORTLAND CLASSIC LEAD: At Portland, Oregon, defending champion Suzann Pettersen shot her second straight 5-under 67 on Saturday for a share of the third-round lead in the LPGA Tour's Portland Classic.

Trying to match Nancy Lopez's record with her third victory in the event, Pettersen had an eagle, four birdies and a bogey at Columbia Edgewater. The fourth-ranked Norwegian star is winless this season after winning four times last year to push her career total to 14.

Champions

SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC: At Calgary, Alberta, Bob Tway shot a 7-under 63 for a share of the second-round lead with Joe Durant and Joe Daley in the Champions Tour's Shaw Charity Classic.

Durant and Daley shot 68 to match Tway at 10-under 130 at Canyon Meadows.

Web.com

HOTEL FITNESS CHAMPIONSHIP: At Fort Wayne, Indiana, Colt Knost shot his third straight 5-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead in the Hotel Fitness Championship, the first event in the Web.com Tour Finals.

Knost, the 29-year-old former SMU player who won the 2007 U.S. Amateur, had three birdies and eagled the par-5 12th at Sycamore Hills to reach 15 under.

PGA European

ITALIAN OPEN: At Turin, Italy, South Africa's Hennie Otto shot a 1-under 71 to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Italian Open.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Deutsche Bank Championship Scores
Saturday
At TPC Boston
Norton, Mass.
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,216; Par 71
Second Round

Ryan Palmer	63-71—134
Jason Day	66-68—134
Matt Kuchar	69-66—135
Billy Horschel	69-66—135
Bill Haas	67-68—135
Russell Henley	70-66—136
Patrick Reed	68-68—136
Keegan Bradley	65-71—136
Webb Simpson	66-70—136
Russell Knox	67-70—137
Seung-Yul Noh	69-68—137
Jordan Spieth	67-70—137
Martin Kaymer	71-66—137
Ben Crane	69-68—137
Chris Stroud	69-68—137
Jim Furyk	72-66—138
Rickie Fowler	70-68—138
Zach Johnson	71-68—139
Chesson Hadley	66-73—139
Danny Lee	74-65—139
Chris Kirk	73-66—139
Rory McIlroy	70-69—139
Kevin Streelman	73-67—140
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	71-69—140
Vijay Singh	72-68—140
Robert Streb	73-67—140
Henrik Stenson	70-70—140
John Senden	69-71—140
Jimmy Walker	70-70—140
Jason Kokrak	68-72—140
Ian Poulter	67-73—140
Carl Pettersson	67-73—140
Morgan Hoffmann	72-69—141
Kevin Chappell	68-73—141
Charles Howell III	68-73—141
Matt Every	68-73—141
George McNeill	73-68—141
Camilo Villegas	72-69—141
Adam Scott	73-68—141
Kevin Stadler	71-70—141
Gary Woodland	71-70—141
Michael Putnam	71-70—141
Geoff Ogilvy	70-71—141
Jason Bohn	74-68—142
K.J. Choi	72-70—142
Brian Harman	72-70—142
Jeff Overton	73-69—142
Billy Hurley III	68-74—142
Hideki Matsuyama	73-69—142
Scott Brown	75-68—143
Bo Van Pelt	70-73—143
Will MacKenzie	70-73—143
Phil Mickelson	74-69—143
Ernie Els	72-71—143
Ryan Moore	72-71—143
Bubba Watson	72-71—143
Andrew Svoboda	71-72—143
Stewart Cink	71-72—143
Scott Langley	71-72—143
Shawn Stefani	69-74—143
Brian Stuard	72-71—143
Luke Donald	69-74—143
David Hearn	70-74—144
Cheri Schwartzel	72-72—144
Matt Jones	69-75—144
Freddie Jacobson	72-72—144
Hunter Mahan	73-71—144
Brendon de Jonge	77-67—144
Scott Stallings	70-74—144
Jerry Kelly	71-74—145
Steven Bowditch	77-68—145
Graham DeLaet	71-74—145
Cameron Tringale	72-73—145
John Huh	70-75—145
Brendan Steele	74-71—145
Daniel Summerhays	74-71—145
J.B. Holmes	70-75—145
William McGirt	71-74—145
Marc Leishman	73-72—145
Andres Romero	76-69—145
Failed to make the cut	
Brendon Todd	74-72—146
Harris English	75-71—146
Robert Garrigus	73-73—146
Justin Hicks	77-70—147
Stuart Appleby	75-72—147
Charley Hoffman	74-73—147
Kevin Na	75-74—147
Brandt Snedeker	72-75—147
Angel Cabrera	73-75—148
Erik Compton	70-78—148
Ryo Ishikawa	78-71—149
Ben Martin	75-75—150

LPGA

Portland Classic Scores
Saturday
At Columbia Edgewater Country Club
Portland, Ore.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,476; Par 72
Third Round
a-denotes amateur

Suzann Pettersen	71-67-67—205
Carlota Ciganda	70-65-70—205
Mi Jung Hur	70-65-70—205
Xi Yu Lin	68-68-70—206
So Yeon Ryu	70-68-70—206
I.K. Kim	65-67-74—206
Maria Hjorth	69-72-66—207
Eun-Hee Ji	71-68-67—207
Austin Ernst	69-69-69—207
Line Vedel	69-69-69—207
Laura Diaz	67-68-72—207
Chella Choi	69-70-70—208
Mina Harigae	67-69-72—208
Lizette Salas	69-72-68—209
Na Yeon Choi	70-69-70—209
Jacqui Concolino	69-71-70—210
Hee Young Park	70-70-70—210
Brianna Do	70-73-67—210
Ilhee Lee	71-73-67—210
Morgan Pressel	73-67-70—210
Shanshan Feng	72-67-71—210
Caroline Masson	72-67-71—210
Jaye Marie Green	72-68-70—210
Juli Inkster	69-70-71—210
Tiffany Joh	71-67-72—210
Paula Reto	67-69-74—210
Marina Alex	69-74-68—211
Karine Icher	68-71-72—211
Anna Nordqvist	67-71-73—211
Mika Miyazato	70-71-70—211
Jane Park	71-71-70—212
Ai Miyazato	73-67-72—212
Jennifer Song	68-74-72—212
Pernilla Lindberg	69-73-70—212
Ji Young Oh	71-67-74—212
Moriya Jutanugarn	72-72-68—213
Emma Jandel	69-75-70—213
Rebecca Lee-Bentham	73-70-70—213
Brittany Lang	71-71-71—213
Paola Moreno	70-72-71—213
Julieta Granada	67-74-72—213
Jennifer Rosales	70-70-73—213
Karin Sjodin	71-69-73—213
Amelia Lewis	66-71-76—213
Danielle Kang	72-73-69—214
Kim Kaufman	75-69-70—214
Ha-Neul Kim	74-70-70—214
Alison Walshe	68-74-72—214
Karen M. Burnett	70-74-71—215
Candie Kung	69-73-73—215
Angela Stanford	70-71-74—215
Beatriz Recari	73-68-75—215
Hanna Kang	73-73-71—216
Ashleigh Simon	71-74-71—216
a-Gigi Stoll	71-74-71—216
Felicity Johnson	73-71-72—216
Ayako Uehara	73-71-72—216
Ariya Jutanugarn	71-71-74—216
Jeong Jang	70-71-75—216
Hannah Jun Medlock	72-73-72—217
Jane Park	73-72-72—217
Sue Kim	69-74-74—217
Sarah Jane Smith	72-70-75—217
Joe Young Lee	73-72-73—218
Kristy McPherson	72-73-73—218
Joanna Klatten	72-73-74—218
Mi Hyang Lee	75-69-74—218
Megan McChrystal	71-73-74—218
Lindsey Wright	73-71-74—218
Amy Anderson	71-72-75—218
Veronica Felibert	71-71-76—218
Hee-Won Han	74-71-74—219
Kelly Tan	70-74-75—219
Ashli Bunch	73-70-76—219
Katy Harris	79-72-75—220
Nicole Jeray	76-73-75—220

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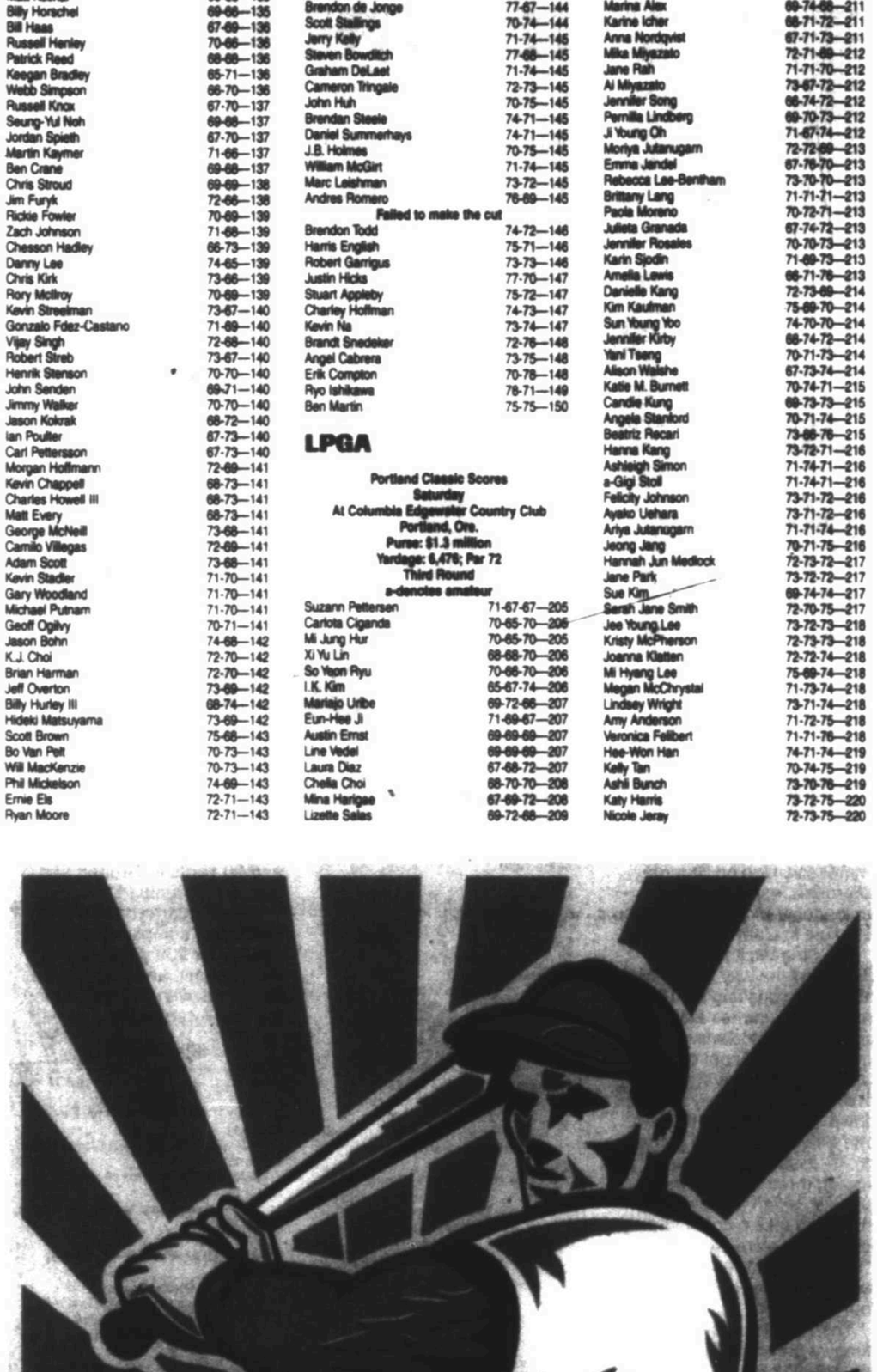

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Red Raiders

From 1C

Before any panic buttons are pushed, one must remember that this was the first game of the season and maybe there's a reason Tech schedules a team — and I mean no disrespect — like Central Arkansas. This is the kind of game to get the kinks out.

But then again, did the Red Raiders tease us by telling us the last few weeks leading up to this game that things were going to be different?

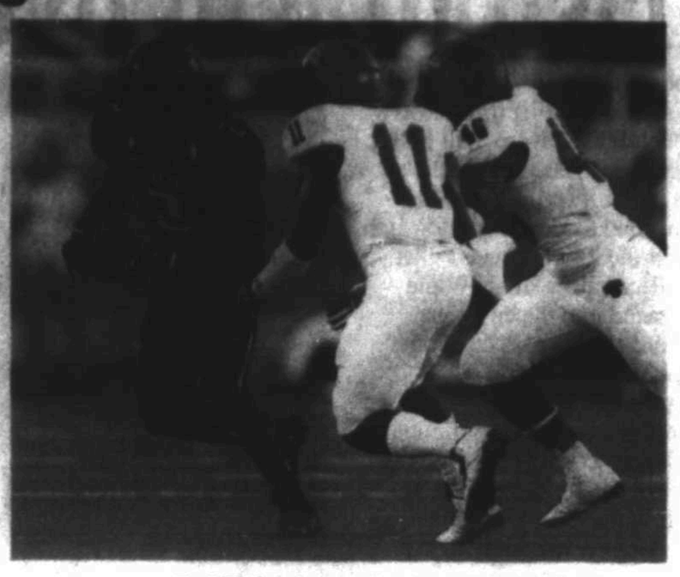
Luckily for the Red Raiders, there is time before they get to the big boys of the Big 12. But they showed they need a lot of work to be ready for prime time.

Texas Tech outgained UCA 636-406 on the night, but the Red Raiders were penalized 15 times for 114 yards. Kingsbury had said cutting down on penalties would be a priority for his team this season. But so far, whatever his coaching staff is doing to try to cut down on those flags isn't working.

Let's get to some good news.

While sophomore quarterback Davis Webb threw two interceptions in tight coverage - one of which was deflected and then picked off - and he was sacked for safety, he was 39-of-52 passing for 452 yards with four touchdowns. The 452 yards were the most for a Red Raider quarterback in a season opener since Graham Harrell threw for 536 against Eastern Washington in 2008.

"(Webb was) shaky early, just trying to do too much, trying to make every play," Kingsbury said. "But I thought he hung in there and bounced back well. But it was not his best night."



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Texas Tech's Reginald Davis (2) catches a pass near Central Arkansas' Tirell Wellmaker (11) and D.J. Holland (46) on Saturday during their game in Lubbock.

Then there was Webb's roommate Bradley Marquez, who did the smart thing by rooming with Webb as he became the top target on the night. The Odessa High grad and Tech senior had a career night by catching 11 passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns playing the Y receiver position vacated by Jace Amaro, the second round pick of the New York Jets.

Marquez brings a bit more speed to the position than Amaro did and it showed when he took a screen pass from Webb and turned it into a 70-yard touchdown reception early in the fourth quarter for a 35-21 lead.

"With my experience, I felt it was my time and I needed to go out there and do the best I could possibly do," Marquez said. "Didn't start the way I wanted to, as well as the team, but we've got to learn from it and get better."

The Red Raiders also rushed for 184 yards, led by DeAndre Washington, who finished with 104 yards and a TD on 20 carries.

Defensively, the Red Raiders had their moments but they also had their share of breakdowns. Some examples of those breakdowns came on UCA's last scoring drive of the night. The Bears converted a third-and-9 with a 52-yard pass from their own 14. Then after facing a fourth-and-8 from the Tech 32, the Bears once again went to the air for 18 yards.

Tech has a young secondary three sophomores start alongside a true freshman (Tevin Madison) at cornerback, so these young pups are going to get burned every once in a while before they get good.

In fact, defensive coordinator Matt Wallerstedt stated during Texas Tech media day that the defense would need the first three games of the season to grow up and get acclimated.

After the first game of the season, the Red Raiders have a lot of growing up to do.

"To come out and have that many undisciplined penalties and turn the ball over twice, take a safety on the other one which counts as a turnover, it was pretty embarrassing, to be honest," Kingsbury said.

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TEXAS TECH 49, CENT. ARKANSAS 35

Cent. Arkansas	3	13	6	14 —35
Texas Tech	14	7	14	—42

First Quarter
CenAr—FG Denker 28, 7:41.
TT—Washington 1 run (Bustin kick), 5:13.
Second Quarter
CenAr—Reed 1 run (Denker kick), 11:43.
CenAr—Matthews 2 run (pass failed), 10:38.
TT—J.Davis 6 pass from Webb (Bustin kick), 7:16.
TT—Stockton 6 run (Bustin kick), 3:34.
Third Quarter
TT—R.Davis 5 pass from Webb (Bustin kick), 11:05.
CenAr—FG Denker 24, 6:38.
CenAr—Safety, 5:20.
Fourth Quarter
TT—Marquez 70 pass from Webb (Bustin kick), 12:58.
CenAr—Veasley 1 run (Denker kick), 7:47.
TT—Marquez 27 pass from Webb (Bustin kick), 5:08.
CenAr—Watts 8 pass from Howard (Denker kick), 2:57.
A—60,778.

	CenAr	TT
First downs	28	35
Rushes-yards	54-178	36-184
Passing	228	452
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-0	39-53-2
Return Yards	39	12
Punts-Avg.	5-51.6	2-33.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	15-114
Time of Possession	33:38	26:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cent. Arkansas, Matthews 21-96, Veasley 14-43, Reed 14-29, Wilson 2-12, Lewis 1-0, Whitehead 1-0, Team 1-(minus 2). Texas Tech, Washington 20-104, Q.White 8-45, Stockton 6-38, Team 1-(minus 1), Webb 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Cent. Arkansas, Reed 19-33-0-140, Howard 4-6-0-79, B.Watkins 1-1-0-9. Texas Tech, Webb 39-52-2-452, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Cent. Arkansas, Lewis 7-105, Whitehead 5-38, Veasley 3-36, D.Smith 3-17, Watts 2-17, Wilson 2-8, J.Walker 1-7, Matthews 1-1. Texas Tech, Marquez 11-184, Grant 6-48, R.Davis 5-54, Reitz-Bray 4-35, Lauderdale 3-43, J.Davis 3-35, Stockton 2-17, Washington 2-9, Q.White 1-13, Cantrell 1-11, Mitcham 1-3.

Baylor

From 1C

Athletic Conference with SMU.

"Quite honestly, we've got a bad taste in our mouth from last January," Briles said. "What we're trying to do is take a wrong and make it right starting out in 2014."

SMU feels much the same way after a 5-7 season meant they missed out on a bowl game for the first time in five years.

The Mustangs have been pretty much overlooked with all the hype about Baylor's new $266 million stadium and their former Southwest Conference rival's league title.

"Really, it puts the pressure on them," SMU linebacker Stephon Sanders said. "For us, we're just going out and playing a ballgame."

Sanders is one of eight returning defensive starters for SMU, but its top two tacklers last season were seniors. Petty and the Bears, with plenty of returning talent, led that nation last season with 619 total yards and an NCAA-record 52.4 points a game.

"They've done a great job building their packages," SMU coach June Jones said. "Art has done, from high school to Houston to Waco, he's moved the football."

Here's what to watch in the first game at McLane Stadium:

EQUAL TO A HEISMAN: SMU sophomore QB Neal Burcham shared MVP honors with Jameis Winston at the ESPN Elite 11 Showcase before their senior seasons in high school. Burcham started SMU's final two games last season as a redshirt freshman for injured Garrett Gilbert, while Winston was becoming the second consecutive freshman to win the Heisman Trophy.

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER: Many fans will arrive for games at Baylor's new stadium by taking a 775-foot pedestrian bridge over the river. Others will get there by boat, though only a few have reserved slips in the new marina.

TIED, BUT NOT QUITE EVEN: Going into the 80th meeting in the series, it is tied 36-36-7 overall and 18-18-3 in Waco. But Baylor has won 10 consecutive games in the series. With another victory Sunday, the Bears will take the overall series lead for the first time since 1924 — when they led 3-2-4 after a 7-7 tie that season. SMU won the next four games, but now hasn't won in the series since 1986.

CENTER OF ATTENTION: SMU junior center Taylor Lasecki has started all 25 games for the Mustangs over the last two years since he redshirted his first season on the Hilltop. While he will almost certainly extend his streak to 26 games in a row Sunday, 309-pound true freshman Evan Brown is listed as the starting right guard.

Texas

From 1C

making them wear matching blazers and ties to the game.

The result was an impressive debut.

Offensively, Texas wasn't flashy, spending much of the game trying to grind out yards behind Brown and Johnathan Gray, who combined for 147 yards rushing. Defensively, the Longhorns were dominant.

Texas' front four mauled a veteran North Texas offensive line all night. Mean Green quarterback Josh Greer got his first career start but rarely had time to throw and threw two interceptions in his first seven attempts.

Greer and backup Andrew McNulty were just 3 of 17 passing for 15 yards and four interceptions and four sacks. Demarco Cobbs returned a late interception 28 yards for Texas' final touchdown.

Almost as important as the victory for Texas was knowing Ash could take some punishment and keep playing.

Ash had promised he'd be able to take a hit and that was tested with two big ones early. The first came when he dropped the ball and was bent over when a defender crashed into his head. Two plays later, Ash was sent flying again when he was popped on the sideline.

But Ash later scrambled to complete a 27-yard pass to Harris that set up Brown's 1-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 Texas lead. Ash's helmet hit the turf again when he was sacked in the second quarter, but he shook off that hit to pass 28 yards to Harris to set up Brown's second touchdown.

Ash made it 21-0 at halftime when he scored on a 1-yard run off a 4th down bootlefof-17 passing in the first half and his 1-yard TD. Even on that play, Ash took another hit when his facemask hit the turf.

Midland Lee

2014 SCHEDULE

08/28	Keller High	H	4:30
09/05	El Paso Coronado	H	7:30
09/12	Southlake Carroll*	H	7:30
09/19	El Paso Eastwood	A	7:00
09/26	Abilene Cooper	A	7:30
10/10	Odessa Permian	H	7:30
10/17	Bye		
10/24	Abilene High	H	7:30
10/31	Abilene Central	A	7:30
11/07	Midland High	H	7:30

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Golson leads No. 17 Irish to win over Rice

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Everett Golson looked better after a year off than he ever did in helping Notre Dame get to the national championship two seasons ago.

In his first game back after missing last season for academic impropriety, Golson threw touchdown passes of 75 and 53 yards and became just the third Notre Dame quarterback to run for three touchdowns in a game as the Irish beat Rice 48-17 on Saturday.

"Everett Golson was electric," coach Brian Kelly said. "He kept his eyes down field. He knew when to run. He knew when to throw it."

Golson was 14-of-22 passing for 295 yards and ran for 41 yards on 12 carries. He threw the ball away on purpose three times and three other times Irish receivers dropped passes. His only big mistake was a pass early in the second quarter that Rice safety Gabe Baker should have intercepted but dropped.

No. 17 Fighting Irish	48
Owls	17

Golson said it was the type of comeback he envisioned while spending a semester away from Notre Dame.

"That's what inspired me through all the training and all the days of me just working out by myself. I think that's what helped me get through it," he said.

Because of privacy laws, Notre Dame never disclosed why Golson was suspended from school. Golson said he used "poor judgment on a test," but never elaborated.

Golson's most exciting throw was a 75-yard touchdown pass to Will Fuller that traveled nearly 60 yards in the air. Fuller was in a full sprint and wide open and needed to slow down to catch the pass near the 25-yard line. Fuller then made Rice safety Julius White miss as he raced into the end zone. It was the longest TD pass for Notre Dame since 2010.

The 53-yard touchdown pass was a little better timed as Golson scrambled and threw a perfect pass to a wide-open C.J. Prosise in the end zone with 5 seconds left in the half, giving the Irish 28-10 lead. Golson was hit hard just after throwing the pass.

Rice coach David Bailiff said Golson is amazing in his ability to extend plays.

Joe Raymond/AP

Rice quarterback Driphus Jackson, front right, is tackled by Notre Dame linebackers Joe Schmidt, left, and Jaylon Smith on Saturday in South Bend, Ind.

TEXAS/BIG12ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Big 12

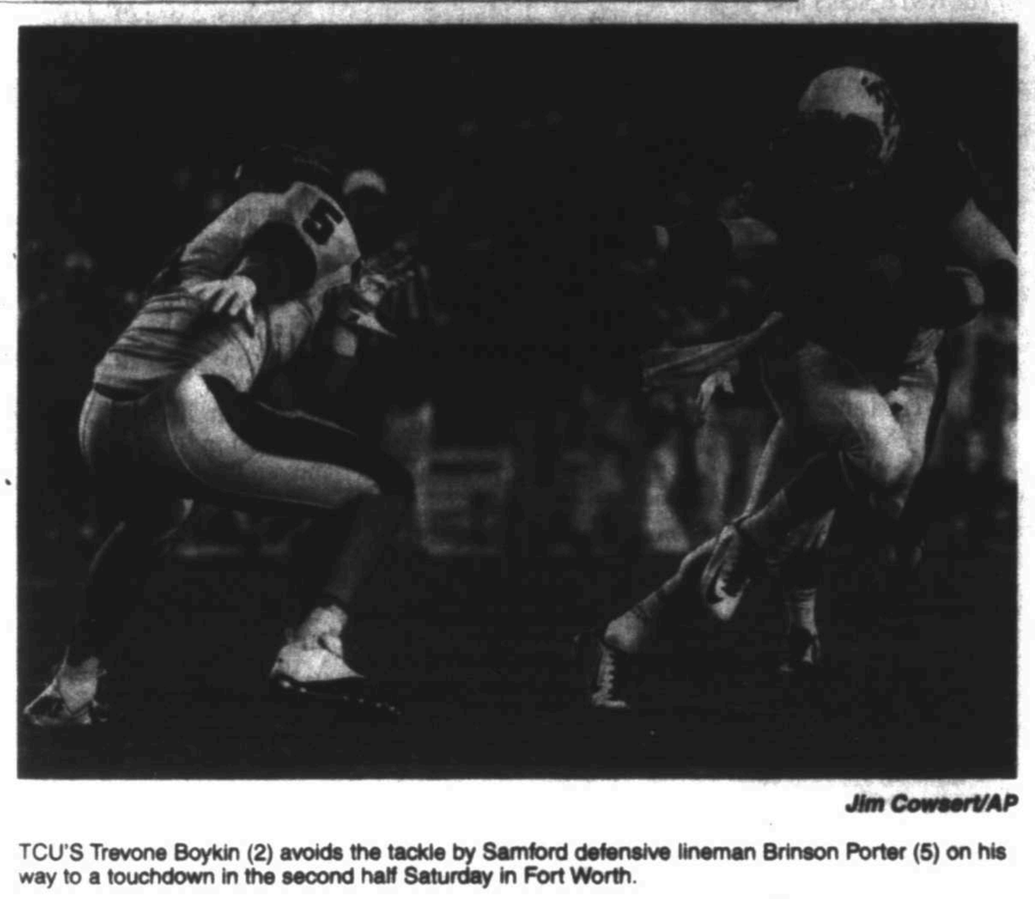
NO. 2 ALABAMA 33 WEST VIRGINIA 23

ATLANTA — Blake Sims was good enough to finish his first start at quarterback for Alabama, getting plenty of help from Amari Cooper, T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry, and the second-ranked Crimson Tide held off West Virginia 33-23 Saturday.

Sims was 24-for-33 for 250 yards and added 42 running, playing the entire game. The fifth-year senior beat out Florida State transfer Jake Coker for the start. Tide coach Nick Saban had suggested both quarterbacks would play, but Sims never came out.

Yeldon (126 yards rushing and two touchdowns), Henry (113 yards rushing and a score) and Cooper (12 catches for 130 yards) provided plenty of support. Alabama needed all the offense it could get because West Virginia found plenty of soft spots in the Tide's D.

The Mountaineers' up-tempo spread gave Clint Trickett his pick of open receivers, and he took advantage with 365 yards passing.



Jim Cowsert/AP

TCU'S Trevone Boykin (2) avoids the tackle by Samford defensive lineman Brinson Porter (5) on his way to a touchdown in the second half Saturday in Fort Worth.

NO. 4 OKLAHOMA 48 LOUISIANA TECH 16

NORMAN, Okla. — Trevor Knight passed for 252 yards and a touchdown and Keith Ford had 117 yards from scrimmage and scored two touchdowns to help No. 4 Oklahoma defeat Louisiana Tech 48-16 on Saturday night.

Ford ran for 51 yards and caught four passes for 66 yards for the Sooners, who rolled to a 31-0 lead in the second quarter of the season opener for both teams. Samaje Perine ran for 78 yards and a touchdown and Alex Ross ran for two scores for the Sooners.

Zack Sanchez led Oklahoma's defense with an interception and a blocked field goal. Oklahoma linebacker Jordan Evans was ejected in the second quarter for targeting when he tried to make a play against Louisiana Tech quarterback Cody Sokol, but the Sooners remained dominant.

Sokol, an Iowa transfer in his first career start, passed for 191 yards and two touchdowns for Louisiana Tech.

NO. 20 KANSAS STATE 55 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 16

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jake Waters threw for 223 yards and accounted for four touchdowns and Charles Jones ran for a pair of scores as No. 20 Kansas State pounded Stephen F. Austin 55-16 on Saturday night.

Waters threw touchdown passes to Tyler Lockett and Kody Cook while also running for two TDs as the Wildcats improved to 21-2 in season openers under longtime coach Bill Snyder.

The road is about to get tougher. Kansas State travels to Iowa State to open Big 12 play next weekend. Then comes a statement game against sixth-ranked Auburn at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Stephen F. Austin's Joe Minden threw for 107 yards in relief of ineffective quarterback Zach Conque, and Gus Johnson had a 30-yard touchdown run after sitting out the entire first half.

TCU 48 SAMFORD 14

FORT WORTH — Trevone Boykin passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third, leading TCU to a 48-14 victory over FCS Samford in the season opener for both teams on Saturday.

Boykin completed 29 of 41 passes for 320 yards. His touchdown passes covered 38 yards to Kolby Listenbee and 19 yards to David Porter. Boykin's scoring run came from 1 yard.

Samford scored on a 2-yard touchdown run by Denzel Williams late in first half and a 55-yard interception return by Jamerson Blount with five minutes to play.

TCU piled up 555 total yards, including 200 by eight different rushers, while holding Samford to 143.

Samford defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio served as head coach in the absence of Pat Sullivan, who didn't travel while recovering from neck surgery.

Listenbee finished the game with three catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 34 IOWA STATE 14

AMES, Iowa — John Crockett ran for 138 yards and three touchdowns and FCS power North Dakota State opened the season with its 25th straight victory, beating Iowa State 34-14 on Saturday.

The Bison lost 12 starters and their head coach after winning their third straight FCS championship last season, but they looked just as efficient as ever under new coach Chris Klieman, rallying from a 14-0 deficit for their fifth consecutive victory against FBS competition.

Texas

TEXAS STATE 65 ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 0

SAN MARCOS — Tyler Jones threw for 278 yards and four touchdowns to lead Texas State to a 65-0 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday.

Texas State opened the season in a dominating fashion, compiling a school-record 697 total yards while limiting UAPB to 215 total yards. It was the most points scored by the Bobcats since they defeated New Mexico State, 66-28, on December 1, 2012.

SAM HOUSTON ST 51 ALABAMA ST 20

HUNTSVILLE — Jared Johnson threw for 386 yards and three touchdowns, Keshawn Hill had two scores and Sam Houston State defeated Alabama State 51-20 Saturday night.

The Bearkats (1-1) jumped out to a 28-point lead in the first half as Johnson had touchdown passes of 9 yards to Rickey Smith and 48 yards to Jeff Thomas.

SACRAMENTO STATE 49 INCARNATE WORD 13

SAN ANTONIO — Garrett Safron led Sacramento State to a 49-13 win over Incarnate Word on Saturday night, throwing for 251 yards and five touchdowns.

Nnamdi Agude, his main target, caught six passes for 111 yards and two TDs. Jordan Robinson was the leading rusher with 69 yards on 12 carries.

Incarnate Word scored on Ramon Cato Jr.'s two field goals in the first quarter. The Hornets jumped ahead 21-6 in the quarter, with Safron hitting Robinson from the 4 for a score, passing to DeAndre Carter from 33 yards out and hitting Agude with a 24-yard scoring strike.

SCORES

AP TOP 25

No. 1 Florida State (1-0) beat Oklahoma State 37-31. Next: vs. The Citadel, Saturday.
No. 2 Alabama (1-0) beat West Virginia 33-23. Next: vs. FAU, Saturday.
No. 3 Oregon (0-0) vs. South Dakota. Next: vs. No. 6 Michigan State, Saturday.
No. 4 Oklahoma (1-0) beat Louisiana Tech 48-16. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.
No. 5 Ohio State (1-0) beat Navy 34-17. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
No. 6 Auburn (1-0) beat Arkansas 45-21. Next: vs. San Jose State, Saturday.
No. 7 UCLA (1-0) beat Virginia 28-20. Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.
No. 8 Michigan State (1-0) beat Jacksonville State 45-7, Friday. Next: at No. 3 Oregon, Saturday.
No. 9 South Carolina (0-1) lost to No. 21 Texas A&M 52-28, Thursday. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday.
No. 10 Baylor (0-0) vs. SMU, today. Next: vs. Northwestern State, Saturday.
No. 11 Stanford (1-0) beat UC Davis 45-0. Next: vs. No. 15 Southern Cal, Saturday.
No. 12 Georgia (1-0) beat No. 16 Clemson 45-21. Next: at No. 9 South Carolina, Sept. 13.
No. 13 LSU (0-0) vs. No. 14 Wisconsin at Houston. Next: vs. Sam Houston State, Saturday.
No. 14 Wisconsin (0-0) vs. No. 13 LSU at Houston. Next: vs. Western Illinois, Saturday.
No. 15 Southern Cal (1-0) beat Fresno State 52-13. Next: at No. 11 Stanford, Saturday.
No. 16 Clemson (0-1) lost to No. 12 Georgia 45-21. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Saturday.
No. 17 Notre Dame (1-0) beat Rice 48-17. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
No. 18 Mississippi (1-0) beat Boise State 35-13. Thursday. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
No. 19 Arizona State (1-0) beat Weber State 45-14, Thursday. Next: at New Mexico, Saturday.
No. 20 Kansas State (1-0) beat Stephen F. Austin 55-16. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
No. 21 Texas A&M (1-0) beat No. 9 South Carolina 52-28, Thursday. Next: vs. Lamar, Saturday.
No. 22 Nebraska (1-0) beat FAU 55-7. Next: vs. McNeese State, Saturday.
No. 23 North Carolina (1-0) beat Liberty 56-29. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
No. 24 Missouri (1-0) beat South Dakota State 36-18. Next: at Toledo, Saturday.
No. 25 Washington (0-0) at Hawaii. Next: vs. Eastern Washington, Saturday.

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 37, Montana St. 10
Bethany 44, Texas College 6
Oklahoma 48, Louisiana Tech 16
Sam Houston St. 51, Alabama St. 20
TCU 48, Samford 14
Texas St. 65, Ark.-Pine Bluff 0
Texas Tech 42, Cent. Arkansas 35
Texas 38, North Texas 7

SOUTH

Alabama 33, West Virginia 23
Alcorn St. 55, Va. Lynchburg 7
Auburn 45, Arkansas 21
Coastal Carolina 31, The Citadel 16
Davidson 58, Faith Baptist 0
Duke 52, Elon 13
Furman 13, Gardner-Webb 3
Georgia 45, Clemson 21
Georgia Tech 38, Wofford 19
Jackson St. 22, Florida A&M 17
Kentucky 59, UT-Martin 14
Maryland 52, James Madison 7
NC State 34, Georgia Southern 23
North Carolina 56, Liberty 29
Old Dominion 41, Hampton 28
Penn St. 38, UCF 24
Richmond 66, Morehead St. 10
SC State 63, Bennett 0
Stetson 35, Warner 16
UAB 48, Troy 10
UCLA 28, Virginia 20
Virginia Tech 34, William & Mary 9

MIDWEST

Ball St. 30, Colgate 19
California 31, Northwestern 24
Illinois 28, Youngstown St. 17
Indiana 29, Indiana St. 10
Iowa 31, N. Iowa 27
Marshall 42, Miami (Ohio) 27
Michigan 52, Appalachian St. 14
Missouri 36, S. Dakota St. 18
N. Dakota St. 34, Iowa St. 14
Nebraska 55, FAU 7
Notre Dame 48, Rice 17
Ohio 17, Kent St. 14
Purdue 43, W. Michigan 39

EAST

Albany (NY) 14, Holy Cross 13
Boston College 30, UMass 7
Bucknell 42, Weber 38
Buffalo 58, Duquesne 28
CCSU 31, Towson 27
Fordham 52, St. Francis (Pa.) 23
Maine 10, Norfolk St. 6
Monmouth (NJ) 52, Delaware St. 21
Ohio St. 34, Navy 17
Pittsburgh 62, Delaware 0
Sacred Heart 28, Marist 7
Wagner 21, Georgetown 3

FAR WEST

Air Force 44, Nicholls St. 16
Nevada 28, S. Utah 19
Oregon St. 29, Portland St. 14
Stanford 45, UC Davis 0
Wyoming 17, Montana 16

MAJOR TEXAS SCORES

TCU 48, SAMFORD 14

Samford	0	7	0	7—14
TCU	14	10	10	14—48

First Quarter
TCU—Catalon 2 run (Oberkrom kick), 13:00.
TCU—Listenbee 38 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 7:09.
Second Quarter
TCU—D.Porter 19 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 14:36.
TCU—FG Oberkrom 22, 7:07.
Sam—D.Williams 2 run (Handrahan kick), 3:30.
Third Quarter
TCU—Boykin 1 run (Oberkrom kick), 7:54.
TCU—FG Oberkrom 25, 6:27.
Fourth Quarter
TCU—Johnson 7 run (Oberkrom kick), 10:50.
TCU—Listenbee 2 pass from Joeckel (Oberkrom kick), 9:26.
Sam—Blount 55 interception return (Handrahan kick), 5:08.
A—40,094.

	Sam	TCU
First downs	9	33
Rushes-yards	47-87	46-200
Passing	56	355
Comp-Att-Int	10-20-1	33-50-1
Return Yards	51	39
Punts-Avg.	10-47.5	5-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-35	4-60
Time of Possession	27:45	32:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Samford, Eubanks 16-48, D.Williams 15-62, Gates 5-20, Wilks 3-8, Larry 4-6, Griffin 1-4, Barnett 2-minus 3), Bernard 1-(minus 12). TCU, T.Johnson 9-43, Catalon 10-38, Hicks 9-33, Gray 3-29, Boykin 10-29, Green 5-18, Joeckel 1-10.

PASSING—Samford, Eubanks 8-15-1-83, Barnett 2-5-0-(minus 7). TCU, Boykin 29-41-0-320, Joeckel 4-9-1-35, Echols-Luper 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Samford, D.Williams 3-1, Brown 2-6, Clark 2-0, Schmitt 1-32, Philpot 1-14, Johns 1-1. TCU, Blevins 6-60, D.Porter 5-54, Gray 4-37, Listenbee 3-76, D.White 3-16, Catalon 3-13, Doctson 2-19, Story 2-18, T.Johnson 1-23, Echols-Luper 1-15, Moore 1-14, E.Porter 1-8, Hicks 1-2.

TEXAS 38, NORTH TEXAS 7

North Texas	0	0	0	7—7
Texas	7	14	7	10—38

First Quarter
Tex—Malcol.Brown 1 run (Rose kick), 4:06.
Second Quarter
Tex—Malcol.Brown 3 run (Rose kick), 9:13.
Tex—Ash 1 run (Rose kick), 2:41.
Third Quarter
Tex—Harris 9 pass from Ash (Rose kick), 10:35.
Fourth Quarter
NT—J.Jones recovered fumble in end zone (Talcone kick), 7:17.
Tex—FG Rose 34, 4:21.
Tex—Cobbs 29 interception return (Rose kick), 3:32.
A—93,201.

	NT	Tex
First downs	8	18
Rushes-yards	43-79	40-193
Passing	15	190
Comp-Att-Int	3-17-4	19-34-0
Return Yards	7	66
Punts-Avg.	9-42.0	5-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	6-56	7-65
Time of Possession	27:10	32:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—North Texas, Peyton 15-50, Jamerson 9-30, Wilson 5-22, Harris 2-8, Lynn 2-7, Ivory 5-minus 1), McNulty 3-minus 12), Gray 1-minus 25), Texas, J.Gray 18-82, Brand, Brown 10-65, D.Porter 2-37, Team 2-(minus 4), Ash 7-(minus 17).

PASSING—North Texas, Gray 3-11-0-8, McNulty 1-6-0-7, Texas, Ash 19-34-0-190.

RECEIVING—North Texas, Caldwell 2-11, Wilson 1-4, Texas, Harris 7-110, Shipley 6-43, Wendt 2-30, McFarland 2-7, M.Johnson 1-6, Malcol.Brown 1-(minus 6).

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE 37 OKLAHOMA STATE 31

ARLINGTON — Jameis Winston threw for 370 yards and scored on a sparkling 28-yard run, and No. 1 Florida State opened defense of its national title with a 37-31 victory Saturday night over Oklahoma State on the same field where this year's champion will be crowned.

Winston wasn't nearly as efficient as he was in the college debut that jump-started his Heisman Trophy season a year ago, but made plays when he had to as the Seminoles (1-0) tied a school record with their 17th straight victory.

The Cowboys (0-1) were 19-point underdogs in the $1.2 billion home of the Dallas Cowboys but stayed close when J.W. Walsh matched Winston's scoring run with a 24-yard sprint and dive across the goal line to get within 31-24 early in the fourth quarter.

Winston's only passing touchdown was a 50-yarder to Rashad Greene, who had 203 yards receiving.

NO. 5 OHIO STATE 34 NAVY 17

BALTIMORE — Redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett threw for 228 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut, and the Buckeyes got their 25th consecutive regular-season victory.

Elevated into a starting role after senior Braxton Miller injured his right shoulder on Aug. 18, Barrett went 12 for 15 — including an 80-yard TD pass to Devin Smith that put the Buckeyes up 20-14 with 4:10 left in the third quarter.

Ohio State (1-0) won despite allowing Navy (0-1) to gain 370 yards on the ground, including 118 by Ryan Williams-Jenkins.

Barrett became the second freshman since 1950 to start an opener at quarterback for Ohio State. He ran nine times for 50 yards, did not throw downfield often and relied heavily on a ground game that finally wore down the Midshipmen in the fourth quarter.

After Navy closed to 20-17 with 13:54 remaining, the Buckeyes launched a 10-play drive that featured just one pass. Ezekiel Elliott converted a fourth-and-1 from the Navy 45 and Barrett threw a 19-yard completion before Elliott ran in from the 10.

Barrett's 9-yard touchdown pass to Mike Thomas made it 34-17 with 2:09 left.

NO. 7 UCLA 28 VIRGINIA 20

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — UCLA scored three defensive touchdowns before Brett Hundley led them on a critical second-half scoring drive and the Bruins escaped Virginia.

Hundley, widely regarded as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, was harassed all day by Virginia's pressure defense, and made the biggest play of the day for UCLA with his feet. It came on a 9-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter when he overpowered safety Quin Blanding on a 9-yard TD run.

The Cavaliers, 21-point underdogs, trailed 28-20 and had a first down at the Bruins 19 late in the game, but three consecutive running plays netted just two yards and frustrated the fans, and linebacker Myles Jack disrupted Matt Johns' fourth-and-8 pass to Doni Dowling and it fell to the ground.

Johns came into the game in relief of Greyson Lambert late in the first half, after the Bruins third defensive touchdown gave them a 21-3 lead. Johns then led a touchdown drive and played the entire second half, turning what seemed to be a settled quarterback situation for Virginia into question.

UCLA led just 21-17 and had not scored an offensive touchdown when it took over at its 34 late in the third quarter, but that's when Hundley finally put a drive together against the Virginia defense. The Cavaliers sacked him five times and held him to 39 rushing yards, but couldn't shut him out.

NO. 11 STANFORD 45 UC DAVIS 0

STANFORD, Calif. — Ty Montgomery returned his first career punt for a touchdown and caught five passes for 77 yards and another score, and the Cardinal tuned up for a date with No. 15 Southern California next week.

The All-American kick returner, who was cleared by team doctors to play earlier this week after offseason surgery on his right shoulder, looked ready to be the Cardinal's do-it-all playmaker again. He ran his first punt back 80 yards for a TD and lined up all over the field, including once as a wildcat quarterback.

Stanford led 38-0 at the half and rested most of its starters the final two quarters.

Kevin Hogan threw for 204 yards and three touchdowns to help the two-time defending Pac-12 champions get off to a mostly smooth start. He completed 12 of 16 passes and had one interception.

NO. 22 NEBRASKA 55, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 7

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ameer Abdullah ran for a career-high 232 yards and Tommy Armstrong Jr. passed for a career-high 271 yards and two TDs.

The Cornhuskers rushed for 496 of their 784 total yards and won their 29th straight opener, the longest streak in the nation.

Abdullah had 178 yards by halftime while becoming the eighth Nebraska player to go over 3,000 yards rushing in a career. Terrell Newby added 107 yards rushing.

NO. 24 MISSOURI 36 SOUTH DAKOTA ST 18

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Maty Mauk threw for 178 yards and three touchdowns.

Mauk seemed at ease early, finding receiver Darius White crossing behind the Jackrabbits' defense for a 44-yard touchdown pass just 50 seconds into the game. The Tigers extended their lead to 21-10 at halftime and never trailed.

Zach Lujan completed 21 of 28 passes for 239 yards and an interception in place of Austin Sumner, who left the game in the first quarter and did not return.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston (5) leaps over guard Josue Matias and Oklahoma State safety Jordan Sterns, left, for a touchdown Saturday in Arlington.

Win over Frisco puts 'Hounds in first

From staff reports

RockHounds	6
RoughRiders	5

The RockHounds grabbed solo first place in the Texas League South Division second-half standings Saturday night with a 6-5 win over the Frisco RoughRiders.

Midland took the lead for good in the top of the ninth inning. Jeremy Barfield started the rally with a walk, a Chad Oberacker double moved him over to third and then Hiroyuki Nakajima hit sacrifice fly that allowed Barfield to score.

Ryan Dull came in for the bottom of the ninth and got three quick outs, with Joey Gallo striking out to end the game.

Shawn Haviland pitched the win Saturday. Haviland allowed four hits, two walks and two runs in four innings. He notched five strikeouts in four innings on the mound.

Frisco's Will Lamb recorded the loss. He allowed two hits, one run and one walk in two innings of relief. He recorded three strikeouts.

Midland and Frisco will play the second game of a three-game series today in Frisco at 6:05 p.m. If the RockHounds win today, they win the South Division in the second half outright.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss 2b	2	1	1	0
Wilson cf	5	1	2	2
Murray 3b	4	0	3	2
Mathies rf	4	0	2	0
Coleman ss	4	0	0	0
Barfield dh	3	1	2	0
Obenauer lf	5	0	1	0
Nakajima 1b	4	1	1	2
Maxwell c	4	2	1	0

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Herrera 2b	5	1	2	0
Alfaro c	3	1	1	0
Adams dh	4	2	1	1
Gallo 3b	4	0	0	1
Wise 1b	4	1	2	3
Williams cf	4	0	1	0
Martinez rf	4	0	0	0
Short lf	4	0	1	0
Alberto ss	4	0	0	0

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Haviland 4-2	4	4	2	2	2	5
Dunitz	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Duran W,1-0	2	2	1	1	0	3
Dull	1	0	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Lamb L,4-6	2	2	1	1	1	3
Rodebaugh	3	3	0	0	1	3
Ortiz	2.2	3	1	1	1	1
Lamb L,4-6	2	2	1	1	1	3

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Texas League

Standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arkansas	76	57	.571	—
Frisco	75	58	.564	1
Midland	74	59	.556	2
Corpus Christi	68	65	.511	8
San Antonio	67	66	.504	9
Northwest Division				
Tulsa	77	56	.579	—
Springfield	71	62	.534	6
Northern Division				
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Northern Division				

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Feldman pitches 3-hitter, Astros blank Rangers

Astros	2
Rangers	0

HOUSTON — Scott Feldman pitched a three-hitter for his second major league shutout, and the Houston Astros beat the Texas Rangers 2-0 Saturday night.

Feldman (8-10) struck out five and walked one in his fourth career complete game and second this month. He also had one Aug. 3 against Toronto, yielding one run and eight hits in that game.

The three hits allowed matched a career best for Feldman, who also threw a three-hitter against San Diego on May 1, 2013. His other shutout was Sept. 6, 2013, against the Chicago White Sox.

Held hitless for the first five innings by Robbie Ross Jr., the Astros scored twice in the seventh off reliever Phil Klein (0-2).

Carlos Corporan doubled to put runners at second and third, and Jake Marisnick had an RBI infield single. Corporan scored on Klein's throwing error to first.

Ross was pulled after five innings and 70 pitches. He was on a strict pitch count after throwing 42 in 2 1-3 innings Thursday for Triple-A Round Rock. The left-hander was recalled Saturday to make a spot start in place of Miles Mikolas, skipped due to shoulder fatigue.

Ross struck out five and walked three. Jose Altuve got Houston's first hit, a one-out double in the sixth off Klein.

Feldman retired his first 13 batters before Ryan Rua's one-out single in the fifth.

Rougned Odor hit a leadoff single in the sixth, Adrian Beltre walked with one out in the seventh and Leonys Martin singled with one out in the ninth for the only other runners Feldman permitted. The right-hander did not allow anyone past second base.

Feldman has been solid of late, giving up three runs or fewer in six of his last seven starts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: LHP Derek Holland (left knee) was activated from the 60-day disabled list and will make his first start of the season Tuesday in Kansas City.

Astros: INF Marwin Gonzalez was scratched from the lineup with discomfort in his right hamstring. Gregorio Petit started at shortstop for Gonzalez. ... OF George Springer (left quadriceps) is not ready to move forward with explosive activity, manager Bo Porter said. There is no timetable for when Springer might return. "At this point, we just go day to day and see how he progresses and continues with the therapy," Porter said.

UP NEXT

Texas RHP Nick Martinez (3-10) looks to rebound today in the finale of the four-game series. He was tagged for five runs over five innings in his most recent start Tuesday.

The Astros will send LHP Dallas Keuchel (10-9) to the mound for his fourth start against the Rangers this season.

Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston pitcher Scott Feldman delivers a pitch during Saturday's game against the Texas Rangers in the first inning in Houston.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

GAME 1
WHITE SOX 6, TIGERS 3
GAME 2
TIGERS 8, WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO — Kyle Ryan pitched six scoreless innings in his major league debut, and the Detroit Tigers salvaged a split of Saturday's doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox with a potentially costly 8-4 victory.

Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera pulled up lame while running out a grounder in the fourth inning, forcing him from the game. The All-Star has been dealing with a sore right ankle.

In the opener, Chris Sale struck out a season-high 13, beating Max Scherzer in a matchup of All-Star aces and leading Chicago to a 6-3 win.

Ezequiel Carrera, Don Kelly and Ian Kinsler each had three hits for Detroit in the nightcap. Ryan allowed five hits and walked two.

BLUE JAYS 2
YANKEES 0

TORONTO — Drew Hutchison pitched seven shutout innings, Jose Bautista homered for the fourth straight game and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 2-0 on Saturday.

Mark Teixeira's fourth-inning double was the only hit allowed by Hutchison (9-11), who walked two and struck out nine.

Aaron Sanchez retired all six batters he faced for his first major league save as the Blue Jays improved to 6-17 in August and, at 68-67, avoided falling below .500 for the first time since May 14, when they were 20-21.

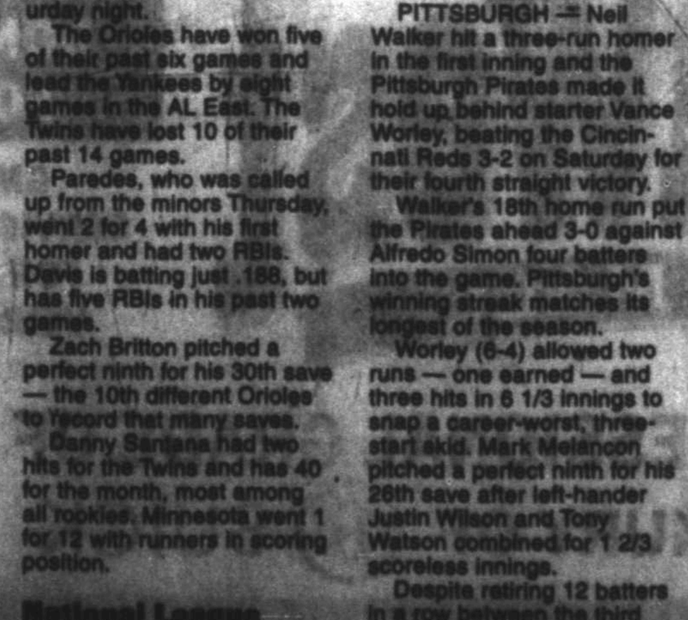
Bautista hit a two-out, two-run homer off Michael Pineda (3-3) in the first. It's the second time in his career Bautista has connected in four consecutive games. He also did it from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2009.

RAYS 7
RED SOX 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jake Odorizzi and two pitchers combined to allow Boston one hit in the Tampa Bay Rays 7-0 win on Saturday night.

Coming off a start Monday night in which he gave up a career-high eight runs over four innings in a 9-1 loss at Baltimore, Odorizzi (10-11) allowed a fourth-inning single to Will Middlebrooks, threw seven and struck out seven over six innings.

Jeff Beliveau and Kirby Yates completed the one-hitter. Tampa Bay set a season high for runs in a game.



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Toronto's Jose Bautista is congratulated in the dugout after he hit a two-run home run in the first inning of Saturday's game against the New York Yankees in Toronto.

single-season team record with its 18th shutout this year.

Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia was shaken up and removed from the game in the second inning. It appeared Pedroia was struck in the head by the arm of Logan Forsythe as the Rays infielder was sliding head-first into second while advancing on a fielder's choice.

No additional details about Pedroia's injury were immediately available.

ORIOLES 3
TWINS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh, Jimmy Paredes homered and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 on Saturday night.

The Orioles have won five of their past six games and lead the Yankees by eight games in the AL East. The Twins have lost 10 of their past 14 games.

Paredes, who was called up from the minors Thursday, went 2 for 4 with his first homer and had two RBIs. Davis is batting just .188, but has five RBIs in his past two games.

Zach Britton pitched a perfect ninth for his 30th save — the 10th different Orioles to record that many saves.

Danny Santana had two hits for the Twins and has 40 for the month, most among all rookies. Minnesota went 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

National League

1ST GAME
CUBS 5
CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS — Starlin Castro hit one of Chicago's three solo homers and Pedro Strop and Pedro Strop pitched seven strong innings in his National League debut, sending the Cubs to a 5-1 victory over the slumping St. Louis Cardinals in the opener of a day-night doubleheader Saturday.

Logan Watkins and Chris Valaika also connected for Chicago in the makeup of a May 14 rainout. The last-place Cubs hit four home runs Friday, giving them seven in two games against the Cardinals.

St. Louis has lost four in a row for the second time this season. The Cardinals began the day one game ahead of Atlanta and 1 1/2 up on Pittsburgh for the second NL wild card.

The Cubs have won nine of 13.

PIRATES 3
REDS 2

PITTSBURGH — Neil Walker hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates made it hold up behind starter Vance Worley, beating the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 on Saturday for their fourth straight victory.

Walker's 18th home run put the Pirates ahead 3-0 against Alfredo Simon four batters into the game. Pittsburgh's winning streak matches its longest of the season.

Worley (6-4) allowed two runs — one earned — and three hits in 6 1/3 innings to snap a career-worst, three-start skid. Mark Melancon pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save after left-hander Justin Wilson and Tony Watson combined for 1 2/3 scoreless innings.

Despite retiring 12 batters in a row between the third and sixth, Simon (13-9) fell to 1-6 since pitching in his first All-Star game last month.

Todd Frazier homered for the Reds.

MARLINS 4
BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Jarred Cosart pitched seven effective innings, and the Miami Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 4-0 on Saturday night to stop a three-game losing streak.

Cosart (3-1) allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked one. The right-hander, who was acquired in acquired in a July 31 trade with Houston, is 3-0 with a sparkling 0.65 ERA in his last four starts.

Donovan Solano hit a solo homer in the first and finished with three hits for Miami, which is 8-7 against Atlanta this year. Giancarlo Stanton had two hits and drove in a run.

Atlanta had won three in a row. Aaron Harang (10-9) yielded four runs, three earned, and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings.

PHILLIES 7
METS 2

NEW YORK — Ryan Howard drove in three runs, Marlon Byrd homered and the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the New York Mets 7-2 on Saturday night.

Journeyman right-hander Jerome Williams pitched into the seventh inning to win his third straight decision since joining the last-place Phillies, who won for the seventh time in nine games. They batted around in the sixth, scoring five runs off Bartolo Colon on seven hits — all singles.

Ben Revere, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley singled to start the outburst, loading the bases for Howard. The big slugger lined yet another single to right field, driving in two for a 3-0 lead.

ROCKIES 2
DIAMONDBACKS 0

PHOENIX — Rookie Tyler Matzek gave up three hits in seven innings, Matt McBride and Charlie Blackmon homered and the Colorado Rockies handed Arizona's Vidal Nuno another hard-luck loss with a 2-0 victory over the Diamondbacks on Saturday night.

Matzek (4-9) struck out four and walked three.

Nuno (2-9) allowed a run on two hits, fanned seven and walked none. After McBride's second-inning home run, Nuno retired the next 20 batters before leaving after eight innings, trailing 1-0.

He is 0-4 in 10 starts since coming to Arizona in the trade that sent Brandon McCarthy to the New York Yankees. In seven of those starts, he's allowed two or fewer runs.

Blackmon homered off reliever Matt Reynolds in the ninth.

LaTroy Hawkins walked a batter and gave up a single in the ninth before fanning Didi Gregorius for his 22nd save in 23 tries.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	75	65	.562	—
New York	70	64	.522	9
Toronto	68	67	.504	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	66	70	.485	13
Boston	59	76	.437	19 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	74	60	.552	—
Detroit	74	61	.548	1/2
Cleveland	69	64	.519	4 1/2
Chicago	61	75	.449	14
Minnesota	59	76	.437	15 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	81	53	.604	—
Oakland	78	56	.582	3
Seattle	72	61	.541	8 1/2
Houston	58	79	.423	24 1/2
Texas	53	82	.393	28 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Toronto 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 3, 1st game
Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 0
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 4, 2nd game
Houston 2, Texas 0
Cleveland at Kansas City, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Washington at Seattle, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 5-3) at Toronto (Happ 8-8), 12:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Nolasco 5-9) at Baltimore (W.Chen 13-4), 12:35 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 5-8) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-6), 12:40 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 15-8) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 8-10), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 3-10) at Houston (Keuchel 10-9), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 14-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 13-4), 2:35 p.m.
Washington (Roark 12-8) at Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6), 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland (House 2-3) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-11), 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	76	57	.571	—
Atlanta	71	65	.522	6 1/2
Miami	66	68	.493	10 1/2
New York	63	73	.463	14 1/2
Philadelphia	62	73	.459	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	73	61	.545	—
St. Louis	71	63	.530	2
Pittsburgh	71	64	.526	2 1/2
Cincinnati	65	71	.478	9
Chicago	61	74	.452	12 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	59	.563	—
San Francisco	72	62	.537	3 1/2
San Diego	63	70	.474	12
Arizona	56	79	.415	20
Colorado	54	81	.400	22

Saturday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1, 1st game
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
Miami 4, Atlanta 0
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 2, Arizona 0
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late
Washington at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia (A.Burnett 7-14) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 5-6), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 15-8) at Pittsburgh (F.Liriano 3-10), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-11) at St. Louis (Lackey 2-1), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 12-7) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 15-9), 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 13-9) at Arizona (C.Anderson 7-8), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 13-8) at San Diego (Stults 6-14), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 12-8) at Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6), 3:10 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 6-9) at Atlanta (A.Wood 9-10), 4:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S AL WEST BOX

ASTROS 2, RANGERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Lillibrdg cf	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0
Alberto 2b	3	0	0	0
Rua 1b	3	0	1	0
Rosales dh	3	0	0	0
Telis c	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	1	0
Choice lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	3	0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	3	1	1	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Corporn c	4	1	1	0
Marisnck cf	3	0	0	1
Gomez lf	3	0	1	0
Gonzalez ss	3	0	0	0
Wallach 1b	3	0	0	0
Castro rf	3	0	0	1
Totals	25	2	3	2

Texas 000 000 000 — 0
Houston 000 002 00x — 2

E—Klein (1), Guzman (2). LOB—Texas 3, Houston 7. 2B—Altuve (35), Corporan (6). CS—Odor (6).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ross Jr.	5	0	0	0	3	5
Klein L,0-2	1 2-3	3	2	2	1	3
Sh.Tolleson	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Houston						
Feldman W,8-10	9	3	0	0	1	5

T—2:25. A—34,771 (42,060).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 2, YANKEES 0

New York	000 000 000	—0	1	0
Toronto	200 000 00x	—2	7	0

Pineda, Kelley (7), Huff (8) and McCann; Hutchison, Aa.Sanchez (8) and D'Arnaud. W—Hutchison 9-11. L—Pineda 3-3. Sv—Aa.Sanchez (1). HRs—Toronto, Bautista (28).

FIRST GAME

WHITE SOX 6, TIGERS 3

Detroit	000 000 030	—3	6	2
Chicago	105 100 03x	—6	9	0

Scherzer, E.Reed (7), McCoy (8) and Holaday; Sale, Belisario (8), Putnam (8), Petricka (9) and Flowers. W—Sale 11-3. L—Scherzer 15-5. Sv—Petricka (10). HRs—Detroit, Kinsler (13), J.Martinez (27). Chicago, A.Dunn (20), Flowers (10).

ORIOLES 3, TWINS 2

Minnesota	000 010 100	—2	10	0
Baltimore	000 101 10x	—3	8	1

Gibson, Duensing (6), Burton (7), Roenicke (8) and K.Suzuki; Tillman, Tom.Hunter (8), A.Miller (7), O'Day (8), Z.Britton (9) and Hundley. W—A.Miller 5-5. L—Burton 2-3. Sv—Z.Britton (30). HRs—Baltimore, Paredes (1).

SECOND GAME

TIGERS 8, WHITE SOX 4

Detroit	202 300 000	—8	13	0
Chicago	000 300 001	—4	7	0

R.Ryan, S.Coke (7), J.Johnson (8), Chamberlain, Nathan (9) and A.D.Avila; Danks, Downs (7), Cleto (8), Surkamp (9) and Mote. W—R.Ryan 1-0. L—Danks 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Viciedo (17).

BATS 7, RED SOX 0

Boston	000 000 000	—0	1	1
Tampa Bay	030 130 00x	—7	7	1

Webster, A.Wilson (5), Layne (8) and D.Ross. Odorizzi, Beliveau (8), Yates (9) and Hanigan. W—Odorizzi 10-11. L—Webster 3-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST GAME

CUBS 5, CARDINALS 1

Chicago	000 210 000	—4	7	0
St. Louis	010 000 000	—1	7	0

Doubront, N.Ramirez (8), Grimm (9) and Jo.Baker; Masterson, Lyons (5) and Pierzynski. W—Doubront 1-0. L—Masterson 2-3. HRs—Chicago, Watkins (1), Valaika (2), S.Castro (14).

PIRATES 3, REDS 2

Cincinnati	000 100 100	—2	3	0
Pittsburgh	300 000 00x	—3	4	1

Simon, Ju.Diaz (8) and Mesoraco; Worley, Ju.Wilson (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and R.Martin. W—Worley 6-4. L—Simon 13-9. Sv—Melancon (26). HRs—Cincinnati, Frazier (23). Pittsburgh, N.Walker (18).

PHILLIES 7, METS 2

Philadelphia	000 015 001	—7	12	0
New York	000 000 200	—2	5	0

Je.Williams, De Fratus (7), Bastardo (7), Giles (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz; S.Colon, Carlyle (6), Eveland (7), Matsuzaka (8) and d'Arnaud. W—Je.Williams 3-0. L—B.Colon 12-11. HRs—Philadelphia, Byrd (25).

MARLINS 4, BRAVES 0

Miami	101 011 000	—4	10	0
Atlanta	000 000 000	—0	9	3

Cosart, A.Ramos (8), M.Dunn (8), Cishek (9) and Saltalamacchia; Harang, Avilan (6), Hale (7), Russell (9) and Gattis. W—Cosart 3-1. L—Harang 10-9. HRs—Miami, Solano (3).

ROCKIES 2, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Colorado	010 000 001	—2	3	1
Arizona	000 000 000	—0	5	0

Matzek, B.Brown (8), Friedrich (8), Ottavino (8), Hawkins (9) and McKenry. Nuno, Stites (9) and M.Montero. W—Matzek 4-9. L—Nuno 0-4. Sv—Hawkins (22). HRs—Colorado, McBride (2), Blackmon (16).

FRIDAY'S LATE AL WEST BOXES

NATIONALS 8, MARINERS 3

Washington	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	1	2	0
Rendon 3b	4	2	4	1
Werth dh	4	1	1	2
LaRoch 1b	4	0	0	1
Dsmnd ss	5	1	2	1
Harper lf	4	1	3	1
Wilsnns c	4	2	2	2
ACarer 2b	4	0	0	0
Schmkr rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	38	8	14	8

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Ackken cf	5	0	1	0
Ackley lf	5	1	2	0
Cano 2b	3	1	2	0
MMorls dh	4	0	2	1
Seager 3b	4	0	1	1
Zunino c	4	0	0	0
Morrsn 1b	4	0	0	0
CTaylr ss	4	1	1	0
EnChvz rf	4	0	1	1
Totals	37	3	10	3

Washington ..... 102 200 021—8
Seattle ..... 200 000 001—3

DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Washington 6, Seattle 8. 2B—Rendon (33), En.Chavez (10). 3B—Ackley (4). HR—Rendon (18), Werth (14), Desmond (22), Harper (8), W.Ramos 2 (9). SF—LaRoche.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Zimmermann W,10-5	6	7	2	2	1	8
Storen	1	0	0	0	0	2
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Soriano	1	3	1	1	0	1
Seattle						
F.Hernandez L,13-5	7	10	5	5	1	1
Beimel	2-3	2	2	2	0	1
Maurer	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney	1	2	1	1	1	0

T—2:55. A—35,616 (47,476).

ANGELS 4, ATHLETICS 0

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	2	0	0	0
Gentry cf	2	0	0	0
Fuld lf	4	0	1	0
Dnldsn 3b	3	0	1	0
Vogt 1b	4	0	1	0
Moss dh	2	0	0	0
Reddick rf	4	0	0	0
DNorrs c	3	0	1	0
Callasp 2b	4	0	0	0
Sogard ss	4	0	1	0
Totals	32	0	5	0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Calhon rf	4	0	0	0
Trout cf	4	0	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	1	2	1
J-Hmltn lf	4	0	1	0
HKndrc 2b	4	1	0	0
Freese dh	4	0	0	0
Aybar ss	4	1	2	0
Iannett c	3	1	1	3
GBtch 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	7	4

Oakland ..... 000 000 000—0
Los Angeles ..... 000 021 10x—4

E—Donaldson (21). Sogard (8). G.Beckham (11). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Oakland 9, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Donaldson (25). J.Hamilton (21). HR—Pujols (24), Iannetta (6).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lester L,15-9	7	6	3	2	1	5
Scribner	1	1	1	1	0	0
J.Chavez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Weaver W,15-7	7	3	0	0	3	3
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	0
Street	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Weaver (Moss).

T—2:54. A—41,177 (45,483).

FRIDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

INDIANS 6, ROYALS 1

Cleveland	013 000 002	—6	13	0
Kansas City	000 000 001	—1	9	1

Salazar, D.Lee (8), Cockrell (7), Atchison (7), Rzepczynski (7), Shaw (8), Tomlin (9) and Y.Gomes; J.Vargas, S.Downs (7), L.Coleman (8), Bueno (9) and S.Perez. W—Salazar 5-6. L—J.Vargas 10-7. HRs—Cleveland, C.Santana (22).

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 1

Detroit	000 000 700	—7	13	1
Chicago	100 000 000	—1	10	2

Verlander, J.Johnson (8), McCoy (9), Albuquerque (9) and Avila; Carroll, Belisario (6), Lindstrom (8), Cleto (9) and Flowers. Nieto W—Verlander 12-11. L—Carroll 5-9.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, ROCKIES 2

Colorado	000 000 110	—2	5	0
Arizona	000 000 06x	—6	3	0

Bergman, Friedrich (6), Brothers (8), Ottavino (8) and McKenry; Collmenter, O.Perez (7), E.Marshall (7), Ziegler (8), A.Reed (9) and M.Montero. W—Ziegler 5-2. L—Brothers 4-6. Sv—A.Reed (31). HRs—Arizona, Lamb (2).

PADRES 3, DODGERS 2

Los Angeles	001 000 010	000	—2	11	1
San Diego	010 100 000	001	—3	8	0

Haren, J.Wright (7), Howell (8), B.Wilson (9), Pi.Perez (9), Rios (10), League (11), Correia (12) and A.Ellis; Cashner, Vincent (7), Thayer (8), Quackenbush (9), Boyer (10), Stauffer (12) and Rivera. Grandal. W—Stauffer 5-2. L—Correia 2-6. HRs—Los Angeles, H.Ramirez (13).

GIANTS 10, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee	000 010 020	—3	9	1
San Francisco	401 000 04x	—9	11	0

W.Peralta, Saladin (4), Gonzalez (6), Kintzler (7) and Lucroy; Mallinbrdt, Hudgens, Romo (8) and Posey. Susac. W—Hudgens 9-8. L—W.Peralta 15-8. HRs—San Francisco, B.Crawford (6).

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2013 CHEVROLET Camero SS, BLK/BLK, 11,000 Miles. Fully Loaded, RS Package, 6-SPD Automatic Trans w/ TAPSHIFT, AM/FM Radio w/ Navigation and Sat. Radio. Vehicle is still under MFG warranty, Tire & Lifetime Tint warranty as well. $35,000. For More Info Please Call: 817-727-6164

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BMW 2013 320i Sedan, silver, black interior 11K miles. Looking lease swap, 20 payments remaining, $549.00 monthly. 432-770-7090. designfunc@yahoo.com

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BUICK 2007 Lucerne CXL. 105,000 miles, black exterior with tan leather, premium stereo, chrome wheels. $9,299 call 432-425-5750 or 432-924-2505.

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for one (1) **Intracardiac Echo System** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, August 27, 2014.**

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All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1141 - 082714.**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern
Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., September 3, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. For the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 8310-15

For: Winter Seed for CGC & K. Cook

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

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Passenger Cars

CADALLUC 2011 SRX 1 owner, garaged, 21K miles, red, very nice. Bargain at $27K. Call Jim 432-557-3418 leave message.

CADILLAC 2006 Escalade, Fabulously luxurious. Totally loaded for the princess in you or your loved one. Asking only $21,500 to look gorgeous on the road. Kiss kiss! 432-978-1490.

CHEVY 2012 Cruze LTZ with RS pkg. Loaded, 26k miles, black on black leather, excellent condition. $16,000. Call for more info 432-770-1471.

FORD 2001 Focus. Red in color Engine recently replaced. 6mo warranty. AC works. Must See! Asking $4500. Call 432-349-0041

HYUNDAI 2005 Sonata LX, gold, 4dr, V6, sunroof, 99k miles. Perfect! Only $5200 OBO Call 432-218-9941

HYUNDAI 2011 Sonata ltd 48k mi. KBB good $13,500 obo $1k less than KBB value. Call 432-413-3827

MERCEDES BENZ 2013 C-250 Sport Sedan 21,000 miles, under warranty, maintenance package included, one owner, 4 cyl. Turbo, 1.8 liter, black interior, window tint, factory wheels $26,500 firm

NISSAN 2010 Sentra, low miles 22K miles, saving $9,500 620-309-1999

PONTIAC 2006 Solstice. First year of production. No. 416. Many options added 8,982 miles. $14,000 Call 432-664-1094

TOYOTA 2011 Tacoma, TX TRD pickup with four wheel drive 105,000 miles, in very good condition. Call 432-296-1515.

TOYOTA 2013 Corolla S. with only 13,400 miles for sale!!! $16k 432-599-2224

TOYOTA AVALON XLS Very good condition throughout. Nice car. Serviced at Toyota since new. $4300 OBO 432-210-5054

VW BEATLE 2010, red exterior, black interior, new tires, 63K miles $11,500. Please call 432-269-8595

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WIN $17,000

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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TOYOTA OF MIDLAND
We're Hiring!

LUBE AUTO TECHNICIANS

A great team environment and ongoing training are just a few of the benefits you can expect in our Service Dept. If you possess the desire to make a great atmosphere even better, you could be the perfect fit. We are looking for candidates with a strong work ethic and a high level of integrity who want to contribute as a team player.

Responsibilities include:
- Performing routine maintenance of vehicles
- Change oil, transmission and other fluids and filters
- Provide service information to Service Advisor
- Maintain exceeding quality standards

Requirements include: Friendly, hard working, drive to satisfy customer and dept expectations, High school diploma or equivalent, Ability to stay in a fast paced environment, Professional demeanor, Good communication skills, Valid driver's license & clean driving record

SALES PROFESSIONALS

$18 AN HOUR GUARANTEED! for 60 days while you train to get the hottest cars in the market

No Experience... We Will Train You! Position Available

We are seeking of Automotive Sales Professionals to join our team. We offer a competitive pay plan $18 per hour while you train, lots of floor and t-mail traffic, plus great benefits and a guarantee while you train! We have started construction of a new state-of-the-art dealership... this is your chance to get in on the ground floor. We have an extensive supply of certified and pre-owned vehicles along with new Toyota and Scion vehicles. We are eager to discuss the possibility of your new career with our growing store. Our clients deserve only the finest customer service oriented professionals. Let us know if you are that person! A degree is plus but not required. If you are a high energy professional looking for the right opportunities to succeed with... look no further.

SERVICE ADVISOR / ASSIST. MANAGER

IMMEDIATE OPENING for a Service Advisor/Assistant Service Manager in our growing Service Department. Proven performer with great follow up and people skills needed for fast growing automobile dealership service department. We will train the right person. This is a great opportunity... we have lots of work! Dealership background is preferred. We need your experience and great attitude to help us move to the next level. Applicants must have outstanding customer service skills, basic automotive repair knowledge and be able to succeed in in a fast paced customer service environment. Compensation is based on background and ability. Plus, we offer one of the finest benefits programs in the automotive industry.

PARTS DELIVERY DRIVER

We are seeking a skilled, enthusiastic and hard working Delivery Driver to join our growing team of auto parts professionals. As a Delivery Driver your priority focus is on getting the right parts to the right people at the right time, in accordance with standards set the fine of Toyota of Midland throughout the day. Other responsibilities for the Delivery Driver will include:
- Building long-term relationships with the customers you deliver to
- Driving throughout the metroplitan area using maps and directions
- Utilizing both manual and automatic transmission vehicles
- Handling cash/charge transactions correctly and core/part returns appropriately
- Maintaining a distribution log or tracking system to record all deliveries/pickups made
- Lifting merchandise up to 40 lbs for deliveries
- Inspecting, protecting and maintaining company assets, merchandise, vehicles, building and people.

MUST HAVE VALID DRIVERS LICENSE.

For all TOYOTA OF MIDLAND job listings please apply online at resumes@toyotaofmidland.com

800 North Loop 250 West

Attention Readers
In Observance Of
Labor Day
The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Monday, September 1, 2014
ADVERTISING DEADLINES
CLASSIFIED WORD ADS
Publishing On: Deadline Is:
Fri., August 29th ... August 28th 12 PM
Sat., August 30th ... August 28th 5 PM
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RETAIL DISPLAY ADS
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CIRCULATION
Customer Service sales will be closed September 1st from 7 AM to ...
We will re-open Tuesday, September 2nd for regular business hours.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

To CHARLES DWAIN SHRUM,
Respondent:
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of **JUDITH P. MASSINGILL**, Petitioner, was filed in the County Court of Law of Midland County, Texas, on July 14, 2014 against **CHARLES DWAIN SHRUM**, Respondent, numbered FM-57,550 and entitled *In the Matter of the Marriage of Judith P. Massingill and Charles Dwain Shrum*. The suit requests the dissolution of the marriage relationship.
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order that will be binding on you.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, on August 26th, 2014.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: STERLING A BRAWLEY, Deputy

Request For Bids
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Ector County Hospital District ProCare Women's & Maternity Clinic.

A Pre-Bid meeting will NOT be scheduled.

Bids are due by September 17, 2014 on or before 3:00 pm.

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7910 Orlando Ave
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
AGC Plan Rooms & Dodge Plan Rooms - Lubbock, Odessa, Midland
Lee Lewis Construction - Lubbock, Texas
Website: http://leelewis.thomasrepro.com

Lee Lewis Construction specifically invites Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled By Socially And Economically Disadvantaged Individuals to bid this project.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 15, 2014
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 19, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule38 Case No.7C-0291014
Status/Permit No. 789646

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Sep 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE
Lease/Unit Well No.	1169H
Lease/Unit Acres:	17433.41
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	16.0
Lease Lines:	7592.0 F north L, 4782.0 F east L
Survey Lines:	6325.0 F south L, 4782.0 F east L
Wellbore Profile(s):	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines:	7592.0 F NORTH L 5297.0 F EAST L
Terminus Location	
BH County: UPTON	
Section:	Block: Abstract: 542
Survey: THROCKMORTON CSL / LGE 1	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F NORTH L 5297.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines:	100.0 F NORTH L 5297.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11180 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935

Legal & Public Notices

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule38 Case No.7C-0291008
Status/Permit No. 789847

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	224.0
Lease Lines:	7593.0 F north L, 4752.0 F east L
Survey Lines:	6325.0 F south L, 4752.0 F east L
Wellbore Profile(s) :	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
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Terminus Location	
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WANTED!
We buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4079

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CAMARO 1986 Z-28 IROC-Z, w/T-tops, classic for restore. Never wrecked. Classic Restoration. A great father/son project. 432-699-2115

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MUST SELL!!! 2.69 karat pear shaped diamond 14k gold ring. Serious callers only. 830-214-4690

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20" PROFILE tires and rims $500. Call 432-813-8211

4 SPACES together at Rosthaven, Garden of Hope. Valued at $2,395 each, make reasonable offer. 432-528-2169

COWBOYS vs 49ers, 4 TICKETS, 1 PARKING PASS. 432-557-6113

DALLAS COWBOYS Tickets for Sale, with Parking Pass, Lower Level. Call 432-631-6449

For Sale: 6x10 Concession Trailer with deep fryer, vent hood, exhaust fan. Has new tires and electric. Comes with a spot in the fair. For additional info call 432-770-4004

Miscellaneous for Sale

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LARGEST SELECTION OF USED TRAILERS IN THE BASIN
TRY US ONCE YOU'LL BE BACK
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KING CORONET with case. Great condition. One owner, used two school years. Serious inquiries only. $500 OBO. 432-557-0491

LUDWIG DRUM kit for 7th grader, good condition. $150 OBO. 432-210-3090.

Sporting Goods

FOR SALE: SET OF 4 Super grade Winchester Model 70 Rifles. NIB 22-250, 270, 300 win mag and 375 H&R Calibers. Call Ken at 573-268-9009

OVER 3,000 golf clubs and collectibles, huge pull carts, books, games, head covers, racks, and cabinets. 100 collectible putters included. $5,000 for entire collection, not sold separately. 432-352-0566 or 432-352-4695.

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Animals & Pets

Pets

SCOTTISH TERRIER puppies, 2 males $500 each, available end of September. 432-528-5217

TO GOOD home only. Beautiful, pure-bred, white male boxer, approx. 4 yrs old. $125. Call 432-770-2399, serious inquiries only.

Legal & Public Notices

Public Notice
Proposal #2015-005

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the installation and operation of all beverage vending machines located on the Midland College Campuses. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2014** in the Purchasing Office at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Schools & Instruction

CHILD DAY CARE and PRESCHOOL - The Midland College Children's Center at Manor Park has openings for children 3 & 4 years old. 7:30am to 5:30m. Contact Tracy Roome at 432-897-4581 troome@midland.edu

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for Paper Products, Bid 5-0019. Bids are to be addressed to Leon Hartter, Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 705, Midland, Texas 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., CDT, Thursday, September 4, 2014. All forms and information may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5890.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES

According to the records of the City of Midland Police Department, the following abandoned vehicles have been impounded by the Midland Police Department:

2000	JEP	LL	1J4GW58NXYC338875
1969	FIAT	2D	100GBS0039467
2003	CHEV	2D	1G1JC52F237259376
2000	MERC	LL	4M2DU86P2YUJ42163
1997	PONT	4D	1G2HX52K6VH238734
2009	EAGLE	MC	18XTBK50690000227
2003	AUDI	4D	WAUML64B63N079220
2014	MITS	4D	ML32A3HJOEH025853
	H/M	10' TRL	NONE
2006	VESPA	MC	LHJLC13C86B000D82
2007	BIG TEX	18" TRL	13ZHA18227J005663
1992	BIG TEX	12' TRL	16VAX1219N1423684

These vehicles are being stored at the Police Department impound lot located at 1109 S. Midland Dr.

If you wish to reclaim one of these vehicles, you have twenty (20) days from this date in which to do so, by contacting the Midland Police Department, Traffic Section and paying all charges resulting from the impoundment of this vehicle. Failure to exercise your rights to reclaim this vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and interest in the vehicle and your consent of sale of the vehicle at public auction.

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Lease/Unit Name:	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE
Lease/Unit Well No.:	1171H
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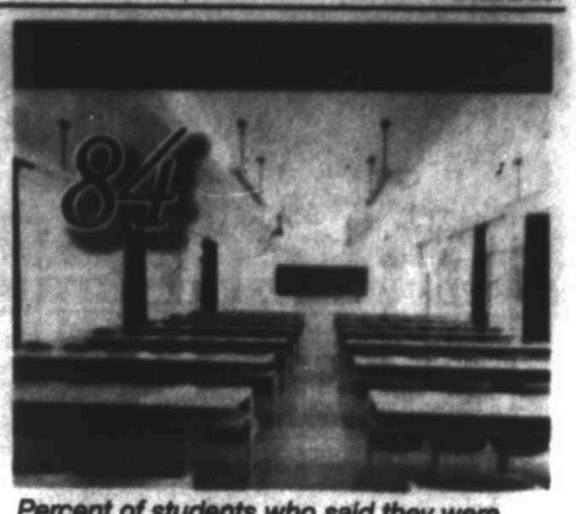

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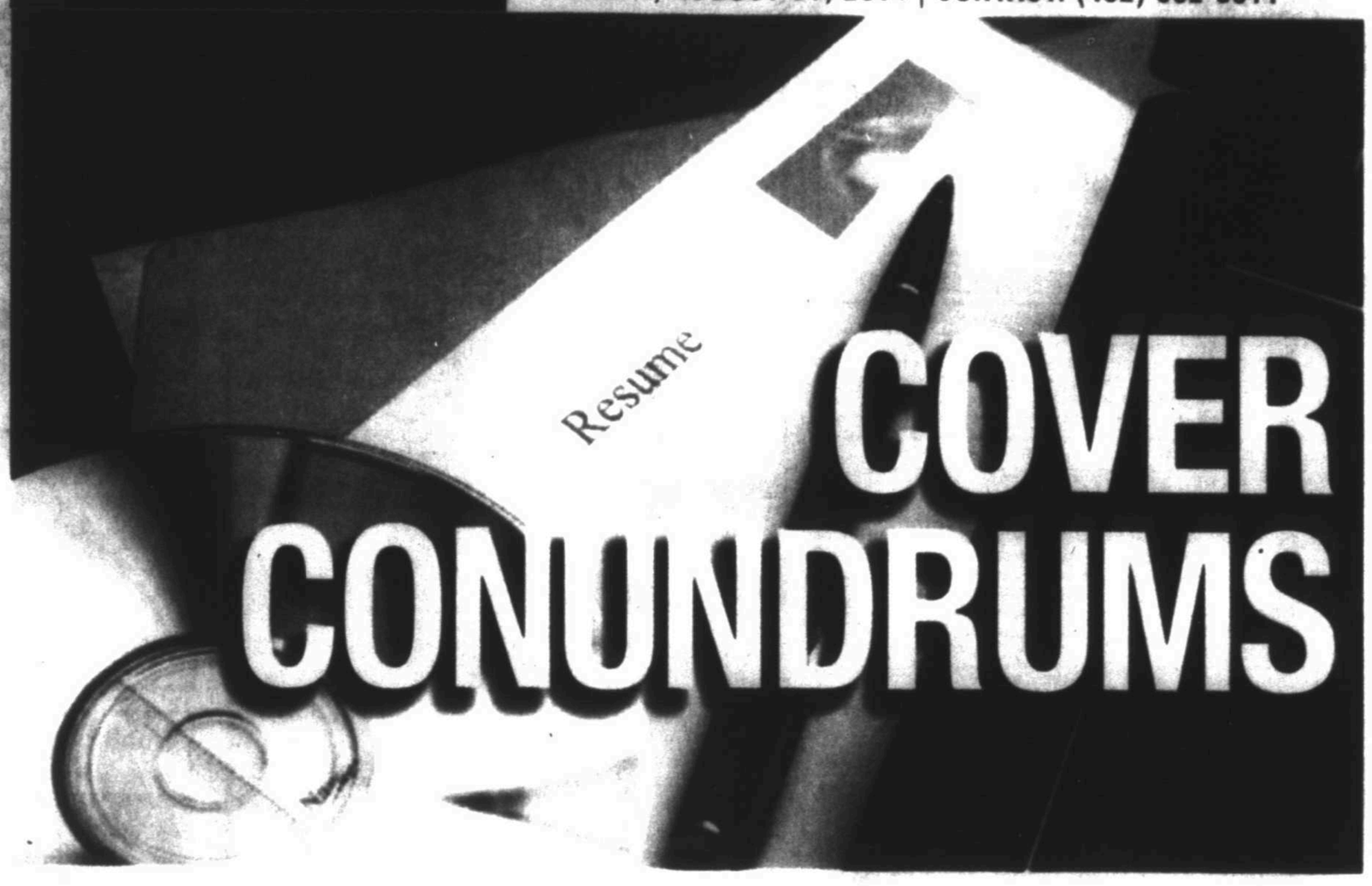

KNOW GOING IN

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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No one should have to tell you that it's not smart to answer your mobile phone while at an interview. But the fact is that when nerves kick in, bodies have a mind of their own.

"We all have common sense, but people lose track of it during an interview and do things that they may not normally do," says Chicago executive career coach Steve Frederick.

Employers and recruiters have identified knockouts that can get you eliminated in the first three minutes. These include obvious ones, such as tardiness, poor eye contact, a limp handshake, excessive passiveness or aggression and cynicism.

Too often, candidates might prepare for the interview, but they forget that they're on the spotlight, and they says things haphazardly that reflect poorly on them.

"You never want to forget that you're at an interview. If you become too candid and talk about how you couldn't stand working for your former boss, the interviewer is going to wonder how long it will be before you say something about him or her," Frederick says. Frederick adds that it's crucial to listen carefully to the questions and ponder on your response to avoid sabotaging the interview.

Make sure you understand exactly what the interviewer is asking and why. If you're not clear, ask for clarification. If caught off guard, pause a moment and give a thoughtful response.

"Be truthful, but remember, you are marketing yourself. Don't volunteer negative information," he says.

Frederick offers a few more common-sense tips to avoid sabotaging your interview:

• Prepare for sensitive questions. If you don't handle these questions right, you're dead in the water, he says. The good news is that most of the time you know what these questions will be in advance. Be prepared. Sensitive questions include: Why were you fired? Why the gap on your resume? Why have you been out of work so long? What have you been doing since you lost your job?

• Know how to articulate your skills. People who have not been out of work for long haven't had to think about articulating what they do to be successful. Others also find this to be a tough process. Regardless, you must clearly articulate how you produce value or your chances of getting hired are close to nil.

• Avoid tech speak. If you're in a technical field, remember that some interviews may be conducted by non-technical people. Speak in plain English. Some people don't understand what a turnoff it is to listen while someone drones on using words and concepts they don't understand.

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COVER CONUNDRUMS

SURPRISE: COVER LETTERS AREN'T ALWAYS NECESSARY! BUT THEY CAN BE EFFECTIVE IF THEY'RE CONCISE AND TARGETED.

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

Is the cover letter really dead? Experts are torn. But the arguments against mostly focus on the cover letter's role in responding to online job postings, where they may be least effective.

According to Martin Yate, author of "Knock 'Em Dead Cover Letters" (Adams Media, 2014), responding to online job postings is how most jobseekers spend 90 percent of their time. "It's busywork, it makes people feel like they're doing a job search and they're not suffering rejection at a time when their egos are very fragile anyway," he says. "But if you do this, you're a minnow swimming in an ocean of minnows."

The five major ways people find jobs are through online postings, posting in resume banks, reaching out to headhunters, networking and direct research and approach, according to Yate. He recommends a customized resume and cover letter even if you're applying for a job online, because it can't hurt and is likely to be read if it reaches a hiring manager.

But according to Tony Beshara, owner and president of recruiting firm Babich & Associates and author of "The Job Search Solution" (AMACOM, 2012), cover letters will only be read in full if the hiring manager sees something they like after a quick scan.

"Sixty percent of the resumes that are reviewed are not reviewed by people who are really qualified and know what they're looking at," says Beshara. "The probability of you getting a job online by sending a resume is 1 out of about 475."

Beshara recommends calling the hiring manager and setting up an interview. A short email cover letter sent directly to the hiring manager that targets the specific role can accomplish the same thing.

"If you know who the hiring manager is, and you know exactly what they're looking for, you might want to write a cover letter highlighting that," says Beshara. "Put bullet points on it as to why you would be good for them. The three recommendations for cover letters are short, short and short."

Another option Yate recommends is including a left-hand column listing three or four things the company is looking for in the job description, and a right-hand column listing your experience and achievements in these areas. "It's guaranteed to help get it read because it makes life easier," says Yate.

If your target companies have no current job postings in the role you seek, do a web search for previous job postings in that role and use those to inform the cover letter. "What they were looking for [then] is probably the same thing they're looking for today," says Yate.

Hiring managers will be the people one, two or three job titles above your level, and they're easy to identify on LinkedIn. According to Yate, it can also be helpful to reach out to HR managers, particularly at larger companies. "In the bigger companies, there could be a number of opportunities," says Yate. "And that's where [HR managers] can be a real plus."

In addition to letting people know why they should interview you, the cover letter should also ask when you should get together for an interview. "The quickest way to get a job is to get into conversation with the people who can hire you as quickly and frequently as possible," says Yate. "That's what every job search is about."

"Managers and recruiters get all this stuff and they feel they're just being hit with a shotgun blast," Yate continues. "A good cover letter makes a positive impression because you're telling this person that you care. You're saying, 'I understand the job, I have the skills and I care enough to write this letter and spell your name correctly.'"

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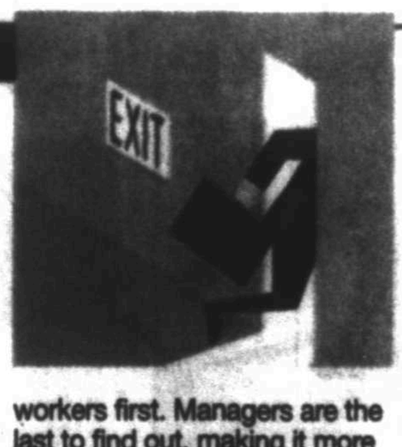

Not all is dim in the job market. Compared to five years ago, when more people were being let go, an increasing number of employees are voluntarily moving on.

In fact, the number of people quitting the private sector has increased 55 percent since the low in September 2009. During the latest recession, layoffs and discharges outnumbered quits from November 2008 through March 2010.

As more openings become available, experts suggest that you exit your current job as gracefully as possible.

"Unlike 15 or 20 years ago, so much more rests of your recommendations. Employers are not hiring without calling past employers, and if you have burned a bridge, you may not get the job you want," says Brandi Britton, district president with Robert Half International in Southern California. She offers some tips for leaving with class:

1. Discuss it with your manager first. Employers don't like it when an employee makes a decision to resign and tell co-workers first. Managers are the last to find out, making it more difficult to develop a game plan for communication.

2. Give proper notice. It's customary to offer two weeks. But nowadays, more than two weeks may be necessary if you are in the middle of a project. Be flexible and reasonable.

3. Be professional. A lot of time employers ask why you are leaving. This is not the time to be vindictive with your comments. You never know when you will need an employer as a reference.

4. Decline a counter offer. Employers are often caught off guard. They have been running lean for a long time and losing that one person will be painful. So they throw out more money. But what prompted that employee to want to leave has not changed. At some point, managers may feel resentful that they have to pay someone more money and could consider dismissing you without cause and a severance package.

– Patricia Rivera

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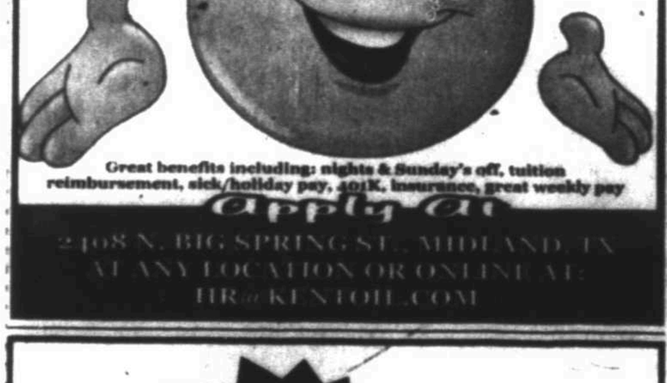

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Creative Solutions in Healthcare

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is hosting a healthcare career fair on Wednesday, September 10! We are a brand new, state of the art facility opening our doors this fall in Big Spring, TX! Come join us at the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, located in the Birdwell Building at 1001 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, TX. We are hosting two information sessions from 9am-noon and again from 1pm-4pm. Come join us to learn more about exciting opportunities with Big Spring Center for Skilled Care!

We are recruiting for all positions including

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Applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, high school diploma/GED, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at www.pbmhmr.com. For questions, contact the Human Resources Department at 432-570-3322.

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Odessa Location
Receptionist – Full Time
Bilingual required

RN – Float Nurse – Full Time
Minimum 3 years actively practicing as a registered nurse
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Midland Location
Scheduler – Full Time
Experience preferred, but not required

US Oncology offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package including 401(k) and tuition reimbursement. Interested candidates should forward resume to:
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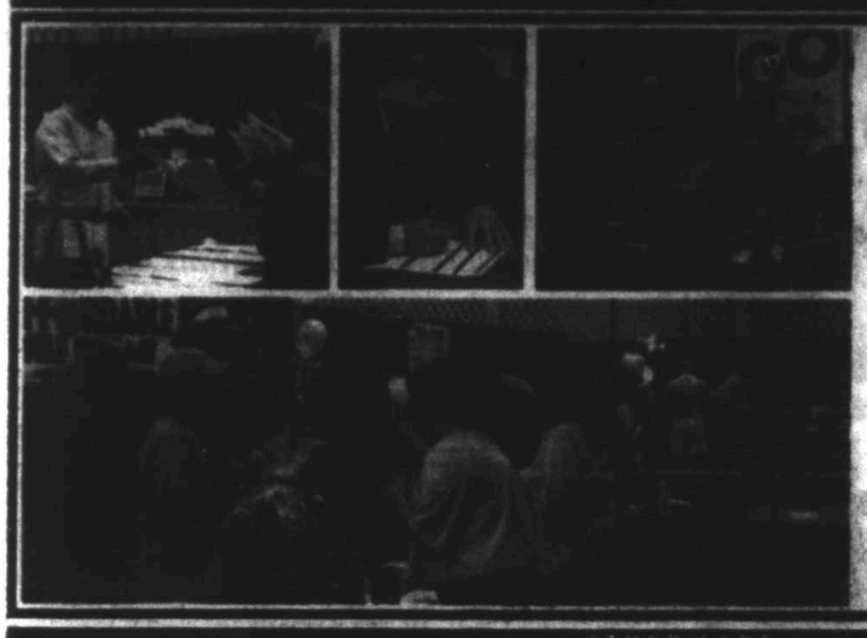

CAREER FAIR

September 30 • 10AM-3PM
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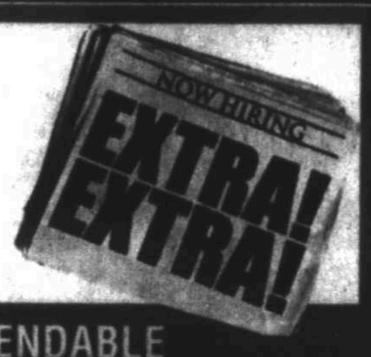

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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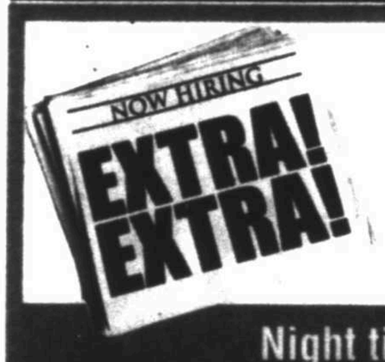

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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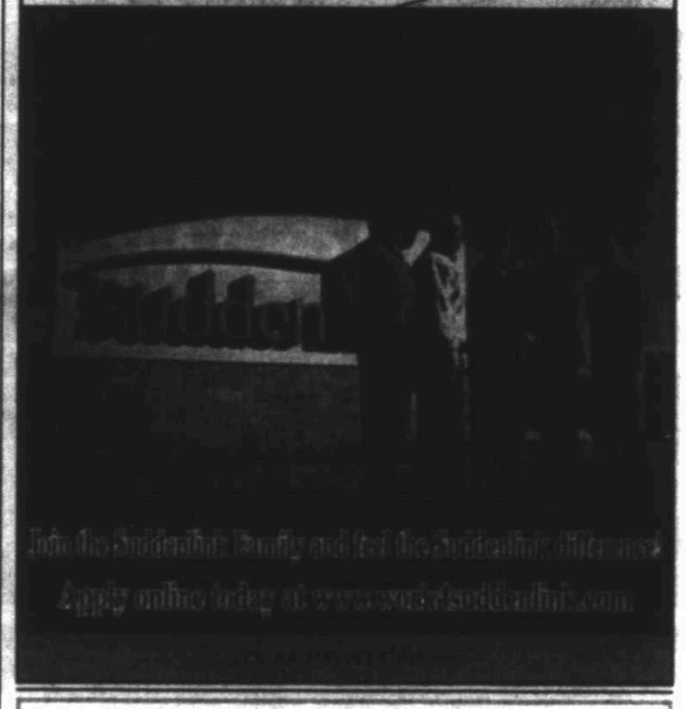

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We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, mileage and cell phone allowances, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are ready to SUCCEED, please send a resume to:
Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
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201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701
jhouston@mrt.com

Equal Opportunity Employer

staffing

NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

- Staffing Sales Person
- Master Gardener
- Pipe Yards
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- Recruitment Coordinators
- Diesel Mechanic
- Tire and Lube Technician
- Clean Up Crew

Must have dependable transportation & phone.

Apply online at www.staffitusa.com

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4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26, Midland, TX, 79705
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M & D Welding hiring general help for painting and sandblasting. Salary DOE. Please call for application 432-520-3863 or 432-638-8286.

SKILLED LABOR

PUMPS & SERVICE

Has the following position available:

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Responsible for the service and repair of pumps and air compressors in a shop and field environment. Mechanical experience required; electrical experience a plus. Industry specific training will be provided. Must have own tools and good driving record. Field work is located in the Permian Basin. Applicants should be team oriented, safety-minded and motivated to provide excellent customer service. Will be required to pass a pre-employment physical and drug-screen. We offer an excellent benefits package, competitive wages and a great working environment. For consideration, send resume to: hr@hpi1.com or fax to 505-599-9428. www.pumpsandservice.com

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

SKILLED LABOR

APPLIED stripes

Fuel Technician

APT/Stripes has an open position for a Fuel Technician at our Midland/surrounding areas. Experience with fuel dispensing equipment, dispenser control system and underground storage systems required. Industry technical certifications or ability to obtain within 6 months to 1 year required. Position involves daily travel. Must be able to work flexible hours such as weekends, on-call, evenings & holidays, as required. Must have good communication skills, valid driver's license and good driving record.

We offer a competitive salary and benefit package: medical, dental, vision and life coverage, 401(k), company vehicle & uniforms.

Interested candidates may apply by faxing resume with salary requirements to 361-693-3719 or apply online at www.susser.com/careers
Drug-Free Workplace - EOE

Glazer's

Glazer's, Inc. successfully operates over 40 branch offices in 15 states and the United States Virgin Islands. In each of our markets, we're committed to being the preferred providers of adult beverage products. Our commitment to building brands, our passion for outstanding customer service and our strategic focus on marketing solutions drive our high performance and results- producing culture.

The sky's the limit when you bring your ambition and hard-working nature to position yourself as one of tomorrow's leaders within the Glazer's organization.

Why Glazer's?
- Over 40 offices in 14 states
- Great career growth
- Quality of life
- New compensation packages!

Career Opportunities
- Drivers
- Warehouse workers
- Merchandisers
- Operators
- Sales Representatives and more

We Offer:
- Immediate start dates
- Speedy on-boarding process
- Competitive benefits
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Interested in working for Glazer's?

Join us at Glazer's On-Site Interview Days
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10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Glazer's • (The Coats Building)
2909 S. County Road 1290, Odessa

Apply in person or for immediate consideration
Email: careers@glazers.com

Visit our website www.glazers.com/careers.com

www.glazers.com

Warehouse/Delivery
Warehouse/delivery help needed for local wholesale business. Monday-Friday, months for some half days on Saturday. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Call 432-520-3877 for more details.

OTHER JOBS

Warehouse Worker
Corley Paper & Box — FT
Warehouse worker must be able to lift 50 lbs. and have Texas driver's license. 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please apply at: 5120 Andrews Highway

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Health Service Administrator Needed NOW!
Bureau of Prison Facility located in the Pecos & Big Spring, TX area
APPLY online TODAY at www.correctioncare.com
Equal Opportunity Employer/ Drug Free Workplace

Operations Clerk / Relief Courtroom Deputy
Job # USDC 14-10
Starting Salary: up to $47,923

The United States District Clerk's Office in Midland is currently accepting applications for the position of Operations Clerk / Relief Courtroom Deputy. The incumbent will perform a wide range of operational support responsibilities as well as serve as a substitute courtroom deputy when a judge's regularly assigned courtroom deputy is unavailable.

For the full job announcement and application process please visit our website at:
http://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/Jobs/default.asp

Psychologist Needed NOW!
Reeves County Detention Center, Pecos, TX
Part time (Sign on Bonus)
APPLY online TODAY at www.correctioncare.com
Equal Opportunity Employer/ Drug Free Workplace

Substance Abuse Counselor (Bi-lingual) Needed NOW!
Big Spring, TX
Full time
APPLY online TODAY at www.correctioncare.com
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We have the following position available:
CAPSTONE FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Perform a professional level of field service for the safe operation, maintenance, and repair of power supplies, and energy storage systems. Bachelor's degree or GED equivalent required. Associate degree preferred. Minimum 2 years' experience in the electrical field. Experience in the power supply industry preferred. Must be willing to travel 50% of the time. Must have a valid driver's license.

Full job description available on our website at HorizonPowerSystems.com • For consideration, please send resume to hr@horizonpowersystems.com

Horizon Power Systems offers an excellent benefits package, competitive wages and a great working environment.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Restaurant Positions
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse — FT
Would you like to make $10-$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Managers, Assistant managers, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: 3207 Tradewinds Blvd, Midland.

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FOOD SERVICE

NOW HIRING

Domino's Pizza

Domino's Pizza is the number one food delivery company in the Basin. Full time drivers needed. Earn $45,000 to $70,000 a year in wages and tips. We are busy, busy, busy! Your friendly pizza delivering pizzas is amazing! Great customer service = great tips! Part timers needed too! Earn up to $100 a shift in as little as 3 hour shifts!

Waiters and waitresses get out your feet and get behind the wheel for the best pizza company in the Permian Basin! Openings are available at all stores. We DO NOT pay by wage. Earn $7.50 an hour plus tips. Your trips to the customer are compensated for. We have company vehicles if you prefer not to use your own. This is easy money and fun. Apply at indeed.com or stop by any of our stores, fill out an application and start down the road to making serious money daily!

Host/Bussers & Kitchen Help

The Garlic Press is hiring Host/Bussers and Kitchen Help. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits. Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11-2 only

RETAIL JOBS

Management

Walk-In Interviews Academy Sports + Outdoors Midland, TX Thursday, September 4th from 9am-4pm at 5300 W. Wadley Ave. Midland, TX 79707 Management, full-time, and part-time positions available.

Store (Floor) Manager & Hourly Key Holder

Westlake ACE Hardware, has immediate opening for a **Floor Manager and Hourly Key Holder**. The **Floor Manager** plays an important role in all aspects of store management. Previous retail management preferred. Salary and Bonus eligible. Please submit your resume and salary requirements for consideration to **lcastro@westlakehardware.com** or fax to **866-490-0460**. The **Hourly key holder** will be responsible for opening/closing store in the absence of a manager including security procedures. Position pays $14-$15 an hour, incentive eligible. Apply at the store at **1004 Andrews Highway, Midland TX**. We offer competitive pay, bonus eligibility, paid vacations and holidays, a liberal employee discount and other benefits.

SALES JOBS

Parts Counter Salesman

Immediate Positions Available in Hobbs, NM! Heavy-duty truck parts counter salesman. Must at least have general mechanic knowledge. Heavy-duty truck parts knowledge a plus as pay is based on experience. We are an established, truck and trailer parts retailer and specialty service provider. Strong company, great pay, great benefits, and great working environment! SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY! Send resume to Hobbs Spring & Suspension, P.O. Box 2582, Hobbs, N.M. 88241

Sales Associates

Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented **Sales Associates.** Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy., or 812 W I-20 Midland

Sales Representative

Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks results driven **Sales Representative**. Create working relationships with MD's, nurses, social workers and articulate our excellent patient care with attentive listening skills. Competitive Base + un-capped commission. Drug-free workplace. EOE. Please apply in person at **2525 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761** or fax resume to **432-366-8226**, Attention: Michelle Wagner.

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Field & Shop Mechanics

Basin Engine & Pump

Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Furnish your own tools. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email tashawn@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX.

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ESI

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Huge opportunity for the right individual!

- **Journeyman Wireman (State Certified)**
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Comprehensive Benefit Plan including Health, Vision Plan, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Sick and Holiday Pay. Salary is negotiable DOE.

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Due to our high growth, we have needs in the Permian Basin including Carlsbad, NM, Pecos, Midland and Odessa, TX.

To learn more about us and our company, Please call Sean Kimble at 512-369-1607 for immediate consideration. You may also apply on our website at www.usacompression.com

EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIANS

Bergelectric is seeking **EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIANS** to work on long term commercial job in the **Midland area. Please** call **512-447-3800** or apply on line via: **http://www.bergelectric.com/**

Journeymen Electrician

TOP pay, excellent benefits, paid vacation, 401K. LICENSED JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS NEEDED Call 432-563-0071 for directions to the office

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Lariat Services, a dynamic company specializing in drilling, workover rigs and oilfield construction, is currently seeking to fill the following positions in West Texas:

Drilling & Pulling Units

- ***Rig Managers***
- ***Pulling Unit Operators***
- ***Derrickmen***
- ***Floorhands***

Must have 1 year of work experience. Valid and current driver's license required.

Rig Up Truck Driver

Job Description: Experienced Road Winch, Gin & Tandem drivers. Maintains driving hours and product carry logs. Performs driver preventive maintenance check and service. Works under direct supervision. Must have 1 year of work experience. Must maintain a Class A CDL driver's license.

Swamper

Job Description: Assist drivers with a range of tasks, including loading and unloading equipment and attaching chokers and chains. Responsible for rig assembly and disassembly. Securing cargo for transport, using ropes, blocks, chains, binders and covers. No experience required.

All positions are subject to successfully passing an employment background screen, a pre-employment hair follicle drug test and pre-employment physicals.

Interested applicants can apply in person at 13416 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX or www.lariatservices.com and fax applications to 432-689-5394.

Lariat Services, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SandRidge Energy, Inc.

SandRidge offers an excellent compensation and benefits package including Health & Dental Insurance, Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, and outstanding 401(k) Retirement Plan.

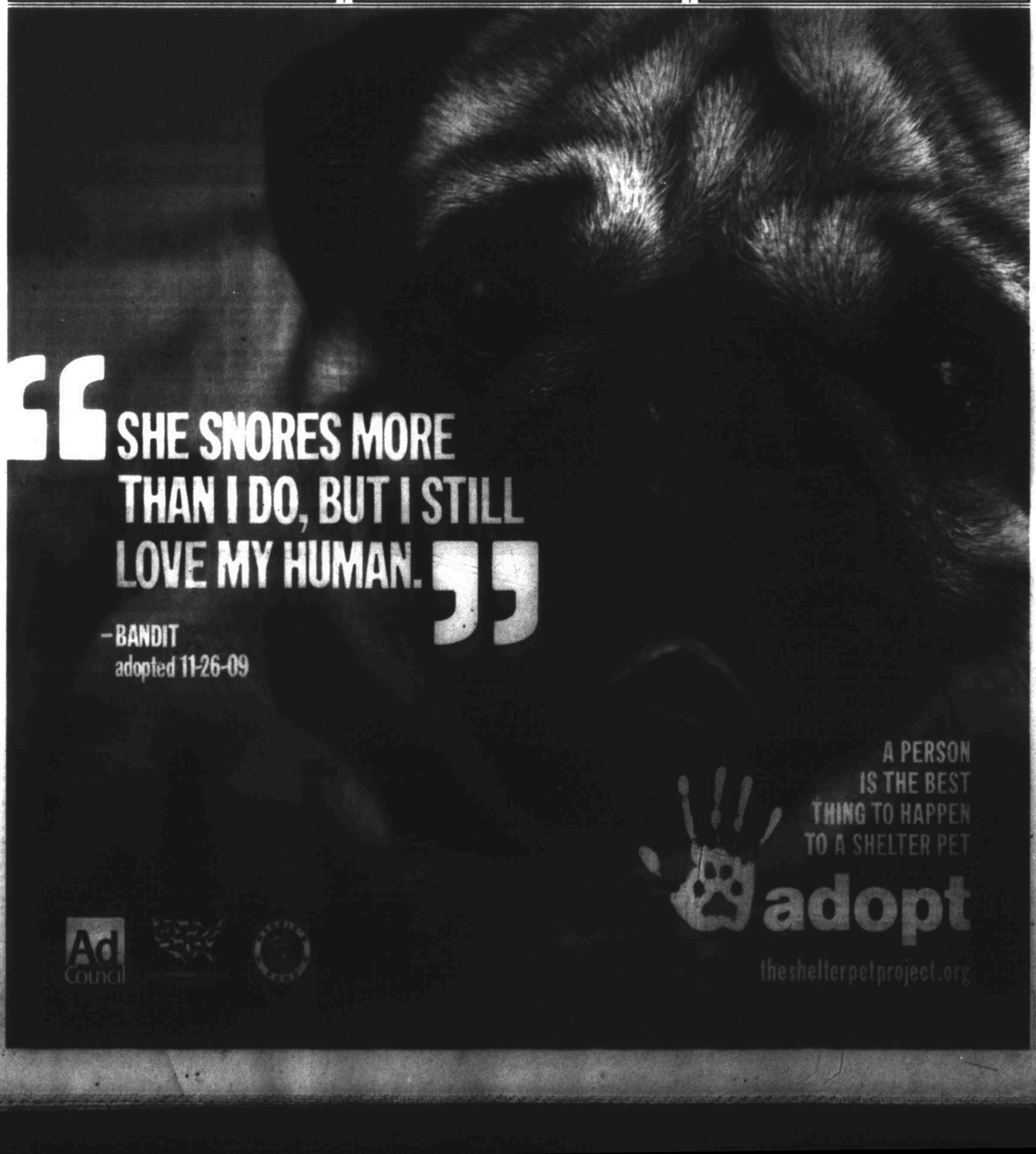
SandRidge is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

MACHINIST NEEDED

Pumping Unit Service Company has an immediate opening for an experienced manual machinist; CNC is a plus but not required. Excellent benefits, 401k plus company match, medical/dental paid by company, uniforms provided all after 90 days. Experienced applicants please call Terry @ 432/563-7185. Salary DOE.

Mechanics

Welders, Fabricators, experienced in miscellaneous truck rig ups. Trailer mechanics, experienced in air brakes, light repairs, etc. Aluminum/Steel tank repair person, experienced in internal & external repairs to aluminum/steel cargo tanks. Apply in person at J&B Trailers & Equipment, 11112 W Hwy 80 East



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Now Hiring!
212 Resources is GROWING and we need talented people for the below positions at either our great companies - 212 Water Services, & H2Oil Disposal & Recovery Services! We have 5 locations throughout the Permian and offer excellent compensation plus great benefits!! Interested parties should email their resume to humanresources@212resources.com. Also, visit us online at www.212resources.com.
- Satellite Operations & Trucking Fleet Manager
- Electrician
- Maintenance Technician
- Water Operator
- Washout Operator

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Shipping Coordinator
IMMEDIATE POSITION AVAILABLE! SHIPPING COORDINATOR Teledrift Inc. is looking for a highly motivated, self-driven individual to fill this full time position. Benefits include: 401K, Insurance, and Vacation time. Applicants must have: High School Diploma or GED, excellent communication and time management skills, basic knowledge of Excel, Word, and Outlook, and be available to work all shifts including weekends when necessary. Forklift experience is a plus. Contact Thomas (405) 631-4882.

TECHNOLOGY

Service Technician
Abacus Computers Inc. has been a leader in serving computer needs in West Texas since 1982. We are inviting applications for the position of Service Technician at our store in the Claydesta Center in Midland. The functions include installation and service of computers and related equipment, technical support, and sales of service contracts, upgrades and supplies. Applicants should have training in computer systems, experience in computer and printer repair and support, and knowledge of computer hardware, operating systems and applications software. A+ certification is desired. Please submit current resume with salary requirements to:Abacus Computers Inc., Attn: Mark Singh, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1350, Midland, TX 79705

System Support Technician
Resolute Energy has an immediate opening for a System Support Technician located in Midland, TX. This position monitors and enhances the network and conducts user support. Also addresses the information systems needs of users. Must have ability to:
- Troubleshoot user problems and maintaining local area infrastructure
- Handle the day-to-day needs of the LAN environment
- Install and configure hardware, software, servers, switches, etc.
- Occasional travel to other offices would be required

Associate's degree (Bachelor preferred) in Computer Science or equivalent. Please visit www.ResoluteEnergy.com to apply.

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Phoenix Lease Services - Midland, Texas Minimum Requirements: N or X Endorsement. HAZMAT endorsement a PLUS! Good MVR and Work History. 2 years experience (preferred) Driver Benefits: Sign-On Bonus, Safety / Performance Bonus, FREE Health insurance (Employee ONLY), Employee Housing Available, Local runs ONLY. Paid holidays and vacations. Apply in person at 8310 West IH 20 OR contact 432-563-9800

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for [illegible] ings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.

If interested in starting a newspaper route: Please CALL ROGER WALLACE at 432-687-9001 or stop by The Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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- Excellent Pay & Benefits + 401K
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CDL-A w/ "X" Endorsement
1 year 18-Wheeler or
Tanker Experience Needed
EOE

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CDL Drivers
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CDL DRIVERS FOR MIXER TRUCKS
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EOE M/F/D/V

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CDL Drivers
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Drivers: $2500 Sign-On Bonus!
Dedicated Runs! Solo & Trainer's, Top Pay, Weekly Home-Time!
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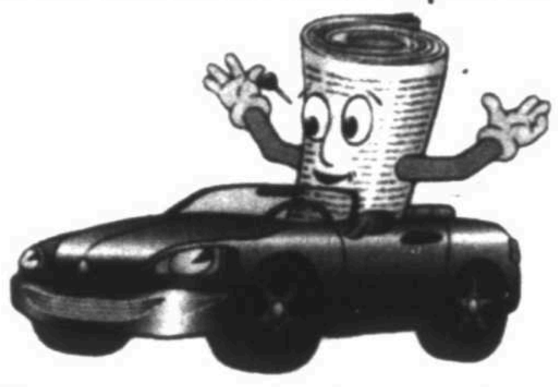
DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5558 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone??



Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact: Linda 687-8807

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Drivers
Purity Oilfield Services, LLC is now hiring CDL drivers with tanker endorsement. Come be part of an elite team with great benefits and excellent work atmosphere. Send your resume to fyonan@purityoilfieldservices.com or mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com EOE

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Ricky Shuler Trucking is looking for Drivers who are wanting to become Owner/ Operators. Equipment: single cab tractor leased to own purchase, trailer furnished but will remain property of Ricky Shuler Trucking. Must have CDL- A with Tanker/ HazMat endorsements, strong work history, crude oil hauling experience & must pass DOT, drug/ alcohol requirements. Owner/ Operators willing to relocate or currently residing in the following areas, Odessa, TX., Midland, TX., Big Spring, TX., Andrews, TX., Pecos, TX. & Carlsbad, N.M. Contact Phyllis @ 432-923-1064 between 9am & 4pm for additional information & application.

San Jan

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Offering the Same Great Pay
PLUS
Insurance after 90 days of employment!

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Contact John Burdett for more details 432-488-6430 or 432-661-5577

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How to Ensure Smooth Moves

If you're one of the many who have recently taken advantage of the first-time or move-up home buyer tax credit, there's a happy move in your future. Unfortunately, I've seen the stresses of moving cast a cloud over the excitement my clients feel about heading to their new home, making for a nightmarish experience instead of a momentous occasion.

Thanks to my network of leading real estate professionals, the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, and my relationships with top moving experts, I can offer several tips to make moving a more streamlined, more palatable experience:

• Put your move details in writing.

Use a large notebook or binder to centralize all the important details of your move. It should contain detailed lists, including an inventory of boxes. Supplement this with a computer printout of box contents and e-mail it to yourself and a couple of other trusted sources as a back-up.

• Order boxes and moving supplies as far in advance as possible.

It's never too early to start packing as we all have items that are not currently in use—think winter clothes, your baseball card collection, holiday decorations. Moving companies may allow you to return unused boxes, so order more than you think you'll need, by 20%. Invest in the right tape to keep boxes securely fastened, some new Sharpie pens, and labels to color-code your move.

• Document your AV details.

Take photos and notes on how your media equipment is set up: television, sound equipment, computer equipment, etc., in order to avoid an AV nightmare in your new home. Label all remotes and wires as well.

• Plan for your pets.

Moving can be particularly stressful for animals. Consider leaving them with a friend or at a reputable pet boarding service.

• Plan for valuables and critical documents.

Most homeowners insurance will not cover property in transit, so consider insuring certain items separately. Take photos for documentation to support loss or damage claims, and carry irreplaceable and legal items, like passports and birth certificates, with you.

• Choose a reputable moving company.

Good companies that can guide you through the process will have a proven track record. Ask your friends and your real estate agent for referrals.

• Keep your moving receipts for income tax deductions.

In many cases, moving expenses are deductible from federal income taxes. If you are moving because of a change in employment, you may be able to claim this deduction even if you do not itemize.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Set the stage for a successful sale

Some of a home's features can't be changed. Location and age first come to mind. Other features can be modified at great expense and hassle, like adding a second story or replacing the flooring. And then there are those little touches that don't cost much—maybe nothing but a little time—that can improve the impression your home makes on potential buyers… whether they're viewing the home in person or in photos online.

Simplify to show off your home's assets

You know that when deciding to list your home you should pay attention to curb appeal and remove clutter. But did you know there's another way to give yourself the best chance at selling quickly and for the highest possible price? That's where home staging comes in. The goal of staging is to arrange furniture and accessories so they play up your home's features and allow buyers to see themselves living there. Staging works best when someone with a practiced eye evaluates your home to give you tips to make it more saleable. It's a good idea to work with a professional stager because most people have a hard time seeing their own home with the detachment necessary to make good staging decisions. You may think your wall filled with family photos shows the nice personal touch of a loving home. But a home stager can objectively point out that such a display makes it that much harder for prospective buyers to picture themselves in the home.

Don't take it personally

It's important to remember that staging your home is different than decorating it. When you hire a decorator, he or she should take into account your style preferences and lifestyle. When it comes to staging a home, though, it's all about helping potential buyers focus on the property's best features while minimizing the less attractive ones. A stager may recommend moving or removing some of your furnishings or making changes to the décor. They may even bring in new furniture or suggest accessories that can make a difference. You might also get advice about updating the paint colors. Any ideas they offer are to reach the goal of selling your home.

Where do you find an expert?

Your local REALTOR® may have experience staging homes. At the very least, they will have some suggestions to get you started and may provide a list of staging professionals for you to consider working with. As with hiring other professionals, you can ask friends or family for referrals, and you should ask for references to contact. Also, make sure to ask the home stager about fee structures, what services will be provided, and if you will receive a free estimate.

Once you decide to sell your home, it's not about you anymore; it's about the people who will consider buying your home. And the better the impression your house makes on buyers, the closer you will be to making a sale. For expert advice about selling your home, ask your local Permian Basin REALTOR® for help!

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Profit From Using A Second Mortgage

Financing a home can be a very confusing proposition. There are literally hundreds of mortgage programs and rate combinations available: fixed rates, ARMs, buydowns and more. Even more confusing, many consumers may not know that they can purchase or refinance using more than one loan against the property.

There is no way we will have the time to discuss all the financing alternatives available.* This report will deal with the second mortgage alternative—namely when is a second more advantageous than having just one mortgage on your property?

When you don't need to borrow much. Suppose you need $20,000 to finance your child's education. If your present mortgage is $200,000 and the rate is near the present market, there is no reason to incur the costs necessary to borrow $220,000. Many of the costs of borrowing are a factor of the loan amount. For example, a point is one percent of the loan amount. If you were to incur two points in refinancing, these points would total $4400—an astronomical sum for one receiving $20,000 in benefits. If your first mortgage had a high interest rate and the costs were incurred to achieve a lower rate on $220,000, our advice would be different in this regard.

To achieve conforming rates. Conforming mortgage limits are the maximum mortgage amounts that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can purchase. Especially with regard to fixed rates, mortgages greater than conforming limits may contain a slightly higher interest rate. Borrowing slightly more than these limits? Why pay a higher rate on the total loan, when you can achieve a lower rate on the majority of the mortgage by adding a small second mortgage?

To avoid paying mortgage insurance. Mortgage insurance protects the lender (not the borrower) from the possibility that the loan is not repaid. Mortgage insurance is usually required for conventional loans with a down payment less than 20% of the sales price. If one were purchasing a home for $300,000, the purchaser would have to pay mortgage insurance if he or she borrowed more than $240,000. When the minimum down payment is effected (five percent of the sales price) avoidance of mortgage insurance payments may be a bit more complex. However, if one were putting 15% down, it would make sense to use a second mortgage so that the first mortgage was less than 80% of the sales price (otherwise known as 80% loan-to-value, or LTV). In this case, paying a mortgage insurance premium on the entire loan amount does not make sense as compared to taking a second mortgage.

To help with future monetary needs. Most of us do not know when we might need an infusion of cash. Many second mortgages are available as open lines of credit which can be used at the convenience of the homeowner. One might open a line of credit for $50,000 that would be ready any time we had a fiscal emergency or it would make sense to borrow against the home rather than through other sources.

Advantages of borrowing in this manner might include a lower interest rate or tax deductibility* of the payments of the home equity line of credit. Also having the line available may make it easier for you to pay your first mortgage off more quickly as you will in essence not need as much cash available for emergencies because the line is there. Why not put the money you have in checking and savings to work for you instead of it just sitting there?

Each individual situation will vary, therefore our advice is to visit your lender if you have questions as to whether a second mortgage is a viable alternative for your needs.

*You are advised to speak to your tax advisor before assuming a second mortgage is deductible.

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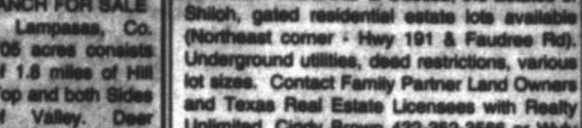

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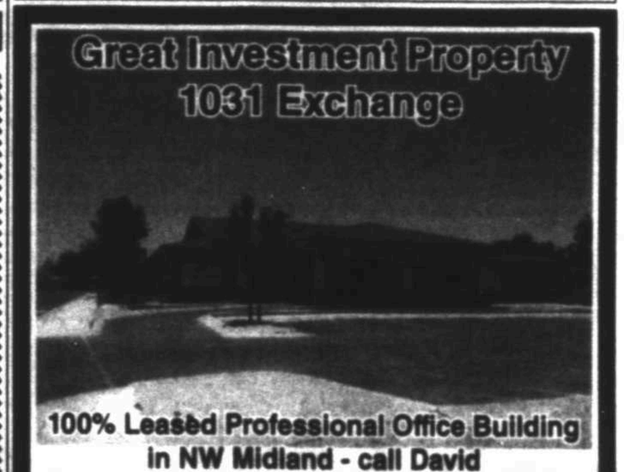

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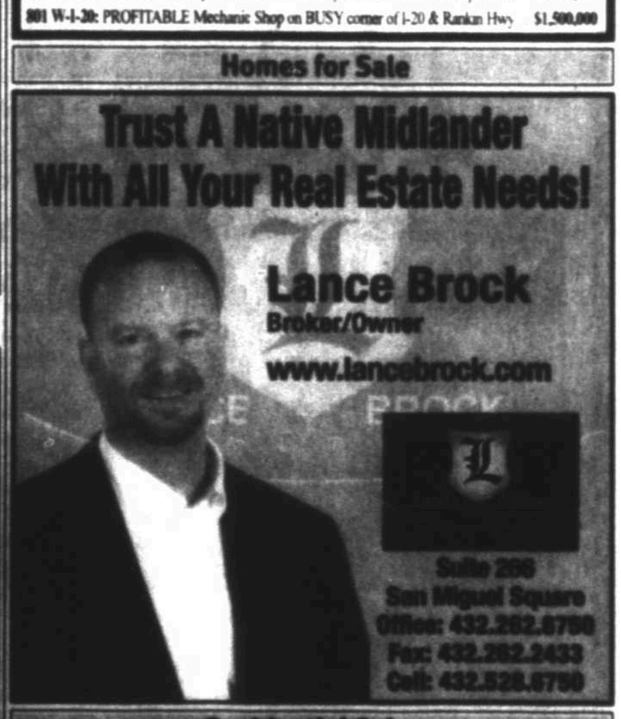

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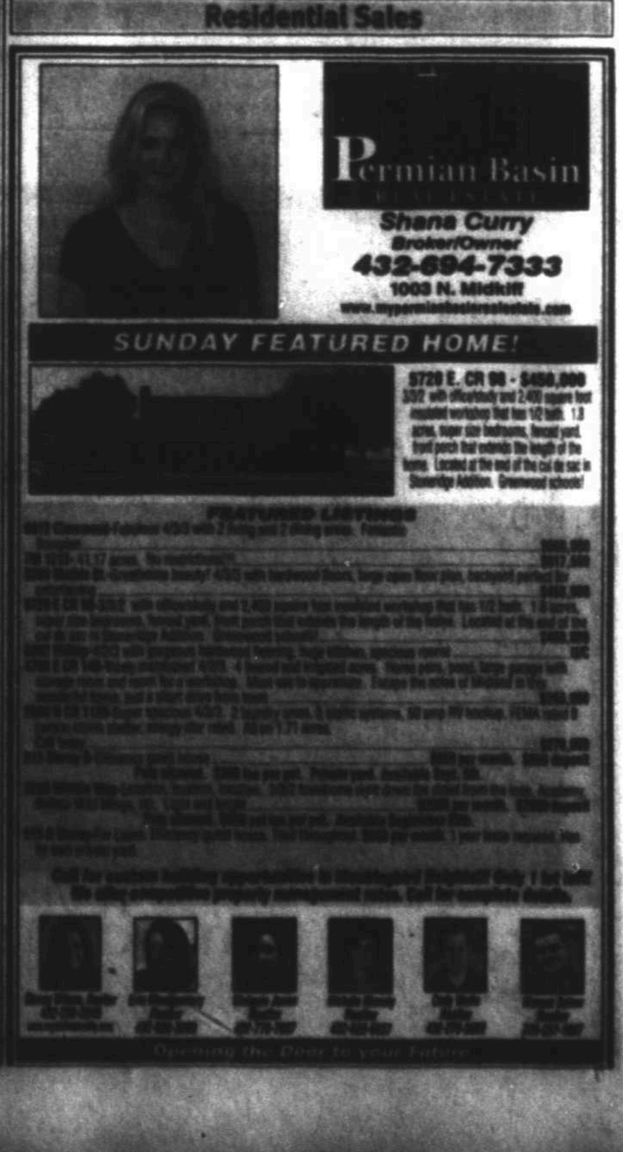

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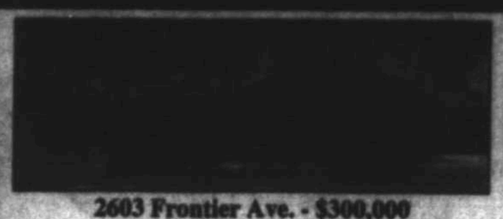

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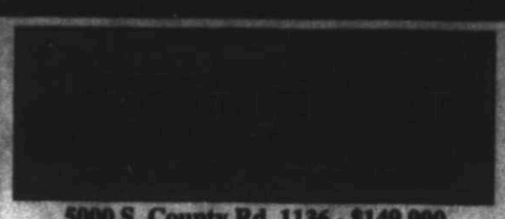

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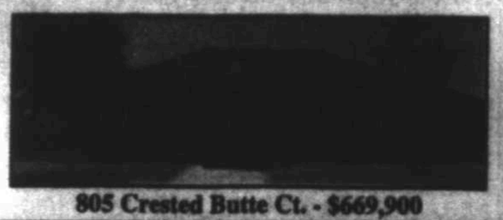

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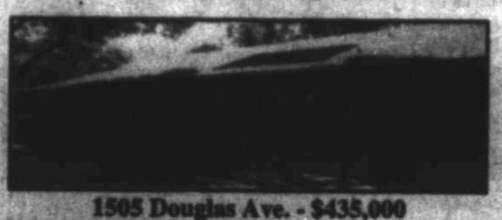

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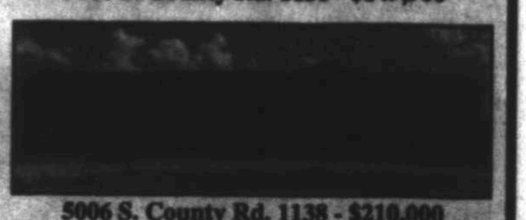

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New and Reduced Listings

1600 Douglas Ave - Beautiful home with POOL $695,000
1505 Douglas-Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth/4 car garage plus shop in coveted area. $435,000
3100 Shell Ave. -Wonderful 4 bedroom custom home at the end of cul-de-sac sprawls on 1/2 acre lot $404,900
1900 N. I St. -Wonderful 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home in Prime location! Great outdoor entertaining space and inground pool $429,900
5205 Goldenrod Dr. -Gorgeous 4bdrm/2bth home w/seq. master, spacious closets w/built ins, in law plan, granite in kitchen. Plus neighborhood Club House w/POOL $392,000
605 Woodland Park Ave. -Located in Fabulous Woodland Park subdivision complete w/Pond, Walking trail and Pool is this 4 Bdrm/2.5 Bth, gorgeous home $369,000
4904 Stoneleigh Dr - Immaculate 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath, in-law plan plus sequestered master, hardwoods $370,000
2826 Goddard Place $375,000
5200 East County Rd. 136-3 bdr/2.5 bth home on 2.25 acres with all the bells and whistles!! $345,000
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5000 S. Co. Rd. 1136-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $149,900

One Bedroom

600 Liddon #64-Low maintenance condo! $60,000

Two Bedrooms

2722 Rocky Lane Rd. -Open, light and bright! Beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in Odessa ..... UC $187,500
1902 A&B W. Kentucky Ave. -Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bdrm/1 bth. Unit B is 3 bdrm/2.5 bth $160,000

Three Bedrooms

6340 Prairie Ridge-Incredible 1 owner custom 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home where no expense was spared! $810,000
1600 Douglas Ave - beautiful home w/pool $695,000
6200 FM 307-This must see unique 3bdrm/2.5 bath lodge like hoMe is perfect for entertaining indoors and out! $570,000
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7100 E. Co. Rd. 110-Wonderful M R Larry custom build w/1.38 acres located in the new Chaney Ranch Addition! $399,000
6804 Oak Creek-Kahler custom 2012, 3 or 4BR, 2BA, granite, tile, 3 garage, upgrades. ..... SOLD $382,500
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3502 Dalewood Dr. -Lovingly maintained 3bdrm/2bath home in Fairmont Park ..... UC $229,900
4600 Cowley Ave.-3 Bdrm/2 Bth Home in ODESSA $215,000
5000 S. County Rd. 1136- 3 Bdrm /2bath home on 1 acre. Nice open kitchen, nice size bedrooms $210,000
3401 Princeton Ave. -Fantastic property for the price. Lovely quiet neighborhood spacious 3bdrm/2 bath home w/open kitchen/den area ..... UC $195,000
200 Cedrillo Dr., Odessa-Move in ready! ..... UC $186,000
700 Sinclair Ave. -Great price for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with double garage, large metal shop, and walk in well! ..... UC $176,500

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504 Broadway, Stanton-Wonderful historic home with 2 bedrooms, ready for move in! ..... SOLD $115,000
3301 Michigan Ave.-Darling well Maintained 3 Bdrm/2 Bth home located close to hospital, and Shopping. Will go fast! $159,000

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2900 Winfield-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous bricksiding, great amenities $1,100,000
4000 Reef Trail-Lovely home in Green Tree North with pool! $767,000
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 $669,900
2500 Calloway Dr.-Beautiful spacious Grassland Gem! $650,000
4000 Applerock Dr.-Wonderful 4bdr/3.5 bath Bill Brown home in Mockingbird Heights. ..... SOLD $574,000
5200 Edinburgh-4bdr/3.5bth on acreage! One owner custom home w/hardwood floors and granite kitchen $549,000
5705 Cranston Place-Updated in every way! Great plan, pretty floors, cul-de-sac location, even a workshop! Hurry to see. ..... UC $479,500
1203 Breckenridge-Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Woodland Park with great open plan ..... UC $470,000
3000 Oak Valley Dr.-Spectacular open plan, high ceilings, hand scraped wood floors, granite, shutters, double sided fireplace, 2 living areas - Wow! ..... UC $468,000
4005 Rustic Trail-Open spacious 4bdr/2bth updated home on #2 Tee Box. Tons of storage! A must see! ..... UC $460,000
1000 Stafford-Updated Old Midland! Fantastic pool, 4BR, 3BA ..... UC $449,000
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2211 Huntington-4/3 w/great updates, stone fireplace, open kitchen/den, pool, yard like a park! $325,000
3502 Rae Dr.-Texas sized 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 living, updated kitchen ..... UC $310,000
5000 S. Co. Rd. 1136-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $149,900

Five or More Bedrooms

5011 N. Midland Dr. - This spacious home has it all! Contemporary style great guest house, beautiful grounds, horse lovers dream includes an indoor arena! $1,000,000
6706 West Wind Ct.-Elegant, family friendly 5/4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 4/5 living areas, 5 car garage, parking pad, gorgeous pool/spa, koi pond, plus family yard on #9 Tee Box Green Tree North $995,000
2002 Dunbar-Fabulous 5BR in Warwick, 4LA, pool, spa, gameroom, beautifully updated $949,000
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New Construction

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage $59-300K

For Lease

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Land and Acreage

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4000 Blackbird-20 acres in Greenbelt, ready for development! $700,000
5700 E. Co. Rd. 90-2784 sq. ft. with-lev plan. $599,000
94 Lincoln Post-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $175,000
7013 W. Co. Rd. 82-Water well $165,000
6215 Bankston Gate Blvd - .97 acre, lot in Mockingbird Oaks. $165,000
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Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lot. $150,000
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1701 E. Co. Rd. 140-Approx. 3,980 sq. ft. industrial building on 1 acre. Perfect for light manufacturing. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111. ..... $395,000
1120 N. Big Spring-Great office location! Close to downtown! $350,000
9 Cotton Flat Rd.-Land investment $150,000
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Out of Town Properties

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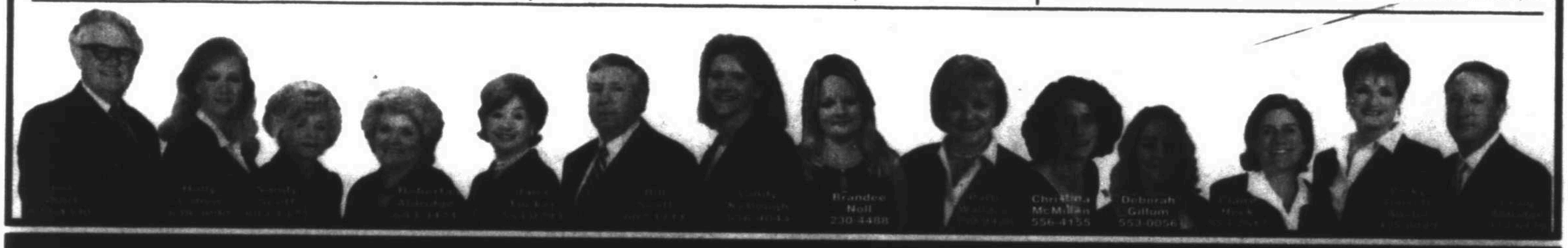

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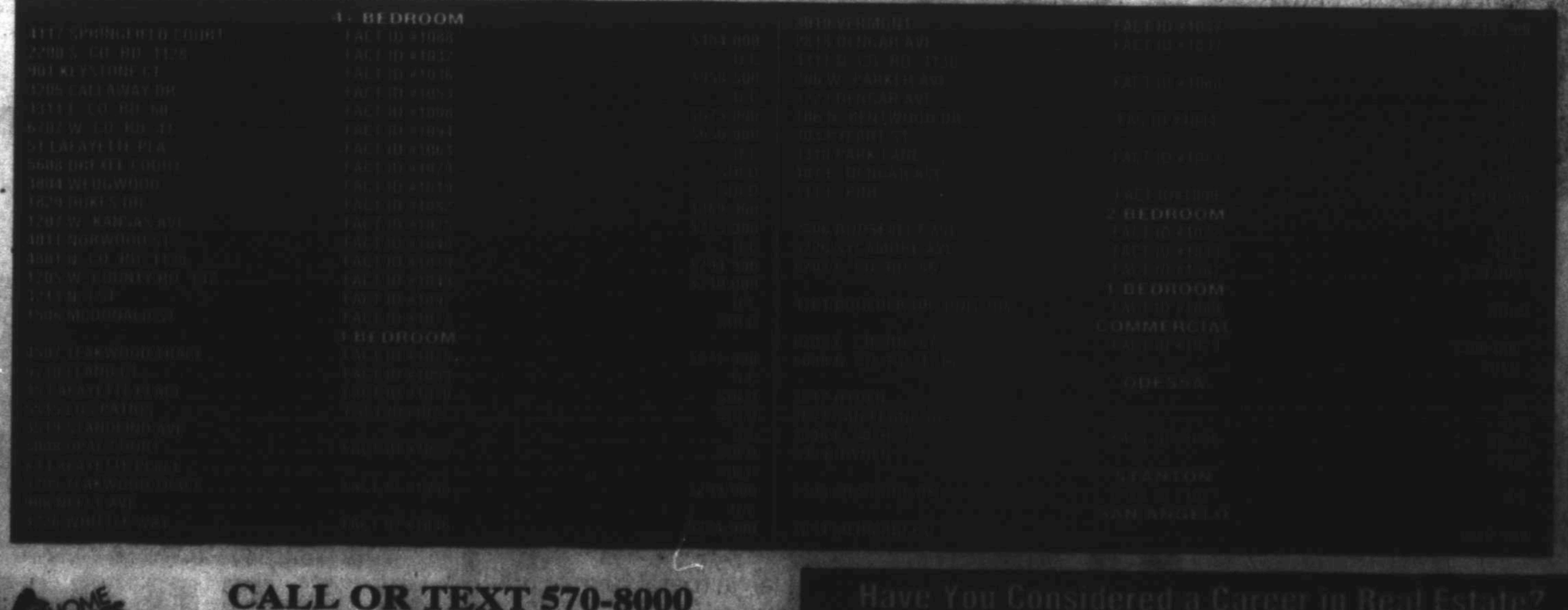

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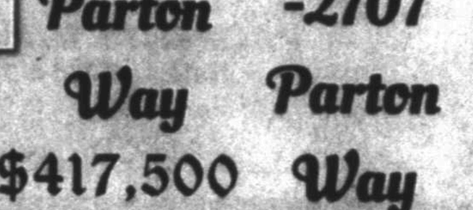

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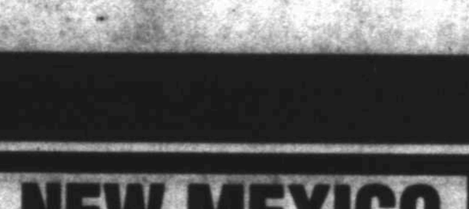

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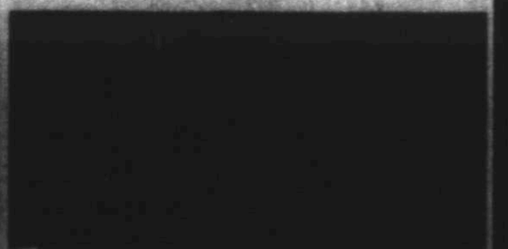

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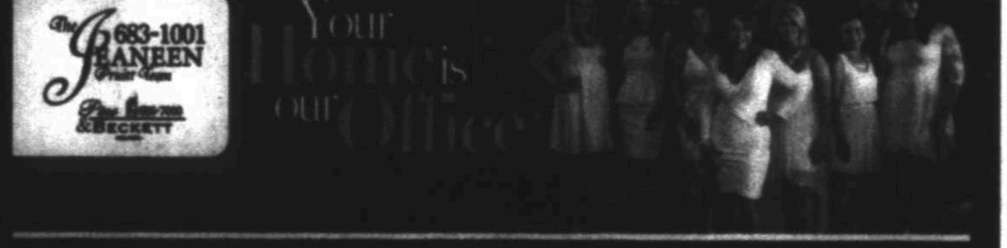

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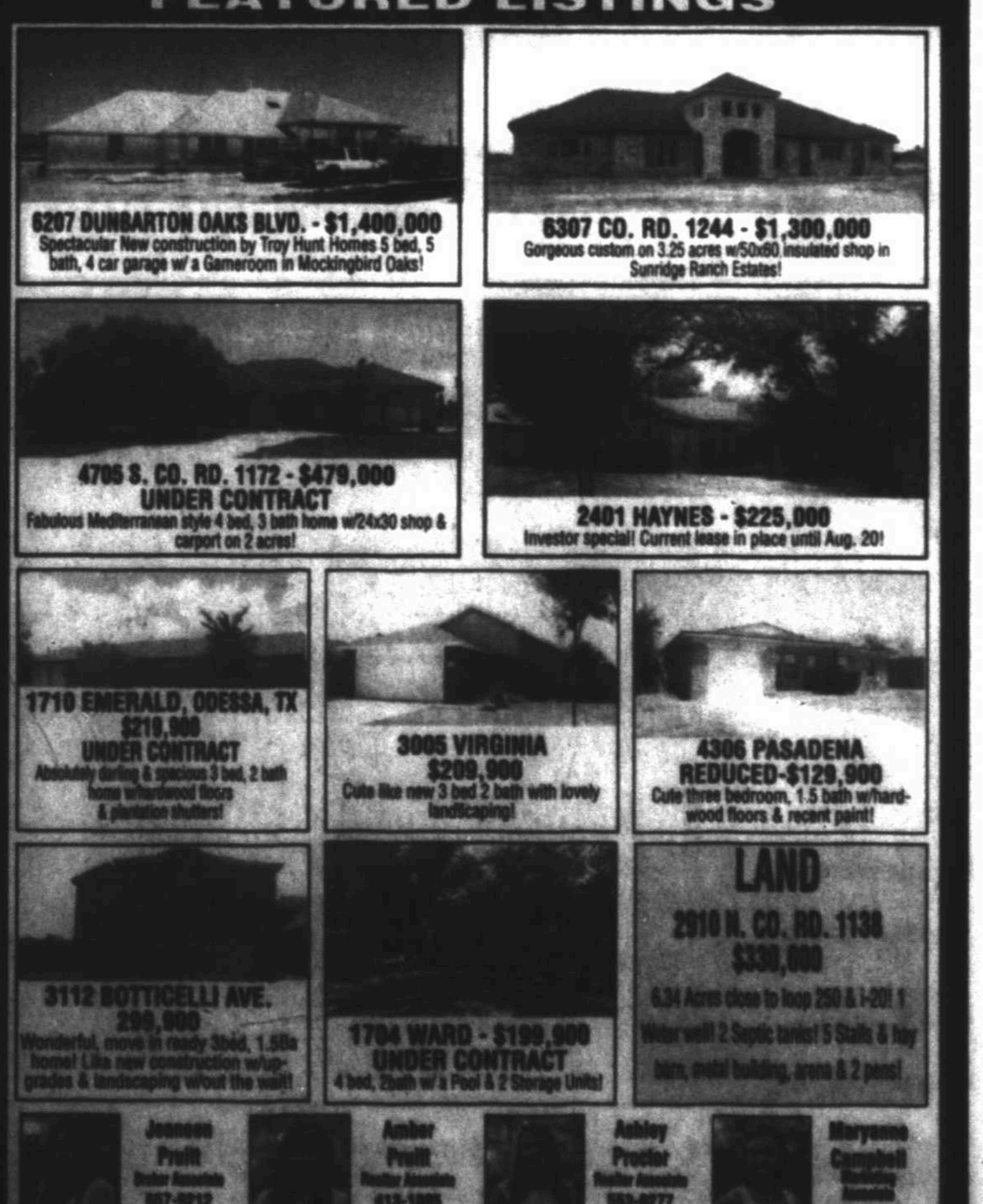

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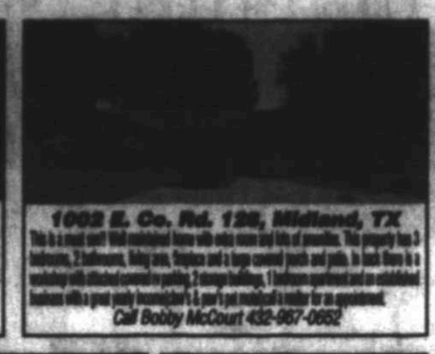

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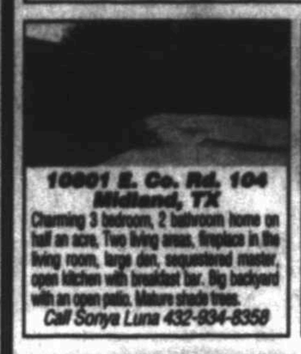

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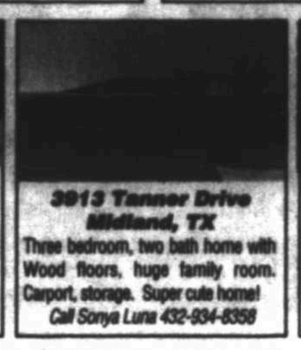

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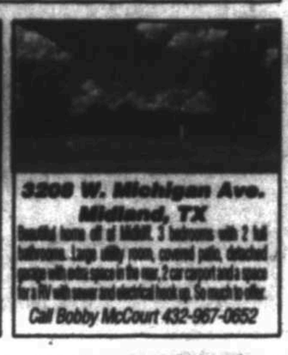

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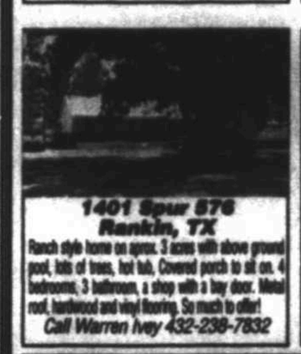

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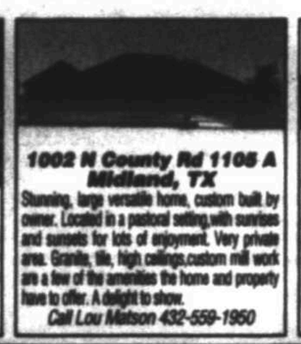

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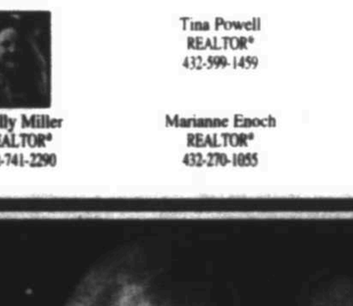

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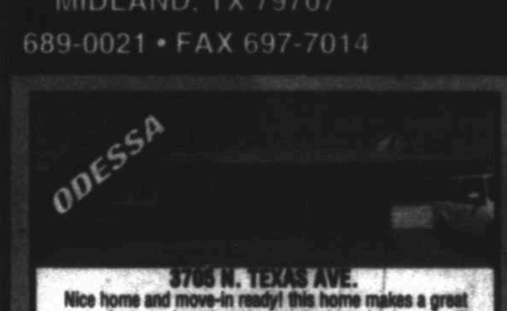
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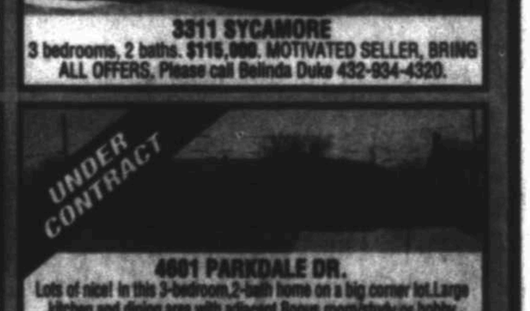
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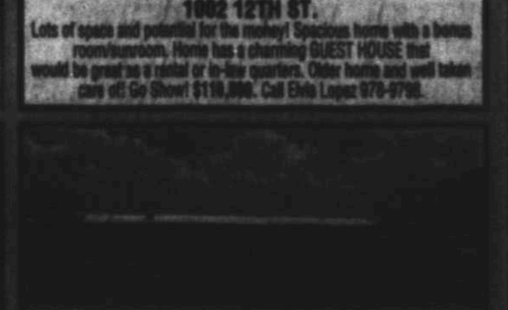
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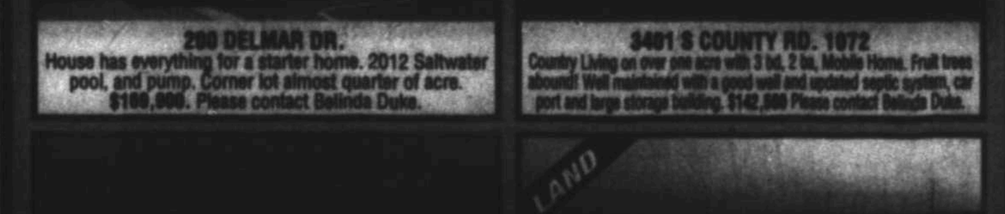

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ANSWER:

You have nothing to be depressed about. Your broker has taken a number of steps to promote the property and has already gotten some interest. That's a good sign.

You should ask your broker for the typical number of days a home remains on the market in your community. Nationwide, according to the National Association of Realtors, existing homes in May were on the market for 47 days before receiving an offer. However, markets vary enormously, and what's "usual" for your market might be very different.

Now let's talk about the buyers.

Selling a home is a dance of sorts where we have buyers and sellers each trying to extract the most advantages from the marketplace. One would fully expect buyers to moan and complain at every turn in an effort to shore up their bargaining position. This is not to say that some complaints do not have a factual reality, but merely to point out that part of the bargaining process involves an assortment of buyer grievances and objections designed to whittle away the seller's valuation of the home.

You have complaints about the paint. You also have an empty house where defects are more visible. If the home were occupied and fully furnished there's no doubt that a lot of paint dings could not be seen and would not be a matter of contention. You can bet that when the new buyers move in their furniture will hide such alleged imperfections, and once hidden they likely will not bother with the cost of painting things, which will never be seen.

As to the purchaser who was disappointed because you do not have marble counter tops in the kitchen, you can safely ignore such complaints. If the buyer was seriously interested in the property and capable of making an offer he or she would've said, "Hey, we'll take the house if the owner will give us a 2-percent seller contribution." In other words, the buyer could offer to purchase the house in exchange for a credit from the owner at settlement equal to 2 percent of the sale price. The buyer could then use this credit to fix up the house as they want or for other purposes. For details regarding seller contributions as a bargaining chip speak with your broker.

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HOW LOW SHOULD YOUR PRICE GO?

Every seller wants their home to move quickly, but for homes that linger on the market longer than anticipated, a price reduction may help speed up the sale. Here's what to know about dropping your asking price

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The goal of every home sale is to sell high, but when a house lingers on the market for longer than anticipated, the sellers may need to consider a price reduction.

Reducing your asking price, however, is a move that has to be handled carefully and timed appropriately, say real estate experts.

Ask different real estate agents when they advise making a price cut, and you'll get a variety of recommendations – although the general consensus is within a few weeks of listing a home for sale.

"It depends on the local market, how many days on the market that are typical for the region, how the property compares to other similar homes that have received offers, and other factors," says Cori McGrath, Realtor with Olde Port Properties in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. "If a home has had several showings with no offers and has no other stigmas, then it's time to drop the price."

For Greg Williamson, senior vice president at Douglas Elliman Real Estate in New York, a solid month is the rule of thumb.

"If there is no offer in four weeks, then it's most likely not priced right," Williamson says.

If the seller needs to move quickly, a price reduction may be necessary much sooner - every 10 to 14 days, suggests Sue Goodhart, an agent with McEnearney Associates, Inc., in Alexandria, Virginia.

When it comes to deciding the amount to discount, agents equally differ in opinion.

"The reduction has to be meaningful but not necessarily a set number," says Glenn S. Phillips, CEO of Lake Homes Realty in Birmingham, Alabama. "It's often based on how off the market the home is prior to a reduction, so a set percentage can be dangerous. For example, a 10-percent reduction on a home that is priced 20 percent above the market is not as meaningful as 5 percent off a home that is already at expected market pricing."

McGrath says most properties in her area sell within 5 percent of the listing price, "so I typically recommend a reduction of about half that (2.5 percent)."

However, many professionals caution that listing prices (including reduced prices) should fall within big, round number-search parameters so that house hunters shopping online - where most home shopping begins - can more easily find the property for sale.

"A home priced at $412,000 would not appear in searches for homes priced at $400,000 and less, so a reduction to $402,000, for example, still does not introduce the home to buyers that top out at $400,000," says Phillips."

Given the current real estate climate, which favors sellers in many markets, a price cut may not be needed at all - especially if the home was priced correctly from the start based on comparable properties, low inventory/high demand conditions, and the patience of the seller. But sellers that are considering a discount should consult closely with their agents.

"The consideration should never be, 'Let's cut a little and hope it gains attention.' It should always be, 'What positions this house over the competition for buyers' attention and money,'" Phillips says.

Before making a reduction, think about how it might impact the ultimate sales price, be aware of your bottom line, and allow for some wiggle room in negotiations. Lastly, realize that there's no shame and little risk in having to lower your price.

"One or two price reductions are fine - it shows that you are a real seller," Williamson says. "However, three or more price cuts suggest a desperate seller, lack of confidence and that the property was priced incorrectly from the onset. So, it's better to do one substantial price cut rather than two or more."

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HOME PRICES KEEP RISING, SLOWLY

A slight slowdown in home-price increases signifies a return to a more balanced real estate market

Home prices across the country continue to increase, but at a more moderate pace, per the findings of the latest S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index survey – a leading indicator of U.S. home prices.

The composite indices – one measuring 10 cities, the other 20 cities – gained, respectively, 9.4 percent and 9.3 percent in May, a significant drop from the 10.9 percent and 10.8 percent returns recorded in April, thus ending a 14-month streak of double-digit, year-over-year increases in home prices.

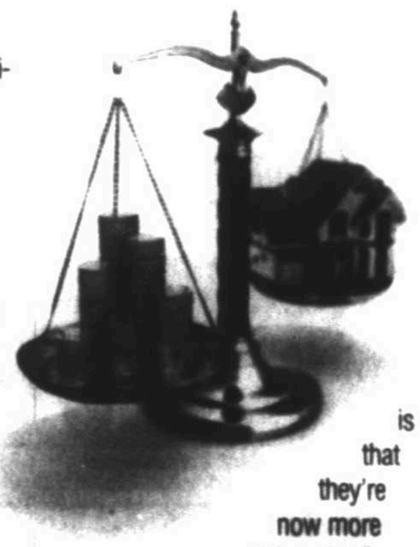
While many interpret these findings as a sign that the housing recovery is taking a step back, others say these numbers represent positive news.

"This is an indication that we're moving toward a more balanced market. The latest S&P/Case-Shiller report still shows a strong market with solid growth," says Karen Krupsaw, vice president of real estate operations for Redfin in Washington, D.C. "It's also an indication that last year's numbers were inflated, and now we are seeing the return of healthier market conditions."

Jim Esposito, agent with Intercoastal Realty in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, agrees. "It shows the market is consolidating instead of building toward another bubble. We are coming out of a severe slump, and it is only natural for home values to bounce sharply off the very bottom," Esposito says.

The moderation of home-price appreciation "suggests a market that's behaving the way housing markets have normally behaved over time – as prices increased, demand weakened, and prices either came back down or price appreciation slowed. That's what we're seeing now," says Rick Sharga, executive vice president of Auction.com in Irvine, California.

For buyers who suffered from buyer fatigue in 2013 or who got priced out of the market and decided to postpone their plans to purchase a new home, the upside



is that they're now more apt to enter the market under these current conditions, Krupsaw says.

However, this is still clearly a seller's market, "so it's more likely that buyers will pay top dollar for a home than it is sellers will have to offer a discount," adds Sharga.

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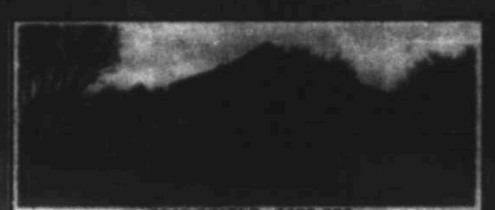
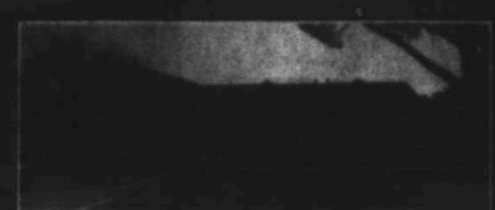
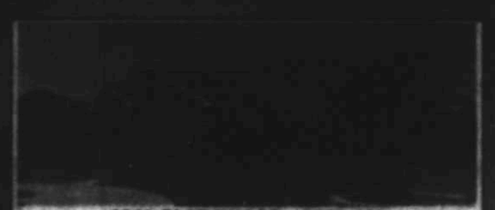
Extraordinary! Tons of trees made this fabulous house! Tons of living & entertaining space! Cozy living rm w/fireplace! Formal dining! Kitchen w/granite & island! Breakfast nook! Master bedroom with fireplace to bath! Wonderful backyard w/huge outdoor entertaining area! Covered patio! Each bdrm upstairs has private bath+study/playroom! Game room! 3 Cg + rv garage! Charming touches thru-out! Must see!



612 CIRCLE - $598,000
WONDERFUL 1 BEDROOM ON THE COURSE AT CC!!
Tons of space here! Formal dining! Living room w/high ceilings & fireplace! Study w/tons of built-ins! Cozy den w/fireplace! Large kitchen has granite, wood, tons of cabinetry! Breakfast nook w/bonus window seat! Large utility rm! Master & guest bdrm downstairs+3 bdrms up(1 w/private bath)! Hardwood floors! Courtyard off den! Flagstone patio! Beautiful views! Golf cart garage!



2104 K 1/2 - $662,500
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! Views surround it! Roomy bedrooms w/hall bath. Downstairs master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 3 Great bedrooms & 1 bath on upper level! Spectacular mush storage in this one! Pool w/diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!



1913 GLADEWOOD - $559,000
GARDLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & convenience plus pantry! Sep. master w/private bath & closet galore! Sep. master plus guest bdrm have too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!

5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $898,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/austin lite, fireplace, wet bar & accent to bedroom! 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! 3Cg!

2000 COMMUNITY LN - $530,000
AMAZING HOME IS THE HEART OF OLD MILAM!
Gorgeous landscaping & fabulous trees!Corner lot!4 Spacious bdrms!3 full baths!In-law plan!Living room w/gorgeous windows!Formal dining!Updated kitchen w/island!Tons of cabinetry!Cozy den w/fireplace & beamed ceiling!Updated master bath!Plantation shutters!Unbelievable back yard w/fenced pool & hot tub!Tons of yard!Storage bldg! Underground drip irrigation!

6516 GLADIOLA - $598,000
COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO CITY!
Beautiful design! Huge living room w/high ceilings,beams & fireplace & space for formal dining! Kitchen w/island,breakfast bar,stainless appl.& pantry! Granite thru-out! Spacious sep.master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks,sep tub/shower & great closet! Each guest bdrm has private bath access! Fantastic workshop w/hot bath & mini kitchen,large rv door! 5 Car garage!!

5609 ECR 120 - $369,000
WONDERFUL COUNTRY LIVING!
3 large bedrooms with their own bathrooms!!! ½ bath for guests!!! open floor plan !!! huge living area with fireplace !!! fabulous kitchen great for entertaining! outside offers nearly 5 acres , inviting pool , fire pit area and covered patio!! circle drive 2 car garage!!!

3908 IRVIN DRIVE - $435,000
ROOTS TO MOVE- THE ONE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Wonderfully updated & vibrant house w/2 large living areas! Formal dining! Spectacular entertaining spaces! Covered patio w/fireplace overlooks gorgeous pool w/waterfall! Barn & acreage for the horses! 3 Roomy bedrooms! Spacious master w/private bath! Darling kitchen w/breakfast nook! Office overlooks backyard! High ceilings! Wood floors! 2 Car garage! Wow!

3100 SEABOARD - $400,000
FABULOUS HOME IN GREAT LOCATION!
4 Bedrooms! 3.5 Baths! Entertain in this spacious kitchen w/ granite, island & breakfast bar! 3 Living areas include formal living, great family room w/fireplace & beamed ceiling plus gameroom! Formal dining! Roomy bedrooms! Large master w/nice bath! Walk-in closets & tons of storage thru-out! Mature trees! Cinder block fence! Corner lot! 3 Car garage!

1002 ECR 127 - $389,000
4BR/2BAD STORY HOME ON OVER 5½ ACRE OF LAND!
Features: 3 car garage, 2 living areas, balcony w/hot tub, hvac zoned, recent interior/exterior paint, bathroom remodels & upstairs jetted tub, recent windows, interior doors-4/14, roof-09! Portable arena panels, left & right bucking chute w/cat walk across & alley ways behind pens! 2-20X40 & 1-20x60 covered stalls, 2-10x10 covered stalls, 30x40 covered hay/tractor storage! Wow!

3400 CRESTLINE AVE. - $368,000
SPACIOUS HOME & BACKYARD POOL!
Formal living & dining! large den with fireplace & wet bar! gourmet kitchen with corian countertops, island & skylight! breakfast nook! sequestered master suite offers great bath with dual vanities, sep tub/ shower & large walk in closet! hall bath + jack/jill bath! sun room with sitting area looks out to the sparkling pool with fountain, pretty landscaping & sitting areas! 2 car garage!

4607 PINE MEADOW 62 - $295,000
SPACIOUS HOME IN GREAT AREA!
Low-maintenance townhome w/covered patio & extra parking! Formal dining room! Living room w/fireplace! Seq master suite w/bath that offers sep tub, shower & 2 sinks! In-law plan w/walk in closet & access to 3rd bath! Upstairs are two roomy bedrooms, walk in closets & jack/jill bath! Kitchen overlooks breakfast eating area! 2 Car rear entry garage! Access to pool/park!

3117 AUBURN - $275,000
TONS OF SPACE INSIDE & OUTSIDE OF THIS 2-STORY HOME!
Formal dining w/tons of windows! Cozy den w/fireplace & wet bar! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! 2 Master suites - 1 up/1 down! Big closets! Spacious rooms! Shutters! Tile! Utility room! Large outside area offers 2 yards - 1 w/fenced pool & hot tub! Pool bottom has been recently redone! Covered patio! 2 Car rear entry garage plus driveway to alley!

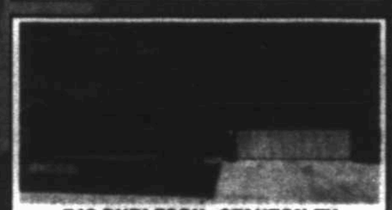
2003 W. SHANDON - $265,000
LIGHT AND BRIGHT! MOVE-IN READY!
Impeccably maintained! 3 Spacious bedrooms! Walk-in closets! 2 Full baths! Formal living & formal dining! Cas w/ fireplace! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! Spacious utility room! Tons of windows! Rita storage! Great backyard! Covered patio plus open patio! 2 Car garage! Centrally located!

309 CHILDS - $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!

4003 PURPLE SAGE COVE - $248,000
GREAT LOCATION!!!
Tons of potential! Nice 3 bedroom house with 2 full baths! Living area has high ceilings and great fireplace! Large dining room could also be a second living area!! Spacious kitchen!! Sequestered master with private bath! Utility room! Great backyard is perfect for pets or childrens play!

2204 ABBEY PLACE - $225,000
QUIET CUL-DE-SAC! CLOSE TO PARK!
Wonderful family home w/large living room! Fireplace! Vaulted ceiling! Kitchen is open to the breakfast nook! Sequestered master w/private bath & walk-in closet! Roomy bedrooms! Skylights! Wood flooring! Covered patio! Mature trees! 2 Car garage!
All carpets being replaced

2184 HUGHES ST. - $232,500
GREAT HOME IN FANTASTIC NEIGHBORHOOD!
Close to Midland Christian school! 3 Bedrooms/2 baths with 2 living areas and a pool! The front room is perfect for a study or play room! Main living area has a fireplace and is open to the dining area! Roomy bedrooms! Nice closets! Backyard w/covered patio & open patio! Grassy yard for pups & play! Outbuilding has a bathroom in it for use with the pool! 2 Cg!



710 BURLESON, STANTON TX - $198,000
WOW! EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED INSIDE & OUT!
Gorgeous landscaping!4 Bedroom 2 bath home with Sequestered master, separate vanities in master bath. Open living/ dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!!

2616 STOREY AVE. - $150,000
AFFORDABLE NICE 2 BEDROOM HOUSE WITH 1 FULL BATH!
Living area with large window makes it light and bright! Spacious dining room!Kitchen with lots of cabinets! Utility room! Great backyard is perfect for pets or childrens play! 1 Car garage! 1 Car carport!Quiet street!

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers Homes

4304 Saltillo Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $389,900

Ashingdon Homes

6413 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $927,500

Walter Peters Texas Classic Homes
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5007 Grista Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $437,000

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FEATURED HOME

4815 Widener Strip
3 bedroom, 3 baths, pool/pool house, priced @ $815,000

"One's destination is never a place but rather a new way of looking at things."
~ Henry Miller

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland Gallery Homes

6605 E. County Road 167
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $595,000

Saenz Signature Homes

2511 Regency Oaks Court
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, study, 3 car garage, priced @ $539,500

Carrasco Homes

6906 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $798,600

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

401 Paseo	4 Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba	SOLD
905 Goldor	4 Odessa/2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	$75,000
400 Patterson	4 Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	SOLD
3911 Travis Ave	2 Bdrm/1 Ba/Carport	$60,000
3907 Boyd Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
10425 Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$150,000
5108 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2220 Western Dr	Townhome/3 Bdrm/2 Full Ba/1 Half Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
949 Lafayette Place	Townhome/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5005 Hilltop Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$419,900
610 Oak Point Drive	Lakefront Property/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$425,000
7601 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$629,000
1500 Princeton Ave	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
705 Ridge Court	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/6 Car Garage	$734,000
4815 Widener Strip	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/Pool House/Pool	$815,000
2002 Vermont	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4400 Llano Ct	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5705 Candler Rock	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 car garage	SOLD
6021 San Clemente Dr	Klumpel Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,900
4305 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4309 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$414,900
4007 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Basement	SOLD
3314 Brown Heart Ln	Rone Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$470,900
2511 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4005 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5009 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$798,600
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	SOLD
6105 Dunbarton Oaks	Jones Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$1,200,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

W. Co. Rd. 145	19 Acres	SOLD
5212 S. Co. Rd. 1210	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$145,000
Lone Rose Estates	Northside/New Homes	Call Gary
6720 E. Co. Rd. 84	Ranch/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Approx. 20 Acres	$299,000
12044 Goldenrod Ave	Rising Acres/14.5 Acres	$225,000
2345 FM 1205	Ranch/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
7001 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$629,000
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,500,000
6011 FM 307	Approx 160 Acres/Recreational	$1,102,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 307/1.5-3 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

2000 Elkins Rd	3.23 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,750,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES

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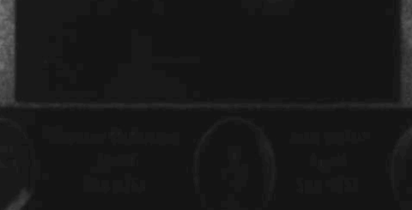

Lakefront Property, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $425,000

5005 Hilltop Drive

4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $419,900

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Sunday Featured Homes!

2000 Community Lane - $539,900

AMAZING HOME IN THE HEART OF OLD MIDLAND!
Gorgeous landscaping & fabulous trees! Corner lot! 4 Spacious bdrms! 3 Full baths! In-law plan! Living room w/gorgeous windows! Formal dining!Updated kitchen w/island! Tons of cabinetry! Cozy den w/ fireplace & beamed ceiling!Updated master bath! Plantation shutters! Unbeliveable back yard w/fenced pool & hot tub! Tons of yard! Storage bldg! Underground drip irregation!

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3900 Crestline Ave. - $355,000

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HOMESTYLE

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Sunday, August 31, 2014

Drinking Water Quality: What's In That Glass?

Home water treatments abound. To make a wise choice, put your home's tap water to the test.

By Dawn Klingensmith | CTW Features

Do you know what you're drinking when you fill your dinner glass with water from the kitchen tap? If not, you're far from alone.

Water-safety experts agree that far too few homeowners take the time to analyze their home's drinking water. And by not doing this research? Homeowners might be ingesting potentially dangerous chemicals every time they take a drink.

"People not only don't know how to solve their water problems, they don't even understand when they've having water problems," says Karen Puzder, senior manager of market development and management with Newbury, Ohio-based Kinetico, a provider of home water-treatment systems. "You're not supposed to have to scrub the bathtub every time you use it to get rid of that ring. The white scales on your showerhead are not a necessary evil. You can treat water to solve those problems."

Homeowners can choose from plenty of water-treatment options. There is a challenge, though. Not all water-treatment systems solve the same water problems. Before you buy a system, you need to first determine what issues you are trying to solve. And that's not always easy.

"There isn't one magic system that takes care of all contaminants," says Cheryl Luptowski, home safety expert with NSF International, the Ann Arbor, Mich.-based public health and safety organization that certifies and tests consumer products, including water-treatment tools. "You can't just buy a product off the shelf and assume it will improve the quality of your water."

This is why Luptowski recommends that consumers research their water before they buy a faucet filter or under-the-sink product. Homeowners need to first determine what, if anything, is in their water – whether it be high levels of fluoride or inorganic compounds such as arsenic or chromium – before deciding about a treatment system.

This is an easier task for homeowners who receive their water from municipal sources. In the U.S., the suppliers of public water must provide a report every year on the quality of this water. Homeowners just need to read these reports to determine what chemicals and inorganic compounds might be in their water.

Homeowners who get their water from private wells have to do more work. They should test their water regularly – Luptowski recommends doing this at least once a year – to determine if their supply has too much chlorine, lead, mercury or other chemicals. Some homeowners might be able to bring a sample of their water to their local health department for testing. Others will have to call in a private company.

Few homeowners regularly test their water. Many never even read the water-quality reports drafted by their public-water supplier.

People might have their water tested when they first move into their home. "But then life gets in the way and they forget," says Luptowski. "They might not think about it until their water smells funny or someone gets sick."

The EPA maintains information about drinking water quality with fact sheets and brochures on water and health at its website, water.epa.gov.

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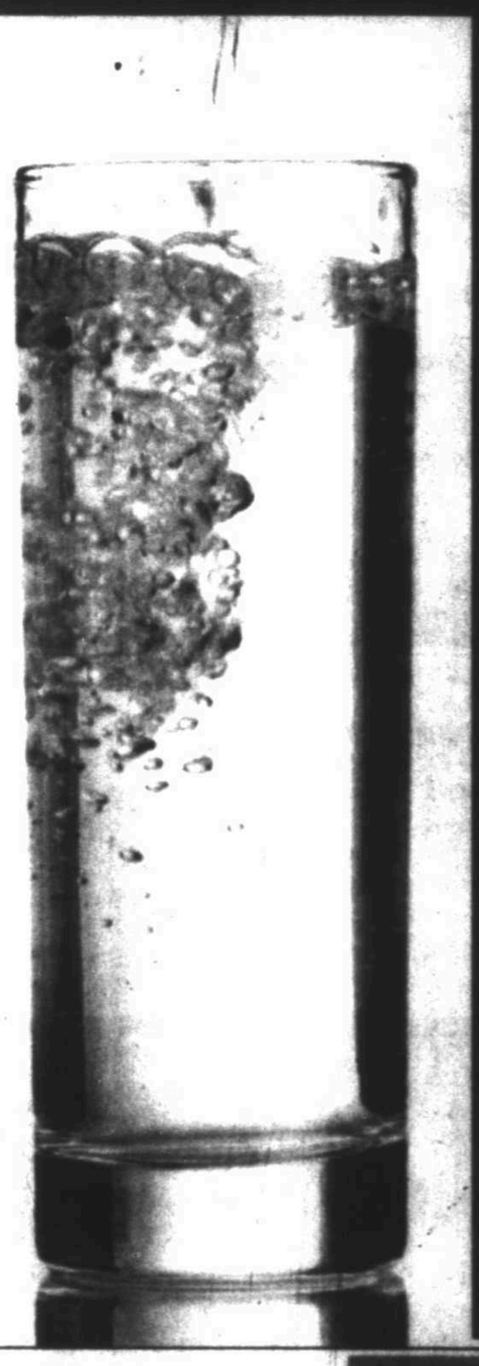

5 Simple Changes for Engery Saving

Every little bit helps - save big bucks on home energy costs this weekend

By Christopher Adamson | CTW Features

For those daunted by the thought of making their homes energy efficient, there is hope. Start with small yet meaningful lifestyle changes and watch the bills shrink. From appliances and electronics, nearly every aspect of the modern home consumes massive amounts of energy inefficiently, which means equally massive costs for homeowners. "Any home can benefit from some energy-efficiency updates," says Sara Snow, a green living author. Here's how to cut energy costs without breaking a sweat.

1. Seal the deal

Leaks and drafts, in anything from foundation cracks to heating ducts, make heating and cooling systems work twice as hard. "Pay special attention to leaky windows and doors," says Snow, author of "Sara Snow's Fresh Living" (Bantam, 2009). Small gaps can be re-caulked or plugged quickly, and she suggests regularly applying fresh weather stripping. Old windows and doors are some of the worst energy-wasting culprits, agrees Leah Ingram, the author of "Suddenly Frugal" (Adams Media, 2010). New, tightly sealed models will pay for themselves.

2. Manage the powers that be

"Appliances, when plugged in, all generate heat," which wastes energy and costs money, Snow says. "Many [electronics] are generating unnecessary heat all day long. As a good rule of thumb, unplug appliances when they're not in use." Put electronics on the same power strip or surge protector so you can easily turn them off.

3. Switch to cold water

"One of the easiest changes homeowners can make to reduce their energy costs is to stop using so much hot water," Ingram says. "The average American spends about $2,500 a year on energy, just to heat water." She doesn't recommend sacrificing hot water all together, but some cutbacks, like doing laundry with cold water only, will save a lot. If a tankless water heater is not in the family budget, install a timer on your electric water heater.

4. Get green

"[Shrubs and climbing vines] can cool your home by as much as 20 degrees and can cut cooling costs by 30 percent," Snow says. "Plant shade-producing trees and shrubs around your home to help keep the sun off of your house, especially on the west and south sides."

5. Invest in Insulation

"I believe that if you have a poorly insulated home, you should make those changes for sure," Ingram says. "Buying insulation isn't cheap but it can cut down on heating and cooling bills." Attic insulation is the most important. An adequate amount can save homeowners around $120 a year in energy costs. "The rule of thumb - as far as attics go - is that if you can see the floor joists, you don't have enough insulation up there," she says.

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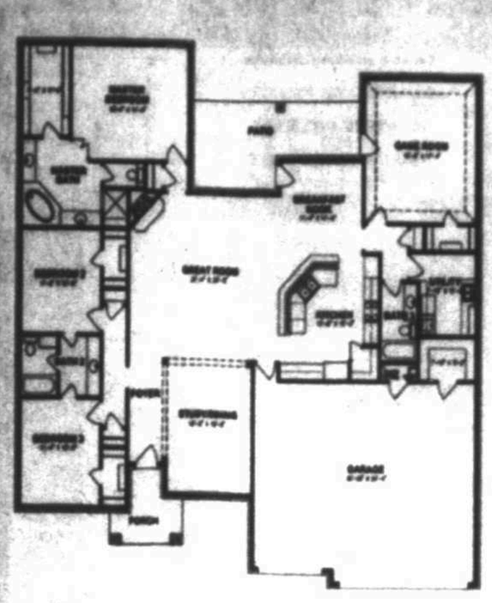
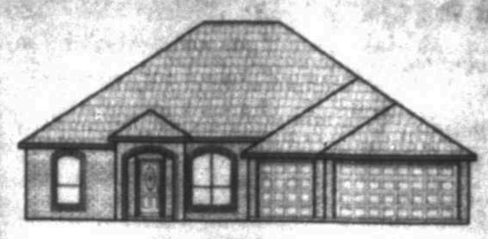
Homes For Sale

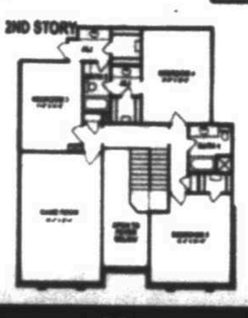
Mark Payne Homes





6001 Oak Creek
$368,500

This gorgeous home in Heritage Oaks includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, a study, game room & large utility room. Kitchen features custom built cabinetry, granite countertops and a gas cooktop. This home is a MUST SEE!



1102 Silverton
The Aspens
at Woodland Park
$910,000

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

5904 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$315,500
5906 Rio Grande- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$271,500
6001 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$337,500
6000 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$431,500
6006 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$401,500
6008 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$388,500
811 Trinidad- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$456,500
1102 Castle Rock- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$612,500
1206 Silverton- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$468,500
1208 Silverton- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$452,500

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Sunday Featured Home

2305 METZ PLACE - $379,500

In this totally updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath home you will find tons of storage and great built-ins. Formal living and Dining room beams of natural lighting and mirrored wall. Gather your friends and family together in this spacious den that features vaulted ceiling with skylight, fireplace, wet bar and built-in cabinetry. Off the den is large room currently being used for an office that leads to the sunroom that is not included in the square footage. Mature landscaping offers great shade to the pergola and open patio. MLS #100051

FEATURED LISTINGS

3320 Providence DR.		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS#100577	$179,900
1103 NCR 1110-		40 + acres	MLS #100342	$799,900
2101 Evans Ln.		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #99937	$379,900
2305 Metz Pl.			MLS #100051	$379,500
2502 Frontier		NEW PRICE	MLS #100054	$219,599
10310 SCR 1210	-1.21 Acres w/hanger		MLS #98671	$625,000
306 ECR 140	-1.76 Acres	$5000 BUYER'S INCENTIVE	MLS #98742	$329,900
4202 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres, water well, trees, storage bldg		MLS #98691	$136,000
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SATE YOUR SWEET TOOTH

Beat the heat with frozen sweet treats

By Rich Lopez
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Although Labor Day weekend might seem like the end of summer, that doesn't mean the heat is going anywhere. So, we looked into local fare that can keep Midlanders cool. Whether on a cone, in a cup or with a spoon, these brisk treats should help beat the heat.

Shaved ice

Bahama Bucks, 4521 W. Loop 250 North. Open daily.

There are several small shaved-ice huts throughout Midland, but Bahama Bucks is hard to beat with its massive selections of flavors and menu options. Iced coffee, smoothies and specialty drinks add to Bucks' cool offerings, but their shaved ice, like the blue coconut with cream, goes down with smooth texture that could almost be mistaken for ice cream. Or just opt for the Bahama Rama Mama, a scoop of ice cream topped with flavored ice and topped off with a drizzle of their Tropic Creme.

Ice cream

Alfredo's Palateria, 3303 Andrews Highway. Open daily.

Baskin Robbins may be the ice cream king, but don't let that steer you away from this modest spot. Without much fanfare, Alfredo's serves up some of the creamiest house-made ice like a coconut-strawberry crème scoop. They also serve agua frescas and paleta, but for a different kind of cool, try the cucumber cup with chili.

Horchata

The Tropical Spot, 4511 N. Midkiff Road (in the mall). Open daily.

This shop in the middle of the mall features items similar to Alfredo's, in addition to snacks like flavored popcorn and cotton candy. Their horchata drink however, is not to be missed. Simply put, horchata is milk, sugar and cinnamon over ice. The cup they offer is quite large, so be prepared to either share or go into sugar overload, but their version is beautifully smooth. All that's missing is the cinnamon stick garnish.

Yogurt

Your Way Yogurt, 2300 West Wadley Ave. Open daily.

This local business not only features favorite flavors like chocolate or cookies and cream, but they will also feature flavors that are sugar-free and dairy-free. Not only do they have the usual selection of help-yourself toppings, such as candies, jimmies or nuts, but they also have a sauce bar to really drive it home. And if you're too busy to make it to the shop, just place an order and Your Way will have it delivered via TallCityDelivery.com.

Smoothie

Flat|Belly Organics, 3326 N. Midkiff Road. Open Monday through Saturday.

The smoothies here are so decadent that it's hard to believe they can be good for you. Made with fresh and frozen ingredients, the simplicity behind their top sellers, such as the Hawaii 5-0, is in its milk or whatever the customer wants. This combination of strawberries, pineapple, strawberries and coconut milk will feel like a tropical haven happening in your mouth.

Frozen pop

La Flor de Michoacan, 900 S. Garfield St. Open daily.

This small shop off Industrial Boulevard could be easy to pass by, but don't. Their paletas, or frozen pops, are too good to miss. They have a nifty selection of water-based and cream-based pops. The latter, with flavors such as chocolate, are richer, and the water-based pops are more refreshing but still sweet like this mango paleta.

What did we miss? Comment with your suggestions on this story at MRT.com.

Locals lend voices to new Midland history book

JIMMY PATTERSON
Correspondent

One of my favorite aspects of "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" is a part in which I had reduced involvement.

In Part 2, "People of Integrity, Past and Present," the microphone — if you will — is turned over to more than 30 Midlanders who share their experiences with people who have been instrumental not only to the individual writers, but to Midland.

Those profiled aren't necessarily wealthy, famous or powerful, but they all have one thing in common: They represent a part of who we are. The subjects of the profiles are coworkers, acquaintances and family members, to name a few. To me, the insight provided by the multiple voices in "A History of Character" makes the project an even more memorable read, and I am indebted to all who took the time to write about someone important or interesting to them.

In this the final excerpt from the book, I'd like to share with you what some community members wrote about others. I hope you enjoy what you are reading today.

Jeandelle Lacy Roberts on Earnest Angelo: Let me share a true story about Ernie that you may not know. In 1976 he was campaign manager for Ronald Reagan's Texas presidential primary campaign. Now, Texas was still blue and had not yet turned red throughout the state. Through the efforts of Ernie and two other co-chairmen, Ronald Reagan won the Texas delegates for the nomination at the 1976 Republican National Convention. With that Texas win, the door was open for Ronald Reagan's 1980 nomination and his winning the presidency by a wide margin. We can thank Ernie for his belief that Ronald Reagan was the man for America. Credit has been given to Ernie for the courage to buck the Republican establishment at the time and support Reagan. Without Ernest Angelo and the support he raised in Texas, we might not have had Ronald Reagan.

Jack Swallow on Joan Baskin: Joan Baskin never sought election to public office. If she had, she could easily have been selected by the Midland electorate. She likely would have served as the school board president, mayor, or even as a state or national legislator. But that has never been her style. The greatest character trait she exhibits in each of these undertakings is pure altruism. She has no desire whatsoever to achieve personal gain.

More information

"A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be available beginning Sept. 13 at the Permian basin Petroleum Museum, Hastings and the George W. Bush Childhood Home. Preorders are being taken at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum online store at petroleummuseum.org.

Book signings for "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas"

- Sept. 13
  - 8-11 a.m. — Farmer's Market, downtown Midland
  - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — George W. Bush Childhood Home
  - 2-5 p.m. — Permian Basin Petroleum Museum
- Sept. 14
  - St. Ann's Catholic Church Commons, following the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses.
- Sept. 19
  - 3-6 p.m. — Hastings
- Sept. 20
  - 8:30 a.m. — Farmer's Market Author's Day
  - Midland Memorial Hospital - Date and time to be determined

Dr. Charles Younger on President George W. Bush: George grew up in a home where unconditional love prevailed. Influenced primarily by family, friends, teachers, and coaches, he developed many of his core values during his formative years in Midland. Lessons learned at a young age would serve him well and were the bedrock values that guided him in a life of public service. It was during this time that a myriad of character traits such as honesty, a sense of humor, responsibility, accountability, integrity, discipline, athleticism, and faith found their early roots. Moving from Midland in the late 1950s, he returned in 1975 to pursue a career in the oil business. He arrived in blue jeans, a white T-shirt, and an old car. His first housing was a back-alley, one-room efficiency apartment barely fit for human existence.

Mary Lou Cassidy on Art Cole: Art was a brilliant teacher. Almost none of the actors on his stage came in as theatre majors, but he molded the clay. You may not believe this, but he never cast one of his shows. Three volunteers were designated as a casting committee, and he accepted their decision. Those geologists, housewives, engineers, clerks, secretaries, and kids became whatever the playwright and Art intended.

Bob Jones on Murray Fasken: Murray was a known but unknown quantity in Midland for many years. He would do things for people out of the goodness of his heart. I remember one time when an individual asked for help to pay her

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13-year-old fashion designer finds success

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

AUSTIN — At the age of 9, Isabella Rose Taylor — a painter since she was 3 — took a week-long sewing class with an eye toward incorporating textiles into her artwork. She quickly discovered a love for fashion design as well, taking the class twice more that summer. Now, at 13, her line is debuting at Nordstrom stores this fall and she's set to hold her first show at New York Fashion Week.

"It just started out as a really fun hobby and it grew into a business over the years," Taylor said at her Austin home, where she's converted one room into a studio and another into an office. She added, "I just really fell in love with it the way I fell in love with art, and I realized that I just had so much fun connecting the two."

With inspiration from an abstract mixed media painting she did when she was younger that includes reds, grays, blues, mustard yellow and neutral earthy tones, Taylor created a fall line with a "street grunge vibe" and "modern hippie" inspiration. "It all started with the colors of the painting for me," Taylor said.

Jennifer Jackson Brown, a corporate merchandise manager for Nordstrom, said Taylor's line was a good fit for their juniors section. She said that at the same time she was contacted by Taylor's camp, her team had been trying to track Taylor down after seeing her on a television appearance.

"What we really liked about her is that she is actually the age of customer so there's that relatability factor that she has," Jackson Brown said. "And on top of it, she's quite aspirational for them at the same time."

Jackson Brown said they were not only impressed with her "keen sense of creating," but also with her ability to explain how each piece works with the others and how the collection came together. "She's actually quite a visionary at the age of 13," Jackson Brown said.

"I think sometimes what a designer misses is that people want to understand how to dress head-to-toe and she was able to do that," Jackson Brown said.

Taylor's fall collection includes "shorties," high-waisted shorts made of a soft knit that can be paired with leggings and boots. There's also a flannel jacket featuring one of the details she likes to include: a tiny American flag button on the pocket. A jersey baby doll dress and a henley tunic dress feature the painting that inspired the collection.

Taylor said that after taking the sewing classes, she gradually got more serious about fashion, making clothes for friends, designing a collection and eventually getting a handful of items produced and selling them online and at trunk shows. Her line is now produced in Los Angeles.

Taylor went to school on an accelerated schedule, graduating from high school at 11 and now attending community college.

Sherri Taylor said it was apparent early on that her daughter had an aptitude for art. "When she was really young we really noticed how she played with colors and it was just very unusual," she said. "We knew that something was happening so we just kept buying her more colors."

"She's tried a lot of different things and some things stuck and some things didn't, but art and fashion have been consistent," she said, adding that her daughter's fashion career "just kind of snowballed."

Jennifer LaTorre-Daly, a 20-year veteran of the fashion industry, joined Taylor's team last fall as the New York-based strategic planning director, focusing on getting Taylor's clothes in major retail outlets. "It's a great concept: She's designing for her peers," LaTorre-Daly said.

Taylor said that even though her schedule can be hectic, she enjoys it and feels like she has a good balance of school, art, fashion and just hanging out with friends. And she points out that she has friends who are just as busy with interests like acting or dance.

"The way I see it is I get to follow my dream and be a teenager at the same time. I think I'm pretty lucky in that respect," she said.

Associated Press

Isabella Rose Taylor, 13, poses with her art work and clothing designs at her home in Austin on Aug. 14. Her fashion line is debuting at Nordstrom stores and she's set to hold her first show at New York Fashion Week. Taylor said she created a fall line with a "street grunge vibe" and "modern hippie" inspiration.

MARY BIGGS
Centers for Children and Families

Giving an allowance can teach children value of money

It is important to teach children at an early age about the value of money. These lessons can start a lifetime of disciplined money management.

Parents have the best opportunity to provide a learning environment that teaches the concepts of saving and the value of money. One way to do that is to introduce an allowance to elementary-age children.

You, as a parent, will need to decide whether you want the allowance tied to chores, good grades or if it is something received for being a part of the family. Set the guidelines, then explain the rules to your child.

Don't allow them to ask you for more money when the allowance is gone. It is good for your child to be responsible for saving and for buying some things on their own. If parents buy everything for their child, he or she won't associate money with these things.

The next important thing children need to learn is how to save and budget the allowance. A percentage should go to savings, maybe some for church. Some should be for expenses you want your child to pay for. A great way to help your child budget is to use separate envelopes or separate piggy banks labeled for savings, expenses and entertainment so your child can visually see their money grow.

A common question parents ask is, "How much allowance should be given to my child?"

Some give a weekly allowance of $1 times the age of the child. But instead of following what other parents give, make the decision based on what you expect your child to do with their allowance. Will your child be expected to purchase movie tickets, clothes, birthday gifts for friends or school expenses? If your child overspends in one area, they learn they won't have enough money to last until the next allowance.

Children need to learn the value of cooperation and their responsibility as a member of a family. Linking allowance to the completion of normal family responsibilities, such as picking up after themselves and helping family members, is not always the best approach. Additionally, when children have other sources of income, such as monetary gifts or part-time jobs, they often stop completing their chores and responsibilities at home because they no longer need money from their parents.

Mary Biggs joined Centers in 2006 and has been a registered play therapist for eight years.

Springsteen picture book out in November

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boss is getting into the picture book business.

"Outlaw Pete," which is based on a ballad from Bruce Springsteen's "Working on a Dream" album, will be published by Simon & Schuster on Nov. 4. The publisher said Thursday that the book will feature Springsteen's lyrics and illustrations by Frank Caruso. Springsteen's song was inspired by the children's book "Brave Cowboy Bill," which came out in 1950. Springsteen has said that his mother used to tell him bedtime stories about Cowboy Bill.

Another rock 'n' roll superstar, Keith Richards, has a picture book out this fall. "Gus & Me," scheduled for release Sept. 9, is a tribute to Richards' grandfather, musician Gus Dupree.

Families would welcome help after mourning

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor was very ill with diabetes and an amputee with other health problems. Her husband worked long hours to pay for her health care and keep food on the table. They also had custody of a 3-year-old granddaughter.

I'm sorry to say this idea didn't occur to me until after the woman died suddenly, and her husband was left a widower with a small child to raise. Once the funeral is over and the church and neighbors move on, those left behind are often without support. They have funeral bills to pay, medical bills and their grief.

My local grocer happens to deliver, so I went and bought two cases of canned vegetables, rice, beans, flour, corn meal, sugar, potatoes and pasta every other month and had them delivered anonymously. That way my neighbor wouldn't feel it was charity. He has since figured out it was me, so I take food to them now because he's still having a hard time after his wife's death. But the little girl is thriving and I don't have to worry she will be hungry.

Please ask your readers to think beyond the usual mourning period, and look further at a family's situation after a loved one dies. A little help can go a long way. — HAPPY TO LEND A HAND IN TENNESSEE

DEAR HAPPY TO LEND A HAND: I'm pleased to print your letter. Everyone should be so lucky as to have a caring and generous neighbor like you. When a death happens, the most important thing is to maintain contact with a grieving family and observe the Golden Rule as you have been doing. The time to be a friend is when someone needs one.

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago we adopted three children through our state's child welfare system. At the time, we knew they had full- and half-siblings somewhere "in the system." We have not yet told our children they have biological siblings, although they do know their birth parents are no longer living because of drug abuse.

I was recently able to locate two of the full siblings through Internet research, and I have been following their lives on their social networking pages. Both are adults now,— one is a college student, and the other is a young mother.

I am torn. My children are teenagers now and old enough to be told they have other siblings. But should I uproot these young women's lives to learn about us and meet our children? I'm also not sure whether they know the circumstances of their biological parents' deaths or would want that information.

It doesn't seem fair to dump all this on a college student and a young mom, but my children have a right to know, too. I almost wish I had never started searching. Please advise. — KEEPER OF THE SECRET IN ILLINOIS

DEAR KEEPER OF THE SECRET: You are obviously a caring and sensitive woman. I agree that your children have a right to know they have other blood relatives. I'd be very surprised if the young women your children are related to were shocked by your contacting them. They are older and may have some recollection of their siblings. However, before discussing this with your teenagers, I recommend that you make the initial contact to be absolutely sure the two adult siblings would like to meet your children.

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Dogs get blues when youngsters go back to school

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Young people aren't the only ones who get back-to-school blues. Pooches used to months of constant playtime can get upset when their best buddies disappear with the dog days of summer.

Many dogs whine and wait eagerly at the front door but eventually adjust to the absence of their young owners when they are in class. But millions of dogs can feel abandoned, sad and unable to cope — and they look for ways to lash out.

Many of the nation's 80 million dogs have separation anxiety, Dr. Nick Dodman, of Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts, said citing studies.

Dogs with separation anxiety will bark, howl or whine; destroy something, leaving behind scratched doors, damaged blinds or torn curtains; or have accidents, Dodman said.

Dianne Larson of Santa Clarita, California, has seen it firsthand. School started two weeks ago, and year-old Ruby, a black Lab, still searches for Larson's son Tanner, 14, when he's gone.

"She stays in his room. If his door is closed, she will whine to get in," Larson said. If the dog isn't in Tanner's room, she's at the front window watching for him.

Side effects for anxious dogs don't stop at whimpering. Some dogs refuse to eat when their owners are gone, experts say.

"There will be an exuberant greeting when you do come home, one that can last several minutes and be completely crazy, then the dog will run to the food bowl," Dodman said.

Nearly half the anxious dogs have noise phobias, so if a storm hits while they are in an empty house, they can panic. A really insecure dog might become clingy and follow their owners around.

Besides recommended independence training, there are some things owners can do to ease their dogs' blues. Dodman suggests:

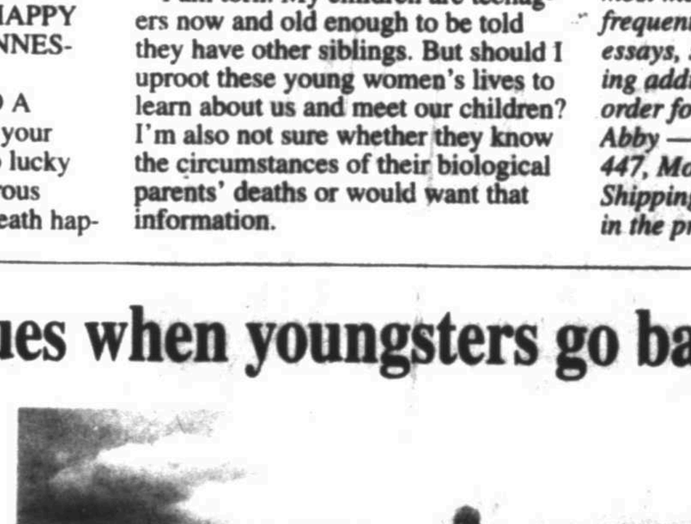
- Make your departure a happy time with toys and treats.
- Create a place in the house where the dog feels safe.
- Start the new routine before school begins.
- Don't indulge behavior with baby talk or sympathy.
- See a vet if it doesn't improve.

To cope with separation, first-grader Harry Williams of Kanab, Utah, takes the family dogs, Flora and Gandalf, to the bus stop each morning to get a bit more time with them.

"He is sad to leave them and hugs them like 10 times before he gets on the bus. Usually Flora whines when the bus pulls away," mom Jill Williams said. But the dogs mostly sleep while the youngster is at school.

"Honestly, they don't really seem fazed by it other than when Harry gets on and off the school bus," Williams said.

For those whose dogs have more serious problems, other more expensive options include pet sitters, dog walkers and doggy day camp.



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First-grader Harry Williams, 7, with his dogs Flora and Gandalf on his way to the bus stop on first day of school in Kanab, Utah on Aug. 19. For millions of dogs across the country, summer is gone and so are their best buddies. Most dogs object for a while but eventually adjust to the new hours. But millions of others will feel abandoned, panicky, sad and unable to cope as they look for ways to lash out.

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate

Worcestershire sauce is kitchen staple

Dear Readers: Worcestershire sauce is a staple in many kitchens, one of which is mine! I love the stuff and mix it with soy sauce or red-wine vinegar to use as a dip for egg rolls. Chances are there is a bottle in your kitchen. But how much do you really know about it? Which of the following is not an ingredient in regular (original) Worcestershire sauce: tamarind extract, molasses, pepper, anchovies, garlic?

The answer is pepper! Tamarind extract, molasses, anchovies and garlic all are found in Worcestershire sauce. The tamarind extract comes from a fruit and is actually one of the ingredients that sets Worcestershire sauce apart from other sauces. — Heloise

Stuffed mushrooms

Dear Heloise: I read your hints daily in the (Waterbury, Connecticut) Republican-American and find them really helpful, or there are some I already do and didn't think they were good enough to share. Here's one that I love, and it saves me a ton of time and mess:

I use a 1-tablespoon cookie scoop to fill mushrooms after I mix up my stuffing mixture. This results in perfectly mounded stuffed mushrooms every time! Yum! — Laurie B. in Connecticut

Quick-fix food

Dear Heloise: I keep a bottle of my favorite Italian-style salad dressing in my pantry all the time. This "can do" liquid helps make a delicious meal. I marinate chicken before baking and add to cooked pasta and vegetables for a delicious pasta salad. And I place cut-up meat in the slow cooker, add some salad dressing and put it on rolls for a dinner sandwich. — Janet D. in Indiana

These are all clever uses for Italian dressing and examples of how cooking can be fun and easy when experimenting in the kitchen. I like to add different spices and substitutes in recipes. (However, my husband, David, does question some of my "tests.")

Many of my hints and recipes are in Heloise's Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes pamphlet. To order one, please send $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Seasonings, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Another simple marinade for meats is equal parts soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce. — Heloise

Roasting pan

Dear Heloise: The roasting pan is not just for chicken anymore. I love cooking spaghetti in it, and it's great for corn on the cob. It's my new favorite pan to cook with. The shape of the pan just works better for many foods. I have a stainless-steel one, but I'm sure any type would work. — Claire in Florida

Many people use this hint, especially if cooking for a crowd. Readers, try it, and you may discover that you have a new cooking tool. — Heloise

Pepper placement

Dear Heloise: When making stuffed peppers the other day, they kept falling over. I placed them in my fluted cake pan. Much easier to stuff, and they don't fall over! — Gina W. in Kentucky

What makes a perfect burger?

By Liz Balmaseda
N.Y. Times News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Summer's last hurrah on the grill calls for something extra special — even if it's simple burgers that you're grilling this Labor Day weekend.

A simple burger doesn't have to be a humble one. Even a burger stripped of those gilded touches that have become obligatory in the gastro pub era — the fancy "handcrafted" pickles, stinky cheeses, exotic microgreens, lacquered bacon — can be a proud, spectacular burger.

The one requirement: The meat itself must be spectacular. Withhold the toppings overload, but do not dismiss the importance of quality meat that's custom blended for optimal flavor.

This is the takeaway from reading the section on "chopped meat" in the soon-to-be-released book, "MEAT: Everything You Need to Know" (Atria Books, $39.99), co-authored by Pat LaFrieda, the New York meat purveyor who is one of America's best known butchers.

Ask LaFrieda about the essence of the perfect burger and he'll deliver a tutorial on the key components of the nation's signature dish. And he knows his burgers: His family's meatpacking company has been in business for 92 years. It supplies restaurants across the country, such as the Shake Shack chain, and several Miami Beach restaurants, including Prime 112, Lure Fishbar and The Forge.

LaFrieda equates the art of blending meat to seasoning. Instead of relying on a spice jar or rub to give meat its flavor, he looks to flavorful cuts of meat to give burgers distinct taste and character.

"My philosophy for seasoning a burger is probably a bit different than most, but it is something that everyone is capable of," LaFrieda said via email last week. "If you want a burger to taste great, it really comes down to the meat. So when I think about seasoning, I think about all sorts of burger blends."

LaFrieda offers a trio of his favorite beef blends.

The Original Blend ("Probably my favorite," he says) is one customized by his grandfather: equal parts clod, chuck, trimmed brisket and short rib.

"It contains all of the most flavorful cuts on the animal," said LaFrieda. This is the blend he said he will be grilling for his family this weekend: "They're easy to make for the entire family and so convenient, and perfect for what I hope to be a beautiful Labor Day weekend."

The Short Rib Blend contains two flavorful braising meats — two-thirds short rib and one-third trimmed brisket. "In this blend, you can really taste the clean, sweet flavor of the short rib — and the burger is tough, but flavorful," he said.

The Hanger Blend, the most steak-like in flavor, is rooted in two-thirds hanger meat and a third part clod. "This blend has a very rich flavor, almost like a New York strip steak. When you bite into it, it's just like biting into a chopped steak," he said.

While a burger is not necessarily predicated on a beef patty — it could be made of lamb, turkey, pork or chicken — a good burger is usually one that contains an 80-to-20 ratio of meat to fat, said LaFrieda, whose cookbook hits stores Tuesday.

The burger's custom blend depends on the meat. A flavorful choice for ground pork would be pork butt, he said. For turkey, it would be a combination of dark thigh meat and light breast. For lamb, a good combo is two-thirds shoulder to one-third belly, he notes in the book he co-authored with food writer Carolynn Carreno.

In all, LaFrieda's company produces 50 blends of chopped meat. When it comes to beef, a successful blend is rooted in whole muscles instead of trimmings, he said.

A word about burger meat: In the family's meatpacking business, hamburger meat is known as "chopped," never "ground." It may be a matter of semantics, but ground beef "conjures up an image of meat that has been ground poorly or that is mushy or emulsified, like something you would use to make bratwurst or hot dogs," writes the fourth-generation butcher.

Tequila and ice cream: A delicious pairing!

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

Here's a summer fact you need to know — aged tequilas pair beautifully with ice cream.

When I discovered this a few years ago, I started making these insanely easy, totally crave-worthy milkshakes. And I'm warning you... You won't be able to stop at one. And that's why I often serve these in shot glasses. It makes it easier to keep going back for more without going overboard.

For ease, you can blend these shakes in advance, then place the blender carafe in the freezer. The alcohol will prevent the mixture from freezing solid and you can just give it a quick whir back on the blender base before serving. This way you also can re-fill one glass at a time and store the rest in the freezer.

The beauty of this three-ingredient shake is that it is made with ice cream, so you don't need to add ice and dilute the flavor. For this shake, I went with the rounder and milder reposado tequila. Reposado means "rested" and it has to be aged in oak barrels for a minimum of two months (but less than a year). This time in the barrel gives the tequila an amber color, as opposed to the white "blanco" tequila which is un-aged. It also removes the harshness of the new tequila and deepens the flavor, bringing out the vanilla notes.

The reposado tequila pairs perfectly with vanilla ice cream, and caramel or chocolate liqueur enhances the flavor, making a boozy shake that is perfectly balanced without any bite.

This is a great drink for a theme party, as you can easily find novelty shot glasses to match any occasion and let your guests take the glasses home as a souvenir of the day. Or serve them in tall, slender glasses for a more sophisticated feel. Either way, this blender drink fits into any party, any time.

Editor's note: Elizabeth Karmel is a grilling and Southern foods expert and executive chef at Hill Country Barbecue Market restaurants in New York and Washington, as well as Hill Country Chicken in New York. She is the author of three cookbooks, including "Pizza on the Grill."

Texas tequila milkshake

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 4

1 pint vanilla ice cream
1/2 cup (4 ounces) Godiva Caramel or Chocolate liqueur
1/2 cup (4 ounces) reposado tequila

In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth. Divide between 4 chilled glasses. Serve immediately or, for a thicker consistency, place the glasses in the freezer for 30 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 300 calories; 110 calories from fat (37 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 45 mg cholesterol; 22 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 20 g sugar; 3 g protein; 60 mg sodium.

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Book shares history of West Texas through essays, photos

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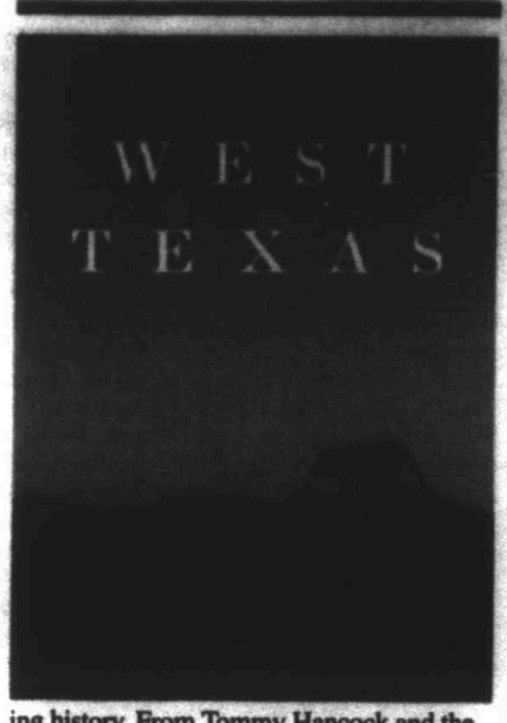

A new compilation of numerous essay authors takes on the task of describing West Texas. Edited by Paul H. Carlson, professor emeritus of history at Texas Tech University and Bruce A. Glasrud, professor emeritus of history at California State University, the book is published by the University of Oklahoma Press and illustrated throughout with pictures from the Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University. The illustrations themselves are fascinating and include:

- Lohn, northern McCulloch County, in the 1920s;
- Outdoor baptism, 1895;
- Downtown Lubbock, 1942, just as the city entered its period of rapid growth; and
- Presidio Mining Company (silver) in Shafter, Presidio County, ca. 1910.

There are many more illustrations covering various periods of West Texas history. I was most interested in seeing the 1880 vintage pictures that show how this country looked before being choked by mesquites.

However, most notable is the quality of the writing. This is no dry rendition of history. The various authors tell tales and have descriptive abilities that draw the reader in with great interest. Just to make sure these are not Texas tall tales, at the end of each essay the author provides source notes for authentication and a bibliography for further reading.

One author describes West Texas as a rural frontier:

"The immense West Texas heartland is a part of the state that in many ways remains rural and often isolated. Through much of this area there is what might be called emptiness, an unending vastness about the place. Roberts County in the Panhandle in 2014, for example, held fewer than 900 people, less than one person per square mile."

While 19 counties of the region still qualify in the government's definition as "frontier," having a population density of fewer than two people per square mile, the premise is posed that more counties are sure to join that category in the near future as a result of ongoing population loss.

But not all the talk is about the vastness of West Texas. Much is dedicated to the literature and the poets of the place, even giving the late Elmer Kelton his due as the most accomplished and successful western novelist in America.

While we, here in Midland and Odessa, wrestle with population boom, it is good to step back with a book like this, remember our rich heritage and be reminded that we are just a tiny part of this vast land, a giant side of Texas where you can travel for hours and hardly see anyone — unless of course, you're driving on I-20.

Regardless of a few mistaken perceptions, we are multicultural and always have been. That's another part of our rich and endearing history. From Tommy Hancock and the Roadside Playboys at the Lubbock Cotton Club in 1949 to Daniel Webster "80 John" Wallace, the black cowboy who became a highly respected cattleman and rancher in the 1880s, our part of Texas has been settled by different cultures living side by side. For example, as people of Hispanic origin increase in population percentage in Midland and Odessa, we tend to forget that during the mid-19th century, people of Hispanic, usually Spanish-Mexican descent, constituted some 70 percent of the population living in West Texas.

West Texas, the region, despite being popularized in film and song, has largely been ignored by historians as a distinct and cultural geographic space. "West Texas" rectifies that by assembling a diverse set of essays covering the grand sweep of West Texas history from the ancient to the contemporary.

It is important that we take pride in our history and make all of it a part of us, because it is.

Don't forget the West Texas Book Festival at the Abilene Public Library, Sept. 22-26. Tiffany Fink, associate professor of history at Hardin-Simmons University, will present "West Texas Women," from the book "West Texas: a History of the Giant Side of the State," which can be purchased online from Amazon.com or our local book stores.

Adult literacy improves productivity, safety

KATIE PANKRATZ
Midland Need to Read

Children of adults with low-literacy skills are far less likely to attend college or obtain a high school diploma than children of adults with average to above average skills. However, when it comes to the topic of education in America, much emphasis is placed on programs tailored to youth. In 2010-2011, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Adult and Vocational Education invested $596,120,000 in the education of roughly 2 million students — a mere $296 per student — according to the National Coalition for Literacy, while total expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools in the United States during that time amounted to $632 billion — or $12,608 per student — according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Although elementary and secondary education is important, adult education tends to go overlooked and may very well be the missing link in cultivating an educated, productive and safe society.

Youth education is an important element in developing the future of our nation, but these programs alone may not fully address the issue of education in our community. According to a 2012 DC Learns Literacy policy brief, "parents with high school-level credentials or higher are more likely to participate in activities with their young children that better prepare (them) to learn." Likewise, research conducted and released this year by the National Center for Education Statistics finds that children of parents who did not finish high school scored lower in vocabulary assessments, letter recognition and phonological awareness — recognition of sound patterns within languages — than students of parents with a high school degree or equivalent. Thus, a child's education begins with the literacy level of their parents — making up the dynamic commonly known as "family literacy" — where parents are viewed as the child's first teacher.

Adult literacy not only affects the overall education of our community, but also affects our community's productivity and safety. McGraw-Hill Research Foundation found that benefits of adult education programs include increased tax revenues, greater business productivity, decreased reliance on government financial support and reduced crime rates. Therefore, with an investment in adult education, our community stands to yield several valuable returns.

Local organizations such as the Midland County Public Library offer adults the opportunity to improve their literacy skills. The library provides information access to all people to meet their individual, cultural, educational and recreational needs. Library services include free use of computers, Internet, telephones and fax machines, and access to a free language learning program. In the words of famed American writer and newspaper publisher Harry Golden, "The library is the last of our public institutions to which you can go without credentials. You don't even need the sticker on your windshield that you need to get into the public beach — all you need is the willingness to read."

Midland Need to Read (MN2R) is another local organization with a mission to enhance lives of Midland County adults through literacy. Fully funded by community support, MN2R provides tutoring opportunities to adults who want to improve basic literacy skills such as reading, writing, math, and/or computer applications; pass the GED exam; or learn English as a second language. If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a volunteer tutor, please visit Midland Need to Read at 1709 W. Wall St., or call 682-9693 for more information.

Katie PanKratz is resource development director for Midland Need to Read.

Books in the Basin announces authors

From staff reports

The Books in the Basin book festival recently announced its lineup of authors. Organizers said it will officially be the largest book festival west of I-35.

The Oct. 10-11 event — organized through a joint effort between the Midland and Ector County Public Libraries — will feature more than 44 authors including keynote speakers Kami Garcia, author of the "Beautiful Creatures" series, and Charlaine Harris, author of the "Sookie Stackhouse" novels from which HBO's "True Blood" is based.

The two-day event will be spread over multiple venues across both cities, including Midland College, Odessa College, Yucca Theatre and the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

All of the festival's events will be open to the public. For more information, visit www.booksinthebasin.com.

Featured authors who have been announced to date

- Kami Garcia - "Beautiful Creatures"
- Charlaine Harris - "Sookie Stackhouse" series
- AG Howard - "Splintered"
- John DeMers - "Manila Rocks"
- Austin Groseman - "You"
- A. Lee Martinez - "Helen and Troy's Epic Road Quest"
- Joe R. Lansdale - "The Thicket"
- Laura Drake - "Sweet on You"
- Daniel Vaughn - "Prophets of Smoked Meat"
- Mario Alberto Zambrano - "Loteria"
- Jeramey Kraatz - "Cloak Society"
- Deborah Cromble - "To Dwell in Darkness"
- Juliette Turner - "Our Presidents Rock"
- Ron Bates - "How to Lose Friends"
- David M. Salkin - "Deep Down"
- Julie Kibler - "Calling Me Home"
- Carrie Vaughn - "After the Golden Age"
- Bill Wright - "Authentic Texas"
- Wayne Thorburn - "Red State"
- Michael O'Brien - "The Face of Texas"
- Jason Mellard - "Progressive Country"
- Keri Callist - "Making Rumors"
- Taylor Stevens - "The Informationist"
- James Evans - "Crazy from the Heat"
- Stephen Graham Jones - "Growing Up Dead in Texas"
- Spencer Herrera - "Sagrado"
- Levi Romero - "Sagrado"
- Patrick Dearen - "To Hell or the Pecos"
- Lonn Taylor - "Texas People, Texas Places"
- Emily McKay - "Harlequin Romance"
- Jon Land - "Strong Darkness"
- Mark Pryor - "The Bookseller"
- Frank Welch - "On Becoming an Architect"
- LM Gonzalez - "Too Late for Romance?"
- Sasha Summers - "Hollywood Ever After"
- Lara Lacombe - "Deadly Contact"
- Lleia Meacham - "Roses"
- Julie Murphy - "Side Effects May Vary"
- Clifton Taulbert - "The Invitation"
- Jim Morris - "The Rookie"
- Barbara Brannon - "The Paragraph Ranch"
- Kay Ellington - "The Paragraph Ranch"
- Peter Clines - "Ex-Heroes"

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From 1E

electric bill. When we looked into it a little bit more, we discovered that the woman actually didn't need the money for her bills; they were all up to date. Murray, who had already reached into his personal pocket to help her, just said, "Don't worry. She'll be able to use it for something else." Murray was like that. Often, if people were turned down by the loan committee at Midland National Bank, he would pull them aside later, write them a personal check, and give them the money they needed.

John Rutherford on Susan Graham: Suzy says that Midland's slogan, "The Sky's the Limit," really did shape her dreams and aspirations. Opera caught her interest, primarily because it seemed a nearly impossible goal. Inspired by the fact that she knew of no one who had pursued opera as a career, the effort became a clean canvas onto which she could paint her own color. "I knew that it was a rigorous and unforgiving genre. My thought was, 'If I can sing opera, it will really be something.'"

June Cowden on Joan Nobles: Joan was always a country girl at heart and loved being in the country, especially down around Fort Davis, where she ended up living for a while as an adult. She loved horses from the moment she learned to ride at three years of age. She was rounding up cattle with her brother Banky at the age of five on their family ranch, and she always owned a horse and loved teaching her children to ride. Resilience, fortitude, and a love of the outdoors are traits that all remind me of Joan.

Ed Todd on James Mims: Self-effacing and endowed with a charming wit, James Mims allows that "everyone has skeletons in their closet" and most of his are buried. As he put it, "What I say goes because I've outlived all the witnesses." James added, "We've got some wonderful pioneers who built this Western country." He believes Midland today is a "good place to live," but that the community "does not now have the typical [West Texas] small-town characteristics and charm, the charisma, the intimacy, the flair of innocence without pretense. It is too big, and that goes with the territory."

Charles Spence on Ed Todd: Ed once owned a goat named Freckles Rosetta, and the goat would follow Ed around like a dog. Freckles even slept with him. My favorite Freckles Rosetta story had to do with one time when Ed brought Freckles down to the newspaper with him. He would do that on a number of occasions. One time, the goat came to the newspaper when Jim Servatius was the editor, and Jim just happened to be in his office that day. And Jim was the old-fashioned kind of newspaper editor: he didn't suffer fools gladly, and he didn't put up with a lot. That day he was sitting in his chair, and Ed walked in with that goat. Ed took the goat down the hall to his desk, and then Freckles wandered off back down the hall and stopped right in front of Jim's office and left Jim a great big surprise on the floor outside of his door in the newsroom. What did Jim do? He just started cracking up. Never got mad, never chewed Ed out. Jim never put up with much of anything, but what are you gonna do at that point?

Local book club to meet Sept. 13

From staff reports

Unabashedly Book Club is to meet 2-4 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

The books to be highlighted are "The Girls in the Balcony" by Nan Robertson, a reporter for the New York Times, and "Lots of Candles and Plenty of Cake," a memoir by Anna Quindlen.

For more information and to register, call Joy Marsio at 698-0158.

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIEZ Y SEIS PARADE 2014

WHEN: Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM
All Entries Must Check IN from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Check-in at Bradford Park at the corner of New York and Jefferson streets.

WHERE: Lamesa and Florida Streets

DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BY 9/09/14

DETAILS: All parade entrants will assemble in the designated area at Bradford Park at 905 E. New York Ave. Check-in Registration table will be at the corner of New York and Jefferson streets. The parade will travel East on E. New York Ave. to Lamesa Rd., turn right on South Lamesa Rd., continue to Florida Ave. and turn West on Florida Ave, continue to Main Street, turn left on S. Main Street. Parade will conclude at Robert Haliff Park.

RULES: All entries (floats, trucks, automobiles, bicycles) must be decorated. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Overall, Most Original and Best Presentation. For safety concerns, all items such as candy or gifts for the public cannot be thrown from any vehicles and can only be distributed at curbs.

REGISTRATION: Please call the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland at 432-683-4226 for more information. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at www.HCCMidland.org or picked up at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, 1311 E. Wadley.

DIEZ Y SEIS DE SEPTIEMBRE PARADE PARTICIPANT ENTRY FORM

ENTRY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAILING ADDRESS/ZIP: _____

PHONE/Email: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: (please circle one below and indicate if special line-up is needed):
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SUNDAY MORNING — AUGUST 31, 2014

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week (N)		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS			Paid	Man	All In	Chargers	CBS Sunday Morning		Facelist.	ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)		
KWWT CW			Beaver	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Select	Opponent	Gilligan	Gilligan
KPEJ FOX			Support	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Commander	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FirstAave	Rain	Edition
KMLM IND			Light of South	Walking	Sirfinger	In Touch Ministries			Zion	Day Disc.	MAlmanac	HisYesod
KWES NBC			Which	Secrets	Storm	W.America	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church	
KPBT PBS			W.World	Cat/ Het	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	Sprout	Sid	Wild K.	Arthur	Speaks
KUPB UNI			Mercury	Mercury	Para volver a amar		Hora de aventura		Al punto		Enseñanza deportiva	
KOSA MNT			ITV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Hometown	Crown	Hazelton	O. Hours	Home F.	The Jet	Game

FLIX	340	65		165								
HBO	300	08	14	14				Hard Knocks '14		Real Sports		
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HBOS	304	70	16	102								
MAX	380	71	17	120	24							
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SHOW	320	66	19	140	25							
TMC	330	67	22	125	26							

AAE	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men		
BET	58	26		40		Bobby Jones Gospel	Bobby Jones Gospel	Lift Voice	Sunday Best			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Melbourne	Melbourne	Melbourne	Melbourne	Melbourne	Melbourne	Melbourne
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day	Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Reliable Sources
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Sea Gold	'Gold Luck'	Bering Sea Gold
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ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Bassmaster Elite		Football Final		Football Final		OLines
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Young	Young					
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	6:00 FOX & Friends Sunday					Morning Futures	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Glinda	Barefoot	Rachel Ray's...		Pioneer	Southern	Barefoot
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FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	25	48	44	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Meltzer's Decoded		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid Program	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki			Melissa Harris-Perry	
NBCSN	38	39				Premier L.	Lesuge Live (L)			EPL Soccer Liverpool at Tottenham Hotspur (L)		Live
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 31, 2014

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	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	Paid	Paid	Paid	World of X Games	WNBA Basketball Playoffs Pho./Min. (L)					Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	(12:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open Men's Third Round and Women's Fourth Round (L)										FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	Brady&	Brady&	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		Cannon		The Rockford Files	
KPEJ FOX												
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SUNDAY PRIME TIME — AUGUST 31, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	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	America's Funniest Home Videos		Wipeout "My So-Bald Life" (N)		MDA Show of Strength Raises funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (N)				KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:08) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Unforgettable "Fire and Ice" (N)		Reckless "Fifty-One Percent" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	Kojak "A Very Deadly Game"		Cokimbo A seemingly bumbling detective solves murders.				Partner "The Poisoner"		The Alfred Hitchcock Hour		The Fugitive	
KPEJ FOX	Bob's Burgers	Bob& "Fort Night"	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wedge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	American Ninja Warrior "Denver Finals"				America's Got Talent "Semi Finals 1" Twelve of the top 24 perform.				NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	Evan and America	America and World	Secrets Secret Servi (N)		Masterpiece Mystery! "Breathless" 2/5 cont'd Sept 7 (N)			Vicious	Austin City Limits		Backstage Pass "Phil Denny"	
KUPB UNI	Aquí y Ahora						Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision		Tras la Verdad
KOSA MNT			Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny

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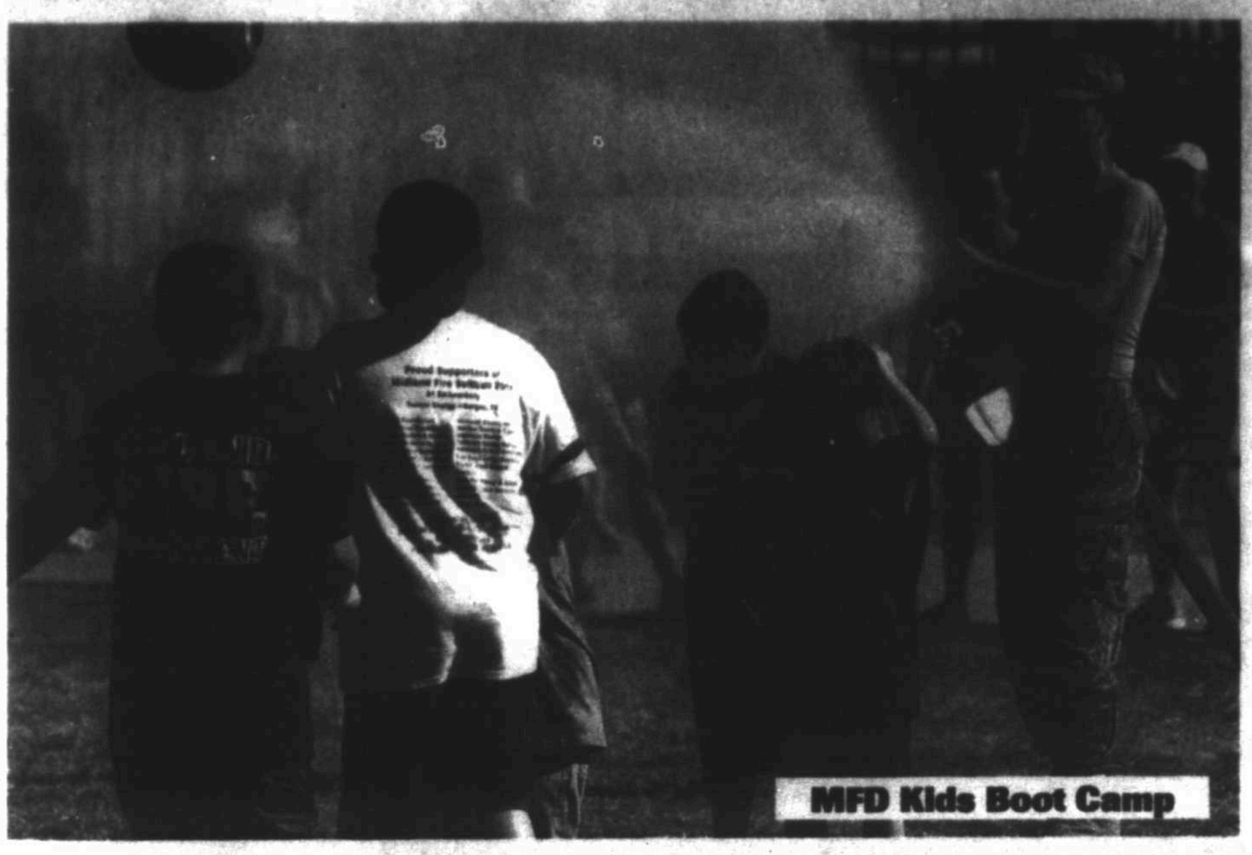
MFD Kids Boot Camp

The Permian Basin Fair and Expo

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

MONDAY

Bridge lessons at Midland College. 685-4518.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danzntool@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

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.

THURSDAY

Sawyer Brown with Larry Stewart at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Panhandle Reining Horse Show at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Casey Berry 10 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 612 W. Wall St., 218-6935.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

Midland Fire Department's annual free Kids Boot Camp 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Grande Communications. 685-7341. To register, stop by Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St.

Septemberfest at Museum of the South-west. museumsw.org.

Panhandle Reining Horse Show at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

"Urinetown The Musical" at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Real Close to Broadway" Maverick Players production at VFW Hall. maverickplayers.org.

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El Tri at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' works of Rachel Long on display through Sept. 1. 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 "Spirit of the Mask" opening reception, 5:30 p.m. 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

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Sara Braswell in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during August.

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.

Midland County Public Library's exhibits "Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" through Sept. 15 at the downtown location. "Matt Lankes Austin photographer" through Friday at Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Edward Curtis in the Southwest through Oct. 5. Winslow Homer and the American Pictorial Press exhibit opening Friday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

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-Linebery 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.

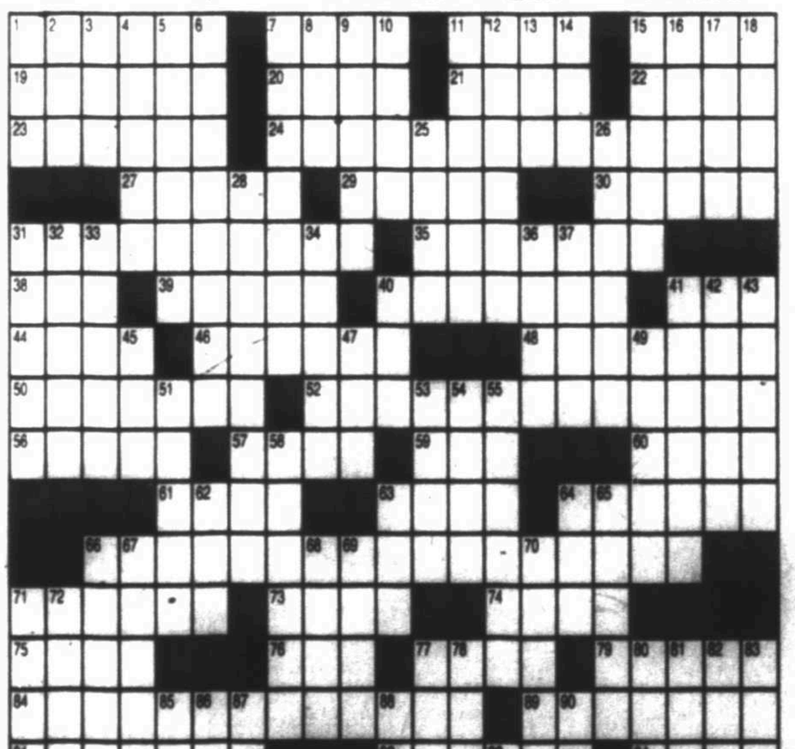
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"SAY CHEESE"
By PANCHO HARRISON

ACROSS
1 Thingamajig
7 Toronto team: familiarly
11 Schnauzer of fiction
15 Jack Jones record label
19 Place for an ace?
20 Sifting on
21 Stock holder
22 Jai
23 #1 hit song from "Flashdance"
24 The old-time photographer preferred the
27 Foals' fathers
29 Last Supper question
30 A dog, or a little hoarse
31 The Indy Car photographer used
35 Unassertive type
38 U.K. record label
39 Stuffed
40 Chorus
41 "Suits" network
44 Sea dog
46 Article 1, Section 3 constitutional subject
48 Fair subject
50 Play area
52 The fashion photographer worried about
56 When tripled, and so on
57 Smack, maybe
59 __ tai
60 Ortega's "other"
61 Stan Lee superheroes
63 Support bar
64 Some coins
66 The dating service photographer was happy when __
71 Finally
73 The last Mrs. Chaplin
74 "I'm buying"
75 Gardener's choice
77 Here-there connection
78 Dazzles
79 Star athlete in Archie Comics
84 The arctic photographer had to consider __
89 Lao-tzu followers
91 Meat-filled pastry
92 "Help me out here, bud"
94 ER command
95 Single
96 Barenboim is its current music director
100 Modesto vintner
102 Prior to, in poems
103 Peso part
104 The dessert photographer took a set of
106 Arcade pioneer
109 Mead milieu
111 Computer acronym
112 The stressed-out photographer __
116 Passionate
120 Envelope abbr.
121 Canter, for one
122 Garr of "Tootsie"
123 In layers
124 Investment factor
125 Michel's "mine"
126 Norse god of war
127 Pope works

DOWN
1 Mil. decoration
2 Motor extension?
3 Vintner's prefix
4 Ben Franklin's belief
5 Is of use
6 Downward movement
7 Star of TV's "The Fugitive"
8 Supped
9 Hindu mystics
10 White-robe providers
11 Not much
12 Oskar Schindler, to many
13 Half of six
14 California's Santa Mountains
15 Done for
16 Pub offerings
17 Prepare for a trip
18 "That's rough"
25 Word with pool or table
26 Twain of country
28 Shift neighbor
31 Piquant
32 Fred Astaire's birthplace
33 Quieted, in a way
34 Dutch cheeses
36 Bulldoze, in Bath
37 St. comprised of two peninsulas
40 Cab in a bottle say
41 Southwest competitor
42 Disdain
43 AHL's Iowa Wild, when they were in Houston
45 Skosh
47 Set __ arguments
49 Bring to mind
51 Makes serious demands on
53 Webzine
54 Not of the cloth
55 Puff up in the breeze
58 Chant
62 "Rocky III" actor
63 Genetic letters
64 Airer of many RKO films
65 Vermont ski resort
66 Slip by
67 Luis "Let's go"
68 Laugh-a-minute
69 Calvary inscription
99 __ Linda, Calif.
70 Prepares for use, as software
71 1999-2004 Olds
72 Snake venom, e.g.
77 Like an Aberdeen newborn
78 Siouan language
80 Grafton's "__ for Outlaw"
81 Bone: Pref.
82 Get underway
83 Bass-baritone Simon
85 Cirque du __
86 __ Bator
87 Staff notation
88 G.W. Bush is the only president who earned one
90 Dole out
93 Old TV's "knight without armor in a savage land"
97 Othello's lieutenant
98 Forward, to Fellini
101 Underworld god
103 Ill-tempered type
104 Made fun of
105 Conceals
106 At a distance
107 South American monkey
108 Farm workers
110 Vision: Pref.
113 NYC traveler's option
114 Holiday veggie
115 Verdi's "__ tu"
117 Victorian
118 Marshal under Napoleon
119 NFL scores



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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The crocodile coup

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q 9 5 4
♣ K

WEST
♠ K J 9 3
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 8
♣ Q 7 6 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 10
♥ J 9 3 2
♦ J 7
♣ J 10 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A 5 2
♥ K 8 5
♦ A 10 6 3 2
♣ A 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4	Pass
5♣	Pass	6	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♣

North-South were using the Weak No Trump (12-14 points), hence the one diamond opening. South could have re-bid one no trump to show 15-17 points, but chose to raise partner instead. North was off to the races and they ended up in a terrible slam. Change the king of clubs to the king of spades and the slam would be ice cold. These flaws can be hard to diagnose in the auction, but they become appallingly clear when the dummy comes down.

South saw that his only real chance was to find an opponent with a doubleton king of spades. Should that opponent be put on lead with no safe exit card, he would have to yield a ruff-sluff for the 12th trick. South cashed the ace of spades early, before a clever opponent could see the need to unblock, then drew trumps and eliminated the clubs and hearts from both his hand and the dummy.

Knowing the end position he wanted, South was able to play the hand rapid-fire. After stripping the side suits, he exited with a low spade from hand toward the dummy, hoping for the best, but West was on full alert.

The defender rose with his king of spades, like the jaws of a crocodile, and swallowed his partner's queen. He was then able to cash the jack of spades to defeat the slam. Nice play! Had West carelessly played low, East would have won with the queen and the slam would have come home on the forced ruff-sluff.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014:
This year you discover how important friendship is. Listen to feedback and incorporate new ideas into various facets of your life.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Try to follow a loved one's plans without being difficult or critical. You might need a little break from people to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Be a duo.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Defer to others. You will like having less pressure on you the next few days. Tonight: You could be amazed by someone else's news.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Make time for an activity that is very important to you; otherwise, you might feel deprived. Tonight: Avoid a snippy conversation.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could feel overwhelmed, especially if a small tiff suddenly becomes a major fight. You might need a break. Tonight: Whatever feels right.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Honor a change of pace if you feel tired or bored. When even the most exciting adventure becomes the norm, boredom can set in. Tonight: Allow greater give-and-take.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You know what is expected of you, and you know what works. If you sense a conflict, make an adjustment rather than start a fight. Tonight: At a favorite place.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Rather than have an increased level of tension, back off and find out what would lighten up the situation. You might be swallowing some anger. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others might not know what to do with their high energy, but you will move quickly from party to party. Tonight: This moment is yours.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Take your time before making a decision. Stay in the mood of the weekend. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ An invitation could prove to be more important than you realize. Tonight: Only where the action is.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your sixth sense could be on overload, as you seem to meet with many people today. Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You could have an interesting call with someone you won't be able to see this weekend. You enjoy exchanging news. Tonight: In the swing of things.
BORN TODAY
Educator Maria Montessori (1870), actor Richard Gere (1949), singer/songwriter Van Morrison (1945)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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The arts are vital to quality of life

GEORGE JACOB
Director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum

In the years past, Permian Basin has seen citizens stepping forward with an exemplary commitment toward arts and humanities. Carla Bryant, Randy Haam, Brian Lee Whisenhunt, Richard Gilham, Chris Stanley, Megan Buck, Mario Kiran, Daikin Asakawa, Phil Prud'homme, Karen Hembree and many others have made our communities richer and vibrant with their creativity, vision, energy and perseverance. Others, like the late Ellen Noel, and her daughter, Lissa Noel Wagner, have championed stellar institutions that affect and continue to enrich the lives of thousands of people through their philanthropy and love for the arts.

Often, the fruits of these efforts are not immediately visible. It exists in an intangible realm making subtle differences to the otherwise harsh landscape of the Permian. Arts are vital to our critical thinking and imaginative growth. It is the essence of the quality of life that is in effect, the soul of our cultural ethos. Arts are economics, in that it is a multi-billion dollar global industry — both in its tangible and virtual/digital forms. Arts are design, as we live in a design-driven economy. Arts are the language of science, as it aids imagination, inventiveness, visualization, spatial and conceptual thought.

I have enjoyed my time here in the Permian Basin and gained many insights from the hundreds of emails that I have received in response to my weekly columns in the Midland Reporter-Telegram. I recently learned that I was the only museum director columnist in the nation to write 100 columns in a year (nearly half of them for Midland Reporter- Telegram)!

I am leaving the Basin with the satisfaction of being able to make a difference during my relatively short time. Today, the Ellen Noel Art Museum is much stronger, more visible and has well-trained excellent staff dedicated to bringing world-class exhibits, programs and outreach initiatives.

As I gaze at the dusty terrain of the Permian Basin with its proud pump jacks drawing sweet-crude from the depths of the earth baking in the sun, I am reminded of a quote from Pablo Picasso who once remarked, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."

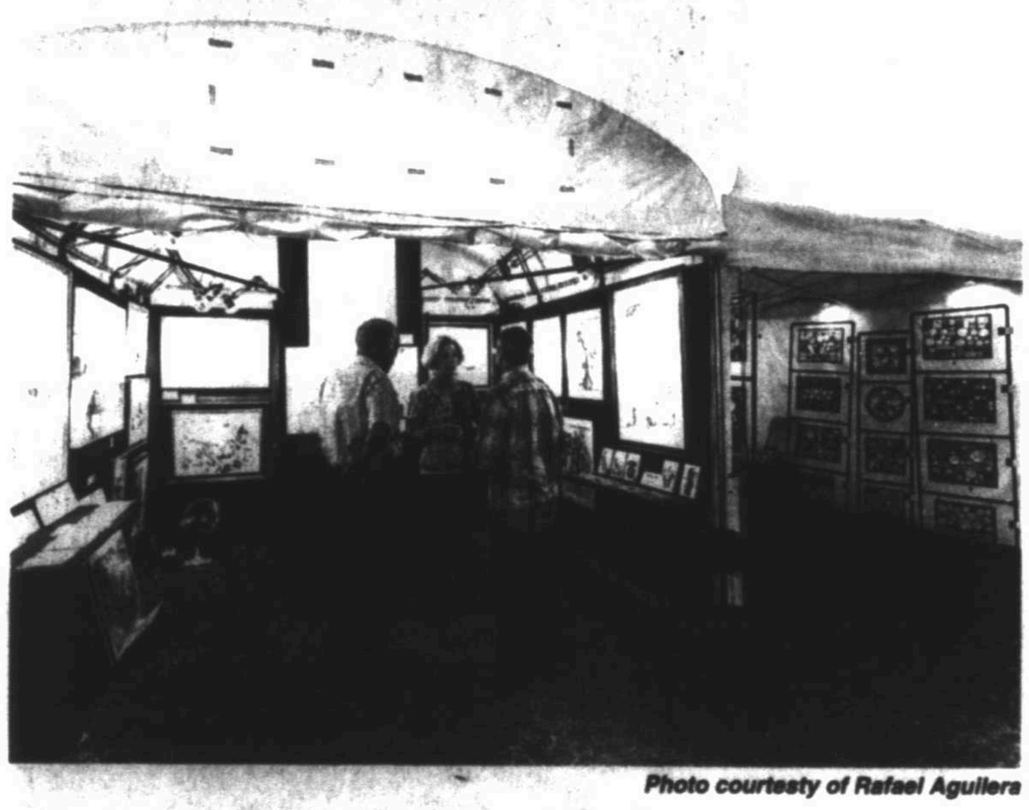
EARLE

From 8E

Step 3 is getting comfortable and knowledgeable about art might be the hardest: You have to talk to another person about art. There are a variety of artists at SeptemberFest — from painters, printmakers and sculptors to jewelers and glassmakers. Look at the different modes of representation and discuss which ones speak to you, or why an artist may have made a particular choice. This does not require any expertise or familiarity with art. You just need to have the courage to express an opinion. This opinion can be positive or negative, but generally speaking, positive opinions and thoughts open the door to further conversation.

If you're visiting SeptemberFest with friends or family, start talking to them. If not, find an artist whose work you like and tell them why. Artists are almost always thrilled to meet new people and to talk about their work. Buying artwork from the artists is another extra-credit opportunity, since having art in your home is another important way to have a healthy relationship with art.

Whether or not you take any art home, if you follow these three steps you will be more at ease with art, and you might even come to more events at the museum.



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Museum visitors gather under a tent and discuss art with a local vendor.

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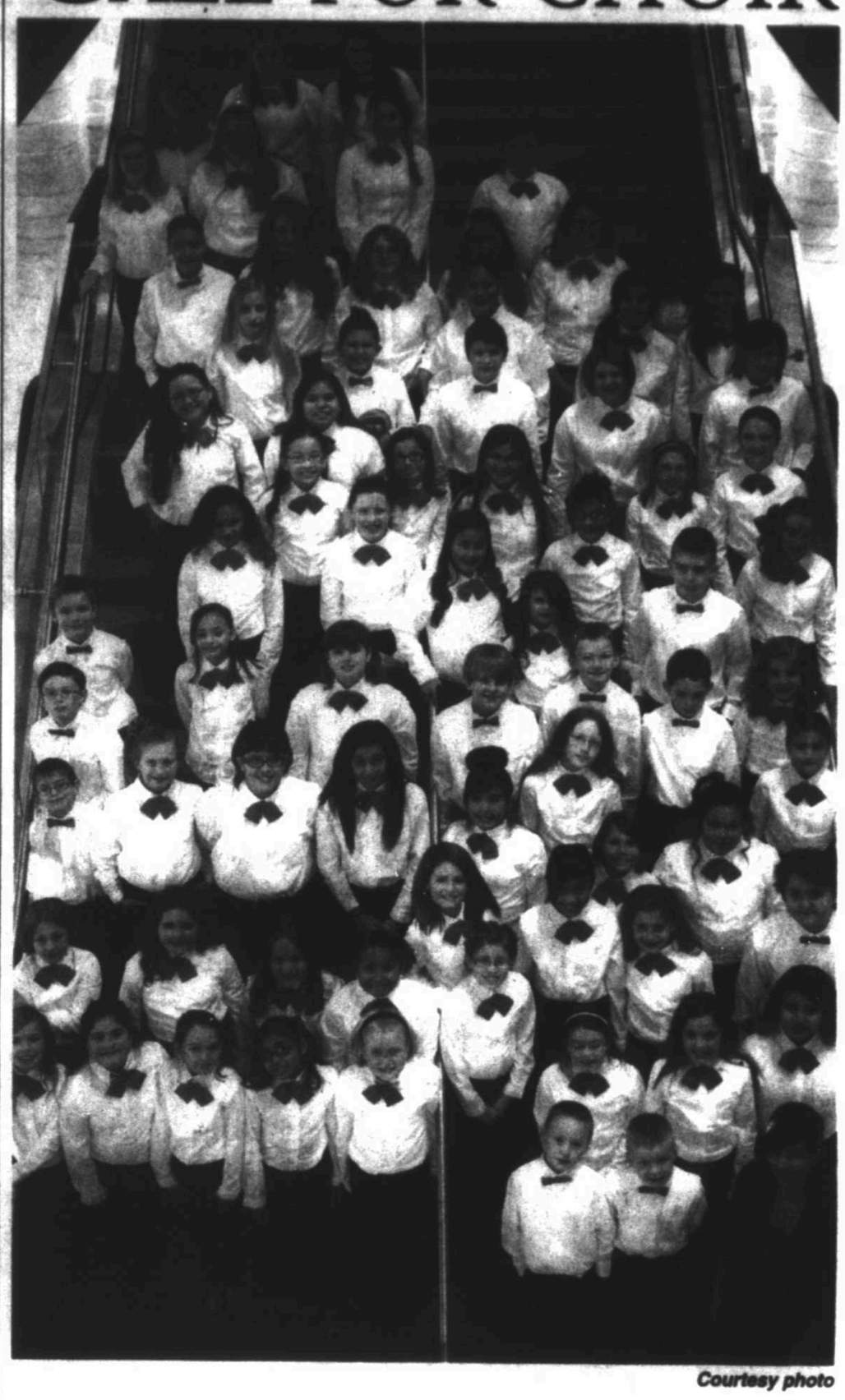

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Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale's youth choir, Voices of the Permian Basin, is holding auditions for its 2014-2015 season 5:30-8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 13 at the MOSC offices, 3100 LaForce Blvd. The choir is for third- through eighth-graders. Students do not need to reserve an audition time or prepare in advance. For more information, contact choir dirtector Emily Baker at kidschoir@mosc.org or visit MOSC.org.

Two viewers, two points of focus

By Karen Rosenberg
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — "Bruce Davidson/Paul Caponigro: Two American Photographers in Britain and Ireland," at the Yale Center for British Art, is a strange but memorable pairing. It joins the Magnum photojournalist Bruce Davidson, best known for his aggressive New York street and subway photography, to a spiritually minded landscape photographer in the mold of Ansel Adams and Minor White. And although its title suggests some shared expatriate experience, a split quickly develops.

The curators, perhaps acknowledging as much, divide the third-floor galleries neatly down the middle. At times, it seems as if Davidson and Caponigro are re-enacting a classic contest in 20th-century photography, a competition between the meticulously technical, landscape-driven Bay Area School of Adams and Edward Weston, and the spontaneous street photography of Davidson's mentors, Cornell Capa and Henri Cartier-Bresson (who is said to have remarked, "The world is falling to pieces, and all Adams and Weston photograph is rocks and trees.")

Organized by the Yale British Art Center's chief curator Scott Wilcox and the Huntington Library's curator of photographs Jennifer A. Watts, the show of roughly 150 images draws on the center's large collection of Davidson's British and Irish photographs. (Most of the Caponigro prints on view are from his own collection.)

Davidson's half of the show is less polished, especially in the early sequences, but ultimately more revealing. It begins with a 1960 assignment for the British lifestyle magazine The Queen, which published the pictures in 1961 under the title "Seeing Ourselves as America Sees Us: A Picture Essay on Britain."

Davidson seems to have interpreted the assignment with an eye to the Swiss-born photographer Robert Frank's book "The Americans," which had come out in 1959 and was still reverberating through photo culture high and low. But he was also aware of the commercial context, to judge from the various English clichés he worked into the pictures. They include matronly nannies wheeling prams through a park, pigeons in Trafalgar Square, top-hatted gents in the city, even the changing of the guard.

In places, however, a more authentic voice emerges, especially in the dark, cloistered pictures that have something of the same mood as Davidson's breakout series "Brooklyn Gang," which had been published in Esquire in June 1960. It's there in a shot of a sailor sidling up to a woman at a pub, and in a through-the-doors glimpse of commuters on the Tube that prefigures Davidson's "Subway" series of 1980s New York in its weird alternation of compression and distance.

The Swinging London youthquake is still a few years away, at least in these pictures. Davidson gravitated to older folks and children, and continued to do so even when he was sent back to Britain in 1965 (this time to Blackpool and Wales, on assignment for Holiday magazine). At Blackpool, pasty-faced retirees snooze on deck chairs; two girls huddle in a trailer for lost children.

The work from Wales is particularly striking, with its evident staging and generally confrontational mood signaling a big change in approach from the London trip. (Between those two assignments, Davidson had documented the Freedom Rides and other events of the civil rights movement.) In an image that feels typical of the series, a miner with a coal-smeared face leans into the camera, arms crossed, as two men push a cart in the distant background.

In Caponigro's half of the show, the human subject is almost entirely absent. At the same time, his front-and-center views of church ruins and stone megaliths, exactingly printed in the gelatin silver method, arouse a kind of anthropological curiosity.

Many date from 1967, when Caponigro was working in rural Ireland on a Guggenheim fellowship. He had originally applied to photograph Egyptian pyramids and temples, but was concerned about the anti-American political climate in that region. "Ireland became my Egypt, and the stones became my temples," he later said.

His shots through the windows and doorways of ancient Celtic structures reinforce such associations: the narrow rectangular portal of Gallarus Oratory in County Kerry, for instance, might well be an entrance to a Pharaonic tomb. So might a structure that's not stone at all, but pure landscape: a dark grove somewhere in the Ring of Kerry.

The images have many other associations, from picturesque Romantic landscape paintings to the late work of Bill Brandt, the British postwar photographer who made wildly distorted pictures of nudes on pebbled beaches. (Although no figures are present in most of Caponigro's shots, the rock formations themselves can look anthropomorphic.) A panoramic image of white deer streaking through the forest in Wicklow even brings to mind Lascaux cave drawings.

Wilcox, in his catalog essay, even brings up William Blake's visionary watercolors as a precedent for Caponigro's photographs. That feels like a bit of a stretch, as is his comparison of Davidson's "photography of social observation" to the engravings of William Hogarth. The photographs in this exhibition might have been taken in Britain and Ireland, but they don't feel specific to the history of art in those countries.

Rather, the British Isles seem to have served these two photographers as a neutral backdrop, one that could accommodate Caponigro's mythic landscapes or Davidson's nascent urbanism. In the end, the show is a classic contest of ideas in American photography that happens to play out across the pond.

David Rosand, art history scholar whose heart was in Venice, dies at 75

By Holland Cotter
N.Y. Times News Service

The churches of Venice and the classrooms of Columbia University formed the tent poles of the work of the revered art historian David Rosand, who died at his home in Manhattan on Aug. 8 at 75.

He taught his first class at Columbia in 1964 and his last in 2013, with very few breaks in that run. And although as a scholar he was closely identified with 16th-century Venetian painting and its greatest artist, Titian, his breadth of knowledge beyond his immediate field was wide, embracing modernist abstraction, 19th-century American art and Chinese calligraphy.

In addition to sustaining a heavy teaching load, Rosand was a productive writer, publishing many scholarly essays and producing, or contributing to, more than a dozen books. His classic work, "Painting in Sixteenth-Century Venice: Titian, Veronese, Tintoretto," was first published in 1982 and is still used in classrooms.

In an era when university art departments, like museums, tended to be divided into fiefs, each controlled by a specialist, Rosand, a genuine cosmopolite, walked a broad terrain. He wrote books on both the abstract expressionist Robert Motherwell and the cartoonist Edward Koren, an old friend.

In 2004, he published a series of lectures titled "The Invention of Painting in America." He was sufficiently well versed in the arts of Asia to sit on dissertation committees across that area, and he was known to be singularly supportive of faculty and students involved in non-Western subjects well before multiculturalism became a norm.

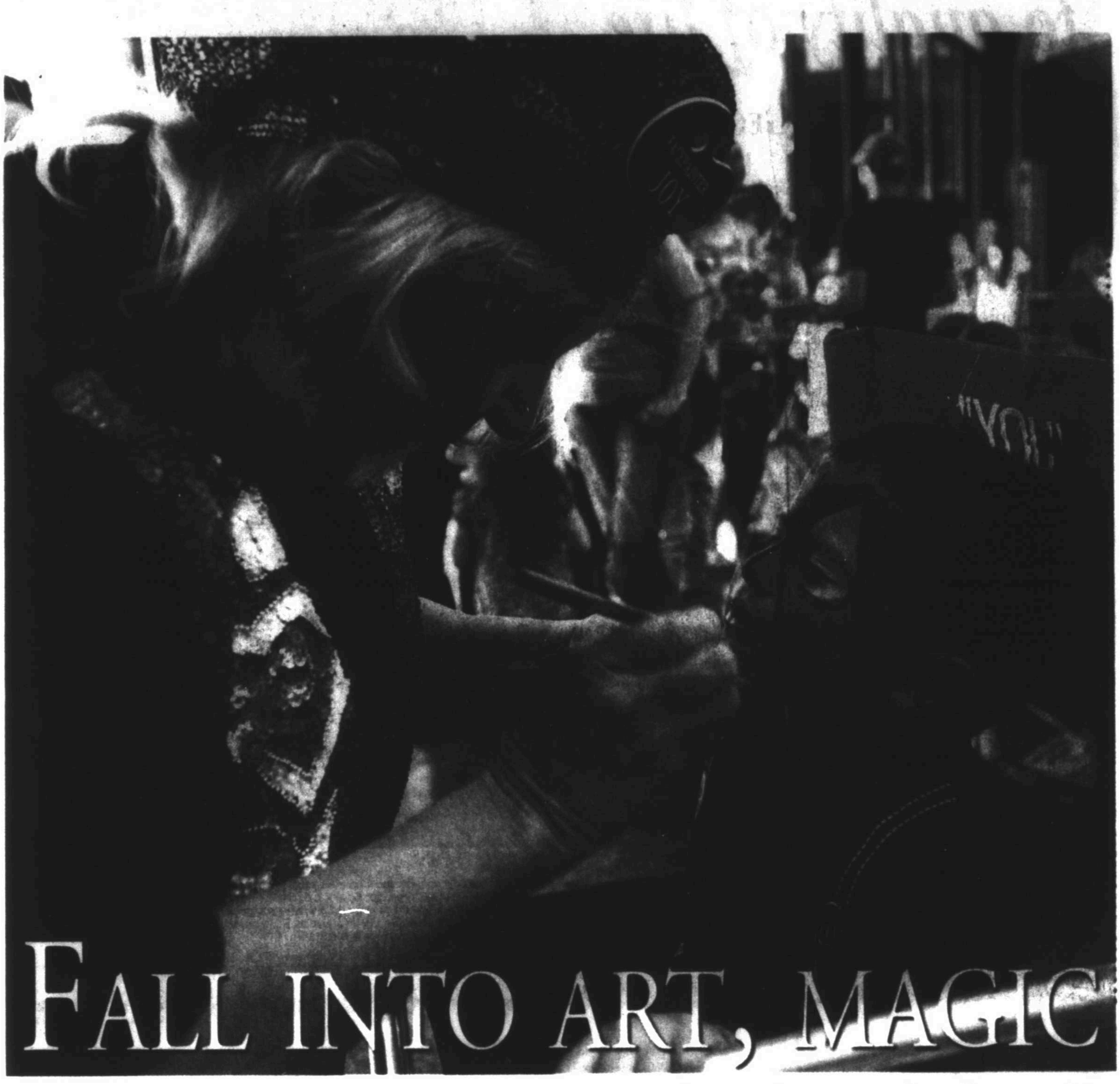
Early on, he advocated an interdisciplinary curriculum; courses combining art and literature became a favored model. And although he always emphasized the primacy of the individual artist's hand in painting, he was also deeply interested in the social and political history of art.

"What distinguished David's scholarship was his ability to move from a particular work of art to the broad, artistic and cultural issues that made the Renaissance such a vibrant and defining period," said Keith Christiansen, chairman of the European painting department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "You always came away from a discussion with him thinking differently about the artist or painting."

Rosand was born in the City Line neighborhood of Brooklyn on Sept. 6, 1938, to Johann Herbert Rosand and the former Freida Grotenstein. Both parents worked at Brooklyn Technical High School, his father as a drawing teacher and his mother as an administrative assistant. David graduated from Brooklyn Tech and from Columbia, with a bachelor's degree in art history, in 1959.

Art scholarship was not his initial goal, however; he had early ambitions to be an Abstract Expressionist painter and held the work of Motherwell in particular esteem.

But as he once said in an interview, the prospect of spending a lifetime alone with canvases in a studio so unnerved him that he decided to devote himself instead to art history. A stay in Venice in the early 1960s confirmed his love for that city's Renaissance painters. Venetian drawing, set in the context of its Renaissance guild system, became the subject of his dissertation at Columbia.



FALL INTO ART, MAGIC

Museum Southwest's SeptemberFest is yearly favorite

By Rich Lopez
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The Museum of the Southwest celebrates the season with its annual fundraiser SeptemberFest. Back are the food trucks, the live music and, of course, the art. But this year's Star-Spangled Spectacular might make it feel like the middle of summer again.

"We go all out with our decorations," marketing director Chelsea Dey said. "We keep calling this the best fourth of July party in September."

With several features returning to SeptemberFest, Dey said festival goers can expect to see something new at the event.

"We have nearly 100 artists total, but we have several who will be showing and selling their works for the first time. And this year, we'll also have local magician Bronson Chadwick performing," Dey said.

Chadwick will perform at the KinderFest Preview Party Saturday morning and throughout the festival.

"I'm looking forward to entertaining guests both on stage and mingling with them using small, out-of-the-pocket illusions before and after the stage show. It will be a truly unique and magical night," Chadwick said.

The festival starts with the Star-Spangled Spectacular Preview Party Friday night. The event allows ticketed attendees to be the first to browse the artwork, while partaking in a dinner event inspired by significant moments in the nation's history.

Tickets for the event are $75 in advance and $85 on Friday.

But the adults don't get all the fun. The KinderFest Preview Party on Saturday morning will include a buffet breakfast, Chadwick's performance and caricatures by John Parrish, a trip through the petting zoo and access to jumpers, the Children's Museum and the Planetarium dome show. The event will also feature tickets available for rock climbing, mechanical bull riding and a jousting ring.

The children's event admission is by tables — eight people for $500 or four for $250.

As the chief fundraiser for the museum, Dey said SeptemberFest is what keeps the organization going — literally.

"The proceeds from SeptemberFest help with our operating costs," Dey said. "But the funds also go toward activities, programming and exhibitions and other events we provide to the community for little or no charge."

Event information

SeptemberFest 2014: Star-Spangled Spectacular at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Preview Party on Friday 7-11 p.m., KinderFest Preview Party on Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon. Public events Saturday and Sept. 7. $5 adults, $3 children. For more information, visit museumsw.org/septfest.

5 QUESTIONS

With Terri Thompson | crocheter

Terri Thompson has diagnosed herself with YADD: Yarn Attention Deficit Disorder. Fortunately, Midland is all the better for it, as people can see her crocheted works Saturdays at the Downtown Farmers Market. Some may know her by her other moniker, The Purple Hooker, but Thompson's in on the joke. But more importantly, crocheting has seemed to become cathartic for her. Crocheting was part of her therapy after a broken hand and not surprisingly, she's hooked.

MRT: What's your proudest achievement as a creative artist?
Thompson: My head swells every time someone admires my work. When someone offers just a simple "nice," that makes my day.

MRT: What inspires your designs?
Thompson: The yarn. Just the other day I saw some yarn and thought about making something for myself. When I picked it up, the "yarn wanted" to be a baby blanket.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.
Thompson: My ideal meal would be spent with my husband and as many friends who could make it.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.
Thompson: Yarn, yarn, and more yarn! Oh, did I mention the yarn?

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?
Thompson: Right now I have country on my car radio and '80s on my iPod.

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Follow three steps to gain an appreciation for art

WENDY EARLE
Curator at Museum Southwest

For some people "art" is a terrifying word. It can be intimidating to walk into a museum or gallery and look at something you know nothing about, surrounded by patrons who are seemingly experts. For many people, going to an exhibition opening and having to talk about art with strangers would be a nightmare. Art can and should be for everyone, no matter their education or experience. I've taken the liberty of outlining an easy way to get more art experience and be more comfortable with works of art such as paintings and sculptures.

One of the simplest and more painless ways to start engaging with art is in a casual environment, such as an outdoor arts festival. SeptemberFest at the Museum of the Southwest offers a great opportunity to take in the artwork of almost 90 different artists from around the country. Step 1 is to attend SeptemberFest, with general admission on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sept. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. For those looking for extra credit, you can attend the Preview Party on Friday for a late night with the artists and many other patrons of the arts.

Step 2 is to have fun at SeptemberFest. Having fun is the goal for most of our events at the museum, and we love putting our visitors in the right frame of mind to enjoy art. You can have fun while perusing the artist booths, perhaps with a drink in hand. You can also enjoy the crafts, games, face painting, petting zoo and magic shows at KinderFest, stop by the food vendors and listen to the many free concerts throughout the weekend.

Of particular interest to art fans or Civil War buffs is the exhibition, "Winslow Homer and the American Pictorial Press," which opens on Friday. The exhibit is made possible by Catherine and Matt Hyde. This exhibition features illustrations from 19th century newspapers and offers a glimpse into the lives of people living in the 1850s to 1880s. It features many strong images of battles during the Civil War, created by the top artists of that time. It's also one of the only things visitors can do in the comfort of air conditioning, which is important to remember at this time of year.

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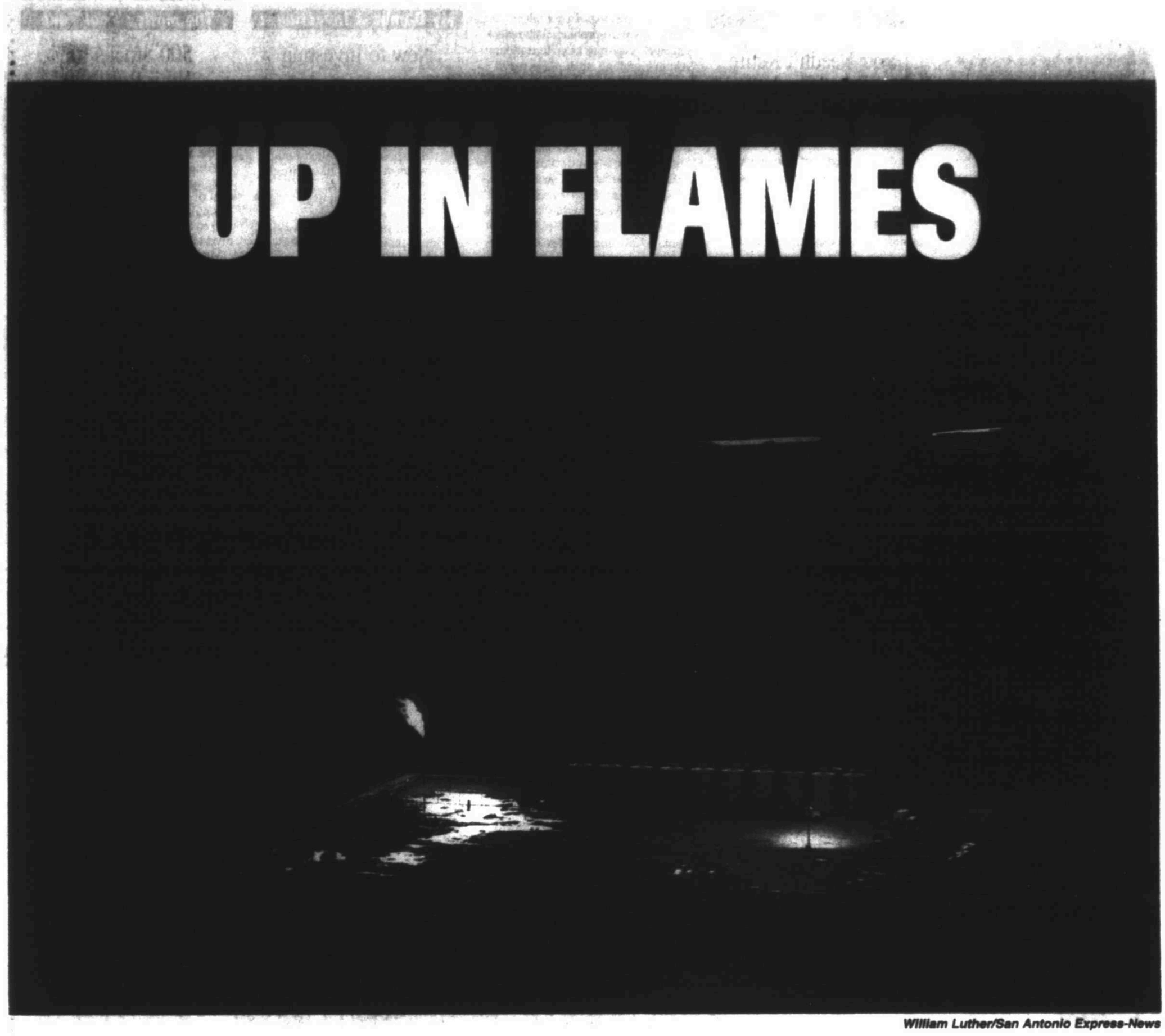

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An oil production flare, also called a flare stack, is seen in a May 14 aerial image taken near Karnes City.

Flares in Eagle Ford Shale wasting natural gas

Editor's note: Since the Eagle Ford Shale boom began, flares burning across the countryside have poured out pollution, caused claims of illness and wasted millions of dollars'worth of natural gas. This four-part series examines the issue. The first two parts of the series will appear today and the final two parts will appear next Sunday, September 7.

By John Tedesco and Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Oil and gas companies rushing to drill in the Eagle Ford Shale since 2009 have burned and wasted billions of cubic feet of natural gas — enough to meet the needs for an entire year of every San Antonio-area household that relies on the fossil fuel.

Faced with a pipeline shortage in rural South Texas, companies bleed off the gas into flares that release air pollutants and greenhouse gases in amounts that collectively rival the output of a half-dozen oil refineries.

Not even the state's top regulators at the Railroad Commission of Texas who oversee the oil and gas industry know how much gas is going to waste and polluting the air in the Eagle Ford Shale.

"Nobody wants to flare," said Barry Smitherman, chairman of the Railroad Commission's three-member elected board. "When you do that, you're burning up money."

But a yearlong San Antonio Express-News investigation used the state's own data to show how often a resource used to cook, heat homes, produce electricity and fuel vehicles is being squandered.

Analyzing millions of records, the newspaper found the volume of wasted gas in Texas has reached levels not seen in decades — and the South Texas shale field is largely to blame.

Among the newspaper's findings:

No region in Texas flared as much gas as the Eagle Ford Shale. Since the early days of the energy boom in 2009, statewide flaring and venting in Texas surged by 400 percent to 33 billion cubic feet in 2012. Nearly two thirds of the gas lost that year — 21 billion cubic feet — came from the Eagle Ford.

The rate of Eagle Ford flaring was 10 times higher than the combined rate of the state's other oil fields.

The total volume of wasted gas in the shale from 2009 to 2012 was almost 39 billion cubic feet — enough to meet the annual heating and cooking needs for all 335,700 residential customers who relied on gas last year in CPS Energy's service area, which includes San Antonio.

Despite assurances by the Railroad Commission that gas flares are safely regulated, the Express-News found seven Eagle Ford operations with some of the highest amounts of flaring had failed to obtain the necessary permits from the agency.

Eagle Ford flares pumped more than 15,000 tons of volatile organic compounds and other contaminants into the air in 2012, state pollution estimates obtained by the Express-News state.

That's more pollution than the amount emitted by the six oil refineries in Corpus Christi. And it doesn't include all the other sources of pollution in the oil patch.

It's the downside of an energy boom that seemed unthinkable not long ago.

The discovery that hydraulic fracturing could tap the Eagle Ford's rich oil and gas reserves has sparked a flurry of drilling that has pumped billions of dollars into the region and has helped propel a surge in domestic oil production.

Advances in horizontal drilling have made "fracking" widespread in the United States. Drillers inject high-pressure fluids down wells to unlock fossil fuels trapped in layers of shale rock buried deep beneath the earth.

Texas oil production is on track to surpass every OPEC country except Saudi Arabia because of the fracking boom in oil fields, with the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin leading the way.

Energy companies, though, are missing opportunities to harness all the natural gas that bubbles to the surface with more profitable crude oil in the Eagle Ford Shale. The only practical way to transport gas is through pipelines to processing plants. But some remote areas of the Eagle Ford lack that critical infrastructure or can't handle the skyrocketing gas production.

The solution? Oilfield workers raise tall metal spires known as flare stacks to burn off natural gas and release it into the Texas sky — sometimes for months.

Flares light the countryside at night like ghostly beacons. The glow of flames and lights of 24-hour drilling and fracking operations are so widespread, the region south of San Antonio looks like a sprawling city in satellite photos.

While flaring is supposed to incinerate impurities in raw natural gas and produce carbon dioxide, some of the wasted fossil fuel simply is being vented — unburned — directly into the atmosphere.

The vented gas is mostly methane, a greenhouse gas that traps 20 times as much heat in the earth's atmosphere as does carbon dioxide.

Texas regulators blame the cheap price of natural gas for the spike in flaring. They said the plummeting cost of the fossil fuel in recent years hampered pipeline construction.

While Smitherman and other officials at the Railroad Commission tout the low rates of flaring in Texas oil and gas fields, they said they didn't know how much gas has been lost in the Eagle Ford, where they acknowledge flaring is a concern.

The Express-News analyzed a public database kept by the agency that shows how much natural gas is produced in Texas — and what happens to it.

The database contains millions of monthly production reports filed by oil and gas operators dating to 1993. The records don't show every source of flaring — the production reports are for oil and gas wells, not other sources of flaring such as processing plants.

The database also lumps flaring and venting numbers together. While officials know the total volume, they don't know how much gas has been burned into carbon dioxide, and how much has been released into the air as more troublesome methane.

Ultimately, the Railroad Commission — an agency critics say is too cozy with the industry it regulates — is leaving it up to the industry it regulates to solve the problem.

The surge in flaring came at a time when Smitherman criticized "global warming alarmists" and boasted about his clashes with the Environmental Protection Agency during a failed electoral bid for Texas attorney general.

Meanwhile, preliminary data for 2013 indicates flaring and venting in South Texas is getting worse.

Energy firms operating Eagle Ford wells lost more than 35 billion cubic feet of gas that year — a 65 percent increase from 2012, when flaring and venting totaled more than 21 billion cubic feet.

"That amount of gas is horrible," said Sister Elizabeth Riebschlaeger, a nun with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word who lives in South Texas and speaks out for residents who believe they've been harmed by rising levels of pollution in the Eagle Ford. "I would use the word disastrous."

Riebschlaeger, who works out of her Honda Civic as she drives the back roads of the shale, said she's seen flares burning "day and night" and emitting plumes of black smoke that indicate the flames are burning inefficiently and releasing air pollutants.

"It's an environmental tragedy," Riebschlaeger said. "There are lots of people who bought nice, quiet country places who now find that same quiet environment destroyed."

Smitherman said the waste of any natural resource is a serious problem. But he emphasized most Eagle Ford gas still is being collected. He predicted energy producers will have a bigger incentive to build pipelines as gas prices rise.

"There will, ultimately, be pipelines built to reduce this flaring," Smitherman told the Express-News. "We're just in a transition period right now where the price of oil is so high, everybody's chasing after liquids. And when they find liquids in the Eagle Ford, they also find gas."

Flaring hot spots

When an oil company drilled new wells next to their rural home last year, Adrian and Loretta Niestroy quickly learned that oil isn't the only thing that flows from the ground.

The Niestroys live in Karnes County, in the heart of the boom. No other spot in Texas produces more oil. Last year, the county yielded 56 million barrels — enough to fill 30 tanker ships.

But in Karnes and other oil-rich areas of the region, thousands of wells that dot the landscape also produce natural gas. Drillers call it casinghead gas, a reference to the heavy metal casings that are fitted on top of a well.

Murphy Exploration and Production Co., the company that drilled the oil wells near the Niestroys' property, asked state regulators for permission to flare casinghead gas last summer while it waited for a nearby processing plant and pipeline to be built.

The Railroad Commission approved the request and the gas infrastructure eventually was finished in January 2014. But in the six months leading up to that, records show that Murphy flared all of the gas from the wells on the lease, a total of 245 million cubic feet.

"That's enough gas to power Karnes City," Adrian Niestroy quipped as he sat in his backyard within view of one of the flares, where a column of fire danced and swirled for months and lit his yard at night.

Niestroy said he loves the oil boom — a different company drilled an oil well on his own property. But he doesn't understand why state officials are letting a useful natural resource go to waste.

The problem often stems from simple economics. Over the past few years, oil prices climbed while gas prices dipped. Producers followed the money and hunted oil. That's why flaring often occurs in counties such as Karnes that lie in the oil-rich northern swath of the shale region, a formation the size of Costa Rica that stretches for 400 miles like a lopsided grin from the Mexican border near Laredo to Madison County.

Most of the gas flared in the Eagle Ford Shale comes from oil wells. Oil producers flared and vented 32.7 billion cubic feet of casinghead gas from 2009 to 2012.

That's nearly 8 percent of all casinghead gas produced in the region, 10 times higher than the flaring rate in the rest of Texas. In those years, rates of flaring in several Eagle Ford counties approached levels seen in North Dakota's Bakken field, which has become notorious for burning off about 30 percent of its natural gas.

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Q What are the world's biggest brands? — *T.C., Ocala, Florida*

A The folks at Interbrand list the most valuable brands in the world each year. Here are 2013's top 10, along with an estimate of each brand's value: (1) Apple, $98 billion; (2) Google, $93 billion; (3) Coca-Cola, $79 billion; (4) IBM, $79 billion; (5) Microsoft, $60 billion; (6) General Electric, $47 billion; (7) McDonald's, $42 billion; (8) Samsung, $40 billion; (9) Intel, $37 billion; (10) Toyota, $35 billion.

Tracking changes in brand rankings from year to year offers insight into how well various companies are performing. Google, for example, was ranked seventh in 2009 and 24th in 2006, while Kodak fell out of the top 100 in 2008.

Many brands, such as Mercedes-Benz, Gillette and Pepsi, had the same rank in 2013 as 2012 (respectively: 11th, 16th, 22nd), while some experienced big moves. EBay, Hyundai and Facebook each jumped eight or more places, while Nokia and Dell retreated, falling more than 10 places.

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Q How should I start researching a company? — *W.B., Mansfield, Ohio*

A Call it, ask for the Investor Relations department, and request an "investor's package," which should feature the latest annual and quarterly reports, and perhaps some recent press releases, brochures and other tidbits.

Or head online. Most public companies have fairly informative websites. Click on links titled something like "For Investors," "Investor Information" or "News." You should find recent financial reports, several years' worth of annual reports, press releases and more. You may also find informative presentations that executives have made. Scan the rest of the website, too.

You'll also find info at sites such as **finance.yahoo.com**, and **wikipedia.org** is also illuminating — and mostly, though not always entirely, accurate.

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You Needn't Retire From Stocks

As you get older, investment advisers will typically recommend that you shift your investments from stocks to bonds. You might not want to swing away from stocks too much, though.

An old rule of thumb had you subtracting your age from 100 to see what percentage of your assets should be in stocks. Age 65? Keep 35 percent in stocks. With people living longer, though, many advisers now suggest subtracting from 110 or 120. That would have a 65-year-old investing 55 percent of her assets in stocks.

There's a lot of logic behind this shift, as recent bear markets have made clear. After all, when you're young, you can afford to take some big risks. When your investments do badly, you can wait for them to recover.

As you approach or enter retirement, you're less able to weather long downturns in stocks. You need that money now for your living expenses. You don't want to have to sell at very low prices just to pay your bills.

Still, there's a problem with reducing stock exposure as you get older: Although falling stock prices may seem like the biggest danger, people approaching retirement face other risks, too.

For example, even if your portfolio is adequate to cover your long-term costs as of the day you retire, there's the threat of inflation. With a $1 million portfolio invested entirely in ultra-safe 10-year Treasury notes, you won't even earn $25,000 each year, thanks to low interest rates. Moreover, the value of your principal will stay locked at $1 million, and it won't be long before rising prices reduce its purchasing power.

Stocks of healthy and growing companies, on the other hand, can offer not only prices that rise over time, but also rising dividends, providing extra income that can help seniors keep up with inflation — even when the stocks themselves suffer temporary drops.

It's good to balance a portfolio with bonds, but don't dismiss stocks too hastily. Try to determine what your best allocation mix is. If you need to, consult a professional.

My Dumbest Investment

New to Investing

I was new to investing and bought a bunch of stock in a certain company because it was cheap and I loved its involvement in the clean energy business. I bought it, held it, and then bought more when it looked like it might be going up. Of course, it then tanked, and I lost even more money. I have done this several times now, always losing more than I gain, and always selling just before the stock goes up again. — *Laura, online*

The Fool Responds: Never buy a stock just because you like the industry or because it looks "cheap." Even industries destined for great growth will have some companies in them that flame out. And a low price doesn't mean a stock is a good buy. Remember that penny stocks can be very overpriced, while a $200 stock can be a bargain, about to double in price.

Think twice before buying more of a fallen stock, too. Stocks often fall for a reason, and you want it to be a fleeting one, not a long-term one. Be patient for long-term gains, too.

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If you only have one stock investment in your portfolio, you'd do well to make it an index fund based on the S&P 500, the index of 500 of America's biggest companies that together make up about 80 percent of the overall market's value. A single investment in an S&P 500 index fund instantly has you invested in 500 companies.

Many brokerages and mutual fund companies offer S&P 500 index funds, with the Vanguard 500 Index (VFINX) among the oldest and cheapest, charging just 0.17 percent of your assets annually. See if it or a fund like it is among the choices in your employer's 401(k) plan.

An even less expensive option is an exchange-traded fund (ETF) based on the S&P 500, such as the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (NYSE: SPY). ETFs are funds that trade like stocks, and whereas some mutual funds have minimum investments of $3,000 or more, you can buy as little as a single share of an ETF, with SPDR S&P 500 ETF shares recently trading for close to $200 per share. Better still, it charges just 0.09 percent each year.

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I trace my roots back to the 1899 founding of the submarine-building Electric Boat Co. My current name is the result of a 1952 combination of the Electric Boat Co., the Consolidated Vultee ("Convair") aircraft company and several other companies. Today I'm an aerospace and defense giant, raking in more than $30 billion annually. My offerings include combat vehicles, weapons systems, shipbuilding services and technology solutions. I bought Gulfstream in 1999, and business jets are now a big part of my business, making me less dependent on military contracts. Based in Virginia, I employ about 90,000 people. Who am I?

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

My founder and namesake, born in 1882, had polio and was taught to dip chocolate by his mother. Now based in Virginia, I was recently the fifth-largest privately held company in America, with annual revenue topping $33 billion. My six business divisions are Petcare, Chocolate, Wrigley, Food, Drinks and Symbioscience, and my brands include Pedigree, Whiskas, Wrigley, Altoids, Life Savers, Juicy Fruit, Starburst, Skittles, M&Ms, Snickers, Twix, Milky Way, Flavia and Uncle Ben's. (I bought the Wrigley company in 2008.) I have a significant presence in more than 74 nations and employ more than 75,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: Mars)

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FLARES

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La Salle County, one of the top producers of oil and casinghead gas in the region, flared or vented about a fifth of its production — more than 10 million cubic feet.

At oil wells in Atascosa and Frio counties, energy firms flared a quarter of the 17 billion cubic feet of casinghead gas they produced.

Companies operating in Wilson County produced nearly 1.4 billion cubic feet of gas from oil wells — but flared or vented more than a third of it.

Ryan Salmon of Ceres, a Boston-based coalition of investors and environmentalists, said the Eagle Ford and Bakken share key attributes: A pipeline shortage and companies that hunt oil, not gas.

"Development is happening in areas that lack the legacy infrastructure and companies are primarily interested in the oil," Salmon said.

The Eagle Ford dips toward the Texas coastline, and along that southern swoosh, the deepest part of the rock produces pure natural gas, known as dry gas. There isn't much oil.

Rates of flaring are much lower at those wells, which makes sense — drillers in that region actually want the natural gas, and much of the infrastructure to collect it already was in place.

Webb County, for example, is home to thousands of gas wells that produced more than 330 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 2012. Yet only a fraction of that dry gas — a tenth of a percent — was lost to flare stacks.

Cheaper to flare

Pipelines don't come cheap. And that's assuming a company can obtain the regulatory approvals quickly. James Mann, an Austin attorney who handles pipeline cases, said it can take a year to secure the right-of-way for a pipeline. He recently worked on a short segment of pipe in the Eagle Ford that took six months from start to finish — an exceptionally fast pace.

"When they have to move into a booming area, it takes a while," Mann said. "There's always a pipe shortage. You have to find welders. You have to see if a construction company is available. The schedule is filled with things that the pipeline company may have no control over."

The low price of gas in recent years hasn't been enough to cover pipeline expenses.

On Oct. 30, 2013, oil producer EF Energy LLC told the Railroad Commission it would be too costly to build a new pipeline from its oil lease at Sheffield Ranch in Wilson County.

The company said it would cost $1.5 million to build a 5.7-mile pipeline to hook into the nearest available pipeline. With the gas worth an estimated $670,000, the company would lose more than $800,000. EF Energy sought permission to flare the casinghead gas instead.

"Due to the explosive rapid rate of drilling by operators in the area, there is a severe shortage of equipment, supplies, manpower and services available to construct and complete gas gathering pipelines," state officials wrote in their decision regarding the company's request.

Noting that EF Energy already was flaring casinghead gas without permission, officials went ahead and approved the request.

Skip York, an analyst with energy research firm Wood Mackenzie, said people often ask him about flaring, but can't believe his answer. He says gas prices have been so historically cheap, it doesn't justify the time and expense of building a pipeline.

"There's a case to be made that it's cheaper for me to flare it at the well than it is for me to build the infrastructure to move the gas," York said. "That makes their head explode. I'm throwing away money, but I'm throwing away less money. They say it makes no sense. It doesn't."

Smaller companies — those that wildcat to discover hydrocarbons where no one else has — generally can't afford to build expensive pipeline networks, said Joseph Pratt, an energy historian at the University of Houston.

"Look at the size of the company," Pratt said. "The smaller companies have less option to invest in anything except to burn it. That's the case in a lot of the shale history. The big companies have the money to do this."

Even in areas with pipelines, the surge in gas production has created bottlenecks in the system.

In 2012, no other county in Texas flared as much casinghead gas as La Salle in the Eagle Ford. And no other area in La Salle flared as much gas as the "Burns Ranch A" lease, operated by Goodrich Petroleum.

Records show scores of oil wells on the Burns Ranch produced 1.9 billion feet of casinghead gas in 2012, and Goodrich flared or vented about a fifth of that — more than 440 million cubic feet.

"We would love to sell absolutely every molecule of that gas," Goodrich spokesman Daniel Jenkins said. But the gas goes to pipelines owned by another company, he said, and it stopped accepting all of it.

And there's no incentive for Goodrich to stop producing. Like many oil leases signed with mineral-rights owners, there's a continuous-drilling provision, which means Goodrich must keep drilling and producing at the Burns Ranch.

"If you stop drilling on the lease," Jenkins said, "you lose your rights to go back and drill more wells."

Pipeline delays

A clash between Texas officials and the EPA also delayed pipeline projects.

In 2011, new federal rules required polluters to obtain greenhouse gas permits in an effort to tackle climate change. The rules didn't apply to pipelines. But they did apply to the infrastructure that connects to pipelines — things like compressor stations and processing plants.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott, who's now running for governor, said the new requirements would be disastrous for the industry and sued the EPA.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality could have taken responsibility for issuing greenhouse gas permits, but refused.

What seemed like a business-friendly move instead created a bureaucratic nightmare.

The approval of greenhouse gas permits was left to the EPA — something industry and environmental advocates say delayed construction of midstream infrastructure, the part of the oil and gas industry that moves products from point A to point B.

"The TCEQ is really falling down on the job in every way," said Elena Craft of the Environmental Defense Fund, an environmental group that has partnered with the industry. "We're going on three years where we've had businesses losing money and a deterioration in environmental quality. We have this abundance of natural resources and we're just wasting them. That's not smart. And for what? Some partisan personal political statement?"

Now it takes anywhere from eight months to more than a year and a half to get a greenhouse gas permit through the EPA, said Celina Romero, an Austin attorney who works with the Texas Pipeline Association.

Romero said it would take the TCEQ less time to issue the same permit because it has more staff than the EPA.

In the meantime, 50 such projects for things such as compressor stations were delayed in the Eagle Ford and Barnett Shale, the massive gas field in the Fort Worth area.

The Texas Pipeline Association estimates the delays placed more than 48,000 jobs at risk — a number it based off of pending applications for air permits or company news releases that included jobs numbers.

The Texas Legislature passed a law in 2013 authorizing the TCEQ to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. But it probably will take months for the agency to craft its rule-making process and have the EPA sign off on it, Romero said.

"Regulations that prevent the pipe from going in the ground is what really seems to hamper us," said Jeff Applekamp, vice president of government affairs for the Gas Processors Association, one of the industry groups that publicly complained about the "uncertain situation in Texas."

State 'prohibits' waste

Throughout history, people have discovered natural gas seeping from the ground and tried to tap it in various ways — including using bamboo shoots as makeshift pipe in China.

In Texas, the first gas well was discovered in 1872 in Young County. It wasn't long before the state tried to stop companies from wasting the hydrocarbon.

In 1899, the Legislature passed a law that said a gas well had to be shut down within 10 days until it could be used for "light, fuel, or power purposes."

Lawmakers over the decades gave the Railroad Commission wide latitude to define what it meant to "waste" natural gas, and by

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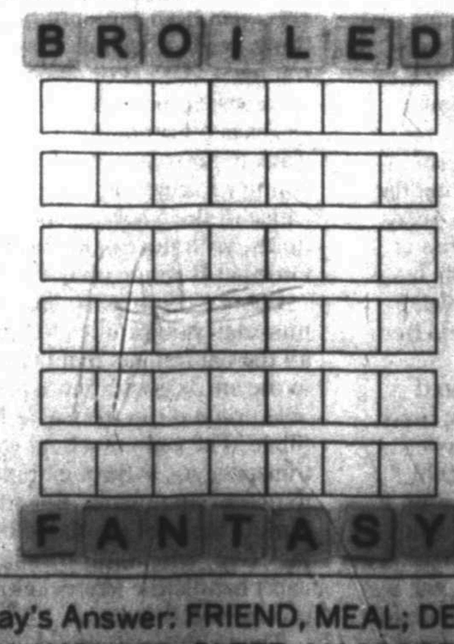

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Flares emit more pollution than refineries

By Jennifer Hiller and John Tedesco
San Antonio Express-News

Amber Lyssy used to love driving to her family's Wilson County farm.

"I would roll my windows down and smell the fresh country air," Lyssy said.

But lately, she's not sure what she's breathing as oil wells and natural gas flares from the Eagle Ford Shale boom creep up to the farm's property line.

"The flaring is ridiculous," Lyssy said.

She and her husband, Fred Lyssy, raise cattle, lambs, goats and pigs on a 564-acre property owned by Fred's mother, who has turned down repeated offers from oil and gas companies to drill.

"There's millions of acres, and they want it all," Fred Lyssy said.

Grassland Oasis, their organic farm, is dotted with mesquite, oak, huisache and Jerusalem thorn, but it also has a monitor to detect hydrogen sulfide, a deadly gas.

The monitor hasn't sounded yet, but summer's southerly winds sometimes carry a stench to the farm.

"It doesn't make any sense that their emissions can cross private property lines and be allowed to pollute. I don't want to smell it," Amber Lyssy said.

She also doesn't want her three young children to breathe the emissions.

Hemmed in by the oil field, the Lyssys this month decided to leave his mother's South Texas property and start over somewhere beyond the reach of oil field pollution.

The Lyssys and other South Texas residents only can guess at the emissions released by the gas flares spreading across the shale region south of San Antonio.

But a San Antonio Express-News analysis of flaring data, government pollution estimates and hundreds of pages of public documents paints a picture of deteriorating air quality in the Eagle Ford Shale.

The Express-News obtained flaring data from the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the oil and gas industry, and plugged the numbers into Texas Commission on Environmental Quality formulas to find out how much pollution is emitted from Eagle Ford flares.

Since the drilling boom began in 2008, thousands of flares have burned in the 20,000-square-mile oil patch. Each flare is small enough to escape government reporting requirements on air emissions.

But collectively, the Eagle Ford flares emit more pollution than oil refineries.

In the early days of the boom, flaring released 427 tons of air pollution each year. By 2012, pollution levels shot up to 15,453 tons, a 3,500 percent increase that exceeds the total emissions of all six oil refineries in Corpus Christi.

The pollutants include a precursor to acid rain known as sulfur dioxide, which smells like lit matches and can cause breathing problems.

The flares also emit carbon monoxide, a toxic gas formed from combustion; nitrogen oxides, or NOx, which can produce ground-level ozone; and volatile organic compounds, known as VOCs, which include a variety of pollutants such as benzene, a sweet-smelling carcinogen.

Neil Carman, a former TCEQ scientist who now works with the Sierra Club, said he has "very serious public health concerns" about the amount of flaring in the Eagle Ford.

"People are smelling carcinogens," Carman said. "When you talk about a cancer-causing substances like benzene, the only safe level is zero. Anything more than that, you put a person at risk."

TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson said air monitoring stations in South Texas haven't detected "any significant impact on air quality."

He emphasized that flaring pollution is spread across the entire region, although the newspaper's analysis shows some counties fare better than others.

A quarter of all the Eagle Ford flaring pollutants came from La Salle County, which flared the most gas in Texas in 2012.

The TCEQ has focused on the pollution effect in San Antonio.

"At any given time, depending on wind direction, emissions from the Eagle Ford Shale area either may not be impacting San Antonio at all, or only a certain portion of the Eagle Ford Shale may be upwind of the San Antonio area," Clawson said.

Flares burn natural gas because venting it to the atmosphere is more environmentally harmful. Flaring also is a safety measure to relieve over-pressured equipment or piping.

But some flares accidentally vent raw gas. And Carman said many flares in South Texas are not efficiently burning gas the way they should.

"This idea that everything is burned is just a lie," he said. "I've been on a number of trips in the Eagle Ford and seen smoking flares. If you see a smoking flare, that's not complete combustion. If it's not completed, you get a smorgasbord of chemicals. Some of them are carcinogenic."

While flaring is the most visible source of air emissions in the Eagle Ford and one of the most noticeable changes in the rural region, it's just one source of air pollution at drilling operations.

A recent government study estimates that combined air pollution from everything from gas flaring to hydraulic fracturing to seismic testing emits more nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and carbon monoxide than two dozen Texas petroleum refineries.

Despite the increasing pollution, Texas operates only seven air monitoring stations near the Eagle Ford — less than half the number in the Barnett Shale area near Fort Worth area and its affluent suburbs.

The TCEQ promises a 12-hour response time to complaints in the Barnett Shale. The agency makes no such promise in rural South Texas.

Since September 2012, TCEQ has done about 900 investigations related to oil and gas activity in the Eagle Ford. It usually takes regulators a day or two to arrive in person to investigate complaints about smoking flares and strange odors.

Sometimes, it takes as long as 10 days.

A 'lower priority'

Environmental and health complaints about oil and gas operations have included everything from headaches caused by the odor of crude oil to coughing caused by dust clouds from the construction of caliche drilling pads.

Smoking flares, visible over the tops of mesquite, pecan and oak trees, have prompted residents to email the state with messages such as this in 2011: "Black smoke billowing from flare, we have flares all around us and it smells TERRIBLE."

While the Railroad Commission regulates the state's oil and gas industry, the TCEQ oversees air permits and complaints about odors.

Michael Honeycutt, the TCEQ chief toxicologist, said after a presentation at a conference in San Antonio in March 2013 that the Barnett Shale's 12-hour response time isn't possible in South Texas.

"We can't do that in the Eagle Ford because it might take hours to get there," Honeycutt said. "I kind of hate to say this, but those are lower priority than the ones where there's hundreds of people living within a short radius."

More than 1 million people live in the Eagle Ford region, the most recent Census Bureau estimates show. Although the Eagle Ford has become one of the world's most rapidly developing oil fields, the TCEQ still has no accelerated response time in South Texas.

In one instance last August, someone in La Salle County complained of smelling a natural gas odor and getting headaches. The unidentified resident said wildlife was avoiding the area.

It took nine days for the TCEQ to arrive at Murphy Exploration and Production's Nueces Central Facility, a production site for natural gas, condensate and crude oil.

Investigator Paul Alford found "moderate to strong" intermittent odors that were "unpleasant" but not consistent enough to warrant what the state considers a nuisance.

For that, an odor has to be unpleasant for 10 straight minutes at "very strong intensity" on a weekly basis.

But Alford did discover that the pilot light to a flare wasn't lit. Hydrocarbons "routed to the flare were uncontrolled and vented to the atmosphere," his report said.

On another walk-through of the same site in early September, the investigator said the flare wasn't combusting properly.

The company was given notices of violation, and several of its officials met on site with Alford, where they watched his infrared camera and saw what appeared to be "un-combusted hydrocarbons."

Murphy made changes to the flare's operation and the investigation was closed.

North of Cotulla in La Salle County in April 2013, a resident complained about excessive smoke coming from a flare at a Chesapeake Oil Inc. natural gas gathering facility off Interstate 35.

Investigators Alford and Christian Achonye arrived 10 days later.

They saw visible emissions from the flare for the entire inspection and measured emissions from the flare, a separator tank and two hatches. Light hydrocarbon odors were noted.

The company was cited for violations that included failure to maintain all emissions control equipment in good order.

Chesapeake was given a common warning: Fix the problem and submit proof, or be sent to "formal enforcement," a process than can lead to a fine.

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WASTE

From 2F

the late 1940s, some Texas Supreme Court cases made it clear that gas flaring couldn't happen without a permit.

The current Natural Resources Code says that "in recognition of past, present, and imminent evils occurring in the production and use of gas," waste is prohibited for the protection of the public and private interests.

Some amount of flaring is unavoidable.

"Things happen. Things shut down. Operations go through cycles," Mann said. "Equipment goes down to be maintained so gas is flared. So there's always some of that going on."

Gas rushes out of some flares with so much force that they roar like jet engines, frightening residents who have no idea whether they need to evacuate.

In the tiny town of Nordheim in DeWitt County, population 307, Mayor Katherine Payne was working inside the old brick building that serves as the community's City Hall last year when a deafening noise blasted the town.

"What the hell is that?" Payne recalled saying, adding: "It was so loud, we couldn't even talk in here."

The roar was coming from a nearby flare at a lease operated by Sabine Oil and Gas, an energy company based in Houston. A company representative declined to be interviewed for this report.

The rumble outside Nordheim eventually subsided after a half-hour. But two days later, Payne was sitting on the deck at her house when her dog Charlie grew agitated, as if he could sense trouble coming.

Payne asked Charlie, "What's your problem?"

Suddenly, the sound of rushing gas from the same flare shook the home.

"It's a waste," Payne later said. "I'm sorry, it's a waste."

Missing money

Katy Pier Moore, an attorney with Cox Smith in San Antonio, said it's a rare lease that demands royalties from flared gas.

But after watching the nighttime skies light up over the past few years, some South Texas mineral owners are starting to demand payment.

"With the growth in flaring, we have noticed an uptick in attention being paid to the issue of royalty on flared gas," Moore said.

Oil and gas royalties typically range from 20 to 25 percent, Moore said, and records show flared and vented gas in the Eagle Ford Shale was worth about $125 million from 2009 to 2012. That's potentially millions of dollars for mineral owners that went up in smoke.

And Texas doesn't collect taxes from flared gas. It's difficult to calculate that missing revenue because of various exemptions offered to gas producers. But the taxes lost to flaring likely are just a fraction of the $1.5 billion Texas collected during the last fiscal year from all gas production.

Late last year in North Dakota, mineral owners filed a lawsuit against 10 companies in hopes of forcing the operators to pay royalties on what's getting burned off.

The lawsuit argues that the companies violated North Dakota law by not getting the required exemptions to the 12-month time period that the state allows for flaring.

In May, a federal district judge dismissed 13 proposed class actions, ruling that the mineral owners had not gone to North Dakota's regulatory commission first. A 14th case is pending in state court.

Despite the missing revenue from flared gas, oil is where the money is. For many residents of the Eagle Ford Shale who spent their lives trying to make a living off the parched land, the energy boom is a financial miracle.

Nolan Jonas, a retired police chief of Karnes City, is witnessing the town bustling with traffic and workers from the oil patch. It wasn't always that way.

"When things go bad, there are no jobs, no employment," Jonas said as he and his son tended a herd of cattle at their ranch outside Karnes City.

Jonas, who owns the mineral rights on his ranch, is spending his retirement years watching his investment in the land pay off. Landowners who suddenly find themselves awash in royalty checks call it "mailbox money."

But next to the ranch sits a sprawling gas processing plant. As cattle munched on feed and looked lazily around, flames from the plant's flare stack burned off natural gas.

Like many residents, Jonas doesn't like seeing a natural resource going to waste. He tries to be philosophical about it. "You can find good and bad, but you have to look at the whole picture," he said.

Still, when it comes to knowing how much pollution is spewing out of flare stacks that have spread across the shale region, it's difficult to see the whole picture.

In many cases, no one is tracking the kind of toxins being released from specific flare sites — including the state regulators who are supposed to protect residents from air pollution.

College-age adults are 20 percent of all identity theft complaints

From staff reports

Information sharing has become second-nature to many college students who have grown up in an era of social media, smartphones and widely available internet access. Unfortunately, this also makes students more susceptible as a target for scams and fraud.

Identity thieves look to college-age adults because they often have good, clean credit scores. Young adults are also prime targets, not just because of their willingness to share information online, but also the high number of forms and applications they are required to fill out. Adding to this is the continual barrage of credit card offers, frequent online purchases and newly granted financial independence.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) 2013 Consumer Sentinel Network report, 20 percent of identity theft complaints were from 20-29 year olds. 39,335 young adults fell victim to identity theft in 2013. That number is the largest out of any 10-year age range.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin offers these simple steps college students can take to protect their identity:

■ Secure your mail. Campus mailboxes are often easily accessed in a dorm or apartment. Have sensitive mail sent to a permanent address such as your parents' home or invest in a secure post office box. Shred all paper documents that contain sensitive financial information and any credit card offers that come in the mail.

■ Store personal items safely. You may want to invest in a lock box or locking file cabinet to store your Social Security card, passport, financial statements and any other private documents.

■ Safeguard your personal information. Don't share your information with anyone without knowing why it's needed. Most schools now use a student identification number instead of a Social Security number for added protection.

■ Check your financial statements frequently. Look for any suspicious activity or purchases on financial accounts. Fraudulent purchases can sometimes come in small amounts, which means it's important to keep a close eye on accounts. Report any suspicious transactions to your financial institution immediately.

■ Check your credit report at least once a year. You are entitled to a free credit report every 12 months from one of the three free credit reporting businesses. Request a report and look for any unusual activity or inaccuracies.

■ Consider identity theft protection services. If you are unable to routinely monitor your accounts and information, consider enrolling in identity theft protection services. These services can help monitor your credit and public records for suspicious activity and will alert you if and when something is found. Some of these services also offer additional recovery and resolution help should you fall victim to identity theft.

■ If you are concerned about identity theft, file a report and dispute errors or suspicious activity. Immediately notify credit providers and notify each of the three credit bureaus. Also, you may want to make an online report to the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

BUILDINGPERMITS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Building permits August 18-August 22

1519 S. Atlanta St.	Residential Addition	$30,000
2100 S. Fort Worth St.	MH-Single Lot	$56,000
9700 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$135,000
5910 Rio Grande	New Residence	$186,930
5908 Rio Grande	New Residence	$188,550
1100 E. Pine Ave.	New Residence	$114,570
3201 Lantana Lane	Swimming Pool	$200,000
117 Windridge Circle	Swimming Pool	$16,500
100 W. Wadley Ave.	Sign	$18,000
410 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$230,940
411 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$195,000
414 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$212,670
413 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$198,000
415 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$195,000
412 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	$171,270
6116 Crystal Sky Lane	New Residence	$257,400
600 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$1,000,000
4214 Mames	Circle Sign	$10,000
1302 E. Pennsylvania Ave.	New Residence	$108,000
9700 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$350,000
912 Alamosa Court	Swimming Pool	$44,000
2202 Stanolind Ave.	Swimming Pool	$20,000
512 Jordy Road	Fence	$10,584
1202 Camp St.	Residential Addition	$900
5616 Drexel Court	Residential Addition	$9,300
2200 Homestead Court	New Residence	$405,360
1701 W. Illinois Ave.	Swimming Pool	$37,039
12300 Highway 191	New Commercial	$1,000,000
1003 S. Marshall	Fence	$1,600
802 Ventura Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$36,000
707 S. Lincoln St.	New Residence	$90,000
3208 Roosevelt Ave.	Residential Alteration	$3,000

Source: City of Midland

Dollar General still set on buying Family Dollar

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dollar General Corp. said it still wants to buy rival Family Dollar, even though its nearly $9 billion offer was rejected by the discount retailer last week.

"We remain firmly committed to the acquisition," Dollar General CEO Rick Dreiling said in a statement on Thursday.

Last week, Family Dollar rejected Dollar General's $8.95 billion offer in favor of a slightly smaller one from rival Dollar Tree Inc. for about $8.5 billion. Family Dollar said a deal with Dollar General, the nation's largest dollar-store chain, would be too hard to get approved by antitrust regulators.

Dreiling said Thursday that the acquisition could gain approval.

"We continue to believe the potential antitrust issues are manageable and that our transaction as proposed is both superior and achievable," Dreiling said in a statement.

Dollar General also said Thursday that its second-quarter revenue rose 7.5 percent from a year ago to $4.72 billion, thanks to higher cigarette, food and candy sales at its stores.

On a per-share basis, the company said it earned net income of 83 cents per share, meeting Wall Street expectations.

Dollar General, which is based in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, has more than 11,500 stores around the country.

PRIORITY

From 3F

But financial penalties are rare.

The TCEQ says its policies are geared more toward bringing companies into line with the rules than in racking up fines. So far, the agency has issued 21 fines in the Eagle Ford region totaling $131,269, an amount that may be reduced to $70,011 if companies agree to make required fixes and pay on time.

In Chesapeake's case, the TCEQ closed the investigation after the company fixed the problem. The agency didn't pursue any penalties.

Luke Metzger, the director of Environment Texas, said the TCEQ doesn't have enough investigators, making it hard for the agency to get to sites in rural areas in time to confirm the possible problems people report. Weather or site conditions change. Winds shift.

"They're understaffed," he said.

Companies also are required to report emissions events, and Metzger said the agency could fine companies when they exceed the pollution limits of their permits, but doesn't.

"The agency should use the records to show that companies are exceeding permits," Metzger said. "All too often they just get a warning. They don't get any penalty. There's no incentive."

'My side of the fence'

Cynthia Dupnik sometimes sees flares at night that create such bright halos that it looks like forest fires burning in Karnes County.

"It's like I'm in the middle of a huge industrial site," Dupnik said. "Someone told me, 'They're going to squeeze you. They're all around you. You have to get out of there.'

"It's a toxic cesspool. That's what it is."

Dupnik said she developed a litany of health problems in the wake of prolific drilling near her home. She suffers headaches that last for days. There have been persistent coughs and sores in her nose.

"Excruciating," she said. "And it takes forever for them to heal."

Dupnik lives in the small community of Hobson in Karnes County off FM 81, a narrow roadway that's being battered by heavy truck traffic.

Dupnik bought rural property there in 1991 with plans to pay it off and leave it to her daughters.

"I liked the idea of a country life," she said.

On a winter afternoon, Dupnik could see drilling rigs and a hydraulic fracturing operation from her property. Short drives from her home in any direction reveal the heart of the Eagle Ford, known as a "sweet spot" where oil and gas operators are finding some of their best results.

There are drilling rigs, fracking spreads, pumpjacks, tank batteries, disposal wells and gas processing plants. Trucks ferry crude oil, frac sand and gravel.

Doctors have prescribed Dupnik round after round of antibiotics. One of her previously healthy dogs has been sick with allergies and skin problems, which Dupnik attributes to the strange smells that drift across her property.

"My family didn't leave me anything," she said. "I bought this land for my kids. This is what I'm leaving them, and I'm not real proud of it."

Dupnik owns the surface but not the mineral rights to her property. If she did, she said she would walk away from her home and buy a small plot of land elsewhere.

"It costs you to relocate. I'll never to be able to go buy 25 more acres of land so I don't owe on it," she said. "I had this land for my girls. The intention of purchasing it was to leave it to them. I took a lot of pride in that."

One of several well sites and processing facilities near Dupnik's property is Marathon Oil's Challenger Central Facility, which includes separators, compressors, vapor recovery units, flare and storage tanks.

Last fall after Dupnik reported getting sick, TCEQ investigators checked oil and gas sites near her home and found possible violations at the Challenger Central Facility that included a tank releasing uncontrolled emissions and a high-pressure flare not operating properly, also resulting in uncontrolled emissions.

Marathon switched to a temporary flare when told about the problem, but didn't have a permit for it, which got it flagged for another possible violation.

There was no financial penalty. Instead, the TCEQ in December recommended this:

"The company shall properly operate all pollution abatement equipment."

"The company shall operate as represented in the permit application."

"The company shall obtain permit authorization for the third flare."

The TCEQ recently said it has new information and is evaluating its investigation.

Marathon's recent Corporate Social Responsibility report says that in response to violation notices in the Eagle Ford, the company did some redesign, installed new recovery units on equipment to prevent the release of vapors, installed several flares "to assist smokeless operation" and had employees and some contractors go through refresher training.

The report said that this year, Marathon will identify sources of flaring and evaluate emissions reduction projects.

Like many in South Texas, Dupnik said she isn't opposed to oil and gas drilling.

"Do it the right way. I don't think that's asking too much," Dupnik said. "You stay on your side of the fence and I'll stay on mine. But don't come on my side of the fence."

In February, Dupnik and her husband, Thomas, sued Marathon Oil Corp. and Marathon Oil EF LLC.

The lawsuit mentions the Challenger Central Facility and Marathon's North Longhorn Central Tank Battery, which in 2012 reported two emissions events to the state.

In one of the instances, the company reported the release of 29 pounds of benzene as well as thousands of pounds each of propane, pentane and butane.

Lee Warren, spokeswoman with Marathon, said she couldn't comment on the lawsuit other than to say, "We do deny the allegations contained in the plaintiff's petition, and we'll vigorously defend our position."

A judge dismissed a similar lawsuit this month, leaving the status of Dupnik's case in limbo.

Rural town's dirty air

The TCEQ has positioned permanent air monitors on the outskirts of the Eagle Ford Shale — not in areas with the most drilling and flaring.

One was installed in Floresville in Wilson County southeast of San Antonio last summer.

There' no drilling in Floresville, but southern Wilson County is part of what's called the Eagle Ford's crude oil "window."

Operators hunting oil flared one-third of the gas produced in Wilson County in 2012, the highest percentage of all Eagle Ford counties.

In the first half of the year, the Floresville monitor measured higher monthly averages for several pollutants, including the natural gas liquids ethane and propane, than the monitor in Deer Park in the Houston area, one of the state's major centers for refineries and chemical plants.

The TCEQ said no volatile organic compound concentrations at either monitor reached the level of a health risk.

The higher concentrations in Floresville for some toxics weren't surprising, given the different sources — the petrochemical industry in Deer Park and drilling south of Floresville, population 7,021, the agency said.

But Louisiana chemist Wilma Subra, who won a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" in 1999 for helping poor communities understand the science of air and water pollution, found the readings troubling.

"You expect to see those compounds in the air when you have methane flaring and venting," Subra said. "As you know, Deer Park is horrible and large. The Eagle Ford is large but has nothing like the facilities in Deer Park."

Of the 31 Texas air monitors that measure hourly pollutant concentrations, Floresville in June ranked second statewide in the average concentration of propane and third in the average concentration of n-butane, a gas that targets the central nervous system and commonly is used as lighter fluid.

Floresville had the state's sixth-highest concentration of ethane, the second-largest component of natural gas after methane.

The TCEQ has no plans to install more fixed monitoring stations in the Eagle Ford. The agency says on its website, "Overall, shale-play activity does not significantly impact air quality or pose a threat to human health."

It does have a research project with the University of Texas at Austin to develop a mobile-monitoring program, but that will measure emissions upwind and downwind of the field, not within the field itself.

The TCEQ also periodically flies over the Eagle Ford and other shale fields with infrared cameras to look for emissions from oil field equipment that would be invisible to the naked eye.

On the black-and-white images, pollution from seemingly benign sources appears to pour across the countryside like smoke.

Last summer, the agency flew over the Eagle Ford and surveyed about 10,210 tanks, flares and separators. It detected emissions in about 500 of them, or 5 percent.

"Some of those emissions may be authorized," TCEQ Commissioner Bryan Shaw said in a speech at the recent Eagle Ford Consortium conference in San Antonio. "There's a very small universe of any leaks that are occurring or any emissions that are occurring at these facilities."

Shaw said air monitoring and testing shows there's no reason to be alarmed about pollution from the Eagle Ford.

"They've been leaks and seals that were failing and allowed escapes of materials to occur," Shaw said. "They were those types of things where hatches are left open, things that are just a maintenance and routine maintenance and inspection type of fix to that, not something that calls for a wholesale change in the regulatory process."

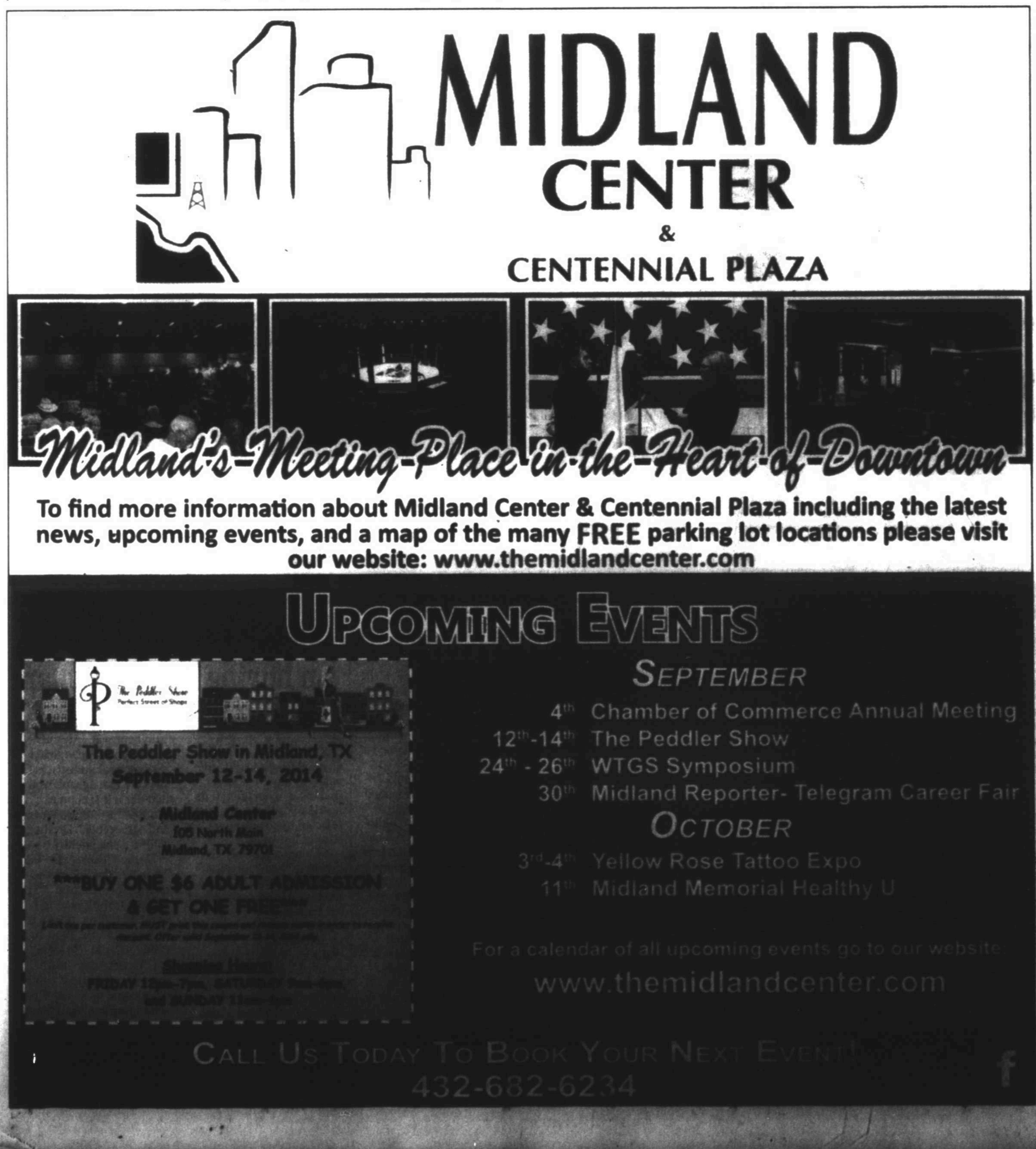
More than refineries

Flares aren't the only source of pollution in the shale.

In 2012, drilling activity from the Eagle Ford boom produced an estimated 111 tons of nitrogen oxides and 229 tons of volatile organic compounds daily between April and October — more than all the cars and trucks on the road in the eight-county San Antonio metropolitan area, according to an environmental report from the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

The report expects worsening Eagle Ford air pollution in the next five years.

By 2018, depending on how many wells are drilled, emissions of volatile organic compound emissions could nearly quadruple. Nitrogen oxide emissions could rise as much as 69 percent daily during ozone season, the report estimates.



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OXY president and CEO Stephen Chazen speaks Tuesday morning during the groundbreaking ceremony for OXY Midland Office Complex

Occidental unveils plan to grow Permian Basin assets

By Mella McEwen
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Occidental Petroleum last week held a groundbreaking ceremony for its 212,000-square-foot Midland Office Complex, now under construction at 6001 Deauville as the first building in the Energy Plaza at Westridge Park.

The event was attended by Gov. Rick Perry and Occidental Petroleum's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Stephen Chazen. Chazen said the company's investment in the complex, which includes a conference center, represents not only the company's growth in Midland but its commitment to the Permian Basin, where it has operated for more than 30 years.

Vicki Hollub, newly appointed president, Occidental Oil and Gas — Americas, officiated the ceremony and answered some questions about the company's Permian Basin's operations and its future.

She joined the company in 1981 and has held a variety of positions, most recently as executive vice president, U.S. operations, Occidental Oil and Gas, before assuming her current position last month. In her new role, she oversees domestic production, asset growth and drilling as well as Latin America operations and worldwide exploration for Occidental.

Q.: Occidental recently spun off its California business, saying it can now focus more on its Texas operations as well as the Middle East and Colombia. What exactly does this mean for Occidental's Permian Basin operations?

Occidental Petroleum plans to spin off its wholly owned subsidiary, California Resources Corp., in the fourth quarter of 2014.

The Permian Basin is home to our principal asset, where we have been operating and producing for more than 30 years. Occidental has more than 5 million gross acres with over 12,000 Oxy-operated gross oil and gas wells in the Permian Basin, and we produce from every producible formation here.

Occidental is also the largest operator and largest producer of oil in the Permian Basin, thanks to our successful EOR business and continued focus on our unconventional development, which is well positioned to deliver long-term growth. We plan to grow our Permian Resources business, which is focused on growth-oriented unconventional opportunities, by 15 to 18 percent this year, and by 20 percent or more in the years ahead.

Occidental is growing in Midland and building our new office space, which can accommodate nearly double our workforce in place today. Occidental is also building a new training facility in Midland. We expect both sites to be ready in 2015. This week's groundbreaking event marks Occidental's commitment to the Permian Basin, and we are honored to have Gov. Perry commemorating the occasion.

Q.: What unconventional plays in the Permian Basin is Occidental active in and what emerging plays is the company looking at?

We are active at South Curtis Ranch in the Midland Basin, in the Delaware Basin, and in the Wolfcamp A and B benches. We are also transitioning to accelerated development in Barilla Draw.

Our Permian Resources business continues to make significant investment to assess the rock and fluid properties in our unconventional reservoirs across our acreage. We are applying this appraisal work to construct calibrated petrophysical models to characterize prospective benches and target landing zones within each bench. As a result, to date we have identified over 7,000 horizontal drilling locations across two million net prospective acres.

Q.: What is the company doing in terms of horizontal drilling and other advancing technologies?

Occidental's Permian Resources business is accelerating its horizontal drilling program in the Permian. Our 2014 program is designed to delineate and appraise our acreage with an eye toward maximizing both ultimate recovery and financial returns. We have the required resources and infrastructure in place to meet our 2016 Permian Resources production target of 120,000 BOEPD.

Our advances in reservoir characterization have improved project prediction, injection strategies and pattern development. Oxy's EOR operations have extended CO_2 flooding into Residual Oil

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Study examines economic impact of oil and gas activity

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Wanting to determine just how much of an impact the revival of the nation's oil and gas industry was having, The Perryman Group undertook a study as a public service.

What the firm, found, was that the revival is having significant, widespread effects nationwide.

According to a new study just issued by the firm, the total economic benefits of the nation's increased oil and gas exploration and development activity translates into almost $1.2 trillion in gross product each year, including multiplier effects, and more than 9.3 million permanent jobs.

"When you include the ripple effects through the economy, oil and natural gas exploration and production supports nearly 7 percent of the U.S. economy," said Dr. M. Ray Perryman, president and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group, in releasing the report.

The Perryman Group also found that the economic benefits of oil and natural gas production have more than doubled over the past 10 years even after accounting for the effects of inflation.

"The new jobs created by the oil and gas sector since the recovery from the recession began are responsible for about 30 percent of the national increase," Perryman said.

Looking at individual states with major energy production, the study found Texas realizes the largest benefits both from its substantial reserves and long history with the industry. States, like North Dakota, where activity is still relatively new, the benefits are smaller and are expected to rise over time. Perryman said that North Dakota saw the benefit of more than 100,000 jobs in an economy with total employment of only about 500,000.

"While changing market conditions will lead to cycles in the industry. The oil and gas industry will be a driver of substantial economic activity for many years to come," Perryman said.

He took time to answer some additional questions about the findings.

Q.: The benefits to Midland-Odessa are obvious, with thousands of new jobs and among the nation's lowest unemployment. How has that spilled over into the general economy?

The Permian Basin is responsible for a significant portion of the new activity. It spills over into the general economy in many ways. Locally, it is apparent in direct suppliers to the industry as well as housing, construction, retail, restaurants, services, and many other sectors. Nationally, the benefits (beyond the improved security and sustainability associated with a stable oil supply) are felt by many professional service firms and throughout the entire economy. Only about 10 percent of the jobs generated by the industry are in direct drilling and exploration.

Q.: What actions do you see hurting domestic production — EPA regulations? Endangered species? Oversupply? Do you think the federal government appreciates the contributions of increased domestic production?

Domestic production can be both positively and negatively impacted by many factors. Market forces can move prices in either direction, as can changing situations in the volatile areas around the world where substantial amounts of oil are produced. Technological improvements, the pace of global economic growth, demand for various fuel types, and changes in environmental policy or other elements of the regulatory framework can materially impact the oil and gas industry.

While there are certainly some elements of the federal government and the public that appreciate the significance of the industry and the recent shale boom, there is likely a general lack of recognition. Our findings that the economic benefits have more than doubled in just over a decade or that it has been responsible for more than 30 percent of the jobs during the recovery will hopefully help to spark a greater degree of understanding. We developed the study as a public service in order to evaluate these issues and help bring key results to light. Hopefully, we will contribute to a greater recognition of the fundamental role of oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production.

Q.: Describe in a little more detail the ripple effects for the national economy — for example, the return of manufacturing jobs.

The ripple effects are everywhere. If you think about the role of oil in your life, it is not only the primary source of many of our fuels, but is also critical to our lubricants, chemicals, synthetic fibers, pharmaceuticals, plastics, and many other items we come into contact with every

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Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett uses a large paddle as he plays table tennis against junior champion Ariel Hsing, outside the Berkshire-owned Borsheim's jewelry store, in Omaha, Nebraska in this file photo.

Warren Buffett pulls back on oil company investments

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Warren Buffett showed the energy industry his gloomy side in the second quarter.

The billionaire at the head of the more than $200,000-per-share Berkshire Hathaway sold off the vast majority of his stake in Houston's ConocoPhillips, and he sent some of his holdings in Phillips 66 and National Oilwell Varco back into the market.

Why? It could be because U.S. crude prices have dropped from about $107 a barrel in mid-June to less than $95 a barrel Tuesday, and energy stocks went from being among the best performers on Wall Street to the middle of the pack.

"The group has been weak," said Gil Baumgarten, president of Houston wealth advisory firm Segment Asset Management. "They're losing their momentum. That's pretty clear to me."

On Tuesday, the price for September futures of West Texas Intermediate fell to $94.48 a barrel, the lowest point in seven months, according to Bloomberg.

Tales of jam-packed U.S. crude storage tanks and higher exploration costs have discouraged investors amid sinking oil prices, Baumgarten said. Earlier this month, on a day when stocks were riding high and the Dow Jones Industrial Average landed 186 points higher, energy stocks were largely flat — a sign that something's slowing the sector, he said.

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day. The industry supports almost 1.3 million jobs in manufacturing alone and is responsible for almost $1.2 trillion in annual gross domestic product. If you think about the law, accounting, and engineering firms that serve the industry, the pipe, drilling equipment, and other manufactured goods that it requires, and the large payrolls and their effects on consumer spending, you will begin to get a picture of the enormity of the industry.

Q. Is there a price level that is too low to fund current drilling rates?

Unlike the situation in the 1970s, which was highly leveraged and vulnerable to even slight price declines, the current oil surge is characterized by greater use of cash financing, and current prices are well above break-even levels. There is, of course, a price at which it's not profitable to pursue shale oil, but it is likely in the $65-$75 range, according to most industry experts. These levels could occur temporarily (as in the last recession when prices fell briefly to the high $30s), but is unlikely to be sustained. The fact that wells drilled using hydraulic fracturing tend to have steep decline curves, thus requiring "refracing" or replacement in a relatively short period of time adds an element of stability.

Q. What's your opinion on resuming crude exports?

I think that we should seriously consider expanding oil experts. While we are not yet at total energy independence as a country, we are very close to a situation where we can obtain our oil requirements from proximate and friendly sources. Thus, we should begin to explore avenues to allow more U.S. oil into the global market.

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Zones (ROZ) and poorer-quality reservoirs. These improvements have led to increased performance, better recovery potential and higher production.

Q.: Occidental has long been one of the Permian Basin's leading producers and a major operator of tertiary recovery projects. How have the recent shale plays in this region affected those CO2 projects, or have they?

Occidental's recent shale plays have not impacted our CO2 operations. We believe our enhanced oil recovery (EOR) from CO2 will be an ongoing source of cash generation for our unconventional drilling operations. We are applying more than 30 years of experience in CO2 EOR in the Permian Basin in support of our unconventional opportunities. This is a significant competitive advantage for Occidental in our Permian production.

In 2013, Oxy injected more than 650 billion cubic feet of CO2 into oil reservoirs in the Permian. Occidental operates 31 active CO2 projects in the Crossett, Slaughter Field, Welch & Cedar Lake, Wasson Field, Canyon Reef and other areas. We have seen CO2 flooding increase ultimate oil recovery by 10 to 25 percent where applied. Much of our success is due to extensive automation to maximize throughput performance. In recent years, we added a CO2 plant control center, electronic wellhead shut-down devices, an injection distribution system and other features.

Occidental is recognized worldwide for its expertise in CO2 Enhanced Oil Recovery and we are the largest injector of CO2 in the Permian and one of the leaders globally. Our Permian EOR business continues to be a major focus of our production operations in the Permian Basin.

Q.: What is Occidental's long-term outlook for the Permian Basin?

These are exciting times for oil and gas production — for Occidental, for Midland, for the Permian Basin, and our country. Thanks to the dedication of our employees in Midland and throughout the Basin, our work here helps the region thrive. Occidental is poised for growth in the Permian Basin, and our investment and expansion in Midland is testament to our commitment in this region.

With the prolific yield in the Permian, a challenge is emerging around what to do with all the new production. Occidental has a unique competitive advantage, with our Permian Resources and EOR operations to optimize production, and our significant midstream infrastructure and marketing operations, which provide key gathering and takeaway access to multiple markets.

Q.: Please provide details about your new Midland office.

The new Midland office will add 212,000 square feet of space, with options to expand. It will provide 600 employees with state-of-the-art technologies, tools and automated systems to work in concert to move our oil and gas from the reservoir to the wellhead, through the pipeline to the market — in a safe and efficient manner. The building is designed for greater collaboration and knowledge sharing — with a new conference center for town halls and other large-scale meetings, seating more than 250 people and providing 100 work-top tables. It will also feature a state-of-the-art visualization room and two well-monitoring rooms, allowing key decision-makers to view well data from the field in real-time at their own offices. The site will also have a control room for 24/7, year-round monitoring of all of Oxy's assets in the Permian Basin.

In 2015, we also plan to build a 20,000 square-foot Permian Training Center in north Midland — to train the next generation of surface operators, well servicing technicians and other key roles. All this expansion in Midland will provide a high-functioning environment more conducive to collaboration — with abundant opportunity to meet, share knowledge, access innovative technology, learn new skills, and work together to get things done.

Occidental is doing more than building new facilities in Midland. We have committed funding for a new EOR exhibit, now under construction at Midland's Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. We've pledged $1.5 million to Texas Tech University for an Enhanced Oil Recovery Lab in the school's new petroleum engineering building — so students can get a firsthand feel for applying the very latest EOR techniques to recover oil and gas. Across Texas, Oxy contributes to philanthropic and educational causes where the dollars stay locally — such as the United Way, various schools and educational programs, scholarships for local colleges and first responders.

At the crossroads: energy and climate policy today

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Texas and the entire country stand at an historical crossroad of two incompatible forces. On one side is the game-changing upsurge in oil and gas production achieved through technological innovations first developed in Texas. On the other side is federal climate policy to supplant oil, natural gas, and coal — now supplying over 80 percent of U.S. energy.

Simply put: The transformative power of energy now faces the coercive power of government. If not denied by the political powers, the energy opportunities created by the shale revolution would confer profound benefits for human welfare and geopolitical stability: jobs, increased income, rebirth of "made in America" manufacturing, and national security — including a basis for geopolitical security in Europe — now perilously dependent on oil and natural gas controlled by Vladimir Putin.

The federal government's increasing regulatory efforts to decarbonize our energy supply are not only economically damaging, they are also are futile. EPA's recently proposed Clean Power Plan would mandate a re-engineering our nation's entire system of electric generation to lower CO2 emissions by only 30 percent. Yet, this would only reduce supposed global warming by an immeasurable 0.01 degrees Celsius in 2050 according to the science endorsed by EPA. When this inconvenient data was brought to EPA's attention, the agency admitted its power plan won't stop global warming, but said it will symbolically demonstrate to the "international community" that the United States is willing to make sacrifices.

This is how EPA would justify a complete overhaul of the electric power supply of the United States, deep-sixing the coal power on which 40 percent of U.S. electric generation depends? EPA has announced it will soon propose CO2 regulations on refineries. And consider the Sierra Club's "Beyond Natural Gas" campaign — modeled after their regrettably successful "Beyond Coal" campaign now used by EPA as a regulatory template.

It's time to get real about energy and distinguish myth and theory from hard facts. To this end, the Texas Public Policy Foundation is convening a Summit in Houston this September. Called "At the Crossroads: Energy and Climate Policy Summit," this gathering will include internationally acclaimed speakers to help those with most at stake to take stock of the scientific, economic, legal, and moral issues surrounding this pivotal issue of our generation. When the hard facts about energy are set beside the politically manipulated, speculative science of man-made global warming, energy — and those who produce it — are the winners for mankind.

One of the Summit's most compelling doyens is Mark P. Mills of the Manhattan Institute. He recently offered a poignant reminder of the world's need for energy realism. "Every realistic scenario," Mills writes, "sees the world consuming more, not less oil and gas in the future. As for alternative energy, even if the hyperbolic goal of supplying all new global demand were met, the world would still consume 40 billion barrels of oil and natural gas annually."

Mills takes stock of "the astonishing quantities of hydrocarbon resources" that U.S. entrepreneurs have unleashed only within the last few years. According to Mills, the volumes of this newly gained energy abundance would not only revive the U.S. economy but could end the Russian and Middle Eastern monopoly on oil and gas, so needed in Europe and elsewhere. He offers a refreshing dose of realism by showing that 2 million barrels of American oil sent to Europe per day would reduce by one-half the European Union's dependence on imports of Russian petroleum. U.S. production has increased by 3 million barrels per day in a mere four years. If the federal government would allow even modest access to the oil and gas on the millions of acres of public land, the United States could handily afford to export to our European allies now caught within dangerous new geo-politics created by Russia.

Energy is indeed at a crossroads. The choices our state and country make in the next few years will define not only our energy future, but also the economic future of our nation.

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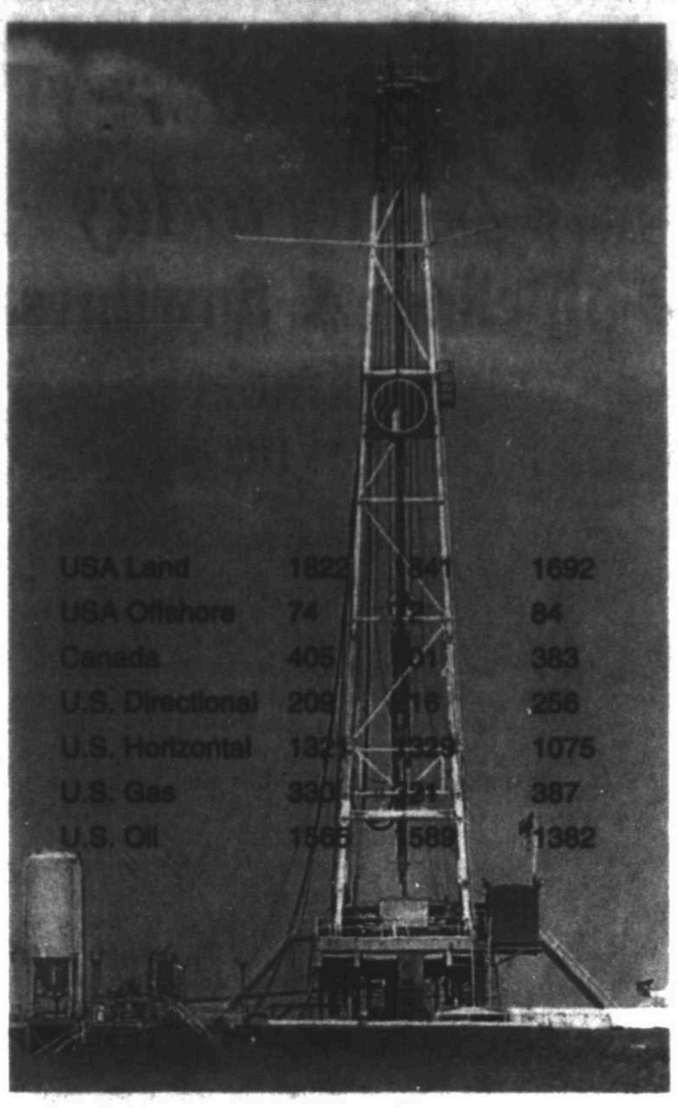

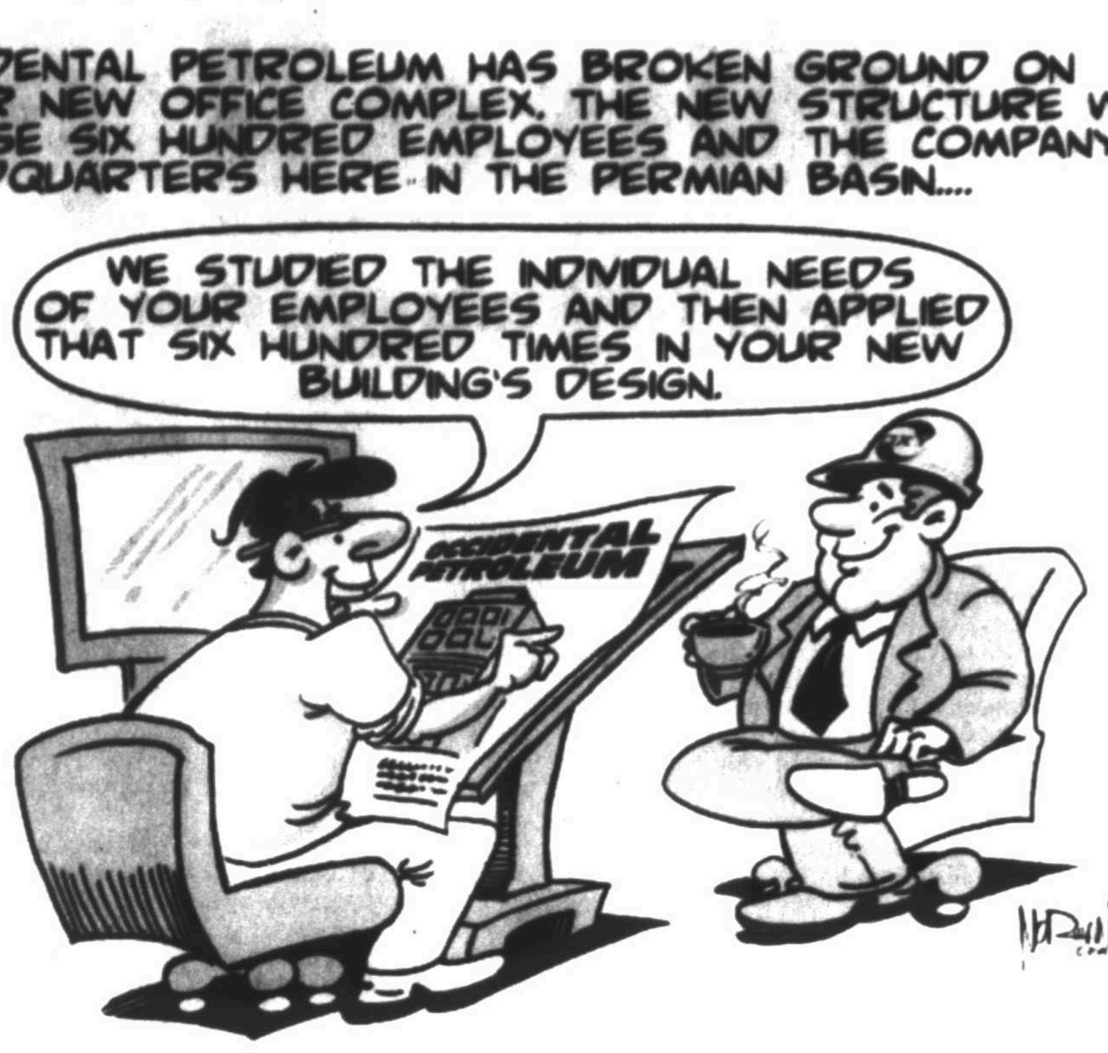

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Coke	2
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	18
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	34
Runnels	1
Schleicher	1
Sutton	0
Terrell	1
Tom Green	1
Upton	34

DIST. #8

Andrews	30
Brewster	0
Crane	6
Culberson	13
Ector	17
Glasscock	36
Howard	25
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	20
Martin	43
Midland	38
Mitchell	2
Pecos	13
Presidio	0
Reeves	56
Sterling	1
Ward	13
Winkler	2

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	2
Cochran	2
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	5
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	13
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	2
Kent	0
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	7
Terry	2
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 453

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	37
Lea	43
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 81

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Plains*	**$90.25**
Shell Trading	**$90.50**
Sun*	**$90.25**
Nymex futures	**$93.74***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Aug. 27, 2014

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 8/27/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$3.808**	**$3.957**	**$3.534**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$3.690**	**$3.915**	**$3.495**
Composite Field Prices For RockyMountains	**$3.729**	**$3.825**	**$3.414**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$3.758**	**$3.895**	**$3.480**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$3.730**	**$3.885**	**$3.205**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$3.610**	**$3.793**	**$3.466**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$3.741**	**$3.910**	**$3.494**

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SAN FRANCISCO

Feds to resume leasing for fracturing in California

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will resume issuing oil and gas leases next year for federal lands in California after a new study found limited environmental impacts from fracturing and other enhanced drilling techniques, the agency said Thursday.

The move will end a halt that has stood since a federal judge ruled in 2013 that the federal agency failed to follow environmental law in allowing an oil extraction method known as fracturing on public land in Monterey County.

The study released Thursday was conducted for the BLM by the state-created California Council on Science and Technology. It concluded the current level of fracturing and other so-called well-stimulation techniques by drillers to get more oil out of rock formations did not seem to be poisoning water supplies or increasing earthquake risks in the state.

That is partly because fracturing and other methods used in California differ from those in other states, the researchers concluded.

Fracturing involves extracting oil and gas from rock by injecting high-pressure mixtures of water, sand or gravel and chemicals. California drilling typically uses less water and a greater concentration of chemicals in fracturing, and drilling is shallower, researchers said.

Researcher Jane Long, who led the steering committee that oversaw the study, acknowledged in a phone call with reporters that researchers had drawn their conclusions while lacking some key information.

The oil and gas industry, for example, is not required to disclose all the chemicals, including toxic ones, used in fracturing, although a state law that goes into effect next year mandates that disclosure.

PITTSBURGH

Pa. releases list of wells impacted by drilling

After years of delays and confusion Pennsylvania has released details of 243 cases where regulators determined that oil or natural gas drilling or related activities ruined private drinking water wells.

The Department of Environmental Protection on Thursday released links to the documents. The Associated Press and other news outlets have waged legal battles for several years seeking the records. DEP had previously given some documents to different news organizations, but had never released a comprehensive list.

The 243 cases from 2008 to 2014 include some where multiple water wells were impacted. The problems include methane gas contamination, spills of wastewater and other pollutants, and wells that went dry or were otherwise undrinkable. The records show that some of the problems were temporary.

Other complaints are still being investigated.

CONNECTICUT

US regulators rap faulty water pump at power plant

Federal regulators say they could impose more inspections and greater oversight of Connecticut's nuclear power plant due to repeated problems with a critical water pump.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued on Thursday its findings from an inspection of Millstone Power Plant unit 3. Regulators say problems associated with a turbine-driven auxiliary water pump three times last year and in January was of low to moderate safety significance.

The pump cools the reactor in emergencies if offsite power and diesel generators fail.

Millstone, which is owned by Dominion Resources Inc., may request a conference with regulators, submit a written response or accept the finding.

Parsley Energy announces Midland Basin acquisition

From staff reports

AUSTIN — Parsley Energy Inc. has entered into agreements in separate transactions with multiple sellers to acquire certain undeveloped acreage and producing oil and gas properties located adjacent to the company's existing operating areas in Reagan County for an approximate aggregate price of $252 million.

Acquisition highlights:

■ 157 net horizontal drilling locations across 5,472 net acres in Reagan County

■ Average stimulated lateral of approximately 6,900 feet per acquired drilling location

■ Contiguous bolt-on acreage enables conversion of 30 existing short lateral drilling locations to long lateral locations

■ 140 net vertical 80- and 40-acre drilling locations and 140 net vertical 20-acre drilling locations

■ 98 percent average working interest; 23 percent average royalty

■ Nine horizontal wells in different stages of development, including three wells on one pad; two wells with production history, five recently completed wells that are flowing back, one well awaiting fracture treatment, and one well being drilled

■ Estimated net production at closing of approximately 1,800 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("Boe/d"), consisting of approximately 300 Boe/d from the two producing wells and approximately 1,500 Boe/d from the five recently completed wells

■ Robust infrastructure already in place to support ongoing horizontal drilling operations

"We are thrilled to bolt-on premiere acreage that allows for longer laterals in our primary horizontal development area, where we and others are seeing very promising drilling results," said Bryan Sheffield, CEO of Parsley Energy. "With facilities in place, a number of permits already secured, and our existing operations in Reagan County, we expect to realize substantial value from these assets right away."

Parsley Energy believes the acquired properties are prospective for horizontal drilling in the company's target horizons, including the Wolfcamp A, Wolfcamp B, Wolfcamp C, Cline, and Atoka formations. The acquisitions are scheduled to close on or before Sept. 30 and are subject to the completion of customary due diligence, closing conditions, and purchase price adjustments, he said. Parsley Energy intends to initiate well completions on the two uncompleted wells upon closing, with the first new wells to be spud in the first quarter of 2015. The company expects to fund the acquisitions entirely with cash-on-hand, and expects to have more than $500 million of liquidity after the transactions close.

Horizontal drilling update

Continuing a pattern of strong horizontal well results, the company's first horizontal well on its Tier 1 acreage, the Char Hughes 1-HB, generated a peak 24-hour initial production ("IP") rate of 1,262 Boe/d and a peak 30-day IP rate of 891 Boe/d. The well, located in Reagan County adjacent to a portion of the acquired acreage just announced, targeted the Wolfcamp B zone with a stimulated lateral length of 5,785 feet. Liquids content has been strong at 92 percent. Like each of the company's five other horizontal wells that have at least 30 days of production data, the Char Hughes 1-HB is tracking ahead of the company's 690 MBoe type curve, which reflects a 7,000-foot stimulated interval.

"We are pleased with early indications that the success we've seen in our initial horizontal wells in Upton County will extend into Reagan County. The fact that our newly acquired acreage is bookended by very strong horizontal well results is an important indicator of the high quality of the assets," said Sheffield.

Midstream Agreement

Parsley Energy has entered into an agreement with a private midstream services company for firm pipeline capacity from the company's North Upton and South Midland County acreage to Colorado City, which would enable Parsley to bypass the Midland pricing market for a substantial portion of the company's crude oil production. The acreage covered by the agreement represents the heart of the company's projected horizontal development area, from which Parsley expects the bulk of incremental oil volumes to come over the next several years. In addition to bypassing the Midland-Cushing oil price differential, transporting directly to Colorado City provides access to both the Gulf Coast and Cushing, Oklahoma, markets, increasing optionality by providing multiple delivery points. Deliveries on the pipeline are scheduled to begin in early 2015.

Parsley also announced the appointment of William L. Browning to the company's board of directors. He will serve as the chair of Parsley Energy's Audit Committee.

Nominees to flood board could impact lawsuit

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — It will be next month before Gov. Bobby Jindal will likely get a chance to change the membership of a south Louisiana flood board that's suing dozens of oil, gas and pipeline companies.

The panel that nominates members for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East discussed plans to fill two expired terms Thursday. But members said a vote cannot legally take place until September.

One of the expired terms is that of Paul Kemp, a supporter of the lawsuit, which Jindal opposes.

Kemp has applied for another term. However, even if he is re-nominated, Jindal would likely seek to replace him with a lawsuit opponent.

Kemp continues to serve until a successor is named. Meanwhile, the lawsuit continues in federal court.

The protection authority's lawsuit says the oil, gas and pipeline companies' dredging of canals and drilling activities contributed to the degradation of coastal wetlands that form a natural hurricane buffer for New Orleans. Backers of the litigation say the industry has had decades to remedy the situation and that the lawsuit is needed to fund coastal restoration.

Jindal and oil industry backers attacked the lawsuit as an assault on an important Louisiana industry, a windfall for trial lawyers and an infringement on the state's efforts to fix the coast.

Along with Kemp, another authority member whose term has expired is Jeff Angers, who also has re-applied. He opposes the lawsuit.

Kemp's nomination is key, however, because if Jindal is able to replace Kemp, he could then swing the current 5-4 majority on the flood board that supports the suit.

The way in which the nominations are made next month could figure into Jindal's ability to affect the lawsuit.

In the complex nominating process, one open position on the authority must be filled by someone with scientific or engineering expertise. The panel can submit a single nominee to fill that seat. Nominating Kemp would leave Jindal with no other choice.

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The conference, happening September 15-17 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, will also feature an inspiring luncheon keynote from a decorated veteran of the war on terrorism, a golf tournament (can you say "networking opportunity"?), and charitable opportunities including the "Hero into a Homeowner" program, and the Boot Campaign, both of which benefit current and retired military personnel and their families.

Tuesday's luncheon keynote will come from Medal of Honor recipient Salvatore "Sal" Giunta. Enlisting in the U. S. Army in 2003 at age 17, Giunta rose to the position of Staff Sergeant and completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan, totaling 27 months.

On Oct. 25, 2007, while a team leader, Giunta and his squad were navigating the treacherous terrain of Afghanistan's Korengal Valley when ambushed by an insurgent force. During the gunfight, in which several on his team were wounded, Giunta, advancing before his squad, observed two insurgents carrying away an American soldier. He immediately engaged the enemy, killing one and wounding the other. For his extraordinary gallantry, unrivaled courage and selfless leadership on that day, Giunta was awarded the Medal of Honor in a White House ceremony on Nov. 16, 2010.

Staff Sgt. Giunta was the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and the first living service member to be awarded the medal since the Vietnam War. Other military decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He retired from the Army in 2011 and is the author of Living with Honor (2012).

After his speech will come the presentation of this year's recipient of the Hero into a Homeowner program, which is funded by proceeds from the golf tournament.

Funds in excess of what is needed for that program will go to the Boot Campaign, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to cultivating awareness, promoting patriotism and providing assistance to military personnel, past and present, and their families.

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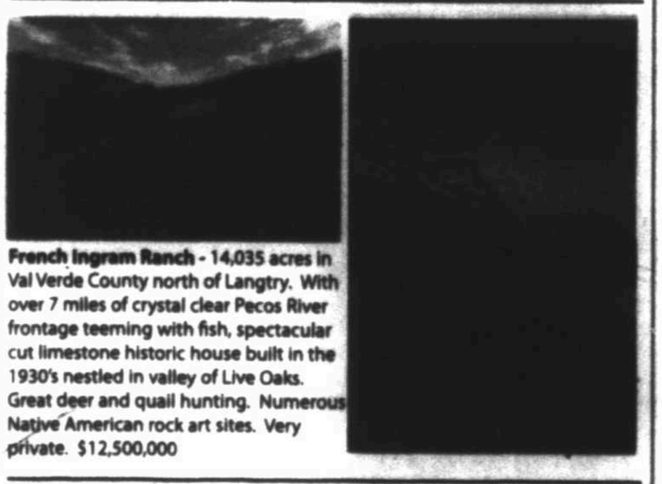

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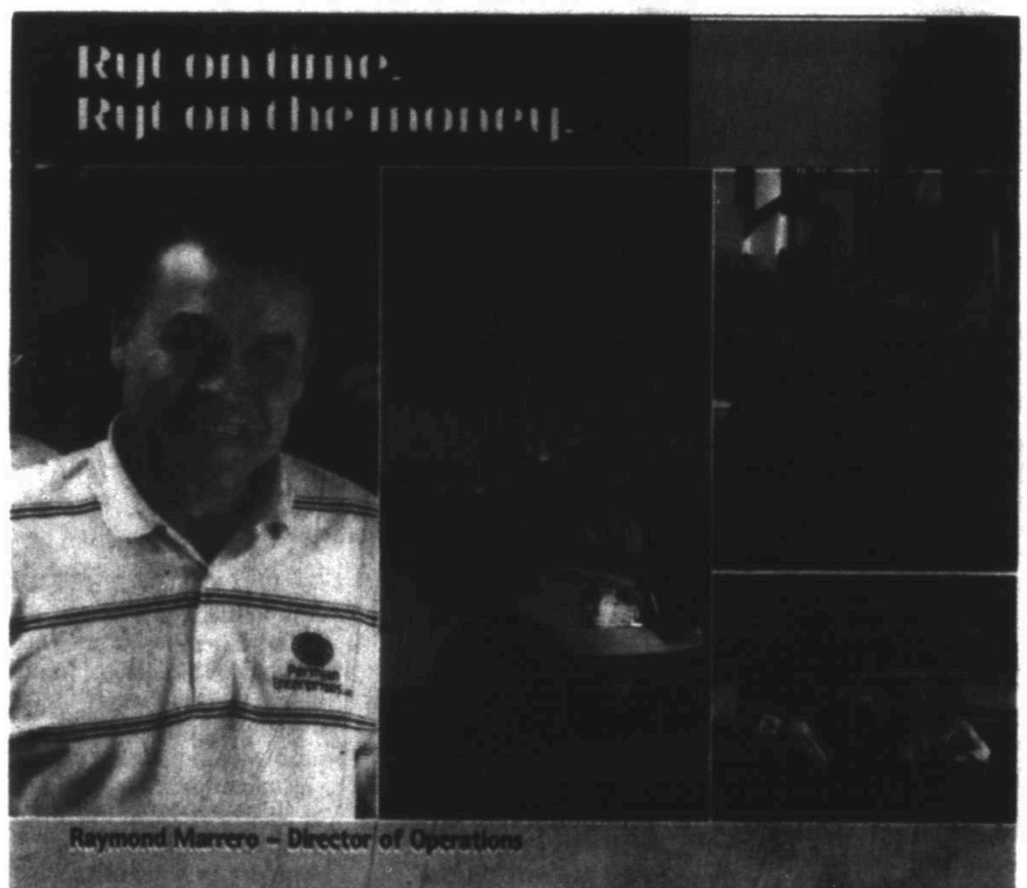

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Victaulic Series 727 high-pressure ball valve is NACE compliant

727 now features male threaded option for bare valve and valve-with-handle options

The volume of a flow line is only as good as all of its valves and connections. Anything that restricts flow affects the output of the line.

To increase capacity in high pressure flow lines in both production and storage piping, Victaulic offers the Series 727 ball valve, with a pressure rating of 1500 psi. Preliminary testing has shown that the valve improves flow by more than one-third compared to competitive standard port valves, allowing faster transfer of product to tanks or trucks.

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This two-piece valve features the grooved-end joining system Victaulic is known for, providing a tight and durable connection. Its floating ball requires less torque to achieve a tight close in the off position. The valves are capable of handling pressures of up to 1500 psi/10350 kPa in sizes from 2-6 inches or 50-150 mm.

The internal design has been streamlined in order to provide excellent flow characteristics, which accounts for its ability to increase flow over competitive valves. It offers an electroless nickel-plated carbon steel ball and stem. The seat material is lubricated nylon.

The Victaulic Series 727 comes with manual handles with an integral tamper-resistant lock and seal.

It is important to note that Vic-Ball valves are designed for full open or shutoff service; throttling is not recommended with standard ball valves, because high velocity flow over the exposed seat may cause damage to the seat.

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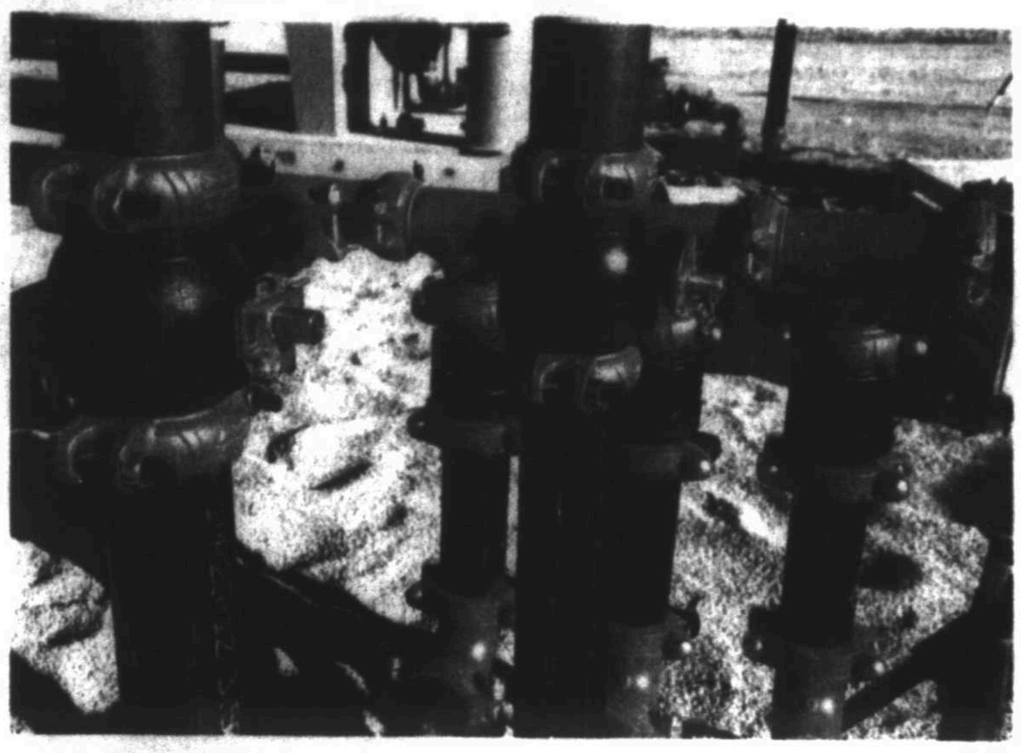

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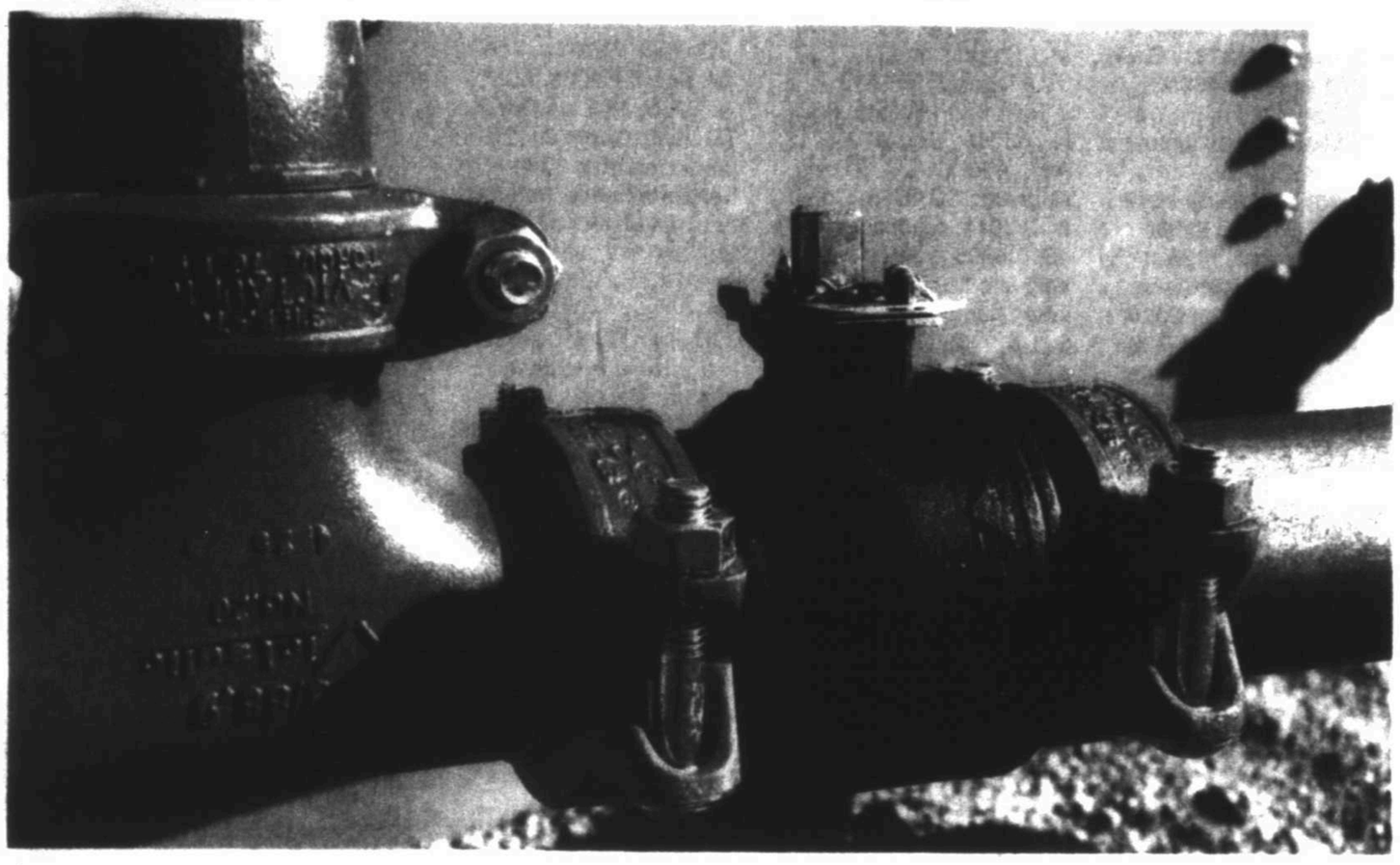

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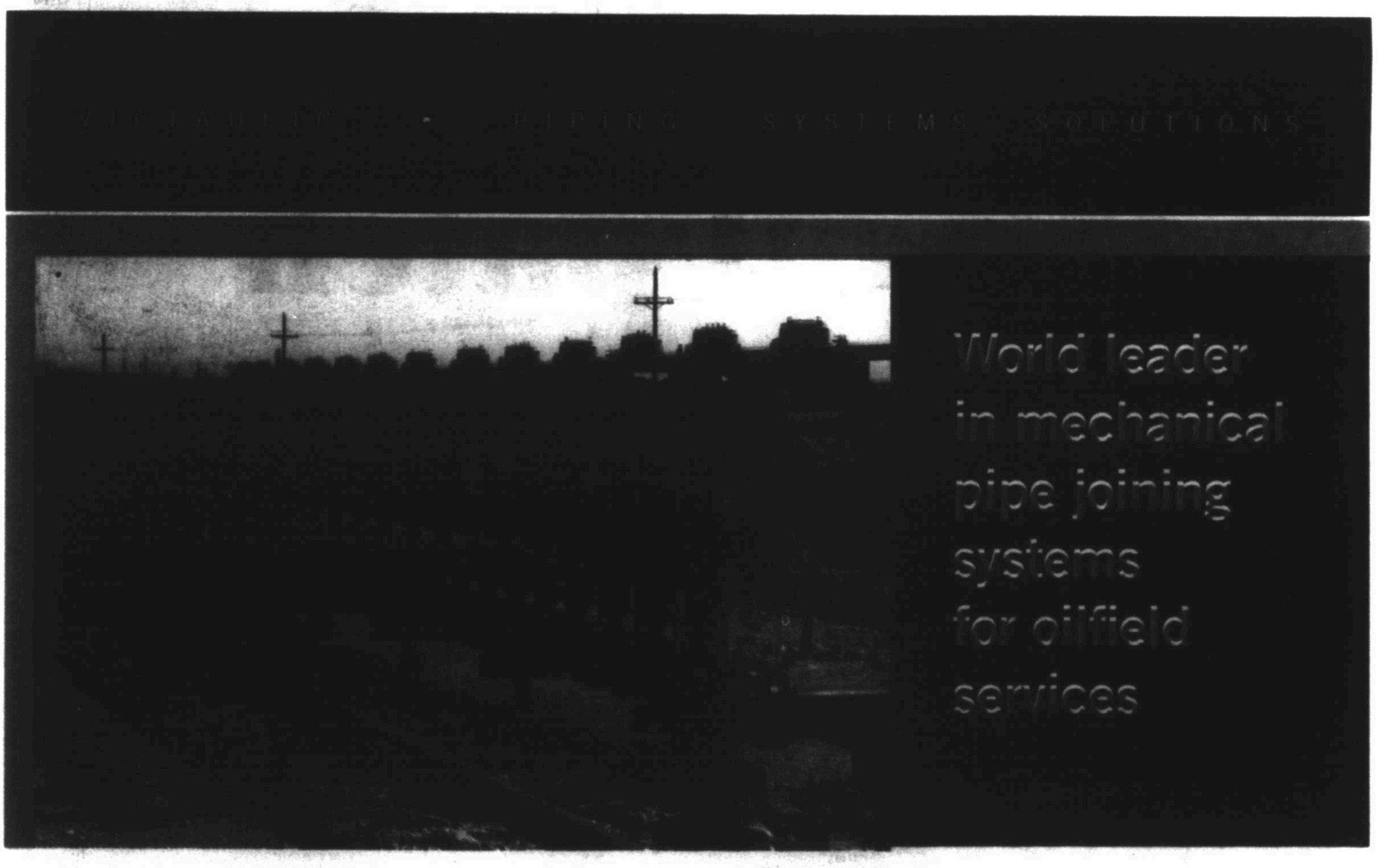

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Apache Corporation
Scott Sugg "5657" #H61U
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 615 fnl, 832 fel, Sec 55, Blk 14, Abst. 382, H&TC RR, 8.1 ne Barnhart; TD 6738 TVD, 14849 MD; Comp 8/1/2014; producing from 7362-14782, fracture stimulated; gas lift 406 BO, 138 MCF, 1459 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35473

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-45" #13
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 1025 fsl, 282 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 13, Abst. 437U, ULS, 11 nw Andrews; TD 5009 TVD, 5018 MD; Comp 8/8/2014; producing from 4487-4727, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 3 MCF, 190 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46461

ConocoPhillips Company
Embar -B- #86
Embar (Permian); 2647 fsl, 2749 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 44, T-2-N, Abst. 1896, T&P RR, 18 sw Andrews; TD 7600; Comp 8/4/2014; producing from 6147-7268, fracture stimulated; pump 27 BO, 367 MCF, 11 BW, 37.45 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46189

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University"13-35" #14
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 13, Abst. 427U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5003 TVD, 5018 MD; Comp 8/10/2014; producing from 4653-4863, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 10 MCF, 180 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46357

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "D" #18
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 735 fnl, 155 fel, Sec 17, Blk 14, Abst. 457U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4770; Comp 8/5/2014; producing from 4516-4633, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 221 BO, 43 MCF, 58 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46227

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-39" #12
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1650 fnl, 1650 fel, Sec 39, Blk 13, Abst. 431U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4900; Comp 8/10/2014; producing from 4633-4835, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3.10 BO, 6 MCF, 208 BW, 32 OIL Gravity; API #42-003-46367

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University -H- #18
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 480 fsl, 1240 fel, Sec 17, Blk 14, Abst. 457U, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4780 TVD, 4782 MD; Comp 8/11/2014; producing from 4416-4627, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 180 BO, 83 MCF, 85 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46242

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "38" #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 332 fel, 630 fnl, Sec 38, Blk 13, Abst. 430U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 4945; Comp 8/13/2014; producing from 4610-4895, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 2 MCF, 291 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46247

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-39" #27
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990 fsl, 1650 fel, Sec 39, Blk 13, Abst. 431U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5029; Comp 8/12/2014; producing from 4584-4826, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 5.7 BO, 4 MCF, 243 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46253

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Foreman "32" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 508 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 3, Abst. 2331, PSL, 7.2 se Andrews; TD 11675; Comp 7/27/2014; producing from 9194-11502; pump 154 BO, 194 MCF, 166 BW on 24/64 inch choke, FTP 500 psi, 39.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46182

Crane County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #736
Jordan; 1426 fwl, 4128 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 135, Abst. 103U, ULS, 18.3 sw Odessa; TD 3940; Comp 8/13/2014; producing from 3217-3516, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 60 BO, 540 BW, 34.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36331

Ector County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #552
Jordan; 1330 fel, 10049 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 35, Abst. 8U, ULS, 17.5 sw Odessa; TD 3905; Comp 7/30/2014; producing from 3367-3618, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 27 BO, 1220 BW, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43000

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #458
Jordan; 7270 fsl, 700 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 35, Abst. 7U, ULS, 17.8 sw Odessa; TD 3920; Comp 8/1/2014; producing from 3344-3600, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 93 BO, 843 Bw, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42998

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan Univresity Unit #353
Jordan-Horizontal; 6503 fnl, 1664 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 35, Abst. 7U, ULS, 17.8 sw Odessa; TD 3913 TVD, 3937 MD; Comp 8/14/2014; producing from 3370-3596, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 198 BO, 1011 BW, 34.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43005

Reeves County

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Johnny Ringo State "9" #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 675 fel, 300 fsl, Sec 9, Blk C-7, Abst. 5465, PSL, 8.7 se Pecos; TD 10592 TVD, 14790 MD; Comp 7/28/2014; producing from 10854-14677, fracture stimulated; flow 1069 BO, 2093 MCF, 1173 BW on 26/64 inch choke, FTP 1850 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-34126

Ward County

Sundown Energy LP
Hutchings Stock Association #3038
Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian); 13702 fnl, 4638 fwl, Sec 2, Blk F, Abst. 102, G&MMB&A, 2.4 ne Wickett; TD 10520; Comp 8/1/2014; producing from 8086-10158; flow 278 BO, 419 MCF, 37 BW on 21/64 inch choke, FTP 280 psi, 38.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36734

Texas RRCD 8A

Crosby County

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1185
Hoople (Clearfork); 2648 fsl, 1929 fel, Sec 11, Blk D-19, Abst. 379, D&SE RR, 9.1 ne Slaton; TD 4269; Comp 7/28/2014; producing from 4013-4139, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 48 BO, 503 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31745

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #131
Hoople (Clearfork); 330 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 148, Abst. 1329, W. Robertson, 8.8 ne Slaton; TD 4501; Comp 8/9/2014; producing from 4219-4367, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 61 BO, 375 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31678

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1221
Hoople (Clearfork); 1315 fsl, 535 fwl, Sec 12, Blk B-9, Abst. 480, EL&RR, 8.5 ne Slaton; TD 4342; Comp 8/8/2014; producing from 4053-4143, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 5 BO, 409 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31774

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1232
Hoople (Clearfork); 656 fsl, 1320 fwl, Sec 12, Blk B-9, Abst. 480, EL&RR, 8.6 ne Slaton; TD 4339; Comp 8/7/2014; producing from 4075-4162, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 5 BO, 528 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31839

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1176
Hoople (Clearfork); 3298 fsl, 1315 fel, Sec 11, Blk D-19, Abst. 379, D&SE RR, 8.7 ne Slaton; TD 4272; Comp 8/4/2014; producing from 4035-4151, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 28 BO, 481 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31709

Gaines County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Fee Eubanks "D" #25
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 3104 fsl, 1495 fel, Sec 8, Blk AX, Abst. 1050, PSL, 10.5 sw Seminle; TD 7323; Comp 8/4/2014; producing from 6471-7181, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 83 BO, 20 MCF, 157 BW, 35.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-38127

Garza County

Cholla Petroleum Inc.
Giles #1
Arlene (Glorieta); 840 fnl, 4954 fwl, Sec 95, Blk 5, Abst. 50, GH&H RR, 8.5 e Post; TD 3302; Comp 8/6/2014; producing from 3099-3276, fracture stimulated; pump 18 BO, 325 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34138

Scurry County

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
Ellis-Gray Unit #500F
Sharon Ridge (1700); 1381 fnel, 3313 fnl, Sec 193, Blk 3, Abst. 79, H&GN RR, 2.8 sw Dunn; TD 2000; Comp 8/11/2014; producing from 1675-1728, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 11 BO, 73 BW, 30.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35014

New Mexico

Eddy County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Yeso Viking Federal #9
Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1150/S & 1150/E; EL 3547 GL, TD 4520, PBTD 4477; Spud 12-19-13, Comp 1-10-14; production is through treated perfs: 3176-4421, Treat: 108,839 gals linear gel, 502,597 gals crosslink gel, 10,000 gals 15% HCL, 20,533# 100 mesh, 900,670# 16/30 brown sd. IP: 2-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 1010 BW, 75 MCF, GOR 5357, Gty 39. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 414 w/210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4520 w/760 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4407; API #30-015-41261

LRE Operating LLC
Williams A Federal #11
Artesia; Sec 29 T17S R28E; 1960/S & 2310/W. BHL: 1651/S & 2266/W; EL 3695 GL, TD 3696 MD, PBTD 3630 MD; Spud 3-13-14, Comp 3-27-14; production is through perfs: 3448-3546 MD. IP: 4-12-14 Pump 24 hrs 137 BO, 311 BW, 200 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 438 w/300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3680 w/670 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3566; API #30-015-41983

COG Operating LLC
Cadillac State #7
Empire; Sec 15 T17S R29E; 330/S & 2310/W; EL 3570 GL, TD 5450, PBTD 5380; Spud 2-17-14, Comp 3-25-14; production is through treated perfs: 3955-5320. Treat: Acdz w/16,695 gals 1%% HCL, Frac w/560,787 gals gel, 17,430 gals wtr frac R9, 45,658 gals trt wtr, 667,602# 16/30 white sd, 137,800# 16/30 CRC. IP: 3-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 143 BO, 340 BW, 222 MCF, GOR 1552, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 309 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 870 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5444 w/1000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5311; API #30-015-41456

Oxy USA Inc.
Rogers #4
Atoka; Sec 23 T18S R26E; 1650/N & 2310/E; EL 3314 GL, TD 4008, PBTD 3960; Spud 1-24-14, Comp 2-21-14; production is through treated perfs: 3176-3922. Treat: 711,270 gals slickwater, 63,525 gasl 12# linear gel, 6500 gals 15% HCL, 184,720# 40/70 brown sd, 19,5560# 30/50 brown sd. IP: 3-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 472 BW, 2336 MCF, GOR 66743, Gty 39. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 900 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4008 w/860 sx, 2 7/8 @

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Oxy USA Inc.
Rogers #5
Atoka; Sec 23 T18S R26E; 2310/N & 1650/E; EL 3310 GL, TD 4038 MD, 3961 TVD, PBTD 3974; Spud 2-1-14, Comp 3-29-14; production is through treated perfs: 3040-3965. Treat: 966,756 gals slickwater, 143,120 gals 12# linear gel, 11,718 gals 15% HCL, 259,040# 40/70 brown sd, 274,960# 30/50 Brown sd. IP: 3-30-14 Pump 24 hrs 99 BO, 583 BW, 283 MCF, GOR 2859, Gty 39. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 916 w/590 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4038 w/880 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3945; API #30-015-40859

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Benson Deep AAS Federal Com #2
South Lea; Sec 33 T18S R30E; 660/N & 300/W. BHL: 939/N & 325/E; EL 3425 GL, TD 12,748 MD, 8353 TVD, PBTD 12,697; Spud 12-4-13, Comp 3-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 8507-12,687. IP: 3-18-14 Flow 24 hrs 428 BO, 529 BW, 325 MCF, 36/64" Ch, TP 290, CP 1070. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 339 w/435 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3526 w/1060 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12745 w/1725 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8252; API #30-015-41247

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Diamond PWU 22 #6
Turkey Track; Sec 22 T19S R29E; 2220/N & 250/W. BHL: 2005/N & 328/E; EL 3332 GL, TD 11631 MD, 7136 TVD, PBTD 11628; Spud 11-13-13, Comp 1-15-14; production is through treated perfs: 7174-11613. Treat: Frac w/237,454 gals 15% HCL, 324,380# 100 mesh sd, 1,259,820# 40/70 sd, 683,580# 20/40. IP: 2-13-14 Flow 24 hrs 331 BO, 446 BW, 1701 MCF, TP 600, CP 580, GOR 5138.97. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 216 w/235 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3517 w/1310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11631 w/2345 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6628; API #30-015-41008

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Onyx PWU 29 #8
Scanlon Draw; Sec 29 T19S R29E; 830/S & 330/E. BHL: 811/S & 332/W; EL 3276 GL, TD 11400 MD, 7022 TVD, PBTD 11364; Spud 10-5-13, Comp 12-10-13; production is through treated perfs: 7105-11349. Treat: Frac w/36,696 gals 15% HCL, 222,262# 100 mesh, 904,609# 40/70, 493,350# 20/40. IP: 12-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 958 BO, 1011 BW, 1505 MCF, GOR 1571. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 300 w/770 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3217 w/970 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11400 w/2240 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6796; API #30-015-40515

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Strawberry 7 Federal Com #8
North Hackberry; Sec 7 T19S R31E; 2005/N & 340/E. BHL: 1710/N & 452/W; EL 3480 GL, TD 12,289 MD, 7921 TVD, PBTD 12,242; Spud 10-24-13, Comp 12-29-13; production is through perfs: 8350-12200. IP: 12-29-13 Pump 24 hrs 4949 BO, 1238 BW, 1035 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 560 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3107 w/1113 sx, PH @ 8170 w/668 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12289 w/745 sx; API #30-015-41507

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #139
SE Quahada Ridge; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 2365/S & 2050/W. BHL: 648/S & 1706/E; EL 3343 GL, TD 21617 MD, 7243 TVD; Spud 9-26-13, Comp 1-28-14; production is through treated perfs: 9741-11422, 11723-21617. Treat: 103,969 bbls fluid, 3,930,381# propant across 31 stages. IP: 2-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 154 BO, 2688 BW, 126 MCF, GOR 818, Gty 38.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 694 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3867 w/1600 sx, 7 @ 9541 w/1175 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9415-21607, 2 7/8 @ 6383; API #30-015-39793

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Black Jack 1 Federal #4
South Sand Dunes; Sec 1 T24S R30E; 330/S & 2230/W. BH: 352/N & 1959/W; EL 3483 GL, TD 12,531, PBTD 12,375; Spud 4-1-12, Comp 6-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 8282-12,282. Treat: Frac 6 stages w/ total: 1,673,400# 20/40 white sd, 84,600# 100# mesh white sd, 9,000 gals 7.5% HCL, 416,250# SLC 20/40 flush w/1,428# LG. IP: 7-4-12 Flow 24 hrs 241 BO, 1660 BW, 293 MCF, TP 290. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 580 w/615 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4132 w/1230 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12531 w/2500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7543; API #30-015-37065

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 26 Federal #3
South Poker Lake; Sec 26 T24S R31E; 330/N & 2145/W. BHL: 330/S & 2060/W; EL 3537 GL, TD 12,611 MD, 8285 TVD, PBTD 12,610; Spud 8-28-10, Comp 11-18-10; production is through treated perfs: 8464-12597. Treat: 7500 gals 7.5% HCL, 31754 bbls Viking D 2800 x-link, 139,526# 100 mesh sd, 1,339,286# 20/40 white sd, 269,374# 20/40 Super LC. IP: 11-18-10 Pump 24 hrs 564 BO, 877 BW, 437 MCF, GOR 775. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 780 w/865 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4378 w/1250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4378 w/1835 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7900; API #30-015-37404

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX 15 #12
Brushy Draw; Sec 15 T26S R30E; 480/N & 2310/E; EL 3136 GL, TD 7617; Spud 7-21-12, Comp 10-17-12; production is through treated perfs: 5746-5979, 5746-6360, 6092-6360, 6496-6668, 6759-6970, 7139-7360. Treat: 71817 gals slick wtr, 9500 gals 15% HCL acid, 340 BS, 323,100 gals Delta Frac 140-R gel, 416,230# Premium white 16/30 sd, 156,506# CRC 16/30. IP: 11-4-12 Pump 24 hrs 133 BO, 635 BW, 129 MCF, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 855 w/1200 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3599 w/1155 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7617-5499 w/925 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5730; API #30-015-37094

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
MCA Unit #512
Maljamar; Sec 27 T17S R32E; 2185/S & 2470/W. BHL: 2249/S & 2479/E; EL 3974 GL, TD 4362, PBTD 4300; Spud 10-7-13, Comp 11-22-13; production is through treated perfs: 3936-3955, 4034-4116. Treat: 14,310 gals 15% HCL, 68,561# proppants. IP: 12-1-13 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 480 BW, 72 MCF, Gty 39.7. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 996 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4342 w/670 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4170; API #30-025-41398

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ironhouse 24 State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 24 T18S R34E; 150/S & 825/E. BHL: 4962/S & 718/E; EL 3965 GL, TD 14,448 MD, PBTD 14,400 MD; Spud 10-28-13, Comp 1-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 9717-14356. Treat: 13 stage frac: 1,777,118# 30/50 WS, 47,961 gals 15% HCL, 551,155# 100 mesh, 982,909# SLC, 29,417 bbls slick wtr. IP: 2-3-14 Pump 24 hrs 1021 BO, 947 BW, 787 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1857 w/1595 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3649 w/1050 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14,448 w/2160 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9709; API #30-025-41163

Occidental Permian LP
South Lusk 28 Federal Com #1
South Lusk; Sec 28 T19S R32E; 330/N & 585/E; EL 3560GL, TD 13745 MD, 9431 TVD, PBTD 13664 MD; Spud 11-24-13, Comp 1-22-14; production is through treated perfs: 9700-13602. Treat: 485 gals 15# linear gel, 199,495 gals 15# cross linked gel pad, 1,181,574 gals 13# crosslinked. IP: 1-28-14 Flow 24 hrs 110 BO, 720 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 39. Csg: 16 @ 958 w/800 sx, 11 1/2 @ 2765 w/1790 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4629 w/1770 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13745 w/1530 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8650; API #30-025-41089

Cimarex Energy Co.
Lynch 23 Federal Com #6
Lea; Sec 23 T20S R34E; 290/N & 385/E, BHL: 331/S & 467/E; EL 3657 GL, TD 13997 MD, 9806 TVD; Spud 7-14-13, Comp 9-15-13; production is through treated perfs: 9700-13694. Treat: 1439271 gals total fluid, 2340406# sd. IP: 9-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 544 BO, 712 BW, 918 MCF, GOR 1688. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1711 w/1625 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5604 w/2320 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13997 w/1685 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9066; API #30-025-41195

Yates Petroleum Corp.
September Grass BSG State Com #1
North Berry; Sec 5 T21S R34E; 2480/S & 1955/E. BHL: 2308/N & 1925/E; EL 3714 GL, TD 16,219, PBTD 16,170; Spud 3-29-13, Comp 12-27-13; production is through treated perfs: 12,001-16,150. Treat: Acdz w/44042 gals 15% HCL acid, Frac w/3,544,943# El Prop 30/50 sd. IP: 2-3-14 Flow 24 hrs 191 BO, 400 BW, 130 MCF, 34/64" ch, TP 150, CP 1150. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1876 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5925 w/1950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16213 w/2125 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11,104; API #30-025-40576

Apache Corp.
East Blinebry Drinkard Unit #120
North Eunice; Sec 1 T21S R37E; 3045/N & 875/W; EL 3523 GI, TD 7205, PBTD 7160; Spud 1-23-13, Comp 12-26-13; production is through treated perfs: 5907-6116, 6464-6629, 6777-6983. Treat: 14,600 gals acid, 237714 gals SS-35, 458913# sd, 18354 gals gel. IP: 12-31-13 Pump 24 hrs 98 BO, 142 BW, 101 MCF, GOR 1031, Gty 37. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 1566 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7205 w/1355 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7021; API #30-025-41288

COG Operating LLC
Airbonita 12 Federal Com #1
Red Tank; Sec 12 T22S R32E; 190/S & 330/E. BHL: 336/N & 433/E; EL 3624 GL, TD 16396 MD, 11937 TVD, PBTD 16328 MD, 11936 TVD; Spud 12-1-13, Comp 2-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 12106-16115, 16278-16288. Treat: 68958 gals 7.5% acid, 3341441# sd, 2523318 gals fluid. IP: 2-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 833 BO, 1197 BW, 1000 MCF, TP 210. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 960 w/670 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4742 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16377 w/2890 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10944; API #30-025-41491

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #11
West Triple X; Sec 16 T24S R33E, 200/N & 1980/E. BHL: 335/S & 2213/E; EL 3614 GR, TD 15,717; Spud 7-12-13, Comp 9-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 1320-15640. Treat: 3,850,012# sd, 85,559 bbls treated wtr. IP: 9-21-13 Flow 24 hrs 1036 BO, 1949 BW, 1248 MCF, 31/64" Ch, CP 1075, GOR 1204. Gty 43. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1284 w/696 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5206 w/2288 sx, 7 @ 10715 w/925 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10565-15717 w/496 sx; API #30-025-41122

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Irion County

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LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3105 SUGG, 660 FEL 2180 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-291 6516', 7 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-33906

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Reagan County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H RINGO 14, 310 FSL 1730 FEL, SEC 14 BLK H, L&SV/RE RINGO SUR., A-790 9150', 10 W STILES API# 42-383-38648

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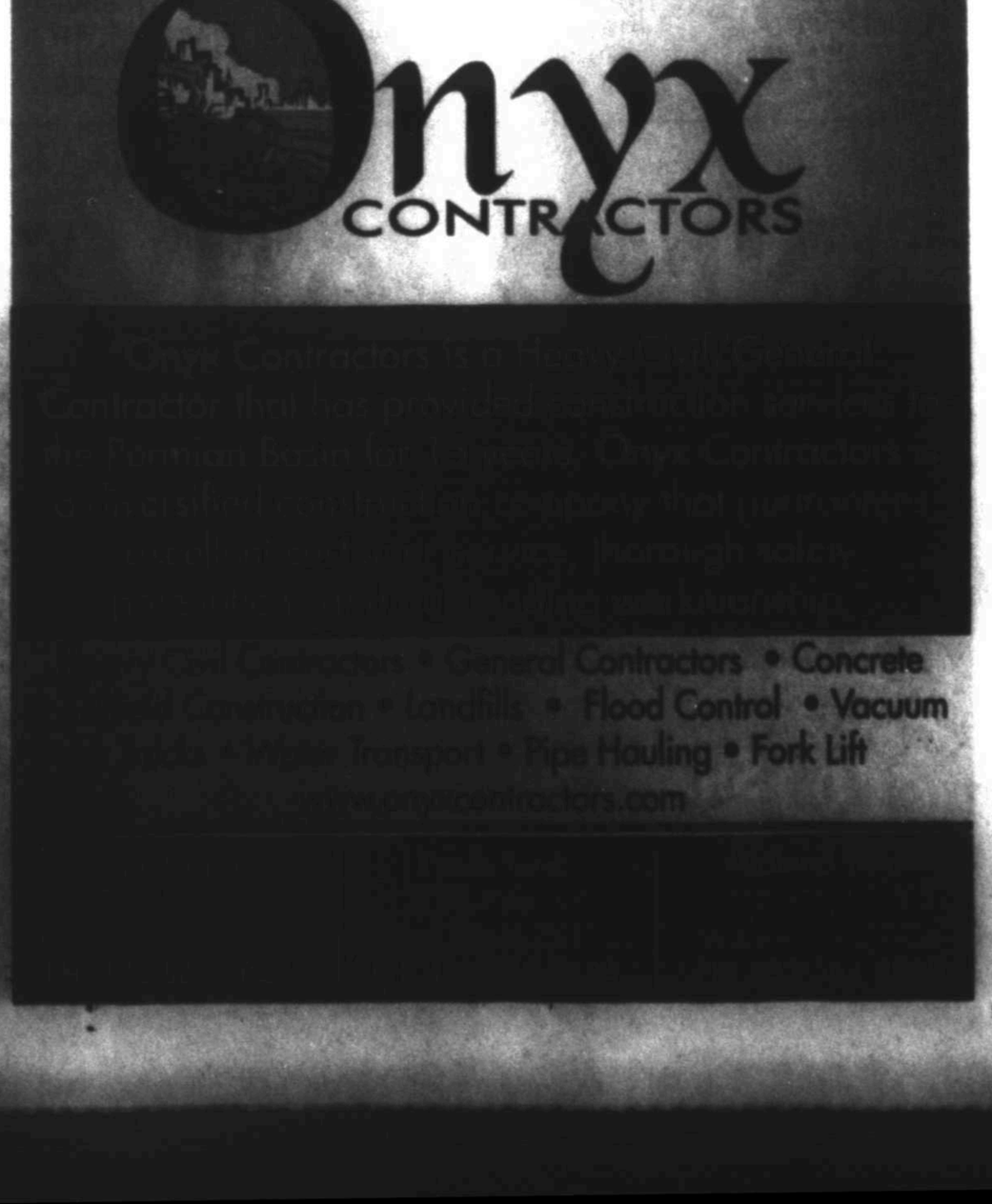

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FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2JL MUSTANG DRAW, 2965 FNL 545 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A, SR JOHNSON SUR., A-23710000', 21 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38657

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4NW MCELROY RANCH 132, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 132 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/ JT MCELROY SUR., A-1465 11100', 11 NE CRANE API# 42-461-39262

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 MCELROY RANCH A 135, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 135 BLK E, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-78 10600', 10 NE CRANE API# 42-461-39277

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 TXL S 39-2, 800 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-447 11400', 25 S MIDLAND API# 42-461-39313

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32H NEAL RANCH 47, 250 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 96 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/ WW BRUNSON SUR., A-1381 15000', 22 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39260

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 18H TXL 39, 50 FNL 2605 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-505 12000', 23 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39261

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32H TXL 33, 190 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-502 12000', 24 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39259

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D UNIVERSITY 3-14, 2628 FSL 2472 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U14 9300', 6 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39306

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1DH PEMBROOK, 503 FSL 563 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-14 5600', 13 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39315

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 5D XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 5019 FSL 2747 FWL, SEC 2, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-543 5300', 16 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39304

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 4D XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 5363 FNL 2365 FEL, THROCKMORTON CSL LEAGUE 4 SUR., A-545 5250', 20 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39305

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2710 KASSIDY, 467 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11200', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39297

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 HIRSCHE E, 2159 FSL 1550 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-437 12000', 10 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39303

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION, THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1603H CARMICHAEL, 400 FSL 2390 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A41, PSL/N POWELL SUR., A-1609 7500', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46015

APACHE CORPORATION, MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CARMICHAEL CF, 685 FNL 1625 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A41, PSL/N POWELL SUR., A-1608 6900', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46017

BROKEN ARROW SWD, LLC, MEANS DRILL (WIW) Well# 1 DONNA JEAN 22, 1239 FNL 2375 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A45, WH MCCONNICO/ GE & AW MOXLEY SUR., A-1991 3100', 1 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46027

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, NOLLEY (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL Well# 14 HR COPE, 750 FWL 1450 FSL, SEC 314, GAINES CSL SUR., A-735 9500', 16 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46037

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, NOLLEY (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL Well# 13 HR COPE, 1840 FWL 1640 FSL, SEC 314, GAINES CSL SUR., A-735 9500', 16 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46036

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MITCHELL B, 886 FEL 2173 FSL, SEC 30 BLK 3, PSL/WD MCCARLEY SUR., A-2005 11500', 6 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45931

FORGE ENERGY, LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 419H FIRENZE, 210 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A33, PSL/SC SHERROD SUR., A-638 4800', 19 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46021

J. CLEO THOMPSON , MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 318 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 1926 FSL 1082 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A35, PSL/ JF BUSTIN SUR., A-694 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46042

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 210 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 605 FNL 2637 FEL, SEC 16 BLK A35, PSL/JM MOORMAN SUR., A-1169 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46040

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 316 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 1166 FNL 458 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A35, PSL/ JF BUSTIN SUR., A-694 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46044

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 29 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 593 FNL 1080 FEL, SEC 16 BLK A35, PSL/JM MOORMAN SUR., A-1169 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46039

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 317 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 2102 FNL 1049 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A35, PSL/ JF BUSTIN SUR., A-694 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46043

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 416 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 1280 FSL 2110 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A35, PSL/ JF BUSTIN SUR., A-694 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46041

MEWBOURNE OIL CO., ANDECTOR (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY B11 6, 150 FNL 500 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U327 8000', 16 SW FRANKEL CITY API# 42-003-45891

RING ENERGY, INC., NW BLK A-34 (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 3 FISHER 8, 823 FNL 586 FEL, SEC 25 BLK A34, PSL/MRS B FISHER SUR., A-1931 6750', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46034

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1706 CROSS BAR RANCH, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-14 12000', 22 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46035

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1705 CROSS BAR RANCH, 660 FNL 735 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-14 12000', 22 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46033

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2017WA CROSS BAR RANCH, 2235 FSL 2330 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ G REIGER SUR., A-793 12000', 23 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45999

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1812 CROSS BAR RANCH, 660 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/LL REIGER SUR., A-1743 12000', 23 W STANTON API# 42-003-46031

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SD HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 28 WN WADDELL ET AL, 440 FSL 440 FEL, SEC 29 BLK B26, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1272 4850', 18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-02323

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SD HILLS(SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 552W WN WADDELL ET AL, 2085 FSL 555 FEL, SEC 18 BLK B26, PSL/ WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1265 4950', 18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-02002

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (CLR FRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 117 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1338 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 21 BLK B26, PSL/ WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1268 4800', 18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-02407

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1229 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 1336 FEL 2171 FSL, SEC 10 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36316

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SAND HILLS (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 517H MB MCKNIGHT, 467 FSL 2330 FWL, SEC 3 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1110 9000', 22 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36312

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, RUNNING W (WICH-ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 487H MB MCKNIGHT, 515 FSL 2400 FEL, SEC 30 BLK B22, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1121 9000', 21 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36311

LRE OPERATING, LLC, LEA (SAN ANDRES) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CB & BT COWDEN 37, 590 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 37 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-32 6401', 6 SW CRANE API# 42-103-34993

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 202H CARPENTER B UNIT, 417 FSL 1916 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/ EC JENNINGS SUR., A-1436 8500', 50 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32662

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2803H DR STATE EAST, 10 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/IJ BELL SUR., A-4756 10500', 58 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32658

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1803H DR STATE EAST, 10 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/IJ BELL TRUSTEE SUR. A-6977 10000', 61 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32659

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 812H DR STATE EAST, 10 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/IJ BELL SUR., A-4751 10500', 60 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32660

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3003H DR STATE EAST, 10 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/ PV HOLLEBEKE SUR., A-5569 10000', 60 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32657

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1213H DR STATE CENTRAL, 10 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 61 T1S, T&P/IJ BELL SUR., A-4759 8500', 62 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32661

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 401H BRONCO WC, 300 FSL 525 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 58 T2S, T&P/JT ALLEN SUR., A-20 10600', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32655

Ector County

APACHE CORPORATION, GOLDSMITH (CLR-FRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1033H TXL NORTH UNIT, 1005 FNL 2200 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 45 T1S, T&P SUR., A-371 7200', 2 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42958

APACHE CORPORATION, GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1034H TXL NORTH UNIT, 512 FNL 797 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/ER THOMAS SUR., A-1282 7200', 2 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42959

APACHE CORPORATION, TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5215 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1320 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-384 7000', 7 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42984

APACHE CORPORATION, GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1035H TXL NORTH UNIT, 390 FNL 2315 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/ER THOMAS SUR., A-1282 7200', 3 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42960

APACHE CORPORATION, GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1036H TXL NORTH UNIT, 480 FSL 2190 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/ER THOMAS SUR., A-1282 7200', 3 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42962

APACHE CORPORATION, GOLDSMITH (CLR-FRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1032H TXL NORTH UNIT, 750 FNL 1080 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 45 T1S, T&P SUR., A-371 7200', 2 SE NOTREES API# 42-135-42957

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 908E FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE B, 600 FSL 1080 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-160 11200', 10 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42975

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 909E FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE B, 660 FNL 1050 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-160 11200', 10 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42974

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 902E FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE B, 660 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-160 11200', 10 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42965

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 3 HOGAN, 1670 FSL 1100 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/JH SCHLITTLER SUR., A-646 10620', 5 S ODESSA API# 42-135-40517

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (HOLT) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 86 EMBAR, 1325 FNL 2675 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-260 6000', 22 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-36872

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 250 CLYDE COWDEN, 10 FNL 125 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7100', 13 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-42949

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 246 CLYDE COWDEN, 2540 FNL 2565 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JW BUCHANAN SUR., A-697 7200', 14 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-42961

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., PENWELL (O) DRILL Well# 1610 EAST PENWELL SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2509 FNL 2528 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 35, UL SUR., A-U2 4000', 2 S PENWELL API# 42-135-42964

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 181RW GOLDSMITH LANDRETH-SAN ANDRES UT, 383 FSL 2167 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ GS WIGHT SUR., A-826 4600', 4 W GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42951

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 209RW GOLDSMITH LANDRETH-SAN ANDRES UT, 1246 FNL 1224 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-267 4600', 4 W GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42953

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 289RW GOLDSMITH LANDRETH-SAN ANDRES UT, 2175 FSL 1967 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-267 4600', 4 W GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42955

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 207RW GOLDSMITH LANDRETH-SAN ANDRES UT, 1178 FNL 2225 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-267 4600', 3 W GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42952

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 232RW GOLDSMITH LANDRETH-SAN ANDRES UT, 2214 FSL 1225 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 44 T1N, T&P

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SUR., A-267 4600', 4 W GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42954

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2422 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 81 FNL 2058 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JC BEATY SUR., A-685 6930', 4 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42948

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2424 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2657 FSL 672 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JC BEATY SUR., A-685 6970', 4 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42963

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2907H BALLENGER, 200 FNL 1971 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-136 9800', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36414

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2908H BALLENGER, 200 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-136 9800', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36412

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2906H BALLENGER, 254 FNL 1971 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-136 9800', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36413

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 MCDANIEL 13, 686 FWL 1805 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 7 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36427

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 MCDANIEL 13, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 7 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-34739

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MCDANIEL 13, 657 FWL 2275 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 6 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36426

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 DANIEL 3, 2160 FSL 1900 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-361 12000', 11 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36402

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H ANGELINA SN 33-28, 2340 FSL 517 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-185 9500', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36407

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 4 DANIEL 11, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-365 11500', 11 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36405

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DANIEL 7A, 660 FNL 2130 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-268 11500', 9 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36411

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 6 DANIEL 22, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ MH WILLIAMSON SUR., A-1072 11500', 13 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36404

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DANIEL 22A, 2070 FNL 2123 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ MH WILLIAMSON SUR., A-1072 11500', 13 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36405

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H ANGELINA SN 33-28, 2340 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-185 9500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36406

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., ROBLE GRANDE (STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (HRZ) (WDFRD) Well# 453SB LANE TRUST D, 467 FNL 1390 FWL, SEC 45 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-1154 11900', 14 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36410

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LPI-HOELSCHER 44 UNIT, 420 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ PC DUNBAR SUR., A-976 12000', 4 N ST LAWRENCE API# 42-173-36420

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 NEWMAN A, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 1 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-380 11100', 21 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36401

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 WITT 24, 2040 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ GB CHAMBERS SUR., A-1092 10950', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36417

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 WOODY 10, 607 FNL 2504 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/ L BOATNER SUR., A-923 11150', 16 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36418

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 CHEATHAM 19, 467 FNL 965 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-302 11050', 16 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36419

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CORSON A, 2170 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-304 11000', 15 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36416

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CATHEY 16, 660 FNL 760 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 31 T1N, T&P/FT POLLARD SUR., A-1082 8810', 10 NE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-36645

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 STALLINGS 10, 2023 FSL 1088 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/ WL SHUMAKE SUR., A-1206 9600', 6 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37840

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 ROGERS 34, 2101 FSL 2170 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ JT MAULDIN SUR., A-1296 12000', 5 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-37881

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 MARIE HALL 30, 475 FEL 2150 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 33 T3N, T&P/ CT ALLEN SUR., A-1234 12000', 4 SE ACKERLY API# 42-227-37883

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 9 GUITAR GALUSHA, 475 FWL 475 FSL, SEC 20 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-569 12000', 8 S KNOTT API# 42-227-37892

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 2WS POWELL 36, 217 FNL 2246 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ ZT JOYNER SUR., A-1410 2000', 6 NW KNOTT API# 42-227-37882

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC, PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HAMILTON 26, 1915 FEL 1979 FNL, SEC 26 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/ MV OXSHEER SUR., A-1415 11500', 15 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37888

MERIT ENERGY CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 19 LR & WN REED, 376 FNL 685 FEL, SEC 141 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-479 3600', 6 E FORSAN API# 42-227-10021

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3522 WEBER, 2000 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-335 10650', 5 E KNOTT API# 42-227-37885

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3741 STALLINGS ADKINS, 660 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-542 11000', 10 W ELBOW API# 42-227-37884

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1334 WALDRON, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-409 10700', 4 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-37887

TRILOGY OPERATING INC., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BOA NORTH, 467 FEL 2310 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/ BH SETTLES SUR., A-1353 11000', 10 SE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37890

Loving County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BRUNSON 26-17, 467 FWL 1320 FSL, SEC 17 BLK C26, PSL/GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1015 14500', 14 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32134

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JONES RANCH 33-77 LOV UNIT 1, 1100 FNWL 5097 FNEL, SEC 77 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-6 12000', 3 S MENTONE API# 42-301-32051

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JONES RANCH 33-77 LOV UNIT 2, 5102 FNEL 1140 FNWL, SEC 77 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-6 12000', 3 S MENTONE API# 42-301-32055

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H JONES RANCH 33-77 LOV UNIT 1, 1120 FNWL 5097 FNEL, SEC 77 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-6 12000', 3 S MENTONE API# 42-301-32052

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1SL TAHITI 55-2-15 LOV, 450 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 55 T2, T&P SUR., A-123 12500', 12 NW LOVING API# 42-301-32133

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1V UNIVERSITY 19-23 LOV, 467 FSWL 467 FSEL, SEC 23 BLK 19, UL SUR., A-U23 12200', 12 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32138

Martin County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 503 HOLT RANCH, 467 FNL 901 FEL, HARTLEY CSL/ LEAGUE 249/ LABOR 5 SUR., A-601 12300', 12 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39207

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1504 HOLT RANCH, 467 FNL 901 FEL, HARTLEY CSL/ LEAGUE 249/ LABOR 15 SUR., A-601 12300', 12 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39211

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 SLAUGHTER 7, 825 FWL 1706 FNL, SEC 7 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-538 11030', 4 W ACKERLY API# 42-317-39219

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 JD 9, 760 FEL 1080 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-110 10766', 5 NE STANTON API# 42-317-39241

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 CRABTREE 25, 475 FWL 1600 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 36 T1N, T&P SUR., A-139 12000', 7 N STANTON API# 42-317-39240

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 WELCH 39, 1915 FEL 2430 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 37 T2N, T&P SUR., A-255 12000', 3 SE TARZAN API# 42-317-39281

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BLAGRAVE 58, 660 FEL 2178 FSL, SEC 58 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-334 12000', 6 W KNOTT API# 42-317-39282

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 401H JONES HOLTON, 4250 FSL 5030 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 9500', 6 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39269

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 MABEE B, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 3 BLK H A, HA MOORE SUR., A-918 14000', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39220

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H DOROTHY FAYE K, 1 FNL 467 FEL, GARZA CSL LGE 319 LAB 14 SUR., A-998 10100', 10 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39274

LINN OPERATING, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3H JENKINS, 2180 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-42 11500', 17 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-39208

LINN OPERATING, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3D JENKINS, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-42 11000', 17 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-39209

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 2141WW SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 683 FEL 1027 FNL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-307 2500', 10 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-39288

OXY USA, INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 108 MABEE 239D, 1552 FNL 2087 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-406 12500', 16 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-39218

PETROPLEX ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 GRAHAM 17, 372 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 36 T1S, T&P SUR., A-203 12000', 3 W STANTON API# 42-317-39168

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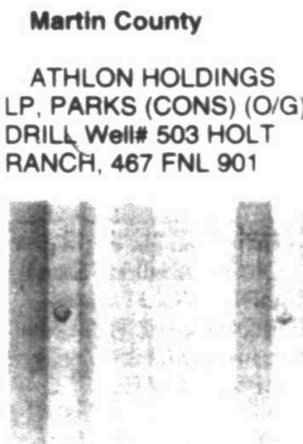

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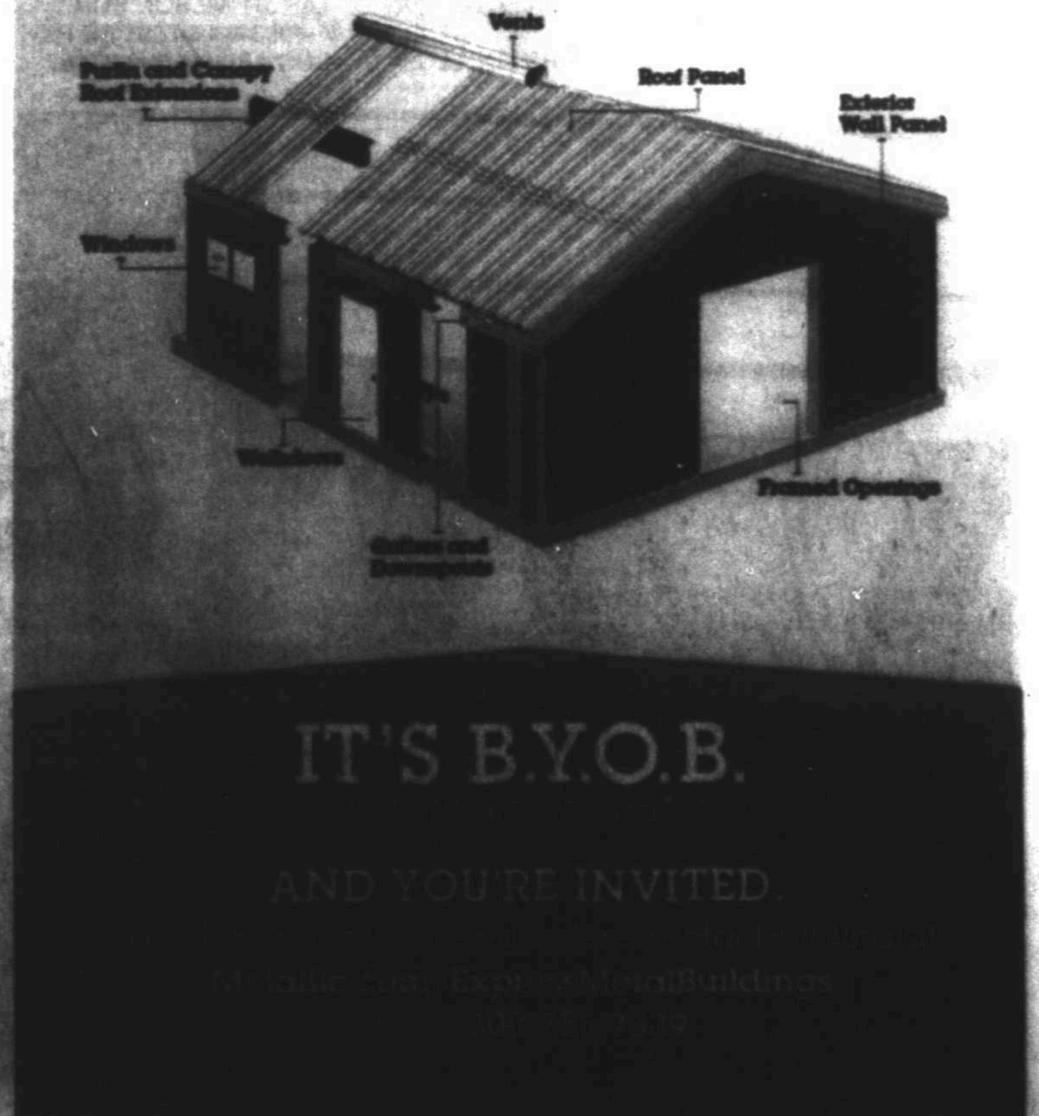

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RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ABRAXAS 32, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/R WARE SUR., A-840 11000', 22 N STANTON API# 42-317-39222

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 1WB MABEE C, 2656 FNL 517 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-369 10100', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39245

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 3SS MABEE C, 1781 FNL 216 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-369 9400', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39246

ROFF OPER. CO., LLC, BREEDLOVE (O) DRILL Well# 51 FD BREEDLOVE B, 467 FEL 745 FSL, SEC 258, BRISCOE CSL SUR., A-597 13000', 18 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39271

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 408 JOHNSON RANCH, 1870 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-725 12000', 22 W STANTON API# 42-317-39221

W & T OFFSHORE, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H CHABLIS, 5417 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 8 BLK H A, JH O'BRIEN SUR., A-948 11500',15 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39224

Midland County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 WINDHAM 37A, 1036 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-291 11200', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39133

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4102M SCHARBAUER C, 660 FNL 520 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39212

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4101M SCHARBAUER C, 660 FNL 2080 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39214

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4110M SCHARBAUER C, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39213

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4414 ST, 1957 FWL 802 FSL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ W LARGENT SUR., A-800 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39188

DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 GERONIMO 15, 1500 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 41 T4S, T&P SUR., A-398 10600', 24 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39206

DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC., BRADFORD RNCH (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 JW 7, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-198 10500', 11 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39139

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, MID-MAR (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 5 ELKIN 26, 467 FEL 2055 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/ SP CARROLL SUR., A-1019 12000', 5 NW GREENWOOD API# 42-329-39184

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 102D NICKEL, 330 FNL 1200 FWL, SEC 1 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-11 12000', 4 N MIDLAND API# 42-329-39143

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 101D NICKEL, 330 FNL 1160 FWL, SEC 1 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-11 12000', 4 N MIDLAND API# 42-329-39142

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BRIDGEWATER B, 1980 FNL 2115 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 38 T2S, T&P SUR., A-162 11950', 8 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39117

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LONG C, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/ HM HALFF SUR., A-1402 11900', 6 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39183

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1821H MIDKIFF, 205 FSL 1570 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1390 10500', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39134

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1822H MIDKIFF, 205 FSL 1595 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1390 10500', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39135

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3909MS PARKS BELL, 2607 FSL 250 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 13 W MIDLAND API# 42-329-39140

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 103 SPANISH TRAIL, 467 FNL 1795 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-263 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39114

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1113 STO SEC 11, 677 FNL 1002 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-52 12000', 6 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39128

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3909WB PARKS BELL, 2607 FSL 290 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 13 W MIDLAND API# 42-329-39141

RUST OIL CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2 SMITH-HUGHES 9, 200 FEL 2350 FSL, SEC 9 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1275 11500', 1 N MIDLAND API# 42-329-39236

Pecos County

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1V WINFIELD RANCH PAISANO, 5687 FSL 1000 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 198, WB TUNNELL/ F OLGUIN SUR., A-5993 9800', 10 SE FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39162

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1V WINFIELD RANCH PUEBLO, 1000 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 172, CSD&RGNG SUR., A-3803 9500', 12 SE FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39159

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1V WINFIELD RANCH REDBARN, 1000 FEL 2366 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 172, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-3802 9800', 11 SE FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39158

Reeves County

ARABELLA PETRO. CO., LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WOODS STATE, 330 FNL 2085 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/ SA WOODS SUR., A-2786 13500', 18 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34154

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE DIAMOND BACK 57-T3-4, 225 S 710 W, SEC 45 BLK 57 T2, T&P SUR., A-639 14000', 5 SW ORLA API# 42-389-34162

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3701H FRANCHISE WC, 2560 FSL 480 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-652 10700', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-389-34148

DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 GREENWOOD, 467 FSL 617 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/SA WOODS SUR., A-2785 13000', 13 E VERHALEN API# 42-389-34151

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H RON 56-8 UNIT, 250 FNL 876 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 56, PSL/AR NISBET SUR., A-2377 11000', 15 SW ORLA API# 42-389-34143

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H KLIPSPRINGER STATE 24, 200 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 50 T8S, T&P/JR WILSON SUR., A-4983 13000', 31 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34157

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H KLIPSPRINGER STATE 24, 230 FNL 1010 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 50 T8S, T&P/ JR WILSON SUR., A-4983 13000', 31 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34158

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 29 PERKINS F, 8730 FSWL 988 FNWL, SEC 2 BLK 6, H&GN/B RANDALS SUR., A-4882 6700', 4 E PECOS API# 42-389-34155

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL Well# 17 MATTHEWS CAMP A, 7598 FSWL 380 FSEL, SEC 3 BLK 6, H&GN SUR., A-13 6500', 4 E PECOS API# 42-389-34156

PATRIOT RES., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MEERKAT 17, 200 FNL 1500 FEL, SEC 8 BLK C5, PSL/ZT WILCOX SUR., A-1358 13000', 20 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34147

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BIG NOSE GEORGE STATE 12, 470 FSL 650 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 5, H&GN/F JOPLIN SUR., A-4740 13000', 4 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34150

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H CHEVY 17, 210 FSL 1720 FEL, SEC 17 BLK C6, PSL/NB TEAGUE SUR., A-1276 11500', 12 E PECOS API# 42-389-34159

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BIG NOSE GEORGE STATE 12, 600 FEL 1644 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 5, H&GN/D BELINKOFF/ M WINKLER SUR., A-5919 13000', 3 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34152

Ward County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HR COOPERSMITH 34-139, 305 FNL 1560 FWL, SEC 139 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-247 14000', 6 SE BARSTOW API# 42-475-36671

ARRINGTON O&G OPER. LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H HELLBENDER STATE 150, 300 FSWL 500 FSEL, SEC 150 BLK 34, H&TC/ EJ HOFFMAN SUR., A-1166 11300', 6 E BARSTOW API# 42-475-36665

ATLANTIC EXPL., LLC, MARSTON RNCH (CLR-FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LAWRENCE, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B29, PSL/ MRS CM SHELBY SUR., A-681 6000', 9 SE MONAHANS API# 42-475-36668

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 42-18, 1880 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 18, UL SUR. 11500', 4 W PYOTE API# 42-475-36669

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL Well# 25 BRAMAN MINERALS, 7007 FNEL 1306 FSEL, SEC 45 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-167 6600', 2 NE PECOS API# 42-475-36672

P.O.&G. OPERATING, LLC, N WARD-ESTES (O) DRILL Well# 214 STATE OF TEXAS E, 210 FNL 3176 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 16, UL SUR., A-U6 3000', 9 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-36674

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MASONIC 72 WRD UNIT, 225 FNWL 686 FNEL, SEC 72, MRS PA BLACK/ CS MAJORS SUR., A-873 11500', 10 NW BARSTOW API# 42-475-36652

WALSH & WATTS, INC., SHIPLEY (GLORIETA) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 87 WRISTEN BROTHERS, 800 FNEL 1600 FSEL, SE 18 BLK 5, H&TC/W WRISTEN SUR., A-1288 4200', 2 NE GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-10893

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1267R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 990 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32853

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1224W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32821

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 336R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-02339

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1229W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32818

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1228W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32890

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Borden County

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 3055 CANON RANCH UNIT, 1294 FNL 1238 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/ WA BEDELL SUR., A-1460 8500', 15 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32321

Cottle County

GUNN OIL CO., VOG (CONGL) (G) DRILL Well# 1 ROCHELLE, 1625 FWL 1680 FNL, SEC 2, H&GN/ IL PICKRING SUR., A-1404 13750', 4 N CHALK API# 42-101-30720

Dawson County

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, LIBERTY (MISS) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 GRAHAM 22, 2174 FWL 990 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 36 T4N, T&P/ JO SPRAWLS SUR., A-1272 12000', 1/2 NE KLONDIKE API# 42-115-33511

SDX RESOURCES INC., DEROEN (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 JETER 27 A, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 34 T5N, T&P SUR., A-77 11000', 10 SE LAMESA API# 42-115-33654

Gaines County

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 903 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 662 FSL 2081 FEL, SEC 452 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ SB & W PIERSON SUR., A-1917 11090', 10 SE DENVER CITY API# 42-165-02473

Hockley County

ROCKER A OPERATING, CO., LEEPER (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 212 YOUNG-PACE A, 467 FWL 1400 FSL, SEC 33, BAYLOR CSL/LG 33/ LB 19 SUR., A-5 6700', 10 S LEVELLAND API# 42-219-37318

Motley County

E. N. PATTON OIL CO., INC., THE 8TH DIMENSION (O) DRILL (CNYN RF) Well# 2 TAYLOR, 1848 FNL 2167 FWL, SEC 151 BLK M, MATADOR CATTLE CO SUR., A-581 5500', 19 NE MATADOR API# 42-345-30329

Scurry County

FOUR C OIL & GAS CORP., S HERMLEIGH (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SCHWADE-STEPHENS UNIT, 2034 FSL 510 FEL, SEC 90 BLK 3, H&TC/ WL TURDEVANT SUR., A-2177 8000', 5 NE HERMLEIGH API# 42-415-35011

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2909 DENVER UNIT, 1653 FNL 1644 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01727

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(REC) (DIREC) Well# 2867 DENVER CITY, 160 FNL 397 FEL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35014

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL Well# 2703 GIBSON UNIT, 2114 FNL 731 FWL, SEC 824 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ EW WHINERY SUR., A-656 8700', 5 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36359

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2914WC DENVER UNIT, 2315 FNL 983 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01723

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2904W DENVER UNIT, 330 FNL 323 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 5 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01730

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (37) (RECOMP) Well# 2825WC DENVER UNIT, 1546 FSL 444 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-30434

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2902WC DENVER UNIT, 442 FNL 2202 FWL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-02836

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2832W DENVER UNIT, 850 FNL 1096 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-31306

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2822W DENVER UNIT, 2266 FNL 10 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-30438

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2907W DENVER UNIT, 994 FNL 2306 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01725

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (REC) (DIREC) Well# 2866 DENVER UNIT, 165 FNL 2234 FEL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35013

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2964 DENVER UNIT, 1450 FNL 1220 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35402

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RCMP) (DIRC) (INJ) Well# 2947 DENVER UNIT, 153 FNL 880 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-34053

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2938 DENVER UNIT, 1793 FSL 1621 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32295

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2921WC DENVER UNIT, 1031 FSL 2306 FWL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01202

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2951 DENVER UNIT, 1583 FNL 2570 FEL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-34147

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2803 DENVER UNIT, 443 FNL 2200 FEL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-02365

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (REC) (DIREC) Well# 2865 DENVER UNIT, 160 FNL 1301 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35012

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2955 DENVER UNIT, 1527 FNL 2177 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-34725

New Mexico

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Spunky BUK St Com #1
Undesignated; Sec 2 T26S R26E; 200/S & 660/E; 9 mi SW Black River; Rot 11953 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42304

COG Operating LLC
Graham Cracker 2 State #1
S Red Bluff; Sec 2 T26S R28E; 600/S & 580/E; 10 1/2 mi S Malaga; Rot 12407 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42282

COG Operating LLC
Graham Cracker 2 State #2
S Red Bluff; Sec 2 T26S R28E; 210/S & 1700/E; 10 1/2 mi S Malaga; Rot 12811 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42283

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed 22 #3
Corral Canyon; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 50/S & 530/W; 14 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 11701 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42285

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed 22 #4
S Corral Canyon; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 50/S & 555/W; 14 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12069 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42286

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed 22 #7
S Corral Canyon; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 250/S & 990/E; 14 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12025 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42287

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed 22 #8
S Corral Canyon; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 250/S & 965/E; 14 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 11734 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42288

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #38
E Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26SR30E; 1840/N & 1980/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-42295

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #39
E Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1650/N & 2310/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-42296

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #40
E Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1650/N & 990/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-42297

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #111
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 2100/N & 1980/E; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6152 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42312

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #106
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 1650/N & 1090/W; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42343

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #21
NW Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 1905/N & 1980/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42334

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #22
NW Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 790/N & 330/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42335

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #23
NW Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2265/N & 330/E; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42336

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #24
NW Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 984/N & 243/E; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42337

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #26
NW Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2270/S & 1650/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42338

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #29
NWRed Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 360/S & 990/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42339

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Malco B 6 P Fed #11
Red Lake; Sec 6 T18S R27E; 800/S & 455/E; 6 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4363 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42319

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Compton 8 G Fed #6
Red Lake; Sec 8 T18S R27E; 1700/N & 1700/E; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4750 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42344

Ray Westall Operating Inc.
Two Forks State #2
SWD-Re-entry Brothers, PA, Orig TD 11088; Sec 2 T18S R28E; 1600/S & 600/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 9806 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-25015

COG Operating LLC
Hearse 36 St Com #7
N Seven Rivers; Sec 36 T19S R25E; 150/S & 990/E; 4 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7758 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42325

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Helios 6 Fed Com #4
N Hackberry; Sec 6 T19S R31E; 25/S & 1800/E; 10 mi SE Loco Hills; Rot 12600 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42316

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Hadar 10 Fed Com #2
N Hackberry; Sec 11 T19S R31E; 1930/N & 50/W; 10 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13885 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42346

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mizar 11 Fed Com #2
Greenwood; Sec 11 T19S R31E; 1980/N & 50/W; 10 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13803 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42345

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Vega 29 Federal #4
Hackberry; Sec 20 T19S R31E; 460/S & 777/E; 11 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13477 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42347

XTO Energy Inc.
Avalon Delaware Unit #239
Avalon; Sec 30 T20S R28E; 2440/S & 2158/W; 7 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 3900 Delaware; API #30-015-42329

XTO Energy Inc.
Avalon Delaware Unit #255
Avalon; Sec 30 T20S R28E; 1160/S & 2195/W; 7 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 3900 Delaware; API #30-015-42330

COG Operating LLC
Crapshoot 13 Federal #1
Parkway; Sec 24 T20S R29E; 230/N & 1040/E; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13402 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42323

Mewbourne Oil Co.
True Grit 8 B3BO Fed Com #1
Azotea Mesa; Sec 8 T22S R25E; 402/N & 1915/E; 8 1/2 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 11950 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42333

Mack Energy Corp.
Cascade Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 32 T22S R27E; 1650/S & 1650/E; 2 mi W Otis; Rot 9500 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42320

Mack Energy Corp.
Old Cavern Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 32 T22S R27E; 1650/S & 2160/W; 2 mi W Otis; Rot 9250 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42355

Mack Energy Corp.
Helper Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 34 T22S R27E; 1828/N & 2087/W; Otis; Rot 9360 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42350

Mack Energy Corp.
Grand Canyon Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 35 T22S R27E; 330/N & 2135/E; 1/2 mi E Otis; Rot 9500 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42322

Mack Energy Corp.
Snowy River Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 35 T22S R27E; 1700/S & 880/E; 1/2 mi E Otis; Rot 9400 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42354

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #195
Los Medanos; Sec 36 T22S R30E; 800/S & 330/E; 15 1/2 mi NE Loving; Rot 20834 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42324

Mack Energy Corp.
Bounds Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 28 T23S R27E; 330/S & 1650/E; 5 mi W Loving; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42340

Mack Energy Corp.
Bounds Fee #2
Cass Draw; Sec 28 T23S R27E; 330/S & 330/E; 5 mi W Loving; Rot 9350 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42349

Mack Energy Corp.
Bounds Fee #3
Cass Draw; Sec 28 T23S R27E; 1650/S & 1650/E; 5 mi W Loving; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42341

Mack Energy Corp.
Bounds Fee #4
Cass Draw; Sec 28 T23S R27E; 1650/S & 330/E; 5 mi W Loving; Rot 9350 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42342

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #217
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 200/S & 1400/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15346 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42318

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Collossal BUO State #2
Undesignated; Sec 32 T23S R27E; 600/S & 200/E; 4 1/2 mi NE Black River; Rot 11820 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42315

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Layla 35 B2 NC Fee #2
S Culebra Bluff; Sec 35 T23S R28E; 185/S & 1670/W; 2 1/2 mi N Malaga; Rot 12900 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42353

XTO Energy Inc.
Nash Unit #54Y
Nash Draw; Sec 13 T23S R29E; 1822/N & 909/W; 9 mi NE Loving; Rot 6791 Delaware; API #30-015-42311

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cottontail Draw Unit #244
Paduca; Sec 36 T24S R31E; 200/N & 500/W; 20 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16185 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42331

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cottontail 16 St Com #1
SE Willow Lake; Sec 16 T25S R29E; 150/S & 1950/E; 13 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13321 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42321

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Ut #216
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 200/S & 1450/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15152 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42317

COG Operating LLC
Pine Springs 2 St SWD #1
SWD; Sec 2 T26S R25E; 2500/S & 2500/W; 7 mi S White City; Rot 14000 Devonian; API #30-015-42348

COG Oprerating LLC
Graham Cracker 16 St #7
Hay Hollow; Sec 16 T26S R28E; 135/N & 1810/E; 12 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13793 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42332

COG Operating LLC
Way South State Com #6
Hay Hollow; Sec 30 T26S R28E; 550/N & 190/W; 15 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12365 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42326

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Mack Energy Corp.
Cougar State #1
Corbin; Sec 36 T17S R32E; 330/N & 990/E; 4 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 9200 Abo; API #30-025-41770

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Scharb 10 B30B St #1
Quail Ridge; Sec 10 T19S R34E; 185/S & 1980/E; 11 1/2 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 15400 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41775

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Laguna "16" St #5
Salt Lake; Sec 16 T20S R32E; 330/S & 330/W; 7 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14215 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41771

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Hudson St 8016 JV-P #3
S Ojo Chiso; Sec 2 T23S R34E; 2470/N & 430/E; 10 mi N Ochoa; Rot 18165 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41773

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #29
West Triple X; Sec 21 T24S R33E; 200/S & 2240/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41767

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #39
West Triple X; Sec 22 T24S R33E; 200/S & 1520/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41768

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #41
West Triple X; Sec 22 T24S R33E; 300/S & 1475/E; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41766

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #42
West Triple X; Sec 22 T24S R33E; 200/S & 275/E; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41769

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Cooper Jal Unit #604
Jalmat; Sec 24 T24S 36E; 240/S & 2196/W; 4 mi NW Jal; Rot 3850 Queen; API #30-025-41765

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Nervosa BTT State Com #1
North Berry; Sec 24 T21S R33E; 2440/N & 760E; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 18077 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41753

Endurance Resources Inc.
Telecaster 30 Federal #2
West Antelope Ridge; Sec 30 T23S R34E; 330/N & 1800/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14945 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41747

BC Operating Inc.
Berry SWD #1
SWD; Sec 35 T20S R34E; 1620/S & 304/E; 12 mi SE Halfway; Rot 6159 Cherry Canyon/Brushy Canyon; API #30-025-41703

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #28
W Triple X; Sec 21 T24S R33E; 200/S & 2290/W; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41710

ConocoPhillips Co.
Red Hills W 16 St TC #12
Jennings; Sec 16 T26S R32E; 349/N & 330/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15390 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41706

Matador Production Co.
Olivine State #1
Dean; Sec 5 T16S R37E; 660/N & 920/E; 4 mi E Lovington; Rot 13000 Penn; API #30-025-41718

COG Operating LLC
Sneed 9 Federal #7
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2260/N & 1785/W; 1mi SE Maljamar; Rot 7000 Yeso; API #30-025-41740

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Weissbeir 23 #1
Hobbs Channel; Sec 14 T17S R37E; 265/S & 1350/E; 2 1/2 mi N Humble City; Rot 14281 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41715

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Weissbeir 23 #2
Hobbs Channel; Sec 14 T17S R37E; 265/S & 1300/W; 2 1/2 mi N Humble City; Rot 14229 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41716

EOG Resources Inc.
Mayan 16 State Com #1
S Corbin; Sec 16 T18S R33E; 180/S & 960/E; 10 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 16035 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41717

Harvey E. Yates Co.
Airstrip 31 State Com #2
Airstrip; Sec 31 T18S R35E; 150/S & 330/W; 6 1/2 mi S Buckeye; Rot 15185 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41678

Endurance Resources LLC
Explorer 12 Fed #1
W Tonto; Sec 12 T19S R32E; 330/N & 330/W; 8 1/2 mi NE Halfway; Rot 14125 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41721

COG Operating LLC
Tomcat Fee #1
Scharb; Sec 8 T19S R35E; 370/N & 760/W; 7 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 15053 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41714

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #398
Eunice Monument; Sec 25 T19S R36E;155/N & 1330/E; 2 mi W Monument; Rot 4200 Grayburg; API #30-025-41724

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #395
Eunice Monument; Sec 36 T19S R36E; 1070/S & 175/W; 2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41722

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #396
Eunice Monument; Sec 36 T19S R36E; 180/S & 185/W; 2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41723

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #399
Eunice Monument; Sec 19 T19S R37E; 1180/S & 205/W; 2 mi NW Monument; Rot 4200 Grayburg; API #30-025-41725

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit 436
Eunice Monument; Sec 30 T19S R37E; 1625/S & 115/E; 1 1/2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41726

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #438
Eunice Monument; Sec 31 T19S R37E; 1310/N & 2535/W; 1 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41727

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #439
Eunice Monument; Sec 32 T19S R37E; 160/N & 1775/E; 1/2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41728

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #440
Eunice Monument; Sec 32 T19S R37E; 1403/N & 1427/E; 1/2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41729

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #441
Eunice Monument; Sec 32 T19S R37E; 185/S & 1225/E; 1/2 mi SW Monument; Rot 4150 Grayburg; API #30-025-41730

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #40
W Triple X; Sec 22 T24S R33E; 200/S & 2290/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41711

COG Operating LLC
Picasso Federal Com #4
N Red Hills; Sec 9 T24S R34E; 190/S & 990/W; 3 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15485 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41734

Chevron USA Inc.
Gramma Ridge 14 24 34 #2
N Red Hills; Sec 14 T24S R34E; 330/N & 340/W; Ochoa; Rot 15415 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41731

ConocoPhillips Co.
War Hammer 25 M #1
Seismic Monitor; Sec 25 T26S R32E; 1890/S &

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DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

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1240/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14680 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41720

ConocoPhillips Co.
Battle Axe 27 M #1
Seismic Monitor; Sec 27 T26S R32E; 1943/N & 2640/E; 18 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14762 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41719

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Salado Draw 9 BO Federal Com #1
Red Hills; Sec 9 T26S R33E; 350/N & 2150/E; 11 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14178 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41732

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #701
Bradley; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 947/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16726 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41712

Mack Energy Corp.
Zues State #1
Reeves; Sec 12 T18S R35E; 2310/N & 1650/W; 6 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 11350 Penn (Strawn); API #30-025-41760

Sundown Energy LP
Bobby St WF Unit #1Y
W Arkansas Junction-Re-entry Chesapeake #1Y PA 8/19/09 TD 11050; Sec 20 T18S R36E; 1980/S & 1930/E; 3 mi NW Arkansas Junction; Rot 6750 San Andres; API #30-025-26356

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #31
Triple X; Sec 21 T24S R33E; 200/S & 1715/W; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15300 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41761

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Cooper Jal Unit #601
Jalmat; Sec 24 T24S R36E; 420/N & 1510/E; 1/2 mi W Jal; Rot 3850 Queen; API #30-025-41762

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Cooper Jal Unit #602
Jalmat; Sec 24 T24S R36E; 1180/N & 2180/E; 1/2 mi W Jal; Rot 3850 Queen; API #30-025-41763

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Cooper Jal Unit #603
Jalmat; Sec 24 T24S R36E; 675/S & 2575/E; 1/2 mi W Jal; Rot 3850 Queen; API #30-025-41764

Oxy USA WTP LP
Anderson 35 #3
Red Tank; Sec 35 T21S R32E; 1655/S & 330/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15282 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41780

Apache Corp.
McDonald State AC 2 #36
Blinebry; Sec 13 T22S R36E; 1650/N & 2260/W; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Drinkard; API #30-025-41778

Apache Corp.
McDonald State AC 2 #37
Wahtz; Sec 13 T22S R36E; 990/N & 990/E; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Abo; API #30-025-41781

Apache Corp.
McDonald State AC 2 #39
Wantz; Sec 13 T22S R36E; 2230/S & 1710/E; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Abo; API #30-025-41782

Apache Corp.
McDonald State AC 2 #40
Blinebry; Sec 13 T22S R36E; 1650/S & 950/E; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Drinkard; API #30-025-41779

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #34
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 75/S & 393/E; 8 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41789

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Mogi 9 State Com #6
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 200/S & 305/W; 8 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15300 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41784

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Mogi 9 State Com #7
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 200/S & 2025/E; 8 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15300 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41785

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Mogi 9 State Com #8
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 250/S & 970/W; 8 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41786

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Mogi 9 State Com #11
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 200/S & 350/E; 8 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41787

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #35
W Triple X; Sec 15 T24S R33E; 200/N & 970/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41790

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #36
W Triple X; Sec 15 T24S R33E; 200/N & 2290/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41791

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #32
W Triple X; Sec 16 T24S R33E; 230/N & 2410/W; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41788

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #397
Eunice Monument; Sec 35 T19S 36E; 1310/S & 1340/E; 3 mi SW Monument; Rot 3950 Grayburg; API #30-025-41798

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit 437
Eunice Monument; Sec 31 T19S R37E; 126/N & 1222/E; 1 1/2 mi SE Monument; Rot 3950 Grayburg; API #30-025-41799

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Persimmon BSS St Com #4
N Berry; Sec 24 T21S R33E; 2440/N & 660/E; 14 mi SW Halfway; Rot 18489 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41801

Adventure Exploratino Partners II LLC
Bevo 11 Federal #4
W Grama Ridge; Sec 11 T22S R33E; 330/S & 890/E; 15 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15385 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41804

COG Production LLC
Queso State #5
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 400/S & 1160/E; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14132 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41800

COG Operating LLC
Brininstool Unit #4
Cruz ; Sec 20 T23S R33E; 330/S & 752/E; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15537 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41803

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #53
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 200/N & 2030/E; 8 mi W Ochoa; Rot 11239 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41794

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #54
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 200/N & 1100/E; 8 mi W Ochoa; Rot 11239 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41795

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #59
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 200/N & 1980/E; 8 mi W Ochoa; Rot 11245 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41796

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #60
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 200/N & 1050/E; 8 mi W Ochoa; Rot 11245 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41797

Caza Operating LLC
West Copperline 29 Com #4
W Antelope Ridge; Sec 29 T23S R34E; 150/N & 660/W; 6 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15146 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41802

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #37
W Triple X; Sec 15 T24S R33E; 200/N & 1670/E; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41792

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #38
W Triple X; Sec 15 T24S R33E; 200/N & 770/E; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41793

Oxy USA Inc.
Maderal 17 Federal Com #2
SW Jabalina; Sec 17 T25S R35E; 330/N & 400/E; 5 mi SE Ochoa; Rot 13553 Delaware; API #30-025-41805

Roosevelt County

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Pep 36 State #3
E Tanneyhill; Sec 36 T5S R33E; 990/S & 430/W; 9 mi SW Dora; Rot 7930 Fusselman; API #30-041-20959

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Touch of Grey St #1
E Tanneyhill; Sec 15 T6S R34E; 1940/S & 976/W; 11 mi SW Dora; Rot 8100 Fusselman; API #30-041-20960

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Concho County

GEOSURVEYS, INC., WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CARTER, 242 FNL 862 FEL, SEC 1, MRS JT MULLINS SUR., A-1174 3990', 15 NW EDEN API# 42-095-32403

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Pecos County

AEGIS FLUIDS MANAGEMENT, LLC, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 AEGIS THIGPIN B, 678 FSL 713 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 178, TC/B SPATES SUR., A-5042 11500', 7 NW SHEFFIELD API# 42-371-39155

EOG RESOURCES, INC., WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LANA STATE, 2207 FSL 1389 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 48 T10, T&P/ EA CRUTHIRD SUR., A-6577 10000', 13 SW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39153

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Borden County

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC, WILDCAT (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 ROGERS, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 31 T3N, T&P SUR., A-230 8025', 7 E VEALMOOR API# 42-033-31060

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC, WILDCAT (RE-NTR) (EX TEST) Well# 1 JI DE-LOACHE, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 31 T3N, T&P SUR., A-230 8100', 7 E VEALMOOR API# 42-033-30016

Dickens County

SCHALK OIL COMPANY, INC., WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL (36)(37) Well# 2 DRIGGERS, 1201 FSL 2393 FEL, SEC 156 BLK 1, H&GN/PE HAGINS SUR., A-1178 4800', 11 SE SPUR API# 42-125-31330

Floyd County

WEST TEXAS ROYALTIES, INC., WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CRAZY C CHARLES A GOODNIGHT, 736 FNL 2373 FWL, SEC 25 BLK GP, C GOODNIGHT SUR., A-1044 10000', 8 N DOUGHERTY API# 42-153-30247

Hale County

CML EXPLORATION, LLC, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MOREHEAD, 467 FNL 1787 FEL, SEC 2 BLK D10, EL&RR/JF NORFLEET SUR., A-1392 8000', 4 SW COTTON CENTER API# 42-189-30512

King County

FIRST EXPL., LTD., WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MOORHOUSE R, 650 FSL 2640 FWL, SEC 117 BLK 13, H&TC SUR., A-154 7000', 18 SE GUTHRIE API# 42-269-32906

New Mexico

Eddy County

Mack Energy Corp.
Hermit State #2
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R26E; 2310/n & 330/E; 5.5 mi NW Black River; Rot 9000 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42210

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Padrón BM State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R27E; 1980/N & 200/E; 5 mi SE Black River; Rot 12214 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42209

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 10 #9
Wildcat; Sec 10 T26S R30E; 2310/S & 940/W; 16.5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14890 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42221

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Daisy Duke 31 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 31 T22S R26E; 1980/S & 175/E; 6 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 10842 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42224

Cimarex Energy Co.
Forty Niner Ridge 25 Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 23 T23S R30E; 75/S & 250/E; 14 mi E Loving; Rot 15758 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42259

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #2
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 330/N & 840/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14264 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42276

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #3
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 330/N & 990/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14660 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42277

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #4
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 360/N & 2160/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14232 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42278

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #5
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 360/N & 2310/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14632 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42271

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #6
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 330/N & 2055/E; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14256 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42279

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Fed Com 28 #7
Wildcat; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 330/N & 1905/E; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14666 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42280

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed 22 #6
Wildcat; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 250/S & 1840/E; 14 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 11700 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42281

Cimarex Energy Co.
Burton 6 Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 6 T20S R30E; 475/N & 1500/W; 16 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14235 Cisco; API #30-015-42352

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Collossal BUO State #1
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R27E; 1850/S & 200/E; 4 1/2 mi NE Black River; Rot 11818 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42314

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Spunkky BUK St Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 2 T26S R26E; 200/S & 1980/E; 9 mi SW Black River; Rot 11899 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42313

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Spunkky BUK St Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 2 T26S R26E; 200/S & 1980/W; 9 mi SW Black River; Rot 11824 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42351

Cimarex Energy Co.
Medwick 29 Fed Com #6
Wildcat; Sec 29 T26S R27E; 210/N & 1470/W; 13 mi SE Black River; Rot 14150 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42328

COG Operating LLC
Copperhead Fee A #3
Wildcat; Sec 31 T26S R29E; 415/S & 990/W; 15 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13660 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42327

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Barbaro State #2
Wildcat; Sec 17 T18S R35E; 330/S & 2310/E; 3 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 9900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41757

Mack Energy Corp.
Black Jack State #3
Wildcat; Sec 18 T18S R35E; 990/S & 330/E; 4 mi S Buckeye; Rot 10000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41748

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Red Hills Unit #26
Wildcat; Sec 5 T26S R33E; 330/N & 1310/E; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14287 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41749

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Red Hills Unit #27
Wildcat; Sec 5 T26S R33E; 330/N & 1290/E; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14366 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41750

BC Operating Inc.
Abe State #1
Wildcat; Sec 29 T21S R33E; 185/S & 360/E; 11 mi SE Halfway; Rot 14500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41713

COG Operating LLC
Warbler State #2
Wildcat; Sec 28 T21S R33E; 2310/N & 190/W; 11 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15532 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41772

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Petticoat BVI State #1
Wildcat; Sec 21 T18S R36E; 200/N & 660/W; 3 1/2 mi N Arkansas Junction; Rot 13850 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41783

COG Production LLC
Treasure Island Fed #1
Wildcat; Sec 23 T24S R32E; 190/S & 380/E; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15458 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41776

COG Production LLC
Treasure Island Fed #2
Wildcat; Sec 23 T24S R32E; 190/S & 1840/E; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15440 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41777

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Fruit BVF State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 18 T21S R34E; 2440/S & 660/E;14 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41820

COG Operating LLC
Osprey 20 State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 20 T21S R34E; 190/N & 1980/E; 14 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 21672 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41810

COG Producing Co.
Gadwell 35 Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 35 T24S R32E; 190/S & 1795/E; 11.5 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 10900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41813

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #702
Wildcat; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 922/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16726 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41815

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Lippizzan 4 Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 4 T25S R32E; 200/N & 660/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15220 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41829

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