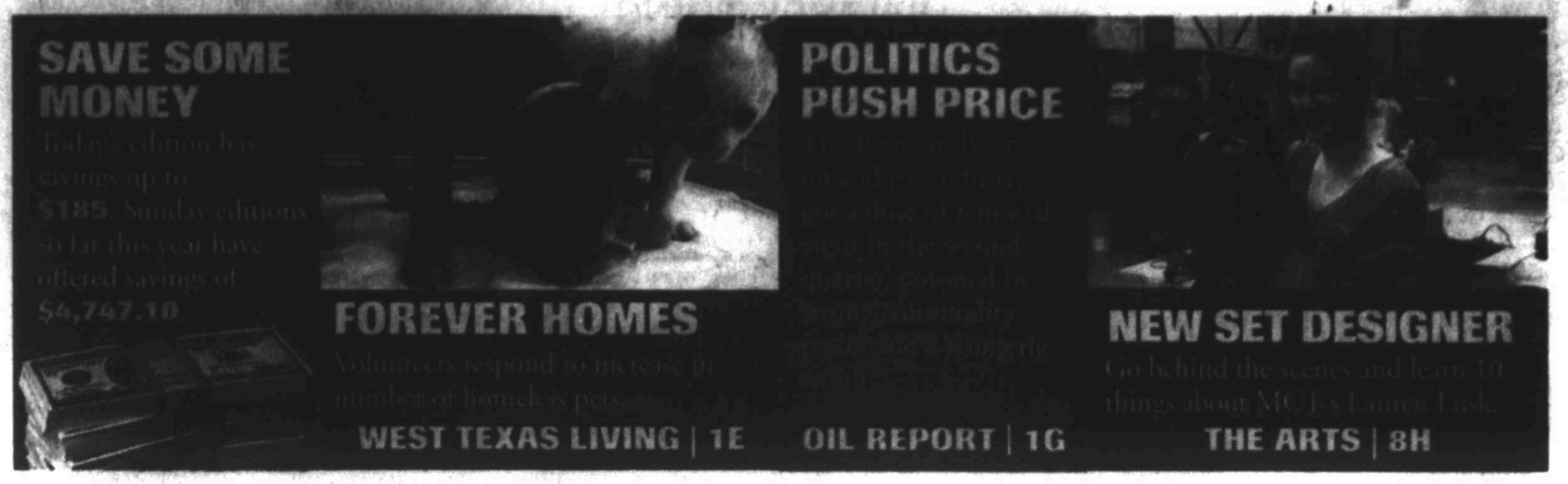


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Officials: Oil indusry needs better communication

Energy executives say misperceptions have created unnecessary backlash

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

DENVER — The backlash against oil and gas activities from Denton to Boulder, Colorado, means that the industry needs to do a much better job telling the public about the benefits of today's drilling boom, executives and state leaders say.

A fight over potential drilling restrictions — and whether local communities have the right to impose outright bans on the activity — served as the backdrop last week for an energy summit in Denver, where much of the discussion focused on how the industry can win public trust.

"It takes a tremendous education process to convince people what this shale revolution — both gas and oil — has done for this country," said Scott Sheffield, CEO of Irving, Texas-based Pioneer Natural Resources. "The industry is still not doing its job in regard to educating 317 million people in the United States about what we have done and accomplished in the past six years (and) this game-changing revolution."

In some areas, Sheffield noted, the conversation has been dominated by fears around hydraulic fracturing, the post-drilling process that involves pumping water, sand and chemicals underground.

But Fredd Krupp, head of the Environmental Defense Fund, said most of the concerns are broader, covering a full range of oil and gas activities — not just a few days of fracturing operations at individual wells.

"Most of the environmental issues don't have anything to do with fracturing of the shale or other tight formations, but rather the oil and gas development, the roads, the air pollution and problems of water contamination that come with the way the well shaft is designed," Krupp said. "Those are issues that need to be dealt with."

A new Colorado task force is set to propose legislation and regulations to govern oil and gas activities in the state, under a deal announced last week to head off ballot initiatives threatening the work.

One of the proposed measures would have quadrupled the required setback between oil and gas wells and homes or other occupied structures to 2,000 feet, potentially shutting down much of the work Houston-based Noble Energy, The Woodlands-based Anadarko

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Moms, health experts tout benefits of breast-feeding

Editor's note: This is part one of a Sunday series on breast-feeding in conjunction with National Breast-feeding Month.

By Rachael Gleason
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During her 13 years as a labor and delivery nurse in Odessa, Jinx Stokes doesn't recall seeing a single mother breast-feed her newborn.

That was nearly 50 years ago, when babies were weaned early and breast-feeding in the United States was at an all-time low.

"We didn't even ask women if they wanted to breast-feed," said Stokes, who now works as a lactation consultant at Midland Memorial Hospital. "You just got a bottle."

Now, nearly 80 percent of American women report having breast-fed — up from just 22 percent in 1972 — according to the Journal of Nutrition.

Centers for Disease Control data also show mothers breast-feeding longer. More than a quarter of Texas women did it for at least a year in 2011, compared to just one-fifth in 2008, according to breast-feeding report cards released annually.

At Midland Memorial, between 80 to 100 percent of new mothers choose the breast over the bottle, said Casey Weems, lactation manager and childbirth education coordinator for the hospital.

"It's amazing how far we've

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Misty Bowden and 24 other mothers take part in The Big Latch On to help raise awareness and celebrate breast-feeding Aug. 1.

MISD takes issue with TEA methods

■ Eleven campuses get improvement plans

By Tessa Duvall
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Without fail, the Texas Education Agency's annual release of school accountability ratings brings countless frustrations for district administrators.

From campuses narrowly missing the mark for being rated "met standard" and schools that have made progress year after year remaining "improvement required," to the one-day snapshot standardized assessments provide, the 2014 results were no different for Midland ISD officials.

Our view

There must be a better way for TEA to evaluate schools.

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Superintendent Ryder Warren said a few kids who have a bad day of test-taking could be all it takes for a campus to go from "met standard" to "improvement required" in the state's eyes.

"When the board evaluates me, when I evaluate principals and central office staff, and we evaluate teachers, we look at the breadth of work," Warren said. "We look at an entire school year to evaluate adults in this state. For kids, it's a one-shot deal. One time. No matter what kind of mindset they're in, no matter what kind of life issues they're dealing with, that's what rates a campus.

"And so, we've got to do a better job."

Eleven MISD campuses were rated as requiring improvement this year, up from seven last year.

Accountability ratings are based on four index targets: student achievement,

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come," Weems said recently while showing off buttons for August's National Breastfeeding Month. "We're shifting back to the way we need to be with breastfeeding."

Benefits

With bottle caps hanging from her scrubs to represent the size of a newborn's stomach, Stokes calls on nearly five decades of experience working with moms and babies to help get the breast-feeding process started.

"We know now what we didn't know in the '60s or '70s," said Stokes, an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, or IBCLC. "Breast-feeding is so beneficial to the baby."

Health and scientific organizations, including the United States Breastfeeding Committee and U.S Surgeon General, tout the following benefits for breast-fed babies:

■ They score higher on school and IQ tests at school age.

■ They have lower incidence of sudden infant death syndrome and are less likely to suffer from illnesses such as diarrhea, ear infections, respiratory tract infections and meningitis and their symptoms.

■ They have lower risks of juvenile onset diabetes and obesity in childhood and adolescence.

■ They are "significantly protected" against asthma and eczema if breast-fed for at least four months.

■ They are less likely to require dental braces and have fewer cavities.

Breast-fed babies are generally healthier and have fewer symptoms and shorter illnesses when they do get sick, according to the report.

That's because breast milk, which changes over time to meet the infant's growing needs, provides babies with "immune factors manufactured to fight allergens and illnesses specific to the mother's and infant's environment," the report states.

When looking at breast milk under a microscope, Weems said there's human stem cells, immunities and antigens, which are little antibody generators.

"You see movement," she said, while on the other hand, formula just looks like a blob.

Formula actually kills a baby's normal gut flora, Stokes said.

"Flora sets up the immune system — it protects them," she said. "Every time you give them formula, it kills off more and more of that flora."

There's a notable difference in the gastrointestinal tract of breast-fed and formula-fed babies, said Dr. Thomas Hale, executive director of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's InfantRisk Center.

"You are your gut," Hale said. "That's why the GI tract is so important in young infants."

For mothers, breast-feeding reduces the risk of developing ovarian and premenopausal breast cancers, according to a United States Breastfeeding Committee report.

Breast-feeding mothers can also lose more weight and recover from childbirth more quickly, the report states.

Stokes remembers the husband of a patient with postpartum hypertension watching the blood pressure monitor drop as his wife breast-fed their baby for the first time.

"The dad was so excited," she said in a thick southern accent. "If you've got a mom with hypertension, and you get them pumping or pump baby to breast, it's amazing how fast her blood pressure drops."

Breast-feeding also releases the hormone oxytocin, which strengthens the bond between mom and baby and induces a calming effect, Stokes said.

"It relaxes them totally," she said. "They can't help it."

United States Breastfeeding Committee reports also tout the economic advantages of breast-feeding, which can prevent conditions private and government insurers spend at least $3.6 billion on each year.

Families also spent an average of $1,200 to $1,500 each year on formula, according to the report.

Breast-feeding was less expensive for Odessa mother and community health care worker Armida Tarin, 40, who has three adolescent children.

"Formula is too expensive. It used to be $12 a can," said Tarin, noting eight to 12 cans lasted about a month.

Cans were much cheaper 40 years ago, costing only about $3 per can, Tarin said.

That's when only about 22 percent of women reported breast-feeding — the lowest rate in the 20th century — according to the Journal of Nutrition.

Breast-feeding rates started to pick up in the late 1970s because of the impact of different medical communities and groups such as La Leche League, Hale said.

"They have been part of this massive change," he said.

Despite changes, some health experts still believe American society is bottle-driven, with an emphasis on formula instead of breast milk.

"Breast-feeding is the best and most optimal way of feeding your baby," said Courtney Louma, a doula with newly started Nurture Me Birth Services. "But women in this culture feel like bottle feeding is completely normal. Breast-feeding is what's normal."

Midland mother Mari Sykes, who reached out via email, said she will breast-feed her three children until they self-wean.

"They have never had a drop of formula and never, ever will," she said. "I'll use donor milk before I let my children have formula."

While Midland Memorial offers breast-feeding education classes and has a lactation consultant on staff to help mothers, Weems said some mothers decide not to breast-feed — and that's OK.

"We don't want to make mothers feel like they're not a good mom or not doing something right because they aren't breast-feeding," she said. "It is a personal choice. We just want them to know the benefits and how wonderful it is if that's what they choose."

Stokes encourages her mothers to breast-feed for a year, but she said any breast milk — especially colostrum, the "first milk" produced by breasts — is important.

"Whatever you give them is precious," she said. "Any amount of colostrum and breast milk is better than money."

Resources

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www.infantrisk.com/mobile/mommymeds

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Vending machine with breast-feeding gear may be a first

By Julie Scharper
The Baltimore Sun



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Workers at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore can now purchase breastfeeding equipment from a vending machine — believed to be the first of its kind.

Every working breast-feeding mother has had it happen at least once: You're on a break, ready to pump, when you discover you forgot a crucial piece of equipment.

Maybe it's a valve, a piece of tubing or a storage bag. You find yourself wondering if you can store milk in a water bottle or use butter as a nipple cream because there's no time to run home. What can you do?

Workers at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore can now purchase breast-feeding equipment from a vending machine — believed to be the first of its kind.

The machine, which was installed last month, stocks pump accessories, storage bottles, breast pads and nipple cream, among other supplies for nursing mothers.

It's the brain child of Meg Stoltzfus, Lifespan Services Manager for the Office of Work, Life and Engagement at Hopkins.

"I worked and pumped, as well, so I've made it sort of a mission to help other moms," she said.

Stoltzfus was walking through an airport last year when she noticed what a large variety of items are sold in vending machines. It occurred to her that a vending machine would be the perfect way to provide pumping equipment for mothers at the hospital, who often work unusual hours and may need equipment when the hospital gift shops are closed.

Stoltzfus worked directly with a manufacturer to design a machine that specializes in pumping gear. It was installed last month in a nursing mother's room in the hospital's Nelson building.

As a bonus, the equipment is sold at a discount because it is an employee benefit. Customers swipe a credit or debit card to purchase items.

"I tried to brainstorm the kinds of things people forget," or don't have time to purchase after work, Stoltzfus said.

Stoltzfus believes that the vending machine is the first of its kind. Representatives from the two major breast-pump companies — Medela and Ameda — said they had not seen one before. Nor had other work life professionals who attended a recent conference hosted by Hopkins.

Hopkins — the hospital, university and other affiliates — has 14 dedicated nursing-mothers' rooms equipped with hospital grade pumps, so women don't have to lug a pump to work. The rooms also have microwaves and refrigerators to sterilize equipment and store milk.

"It ties into our mission of retaining wonderful employees," Stoltzfus said.

She said she might add another machine at an additional Hopkins location if this one catches on, and she said other institutions have expressed interest in following suit.

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student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness.

Although this year's accountability is determined by the same four indexes as in 2013, some of what is measured in those indexes has changed, according to a three-page TEA chart.

MISD Executive Director of Accountability Elise Kail said comparing 2013 results to 2014 results is like comparing apples to oranges, and will likely be adjusted again next year.

"In my mind? There's absolutely no comparison," Kail said. "We can compare the absolute number (in each index), but that's not telling us anything about our kids."

A campus must meet minimum criteria in each index in order to be rated met standard. Failure to do so in even one index by as little as one point automatically ranks a campus as improvement required, regardless of other index scores.

Six MISD campuses rated improvement required because of scores in just one index: Bonham, Houston and South elementaries, Goddard and San Jacinto junior highs and Midland High School. A district analysis showed that if Midland High and Midland Freshman were consolidated into a freshman-through-senior high school, it would have met standard.

South Elementary had the greatest gap of these campuses, and was off by four points in postsecondary readiness, whereas Houston Elementary had the narrowest miss, with a one-point below target score in closing performance gaps, according to TEA reports. The schools all otherwise meet or exceed target scores required by the TEA.

"A campus could be IR (improvement required) by one kid, so do you say that's a systematic issue or do you say that's a kid who had a bad day or a kid who's just not a test taker?" Warren said.

MISD's AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Regardless of how schools are rated, it's always a concern when campuses don't meet state requirements, Kail said.

"But are we going to live and die on it? No," she said. "STAAR is a one-day subject area snapshot, but it does intensify the focus. It is a concern because it's a reflection on the community. Public education is getting hit on all sides right now. Accountability is good, but it's got to be a balanced accountability, both from the view of the community and the view of the teachers and students who are living it. Right now, that balance isn't there. It's tipped, and it's creating unrest around the state."

In addition to the six schools that missed one index, Burnet, Crockett, DeZavala, Long and Milam elementaries were rated improvement required. With the exception of South Elementary, every campus rated IR missed the mark in index three, which is closing performance gaps. All seven campuses requiring improvement in 2013 also missed in this index, Kail said.

According to the TEA, closing the gap emphasizes advanced academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the two lowest performing racial or ethnic student groups. Kail said these groups are Hispanic and African-American students in MISD.

"I really think it's definitely a picture of one of our weaknesses in the district and something that we're working on," she said. "We continually have conversations because we've got to make sure the education is being equally passed out across all of the (subpopulations)."

Index three allows the district to compare campuses with similar demographics to see how and why their scores may differ, Kail said.

"I think it's one of the best things the state ever did — student progress and the closing performance gaps," she said. "It really shows the weak links in the district and across the board where you focus in."

Three elementary MISD campuses missed in every index: Burnet, Long and Milam. Burnet and Long both met standard in 2013.

There are TEA consequences for campuses rated improvement required. For the first year of IR, campuses enter into the Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS), are assigned to work with an outside consultant and must report to the TEA every quarter, Kail said. For the second year of IR, schools maintain the TAIS process and the consultant and the reconstitution process begins, where principals, school administration and teaching staff are evaluated.

"What needs to change? Based on the data we see, based on the results we see or we don't see, what needs to be changed for the next school year?" Kail said.

The second year is a full year of planning before it's implemented in the third year, she said. Houston, Milam, South and Goddard are starting the reconstitution process this year and Crockett is already in reconstitution, Kail said.

MISD's AREAS OF PROGRESS

The TEA's announcement didn't bring all bad news.

According to the TEA's Accountability Summary for MISD, the district exceeded the state target score for student progress measured in index two, which evaluates math and reading abilities in all students and all student subgroups. The state requirement was 16 points, and MISD came in with 36.

"We really made it a focus, talking about student growth," Kail said.

There will be a lot of celebration at Travis Elementary and Alamo Junior High because both schools have moved from improvement required to met standard this year, Kail said.

Travis Principal Sha Burdsal did an excellent job having teachers focus on student data and would host "Data Fridays" where a group or grade of teachers would come together to talk about student results, Kail said.

"Every teacher on that campus can talk about every one of their kids and their specific needs and where they're excelling and where they're struggling," Kail said. "That, right there, has changed the whole dynamic at Travis."

Similarly at Alamo, the school improvement team really focused on the interventions that were being provided to students.

Kail said she had hoped Crockett Elementary also would come out of improvement required, and was especially surprised to see Goddard Junior High had not met standard.

The number of MISD graduates earning recommended or distinguished high school diplomas went up about 3 percent, and the district's dropout rate fell again, from 4.3 percent in 2011-12 to 3.4 percent in 2012-13, Kail said.

Finally, five MISD schools received a total of 13 "Distinction Designation" awards, according to the release. The schools recognized are Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Carver Center with five awards, Early College High School at Midland College also with five awards, Emerson Elementary and Lamar Elementary.

MISD MOVING FORWARD

Specific campus recovery plans will be enacted for each school that failed to meet standard, Warren said.

"If you look at a campus that missed it by three or four indicators, then you do have a systematic issue with its instruction," he said. "When we build the recovery plan for that campus, it's going to be about, we're not teaching reading, we're not teaching writing, we're not teaching math the way we need to be doing and we're going to be doing a lot of work on truly teaching at a depth-level and assessing the quality of true learning."

Kail said campuses that fell short in all indexes will have more directed assistance for their needs.

"The pressure is a little bit hotter," she said. "It's more intense on those campuses because typically there's some higher needs."

The district is currently in the process of developing recovery plans, she said.

"We're looking at more than just instruction," Kail said. "Is there a campus that needs financial assistance or that needs assistance with personnel? Maybe they're having trouble because their Wi-Fi won't work and they can't use their LearnPads, and if that's the case ... my recommendation is as soon as we see something wrong on one of these IR campuses, by golly, maintenance or HR or finance or accountability, they better be there. Anything that comes in as a request for help, those go to the top of the list."

Campuses with improvement plans must report to the TEA four times each year. With testing taking place in the third quarter, the brunt of improvement needs to take place in the first two quarters, Kail said.

"If we miss anything in those time periods, then we're looking at a campus possibly not being successful again," she said.

Kail said she would like to see Burdsal's "Data Friday" program implemented at every single MISD campus, but it's a big learning curve and campus administrators must keep the pressure on teachers for it to be done successfully.

The common thread in Travis' and Alamo's move from improvement required to met standard is having teachers who understand their students as individuals and form relationships with them, Kail said.

As standards continue to rise each year going forward, it will be a challenge for improvement-required campuses to not only improve, but improve significantly enough to make up the lost ground to become campuses that meet state requirements, Kail said.

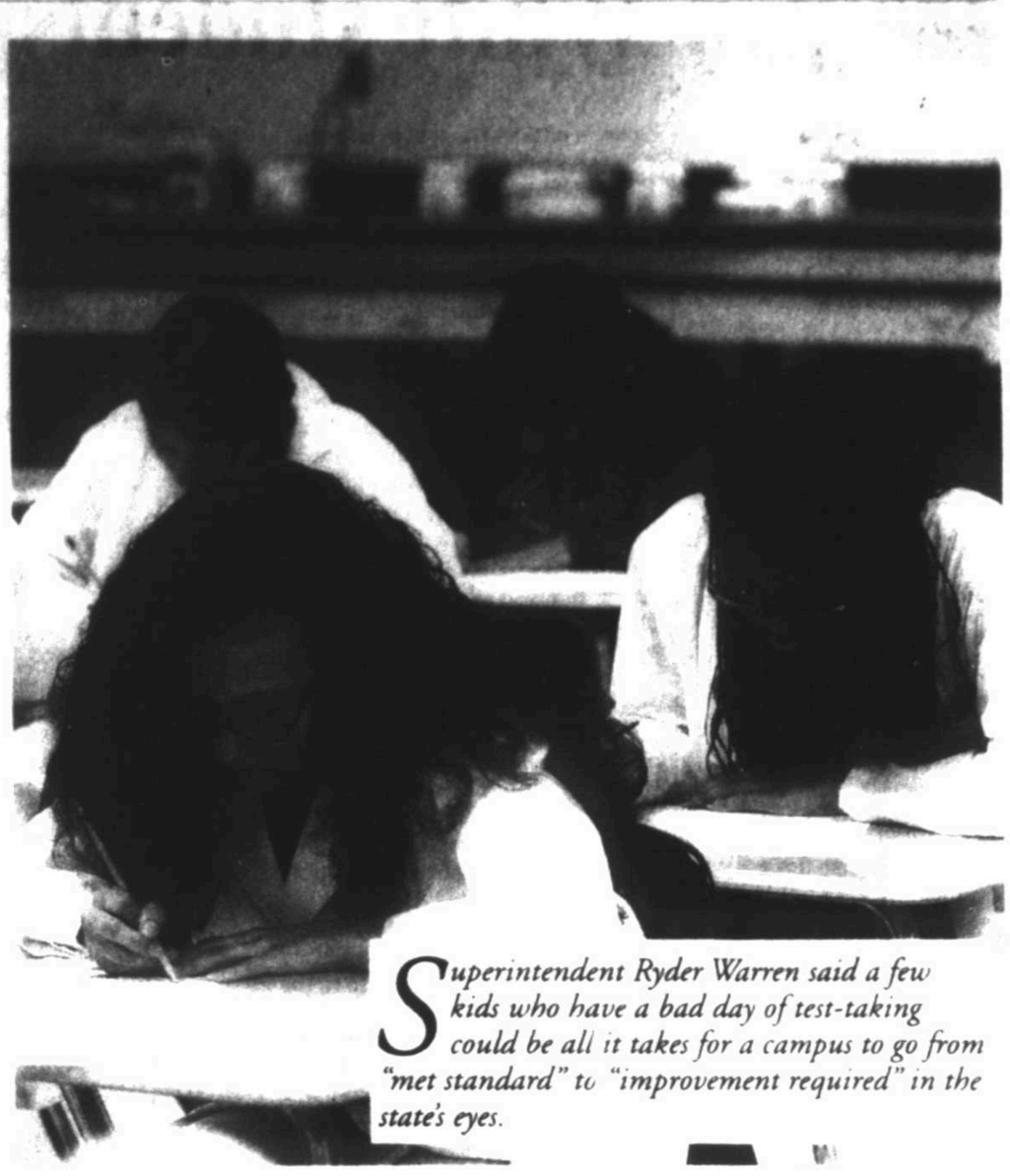
This, Warren said, is yet another of his frustrations.

"Our teachers are struggling and struggling and struggling just to keep the kids at par," Warren said. "Dealing with a system that is ratcheting up, ratcheting up, that is going to be a huge challenge for us.

"But that's the world we live in and that's the things we have to do."

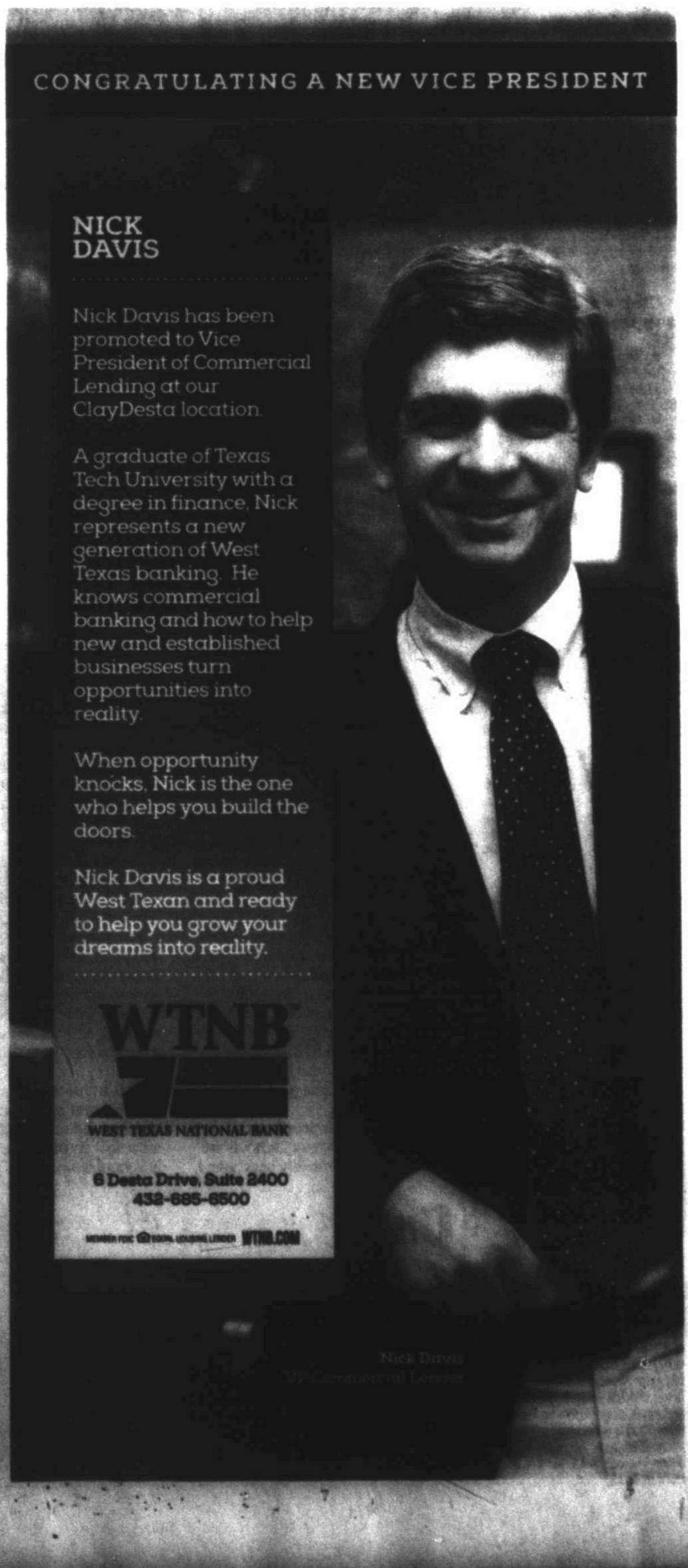
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- Index 1 - Student Achievement: Provides a snapshot of performance across subjects, on both general and alternative assessments, at the satisfactory performance standard. In 2014, Index 1 is based on the STAAR results at the phase-in 1 Level II passing standard.
- Index 2 - Student Progress: Provides a measure of student progress by subject and student group independent of overall student achievement levels. In 2014 growth is evaluated by subject (reading and mathematics, where available) and student group (All Students, African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, White, Two or More Races, Special Education, and ELLs).
- Index 3 - Closing Performance Gaps: Emphasizes advanced academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing race/ethnicity student groups at each campus or district.
- Index 4 - Postsecondary Readiness: Emphasizes the importance that students be prepared for success in college, the workforce, job training programs, or the military. For high schools, this means achieving a high graduation rate and high performance on other postsecondary readiness measure. For elementary and middle schools this means preparing students for the rigors of high school.



Superintendent Ryder Warren said a few kids who have a bad day of test-taking could be all it takes for a campus to go from "met standard" to "improvement required" in the state's eyes.





TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ RockHounds vs Springfield and Faith and Family Day, 2 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

■ The Shades, 7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

■ "In the Heights," at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

■ "The Phantom of the Opry (Or Frankly, My Dear), at Black Box Theatre in Odessa. mark10theatricals.com.

■ "Objects in Mirror" one-act play, 2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church. uumidland.org.

Meetings this week

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine

County commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom
500 N. Loraine St.

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

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m. Monday
Distance Learning Center, Greenwood High School
2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379

Midland College
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Doggy splash day

The city's Parks and Recreation Division is hosting Soggy Doggy Splash Day 3-6 p.m. Saturday at Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive. Dogs must be kept under control by owners at all times.

The event is free and marks the pool's last day of the season. Midland Animal Services will also be in attendance and offer $10 microchips.

Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., will remain open through Aug. 17.

For more information, the Parks and Recreation Department at 685-7355 or Andy Cedillo, assistant parks and recreation manager at 685-7381.

Midland County GOP Women

Midland County Republican Women luncheon is set for 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Guest speakers will be Dinesh D'Souza, author of "America," U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, Texas' 1st Congressional District; and Allen Weh, U.S. Senate candidate from New Mexico.

Luncheon tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500, email mcrwomen@aol.com or go to www.mcrw.us.

Correction

The choreographer for "In the Heights" is Tori Sandate. In a review in Thursday's Weekender, her name was misspelled.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Club meetings and support groups today

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

■ Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D. 553-1031.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-5-6
Pick 3 day: 6-2-2
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-4
Pick 3 night: 9-4-3
Daily 4 morning: 5-5-0-0
Daily 4 day: 8-5-1-6
Daily 4 evening: 3-8-0-9
Daily 4 night: 8-4-7-1
Cash Five: 19-22-23-30-32
Lotto Texas: 9-16-20-29-34-43
Powerball: 3-12-31-34-51 PB: 24 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-6-7-8-11-14-16-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-7-8-9-10-11-14-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-6-7-12-13-15-16-19-20-22
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-6-8-11-12-13-15-17-18-23

Today in history

Today is Sunday, August 10, the 222nd day of 2014. There are 143 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, New York, accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven woundings. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive 25-years-to-life sentences.)

Today's birthdays: Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 67. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 62. Actor Antonio Banderas is 54. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 47. Rhythm and blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 47. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 46. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 43. Actress Angie Harmon is 42.

White students to no longer be majority

Editor's note — The first in an occasional look at education as students prepare for the new school year.

By Kimberly Hefling and Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — The cheerful sign outside Jane Cornell's summer school classroom in Pennsylvania's wealthiest county says "Welcome" and "Bienvenidos" in polished handwriting.

Inside, giggling grade-schoolers who mostly come from homes where Spanish is the primary language worked on storytelling with a tale about a crocodile going to the dentist. The children and their classroom at the Mary D. Lang Kindergarten Center, near both mushroom farms and the borough's bucolic red-brick downtown, are a subtle reminder of America's changing school demographics.

For the first time ever, U.S. public schools are projected this fall to have more minority students than non-Hispanic whites enrolled, a shift largely fueled by growth in the number of Hispanic children.

Non-Hispanic white students are still expected to be the largest racial group in the public schools this year at 49.8 percent. But the National Center for Education Statistics says minority students, when added together, will now make up the majority.

About one-quarter of the minority students are Hispanic, 15 percent are black and 5 percent are Asian and Pacific Islanders. Biracial students and Native Americans make up a smaller share of the minority student population.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan called the changing population a seminal moment in education. "We can't talk about other people's children. These are our children," he said.

The shift creates new academic realities, such as the need for more English language instruction, and cultural ones, meaning changes in school lunch menus to reflect students' tastes.

But it also brings some complex societal questions that often fall to school systems to address, including issues of immigration, poverty, diversity and inequity.

The result, at times, is racial and ethnic tension.

In Louisiana in July, Jefferson Parish public school administrators reached an agreement with the federal government to end an investigation into discrimination against English language learners.

In May, police had to be called to a school in the Streamwood, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, to help break up a fight between Hispanic and black students after a racially based lunchroom brawl got out of control.

Issues of race and ethnicity in school can also be more subtle.

In the Kennett Consolidated School District, Superintendent Barry Tomasetti described parents who opt to send their kids to private schools across the border in Delaware after touring diverse classrooms. Other families, he said, seek out the district's diverse schools "because they realize it's not a homogenous world out there."

The changes in the district, about an hour southwest of Philadelphia, from mostly middle-to-upper class white to about 40 percent Hispanic was driven partly by workers migrating from Mexico and elsewhere to work the mushroom farms.

"We like our diversity," Tomasetti said, even as he acknowledged the cost. He has had to hire English language instructors and translators for parent-teacher conferences. He has cobbled together money to provide summer school for many young English language learners who need extra reading and math support.

"Our expectation is all of our kids succeed," he said.

Private schools nationally are changing as well, seeing a smaller number of white students and a greater number of Hispanic students in their decreasing pool of children.

The new majority-minority status of America's schools mirrors a change that is coming for the nation as a whole. The Census Bureau estimates that the country's population will have more minorities than whites for the first time in 2043, a change due in part to higher birth rates among Hispanics and a stagnating or declining birth rate among blacks, whites and Asians.

Today, slightly more than 1 in 5 kids speaks a language other than English at home.

But even as the population becomes more diverse, schools are becoming more racially segregated, reflecting U.S. housing patterns.

The disparities are evident even in the youngest of black, Hispanic and Native American children, who on average enter kindergarten academically behind their white and Asian peers. They are more likely to attend failing schools and face harsher school discipline.

Later, they have lower standardized test scores, on average, fewer opportunities to take advanced classes and are less likely to graduate.

Duncan said the disparities are unacceptable, and the country needs to make sure all students "have an opportunity to have a world class education, to do extraordinarily well."

As the school-age population has become more nonwhite, it's also become poorer, said Patricia Gandara, co-director of the Civil Rights Project at UCLA who serves on President Barack Obama's advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

Roughly one-quarter of Hispanics and African-Americans live below the poverty line — meaning a family of four has nearly $24,000 in annual income — and some of the poorest of Hispanic children are dealing with the instability of being in the country illegally or with a parent who is, Gandara said.

Focusing on teacher preparation and stronger curriculum is "not going to get us anywhere unless we pay attention to the really basic needs of these children, things like nutrition and health and safety, and the instability of the homes," she said.

This transformation in school goes beyond just educating the children. Educators said parents must feel comfortable and accepted in schools, too.

Lisa Mack, president of the Ohio PTA, encourages local leaders to include grandparents and replace events such as a sock hop with one with a Motown theme that might be more inclusive or to provide opportunities for people of different ethnic groups to bring food to share at monthly meetings.

"I think one thing that's critical is that schools and PTAs and everyone just need to understand that with changing demographics, you can't do things the way you've done them before," she said. "That you have to be creative in reaching out and making them feel welcomed and valued and supported in the school system."

Some schools are seeking teachers to help reflect the demographics of their student population.

Today, fewer than 1 in 5 of the public schools teachers is a minority. "It is an ongoing challenge to try and make our teacher population reflect our student population," said Steve Saunders, spokesman for the Adams County, Colorado, school district outside Denver that has seen a large shift toward having Hispanic students.

The New America Foundation, in a recent report, suggested teacher prep programs have at least one class for teachers on working with non-native English speakers and that education programs embrace bilingualism.

Andrea Giunta, a senior policy analyst at the National Education Association who focuses on teacher recruiting, retention and diversity, said you can't assume that teachers are a good match just because of their background.

"Just because you speak Spanish doesn't mean you speak the same Spanish your students are speaking and communicating with," she said.

This comes as the NEA, the nation's largest union, just elected an all-minority leadership team in July. The new president, Lily Eskelsen Garcia, is Latina, and the vice president and secretary-treasurer, Rebecca S. Pringle and Princess Moss, are black.

In Kennett Square, superintendent Tomasetti said Hispanic students in his district are performing at levels, on average, higher than their peers statewide. One recent graduate, Christian Cordova-Pedroza, is attending Harvard University this fall. Cordova-Pedroza is one of five children of a mushroom farmer from Mexico.

Cordova-Pedroza credited the motivation instilled by his parents combined with access to a variety of educational opportunities for his success, including an after-school program that included tutoring and help with college applications. He also was active in a Latino leadership club that helps provides translation services in the community and participated in summer programs at Penn State and Princeton.

"Certainly, I had to work hard to get there, but I feel like at every opportunity that I had a chance of participating in or doing that, I was always like, 'Yes, I want to do that,'" he said.

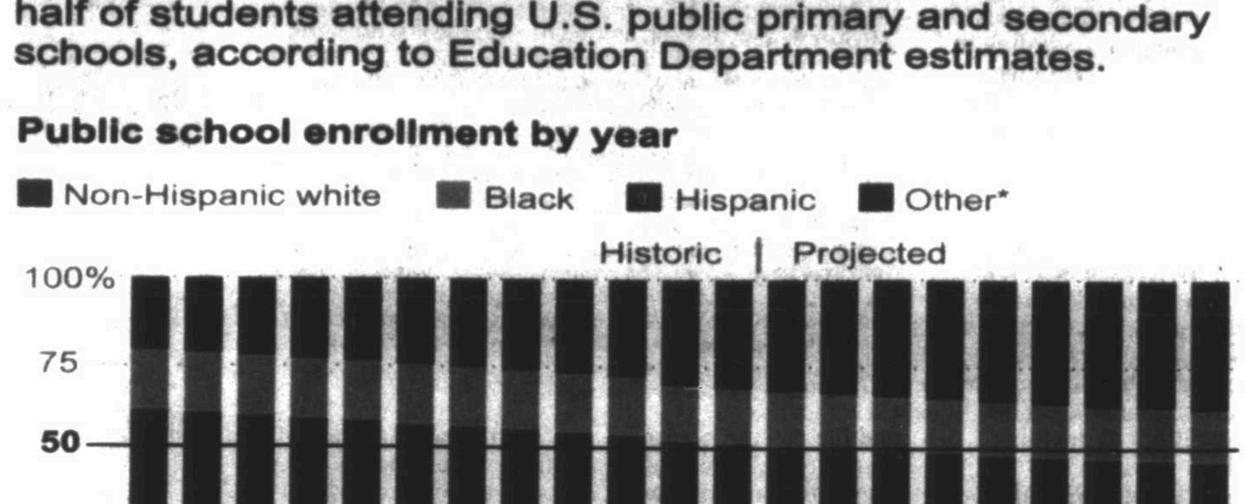
Nearby, at El Nayarit Mexico Grocery Store, owner Jaime Sandoval, a native of Mexico with six kids, said he's been pleased with the education his children have received. His 9-year-old daughter, he said, wants to be a teacher.

"She loves to read and all that stuff," Sandoval said. "She always has good grades on English and she loves it much."

Public school enrollment

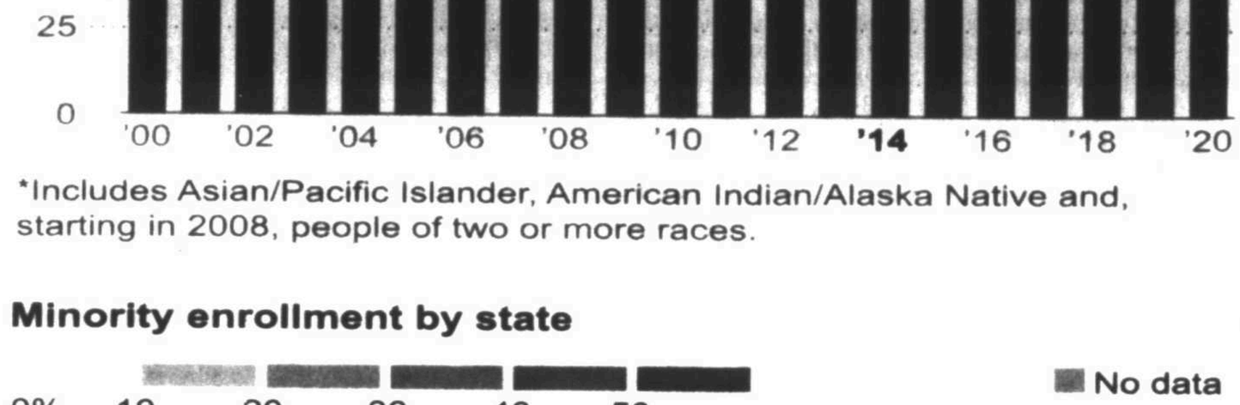
For the first time, non-Hispanic whites will make up less than half of students attending U.S. public primary and secondary schools, according to Education Department estimates.

Public school enrollment by year



*Includes Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native and, starting in 2008, people of two or more races.

Minority enrollment by state



SOURCE: Department of Education AP

By the numbers

This year, for the first time, there will be more minority students than white students in the U.S. public school system, according to federal government projections. A look at how the numbers break down for public schools from 2014-19, according to the projections from the National Center for Education Statistics:

2014 school year:
- White students: 24,766,000 (49.8 percent)
- Black students: 7,675,000 (15.4 percent)
- Hispanic students: 12,814,000 (25.8 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,565,000 (5.2 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 526,000 (1.1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,405,000 (2.8 percent)

2015 school year:
- White students: 24,497,000 (49.2 percent)
- Black students: 7,638,000 (15.3 percent)
- Hispanic students: 13,148,000 (26.4 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,587,000 (5.2 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 522,000 (1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,448,000 (2.9 percent)

2016 school year:
- White students: 24,250,000 (48.5 percent)
- Black students: 7,597,000 (15.2 percent)
- Hispanic students: 13,481,000 (27 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,613,000 (5.2 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 516,000 (1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,494,000 (3 percent)

2017 school year
- White students: 24,108,000 (47.9 percent)
- Black students: 7,611,000 (15.1 percent)
- Hispanic students: 13,854,000 (27.6 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,651,000 (5.3 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 513,000 (1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,543,000 (3.1 percent)

2018 school year
- White students: 23,952,000 (47.4 percent)
- Black students: 7,618,000 (15.1 percent)
- Hispanic students: 14,188,000 (28.1 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,681,000 (5.3 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 511,000 (1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,592,000 (3.2 percent)

2019 school year
- White students: 23,818,000 (46.9 percent)
- Black students: 7,642,000 (15.0 percent)
- Hispanic students: 14,506,000 (28.5 percent)
- Asian/Pacific Islander students: 2,717,000 (5.3 percent)
- American Indian/Alaska Native students: 510,000 (1 percent)
- Biracial students: 1,643,000 (3.2 percent)

OIL

From 1A

Petroleum Corp. and Canada's Encana Corp. is doing northeast of Denver in the Denver-Julesburg basin.

Noble CEO Chuck Davidson suggested the Colorado fight is a sign of the heightened public scrutiny of oil and gas drilling across the nation.

"Throughout this evolution of resources in this country, the public has gotten more involved, has demanded to be more involved," Davidson said at the Rocky Mountain Energy Summit.

"We as an industry need to be more open to working with them to find solutions. Until we find solutions, our life is going to be very difficult."

The rapid pace of energy development — and the technological innovations driving new oil and gas production nationwide — is outpacing the regulations governing the activity, said Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper.

Regulations have not moved "as fast as energy development is coming to people's neighborhoods," said Hickenlooper, who brokered the ballot initiatives deal. "We've got to move faster."

Hickenlooper also said the industry needs to talk about how it is shrinking its environmental footprint.

"The industry has not done a good enough job explaining just how clean the industry has become," he said, "and how done properly, fracking is a completely safe process."

TODAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 97 Low: 74	High: 90 Low: 71	High: 92 Low: 73	High: 99 Low: 75	High: 99 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 76

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 97 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 74 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 2 a.m.

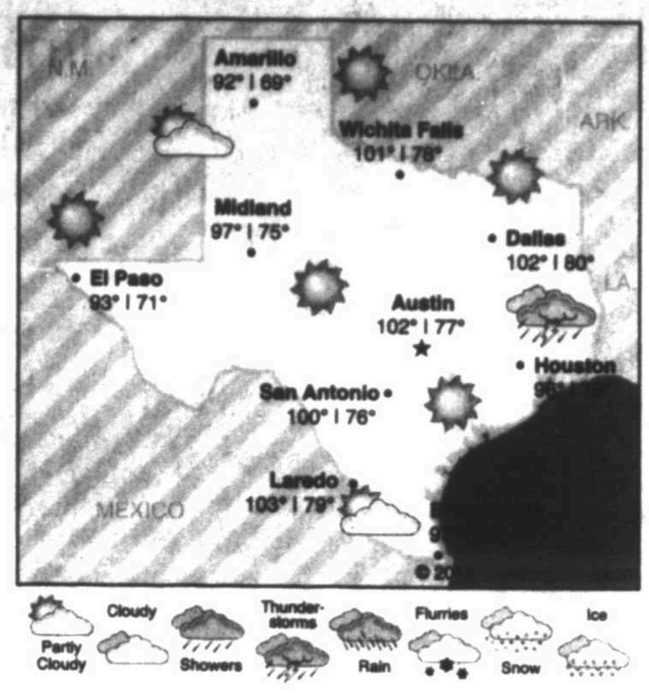
Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 90 and light and variable wind becoming northeast between 5 and 10 mph in the afternoon. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 71 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 92 and a low around 73.

The high on Saturday reached 99, while the low dropped to 75. The record high for Aug. 9 is 106 set in 2003. The record low is 56 set in 1989.

National forecast

Showers and thunderstorms will again be ongoing or developing from Oklahoma and northwest Texas into the Southeast.

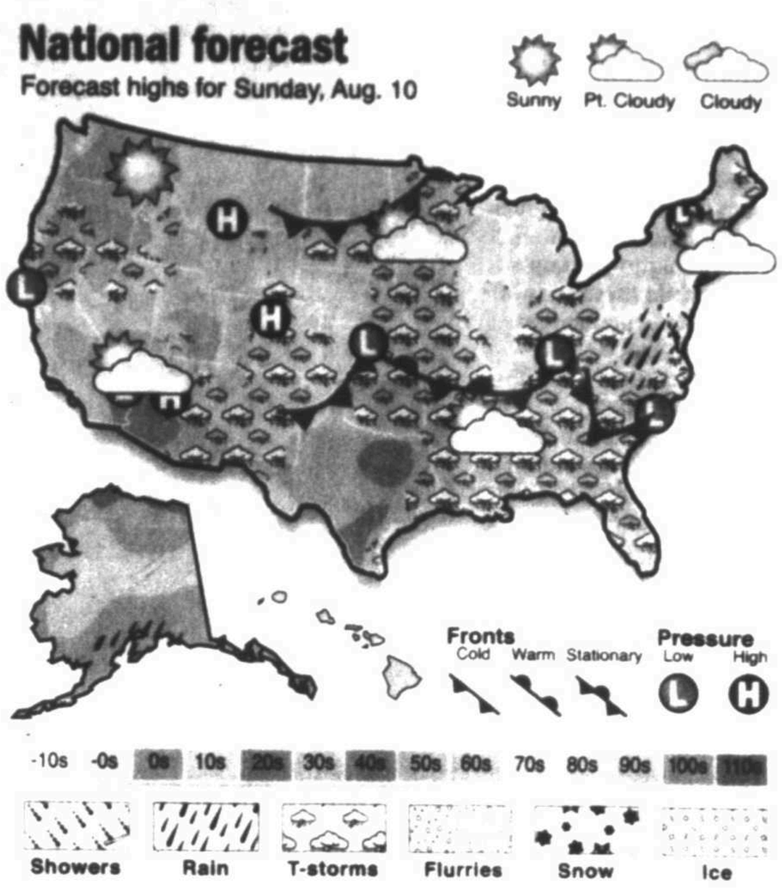


Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.02 in.
Year total	3.99 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.41 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	99
Low	75
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	8:38 p.m.



Tourists back to paradise as Hawaii area struggles

Associated Press

HONOLULU — His generator whirring at top speed, Gene Lamkin used rain captured from Tropical Storm Iselle to wash his hair as he and thousands of others in a rural swath of the Big Island remained in the dark and unable to traverse roads blocked by toppled trees. It was a far cry from the way tourists in popular parts of Hawaii spent their Saturday — sunbathing, kayaking and otherwise back to paradise despite an overcast sky.

"It's like camping right now," Lamkin said from a cellphone he charged using a generator after his electricity failed at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. "We're using water from our catchment system to bathe ourselves, shampoo our hair — trying to remain in a civilized manner."

Lamkin knows life in the isolated, jungle-like Puna region, where unpaved roads of volcanic rock are not maintained by the county, means being prepared for the worst. The region, home to about 40,000 people, has spent a day and a half without electricity as Hurricane Julio lingered hundreds of miles off the coast. The storm was expected to pass roughly 160 miles northeast of the islands at its closest point early today and linger near the state into Monday.

"Those that didn't prepare are going to be in dire straits," he said. "We invested in a generator years ago, but this is the first time we've had to use it at a full-time capacity. We always have our shelves stocked with food and water."

Iselle brought heavy rain and violent wind early Friday when it made landfall over the southeastern part of the island. In the storm's wake, Andrew Fujimura and others armed with chain saws spent Saturday hacking at trees blocking roads or helping neighbors patch up damaged roofs.

"The government road is unpassable and probably will be for a week or two," he said.

Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Darryl Oliveira worries there could be injured people rescuers can't reach.

"We're hopeful even with the damage, we don't have casualties that are unaccounted for," he said.

On the island of Kauai, rescuers found the body Saturday of a 19-year-old woman believed to have been swept away in a stream while hiking Friday in a closed state park during a tropical storm warning.

The mostly agricultural Puna region is as big as the island of Oahu. While it's quickly growing because of affordable property, it's nowhere near as populated as the tourist destination home to Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbor.

Umbrellas, surfboards and kayaks were back Saturday at Waikiki Beach, but surf shop worker Sparky Barros said business was still a little slow compared with a normal sunny day. It was damp and cloudy at the popular tourist spot, and rain was off and on throughout Honolulu, but people went about jogging, swimming and lying on the beach.

Tourists Ginny and George Gardner, who were celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary, spent an extra day on Oahu after Iselle delayed their flight to Maui.

"We're from Boston. This wasn't a storm for us ... it was just a normal windy day," Ginny Gardner said.

Meanwhile, in the hard-hit Puna region, lines of cars snaked around a fire station giving away water, tarps and ice, which is in short supply for those without power.

The area had the bulk of the 9,200 customers still without power, according to Hawaii Electric Light Co. Outages could last through the weekend or longer, the utility said.

A public pool and community center opened to allow residents to shower and charge cellphones.

Self-proclaimed storm-chaser Jeff Piotrowski of Oklahoma said he's seen some crushed houses and power lines down on highways.

"There are literally tens of thousands of trees that are down," he said, adding that there are long lines for gasoline. "This is a massive undertaking to get all these lines back up."

Still, many were relieved that Iselle didn't pack a bigger punch throughout the island chain.

"This was no Sandy or Katrina or any other storm that you remember the name of," said Sylvia Dahiby, 58, of the Big Island's more populated Hilo area.

Voters were casting ballots Saturday after primary election polls opened statewide, said Rex Quidilla, spokesman for the Office of Elections. Two polling places in the Puna area of the Big Island were closed, with voters there to cast mail-in ballots after the election.

The Hawaii Department of Education said schools statewide will reopen Monday, except a high school on the Big Island that about 400 people used as a shelter Thursday to Saturday.

Typhoon in Japan weakens

Associated Press

TOKYO — A weakened typhoon slammed into Japan early today as the country headed into a holiday week, causing authorities to order the evacuation of half a million people living near swollen rivers and canceling hundreds of flights.

Tropical Storm Halong also disrupted land traffic and injured at least six people as Japan began its annual "Obon" Buddhist holiday week.

The storm slowed down as it made landfall over Shikoku Island and was on track to move out into the Sea of Japan later today. It was forecast to further lose strength in the next 12 hours.

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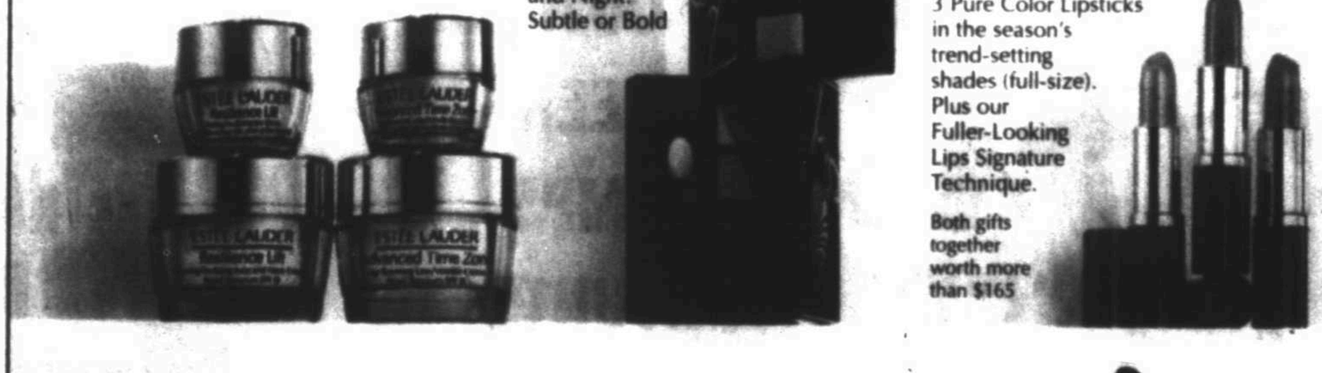
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US bombs militants in Iraq as crisis worsens

Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — The U.S. unleashed its first airstrikes in northern Iraq against militants of the Islamic State group Friday amid a worsening humanitarian crisis. The extremists took captive hundreds of women from a religious minority, according to an Iraqi official, while thousands of other civilians fled in fear.

Many of America's allies backed the U.S. intervention, pledging urgent steps to assist the legions of refugees and displaced people. Those in jeopardy included thousands of members of the Yazidi religious minority whose plight — trapped on a mountaintop by the militants — prompted the U.S. to airdrop crates of food and water to them.

American planes conducted a second airdrop of food and water early Saturday for those trapped in the Sinjar mountains, said Pentagon chief spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby. Escorted by two Navy fighter jets, three planes dropped 72 bundles of supplies for the refugees, including more than 28,000 meals and more than 1,500 gallons of water, said Kirby, who spoke from New Delhi during a trip with U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

The extremists' "campaign of terror against the innocent, including the Yazidi and Christian minorities, and its grotesque and targeted acts of violence bear all the warning signs and hallmarks of genocide," said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. "For anyone who needed a wake-up call, this is it."



Associated Press

This image provided by the U.S. Defense Department shows pallets of bottled water are loaded aboard a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in preparation for a humanitarian airdrop over Iraq on Friday. Airmen with the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron airdropped 40 bundles of water for displaced citizens in the vicinity of Sinjar, Iraq. American planes conducted a second airdrop of food and water early Saturday for those trapped in the Sinjar mountains, said Pentagon chief spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby.

Underscoring the sense of alarm, a spokesman for Iraq's human rights ministry said hundreds of Yazidi women had been seized by the militants. Kamil Amin, citing reports from the victims' families, said some of the women were being held in schools in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

"We think that the terrorists by now consider them slaves and they have vicious plans for them," Amin told The Associated Press. "We think that these women are going to be used in demeaning ways by those terrorists to satisfy their animalistic urges in a way that contradicts all the human and Islamic values."

For the U.S. military, which withdrew its forces from Iraq in late 2011 after more than eight years of war, the re-engagement began when two F/A-18 jets dropped 500-pound bombs on a piece of artillery and the truck towing it. The Pentagon said the militants were using the artillery to shell Kurdish forces defending Irbil, the capital of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, and home to a U.S. consulate and about three dozen U.S. military trainers.

Later Friday, the U.S. launched a second round of airstrikes near Irbil, U.S. officials said. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the strikes publicly, said unmanned aircraft hit a mortar and four Navy F/A-18 fighter jets destroyed a seven-vehicle convoy.

The U.S. State Department warned U.S. citizens against all but essential travel to Iraq and said those in the country were at high risk for kidnapping and terrorist violence.

Expanding from their stronghold of Mosul, the militants have captured a string of towns and Iraq's largest hydroelectric dam and reservoir in recent weeks. Ethnic and religious minorities, fearing persecution and slaughter, have fled as their towns fell.

Many had taken refuge in the Khazer Camp, set up near Irbil, but it was empty Friday as nearby fighting prompted families to flee once again.

Some made their way by car or on foot to Irbil; others were unaccounted for amid the sea of fleeing people. According to the U.N., more than 500,000 people have been displaced by the violence in Iraq since June, bringing the total this year to well over 1 million.

In Irbil, hundreds of uprooted men crowded the streets of a Christian-dominated neighborhood, expressing relief at the news of U.S. airstrikes.

Nazar, one man lingering outside a bare-bones building-turned-shelter, fled his mainly Christian town of Hamdaniya on Wednesday, when their home began to shudder from the blast of nearby mortar fire.

"We want a solution," said Nazar, who spoke on condition he be identified only by his first name, fearing his family's safety. "We don't to flee our homes and jobs like this. What is our future?"

In contrast to Washington's decision to invade Iraq more than a decade ago, both the airdrop and the authorization of military action against the Islamic State group were widely welcomed by Iraqi and Kurdish officials fearful of the militants' advance.

"We thank Barack Obama," said Khalid Jamal Alber, from the Religious Affairs Ministry in the Kurdish government.

In his announcement Thursday night, Obama had identified protecting the Yazidis and defending Americans as the two objectives for the airstrikes.

Obama warns that Iraq airstrikes may last months

By Michael D. Shear and Tim Arango
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said on Saturday that the airstrikes and humanitarian assistance drops he ordered last week in Iraq could go on for months, preparing Americans for an extended military presence in the skies there as Iraq's leaders try to build a new government.

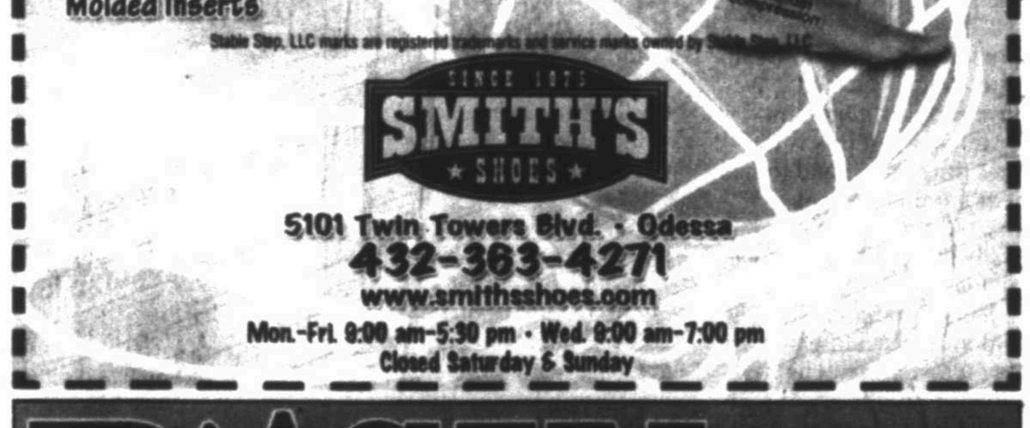
"I don't think we're going to solve this problem in weeks," Obama told reporters before leaving for a two-week golf-and-beach vacation on Martha's Vineyard. "This is going to be a long-term project."

The president repeated his insistence that his administration would not send ground troops back to Iraq after ending an unpopular, decade-long war and withdrawing the last troops in 2011. But two days after emphasizing the limited scope of the mission in a White House address, he pledged that the United States would stand with Iraq if it could form a unified and inclusive government to counter the Sunni militants who threaten its future.

"Changing that environment so that the millions of Sunnis who live in these areas feel connected to and well served by a national government, that's a long-term process," he said during a departure statement on the White House lawn during which he took several questions from reporters.

The president's assessment of the campaign's duration came as Sunni militants with the Islamic State began advancing along a main road up Mount Sinjar in northern Iraq, where thousands of Yazidis, an ethnic and religious minority, remained trapped. In Mosul, residents reported that nearly two dozen bodies of Islamic State fighters, said to have been killed in American airstrikes, had arrived at the city's morgue.

Saturday was the first time Obama had addressed the question of a timeline for the military intervention in Iraq. The president said he would not give a "particular timetable" on the new operations.







Drought lessons: Water wasters attend Water School

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Some overindulged their zucchini patch. Others didn't bother with that dripping kitchen sink. But now every Monday night in this drought-stricken beach town, dozens of residents who violated their strict rations take a seat at Water School, hoping to get hundreds of thousands of dollars in distressing penalties waived.

Nik Martinelli, a Santa Cruz water-conservation specialist who is up before dawn patrolling for over-watered lawns, launched a recent lesson.

"We all know why you're here. You all went over your allotment and got a big penalty," he said.

Margaret Hughes nodded grimly. Her $210 water bill came with a $775 fine last month. She drove from her home four hours north of town to face the scolding, even though she had no idea the toilet in a vacant house she inherited had been leaking.

Two hours later, everyone was ready to ace their Water School quiz, identifying the community's sparse water sources, listing ways to conserve water, describing how to use their water meters to check for leaks.

"They're turning this into something positive," said Hughes, adding that she might take advantage of a $150 rip-out-your-lawn rebate she learned about.

California is in the third year of the state's worst drought in recent history. Farmland is going fallow. Lakes are turning to mud. Golf courses, cemeteries and parks are browning.

Earlier in the year when winter storms didn't blow in and the forecast was grim, most communities took the "ask nicely," approach, suggesting residents cut water use by 20 percent.

But Santa Cruz, a coastal town about 60 miles south of San Francisco, couldn't afford to wait.

Unlike most cities that have either groundwater, a connection to state water canals, or vast reservoirs, Santa Cruz is among those worst hit by the drought because what makes it special — the town is surrounded by ocean and mountains — also means it relies almost exclusively on storm runoff into a river, creeks and an aging reservoir.

"We're completely dependent on Mother Nature, so we're vulnerable" Santa Cruz Water Director Rosemary Menard said. "There really is no carrot in the situation that we're facing. We had to ration."

The city cracked down in May, deploying "drought busters," whom locals call "water cops," to warn — and then penalize — anyone openly watering between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., washing down pavement or refilling a spa. A logo, "Surf City Saves," was launched, and a hotline to tattle on water wasters and mandatory household limits, allowing just 249 gallons per day for a family of four, were set. A typical dishwasher load is 20 gallons, a load of laundry can be 25 gallons, a toilet flush can be 3 gallons. It adds up. Nationally, a family of four averages 400 gallons a day.

Most Santa Cruz residents, 94 percent of them, cut back as required, some with zeal.

Energy consultant Joel Kauffman has his household of three adults and a toddler using just over 100 gallons a day.

"We don't use the shower as a place to hang out. That's for the living room or the beach," Kauffman said.

Kauffman has installed low-flow toilets and shower heads. They don't always flush urine, they water their fruit trees with laundry runoff and a shower bucket gets dumped in the toilet tank or in the garden.

Some were not so ardent.

In June, the first month of rationing rules, 1,635 Santa Cruz household accounts faced $341,000 in fines. In July, 2,121 accounts had penalties applied, totaling $175,725.

So far $202,340 in fines have been suspended for Water School graduates. And there's a waiting list for weeks to come.

While Santa Cruz has cut back 25 percent of its water use, Gov. Jerry Brown's request in January that everyone cut back 20 percent had the opposite effect statewide. Some districts — Southern California coastal communities and the far northeastern slice of the state — actually used more, prompting a 1 percent increase in water use statewide. So starting in August, authorities are imposing statewide rationing with fines of up to $500 a day for residents who waste water on lawns, landscaping and washing cars. Water cops are being hired and fines imposed.

Water Education Foundation Deputy Director Sue McClurg said they haven't heard about schooling repeat offenders, "but if it can educate customers on water conservation, it could be helpful."

"Most people just turn on the tap and don't think about where their water comes from," she said. "The more people learn about their source of drinking water, the more they learn about its management."

University of California, Davis, professor Jay Lund, who directs the Center for Watershed Sciences, laughed when he heard about Santa Cruz's approach, but he said it might catch on.

"It makes sense, like traffic school," he said. "It has an educational purpose, but also a punishment aspect to it."

Looking for water in the oil field

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

The oil and gas industry uses a relatively small slice of the state's water but disposes of a whole bunch of it an estimated 296 billion gallons disappears down underground disposal wells in Texas each year.

Could that be a source of water for a state grappling with drought and a population boom?

Oil or gas is not the only thing that comes up from the hole, Ben Sebree, general counsel for the Texas Water Recycling Association, said Thursday.

Some water returns up a well after hydraulic fracturing, called flowback water. Water that's been trapped for millions of years in the rock formation itself also rises up a well. Usually, both types of wastewater get trucked to a disposal well, where they're pumped underground.

"Consider it an asset, not a waste," Sebree said.

Sebree spoke Thursday at a meeting of the Eagle Ford Task Force, a 24-member group formed in 2011 to discuss the challenges of the Eagle Ford Shale drilling boom in South Texas.

Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter, who founded the task force, said that even without oil and gas drilling, Texas faces water issues because of drought and population growth.

"We must find the safest, most efficient uses for water in every industry," Porter said.

Recycling is a complex issue, and not just because of the added cost. Not all wells or all geologic formations return a lot of water to the surface. The Eagle Ford is considered to be more dry than other formations, for instance.

Sebree said that while not every well or every formation would be a net water producer, the industry as a whole could produce far more water through recycling than the 58 billion gallons it currently uses annually. Recycling would also answer one criticism of the energy industry: that pumping water down disposal wells means it disappears forever from the water cycle.

Irrigation takes the lion's share of Texas water, about 61 percent of the state's demand, according to the Texas Water Development Board. The energy industry uses less than 2 percent.

The state has made it easier to recycle water in the oil field, eliminating the need for companies to get a permit if they recycle on their own lease or on a third party's property.

Sebree said other efforts, such as state tax incentives or tort reform to limit civil liability for recyclers, would help encourage more water reuse.

Water always has been needed for oil and gas drilling, but never in the current amount. The ability to combine horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing has made it possible to drill in tight rock such as shale.

Hydraulic fracturing pumps a mix of water and chemicals at high pressure to break the shale. Then sand is added to the fluid in increasing amounts to hold open the fissures, letting oil and gas flow up the well to the surface.

Oil and gas companies used around 14 billion gallons of water in 2012 for hydraulic fracturing in the Eagle Ford Shale, according to an earlier Express-News analysis.

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Ukraine rebel leader asks for aid, cease-fire

By Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Ukraine's rebels are surrounded and ready to agree to a cease-fire to prevent a "humanitarian catastrophe," the insurgents' new leader said Saturday as conditions deteriorated in the rebel stronghold of Donetsk, artillery thundering through deserted streets.

There was no immediate government response to the cease-fire statement. Ukrainian troops have made steady advances against the rebels in recent weeks.

"We are prepared to stop firing to bar the spread of the scale of the humanitarian catastrophe in Donbass (eastern Ukraine)," Aleksandr Zakharchenko, the so-called prime minister of the Donetsk separatists, said in a statement on a rebel website.

His motive for offering a cease-fire was not clear but his comments could be aimed at increasing the pressure on Ukraine to allow in a Russian aid mission.

Russia, which the Ukrainian government in Kiev and Western countries allege is supporting the rebels, has called repeatedly for a humanitarian mission into eastern Ukraine. But Kiev and the West suggest that could be just a pretext to send Russian forces into the region — and say about 20,000 of them have gathered just across the border.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko issued a statement late Saturday saying that Ukraine is prepared to accept humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine. But he said the aid must come in without military accompaniment, it must pass through border checkpoints under Ukrainian control and the mission must be international in character.

Poroshenko said he and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed German participation in such a mission.

In Washington, the White House said President Barack Obama and Merkel agreed that any Russian intervention in Ukraine was unacceptable and would violate international law.

Artillery reverberated Saturday across Donetsk, home to nearly 1 million people before 300,000 fled the conflict.

"The situation is getting worse with every hour," Donetsk city council spokesman Maxim Rovinsky told The Associated Press.

At least one person was killed and 18 wounded in shelling that hit about 30 apartment blocks Saturday in Donetsk, he said, adding that about 2,000 residential buildings had no electricity.

City streets were nearly empty of cars and pedestrians and most stores were closed. Explosions were also heard near Donetsk's airport.

Ukrainian officials have consistently denied that their forces are shelling civilians, but the rebels dismiss that and claim the government is aiming to blame the insurgents for the increasing death and destruction. Ukraine says the rebels have deliberately put rocket launchers in populated areas.

Some say both sides are to blame.

"We're afraid of the Ukrainian army, which is firing on the city, and of the rebels of the Donetsk People's Republic, who are robbing and killing civilians," said Dmitry Andronov, a 47-year-old resident.

Zakharchenko's statement that the city was surrounded came hours after the rebels' top commander said Ukrainian forces had seized a key town, Krasnyi Luch, effectively cutting Donetsk and nearby territory off from the rest of the rebel-held east.

"The Donetsk-Horlivka group of the fighters of Novorossiya is completely surrounded," Igor Girkin said on a rebel social media page.

Novorossiya, or "New Russia," is a term widely used by the rebels for the eastern area that seeks independence from the government in Kiev. Horlivka, where rebels and Ukrainian forces are also fighting, is 20 miles north of Donetsk.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation, Andriy Lysenko, told reporters Saturday that he could not confirm that Krasnyi Luch was under government control.

Concerns were also rising about a possible humanitarian catastrophe in the rebel's second-largest city of Luhansk, where fighting has been heavier and more prolonged. A map released by the Ukrainian military showed Ukrainian forces near the outskirts of Luhansk on three sides, with an opening to other rebel-held territory only to the south.

Russian news agencies quoted Luhansk authorities as saying Saturday that the city has been without water and electricity for a week and most of its stores were closed.

Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron also spoke by telephone on Saturday about Ukraine.

"Both expressed grave concern about reports that Russian military vehicles have crossed the border into Ukraine and that Russian armed forces are exercising for a 'humanitarian intervention,'" said a statement from Cameron's office. Both "are absolutely clear that such a so-called humanitarian mission would be unjustified and illegal."

The deputy head of the Ukrainian presidential administration, Valeriy Chalyi, said Saturday that Russian forces wanted to enter Ukraine under the guise of a humanitarian mission but Ukraine had blocked the move.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied the report, saying "there was no attempt by Russian soldiers at penetration," according to Russian news agencies. But he reiterated Russia's call for humanitarian action, saying "this catastrophe now is the No. 1 theme for discussion."

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was working to alleviate the crisis in eastern Ukraine but warned that any Red Cross aid convoy "will be taken in strict adherence to our fundamental working principles of neutrality, impartiality and independence."

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko told U.S. Vice President Joe Biden in a telephone interview about his communications with the Red Cross about efforts to distribute humanitarian aid, the White House said.



Associated Press

Ukrainian government soldiers drive their tank with a Ukrainian national flag in Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, on Saturday. A commander of the pro-Russia insurgency said Saturday that Ukrainian forces have seized Krasnyi Luch, a key town, leaving the rebel region's city of Donetsk surrounded.

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Ga. trial shows food safety relies on honor system

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga. — Jurors at the nation's first federal criminal trial stemming from a deadly outbreak of food-borne illness are learning a disconcerting fact: America's food safety largely depends on the honor system.

Witnesses say Stewart Parnell and others at Peanut Corporation of America knowingly shipped salmonella-tainted products, and that they sent customers lab results from other clean batches rather than wait for tests to confirm their products were free of deadly bacteria.

Defense lawyers correctly noted for the jurors that salmonella tests aren't even required by federal law.

Parnell and his two co-defendants face long prison sentences if convicted of knowingly shipping the contaminated peanut products linked to a nationwide salmonella outbreak that killed nine people and sickened 714 across 43 states in 2008 and 2009.

Their plant in rural Blakely, Georgia, was shut down and the company went bankrupt. Long after consumers ate contaminated peanut butter, ice cream, energy bars and other products, the outbreak prompted one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history.

But Stewart Parnell, his brother and food broker, Michael Parnell, and quality assurance manager Mary Wilkerson aren't charged with killing anybody. In fact, prosecutors agreed not to meption the death toll to the jurors.

The 76-count indictment instead accuses the Parnell brothers of defrauding customers that used Peanut Corporation's contaminated products as ingredients. Stewart Parnell and Wilkerson are charged with concealing information from federal investigators.

Only some customers — such as Kellogg's — required the plant to ensure it's shipments were salmonella-free.

"If they didn't require it, it did not get tested," Samuel Lightsey, who managed the Georgia plant during the outbreak, told jurors Friday.

Lightsey pleaded guilty to seven criminal counts in May and agreed to testify in exchange for a lighter sentence.

Food and Drug Administration investigators ultimately discovered that lab tests had showed contamination in the plant's chopped nuts, peanut butter or peanut paste 12 times during the two years before the outbreak.

FDA inspector Janet Gray walked the jury through documents showing at least eight of those salmonella-tainted lots were shipped to customers anyway.

"There is no legal requirement for testing at all for salmonella," Tom Bondurant, Stewart Parnell's defense lawyer, told jurors during opening statements Aug. 1. "There wasn't then, and there's not now."

That's true and it could be a problem for prosecutors in the case, said Jaydee Hanson of the Center for Food Safety.

But defense lawyers have a problem of their own — and that goes back to the honor system.

"The problem is that the company committed big-time fraud," Hanson said.

Public outcry over the peanut case and several other outbreaks of food borne illness led Congress to pass the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011, which was supposed to give the FDA more resources and enforcement power.

Three years later, most of its rules have not been published, and the FDA still doesn't require that products be free of salmonella when shipped, said Hanson. His organization sued the FDA and won a federal consent decree ordering the agency to implement the law by next year.

Salmonella causes an estimated 1.2 million illnesses every year in the United States, with about 23,000 hospitalizations and 450 deaths, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC says it has tracked salmonella outbreaks since 1962. It even has an interactive map with county-by-county information on the impact. And while many sources are never discovered, dozens of food producers have been identified through the years. Some egregious incidents have resulted in fines, and victims have found private attorneys to file civil lawsuits that often get settled out of court.

"Could all these people have been charged criminally with something? The answer is, hell yes," said Bill Marler, an attorney who claims to have won $500 million for victims of food-borne illnesses over the past two decades.

Three other cases — a salmonella outbreak traced to eggs in Iowa, a listeria outbreak blamed on dirty cantaloupes in Colorado and an E. coli outbreak linked to Odwalla juices in California — resulted in federal plea deals without prison time. This is the first to go to trial, Marler said.

"I'm a firm believer in using the civil justice system to hold people accountable. But these criminal prosecutions have really got people's attention," said Marler. "It's a completely different viewpoint that these CEOs and managers have when they're facing jail time and fines that aren't insured."

Meanwhile, the FDA lacks the resources to regularly inspect food producers, and when outbreaks happen, they largely depend on their goodwill to find the source.

FDA investigator Bob Neligan testified that when he first arrived at the Georgia plant on Jan. 9, 2009, he immediately asked for any information or records related to positive salmonella tests. Lightsey told inspectors that the plant's only brush with salmonella had turned out to be a false-positive test, Neligan said.

"Records are voluntary," Neligan told the jury. "It has been my experience in my 25 years (with FDA) that, when there is a concern regarding a nationwide food-borne illness, a firm is usually more than willing to hand over as many records as they can to resolve the issue quickly."



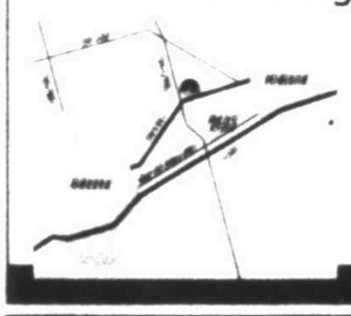
Associated Press

This file photo shows the Peanut Corporation of America plant in Blakely, Ga. The nation's first federal criminal trial stemming from a deadly outbreak of food-borne illness is presenting jurors with a disconcerting fact: America's food safety largely depends on the honor system. Witnesses say Stewart Parnell and other Peanut Corporation of America workers knowingly shipped salmonella-tainted nuts with faked data showing they were clean. Their defense, salmonella tests aren't even required by law.

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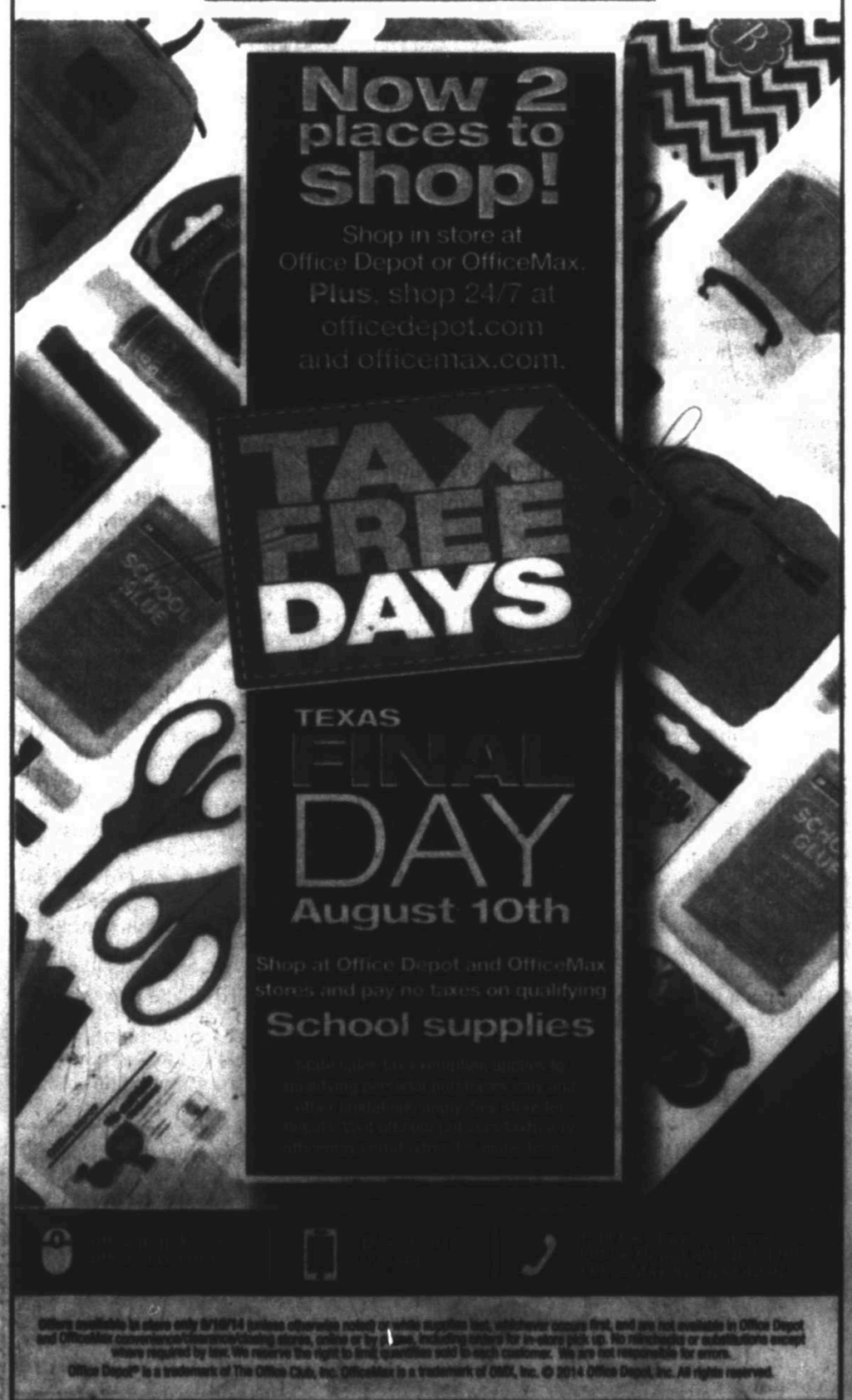


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Ebola fear manufactured for political reasons

■ Lesson to be learned from outbreak: Way of life depends on effective public health system



MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

A prominent AIDS researcher recently recalled for me the panic at the start of the pandemic in the 1980s. Her superiors asked her not to publicize her work because they didn't want their institution to be known as an "AIDS hospital." Some parents instructed their children at school not to play with the researcher's children, because she was in contact with the AIDS virus. Fear and stigma were only overcome by the relentless application of science.

The Ebola virus — which can swiftly attack the body's organs in the manner of a horror movie — is particularly adapted to cause fear. But it is not particularly communicable. Since the 1970s, intermittent outbreaks have traveled from animals to humans. Among humans, the spread requires direct contact with bodily fluids such as vomit, blood or diarrheal feces. Previous outbreaks, as in Uganda, were quickly controlled (in part because of close U.S.-Ugandan medical cooperation on AIDS, which built effective and respected local health structures). The current outbreak in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia is taking place in a vacuum of capable and trusted health care institutions. As fatalities go from the hundreds to the thousands, a broader global response will be required to fill gaping needs. But America and other countries with advanced health systems have very limited vulnerability to the Ebola virus.

Ebola fever, however, continues to infect the American media. Some of this fascination is natural — deeply rooted in the evolutionary fear that nature is cruel, relentless and out to kill us all. (And, of course, nature does always get us in the end.) Lions and sharks may be fearsome. But pathogens and parasites make our tenuous species feel most vulnerable: smallpox, malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, yellow fever, syphilis, polio. Bubonic plague carried off about half of Medieval Europe. The 1918 flu took about 50 million lives.

Ashes, ashes, we all fall down.

Some of our Ebola obsession, however, is unnatural; it is manufactured for political reasons. A few conservatives — reaching for whatever stick lies handy in the immigration debate — have raised the prospect of Ebola-infected illegal immigrants crossing our porous southern border. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Prevention finds this prospect remote. It is, in fact, fantastical and malicious. The incubation period for Ebola is from two to 21 days. It strains credulity that a sick West African would purchase a plane ticket for Central America and then travel to the U.S. border over an arduous land route while bleeding from various orifices.

But credibility is not the goal here; it is the opportunistic incitement of fear. There is a long American history of equating immigration with infection. Fear of disease has always been bizarrely central to American immigration policy. The filtering at Ellis Island and at the European ports where people left for America was almost entirely about disease, and largely about rare conditions that weren't much of an issue. (Only about 1 percent of immigrants at Ellis Island were turned away because of disease.)

The Ebola outbreak has also revealed, in some quarters, a deep distrust of institutions, including those dealing with public health. Infectious disease experts are accused of withholding information or of being engaged in nefarious experiments. Some conservative commenters have accused public health authorities of inviting an American Ebola crisis "so Obama can strut his stuff." Mistrust of medical professions, of course, can be found on the left as well — the anti-vaccination movement is often a fringe-left phenomenon. But when medical authorities are also governmental authorities, right-wing populism inclines to turn against scientific elites.

This is positively dangerous. It is one thing to criticize the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is another to cultivate distrust in the CDC and the National Institutes of Health. We are already seeing a corrosive, dangerous reduction in vaccination rates in some areas of the U.S. But it would not take much to cause a serious American flu outbreak — a minor genetic mutation, resulting in an easily communicable virus with, say, a 30 percent mortality rate. In this case, trust in public health officials would be the only alternative to mass panic and self-destructive behavior. Significant public resistance to CDC plans during a communicable disease emergency could make all of us dramatically more vulnerable.

We don't often think of it, but our way of life depends on extremely effective and respected public health systems. That is the useful, universal lesson of the Ebola outbreak of 2014.

OUR VIEW

There must be better way for TEA to evaluate schools

The Texas Education Agency released its accountability ratings last week, and for the 2013-14 school year, Midland ISD was rated as having "met standards." While we would have liked to report that all of the district's 35 campuses were rated as having met standards, that's not so. Twenty-three schools did meet standards, but 11 were rated as "improvement required." (The Midland Alternative Program was not rated.)

Some people might find that unacceptable. But we understand why some schools received the "improvement required" rating. The ratings are from one test taken on one day and are based on four indexes — student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness. A campus must meet minimum criteria in every category in order to be rated "met standard."

We agree that school districts must be evaluated on how well they're educating our children, but one test on one day is not the way to do it.

TEA doesn't consider that not all kids do well on tests such as STAAR, or that on the day of the test, situations that were beyond a student's control occurred, preventing that child from doing his or her best.

"It's a one-shot deal," Superintendent Ryder Warren told us last week. "No matter what kind of mind-set (students are) in; no matter what kind of life issues they're dealing with. That's what rates a campus."

That hardly seems fair. Job evaluation — no matter what field an employee is in — is based on more than one day's performance. Why should campus and district evaluations be any different?

Also, the one-size-fits-all method of accountability isn't an accurate comparison because the demographics of Midland ISD are unlike many districts across the state.

The TEA's report does offer something for which the community can take pride. Five campuses — Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Carver Center, Early College High School at Midland College, Emerson Elementary and Lamar Elementary — received "Distinction Designation" awards for how the schools performed in the four categories.

So where do we go from here? We agree with Warren that the best way to try to improve a school's rating is to try to improve an individual student's performance. Look at specific kids and see how they're doing in math, science, reading; appraise students' weaknesses and strengths.

We appreciate that with Warren, "the buck stops here."

"It is totally my responsibility to make sure MISD moves upward in this system," he said, "no matter the system or the 'local' issues in which we are dealing."

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Ebola issue interrupts conference

■ U.S.' fascination with disease's outbreak was source of irritation to African leaders



DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Ebola was not supposed to have a prominent place on the agenda for last week's Africa summit. But it kept infecting the discussion.

Forty African heads of state visited Washington, snarling traffic as the Obama administration highlights what it describes as "one of the world's most dynamic and fastest-growing regions."

But it's difficult to keep the focus on foreign direct investment and electric transmission when there is a hemorrhagic fever spreading out of control. It's a challenge to have a sober debate about civil society and wildlife trafficking when medical experts say that the outbreak in four African countries is killing 70 percent of victims with internal bleeding and other gruesome symptoms.

You're bound to be distracted from talk about sustainable development and an independent judiciary when TV newscasts are showing people in space suits taking Ebola patients to an Atlanta hospital.

The host country's fascination with the outbreak is a source of irritation for African leaders, most of whose countries are not affected. Macky Sall, the president of Senegal, said at a forum Tuesday that Ebola "is not an African disease. You have to see this virus as a threat against humanity."

Moderator Charlie Rose asked African leaders to "tell me what your fears are" about the Ebola virus. The heads of state bristled.

"Right now the epidemic is in West Africa; Tanzania is in East Africa," Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete said. He added that "the whole of the African continent is being perceived as if everywhere, everybody is suffering from Ebola."

"I don't think that's true," Rose interjected.

Kikwete persisted. "But this is the perception that you get. ... Africa is a continent. There are 54 countries."

The frustration is understandable. When Africa makes news in the United States, it's usually about famine, civil war, genocide, terrorism or AIDS. It's just bad luck (or bad timing by U.S. health officials) that two Americans with Ebola flew here for treatment as the summit was beginning. The media reacted predictably, using traffic-helicopter footage to cover the arrival of the first victim, as if it were a car chase.

On Tuesday afternoon, Fox News host Neil Cavuto floated a proposal:

"How about banning travel to and from any African nation that is dealing with these Ebola outbreaks?"

His guest, Dan Bongino, a Republican congressional candidate in Maryland, replied, "You know, Neil, I don't think you can overreact to this."

Apparently not. On CNN, host Chris Cuomo asked former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, a sponsor of some summit events, about a man being tested for Ebola in New York. "People are scared, Mr. Mayor, they are," Cuomo said.

"Chris, it's sort of like the guy who kills his parents and then tries to throw himself on the mercy of the court because he's an orphan," Bloomberg replied. "You're creating this kind of fear."

The administration isn't helping. Officials opted to restrict news coverage of the summit — a poor example to set for nations wrestling with journalistic freedoms.

The State Department announced Wednesday that Secretary of State John Kerry's welcome to the African leaders would be "closed press," as would his appearance at the summit session "Peace and Regional Stability."

Kerry's meetings with the Algerian, Namibian and Ugandan leaders were open only to "official photographers," or those employed by governments.

Not a single event on Kerry's schedule Wednesday was listed as open to the media.

That may have prevented pesky questions about Ebola, which fits with the Obama administration's decision to keep the disease largely off the agenda. Former U.S. ambassador to Nigeria John Campbell, in a conference call held by the Council on Foreign Relations on Tuesday, said it's "deplorable" that there is "no particular focus for a discussion of Ebola" at the summit.

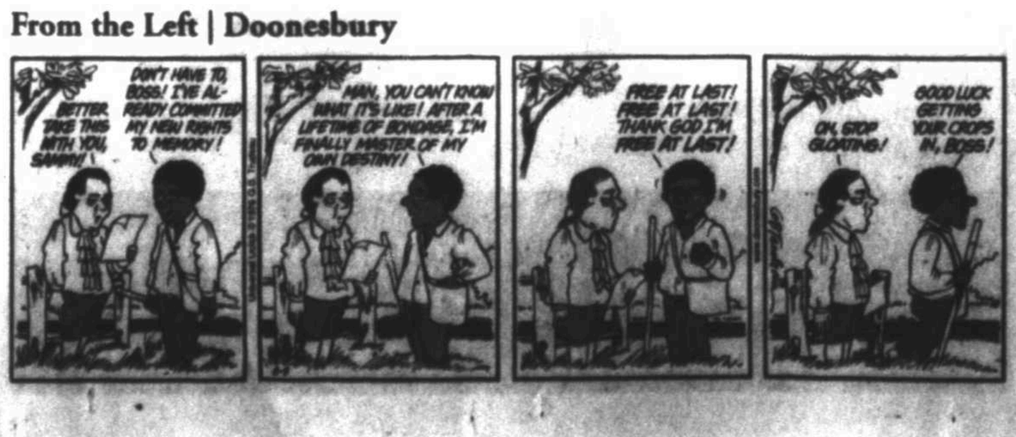
Asked about that criticism, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said relationships with Africa are "much more diverse and broad than just focusing on that one specific issue."

Still, there was no ignoring Ebola. Obama briefly referred to the disease in his remarks to the leaders on Tuesday and Wednesday, and it was the topic of the first question at his Wednesday evening news conference.

He didn't mention Ebola in his toast to African leaders at the White House on Tuesday night, but he did say that "the blood of Africa runs through our family."

Stand down, cable news: Ebola cannot be transmitted through the kind of blood the president was talking about.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



SPEAKING OUT

TIRZ is best tool for making Midland world-class city



JANE WOLF
Local Realtor

Downtown Midland was a "happening place" when I moved here in 1972. Woolworth was downtown, Kruger Jewelers was downtown, all the banks and law firms and accounting firms and engineering firms and oil and gas offices, the Scharbauer Hotel. Everybody was downtown.

By 1982, we had more Class A office space in our downtown than many communities much larger than Midland.

In the 1980s, the mall happened, ClayDesta happened, the bust happened — and Class A office space went begging, especially downtown.

We who've lived here 30 years or more have watched our downtown become more and more forlorn. Folks moving to Midland from out of town would ask, "What's the story about all those old vacant buildings downtown?"

At the urging of downtown property owners, the city, county and college teamed up to form the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 in 2001 — specifically for downtown Midland.

The idea behind a TIRZ is that the tax monies that result from increasing tax values are reinvested in public improvements within that geographic area. The use of those funds are strictly regulated by statute and ordinance.

The area in the downtown TIRZ comprised 449 acres, including approximately 5.36 million square feet of office space, 249 hotel rooms, and several blocks of undeveloped land.

When the TIRZ was created, the tax value of the properties within the zone was $98,933,311. If you were living in Midland in 2001, you may recall that Midland was fairly quiet. And it was very quiet downtown. Tax values were not growing much, so the TIRZ didn't have much money to reinvest.

Fast forward to 2011: Tim Leach and the Concho Resources folks began their remarkable commitment and investment in downtown Midland, and tax values in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone began to rise appreciably.

Now, in 2014, the TIRZ finally has some money — and therefore some muscle — to transform our downtown into the vibrant, busy, "happening place" befitting the world-class city our mayor has been talking about.

With Concho Resources, the Wall Street Lofts, Susie's South Forty, the Basin Burger House, our old standbys — Luigi's, Wall Street Bar and Grill and the DoubleTree by Hilton — as well as the soon-to-be renovated Ritz Theater, we finally have some momentum. But we are far from finished.

Our downtown didn't decline overnight, and it can't be transformed overnight. Let's take the long view. In September 2013, the City Council set a $1 billion cap for the TIRZ, meaning that when the tax value of the properties in the zone reach $1 billion, the TIRZ will have done its job. Imagine how beautiful — and busy — our downtown will be when the value of downtown properties reaches $1 billion.

In a recent article in the Reporter-Telegram, Concho officials said other amenities are necessary to achieve a fully "revitalized" downtown. Concho stated, "We are the exception; most other businesses would require public incentives to make (downtown) projects viable."

Public improvements, which can include replacing 60- and 70-year-old sewer lines and water lines, removing asbestos, running fiber optic cable and electricity underground, all help to make downtown attractive to developers. Funded by the increases in taxes paid by downtown properties, not from the city's general fund, these improvements will not increase your personal property tax rate.

Very important is the collaboration of Midland College and Midland County, together with the city of Midland — the commitment to downtown Midland of three major players in our community. All three entities have the vision and the will to reinvest increases in their downtown tax dollars in downtown Midland.

This is huge, folks. Without the TIRZ, developers would have to go separately to the county, the college and the city seeking participation. Who thinks that would happen? Developers want to deal with one entity. And that entity is the TIRZ.

Strong, conservative folks serve on the TIRZ board. They are tough and good stewards of TIRZ dollars. Their requirements leverage every tax dollar to the max, bringing millions of private dollars into every downtown project.

The TIRZ is the very best tool in our toolbox to make downtown Midland the heart of a world-class city. Let's keep the TIRZ in place to finish the job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MC should be focus for workforce, economic development

I read an article about the oil and gas boom in the Permian Basin. While the petroleum workers are highly paid, school teachers, police and firefighters cannot afford the high housing costs. Also, the petroleum industry has seen booms and busts before, which is very unstable to this region's economy.

Midland (and Odessa) needs a more diversified economy. The planning commission needs to work with Midland College to attract and expand other industries — such as machining, plastics, beverage and so on.

Also, industry success is driven more by process technicians than engineers or MBA managers. That is why Midland College, with its technical associate degree and certificate programs, should be the central focus for workforce and economic development.

Glen W Spielbauer
Dallas

Enough with bombed-out children on TV news

It occurs to me that the people firing all these rockets at Israel could be the same ones who were fired upon as children while trying to attend school. Could it be that the government of Israel is creating another generation of people to fire off rockets at their country? I, for one, have seen enough bombed-out school age children on the news. Cease fire.

Emerson Stone

First responders deserve respect from people they keep safe

I was with my family at the RockHounds game Aug. 2. There were several groups having their company picnics there. When the announcer introduced the groups in attendance that day, he announced the city of Midland. There were widespread boos. This is very disturbing to me because I know what this group of people does for our city.

The employees being booed are the very ones who are out on our streets as part of the first responders helping keep the residents out of harm's way. When the wildfires were ready to jump Loop 250 and make it into our neighborhoods, it was the city employees and fire department fighting back the flames, putting their water trucks and employees between these flames and our homes.

Also, when we get a large amount of rain, the city crews go out to block dangerous high-water crossings to keep people from getting washed away and pull out of the water those who try to drive through the flooded streets.

I am very appreciative of the hard work and dedication that the city of Midland employees do for our city each and every day to keep our city safer. I am not a city employee, but I do know some of them and they deserve more thanks and respect from the people who they work so hard for to keep safe.

Chris Blodrowski

America does things in confusing manner

I am so confused about how America does things. I can't get on an airplane with my very small pocket knife or bottle of water. But, it is OK to fly people who are infected with Ebola, a disease with no known cure, into the USA. What is up with this deal? Who in the Lord's name approved this brainless idea? I did not have any say. Did you? I bet not. Sort of bizarre, would you not think?

If Obama is going to issue an "executive order" to naturalize illegals, will he start with giving citizenship to those who are already in the system with their existing paperwork ? If not, why not ? But what do I know, as I did not vote for this moron in the White House. Can you imagine how those folks feel — who went through our existing system process to get their citizenship, and spend all that money on attorneys, and U.S. government fees — seeing thousands get in with just a wink, nod and with no cost, from the White House.

And we say that there are families in America, who are dysfunctional. I won't say that anymore, after watching Obama and his clowns in action.

Timothy L. Parker

TIRZ board committed to sustained development

The TIRZ Board is composed of wise, conservative Midland businessmen/volunteers who are committed to developing our downtown into a dynamic center for business, housing, shopping, parks and entertainment. Midland does not have a family (like the Fort Worth Basses) who make sure that their downtown is attractive, livable and safe (The Basses even funded the bicycle police.).

What we have is the TIRZ. Committed to facilitating sustained (and sustainable) development in the center of Midland, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone is essential to the continuing renovation and revitalization of downtown Midland. The assistance of the TIRZ enabled me to establish my candy factory in downtown Midland and build a year-round, indoor attraction designed for families and out-of-town and foreign visitors — all free to the public.

Susie Hitchcock-Hall

Diner on receiving end of good deed

I'm a volunteer — Pink Lady — at Midland Memorial Hospital. After working my shift on Tuesday and running a few errands, I stopped at Cotton Patch at about 3:30 p.m. to have a bite to eat.

When I had finished my meal, the very sweet and nice waitress said my meal had been paid for. I was so surprised, and asked, "Who?" She said she could not tell me. I forgot to ask the waitress to tell them "thank you," for that was a really nice thing for them to do.

I will be sure to pass the "good deed" on to another person.

Betty Bagwell

System doesn't hold all campuses accountable

■ Effective system would drive academic performance and keep Texas competitive and economically strong



BILL HAMMOND
Texas Association of Business

Summer is coming to an end, and school is starting again. There is always hope at the start of a new school year for students and parents alike. Hope for a better year than last and hope for new successes.

The Texas Education Agency believes that the vast majority of our campuses, around 85 percent, are "meeting standards." A little under 9 percent aren't "meeting standards," or as the TEA would put it, "require improvement." So, are the standards really being met?

Schools are certainly not meeting the standards of employers. At least 60 percent of the jobs being created now require some kind of post-secondary degree or certificate. If a student is not career- or college-ready when they graduate high school, that means they are not ready to begin the post-secondary training needed to get one of those jobs.

High school should be about graduating students who are ready to enter college or the workforce. Only 75 percent of ninth-graders graduate in four years, and only 25 percent of them are ready for a good job or college. As the economy evolves, this is catastrophic for our state and our children.

With the new accountability system, it is very easy for a student to be considered career- or college-ready — too easy in my estimation. Students must only pass two of the five end-of-course exams required to graduate high school to be considered career- or college- ready. That sets up a system where a student can be considered career- or college-ready and not even be qualified to graduate high school. If less than a quarter of our young people graduate high school ready for a truly good job or college, how in the world can we tolerate the state saying 85 percent of our school campuses "meet standards?"

We also must remember the passing standards for these tests. To pass the algebra test for example, students only have to get 37 percent correct. To be considered ready for college, that number should be at least 60 percent; however, if that were the passing standard only around 30 percent of students would be able to pass.

We also must remember that there is a growing number of students being raised in poverty attending our public schools. How will Texas move forward if we don't make sure these children are getting a quality education? The answer is really simple. We won't.

School districts get extra money from the state to educate children who are being raised in poverty, and justifiably so. What isn't fair for these children is that the school districts, while getting extra money to educate them, are not being held accountable for actually doing that job.

If we are to move the academic performance of all Texas students to a level that will meet the needs of employers in the future, we simply must hold all public school campuses accountable. The current system does not achieve that goal. It reminds me of a soccer league for small children where scores are not recorded and everyone gets a trophy at the end of the season. We are not giving our schools anything to strive for.

There is no difference in the "meeting standards" ranking that would let you know if your school is top rated or barely scraping by.

An honest evaluation would reveal that far more than around 9 percent of campuses "require improvement." If Texas is going to continue to be an economic leader in the decades to come, our public education system must look at itself without a candy-coated shell. An honest accountability system doesn't cost more, but it will drive academic performance and keep us competitive and economically strong. That is my hope as we start a new school year.

Bill Hammond is CEO of the Texas Association of Business

'Mr. Boswell' would require updated photos of officials



KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

The Texas Legislature has been out of session since last August and isn't scheduled to go back to "work" until January. I'm perhaps in the minority here, but I miss these folks.

Not in session does not mean bereft of good ideas and eagerness to share them, however. Some of you may know Kirk Watson. He's a state senator and previously served as Austin's mayor. Once upon a time he was "Mr. Boswell." We'll circle back to that.

Like lots of lawmakers, Watson's always thinking about making laws. Yes, that often doesn't end well, but Watson's on to something here. It was posted recently on his entertaining "Watson Wire" website, which some think should be called "Watson's Wired."

"There Oughta be a Law," says the headline. That, of course, is every Democrat's solution to every problem.

"It's not too early to be thinking about potential legislation," he wrote. "You know, laws to make the great state of Texas even greater. Legislation enhancing our quality of life. Bills creating a legacy of accomplishment."

OK, wise guy, let's hear it.

"Require public officials to use up-to-date, current photos instead of old pictures from when they were much younger," he wrote. "This progressive legislative thought was ignited when I recently saw pictures of the governor and lieutenant governor at a state agency."

He posted the photos he'd seen of Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Sure enough, they look just short of Perry's bar mitzvah photo and Dewhurst's college application mugshot.

"Really?" Watson inquired, "How old are these? Is every day (hashtag)ThrowbackThursday?" Watson, "in fairness," noted that Perry and Dewhurst don't check the photos of them hanging in state agencies.

"Plus, I can't really fault a state agency that sucks up to them by hanging youthful memories on the wall," Watson wrote. "And, let's face it, those guys have been hanging around a long time. For all I know, the pics were current when they were first put up."

Watson notes his proposed (in jest) law would be difficult to pass because it "personally impacts aging public officials," meaning "every member has a conflict of interest."

"Well," he concluded, "I'm a flexible legislator. If my bill fails, I'll resort to the old rule that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Here's the Kirk Watson picture you'll see in perpetuity."

Affixed thereto was the mug shot perhaps taken when he was named "Mr. Boswell" at Fort Worth's Boswell High School in 1976.

Boswell High now houses the Senator Kirk Watson Lecture Hall. (Cruel and unusual, cry those who've sat through a Kirk Watson lecture.) Watson was president of his freshman, sophomore and junior classes and was student body president his senior year.

Yes, he was that kid. His high school yearbook lists his accolades, including "outstanding senior thespian."

Watson's idea already has drawn support from the woman whose portrait he hopes to see hanging in state offices starting next year.

"I read your blog about requiring officials to update their photos. I'm all for it. See Exhibit A," Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis tweeted, along with an old photo of her that serves as evidence that hair color is a choice.

"You look so much better since you stopped dying your hair brown," said a tweeted reply from somebody named Gregory Sawyer.

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By Terry Collins
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Eight firefighters who suffered minor burns while battling a wildfire in Northern California left the hospital Saturday as crews gained enough ground on other blazes across the West to allow hundreds of people to return to their homes.

Three firefighters from Santa Clara County and five inmate firefighters from the Salt Creek Camp, a minimum-security facility in California, received minor burns as they battled a fast-moving blaze about 160 miles north of San Francisco in Mendocino County late Friday night.

The inmate crews work side by side with firefighters and do everything from battling blazes to helping build containment lines, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff said.

The injured firefighters were released early Saturday, just hours after being airlifted to the burn center at the University of California, Davis, for treatment, Tolmachoff said. No details were immediately available on how they were injured.

"They are in good spirits," Tolmachoff said. "Although their injuries were minor, we still take them very seriously."

An evacuation order was issued late Friday for the fire that now threatens nearly 60 structures across six communities, Tolmachoff said. The blaze, which was started by lightning on Wednesday, has charred more than 11 square miles in steep and rugged terrain but is partially contained, officials said.

Nearly 2,000 firefighters and 15 helicopters battled the fire in the Wilderness Lodge Area near Laytonville, Capt. Carlos Guerrero said Saturday.

"The fire is burning in heaving timber and is proving to be quite a challenge," Tolmachoff said, adding that crews faced dry, breezy conditions in anticipation of more lightning strikes Sunday.

"That could create a whole new set of problems," she said.

Elsewhere in the West:

■ Crews gained more control over a wildfire in Oregon's wind-swept Columbia River Gorge, allowing the evacuation order for 740 threatened residences to be lifted, the state Department of Forestry said Saturday.

Officials told residents to remain on alert because firefighters were concerned about unburned fuel near the fire, which has charred about 5 square miles since it started Tuesday.

■ A dozen wildfires in central and eastern Washington state put more than a thousand homes and structures in some danger Saturday, though firefighters started to get control of about half the blazes.

■ Crews reached partial containment of Idaho's largest wildfire, which has burned about 92 square miles on the Idaho side of the Snake River across from Oregon and Washington.

Three firefighters there have been injured: One received a gash on his leg from a chain saw and required stiches, another suffered heat-related problems, and a third had a scratched cornea.



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A firefighter retrieves a gasoline container used to fuel water pumps protecting the structures at Billy Creek Ranch along the Snake River as they light backfires at the site on the Idaho side of the Snake River on Friday. On Friday, officials said the nearby Big Cougar fire grew to 76 square miles.

Firefighters gain ground on blaze in Oregon

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Fire officials were upbeat Friday about their progress in fighting a wildfire in Oregon's wind-swept Columbia River Gorge that destroyed one home, damaged two others and threatened more than 700 residences.

Crews focused on burnout operations to deprive the fire of fuel and improve containment lines. Firefighters also worked to create more defensible space around homes in the small town of Rowena.

"We turned the corner today, and things are looking much better," Oregon Forestry Department Incident Commander John Buckman said.

Even the winds, which have gusted to 30 mph, were expected to die down.

The fire has burned across about 5 square miles since it started Tuesday. It's about 35 percent contained. The cause is still under investigation.

Residents of more than 140 homes were earlier told to evacuate, and nearly 600 households have been put on alert in the community near The Dalles. Many people were allowed to return home on Thursday.

The basalt walls of the gorge east of Portland funnel winds that draw windsurfers from afar, but what's good for recreation gives firefighters fits.

"You look in one direction, and there's a fire," fire spokesman Mike Waite said. "You look the other way, and there are people out there windsurfing."

Ken Wright, who helped his daughter, son-in-law and their baby and pets evacuate Wednesday, said the fire surrounded his daughter's house and four other homes. The family lives about half a mile from where the fire started and was one of the first seven homes evacuated.

"It was scary to watch your house almost burn up. It was pretty crazy," said Wright, who watched — from a safe distance — fire engines battling the blaze around his daughter's house. "It's amazing how those firefighters kept the houses from burning, with the fire going around them."

The family has been told not to return yet because the fire may go back through the area, Wright said.

At a briefing in The Dalles on Friday, Gov. John Kitzhaber issued a warning to Oregon residents.

"This is a very explosive fire season," he said. "We're having enough trouble with lightning-caused fires, so people should really be very intentional about using good fire-safety practices when they're in the woods recreating or using power tools."

Elsewhere in the West, three firefighters have been injured battling a wildfire burning on the Idaho side of the Snake River across from Oregon and Washington.

One firefighter received a gash on his leg from a chain saw and required stiches, fire spokeswoman Jill Cobb said. Another firefighter suffered heat-related problems, and a third sustained a scratched cornea.

The fire on Friday grew to 76 square miles and destroyed a sixth structure.

In central Washington state, firefighters late Friday used explosives to build a fire break on an inaccessible section of a fast-growing wildfire near Ellensburg that has grown to cover nearly 14 square miles. The lightning-caused fire is being fought by more than 700 people.

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Drought-tolerant crop shows promise for dry years

By Sean Ellis
Capital Press

ONTARIO, Ore. — Camelina field trials at the Oregon State University experiment station here have shown the oil seed crop could be a source of income for the region's farmers in drought years when irrigation water is sparse.

Camelina, which is a source of animal protein supplements, cooking oil and biofuel, can be planted in the fall or very early spring.

Camelina that was harvested at the research station in late June and early July this year yielded 1,590 pounds of seed per acre despite receiving no irrigation water.

The area only received 5.69 inches of precipitation from when the crop was planted Nov. 27 through harvest.

"It produced more than we expected given the fact we received less than 6 inches of precipitation," said OSU researcher Clint Shock, director of the university's Malheur County experiment station.

This year's results were similar to those in 2013 during the trial's first year.

Camelina wouldn't be a high-value crop in this area but it could provide farmers some income to offset their fixed expenses during years when water is scare, Shock said.

This year's yield average means the crop would have been worth around $300 per acre, he added. That compares to $4,800 per acre for an average onion crop.

"It's not a high-return crop but at least something could be produced off the land with very little water," he said.

Nyssa area farmer Paul Skeen said the camelina trial is intriguing, especially in a year like 2014 when water is tight. A lot of ground in the area was left fallow this year in anticipation of a short water season.

But farmers in this area have a lot of expenses tied up in irrigated land and in years when there is very little or no irrigation water, camelina might help them recoup some of those expenses.

"You've got costs in your ground whether you farm it or not," he said. "You're at least getting enough back to maybe pay your rent or taxes. At least you're cutting some of your losses."

Skeen estimates the 2014 trial crop would have covered costs.

"Instead of leaving all that ground idle, if you could plant something like that and make some money off of it, it's still better than zero," he said.

If growers in this area do warm to camelina, they would have a willing buyer in Willamette Biomass Processors, which is located near Salem.

Tomas Endicott, vice president of development for WBP, said his company purchases camelina from Montana and would certainly be willing to purchase it from Eastern Oregon.

WBP crushes camelina into oil and sells the high-protein meal as livestock feed to the beef and poultry industries.

Endicott said camelina needs only 3-4 inches of precipitation to make a decent crop and would top out at about 2,500 pounds per acre with 8-10 inches.

"It's very, very drought tolerant," he said. "The drought tolerance means it's better suited for somewhere like Eastern Oregon."

Waggoner Ranch, among US' largest, listed for sale

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — One of the largest ranches in the U.S. and an icon for Texas horse and cattlemen has been listed for $725 million, marking the end of a decades-long courtroom battle among the heirs of cattle baron W.T. Waggoner, who established the estate in 1923.

The estate includes the 510,000-acre ranch spread over six North Texas counties, with two main compounds, hundreds of homes, about 20 cowboy camps, hundreds of quarter-horses, thousands of heads of cattle, 1,200 oil wells and 30,000 acres of cultivated land, according to Dallas-based broker Bernie Uechtritz, who is handling the sale along with broker Sam Middleton of Lubbock.

Heirs and stakeholders currently occupy two of the three principle houses and much of the estate has not yet been explored for oil and other mineral reserves.

Uechtritz says the estate falls within a "super asset class," akin to selling the "Statue of Liberty" of cowboy culture. The Waggoner Ranch is the largest contiguous ranch in the United States. W.T. Waggoner's father, Dan Waggoner, started ranching in 1849, and the Waggoner name was prominent in the development of Hereford cattle and pedigree American quarter horses.

Students experience farm careers in LSU program

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Agriculture students in two Louisiana parishes will be able to earn college credit and credit toward high school graduation with a course called Natural Resources Conservation 1001.

The Louisiana State University College of Agriculture is offering the classes in the rice country of Vermilion Parish and at a school in Livingston Parish, where suburban sprawl from Baton Rouge is slowly overtaking agriculture.

The course will be wide-ranging, including the food chain, erosion issues and how people affect the environment, said teachers Kelly Becnel of Walker High School and Danielle Newsom, who will teach an evening class at the LSU AgCenter extension office in Abbeville for Vermilion Parish students. The Vermilion course is open to public, private and home-school students.

It's the pilot course in the LSU College of Agriculture's dual-enrollment program and more courses may be added, said Assistant Dean Leslie Blanchard.

Such courses help cut class size for introductory courses and are a recruiting tool. "We feel that if students can leave high school with a good chunk of freshman year under their belt in agriculture, they'll come to us," she said.

LSU's oldest dual-enrollment program, in math, has about 1,200 students, she said.

Becnel said the new class may convince students who don't currently plan to go to college that they can handle the work. She said 24 students have enrolled, with eight to 10 planning to pay the $300 fee for LSU course credit.

"I hope that once they see they can do it, more will decide to," she said.

William Kelso, one of their teachers at LSU, will be the professor of record for college credit, but Becnel and Newsom will do all the high-school teaching.

"We're going to focus on a lot of the environmental ecology-type scenarios — basically what the trend of the environment is and what role we as humans play," Newsom said. She said Vermilion Parish students have good reason to be interested, since their families deal regularly with issues such as hurricanes, habitat loss and coastal erosion.

"We'll be touching on a lot of things dealing with sustainability — natural resources conservation, how the food web works, how climate affects food webs and natural resources, the ecology of natural resources," Becnel said.

The course is the only one Newsome will teach this year — she's taking a year off from Abbeville High School, where she has taught agriculture for the past two years.

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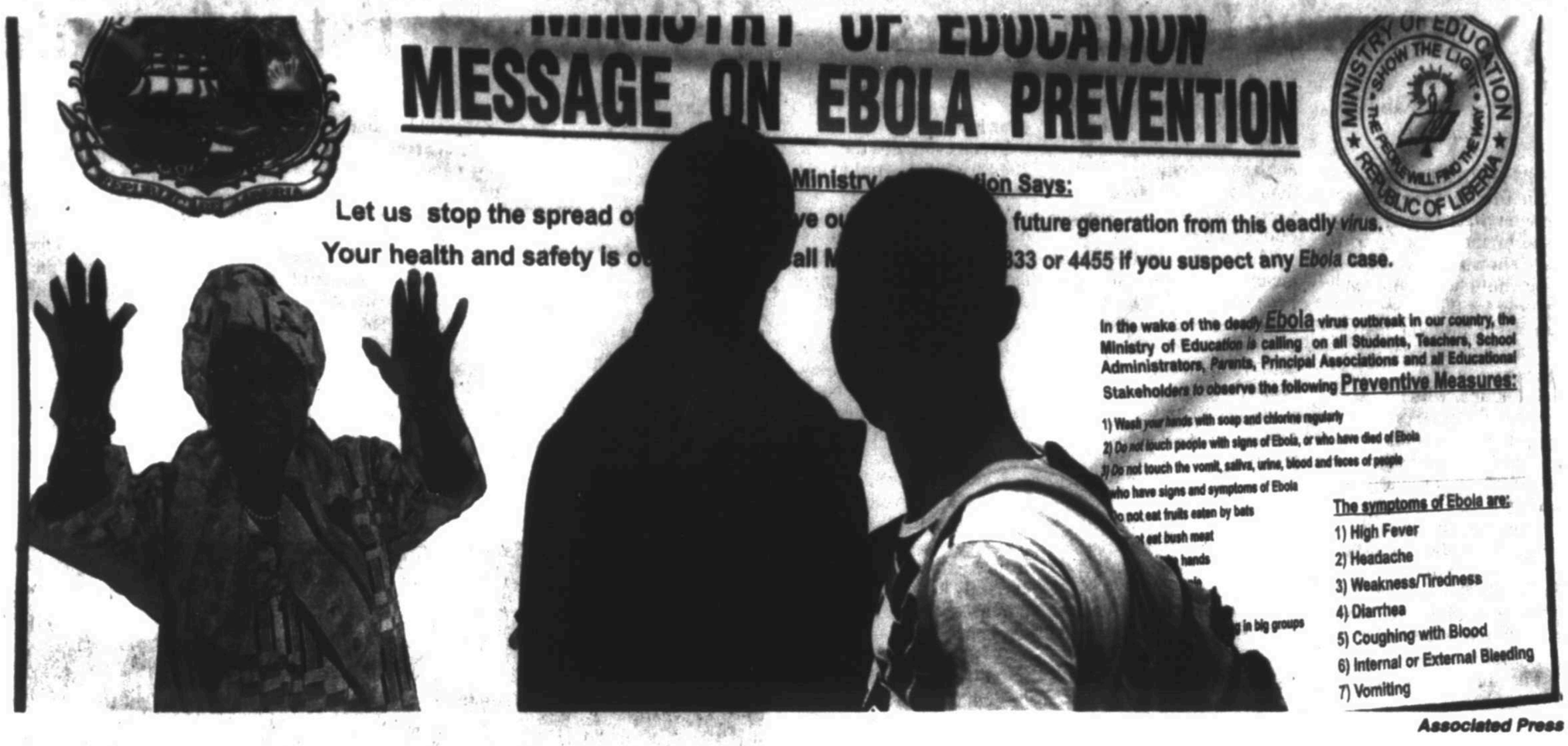
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What's scary about Ebola, reasons not to fear it



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The image of Liberia President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, left, appears on a public information banner warning people about the Ebola virus in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, on Friday. The World Health Organization urged nations worldwide to donate money and resources to stop the spread of Ebola as it declared the outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States' top disease detective calls Ebola a "painful, dreadful, merciless virus."

The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak in West Africa an international emergency, killing more than 900 people and spreading.

That's scary and serious. But it also cries out for context.

AIDS alone takes more than a million lives per year in Africa — a thousand times the toll of this Ebola outbreak so far.

Lung infections such as pneumonia are close behind as the No. 2 killer. Malaria and diarrhea claim hundreds of thousands of African children each year.

In the United States, where heart attacks and cancer are the biggest killers, the risk of contracting the Ebola virus is close to zero.

Americans fretting about their own health would be better off focusing on getting a flu shot this fall. Flu is blamed for about 24,000 U.S. deaths per year.

To put the Ebola threat in perspective, here are some reasons to be concerned about the outbreak, and reasons not to fear it:

Why it's scary

There is no cure for Ebola hemorrhagic fever.

More than half of people infected in this outbreak have died. Death rates in some past outbreaks reached 90 percent.

It's a cruel end that comes within days. Patients grow feverish and weak, suffering through body aches, vomiting, diarrhea and internal bleeding, sometimes bleeding from the nose and ears.

The damage can spiral far beyond the patients themselves.

Because it's spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of sick patients, Ebola takes an especially harsh toll on doctors and nurses, already in short supply in areas of Africa hit by the disease.

Outbreaks spark fear and panic.

Health workers and clinics have come under attack from residents, who sometimes blame foreign doctors for the deaths. People with from Ebola or other illnesses may fear going to a hospital, or may be shunned by friends and neighbors.

Two of the worst-hit countries — Liberia and Sierra Leone — sent troops to quarantine areas with Ebola cases. The aim was to stop the disease's spread but the action also created hardship for many residents.

Where it is

The outbreak began in Guinea in March before spreading to neighboring Sierra Leone and Liberia. A traveler recently carried it farther, to Nigeria, leading to a few cases in the giant city of Lagos.

Ebola emerged in 1976. It has been confirmed in 10 African nations, but never before in the region of West Africa.

Lack of experience with the disease there has contributed to its spread. So has a shortage of medical personnel and supplies, widespread poverty, and political instability.

Sierra Leone still is recovering from a decade of civil war in which children were forced into fighting. Liberia, originally founded by freed American slaves, also endured civil war in the 1990s. Guinea is trying to establish a young and fragile democracy.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, boasts great oil wealth but most of its people are poor. The government is battling Islamic militants in the north who have killed thousands of people and kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls in April.

This outbreak has proved more difficult to control than previous ones because the disease is crossing national borders, and is spreading in more urban areas.

Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, predicts that within a few weeks, Ebola will sicken more people than all previous occurrences combined. Already more than 1,700 cases have been reported.

Global health officials say it will take months to fully contain the outbreak, even if all goes as well as can be hoped.

Reasons not to be afraid

Ebola is devastating for those it affects. But most people don't need to fear it. Why?

■ Ebola doesn't spread easily, the way a cold virus or the flu does. It is only spread by direct contact with bodily fluids such as blood, saliva, sweat and urine. Family members have contracted it by caring for their relatives or handling an infected body as part of burial practices. People aren't contagious until they show symptoms, Frieden said. Symptoms may not appear until 21 days after exposure.

"People should not be afraid of casual exposure on a subway or an airplane," said Dr. Robert Black, professor of international health at Johns Hopkins University.

■ Health officials around the developed world know how to stop Ebola. Frieden described tried-and-true measures: find and isolate all possible patients, track down people they may have exposed, and ensure strict infection-control procedures while caring for patients. Every past outbreak of Ebola has been brought under control.

The CDC is sending at least 50 staff members to West Africa to help fight the disease, while more than 200 work on the problem from the agency's headquarters in Atlanta. The WHO is urging nations worldwide to send money and resources to help.

■ It's true that Ebola could be carried into the United States by a traveler, possibly putting family members or health care workers at risk. It's never happened before. But if the disease does show up in the U.S., Frieden said, doctors and hospitals know how to contain it quickly.

"We are confident that a large Ebola outbreak in the United States will not occur," Frieden told a congressional hearing Thursday.

Other things to worry about

Ebola's toll is minuscule compared with other diseases that killing millions of people.

"The difference is the diseases that do kill a lot of people — malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia — they cause their problems over time," Black said. "They're not generally epidemic. They're not the kind of sudden burst of disease and death that creates fear like this."

The common diseases have far lower mortality rates. They kill so many people because such huge numbers are infected.

In comparison, Ebola is manageable.

"The order of magnitude of the resources to control Ebola in small communities in three or four countries is very small compared to controlling malaria in all of Asia and Africa," Black said. "I don't at all think we should hold back on the resources to control Ebola, but we need more resources to control these major killers of children and adults that we're making too little effort against."

Ebola starting to take an economic toll

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Caterpillar has evacuated a handful of employees from Liberia. Canadian Overseas Petroleum Ltd. has suspended a drilling project. British Airways has canceled flights to the region. ExxonMobil and Chevron are waiting to see whether health officials can contain the danger.

The Ebola outbreak, which has claimed nearly 1,000 lives, is disrupting business and inflicting economic damage in the three African countries at the center of the crisis: Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. So far, analysts say the crisis doesn't threaten the broader African or global economies.

"We must make sure it is controlled and contained as quickly as possible," said Olusegun Aganga, trade minister in Nigeria, which has confirmed nine cases of Ebola. "Once that is done, I don't think it will have a lasting impact on the economy."

The World Health Organization on Friday declared the outbreak an international public health emergency. The WHO didn't recommend any travel or trade bans. But it cautioned anyone who had had close contact with Ebola patients to avoid international travel and urged exit screenings at international airports and border crossings.

"When you have a widespread outbreak of Ebola, you can end up with a panic," said John Campbell, senior fellow for Africa studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. "People won't go to work. Expatriates will leave. Economic activity will slow. Fields won't get planted."

The World Bank estimates that the outbreak will shrink economic growth in Guinea, where the crisis emerged in March, from 4.5 percent to 3.5 percent this year.

Ama Egyaba Baidu-Forson, an economist at IHS Global Insight who focuses on sub-Saharan Africa, is cutting her forecasts for growth this year in Liberia and Sierra Leone. She warned that prices would rise as food and other staples become scarce and that the region's already fragile governments would run up big budget deficits in fighting Ebola.

Baidu-Forson says the countries hit by Ebola ultimately could require financial help from the International Monetary Fund.

In the meantime, multinational companies that do business in the resource-rich region are scrambling to respond to the crisis. Among them:

■ Heavy equipment manufacturer Caterpillar Inc., based in Peoria, Illinois, has "evacuated less than 10 people" from Liberia, company spokeswoman Barbara Cox said by email. In a statement, Caterpillar said: "The health and safety of our people is our top priority.... We will continue to monitor the situation closely."

■ British Airways has announced that it's suspending flights to and from Liberia and Sierra Leone through Aug. 31 "due to the deteriorating public health situation in both countries."

■ Tawana Resources, an Australian iron-ore company, said it had suspended "all non-essential field activities within Liberia" and sent all non-essential African workers, expatriates and contractors home.

■ London-based mining company African Minerals has begun imposing health checks and travel restrictions on employees in the region.

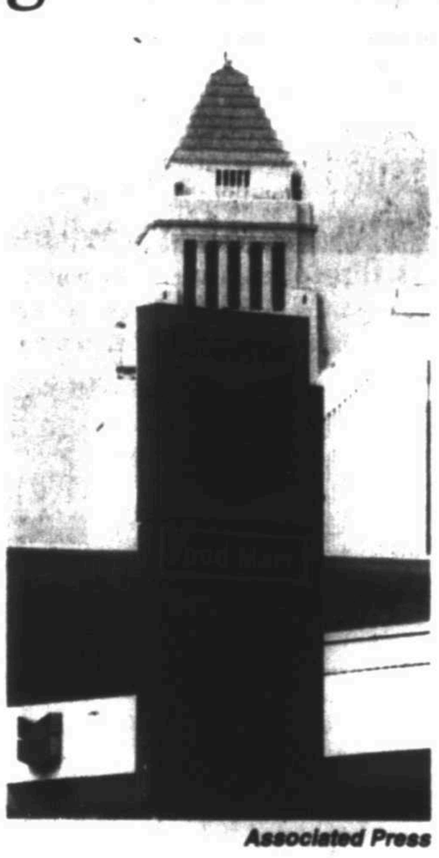
■ Canadian Overseas Petroleum, based in Calgary, has stopped drilling in Liberia. And some of its expatriate employees have left the country.

■ ExxonMobil said in a statement that its offices remain open and that "we're taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of our employees." The company has offices in Liberia, Nigeria and several other African nations.

■ Chevron, which has an office in the Liberian capital of Monrovia and is in the process of exploring for oil off Liberia's coast, said it's "closely monitoring the outbreak of Ebola virus in West Africa." But the company wouldn't say whether it was withdrawing any employees or taking any other steps as a result of the outbreak.

So far, the economic damage has not affected West Africa's biggest economy, Nigeria's, though the disease has already spread to that country.

"It's not stopped commerce; it's not stopped buying," said Danladi Verheijen, managing director of the investment firm Verod Capital. "The flights are still full going into Nigeria."



Associated Press

In 2013, the logo of Chevron is seen at a gas station downtown Los Angeles. As anxiety surrounding the Ebola crisis in Africa spread, economists say it's causing corporations to reassess their strategies and damaging the regional economy but so far causing no broader economic impact. Caterpillar and several mining companies have evacuated employees from Liberia. British Airlines has canceled flights to the region. Exxon and Chevron say they're waiting to see whether public health authorities can contain the Ebola outbreak in three West African countries.

Liberians demand that govt picks up Ebola bodies

Associated Press

MONROVA, Liberia — Riot police raced to quell a demonstration blocking Liberia's busiest highway Saturday as an angry crowd protested the government's delays in collecting the bodies of Ebola victims.

In Guinea, where the deadly Ebola outbreak emerged in March, health officials announced Saturday that the country was closing its land borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone — two of the countries where the killer virus has now spread and where deaths are mounting.

The World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak an international health emergency Friday. The growing unease in Liberia, where nearly 300 people have died from the gruesome disease, raises the specter of social unrest.

Several bodies had been lying by the roadside for two days in the central town of Weala, 50 miles (75 kilometers) from the capital of Monrovia, and no government agency had picked them up, residents said.

The Ebola virus spreads through the bodily fluids of its victims and many in West Africa have fallen ill after touching or handling corpses. Liberia's government has ordered that all Ebola victims be cremated amid community opposition to neighborhood burials for fear of further contamination.

Information Minister Lewis Brown sounded a warning on state radio Saturday.

"Security people are on their way to put things under control," Brown said, directing his comments to protesters. "We don't want people taking the law into their own hands."

The latest Ebola outbreak is the largest ever recorded for the disease and so far has killed at least 961 people, according to figures released Friday by the U.N. health agency. This outbreak emerged in Guinea and has since spread to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

The situation is particularly dire in Liberia, where the Doctors Without Borders charity group has described the conditions as "catastrophic."

"There are reports of dead bodies lying in streets and houses," said the group's emergency coordinator in Liberia, Lindis Hurum.

At least 40 health workers in Liberia have contracted Ebola in recent weeks and most of the city's hospitals are closed, Hurum said.

On Saturday, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was meeting with health workers at City Hall in Monrovia.

"The president wants to express the collective gratitude of the entire nation to our health care workers who have continued to make tremendous sacrifices for this country and people," said Brown.

State radio broadcaster Smith Toby called health workers "front-line soldiers" leading the fight against Ebola.

Liberia has launched "Operation White Shield" under which soldiers are deployed in different locations and at checkpoints outside the capital to discourage residents' movements.

New Mexico sues over tribal gambling compact

By Barry Massey
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Gov. Susana Martinez's administration has sued the federal government to stop the Interior Department from approving a new gambling compact for Pojoaque Pueblo and imposing it on New Mexico.

The governor's office filed the lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, contending the interior secretary doesn't have the authority to implement a compact under procedures being followed by Pojoaque after it failed to negotiate a new gambling agreement with the state.

Interior Department spokeswoman Emily Beyer said Friday she could not comment on pending litigation.

Jessica Hernandez, the governor's deputy chief of staff and attorney, said in a statement that Pojoaque "is attempting to use regulations from the Department of Interior to conduct gaming in a way that is contrary to the best interests of New Mexicans and neighboring pueblos."

A federal appeals court ruled in a Texas case in 2007 that the federal agency couldn't impose a gambling compact on the state using that process, but that decision isn't binding on federal judges in New Mexico.

Pojoaque Gov. George Rivera said, "The Department of Interior will be able to defend their position very well, and I think the compact between the Pueblo of Pojoaque and the Department of Interior will move forward."

The pueblo isn't named as a defendant in the state's lawsuit.

Martinez objects to Pojoaque's proposed compact, which would stop tribal revenue sharing payments to the state, allow the serving of alcohol in gambling areas and allow the tribe to lower the gambling age in the tribe's casinos from 21 to 18.

The governor contends the proposed changes in casino operations would give Pojoaque a competitive advantage over other New Mexico tribes with casinos.

Rivera said the tribe doesn't plan to drop the gambling age, but wants to deal with that issue through tribal regulation rather than having it among gambling policies prohibited by the state. He objects that the state wants the tribe to pay a greater share of revenue in a new compact.

The pueblo's compact with New Mexico expires in mid-2015. After failing to negotiate a new agreement with the Martinez administration, the tribe is seeking a compact through procedures the Interior Department established through regulations.

For that process to become available, a tribe must sue in federal court contending that a state isn't negotiating in good faith. If the state shields itself from the lawsuit by invoking sovereign immunity — as New Mexico has done — the tribe can ask the interior secretary to approve a compact governing casino gambling on tribal lands.

Pojoaque is among 14 tribes in New Mexico that operate casinos under compacts with the state.

Tribes pay the state a share of slot-machine proceeds after a deduction for how much gamblers win and regulatory fees. New Mexico received about $69 million last year from all tribes.

The lawsuit contends the department's administrative compact procedures violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, exceed the powers that Congress granted the secretary under that law and "constitute an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority in violation of the doctrine of separation of powers."

Boulder County Fair closes 'Smallest Woman' sideshow

Associated Press

LONGMONT, Colo. — A sideshow at the Boulder County Fair advertising "Little Liz, the World's Smallest Woman" has been shut down after complaints.

The show featuring a woman from Haiti who's 29 inches tall, or less than 2 ½ feet, closed Thursday after two parents complained, The Times-Call of Longmont reported.

"There was kind of an 'ick factor' to it," said Carrie Haverfield of the Boulder County Commissioners' Office. "When I talked to our open space director and one of our county attorneys about it, we had the gut check of, 'This is not the sort of use we want to encourage.' ... We just didn't feel it was appropriate to a family show."

Traveling carnivals used to rely heavily on sideshows, including sword swallowers and fire eaters, but rides have largely replaced them as tastes changed and a number of areas made "freak shows" illegal.

The New Mexico State Fair in 2008 canceled a similar exhibit featuring a 29-inch-tall woman after fair officials called it exploitation. "Tiny Tina" returned the next year after telling fair officials she didn't think she was being exploited.

In Colorado, the owner of the carnival at the Boulder County Fair said "Little Liz" and her husband play about 20 events a year with his carnival.

"Her sitting on a chair for pictures isn't any different than a guy dressed like Santa Claus sitting here for pictures," Pat Crabtree said. "To me, it adds something to life, it's good for them (Liz and her husband), and it doesn't hurt anyone."

He also argued that the complaint cut into Little Liz's living for a few days.

"I wish there were more sideshows," Crabtree said. "When people come back from a carnival, they should be able to say, 'I've never seen anything like that anywhere else.'"

Haverfield said it a no-win situation.

"Obviously, our goal is not to have anybody lose their source of income," she said. But at the same time, the fair's events needed to reflect what county residents considered appropriate, Haverfield said.

SOUTHWESTBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DENVER

Half of Colorado farmers markets take food stamps

More people shopping at Colorado farmers markets and farmstands can now use food stamps to pay for their produce.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says half of Colorado's 140 registered farmers markets and stands are now equipped to swipe the government debit cards issued to low-income shopper under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

In Colorado and across the country, the USDA has been trying to get more of the growing number of farmers markets to accept the cards by offering to pay for the necessary wireless access.

Besides helping low-income people get healthy, fresh fruit and vegetables, Undersecretary Kevin Concannon said Friday that the program helps support small farmers.

NEW MEXICO

State to enforce rules on land use permits

SANTA FE — New Mexico wildlife officials are preparing a crackdown on visitors who show up at some state lands without the proper permit, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported Friday.

Many residents are still not aware that they must have a Gaining Access into Nature permit, also known as GAIN, to watch wildlife, hike, bike or even take pictures, according to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

GAIN permits are mandatory for anyone above the age of 18 who wants to engage in recreation on State Game Commission wildlife management areas. These designated areas include Pecos Canyon, Bear Canyon and more than a dozen other properties around New Mexico. The permits costs $20 each and are good for one year. Temporary five-day GAIN permits are also available for $9. The permit includes a fee for habitat management and vendors.

Anyone caught recreating without a GAIN permit or license for hunting, fishing or trapping can be fined or jailed. Fines range from $50 to $500 and jail time can go up to six months.

COLORADO

Deer talk centers on boosting state population

GLENWOOD SPRINGS — Colorado's mule deer population is well below the number desired by state wildlife officials, and at a summit Saturday they're unveiling strategies to reverse the slide.

Two years ago, Colorado's post-hunt deer population was estimated to be 408,000, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. That's well below the population objective range of 525,000 to 575,000.

On the Western Slope, the estimated population was just over 300,000, or more than 100,000 short of the objective. Population declines also have been experienced in the White River National Forest.

A draft of a new Western Slope Mule Deer Strategy was to be released at the summit, Colorado Public Radio reported.

"Unlike previous times in history when mule deer populations have bounced back, we're in a time right now where mule deer populations are continuing to decline," CPW's Jody Kennedy said.

PHOENIX

Arizona clemency board director victim of burglary

The head of the state Board of Executive Clemency says four guns and his credentials are among the possessions a burglar took from his Phoenix home.

Chairman and Executive Director Brian Livingston told KTVK-TV (http://bit.ly/1slGwhY) that someone ransacked his house while he was at work Wednesday.

Livingston, a retired police officer, says the thief also made off with his badge and several valuable watches.

Livingston says this is the third break-in at his home in five years.

He says he is unsure if his ties to the clemency board are related to the crime.

The five-member board oversees monthly parole hearings and approves release of inmates.

Gov. Jan Brewer appointed Livingston to the board in April 2012.

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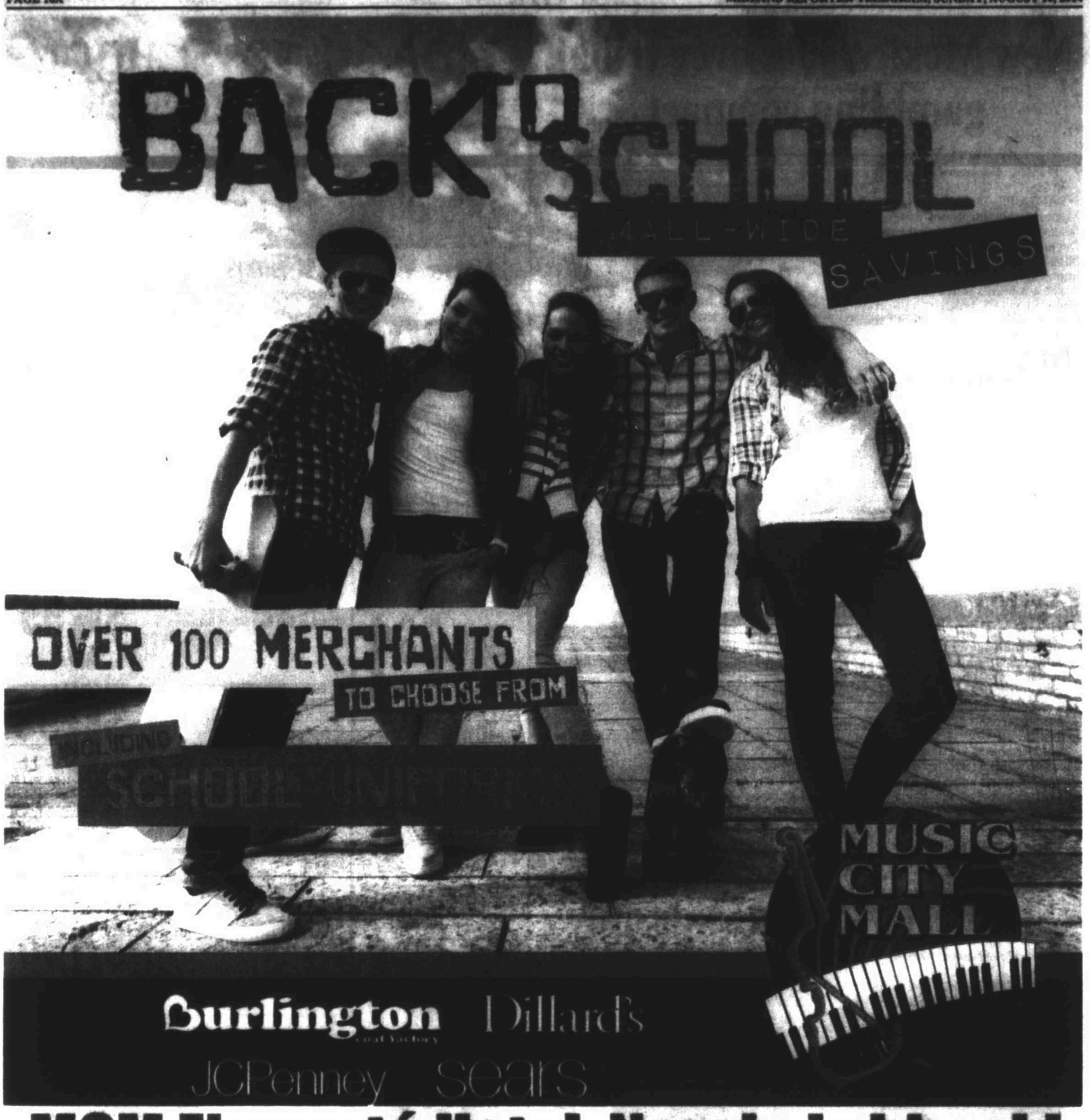
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Hotel Fuel developers clean out building

Project still awaiting financial agreements before proceeding

By Joseph Basco
jbasco@mrt.com

Developers of a boutique downtown hotel continue with the project four months after a parking agreement with the city of Midland was not renewed.

For the past few weeks, workers have been gutting out old debris, carpeting, walls and ceiling tiles inside the old Western United Life Building at West Texas Avenue and North Colorado Street to make way for Hotel Fuel.

Hotel Fuel is conceptualized to have 42 rooms, a restaurant, bar, fitness center and meeting and board rooms. Hotel Fuel will be nine floors, and the estimated construction cost is $11 million.

The one missing design component is a parking lot, which is the reason the developer — 301 Ventures — begun negotiating with the city last year for a parking lot deal. The developers gave the city the Building of the Southwest, which is next to the Hotel Fuel site, so that the city can turn the lot into public parking with some spaces reserved for Hotel Fuel.

But then the project was put on hold after the City Council did not grant 301 Ventures a parking agreement extension on April 8. Developers requested another extension after doing so on Feb. 11, giving the same reason both times: Financial agreements with banks were not finalized.

Council members, already angered by the Feb. 11 extension request, voted 6-1 to let the parking agreement expire.

"We're very close with our financing," Patrick Cordero, the consultant for the project, said on Thursday. "And once we get all that together, hopefully we'll be back to discuss parking options with the city."

One option Cordero considered was for the city to create a downtown master parking plan that avoids having parking lots completed in a piecemeal fashion. He wants to get all downtown developers together to resolve the parking issue, he said.

In the original parking agreement with the city, Hotel Fuel developers were seeking 210 parking spaces.

Parking has been identified as one of the roadblocks downtown developers have had to address. Currently, public parking spaces along the sides of downtown streets are always occupied even though the spaces have a two-hour limit.

The city has precedence in helping developers with parking. One of the more notable cases is a $5 million incentive for a parking garage at the Wall Street Lofts development on Wall and Main streets.

Cordero said that once the financial situation is resolved, developers will "move quickly." The developers and its parent company, PNK Group Investments, own six other hotels in Midland and Odessa, such as Days Inn and Midland Extended Stay. Those hotels will be used to house the construction workers who will Build Hotel Fuel.

"We can open up in eight to 12 months, after we get funding," Cordero said.

SHOPPING BREAK



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A man hands out balloons to shoppers taking advantage of the tax-free weekend at Midland Park Mall. Most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backbacks priced under $100 are tax-free this weekend. The annual sales tax holiday is expected to save shoppers an estimated $82.7 million this year, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office. Midlanders will save $8.25 on every $100 they spend. For more information, visit www.texastaxholiday.org.

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Little change occurs despite insurance gains

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mike Norby is no longer basking in praise over Houston surpassing enrollment expectations in the federal health insurance marketplace. Four months later, the story behind the numbers isn't as rosy for the county health care program he helps oversee.

Harris Health System — like other programs across the state — hasn't enjoyed the expected savings from the Affordable Care Act because most of its 48,000 patients eligible for subsidized insurance instead chose to remain enrolled in the county's cheaper taxpayer-funded medical care.

Now, public entities from Houston to El Paso are scrambling to tweak rules to make those who qualify for subsidized insurance ineligible for the local programs.

"We're not seeing much impact at all," said Norby, the chief financial officer for the Harris County system, which spends more than $500 million a year caring for the uninsured.

Texas, which has the nation's highest uninsured rate at about a quarter of the population, far exceeded expectations in the first enrollment drive that ended in mid-April, with more than 733,000 people signing up. Local officials and nonprofits toiled for months to reach the uninsured, investing financial and personnel resources.

Harris Health System trained hundreds of employees to assist with enrollment after identifying that about 15 percent of the approximately 300,000 enrolled in the county's subsidized medical program qualified for subsidized insurance, Norby said.

"In theory, that would have made a dent in the amount of taxpayer money going toward this," Norby said.

While exact statistics won't be compiled until later this year, Norby said not many people who were eligible for subsidized insurance appear to have dropped out of the county program.

He said those who decided against insurance evaluated the monthly premiums and balanced them against the $10 copay typically required for county services. In addition, the penalty in 2014 for not purchasing insurance will be either 1 percent of income or $95, whichever is greater — a lower annual cost than the monthly premium.

That penalty will rise in subsequent years, but not fast enough. So Harris County wants to change the rules to force those eligible for a marketplace subsidy to enroll, and make them ineligible for the county program. But because changes can only occur once a year, and must go through a public comment period, they won't be ready by November when the next round of open enrollment in the federal marketplace begins.

The situation in El Paso is similar. Of the 644 patients that received enrollment assistance from the University Medical Center of El Paso, 101 selected an insurance plan. Another 188 qualified for subsidies but didn't enroll, said Henry Garcia, the hospital's managed care contracting manager.

More than half the patients didn't qualify for subsidies at all, falling into a "Medicaid gap" created by Texas' decision not to expand the program — another strain on local resources.

Not reaching more people is a loss for the district, which paid $222.8 million in fiscal year 2013 to care for the uninsured, Garcia said in an email.

In Dallas, the Parkland Health and Hospital System invested more than $760 million in the 2013 fiscal year to care for the uninsured. About 16 percent — or just over 22,000 — of the 140,000

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



August brings new beginnings to football season

I know there is a lot of talk these days about climate change, but I'm here to tell you that it is now August and there is still that special feeling in the air that has survived generations of weather change and other seasonal patterns.

Of course, you know what I'm talking about. Surely, you have felt it at some point over the past 10 days. It really is inescapable.

There is this electricity in the air that energizes your entire being. There is a greater sense of anticipation.

I really think the recent cool-down experience helped fire up our hunger for August. It didn't feel like summer anymore and we had that cloud cover that drenched us in an early fall swoon.

Please see WILLIAMSON/3B

MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist



'Old lady' shorts prefered wardrobe for summer

When the Hubs and I got married, we went to London and Ireland for our honeymoon. We packed light. I brought a skirt, some shorts, t-shirts, a bunch of impractical shoes and two pairs of pants, one of which was a faboosh pair of hot-pink knit capris. I loved those pants. They were so soft and comfortable. So comfy in fact, that they doubled as pajama pants. Pretty smart packing, huh? But the Hubs hated them and he literally groaned every time I wore them out and about. I was finally hounded into trashing them.

I have some tactile issues and prefer to be comfortable over fashionable. I don't know what it is, but ever since I was a kid, I have hated certain clothes. Specifically, clothes with big "chords" or big seams inside. The year my mother forced me to wear a velvet, long-sleeved shirt for school pictures is still stuck in my head. I was miserable. First, the flip side of velvet just feels wrong. And the chords in those sleeves were monstrous, making my skin crawl every time I moved. Mine was red. My brother in a matching velvet

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Obituaries



Dixie Beth Brantley

Dixie Beth Brantley, 68 of Midland, TX passed away at her home August 5th, 2014. A memorial service will be held at her church home, St. Marks Methodist Church, at 10 am.

Dixie was born October 14th 1945 in Abilene, TX to Wanda and Wilbur Jackson. She moved to Midland in 1950 where she began her life with her family.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1964. She worked in the banking world all of her life as a bookkeeper at Commercial State and Chase Bank.

She was an avid gardener and gave life to whatever could grow. She always had the most beautiful flowers in the neighborhood. She loved all flowers and never just had one favorite.

She was a member of WOW (Women Of Worship) with First Methodist Church. She has been a member of St. Marks Methodist church for 40 plus years. Dixie was a one of a kind of lady and if you ever came in contact with her you would never forget who Dixie was.

She moved to Santa Rita Senior Apartments in 2006. This brought so much joy to her life, getting to make new lifelong friends. She enjoyed getting to do all the activities like Bingo, birthday parties, exercising, riding the bus to Wal-Mart, and her favorite was sitting on the porch with her friend Sherry Hobbs and just talking about life.

Dixie was preceded in death by son Kurt Mason Brantley; parents, Wanda and Wilbur Jackson and brothers Clifton Jackson and Jackie Don Jackson. She is survived by her children Robert Brantley and wife Susan of Whitney, TX and her daughter Monica Neatherlin of Midland, TX; Grandchildren are April Neatherlin of Midland, TX, Brittany Etherton & husband Jason Odessa, TX, Kristan Neatherlin and fiancé Tyler Thomas Wink, TX, Ryan Brantley and wife Chelsey Tarzan TX, Johnny Neatherlin Jr. Midland, TX, Whitney Brantley of Whitney, TX, Wade Brantley of Whitney, TX and Paige Brantley of Cary, North Carolina; Great grandchildren are Jimmy and Alexia Etherton both of Odessa, TX, Ty Mason Neatherlin and Wink, TX and Rylee Koontz of Amarillo, TX.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home



Duane Ratliff

Duane Ratliff, 87, of Andrews, Texas, went to be with his savior Thursday, August 7, 2014 in Midland, Texas.

Duane was born in Odessa, Texas on October 9, 1926 to Hugh and Ophelia Ratliff. Duane attended Odessa schools and graduated from Odessa High in 1944. He then attended Texas Tech University, graduating in 1948 with a Petroleum Engineering degree. He worked for a short time in the oil and gas industry before joining the family ranch in Andrews County.

Duane was Andrews City Council man for many years. He retired from ranching in 2003. Duane loved going to all the dances with Vickie.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Hugh and Ophelia Ratliff, and first wife, Pauline Ratliff.

He is survived by current wife Vickie Hale Ratliff; stepdaughter, Kathy Hale; and stepsons, Clayton Hale and Don Hale and their families.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews Texas. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014 at Andrews North Cemetery; Reverend Bob Hopkins, First Baptist Church of Midland, will officiate.

Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

McNett FUNERAL HOME



Efrain Reyes Cardona

Efrain Reyes Cardona was called to be with his Lord and Savior on August 6, 2014. A child of God whom God loved chose since before the earth began, to one day be holy and without blame before the Lord:

"Praise be to the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ... In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:3-8

Preceded in death by his wife, Nohemi and son Moises. Survived by his children, grandchildren, and their families who give thanks to the Lord because death is the doorway to enter perpetual joy in the presence of the Lord. We miss him greatly but find comfort in knowing that he is with our Lord and Savior and that we will see him again.

"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

We pray that the Lord abundantly bless you all.

Viewing Monday 9am to 9pm Thomas Chapel. Funeral Services will be Tuesday at 11 am at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Herb and Pam Scott

Herbert Lee Scott (Herb) died unexpectedly on July 7 in Bakersfield, California. He had just celebrated his 83rd birthday. Pamelia Brown Scott (Pam) waited two weeks and a day to join her husband, in the next life. They were reunited on the afternoon of July 22, 2014.

Herb, the third of three sons, was born to Lemuel W. and Nina Conner Scott on June 30, 1931, in Topeka, Kansas. In the summer of 1936 the family moved to Odessa, Texas, in search of work. Herb attended Odessa public schools and graduated from Odessa High School in 1949.

Pam, the only child of Lucile Gause Brown and Minor Linton Brown, was born on May 31, 1932, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

When Pam was very young her family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where she attended an all- girl Catholic school. In 1949, work took her family to Fort Worth, Texas where Pam graduated from Amon Carter Riverside High school in 1950.

Herb and Pam met during an elective ballroom dance class at the University of North Texas in Denton. Their 59 year marriage began soon after he graduated in 1954. One year later, Pam graduated with a BA in Art and Interior Design. The couple soon moved to Midland, Texas, where Herb worked for Shell Oil Company and Pam worked in and outside the home.

Pam and Herb had a wonderful life in Midland, and in Houston, Texas. Together they made many friends and lifelong memories.

Upon his retirement from Shell, Occidental Petroleum (Oxy) recruited Herb and the family moved to Bakersfield, California. His career with Oxy took them both to many places around the world - Peru, Pakistan, and Hong Kong were particular favorites. Herb and Pam loved to travel, and their journeys continued after his retirement.

Herb was a fantastic father, a loyal friend, and a devoted husband, dedicating the last eight years of his life caring for Pam after she suffered a debilitating stroke. He was one of those rare individuals who within minutes of meeting anyone discovered a friend. He had an immense joy for life, subtle sense of humor, and interest in a wide variety of subjects and activities, on land, air, and water.

Pam will be remembered for her vibrancy, kindness, patience, and gentility. One friend stated that Pam was the epitome of "Emily Post"-like manners- what a true "southern lady" should be.

She was extremely creative and brought a touch of beauty to everything that she was involved with. She was an extraordinary wife, mother, and friend who will be sorely missed.

Herb and Pam are survived by their son, Herbert Lee Scott, Jr. of Gunnison, Colorado; and their daughter, Leslie Scott (Patrick), and son-in-law, James Douglas Patrick of Palmer, Alaska.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Hoffmann Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

Howard D. Reed

Howard D. Reed, 76, of Kingsland, Texas, formerly of Midland, Texas, passed away on August 7, 2014. He was born in Aspermont, Texas on November 16, 1937.

Memorial services will be held at a later date to be announced at *www.PutnamCares.com* .

Cremation arrangements made by Putnam Funeral Home 145 Texas Avenue, Kingsland, Texas 78639 (325) 388-0008.



Jack D. Switzer

Jack D. Switzer, 85, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully July 22, 2014, after a lengthy illness.

Jack was born March 30, 1929, in Danville, Illinois to Charles and Maude Switzer. he served in the United States Air Force, during which time he was stationed in England.

Jack moved to Midland, Texas, in 1969, where he married Carol Hayes Switzer and worked for General Tire in Odessa, Texas, until he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter Leah, six step-children, Cary Yates, Kenny Yates, Tracy Yates, Caryn Stoner, Kevin Yates, and Chris Yates; sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Jack was interested in people, politics, philosophy, and religion and enjoyed debating these subjects.

The family wishes to express thanks to Hospice of Midland and Senior Care nursing facility.

Per Jack's request, no funeral services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice of Midland.



Johnna Lynn Somerville

Johnna Lynn Somerville, 49, of Midland, graduated with highest honors from this life August 6, 2014 following a bold and spirited fight against NF2 (Neurofibromatosis Type II).

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2014 at the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Chaplain Robert Kirk, officiating.

She was born May 6, 1965, in Ritzville, Washington to John and Lynn Somerville. Johnna's unique sense of humor gave her the ability to overcome any obstacle NF2 put in her life and her amazing, steadfast faith was a testimony to us all. "Free Falling" was her motto, knowing that Jesus would be there to catch her. Without doubt, she is dancing and singing with the angels.

Johnna graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and went on to pursue her BA in Sociology at UTPB. She was employed at Unocal/Spirit Energy from 1986 to 1995 as production analyst. She briefly left there to complete her sociology degree and returned to Spirit Energy/Pure Resources in 1998, retiring in 2003.

Johnna enjoyed traveling to NF conferences and gatherings in Ohio, Las Vegas, Canada, Australia and West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Jillian Alyssa White; mother, Lynn Somerville; sister, Vera Sue Jackson; and niece, Michaela Katzer.

Johnna recently said that her bucket list was complete by having real girlfriends, Haylie, Lynn, Joanna, Shirley, and Bennie, just to name a few.

She is survived by her father, John F. Somerville and wife Elaine; sisters, Nancy Imka and husband Tim, Sandy Kelly, Mary Nunez; Aunt Evelyn Parker; and numerous nieces and nephews, including god son Ryan Imka. She will be greatly missed by her angel and caregiver Haylie Urias.

Special thanks to Veronica and Martha, Stef, Tina and the staff at Saddleridge. Thank you to Dr. John Slopis, Dr. Ian McCutcheon and the staff at MD Anderson; Lisa at the front desk and all the concierges at the Jesse James Rotary House; DJ, our faithful Houston driver; Dr. Odukwu and staff, Mary Dopico for always being there to type, listen, and be a friend, and Hospice of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, Johnna asked that donations be made to Advocure NF2 Inc., P.O. Box 4118, Clearwater, FL 33758-4118 and Home Hospice of Midland, 200 W Illinois, STE 190, Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com* .



L.D. Howell, Jr.

L.D. Howell, Jr. was born in Midland, Texas on June 18, 1950 to L.D. Howell, Sr. and Eula Mae Howell. He passed away on August 4, 2014.

He was a resident of Midland for 64 years. He attended the Midland Public Schools District.

He was preceded in death by his father, L. D. Howell, Sr.; brother, Harvey McClendon, Jr.; and sisters, Joyce McClendon and Evelyn Johnson.

To cherish his memory he leaves behind his wife of 26 years, Sharon Howell; three children, Sonya Howell (Baltimore, Maryland), L. D. Howell, III (Heather) of Denver, Colorado, and Glen Howell (Austin, Texas.); four step-children, Avis Howard (Tyrone) of California, Nevatiny Berry (Odessa, Texas), Randall Royal, Jr. and Patrick Royal (Dallas); 10 grandchildren, Angelique Dudley, Lisa Howell, Melonie Howell, Savannah Howell, Desiree Howell, Kathryn-Rose, Glen Howell, Jr., Isis Howell, Jamauri Howell, Anaya Howell; six step - grandchildren, Navojanae Berry, Sharavion Anderson, Nasya Berry, Nevatiny Berry, Jr., Zacarya Royal, and Kye Royal.

He is also survived by his mother, Eula Mae Howell (Midland); five brothers, Charles McClendon (Colorado City, Texas), Wallace Howell (Mary) of Midland, Eddie Howell (Mary) of Houston, Rickey Howell (San Angelo, Texas), Tony Howell (Faye); three sisters, Helen Harris (Jackie), Velma Mackey (Edward), and Margaret Cooks, all of Midland; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Memorial service is set for Monday, August 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral service is under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Sanford Yates "Shug" Bowlin

Sanford Yates "Shug" Bowlin passed away gently on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at peace with the life that he lived.

Shug was born May 2, 1941 in Loraine, Texas to Ben and Lela Bowlin. He worked for Texas Electric for 40 years, before retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Sweetwater Jaycees for many years, where he served as president and organized the Rattlesnake Roundup.

He loved to fish and hunt, especially with his sons. He refereed high school and college football for 20 years. He loved people and never met a stranger. He always had a great attitude on life and was always cheerful and happy. He was a devoted husband, dad, and granddad.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Patricia Bowlin; by his son Kevin Bowlin, his wife Kim, and their sons, Brannon and Britt; by son Kendall Bowlin, his wife Erika, and their children Megan, Cole, Luke and Sadie; by a very special father-in-law, Rush (Pap) Neff; by brother Fred Bowlin and his wife Barbara; and by brother Delmas Bowlin and his wife Betty; and by many other relatives and great friends who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ben and Lela Bowlin.

He will be very much missed by all that knew him.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Colorado City Cemetery.

Death Notices

Shelby Jean Dahar

Shelby Jean Dahar, 72, of Midland, died at her home in Midland under the care of Home Hospice. She was born to the late, John and Virginia (Eppard) Lee on October 4, 1941 in Toledo, OH.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Daniel Scanlan; daughters, Susan McCard, Ginny Haynes, Kathleen Rupe, Wendy Prange and Kristy Smith; sons, Kurt Dahar and Kevin Dahar; sister, Yvonne Clark; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-three great grandchildren.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Davis unveils first ad attacking Abbott

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Trailing in polls and money with three months left in the Texas governor's race, Democrat Wendy Davis said Friday that her first television ad against Republican Greg Abbott will attack him for not siding with a rape victim while serving as judge in the 1990s.

Davis aides said the commercial — which shows a vacuum-cleaner salesman ominously entering a home for a demonstration — has begun airing but would not disclose where. But hitting the airwaves is a key moment for a campaign that has garnered nationwide interest but struggled to gain ground.

Abbott's campaign called the ad "despicable" and gutter politics.

The minutelong ad revisits a lawsuit filed by a woman raped in her home by a vacuum-cleaner salesman. The Texas Supreme Court in 1998 upheld a $160,000 award against The Kirby Co. by a 6-3 vote, with then-Justice Abbott being one of the dissenting voices.

"Greg Abbott sided with a corporation over a woman who had been brutally victimized," Davis said Friday during a visit to a shelter in Harlingen for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

Kirby argued that the distributor, which hired the salesman, was negligent for failing to check the criminal records of its staff. The company said it has the duty to hire competent distributors, but distributors have the duty to hire competent salespeople.

Abbott, now the Texas attorney general, wrote in the dissenting opinion that Kirby had control over where the work is done but not "who was to perform that work."

Abbott spokeswoman Amelia Chasse defended his record as attorney general on prosecuting sex offenders and protecting women and children from assault. She said Abbott's opinion did not dispute the liability of the salesman and his direct employer.

"This ad is a continuation of the type of rhetoric we've seen from a candidate who is paper-thin on substance and running a failing campaign devoid of any real vision for the future of Texas," Chasse said.

Davis has raised at least $27 million, which is already more than the last Democrat to run for governor in Texas. But Abbott began July with a nearly three-fold advantage in available cash.

Gun show attendees oppose alcohol sales

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A proposal to allow alcohol sales at guns shows in Texas got a mostly unfavorable reaction at a gun show in Houston on Saturday, with some in attendance calling it a bad idea.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Friday announced it is considering the proposal, provided that at such events live ammunition isn't allowed or buyers can't take possession of their weapons.

Bill Clouse, one of several hundred people who attended the High Caliber Gun & Knife Show in Houston, described himself as a "huge gun supporter" but said he doesn't believe guns and alcohol are a good combination.

"I don't think there will be a possibility for trouble. I just personally do not believe you should have alcohol and firearms in the same vicinity, whether you are hunting or at a gun show," said Clouse, 34, a high school teacher.

Josh Jensen, another person at Saturday's gun show, was also against the proposal, saying the idea is "just silly to me."

"You will find people in here who are going to say, 'Oh yeah, that's a great idea. Why can't we have a beer at the gun show? Nobody's got a loaded gun.' But stupid things happen. It's just like drinking and driving. Are you going to drink and drive?" said Jensen, 30, who works for a beer distributor.

Under current rules, if a gun show is held at a venue licensed to sell alcohol, drinks sales and consumption are suspended during the time it takes to set up, conduct and dismantle the gun show.

The commission is considering the proposal after getting a request from a Dallas-Fort Worth area gun club to change its rules. It will hold a 30-day public comment period before any change is made.

The Texas State Rifle Association, the state affiliate of the National Rifle Association, says it is still reviewing the proposal.

Crystal Hartt, 47, a ranch owner from the Port Lavaca area who was at the Houston gun show, supported the idea, adding she considered being able to buy alcohol at a gun show the same as buying a beer at a baseball game or a rock concert.

"It's another event. Why not sell a margarita to go with it?" she said.

Claire Elizabeth, a spokeswoman for the Texas chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said Saturday her organization did not know enough about the proposal to comment on its specifics.

"What we do know is that guns and alcohol don't mix," she said in an email.

William Light, who was at Saturday's gun show, said the proposed rules on not being able to take possession of weapons or ammunition if alcohol is sold at guns shows would also make the idea unpopular with many who attend such events.

Nicholas

From 1B

shirt of blue. What can I say, it was the 1970s.

I also hate denim. Just the word — "denummmmm." Yuk. Talk about chords! And the way the waistband of jeans feels against my skin, chafe chafe chafe. So I embrace it every few years or so when leggings, jeggings and even stirrup pants roll around.

Plastic headbands or the elastic ring ones for workouts? Impossible to wear. They make my head throb. Bathing suits with foam cups, panty hose and shiny underwear — creepy and cannot do it. No way, no how. And this will be way more than you want to know about me, but I wear my underwear inside out, so the "chords" are on the outside. My friends make serious fun of me and keep telling me thong panties would solve all my problems. I don't think they understand my issue with seams — how could a piece of elastic or string there be less offensive?

Maybe it's just my body. After my last baby, my stomach never flattened. Just stayed kinda round and lengthened a little. My obstetrician suggested doing some sit-ups to strengthen the muscles and to lose the fat. Yeah, like that was gonna happen. It was all I could do just to get by that first year.

So now, insult has been added to injury. Not only does it feel like my clothes are always touching me, they seem to be moving and sliding down me all the time. I bought a belt. Guess what? I can feel it touch my skin when I ratchet the waist of my jeans or shorts up so they don't slide off. I really miss my maternity pants.

I invested in a few nice summer dresses, but I have noticed if you wear a dress, people expect you to do your hair and stuff. It is too hot for all that nonsense. So back online I went, and I found these glorious shorts at Lands' End. They are go-with-everything khaki. Suuuuuper soft. And knit. With an elastic waistband — yes! Like my pink pants, only shorter.

T-shirt, messy bun, lip gloss, orthotic flip flops and done. Except the Hubs, you guessed it, hates them. In fact, he reacted a lot like he did when I asked for a minivan.

"No, Melanie. No, no, no. You are too young for a minivan. You will figure that out after we get it home, and then you will make me roll around town in it. I will be that guy, the Lone Soccer Dad guy. With no kids in the car. No minivan, no way."

Only insert "those shorts" for "minivan." And you have to trust me when I tell you this: The Hubs never says no to me so it's always a surprise to me when he asks me to reconsider a decision. In 14 years or so, I can count on one hand the times he has not given in — the pink pants, the minivan, a pool and a third baby.

But y'all, the sports knit shorts feel soooo good. And it's too hot for my yoga pants. So we have reached a compromise. I will only wear my "old lady" shorts when he is not around. So far, it has worked pretty well. At 4:30 or so in the afternoon, I change and throw all the day's dirty dishes into the dishwasher. I yell at the kids until they pick up the floor and put all the cushions and throw pillows back onto the furniture. I hide the Sonic Blast cups.

The Hubs comes home to a fairly clean house and a wife who is waiting at the door with a cocktail in hand. Of course, the drink is for me, but you get the picture. Then he can continue to pretend that he is married to a sweet young thing who spends her days tenderly caring for his babies at home instead of his potty-mouthed wife who spends too much time online shopping (also known as "working" at my house) and considers using the crock-pot making a gourmet meal.

See? Compromise: It's the key to a happy marriage. I will tell you what else is key to a happy marriage — separate bathrooms. But more on that another time.

Melanie Maxcey Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 5, and Bodacious, 3. You can find her here, on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

Change

From 1B

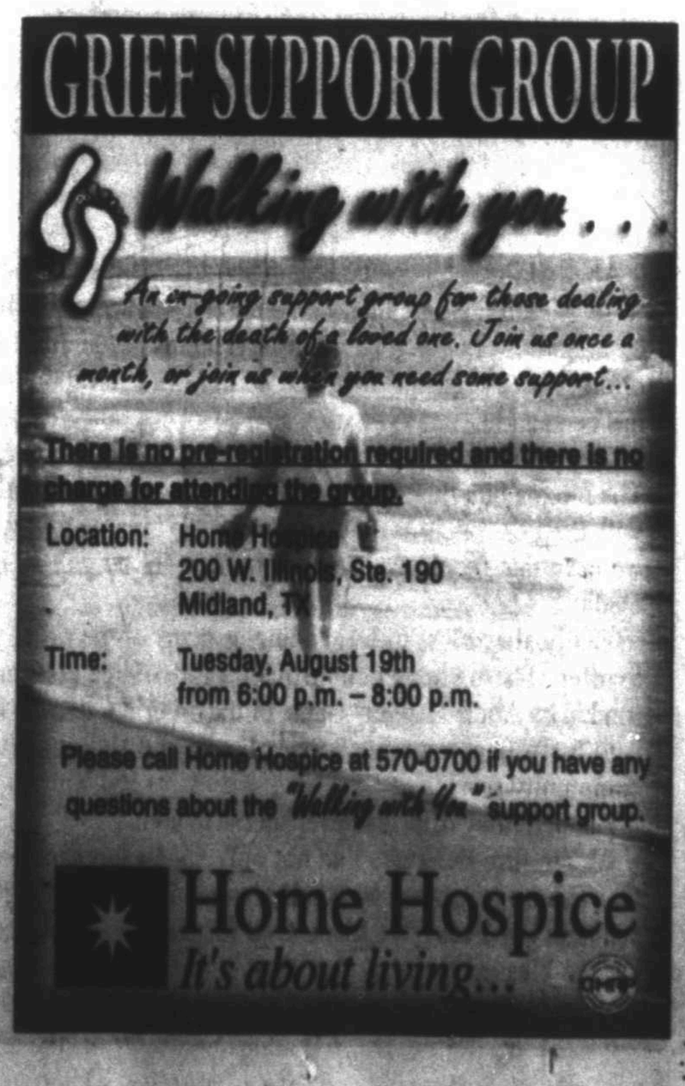
patients in charity programs qualified for a marketplace subsidy. The hospital helped some 14,000 enroll, said Bob Reed, Parkland's vice president of patient services.

"With the greatest number of our population falling into that Medicaid gap or not qualifying for that subsidy we weren't expecting a big rush of people," Reed said. And yet, "I would have hoped for more. I would have really hoped for more."

The hospital district in Travis County, which serves Austin, also wants to change its requirements for local assistance to force anyone eligible for a subsidy to buy insurance, said Ginette Magaña, a Central Health program specialist. In 2012, hospital district taxes increased to help cover the more than $100 million a year it costs to care for the uninsured.

San Antonio appears to be one of the few success stories, possibly because it requires users to pay a monthly fee of $20 to $300 depending on income, said Virginia Mika, executive director of the CareLink program. CareLink had estimated a drop of between 20 percent and 25 percent in membership due to the Affordable Care Act, and expectations have been met, she said.

"They were already familiar with paying a monthly obligation to us and that would be the premium, so it wasn't a big change," Mika said.



Williamson

From 1B

The feeling was so strong within me it saturated my mind and body. So, I assumed that everyone was experiencing the same feeling. Come to find out, not all of God's creatures get that August feeling.

I feel sorry for those who don't get struck full in the face with the exhilaration of the onset of August. It is the time of the year when the soul is renewed and life once again has meaning. All the planets are correctly aligned and all is good in the world.

I'm told that men have this feeling for August more than women. I even hear that some women scoff at the idea and become angry any time a man brings up the subject of the August bloom.

I'm sorry that such enmity exists between the sexes, but I'm afraid that the August air only brings another skirmish line to the forefront of this August change.

I want it understood, however, that not only men cherish the change.

There are plenty of women who embrace the changing air and look forward to the new season just as much as men. These are the true women of the world. We celebrate their insightfulness and their gung-ho spirit. We welcome our sisters to the clan of brotherhood that is spurned by the changing winds of August.

Also, I understand that not all men get the August feeling. I truly feel sorry for these miserable, wretched people. They seem to have no understanding of what they are missing. They travel through life in a misty haze that neither rewards nor punishes. They merely survive, missing the pleasures of August. For those of you who doubt the contents of this column, I beg you to go outside and take a deep breath. I'm almost certain that you will inhale the essence of August and you will understand how I feel this time of year.

I also heard that school-age kids sometimes drop into a mild depression as August arrives. I totally understand their plight, but kids are adaptable and will soon get over it. The feeling I'm talking about arrives with August and will uplift your spirit on a yearly basis.

With each August, there is new hope and new beginning. There seems to be no limit to what can be accomplished.

After all, it's been a long, hot summer and the time for change has come. All changes are not for the better, but every August the change comes with vast rewards.

The feeling will give you this tremendous urge to go shopping for snacks and drinks. You will want to stock up before you get overrun by the August swoon.

Yes, football season is only 18 days away and you can feel it in the air. At least, some of us can feel it. The rest of you are just surviving.

Thought for the Week: "The football season is like pain. You forget how terrible it is until it seizes you again." — Author and journalist Sally Quinn

Audit: Hundreds of sheriff's items missing

Associated Press

EDINBURG — An audit of a South Texas sheriff's department reveals hundreds of items have gone missing, including firearms and vehicles, and that there were few protections against misusing taxpayer money.

In a recently released report, Hidalgo County Auditor Ray Eufracio said his office determined that more than $1.7 million was spent on fuel alone over a number of years but there's no way to track the consumption. The audit compared sheriff's inventory records against what the county purchasing department has on file.

"The lack of internal controls over assets and fuel cards could create opportunities for misappropriation to occur without detection," according to the report. "Furthermore, it appears that county resources were not always utilized for the benefit of the county."

Of the more than 5,400 assets listed in sheriff's records, about 1,880 items could not be located. The Monitor newspaper of McAllen reported. Those items include a dozen weapons and 10 vehicles.

County auditors reviewed records dating back about 10 years. Officials have previously said an audit of sheriff's weapons and other equipment hadn't been done since at least 2005.

"To me, it's just a lack of accountability on the part of the previous administration, because the majority of the scope of this audit is based on the previous administration policy and procedures," Eufracio said Friday.

He was referring to Sheriff Lupe Trevino, who resigned earlier this year after admitting laundering campaign contributions that were tied to a convicted drug trafficker. He received a five-year prison sentence.

Sheriff Eddie Guerra, who replaced Trevino, said many of the missing assets were gone before Trevino took office.

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Playgrounds accessible by disabled eyed

By Caty Hirst
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — A stranger might think Lizzette Torres is shy, since she speaks so softly it's sometimes hard to hear her.

Lizzette, 5, is far from shy, but her body — including her vocal cords — is weakened by cerebral palsy. Still, sitting in her wheelchair with pink rims, she tells her mom again and again, "I want to play."

Playing for Lizzette and her family can seem more like a chore, said her mom, Christian Torres.

Fort Worth's only all-inclusive playground — built in 1992 with ramps and sensory games for kids with autism, Down syndrome and other special needs — is at Patricia LeBlanc Park in the far southwest corner of the city.

And though the park is set for a $400,000 makeover from the 2014 bond package, and several other parks including Northside are being updated to meet current accessibility requirements, Torres and other special needs advocates said the city isn't doing enough to help Fort Worth's disabled people with wider access to better facilities.

To make playgrounds fun for all kids, Torres wants the city to build universal, accessible playgrounds, which have wheelchair ramps going up to all levels, a rubberized surface that makes wheeling a chair easy, and sensory games.

But the space and money needed to build universal playgrounds makes that impossible at all of Fort Worth's 186 neighborhood playgrounds, said David Creek, assistant director of parks and community services.

For Lizzette, that means the kiddie swings she will outgrow soon are the only part of Northside Park she can easily take part in, and she is often left behind when her 3-year-old sister runs the short distance to the jungle gym.



Associated Press

Lizzette Torres, right, 5, and her 3-year-old sister Sophia Torres gets a push from their mother Christian Torres at the playground of the Northside Coummunity Center in Fort Worth on Wednesday. Some Fort Worth residents are upset that Fort Worth builds most of their playgrounds to meet minimum ADA requirements.

Even that 15-foot distance is difficult for Lizzette, because it's tough to get her wheelchair across the gravel in the play area.

"It is just so physical for them and for us, as parents," Torres told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Your back hurts and she wants to get up; she wants to do it, but she can't. She gets frustrated."

All of Fort Worth's parks met accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act when they were built, Creek said, but the older playgrounds do not have to be upgraded as new ADA guidelines are established.

The city's goal is to replace the equipment every 20 years, Creek said, and Northside Park's playground is set to be replaced this year with money from the 2014 bond program.

The new $145,000 playground will include engineered wood fiber surfacing, which is approved under ADA, to replace the gravel. It will have a transfer station that allows mobility-impaired people to leave their chair to get to the elevated decks, and it will have ground-level activities for those who cannot, Creek said.

"It is going to meet the neighborhood's needs, and it is going to meet all of the accessibility requirements that are in place," Creek said. "Ten or 15 years from now, things may change. We don't know what that is going to be and we don't have control over that."

Torres Blanca Welsh, whose 3-year-old daughter also uses a wheelchair because of cerebral palsy, said meeting the ADA requirements does not necessarily make a park inclusive to all.

For example, Welsh said, even the wood fiber surface is hard to navigate with a wheelchair.

"It is the same as gravel; you get too much in one spot and under her wheels, especially with her weighing it down," Welsh said of her daughter, Sofia.

Sofia and her three older brothers all enjoy the universal playgrounds more, Welsh said, but the drive there ranges from 30 to 45 minutes.

"Her brothers, they don't feel different because they don't have to leave her on the sidelines. And they don't get tired of pushing her around or carrying her," Welsh said. "The best part of it is they don't get embarrassed, like, 'Oh my sister is different.' "

And for Sofia, "everything is at her level," Welsh said. "She can actually feel and touch and put her hands on it to make noises or move stuff."

Amber Holmes, managing director of the Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas, said universal parks not only help special needs children but also engage their peers.

"We know it is not easy to change all the parks at once. But in new parks, you could build ramps as opposed to stairs and simple things to make it easier for our kids to play with their peers and it gives them the same playing ground," said Holmes, who has a 5-year-old with Down syndrome.

"Adaptable parks are not less fun for other kids," she said.

LeBlanc Park, built for $275,000 from all-private donations and constructed largely by volunteers, was the country's first fully accessible playground, said Jennifer Harnish, a founder of the park and a board member at the National Recreation and Park Association.

Now, Creek said, the all-wood 24-year-old structure desperately needs replacement. In fact, if the playground had not been included for replacement in the city's 2014 bond program — at a cost of $400,000 — it would be in danger of being torn down.

The new playground at LeBlanc Park, slated to be finished in May, will include the desired rubber surface for wheelchairs, be completely ramped and have sensory games, Creek said. An additional $65,000 will go to improving that park from its original endowment.

Harnish said the city does the best it can with the resources it has to provide universal play.

"If you have a kid climbing on something and then another kid spinning a steering wheel at the bottom, it is universal play, but it's not the best creative play necessarily. And that gets down to funding. Everything gets down to funding," she said.

Even seemingly simple changes to playgrounds, like adding ramps, take a lot more money and a lot more space, said Scott Penn , superintendent of trades infrastructure for the parks department.

ADA-approved ramps cannot be too steep, which means that a 1-foot-tall deck would require a 20-foot-long ramp that is 8 feet wide.

Though most neighborhood parks, like Northside, are 4,500-5,000 square feet, a universal park needs to be 17,000-20,000 square feet, Penn said.

"By having to add those things into a playground you are going to take away four or five different elements that accommodate 300 kids who are going to use them to accommodate three" children, Penn said as an example.



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They responded quickly, asking only that we come up with half of what was required to get the new units. Thanks to the help of many of our friends, cash and cars that we could sell were donated and we were able to reach our goal in no time at all. Abell-Hanger was quick to respond with their pledge and the new heating/air conditioning systems were installed, making our store a comfortable working and shopping experience for all.

Abell-Hanger has helped us many, many times in the past. Years ago when we were growing, we had a need to purchase a trailer so that we could not only pick up donations, but also haul unusable items to the city landfill. They responded by offering us a generous donation so that we could purchase the hydraulic trailer. It has been a blessing to us each and every day since its acquisition.

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Waggoner Ranch, among US' largest, listed for sale

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — One of the largest ranches in the U.S. and an icon for Texas horse and cattlemen has been listed for $725 million, marking the end of a decades-long courtroom battle among the heirs of cattle baron W.T. Waggoner, who established the estate in 1923.

The estate includes the 510,000-acre ranch spread over six North Texas counties, with two main compounds, hundreds of homes, about 20 cowboy camps, hundreds of quarter-horses, thousands of heads of cattle, 1,200 oil wells and 30,000 acres of cultivated land, according to Dallas-based broker Bernie Uechtritz, who is handling the sale along with broker Sam Middleton of Lubbock.

Heirs and stakeholders currently occupy two of the three principle houses and much of the estate has not yet been explored for oil and other mineral reserves.

Uechtritz says the estate falls within a "super asset class," akin to selling the "Statue of Liberty" of cowboy culture. The Waggoner Ranch is the largest contiguous ranch in the United States. W.T. Waggoner's father, Dan Waggoner, started ranching in 1849, and the Waggoner name was prominent in the development of Hereford cattle and pedigree American quarter horses.

"What really sets it apart is that all this land has been kept together under one fence by one family for nearly 100 years, and its history in the settling of the West," said court-appointed receiver Mike Baskerville.

W.T. Waggoner built the Arlington Downs racetrack that operated in Arlington during the 1930s. His granddaughter Electra Waggoner Biggs was a noted sculptress after whom Buick named a luxury car and Lockheed named a plane.

In 1991, she filed a lawsuit seeking the liquidation of the family estate, spurring a 12-year family feud. Biggs died in 2001. When a district judge ruled in favor of liquidation in 2003, one of the estate's primary stakeholders, A.B. "Bucky" Wharton III, appealed.

The family agreed to list the estate after the court said it was considering ordering an auction of the assets, Baskerville said. The listing has already attracted attention from interested buyers, he said.

Local residents have been worried that oil wildcatters or foreign investors will divide up the land and fire ranch employees, more motivated by making a profit than preserving history.

Feds: East Texas man's murky death tied to drugs

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

DALLAS — Almost a year after Alfred Wright left his pickup at an East Texas grocery store and disappeared into the woods, authorities have charged a man for selling the drugs they say caused his death.

Shane Dewayne Hadnot was indicted on two drug-distribution counts leading to Wright's death, the U.S. attorney's office in Beaumont announced Friday. The indictment says Wright had cocaine, methamphetamine and the antidepressant Xanax in his system when he died.

The announcement did not satisfy Wright's family, which has long accused authorities of not doing enough to find him or investigate the potential of a homicide.

"I am really convinced that this is a follow-up to a full-fledged cover-up and they're using this young man as the fall guy, as the smoke screen," said his father, Douglas Wright, in a statement to KFDM-TV.

But John Malcolm Bales, the U.S. attorney for Texas' eastern district, rejected any suggestion of a cover-up. Bales told The Associated Press that his office re-interviewed witnesses and examined previous law enforcement work. Prosecutors found no evidence to back up anything beyond the finding that Wright died due to a drug overdose, Bales said.

Bales said his office took the case in part to "bring some clarity to the issue" after complaints about the handling of the investigation.

"I don't expect people to just believe our indictment, but it is the product of hours and hours and hours of work, and a lot of expense and time, to find out what happened," Bales said.

Wright's decomposing body was found Nov. 25 by volunteer searchers, 18 days after he is believed to have left his truck behind in a rural area south of Hemphill, about 170 miles northeast of Houston.

Hadnot's attorney did not return a message from The Associated Press.

Authorities say Wright placed a call from the parking lot of the grocery store to his wife, Lauren, who sent his parents to pick him up. Shortly afterward, a witness said Wright "put the phone in his sock and jogged north on Highway 87," the indictment said.

Bits of his clothing and a watch were found nearby. But it took more than two weeks to find his body.

An autopsy concluded the death was accidental. But Wright's family hired a forensic pathologist who said she found evidence "suspicious of homicidal violence."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ramon Borunda Jr., 23, of Midland was charged Friday with two counts of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Joe W. Bush, 25, of Stanton was charged Friday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Devin A. Ellis, 18, of Midland was charged Friday with sexual assault.

Theodore Jackson, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and violation of probation.

Matthew M. Mancha, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Neal B. Patel, 35, of Midland was charged Friday with two counts of theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Sederick S. Smith, 37, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of parole.

Jimmie R. Stephenson Jr., 26, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Anthony S. Ventura, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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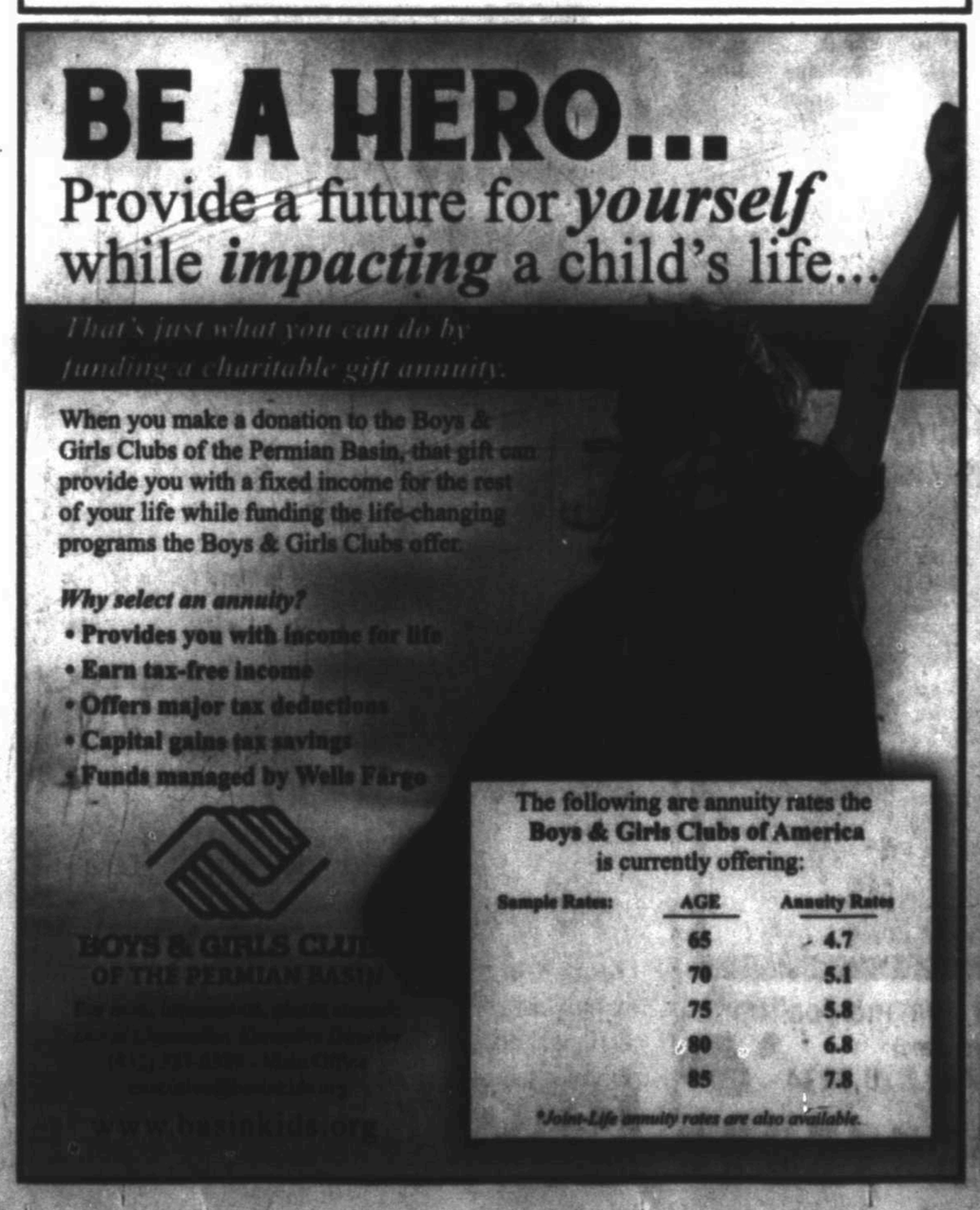
Between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 4, someone hooked up to a 2010 Keystone Hideout 23-foot travel trailer that was located at the 2000 block of S. County Road 1068. The trailer is white with maroon-and-tan striping and has the word "Hideout" on it in several places. It also has one rim that is different from the other three rims.

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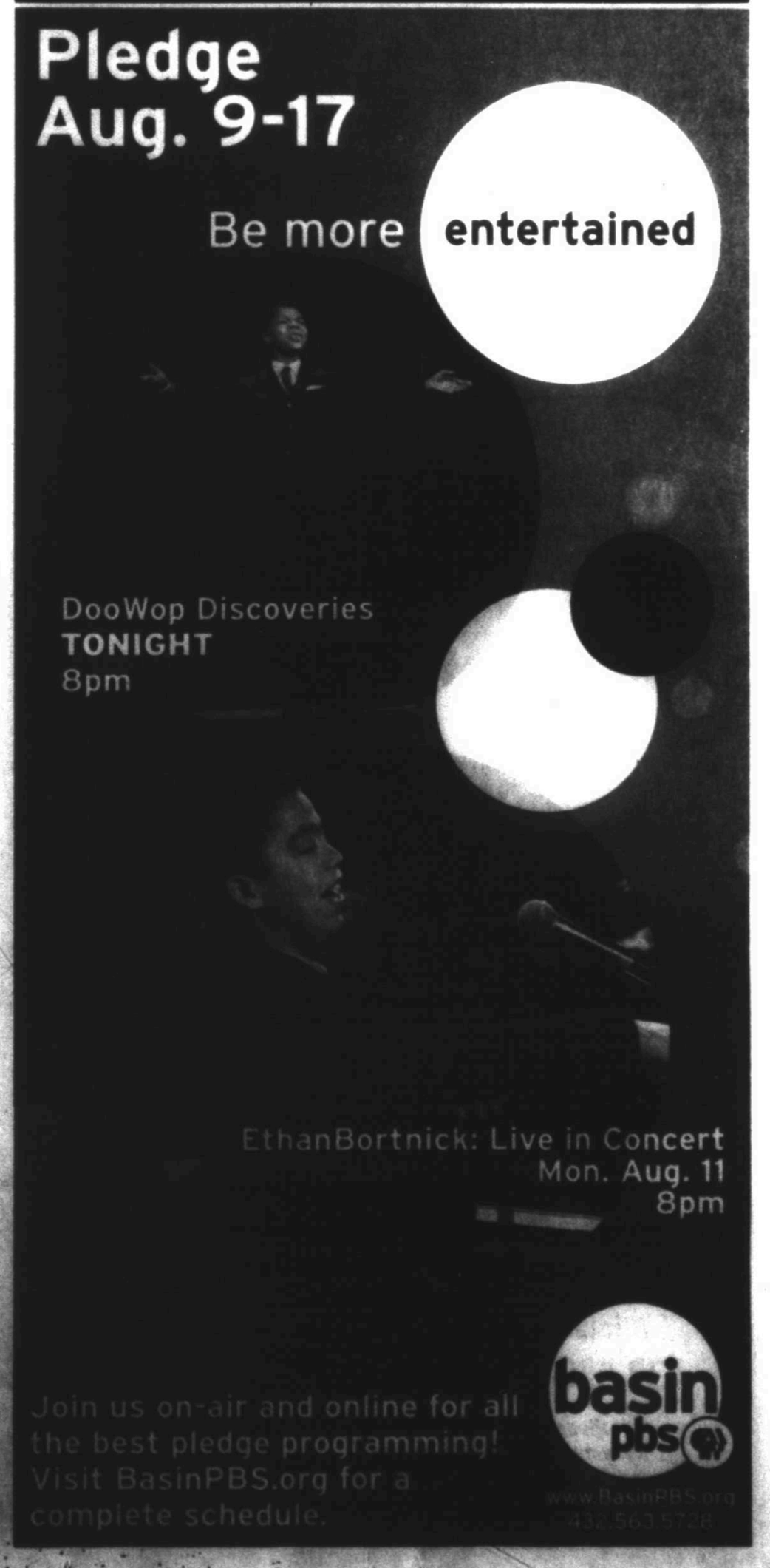


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Two dive for gaming treasure, become popular

By Taylor Tompkins
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — "OkChief" peeks out just over the top of the sun-faded green dumpster.

The bright red letters on the back of Richard Garza's jersey ruffle as he rummages, bent over the side of the receptacle. He's digging through the garbage behind a GameStop store in Stone Oak, looking for treasure — a poster, a cardboard stand-up of some fantasy warrior or, if he's really lucky, an intact video game.

Garza is "OkChief420," and he's royalty in the small but passionate world of video game dumpster diving.

The 32-year-old Blanco resident holds court and cultivates his following on YouTube, where he and longtime friend Will Horner, 26, have their own channel featuring nearly 50 dumpster-diving videos — all of them shot outside GameStops.

"The stuff that they throw out will never, ever, ever be printed again," Garza tells the San Antonio Express-News. "So if you're throwing out all this stuff, it will never be attainable again because it's all in the dumpster. It's all going to wind up in the landfill. We are a form of recycling."

Their "recycling" operation is the bread and butter of a 2-year-old YouTube channel that boasts more than 28,000 followers and a most-watched video with nearly 163,000 views.

Garza, who works with his family's business in Blanco, and Horner, who works at a barbecue restaurant in Austin, also post videos related to video games, toys and food. But people mostly are watching to see what the pair can garner from their weekly expeditions to GameStop's garbage.

"Before we started doing our videos, a lot of the (dumpster dive) videos consisted of people just sitting in their room, showing what they found. They could have been lying," Garza said. "We were like, 'No, let's show. Let's take them on for the ride.'"

They go to dumpsters behind GameStops, Garza said, because the company discards a lot of usable items.

And there are a lot of these stores. GameStop, which is headquartered in Grapevine, is the world's largest multichannel video game retailer, with 6,488 company-operated stores across the globe, the company's website states.



Associated Press

Will Horner holds up an in-store destroyed poster July, 22 for his partner, Richard Garza, to see as the two go dumpster diving in Gamestop trash dumpsters in San Antonio looking for collectibles and items employees decide are not worth selling. They post their trips on a Youtube channel and have become quite popular, even being asked to attend game conventions.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that dumpster diving is legal except where prohibited by city governments. Under the ruling, trash becomes public domain once thrown out. And in San Antonio, the practice appears to be legal.

GameStop spokeswoman Jackie Smith said she couldn't comment on Garza's and Horner's dumpster diving because she was not aware of it. But she said managers can take action against dumpster divers if problems arise.

For his part, Garza said he didn't proclaim himself "king" of the video game dumpster divers. Others did that.

On his channel, user comments often express their admiration for him and ask for his sage diving advice. One user even called him "an inspiration and a symbol of what it means to be a gamer."

He accepts the mantle of leadership.

He and Horner attend video game conventions where they're often guests and are recognized by fans who ask for their picture or autograph.

In September, Garza and Horner will have their own panel on dumpster-diving for the first time at this year's Retropalooza, a Dallas convention that highlights video game and nerd culture.

Horner said some fans have visited him at work to get a photo with him after the partners featured the restaurant where he's employed in one of their food episodes.

In addition to meeting his fans at conventions, Garza presides over a Facebook page he created that's devoted to dumpster diving.

The page, which has almost 2,000 members, unites divers all over the country, setting up a marketplace to buy, sell or trade their finds.

But the page is not all business. It's littered with posts discussing video games, diving tips and shared links. What Garza has fostered on the page is more than just a trading post for divers, it's their cyber-homeland.

"There's the gaming community, and then (within it) there's the dumpster-diving community," Garza said. "The dumpster-diving community is a close-knit community."

Ryan Baker, a member of the Facebook page, said in a comment on a picture of Horner posing as he emerges from the dumpster, "That's not a party, that's a dumpster dive party."

Like many of his fans, Garza started diving because he was inspired by YouTube videos detailing the benefits of the practice.

"I'm watching these (dumpster-dive) videos and I am watching these guys in their rooms showing off all this stuff," Garza said. "Sure as (expletive), I was finding stuff. I was finding stuff left and right there for the first times, until the game got big."

Also, like many of his fans, Garza gets excited over the thrill of the hunt.

Outside of dumpsters in Stone Oak, the results are turning around. After two failed attempts, Garza hopes the third dumpster, which he said usually has something, contains what they're looking for.

"Ooh, we got some games," Garza said excitedly as Horner, whose head and shoulders pop out from the top of the dumpster, holds up cases to show Garza.

Standing outside the receptacle, recording the scene on Horner's Android phone, Garza scouts which boxes and bags might have hidden treasures in them and directs Horner to grab them. Horner holds up a poster that's ripped in half, inciting some choice words from Garza about "field destroy."

Divers said this is a tactic some GameStop stores use to discourage people from rifling through their trash — they destroy promotional materials and hardware before they're thrown away.

The pair suspects that GameStop is trying to make diving taboo, that employees are told to rip, cut and snap merchandise before taking it to the dumpster — which the company said isn't so.

"What if a curator in a museum was told, 'Hey, we have too much of this (expletive); let's destroy this Picasso — we need to get it out of here.' I know that's an extreme example, but to some people, that may be the case," Horner said.

GameStop said promotional materials simply are thrown away unless they can be used again. Hardware, such as games, consoles and accessories, generally are sent back to the refurbishment centers where consoles and games are repaired. One-time promotional disks are the only items that are destroyed, said Jackie Smith, a spokeswoman for GameStop.

Companywide, no materials are mandated to be ripped, torn or cut in any way. However, individual managers may ask their employees to do so if dumpster divers have gotten the location fined by leaving trash out or created other problems.

Although GameStop may be ripping up what could have been good finds, Garza is satisfied with the outcome of this dive.

"We found a little bit of stuff that we managed to salvage from the dumpster — nothing big, nothing 'wow.' But all this stuff can still be used," Garza said in the video he shot of the dive.

The video had about 4,000 views within the first 24 hours it was online — a fact Garza is quick to point out.

Per tradition, Horner hops out of the dumpster and the pair drives to a parking lot off-camera to go over the goods they found.

"I need to buy some hand sanitizer," Horner said, looking up at the Target they've stopped at. Before the dive, Garza jokingly volunteered Horner to jump in the tall bin because he was the more agile of the pair.

Being the king doesn't come without attacks on Garza's empire. Some viewers complain about his openness with media outlets and how he reveals where his diving spots are. Garza said he once got a death threat in which the guy said he would kill him with a Braveheart sword.

Despite the complaints, Garza is a benevolent ruler, wanting to share his technique with his many loyal followers.

"Listen, guys, I know a lot of you guys are going to be pissed off because (expletive) it's getting out in the media or whatever," he said off camera. "It's not like we (expletive) started or invented this (expletive). I mean, dumpster diving has been around since (expletive) before prostitution.

"I mean, I am just trying to get out there and get this stuff saved. For those of you that are, like, greedy and want it all to yourself, shame on you. I try to show people so that they can go out there and get this stuff themselves because we can't do it every day. We don't like seeing this stuff being thrown away. So if you can go out there and save this stuff, whoever you might be, kudos to you."

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2 men arrested for robbing fishermen

South Texas authorities say two men have been arrested for armed robberies targeting fishermen in remote locations.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said Friday that deputies and U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested 22-year-old Jesse Ibarra and 31-year-old Felix Padilla. The Valley Morning Star reports they were apprehended in La Paloma after a foot chase.

They're each charged with aggravated armed robbery, engaging in organized criminal activity and other offenses.

EDNA

Wildfire burns several hundred acres

A South Texas wildfire threatened homes and burned several hundred acres before firefighters were able to control the blaze.

Authorities used a bulldozer create fire lines and dropped water from the air to tamp down the flames in rural Jackson County on Friday. Firefighters from at least six departments battled the wildfire.

No injuries were reported. At least one vacant home was destroyed. Authorities used an automated emergency call system to alert residents of the fire.

The Victoria Advocate reports firefighters remained at the scene into Friday evening to douse hot spots.

ATASCOSA

5 hurt when truck hits carriage

Authorities say five people were injured after a truck hit a carriage that was being pulled by a donkey near a rural town southwest of San Antonio.

Bexar County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Rosanne Hughes said two of those hurt — one man and one male child — were critically injured and taken by helicopter to a San Antonio hospital.

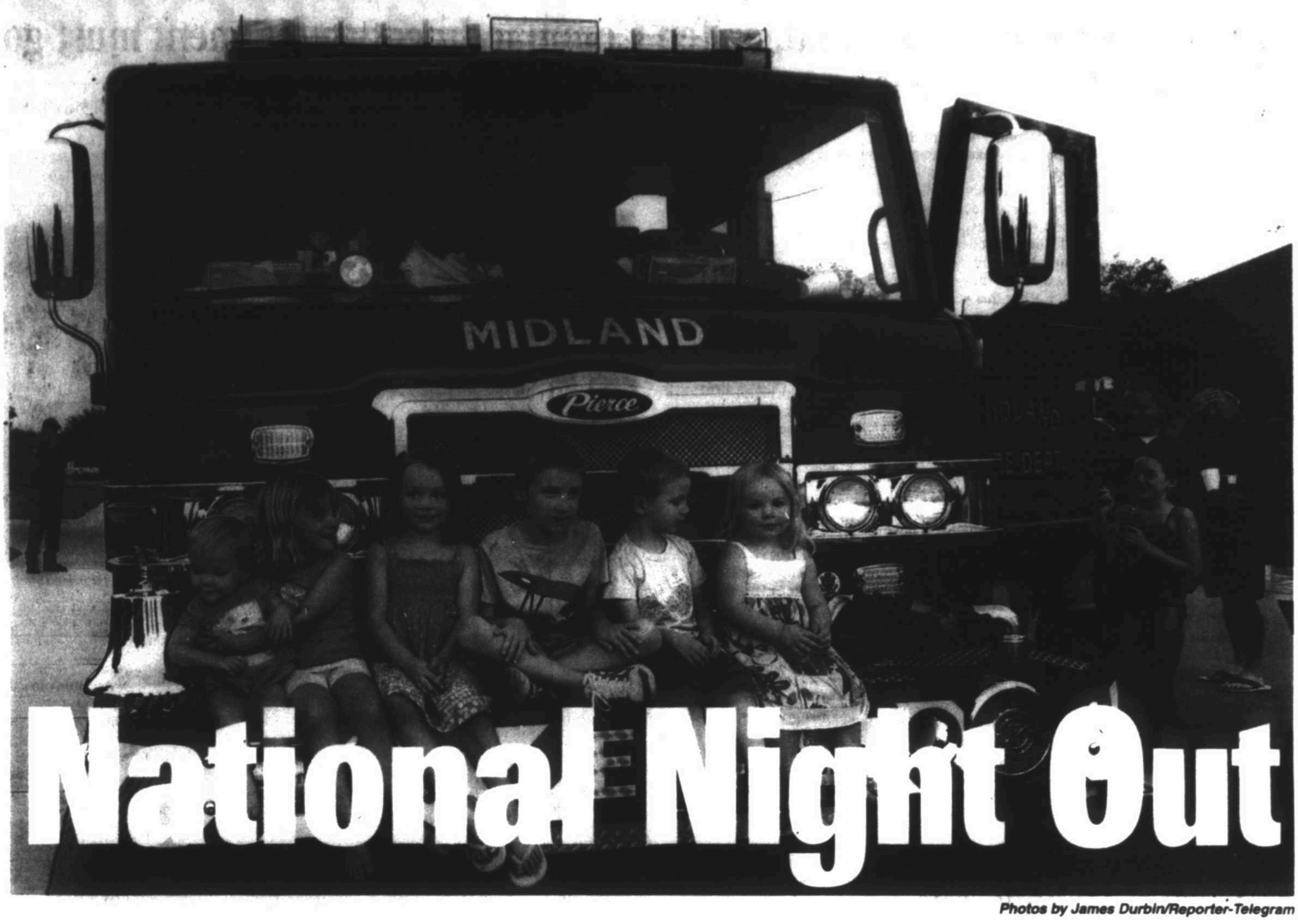
The other three victims were also hospitalized.

Hughes said the accident near Atascosa happened at 2:30 p.m. Saturday when the truck hit the carriage from behind. The truck fled the scene but the driver was caught a short time later.

Authorities suspect alcohol might have been involved.

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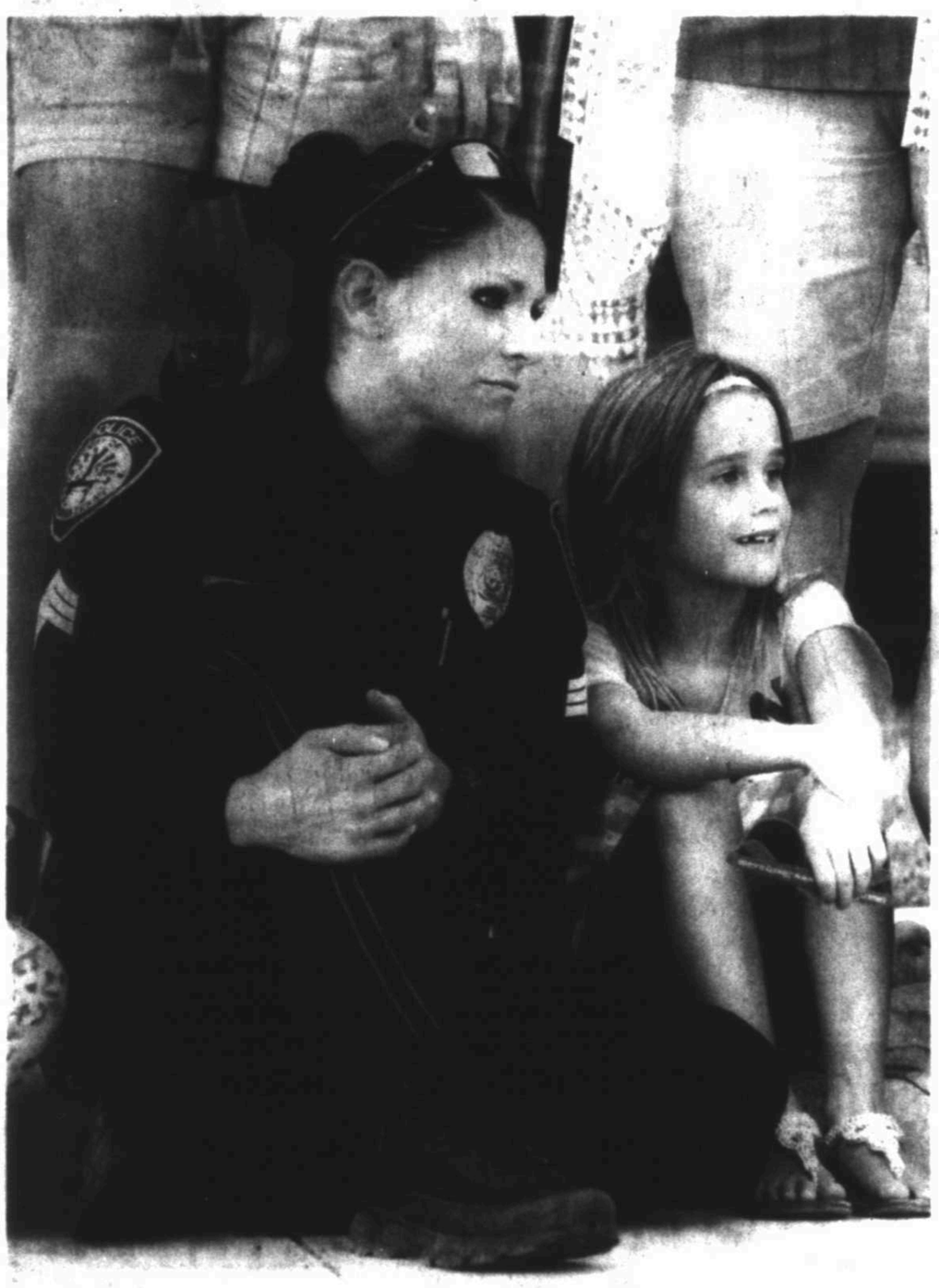
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National Night Out

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The 31st annual event kicked off with a gathering at Taylor Park and an appearance by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, followed by more than 70 block parties across Midland. During Tuesday's event, During the **event, Midland Police Department launched Nextdoor, a new free private social network to strengthen neighborhood watch efforts. Nextdoor allows residents to share information such as "neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services and even lost pets," according to the city.**

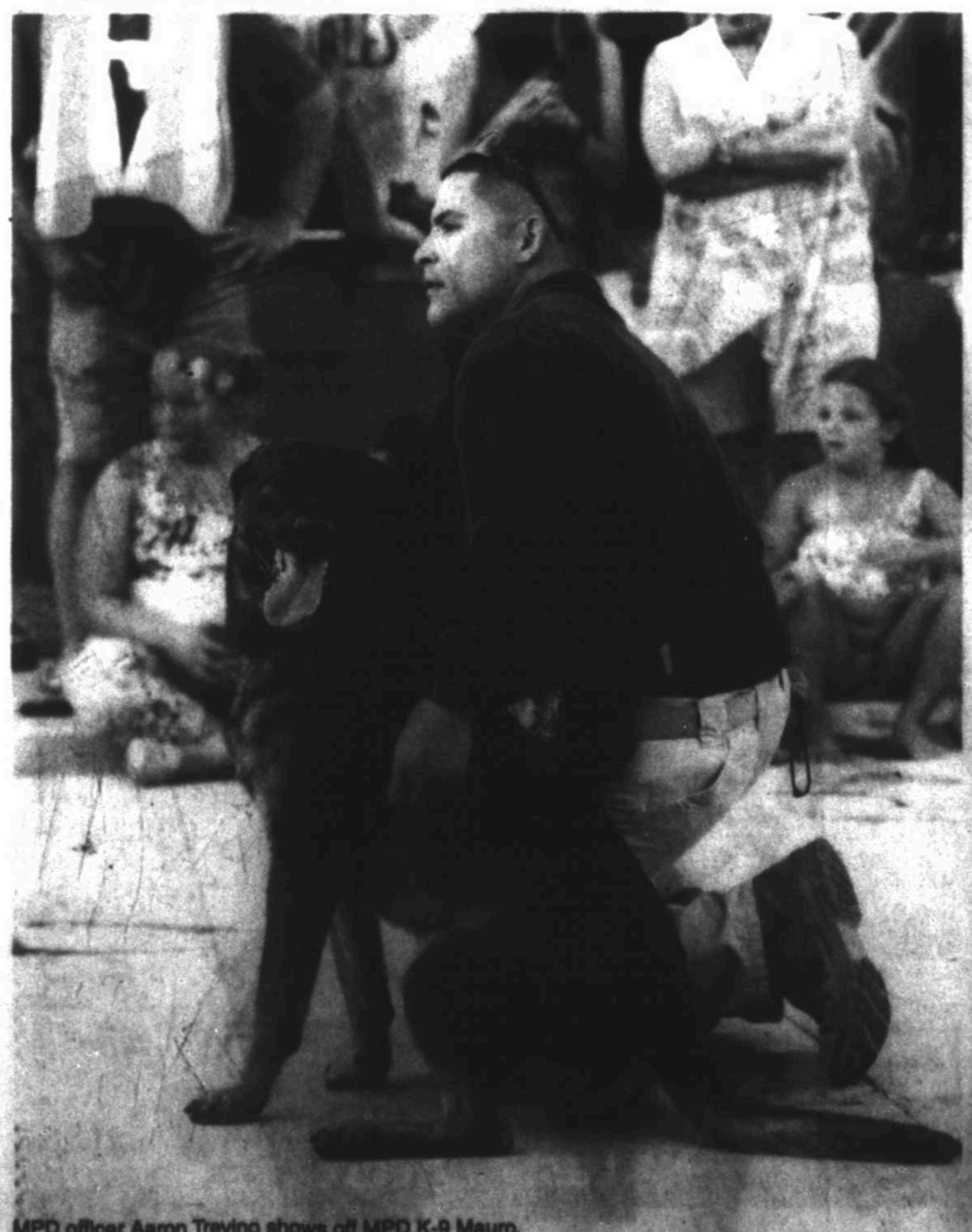


MPD Sgt. Rosemary Sharp visits and watches with young community members.



MPD officers Molly Pehl and Aaron Trevino put on a demonstration with MPD K-9 Mauro, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois.





MPD officer Aaron Trevino shows off MPD K-9 Mauro.



MFD driver Dustin Ivy gives young community members a tour of a fire truck during.

Investors eye planned New Mexico potash mine

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — A proposed $1.02 billion potash mine in southeastern New Mexico may get a financial boost from Asian investors, company officials said.

Intercontinental Potash Corp. said private investors from China and a bank in Japan have shown an interest in the proposed Ochoa Project, Carlsbad Current-Argus reported earlier this week. The company wants to develop an underground mine in southern Lea County to extract polyhalite ore to use in the production of potash.

Intercontinental spokesman Randy Foote said he couldn't name specific investors because the company has signed nondisclosure agreements with "all the major players." But Foote said he expects the company will continue to raise money for the project through this year and that it may be ready to break ground on the processing plant next year.

"Anybody who raises $1 billion knows it's a process, it's not something that you do overnight," Foote said. "Most of these (projects) take about a year to raise funds."

The company's plan calls for a processing plant and would involve the drilling of water wells, the installation of pipelines and the storage of tailings.

Earlier this year, a memo from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer's Hydrology Bureau said it could take up to 500 years to replenish the brine water pumped out of a Carlsbad aquifer if the potash mine operates for 50 years.

The memo said the proposed mine southeast of Carlsbad wasn't expected to affect the city's drinking water, but it may still have some impact on the underground water source.

Tests showed that if the mine draws 6,400 acre-feet of water each year at the site for 50 years, it would take 500 years for the Capitan Reef aquifer to restore itself, the document said.

The Capitan Reef is the same aquifer that provides Carlsbad's drinking water, though the potash company would draw its water from the opposite side of the reef.

Judge: Ten Commandments monument must go

Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD, N.M. — A federal judge on Thursday ruled that a New Mexico city must remove a monument inscribed with the Ten Commandments from the lawn in front of Bloomfield City Hall.

Senior U.S. District Judge James A. Parker said in his ruling in a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union that the monument amounts to government speech and has the "principal effect of endorsing religion."

Because of the context and history surrounding the granite monument, Parker said Bloomfield clearly violated the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. He gave a Sept. 10 deadline for its removal.

The suit was filed in 2012 on behalf of two Bloomfield residents who practice the Wiccan religion.

Peter Simonson, ACLU of New Mexico executive director, called the decision a victory for protection against government-supported religion.

"We firmly support the right of individuals, religious groups, and community associations to publicly display religious monuments, but the government should not be in the business of picking which sets of religious beliefs belong at City Hall," Simonson said Friday.



Associated Press

The Bloomfield Ten Commandments monument at Bloomfield City Hall in Bloomfield, N.M. A federal judge on Thursday ruled that the city must remove the monument. Senior U.S. District Judge James A. Parker said in his ruling in a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union that the monument amounts to government speech and has the "principal effect of endorsing religion."

According to previous court testimony, plaintiff Jane Felix said the display "says that anybody who doesn't agree with this monument on city grounds is an outsider."

"It has no place on City Hall property," Felix said in March.

City attorneys said private individuals erected and paid for the monument under a 2007 city resolution. That resolution allows people to erect historical monuments of their choosing.

Bloomfield Mayor Scott Eckstein said he was surprised the judge would rule against "a historical document."

"The intent from the beginning was that the lawn was going to be used for historical purposes, and that's what the council voted on," Eckstein told the Daily Times.

The city has 30 days to file an appeal. City attorney Ryan Lane said he will review the opinion and tell the city council if there is basis for one.

The 6-foot-tall monument was erected in July 2011 by a former city councilor and weighs 3,000 pounds.

Navajo, Albuquerque officials discuss task force

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's largest city has made some strides in addressing chronic homelessness, but Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry and Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly agreed Friday that much more work needs to be done to tackle the problem among the Native American population.

Berry and a team of city officials traveled to the tribal capital of Window Rock, Arizona, to discuss the framework and goals of a new task force that will be charged with developing sustainable and culturally relevant solutions. The work comes in the wake of the beating deaths of two homeless Navajo men in a vacant lot on Albuquerque's southwest side.

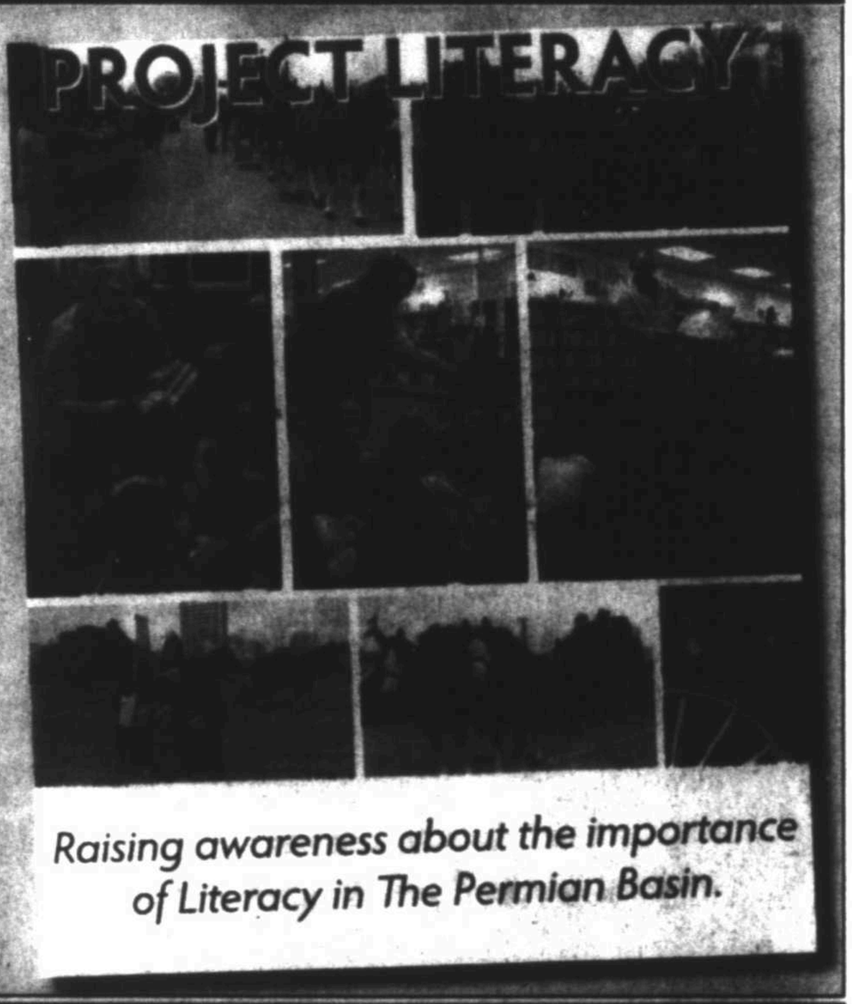
"We're going to try to take this tragedy and use it as a launching point for change," Berry told The Associated Press in an interview.

Berry said he planned to hire someone by the end of the month to lead the task force, which will be made up of city and Navajo representatives. The mayor's office is also reaching out to pueblo leaders throughout New Mexico to seek their participation.

Next week, Shelly will submit the names of the Navajo representatives who will serve on the task force.

Officials say the goal is for the group to develop a set of recommendations by the end of October. That will give it time to work with state and tribal lawmakers and city councilors on legislation and funding requests.

Berry said the work will build upon a five-year plan the city developed in 2013 to tackle homelessness. Albuquerque has seen success with its Heading Home program and other initiatives aimed at helping those on the street who have substance abuse problems or mental health issues, but the mayor said those programs need to stress a cultural aspect that connects with Native Americans

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Former police chief charged with rape

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A former New Mexico police chief is facing charges that he raped a woman while she was in police custody.

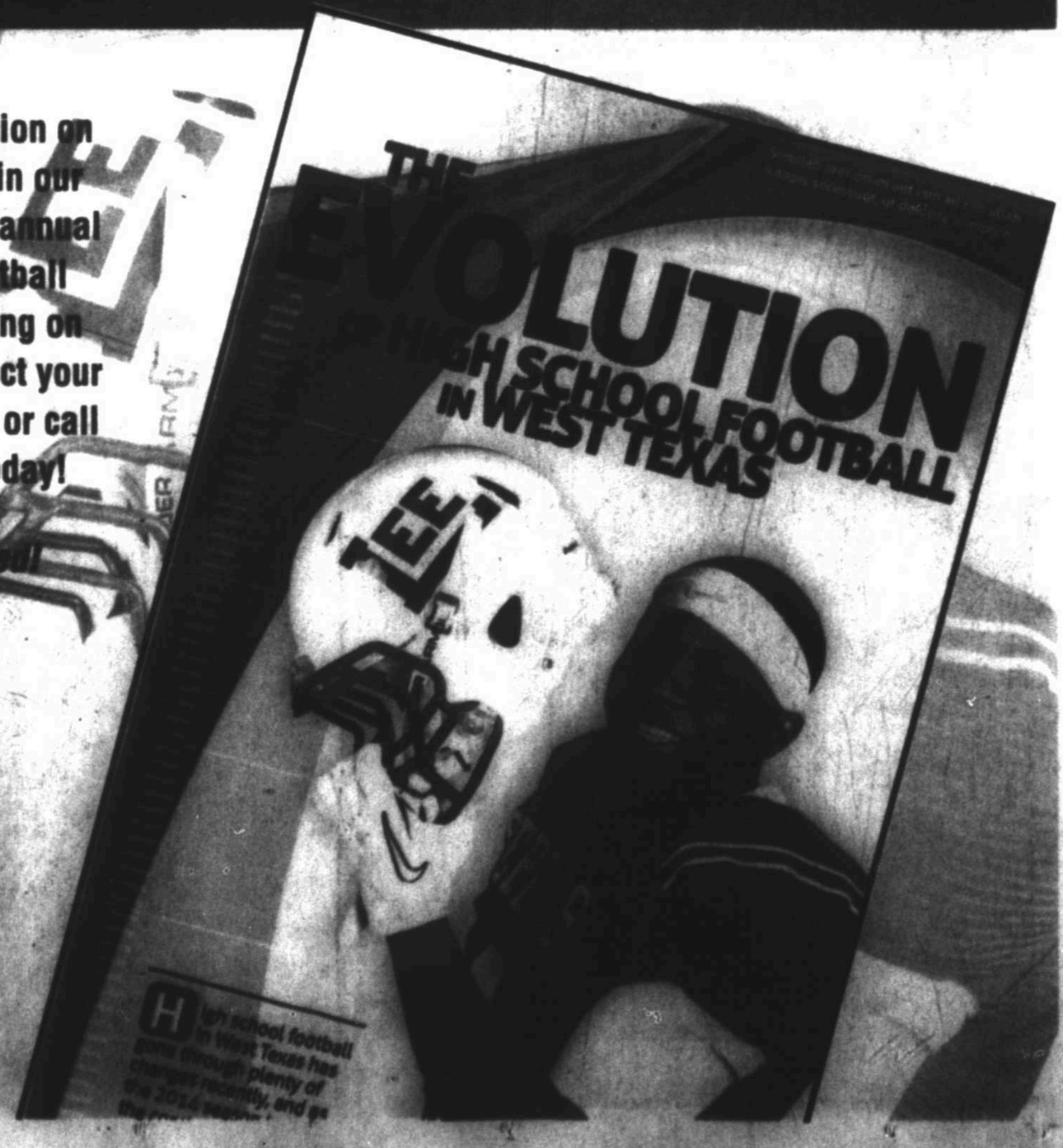
A grand jury indicted fired Jemez Springs Police Chief Shane Harger on Thursday on charges of kidnapping, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact and extortion.

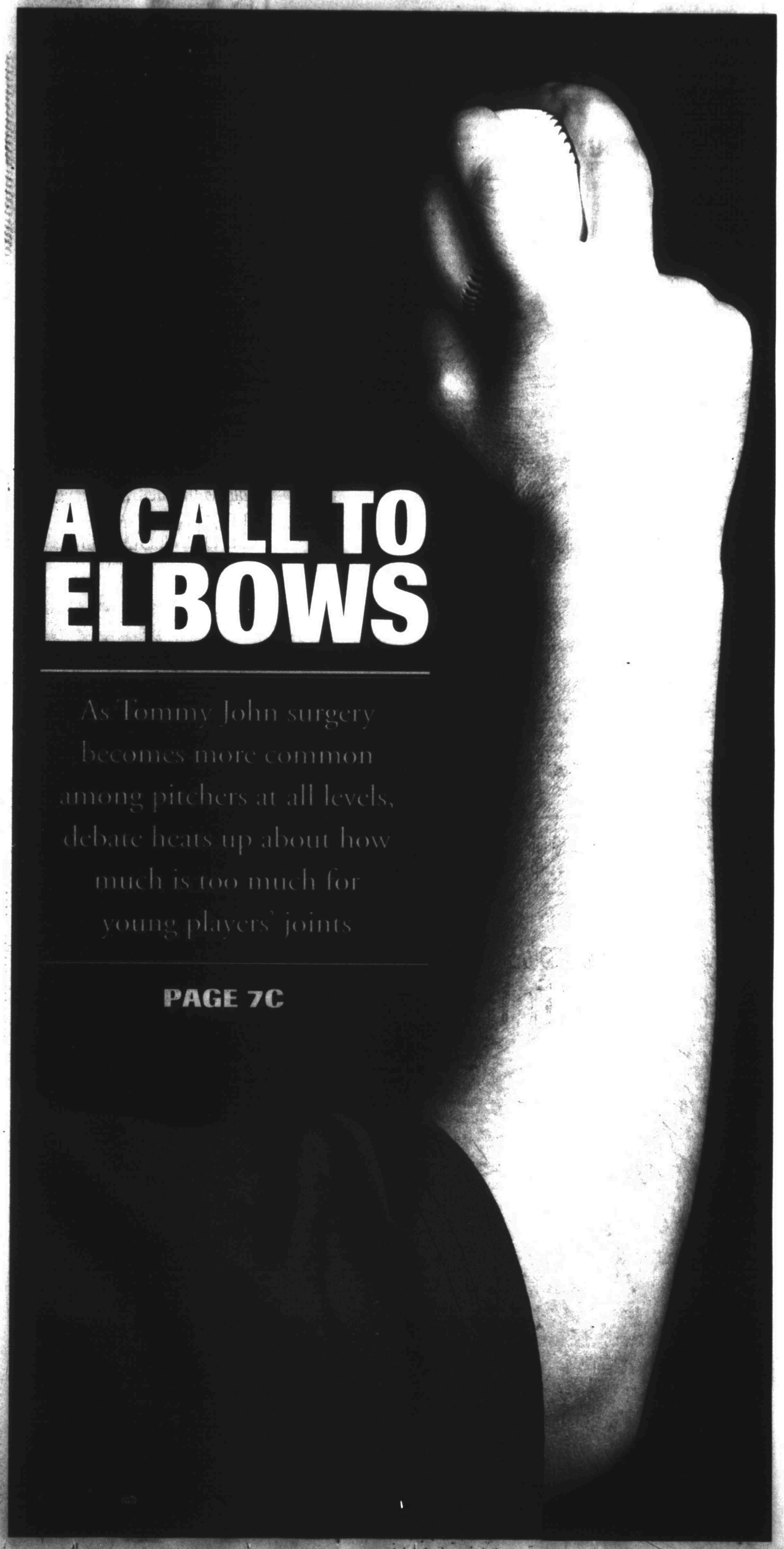
State police arrested Harger at his Edgewood home, authorities said.

According to a complaint filed in January, the 19-year-old woman said she and three men were stopped by Jemez Springs police and Harger raped her while holding her at the police station for three hours.

State police spokesman Emmanuel Gutierrez said an investigation found a "sexual act did occur."

Harger's attorney, Thomas Grover, said the charges stem from a January case when Harger was on duty as a police officer and assisted another officer with a traffic stop involving four subjects suspected of trafficking heroin.

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ON THE AIR

TODAY

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ARENA FOOTBALL
Playoffs, conference championship, 7 p.m., ESPN2

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Cheez-it 355, Noon, ESPN
United Sportscar Championship, Continental Tire Road Race Showcase (same-day tape), 5:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

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Tour of Utah, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

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PGA of America, PGA Championship, final round, 10 a.m., TNT
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USGA, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, championship match, 2 p.m., TGC
LPGA, Meijer Classic, final round, 4 p.m., TGC

HORSE RACING
Thoroughbreds, Saratoga Special Stakes, 4 p.m., Fox Sports 1

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Playoffs, Mid-Atlantic Regional final, 5 p.m., ESPN2

MLB
Texas at Houston, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 1 p.m., TBS
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m., ESPN
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 3 p.m., WGN

MOTORSPORTS
MotoGP Moto3, Indianapolis Grand Prix, 11 a.m., Fox Sports 1
MotoGP Moto2, Indianapolis Grand Prix, Noon, Fox Sports 1
MotoGP World Championship, Indianapolis Grand Prix, 1 p.m., Fox Sports 1

SOCCER
Exhibition, Bundesliga/Premier League, Dortmund at Liverpool, 6 a.m., NBC Sports Network
FA Community Shield, Arsenal vs. Manchester City, 9 a.m., Fox Sports 1
MLS, Houston at Seattle, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

SWIMMING
U.S. National Championships (same-day tape), 3 p.m., NBC

TENNIS
WTA, Rogers Cup, championship, Noon, ESPN2
ATP World Tour, Rogers Cup, championship, 2 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Miguel Gonzalez to Norfolk (IL). Reinstated RHP Ubaldo Jimenez from the 15-day DL.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Andre Rienzo to Charlotte (IL). Placed OF Adam Eaton on the 15-day DL. Reinstated RHP Zach Putnam from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Jordan Danks from Charlotte (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent OF Dexter Fowler to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Vinnie Pestano to Salt Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned 1B Chris Cosiballs to Rochester (IL). Recalled RHP Trevor May from Rochester.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed C Brian McCann on the 7-day DL. Assigned RHP Matt Daley outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled C Austin Romine from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Released INF Brian Roberts unconditionally. Agreed to terms with INF Scott Sizemore on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Roenis Elias to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled LHP Lucas Luetge from Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent OF Wil Myers to Durham (IL) for a rehab assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Derek Holland to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Rob Rasmussen to Buffalo (IL). Reinstated 2B Steve Tolleson from paternity leave. Sent 1B Edwin Encarnacion to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned INF Donald Lutz to Louisville (IL). Recalled C Tucker Barnhart from Louisville.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP Christian Bergman to Colorado Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Edgar Olmos to New Orleans (PCL). Placed LHP Dan Jennings on the 7-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Brad Penny from New Orleans. Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Ovedo on a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Rob Wooten to Nashville (PCL). Recalled RHP Mike Fiers from Nashville.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Colter Moore on a minor league contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded RHP Angel Castro to Oakland for cash.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent RHP Andrew Cashner to Lake Elsinore (Cal) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Alan Oaks on a minor league contract.

American Association

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Bo Budkevics.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Logan Brumley.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Barry Fowler. Released RHP Jonathan Snites.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed INF Rolando Gomez. Released INF Tyler Heck.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Brett Mabry. Released RHPs Tyler Buckley and John Houston.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Released RHP Brant Masters.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Joe Cuda.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed LB Dann Drakeford. Waived K Sergio Castillo.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed OT Darius Morris on the waived-injury settlement list.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DB Nate Ness.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released G Chad Anderson. Placed DB Brandon Burton on the waived-injury settlement list.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed TE Reggie Jordan on injured reserve.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed OB Shelton Johnson and LB Marshall McFadden on injured reserve.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Released LB Alvin Sconneaux. Signed LB Victor Aiyewa.

HOCKEY

ECHL

GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Re-signed F Brenden Walker.

COLLEGE

INDIANA — Named Teri Moren women's basketball coach.

CYCLING

Tour de Pologne Results

Saturday

At Krakow, Poland

Seventh (Final) Stage

A 15.5-mile individual time trial beginning and ending in Krakow.

1. Kristof Vandewalle, Belgium, Trek Factory Racing, 29 minutes, 18 seconds.
2. Adriano Malori, Italy, Movistar, 3 seconds behind.
3. Stephen Cummings, Britain, BMC Racing, 10.
4. Steve Morabito, Switzerland, BMC Racing, 20.
5. Gorka Izaguirre, Spain, Movistar, 22.
6. Dario Cataldo, Italy, Sky, 28.
7. Jon Izaguirre, Spain, Movistar, 29.
8. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg, Trek Factory Racing, 34.
9. Christophe Riblon, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 38.
10. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica GreenEdge, same time.

Also

37. Lawrence Warbasse, United States, BMC Racing, 1:30.
40. Nathan Brown, United Suffes, Garmin Sharp, 1:34.
60. Caleb Fairly, United States, Garmin Sharp, 1:55.

Final Standings

1. Rafal Majka, Poland, Tinkoff-Saxo, 30 hours, 16 minutes, 18 seconds.
2. Jon Izaguirre, Spain, Movistar, 8 seconds behind.
3. Benat Intxausti, Spain, Movistar, 22.
4. Christophe Riblon, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 34.
5. Przemyslaw Niemiec, Poland, Lampre-Merida, 1:20.
6. Andrey Amador, Costa Rica, Movistar, 1:21.
7. Philip Deignan, Ireland, Sky Procycling, 1:24.
8. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Belkin Pro Cycling, 1:41.
9. Dominik Nerz, Germany, BMC Racing, 1:42.
10. Petr Vakoc, Czech Republic, Omega Pharma-Quick-Step, 1:49.

Also

29. Lawrence Warbasse, United States, BMC Racing, 7:06.
87. Caleb Fairly, United States, Garmin Sharp, 40:50.
97. Nathan Brown, United States, Garmin Sharp, 44:22.
Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin Sharp, did not finish.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Aug. 15

At Chumash Resort Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (ESPN2), Rustam Nugaev vs. Denis Shafikov, 12 lightweights.

Aug. 16

At Erfurt, Germany, Yoan Pablo Hernandez vs. Firat Arslan, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title.

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (SHO), Shawn Porter vs. Kell Brook, 12, for Porter's IBF welterweight title; Sakio Bika vs. Anthony Dirrell, 12, for Bika's WBO super middleweight title; Omar Figueroa vs. Daniel Estrada, 12, for Figueroa's WBC lightweight title.

Aug. 22

At Pechanga Resort & Casino, Temecula, Calif. (ESPN2), Austin Trout vs. Daniel Dawson, 10, junior middleweights.

Aug. 23

At Tecate, Mexico, Javier Mendoza vs. Ramon Garcia Hirales, 12, for the vacant IBF light flyweight title.

Sept. 5

At Tokyo, Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Romero Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title; Naoya Inoue vs. Samartlek Kokietgym, 12, for Inoue's WBC junior flyweight title.

Sept. 6

At Hamburg, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Kubrat Pulev, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super World heavyweight titles.

At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Kiko Martinez vs. Carl Frampton, 12, for Martinez's IBF super bantamweight title.

At U.S. Bank Arena, Cincinnati (SHO), Lucas Martin-Matthysse vs. Michael Perez, 12, junior welterweights.

At Mexico City, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Giovani Segura, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World and WBO flyweight titles.

Sept. 12

*At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather, Jr. vs. Marcos Rene Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBA Super World and WBC welterweight titles.

Sept. 20

At Helsinki, Finland, Richar Abril vs. Edis Tatli, 12, for Abril's WBA World lightweight title.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	11	5	6	39	32	20
DC	11	7	4	37	32	27
Toronto FC	9	6	7	34	31	21
New York	8	6	7	31	26	23
Philadelphia	8	6	6	30	27	24
Columbus	8	7	5	29	26	27
New England	6	12	2	20	29	35
Houston	5	12	2	17	25	36
Chicago	3	11	5	14	22	34
Montreal	3	14	2	11	22	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	12	5	5	41	36	20
FC Dallas	12	6	3	39	38	25
Real Salt Lake	11	7	4	37	34	27
Los Angeles	9	7	6	33	30	19
Colorado	10	8	4	34	31	29
Vancouver	9	8	5	32	29	28
Portland	9	11	3	30	31	35
San Jose	6	10	5	23	27	32
Chivas USA	3	16	3	12	21	41

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's Scores

MLS All-Stars 2, Bayern Munich 1

Friday's Scores

Los Angeles 2, San Jose 2, tie

Saturday's Scores

Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1
Toronto FC 3, Columbus 2
FC Dallas 3, Colorado 1
D.C. United at Real Salt Lake, late
Chivas USA at Portland, late

Today's Games

Sporting Kansas City at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Houston at Seattle FC, 9:30 p.m.

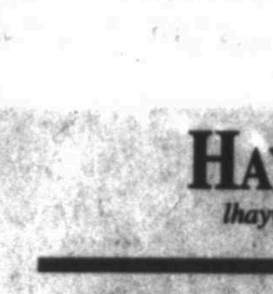
Friday, Aug. 15

Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake, 1:30 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Line



LEN HAYWARD

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It's been a busy week for the NCAA both in the courtroom and out. The ruling against the NCAA in the Ed O'Bannon case is only the start in allowing college athletes, specifically football and basketball players, to make money off their likeness.

Then early in the week an NCAA committee voted to allow the organization's 65 biggest schools to write their own rules.

It's the beginning of the end of college sports as we know it, and frankly, the NCAA has done it to themselves.

The organization's enforcement policy is something that seems to be written on a dry erase board, and while they've tried to curb the cheating and money payments, it hasn't seemed to stop. It's not quite at the SMU "Death Penalty" level, but yes it still happens and if you think it doesn't, you're naive.

I know I'm going to hear the arguments that these athletes gets scholarships with room, board and tuition for school, but for their efforts on the playing field they get nothing monetarily while the schools, conference, and the NCAA, reap the profits.

How much should athletes get? I don't know. You're reading someone who has spent much of his life around the auto racing business where you get what you can while your famous, and marketing your likeness is part of that business.

I do believe that there should be some serious debate, though, about not only college sports changing how it operates but also professional sports, specifically basketball and football. For far too long, the NFL and NBA have had to spend little or no money on player development as the colleges were left to do that in those two sports.

But now I think it's time both come up with ways to develop players once they leave high school, or even earlier. Does that involve going the European soccer route and having academics where players are picked in their early teens? Maybe.

But for many players in college football and basketball at the top levels, it's all about getting to the next level. The age limit that's in place now for basketball is a joke, and it's been well documented how tough it is to get some football players to go to class.

There are many who take their education very seriously, but it's the few that want to go pro that are getting the most attention. Think about this, while there's an uproar about basketball or football players leaving college early to go the NBA or NFL, there was nary a peep when Jordan Spieth decided to leave Texas to pursue a pro golf career. Tell me the difference?

The NFL's rule of a player being out of high school for three years to be draft eligible is a solid rule, but I also think that there are many more athletes who would like to play in a developmental league and not go to college.

It's why the way baseball is set up makes the most sense and should be done in football and basketball. Baseball has a tiered minor league system which allows young players to get used to the professional game, and I think the NFL and the NBA should have a similar developmental system. Plus, baseball's system gives players a chance to pursue an education if they want to.

Yes, all of that costs money, but you can't tell me that people wouldn't watch those games both live and on television.

There are no easy answers to all of this, and what I've stated is just my opinion. What I do know, though, is that in 10 years, major college sports won't look the same.

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RockHounds win to snap 2-game slide

From staff reports

Kent Matthes' hit a key two-run double in the fifth inning and Conner Crumbliss drove in five runs as the Midland RockHounds took a 9-3 victory against the Springfield Cardinals on Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark.



Matthes



Crumbliss

The RockHounds (29-20) broke a two-game losing streak with the victory but remained one game ahead of Frisco in the Texas League South Division second half standings. The RoughRiders (29-21) beat Tulsa, 8-1, on Saturday.

Midland was down, 3-1, after five innings as the Cardinals (20-28) scored two runs in the fourth and then added one in the top of the fifth, while Midland's only run to that point was a solo home run by Dusty Coleman.

But fortunes turned for the RockHounds in the bottom of the fifth as Midland was able to score three runs with two outs and take a 4-3 lead. Coleman, who scored four of Midland's nine runs, scored first in the inning on a wild pitch, then after Kenny Wilson and Max Muncy singled. Matthes followed with a double to center to score both for the 4-3 advantage. The double was Matthes' eighth extra-base hit in the last 10 games.

The RockHounds added two more runs in the sixth on a two-run single by Crumbliss for a 6-3 lead. Crumbliss struck again in the bottom of the eighth when he hit a three-run home run for a 9-3 advantage.

Crumbliss, who is the RockHounds' leadoff hitter, was 2-for-5 with five RBI, and Kenny Wilson and Max Muncy also went 2-for-5 and Muncy drove in two runs.

RockHounds starter Chris Jensen took the win after giving up three runs on nine hits with two walks and a strikeout, and relievers Ryan Doolittle and Jose Flores held the Cardinals scoreless over the final four innings.

Doolittle gave up two hits and struck out two in a 2 1/3 innings, and Flores earned his eighth save of the year by allowing one hit in 1 2/3 innings.

The RockHounds and Cardinals will complete their three-game series at 2 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

RockHounds 9
Cardinals 3

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	29	19	.604	—
NW Arkansas	23	25	.479	6
x-Tulsa	21	27	.438	8
Springfield	20	28	.417	9

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	29	20	.592	—
x-Frisco	29	21	.580	½
San Antonio	23	26	.469	6
Corpus Christi	21	28	.429	8

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
Arkansas 4, Corpus Christi 3
Northwest Arkansas 4, San Antonio 3
Midland 9, Springfield 3
Frisco 8, Tulsa 1

Today's Games
Springfield at Midland, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at NW Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 9, CARDINALS 3

Springfield	ab	r	h	bi
Tilson cf	4	0	1	0
Valera 2b	5	1	2	0
Stanley dh	4	0	0	0
Rodriguez 1b-4	4	0	2	1
Ortega rf	5	1	1	0
Wisdom 3b	3	1	1	0
Mejia ss	4	0	1	0
Perkins lf	4	0	2	0
Tartamella c	4	0	2	2
Totals	37	3	12	3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss 3b	5	1	2	5
Wilson cf	5	1	2	0
Muncy 1b-3b	3	1	2	0
Matthes rf	4	0	1	2
Marte 3b	3	0	0	0
Forsythe 1b	0	0	0	0
Maxwell c	4	0	0	0
Barfield dh	4	2	0	0
Coleman ss	3	4	1	1
Oberacker lf	4	0	0	0
Totals	39	9	8	8

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Midland	.001	032	03x	—	9				

E — Wisdom (23), Gaviglio (3), Tartamella (4). DP — Springfield 1, Midland 2. LOB — Springfield 11, Midland 8. 2B — Wilson (3), Matthes (18). HR — Coleman (13), Crumbliss (9). SB — Crumbliss (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Springfield						
Gavigliio L, 5-11	5.0	6	4	1	1	3
Harris	1.0	1	2	2	2	1
Blair	2.0	1	3	2	3	1
Midland						
Jensen W, 11-7	5.0	9	3	3	2	1
Doolittle	2.1	2	0	0	0	2
Flores S, 8	1.2	1	0	0	2	0

WP — Gavigliio 2, Jensen 2. Balk — Gavigliio. PB — Maxwell (1).
T — 3:26. A — 6,571.

AUTORACING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROUNDUP

AMBROSE WINS NATIONWIDE RACE AT WATKINS GLEN: At Watkins Glen, N.Y., Marcos Ambrose has won the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Watkins Glen International.

Making his first appearance in four years in a race he has dominated, Ambrose drove a flawless race from the fourth starting position after an early altercation with Kyle Busch, then held off a hard-charging Busch in the closing laps for his fourth straight victory in the event.

Joey Logano finished third, followed by Penske teammate and polesitter Brad Keselowski. Matt Kenseth was fifth as Sprint Cup drivers dominated on the speedy 2.45-mile road course.

Points leader Chase Elliott finished sixth, Ty Dillon was eighth, and Regan Smith had a difficult race and came home 17th. That boosted Elliott's lead in the standings to 12 points over Smith and 13 over Dillon and Elliott Sadler, who was seventh.

JEFF GORDON WINS POLE AT WATKINS GLEN: At Watkins Glen, N.Y., Jeff Gordon has won the Sprint Cup pole for the Cheez-It 355 at Watkins Glen International.

Gordon turned a fast lap of 129.466 mph in the second and final round of knockout qualifying on the 2.45-mile road course to top Marcos Ambrose and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson.

Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch rounded out the top five. AJ Allmendinger was sixth, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski and Ryan Newman.

Defending race winner Kyle Busch will start 19th. Just missing the second round was five-time Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart, who will start 13th.

Danica Patrick, who crashed in final practice on Friday and will start at the rear of the field, ran 11 laps.

RYAN DALZIEL TAKES ROAD AMERICA POLE: At Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, Ryan Dalziel won his second straight TUDOR United SportsCar Championship pole Saturday, finishing his final qualifying lap in 1 minute, 55.166 seconds in the Continental Tire Road Race Showcase at Road America.

Dalziel averaged 126.537 mph in the Extreme Speed Motorsports No. 1 HPD ARX-03b/Honda that he will co-drive Sunday with Scott Sharp.

The Prototype points-leading duo of Christian Fittipaldi and Joao Barbosa qualified second in the No. 5 Action Express Racing Corvette DP.

John Edwards had a lap at 2:03.747 to take the pole position in the GT Le Mans class.

In the Prototype Challenge class, Bruno Junqueira turned a lap in 1:59.411 for his third pole of the season in the No. 09 RSR Racing ORECA FLM09 he shares with Duncan Ende.

James Davison led qualifying in the GT Daytona class, winning his first pole of the season in the No. 007 TRG-AMR Aston Martin V12 Vantage with a lap at 2:09.079.

RESULTS AND LINEUPS

Nationwide

NASCAR Nationwide-Zippo 200 Results
Saturday
At Watkins Glen International
Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Lap length: 2.45 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 82 laps, 143.5 rating, 0 points, $93,875.
2. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 82, 120.2, 0, $26,500.
3. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 82, 123, 0, $22,375.
4. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 82, 120.8, 0, $23,225.
5. (10) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 82, 111.2, 0, $19,300.
6. (15) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 82, 87.8, 38, $21,750.
7. (14) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 82, 99.4, 37, $20,051.
8. (6) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 82, 99.1, 37, $19,491.
9. (8) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 82, 90.8, 0, $13,050.
10. (7) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 82, 86.3, 34, $20,351.
11. (17) James Buescher, Toyota, 82, 76, 34, $18,906.
12. (20) Ryan Reed, Ford, 82, 71.1, 32, $18,631.
13. (16) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 82, 74.6, 31, $18,581.
14. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 82, 80.3, 31, $18,381.
15. (12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 82, 82.6, 0, $12,750.
16. (26) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 82, 72.5, 28, $18,256.
17. (5) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 82, 87.5, 26, $18,206.
18. (18) Stanton Barrett, Ford, 82, 69.1, 26, $18,331.
19. (25) Brennan Newberry, Chevrolet, 82, 64.8, 0, $18,056.
20. (31) Tony Drissi, Dodge, 82, 50, 0, $18,706.
21. (30) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 81, 56.7, 23, $17,956.
22. (36) Dentke Cope, Chevrolet, 81, 43.8, 22, $17,901.
23. (23) Carlos Contreras, Toyota, 81, 51.1, 21, $17,825.
24. (29) Eric McClure, Toyota, 81, 40.1, 20, $17,725.
25. (21) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 81, 56.2, 19, $18,176.
26. (27) Kenny Habul, Toyota, 81, 46.9, 18, $11,400.
27. (11) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 81, 74, 17, $17,576.
28. (9) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 80, 76.9, 17, $17,501.
29. (12) Chris Buescher, Ford, 79, 56.9, 15, $17,451.
30. (38) Roger Reuse, Chevrolet, 79, 31.6, 14, $17,701.
31. (33) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, 74, 33.4, 13, $17,208.
32. (22) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 73, 50.7, 12, $17,251.
33. (28) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, suspension, 43, 40.7, 11, $17,216.
34. (32) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, overheating, 38, 42.3, 10, $17,186.
35. (24) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, accident, 35, 60.6, 9, $17,109.
36. (37) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, electrical, 30, 27.8, 8, $16,896.
37. (34) Kevin O'Connell, Chevrolet, accident, 25, 33.9, 7, $16,851.
38. (35) Blake Koch, Toyota, rear gear, 6, 29.3, 6, $16,011.
39. (39) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, brakes, 3, 30.4, 0, $15,975.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 92.402 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 10 minutes, 22 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.555 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 14 laps.
Lead Changes: 15 among 11 drivers.
Lap Leaders: B.Keselowski 1-6; J.Logano 6-9; B.Keselowski 10-17; J.Logano 18; R.Smith 19; M.Kenseth 20-21; T.Dillon 22; M.Bliss 23; J.Clements 24; J.Buescher 25-26; M.Ambrose 27-48; J.Logano 49; K.Busch 50; R.Smith 51; B.Gaughan 52-56; M.Ambrose 57-82.

Leaders Summary (Drives; Times Led; Laps Led): M.Ambrose, 2 times for 48 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 13 laps; J.Logano, 3 times for 6 laps; B.Gaughan, 1 time for 5 laps; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 2 laps; J.Buescher, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Smith, 2 times for 2 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 1 lap; T.Dillon, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Bliss, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Clements, 1 time for 1 lap.

Top 10 In Points: 1, E.Elliott, 752; 2, R.Smith, 740; 3, E.Sadler, 739; 4, T.Dillon, 739; 5, B.Scott, 707; 6, T.Bayne, 706; 7, B.Gaughan, 501; 8, C.Buescher, 500; 9, R.Reed, 574; 10, J.Buescher, 507.

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, Lead-Lap Finish.

Sprint Cup

Chase® 355 at The Glen Lineup
After Saturday Qualifying
At Watkins Glen International
Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Lap length: 3.46 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 129.466 mph.
2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 129.402.
3. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 129.346.
4. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 129.045.
5. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 128.816.
6. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 128.701.
7. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 128.195.
8. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 128.179.
9. (5) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 128.092.
10. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 127.867.
11. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 127.761.
12. (56) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 127.511.
13. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 128.205.
14. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 128.191.
15. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 128.026.
16. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 127.859.
17. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 127.782.
18. (38) Cole Whiti, Toyota, 127.715.
19. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 127.575.
20. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 127.573.
21. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 127.562.
22. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 127.322.
23. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 127.309.
24. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 127.276.
25. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 127.245.
26. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 127.043.
27. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 127.167.
28. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 126.919.
29. (55) Michael McDowell, Ford, 127.177.
30. (7) Kenny Kahne, Chevrolet, 127.012.
31. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 126.819.
32. (77) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 126.806.
33. (36) David Gilliland, Ford, 126.704.
34. (66) Boris Said, Ford, 126.571.
35. (83) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 126.508.
36. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 126.504.
37. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, owner points.
38. (30) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points.
39. (95) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, owner points.
40. (44) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, owner points.
41. (40) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, owner points.
42. (16) Denise Petrick, Chevrolet, owner points.

Singleton's 3 RBI leads Astros over Rangers

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Astros	6
Rangers	3

HOUSTON — Jon Singleton drove in three runs, and the Houston Astros handled Yu Darvish again in an 8-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night to stretch the streak against their in-state rival to seven victories in a row.

Darvish (10-7) allowed nine hits and six runs — five earned — in four-plus innings in his second-shortest start of the season. It was his second straight tough outing against the Astros after they tagged him for a season-high 10 hits with six runs in six innings on July 9.

Singleton had an RBI single in Houston's two-run first and added a two-run double as the Astros tacked on four runs in the fifth.

Houston's Scott Feldman (6-8) allowed eight hits and three runs with six strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings.

He held the Rangers scoreless until Jim Adduci hit his first major league home run with two outs in the sixth inning. The two-run shot landed in the first row in right field to cut the lead to 6-2. Shin-Soo Choo had four hits, and his single in the ninth inning was the 1,000th hit of his career.

Matt Dominguez's RBI single after Singleton's double chased Darvish in the fifth. He was replaced by Nate Adcock, who was greeted by a run-scoring single by Marwin Gonzalez.

Darvish struggled with control early and-walked two of the first three batters he faced, with the second walk coming on four pitches. He struck out Marc Krauss before Singleton's RBI single made it 1-0. Dominguez followed with a single, and an error on the play by second baseman Rougned Odor allowed Chris Carter to score and push the lead to 2-0.

Carter, who had three homers in the previous two games, continued his hot-hitting with two hits, including an RBI double in the eighth inning.

Houston rookie Mike Foltynewicz pitched a scoreless ninth and wowed the crowd when he threw two consecutive 100 mph fastballs to Odor.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: OF Mike Carp left in the middle of the third inning with tightness in his left groin and is listed as day to day.

OF Alex Rios took a second straight game off after he re-aggravated a sprained right ankle on Wednesday. Manager Ron Washington said Rios will start today.

LHP Derek Holland (left knee surgery) struck out four in three scoreless innings in his third rehabilitation start at Double-A Frisco on Saturday night. Holland hasn't played in the majors this season.

Astros: 2B Jose Altuve was out of the lineup Saturday after leaving Friday night's game with discomfort in his neck. Altuve said that he is OK and that he expects to play today.

CF Dexter Fowler (back) made his second start of a rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Oklahoma City on Saturday night. Manager Bo Porter said he expects Fowler to be activated next week, barring a setback.

OF Alex Presley (strained right side) took batting practice on the field on Saturday for the first time since being put on the disabled list on July 8. "For the most part I was pleased," Presley said after batting practice. "Just a little stiff, but besides that nothing too major."

UP NEXT

Texas right-hander Nick Martinez looks to snap a seven-game skid when he opposes Dallas Keuchel. Martinez, who hasn't won since May 24, has gone 0-3 with a 7.29 ERA in his four starts since returning from the disabled list.

Keuchel has allowed one earned run or fewer in each of his last three starts.



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's Jake Marisnick, right, beats the ball for a single as Texas starting pitcher Yu Darvish, left, reaches for it in the second inning Saturday in Houston.

MLB STANDINGS, BOX AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	67	49	.578	—
New York	61	55	.526	6
Toronto	60	56	.517	7
Tampa Bay	57	59	.491	10
Boston	51	64	.443	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	63	51	.553	—
Kansas City	62	53	.539	1 1/2
Cleveland	58	59	.496	6 1/2
Chicago	55	62	.470	9 1/2
Minnesota	51	63	.447	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	71	44	.617	—
Los Angeles	67	48	.583	4
Seattle	61	54	.530	10
Houston	49	66	.426	23
Texas	45	71	.388	26 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Cleveland 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings
Baltimore 10, St. Louis 3
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Kansas City 5, San Francisco 0
Houston 6, Texas 3
Boston at L.A. Angels, late
Minnesota at Oakland, late
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Cleveland (Carrasco 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 7-7), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Price 11-8) at Toronto (Buehrle 11-8), 12:07 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 11-8) at Baltimore (Gausman 6-3), 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 9-7) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 6-10), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 1-8) at Houston (Keuchel 10-7), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-9), 1:20 p.m.
Boston (R.De La Rosa 3-4) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 3-7), 2:35 p.m.
Minnesota (P.Hughes 11-8) at Oakland (Hammel 1-4), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 9-7) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-5), 3:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	62	52	.544	—
Atlanta	59	56	.513	3 1/2
Miami	57	59	.491	6
New York	55	61	.474	8
Philadelphia	52	64	.448	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	65	52	.556	—
Pittsburgh	62	54	.534	2 1/2
St. Louis	61	54	.530	3
Cincinnati	59	58	.504	6
Chicago	49	66	.426	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	66	52	.559	—
San Francisco	62	55	.530	3 1/2
San Diego	53	62	.461	11 1/2
Arizona	50	66	.431	15
Colorado	45	70	.391	19 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Baltimore 10, St. Louis 3
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
Miami 4, Cincinnati 3
Kansas City 5, San Francisco 0
Washington at Atlanta, late
Colorado at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Miami (Hand 2-3) at Cincinnati (Cueto 13-6), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 7-8) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 5-11), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 10-10) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-10), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 11-8) at Baltimore (Gausman 6-3), 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 13-2) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 9-7) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 6-10), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-9), 1:20 p.m.
Colorado (F.Morales 5-6) at Arizona (Miley 7-8), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-8) at Atlanta (A.Wood 7-9), 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY'S AL WEST BOX
ASTROS 6, RANGERS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	5	0	4	0
Andrus ss	4	0	2	1
Carp lf	2	0	0	0
DvRrts lf	2	1	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	0	1	0
Adduci rf	4	1	1	2
Arencn 1b	3	0	0	0
LMartn cf	4	0	0	0
G.Soto c	4	1	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**10**	**3**

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn rf	4	2	3	0
JCastro c	5	1	2	0
Carter dh	4	2	2	1
Krauss lf	4	0	1	0
Hoes lf	0	0	0	0
Singltn 1b	3	1	2	3
MDmn 3b	4	0	2	1
MGnzlz ss	4	0	1	1
Mrsnck cf	4	0	2	0
G.Pettt 2b	4	0	0	1
Totals	**34**	**6**	**12**	**7**

Texas								.000	002	100	—3
Houston								.200	041	01x	—6

E—Odor (5). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 8, Houston 9. 2B—Choo (18), Carter (19), Singleton (10). HR—Adduci (1). SF—Andrus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Darvish L,10-7	4	9	6	5	4	7
Adcock	2	2	1	1	1	1
Klein	1	1	0	0	0	1
S.Baker	1	1	1	1	1	3
Houston						
Feldman W,6-8	6 1-3	8	3	3	1	6
Fields	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Foltynewicz	1	1	0	0	0	1

Darvish pitched to 5 batters in the 5th.
HBP—by Adcock (Grossman). WP—Darvish.
T—3:32. A—24,019 (42,060).

SATURDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 3, YANKEES 0

Cleveland								.020	000	010	—3	9	0
New York								.000	000	000	—0	5	0

Kluber, Atchison (7), Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes; McCarthy, R.Hill (7), Whitley (7) and Cervelli. W—Kluber 13-6. L—McCarthy 4-1. Sv—Allen (15). HRs—Cleveland, J.Ramirez (1), Brantley (17).

BLUE JAYS 3, TIGERS 2

Detroit								.000	002	000	0	—2	4	0
Toronto								.000	001	001	1	—3	8	1

Scherzer, Nathan (9), Soria (9), Chamberlain (10) and Holaday; Stroman, Loup (10) and D.Navarro. W—Loup 4-3. L—Chamberlain 1-5.

INTERLEAGUE
RAYS 4, CUBS 0

Tampa Bay								.000	202	000	—4	6	0
Chicago								.000	000	000	—0	5	1

Odorizzi, Yates (7), McGee (9) and J.Molina. E.Jackson, Ruan (7), Fujikawa (9) and Castillo. W—Odorizzi 8-9. L—E.Jackson 6-12.

ORIOLES 10, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis								.110	100	000	—3	9	1
Baltimore								.022	001	01x	—10	16	0

Lackey, Maness (6), Siegrist (6) and Pierzynski; Ji.Johnson, Matusz (7), Tom.Hunter (7), Brach (9) and C.Joseph. W—Ji.Jimenez 4-8. L—Lackey 11-1. HRs—St. Louis, Jay (2). Baltimore, C.Joseph (8), N.Cruz (30), D.Young (5).

ROYALS 6, GIANTS 0

San Francisco								.000	000	000	—0	4	0
Kansas City								.400	010	00x	—6	9	0

T.Hudson, Affeldt (7), Machi (7), J.Gutierrez (8) and Posey; Shields and S.Perez. W—Shields 11-6. L—T.Hudson 9-9. HRs—Kansas City, A.Gordon (11).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PADRES 2, PIRATES 1

San Diego								.200	000	000	—2	4	0
Pittsburgh								.100	000	000	—1	9	0

Stults, A.Torres (7), Vincent (7), Quackenbush (8), Benoit (9) and Grandal; Locke, J.Hughes (8), Ju.Wilson (9) and S.Martin. W—Stults 5-13. L—Locke 3-8. Sv—Benoit (5).

BREWERS 4, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles								.000	100	000	—1	4	0
Milwaukee								.020	002	00x	—4	9	0

Greinke, B.Wilson (7), P.Baez (8) and A.Ellis; Fiers, Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—Fiers 11-1. L—Greinke 12-8. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (35). HRs—Los Angeles, Ad.Gonzalez (17). Milwaukee, K.Davis (19), C.Gomez (18).

MARLINS 4, REDS 3

Miami								.110	002	000	—4	8	1
Cincinnati								.101	000	010	—3	7	0

Penny, A.Ramos (6), Morris (8), Cishek (9) and Saltalamacchia; Simon, LeCure (6), Ju.Diaz (6), Broxton (8), A.Chapman (9) and Mesoraco. W—Penny 1-0. L—LeCure 1-4. Sv—Cishek (29). HRs—Cincinnati, Bruce (12).

FRIDAY'S LATE AL WEST BOXES
RED SOX 4, ANGELS 2

Boston	ab	r	h	bi
B Holt cf-lf	4	1	2	0
Pedroia 2b	5	1	2	1
D Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0
Cespds lf	4	0	1	2
Napoli 1b	3	1	0	0
Nava rf	4	0	0	0
Brdlyjr cf	0	0	0	0
Bogarts ss	4	0	1	0
Mdlrks 3b	4	0	1	0
Vazquz c	4	1	1	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**8**	**4**

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Callnsn rf	5	0	2	0
Trout cf	4	0	1	0
Pujols 1b	3	0	1	0
Hmltn lf	3	0	1	0
Aybar ss	4	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0
Freese 3b	3	0	0	0
E.Nvrrr 3b	1	0	0	0
Bennett lf	3	1	1	2
Cowgill pr	0	1	0	0
Totals	**31**	**2**	**8**	**1**

Boston								.003	010	000	—4		
Los Angeles								.002	000	000	—2		

E—Cespedes (5). DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 7, Los Angeles 8. 2B—Cespedes (27), Vazquez (5), Pujols (29), Freese (15), Bennett (17). HR—Napoli (14). SB—Middlebrooks (1). SF—Trout.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Webster W,2-1	6 2-3	4	2	2	2	3
Uehara	1	1	0	0	0	1
Tazawa	1	0	0	0	0	1
Uehara S,24-26	1	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Weaver L,12-7	6	7	4	4	2	3
Grilli	1	1	0	0	0	1
Salas	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jepsen	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Webster (Hamilton). Freese.
WP—Jepsen.
T—3:10. A—38,016 (45,483).

ATHLETICS 6, TWINS 5

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
DaSrtr cf	4	1	1	0
Swarzak p	0	0	0	0
Plouffe 3b	4	1	1	0
K.Vargs dh	4	1	2	1
EEscor pr	0	1	0	0
Arcia rf	4	1	1	1
KSuzuk c	4	0	1	0
Parmel 1b	3	1	2	2
Wngh pr	0	0	0	0
Nunez ss	3	0	1	0
JSchaf lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DJmrsn cf	5	1	1	0
Lowrie 2b	4	0	0	0
Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
Moss lf	4	1	1	1
Cespds lf	0	0	0	0
JCrwfrd ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Fuld cf	1	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	4	1	1	0
Totals	**30**	**5**	**6**	**5**

Minnesota								.000	000	500	—5		
Oakland								.000	042	00x	—6		

E—Parmelee (2), Moss (4). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Minnesota 2, Oakland 6. 2B—Parmelee (8), Nunez (4), Donaldson (19), Sogard (8). 3B—Cristian Guzman (2), Lowrie (2). SB—Donaldson (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Gibson	13-9	5	3	3	2	4
Swarzak	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burton	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pheiba	1	1	0	0	0	1
Fien	1	1	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Kazmir W,13-4	4 2-3	4	2	2	3	4
Cook	1	1	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Doolittle S,18-21	1	0	0	0	0	1

Gibson pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
Swarzak pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
PB—K.Suzuki.
T—2:51. A—27,196 (35,067).

MARINERS 4, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Eaton cf	3	0	0	0
LeGarc rf	4	0	1	0
A.Rmrez ss	4	1	0	0
J.Arey 1b	4	0	1	0
A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0
Viciedo rf-lf	4	0	1	1
Gillaspi 3b	3	0	0	0
GBckh 2b	3	0	0	0
De Aza lf	3	0	0	0
Sierra ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Nieto c	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**1**	**3**	**1**

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Ackley rf	4	1	2	0
Ackley lf	4	1	2	0
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	1	1	1
Jensen cf	4	0	0	0
Morrsn 1b	3	0	0	0
Zunino c	4	1	1	2
Taylor ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**4**	**9**	**4**

Chicago								.000	100	000	—1		
Seattle								.000	040	00x	—4		

E—Gillaspie (1). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Chicago 4, Seattle 8. HR—Viciedo (16), Zunino (18). SB—Cano (9). CS—Nieto (1). S—Ackley, Taylor. SF—K.Morales.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Quintana L,6-8	5 2-3	7	4	4	1	4
Belisario	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Putnam	1	1	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Iwakuma W,10-6	7	4	1	1	1	6
Furbush	2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Medina	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	1
Rodney S,32-35	1	0	0	0	0	1

PB—Nieto.
T—2:43. A—23,223 (47,476).

FRIDAY'S LATE LINESCORE
DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 3

Colorado								.000	010	002	—3	9	2
Arizona								.300	000	20x	—5	8	1

Matzek, Masset (6), Brothers (7), Ottavino (8) and McKenry. D.Perez (7), E.Marshall (7), Ziegler (8), A.Reed (9) and M.Montero. W—C.Anderson 7-4. L—Matzek 2-7. HRs—Colorado, McKenry (4). Arizona, M.Montero (12).

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 3
YANKEES 0

NEW YORK — Corey Kluber pitched four-hit ball for a superb six innings Saturday and Jose Ramirez hit his first career homer as the Cleveland Indians ended a four-game skid with a 3-0 victory over the New York Yankees.

Michael Brantley also homered and had three hits for Cleveland, which won at Yankee Stadium for the first time in eight games. Ramirez hit a two-run drive in the second inning and had three hits.

Derek Jeter had an infield single in the sixth inning to pass Honus Wagner for sixth on the career list with No. 3,431. But New York was 0 for 9 with six strikeouts with runners in scoring position in losing for just the second time in eight games.

Kluber (13-6) did not allow a hit until Jacoby Ellsbury doubled with one out in the fourth. He struck out 10 to beat New York for the first time in three tries. The right-hander has allowed only one earned run since the ninth inning of a win against Detroit on July 19. He has won five straight decisions.

BLUE JAYS 3
TIGERS 2, 10 INNINGS

TORONTO — Nolan Reimold hit a game-winning double in the 10th inning and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied past the Detroit Tigers 3-2 Saturday, spoiling Max Scherzer's bid to become the first 14-game winner in the American League.

Danny Valencia singled off Joba Chamberlain to begin the 10th and Reimold followed with a double to the wall in left-center as Valencia scored without a play.

Scherzer allowed one run and four hits in eight innings. He walked none and struck out 11, two shy of his season high.

Chamberlain (1-5) came on to start the 10th after Joakim Soria, who finished the ninth, appeared to suffer a back injury while warming up before the inning.

Aaron Loup (4-3) worked one inning for the victory.

National League

BREWERS 4
DODGERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Mike Fiers held the Los Angeles Dodgers to three hits in his first big league start in more than a year, and Khris Davis and Carlos Gomez homered to give the Milwaukee Brewers a 4-1 win Saturday night.

Fiers (1-1) struck out five in eight strong innings, filling in for injured veteran Matt Garza. The Dodgers mustered only a solo homer by Adrian Gonzalez into the second deck in right field.

Fiers outdueled former Brewers pitcher Zack Greinke (12-8), who gave up Gomez's homer off the left-field foul pole that made it 3-1 leading off the sixth.

The Dodgers brought the tying run to the plate in the ninth with two outs against Francisco Rodriguez, but the closer got Matt Kemp to ground out for his 35th save.

PADRES 2
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Eric Stults got his first road win of the season, going 6 1/3 innings as the San Diego Padres beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 on Saturday night.

Stults (5-13) gave up one run and seven hits, struck out six and walked none. He entered the game with an 0-9 record away from Petco Park.

The Padres scored both runs in the first inning off Francisco Liriano (3-8). San Diego loaded the bases with no outs and scored on Jedd Gyorko's RBI single and Yasmani Grandal's sacrifice fly.

Pittsburgh answered in the home half when Josh Harrison led off with a single, stole second and scored on Russell Martin's RBI single.

After the first inning Liriano retired the next 17 batters he faced before walking Grandal with two outs in the seventh. He gave up three hits and a walk in seven innings.

MARLINS 4
REDS 3

CINCINNATI — Brad Penny rejoined the Marlins for the first time in 10 years and pitched five solid innings to get a notable win Saturday night, 4-3 over the slumping Cincinnati Reds.

The 36-year-old helped the Marlins win the World Series in 2003 and played one more season in Miami before moving on. Called up earlier Saturday, Penny (1-0) put the Marlins in position for their second straight win over Cincinnati, which is 8-14 since the All-Star break.

Penny gave up Jay Bruce's solo homer and an unearned run in five innings, fanning three while throwing 95 pitches.

Bryan Morris gave up two hits and a run in the eighth. Steve Cishek pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 32 chances.

Christian Yelich had two hits, scored a run, and drove in two with a groundout and a sacrifice fly off reliever Sam LeCure (1-4).

Interleague

ORIOLES 10
CARDINALS 3

BALTIMORE — Caleb Joseph homered in his fifth consecutive game, Nelson Cruz hit his 30th and Delmon Young also went deep as the Baltimore Orioles beat John Lackey and the St. Louis Cardinals, 10-3, Saturday.

All three home runs came with a man on against Lackey (1-1), making his second start since coming from Boston in a July 31 trade. The right-hander gave up nine runs and 13 hits in five-plus innings to fall to 14-8 lifetime against Baltimore.

The Orioles have hit nine homers in winning the first two games of the three-game set by a collective 22-5 score. Baltimore has won seven straight series and leads the AL East by six games, its largest margin since September 1997.

Joseph, a rookie, had three homers in first 48 games before his recent power surge. The club record for homers in successive games is six, by Reggie Jackson and Chris Davis.

RAYS 4
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Jake Odorizzi struck out nine in six scoreless innings and combined with two relievers on a five-hitter to lead the Tampa Bay Rays to a 4-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Evan Longoria drove in a run and scored two. Yunel Escobar added two hits and three RBIs. Ben Zobrist had two hits and scored twice for the Rays, who improved to a major league-best 15-6 since July 12. They will try to complete the three-game sweep on Sunday.

Odorizzi (8-9) gave up three hits and didn't walk a batter. The right-hander came within two strikeouts of his career high after getting hit hard in a loss to the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

Chicago starter Edwin Jackson (6-12) allowed four runs — three earned — and five hits in six innings. He is 1-5 in his past nine starts.

ROYALS 6
GIANTS 0

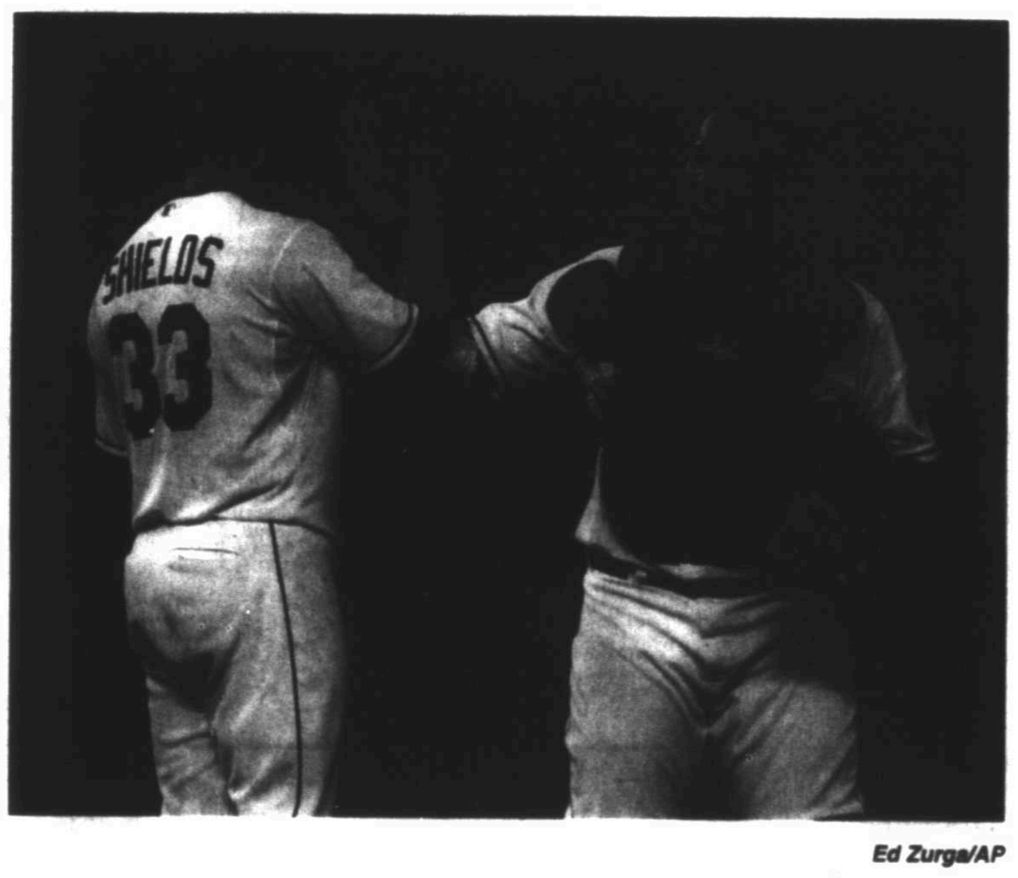
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — James Shields threw a four-hitter and Alex Gordon homered as the Kansas City Royals won their sixth straight, beating the San Francisco Giants, 5-0, on Saturday night.

The Royals have won nine of 10 to move with 1 1-2 games of AL Central-leading Detroit. The Royals, who have not made the playoffs since beating St. Louis in the 1985 World Series, are in second place in the AL wild card standings.

Shields (11-6) gave up three singles in the first four innings. He allowed only two Giants to reach second base. He walked Joe Panik in the fifth and he moved to second on a wild pitch with two outs, but was stranded. Panik doubled in the eighth.

It was Shields' ninth career shutout, his first since Sept. 9, 2012.

Tim Hudson (8-9) gave up a home run to Gordon to lead off the fifth inning.



Ed Zurga/AP

Kansas City starting pitcher James Shields (33) and catcher Salvador Perez celebrate after Shields threw a complete game shutout against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.



Jason DeCrow/AP

The New York Yankees' Francisco Cervelli reacts after being hit by a pitch during the third inning of Saturday's game in New York.

Tiger may have to learn when to leave

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tiger Woods is no longer being compared with Jack Nicklaus.

Now the reference is to the great Willie Mays falling down in center field trying to catch a fly ball. Or to Joe Louis entering the ring one time too many — and leaving it through the ropes after getting knocked out by Rocky Marciano.

Those were sad moments in sports.

As bad as Woods looked over two days at the PGA Championship, it would be premature to say this was another one.

But it sure looked that way.

Really, was it any worse than three years ago at the PGA Championship?

Woods missed two majors in the summer of 2011 to let his leg injuries heal, the ones that caused him to withdraw after nine holes and a 42 at The Players Championship. He returned to finish 18 shots out of the lead at Firestone and then missed the cut at the PGA Championship by six shots.

He was 35. Now he's 38.

It had been three years since he last won a major. Now it's six.

He had played only one event heading into the final major of the year in 2011, never shot worse than 72 and tied for 37th.

This time, Woods was returning from back surgery that kept him out of the Masters and U.S. Open. He had three starts before the final major — including the British Open. He missed the cut by four shots, had his worst 72-hole finish in a major and withdrew from the final round at Firestone with a different back injury. And then he waited until the last day to show up at Valhalla, played nine holes of practice and couldn't beat five club pros.

Woods said he was pain-free after playing nine holes Wednesday. He said his back was a little stiff after a 74 on Thursday. And he said his back "went out on me" on the range and "I just had to play through it" on his way to another 74.

"I didn't really notice that," Phil Mickelson said when asked about Woods' injury. "I just noticed that really on the greens the ball wasn't going in the hole."

Ouch.

The trouble assessing injuries is that only the athlete knows how bad it hurts. It's even more complicated when the athlete — Woods — isn't forthcoming about it.

Is this the end? Not yet.

But it most likely is the end of Woods as golf once knew him. The end of a guy who once won seven out of 11 majors, and who got to 79 wins on the PGA Tour more quickly than anyone in history.



John Locher/AP

Tiger Woods walks up the 10th fairway after playing a practice round on the front nine for the PGA Championship on Wednesday at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

Woods always talked about his pursuit of Nicklaus and the record 18 professional majors as a marathon. He's approaching Heartbreak Hill with four knee surgeries and back problems that keep cropping up.

Golf is the one sport you can play forever, which makes it the toughest sport from which to retire.

That might be Woods' next big challenge.

Nine years ago in the parking lot at Doral, as Woods was about to embark on his next great run in the majors, he said he wouldn't be on tour forever.

"I'll definitely quit the game earlier than people think," Woods said. "The only reason I would play is the occasional tournament if my son is good enough to be out there, and he chooses to play."

This was four years before his son was born.

"When my best isn't good enough to win anymore, I'm walking," Woods said. "I've won tournaments when I wasn't playing my best. If I play my best and don't win, there's no reason to be out here."

They all say that. But how do they really know?

Football players lose a step. A great hitter doesn't see the ball quite as well.

Golfers don't make as many putts.

"You'll know when I'm not able to produce any more," Woods said that day. "I don't lie. When I play well, I tell you guys. When I haven't played well, I'll tell you."

All he could say Friday afternoon at Valhalla was, "I tried as hard as I could. That's all I've got."

He is four PGA Tour wins away from breaking the record of Sam Snead (82). He is five majors away from breaking the major championship record by Nicklaus (18). Woods has been stuck on 14 majors since 2008 at the U.S. Open.

Woods did win five times last year before back trouble began to take its toll. Don't give up on him just yet. But each year he gets older, and someone new comes along. Rory McIlroy played his first pro event in America the same week Woods returned from reconstructive knee surgery. Jordan Spieth showed up in a big way last year.

It's not getting any easier.

The plan for Woods was to spend his time off getting stronger in his core muscles. Woods talks about not burning the candle at both ends — working in the gym and working at golf. His biggest rival now might be time, Either way, the wax is melting.

McIlroy shoots 67 to maintain 1-shot lead at PGA

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As Rory McIlroy watched the ball drop into the cup on his final stroke of the day, he pumped his right fist and managed a slight grin.

He had fended off every challenger Saturday.

He was right where he wanted to be going into today.

Leading the PGA Championship.

McIlroy finished off a 4-under 67 with an 8-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole, getting up-and-down from a bunker to maintain a one-shot advantage after the third round.

"It's not the biggest lead I've ever had, but I'm still in control of this golf tournament," said McIlroy, who birdied three of the last four holes. "It's a great position to be in."

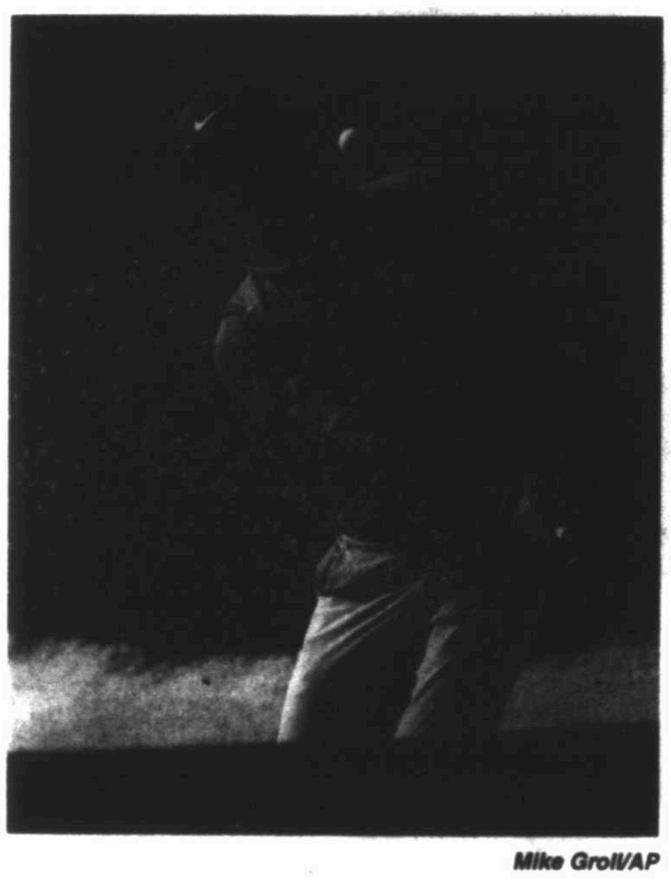
With greens softened by overnight rain, this was a day for going low at Valhalla. Plenty of players did, most notably Bernd Wiesberger. The 28-year-old Austrian provided the biggest surprise of the round, shooting a 65 that put him in the final group of a major for the first time.

Shoot, this is only the second time he's ever made a cut at a major.

"This is a dream come true," said Wiesberger, a regular on the European Tour. "I'm very proud of myself, the way I played today. This is a completely new situation for me."

Beyond Wiesberger, there were plenty of players ready to take aim at McIlroy on what figures to be a wild final day on the rolling hills outside of Louisville.

Rickie Fowler was right in the mix again at another major, shooting a 67 that left him two shots behind McIlroy's 13-under 200. Fowler has been the runner-up at the last two majors, and finished fifth at the Masters. Maybe this is the week he finally breaks through.



Mike Groll/AP

Rory McIlroy hits out of the bunker on the 14th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship on Saturday at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

Then there's Phil Mickelson, who already has five major titles. Lefty hasn't won since the 2013 British Open — his longest drought since 2003 — but he's clearly back on his game. He birdied four of the last five holes for a 67 and was three shots off the pace.

"I needed to finish strong to get back in it," Mickelson said.

Australia's Jason Day was also three strokes behind, having lost some ground despite a 69 that included a barefooted shot. After hitting his drive left of a creek at No. 2, he had to take off his socks and shoes and roll up his pants to get across the water. He wound up saving par.

Still, that was a rather pedestrian score in this round, with 37 players getting into the 60s. Hunter Mahan joined Weisberger with a 65, matching the best round of the week, and seven guys shot 66.

At one point, there was a five-way tie for the lead. When it was done, McIlroy was still on top but a dozen players were separated by only five shots, meaning the leader will have to work a little harder for this major than he did for the three first three championships.

McIlroy had runaway victories at the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 PGA Championship, and took a six-shot lead to the final round of the British Open last month, hanging on for a two-stroke win that was never really in doubt.

He doesn't mind a tougher challenge.

"Yeah, it's stressful at times, but you've got to enjoy it," McIlroy said. "This is the best position to be in at a golf tournament."

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES AND TEE TIMES

Scores
Saturday
At Valhalla Golf Club
Louisville, Ky.
Purse: $10 million
Yardage: 7,468; Par 71
Third Round

Rory McIlroy	66-67-67—200
Bernd Wiesberger	68-68-65—201
Rickie Fowler	69-66-67—202
Phil Mickelson	69-67-67—203
Jason Day	69-65-69—203
Louis Oosthuizen	70-67-67—204
Henrik Stenson	66-71-67—204
Mikko Ilonen	67-68-69—204
Ryan Palmer	65-70-69—204
Jamie Donaldson	69-70-66—205
Graham DeLaet	69-68-68—205
Steve Stricker	69-68-68—205
Hunter Mahan	70-71-65—206
Adam Scott	71-68-66—206
Kevin Chappell	65-74-67—206
Lee Westwood	65-72-69—206
Joost Luiten	68-68-69—205
Jim Furyk	66-68-72—206
Brandt Snedeker	72-68-66—207
Danny Willett	69-73-65—207
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Victor Dubuisson	68-68-70—207
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Brooks Koepka	71-71-66—208
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Brian Harman	71-69-69—209
Charl Schwartzel	72-68-69—209
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Kenny Perry	72-69-69—210
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Patrick Reed	70-71-70—211
Jerry Kelly	67-74-70—211
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Fabrizio Zanotti	71-70-71—212
Brendon de Jonge	70-70-72—212
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Hideki Matsuyama	71-72-70—213
Pat Perez	71-71-71—213
Jason Bohn	71-71-71—213
Koumei Oda	74-69-71—213
Francesco Molinari	71-71-71—213
Kevin Stadler	71-70-72—213
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	71-70-72—213
Graeme McDowell	73-70-71—214
Marc Leishman	71-71-72—214
Colin Montgomerie	70-72-72—214
Brendan Steele	71-70-73—214
Freddie Jacobson	72-69-73—214
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	69-71-74—214
Robert Karlsson	71-69-74—214
Shawn Stefani	68-75-72—215
Bubba Watson	70-72-73—215
Chris Stroud	70-73-73—216
Shane Lowry	68-74-74—216
Brendon Todd	70-73-75—218

Tee Times
At Valhalla Golf Club
Louisville, Ky.
Sunday
Fourth Round

7:25 a.m. — Shane Lowry, Brendon Todd
7:35 a.m. — Bubba Watson, Chris Stroud
7:45 a.m. — Robert Karlsson, Shawn Stefani
7:55 a.m. — Freddie Jacobson, Rafael Cabrera-Bello
8:05 a.m. — Colin Montgomerie, Brendan Steele
8:15 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, Marc Leishman
8:25 a.m. — Kevin Stadler, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano
8:35 a.m. — Koumei Oda, Francesco Molinari
8:45 a.m. — Pat Perez, Jason Bohn
8:55 a.m. — Vijay Singh, Hideki Matsuyama
9:05 a.m. — Fabrizio Zanotti, Brendon de Jonge
9:15 a.m. — Thorbjorn Olesen, Ian Poulter
9:25 a.m. — Richard Sterne, Zach Johnson
9:45 a.m. — Cameron Tringale, Matt Jones
9:55 a.m. — Scott Brown, Geoff Ogilvy
10:05 a.m. — Patrick Reed, Jerry Kelly
10:15 a.m. — Edoardo Molinari, Branden Grace
10:25 a.m. — Luke Donald, Kenny Perry
10:35 a.m. — Chris Wood, Daniel Summerhays
10:45 a.m. — Charl Schwartzel, J.B. Holmes
10:55 a.m. — Jonas Blixt, Brian Harman
11:15 a.m. — Nick Watney, Justin Rose
11:25 a.m. — Alexander Levy,Billy Horschel
11:35 a.m. — Jimmy Walker, Ernie Els
11:45 a.m. — Sergio Garcia, Ryan Moore
11:55 a.m. — Marc Warren, Brooks Koepka
12:05 p.m. — Bill Haas, Victor Dubuisson
12:15 p.m. — Brandt Snedeker, Danny Willett
12:25 p.m. — Joost Luiten, Jim Furyk
12:45 p.m. — Kevin Chappell, Lee Westwood
12:55 p.m. — Hunter Mahan, Adam Scott
1:05 p.m. — Graham DeLaet, Steve Stricker
1:15 p.m. — Ryan Palmer, Jamie Donaldson
1:25 p.m. — Henrik Stenson, Mikko Ilonen
1:35 p.m. — Jason Day, Louis Oosthuizen
1:45 p.m. — Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson
1:55 p.m. — Rory McIlroy, Bernd Wiesberger

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A glance at Saturday's third round of the PGA Championship, played at 7,468-yard, par-71 Valhalla Golf Club:

Leadings: Rory McIlroy, who shot 67, tops the board at 13 under.

Pursuing: Bernd Wiesberger at 12 under, followed by Rickie Fowler at 11 under.

Key stat: After the last two major winners began their final rounds with big leads — Martin Kaymer, five shots at the U.S. Open; McIlroy, six at the British — the PGA's last day will be pin with a dozen players within five shots of the leader.

Noteworthy: Wiesberger had only made the cut at a major once before — the 2013 U.S. Open — in five tries, including twice previously at the PGA.

Quotworthy: "It's not the biggest lead I've ever had. But I'm still in control of this golf tournament." — McIlroy on his one-shot advantage.

Key tee times: 1:45 p.m. — Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson; 1:55 p.m. — Rory McIlroy, Bernd Wiesberger

Television: today, TNT (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) and CBS (1-6 p.m.).

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Inbee Park leads Meijer Classic

By Greg Johnson
Associated Press

BELMONT, Mich. — Inbee Park figures the best defense against the nerves that come with being in the lead is a hot putter.

Using a new blade putter this week, Park made two long birdie putts on the back nine Saturday and finished with a 3-under 68 to remain a stroke ahead after the third round of the Meijer LPGA Classic.

"I feel like I haven't holed that kind of putt for a long time and it's all of a sudden happening this week," Park said. "This putter, it seems like it's going really on line and I feel like I'm stroking the ball better this week."

The third-ranked South Korean player holed a 25-footer from the fringe on the par-3 14th, bogeyed the par-4 15th after missing a 3-foot par try and rebounded with a 35-foot birdie putt on the par-4 16th.

The 26-year-old Park won six times last season and took the Manulife Financial in June in Canada for her 10th LPGA Tour title. She had a 13-under 200 total at Blythefield Country Club.

"I think it would have been nice if I had probably two- or three-(shot lead)," Park said. "That gives me more breathing room, but one is still better than nothing. I'm in better position than everybody else."

South Korean rookie Mirim Lee was second after a 67. Norway's Suzann Pettersen was another stroke back after a 69.

Cristie Kerr matched the low round of the tournament with a 64 to jump 44 spots to a tie for 12th at 5 under. She hit 10 of 13 fairways and had only 26 putts.

Park, using a blade putter instead of a mallet for the first time since 2008, birdied the first hole and stayed in front until Pettersen birdied Nos. 7 and 8 to tie for the lead. The tie lasted one hole before Park rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt at the ninth.

Pettersen birdied the par-4 13th with a 20-footer to tie again, only to have Park roll in the 25-footer from the fringe at 14. Pettersen then matched Park's bogey at 15, also missing a 3-foot par try.

That's when Lee slipped in between the two with birdies at Nos. 15 and 16.

Pettersen, who for much of last year was No. 2 in the rankings to Park's No. 1, said she struggled with her game, gusty wind and greens that are firming up.

"Overall it was one of those days where you just fight to stay in it," said Pettersen, ranked fourth in the world. "I didn't have the greatest of feels throughout the round. There were a lot of challenges out there, and there will be as many tomorrow and hopefully I can do just a little better."

MORE GOLF SCORES

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Meijer Classic Scores
Saturday
At Blythefield Country Club
Belmont, Michigan
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,414; Par 71
Third Round

Inbee Park	66-66-68—200
Mirim Lee	70-64-67—201
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Lina Vedel	68-68-66—202
Beatriz Recari	70-68-67—205
Haru Nomura	70-67-69—206
Lee-Anne Pace	70-70-67—207
Katie M. Burnett	71-68-68—207
Paula Creamer	69-70-68—207
Giulia Molinaro	71-67-69—207
Amy Yang	68-67-72—207
Cristie Kerr	72-72-64—208
Lydia Ko	69-68-71—208
Sydnee Michaels	68-70-70—208
Azahara Munoz	68-70-71—209
Gerina Piller	68-70-71—309
Sandra Gal	65-72-72—209
Dori Carter	70-73-67—210
Ayako Uehara	72-68-70—210
Kris Tamulis	70-69-71—210
Shanshan Feng	69-68-72—210
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Jane Park	71-70-71—212
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Rebecca Lee-Bentham	70-71-75—216
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Selen Mozo	70-72-75—217
Ilhee Lee	68-73-76—217
Kelly Harris	68-73-76—219

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Saturday
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Third Round

Sebastian Cappelen	70-63-67—200
Martin Piller	65-67-68—200
Cameron Percy	64-68-68—200
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Carlos Sainz Jr	70-68-65—201
Hunter Haas	71-65-65—201
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Nathan Tyler	71-67-72—210
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Rourke van der Spuy	69-70-78—217

USGA

U.S. Women's Amateur Scores
Saturday
At Nassau Country Club
Glen Cove, N.Y.
Yardage: 6,297; Par: 70
Semifinals

Brooke Mackenzie Henderson, Canada (142) def. Hannah O'Sullivan, Paradise Valley, Ariz. (145), 1 up.

Kristen Gillman, Austin, Texas, (145), def. Andrea Lee, Hermosa Beach, Calif. (138), 4 and 3

Venus tops Serena in all-Williams semifinal

Associated Press



Paul Chiasson/The Canadian Press

Venus Williams celebrates after beating her sister Serena on Saturday during semifinal play at the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

MONTREAL — Venus beat Serena in an all-Williams semifinal in the Rogers Cup.

Venus topped Serena 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday in the hard-court event for her first victory over her sister since 2009 in Dubai.

"I think for both of us, what's so unique about the situation is that we're both very good players," Venus said. "I think typically you may have some siblings, one is quite good, one is not as good so you kind of know what the result is. I think we both know when we walk out there, it's not like you're guaranteed a win. I think that's what makes it challenging for both of us."

The 32-year-old Serena, ranked No. 1 in the world for the 200th career week, leads the series 14-11 and had won the last five matches. The 34-year-old Venus, ranked 26th, ended her sister's 14-match Rogers Cup winning streak that dated to wins at the 2011 and 2013 tournaments in Toronto. Serena skipped the 2012 event in Montreal.

"I don't think I played a great game today," Serena said. "Let's just face it, I served well in the first set, but that was that. So, I definitely need to go back and analyze it, figure out how to be more consistent."

In the second semifinal, third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska faced Ekaterina Makarova.

"I definitely don't want to have a letdown and get out there and not play at least half as well," Venus said about the final. "I don't want to put any pressure on myself, but I want to go out there and perform just as well. It would mean a lot to me because I've been dreaming of winning a tournament at this level since I got back on tour. You try and you try. There are disappointments. One day you get a little closer. So this is my 'little closer' right now."

Venus won the last of her 45 titles in Dubai in February. She uses medication, a vegan diet and rest to control Sjogren's Syndrome, an autoimmune disease she was diagnosed with in 2011.

Unseeded Venus started the match strong on her serve and took a 3-1 lead, but Serena rallied to tie it at 3 and went on to take the set in a tiebreaker. Venus dominated the second set, breaking Serena's serve twice and taking advantage of unforced errors.

Serena made two errors and dropped serve to fall behind 4-2 in the third set. Venus, who dropped serve only once in the match, served for the win at 5-3. Venus hit a rocket serve on her third match point that Serena returned into the net. Serena had 19 aces and nine double faults, and Venus had six aces and two doubles faults.

Serena was coming off a victory last week in Stanford, California, in her first tournament since withdrawing from a doubles match at Wimbledon because of equilibrium problems.

Serena, who has 17 Grand Slam titles, has struggled in the majors this year. She was beaten in the fourth round at the Australian Open, second round at the French Open and third round at Wimbledon.

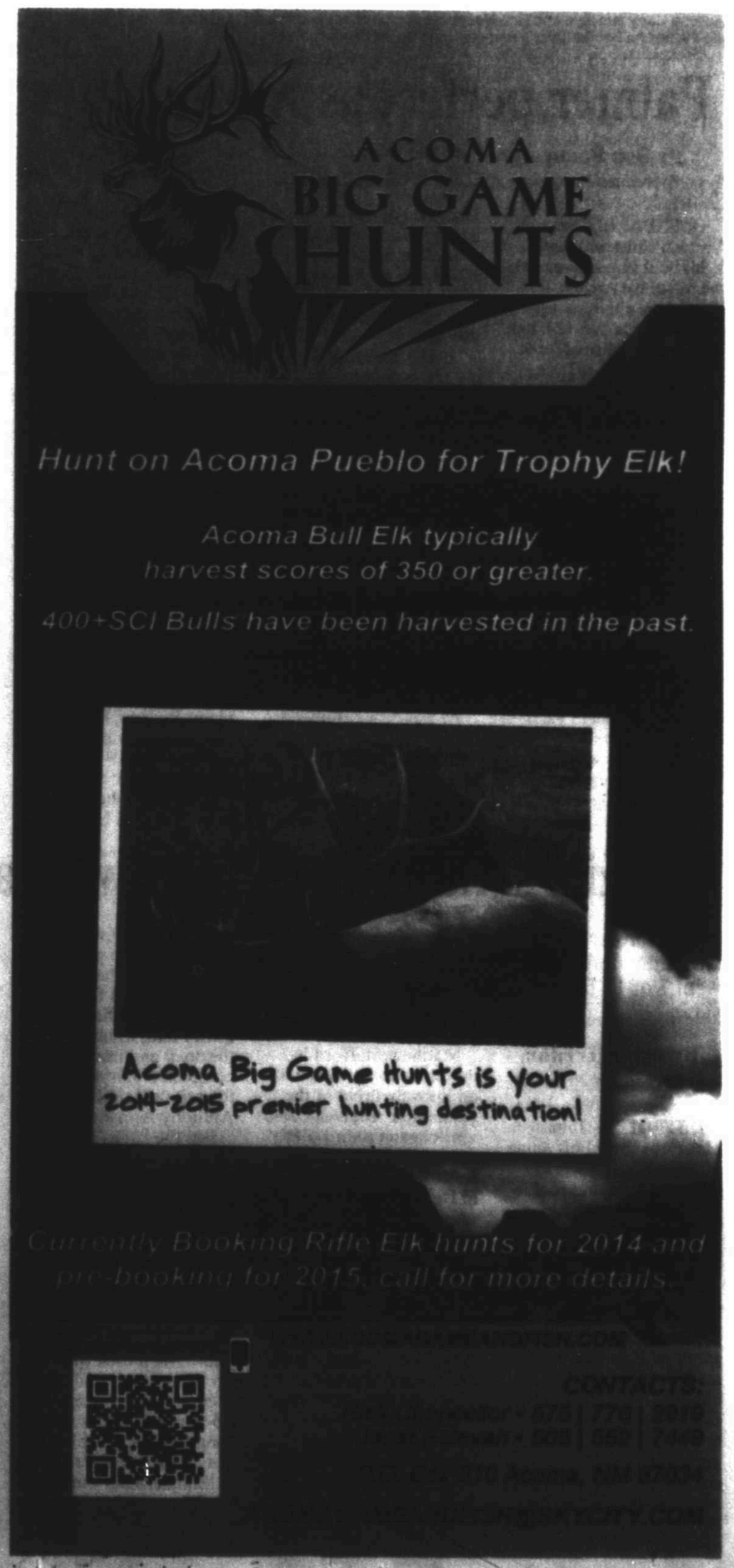
"I haven't even been able to get to the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam this year," Serena said. "At this point, I'm really just looking forward to next year, to be honest."

She was quick to point out that didn't mean she's giving up on the U.S. Open, where she is the two-time defending champion.

"I'm just saying I've had a really disappointing year, for me, especially in the Grand Slams," she said. "So I'm not going to put any pressure on myself.

"I almost feel like the pressure is lifted because I haven't performed the way I've wanted to. In a way, I don't feel a ton of pressure going into the Open. I almost feel like it's lifted. I look forward to next year because I don't have any points to defend at any of the slams."





O'Bannon ready to keep fighting after beating NCAA

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ed O'Bannon knows it's not over, far from it. He's ready for the appeals, and welcomes a challenge to the ruling that could change big-time college sports forever.

After five years of battling the NCAA, O'Bannon isn't about to back away from the fight. Not when he is such a believer in the cause.

"You want to go to the Supreme Court, let's go," O'Bannon said in an interview with The Associated Press on Saturday. "I've got my ticket already."

The former UCLA basketball star and face of the lawsuit that has shaken the NCAA to its core could have been out celebrating Saturday, a day after a federal judge issued an injunction paving the way for future college football and basketball players to receive payments for service to their schools.

Instead, he was headed back to the auto dealership in a suburb, where he sells cars, happy that other players will get the benefits he and his teammates on the 1995 national championship team never did.

"This means a lot to me because I know what potentially the college athlete is set to receive now," O'Bannon said. "I get it because I lived it."

U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken on Friday shot down the NCAA's arguments that its model of amateurism was the only way to run college sports. She said the NCAA had to allow football players in FBS schools and Division I men's basketball players at least $5,000 a year for rights to their names, images and likenesses, money that would be put in a trust fund and given to them when they leave school.

Legal experts and NCAA observers agreed the ruling would not cripple to the NCAA.


O'Bannon

"I think O'Bannon wins in the sense that the judge sided with him on antitrust malices for the most part," said Michael McCann, director of the sports and entertainment law center at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. "But it's not the slam dunk victory that will radically change college sports the way some critics of the NCAA were hoping."

The ruling did leave college administrators pondering its potential ramifications and how they might go about implementing such a compensation system.

"It goes on the list of items that will need to be part of our budget projections," SMU athletic director Rick Hart said. "As we prioritize how we allocate resources we'll try to get a better feel of what this will represent."

Some athletic directors were reluctant to speak publicly about the ruling as they digested the possibilities, though it did get a few working on the weekend, meeting with university leaders and lawyers and talking to conference officials.

There are plenty of questions to answer such as: Who will handle the trust fund? Could this money be taxable because it exceeds federal financial aid limits? Will paying one group of male athletes put schools in danger of violating federal gender equity laws covered by Title IX?

"There's not a lot of clarity," Hart said.

Also, will the NCAA appeal?

"I would expect an appeal," McCann said. "The Supreme Court takes less than 1 percent of cases, but this is an interesting case and it involves so many people. But I think it's very hard to predict it would go to the Supreme Court because it takes so few cases."

The ruling came just days after the NCAA approved a proposal to restructure how it passes legislation, allowing schools in the five wealthiest conferences — Big Ten, Big 12, Atlantic coast Conference, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference — the freedom to make rules without the consent of the rest of Division I.

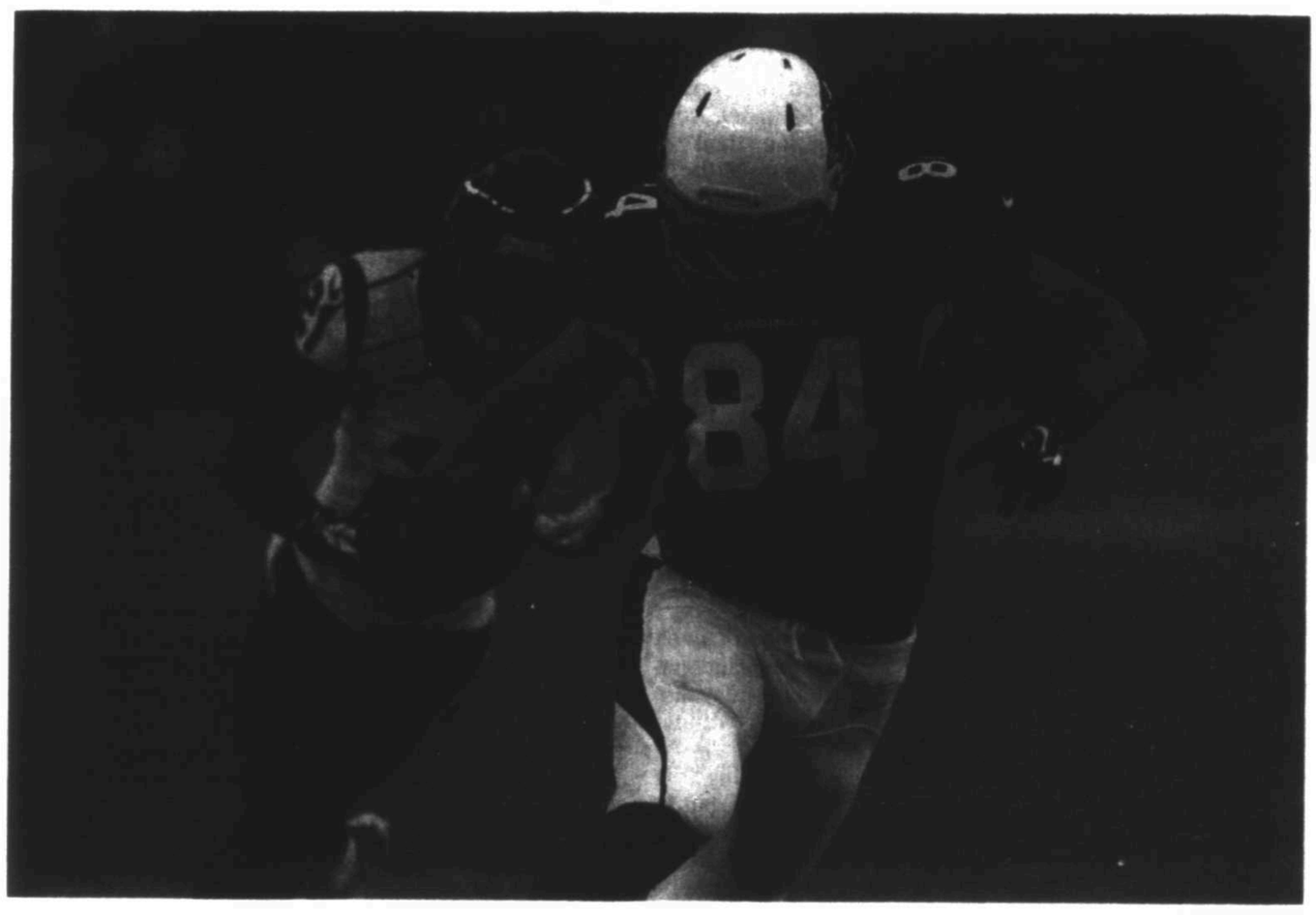
Once given autonomy, the Big Five plans to increase the value of athletic scholarships its schools hand out to cover costs beyond tuition, room and board, books and fees.

"I think if they're going to put it new rules (toward full cost of attendance), they're going to have sit down and take into account this decision," said Jim Ryan, who represents educational institutions for New York-area based law firm Cullen and Dykman and is an expert on NCAA compliance and Title IX.

"But it only deals with FBS football and men's basketball, so it's a narrow ruling in that sense. That leads to a whole other set of issues under Title IX and those are the things that are going to be really problematic."

O'Bannon and the 19 other names plaintiffs gave up their rights for damages before the trial in a legal maneuver, though they will get some from settlements the NCAA and EA Sports made for similar claims about videogames. But he said getting involved in the lawsuit was never really about money.

"My kids aren't missing any meals so to me it's OK," O'Bannon said. "To me this was all about bringing about change, and we did that."


Rick Scuteri/AP

Arizona Cardinals tight end Rob Housler (84) runs after the catch as Houston Texans free safety Kendrick Lewis (21) gives chase during the first half of Saturday's preseason game in Glendale, Ariz.

Palmer perfect as Arizona beats Houston

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

Cardinals	32
Texans	0

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Carson Palmer was perfect in his brief appearance, and the rest of the Arizona Cardinals were almost as good Saturday night in a 32-0 rout of Houston, a dismal debut for Bill O'Brien as Texans coach.

Palmer was 5 for 5 for 84 yards and a touchdown in his lone series in the preseason opener.

Ryan Fitzpatrick had a rough first game as Houston's quarterback. Playing the entire first half, he completed 6 of 14 passes for 55 yards with two interceptions as the Cardinals took a 20-0 lead at the break.

Arizona rookie Logan Thomas played the entire second half, completing 11 of 12 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown.

Houston was without wide receiver Andre Johnson, running back Arian Foster and cornerback Johnathan Joseph — all nursing minor injuries.

The Texans, coming off a 2-14 season, got inside the Cardinals' 30-yard line once, and that ended with an interception.

"Really, really great to just see us come out and execute," Palmer said. "Nothing spectacular, nothing special, just everybody on the same page."

Arizona rookie John Brown caught five passes for 87 yards, all in the first half.

Palmer, entering his 12th NFL season and second with Arizona, had passes of 25 yards to Brown and 35 yards to Rob Housler, then capped his drive with a seven-yard scoring pass to Larry Fitzgerald.

Arizona's first-team defense had a three-and-out and an interception in its two series.

Rookie Chandler Catanzaro, trying to take the kicking job from Jay Feely, had field goals of 32, 28 and 25 yards.

With 1:28 to play, Houston rookie quarterback Tom Savage was tackled by JoJo Dickson for a safety.

The Cardinals had a 407-172 advantage in total yards.

Palmer's backup, Drew Stanton, who hasn't thrown a regular-season pass since 2010, completed 11 of 17 for 152 yards and 5-yard TD pass to Jaron Brown.

Case Keenum, 0-8 as a starter for Houston last season, played the third quarter, going 3 of 5 for 23 yards.

After Arizona took the opening kickoff, J.J. Watt beat guard Jonathan Cooper and sacked Palmer for a seven-yard loss at the Cardinals 15. But on third-and-16, Palmer found the speedy rookie John Brown on a 25-yard play. Moments later, he threw to Housler, who ran down the sideline on a 35-yard play yards to the 38.

A hands-to-the-face penalty on Ted Larsen, starting in place of injured Lyle Sendlein, negated Palmer's 13-yard TD pass to John Carlson. But two plays later, Palmer found Fitzgerald over the middle for a score.

Later in the first quarter, Fitzpatrick's pass was tipped by linebacker Kevin Minter. It bounced through the arms of linebacker Larry Foote before cornerback Antonio Cromartie, in his first season with Arizona, picked it off.

"It's good, from the standpoint of we just always try to be around the ball," Cromartie said. "When you're running to the ball, good things always happen."

NOTES: Arizona was without wide receiver Michael Floyd (groin) and wide receiver-kick returner Ted Ginn Jr. (knee). ... First overall draft pick Jadeveon Clowney had some problems but did beat basketball player-turned-tight end Darren Fells to stop Stepfan Taylor for a five-yard loss.

NFLPRESEASON ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GIANTS 20
STEELERS 16

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Rashad Jennings had a 73-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Curtis Painter's scoring pass with 2:50 left gave the Giants a victory over Pittsburgh.

Howard Jones had given the Steelers a 16-13 lead when he picked up backup quarterback Ryan Nassib's fumble and went 28 yards for a touchdown with 10:16 to go.

But Painter led a 12-play, 80 yard drive and threw a 3-yard scoring pass to Corey Washington for the victory.

Eli Manning played four series and didn't complete a pass in two attempts for the Giants. They opened the preseason last week with a 17-13 win over Buffalo in the Hall of Fame.

Ben Roethlisberger played only one series for the Steelers (0-1). He was 1 of 2, with a 46-yarder to rookie third-round pick Dri Archer to the Giants 14.

TITANS 20
PACKERS 16

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jackie Battle scored on a 7-yard touchdown run with 5:02 left, and the Titans rallied to beat Green Bay in Ken Whisenhunt's coaching debut in Tennessee.

Rookie Zach Mettenberger made up for two turnovers in the fourth quarter by completing all three passes for 71 yards to set up Battle's go-ahead touchdown for Tennessee's first lead in a preseason opener played mostly in a pouring rain.

With quarterbacks having trouble holding onto the ball, Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy had to feel good about his pregame decision to scratch not only Aaron Rodgers but also Eddie Lacy along with eight other Packers.

Matt Flynn started for Rodgers and was 5 of 10 for 49 yards playing most of the first half. He left with the Packers leading 7-6 thanks to James Starks' TD capping the opening drive. Starks played only the first series in place of Lacy, and he finished with six carries for 49 yards.

Jake Locker played only the first quarter and was 1 of 2 for 5 yards. He bobbled a snap, though he recovered. He could have left with the score tied except Maikon Bonani missed the extra point after Shonn Greene's 13-yard TD run.

NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	33	35
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	16
New England	0	1	0	.000	6	23
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Houston	0	1	0	.000	0	32
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	13
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	12	13
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	39	41
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	21	16
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	41	39
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	6	10

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	37	29
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	23	6
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	27
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	28	34
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	18	20
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	10	16
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	34	28
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	10	6
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	13	12
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	20
West						
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	32	0
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	23
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	16	21
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	24	26

Thursday's Scores

N.Y. Jets 13, Indianapolis 10
Washington 23, New England 6
Baltimore 23, San Francisco 3
Kansas City 41, Cincinnati 39
Denver 21, Seattle 16
San Diego 27, Dallas 7

Friday's Scores

Atlanta 16, Miami 10
Buffalo 20, Carolina 18
Jacksonville 16, Tampa Bay 10
Chicago 34, Philadelphia 28
Minnesota 10, Oakland 6
New Orleans 26, St. Louis 24

Saturday's Scores

Detroit 13, Cleveland 12
N.Y. Giants 20, Pittsburgh 16
Tennessee 20, Green Bay 16
Arizona 32, Houston 0

Thursday, Aug. 14

Jacksonville at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15

Philadelphia at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Green Bay at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Baltimore at Dallas, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Denver at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 18

Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.

Manziel solid in debut, Browns fall to Lions

■ The former Texas A&M quarterback went 7 of 11 for 63 yards

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

Lions	13
Browns	12

DETROIT — Johnny Manziel showed off some of his fancy footwork, and the Cleveland rookie looked sharp with his arm, too, in his preseason debut, although the Browns lost to the Detroit Lions 13-12 on Saturday night.

Manziel entered the game as a backup in the middle of the second quarter, and although he couldn't take his team to the end zone, he did go 7 of 11 for 63 yards, completing one more pass than starting quarterback Brian Hoyer. Manziel also ran for 27 yards on six carries, including a 16-yard scramble in the third quarter.

Matthew Stafford led the Lions to a field goal on his only drive of the game. Star receiver Calvin Johnson didn't play.

Cleveland receiver Nate Burleson, who played in Detroit the last four seasons, also sat out this game.

Detroit's Kellen Moore threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Corey Fuller with 1:05 remaining in the game, and Giorgio Tavecchio made the long extra point to give the Lions the one-point win.

There was a buzz surrounding this preseason game because of Manziel's debut, and the former Heisman Trophy winner took the field with 7:32 remaining in the first half, drawing a few cheers but also plenty of boos from the Detroit crowd. Amid a fair number of camera flashes at Ford Field, Manziel took the snap and immediately completed a 6-yard pass toward the left sideline to Anthony Armstrong.

But the Lions stuffed the Cleveland quarterback on what looked like a read option on third down, ending that drive.

Billy Cundiff gave Cleveland a 9-6 lead with a 41-yard field goal early in the third quarter. On his next drive, Manziel dropped back on third-and-8, then took off up the middle, finding plenty of open space for a 16-yard run that was the longest by a Cleveland player on the night.

Manziel later outran the Lions to the sideline to pick up a first down on fourth-and-1, but the drive ended when Dion Lewis fumbled inside the Detroit 30.

Cundiff kicked four field goals for the Browns, and rookie Nate Freese made two for the Lions. Detroit was playing its first preseason game under new coach Jim Caldwell, and the offense did little to impress with Stafford barely playing. Backup quarterback Dan Orlovsky went 12 of 23 for 89 yards.

Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon played while awaiting word from the NFL on his appeal of a possible suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. He caught two passes for 32 yards. Hoyer went 6 of 14 for 92 yards.

Rookie tight end Eric Ebron, Detroit's first-round pick, played after missing some practice time during the week with an injury.


Duane Burleson/AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) escapes a diving Detroit Lions outside linebacker Kyle Van Noy (95) in the second half of a preseason game Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit.

A call to elbows

Coaches, players and parents seek ways to avoid arm problems

By Chris Hummer
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Lance White thought it was a joke.

Hours before the pivotal games of Midland High's season, an elimination situation against Flower Mound Marcus in the Class 5A regional semifinal, head coach Barry Russell informed White he would not start on the mound in the first Saturday matchup, or the second, if it came to it.

"I can't risk injuring you or cause you to have a worse injury, as much as I want to pitch you," Russell said to him.

The previous week, White, Midland's No. 2 pitcher and a Barton County College signee, felt discomfort in his arm. He could still play third base, but on the mound he was less than 100 percent — more than enough for Russell to sit White.

White, running back for the football team in the fall, resisted, and after Russell denied his arguments he continued to persist. But Russell could not allow him to pitch.

"If you can't throw, you can't throw," Russell said. "There is no reason to trot him out there and blow up a kid's career."

The interaction between White and Russell is a situation baseball coaches at any level could potentially face. The matter is now more polarizing than ever with the rash of elbow injuries in baseball and the current fascination with ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) reconstruction, better known as Tommy John surgery. The procedure is a surgical graft, where a tendon is taken from another part of the body and is reconstructed in the elbow.

It's the operation that's taken over baseball. Tommy John surgeries have been labeled an "epidemic" by some, including Dr. James Andrews, the country's foremost orthopedic surgeon in the discipline, while countless players, whose careers are resurrected by the operation, describe it as remarkable.

That dichotomy and the startling rate of elbow injuries across baseball — 28 MLB players have had, or are scheduled to have, the surgery this year, according to USA Today, including former Midland Christian star Chris Withrow of the Los Angeles Dodgers — bring the issues surrounding the surgery to the forefront of conversation.

This topic is ever present in amateur baseball, as coaches, parents and the players themselves seek ways to avoid arm problems that could potentially derail careers. Only, in order to do that, they must navigate a confusing, jumbled structure of regulation.

"If the system doesn't seem to be protective, and the parents, athletes or coaches are really pushing limits, it's a situation, potentially, that could lead to abuse," said Dr. Donald Floyd, who has 32 years of experience in sports medicine and is a co-founder of West Texas orthopedics.

A year-round issue

Jackson Lancaster's arm felt heavy by summer's end.

By the time Midland High's ace pitcher threw a few sessions in front of Russell in the fall of 2013, Lancaster's fastball had dropped from 85-88 miles per hour to 83-85 mph — on a good day.

Lancaster had pitched without hiatus from October 2012 to August 2013. He threw once a week in the fall for Midland High and then ate innings as the team's ace in the spring. Summer didn't provide the usual high school respite either. Lancaster pitched five to seven innings a week with West Texas 88, a select team of the Albuquerque Baseball Academy, in an effort to earn a college scholarship.

Russell watched Lancaster throw, and made a quick decision: He would not pitch again that fall.

Lancaster did not throw from September until the end of Christmas break, and the rest provided the intended effect. In 2014, Lancaster compiled an 8-1 record with a 1.18 ERA over 53 1/3 innings in District 2-5A play for Midland High, earning district MVP.

"I am thankful he did shut me down," said Lancaster, who will play for Texas Tech. "I'm grateful. I think that all players need to set the baseball down and shut it down for a couple of months."

The rest Lancaster received is what Floyd, Andrews and a number of other experts prescribe for players to avoid serious injuries and operations such as Tommy John surgery. Andrews' American Sports Medicine Institute published a position statement in 2013 testifying that youth pitchers should avoid competitive pitching for four months each year.

Midland College baseball coach David Coleman said, in his experience, overuse is the main culprit in arm injuries, especially in adolescents.

"(Overuse is) the crux of the problem," Coleman said. "There is a severe overuse of young arms. I think it has to rest."

Floyd points to months of consistent ultra-competitive pitching as an equally substantial problem. He said there is a constant pressure on young athletes that wasn't prevalent 20 years ago, as parents and players are driven by the potential fame and financial benefits of success in the sport.

He said this attitude does often lead to an increased performance, but it can also be problematic as young players push to perform feats beyond their body's maturation. This is most notable in the increased emphasis on velocity at every age level.

"The more competitive game at a younger age is leading to injuries that we used to see in older adolescents and 20-year-olds creeping down into younger ages," Floyd said.

Lancaster's situation of pitching year-round is not uncommon. High schoolers in pursuit of scholarships almost all play throughout the summer, often pitching with select teams in a different tournament or showcase every week.

It's a potentially perilous contrast for players. They can't, and won't, stop playing for their high school teams, but scholarships are mostly earned during select ball when college coaches are available to scout. This creates six straight months of highly competitive pitching for high school athletes.

"You're kind of stuck in a predicament," Lancaster said. "The college teams are stuck during their season and can't come see you pitch, and I put my heart and soul in my high school career. Then you get a week off and have to play again."

Ryan Brewer, a former Texas Tech pitcher and currently an instructor with the ABA, said he doesn't approve of the situation young players are placed in to earn a college scholarship. But he said there is little alternative to the system.

"There aren't breaks, but there are some points especially for a Midland or Lubbock kid if you're not in Dallas competing, someone else is getting that scholarship money," Brewer said.

"It's a catch-22."

The Tommy John experience

Shawn Haviland felt like he pulled his hamstring; only the sensation pulsed from his right forearm.

Pitching in the Arizona Fall League in 2011, Haviland, a member of the Oakland A's organization and currently a pitcher for the Midland RockHounds, didn't think much of the pain. He labored to loosen his arm over the next week, and five days he later felt confident enough to start again.

Three innings and 30 or so pitches in, Haviland heard a pop.

He looked down at his arm, mind flashing to what he's heard from other pitchers about that sound. Haviland attempted one more pitch, which sailed over the backstop, and then after a meeting on the mound, walked back to the dugout.

Three MRI's later, the conclusion was clear. Haviland had torn 50 percent of his UCL and required Tommy John surgery.

"I had never missed a start," Haviland said. "So I was surprised, I thought I could maybe be one of the lucky ones. But as they say if you pitch long enough, something like that is going to happen to you."

According to Andrews' research, 83 percent of pitchers will return to the same level of play, or better, after Tommy John surgery. But that leaves 17 percent with a loss of ability, and even after a successful operation, Haviland stresses recovery from Tommy John surgery is no pedestrian feat, saying "you literally have to make your arm come straight again."

This painful exercise takes 12-18 months, and Haviland said it can be a scary process.

Haviland remembers his first post-operation throws. His first attempt sailed over his physical therapist's head, the second throw spiked directly into the ground. The distance of those tosses — 15 feet.

Haviland, now 28, is a member of the fortunate 83 percent. His fastball once again hums at 90-91 mph, and he no longer feels discomfort in his arm. But even now, according to Floyd, his new joint can't perfectly replicate a human's original.

"Many people are close to what they were and can still function well," Floyd said. "But it's hard to say a person is ever better with a reconstructed joint than the joint that they were born with."

This fact highlights the importance of prevention. Coleman said every pitcher is a little different, but there are some universal exercises, besides rest, that help keep a pitcher healthy.

Coleman, Russell and Brian Roper, the Lee head baseball coach, each swear by the long toss; Coleman said "it's the only tried and true way to build arm strength."

Conditioning is also crucial; a pitcher in peak physical shape is less prone to injury because they'll labor less deep in games, preventing strain on joints promoted by deteriorating technique. This means lifting for pitchers, especially to strengthen the shoulder and rotator cuff. The elbow is the arm's weakest point — the hardest to strengthen — but adding muscle around it decreases the likelihood of injury.

Pitchers must also be diligent to complete their routines after an appearance. For Lancaster it's a lengthy practice that involves a few 60-second sprints immediately after a start and then icing his arm. After that, it's a four-day process to build up strength again before his next start.

During the school season, coaches are attentive to ensure their players complete these preventative practices. But during the summer, much of this work goes unsupervised, which can lead to issues. Lancaster said the responsibility ultimately falls on the pitcher, but for Russell, the obligation is for all parties involved.

"Everybody needs to step up," Russell said. "In the summer, parents see their kids more than anybody. They need to step up and say enough. (It's) a combination of everybody needs to step up and work together."

Differing limitations

Coleman doesn't have a magic number from which he pulls his pitcher from a game. Russell thinks 100 pitches is about right, and Roper believes the amount can vary anywhere from 75 to 115 pitches depending on the weather and a hurler's age.

With a combined 70-plus years of head coaching experience, even these three baseball lifers don't have a perfect answer. There are just too many factors — age, body type, condition, etc. — that would alter a universal limit.

"You can't just put this in a box, and say, 'Hey this is it,'" Roper said. "A lot of this is feel, and you want to err on the side of caution."

What defines overuse for pitchers is an approximation, which is evident when examining the regulations high school athletic associations across the country have taken toward limiting high school pitchers.

The National Federation of State High Schools, the governing body for public schools, doesn't have rules limiting innings or pitches thrown in a week. Instead, the regulation is left to the discretion of each individual state athletic association. This produced 50, often very different, set of guidelines.

Some states limit the number of innings allowed per week, ranging from 14-16, while many curb the number of innings that can be thrown for a two or three-day period. Other states maintain more unique regulations.

In Hawaii, there is no pitching limit in regular season play.

For high school pitchers in Louisiana, the cap for pitchers is set by a school's principal.

Texas and the UIL have one of the more liberal limits. Their rules read, a pitcher can "pitch one game each day in an unlimited number of innings." The only time it is capped is if a pitcher throws more than one time in a day, which then the pitcher will be limited to 10 innings. It is also recommended pitchers not throw multiple innings back-to-back days.

These restrictions were put in place more than 15 years ago, according to UIL Director of Athletics Dr. Mark Cousins, before the UIL instituted its Medical Advisory Committee — a council to provide advice and regulation for medical issues pertaining to Texas high school athletics. Since the committee was formed in 2001, it has not raised the issue of throwing limitations for pitchers.

"Ultimately, that's a decision that a coach has to make and has to look at to make a determination of what is appropriate for the safety of their athletes," Cousins said.

Both Russell and Roper said the rules are too lax. Russell said he's even had to fabricate a restriction in the past to ease a pitcher out of the game.

"(The rules are) ridiculous," Russell said. "If there is a game that goes 21 innings, he can throw 21 innings. You can throw all you want in one day."

In 2007, Little League, under the recommendation of a Dr. Andrews study, instituted a strict set of guidelines to regulate the number of pitches a player can throw depending on their age group.

One of the few amateur pitching domains without set universal pitching limitations is many select and travel baseball leagues. Summer select ball is a murky area for the management of pitchers. Many select, or travel, baseball teams and leagues are for-profit organizations, and sometimes, according to Coleman, coaches are not as diligent with pitcher management as they should be.

"Ultimately, it's a business," Coleman said. "The summer guys are in it to make money."

Brewer said his pitchers with the ABA are usually limited to 90 pitches, and will rarely surpass 100 during the summer. Brewer said the ABA can afford to limit pitchers to that range because it structures their team, and pitching rotation, like a college roster with a number of arms available to pitch on a given day.

Not every team holds to the same principles though, admitted Brewer. He said during four-day tournaments he will often play against teams with only 13 players on the roster. ABA teams usually have 16-18 players available for each game.

"There are teams that overuse pitchers," Brewer said. "You see it every weekend, no doubt."

The right decision

A few months later, White's thoughts still occasionally float back to the Flower Mound Marcus series.

White envisions himself on the mound tossing a gem, and Midland High advancing to the state quarterfinals on a game-winning home run.

"I thought we would have won, no problem, in game three," White said of the final game of the series, an 11-0 loss for Midland High. "I felt with one of our better pitchers versus one of their not good pitchers we had a good chance."

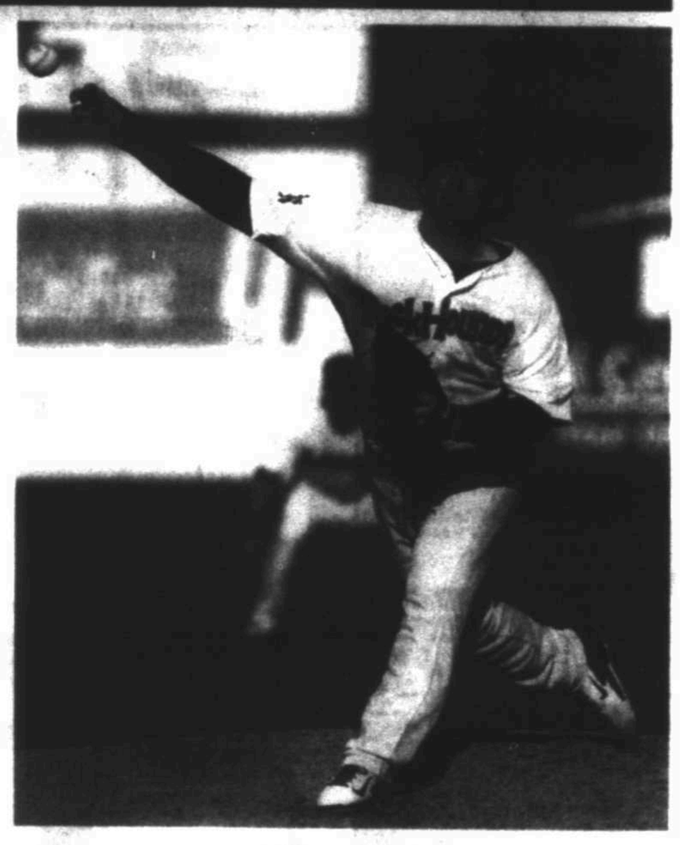
White's senior year ended in disappointing fashion on the diamond. Midland High had a great season before the loss, and he felt state was a distinct possibility. But he also admitted there is a qualifier to the ordeal.

A start that day might have meant a week of euphoria with his high school teammates, but not toeing the rubber ensured he will have a healthy start to his college career.

"I just wasn't ready to pitch," White said. "For sure, it was the right decision."

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TOP: Midland High's Lance White pitches against Odessa Permian on April 4 at Zachery Field. RIGHT: Midland RockHounds pitcher Shawn Haviland throws against Frisco on July 23 at Security Bank Ballpark. Elbow problems are prevalent among pitchers and players. Both White and Haviland have experienced arm injuries that forced them to miss playing time.

"If you can't throw, you can't throw. There is no reason to trot him out there, and blow up a kid's career

Barry Russell, Midland High baseball coach



Russell



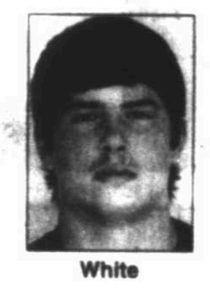
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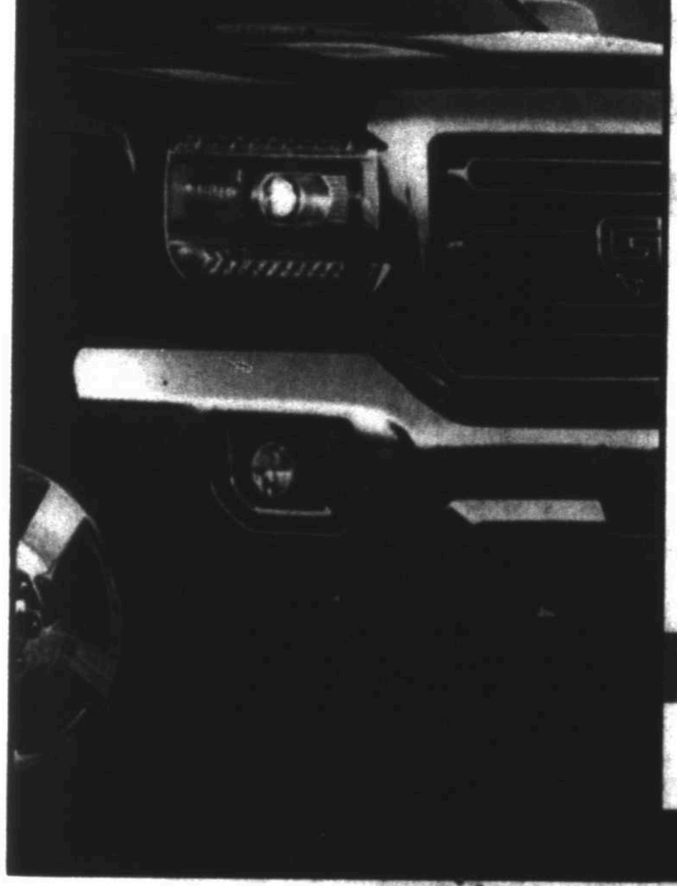
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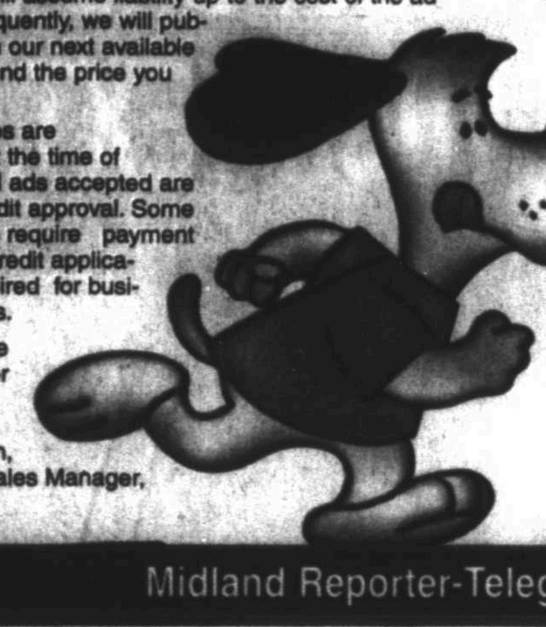
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NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF DONNA JEAN MINNICK

Administration of the Estate of DONNA JEAN MINNICK, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of Original Letters of Administration to JOHN EDWIN MINNICK, JR., on the 5th day of August, 2014, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P-17,944 styled the Estate of DONNA JEAN MINNICK, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to said Administrator in c/o PATRICK S. DUFFY, P.C., 600 MARIENFELD, SUITE 310, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701-3351 within the time prescribed by law.

PATRICK S. DUFFY
ATTORNEY FOR JOHN EDWIN MINNICK, JR., ADMINISTRATOR

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., August 15, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the Purchasing Agent City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 8285-14

For: Ammunition

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals. The Proposal 14-08-0002 is for an HVAC Comprehensive Maintenance Program for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning July 7, 2014 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Arthur Baldenmeta at 432-567-3264. Address sealed Proposal 14-08-0002 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 2:30 p.m., August 26, 2014. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

REGION 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 14-08-0001 to enhance and maintain the current Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process (http://tragnework.esc18.net/) for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. Project enhancements will include, but are not limited to adding operating guidelines to the authoring system and public site. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning August 11, 2014 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net; or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Lee Lentz-Edwards at 432-561-4368. Address sealed Proposal 14-08-0001 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 1:30 p.m., August 26, 2014. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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Lee Stanberry: Mattress, bicycle, kitchen chair, sofa, dryer, ironing board, pictures, end tables, kitchen table, console TV, vacuum, washing machine, 20 + boxes, entertainment center.
2504 N Loop 250 W, Midland, TX 79707
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NO. FM57703

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

LUCIA LOPEZ ENRIQUEZ
Petitioner

AND

LUIS MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ
Respondent

In the Interest of the children
Ericka Martinez
Andrea Martinez
Luis Felipe Martinez

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

TO LUIS MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ, Respondent, and to all whom it may concern:
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 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Lucia Lopez Enriquez, Petitioner, was filed against Luis Martinez Hernandez, Defendant, on July 22, 2014, in the 318th Judicial District Court of 318th County, Texas, and is numbered FM57703, and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of Lucia Lopez Enriquez and Luis Martinez Hernandez and In the Interest of Ericka Martinez, Andrea Martinez, and Luis Felipe Martinez, Children".

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Petitioner's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Midland County, Texas, this August 5, 2014.

Rose Bush
Clerk of the 318TH Judicial District Court
318th County, Texas

By: Donna Valles, Deputy

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Legal & Public Notices

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at **2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 21, 2014**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider **VARIANCES** to the City Code concerning height limitations requirement in close proximity to Midland International Airport on the following properties:

Case ZBA 14-052: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST W 707LS Well)

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VARIANCES: To the City Code concerning the height limitations for temporary Oil Well Drilling Equipment.

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Steve Thorpe
Building Official
City of Midland

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, August 21, 2014. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:05 P.M., Local Time, August 21, 2014.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 14MCO498 - INTERNET SERVICE

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

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LISTEN WITH CAUTION

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Appearances are not always reality; but when you have your headphones on at the office, it can look like you're not working.

Granted, the use of headphones or earbuds has become almost the norm, particularly in open-plan offices where workers are more easily distracted by the noise around them. But the problem is that people are getting so comfortable using them, they are forgetting their manners.

"When you have [headphones] on while someone is talking to them, you're sending the message that you don't care, whether you realize it or not," says Lisa Taylor Richey, an authority on business etiquette and the founder of The American Academy of Etiquette in Philadelphia.

Part of office culture involves daily interaction with colleagues. Taylor Richey notes that an office with low partitions was designed to create more collaboration. When you walk around with buds in your ears, others may assume that you don't want to interact.

"Keep in tune with what is going on in the way of new project launches, keep building and fostering relationships," she says. "Do not alienate yourself or your talent."

Music can stimulate creativity, calm nerves and improve your focus, depending on the individual. Some experts argue that it increases productivity. But consider the disadvantages as well and follow some these do's and don'ts:

- Do check with your manager to make sure policy allows for use of headphones, even if you see others listening to music in the office.
- Don't continue to use headphones if your supervisor has expressed disapproval of them.
- Do try to be discreet about your use of headphones or earbuds. But don't wear hoodies or hats to cover them up.
- Don't play music too loudly. If people around you can hear your music, the volume is too high.
- Do take off your headphones as soon as someone approaches you or starts a conversation.
- Don't walk around with headphones. Be open to interacting with your colleagues.
- Do stay cognizant of how music affects your productivity as songs with lyrics can be distracting. Consider listening to instrumental music.
- Don't talk loudly or sing aloud when your headphones are in. You are at the office to work and so are the people around you.
- Do use headphones, rather than external speakers, if you share an office.
- Don't keep the music on in the background when you are on the phone.

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OPEN OFFICE SPACE

HOW WALL-LESS WORKSPACES CAN HELP PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY AND COLLABORATION – AND WHY SOME EXPERTS ARE CRITICAL

By DAWN KLIGENSMITH
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The global real estate firm CBRE's July report "The Evolving Workplace: How U.S. Office Space is Changing" reinforces what many tech startups seemed to know, ahead of the curve, about employees: They don't like to be tethered to a workstation.

Employees who are allowed to "self-select" their work location reported higher satisfaction levels, according to the report.

Because workspace affects employee satisfaction and even health, job candidates should evaluate it and factor it in – at least to some degree – when considering a job offer. It's not as though there is a perfect environment to hold out for, but generally, "the physical environment is a reflection of an organization's culture," says Jeff Kaye, co-chief executive of Kaye/Bassman International-Sanford Rose Associates.

Many companies expressly design their offices to reflect their core values. The California-based nonprofit Front Porch is committed to "cause-based innovation" and set up its new office to promote collaboration and creative thinking, says CEO Gary Wheeler.

In Front Porch's open-office environment, doors that once kept executives sealed off in private offices are gone, as are high-walled cubicles that preclude conversation and collaboration among workers.

Such open, wall-less offices are part of a national trend that's had some bad press lately. Supporters say they not only foster collaboration and group energy but also camaraderie and teamwork – including the expectation that each employee will pull his or her own weight. "An environment where team members interact, support one another, hear and see one another freely drives the pace and accountability in a team," explains business growth strategist Kelly Roach, of Kelly Roach Coaching, based in West Chester, Pa.

When managers sit close to or with their team, they can "coach in the moment" and "are better able to guide and coach their employees to success," she adds, so the location and configuration of a boss's office may suggest to a candidate how accessible he or she is.

Critics of open-office environments contend that workers cannot concentrate due to interruptions and the general din. Moreover, "research has shown that open offices can actually have negative effects on employee health and productivity," says Frank Chalupa, president of the Chicago-based office brokerage firm Amata, citing a 2011 Danish study that found that open-office employees take more sick days.

"What I have seen that works best in companies that really rely on collaboration is an open floor plan with quiet areas where people can find refuge and privacy" for phone calls or work requiring concentration, says Paul Millard, founder of the executive search firm The Millard Group, based in Middletown, Conn.

Offering a mix of unassigned private offices, conference rooms for small-group work, and formal and informal settings in addition to an open space "allows employees to choose the space that best accommodates whatever task they're working on," Chalupa says, and simply improves overall comfort.

Though not every office can be like Google's, any business or industry can accommodate "an element of fun," which may be as simple as "having a bell to ring for successes," Roach says.

Front Porch's new office has an art gallery wall, a "digital media storytelling wall," and a lounge for games and team-building activities.

A lack of things to play with should not be the deciding factor when considering a job offer. There's something to be said for a no-nonsense ethos. Planning its new headquarters, Charles Aris Inc. "ultimately decided to eliminate the vast majority of 'fun' items like foosball, ping pong and nap rooms," says President and COO Chad Oakley. "Staff doesn't really want those items; they just want to get their work done at work, and then go have fun elsewhere. What employees really value is a workspace that allows them to be productive and collaborative."

The new headquarters will feature fairly traditional workstations and meeting spaces, but with "creative flair," Oakley says.

"The one thing that we plan to put in that is a little off the wall," he adds, "are a few treadmill desks that allow you to walk while you work."

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NEW JOBS

BACK AGAIN

Do you have fond memories of a past job?

Then keep in contact with former colleagues, because you may want your next job to be with an old employer, says University of Illinois professor Thomas Brady Harris.

Harris and several colleagues recently published a paper in the journal, Personnel Psychology, which examined the experiences of several hundred "boomerang employees" – employees who return to a former employer.

Not surprisingly, those who leave a job for reasons other than dissatisfaction with the job itself – like relocating for a partner or going back to school – make up the bulk of boomerang workers, Harris says.

Firms are increasingly open to welcoming back workers, Harris says. "My sense is that the trend is strengthening, and probably because a lot of organizations that have historically fought such practices now see both futility in fighting unpreventable turnover and value in bringing back their high performers," he explains.

But don't expect a former employer to seek you out and



ask you back, says Bettina Seidbet, of the outplacement and career-training firm Seidbet Associates, who adds that returning to a former employer is not a common phenomena. "Recruiters almost never look to former workers as re-hires. Not inside recruiters and not outside recruiters," she adds.

Companies interested in welcoming back workers are likely to maintain an online "alumni network," and sometimes these sites are part of larger social networks like LinkedIn. Joining these sites "is an easy way to keep abreast of general [job] postings," Harris says.

Besides visiting the alumni networks, workers who hope to keep the door open should maintain contacts with their former boss and colleagues, and stay visible in the field by being active in professional organizations, advises Harris.

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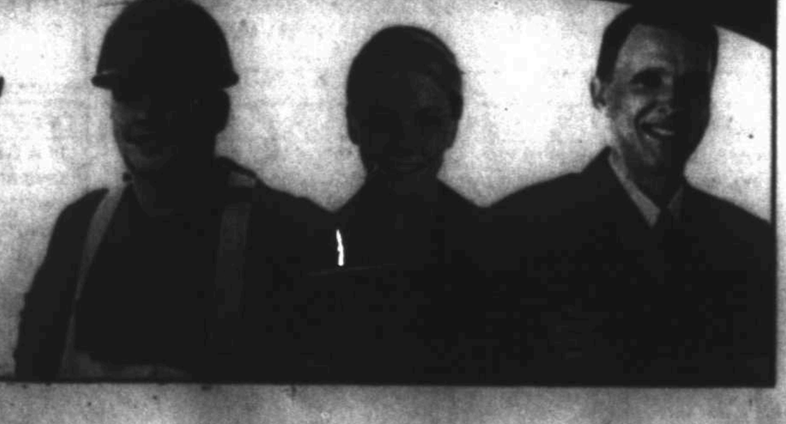
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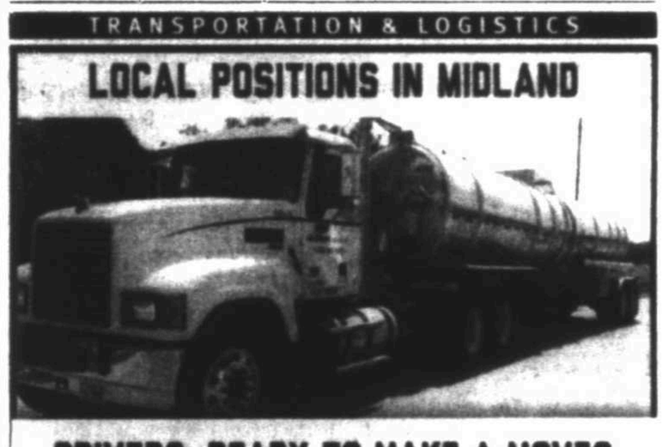
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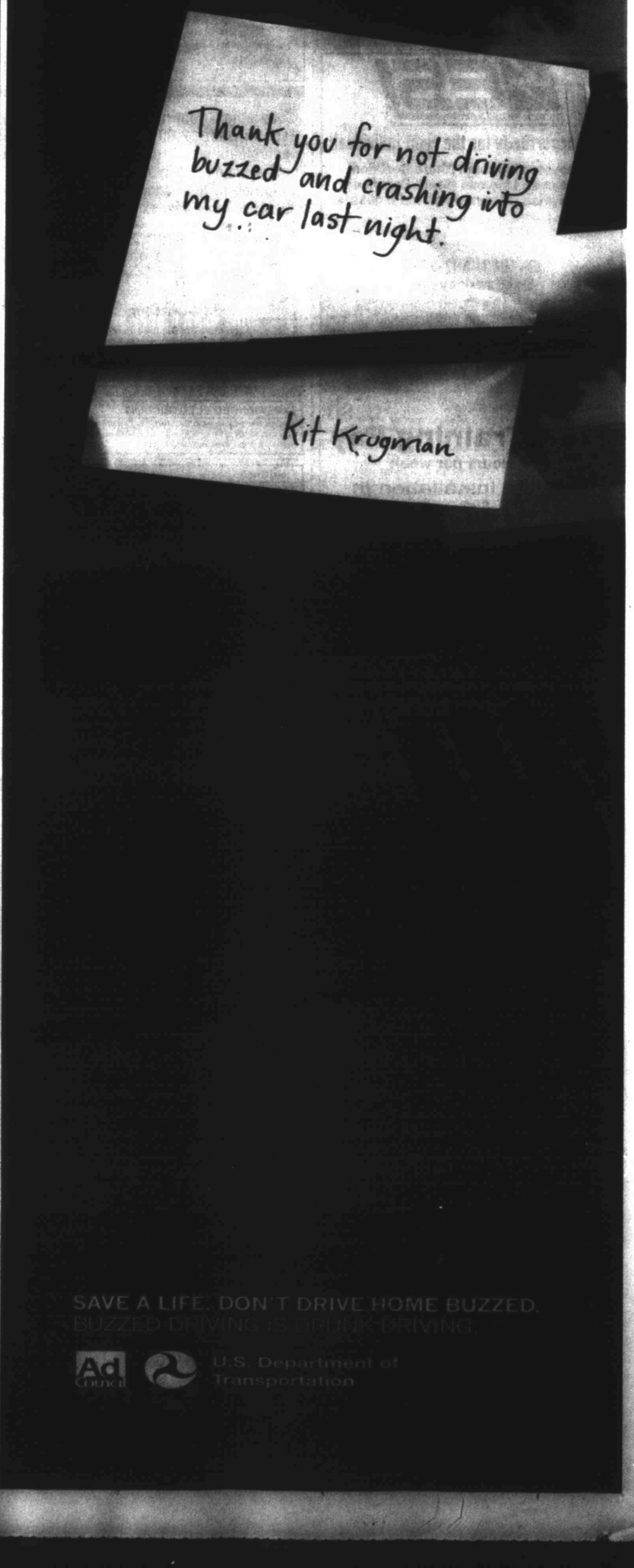
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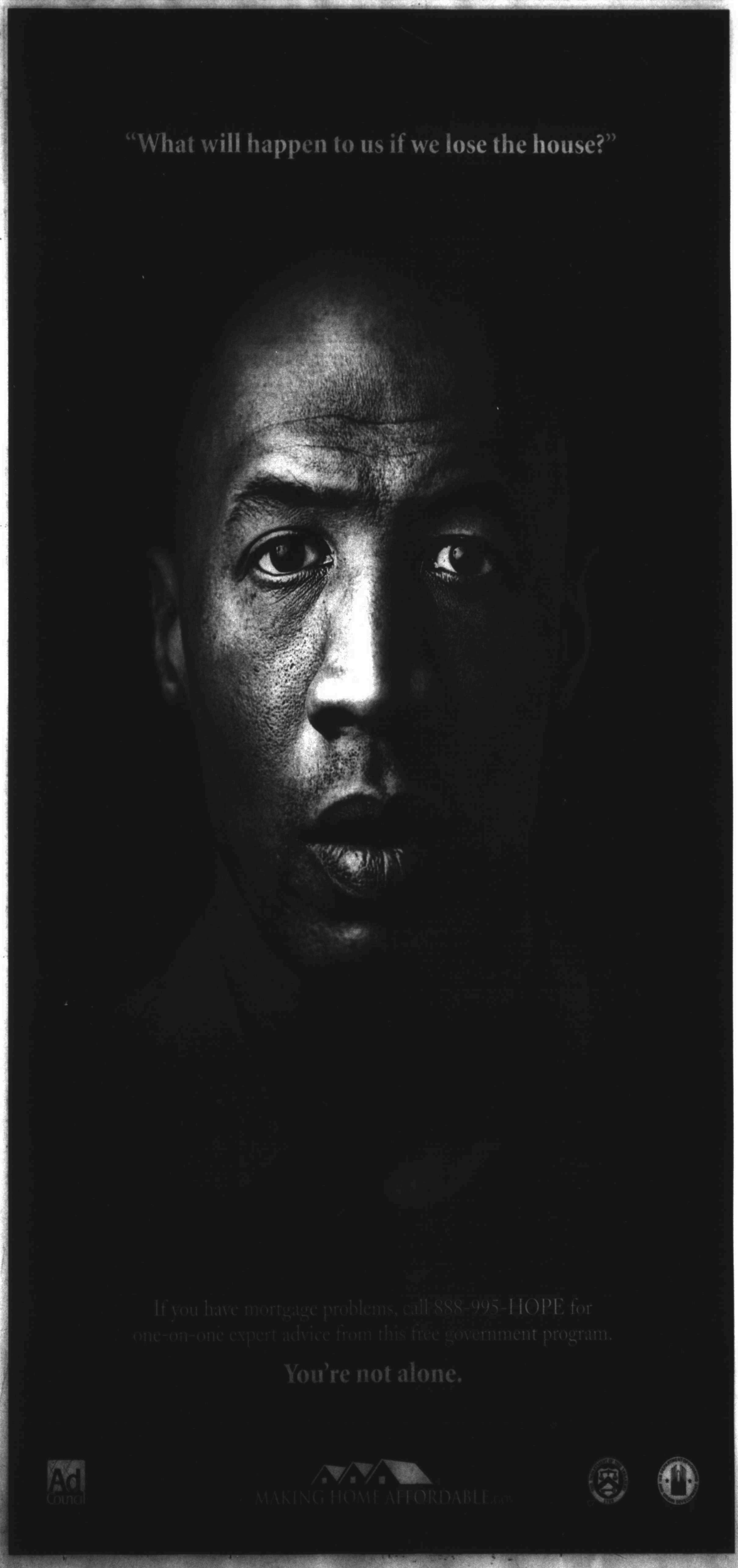


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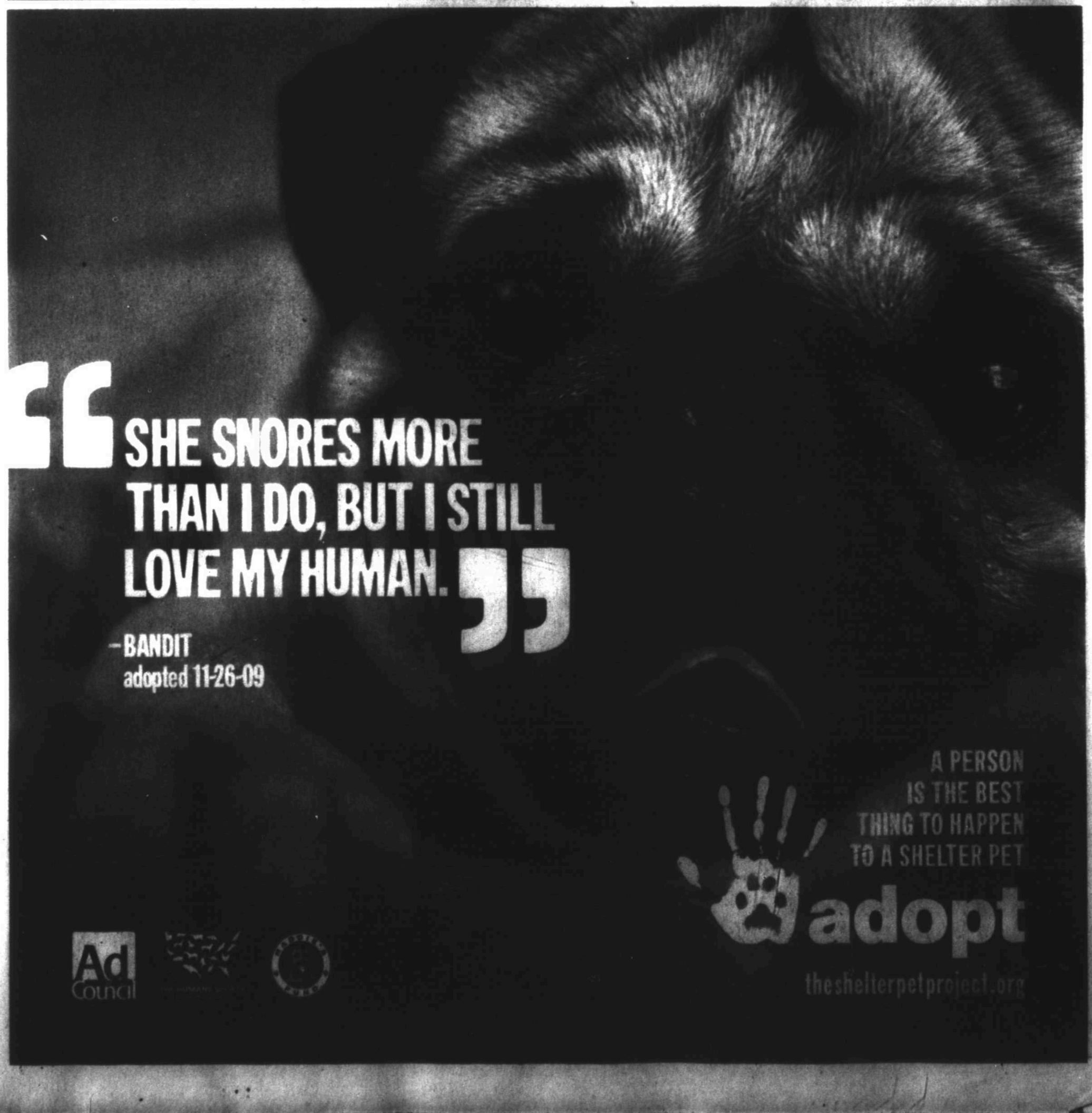
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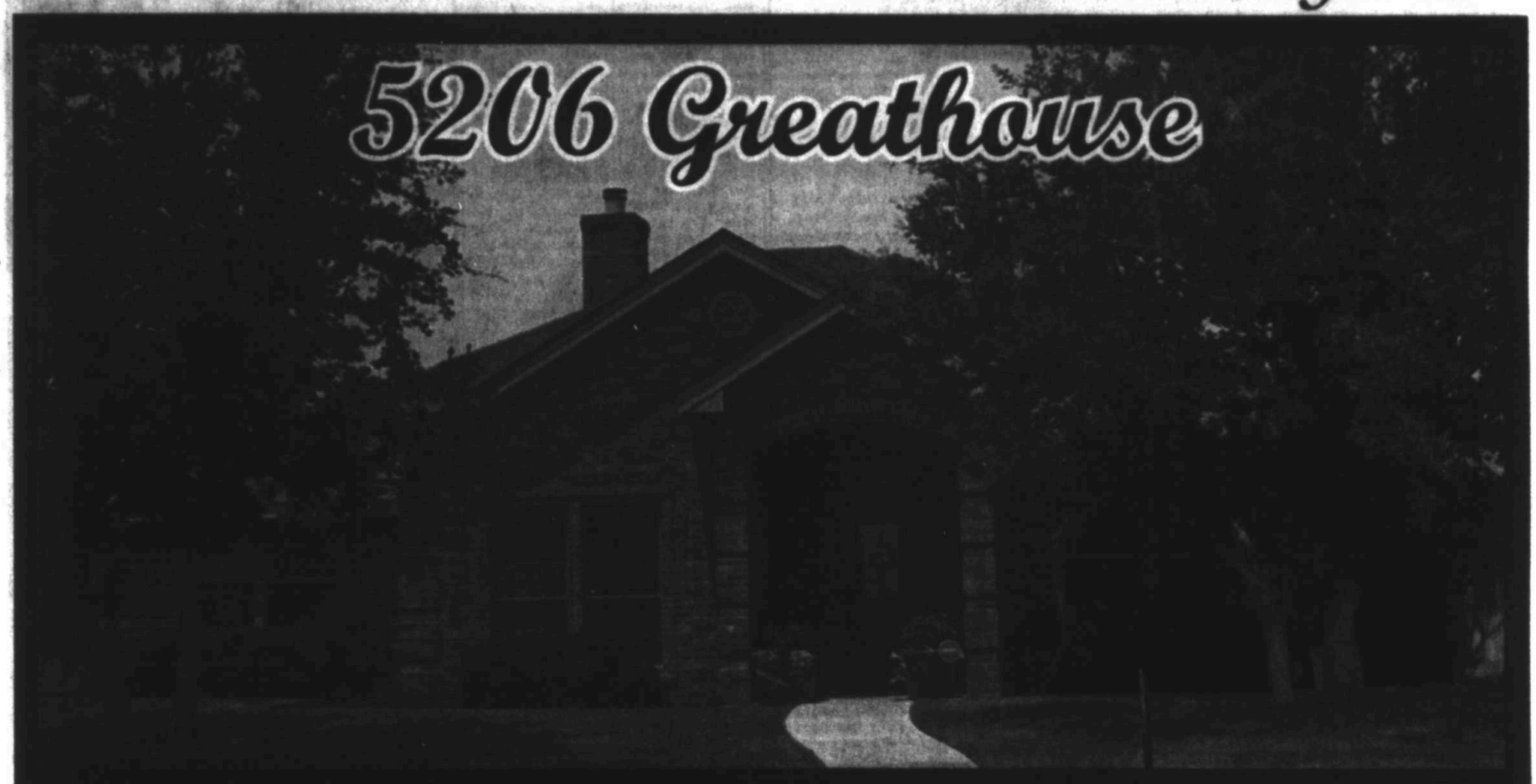
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[illegible] the front and one faces the side. All have spacious closets and share a full bathroom in the hallway. Here, an [illegible] and [illegible] bedroom overlooking the [illegible] space. The secluded master is on the other side of the den and has a wooden floor, tray ceiling [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

Tips for Finding the Right Buyer

If you're selling your home, you're probably enjoying the fact that the market currently appears to be back on track. As more and more buyers come into the fold, you may even have multiple offers on your property.

Whether you're choosing a buyer, or currently in the throes of negotiating price, the following tips can help you land the best deal on your home.

Offer an incentive. If someone offers you a lowball price, one way to up the ante without quarreling over money is to provide an incentive for a higher offer. Incentives are especially effective with first time buyers.

Some good incentives are:

- Providing the buyers with a home warranty or title insurance
- Paying for closing costs or homeowner's association fees
- Offering to repaint or re-carpet to specifications
- Purchasing a year-long membership to a local pool or club

Price it right. If you don't want to get into negotiations to begin with, it's important to price appropriately. Many sellers focus too much on what they bought the home for, or the work they put into it. Unfortunately, a home value is based on the current market, so it's important to forget about the cost of that new deck and instead familiarize yourself with current conditions.

Know the market. To get a good sense of what comparable homes are selling for, attend open houses and check out local listings. And of course, ask your agent for help with this—they have access to the MLS.

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Why Are Rates Not Going Up?

After a good hike in long-term rates during the second half of 2013, just about every analyst in the country seemed to be sure that this was just the first phase of rate increases to come. After all, rates were the lowest in a generation and the increase we witnessed last year still put rates in very, very attractive territory. Jobs growth started accelerating during the second half of the year and the systems were ready to fire on all cylinders while the recovery finally got into full gear. Then came the long, cold and hard winter. So we understand that factor. Once again, the recovery halted and rates came down.

But this factor has passed. Job growth has heated up again and the stock market is at all time highs. The Federal Reserve has been slowing their purchases of treasury bonds and home loans in an effort to slow down fiscal stimulus and they are meeting this week with most observers feeling that rate hikes will be coming in early 2015. The question remains, why aren't rates going up in response to all of these factors? We could take the easy way out by saying that predictions of the future are futile and while this is true, we believe there are other factors at work.

Certainly one factor encompasses the political tensions around the world. Ukraine, Syria, Libya, Iraq and Gaza are all spots of conflict right now. The tragedy of a passenger jet being shot down just demonstrates how dangerous these situations are. When the world erupts, while our economy has not been as stable as we would like — it is still a haven of safety compared to the rest of the world. When there is unrest, Treasuries are still a choice for those who are looking for safety in a world of conflict. While this factor does not completely explain why rates are not rising right now, there is no doubt that this factor is important and it also explains why predictions are futile. Next week, in addition to the analysis of the Fed meeting and the employment data, we will talk about one other factor contributing to low rates.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

How buyers can keep their options open before closing

Real estate contracts in Texas have an "undo" button of sorts. A clause in the sales contracts allows buyers to legally cancel the whole deal. Paragraph 23 in the Texas Real Estate Commission residential sales contracts is called the "termination option," and it lets buyers pay a fee for the right to terminate their contract during a defined period of time.

The termination option isn't required to purchase a home, but most buyers make it part of their offer. The amount of the fee and the number of days of the option period are negotiable. Whether you're buying or selling real estate, your local REALTOR® can help you decide what is best for your situation.

Why buyers use termination-option periods

During the option period, a buyer can terminate the contract for any reason and get the earnest money back as long as you give notice of termination within the time specified in the contract. Most buyers use the option period to have the property inspected or otherwise evaluated. If the buyer doesn't terminate the contract during the option period, the transaction moves ahead. Depending on what's in the contract, the option fee may be credited to the sales price at closing.

Advice for buyers

As a buyer, make sure the option fee is an amount you are comfortable paying if you want the ability to terminate the contract. And don't schedule your inspections at the end of the option period. You want enough time to conduct inspections and address any concerns. Also, if an inspection reveals conditions that lead to additional negotiations, you will want those talks to happen during the option period so you still have the right to terminate.

What's in it for the seller

Sellers don't have the ability to terminate the contract during the option period, but the termination option does have a few benefits for sellers. One benefit is that a seller receives a fee in exchange for agreeing to give the buyer the right to terminate. For example, if you agree to a $200 option fee as a seller, then you get $200 whether or not the buyer chooses to terminate the contract.

Another benefit is that the option period gives buyers time to make sure they are entering into the contract pleased with their purchase. You probably prefer to sell your home to someone who is satisfied with the condition of the property instead of a buyer who regrets agreeing to buy your home. If the buyer terminates the contract during the option period, you likely got out of a transaction that would have caused you headaches and possibly a trip to the courtroom.

Advice for sellers

While most sellers want to keep the option period as short as possible, digging in your heels may work against you. If a buyer feels pressured and can't get the information she needs in time, she may feel that her best course of action is to terminate the contract. Remember, you can still market the property and accept backup offers during the option period, which gives you a measure of protection in case the deal does fall through.

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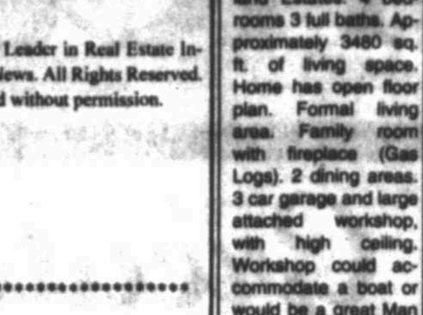
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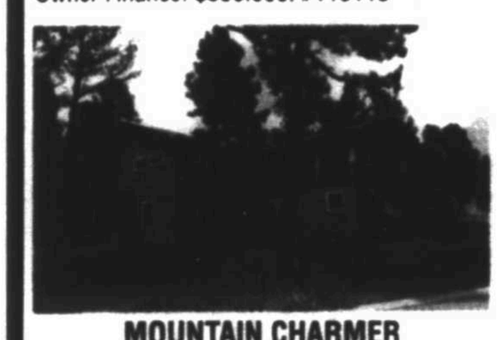
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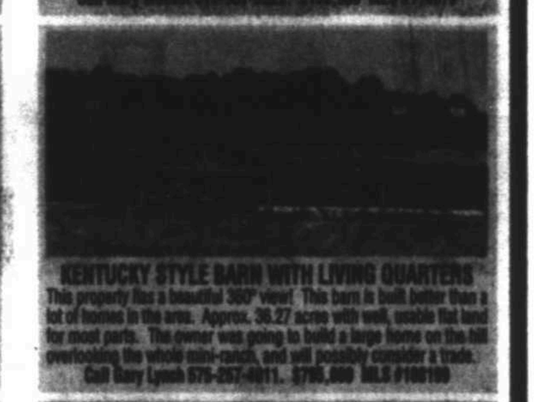
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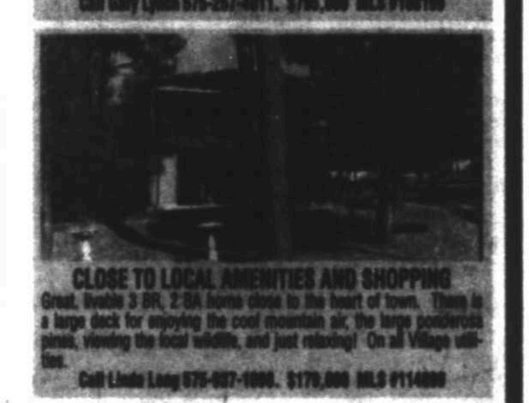
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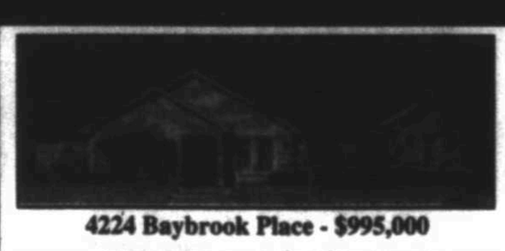
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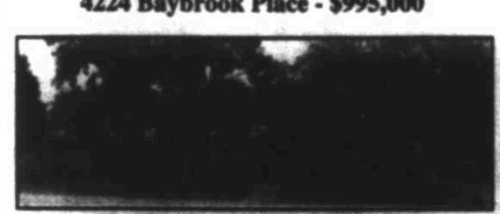
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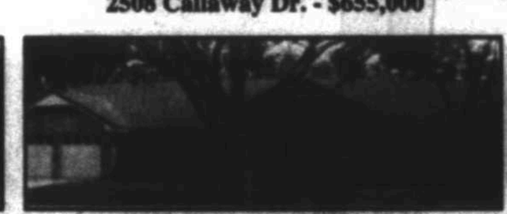
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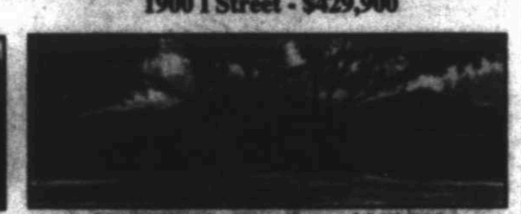
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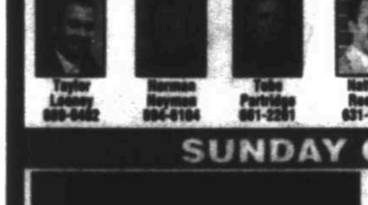
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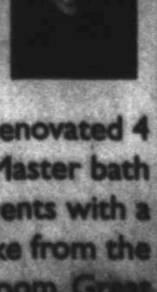
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ANSWER:

When you buy a car the price you pay has a package cost, but if you add up the expense of separately replacing the brakes, motor and seats, etc., you will come up with a much larger number. The same is essentially true for real estate.

Property insurance is designed to protect homeowners against a variety of perils and the insurance company must be prepared to cover the cost if the entire house is lost. The replacement cost for the property is likely to be higher than the acquisition price of the home. However, it also should be said that the full replacement of the house is very unlikely and that an insurance company offsets this threat by providing coverage for a large inventory of homes.

Still, you likely want to go back to your insurance broker and ask several questions.

First, how much coverage do you really need? Part of the purchase price represents the cost of land but as a homeowner you're not insuring land.

"The land under the house isn't at risk from theft, windstorm, fire and other perils covered in a homeowners policy," explains the Georgia Insurance Information Service, a trade association. "Therefore, the value of the land should not be included in deciding how much homeowners insurance to buy."

Second, in some instances – and especially with an older home – you may be able to get a lower rate by having the home inspected to show that the roof, electric, plumbing and HVAC all are in good condition.

Third, opt for a higher deductible and premiums will go down. Insurance companies like higher deductibles because it helps them avoid minor claims. Be careful though, a higher deduction means that in the case of an insurable event you'll need more cash to cover costs. A good approach is to opt for a higher deduction and then take the equivalent of the annual premium savings and deposit the money in a savings account each year until you have enough to cover the entire deductible.

Fourth, see if the property qualifies for special deductions for smoke detectors or other features.

Fifth, in some cases you may be able to get a lower rate by combining a homeowner's policy with auto insurance, coverage on a second home or both. The advantage to the insurance company is more total revenue and lower marketing costs.

Lastly, shop around, and shop around often. Homeowner's insurance is something you need and it can pay to check rates at least once a year before policies renew.

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HOW TO COME UP WITH THE DOWN PAYMENT



SAVING FOR A DOWN PAYMENT IS TOUGH – ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE A YOUNG HOME SHOPPER. HERE ARE SAVING STRATEGIES THAT MILLENNIALS AND OTHER CASH-STRAPPED, WOULD-BE BUYERS CAN USE TO GET INTO A HOME SOONER.

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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For many prospective homebuyers, saving for a down payment can be a struggle. But without the necessary up-front finances, the dream of homeownership can be difficult to achieve.

This especially is true for younger house hunters.

According to a recent survey published by Trulia, 60 percent of millennials (aged 18 to 34) indicate that finances are the largest sole barrier preventing them from owning a home (approximately 50 percent of respondents said they would turn to parents or grandparents for financial assistance to purchase a residence). Further, a newly published report from the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University revealed that mounting student-loan debt likely would delay homeownership for the group. The share of households (aged 25 to 34) with student-loan debt increased from 26 percent to 39 percent from 2001 to 2010, according to the report; homeownership rates for this group also dropped nearly 8 percentage points between 2004 and 2013.

It's simply harder for today's buyers to come up with the necessary down payment, particular Gen Y, says Carole Short, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Atlanta.

"Many millennials are straddled not only with consumer debt but student-loan debt payments. With the cost of living going up for the basics – housing, food, phone … today's buyers often are struggling financially and living paycheck to paycheck," Short says.

While low- and no-money-down loans were offered aplenty prior to the housing downturn, most lenders today typically require at least 20 percent down – the minimum needed to avoid having to pay costly private mortgage insurance. However, an FHA loan requires only 3.5 percent down, and many conventional loan programs stipulate as little as 5 percent down.

Beginning to save now, with the goal of purchasing sooner, is a smart move given the continued climate of favorable mortgage interest rates, say the experts.

"The idea is to buy now. Rates are low, and real estate is a great investment that accumulates equity," says Yael Ishakis, vice president at First Meridian Mortgage in Pomona, New York.

Saving, however, often requires hopeful homeowners to make sacrifices. Alarmingly, the aforementioned Trulia survey reported that many millennials aren't prepared to give up the following to save for a down payment: car (65 percent); smartphone (45 percent); cable (20 percent); Netflix subscription (15 percent); and vacations (14 percent).

"Unlike baby boomers, who wanted to strike out on their own, millennials aren't as eager to cut the apron strings or give up some of their indulgences. But cutting back on dining out, cable, shopping and even that morning cup of coffee can all add up," says Sheryl Simon, a principal at Benoit Mizner Simon and Co., a real estate firm in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Those determined to purchase also have to be willing to prioritize goals, work hard, and seek assistance, Simon adds.

"Rent a smaller apartment that is lower than your actual budget. Take on an extra job you can fit in on the side. If you've just tied the knot, try not to spend all your gift cash on a honeymoon. And speak to a financial planner to set goals and guidelines to put you on a path to homeownership," says Simon.

Lastly, be prepared for other essential items for which you'll need to salt away funds aside from the down payment, including closing costs (often 2 to 3 percent of the loan amount), furniture, and home improvements you may need to make after purchasing.

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THE HOUSING MARKET

CHALLENGES CONFRONT HOUSING RECOVERY

New study underscores market difficulties and the barriers to homeownership, particularly for younger buyers



Despite signs that the home sales, prices and construction continue to improve in key markets, several formidable obstacles stand in the way of a national housing recovery – especially challenges confronting younger buyers – according to a new report recently released by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The good news from the report is that millennials (aged 18 to 34) are expected to form 24 million new households between 2015 and 2025, which should bolster demand for new housing. The bad news is that continued lack of jobs, falling incomes, narrower access to credit, and increasing debt from student loans are among the factors curtailing growth and preventing younger and first-time buyers from becoming homeowners today.

Key findings of the study include:

- 15.3 million adults in their 20s and 3.1 million in their 30s resided with their parents in 2013.
- Real median annual income for households aged 25 to 34 dropped 11 percent from 2002 to 2012.
- Student-loan debt rose by $114 billion in 2013, accounting for 63 percent of total debt growth over the past year.
- Homeownership rates for those aged 25 to 34 decreased nearly 8 percentage points between 2004 and 2013.

These indicators point to an entire generation – millennials, also known as Gen Y – being unable to afford and unenthusiastic about purchasing a home, say the experts.

"The fact that so many young Americans aren't motivated to buy homes has an impact on the housing market," says Brian Koss, executive vice president for the Mortgage Network in Danvers, Massachusetts.

Dr. Dani Babb, broker for The Babb Group Real Estate in Newport Beach, California, says the key takeaways from the report are that sociological factors – such as lacking the belief that owning a home is a key to the American dream – are impacting buyers' decisions to purchase or not, as are tangible economic factors.

"It's tough to save for the down payment and qualify for a loan, there's a lack of good paying jobs and certainty, and the economic recovery in general has been sluggish overall," Babb says.

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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, island, tons of cabinetry! Breakfast nook w/course views! 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 gar!

5312 BELLA PLACE - $559,000
GORGEOUS & IMMACULATE!
Builders custom home! Incredible living rm w/high ceiling, fireplace & walls of windows overlooking patio & also open to the gorgeous kitchen & dining area! Breakfast bar! Living appliances! Marble countertops! Gorgeous master suite w/amazing bathroom & closet area!!+ two guest! Great utility rm! Did I forget to mention 2 bedrooms up each w/private baths! Unbelievable storage! Wow!

2104 N. I ST. - $997,000
LARGE, LOVABLE & SPACE OF TIME CLASSIC HOME!
Formal dining! Formal living w/views of pool! Cozy den w/fireplace to open to the kitchen/breakfast bar! Glass sunroom! 2 Roomy bedrooms w/hall bath downstairs! Master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 2 Great bedrooms & hall bath on upper level! Soooooooo much storage in this one! Pool w/diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!

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GRASSLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counterspace plus pantry+! Seq master w/nice bath & closet space! Seq rm-liner plan! Live outdoors too! w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!

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0516 GLADIOLA - $500,000
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 appliances!Granite thru-out!Spacious seq master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks,sep tub/shower & great closet!Each guest bdrm has private bath access!Fantastic workshop w/full bath & mini kitchen,large rv door!5 Car garage!!

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BOOTS TO BRIDLE-THIS 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!

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5812 OAK CREEK - $375,000
SHOWN BY REECE RIVERS 432-238-4047
FABULOUS FLOORPLAN!
Wonderful kahler resale! Large living room w/high ceilings, stone fireplace & big windows! Great kitchen w/island, tons of counterspace, granite & pantry is open to the dining area! Bonus room is perfect for study or playroom! Seeeeetered master suite is gorgeous w/ fantastic bath & large closet! Roomy bedrooms! Hall bath plus hall bath! Huge utility room w/freezer space! Tile tile tile! No carpet - perfect for people w/allergies!!!! Nicely landscaped! Oversized 2 car rear entry garage!

1002 ECR 127 - $390,000
4.89 SEMI-HALF STORY HOME
ON OVER AN ACRE OF LAND!
Features: 3 car garage, 2living 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!

2610 CALDERA - $325,000
BEAUTIFUL! THIS HOME SHINES
W/PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!
Large kitchen w/tons & tons of cabinetry & counterspace +pantry offers spacious eat-in dining plus island w/breakfast bar that opens into the living room! Stone fireplace! Seq master w/ gorgeous bath! Jetted tub, nice shower, dual vanities & great closets! Other bedrooms w/walk in closets!H all bath! Great utility rm! Covered patio! 3 Cg + lots of parking!

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4309 TUMBLEWEED - $275,000
WORKSHOP & TONS OF SPACE!!
On almost 3/4 acre lot, this home has lots to offer! Large living room w/rock fireplace! Eat-in kitchen loaded w/cabinets! Unbelievable storage! 3 Large bedrooms! 2 Baths! Playroom/den plus office! Seq master suite offers nook for work out space, nursery or office plus private bath & 4 closets! Storage shed and 35x25 shop! Courtyard! Circle drive!

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WONDERFULLY UPDATED HOME ON 1.25 ACRE LOT!
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2204 ABBEY PLACE - $240,0000
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

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3611 SINCLAIR AVE. - $200,000
SPACIOUS ONE OWNER HOME CLOSE TO SCHOOLS!
Formal living plus huge den with fireplace! Kitchen is loaded with cabinetry & counterspace! Breakfast nook! Great utility room! Roomy bedrooms! Two full baths! Covered patio! Storage building! Nice yards! 2 Car garage!

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$199,000
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!!!!

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AMAZING MAN-CAVE!!
This nicely updated 3 bedroom home offers tons of living & entertaining space! Large living room with rock fireplace & high, beamed ceiling! Great kitchen! Seq master suite with private bath! Roomy bedrooms! Man cave with bar & private bath! Metal fence with dog run!

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3406 W. 4th St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	U/C
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3011 Travis Ave	2 Bdrm/1 Ba/Carport	$95,000
3915 Anetta Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/Circle Drive	U/C
3607 Boyd Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$179,000
15425 Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
4409 Crenshaw Dr	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$199,000
4505 Floyd Court	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5109 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
2220 Western Dr	Townhome/3 Bdrm/2 Full Ba/2 Half Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1701 Castleford Rd	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
949 Lafayette Place	Townhome/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
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	U/C
1500 Princeton Ave	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
705 Riviera Court	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Half Ba/6 Car Garage	$724,900
2002 Vermont	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4408 Llano Ct	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5705 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2Ba/3 car garage	U/C
6821 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$399,000
5711 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/ 2 Ba/3 car garage	U/C
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,900
4309 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4309 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$414,000
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5314 Brown Heart Ln	Rama Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,850
2611 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6805 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$595,000

6500 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$798,800
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$849,500

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W. Co. Rd. 145	10 Acres	U/C
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2345 FM 1208	Diamond/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
13944 E. Goldenrod	Gardendale/Approx. 27.17 Acres	$625,000
7601 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$695,000
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,500,000
6911 FM 307	Approx. 155 Acres/Investment	$1,160,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

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2000 Skinner Rd	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,700,000

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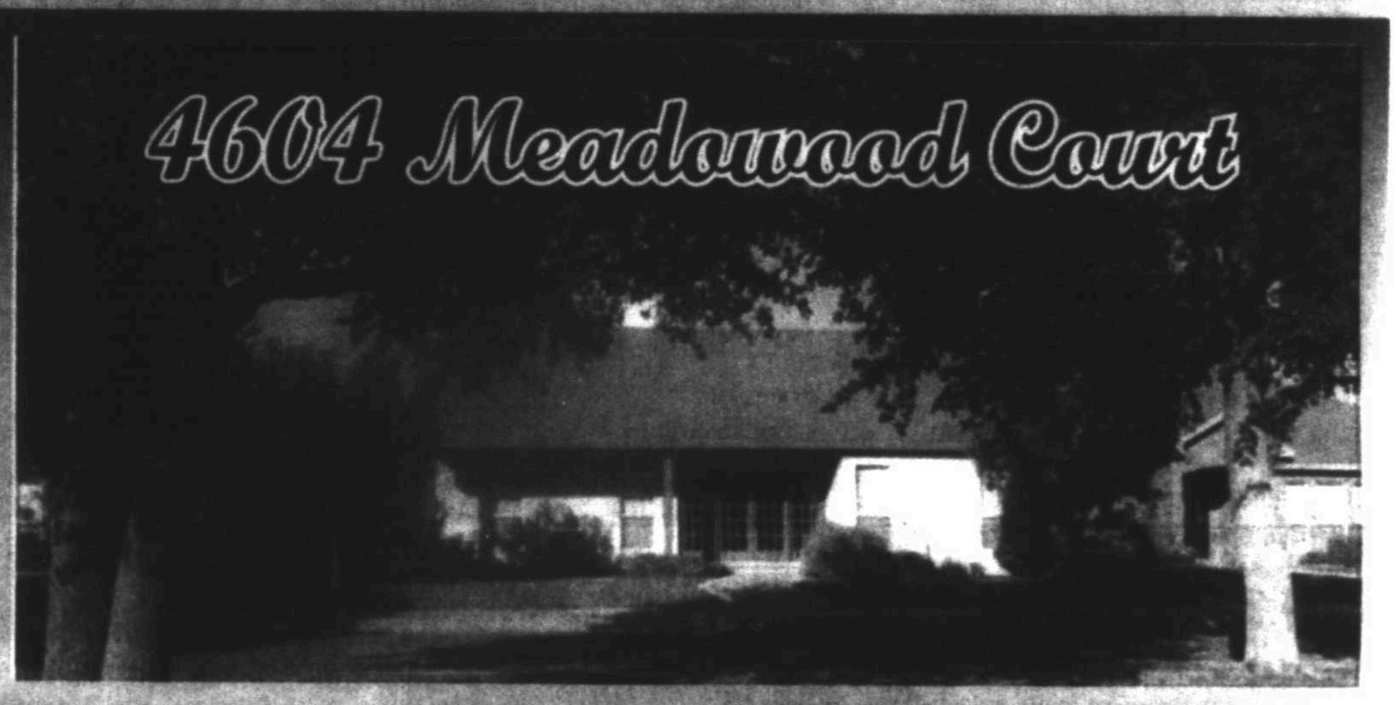






4604 Meadowood Court

3 bedroom 2 bath townhome listed for $315,000. It is only 3 years old, it is picture perfect and has tons of charm.













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2502 FRONTIER
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Very clean 3/2, 2 LA, walk to Fannin Elementary.
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4406 DALTON
$269,900
Huge rooms! Beautiful updates!
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Sunday, August 10, 2014

The Big Remodel: You Can Do It. But Should You?

Even if your middle initials are DIY, hiring a general contractor to coordinate a remodeling project could be the best idea ever.

By Nancy Baldwin | CTW Features

Thinking of remodeling or building a home? If you are handy with home improvement projects, you might wonder if you should handle the details yourself. Think again.

Even a skilled DIY-er can misjudge the complexity of a project, so it's always wise to consider hiring a general contractor.

If the project involves only one or two tradespeople or subcontractors - a painter and a carpet installer, for example, "I encourage the homeowner to work with local, reputable firms and oversee the work themselves," says Dave Spetrino, president and CEO, Plantation Building Corp., Wilmington, N.C.

But if the requires several tradespeople and a building permit, "it's more logical to identify a contractor who can oversee and take responsibility for the whole project," says Spetrino. "This is especially true when you are coordinating with plumbing, HVAC, electrical and structural framing subs."

Finding and hiring a reputable, professional contractor takes time and homework. A good place to start is with referrals from friends, family and neighbors.

"A lot of it comes down to word of mouth. Talk with people. It's important to find a residential contractor that is best tailored to your particular job," says Ren Chandler, president and founder, Dyna Contracting, Seattle.

Industry vendors and architects also are good sources of information, and a contractor's company website is an indicator of his scope of work and level of professionalism.

"You can certainly search online. Keep a close eye on the contractor's website. If they put time and detail into it, then they'll probably do the same for your project," says Chandler.

When a contractor has been found, it's critical to set a meeting to communicate goals and assess his ability to do the job.

"Have a general conversation with the person you're considering hiring. Come a little prepared. Know what's not working in your current situation. Know your desired outcomes. Have a single sheet of paper that outlines your basic goals," says Spetrino.

Learning about about the contactor's business and range of work will help to determine if a company is the right fit.

"What is the scale of projects they've done? Are they comfortable doing the type of work you need? It's important to find out how busy they are. Are they just filling a hole, or are they passionate about doing the job?" says Chandler.

Doing research and asking questions will minimize surprises down the road for homeowners.

"They can never do enough research. Ask questions. Who's in charge? Who's on the team? What do the different people do? Walk me through the process. What should we watch out for? What should I be doing to ensure the best outcome?" says Spetrino.

A check of licensing, insurance and references is also critical.

"I would definitely check references. That would be the most important thing as far as I'm concerned," says Chandler.

Once selected, a contractor will provide a contract for the project. This document details the scope of the work, outlining each phase of the project and listing what the contractor will and will not do.

Also included in the contract are a construction schedule, payment schedule, change order details, conflict resolution procedures, warranty, insurance, indemnification and license information.

"It's important to understand the contract, budgeting and scheduling and how the contractor deals with those things. As far as budgeting, attention to detail is really important. The budgeting needs to be broken out," says Chandler.

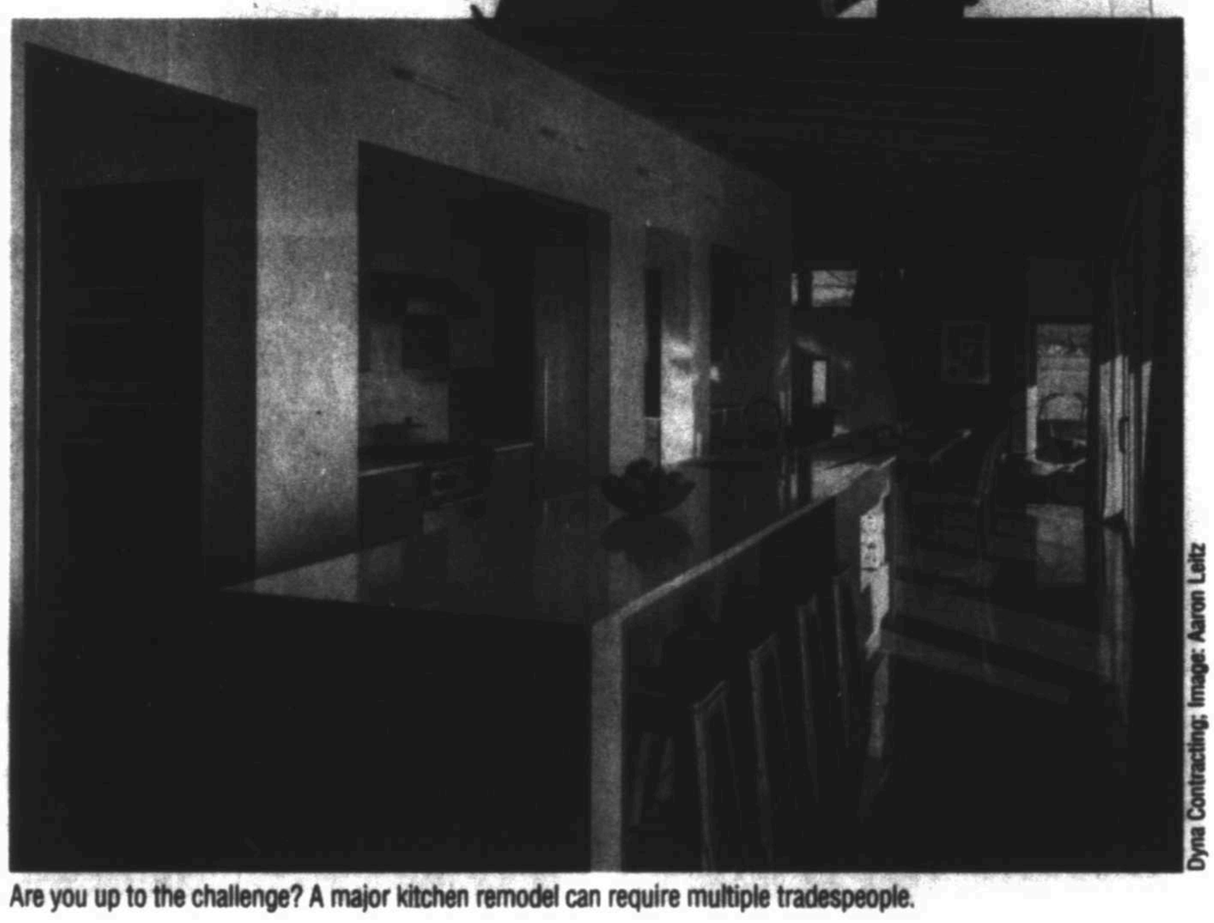
A lack of those details is a red flag to homeowners who should take caution before signing on the dotted line. Discrepancies will most often appear in budgeting and scheduling.

"The common thread has been paying way more up front than they ought to. Contactors should itemize where money will be spent. It should be spelled out. Homeowners should expect a schedule. There should be a clear understanding of when a project will finish," says Spetrino.

Both before and during construction, regular communication between contractor and homeowner will ensure smooth completion of the project.

"The bottom line, when a client will take time to communicate their goals and identify a professional who can meet those goals, those are the clients who will do really well," says Spetrino.

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Are you up to the challenge? A major kitchen remodel can require multiple tradespeople.

Good Night, Excess Light

Put wasteful energy practices to bed, starting in the bedroom

By Kate Sullivan | CTW Features

Adopting energy-efficient practices doesn't require a lifestyle overhaul. Start small. Tackle bedroom lighting first with minimal modifications that will equal big energy savings. Embrace energy efficiency by first understanding industry lighting terms. The incandescent light bulb - the bulb of the masses - uses wire to conduct electricity that produces light. The problem with this cost-effective and timeless illuminator comes from the amount of heat it produces.

"Before the realization of how mankind's electrical activity impacts the planet, the Edison-invented bulb was the cheap and easy way to create light," says Steve Thomas, spokesperson for Habitat For Humanity International and former host of the PBS home renovation series "This Old House" for 14 years. With today's buildings accounting for nearly 50 percent of energy used, looking for other options like compact florescent lights or light-emitting diodes is more a necessity than a feel-good move. "Energy saving is all about scale. Five people saving energy in one home doesn't make a difference - but five million does," Thomas says. Here's how to become one of the 5 million.

Swap bulbs

"For places that light quality is not critical, like the closet or near the door of the bedroom, switch to CFL or LED bulbs," Thomas says. In addition to less energy output, using CFL and LED bulbs equals a decrease in electric bills and less frequent trips to the store for replacement bulbs. "CFL bulbs light a space with less wattage, at a low cost, are dimmable and have good color quality. LED bulbs are slightly more expensive but last longer, use even less energy and have better quality light," says Lori Dennis, a Los Angeles celebrity interior designer and a host of HGTV's "Real Designing Woman" in 2013.

When swapping out old for new, know how to read the packaging. Understanding which wattage goes with different types of lighting fixtures can be confusing. When replacing a 60-watt incandescent bulb, look for descriptions like 60-watt Replacement or Soft White 60 on the CFL or LED bulb package. Any bulb with an Energy Star label has the backing of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

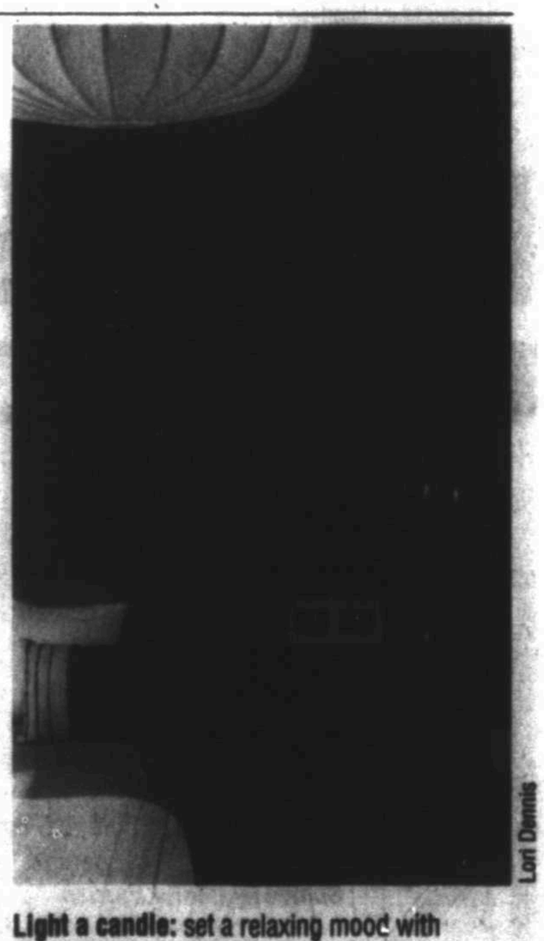
Use a dimmer

Adjust light needs by activity. For bedside reading, increase the brightness; for less eye intensive activities, lower the intensity. "The lower the light output, the less energy used. Simply put, dimmers save energy," Dennis says.

Find the flame

"Beeswax candles with organic cotton wicks create instant mood lighting while being eco-friendly," Dennis says. Set the stage for relaxation after a long day by stepping back in time with this ageless light source.

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Light a candle: set a relaxing mood with candlelight in the bedroom.

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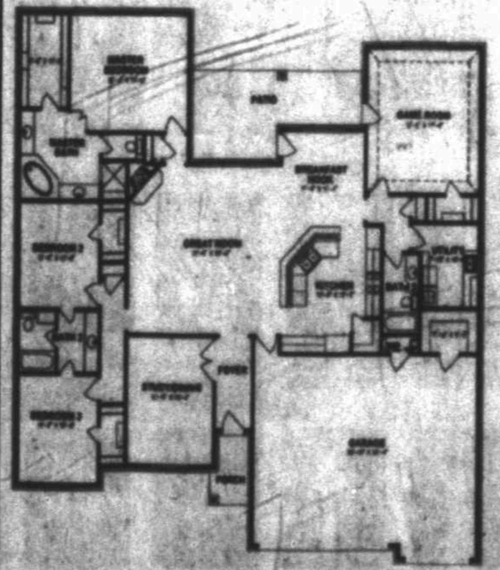
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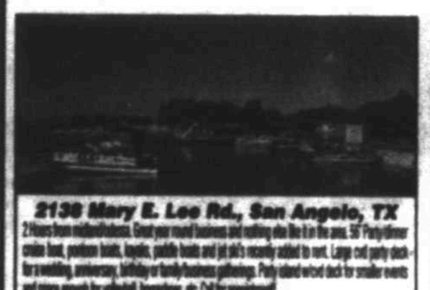
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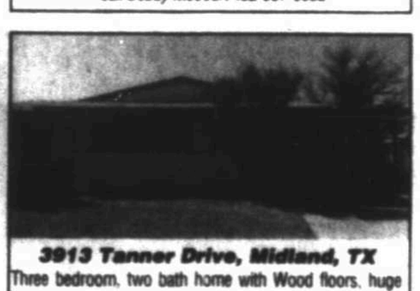
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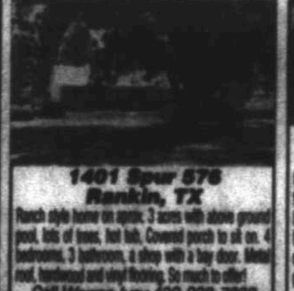
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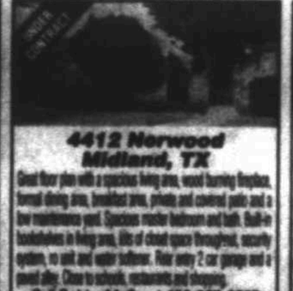
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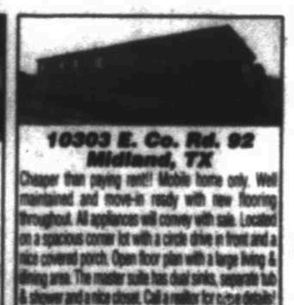
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The Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables brought puppies needing permanent homes to an adoption event Aug. 2, outside Tractor Supply.

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FINDING FOREVER HOMES



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Volunteers, nonprofits respond to increase in homeless pets

By Steve Kuhlmann | skuhlmann@mrt.com

As Midland's human population continues to increase, so does the number of lost and abandoned pets flooding the city's animal shelter. Since Oct. 1, 2013, 3,409 dogs and 2,001 cats have come through the Midland Animal Shelter. In the month of July alone, the shelter saw nearly 500 dogs and 300 cats.



Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Ashton Langdon with MASA, Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables, gets two dogs ready Aug. 2, to be transported to their new home in Lubbock.

"We're seeing a lot of owner-released dogs," said Paul O'Neill, Midland Animal Services director. "It seems that either people are moving here or leaving here. If they are leaving then they can't take the dog with them or don't want to, and if they are moving here it seems to be that they just can't keep the dog. Whether (the reason) be that they're having a hard enough time finding a place to live on their own or where they find to live won't let them have the dog or that the pet deposit is outrageous."

In an effort to help alleviate some of the stress on the animal shelter, groups and organizations such as the Midland Humane Coalition, Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables, Lone Star Animal Sanctuary and Grand Companions Humane Society have reached out in an attempt to get the animals adopted and to prevent them from being euthanized.

"Because we have such an influx of people coming into our area because of the economy, that just means that there are going to be more animals that people can't keep because they can't find a home," said Norma Stegall, executive director of the Midland Humane Coalition Adoption Center. "They end up either just being dumped out in the county somewhere or else they take them to animal control because they don't have any choices."

Midland Humane Coalition Adoption Center opened in November 2011 when the organization partnered with PetSmart Charities to create a 2,000-square-foot area to be used as an adoption facility inside the store.

"We've had a great success rate," said Stegall. "We've had probably close to 2,800 animals adopted since we've been open. The good thing about being here at our adoption facility is that we get so much exposure to people."

Stegall said the last year in particular has seen an increasing number of animals that have found themselves in need of assistance.

"It seems like all of the rescue groups are full most of the time because we're pretty much overwhelmed with all the animals at this point," said Stegall.

Recognizing the strain on Midland Animal Shelter, Kelsey Kurht and a few of her friends decided they wanted to try to help out. In October 2013, the group started a Facebook page called Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables — MASA for short — in an effort to create a

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Hangout house: Why some homes become teen central

By Lisa A. Flam
Associated Press

Start with amenities like a monster TV or fire pit, add a never-ending supply of munchies and a relaxed attitude toward your kids bringing home a friend — or five — and you may just find that your place has become the place where the tweens and teens want to be.

A hangout house is often the first spot kids think to gather to work on a school project or binge on the latest Xbox game or silly YouTube videos.

"There are some houses that are sort of like magnetic," said Dana Points, editor-in-chief of Parents magazine. "A hangout house is well-stocked, welcoming, casually decorated and not too fussy, and where there's an adult present, but on the periphery."

Sure, with more kids around you can count on some extra cleanup or home repairs, a louder-than-usual roar and the expense of keeping kids in chips, cookies and (maybe even) baby carrots.

But parents who open their doors to the masses say the upsides are being able to keep tabs on their kids, getting to know their friends well and gaining a peek into their tender worlds.

"I have girls, so it's very important to have them here," said Tammy Smith, 48. "I felt safer with them being here. The best way to keep your kids and their friends where you can see them is to own a pool and a pool house."

Seven years ago, she and her husband built an 8,000-square-foot home on nearly 13 acres in Trussville, Alabama, so they would have room for a heated pool and hot tub. After Friday night high school football games, her daughters would often pile in with eight or nine girls (plus boys who were eventually sent home) for a swim or sleepover. Besides swimming, the kids could play ping pong, pool or video games.

Two years ago, the Smiths added a $115,000 open-air pool house, decked out with fireplace, large TV, refrigerator, two grills and couches, to make the pool area attractive year-round.

"It's nice to know they're safe because they're outside with music on, plenty of food and drink versus a movie theater parking lot," Smith said, adding that now, at ages 19 and 24, her daughters still regularly invite friends over.

Another hangout-house parent, Jeff Kasky, says it's not necessarily what's in his five-bedroom home that makes it a draw; it's his relaxed yet not overly permissive approach.

A father of boys ages 12, 13 and 16, Kasky resides on a kid-filled cul-de-sac in a gated community in Delray Beach, Florida, with his fiancee, who has a 7-year-old daughter. The four kids enjoy having friends over, especially the two older boys.

Kids play on gaming systems or watch football on the 120-inch, high-definition TV with surround sound, enjoy the fire pit, practice musical instruments and "just lié all over the place" on couches and recliners.

"They know when they come over to our house, there's no pretense," Kasky said. "They can just have a good time. It's good, clean fun."

Since Kasky is, in his own words, a "fairly immature 46-year-old," he gives his kids leeway to get a little rowdy as long as the antics stay positive.

"I'm not going to tell them to keep their voice down for no reason," he said.

Supervision is crucial during the teen years, when kids may try to sneak sips of a Bud when the lights are low during a movie. Parents can subtly remind kids of their presence by throwing in a load of laundry or offering snacks.

"There are parents who, in order to be the cool house, have had to relax that rule and say as long as you are in the house you can have a drink," Kasky said. "That's not acceptable to me for teenagers."

Samantha Leggat describes her home in Livermore, California, as a playground, with lots of activities for kids, like skateboarding or playing Xbox or Wii.

Sometimes, when it's just her boys, ages 12 and 14, they can't figure out what to do — until a friend comes over. That's how Leggat prefers it, so she knows they're not making bad choices or in an unsupervised home.

"I'd rather they be here than anywhere else because I can be the parental person keeping an ear out," says Leggat, 48. "I'm never hovering over them. I get to know the kids and be providing them with all the things they need."

Leggat likes the energy of having people around and says the noise doesn't bother her.

Smith felt the same way, though her husband was a little less tolerant of the floating pizza crusts and cookies that forced them to drain and clean the hot tub several times, or of the late-night laughter.

"I always thought it was a pleasant feeling, lying in bed and you heard all the giggling," Smith said.

Having a hangout house is not for everyone.

"Not everybody enjoys their teenager," Smith said. "You've got to want to be around them and be easygoing and still set the rules."

Many parents who want their house to be the cool house can't make it happen, try as they might.

"You might have a formula, but there's some magical piece," Points said, a "secret sauce" that's intangible, yet needed to have a house full of other people's kids.



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Stucco-covered concrete retaining walls help control temperature fluctuations in the Smith hangout house by the pool in Trussville, Ala. Two years ago, Tammy Smith and her husband added a $115,000 open-air pool house, decked out with fireplace, large TV, refrigerator, two grills and couches, to make the pool area attractive all year. Their daughters hung out there with friends, watching TV and making s'mores.



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network through which the animals in the shelter could be shared online.

"They pretty much handle the social media side of things," said O'Neill. "It's all a volunteer effort on their part. They come in on a daily basis and take pictures, set up foster homes and adoptions, things like that, and that's working out great."

Kurht said the group was motivated after hearing people's thoughts on visiting the shelter.

"So many times people say, 'Oh I just can't go in there, it's just too sad,' so none of them were really getting adopted," she said.

In the beginning, MASA primarily would photograph and record video of the animals to post on the Facebook page, hoping the exposure might improve the animal's chances of being adopted. After a while, however, the group began to place the animals in foster homes while they searched for a permanent home for them.

"People don't realize how full animal control stays," said Kurht. "We have about 80-plus dogs in foster homes right now and we just pulled nine dogs ... and they are already full again. We're really just trying to reach out to the public and get them to adopt a dog instead of buying one."

The group takes the animals out on weekends to adoption events outside places such as PetSmart and Tractor Supply.

"The number of animals that we're transferring to them and into a foster network and the adoptions that are being generated by their social media presence is almost overwhelming," said O'Neill.

While O'Neill said MASA's "hard work is making a big difference," the attention from the group's supporters has added extra pressure to the animal shelter's staff.

"It's been a blessing, but it's also added a big burden to our staff," said O'Neill. "We could really use an extra staff member to help compensate. It's not that we're not appreciative of what they're doing, it's just that it gets overwhelming."

Among the reasons for the rising number of animals coming through the animal shelter is many of the pets have not been spayed or neutered, Stegall said.

"The core of the problem is that dogs continue to be born because dogs aren't being spayed and neutered," she said. "If you don't fix that problem you will always have the other problems; you can't adopt your way out of that problem."

Stegall said the coalition will "be more proactive" over the next year with plans to establish a program to offer low-cost spay and neutering procedures as well as vaccinations.

Since 2003, Midland Animal Services has offered a $70 voucher toward a spay or neuter procedure for pet owners who are also city of Midland residents.

O'Neill said while making sure pets are spayed and neutered is important, the thing that "saves more lives than anything else" is microchips.

"Everything that leaves the shelter is microchipped," said O'Neill. "It's just one more way that we can return an animal in shorter amount of time once it is at the shelter. Even though they may not be spayed or neutered, if we can get them back to their owner then it can still free up kennel space at the shelter."

For $15, O'Neill said pet owners can come to the shelter to get their dog or cat microchipped. For pets that were microchipped elsewhere, owners should call the shelter to add the animal's number to the database so if the animal gets lost, it can easily be returned.

For more information visit www.midlandhumane.org, www.facebook.com/MASAdoptables or www.midlandtexas.gov/143/Animal-Services.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate



Overweight woman's bikini gets harsh review from mom

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 24-year-old plus-sized woman (60 or 70 pounds overweight), but very comfortable in my own skin. When swimming in public, I wear a one-piece bathing suit because it doesn't attract a lot of attention. When I'm home, I have a bikini top and shorts I prefer to wear. This is because I don't like being covered up like it was in the 1950s, and I feel good when my curves are properly accentuated.

When I go back to see my family and swim, I wear a bikini top and black shorts. Recently, my mother said, "When the family comes over, you can't wear that. It makes people uncomfortable."

I was shocked, and we had a huge argument. Most of my cousins are fine with my attire, as are my aunts. Only Mom has a problem with it. I asked if she'd feel the same about a large man swimming without a T-shirt. She said it's different for women.

Am I wrong for wanting to be comfortable in my childhood home? Mom should be proud to have a daughter who accepts herself as she is. Who is wrong here? — OFFENDED DAUGHTER IN CHICAGO

DEAR OFFENDED DAUGHTER: You are not wrong for wanting to be comfortable. But please remember when you visit someone else's home, that person's wishes take precedence — even if it used to be your childhood home.

While you say you are comfortable in your own skin, it would be interesting to know what your physician thinks about your obesity. I suspect your mother would be prouder of you if you were less complacent and more willing to do something about your weight problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of three beautiful daughters. I have been married for 11 years now. I married at 19, just after high school. My husband is 18 years older.

The first five years of marriage, when I fully depended on him, he was arrogant, violent and unfaithful. He hurt me so badly that I vowed to work hard and when I was independent, I would move away. Now I have a stable job — but my kids love him, and I know they will be hurt.

My husband is jobless now. He tells me he supported me when I was jobless, so it's my turn to take care of him. I stay because I feel guilty. Should I finally forgive him, and if so, how? — BITTER IN NAIROBI

DEAR BITTER: If you truly want to forgive your husband for the physical and emotional abuse you suffered in the early years of your marriage, a place to start would be to talk with your spiritual adviser.

You didn't mention whether your husband is trying to find another job, if there is a valid reason why he can't work or if he's still unfaithful. If it's the latter, then in my opinion, you "owe" him the same amount of financial support he gave you and nothing more. However, because I am not familiar with the marriage laws in Kenya, you should discuss this with a lawyer.

MARCIA NORTON

Centers for Children and Families



New college students may not know much about money, food

College is a big step for many children. The college-bound teenager does not have Mom or Dad as his alarm clock, bank, cook, housekeeper or conscience. He eventually will have to figure out things on his own. Parents can help students prepare for some of these essential life tasks.

One of the hardest things for a teenager to successfully handle is finances. Does your student know how to open a bank account or does he already have one established? Do you have access to his bank account and/or can you add funds to it easily if needed? How about balancing a checkbook? Another thing he needs to learn is how to pay bills on time. Be sure to warn your student about the pitfalls of easy-to-get credit cards and car loans with high interest rates. Does your student even know how to calculate interest? This would be a good time for him to establish credit in his name and build a good credit score early.

Another task your student needs to learn is how to create a budget. If he is living in a dorm, basic living expenses are usually included in the cost (rent, water, electric, sometimes food). However, there remain other expenses such as laundry, clothes/shoes, personal hygiene items, entertainment and school supplies. Does your student know how to budget for these things? Many students do not have any idea of the costs of everyday things. For example, a daily $5 cup of mocha latte half-caf cappuccino double expresso (also known as coffee) adds up to $150 per month (without tipping)! A helpful online tool for your student is bankrate.com; it has a student budget calculator specifically formulated for an eight-month school year. Students can then analyze exactly how their money is being handled.

Single, first-time college students usually do not worry about meal planning. They have a tendency to grab and go, eating whatever food is fast and convenient. However this is not always the most nutritionally sound option. Does your student know or care about basic nutrition? Basic guidelines from the Unites States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are for the plate to contain 50 percent fruits and vegetables, 25 percent protein and 25 percent grains (with 50 percent of the grains being whole grains). Also include some low-fat dairy. Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov. This is a good concept for all of us to practice.

Your student might opt to live in a dorm with a meal program; this way he does not have to worry about meal preparation. This sometimes leads to "the freshman 15." This is a common term referring to the average amount of weight gain during a student's first year of college. Some reported causes of this weight gain are the consumption of fat and carbohydrate-rich cafeteria-style food in college dorms. It is very tempting for the student to splurge when not under your watchful eye. Try to prepare your student for this before leaving home.

With some preparation, your college-bound student will be successful with finances and food.

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Lesley Jacobs Solmonson and her husband, David Solmonson, wrote a book filled with cocktail recipes focusing on only the most essential ingredients for great drinking.

Book makes case for simple home bar

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

It's the bane of the home mixologist — complicated cocktail recipes that call for multiple (and often pricey) esoteric liquors doomed to be used once, then linger for years at the back of the cabinet.

Convinced there had to be a better way to stock a bar, Lesley Jacobs Solmonson and husband David Solmonson set out to cull the cocktail herd and home in on only the most essential ingredients for great drinking. They settled on an even dozen, which gave birth first to the website 12bottlebar.com, and now a cookbook/shopping guide, "The 12 Bottle Bar."

Jacobs Solmonson recently spoke with AP about the winnowing process, why tequila didn't make the cut and what to do if a one-bottle bar is more your style. (The interview has been condensed and edited for clarity.)

AP: Explain the concept of the 12-bottle bar.

Jacobs Solmonson: The idea of the 12-bottle bar is sprung for us out of the frustration of trying to make all these really cool drinks that we kept seeing in magazines. Every cocktail in these magazines got progressively more and more complicated, and very often would call for a bottle of something that when you ran out to the store to get it ran between $50 and $70. So we drop our $50 or $70 and use the quarter teaspoon it called for in the drink, and not only would we not like the drink that had been made, but we were stuck with the $70 bottle of "creme de esoteric."

We sat down and said, "What would it take to create a great home bar that was easily accessible in terms of budget, in terms of ease of use, and just in terms of the breadth of cocktails you could make?" And that was where the 12 bottles were born.

AP: Keeping it to 12 bottles obviously involved some hard choices. How did you sort that out?

Jacobs Solmonson: When we started out, we were very much enamored of the emerging (classic) cocktail culture. We fell in love with that idea of artisan quality and because of that we went to very early bottles. The evolution came as we started experimenting, deciding which bottles really made the cut. Our roadmap to choosing the bottles was: Is it cost-effective in terms of the number of drinks it will produce? Does it offer you a breadth of drinks, not just a number of drinks? So we came up with the spirits (brandy, dry gin, genever, amber rum, white rum, rye, vodka, orange liqueur), two bottles of vermouth, a sweet and a dry, and two bottles of bitters.

Tequila did not make the cut. We know tequila and mezcal are huge right now. But for all intents and purposes, tequila makes two drinks. It makes a margarita and a paloma. Now I'm not saying it doesn't make all these amazing drinks that fabulous bartenders are making. But in the world of classic cocktails, there's really not much else.

Vodka however did (make the cut). We would have been foolish if we overlooked the popularity of that market. Because vodka is such a core of modern drinking, we couldn't leave it out. More importantly, when you have vodka, you can make your own liqueurs. So now, one of these bottles in a 12-bottle bar has literally opened the door to five, 10, 20 other bottles, or as many things as you want to make in terms of infusing the vodka.

AP: You gave up two of the 12 bottles to bitters. Why?

Jacobs Solmonson: Bitters is probably one of the most underrated ingredients. The average person doesn't realize what bitters does. You look at it like a spice. You would never cook a dish without seasoning. And bitters is your seasoning. Bitters offers balance.

AP: You also have a chapter on virgin drinks. Isn't that a zero-bottle bar?

Jacobs Solmonson: Well, yes, sort of. But you've always got those 12 bottles you can spike it with. As a good host and as a responsible host, you've got to be able to provide virgin drinks.

AP: You have tips on starting with one-, three- and four-bottle bars. If you had to pare yourself down to just that one bottle, what would it be?

Jacobs Solmonson: I have two loves. I am a gin lover from forever. And I'm also a rye lover. They are extremely different, but they are both very aromatic and I think it's aromatics that attract me. For me, one of the greatest cocktails — the martini — has absolutely no competition. If it is made correctly, it is one of the most exquisite drinks in the world. And you have to use gin in your martini. There is no such thing as a vodka martini. We understand that people order them, but what you are ordering is a long shot of vodka. So man up and try it with some gin.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Microwave ice cream for easy scooping

Dear Heloise: Every day I read your column in the Texarkana Gazette. I have a hint about scooping ice cream: I put the half-gallon container in the microwave upside down for 20 seconds. It causes the ice cream to thaw just enough to scoop it. — Bobbie M. in Texas

Hello to my friends at the newspaper! When I last visited your city, I was doing my one-woman show at the Perot Theatre, and what fun we had! To see some of the folks onstage sharing their hints was a treat! — Heloise

Stuck cake

Dear Heloise: When making a recipe that requires the use of a fluted cake pan, what is the secret to getting the cake out of the pan? I've tried following the recipe that says to grease and flour the pan. I've even tried spraying cooking oil, but the result seems the same. — Janet A., via email

This can be frustrating! Use a pastry brush to coat the pan with solid vegetable shortening. The key is to make sure you get the shortening into every crack and crevice. Then sprinkle with flour, being sure to get into the indents, and sort of shake out the loose flour.

You really need to let the cake cool completely, so place the pan somewhere that has good air circulation, especially the bottom. When it's cool, hit the bottom of the pan on your counter a few times to loosen the cake. Let it cool further. — Heloise

Panko breadcrumbs

Dear Readers: Have you tried using panko breadcrumbs? They are made from crustless bread and baked a special way. They are larger and lighter than regular breadcrumbs, so fried foods are crispier. Use them in place of regular breadcrumbs. You even can top casseroles with them. — Heloise

Iced-tea cubes

Dear Heloise: I enjoy iced tea almost all year-round. I don't like the watered-down taste that it gets when regular ice cubes melt. Now, when I brew the first couple of batches of tea, I freeze the leftover tea into ice cubes. I use these ice cubes, especially during the hot and humid summer, to cool down my iced tea. — Maggie T. in Georgia

This is a good way to keep your drink from being diluted or watered down. You also can freeze lemon juice into ice cubes. For many of my favorite tea and coffee hints, send for my Heloise's Flavored Coffees and Teas pamphlet. To order one, please send, $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Coffees, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Freeze strawberries to use instead of ice cubes in summer drinks. — Heloise

Save liquid

Dear Heloise: Whenever I use a can of chili beans or other canned vegetables that come with liquid that you drain off, I use the liquid instead of straight water when I cook white rice. It adds a nice flavor. — Karen R. in Oregon

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

In season: Native corn begins to fill farm stands in late summer

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

For most of us, piping hot, slathered with butter and sprinkled with salt really is the best way to enjoy corn on the cob.

Our only gripe with it? It's so good, we tend to forget fresh corn doesn't need to be cooked to be delicious. In fact, raw corn eaten right off the cob is easily one of the freshest, sweetest ways to capture the taste of summer. And adding raw corn kernels is an easy way to push just about any salad over the top.

The best way to cut kernels from an ear of corn — cooked or otherwise — is to stand each ear on its wide end on a cutting board. Then use a serrated to knife to saw down the side of the cob, cutting just deep enough to slice off the kernels. Rotate the cob and saw down again, repeating until all of the kernels are removed.

Not ready to go raw? Here's a recipe — a corn and edamame succotash — that still gets you thinking beyond the basic cob.

Summer Edamame Succotash

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 8



3 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
Pinch of red pepper flakes
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 red bell pepper, cored and chopped
4 ears corn, kernels removed
1 cup shelled edamame
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

In a large deep skillet over medium-high, melt the butter. Add the garlic, onion and red pepper flakes, then saute for 4 to 5 minutes, or until tender.

Add the celery, red pepper, corn kernels and edamame. Cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes, thyme and chives, then season with salt and pepper. Cook for another 2 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition information per serving: 120 calories; 60 calories from fat (50 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 10 mg cholesterol; 15 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 4 g protein; 140 mg sodium.

10 fresh ways to dress corn on the cob

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

It's hard to improve on the delicious simplicity of summer perfect corn on the cob slathered with butter and sprinkled with salt.

But we figured we'd give it a try anyway. And we quickly learned that fresh corn is a splendid foundation on which all manner of flavor combinations can be built, from sweet (check out the Fluff masterpiece below) to savory (bacon, anyone?) to spicy (chili lime!). So use our list as a starting point and see how many directions you can go with your corn.

■ **Blue cheese chive butter**
Mash together 4 tablespoons softened butter with 4 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese. Stir in 2 tablespoons finely chopped chives and 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper. Spread on hot corn on the cob.

■ **Old Bay boil**
Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Season heavily with Old Bay Seasoning. Boil husked ears of corn until tender, about 5 minutes. Serve with butter and an additional sprinkle of Old Bay.

■ **Spreadable bacon**
Cook 1 slice of bacon per ear of corn. In a food processor, crumble the bacon and process until finely chopped. Add 1 tablespoon of butter per ear, a pinch of salt and black pepper, and 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar. Spread on hot corn on the cob.

■ **Herb vinaigrette**
In a small bowl, whisk together 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar, a hefty pinch of salt and black pepper, 3 tablespoons olive oil and 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme. Drizzle over the corn.

■ **Toasted almond and tarragon**
Spread 1/2 cup ground almonds on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 350 F until golden and toasted, about 8 minutes. Allow to cool. Mix in 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh tarragon and 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt. Coat each hot ear of corn with butter, then roll in the almond-tarragon mixture.

■ **Toasted marshmallow**
Husk 6 ears of corn, skewer with long skewers, and coat lightly with cooking spray. Grill over medium-high until tender and lightly charred, turning frequently. Spread each ear of corn with a couple tablespoons of marshmallow spread (Fluff). Turn the grill flame up (or use a campfire) and toast the marshmallow on all sides.

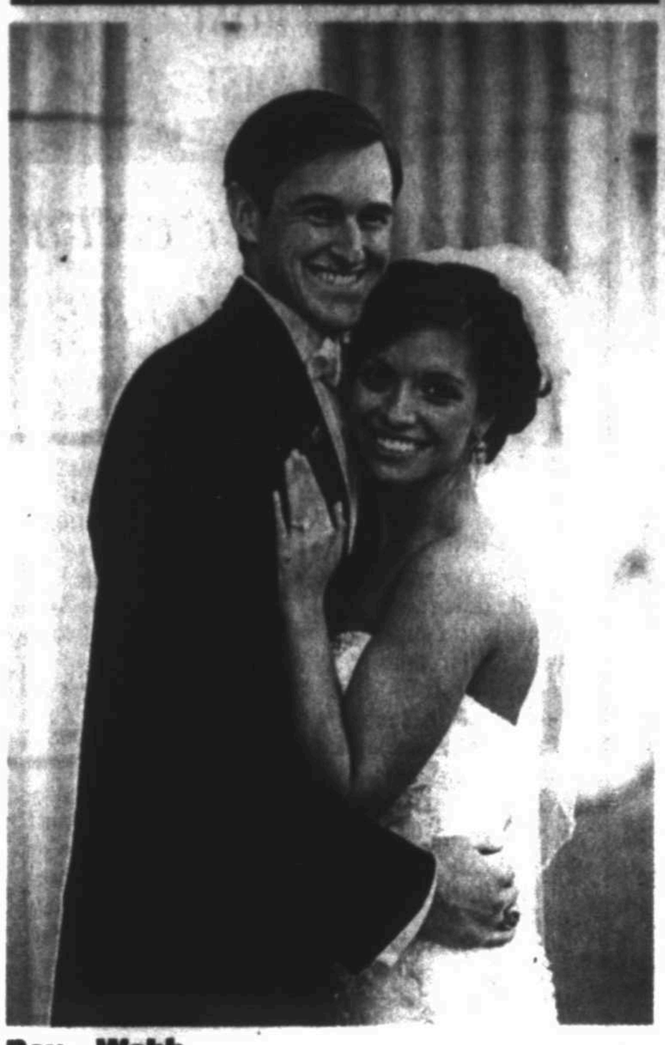
■ **Smoked feta and pepper**
Finely crumble 1/2 cup smoked feta cheese. Mix in 2 tablespoons finely chopped pickled jalapeno peppers. Coat each hot ear of corn with butter, then roll in the cheese and pepper mixture.

■ **Jerk grilled**
Whisk together 1 tablespoon water and 2 tablespoons molasses. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat 4 ears of corn with the molasses mixture. Sprinkle all over with purchased or homemade jerk seasoning. Grill over indirect heat on well-oiled grates until tender.

■ **Chili lime**
Spread cooked ears of corn on a platter. Sprinkle with fresh lime juice, finely grated lime zest, ground cumin, minced serrano chili and salt.

■ **Saffron and olive cream**
Mix 2 tablespoons minced Kalamata olives, 2 tablespoons minced green olives, a pinch of saffron and a pinch of black pepper into 1/4 cup mascarpone cheese. Spread over hot corn on the cob.

WEDDINGS



Rex - Webb

Kelcee Anne Rex and Andrew Raymond Webb were united in marriage October 19, 2013 at six o'clock in the evening at First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, Texas. The Reverend Steven Schorr officiated. Taylor Webb Cason, cousin of the groom, gave the Scripture readings, and Michael Morgan of Lubbock, Texas was soloist.

Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed dinner and dancing with music provided by the Atlantic's, at a reception hosted by the bride's parents at the historic Baker Building.

On the eve of the wedding, the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Caprock Winery. The weekend festivities concluded with a brunch hosted for the "newly Webbs" and their out of town guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Junior Rex of Spearman, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alan Woolley of Amarillo, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Troy Rex, formerly of Spearman, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan Webb of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James David Webb of Mount Ida, Arkansas, the late Patricia Hogan Webb, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earl Bray, all formerly of Midland, Texas.

Serving the bride as her maid of honor was Rebecca Anne Graham of Dallas, Texas, and her matron of honor was Jordan Taylor Fisher of Grapevine, Texas. The bridesmaids were Elizabeth Webb Cooksey, sister of the groom, Kayla Elizabeth Burnett, and Christen Sanchez Timmons, all of Midland, Texas; Meridynn Francesca Barber of Keller, Texas; Rebecca Anne Graham of Dallas, Texas; Saylee Flowers Renick of Canyon, Texas; Kyra Mahanay Skipworth, of Amarillo, Texas, cousin of the bride; and Catherine Payne Webb of Austin, Texas. Allison Anne Cooksey, niece of the groom, and Brailyn Jo Skipworth, cousin of the bride, served as the flower girls.

The groom chose his brother, Jonathan Hogan Webb of Austin, Texas, as his best man. Chad Scott Cooksey, Thomas Craig Elliott, James Matthew Lucas, Westley Pearce Neinast, Kevin Douglas Newton, Tyler Michael Timmons, John Wesley Wilson, and Clay Joseph Yenzer, all of Midland, Texas, served as groomsmen. Honorary groomsmen were Garrett Myles Rex, brother of the bride, and 2nd LT. Patrick Trevor Wayland, friend of the groom. Jackson Scott Cooksey, nephew of the groom, and Callaway Carl Skipworth, cousin of the bride, served as the ring bearer's.

The house party included Jaedyn Alyssa Woolley, cousin of the bride, and serving as the ushers were Lt. Russell Allen Brown of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Dietrich Eli Davis of Fort Worth, Texas; and Jordan Way Davis of Midland, Texas.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Spearman High School and received a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Texas Tech Health Science Center in 2012. She is currently working as a nurse at Midland Women's Clinic under Dr. Gary Madden, OB/GYN.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School and received his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Communications with a Business minor from The University of Texas in Austin in 2009. He is currently Vice President of Land for JASE Minerals, LP.

The couple took their honeymoon in St. Lucia, West Indies and currently resides in Midland, Texas.



Don and Gayle Mitchell

Don and Gayle Mitchell, of Midland, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 16 with a reception at the Fairmont Park Church of Christ from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mitchell and the former Gayle Fine were married August 14, 1964, in Abilene.

They have four children, Larry Mitchell of Carlsbad, N.M., - Shari Blount of Shallowater, Rick Mitchell and Emily Broome, both of Midland - and seven grandchildren.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.



Woodnaturally.com/AP

This entertaining deck featured on Woodnaturally.com demonstrates how exterior soft wood lattice can add a great deal of privacy between neighboring houses.

Versatile wood never goes out of style

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

Working with wood comes naturally to New York interior designer Dan Faires. He grew up in an old farmhouse and has been developing his carpentry skills for much of his life.

So in any house or apartment he occupies, he finds creative ways to decorate with this natural material. To rehab an apartment in Arkansas recently, he covered the dark pine floor with coats of glossy white paint, instantly brightening the room and making it seem larger.

But many homeowners have no experience working with wood, so they don't realize, Faires said, how easy it is to make a home more beautiful by improving the existing wood or creatively adding new wood to walls, floors and even ceilings.

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn, creator of the Flynnside Out Productions design blog, agrees: "While different materials come and go with trends, wood is here to stay. Whether it's for a home's exterior, bedroom walls or for adding shade to your yard or deck, wood is an investment that will never go out of style."

Here, Faires, Flynn and Betsy Burnham of the Los Angeles-based Burnham Design share their favorite ways to decorate with wood.

Feature walls

"Creating interior feature walls with soft woods is an amazing way to add a focal point to a room otherwise considered a 'basic drywall box,'" Flynn said.

You can add decorative wood to a wall from floor to ceiling, or just part of the way up, Burnham said. Options include tongue-and-groove panels, bead board or traditional board and batten.

No matter what you choose, a decorative layer of wood is "so much more interesting than drywall and paint," Burnham said. "It adds texture and interest and timelessness."

Living room or bedroom walls are great candidates, but you can also use this technique to bring architectural interest to an alcove or corner that's tough to decorate with art, Faires said. Or cover the walls of a small bathroom to remodel it inexpensively.

Another great spot to add wood: "Interior entryways, especially those in new construction homes, are a perfect fit for a wainscoting update, as it can make an entryway feel much more grand, add graphic impact, break up the monotony of drywall and also ensure a classic look," said Flynn. "Wainscoting is probably one of the most traditional ways to use wood indoors, and it can be used impactfully in any room."

Dramatic touches

We expect to see wood on floors and walls, but ceilings are also a great place to add it.

You can get creative with patterns, arranging panels of wood in a chevron or other shape, rather than horizontally or vertically.

"Overall, I say stick with a graphic pattern that's large enough to read without becoming too busy," Flynn said. "Diamond patterns are my favorite since they're classic and work with many different styles of decor and architecture."

And you can experiment with color. Wood ceilings can be painted the same shade as the walls for a sophisticated look or in a contrasting color.

If you're really ambitious, add decorative wood to a ceiling or wall in a pattern you design yourself.

"I've drawn designs for full walls and had them built in wood, like raised molding that gives the entire wall a pattern," Burnham said. She has undertaken complicated chinoiserie patterns, but you can plan a simpler pattern and ask a carpenter to cut and install the pieces.

Or consider a painted design: It takes time and patience, but with a roll of painters tape and several shades of paint, you can create your own painted pattern on a ceiling or wood floor.

Customized colors

If you don't see the stain you want at the home-improvement store, find one that's close and "talk to the paint guy," Faires said. "They actually can create a lot of washes with water-based stains."

Or bring a paint swatch and ask to have that color created as a water-based stain.

If you want to try creating a stain yourself, "heavily dilute paint with water, which is kind of the old school way of doing it," Faires said.

Flynn recommends choosing a stain that is "dark enough to add a touch of sophistication, but light enough that the grain of the wood is properly showcased." Dark walnut and pecan finishes are his favorites.

Outdoor beauty

Don't forget about wood outside. Decorative wood can add curb appeal to your home, Flynn said.

To update the exterior of a modern house, he recommends adding architectural interest with stained softwoods like pine. "This is an excellent way to introduce a softer material to a home otherwise outfitted with heavy, hard materials such as brick or stucco," he said. "My favorite trick is to install it vertically rather than horizontally to instantly add the illusion of more height to an otherwise small or average-size house."

Consider wood for privacy in your yard, too: "Wood lattice is a lifesaver for homes which sit close to one another," Flynn said.

Which woods?

Although we often hear the term "hardwood floors," much of the wood used decoratively in homes is technically "softwood." These include cedar, pine, fir and cypress.

"Pine is an excellent choice as it takes both stain and paint well," Flynn said. "Plus, it's one of the most affordable and readily available species out there."

Reclaimed wood salvaged from old buildings and barns is popular, but it's expensive and hard to find, Faires said. If you like the look of aged, distressed wood, take new planks of cedar or pine and stain them with a gray wash, he said.

Experts weigh pros, cons of power washing

By Carole Feldman
Associated Press

It's not just national monuments like Mount Rushmore that could benefit from a good power wash every now and then.

Is there grime on your siding that good old-fashioned elbow grease won't take away? Stains on your concrete driveway? Is the deck looking dirty?

Power washing or pressure washing — the terms are used almost interchangeably — might be an option.

"People find it so powerful," said Ken Collier, editor-in-chief of The Family Handyman magazine. "It's so fast and it's so liberating."

You can hire a pressure-washing company, or do it yourself. Machines come in electric and gas models, and can be rented or purchased.

Are there risks?

"Too much pressure on vinyl siding or stucco can cause damage to the surface," said Doug Rucker, owner of Clean and Green Solutions in Kingwood. "The same thing with concrete cleaning."

Similarly, excessive pressure on a deck can tear up the wood. "When we're cleaning wood decks, we're using what we call low pressure," he said.

When you're cleaning the exterior of the house, window and door seals need to be protected to prevent leaks. Windows could also break if you inadvertently hit them with the same pressure you're using for the rest of the house.

And, there's always the risk of working on ladders with a machine that has recoil. "It's something where ladder safety is very important," Collier said.

Homeowners also need to be aware of overhead power lines.

Still, many people decide to do the work themselves. Home supply stores offer an array of pressure washers; prices range from about $100 to more than $1,000.

Collier said most of the skill in using a power washer lies in applying the right pressure and tip. "It's like anything else — you have to learn how the tool operates," he said.

Gas pressure washers tend to be more powerful, noisier, heavier and more expensive than electric ones. Manuals that come with the units should explain what types of job they're good for.

If you decide to rent a power-washing machine, Collier advised, "Have a job in mind, ask what tip you need and if there's an additive that will help with the cleaning."

And don't forget the prep work. "The finished product is only going to be as good as the preparation you did," said John Nearon of Exterior Wood Restoration in Cicero, Indiana.

People unaccustomed to such work might be advised not to try it themselves, Collier cautioned. "Lots of people do it themselves, but it's also something that for most people it would be a hire and done," he said.

Hiring a contractor to power wash a home could cost 12 cents to up to 20 cents per square foot, depending on the location and surface, according to Rucker, who also provides training for power washers.

Before hiring, ask questions:

■ **Insurance.** Is the contractor insured to cover any damage or injury that might occur when cleaning? Don't be afraid to ask for a copy of their insurance certificate binder, Rucker said.

■ **Training.** Do workers get continuing education to keep their training up to date?

■ **The process.** "Talk to them about how they're going to clean it, what kind of process they're going to use, down to the products they're using," he said. In the Southeast, for example, he said bleach is used to kill mold and mildew and keep it away longer.

■ **Safeguarding landscape.** What will they do to protect trees, shrubs or other plants around the house or property being cleaned? Rucker said that wetting down plants and keeping them watered is important. If you cover them, he said, do it only for minutes at a time.

Power washing isn't just for big projects; it also can be used for things like patio furniture and cars.

Collier likens the experience of using a power washer for the first time to switching from a hand lawnmower to a gas, self-propelled one. "It's kind of a momentous thing," he said. "You can't say the same thing about most tools."

Author defends Florida's surfing reputation

By Barbara Marshall
Cox Newspapers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Pity the poor Florida surfer. Stuck with short rides on weak waves. Knee-high to flat surf. Close out, washing-machine slop.

All true usually, but on a good day, all wrong, said Paul Aho, who's a bit defensive about Florida's waves.

He's been surfing them since 1965 at age 11, when he first charged into the surf near his Ocean Ridge home on a borrowed surfboard.

And found a lifelong passion.

An artist and academic, Aho, 59, has just published a 264-page love letter to Florida's waves called "Surfing Florida."

With a trove of rarely seen photos, Aho lovingly documents more than a century of Florida surfing history.

Surfing here began in 1909 when a Daytona Beach couple constructed their own surfboard, becoming the state's first documented example of stand-up surfing.

He includes a 1919 "surfboarding" photo from Palm Beach, in which modestly dressed riders carry blunt-nosed balsa wood boards into the foaming ocean. "The Hawaiian sea sport promises to be increasingly popular at Palm Beach this winter," the caption reads.

Aho's book demonstrates that, while Florida's surf may not be as consistent as Southern California's, when it's good, it's pretty darn great, especially on his home beaches.

"The Palm Beaches have the best surf in the state, but it's not as frequent good surf as other places," Aho said.

It's indisputably the prettiest, though. Many of his local photos show surfers atop waves of clear, liquid turquoise, thanks to our coastline's big bump eastward toward the Gulf Stream.

The book is an expansion of the 2012 Florida surfing exhibit Aho produced with Ron Faulds, director of University Galleries at Florida Atlantic University, when Aho was an FAU adjunct art professor. The exhibit later went on tour throughout the state.

"We felt the perception of Florida (surfing) was unwarranted," said Aho. "Part of the incentive (to do the book) was to re-position surfing in Florida within the international context. And to deflate some of the West Coast arrogance."

Disputing jibes about Florida's flat seas, Aho includes photos of champion surfers riding famous breaks around the state, including on the Gulf Coast.

He crisscrossed the state to meet several generations of surfers and assure them he would include more than Brevard County's famous surfing beaches.

"Surfers are kind of a tribal group. They keep to themselves, so we had to earn their trust to get introductions," said Aho. "We had to assure everyone this wouldn't be just 'The Cocoa Beach story.'"

It's obvious Aho has a soft spot for Florida's first surfing boom in the 1960s.

Nostalgic photos from early West Palm Beach surf photographer M.E. Gruber evoke a time when teenage life was set to a Beach Boys soundtrack and Singer Island was Surf City, thanks to a beached freighter called Amaryllis.

The Greek ship ran aground during Hurricane Betsy in 1965. For the three years before it was sunk to create an artificial reef, the freighter's 441-foot bulk created the perfect wave for a generation of local surfers.

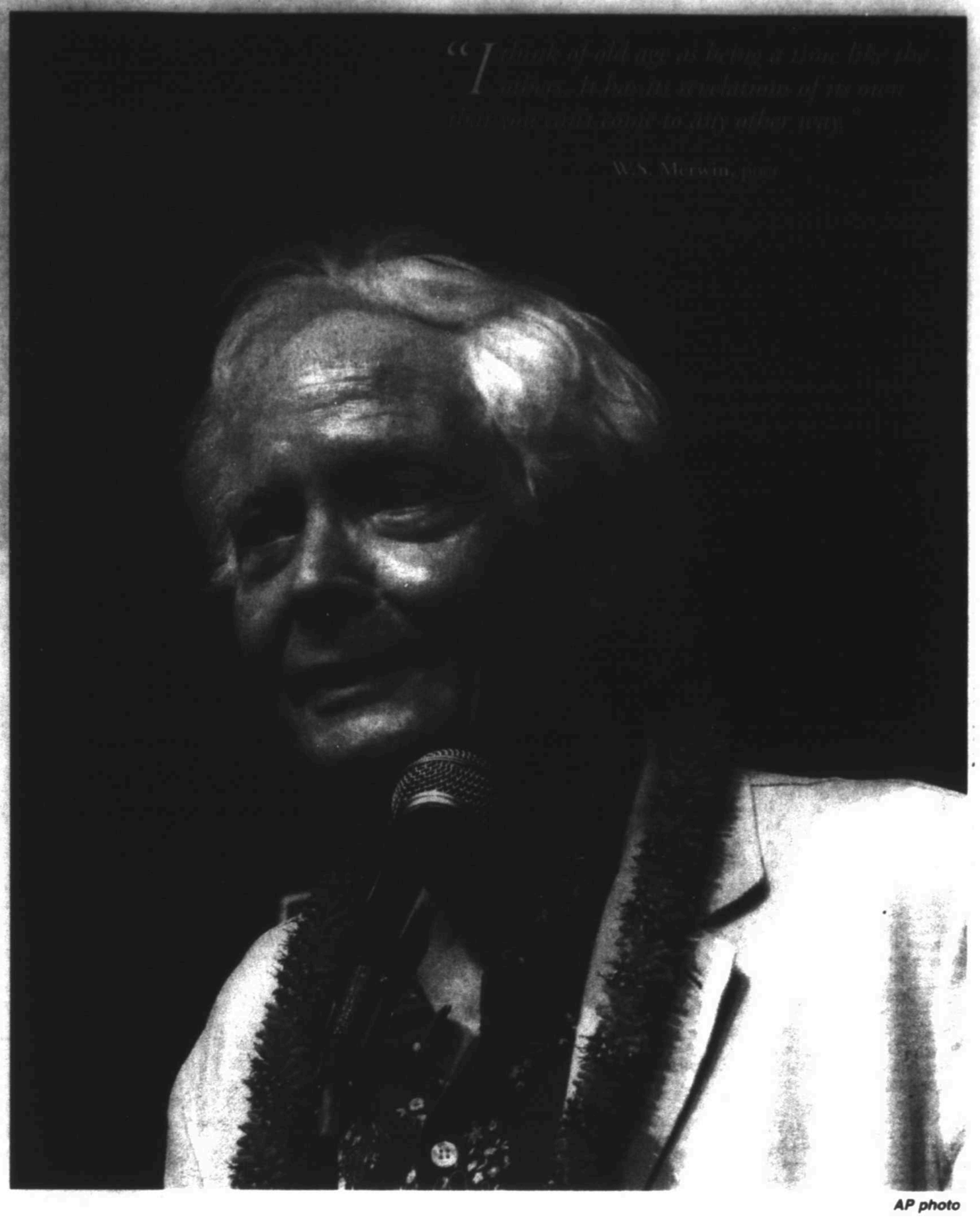
"Those people are in their 60s now," Aho said. "One of our goals was to capture this history before it disappeared."

"I see the book as an affirmation for the people who pioneered the sport here, as recognition for their participation in the corpus of surf history," said Aho. "And I hope people get over the idea that there are no good surfers or good surf in the state of Florida."

Aho still surfs whenever he can, but as dean of Paducah School of Art & Design at West Kentucky Community and Technical College, he's landlocked. But he's still riding a board.

A longboard skateboard.

"Instead of waves, I'm tackling the hills here in western Kentucky," he said.



AP photo

Prize-winning poet still at work at 86

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — He is 86 years old, his eyesight is failing and much of his recent work reads like a man saying goodbye.

But W.S. Merwin continues to write poems; he cannot help himself.

"I wrote the last one about 10 days ago, it doesn't stop, and I don't know where it comes from," said Merwin, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and former U.S. poet laureate widely regarded as among the greatest poets of the past half-century.

"I remember, just over a year ago, after several readings and two red-eye flights, I was absolutely exhausted. But in the middle of the night, I woke up with a line and a half of poetry to write."

Speaking by phone from his house on the island of Maui in Hawaii, Merwin said he hopes to finish at least another book, health permitting, and also discussed his latest collection, "The Moon Before Morning." Like his Pulitzer Prize winner from 2008 "The Shadow of Sirius," its themes are age, time and memory. Phrases such as "this unrepeatable present," "the current music of vanishing" and "the long-gone night pasture" can be found throughout.

In "Relics," he writes of his affinity for worlds that have disappeared.

Before I knew words for it
I loved what was obsolete
crumpled at the foot of the closet
lost in the street
left out in the rain
in its wet story
from another age

"I think I've seen so many things in my lifetime just as they were vanishing, and sometimes I realized it was happening and sometimes I didn't," Merwin said. "I remember one wonderful period of late summer and autumn into winter, way up in the mountains of northern Portugal, an area that really had not changed since the Romans. So this was very, very ancient in so many ways — the architecture, the way of farming. I was just hugging myself. It was wonderful."

Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Merwin is a Presbyterian minister's son whose earliest memories of language include writing out the sermons of his father. He was composing his own verse while still a boy and was class poet at Princeton University. His first collection, "A Mask for Janus," won the Yale Younger Poets prize in 1951, and by the end of the decade, his friends and acquaintances included Ezra Pound, T.S. Eliot, Sylvia Plath and Robert Lowell.

His style and subject matter would change profoundly, from the classical influences of his early poems to the anti-war themes of the 1960s to the more condensed and philosophical verse of recent years, influenced by his immersion in Buddhism. Throughout, he has been a man of peace — he was a conscientious objector during World War II — a recorder of the past, a believer in nature and a skeptic of humankind. At his Princeton graduation, he read a commencement poem that mourned those who had died in war and explained to the graduation committee that he had "little optimism" about the future.

"I think what we've been doing to the Earth, especially since the dawn of the machine age, is so appalling that I don't know (if) we can turn it back," he said during his interview.

The poem "No Flag" scorns the pursuit of earthly glory, noting that after "the speeches the medals the fame" comes the "unmapped cold of death." But some of the poems in "Moon Before Morning" are statements of gratitude, like "Variation on a Theme," a procession of "thank yous" for everything from friendship and language to the parts of his body and his windows "above the rivers."

Work these days can be a struggle for Merwin in part because he writes in longhand ("The computer and I are not friends," he explains) and has to make the letters large in order to read them. Still, the pictures are clear in his mind and words themselves make him hopeful. "I do not have to see/in order to believe," he writes in "The Color They Come To," from his new collection. "I know that the flame tree is flowering/when I see petals at my feet."

"I think of one of my greatest heroes, (William Butler) Yeats," Merwin said. "He wrote at length — although nothing of Yeats is too long — about old age. He came to it with real anger, as though it was an outrage."

"I think of old age as being a time like the others. It has its revelations of its own that you can't come to any other way. I don't have any of those feelings Yeats had at all. I accept it with a certain amount of curiosity."

Mystery novel keeps readers wanting to help protagonist



GLEN AARON
Glen Aaron writes about West Texas writers at www.glenaaron.com

In "The Ecuadorian Deception" by Bear Mills of Lubbock, the operative word for the plot is, indeed, deception.

Mills is a master of the mysterious. He winds the vagueness of perception, even as the reader tries to piece together the puzzle of deception. Readers find themselves at every turn wanting to help the protagonist, George d'Hout, out of the desperate circumstances in which he finds himself.

From Ecuador, d'Hout receives a phone call at his home in Houston. The call is from a man saying he is Roberto Ordonez. The call by Ordonez is short and to the point. He will pay d'Hout $50,000 for two weeks work and is sending him a $5,000 retainer and a plane ticket. Before d'Hout can disagree or ask questions, Ordonez hangs up. Thinking this is a crank call, d'Hout dismisses it until the check and plane ticket arrive, along with a message that he will be met at the Guayaquil airport.

Now, holding the check in his hand, d'Hout begins to ponder heading for Ecuador over the resistance of his wife, Carol. D'Hout is a freelance web developer, a consultant. What could he possibly do to earn $50,000 in two weeks? The offer is just too intriguing to not entertain it. After all, if it doesn't work out, he can just get back on the plane and come home.

D'Hout is met at the airport by a man representing himself as working for Ordonez. He is driven to the hotel and told Ordonez will meet him later. After several days of no contact and sitting in the hotel, d'Hout decides to take matters in his own hands and commences an Internet search of Guayaquil addresses that might apply to Ordonez. During this entire time, the only person d'Hout has met at the hotel is an effusive archaeologist, Professor Knight, who has been quite friendly and even invited d'Hout to his dig.

Through deduction d'Hout decides on an address in the wealthier part of town and hires a taxi to take him there. The plot begins. When no one answers at the front door, d'Hout opens the door to find a dead man in a pool of blood. Was it Ordonez? D'Hout immediately turns to leave, only to discover that his taxi has abandoned him, and he has now lost his MacBook and cellphone charger that he had left in the taxi.

With the few bars he has left on his phone, d'Hout calls Knight, who had given d'Hout his phone number when he had invited him to the dig. D'Hout tells Knight he is stranded, gives him his location, and asks if Knight could give him a ride. Soon, the professor appears in his old Renault and informs d'Hout that news blasts are all over the radio announcing a murder at the address where d'Hout had been, and with a clear description of d'Hout, the police were searching for him.

Knight agrees to befriend d'Hout and drive him to Cuenca where there are many Americans, and he can fit in. Time is needed to seek help rather than immediately ending up in an Ecuadorian jail with no outside communication. However, things are not what they seem, and the effervescent Knight is a man of two personalities. It turns out that he is in a conspiratorial treasure hunt, perhaps with Ordonez. The hunt revolves around an Ecuadorian treasure buried by 17th century pirates named George d'Hout and Edward Davies. D'Hout from Houston is now a captive of the conspiracy on the belief he has knowledge of this treasure from his family history.

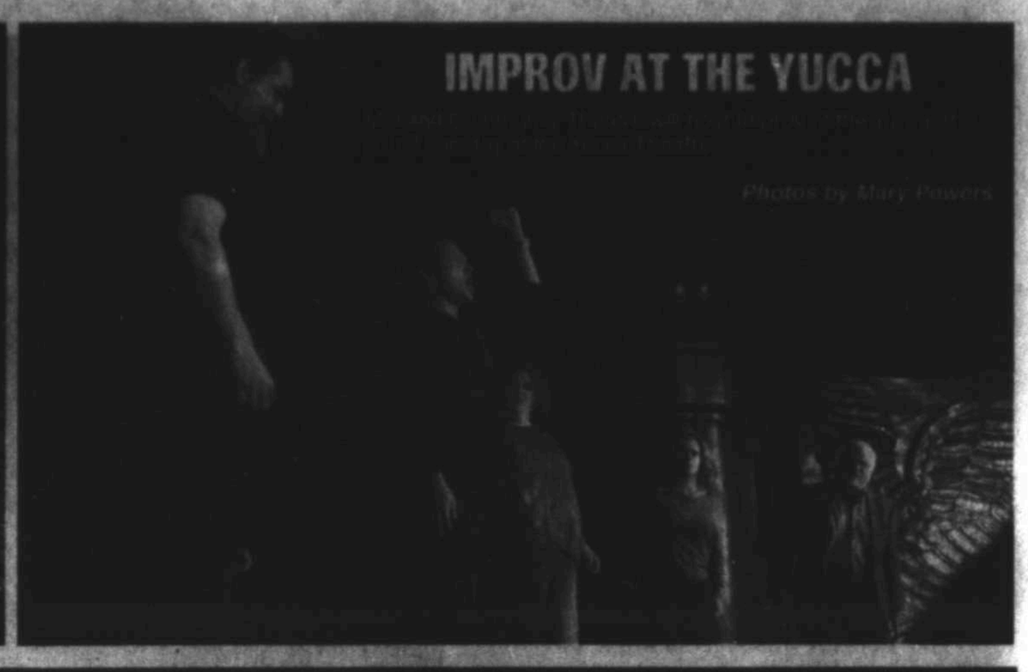
By this time, Carol is beside herself from not hearing from her husband. She solicits the help of d'Hout's brother, Hugh. Hugh and Carol begin calling officials, asking questions and announcing that d'Hout is missing in Ecuador. Ultimately, an ICE agent, Albert Pujols, who has knowledge of Ordonez dealing in black-market relics and historical objects of great value, travels to Ecuador in search and rescue of d'Hout, if he is still alive. The plot thickens, as if it were not already plenty intense.

"The Ecuadorian Deception" is not only great entertainment a reader can escape into after work and before going to bed, it is a nice introduction to beautiful Ecuador in a way that you won't see in travel magazines.

Mills will speak at the West Texas Book Festival on Sept. 22-26 at the Abilene Public Library. His Facebook page includes an interesting account of how the book was written and offers some beautiful pictures of Ecuador.

"The Ecuadorian Deception" can be purchased at Barnes&Noble, Hastings, or online at Amazon.com.





CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

"Objects in Mirror" one-act play, 2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church. uumidland.org.

RockHounds vs Springfield and Faith and Family Day, 2 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

The Shades, 7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Free Admission Sunday made possible by Cimarex Energy Co. 2-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

MONDAY

"Seeing in the Dark" PBS film screening, noon-1 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@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.

Permian Basin Outing Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Murray's Deli. sibleynaturecenter.org.

WEDNESDAY

RED/Demon Hunter, 7 p.m. at Ace Arena in Andrews. whatyeshuacando.com.

Queensryche, 8 p.m. at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

THURSDAY

Sibley Camera Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Guy Forsyth's Hot Nut Riveters, 8 p.m. at ArtiZen Outlet. talltownes.com.

Happy Together Tour, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

Walther & the Awe Hells, 8 p.m. Aug. 15 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Christian Music Festival, Friday and Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

"The Phantom of the Opry (Or Frankly, My Dear)," through Aug. 23 at Black Box Theatre in Odessa. mark-10theatricals.com.

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

A'lante Flamenco Dance, 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Wine tasting and gallery event with artists Stephen Culver, Bob Callendar, Mark Gaines and Michael Mattei, 6-10 p.m. at 1801 W. Industrial Ave.

Shoji Tabuchi, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Lower Society Car Show, through Aug. 17 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

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 "Healing Blade" through Aug. 24. "In the Making: The Art of Tracy Krumm" through Aug. 24. "Teen Artist in Residency: Yarn Bombiming" through Aug. 24. 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 Don McSparran 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 Aug. 29 at Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Ken Little through Aug. 24. "Our People, Our Land, Our Images" through Aug. 10. Edward Curtis in the Southwest through Aug. 31. Katie Maratta through Aug. 24.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-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

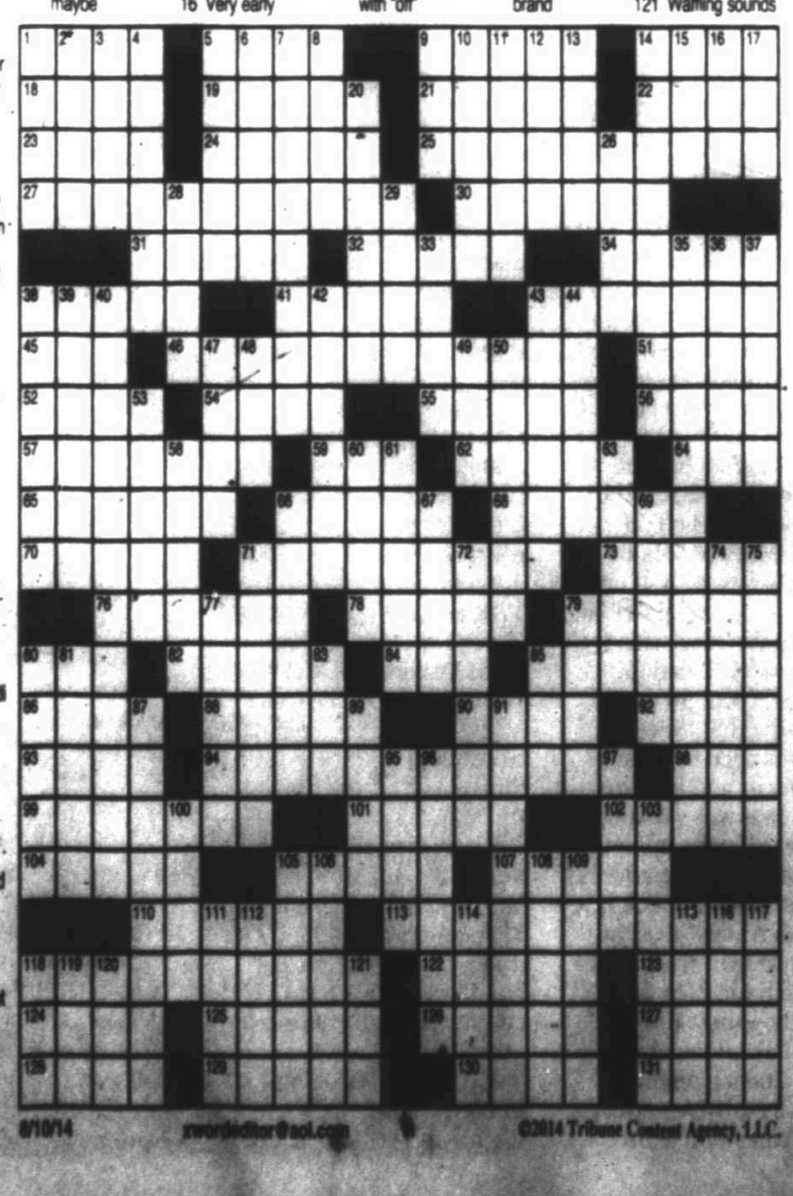
"CATCHY PHRASES" By MELANIE MILLER

ACROSS

1 Place with canoes
5 Tabletop
9 Groups of foxhounds
14 Little one on a board
18 Sashes with bows
19 Skating maneuvers
21 Interwoven hair
22 "Wonderlilad" cookie
23 Unimposing
24 Wrangler's rope
25 What determines when the bash ends?
27 Awkward work period?
30 Walks leisurely
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32 "The Thin Blue Line" director Morris
34 Outlaw tracker
38 Vision-correcting aid
41 Student-teacher calculation, say
43 Savanna newborn
45 Acct. posting
46 Chess great keeping warm?
51 "For that reason"
52 Uncultured sort
54 Chevy subcompact
55 Soap staple
56 Superman portrayer Cain
57 Italian cheesecake cheese
59 Crisp quality
62 Sudden burst
64 Like Thurber's humor
65 Tattoo sites, perhaps
66 Course often taken first
68 Thermal _
70 Modus operandi
71 Containers for some pork cuts?
73 '50s sci-fi flier
76 Unlikely to be talked out of
78 Looks
79 Reporter's need
80 Dodgers
82 Plentiful
84 R.I. summer hours
85 Bullet propellant
86 Macbeth, for one
89 Prompt, as a forgetful actor
90 Give a tongue-lashing, with "out"
92 Passionate
93 Reheat, in a way
94 Hoedown official having a bad day?
98 Pre-event period
99 Like Marilyn Monroe's voice
101 Stoppers of spirits
102 Padded
104 _ Rossi wine brand
105 Was brilliant
107 Pastry bag filler
110 Mile High player
113 Demand for fabric softener?
118 Yellowstone roughneck?
122 Diving birds
123 Take the edge off
124 Biblical barterer
125 Actor with seven Emmys
126 Causing shudders, maybe
127 "Slippery" trees
128 Stare
129 Swamp growths
130 Ones breaking away
131 Bug repellent ingredient

DOWN

1 Cruiser drivers
2 Bump up against
3 22-Across variety
4 Freudian concern
5 "The Bells of St. _"
6 Be real
7 Fish that swims upright
8 Voices in a coro
9 Very quietly, in music
10 1836 battle site
11 December number
12 Hobbyists' purchases
13 Eyelid irritation
14 Like a certain fairy tale apple
15 Give pieces to
16 Very early
17 Scand. land
20 Rare football result
26 Dash for cash, e.g.
28 Go-_
29 Remove fat from
33 Teams are often on it, with "the"
35 Chauffeur who's off his rocker?
36 Baking staple
37 Key wood
38 Ones who are astrologically balanced?
39 Honor with oil
40 Agent in need of Weight Watchers?
42 Unitetyed
43 Racing's 24 Hours of _
44 On the warpath
47 Feed bag feed
48 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
49 Most retirees: Abbr.
50 Winds down, with "off"
53 "Good Times" star
58 Romeo and Juliet, e.g.
60 Afflictions
61 Word on a check
63 Eraser target
66 Adviser to Nero
67 Worked a dance, for short
69 Cheese from the Netherlands
71 Manhattan area, with "the"
72 Sunset Limited operator
74 Busy
75 More than wanted
77 Liberty island symbol
79 Not all
80 Cable news station
81 Legend creator
83 Preside over
85 20th-century White House nickname
87 Crayola color retired in 2003
89 Kitchen gadget brand
91 Kronborg Castle, in Shakespeare
95 Over there, to Shakespeare
96 Big Easy cuisine
97 Author Jaffe
100 British Conservative
103 Was like-minded
105 Quick bread choice
106 Took for a ride
108 Pessimist
109 "Nothing more required here"
111 Epps of "The Mod Squad"
112 Wine taster's concern
114 Hardships
115 Leafy vegetable
116 Salinger's "With Love and Squalor" girl
117 _ pilot
118 Mooch
119 "White Collar" network
120 Full circuit
121 Waffling sounds



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Classy end-play

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 9 8
♥ 9 6 3
♦ J 3
♣ K Q J 9 6

WEST
♠ 7 6 4
♥ 8 7
♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4
♣ 5 3

EAST
♠ K 10 5 3
♥ K J 10 5 2
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A Q 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ A K
♣ A 8 7 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	2	Pass	3♡
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♡

Even at favorable vulnerability, the East-West bidding was hyperactive. Perhaps they should cut down on their caffeine.

South was Tubby Stayman, wife of the late Sam Stayman, after whom the famous convention is named. Mrs. Stayman is a legendary fundraiser for The United Jewish Appeal and other worthy causes, and is also a fine bridge player.

She carried on to slam when partner showed some signs of life, only to discover that her hand and dummy's hand were "mirrored." This duplication of distribution often creates problems. On this deal, she needed both major suit finesses to work plus something else to happen. She made that something else happen!

Declarer won the opening diamond lead, drew trumps in two rounds, and led a spade to the queen. So far so good! She now made the excellent play of cashing her remaining high diamond. Next came a trump to dummy in order to play a heart to the queen. When that won, she continued with the ace and another heart.

East won, but was forced to yield a ruff-sluff or play a spade. He chose a spade, which Mrs. Stayman let run to dummy's jack, then claimed her slam. Well played!

Note that had Mrs. Stayman not cashed her last diamond, East would have had a safe exit in that suit and the slam would have been defeated.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014:

This year you often go back and forth between what you want to do and what think you should do. You will discover which voice works best for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ The Full Moon tests your diplomatic skills. You don't need everyone to agree with you, but you might like some peace. Tonight: Who cares about tomorrow?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You are unusually tense and driven by various forces. You could decide to go off and play a hard game of racquetball. Tonight: Enjoy the summer night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your energy will be in sync with a dear friend. You might decide to take off together and explore a fair or flea market. Tonight: Enjoy every moment of this weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Make sure that someone you are dealing with is clear about what you think and what you want. Tonight: Know what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be busy juggling different concerns. A loved one could be making a request that feels like a demand. Tonight: Off to dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might realize that you need to go into work, or perhaps you need some time to manage a different responsibility. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might decide to practice some of your flirtation skills. Bone up on your skills with a loved. Tonight: Go till the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ No matter which direction you turn, it might feel as if you have some additional weight on your shoulders. Tonight: Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Speak your mind. You could be seeing a situation with a great deal of detachment. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to approach a money matter differently. You could opt for a lively discussion. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You have a tendency to attract a lot of suggestions, though you don't always care what the plans or decisions will be. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Take some personal time and create a much more fulfilling day for yourself. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

BORN TODAY

Author Suzanne Collins (1962), fashion designer Betsey Johnson (1942), actress Rhonda Flemings (1923)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale welcomes singers to join the chorale during the 2014-2015 season. The chorale will hold its first rehearsal at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the MOSC administrative offices, 3100 LaForce Blvd. Repertoire for this season includes an all-American program, and the Brahms Requiem. Contact Gregory M. Pysh at chorale@mosc.org or visit MOSC.org for more details.

Pop art packs punch in home decor

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Mid-century modern style is now firmly planted in the home decor landscape. And one of its elements, pop art, is cultivating a 21st century following.

Eye-catching, graphic, often tongue-in-cheek or sassily whimsical, pop art decor plays well off the vintage vibe and yet also makes contemporary furnishings, well, pop.

In the 1950s, Abstract Expressionism dominated the art world, with Willem de Kooning, Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock among its superstars. The canvas served as an arena for aggressive applications of paint. Conceptual, nonfigurative art found a strong following in the art world, if not always with average Americans, at least at first.

In the effervescent, culture-obsessed 1960s, artists like Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein and David Hockney created collages, mixed media art and lithographs that depicted the talismans of popular culture. They took inspiration from consumer culture, from soap boxes to soup cans, flags to the funny papers, Marilyn Monroe to Mao. While some critics derided it as jokey, low-brow or too focused on materialism, the approachable imagery connected easily with mainstream America. It was hip, fun and relatable.

"I consider pop art a classic," said Jennifer DeLonge, an interior and product designer in Carlsbad, California. "It was such an important time in design and it continues to withstand so many fleeting trends. As a designer, I'm always drawn to pop first because I appreciate graphic lines and very obvious color."

DeLonge has launched a social marketplace app called Reissued that brings lovers of vintage, one-of-a-kind and hard-to-find items together to buy and sell. A bright yellow 1960s Coke bottle crate was recently up for grabs. (www.reissued.com)

Fab.com's pop art decor includes Quinze + Milan's giant Brillo box pouf. Also of note: Karlsson's minimalist wall clock made of two oversize red hands; Finnish designer Jonna Saarinen's abstract, printed birch tray in vivid tangerine and red; and lithographs in the Masters of Pop Art collection that includes Warhol's portrait of Muhammad Ali, Keith Haring's "Untitled" series, and Lichtenstein's "Blonde Waiting."

Biaugust's whimsical little black upholstered chairs shaped like ponies, lambs and buffalo are available at Mollaspace. Here too is a vivid bubble-gum-pink and Slushie-blue map of the world, as well as acrylic coasters printed with blank cartoon-speech bubbles that can be written on with a reusable pen, and a series of canvas storage bins printed with old-school boom boxes, radios and TV sets. (www.mollaspace.com)

A few pop art accessories in a room make a statement for a modest price. Creative Motion's cylindrical table lamp printed with comic-strip imagery is under $50. A collection of kicky, '70s-style graphic print pillows from notNeutral pack pop punch. (www.wayfair.com)

Canvases and throw pillows from the Los Angeles art decor studio Maxwell Dickson feature some arresting, edgy designs, including a photorealistic image of a tableful of empty liquor bottles, a typographic traffic jam of color-blocked letters, and the word "POP" exploding like a cartoon graphic. (www.maxwelldickson.com)

The Museum of Modern Art's store has lots of pop art items from which to choose: Damien Hirst's white wall clock with colorful polka dots would be terrific in a child's room. Verner Panton's black and white Optik pillow features a dizzying kaleidoscope of circles and stripes that's as much "op" as "pop." There's also a wide range of prints and postcards that you can frame yourself. (www.momastore.org)

Check Spoonflower.com for fabric yardage and wallpaper with pop art prints from new designers.

Lusk

From 8E

Her background: "I was lucky to go to a magnet school as a drama major in Little Rock. I knew I wanted that in college at the University of Arkansas, but found I always wanted to be doing what the boys were doing: playing with tools and making the sets. That's how I got into stagecraft route. Then I got my graduate at Indiana University and came here."

Where she's from: "I'm from all over the South. I was born in Georgia, lived in both Carolinas, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana and now back in Texas."

Her design inspiration: "That's interesting because every show is different and the design has to be a show-by-show basis. Many designers have a specific aesthetic, but I'm a hodgepodge. I love diving into research and it doesn't matter what my own aesthetic is but what's important for the show. For 'Urinetown,' I wanted to make sure what I was thinking is going to reflect the show, so I researched urban atrophy or insane asylums falling apart and the interesting dynamics of what those things look like."

Her first show ever: "Well that depends. My first ever in theater was in first grade and was in a play called 'Beauty Loo and the Country Beast.' I was very proud to be the donkey. But my first realized design ever was as an undergrad for a children's show called 'The Arkansas Bear.'"

On her approach: "I read the plays and hopefully for enjoyment the first time. Then I read again and the director will give their input and share their impression of what they want the audience to experience. From those, I do an analysis about what's important for set to have and what the writer intended. I always find it interesting to dive further into the material as to why they wrote the play."

On designing her home: "So the reason my office is kind of a mess is because I feel the need to nest. I need to feel comfortable to be creative. My husband, Jeremy, and I live in a tiny apartment now, but we've been taking time to unpack and get artwork up. I feel the need to make a space mine. It makes me feel energetic, but I don't think it reflects what I've done onstage. I like old stuff but that's my own personal aesthetic."

Her bucket-list play: "One would be 'Avenue Q.' I really love puppetry and I have a few of my own in my office. There are the puppets of course in the show but there are other things more set-incorporated that I'd love to do."

On movie or television work: "I have contemplated that. I took a TV/film design class. I would enjoy a TV show because a movie is almost too big and too detailed to wrap my head around right now. I like details, but if it's so huge, I'd be afraid I couldn't get all the details — unless it had a million dollar budget of course."

But if she did work on a TV show: "It's very stereotypical of me to say 'Game of Thrones' because I'm a huge nerd, but it's so interesting because of their creativity."

When not set designing: "I have a German shepherd/border collie mix named Leela. I like to run and exercise. I like reading if I can ever get a chance and I love board games. My husband loves Dungeons and Dragons, but I like strategy games like Settlers of Catan."

Parks

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American men into careers as elementary teachers. Fewer than 1 percent of elementary teachers are African-American males but there are clearly many more than that in the population. I started that 15 years ago and now the program is in 19 states. And I'm working with the dean of education at UTPB to do the same thing for Hispanic males as elementary teachers in West Texas.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Parks: Oh gosh! One of my favorite meals is a plain omelet with glass of white wine and a small tossed salad. That's as mundane and boring as could be. Maybe I'd have some ranch dressing with it.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Parks: Bourbon. I have two shots of bourbon and ginger ale every day and for the last 40 years. It's my downtime and it's just enough to help me relax and reflect on the day.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Parks: It is a totally eclectic mix. There's classical and country and western with pop and standards. I really like all kinds of music. I'm writing a play now and trying to make it a musical. I don't know how Tammy Wynette fits with Toscanini, but it's there.

Jacob

From 8E

imaginative and immersive storytelling, the museum will celebrate digital arts, animation, film-making, comics, technology and Lucas' love for art — especially Norman Rockwell.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum with its proximity to the Presidential Archives, George Bush Childhood Home, UTPB/Stonehenge and Arts Center offers a natural synergy awaiting a vision (and a Yoda) to transform itself into a viable cultural hub the Permian Basin can be proud of for generations to come. Content themes of promoting digital arts, animation, rapid-prototyping, an expanded 3D printing and multi-media mini-theater in an iconic LEED certified museum building transformation were proposed as part of the push to re-brand and re-enhance visitor appeal to the Permian Basin. A question to reflect on perhaps would be what the mayors of Odessa and Midland can do to support initiatives that will benefit the communities collectively. The Ellen Noel is a vital visitor attraction that serves nearly 50,000 residents including 10,000 school children each year for the last 29 years, with free admissions. Only when the cities and citizens come together can we make the impossible possible for our collective future.

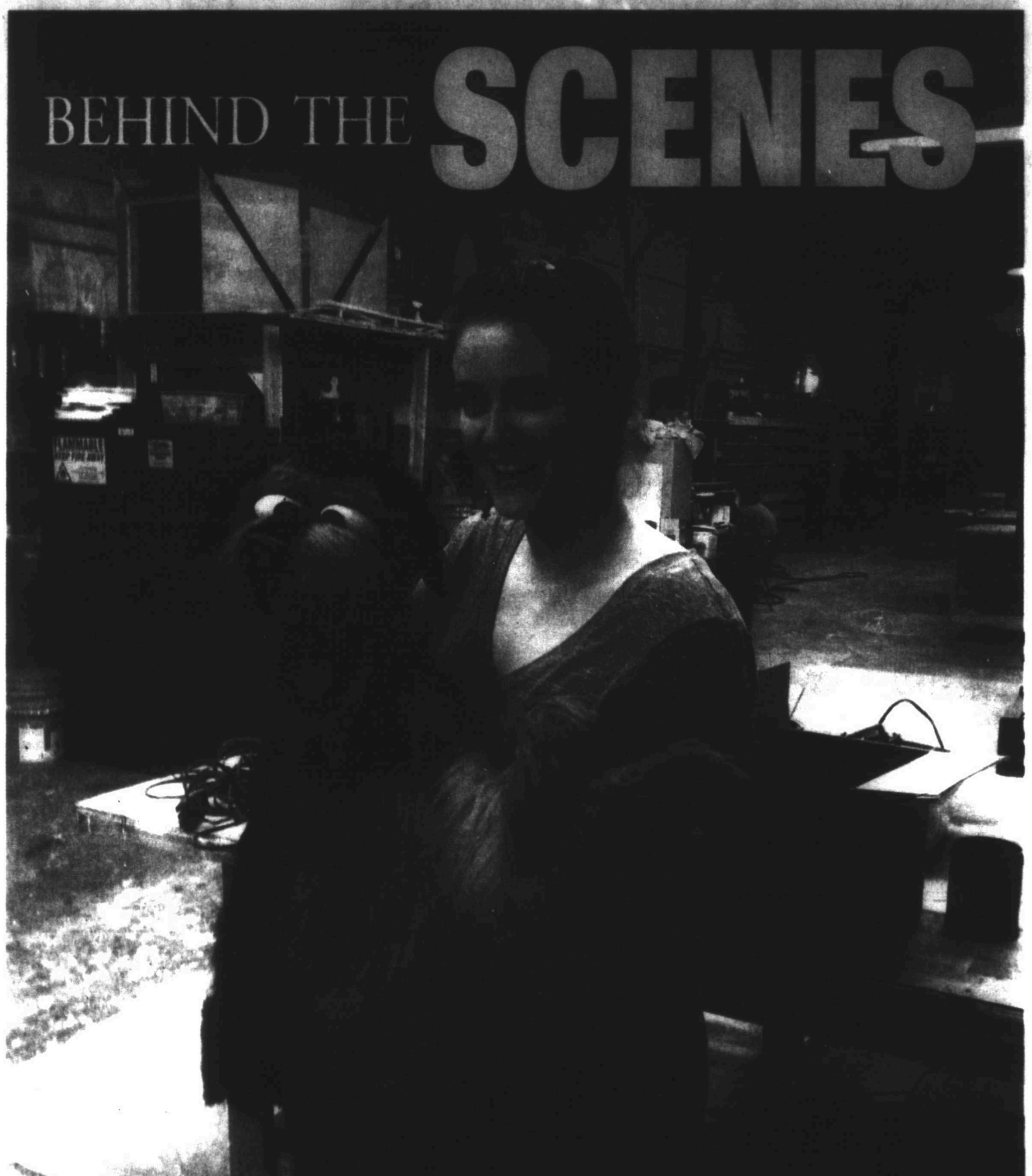
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George Jacob is executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

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BEHIND THE SCENES



Set designer Lauren Lusk poses at Midland Community Theatre with a puppet of her dog, a German shepherd/border collie mix.

10 tidbits about Midland Community Theatre's new set designer

With just more than a week under her belt, Lauren Lusk is slowly getting settled into her office. But she's already started preparing for her first show "Urinetown" as the new set designer for Midland Community Theatre. Midland will see her work for the first time when the show opens Sept. 5.

But first, she offered some insight to her approach to theatrical sets, if she designs her home like her stages and her bucket-list show. Page 7E.

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5 questions with Tom Parks



Retired UTPB professor and associate dean Tom Parks has found a new chapter in his life as playwright. His one-act play "Objects in Mirror" will be produced locally as a staged reading at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave., at 2 p.m. today. Then it will move on to Chicago to be worked for the stage.

MRT: Who are your creative heroes and inspirations?

Parks: I really do like Thornton Wilder. He just built all kinds of new bridges with his writing. "Our Town" is probably the most produced play ever outside of Shakespeare. His creativity is so different and I've seen lots of his productions, so I like to think in terms of him as a guide or inspiration.

MRT: What's your proudest career achievement?

Parks: I've had such a wonderful career, but it would probably be when I founded the program Call Me Mister which seeks to recruit young African-

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'Star Wars': Three US cities vie for $700 million museum



GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

When the creator of the epic sci-fi "Star Wars" movie trilogy George Lucas expressed his intention to set up a museum, three major cities entered the arena of contention — Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago — with their mayors vying to get this American icon in their city.

Los Angeles representatives felt that it is the birthplace of Hollywood (though Lucas never made a movie in Hollywood) and because Lucas was born in Modesto, California, it was the rightful heir to his movie magic. San Francisco representatives felt given that the Lucas Valley houses Industrial Light Magic (ILM) company owned by Lucas, it should have the billionaire's legacy. Chicago was the winner and is home to Mellody Hobson, the president of Aerial Investments, whom he recently married.

Aggressive lobbying and wooing by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel did the charm in winning over a destination project like no other. With a record 46.37 million tourists in 2012, Chicago has been a bigger draw compared to the 16.51 million visiting San Francisco the same year. The two parking lots provided a 17-acre site owned by Chicago Parks District. Offered by Emanuel at $1 lease, it is in proximity to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Adler Planetarium.

The $700 million 300,000-square-foot museum aptly christened the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art will house the "Star Wars" movie memorabilia and other collections valued at $1 billion. Apart from the power of

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SELLING WHAT'S FUN

Midland family finds big business in playgrounds

By Mella McEwen
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As the Bartlett family looked to close down Adobe Wells, its agriculture supply and feed business, the Midlanders looked at its most successful components. They found that play was actually big business.

"We'd been doing playgrounds for 17-18 years, and playgrounds ended up being our best business," said Frank Bartlett.

After shutting down Adobe Wells almost a decade ago, the family has reinvented itself as Playgrounds Etc., he said.

Playgrounds Etc. designs and installs playgrounds for commercial clients, such as schools — including two of Midland Independent School District's three new elementary schools — churches, day care centers and parks.

"We only do commercial units," Bartlett said. The company is a representative for the Playland brand of equipment and has rights to sell all of Texas. Bartlett said business has been focused primarily on the western half of the state.

The company has installed playgrounds for residents, he said. "Some residents have spent $80,000 to $100,000," he said.

Depending on the size of the installation and what additional work is required — such as pour-in-place rubber surfacing, artificial turf, loose-fill rubber, wood granite and fencing — Bartlett said a playground can cost between $15,000 and $250,000.

"The majority of our business has been churches. It may not have been acceptable a few years ago to spend that kind of money on playgrounds, but now, churches are growing and competing for members, and they look at playgrounds as part of that."

The company can also install indoor "soft" playgrounds.

Playgrounds Etc. recently built the Josh Mitchell Memorial Park in Big Lake, built in memory of the Reagan County deputy killed in the line of duty last year. The company installed playground equipment and surfacing, fencing, benches, trash receptacles and even a flagpole, Bartlett said.

Computer assistance

Each playground set can be customized in terms of what equipment is included and color schemes. That is the responsibility of Bartlett's wife, Kay, who works with the customer and uses a computer program to design each playground. The company is one of only three or four Playland representatives using the program.

It's her favorite part of the job, Kay said.

"I can start from scratch and pull in all the elements," she said.

Once the design is complete, she can print not only a blueprint, but a rendering of what the completed playground will look like. Once the final design is submitted, Playland replies with a price quote. Once the customer agrees to the price, Kay Bartlett receives a sales order that lists all the parts to be sent.

"I can check that against my drawing and go back and say, 'You've sent too many of this, or, 'You're missing that piece.' It saves a lot of headaches."

With the computer program, the design process can now take a couple of days as opposed to two or three weeks before, the Bartletts said.

"It's helped grow our business. We can do things faster and be more responsive," Bartlett said.

Installation typically averages a week, but a job for First Baptist Church of Midland took most of last summer, which involved the installation of four new playgrounds, Bartlett said.

Changing trends

"Safety has become more and more important," Bartlett said. Under the U.S. Product Safety Commission, playground installers can be trained in safety inspections. Bartlett, his wife, their son, Josh, and sales representative David Kitch are all certified playground inspectors. "So, in designing and installing playgrounds, we can ensure we meet standards," he said.

Not only are there safety standards, but equipment must also be accessible by the disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act, he said.

In designing playgrounds, they should be focused on three categories, he said. One should target toddlers; the second should focus on children 2 to 5; and the third targets children 5 to 12. The design should take into consideration the age group owners are trying to satisfy, he said.

As the children age, the equipment

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Basin Business roundup

AUSTIN

Craddick gets support as Railroad Commission chair

Railroad Commissioner David Porter has placed an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to elect Christi Craddick the new chair of the Commission. The vote will take place during the Commission's open meeting Tuesday.

"The Railroad Commission is on track to deal with some of the largest and most important issues the agency has ever faced next year," said Porter, who has served on the commission since 2010. "I believe the time for new leadership is now."

The upcoming vote will replace sitting Chairman Barry Smitherman Craddick. Smitherman's term as Railroad Commissioner ends in late 2014.

"Commissioner Craddick is a strong, and proven leader that has an equally good legislative experience to take us into the next session on even ground," said Porter. "I will be honored to support Commissioner Craddick for the position of chair. Christi and I enjoy a strong working relationship, and share a passion for providing a regulatory environment that encourages job growth as well as protection of property rights and our natural resources."

Porter said of the outgoing chairman, "I would like to thank Commissioner Smitherman for his time as chairman, and I wish him all the best in the next stage of his career."

Texas Burger will replace Wadley location

A new Texas Burger is planned for Midland.

Bobby Cox Cos. is in the process of building a new, larger Texas Burger immediately behind its current restaurant at 500 W. Wadley Ave.. Completion is set for early 2015.

"We are building a new Texas Burger at 500 W. Wadley similar to the one located at 3306 N. Loop 250 W. This new building will offer better parking and we will be able to better serve our customers," said Bobby Cox in a statement.

Venture announces Northern Tool + Equipment leases

Clay Mote of Dallas-based Venture Commercial Real Estate has announced the completion of a lease for Northern Tool + Equipment in Odessa and El Paso.

The Odessa lease is for an 18,000-square-foot store in the Chimney Rock Shopping Center located on the northeast corner of Loop 338 and Highway 191, where Northern Tool will join other tenants Academy Sports + Outdoors, Best Buy, Marshalls and Jo-Ann Fabric & Crafts.

Northern Tool + Equipment supplies high-quality tools and equipment owned and operated for over 30 years by the Kotula family.

McJunkin Red Man plans career fair

McJunkin Red Man Corp., a subsidiary of MRC Global Inc., will be hosting a career fair at its Odessa regional distribution center, 333 S. County Road West, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The company is in immediate need of two counter sales associates and 13 warehouse associates for the first shift (7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and second shift (Noon to 10 p.m.)

Prior to attending the job fair, participants are encouraged to complete an online employment profile at mrcglobal.com/careers.

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THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

Incentives remain essential to developing Texas economy

The most important key to success in economic development is to create an environment where companies want to locate. This task is achieved through a favorable tax and regulatory climate, a fair and predictable judicial system, excellent education and training at all levels, infrastructure that can sustain a growing economy, and a desirable quality of life. Texas does quite well in some of these areas, but faces notable challenges in others, particularly over the long term.

Another crucial aspect of ongoing development of the Texas economy is a competitive package of incentives. The state's economic development programs have recently been the subject of hearings, extensive press coverage, and debate, and I want to take this opportunity to offer a few thoughts.

In a perfect world with perfect information, most economic activity would tend to gravitate

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Ask the Fool

When Sales Aren't Sales (Yet)

Q What's "the accrual method"? — *H.W., Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

A It's an important accounting concept, because with the accrual accounting system, the "revenue" (sales) on a company's income statement may not have actually been received by the company.

Revenue doesn't necessarily represent the receipt of cash in a sale. Many companies are required to book sales when goods are shipped or when services are rendered. But others can record sales when cash is received, or in increments as long-term contracts proceed through stages of completion.

Imagine the Free Range Onion Company (ticker: BULBZ). With the accrual method, if it has shipped off a thousand crates of onions but hasn't yet been paid for them, those sales still appear on the income statement. The checks in the mail are reported as "accounts receivable" on the balance sheet. It's a red flag when receivables are growing faster than revenue.

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Q What's a "reverse merger"? — *E.P., Norwich, Connecticut*

A A reverse merger is also referred to as a reverse takeover or a reverse IPO (initial public offering). It's a way that some private companies go public, bypassing the usual IPO process that can be lengthy and costly. It often involves a smaller company acquiring a larger one that's listed on the stock market, accumulating so many shares that it becomes a listed company, too.

It isn't such an obscure practice, either. Companies such as Occidental Petroleum, Turner Broadcasting, Texas Instruments and Jamba Juice all became public companies through reverse mergers. There's a sometimes problematic side to it, too, such as when some foreign companies that wouldn't otherwise qualify to be listed on American exchanges execute reverse mergers with publicly traded U.S.-based shell companies. Regulators are cracking down on that.

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Don't Thwart Your Retirement

When financial times get tough, some people make regrettable decisions — such as taking early withdrawals from 401(k) accounts. The number of Americans doing so hit a record in 2010, and in 2011 the IRS collected about $5.7 billion in penalties on roughly $57 billion withdrawn early.

Early withdrawals can do more long-term harm than short-term good. The longer you leave your money alone to grow, the more powerful your compounded growth becomes. Check out what time, patience and an average 10 percent return can do to a steady series of $10,000 annual investments: After 10 years, you have $175,000. After 20 years, $630,000. After 30 years, $1.8 million.

You don't even need to be a genius to score those kinds of returns. Inexpensive broad-market index funds, such as those based on the S&P 500, have averaged 10 percent annually over the long haul. (They'll likely return more or less over your particular investing time frame.)

That's the good news. The bad news is that all your impressive gains can quickly fizzle if you start taking money out of your retirement accounts. Suppose you take out $10,000 this year, 20 years from retirement, and you also fail to make your usual $10,000 investment. Despite your good intentions, you probably won't put in an extra $20,000 next year to compensate. So you'll lose what the $10,000 you withdrew would have grown to in 20 years (at 10 percent): a little more than $67,000. (You'll also have paid a hefty early withdrawal penalty.)

And then there's the additional $10,000 you would have invested, too: another $67,000 loss. Overall, your retirement could eventually end up more than $150,000 poorer. Is that worth it?

If you're in financial dire straits, it might be. But if you can avoid short-changing your future, you should definitely do so, leaving your retirement accounts to keep growing.

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My Dumbest Investment

Greed and Tears

I greedily read a mailed ad that promised huge earnings for an oil-and-gas penny-stock company. Later, I tearfully read my in-the-red investment report. The author of that brochure smiled all the way to the bank, thinking, "There's one born every minute." I qualify as one born, so now I really pay attention to financial advice! — *P.D., Weymouth, Massachusetts*

The Fool Responds: Naive investors fall for hyped penny stocks all the time, and it hardly ever ends well. The company in question was trading around $0.04 per share when you wrote to us, which can entice investors thrilled at the idea of owning 25,000 shares for just $1,000. Factor in a hypester's empty, self-serving declaration that the stock will double or triple soon, and it can be almost irresistible.

But even stocks that seem like they have nowhere to go but up can still go down. That stock was recently trading for less than $0.02 per share. It's best to avoid penny stocks entirely, but if you must consider one, look for growing revenue, little or manageable debt, profits instead of losses, competitive strengths and audited financial statements.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Home, Sweet Home

Yes, shares of The Home Depot have been a bit depressed due to concerns over the strength of the housing market's recovery. But there's a lot to like about the world's largest home improvement retailer, with more than 2,200 retail stores in North America.

Its competitive advantages include its size, geographical presence, brand recognition and superior negotiating power with suppliers. With price competitiveness a central industry factor, The Home Depot can keep costs down by spreading fixed costs over massive sales volume. It has also built a solid relationship with contractors over the years, a key clientele in the home improvement business.

The Home Depot has implemented a series of strategies to increase efficiency and streamline operations. The combination of growing sales and improving profit margin has been notoriously profitable for The Home Depot and its shareholders during the last several years. In its last quarter, revenue grew 3 percent year over year to $20 billion, with diluted earnings per share rising 20.5 percent. Management expects earnings per share to grow by a big 17.6 percent during fiscal 2014.

The Home Depot has been returning billions of dollars to shareholders via aggressive stock repurchases, and its dividend yield was recently 2.3 percent. With its P/E ratio near 20, The Home Depot offers a good buying opportunity for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool's newsletters have recommended The Home Depot.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1913, when five businessmen pooled $500 and founded the Electro-Alkaline Co., America's first commercial liquid bleach factory. My first customers included breweries and walnut bleachers. In World War II, bleach was used to disinfect wounds and neutralize enemy gases. Today I sell gobs of items in more than 100 countries, branded with names such as Glad, Fresh Step, Scoop Away, KC Masterpiece, Handi-Wipes, Wash'n Dri, Brita, Kingsford, Green Works, Pine-Sol, Hidden Valley, Liquid-Plumr, Formula 409, S.O.S, Tilex and Burt's Bees. I rake in more than $5.5 billion annually. Who am I?

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I began as a single-system cable operator in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1963. Today, I'm America's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone service provider to residential customers, serving businesses, too. (You might have heard of my XFINITY brand.) I merged with NBC Universal in 2011, and now operate 30 news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, Universal Pictures, Universal Parks and Resorts and more. I own all or part of MSNBC, Bravo, E!, G4, Syfy, mun2, Chiller, USA Network, Sprout, Hulu and the Weather Channel. I even own the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team. Who am I? (Answer: Comcast)

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to its optimal (least cost) location, and there would be no role for incentives or aggressive marketing programs. In the "real" world, however, both are essential elements of competition for expanded investment and job opportunities. In fact, a variety of factors have coalesced in recent years to make them even more significant.

Labor and capital mobility has greatly increased, and global competition forces firms to pay extreme attention to costs. Also, the site selection process has become more sophisticated, with most large firms now employing agents (site selection consultants) to assist in the location process. Because these consultants compete with one another based on their ability to secure incentives, areas without competitive programs are often shut out of the process entirely (a fate that often befell Texas prior to the passage of new legislation in the early 2000s). In addition, shareholders have become very aggressive in holding managements accountable, and firms are expected (and, in fact, are fiduciarily required) to obtain maximum value from locations and expansions.

The money invested by the state in the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) and the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) is paying off in terms of corporate activity. Local communities also offer competitive packages to attract prospective new businesses, a process that was transformed 25 years ago with the economic development sales tax. The property tax incentives afforded by the Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313) are critical in many locations (particularly for capital-intensive facilities) and other, smaller initiatives are also important. In many cases, Texas' economic development incentive options are making the difference between being on the short list of potential locations and sealing the deal.

The result is a steady inflow of desirable corporate locations. The new commercial ventures offer jobs for Texans and tax receipts for the state and local governments. Many of the added positions are well-paying, and there is evidence that Texas leads in job gains across all levels of wages. During the past year, Texas has added 383,100 jobs, the largest job growth during a 12-month period in almost 17 years. Texas now accounts for about 8 percent of total U.S. employment and more than 30 percent of the net new jobs created nationwide since 2000. One reason for this strong performance is the oil surge, but the current Texas strength derives from many other sources in addition to energy.

There are other places with similar resources (such as California) that are unable to retain existing firms, much less expand. It is worthy of note that in the years just before Texas implemented its major economic development programs in 2003, the state was falling behind most others in landing major corporate locations and expansions. With a string of successes, it is easy to become complacent and say that incentives are no longer needed. The reality, however, is that the success did not come before the incentives were implemented, and it cannot be sustained if they are dismantled.

While there may be valid reasons to improve transparency or make other meaningful reforms in the state's economic development incentive programs, it is crucial that we not underestimate their importance. The current environment demands incentives in order to stay competitive. If no one else was offering them, Texas might be able to continue to obtain expansions and relocations due to other benefits of locating here. However, incentives are essential in the current environment, particularly when firms are deciding between locations which are relatively equally attractive.

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105 S. Mineola St.	New Residence	$162,360	1300 E. Wall St.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000
6207 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$158,000	2601 Wedgewood St.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000
6206 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$182,000	5308 Whitman Drive	Commercial-Detached	$14,000
6210 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$213,000	4707 Bedford Ave.	Residential Addition	$4,000
6211 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$145,000	2410 Bedford Drive	Residential Addition	$3,000
6209 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$145,000	4608 Princeton Ave.	Swimming Pool	$72,000
6206 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$187,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$57,600
2109 Loop 40	New Commercial	$4,000,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$57,600
5908 Rio Grande	New Residence	$158,670	900 N. Loop 250 W.	New Commercial	$245,000
5904 Rio Grande	New Residence	$206,640	1209 Pratt St.	Residential Addition	$5,000
302 S. Marienfeld St.	Commercial Alteration	$6,500	711 S. Atlanta St.	Residential Addition	$1,000
6000 Wichita Court	New Residence	$279,540	1307 E. Pine Ave.	Residence-Detached	$5,647
1206 Silverton	New Residence	$280,080	5307 Brown Heart Ln	New Residence	$373,880
6002 Wichita Court	New Residence	$258,120	6312 Edinburgh Drive	Residence-Detached	$40,000
1202 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	$297,000	1611 Hickory	New Residence	$143,010
5616 Rodeo St.	New Residence	$255,400	308 Carol Lane	Residence-Detached	$82,000
1400 San Miguel Court	New Residence	$297,000	10400 W. Highway 191	Commercial Alteration	$50,000
5700 Heartland Ave.	Residential Addition	$40,000	1700 Magnolia Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$5,247,333
1827 Morgan Way	Residence-Detached	$8,000	805 Elk Ave.	Commercial Addition	$6,381,310
2817 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign	$3,000	1300 E. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$7,500,000
900 Raymond Road	Commercial-Detached	$28,000	2407 Auburn Place	Residential Alteration	$1,800
5001 Preston Drive	Commercial-Detached	$14,000	5406 San Saba Court	Residential Addition	$60,000
301 E. Dormard Ave.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000	500 W. Wadley Ave.	New Commercial	$800,000
3201 Heritage Blvd.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000	5305 Balfour Court	New Residence	$220,770
1400 E. Oak Ave.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000	3609 Caldera Blvd.	New Commercial	$850,000
3500 Neely Ave.	Commercial-Detached	$28,000			
100 E. Gist Ave.	Commercial-Detached	$14,000			

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should not only provide them with fun, but with ways to improve their body strength. Older kids prefer components like climbing walls, he said.

Playgrounds and playing do more than entertain children, Bartlett said.

"One thing people don't understand is it helps them mentally. They're more likely to focus, they're more likely to learn better after recess," he said.

Physical activity helps children begin the process of learning risk management from an early age, he said.

Growth challenges

The company has been extremely blessed with growth, Bartlett said.

"Our challenge is, there's a lot of business to be had, but we can't outgrow our ability to do a good job and satisfy our customers," he said.

The company currently employs 12 subcontractors to install playgrounds.

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LEVEL

Add an I to each of the seven-letter words below, and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new eight-letter word.

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ENCAGES

DECAMPS

FLATTER

Yesterday's Answer: POPCORN HARBOR UNPLUG GUMDROP 8.10

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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	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week (N)		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Beaver	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari	Edgemont	Gilligan	Gilligan	Brady6.	Brady6.
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithLive	Rain	Edition	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	RJMansuc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		LazyTown	Zou
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	W.World	Cat/ Hat	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	SuperWI	Sid	Wild K.	Arthur	Speaks	WordGirl	Company
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Mercury	Para volver a amar		Hotel todo incluido	Al punto	Republica deportiva					Fútbol
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Hometown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	Home!.	Bucket	Game	Paid	Paid
FLIX		240	65		165				(6:45) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destin...		(7:45) Undiscovered Actress Sequen...			Tender Mercies			(10:45) The Truma...	
HBO		300	68	14	14				The Rock of Ages (12, Com) Tom Cruise.				The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG13, Fant...				Hard Knocks '14	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23			Weight	(4:45) Cond.t			The Long Kiss Goodnight			(11:15) Love Child		Movie
HBO3		304	70	16	102				(6:15)		Falling Down (R, Cnd) Michael Douglas.		(2:45)				LastWeek	Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(6:00)				Gangster Squad (13, Act) Sean Penn.			Dawn of the Dead			(11:15) The Knick	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(6:15)		Brave Away Jeff Bezos				Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		Mission: Impossible			Movie
PLEX				96			(6:30)	You May ...	(7:00)	She's Having a Baby			(9:55)	Clean Slate			(2:45)	Canadian Incon
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25		Lowdown: Jean-Claude Van Damme			Boxing Showtime Championship							Sports
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(6:50)	Scenes fro...	(7:50)	The Wippers Times Ben Chaplin.			(9:55)	In the Mix			The Last Exorcism Part II	
ABC		27	23	28	35	47	C.Minds "Rockover"		C.Minds "Jorgeway"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Broken"		Criminal Minds		Longmire	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Hallr Catch "1984"		Hell on Wheels				The Hitman (12, Act) Dougray Scott.				Donnie Brasco (97, Cri) Al Pacino.	
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration						Bobby Jones Gospel	Lift Voice				Movie
BRAVO		65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Jersey Belle		Bel.Deck	Tardy...	To Be Announced		Wives of Melbourne		Real Melbourne (N)	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	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		State of the Union	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Deadliest Catch				Day of the Shark		Day of the Shark II	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jake	McStuffins	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter				NASCAR Count. (L)	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(6:30) 30/30	SEC "The Book of Manning"			SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Fantasy	T&Spills	NHRA Drag Racing	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	The Shaggy Dog ('06, Com) Tim Allen.				Hotel for Dogs Emma Roberts.				Home Alone 2: Lost in New York			
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday							Morning Futures	Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Glada	Basics	Rachel Ray's...		Pioneer	Southern	Basics (N)	Glada	BBQ (N)	Big Bite	The Kitchen	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	Sports Unlimited		Paid	Paid	Training	Swing (N)	Dumbest	Game365	Lunch Rangers (N)	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Buffy "Gingerbread"		Buffy "Helpless"		Buffy "The Zeppo"			In Time (11, Act) Justin Timberlake.				Movie
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Second Chances Alison Sweeney.			
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Reno. (N)	Reno. (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens "The Return"				Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Bring It!		Bring It!		Bring It!	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN		38	39				Soccer International Friendly (L)					Premier League			EPL Soccer Classics			Soccer
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	The SpongeBob SquarePan...		Sponge	Sponge	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program				Twilight	Twilight	Twilight		The 6th Day ('00, Act) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Married	Sullivan	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends			Funny People Adam Sandler.	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	Movie		No More Orchids				In Name Only Carole Lombard.				Lady by Choice	Movie
TELE		20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Jay Jay	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque	Videos
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Rizzoli "Lost & Found"		Percept. "Prologue"		The Last Ship "SOS"		Falling Skies		Golf PGA Championship (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Brady6.	(:50) Brady8.	(:25) Brady Bunch		Brady8.	Brady8.	(:50) Hot In	(:25) Jennifer Falls	G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls		
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Graceful	"The Ends"	Covert Affairs		Satisfaction		Rush "We Are Family"	
WGN		19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Scary Movie 3	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 10, 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	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Wipeout "Flush Hour"		World XGames (N)		News	Paid
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	ALTV Pre. "Awards"		PGA Golf PGA Championship Final Round Site: Valhalla Golf Club -- Louisville, Ky. (L)									
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		S.Frisco "The Victims"		Cannon		The Rockford Files	
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3		Cold Mountain	(:03, Rom) Jude Law, Nicole Kidman.					Ella Enchanted	Anne Hathaway.		Consumer	Consumer
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.America	Triathlon	Ironman (L)		Adventure Sports		Swimming	U.S. Championship			Inside Ed.	News
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Euromaxx	Get Away	BioCent	F&Porter	Beads	Sewing	Knitting	Sew It All	Drexel	News. (N)	W.Week
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:58) MFL Fútbol Atlas vs Pumas (L)				Tras la Verdad		Chavo	Cita Con	Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The FBI Files		R.Carpet	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX		240	65		165		(11:05)	The Truma...		Basquiat (96, Dra) Jeffrey Wright.				Crimes of the Heart		(1:45)	Quiz Show	
HBO		300	68	14	14			Big Daddy Adam Sandler.	(1:45)		The Dark Knight Rises (12, Act) Anne Hathaway.						The Family Stone	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(11:30)	Getaway	(:05)	Taken 2		(:40)	Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.				Now You See Me	
HBO3		304	70	16	102		(11:40)	Coffee Town	(1:15)	Six Days, Seven Nights							(1:45) Leftover Guest	Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(1:15)	Red 2 (13, Act) Bruce Willis.			(1:15)	Casino (95, Cri) Sharon Stone, Robert De Niro.					(1:15)	Swordfish
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(11:55)	Armageddon ('98, Adv) Bruce Willis.			(1:25)	Man of Steel Henry Cavill.					Pacific Rim	
PLEX				96			Movie	(2:25)	Tart Dominique Swain.		The Gambler Returns IV: ...		(2:25)	The Gambler Returns ...			(1:15)	Back to the...
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Sports		Judge Dredd		(1:15)	Scary MoVie	(2:45)		The Butler (13, Dra) Forest Whitaker.			
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	The Best Offer (13, Dra) Geoffrey Rush.				(1:15)	As Cool as I Am			(2:50)	Save the Date Geoffrey Arend.		Movie
ABC		27	23	28	35	47		Who Were Soldiers? ('02, War) Mel Gibson.				(2:45)		Kiss the Girls (97, Susp) Ashley Judd.				Duck Dy
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(11:30)	Dominic J....		Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.							Breaking Bad "Fiasl	BreakBad /BreakBad
BET		58	26		40		(11:30)	Deliver Us From Evil					Johnson Family Vacation Cedric the Entertainer.				Meet the Browns	
BRAVO		65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Tardy...		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Great White Gauntlet		Jaws Comes Home		How Jaws/World		Shark Fight		Rogue Sharks		Top 10 Sharkdown	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Liv Maddie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	I Didn't	Girl	Girl
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NASCAR Auto Racing		Cheez-It 355 Site: Watkins Glen International (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	WTA Tennis Rogers Cup (L)				ATP Tennis Rogers Cup (L)				SportsC Featured		Baseball	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Movie		Another Cinderella Story				Mean Girls Lindsay Lohan.				New Year's Eve	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Southern	Pioneer	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Network Star	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (L)						Rangers	Polaris	West Customs (N)	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(11:30)		Green Lantern Ryan Reynolds.					Hancock ('08, Act) Charlize Theron, Will Smith.			Immortals Henry Cavill.	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Stranded in Paradise Vanessa Marcil.						Uncorked ('10, Rom) Julie Benz.				Jane in January Brooke D'Orsay.	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	To Be Announced						Premonition Sandra Bullock.				Foreclosed (2013, Drama)	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN		38	39				Soccer	SCCA Off Road Racing				Off Road Racing			F. Drift	Racer TV	Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Fred 3: Camp Fred				Carly	Victori.	Hathaway	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	A Fairly Odd Su...
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Hungry Investors		Hungry Investors		Hungry Investors		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	The Darkest Hour ('11, Act) Emile Hirsch.						The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.				The Matrix Relo...	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	(11:30)	Funny Pe...	(1:15)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers (L)					Friends	Friends	Blades of Glory	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(11:30)	Thirteen...	(1:15)	The Gay Bride Carole Lombard.							Mr. & Mrs. Smith	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Air Force Ones ('97, Act) Gary Oldman, Harrison Ford.								Guerrero de la calle Max Martin.		Op. Repo	Videos
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life		600-lb "Tara's Story"		600-lb "James' Story"		600-lb "Olivia's Story"		My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(10:00) Golf								2012 ('09, Act) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack.			Movie
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) 3's Company		3's Co.		3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby	(:40) Cosby	(:15) Cosby	(:55) Cosby
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Kill Act, Part 1"		NCIS "Kill Act, Part II"		NCIS "Recoil"				NCIS "Aliyah"		NCIS	NCIS "Reunion"
WGN		19	18				Scary Mov...		Home Videos		Videos	Warmup	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners (L)					

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest of Wipeout"		Wipeout "Wide World of Wipeout" (N)		Rising Star (N)		Castle "Room 147"		KMID News	(:35) White Collar	(:05) Paid Program	
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Unforgettable "Throwing Shade" (N)		Reckless "Deep Waters" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Kojak "Chinatown Murders"		Columbo A seemingly bumbling detective solves murders.		Thriller				The Alfred Hitchcock Hour		The Fugitive	
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	The Simpsons	Teen Choice Awards Celebrating teen icons in film, television and music. (N)				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	American Ninja Warrior "St. Louis Finals"				America's Got Talent Hopeful stars display their talents.				News-West 9	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	(:05) Doo Wop Love Songs				Doo Wop Discoveries (My Music) The Del Vikings and The Clovers perform.				Austin City Limits		Backstage Pass "The Hard Lessons"	
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Bailando por un Sueño (SF) (N)				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		90 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trabador
FLIX		240	65		165		(6:45) Quiz Show			The Truman Show Jim Carrey.				Fatal Instinct (93, Com) Armand Assante.			(1:45) Return to ...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		Family Business Dustin Hoffman.		Vinyl "Whigfield" (N)		True Blood (N)		The Leftovers (N)		LastWeek	True Blood		Leftovers
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23		Last Week	True Blood									
HBO3		304	70	16	102		(6:45)	Big Annthey Day Pierce Brosnan.									(:25)	The Lovely Bones
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(6:15)	Swordfish									(:50)	Carnal Awakening
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(6:40)	Pacific Rim		The Knick							(:20) In Bed	The Knick
PLEX				96			(6:15)	Back to the...										You May Not Kiss the Bride
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Masters "Dirty John"		Donovon "S.U.C.K."		Ray Donovan (N)		Masters "Dirty John"		Masters "Giants" (N)		Ray Donovan	Masters "Giants"
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(6:30)	The Last Ex...		The Kids Grow Up (L) Phil Collins, Genesis			(9:15)	Ip Man 2 (10, Act) Donnie Yen			Ip Man Ben McCormick	Movie
ABC		27	23	28	35	47	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Breakbad /(2)s Breaking Bad				Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad	
BET		58	26		40		(6:00) BET Inspiration		Sunday Best (N)		Sunday Best (N)		365Black Awards (N)		Sunday Best		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO		65	63		41		New Jersey Social (N)		Housewives NJ (N)		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Game of Crowns (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ
CNBC		46	45		39	72	"Til Debt	Money	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		American Greed		Pepsi's Challenge		Supermarkets Inc	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	CNN Rep.	Spotlight	The Hunt		The Hunt (N)		Death Row Stories		The Hunt		The Hunt	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Return of Jaws		Air Jaws: Fury (N)		Shark of Darkness: Wrath of Submarine (N)				Shark "Night 1" (N)		Shark of Darkness	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	Austin (N)	I Didn't	Girl	Jessie	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
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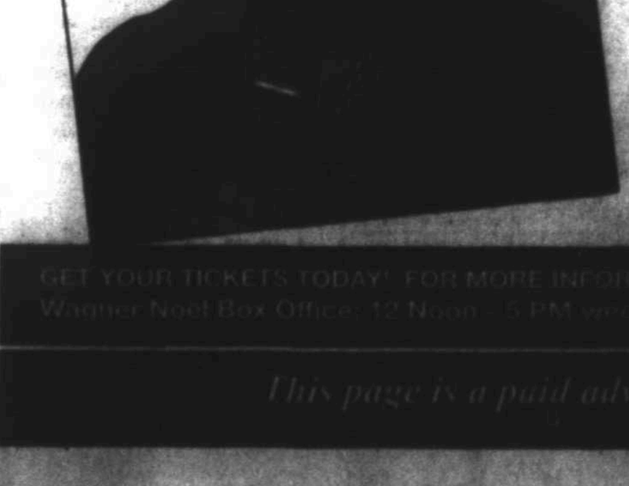
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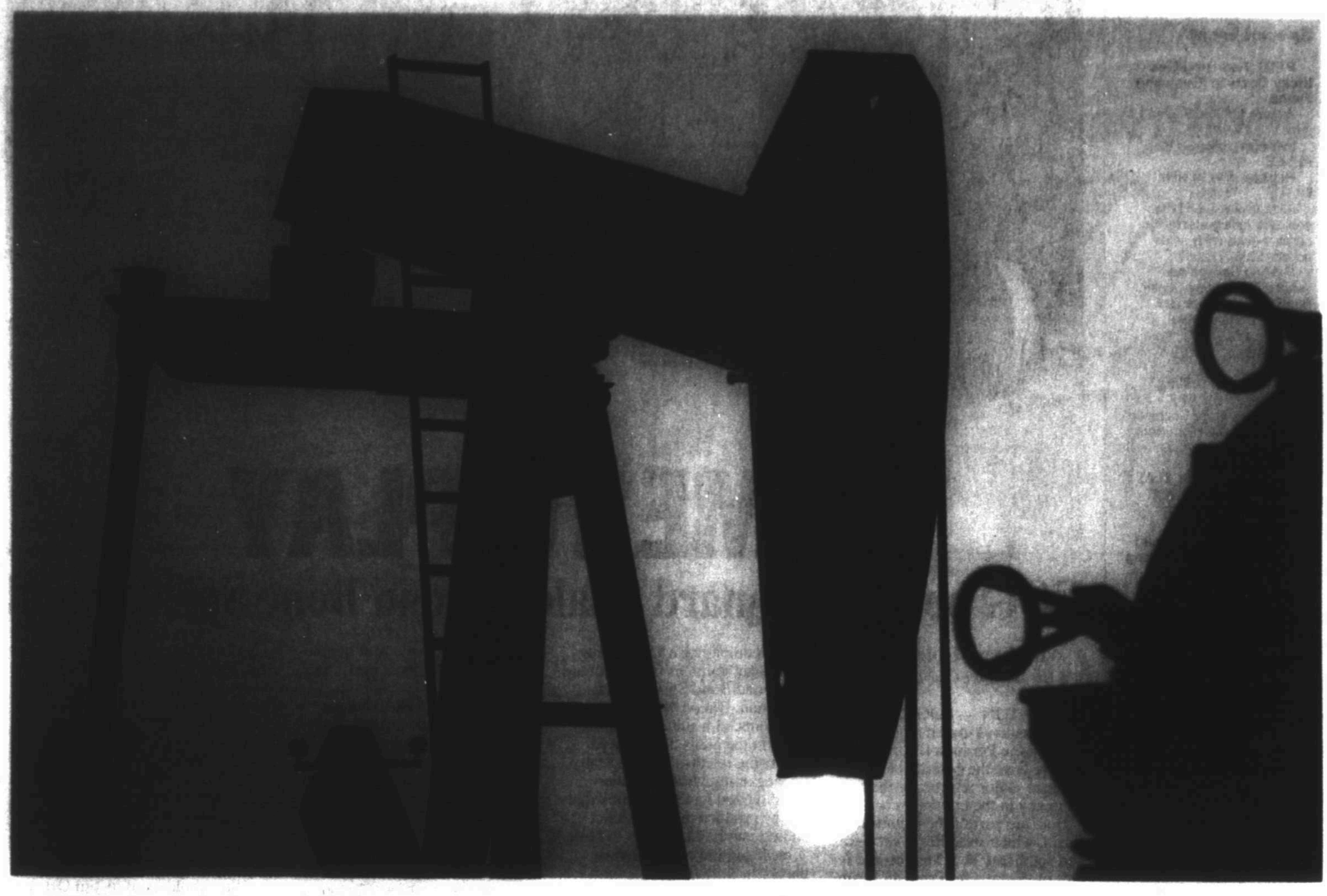
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POLITICS PUSHES PRICES HIGHER

High rig count, strong prices give petroleum index new energy

By Mella McEwen
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The Permian Basin's oil and gas industry got a dose of renewed vigor in the second quarter, powered by strong commodity prices and a rising rig count.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, reported that the June index was 9.6 percent above June 2013 levels.

"Industry employment is growing at a faster pace, and production levels continue to climb along with the value of that production," Ingham said.

June crude prices averaged $101.68 a barrel, up 10.4 percent from June 2013's average of $92.08. For the year, the average price of $97.35 is 7.3 percent higher than the $90.77 average in the first half of last year.

Ingham said he and other analysts began the year believing that crude prices would trend lower in 2014, not higher.

"What feels like a bubble in oil and gas is prices themselves," he said. What has pushed prices higher in mid-2014 is largely politics in the form of tensions between Ukraine and Russia and unrest in Libya and Iraq and the conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, which raised concerns oil supplies would be impacted.

When politics cease to be a market event and the focus returns to supplies, "the true pressures of the market on prices is down, not up," Ingham said.

Permian Basin producers have stepped up their drilling activity this year, with the June rig count averaging 462 rigs, up 16.4 percent from 397 last June. For the year, the rig count is averaging 430 rigs, up 9.3 percent from 394 a year earlier.

The Railroad Commission issued 1,016 drilling permits in June, up 15.5 percent from 880 last June. So far this year, the commission has issued 5,470 drilling permits, virtually unchanged from 5,468 issued in the first half of 2013.

Increased drilling activity continued to result in increased crude production. June production volumes were 12.2 percent higher than last June and are up 12 percent so far this year compared to the same period last year.

The value of that production, helped by higher prices, climbed 23.9 percent to $3.7 billion, up from just over $3 billion last year. So far this year, West Texas crude production is valued at $20.2 billion, up 20.2 percent from $16.8 billion a year ago.

Stronger natural gas prices continue to benefit the region, as well. Natural gas prices averaged $4.28 per Mcf, up 3.6 percent from $4.13 last June. So far this year, prices are averaging $4.60 per Mcf, up 25.3 percent from $3.64 last year.

Natural gas production volumes also rose, with June production 12.3 percent above last June. So far this year, volumes are 6.1 percent higher than the previous year.

The value of West Texas natural gas production rose 16.4 percent in June to $469.9 million from $403.8 million last year. This year, production is valued at $2.87 billion, up 34.3 percent from $2.14 billion a year ago.

Producers reported 1,218 oil completions in June, down 8.2 percent from 1,327 last June. For the year, producers have completed 10,248 oil wells, up 63.6 percent from $6,264 in the first half of 2013. Producers also completed 12 gas wells, down 55.6 percent from 27 last June and have completed 64 gas wells, just one fewer (1.5 percent) from last year.

Oil and gas employment rose 8.2 percent to average 32,720 in June from 30,230 last June. For the year, oil and gas employment is averaging 31,790 workers, up 7.7 percent from 29,530 last year.

Viper Energy Partners goes public

By Mella McEwen
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While oil and gas operators are being innovative in the oil fields, some are also being innovative in the financial fields.

Diamondback Energy has announced the formation of Viper Energy Partners LP, a master limited partnership (MLP) and Diamondback subsidiary.

Travis Stice, who serves as chief executive officer and director of both Viper and Diamondback, called it a unique MLP structure in that it offers yields like a traditional MLP but also serves as a growth company.

The roots of the enterprise go back to the final quarter of 2013, when Diamondback paid $440 million to acquire 15,000 acres of minerals in its area of operations near Midland International Airport. Diamondback operates almost 60 percent of that mineral acreage, Stice said.

"Oil companies rarely buy minerals," he said.

In the first quarter of this year, Diamondback's board looked at ways to present a value proposition to its shareholders and devised the variable MLP structure.

He credited Wexford Capital, its equity sponsor, with being instrumental in helping structure the Viper partnership.

Viper was taken through the initial public offering process with the initial offering of 5,750,000 common units closing at $26 per common unit.

Diamondback now owns 93 percent of Viper, with the remaining 7 percent sold to the public in the public marketplace.

"We took that $440 million acquisition and, at today's current price, have a $2.4 billion enterprise. In nine months we've turned a $440 million investment into $2.4 billion," Stice said.

It has created a vehicle "that has currency in the marketplace that will let us continue our minerals hunt," Stice added.

He said he has told his Diamondback shareholders the company will continue to focus on oil and gas activities in the Midland Basin.

There are no such limits with Viper, he said. "My stated objective is minerals in oil-related unconventional plays under development by competent operators," he said.

In preparing the initial offering, Stice said very few companies were found with similar structures.

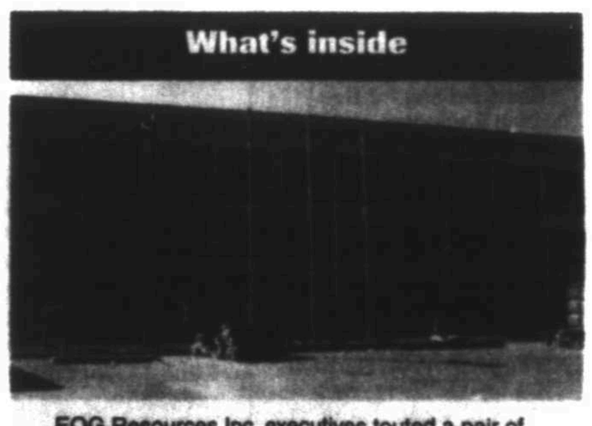
"I have friends around town who run upstream master limited partnerships, traditional master limited partnerships, with subordinated units and that are highly hedged. Viper has no capital exposure, no operating expenses; it's unhedged with no unsubordinated units," Stice said.

"We have a wonderful currency called VNOM," he said. VNOM is the ticker symbol for Viper common units, traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

"When we find a target, we're able to access that capital," Stice said.

In the meantime, he said Diamondback continues to aggressively develop its drilling inventory through horizontal drilling. Diamondback currently has five horizontal drilling rigs operating with a sixth to be added next year. Stice said the company is looking to add even more rigs in the coming future.

What's inside



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EOG bets on Leonard Shale, Second Bone Spring Sand

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — EOG Resources Inc. executives touted a pair of plays in the Permian Basin they believe have the potential to produce major returns for the company in the coming years.

Both are part of the Delaware Basin, which straddles West Texas and southeast New Mexico and is part of the broader Permian Basin.

One, known as the Leonard Shale, is a shallow play believed to have potential reserves of 550 million barrels of oil net to the company. The other, which sets below the Leonard Shale, is called the Second Bone Spring Sand. The company is still evaluating what level of reserves it may contain. The two sit below 73,000 net acres EOG holds in the region.

In a presentation to analysts, the company said it believes it can achieve returns in excess of 100 percent from wells in both plays.

Last year, the company reported total estimated net proved reserves of 2.1 billion barrels of oil equivalent in its annual filings, which illustrated just how big an impact the play could have on the company's portfolio. "That's moved the dial for them," said Irene Haas, an analyst at Wunderlich Securities.

The company isn't producing significant volumes from Leonard or Second Bond Spring Sand, Haas said. But on Wednesday, it announced results from some wells in the plays that showed promising results. "This is really the beginning phase of understanding you have good rock that can be productive," Haas said, adding that EOG appears to have "cracked in the code" in those plays.

Company officials didn't say exactly what they have planned for the region, but they told analysts they plan to drill several more wells there this year and next.

The company still needs to conduct additional drilling across its acreage in the region to have a better understanding of the potential, but they have high expectations for the plays, said Billy Helms, EOG's executive vice president for exploration and production, on the conference call.

The potential for Leonard and Second Bone Springs is important, said David Tameron, an analyst at Wells Fargo Securities, since investors' biggest concern about EOG has been its need for expanded inventory. The company has had several years of success in North Dakota's Bakken and Texas' Eagle Ford. "But people want to know what's next," Tameron said.

Overall, CEO Bill Thomas called the second quarter "outstanding" for the company amid a 7 percent increase in profits.

EOG reported net income of $706.4 million or $1.29 per share in the second quarter, up from $659.7 million or $1.21 per share during the same period a year ago.

Thomas said production from company's "workforce" assets — the Bakken, where EOG has had a presence since 2006, and the Eagle Ford, where it's been active since 2010 — continue to meet or exceed the company's expectations. "Together these plays are continuing to drive high-return oil growth and are far from mature," Thomas said on the call.

In particular, he touted cost reductions in those areas due to increased pad drilling and longer lateral drilling.

Overall, EOG's crude oil and condensate production was up one-third compared with the second quarter of 2013, driven by strong growth in those two plays as well as the Permian Basin. Total production was up 17 percent in the quarter.

Revenue for the April-June quarter rose from $3.8 billion to $4.2 billion.

"EOG's bottom line is a reflection of our top quality drilling operations and return focused capital investments," Thomas said in a statement. "Because EOG has demonstrated its ability to sustain crude oil growth and reinvest cash flows in high return assets, we've increased the common stock dividend for the second time this year, enhancing long-term value for our stockholders."

Stockholders of record Oct. 17 will receive a dividend of 16.75 cents per share, a 34 percent increase, payable on Oct. 31.

Company officials also weighed in on the debate about crude oil exports, saying EOG advocates for both crude and condensate exports but also believes U.S. refineries have at least several years of capacity to handle its growing production. Most U.S. crude exports are prohibited under federal law.

EOG leaders also said the company is not investing in dry natural gas production, given its low prices, and called a spike in gas prices earlier this year an anomaly due to unusually cold weather.

Photo: EOG Resources last year opened a new office building just south of Security Bank Ballpark. *Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram*

Sage grouse measures defer drilling in much of Wyoming

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The total area of federal oil and gas leases deferred in Wyoming to protect the greater sage grouse — ahead of next year's expected decision on whether the bird is a threatened or endangered species — substantially exceeds the combined size of Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, U.S. Bureau of Land Management figures show.

In Wyoming, the 2,864 leases deferred in whole or in part to protect sage grouse cover 3.5 million acres, or 5,500 square miles. They include 40 leases covering 15 square miles which otherwise would be up for bid at the BLM's regular Wyoming oil and gas lease sale in Cheyenne on Tuesday.

Grand Teton and Yellowstone together total about 2.5 million acres.

Many of the deferred leases in Wyoming and elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain region will become available after the BLM, over the next several months, wraps up a more than four-year process of instituting new land use regulations to protect the greater sage grouse, officials said.

After the updates to the BLM resource management plans are complete, the agency will ask the oil and gas developers who nominated the deferred parcels if they're still interested in drilling in those areas, said Beverly Gorny, a BLM spokeswoman in Cheyenne.

"It's entirely up to them and what their business plans are," Gorny said.

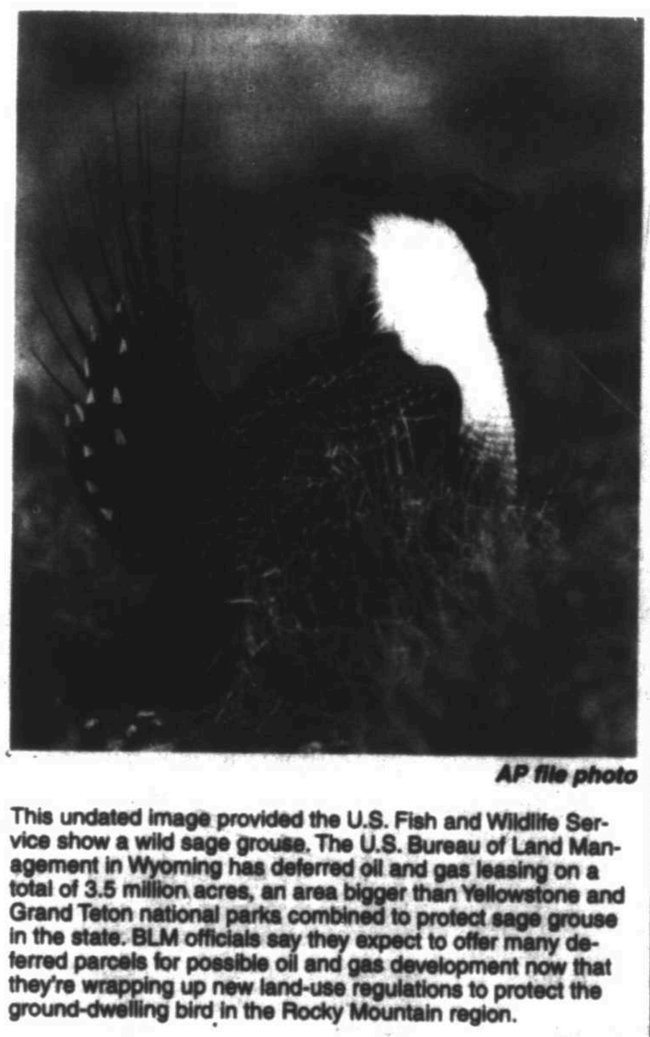
If the companies remain interested, many of the deferred parcels will be offered for competitive leasing under any new seasonal drilling restrictions, well-spacing requirements and other stipulations to protect sage grouse.

Whether those efforts will be enough to keep the ground-dwelling, chicken-sized bird off the federal threatened or endangered species lists remains to be seen. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services faces a 2015 deadline to decide the bird's status for federal protection.

One petroleum industry group remains apprehensive that the sage grouse will prompt tough restrictions on drilling regardless of whether the species gets listed.

"It's clear that the sage grouse is holding up jobs and economic activity across Wyoming and the West," Kathleen Sgamma, vice president of government and public affairs for the Western Energy Alliance, said Aug. 1.

Wyoming is the region's top gas-producing state and its second-ranked state, after New Mexico, for oil production. Montana, Utah and Colorado also are home to both substantial oil and gas reserves and populations of greater sage grouse.



AP file photo

This undated image provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show a wild sage grouse. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming has deferred oil and gas leasing on a total of 3.5 million acres, an area bigger than Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks combined to protect sage grouse in the state. BLM officials say they expect to offer many deferred parcels for possible oil and gas development now that they're wrapping up new land-use regulations to protect the ground-dwelling bird in the Rocky Mountain region.

Alex Mills

Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

White paper takes a look at water issues

Water plays a critical role in the increased production of oil and natural gas in Texas.

Water also creates problems for producers of oil and natural gas that must be addressed by industry, regulators and lawmakers in states throughout the nation, especially in Texas.

These were just a portion of the finding of a new white paper — "Sustainable Water Management in the Texas Oil and Gas Industry" — delivered by John Tintera, former executive director of the Texas Railroad Commission, to the Atlantic Council on July 29 in Washington, D.C.

"Water is key to unleashing domestic energy resources, especially the 'unconventionals,'" the paper states. Unconventionals refers to the development of drilling and production in resource rock, such as the Barnett Shale and Eagle Ford Shale in Texas.

The white paper is a comprehensive, fact-based report about the use of water. It critically examines what industry and "government has learned, done well, and could do better."

The 27-page report examines energy-related water issues including the increased usage of water in the drilling of wells vertically then horizontally and using hydraulic fracturing techniques to extract hydrocarbons from shale. It also points out the water usage by the oil and gas industry "is proportionally small compared to other users."

The paper also addresses issues such as population growth in Texas, urban sprawl, and a three-year drought. "Drought in almost 70 percent of Texas and increasing water demand from a growing population are straining Texas's water supplies," the paper states. "These factors drive changing water management strategies."

Freshwater for fracturing and alternatives to using freshwater are discussed including use of brackish water and recycling water for future use.

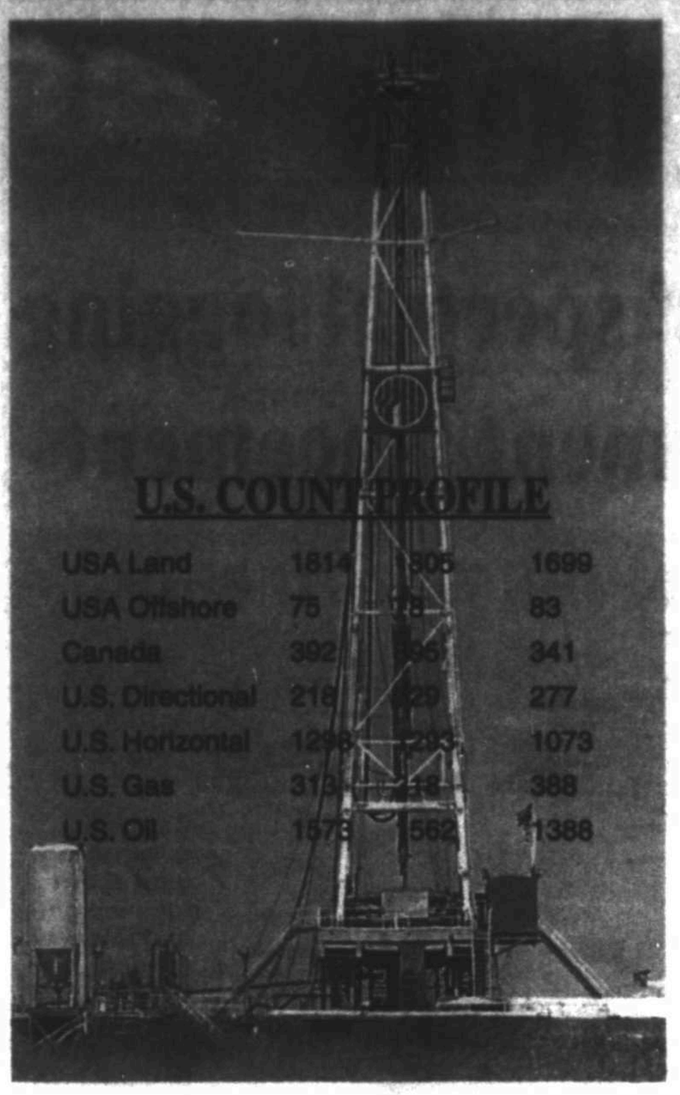
Disposal of wastewater creates a whole set of new issues that are being explored by government and industry. Possible induced seismicity is being examined by the RRC and others.

The RRC has issued new regulations for drilling, completion and cementing along with a Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule. Additionally, the RRC has made changes to its water recycling rules to further enhance conservation, reuse and recycling of water.

The white paper concludes by pointing out that the efficient use of our resources requires a cooperative effort among everyone involved, including state and federal policymakers, industry and the public.

Tintera said that "regulatory agencies and the energy industry must increase their public outreach and education efforts, always striving to acknowledge and address water-related issues as they arise."

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.





PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DIST. 7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	21
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	36
Runnels	1
Schleicher	1
Sutton	0
Terrell	1
Tom Green	1
Upton	31

DIST. 8

Andrews	27
Brewster	0
Crane	5
Culberson	10
Ector	19
Glasscock	40
Howard	18
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	20
Martin	48
Midland	38
Mitchell	3
Pecos	12
Presidio	0
Reeves	53
Sterling	1
Ward	20
Winkler	2

DIST. 8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	3
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	15
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	2
Kent	0
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	8
Terry	2
Yoakum	6

TEXAS TOTAL 460

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	41
Lea	41
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 83



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$94.20
Flint Hills Resources*	$93.50
Phillips 66*	$93.54
Plains*	$93.25
Shell Trading*	$93.50
Sun*	$93.25
Nymex futures	$97.73*

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Aug. 6, 2014

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 8/8/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$4.400	$3.933	$3.318
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$4.400	$3.805	$3.280
Composite Field Prices For Rockymountains	$4.387	$3.838	$3.153
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$4.380	$3.800	$3.263
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$4.420	$3.845	$3.370
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$4.278	$3.777	$3.214
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$4.396	$3.845	$3.293

Terminals startup Zenith Energy gets $600M infusion

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The Kinder Morgan executive who built one of the largest U.S. energy terminal businesses is now looking beyond the nation's shores to build infrastructure in the developing world.

A growing tidal wave in exports of U.S. fuels and natural gas liquids byproducts is setting the stage for a massive infrastructure build-out in Latin America and Africa over the next few years, a ripe opportunity for those who can accommodate "the second phase of the U.S. shale revolution," said Jeffrey Armstrong, CEO of newborn Houston startup Zenith Energy, in an interview with Fuelfix.

In the U.S., "there are too many players chasing too few opportunities. That's why we're looking offshore," said Armstrong, who served as president of Kinder Morgan Terminals for 11 years. "We're simply going out to buy, build or repurpose terminal facilities outside of the U.S. to take on supply-demand imbalances and get products where they need to go."

For that task, Zenith has lined up $600 million from Warburg Pincus, a New York private equity firm that has bet more than $9.5 billion on the energy industry and, in June, backed Navitas Midstream Partners, another Houston area midstream firm with a connection to Kinder Morgan.

Most of Zenith's business in Latin America, Africa and parts of Europe will involve building new terminals to store crude, refined products and, in a few years, petrochemicals. But it may also require buying and operating other infrastructure assets to support its facilities, like short-range pipelines and barges, Armstrong said.

Zenith's first project is the construction of a multi-product liquids terminal at the Port of Palermo in Colombia. That nation produces 1 million barrels per day of heavy crude but has only two refineries. Zenith plans to build 500,000 barrels of clean-product tank storage capacity in the first phase of its project in Columbia, but it's permitted to build storage capacity for 2.5 million barrels.

Colombia's recent surge in production of heavy, low-gravity crudes that are similar to Canadian oil sands, coupled with its lack of refining capacity, is drawing more buyers for imports of cleaner, lighter oils and other fuels, Armstrong said. In Colombia, he said, "there are unique imbalances of supply and demand and a lack of infrastructure. Our customers want to import clean products."

Under his leadership at Kinder Morgan Terminals from 2001 to 2012, the firm grew from five terminals to more than 120 terminals over the years as it took advantage of growth in the United States, which saw the first signs of a domestic shale energy boom in 2007. Over that decade, Kinder Morgan's terminal business grew from less than $50 million to more than $800 million in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

The deal that formed Zenith closed Friday. It'll bring the firm's capital firepower to $1.2 billion, including debt it could access, Armstrong said.

The pairing of Zenith with the $37 billion-asset Warburg Pincus comes as more private equity firms are overcoming their fear of commodity risks and pouring money into the energy industry. Private equity deals in the U.S. energy sector climbed fivefold in value to $7.7 billion during the second quarter, compared to the same period last year, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers.

That's far removed from a few years ago, when "there were a minority of private equity firms that had an energy focus," said Robert Sullivan, a managing director with consulting firm AlixPartners.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WTGS hosts Oklahoma professor

Members of the West Texas Geological Society will meet Aube hosting a luncheon speaker on Aug. 12 at Midland Center.

Randy Keller, professor at the University of Oklahoma, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey and Oklahoma state geologist, will speak on "The Ouachita Orogenic Belt: New Results, a Synthesis, and Global Analogs."

Cost is $15, including lunch. Additional information may be found at www.wtgs.org under 'Upcoming Events.' Reservations may be made by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

OKLAHOMA CITY

OG&E to make environmental improvements

Oklahoma Gas & Electric has filed an application with state regulators seeking approval of a plan to put the company in compliance with federal environmental mandates and modernize one of its plants.

The company's Wednesday filing with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission calls for adding two emission-control devices to the coal-fired units at the Sooner power plant near Red Rock; converting two coal-fired units at the Muskogee plant to natural gas and modernizing the natural gas units at the Mustang plant.

The improvements are estimated to cost about $1.1 billion.

The company is seeking approval to recover the costs associated with its compliance and modernization efforts.

NEBRASKA

Payouts to ex-nuclear plant employees revealed

OMAHA — An Omaha-based public power utility paid out nearly $1 million in severance and vacation benefits to seven employees who resigned from its Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant in eastern Nebraska — well over the $400,000 the utility initially reported.

The payouts came when Omaha Public Power District hired Chicago-based Exelon, the largest U.S. operator of nuclear power plants, in 2012 to run the troubled Fort Calhoun plant.

A Douglas County judge last week ordered OPPD to release the payout documents after a labor union sued to see them.

The documents show that former OPPD Chief Nuclear Officer David Bannister was paid nearly $256,000 in severance and more than $100,000 for unused vacation.

Several other employees who agreed to resign were paid nearly $600,000 in severance and unused vacation.

PITTSBURGH

Environmental group limits ties to shale center

Another environmental group has distanced itself from the Pittsburgh-based Center for Sustainable Shale Development, a hotly debated partnership of major energy companies, green groups and foundations.

PennFuture, a leading Pennsylvania environmental group that helped found the center, is no longer a "strategic partner."

The Public Accountability Initiative, a nonprofit in Buffalo, New York, disclosed the shift Wednesday and also criticized the center's staff and funders for ties to the oil and gas industry.

PennFuture spokeswoman Elaine Labalme said it will still participate with the center when it believes it's worth providing input.

The center says its members will follow voluntary standards that are tougher than existing state laws. The idea has been criticized by some environmentalists who say a voluntary program is no substitute for tough state or federal rules, and by some in industry who say there's no need to go beyond existing regulations.

The center's current 11-member board includes energy companies Chevron, Shell, EQT and Consol Energy, along with the Clean Air Task Force, the Environmental Defense Fund, former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Christine Todd Whitman, the former New Jersey governor and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator.

Susan LeGros, the center director, questioned the Public Accountability Initiative's characterization of the center. She said the center "believes engagement and collaboration among a diverse group of stakeholders with differing perspectives is the best way to ensure prudent and responsible shale gas development." LeGros wrote in an email that the center doesn't support the report's "extensive amount of speculation."

The drilling boom in the Marcellus Shale, largely brought on with the use of hydraulic fracturing, has generated tens of billions of dollars and flooded much of the nation with lower-priced natural gas. But it's also brought concerns and protests over air and water pollution.

Over the past year, the Heinz Endowments and the William Penn Foundation stopped funding the center.

The Center for Sustainable Shale Development's standards go beyond the legal requirements in the big gas-drilling states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, according to a document posted on its website.

The group's standards say that drillers must conduct periodic monitoring of nearby water resources for at least one year after a well is completed, must recycle a minimum of 90 percent of the water that comes back out of a well, and by next March, must eliminate the use of open pits for waste disposal and, instead, contain drilling fluid and water in a closed system at the well pad.

The center has hired Bureau Veritas, a French global testing and inspection firm, to review applications and compliance by drillers.

DENVER

On drilling, Colorado towns get split legal news

Longmont and Fort Collins got differing legal decisions Thursday in their efforts to set local regulations for oil and gas drilling.

State oil and gas regulators in Denver said they would drop a lawsuit against the city of Longmont, which enacted local drilling regulations.

Later in the day, a judge in Fort Collins ruled that that city's ban on the drilling procedure known as hydraulic fracturing violates state law.

The towns got the decisions days after a compromise between the oil and gas industry and anti-fracturing advocates to drop ballot measures related to drilling in exchange for a commitment from state officials to look at new regulations on the industry.

NORTH DAKOTA

Tribe wants fee on wasted natural gas

BISMARCK — Tribal leaders on an American Indian reservation in North Dakota want to make oil companies pay for burning and wasting natural gas.

The Three Affiliated Tribes outlined its plan to impose fees in a six-page document sent to oil companies. The tribe says companies would be required to pay royalties for "flaring" natural gas to compensate for lost revenue when the gas isn't brought to market.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council is questioning whether the tribe can impose fees.

Oil companies had been hesitant to drill on reservations due to complex tribal rules and tax uncertainty. But tribal officials signed a 2008 tax agreement giving the state power to regulate reservation oil production.

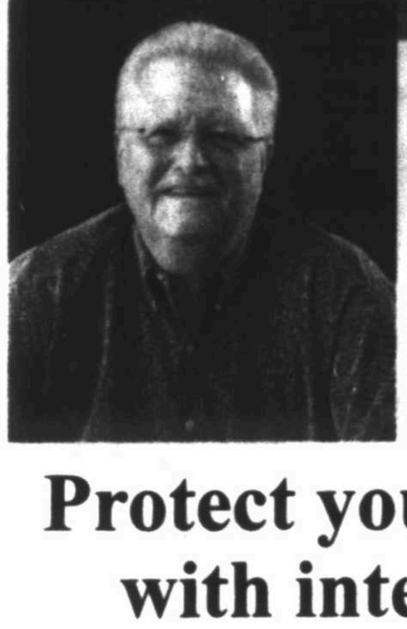
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Permian Enterprise's internal plastic coatings (IPC) are designed to protect your pipe from the harshest downhole conditions. Roy Pickett, left, the company's director of development, helps make sure everything is done just right. Call 432-332-0903.

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The company's Director of Development, Roy Pickett, says there are many reasons the IPC and Permian's other pipe coatings are so reliable. Before and after coating any pipe the Permian Enterprises team inspects it to see if it is able to be coated and afterwards if the coating is free of any flaws and or defects. Any defect could prevent the coating from adhering to the pipe, even in a tiny pinhole area, that could result in enough damage to destroy the pipe.

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Permian Enterprises, Ltd. is owned and operated in Odessa, Texas, in the heart of the Oil Patch. The phone number is 432-332-0903. Their web address is www.permianenterprises.com.

Cardinal Surveys' spectral logging determines treatment placement

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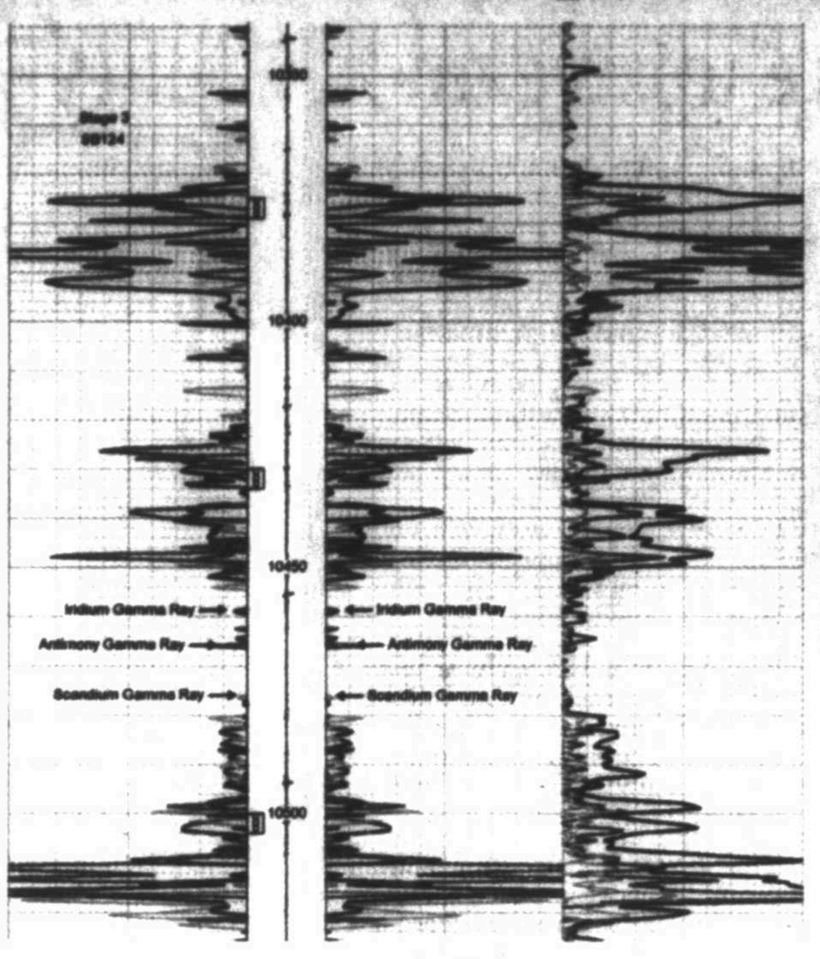
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The Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides even more upstream flexibility

For field personnel charged with connecting miles and miles of pipe, flexibility and portability are two key factors for their equipment. The new Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides that and more.

First, it is important to note the advantages to grooved end joints. They can be installed up to 10 times faster than traditional methods of threading or welding pipe joints. The grooving process is cleaner, simpler and more efficient.

The Victaulic VE206 is the ideal tool for use in preparing grooved end piping systems up to 6"/150mm. This tool is distinguished from other Victaulic grooving tools in that it can be installed either on a tripod or on the back of a roustabout truck, allowing it to be moved quickly wherever it needs to go. Previous units were made for stationary field or shop operation.

With this tool the crew can drive their truck, with the tool mounted, to wherever the pipe is located instead of hauling miles of pipe to a fixed location.

In addition to portability, its versatility makes the VE206 even more useful. It can be powered by multiple types of drives such as the Victaulic VPD752, Ridgid drive numbers 300 or 700, or the Rems Amigo II. Since many crews encounter various drives at different jobsites and, sometimes, at one jobsite, this versatility makes the VE206 ready for just about any situation.

The tool can be operated from either the left or right side, based on user preference, as long as the tool is set to have the pipe rotate away from the operator.

This tool is available with designated roll sets to groove pipe for any system requiring carbon steel, stainless steel, light-wall stainless steel, copper and end-seal type pipe material.

It can groove 1-1/4-6"/32-150mm pipe, up to schedule 40. Any roll set used with the Victaulic VE106 grooving tool is also compatible with the VE206.

The Victaulic system has been in use in oilfield and industrial applications since it was developed in 1919, 95 years ago. The company has had an office in the Permian Basin since the 1950s.

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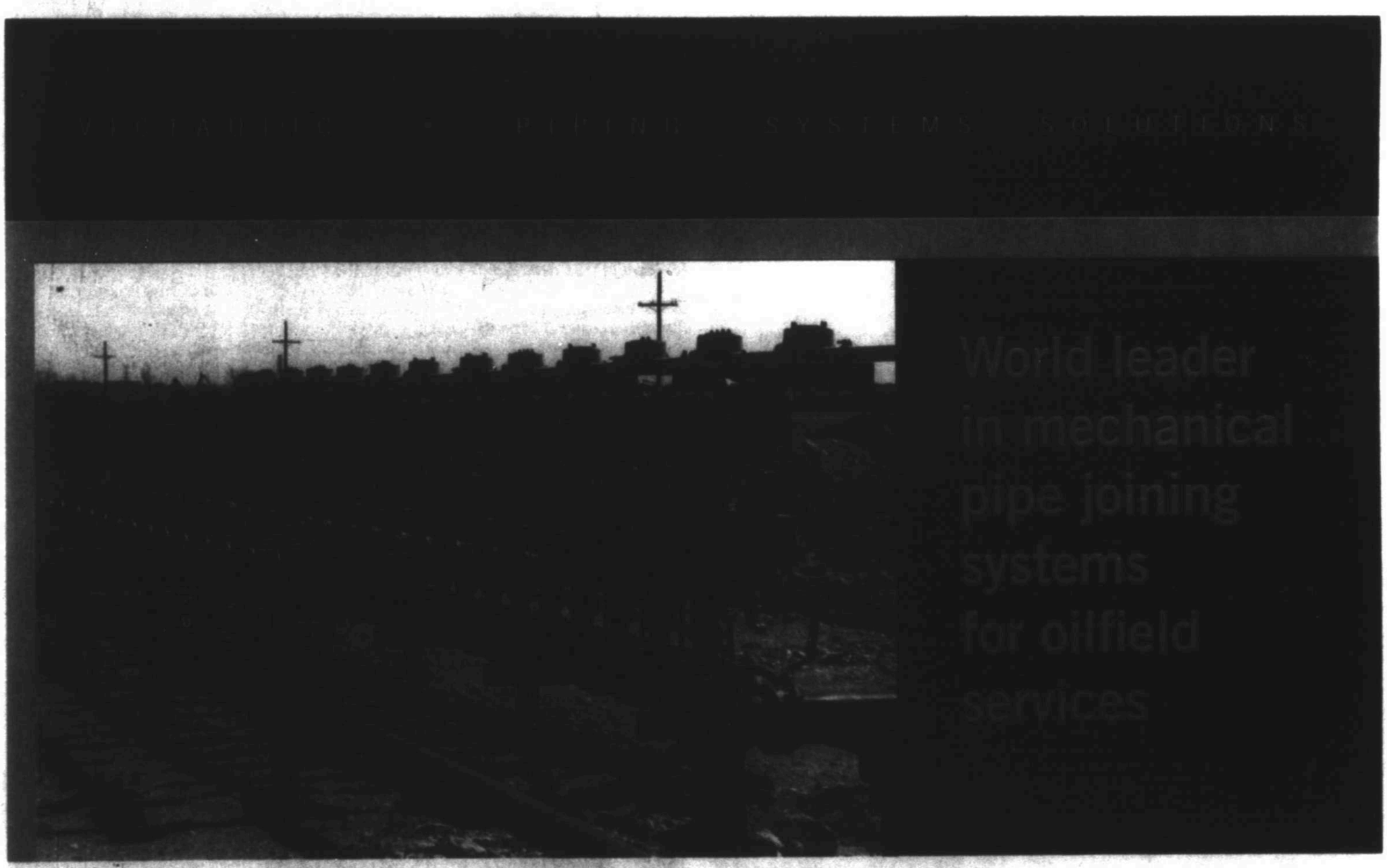
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These two views of the Victaulic VE206 show its portability. It can be mounted on a tripod, as shown, or on the back of a roustabout truck, so it can go to where the pipe is rather than requiring pipe to be brought to it. Call Victaulic at 432-332-1489 to learn more about this versatile new machine.



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Draft report finds no Pavillion gas well leaks in Wyoming

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A draft state report released Wednesday on a possible explanation why well water in a central Wyoming gas field smells foul and tastes bad points away from leaky gas wells as a source of the problem.

Testing showed no evidence gas wells in the Pavillion area are leaking produced gas into the ground or providing a route for deep gas to seep into aquifers tapped for household water, according to the draft report by the agency that regulates oil and gas development in Wyoming.

The release of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission report, which examined 50 gas wells within a quarter-mile of 15 water wells, opens a 30-day period for the public and others to weigh in on the draft findings.

Encana, the petroleum company that owns the Pavillion gas field, pointed to the latest findings as evidence their gas wells aren't to blame.

"The report confirms that the natural gas wells in the Pavillion Field were soundly constructed and provide no migration pathway into domestic water wells," Encana spokesman Doug Hock said in an emailed statement.

Local residents say their well water turned foul around the time gas drilling picked up in their area eight years ago. The draft report on the problem is the first of three planned by the commission and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in a 2011 draft report, theorized gas development, including hydraulic fracturing, played a role. The report caused a nationwide stir as environmentalists cited it as evidence that upheld their long-held concern that fracturing — the process of splitting oil- and gas-bearing rock with a high-pressure mix of water, fine sand and chemicals — can contaminate groundwater.

However, the EPA has yet to finalize its draft report or submit it for peer review. Last year, the EPA handed its Pavillion area investigation over to the state.

Part of a $1.5 million grant from Encana is funding the new state investigations. The first draft report examined the results of pressure testing of 41 wells by Encana between 2011 and 2013.

EPA spokesman Richard Mylott said his agency is reviewing the report. Gov. Matt Mead said he's pleased the report is out for public comment.

"Wyoming needs valid and reliable information regarding water quality in the area around Pavillion," Mead said in an emailed statement.

State officials initially planned to release the draft to the EPA and Encana for review, with public release only after the report was finalized. The draft report was released publicly Wednesday in response to requests by The Associated Press and the Powder River Basin Resource Council that cited Wyoming's open records law.

"We're just happy we've got it at the same time Encana has it," said Jill Morrison with the resource council, which has been working with Pavillion residents on their water problem. "It's complex, and we're going to be taking a really careful look at it with the assistance of an expert."

The report also found that potentially helpful information about how the water wells were developed, including how deeply they were drilled, is lacking. Seven of the 15 wells do not have water well permits on file with the State Engineer's Office, the report noted.

State officials plan to release two more reports by year's end on new sampling of Pavillion-area water wells and an investigation into whether old petroleum industry waste pits might have caused the problem.

WHEELING&DEALING

FROM STAFF REPORTS

RoxWell Peformance Drilling assets up for bid

By order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Tiger Group's Remarketing Services Division, PPL Group and RealestateAuctions.com-are auctioning machine tools, rolling stock and support equipment, as well as land and a warehouse/machine shop building from oil field drilling tool company RoxWell Performance Drilling LLC.

Bidding in the online-only sale of the company's machining and turning centers, coiled tubing and tool parts, rolling stock, office furnishings and other equipment opened Thursday at bidspotter.com, and will close in rapid succession next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The assets will be available for inspection at the company's site at 9604 W. Country Road 152 in Midland from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The live auction of the company's real estate will get under way at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland site.

"Consolidated from two facilities, the RoxWell assets should appeal to a wide range of buyers. The sale includes everything from downhole drilling tools and the manufacturing equipment that machined them to RoxWell's manufacturing facility," said Jeff Tanenbaum, president of Tiger Remarketing Services.

Machine tools being auctioned include CNC machinery consisting of CNC vertical machining and turning centers, a CNC chucker and Jaw chucks. Rolling stock and support equipment up for bid include Ford Super Duty pickups, a Big Tex Trailer, a 2011 Ford Taurus, kerosene heaters, lathes, mills, general plant equipment and power and manual hand tools. Coiled tubing and tool parts for sale include overshots, overshot extensions and guides, mills and tool racks. Office furnishings and equipment up for bid include computers, laptops, printers, monitors, desks, a refrigerator, and a microwave.

The real property being offered consists of an approximate 7,100-square-foot building with 6,600 square feet of warehouse/machine shop space and an office area on 2.02 acres of land. The site, which also includes a 200-square-foot metal storage building, is located about 10 minutes south of the Midland International Airport. Ideal for a machine shop or small warehouse facility, the building includes three separate bays and two roll up doors with ground level access.

RoxWell Performance Drilling LLC voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection in November 2013 in Texas Northern Bankruptcy Court.

THE WOODLANDS

TETRA Technologies completes CSI acquisition

TETRA Technologies Inc. announced that its Compressco Partners LP subsidiary has completed the previously announced purchase of all the outstanding shares of Compressor Systems Inc. (CSI).

At the closing of the transaction, Compressco paid $825.0 million in cash for the acquisition, representing the base purchase price. The purchase price remains subject to adjustment for working capital and other adjustments, post-closing. The purchase price was funded through a combination of cash proceeds from the partnership's issuances of common units and senior notes, and initial borrowings under a new credit facility.

Stuart Brightman, TETRA's president and chief executive officer, and chairman of the board of Compressco Partners, commented, "With this acquisition, we have positioned TETRA to generate improved and more predictable earnings and cash flows, and we anticipate that the expansion of Compressco Partners' portfolio of customers and compression services will provide new opportunities across our organization. We have an integration plan in place, and we will immediately turn our focus toward ensuring that this transaction generates the growth and increased shareholder returns that we anticipate."

HOUSTON

Geokinetics purchased CGG seismic land contract business

Geokinetics Inc., an independent international land and shallow water seismic company, has signed a binding agreement with CGG for the purchase of CGG's North American Land seismic contract acquisition business.

Through this agreement, CGG will contribute its North America Land Contract activities (excluding its land multi-client and monitoring businesses) in exchange for a minority equity stake in Geokinetics.

As part of the transaction, CGG will provide its patented technology in support of the seismic crews. Geokinetics will also benefit from a preferred relationship with the CGG North American Land Multi-Client Group.

CGG, based in Paris, France, is a fully integrated geoscience company that provides leading geological, geophysical and reservoir capabilities to its broad bases of customers, primarily from the oil and gas industry.

This transaction is expected to be finalized by the end of October 2014.

OKLAHOMA CITY

RKI, Chesapeake announce exchange agreements

RKI Exploration & Production LLC has entered into an exchange agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corp. for properties located in the Powder River Basin of eastern Wyoming.

Under the agreement RKI will receive from CHK $450 million in cash plus 136,000 net acres, including ownership interests in 68 RKI-operated wells, in exchange for 204,000 net acres, including ownership interests in 191 CHK-operated wells. Closing is expected this month, subject to third-party consent.

RKI was founded in 2005 with a primary focus on the Powder River Basin and the Permian Basin. The company has a substantial development program underway with 10 rigs currently operating across 525,000 total net acres. RKI has close to doubled its net production over the last 12 months to a current average rate in excess of 24,000 Boe/d (over 70 percent oil and natural gas liquids).

DALLAS

Pioneer sells Hugoton, Barnett Shale assets

Pioneer Natural Resources Co. has entered into purchase and sale agreements to sell all of its assets in the Hugoton field and the Barnett Shale for total cash proceeds of $495 million.

Scott D. Sheffield, chairman and CEO, stated, "I want to personally thank all of our Hugoton and Barnett Shale employees for their strong efforts, dedication and the value they have created for our shareholders. The sale of these assets will allow us to strategically redeploy capital to our core, oil-related Spraberry/Wolfcamp assets in the Permian Basin of West Texas where we are successfully transforming the substantial resource potential we delineated in 2013 into strong production growth."

Pioneer has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell all of its assets in the Hugoton field in Kansas to Linn Energy LLC for cash proceeds of $340 million, subject to normal closing adjustments. The transaction has an effective date of July 1 and is expected to close by the end of the third quarter of 2014. The assets being sold represent all of Pioneer's interests in the field, including all of its producing oil and gas wells, all of its interest in the Satanta gas processing plant and all other associated infrastructure.

The sale of Pioneer's Hugoton assets is expected to result in a pretax noncash loss of approximately $20 million, which is expected to be recorded in the third quarter of 2014. The financial and operating results related to Pioneer's Hugoton activities for the quarter ending Sept. 30, and all prior periods presented in future filings, are expected to be reflected as discontinued operations. Net production from Hugoton averaged approximately 6,600 barrels oil equivalent per day during the first six months of 2014, consisting of gas and natural gas liquids.

Pioneer has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell all of its Barnett Shale assets in North Texas to an undisclosed private company for cash proceeds of $155 million, subject to normal closing adjustments. The transaction has an effective date of Aug. 1 and is expected to close by the end of the third quarter of 2014.

The financial and operating results related to Pioneer's Barnett Shale activities have been reflected as discontinued operations since the fourth quarter of 2013 when Pioneer announced that it planned to sell these assets. Net production from the Barnett Shale averaged approximately 10,300 barrels oil equivalent per day during the first six months of 2014, consisting of oil, natural gas liquids and gas.

Report: ND crude no more dangerous than similar fuels

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — An industry-funded study released Monday concluded that the oil from the Bakken region doesn't pose a greater risk to transport than other similar, types of crude.

The study is the most scientific analysis of the region's crude so far, the North Dakota Petroleum Council said. The group hopes the report allays fears that Bakken oil may be more prone to ignition — after a series of accidents involving rail shipments of the oil.

"The long and the short of (the report) is that Bakken crude is not unique," said Jonathan Garrett, a senior analyst with Wood Mackenzie. "What makes the Bakken unique is the amount of crude that's leaving North Dakota and eastern Montana."

Crude production in the Bakken region has ballooned rapidly in the past few years. Many producers have turned to rail to move the oil. In April, as much as three-fourths of North Dakota's oil was shipped by train, though the share has since fallen slightly as producers moved back to pipelines.

A string of accidents have followed the high volume of rail shipments. Last year, a train derailed the Quebec town of Lac-Megantic and killed 47.

Regulators and the industry have been examining both the characteristics of the Bakken crude and shipping practices in a push for greater safety.

The new report by the North Dakota Petroleum Council report offers a range of safety recommendations, maintaining temperature between 90 degrees and 120 degrees and providing maximum tank settling time prior to shipment, among other safety steps.

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The report also recommends classifying the crude in the most volatile hazardous material packing group for shipping. If followed, the heightened classification may accelerate a push to newer, sturdier tank cars under U.S. Department of Transportation regulations that may be adopted soon.

The report follows an analysis by the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers that also suggested that Bakken crude is no more flammable or volatile than other light, sweet crudes, the Petroleum Council stated in the announcement.

However, a government report by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, recently suggested that the Bakken crude may be more volatile than others crudes. The PHMSA's conclusion has been disputed by industry groups.

The report also offers significant new analysis that may help producers and refiners better understand the benchmarks for crude produced in the region, said Sandy Fielden, an analyst with RBN Energy LLC.

"If you have established standards that say what this crude looks like, it's easier to for participants in the transaction to carry on business with more confidence," Fielden said.

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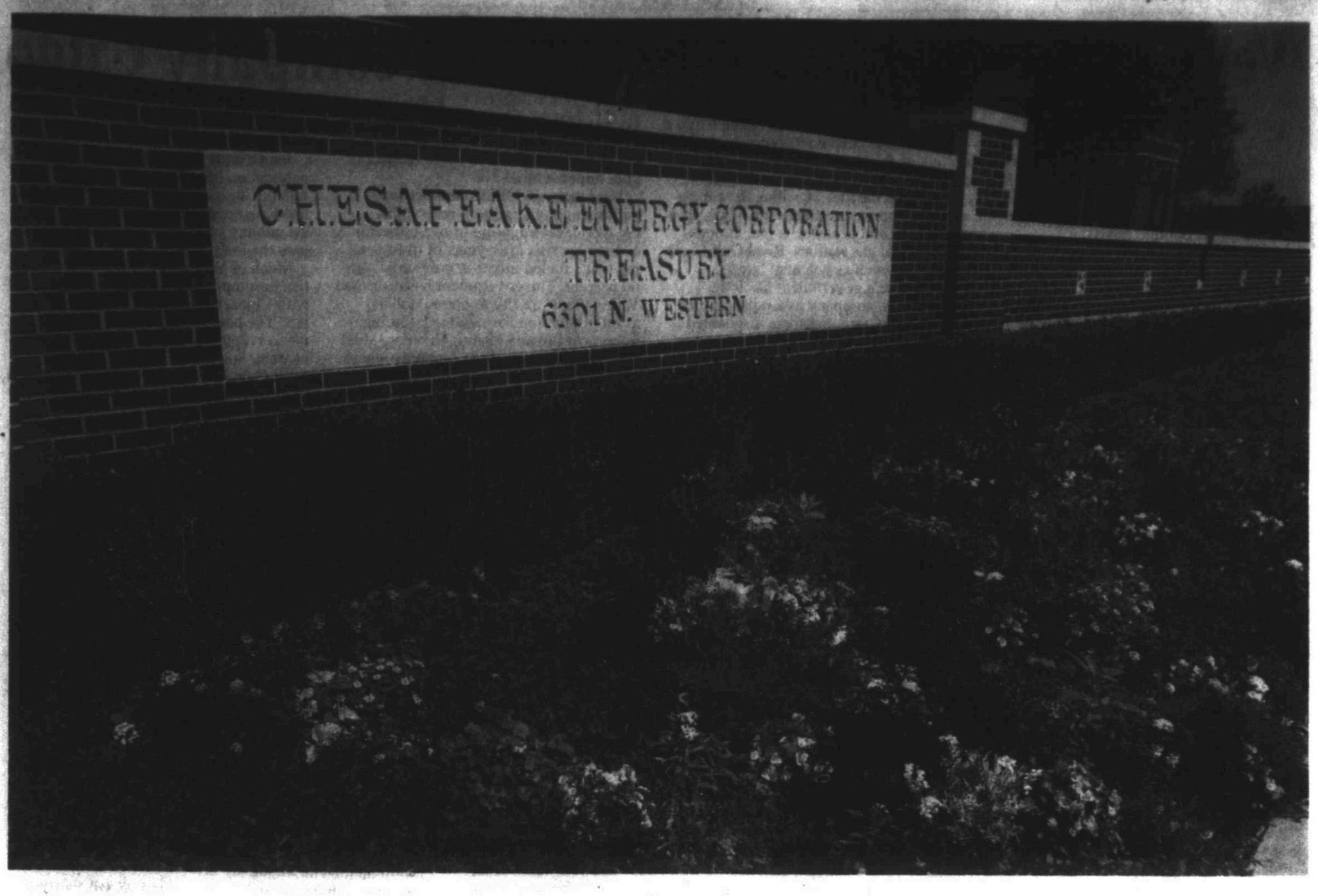
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Chesapeake Energy profit drops 68 percent in 2nd quarter

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chesapeake Energy Corp. reported net income that declined by 68 percent in its second quarter, and missed analysts' expectations.

The Oklahoma City-based company said its net income after preferred stock dividends fell to $145 million, or 22 cents per share, from $457 million, or 66 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago.

Earnings, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, came to 36 cents per share. The average estimate of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 44 cents per share.

The natural gas company said revenue rose 10 percent to $5.15 billion from $4.68 billion in the same quarter a year ago and missed Wall Street forecasts. Analysts expected $1.73 billion, according to Zacks.

Chesapeake Energy shares have risen 29 cents, or 1.5 percent, to $26.06 since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed 3.9 percent. The stock has increased $1.96, or 8.1 percent, in the past 12 months.

Photo: This June 8, 2012, file photo shows the Chesapeake Energy campus in Oklahoma City. Chesapeake on Wednesday reported net income declined by 68 percent in its second quarter, missing analysts' expectations. *Associated Press*

EARNINGSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Concho Resources discusses 2nd quarter results

Concho Resources Inc. reported financial and operating results for the second quarter and first half of 2014. Highlights for the second quarter of 2014 include:

- Average production totaled 107.8 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day ("MBoepd") for the second quarter of 2014, at the high end of its previously announced quarterly guidance range of 104-108 MBoepd.
- Announced third quarter 2014 production guidance range of 113-116 MBoepd.
- Added 31 new wells in the northern Delaware Basin with strong average 30-day and 24-hour peak rates of 931 and 1,420 Boepd, respectively.
- Entered into agreements to acquire approximately 13,000 net acres for $95 million in the northern Delaware Basin.
- Net income of $11.8 million, or 11 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to net income of $84.7 million, or 81 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2013.
- Adjusted net income (non-GAAP) of $113.8 million, or $1.04 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to $102.5 million, or 98 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2013.
- EBITDAX (non-GAAP) of $504.0 million for the second quarter of 2014, a 19 percent increase over the second quarter of 2013.

Production for the second quarter of 2014 totaled 9.8 million barrels of oil equivalent, 6.2 million barrels of oil and 21.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas, an increase of 18 percent as compared to 8.3 MMBoe (5.2 MMBOE of crude oil and 18.6 Bcf of natural gas) produced in the second quarter of 2013. Sequentially, Concho's average daily production in the second quarter of 2014 increased 6 percent as compared to the previous quarter of 101.6 MBoepd.

"The second quarter was another exceptional quarter, demonstrating the strength of our team as we continue to execute on our Two-by-Three Growth Plan, which calls for doubling our production in three years," commented Tim Leach, chairman, chief executive officer and president.

Legacy Reserves LP announces quarterly results

Legacy Reserves LP reported second quarter results for 2014, including record production and revenue for the three months ending June 30 and six months ending June 30, respectively.

The Midland-based company reported record revenue of $137.1 million for the second quarter and revenues of $263 million for the six-month period. Adjusted earnings were $70 million for the three months and $135.8 million for the six months.

Distributable cash flow was $33.4 million and $67.7 million for the three- and six-month periods, respectively

The company also reported record production of 23,286 barrels of oil equivalent per day for the second quarter and 21,392 BOED for the six month period.

Legacy also closed its strategic alliance with WPX Energy, along with closing two previously-announced acquistions in Chaves County, New Mexico, and Sheridan County, Montana.

During this period, Legacy offered a $57.5 million Series A Preferred Unit issuance at 8 percent and a $180 million Series B Preferred Unit issuance, also at 8 percent, along with a $300 million tack-on offering to its 6.625 percent senior notes due 2021.

Cary D. Brown, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Legacy Reserves GP LLC, the general partner of Legacy, commented: "The second quarter is arguably our best quarter since going public. We closed $475.5 million of long-lived, accretive acquisitions while increasing distributions, balance sheet strength and liquidity under our revolver. We added a strategic partner and increased production to our highest levels to date. These developments allowed us to increase our quarterly distribution by $0.015, our largest quarterly increase since 2008. I am excited about the direction we are headed and the opportunities we are seeing. We continue to see value and great promise in our historical Permian footprint as new horizontal wells are being added daily around our acreage. I want to personally thank all our employees who have worked diligently to make this possible."

HOUSTON

Marathon Oil earnings up on US oil output

Rising shale oil production pushed Marathon Oil Corp.'s profits up 27 percent in the second quarter as the firm worked to improve its hydraulic fracturing in North America.

The Houston-oil explorer collected a profit of $540 million, or 80 cents a share, in the second quarter, compared to a net income of $423 million, or 60 cents a share, in the same April-June period last year.

Revenues dipped 2 percent to $2.9 billion, even as the firm made efforts to cut back its international portfolio in Norway and Angola and grow production from its unconventional resource plays in North America, Lee Tillman, Marathon's president and CEO, told investors in a conference call.

Investors over the past two years have pressured U.S. independent oil producers to shape up their debt-heavy balance sheets and cut spending on unprofitable projects. Many have been ordered to refocus their efforts on major shale plays in North America.

Tillman said he believes the company is stronger than it was 12 months ago, but also acknowledged "there's much left to accomplish if we are to be recognized as a premiere independent E&P company."

In racing terms, "we have our car well set up, we've run our qualifying laps, we even got ourselves a spot on the grid, but the race is just starting, and it's time for Marathon Oil to shift to next gear," Tillman told investors. "We must continue this shift to align our strategic commitment to rigorous portfolio management, capital discipline and shareholder value."

Marathon's daily production increased 9.1 percent to 394,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. Its Eagle Ford Shale wells in South Texas yielded greater bounties as it increased the density of its multi-well pad drilling and improved its post-drilling processes. Most of the firm's wells are placed at least 40 acres away from other wells, but it is testing closer spacing as a way to increase production and to reach deeper oil deposits.

"The bulk of that improvement is being driven by optimization of completion designs, a lot of that having to do with our dropping our stage-spacing down to 250 feet and below," Tillman said.

Its output jumped 29 percent to 170,000 barrels per day in three major plays, the Eagle Ford, the Bakken Shale in North Dakota and in several regions in Oklahoma.

The company brought 76 wells in the Eagle Ford to sale in the second quarter and expects to generate "double-digit production growth" through the rest of the year, Tillman said.

Its average time to drill an Eagle Ford well from spud to total depth in the second quarter was 13 days, the company said.

The company expects to close the $2.7 billion sale of its Norwegian assets in the fourth quarter, and will prioritize organic growth as it looks to redeploy its capital, Tillman said.

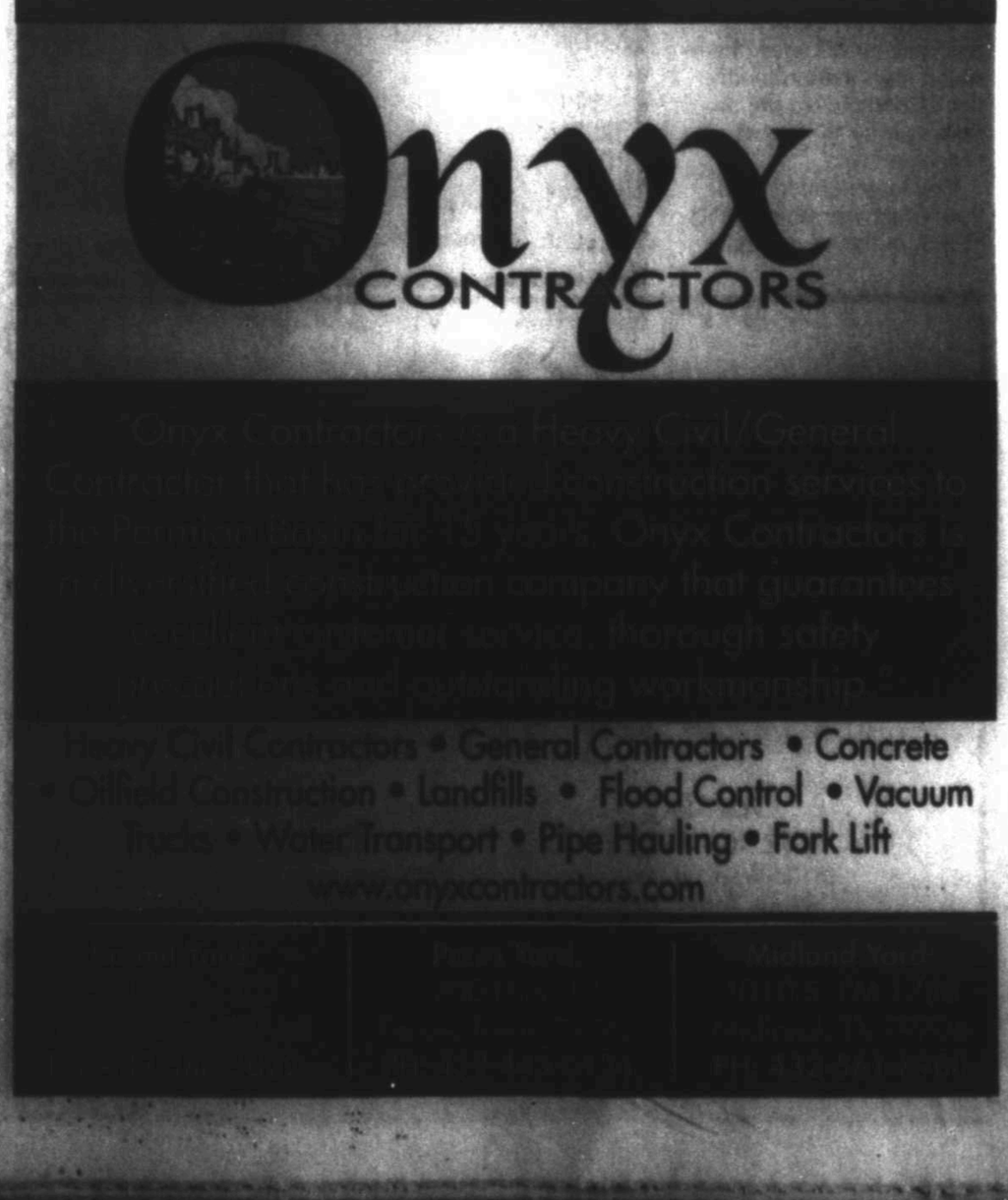
"The confidence we have in that organic reinvestment is really underpinned by what we've seen in our downspacing and completion optimization in the Eagle Ford and the Bakken," he said. "We fully expect a further acceleration case across really all of our resource plays will be a key consideration."

Chevron 2Q profit up on asset sales, oil prices

Chevron Corp. earnings rose 5.6 percent in the second quarter on asset sales and higher global oil prices, though oil and gas production slipped slightly.

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Venezuela considers selling US oil company Citgo

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's government confirmed on Tuesday that it is considering the sale of its oil refining and distribution network in the U.S. amid a worsening economic crisis.

Analysts said the proposed sale reflects the socialist government's urgent cash shortage.

Last week, the state-owned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA signaled its interest in finding a buyer for U.S.-based Citgo Petroleum Corp. in a bond prospectus. On Tuesday, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said Venezuela will sell Citgo if the price is right, but added that the government is not in a hurry to make a deal.

The company, believed to be worth as much as $15 billion, has long been an unloved stepchild of the revolution. The late President Hugo Chavez called Citgo a "bad business" that contributed to the tax coffers of the United States and made no profit for Venezuelans.

He loated the idea of selling the company, which operates refineries in Texas, Louisiana and Illinois and sells fuel through thousands of gas stations. Rival Gulf Coast refiners are seen as potential buyers.

Venezuela's government has long used its U.S. company as a political tool. Chavez had Citgo distribute discounted heating oil to low-income American families in a high-profile program aimed at criticizing Washington's approach to the poor. More than 1.7 million Americans have received oil from Citgo to keep warm during the cold winter months, according to the subsidiary.

Many states initially rejected the program, but it was embraced by some. Former U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy II spoke out in its favor, saying Chavez cared about the poor at a time when the world elite turned a blind eye.

Venezuela, an OPEC member that has among the largest oil reserves in the world, is struggling to overcome an economic crisis after years of overspending that's fueled inflation now surpassing 60 percent. The government has restricted Venezuelans' ability to obtain dollars as oil production has declined, forcing imports to fall and leading to record shortages in an oil-dependent economy where manufacturing is thin.

Outside analysts say President Nicolas Maduro needs to loosen currency controls to restore balance to the economy.

But the government's willingness to sell Citgo suggests a strong aversion to taking such dramatic steps, said Risa Grais-Targow, an analyst at the Washington-based Eurasia Group.

Juan Carlos Sosa, editor of the oil trade publication Energizing Ideas, said the sale of Citgo would give the government financial breathing space, but could rob the country of a major source of income over the long term.

Much of Venezuela's oil goes to domestic consumption and to supply agreements with China, Cuba and other Caribbean allies. The barrels sold by Citgo in the U.S. market represent the only oil sold with net income, Sosa said.

"If Citgo is sold, we'll have to rely on a third party to sell that oil, and if that party does not want to buy our oil, it will be much more difficult to place because there are very few refineries worldwide capable of processing most Venezuelan crude, which is heavy and extra heavy," he said.

2Q

From 7G

Chevron, based in San Ramon, California, said net income increased to $5.67 billion, or $2.98 per share, from $5.37 billion, or $2.77 per share, in the same quarter a year earlier. The average per-share estimate of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of $2.68, but that does not include the effect of asset sales.

The company reported revenue of $55.58 billion compared with $55.31 billion in the same quarter a year ago.

Chevron, which produces most of its oil abroad, fetched sharply higher prices for its overseas oil in the quarter. The company's average sales price rose to $101.15 per barrel, up from $93.71 last year. U.S. oil prices were flat.

The company also sold its interest in production and pipeline assets in Chad and Cameroon for $1.3 billion.

Global production slipped, however, to 2.55 million barrels per day of oil and gas from 2.58 million barrels per day last year. The company offered updates of several new production projects, and said ramp-up at those projects will help grow production by 20 percent by 2017.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Devon Energy reports second quarter results

Devon Energy Corp. reported net earnings of $675 million or $1.65 per common share ($1.64 per diluted share) for the quarter ending June 30, 2014. This compares with second-quarter 2013 net earnings of $683 million or $1.69 per common share ($1.68 per diluted share).

Adjusting for items securities analysts typically exclude from their published estimates, the company earned $574 million or $1.40 per diluted share in the second quarter. This represents a 16 percent increase in adjusted earnings compared to the second quarter of 2013.

"The second quarter was an outstanding one for Devon as we continued to focus on execution in our core and emerging areas, delivering great results," said John Richels, president and chief executive officer. "Our drilling programs drove impressive oil production growth in our retained assets, and our disciplined pursuit of high-margin production also improved pre-tax cash margins by 40 percent year over year."

Devon generated cash flow from operations of $2 billion in the second quarter, a 47 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2013. Combined with $2.8 billion of pre-tax proceeds received from the sale of the company's Canadian conventional gas business, Devon's total cash inflows for the quarter reached $4.8 billion.

Total production of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids averaged 667,000 oil-equivalent barrels (Boe) per day in the second quarter of 2014. Excluding production associated with divestiture properties, production from Devon's retained, go-forward asset base increased to 620,000 Boe per day in the second quarter. This represents a 14 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2013.

Growth in oil production drove the increase in second-quarter production from the company's go-forward assets. Oil production from these retained assets averaged 205,000 barrels per day, a 34 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2013. The most significant growth came from the company's U.S. operations, where oil production increased a substantial 79 percent year over year. This dramatic increase in U.S. oil production is largely attributable to growth from Devon's Permian Basin and Eagle Ford operations.

Permian Basin — Net production averaged a record 95,000 Boe per day in the second quarter, a 25 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2013. Light-oil production accounted for nearly 60 percent of Devon's total Permian production.

The Bone Spring play in the Delaware Basin was a significant contributor to the company's growth in the Permian. Devon added 22 new Bone Spring wells to production in the second quarter, with initial 30-day rates averaging 660 Boe per day, exceeding the company's type-curve expectations. Devon has identified 3,500 risked, undrilled locations across its Bone Spring acreage position and expects to generate additional inventory increases over time.

Also in the Delaware Basin, Devon commenced production on two high-rate oil wells targeting the Delaware Sands in Lea County, New Mexico. Initial 30-day production from each of these two wells averaged about 1,000 Boe per day, which was nearly 70 percent light oil. The company has approximately 80,000 net acres prospective for the Delaware Sands within Southeast New Mexico.

In the Southern Midland Basin, Devon delivered another quarter of strong results from its oil development program in the Wolfcamp Shale. During the second quarter, the company brought 30 Wolfcamp Shale wells online, increasing average net production in this play to 12,000 Boe per day. This represents year-over-year net production growth of 9,000 Boe per day.

What's happinging in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

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ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Pattern acquires Texas wind farm development

Pattern Energy Group LP has acquired a planned 200 megawatt wind project southwest of Dallas that will sell more than half the power it produces to Wal-Mart.

Pattern Energy Group LP, also known as Pattern Development, is the majority shareholder of Pattern Energy Group Inc., a San Francisco-based power company that owns interests in wind power projects in the U.S., Canada and Chile.

Pattern Development develops the projects and sells them to Pattern Energy Group Inc. once they're completed and ready to be operated, explained Matt Dallas, a spokesman for the companies.

Pattern acquired the wind project, known as Logan's Gap, from Pioneer Green Energy, an Austin-based solar and wind power developer. The companies didn't disclose terms of the deal.

The facility is slated to be built in Comanche County, which is southwest of Dallas.

In an announcement, the companies said Pioneer Green Energy began work on the development last year and had already entered a 10-year agreement with Wal-Mart for the retailer to purchase 60 percent of the project's expected power production.

"We are very pleased to be working with Wal-Mart, an icon of American business, which has agreed to buy the majority of the power produced by the Logan's Gap project for the next decade," said Mike Garland, CEO of Pattern Development, in a statement.

Dallas said the previous owner had only performed preliminary work to prepare the site for construction but had not begun construction itself.

Pattern says it expects to complete financing of the project and begin construction in the fourth quarter. The project is slated to come online late next year. Most major permits have been secured for the project, Dallas said, but Pattern has not yet determined what type of turbines it will use at the wind farm.

Pattern Energy Group has 11 wind projects in its portfolio, including nine that are operational, Dallas said. It's identified five projects, including Logan's Gap, that it expects to acquire from Pattern Development within the next two years, according to its second quarter Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

NORTH DAKOTA

Oneok plans new natural gas factory

BISMARCK — An Oklahoma energy company says it plans to build another factory in western North Dakota capable of processing 200 million cubic feet of natural gas daily.

Tulsa-based Oneok Inc. and Gov. Jack Dalrymple announced the more than $605 million project on Wednesday. The company says the Demicks Lake factory in northeast McKenzie County is expected to be completed in 2016.

The factory would be the seventh the company is operating or building in North Dakota. Oneok says the factory will bring its total investment in North Dakota to about $4 billion.

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Irion County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Springhole #3031C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1561 fnl, 1343 fel, Sec 3031, Blk 24, Abst. 208, H&TC RR, 17.2 n Barnhart; TD 8650; Comp 7/19/2014; producing from 4783-8015, fracture stimulated; pump 287 BO, 193 MCF, 240 BW, 37.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35683

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Salt House #3052H
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2423 fnl, 2780 fwl, Sec 3052, Blk 24, Abst. 1197, H&TC RR, 21.8 nw Barnhart; TD 8906; Comp 7/16/2014; producing from 4870-8456; pump 157 BO, 115 MCF, 112 BW, 36.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35592

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Chico Company #228E
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2323 fnl, 763 fwl, Sec 228, Blk 1, Abst. 811, T&P RR, 2.2 s Big Lake; TD 9423; Comp 7/11/2014; producing from 5119-9232, fracture stimulated; pump 64 BO, 44 MCF, 163 BW, 38.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38502

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw "H 124" Southwest Unit #1242SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1712 fnl, 795 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7425 TVD, 16008 MD; Comp 7/19/2014; producing from 8290-15952; flow 425 BO, 377 MCF, 1542 BW on open choke, FTP 75 psi, 39.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38580

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw "H 124" Southwest Unit #1241SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1713 fnl, 755 fwl, Sec 24, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7430 TVD, 16070 MD; Comp 7/16/2014; producing from 8625-16012; flow 479 BO, 562 MCF, 986 BW on open choke, FTP 120 psi, 39.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38579

Runnels County

The Window Operating Co.
Wright "N" #1
Byers (Gardner); 1059 fwl, 1534 fnl, Sec 155, Abst. 163, ET RR, 5.7 e Ballinger; TD 4231; Comp 7/18/2014; producing from 3785-3791, fracture stimulated; pump 30 BO, 50 MCF, 80 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-399-35438

Upton County

Henry Resources LLC
Melinda #2517
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1223 fnl, 1191 fel, Sec 25, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 498, T&P RR, 24.8 nw Rankin; TD 11150; Comp 7/29/2014; producing from 7266-10894, fracture stimulated; pump 76 BO, 48 MCF, 341 BW, 41.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-38596

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Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-39" #2
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fwl, 990 fsl, Sec 39, Blk 13, Abst. 431U, ULS, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4996; Comp 7/20/2014; producing from 4533-4806, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 13 BO, 18 MCF, 224 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45656

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University"13-33" #23
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990 fel,1650 fsl, Sec 33, Blk 13, Abst. 425U, ULS, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4998; Comp 7/22/2014; producing from 4622-4945, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3 BO,1 MCF, 247 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46271

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-33" #17
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fel, 1650 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 13, Abst. 425U, ULS, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4990; Comp 7/24/2014; producing from 4569-4902, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3.5 BO, 2 MCF, 218 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45914

Ector County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #354
Jordan; 7134 fnl, 665 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 35, Abst. 7U, ULS, 17.7 sw Odessa; TD 3920; Comp 7/16/2014; producing from 3349-3602, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 164 BO, 792 BW, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42995

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #353
Jordan; 4012 fel, 9934 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 35, Abst. 7U, ULS, 17.5 sw Odessa; TD 3910; Comp 7/26/2014; producing from 3334-3583, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 35 BO, 1142 BW, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43011

Glasscock County

Hunt Oil Company
P.L. Cravens #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1980 fnl, 1980 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 1249, T&P RR, 19 sw Sterling City; TD 8530; Comp 7/9/2014; producing from 6040-7410, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 43 BO, 21 MCF, 74 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-31297

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1772
Ward-Estes North; 491 fnl, 2402 fel, Sec 5, Blk F, Abst. 1, G&MMB&A, 7 nw Monahans; TD 2905; Comp 7/9/2014; producing from 2533-2736, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1.5 BO, 1 MCF, 275 BW on open choke, FTP 170 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36702

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1968
Ward-Estes North; 6176 fsl, 4996 fel, Sec 19, Blk F, Abst. 5, G&MMB&A, 6.5 w Monahans; TD 2952; Comp 7/9/2014; producing from 2552-2802, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1 BO, 1 MCF, 350 BW on open choke, FTP 180 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36729

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Crosby County

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Wheeler "D" #11W
Hoople (Clearfork); 1320 fwl, 660 fnl, Sec 1036, Abst. 1340, CCSD&RGNG, 11 ne Slaton; TD 4440; Comp 7/15/2014; producing from 4058-4096, fracture stimulated; pump 16 BO, 307 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31794

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Victoria Federal #2
Round Tank; Sec 19 T15S R29E;1650/S & 330/W; EL 3733 GL, TD 3290, PBTD 3242; Spud 11-3-13, Comp 1-2-14; production is through perfs: 2992-3198. IP: 1-23-14 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 350 BW, 50 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 450 w/710 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3285 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3181; API #30-005-64160

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #71
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 1550/N & 385/E; EL 3682 GL, TD 4500, PBTD 4416; Spud 12-6-13, Comp 1-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 3567-4237. Treat: 203,490 gals 20#, 258,744# sd, 3800 gals acid, 3402 gals gel. IP: 2-15-14 Pump 24 hrs 72 BO, 289 BW, 79 MCF, GOR 1097, Gty 39.5. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 502 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4500 w/710 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4319; API #30-015-41684

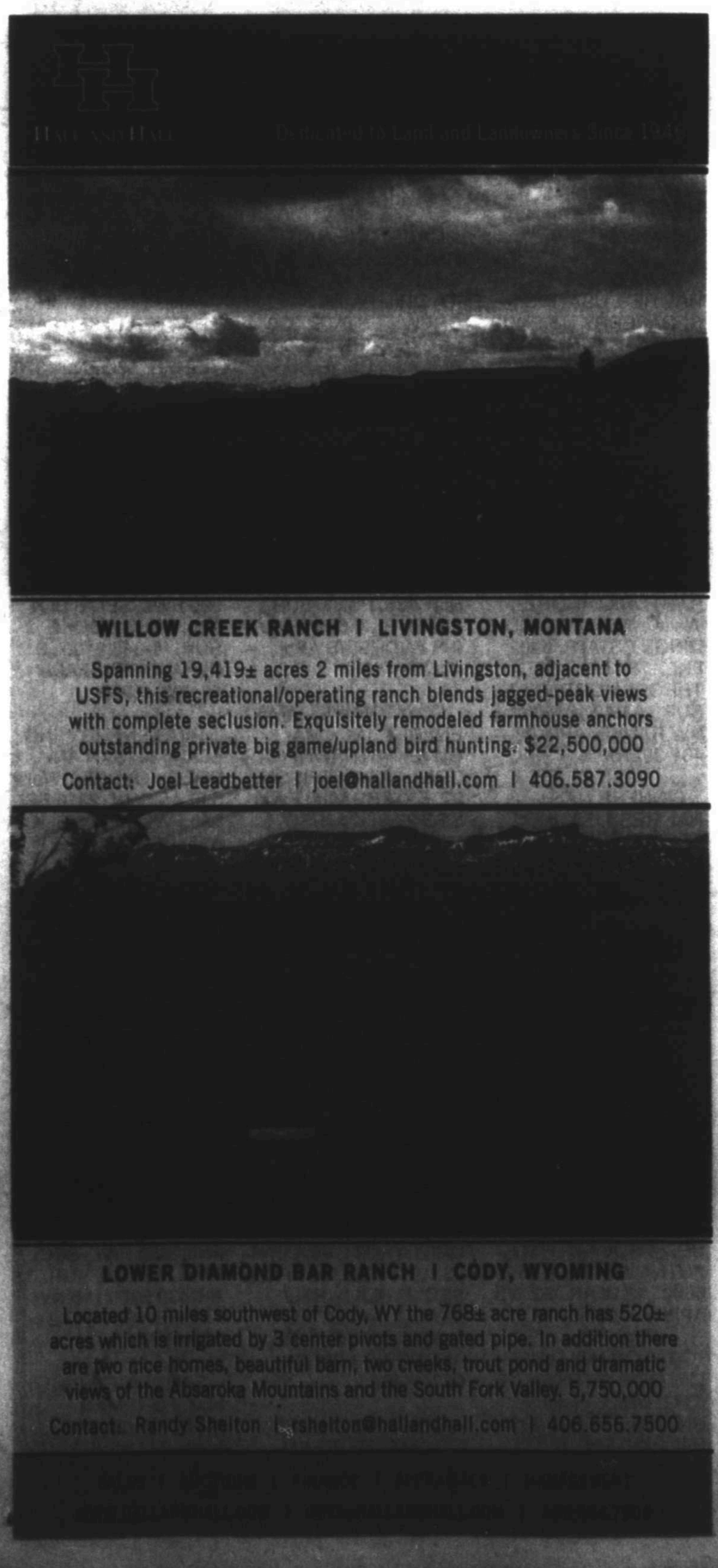
COG Operating LLC
G J West Coop Unit #293
GB-Jackson; Sec 27 T17S R29E; 1950/S & 990/W. BHL: 1676/S & 357/W; EL 3532 GL, TD 10,279, PBTD 10,279; Spud 2-5-13, Comp 4-3-13; production is through treated perfs: 4929-10,103. Treat: Acdz w/46,730 gals 15% NEFE, 1,719,293 gals gel, 185,850 gals WF, 136,057# 100 mesh, 1,825,250# 16/30 brady sd, 299,955# 16/30 CRC. IP: WIW. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 331 w/1125 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1366 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10144 w/900 sx; API #30-015-40646

Linn Operating Inc.
State B #604
GB-Jackson; Sec 16 T17S R31E; 1646/S & 2580/E; EL 3812 GL, TD 4203, PBTD 4203; Spud 12-17-13, Comp 1-31-14; production is through perfs: 3662-3835. IP: 2-1-14 Pump 24 hrs 230 BO, 188 BW, 144 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 381 w/250 sx, 5 1/2@ 4203 w/1085 sx; API #30-015-41712

COG Operating LLC
Bragg 10 Fee #1
Atoka; Sec 10 T19S R26E; 150/S & 330/W. BHL: 440/N & 421/W; EL 3335 GL, TD 7860 MD, 3254 TVD, PBTD 7804; Spud 11-13-13, Comp 1-20-14; production is through perfs: 3527-7769. IP: 2-5-14 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 1527 BW, 75 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1233 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7842 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2868; API #30-015-41462

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Diamond PWU 22 #5
Turkey Track; Sec 22 T19S R29E; 725/N & 330/W. BHL: 680/N & 346/E; EL 3332 GL, TD 11320 MD, 7087.5 TVD; Spud 11-3-13, Comp 1-8-14; production is through treated

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perfs: 7336-11302. Treat: Frac in 10 stages: 31,000 gals 15% HCL, 231,040# 100 mesh sd, 874,740# 40/70 sd, 475,240# 20/40 SLC. IP: 2-8-14 Flow 24 hrs 517 BO, 972 BW, 2433 MCF, TP 600, CP 680, GOR 4705.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 250 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3405 w/1340 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11320 w/2155 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6673; API #30-015-40822

Devon Enegy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #167
Paduca; Sec 25 T24S R31E; 2310/S & 2200/W. BHL: 561/S & 1773/W; EL 3526 GL, TD 14732 MD, 8218 TVD, PBTD 14655; Spud 7-13-13, Comp 10-19-13; production is through treated perfs: 8440-14637. Treat: 45k gasl 15% HCL acid, 872k# 100 mesh sd, 818K# 40/70 white sd, 305K# 40/70 SLC sd. IP: 11-6-13 Pump 24 hrs 871 BO, 1997 bW, 940 MCF, GOR 1079.21929. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 792 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4485 w/3168 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14705 w/3346 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7924; API #30-015-41385

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #409
SW Poker Lake; Sec 22 T24S R31E; 700/S & 550/W. BHL: 1482/S & 314/E; EL 3514 GL, TD 14176 MD, 8208 TVD; Spud 11-5-13, Comp 12-31-13; production is through perfs: 8591-14176. IP: 1-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 448 BO, 1388 BW, 653 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1014 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4425 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 8444 w/590 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8337-14154; API #30-015-41136

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Pintail Federal #4
Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 1650/S & 990/W; EL 4027 GL, TD 4735, PBTD 4656; Spud 5-29-13, Comp 8-27-13; production is through treated perfs: 4122-4182. Treat: Acdz w/2100 gals 15% HCL & 200 BS, Frac w/56.6 bbls 15% HCL, 21,165 bbls slickwater, 28,839# 100 mesh 189,606# white sd 40/70. IP: 9-30-13 Pump 24 hrs 7 BO, 1150 BW, 67 MCF, GOR 9571, Gty 37.6. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 887 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4730 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4011; API #30-025-40644

COG Operating LLC
Petrus D #11
Maljamar; Sec 11 T17S R33E; 1630/S & 990/E; EL 4155 GL, TD 6040, PBTD 5510; Spud 11-12-12, Comp 4-5-13; production is through treated perfs: 5148-5157. Treat: 3000 gals 15% acid 53,777 gals gel, 42,281# 20/40 white sd, 11,106# 20/40 SLC sd. IP: 4-29-13 Pump 24 hrs 6 BO, 199 BW, 5 MCF, GOR 833, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1468 w/1100 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2423 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6040 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5310; API #30-025-40745

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #388
Eunice Monument; Sec 20 T19S R37E; 10/S & 1360/W; EL 3626 GL, TD 4068, PBTD 3905; Spud 6-5-13, Comp 7-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 3724-3898. Treat: 9248 gals acid. IP: 10-18-13 Pump 24 hrs 5 BO, 39 BW, 15 MCF, GOR 3000, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1361 w/520 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4068 w/820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3889; API #30-025-41040

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Mad Dog 26 MD State Com #1
Antelope Ridge; Sec 26 T23S R34E; 150/S & 500/W. BHL: 4616/S & 531/W; EL 3455 GL, TD 157541, PBTD 15612; Spud 11-20-13, Comp 1-28-14; production is through treated perfs: 10860-15612. Treat: Frac w/29,348 gals 7.5% acid, 3,266,734 gals SW carrying 935,499# 100 mesh sd 620,878# 40/70 sd & 261,908# 40/70 oil plus. IP: 2-10-14 Flow 24hrs 631 BO, 499 BW, 826 MCF, CP 140, GOR 1309. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 844 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4878 w/1450 sx, 7 @ 11802 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10997-15737 w/600 sx; API #30-025-41123

Regeneration Energy Corp.
Bill Federal Com #1
Cinta Roja; Sec 19 T23S R35E; 330/S & 1980/E. BHL: 373/N & 2047/E; EL 3394 GL, TD 13021, PBTD 12971; Spud 7-24-13, Comp 11-11-13; production is through perfs: 9091-12874. IP 11-11-13 Pump 24 hrs 33 BO, 1232 BW, TSTM MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1500 w/1315 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5173 w/2000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13021 w/1975 sx; API #30-025-41265

COG Operating LLC
Azores Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 29 T24S R32E; 190/S & 1980/W. BHL: 953/N & 1921/W; EL 3494 GL, TD 15098 MD, 10577 TVD, PBTD 15095 MD, 10577 TVD; Spud 10-1-13, Comp 12-2-13; production is through treated perfs: 10703-14977. Treat: 68706 gals 7.5% acid, 3321993# sd, 2414664 gals fluid. IP: 12-17-13 Pump 24 hrs 990 BO, 929 BW, 1566 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 833 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4555 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15098 w/2150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10147; API #30-025-41158

COG Operating LLC
Eggs State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 8 T25S R30E; 660/N & 1650/E. BHL: 438/N & 2329/E; EL 3212 GL, TD 13838, PBTD 13797; Spud 2-12-11, Comp 9-24-11; production is through treated perfs: 9803-13725. Treat: Acdz w/52368 gals 15%, Frac w/2704925# sd & 2781923 gals fluid. IP: 10-2-11 Flow 24 hrs 258 BO, 1677 BW, 2250 MCF, 30/64" Ch, CP 660. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 936 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3535 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13837 w/2050 sx; API #30-025-37260

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Coke County

FIREWHEEL OPERATING, LLC, JAMESON (STRAWN) (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# C 13RE WC BLANKS, 1323 FSL 1266 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-1569 6300', 7 NW SILVER API# 42-081-31799

IVORY ENERGY, LLC, RAWLINGS (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 11 RF BUTNER, 2038 FNL 1186 FEL, SEC 397 BLK 1A, H&TC SUR., A-345 5474', 5 NW BRONTE API# 42-081-32068

Crockett County

WHITING O&G CORP., HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 27C PERNER, 1870 FSL 1913 FEL, SEC 27 BLK TG, GC&SF SUR., A-3212 11000', 15 SE OZONA API# 42-105-41965

Irion County

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 41U SPIKE S UNIT, 415 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 69 BLK 14, H&TC SUR., A-389 9999', 12 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35695

ATROPOS EXPLORATION CO., BAKER RANCH (CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 ECKERT 444-A, 500 FEL 500 FSL, SEC 444, M MCMILLAN/JD OGLE SUR., A-857 8000', 9 SW MERTZON API# 42-235-34810

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1509 CARTER, 567 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 15 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-238 7200', 9 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-35703

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3031C SPRINGHOLE, 1561 FNL 3547 FWL, SEC 3031 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-208 10000', 17 N BARNHART API# 42-235-35683

OPTIMUM DISPOSAL LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 WANORECK, 506 FNL 50 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-237 10000', 10 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-35677

STRAND ENERGY, LC, LUCKY MAG (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 16 HAMILTON, 1700 FWL 600 FSL, SEC 695, J HIRSCHHAUSER SUR., A-164 7000', 2 N MERTZON API# 42-235-35686

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2F SAU 43, 1320 FNL 2440 FEL, SEC 43 BLK B, L&SV SUR., A-304 8300', 24 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38638

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2D SAU 17-2, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 17 BLK E, HE&WT SUR., A-213 8200', 31 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38602

BMD REAGAN LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 4 REAGAN 375 SWD, 300 FEL 404 FSL, SEC 14 BLK A, L&SV/EL MCMASTER SUR., A-375 12000', 28 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38637

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. , E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 197H SUGG E, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 197 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-619 12500', 27 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38639

Upton County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC , N KING MTN (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2744U FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1324 FSL 1984 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-511 12000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-461-39264

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., N KING MTN (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2746U FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1325 FSL 724 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-511 12000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-461-39266

COG OPERATING, LLC, DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 5 TXL T, 460 FEL 2172 FNL, SEC 17 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-494 12000', 28 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-35484

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 DAVIDSON 12, 467 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1517 12000', 12 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39285

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 DAVIDSON 10, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1516 12000', 14 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39282

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 DAVIDSON 10, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1516 12000', 14 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39283

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 DAVIDSON 12, 467 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1517 12000', 12 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39284

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 4-23, 1659 FWL 1635 FSL, SEC 23 BLK 4, UNIV LAND SUR. 9894', 6 SE RANKIN API# 42-461-38181

MID-STATES OPER. CO., S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 WOOLEY 5, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 5 BLK G, GC&SF SUR., A-180 12000', 7 N RANKIN API# 42-461-35569

MID-STATES OPER. CO., S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6 WOOLEY 5, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 5 BLK G, GC&SF SUR., A-180 12000', 7 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-36023

MID-STATES OPER. CO., S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 9 WOOLEY 5, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 5 BLK G, GC&SF SUR., A-180 12000', 7 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-36081

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 FRANKLIN 22, 2253 FNL 2212 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1408 12000', 14 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39279

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 ATKINS 10A, 467 FNL 684 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-1413 12000', 8 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39288

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1095H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6168 FNL 1173 FWL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10525', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39272

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1094H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6168 FNL 1143 FWL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10175', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39269

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1093H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6168 FNL 1113 FWL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10975', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39268

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ARES ENERGY, LTD., FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H EVA COOPWOOD E, 2440 FNL 940 FEL, SEC 4 BLK A47, PSL/C PUTNAM SUR., A-1697 6600', 13 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-45910

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 UNIVERSITY 8-3, 2330 FSL 2330 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U221 12500', 14 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45943

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 8-3, 467 FNL 2330 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U221 12500', 14 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45942

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 12 CREWS ESTATE, 990 FEL 2310 FSL, SEC 15 BLK A36, PSL/E BUSTIN SUR., A-699 4700', 9 N ANDREWS API# 42-003-45975

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 3 LAKE BED, 683 FNL 1995 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A36, PSL/RR OGDEN SUR., A-2292 6200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-00874

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 6 CREWS ESTATE, 330 FEL 1650 FSL, SEC 15 BLK A36, PSL/E BUSTIN SUR., A-699 4700', 9 N ANDREWS API# 42-003-45972

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 16 CREWS ESTATE, 330 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A36, PSL/E BUSTIN SUR., A-699 4700', 9 N ANDREWS API# 42-003-45977

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MAGUTEX (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ORSON 27, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 3, PSL/MRS L MURPHY SUR., A-1467 11700', 8 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45963

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 BURNETT 24, 472 FWL 478 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 3, PSL/SK TURNBOW SUR., A-2216 11700', 6 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45966

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 VINCENT 23, 1979 FEL 1991 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 3, PSL/MG MCCARLEY SUR., A-2003 11750', 7 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45962

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 309 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 1980 FNL 1991 FEL, SEC 25 BK 11, UL SUR., A-U345 9000', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45753

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 OFFSHOOT 20, 475 FEL 475 FSL, SEC 20 BLK A34, PSL/WW MCQUATTERS SUR., A-1693 12800', 11 N ANDREWS API# 42-003-45934

RING ENERGY, INC., SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 23 FISHER, 330 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A36, PSL/N FISHER SUR., A-1924 5100', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45960

RING ENERGY, INC., SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 22 FISHER, 330 FNL 2640 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A36, PSL/N FISHER SUR., A-1924 5100', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45959

RING ENERGY, INC., SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 21 FISHER, 330 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A36, PSL/N FISHER SUR., A-1924 5100', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45958

RING ENERGY, INC., BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3 FLAMSON, 990 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A35, PSL/J COOKE SUR., A-345 5100', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45950

RING ENERGY, INC., BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 5 FLAMSON, 2310 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A35, PSL/J COOKE SUR., A-345 5100', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45954

RING ENERGY, INC , BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 4 FLAMSON, 1650 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A35, PSL/J COOKE SUR., A-345 5100', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45951

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 4 UNIVERSITY 47, 1650 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U439 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45970

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 34 UNIVERSITY 47A, 2310 FSL 330

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FEL, SEC 47 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 12 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45971

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 13-28, 2310 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U420 5200', 11 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45919

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 14 UNIVERSITY 40, 1650 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45924

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2012 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 409 FNL 1690 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 7700', 22 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45945

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2020 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 418 FEL 426 FNL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 7700', 22 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45947

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2018 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 420 FNL 1047 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 7700', 22 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45946

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2011 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 421 FNL 1672 FWL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 7700', 22 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45944

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 18 DONNA RAINEY, 272 FEL 561 FSL, SEC 21 BLK A31, PSL/JW THOMASSON SUR., A-825 4800', 21 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45948

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7222 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2487 FSL 883 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U396 7700', 17 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45956

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7234 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2513 FSL 1896 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U396 7700', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45964

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 4370 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1101 FSL 1738 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U423 7700', 14 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45967

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7118 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1349 FNL 2085 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U398 7700', 17 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45955

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO./MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 502 WN WADDELL ET AL, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B-21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1245 6170', 18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-01957

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SAND HILLS (TUBB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 288H MB MCKNIGHT, 60 FSL 2080 FEL, SEC 23 BLK B 17, PSL SUR., A-208 9000', 22 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36304

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 14 RAFE, 2073 FSL 2674 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ EG DURHAM SUR., A-862 13000', 16 NE CRANE API# 42-103-36303

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 3013 SUZAHN, 2130 FNL 2080 FEL, SEC 30 BLK B25, PSL/RD MCGEE SUR., A-734 12500', 14 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36302

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1109 SUZAHN, 660 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 32, PSL/DK FITZHUGH SUR., A-717 12500', 13 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36301

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GATO DEL SOL LL 37 UNIT, 210 FNL 2567 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 59 T2S, T&P/ HT COLLIER SUR., A-5085 9802', 14 W ORLA API# 42-109-32653

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 11 KLINK UNIT, 2437 FNL 2635 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-140 11000', 6 S ODESSA API# 42-135-42911

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 20 TATIA, 2100 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-157-13000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42921

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 13 TATIA, 2010 FSL 1929 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-157 13000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42919

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2702LS RATLIFF E, 264 FSL 800 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-60 13000', 10 NE ODESSA API# 42-135-42915

Glasscock County

ADVENTURE EXPL PRTNRS II, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY(STRWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1A CALVERLEY 12, 1320 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 36 T4S, T&P/ JG HILLGER SUR., A-997 12000',12 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36361

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1607 RED SNAPPER-NEAL, 2112 FNL 1386 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/ J CURRIE SUR., A-745 10600', 7 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36360

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CONDOR 48, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/W BUCHANAN SUR., A-872 10800', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36358

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 CONDOR 48, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/W BUCHANAN SUR., A-872 10800', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36359

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 HEIDI 37, 2590 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-259 10700', 6 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36298

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 5 COOPER 34, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ DW BRUNSON SUR., A-932 10450', 15 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36356

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 7 SMITH 7, 470 FSL 1700 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-296 12000', 7 SE STANTON API# 42-173-36312

DRACO ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 DEBUS, 1510 FWL 1125 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ WJ JOLLY SUR., A-1015 11000', 9 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36353

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 102H SAN SABA SN 37-36, 560 FSL 2380 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-283 9500', 15 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36335

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 202H SAN SABA SN 37-36, 560 FSL 2430 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-283 9500',15 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36339

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O/G) DRILL (37) Well# 1G BARBEE C, 1980 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 1, GB&CNG SUR., A-20 12000', 16 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36349

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 153NC BEARKAT, 2303 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-152 10000', 5 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36350

TRILOGY OPERATING INC., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 WAGGA-WAGGA, 1980 FEL 2310 FSL, SEC 221 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-496 11000', 14 NE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36355

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 SPENCER TRUST 20, 467 FNL 1000 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 31 T2N, T&P SUR., A-1159 7870', 14 NW COAHOMA API# 42-227-37848

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 SPENCER TRUST 20, 1787 FNL 1000 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 31 T2N, T&P/ JE MCCARTY SUR., A-1159 7930', 14 NW COAHOMA API# 42-227-37847

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MARILYN WEAVER 31, 743 FWL 1858 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-143 12000', 2 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37844

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, BIG SPRING (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 5 BEALL 28, 660 FEL 1836 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/CA BURKS SUR., A-1671 11000', 12 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37858

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 FRYAR 11, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 34 T2N, T&P SUR., A-397 12000', 2 NW KNOTT API# 42-227-37845

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 12 GO CHALK F, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 140 BLK 29, W&NW/ SS MILLSPAUGH SUR., A-1544 4350', 16 SE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37851

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 RUSSELL UNIT 23, 1980 FWL 1788 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-392 12000', 7 W BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37859

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 GUITAR 28, 660 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 28 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-577 12000', 6 S KNOTT API# 42-227-37855

MERIT ENERGY CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 31CF GO CHALK, 666 FEL 1417 FNL, SEC 114 BLK 29, W&NW/TE HARRAL SUR., A-1131 4300', 7 NE FORSAN API# 42-227-37853

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC, MIDDLETON (CNYN REEF) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2 MIDDLETON 38, 1052 FSL 1618 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 33 T3N, T&P/ CW PARR SUR., A-1007 9500', 5 N KNOTT API# 42-227-34776

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4124 TIDWELL, 1770 FNL 1000 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-423 11000', 10 E STANTON API# 42-227-37862

TRILOGY OPERATING INC., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BOA 12, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/BH SETTLES SUR., A-1353 11000', 10 SE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37854

Loving County

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JOHNSON ESTATE 57-T1-4, 225 FNL 710 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 57 T1, T&P/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1145 14000',11 N ORLA API# 42-301-32121

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2 HUGHES-TALBOT 27, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 75, PSL/ LM JONES SUR., A-396 12700', 15 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-31663

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BULL SHARK 53-28, 722 FSL 296 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 53 T2, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1077 11500', 8 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32120

Martin County

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 FM HALL 20, 470 FWL 2190 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/ WT EPLEY SUR., A-884 11500', 1 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39233

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 JD 9, 467 FEL 1320 FSL, SEC 9 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-110 10707', 5 NE STANTON API# 42-317-39242

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 SLAUGHTER 7, 487 FNL 1277 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-17 11030', 4 W ACKERLY API# 42-317-39154

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GORMAN 11, 760 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-156 12000', 5 N LENORAH API# 42-317-39244

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ)) Well# 2H SALE RANCH 28B, 200 FNL 1305 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ HT WILSON SUR., A-667 10600', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39228

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SALE RANCH 28A, 200 FNL 805 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/HT WILSON SUR., A-667 9900', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39227

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 ROMAN 22B, 2173 FWL 2173 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 35 T2N, T&P/ JA KNUDSON/AA WILSON SUR., A-967 10700', 13 N STANTON API# 42-317-39236

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 910 JOHNSON RANCH, 600 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-302 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39225

Midland County

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2907 GOLDEN, 700 FSL 580 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-112 11500', 22 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39152

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4623SH DORA ROBERTS RANCH UNIT, 1130 FWL 100 FNL, SEC 46 BLK 41 T3S, T&P/ RM MIDDLETON SUR., A-808 10000', 21 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39150

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 JV EDITH DRAKE, 467 FEL 2173 FNL, SEC 1, BF WOLCOTT SUR., A-1156 13000', 6 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39149

Pecos County

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCCOMBS 2, 290 FNL 200 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/JV GIBSON SUR., A-5758 16000', 18 SW COYANOSA API# 42-371-39156

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 23E33 YATES FIELD UNIT, 691 FWSL 10788 FWL, SEC 34 1/2 BLK 194, IG YATES SUR., A-8196 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-34191

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H LARAMIE 55-4-7, 330 FNL 550 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 55 T4S, T&P SUR., A-796 14000', 16 SE ORLA API# 42-389-34131

MESQUITE SWD INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 4 FISHING AND PLEASURE SWD, 446 FSL 1622 FEL, SEC 24 BLK C7, PSL/R LOWE SUR., A-5956 4100', 9 SE PECOS API# 42-389-33782

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, HUBBARD (CHRY CNYN) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 ANDERSON OLLIE P SWD, 638 FSEL 658 FNEL, SEC 10 BLK 2, H&GN SUR., A-4343 16005', 24 NW PECOS API# 42-389-01021

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 LONE RANGER STATE 192, 795 FNL 1930 FWL, SEC 192 BLK 13, H&GN/SW MILLAR SUR., A-3021 13000', 12 S PECOS API# 42-389-34134

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ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 THORNY ROSE 18, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 5, H&GN/ GS JOHNSTON SUR., A-1332 13000', 4 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34132

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 LONE RANGER STATE 192, 765 FNL 520 FWL, SEC 192 BLK 13, H&GN/SW MILLAR SUR., A-3021 13000', 12 S PECOS API# 42-389-34138

Ward County

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, SHAWNEE (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D MUDSLINGER 34-85, 1800 FSWL 1800 FNWL, SEC 85 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-220 5500', 6 SE PYOTE API# 42-475-36662

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MUDSLINGER 34-85, 250 FSWL 994 FSEL, SEC 85 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-220 16500', 6 SE PYOTE API# 42-475-36661

Winkler County

SILVER HILL ENERGY PRTNRS LLC, CRITTENDON(BELL CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BULLET 27-11, 2310 FEL 2310 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 27, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-1757 9000', 10 NW KERMIT API# 42-495-33550

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Cochran County

SILVER CREEK O&G LLC, COCHRAN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WYATT EARP, 275 FNL 2179 FWL, SEC 150, RANDALL CSL SUR., A-123 4710', 4 SE BLEDSOE API# 42-079-33315

Dawson County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TOWNES 34, 660 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T4N, T&P/ WL MCCLURE SUR., A-1335 12000', 4 NW ACKERLY API# 42-115-33650

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LISHMAN 19A, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 262, BORDEN CSL SUR., A-399 11900', 15 SW LAMESA API# 42-115-33648

SDX RESOURCES INC., DEROEN (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 ROY, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T5N, T&P SUR., A-75 11000', 10 SE LAMESA API# 42-115-33649

Dickens County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC, TRIFECTA (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 2 MCARTHUR B, 631 FNL 2268 FWL, SEC 145 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-79 7200', 7 SW SPUR API# 42-125-31326

Gaines County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 8528 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 20000 FSL 184 FEL, SEC 51 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-996 8700', 2 S DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37948

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 437 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1320 FSL 1935 FWL, SEC 417 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-123 8100', 5 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37947

Garza County

THE GEO. R. BROWN PRTNRSHIP, BUENOS (O) DRILL Well# 13B BASINGER LONG UNIT, 1000 FEL 1275 FSL, SEC 1306, BS&F/S GHOLSON SUR., A-656 3850', 4 SE SOUTHLAND API# 42-169-34158

THE GEO. R. BROWN PRTNRSHIP, BUENOS (O) DRILL Well# 19L BASINGER LONG UNIT, 410 FWL 1775 FSL, SEC 1305, BS&F SUR., A-289 3850', 4 SE SOUTHLAND API# 42-169-34157

Hockley County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, ANITA (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3 COCHRAN, 760 FWL 715 FSL, A TAYLOR LABOR LEAGUE 722 SUR., A-231 7900', 3 SE WHITHARRAL API# 42-219-37310

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, ANITA (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 12 BOSWORTH FARM, 963 FWL 743 FNL, SEC 722, A TAYLOR SUR., A-231 8500', 2 SE WITHARRAL API# 42-219-37311

King County

HUNT OIL COMPANY, ANNE TANDY (STRAWN) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# N 87 SB BURNETT ESTATE, 1929 FNWL 1946 FNEL, SEC 1 BLK X, RM THOMSON SUR., A-641 5530', 17 SE GUTHRIE API# 42-269-32066

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15518H SACROC UNIT, 1776 FNL 2115 FWL, SEC 292 BLK 97, H&TC/ WH SHOLER SUR., A-2511 7250', 6 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-35008

Terry County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 607 NORTHWEST TERRY (ABO) UNIT, 2826 FWL 2050 FNL, SEC 15 BLK D14, C&M SUR., A-69 8900', 9 SW SUNDOWN API# 42-445-32386

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC Dodd Federal Unit #626
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 1010/N & 605/E; 4 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4550 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42243

COG Operating LLC Dodd Federal Unit #926
Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 90/N & 963/E; 5 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 9993 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42244

COG Operating LLC Burch Keely Unit #954
Burch Keely; Sec 23 T17S R29E; 507/N & 172/E; 4 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 10028 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42240

COG Operating LLC Burch Keely Unit #956
Burch Keely; Sec 23 T17S R29E; 1650/N & 165/E; 4 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 9954 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42241

COG Operating LLC Burch Keely Unit #958
Burch Keely; Sec 24 T17S R29E; 2270/S & 210/W; 3 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 10095 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42242

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler B #107
Loco Hills; Sec 8 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 990/E; 2 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42228

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler B #109
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 330/S & 2420/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42230

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler B #110
Loco Hills; Sec 8 T17S R30E; 440/N & 1100/E; 2 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 6105.6 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42231

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Stevens A #19
Cedar Lake; Sec 13 T17S R30E; 990/S & 2210/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42232

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Stevens B #9
Cedar Lake; Sec 13 T17S R30E; 330/N & 990/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42233

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler A #48
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 1800/S & 1650/W; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6105.51 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42225

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler B #101
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 2630/N & 480/W; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6123.32 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42226

Burnett Oil Co. Inc. Gissler B #108
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 1760/N & 2205/W; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42229

Yates Petroleum Corp. Patrick API #7
N Seven Rivers; Sec 9 T19S R25E; 300/N & 150/W; 7 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 6717 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42222

Yates Petroleum Corp. Boyd X State Com #15
N Seven Rivers; Sec 16 T19S R25E; 1935/N & 15/W; 7 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7305 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42223

Yates Petroleum Corp. Wolf "AJA" Fed Com #21
Lost Tank; Sec 36 T21S R31E; 1480/S & 650/W; 8 mi S Halfway; Rot 16696 Delaware; API #30-015-42239

COG Operating LLC Mescal 22 Federal #1
SE Willow Lake; Sec 22 T25S R29E; 2220/S & 360/E; 13 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12138 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42245

