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Hearing scheduled in Clinton Young case

■ Death row inmate's attorneys say gloves found at murder scene contain co-defendant's DNA

By Simone Jasper
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A hearing is scheduled this month for Clinton Lee Young — the only current death row inmate who was convicted in Midland County. An order for the hearing signed by Judge Robert H. Moore, presiding by assignment, came after evidence was tested, according to court documents.

The hearing in the 385th Judicial District Court will allow parties to present documents and witness testimony and hear counsel arguments, according to the order. The hearing is set for Oct. 16, 10 days before Young's execution date at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit.

Young, 34, was sentenced to death in 2003 after he was convicted of the murders of Doyle Douglas and Samuel Petrey.

Young's attorneys submitted a motion to the 385th Judicial District Court to "withdraw or modify the execution date," according to a document filed Aug. 28. The motion states a pair of gloves found near Petrey's body contained DNA from David Lee Page, a co-defendant in the case.

Moore signed an order on May 25 granting Young's motion to authorize the release of the gloves for independent examination, according to a document.

The gloves weren't tested for gunshot residue before trial but were tested in 2015, according to the motion filed Aug. 28.

After additional testing, the gloves were found to contain gunshot residue "in locations and in amounts that are most likely the result of the shooter wearing them," the motion states. Other new evidence includes Page's admissions to people, according to the document.

Both Douglas and Petrey were fatally shot during a 2001 crime spree, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. Douglas, 41, was killed near Longview, and Petrey, 52, was kidnapped in Eastland and killed in an oilfield near Midland, according to the reports. Young's warrant of execution was signed in June, and the date was set for Oct. 26. Young is being held in the Polunsky Unit in Livingston as of Friday, according to TDCJ records.

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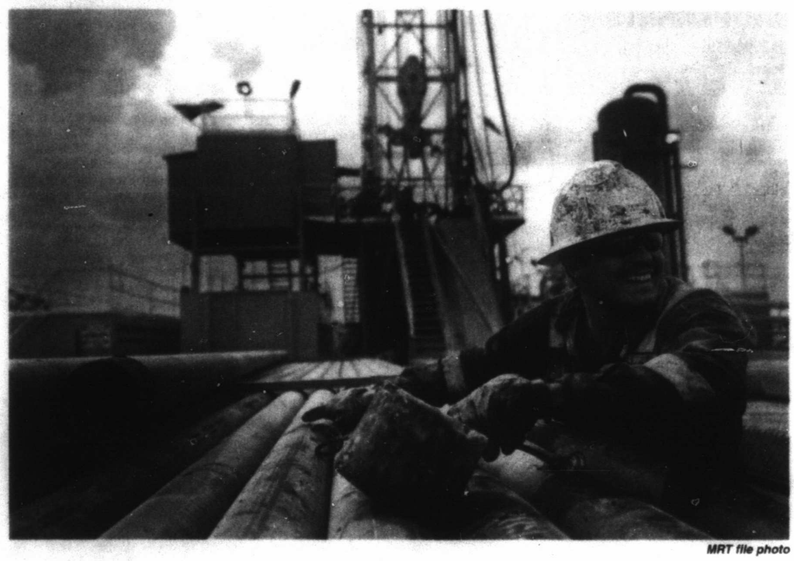

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Charles Robertson, a floor hand with Trinidad Drilling, jokes with a co-worker while moving casing on a rack near Trinidad Drilling Rig 433 on Nov. 2, 2016, in Midland County.

Steve Pruett: 'Oil men are innately optimistic'

By Dan Murtaugh
Bloomberg

Steve Pruett has seen more than his share of booms in three decades in the oil business. None, though, as strange as the one gripping the Permian Basin right now.

The telltale signs are the same as always, with companies like his desperate for skilled workers to man the drilling rigs that pierce the horizon in West Texas. What's unusual, and unnerving, is that the Permian is still thrumming with activity after prices cratered for the stuff it pumps out. Crude is trading for around $50 a barrel, but this is the hottest oil patch anywhere on Earth, a swing producer influencing the trajectory of global markets and threatening OPEC.

That either means the industry has become so incredibly efficient that production can continue to rise even if prices don't, or that it's throwing money after a mirage. Pruett, chief executive officer of Midland-based Elevation Resources, is more concerned about the latter.

"Oil men are innately optimistic, and sometimes our optimism is our own worst enemy," he said.

This is the funny thing about the

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Eagle Ford landscape looks like a 'ghost town'

By Dan Murtaugh
Bloomberg

If the Permian Basin is Exhibit A for the U.S. oil boom that refuses to die, then the Eagle Ford represents all those places that have been left behind.

It's not that the oil rigs totally disappeared after crude prices abruptly collapsed in 2014. But it's awful quiet. The wells here aren't the kind of gushers that make it attractive to keep pumping at $50 a barrel.

As the shale drillers moved on to richer fields, the South Texas landscape became pockmarked with abandoned structures. This nimbleness — the ability to just pack up and leave at a moment's notice — may give U.S. oil companies a competitive advantage against their more rigid, state-run OPEC rivals, but there is a human cost to it all.

Lives are turned upside down. Plans are crushed. Savings are drained. Three Eagle Ford veterans — Jill Potts, George Garcia and Randy Katzmark — can attest to it.

What does the bust look like? To Jill Potts, a pair of work gloves.

Fluorescent green ones, to be exact. She flips them on her desk at Summit Oilfield Supply, the shop she and her husband own in Cuero, a little town in the heart of the Eagle Ford formation.

The days when roughnecks hopped out of their pickups and plunked down $5 for a pair without thinking about it are long over. Potts marked them down to $2.20 a pair, barely above cost, and still her clients balk at the price.

"They're asking me for quotes on these so they can compare and get the best price," Potts, 49, says with a laugh. "They're drilling multimillion-dollar wells and they're

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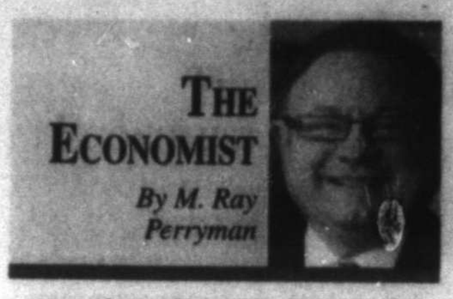

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Cities across the eastern half of the United States and Canada (including all of the largest in Texas) are jockeying for position and running flat out in the race to attract Amazon's second headquarters (HQ2). The winning area's prize will be enormous: about $5 billion in capital investment and 50,000 jobs with a six-figure average salary. Add to that the positive ripple effects through the economy and the potential to energize related desirable technology businesses, and it's easy to see the reason for the frenzy.

Economic development has not been in the spotlight to this extent since the massive competition for Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC) in the early 1980s. While there are thousands of dedicated professionals across the country who work to secure corporate locations and expansions and retentions for their hometowns day in and day out, this is one of the rare times the process has gone mainstream in such a grandiose manner. I've spent more than 35 years helping communities with their strategic planning and companies with their location decisions. While the decision is complicated, I think Texas has a very good shot at HQ2.

Corporate location decisions are multi-layered. Many pundits are touting the Texas connections of founder Jeff Bezos. That certainly can't hurt, but these days locations usually come down to dollars and sense. The first criteria that must be met are basic requirements such as workforce size, location, and essential infrastructure. Many of these are difficult or impossible to influence over a short period of time, and competing cities either have them or they don't. In Texas, the Houston area, Dallas and Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Austin should compare well. The large workforce would be a challenge for any place, but larger cities and regions can make it work.

The next layer consists of things that can be affected by government entities, community and business leaders, and individuals. These include the regulatory environment, tax climate, economic development incentives, and workforce training and education. Texas is known as a business-friendly place to be, and the very competitive incentivesavailable at the state and local level should keep us in the race, as can be evidenced by our consistent position at the top of various rankings.

For Amazon, a large pool of technology workers and universities turning out more every year is essential. All of the large Texas cities should line up well here.

Quality of life is also important, particularly for a firm which needs to attract and retain highly skilled and in-demand workers, many of whom will be Millennials. Amenities such as nearby lakes, parks, recreational activities, museums, sports and entertainment venues, attractive and affordable housing, and the quality of the public schools will be considered. Each of the large Texas population centers has much to offer along these lines. One of the possible negatives for the state is the recent tendency to enact or consider social legislation that is undesirable to many technology companies and workers.

The Amazon location decision will start with the most basic requirements and go from there. Texas cities will compare well for workforce, cost of living, tax climate, and infrastructure. We have renewable energy readily available, excellent universities nearby, and a warm and sunny climate to offer an attractive option to any Amazon employee who gets tired of cool and wet Seattle. I feel certain that the proposals coming together across the Lone Star State will list all of these benefits and more.

However, there are other cities in the United States which can boast of similar amenities. Sealing the deal will come down to the overall package, with incentives as well as other factors playing a major part in the decision. While in an ideal world, we might wish that incentives did not exist and communities were not working against others in order to attract a desirable location, in the real world, incentives are a necessity. Companies have a fiduciary responsibility to shareholders to consider them, and small differences in operations costs can make a big difference to long-term profits. Amazon might well have to answer to activist shareholders if a location is chosen that doesn't offer the best opportunity for profits (which isn't necessarily the same as lowest cost or the highest incentive package), and you can bet that the proposals will be analyzed in that light. It is critical that incentives be offered, but equally important that they be carefully structured to ensure a "win-win" net only for Amazon, but also for the community it chooses.

The winning proposal will likely involve a joint effort. The State, local governments at all levels, economic development organizations, and others will need to work together to be successful. Community and business leaders may also be involved. Amazon is interested in the full range of what a community has to offer, and proposals will be judged accordingly.

Economic development is a high stakes process in which winners receive significant rewards of jobs, investments, and tax revenues. Unfortunately, second place (even a very close second place) gets a fruit basket at best. I see the large Texas population centers as very competitive in the quest to land Amazon, particularly if key stakeholders work together and cooperatively.

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Source: City of Midland

Who can handle Amazon's 50,000 jobs? Dallas adds twice that many every year

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

Amazon's second headquarters could transform a region, but how many cities have the bandwidth to handle the massive project?

It involves 8 million square feet of office space eventually, along with big incentives, mass transit connections and a stable, pro-business climate. Perhaps most important, Amazon needs a labor pool that can provide 50,000 workers, including many tech specialists. It's a daunting number of new jobs, especially from a single company, and few regions have a record of such job growth. But Dallas-Fort Worth is one that does.

Since 2010, DFW has added an average of almost 100,000 jobs a year, twice as many as Seattle, Amazon's fast-growing hometown. DFW is also well ahead of Denver, considered a favorite in the Amazon sweepstakes, and Austin, another leading contender.

The Dallas metro area has over twice the population of Denver and Austin, so you'd expect it to add more workers. That may seem an unfair advantage, but size has advantages.

Amazon won't hire 50,000 people immediately, so cities have time to ramp up. Still, Dallas could handle the extra load better than most. Amazon plans to hire lots of tech workers, including high-demand software engineers. Last year, almost two-thirds of Amazon job postings in Seattle were for tech workers, according to Emsi, a labor market research firm in Moscow, Idaho.

Emsi recently published a report on the top cities for so-called HQ2, based on their ability to meet Amazon's labor demands. Dallas-Fort Worth, a tech powerhouse that often doesn't get credit for it, was No. 5 in the overall ranking.

"Dallas has really strong numbers in the tech area and in broader management and administration," said Josh Wright, Emsi's director of economic development.

Average pay for the Amazon jobs will be about $100,000 a year, according to public documents from the company. At that pay rate, Amazon could attract almost 15,000 software engineers in the Dallas area, Emsi reported.

Expand the job search to workers with similar technical skills, and Amazon could land almost 33,000 people, Emsi said. That's almost twice as many potential hires as Denver and Austin, thanks again to the advantage of size.

Amazon wants a second headquarters that's the equal of Seattle, so it needs more than software stars. It's also looking for workers in legal, accounting and administrative services, and in management and the executive ranks.

This general labor category represents one of Dallas' strengths. While Fort Worth-Arlington has more manufacturing and logistics, the Dallas-Plano-Irving area has had rapid growth in professional and business services.

That sector includes many of the fields Amazon is targeting. Dallas' growth is the result of a diverse economy that has a rich mix of major corporations and smaller employers. It's home to AT&T, American Airlines, Exxon Mobil and Southwest Airlines.

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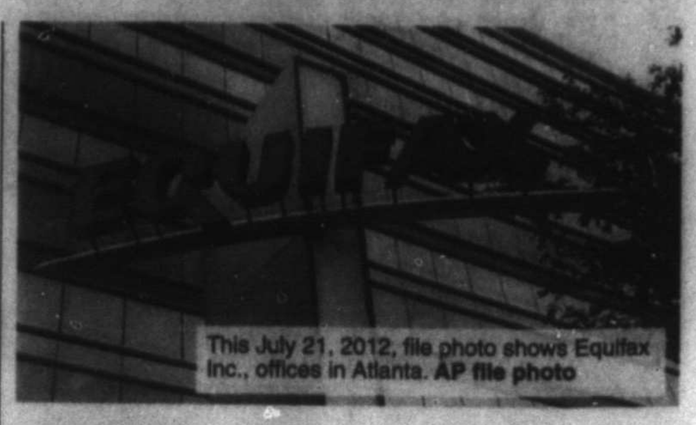

This July 21, 2012, file photo shows Equifax Inc., offices in Atlanta. AP file photo

BBB offers tips on navigating the Equifax fallout

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

A massive data breach involving Equifax, one of the nation's three major credit reporting agencies, has affected 143 million American consumers. According to Equifax, from mid-May through July, hackers accessed sensitive personal information including social security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and even driver's license numbers.

If you're among the millions of people affected by this breach, there are measures you can take to mitigate losses associated with identity theft.

Placing a Credit Freeze or Fraud Alert on your files are two of the most common options consumers should consider. Neither of these options will affect your credit score but there are important differences between the two that you should know about when determining which action may be most appropriate for you.

CREDIT FREEZING

■ This is the more drastic option of the two. This option locks down your credit report so that no one — including yourself — can open new lines of credit.

■ If, for example, you want to buy a car or rent an apartment you must "thaw" your account with all three major credit bureaus separately (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion). After that, you must re-freeze your account.

■ In Texas, credit freezes are permanent until it is lifted by the account user.

■ Also in Texas, fees to put this option in place cost 10 dollars every time the account in frozen. This is unless you have the fees waived because you are an identity theft victim.

FRAUD ALERTS

■ Fraud Alerts are the more common of the two options. Though, it is less effective than freezing.

■ This options flags your account anytime there is new credit activity. Lenders must then verify the identity of the owner of the account.

■ The account user only needs to contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies to and the option is free to put in place. The law requires the credit reporting agency where the alert was set up to notify the other two reporting agencies of the consumer's request.

■ A fraud alert typically lasts 90 days and will automatically expire if the consumer does not renew it. However, an identity theft victim can sign up for extended fraud alert, which lasts seven years.

It is important to remember that while credit freezes offer powerful protection and fraud alerts can be a useful tool, neither are foolproof. They will not prevent all forms of identity theft and will not protect you from misuse of existing credit accounts.

For more information on what to do when you think your personal or financial information has been compromised, go to BBB's website.

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adjective
1. coming into view or notice; issuing.
2. emerging; rising from a liquid or other surrounding medium.

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Things to do

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■ St. Ann's carnival 1-6 p.m. at St. Ann's School, 1906 W. Texas Ave. Admission is free but tickets for rides are $1 and armbands are $25. Stannsfair.org.

■ The 61st annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival will begin with Mass. 9 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 2400 Farm-to-Market Road 2401 Garden City.

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

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

■ Seventh Day Slumber, 4 p.m. at James Roberts Center, 700 SW Ave. A, Andrews. Free.

■ Olivia Newton-John, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $54 to $89. wagnernoel.com.

■ Family Nite roller skating, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. kcsnutty-roller.com.

■ Best of the West with Pat Green, 8 p.m. at The Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Ave.

■ #HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

■ Karaoke, 9 p.m. at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Hwy. thedetourbar.com.

Tuesday

Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Fun Lab for children grades K-2. 5:30 p.m. at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W I-20 West. pbpetro.org.

Thursday

■ Pink the Basin: 2017 Benefit Luncheon with television host and breast cancer survivor Samantha Harris. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $150. Pinkthebasin.com.

■ The Charlie Daniels Band, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $39 to $89. Wagnernoel.com.

Friday

CASA of West Texas and Midand Hispanic Chamber of Commerce present John Quinones, host of ABC's "What Would You Do?," 6:30 p.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Free.

Saturday

The Big Show with Olympic gold medalist Laura Wilkinson benefiting the COM General Operating Trust. The event features cocktails, dinner and a dive show with Olympic, COM and alumni divers. 6 p.m. at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St. $125. comaquatics.com.

Meetings this week

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

Midland Development Corp.
10 a.m. Monday
City Hall basement
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Making Democracy Work Luncheon

The League of Women Voters will honor Midland County Judge Mike Bradford at its annual Making Democracy Work Luncheon. The event is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Club.

For more information or to make a reservation, Patricia Stevens at 352-7726.

Listen and Learn events

Midland ISD is hosting "Listen and Learn" events that will provide an opportunity for members of the community to provide feedback about what the district should be doing.

■ Oct. 12
6-8 p.m.
Casa de Amigos
1101 E. Garden Lane

■ Oct. 19
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
True-Lite Fellowship
3001 N. "A" St.

■ Oct. 26
6-9 p.m.
Martinez Bakery
206 E. Florida Ave.

Trinity's homecoming queen

Courtesy photo

Julia Sharum and Dylan Hofman were crowned Trinity School homecoming queen and king Friday night during halftime of the Chargers' game against Fort Wortth Calvary Academy.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-1-9
Pick 3 day: 1-6-6
Pick 3 evening: 7-1-7
Pick 3 night: 0-5-7
Daily 4 mornin: 4-0-6-1
Daily 4 day: 8-9-6-4
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Triple Chance: 1-11-14-19-21-22-29-41-48-51

Lotto Texas: 1-8-19-29-36-45
Powerball: 8-12-25-41-64
BB: 15 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-7-10-11-14-17-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-7-8-9-14-17-18-21-22
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All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-8-11-14-16-17-22-23-24

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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
High ... 65
Low ... 62
Normal high ... 83
Normal low ... 57

Sept. 23's records
Record high: 104, set in 1977
Record low: 41, set in 1984

Precipitation
Friday ... 0.43 in.
Saturday ... 0.02 in.
Month total ... 4.00 in.
Year total ... 16.74 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 11.58 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 12 mph
Gust speed: 13 mph

Today's forecast
High: 84
Low: 66
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 5-10 mph today/south 10-15 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise 7:23 a.m.
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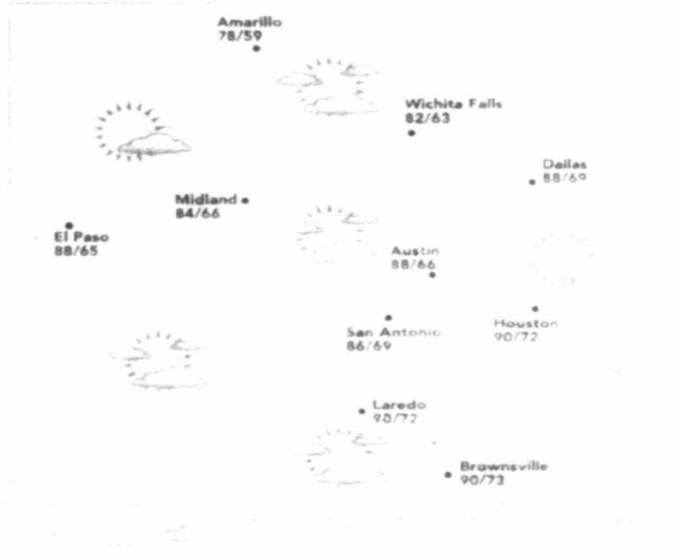
Forecast for Sunday, October 1, 2017



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

***Note:** Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.*

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017:**
This year you express your strong will, and as a result, you create much more of what you want. Your finances build, especially if you don't get too wild with your spending. If you are single, you are unusually confident, which makes you more of a challenge to wannabe suitors. Later in your birthday year, you are likely to meet someone who gives you a case of butterflies! If you are attached, the two of you might have a disagreement from time to time. Being right is not as important as having this person in your life. AQUARIUS knows how to make you laugh.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You often feel challenged by others. If you are single, you might be unlikely to experience any other feelings beyond a desire for friendship and companionship. Get involved in a physical sport or some other kind of tension-reducing activity. **Tonight:** Be where your friends are. **This Week:** Recognize that you have admirers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be tired from all the excitement at work or in a community involvement. You might be taking the situation more seriously than others, who seem to be a bit frivolous. Trust that you have enough energy to handle what you need to. **Tonight:** A must appearance. **This Week:** Use Monday and Tuesday to the max.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your mind is everywhere but where you currently are. Reach out to someone at a distance or to the person to whom your thoughts keep returning. You will need to make several calls in order to handle or activate a situation. **Tonight:** Break past a self-imposed restriction. **This Week:** Take the lead with a project, as others respond to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You will feel touched by a partner's desire to share more of him- or herself with you. Try to sit on some harsh words, as they might be difficult to take back once spoken. Honor a fast change of pace. Don't allow a loved one to push you! **Tonight:** A quiet evening at home. **This Week:** Do some research before Wednesday, when you'll have your hands full.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You enjoy all the attention that seems to surround a loved one right now. You often feel as if you get too much attention, so it will please you to see the situation reversed. You might want to make a big purchase, but the timing could be off. **Tonight:** Take some personal time. **This Week:** Work closely with a loved one or associate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Toss yourself into a project or a list of to-dos. You'll feel good clearing out what you feel you must. Understand where a friend is coming from; he or she might just want to spend some quality time with you. Use caution with spending. **Tonight:** Treat a loved one to dinner. **This Week:** Allow others to take the lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Ask a loved one to join you for the day. How you treat this person and the type of conversations the two of you have will determine whether this time together will be a repeated event. You might be taken aback by a comment. **Tonight:** Tap into your inner child. **This Week:** Relationships take a higher priority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You attract more energy and fun than you realize. Others want to be near you, as they can relax and enjoy themselves more. Do allow the unanticipated visit of friends or loved ones to create more work for you. Order a pizza, and make life easy. Tonight: Let the party begin! **This Week:** Allow your imagination to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might find an older person's stance to be somewhat irritating. Since you cannot change this person's views, opt to let it go. Friends might be waiting for you to join them for a fun happening. Do not be late. Confirm plans. **Tonight:** Note where you have a good time. **This Week:** Deal with a personal matter as the week begins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You often use your self-discipline, but you might not be able to restrain yourself right now. Wherever you go, you seem to treat a friend or two to a meal. You recognize that the purpose of having money is to spend it, at least once in a while. **Tonight:** Relax with others. **This Week:** Reach out to others Monday and Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You make an excellent friend, but you aren't known to take the lead. Others find your example fun to follow. You might decide to go to the movies or head out for some Chinese food. Whatever you do, enjoy yourself to the fullest. **Tonight:** Listen to a loved one's news. **This Week:** Your finances become a high priority. Monday and Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might enjoy a few key, few days much more than you thought you would. Catch up with someone on the phone, but don't push yourself to do anything that doesn't feel comfortable. A close friend might decide to treat you to dinner at home. **Tonight:** Paint the town red. **This Week:** Use Monday and Tuesday to the max.

BORN TODAY
Actress Julie Andrews (1935), former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (1924), comedian Harry Hill (1964)

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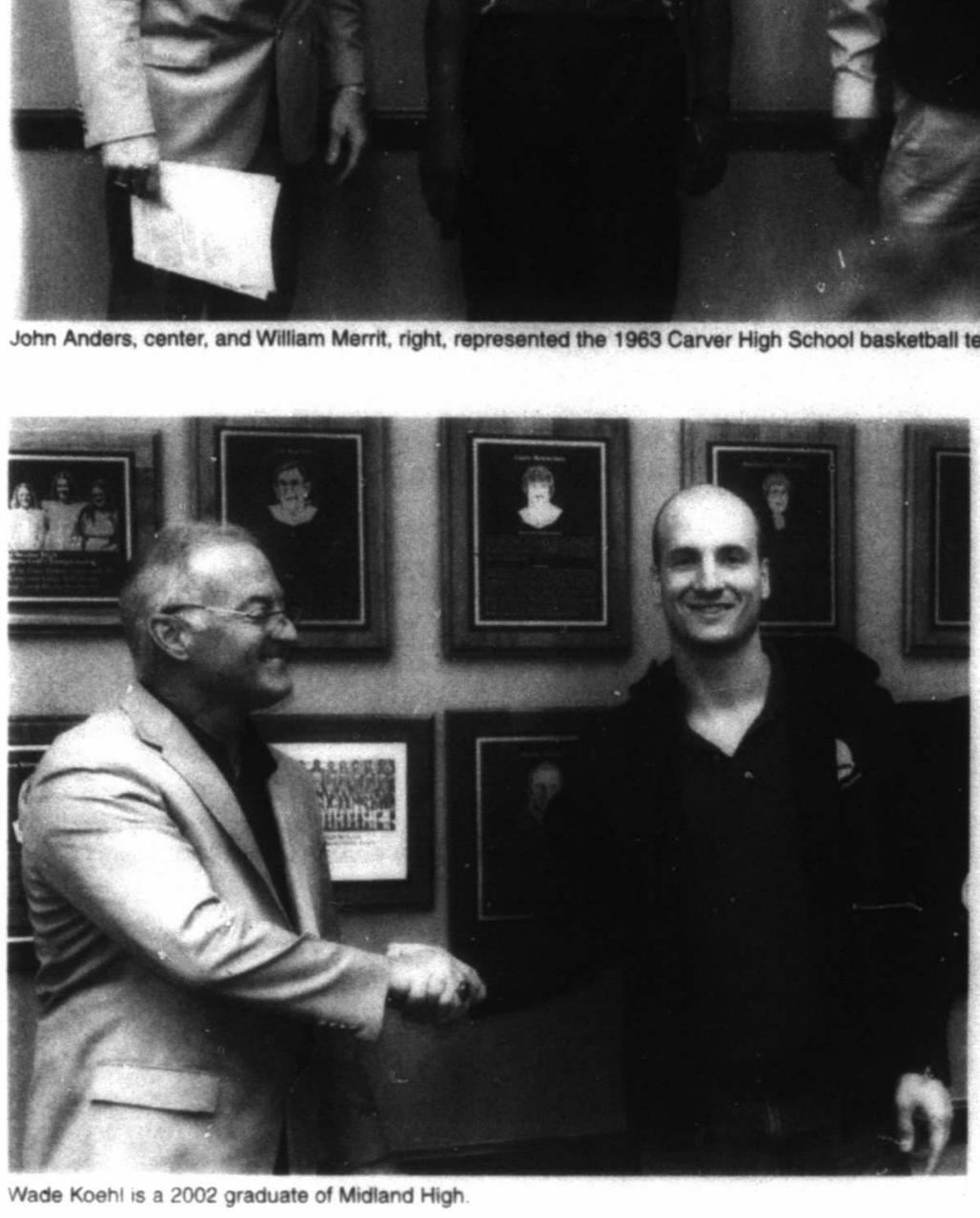
Hall of Legends

The annual Midland ISD Athletics Hall of Legends induction ceremony was Saturday morning at the administration building. Randy Rowe, executive director of athletics for the district, left in the accompanying photos, conducted the ceremony. The hall honors the school district's athletic heritage and the athletes who have played in Midland.

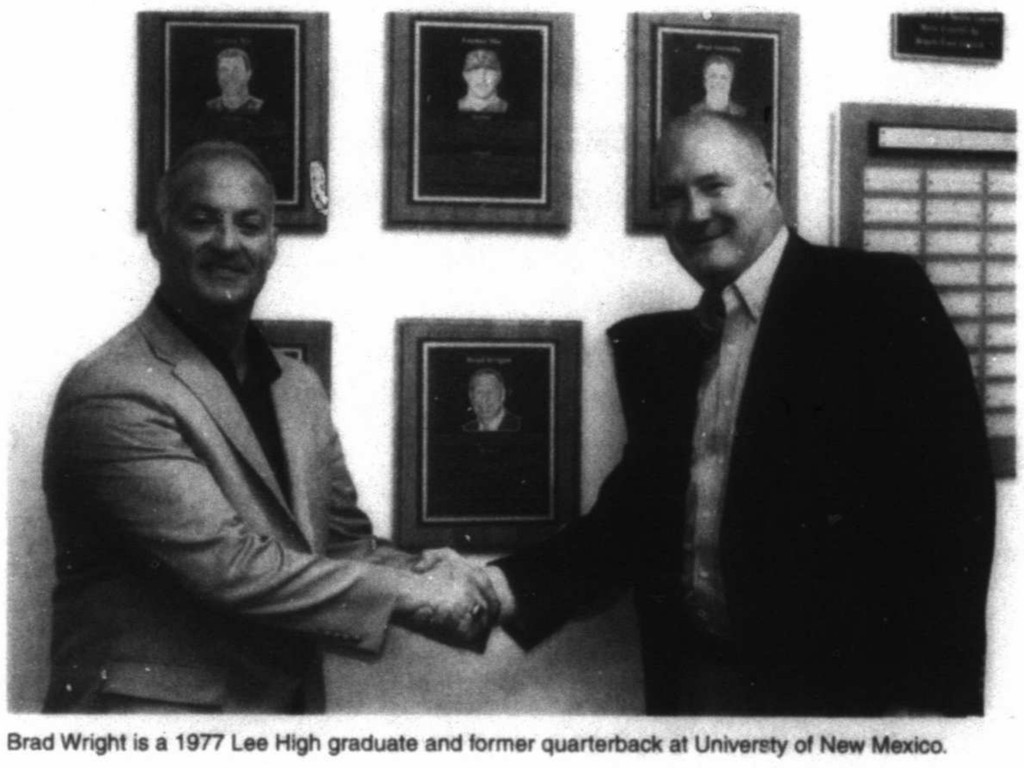
John Anders, center, and William Merrit, right, represented the 1963 Carver High School basketball team.



Wade Koehl is a 2002 graduate of Midland High.

Laynce Nix, 2000 Midland High graduate, and Jayson Nix, 2001 MHS graduate, were represented by their grandmother, Patsy Alexander. The brothers are former Major League Baseball players.

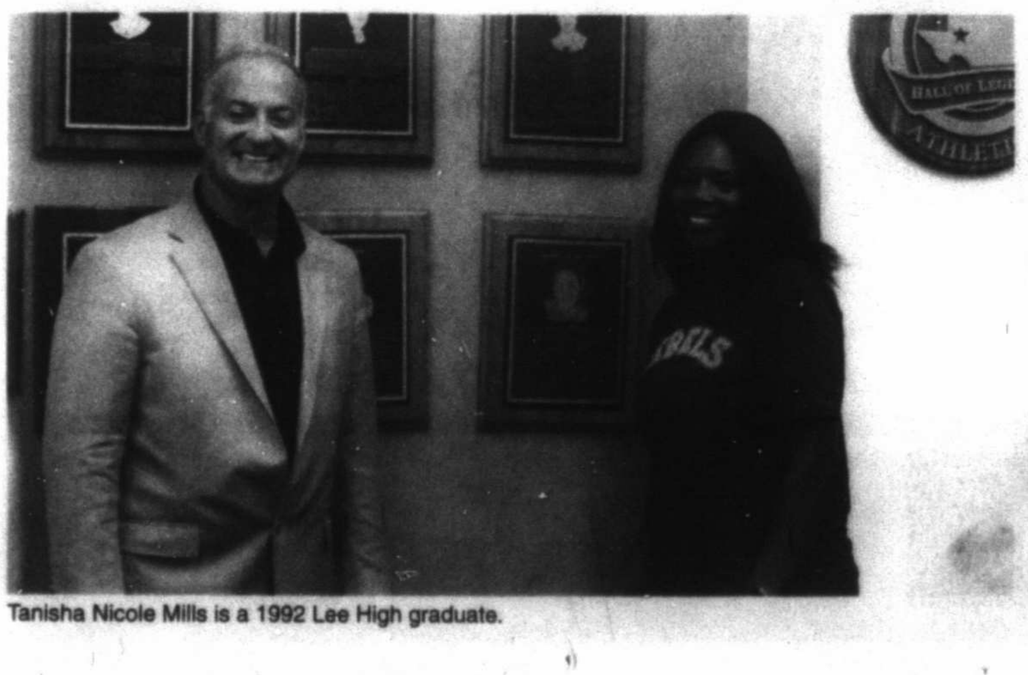
Craig Yenzer is the recently retired head football coach of Midland High School.



Brad Wright is a 1977 Lee High graduate and former quarterback at University of New Mexico.

Paula King Bettis is a 1977 graduate of Lee High.

Brad Swendig, 1973 Lee High graduate, is the director of COM Aquatics.



Tanisha Nicole Mills is a 1992 Lee High graduate.

Edward Wolski Jr. is former Lee High coach and UIL officer.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Sept. 18-22

Steven Allen Ausmus, 57, driving while intoxicated, five years TDCJ; two counts theft by repetition, 18 months state jail; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, 18 months state jail; possession of a controlled substance, revoke, five years TDCJ; injury to a child or elderly or disabled individual, revoke, five years TDCJ.

Adrian Alvarado Baeza, 40, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, three years TDCJ.

Wesley Gwyn Bragge II, 33, possession of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ; theft of a firearm, 12 months state jail; burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony, revoke, five years TDCJ.

Alex Brito, 27, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, drug- and alcohol-rehab program.

Andres Eduardo Bustamante, 21, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Margarita Faye Castillo, 40, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, four years TDCJ; impersonating a public servant, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Victor Chavez, 32, assault on a public servant, revoke, six years TDCJ; failure to stop and render aid, revoke, six years TDCJ.

Leonardo Contreras, 39, possession of a controlled substance, 10 months state jail; two counts possession of a controlled substance, 10 months state jail; theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, 10 months state jail, restitution.

Christopher Diaz, 27, forgery of a financial instrument, five years deferred adjudication; possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution.

Ashley Joyce Dollar, 32, abandoning/endangering a child criminal negligence, revoke, six months state jail.

Lamicka Sheerl Edwards, 34, tampering with government records, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, restitution, 150 hours community service.

Brandon Esperza, 35, possession of a controlled substance, eight years TDCJ, restitution.

Robert Padilla Espinoza, 34, assault causes bodily injury family violence, one year county jail; manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ.

Shane Taylor Evans, 19, aggravated assault wsh a deadly weapon, 10 years deferred adjudication, 50 days jail, court cost, restitution, anger management, 150 hours community service; stalking, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 50 hours community service.

Jack Odell Fennell Jr., 46, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, three years TDCJ.

Michael Anthony Gotl, 35, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail.

Chad Alton Granberry, 32, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ.

Tierra Marie Granberry, 31, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, 10 years deferred adjudication, 75 days jail, fine, 500 hours community service, CBT.

Tyler Hendrickson, 28, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000; five years deferred adjudication, restitution, 250 hours community service.

Edward Hernandez Jr., 18, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, restitution, 250 hours community service, CBT.

Nicolas Loya Herrera, 34, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, 180 days state jail; theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke, nine months state jail.

Erissa Chasity Reye Higgins, 28, injury to a child or elderly or disabled individual, six years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, Project Adam, 150 hours community service.

Elisett Janell Hinojos, 31, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 100 hours community service.

Jerrell Desaun Hobbs, 28, assault family violence, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Charles Trent Holcomb, 28, theft of precious metal less than $20,000, revoke, seven months state jail.

Angela Nichole Jackson, 25, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, GED, TAIP, 100 hours community service, psychological evaluation.

Clay Edward Lindsey, 54, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 100 hours community service.

Jovanny Rodriguez Lujan, 30, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, seven years deferred adjudication, fine, 300 hours community service, AA meetings, Project Adam.

Khalid Carroll McMeryion, 21, possession of a controlled substance, four years TDCJ.

Jesus Medeles-Jurado, 37, violation of motor vehicle fuel tax requirements, 10 years deferred adjudication, fine, 250 hours community service.

Cristian Meraz, 21, burglary of a habitation, continue supervision 2 years, 75 days jail, SAFTF.

Christopher Aaron Miller, 25, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ.

LaJeffery Artwon Miller, 29, evading arrest, four years TDCJ.

Isidro Mireles III, 25, burglary of a building, continue supervision, 45 days jail, ISP, CBT.

Guadalupe Ann Munguia, 28, robbery, two years TDCJ, restitution.

Denzel Ifeanyichukwe Okafor, 25, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Ebonie Meishi Owens, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 150 hours community service.

Paul Pinales, 45, theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, 18 months state jail; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, 18 months state jail.

Enrique Mendoza Rodriguez, 50, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 90 AA meetings in 90 days, TAIP, 150 hours community service.

Tabitha Christine Sorrel, 33, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 100 hours community service, drug- and alcohol-rehab program.

Joe Louis Vasquez, 23, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 300 hours community service, NA meetings, TAIP.

Deidad Amber Veneges, 21, possession of marijuana, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 250 hours community service, TAIP.

Gerardo Villa, 29, possession of a controlled substance, continue supervision, CBT.

Melvin Dale Walters Jr., 39, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ; manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ.

Clay Neal Wilson, 42, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 300 hours community service, CBT.

Calvary James Woodwick, 17, theft of a firearm, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 75 days jail, 200 hours community service, SAFTF; harassment of a public servant, seven years deferred adjudication, fine, 75 days jail, 200 hours community service, SAFTF.

Deannie Kay Wright, 28, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, five years deferred adjudication, restitution, 150 hours community service; theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, five years deferred adjudication, restitution.

Aristeo Dave Zuniga, 25, tampering with physical evidence, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Omissions

Some information was inadvertently omitted from the list of guilty pleas that was published on Sept. 24.

The following had missing information:

Aimee Iiene Lozano, 30, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Andrew Lee Stinson, delivery of methamphetamine, 10 years TDCJ suspended for six years probation, fine, 30 days county Jail, restitution, driver's license suspended for 180 days, NA classes, TAIP.

Jonathan J. Minjares Villalobos, 24, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, a lesser included offense, 90 days county jail.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the omissions.

Crime of the week

This week the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Crime Stoppers needs help on a theft.

Deputies were dispatched to the 9700 block of West County Road 160 at about 9:20 a.m. on Sept. 13. The victim reported that a White 2006 29-foot Dutchman travel trailer was stolen from the business yard. The trailer was dragged after hooking onto it because the leveling jacks were still down. At the time of the theft, the trailer displayed Texas license plate TONLY03. The trailer is valued at more than $9,000.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to the arrest of those responsible, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used. Call 694-TIPS (8477) or mobile app 'P3 TIPS'.

Please visit the Midland Crime Stoppers Facebook page @MidlandTxCS or visit the website at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com to view photo of type of travel trailer stolen.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
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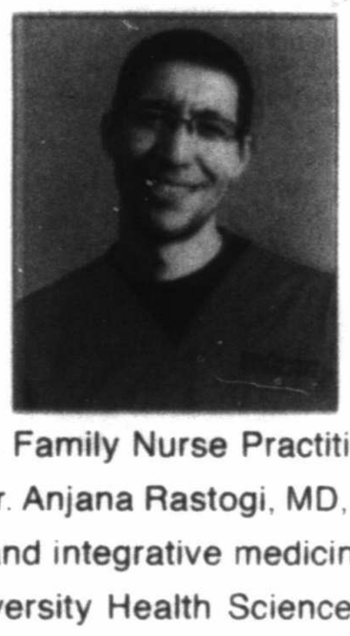

Phil Claybrooke, Family Nurse Practitioner, has joined the practice of Dr. Anjana Rastogi, MD, who specializes in preventative and integrative medicine. Phil attended Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and is certified through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Phil draws experience from his many years in medical-surgical, intensive care, emergency, and rehabilitation care and treatment; holding current BLS,ACLS, and PALS certifications.

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Noe Olvera, left, and Kevin Giddings, right, add a section of casing down a vertical well on the floor of Trinidad Rig 433 on Nov. 2, 2016, in Midland County.

Boom

From 1A

business. Ups and downs are so ingrained that crazy success is seen as an omen that the end may be around the corner. It has often been the case. Midland has ridden the roller coaster since oil was discovered in the Permian in 1923. Now the place is on a major upswing that's permeated every sector, from auto sales to hotel bookings to home construction.

"You would think oil is $100 a barrel the way the real estate market is going," said Victoria Printz, a Realtor representing properties selling for more than $1 million.

The average new-home sales price in the metro area shot up 8.5 percent in the past year, and permits for new construction climbed 76 percent.

"This is extraordinary — even for Midland," Printz said.

A new estimate of the oil contained in the Permian underscores the boom mentality. It holds 60 billion to 70 billion barrels of yet-to-be pumped crude, enough to supply every refinery in the U.S. for 12 years, according to a study by IHS Markit.

What gives oil people pause is that costs for everything from pressure pumps to well casing have been rising, up from 20 to 30 percent in the last year, a marker of an overheated situation that could burn out. Another is that possibly too-eager drillers are starting to venture from prime acreage to less bountiful formations, where they may get less bang for their bucks.

Experienced workers are harder to find, and training newbies adds to expenses. The quality of work can suffer, too, erasing efficiency gains. Pruett said Elevation Resources recently had a fracturing job that was supposed to take seven days but lasted nine because unschooled roughnecks caused some equipment malfunctions.

By this point, "we've given up all of our profit margin," he said, referring to the industry. "We're overcapitalized, we're over-drilling and, if prices don't rise, we might be facing a double dip in drilling."

Pruett's hands are tied. He's working on University of Texas land, and the lease requires development, so he has to keep boring drill bits into the ground. But other companies are slowing down or putting plans on hold as they assess whether what they're spending will bear enough fruit.

Nobody wants this play to die out — and certainly not because of boom-happy decisions that will flood the market and spur another crash.

"It's important that we try — during these periods that look pretty volatile to us — to pace," said Al Walker, CEO of Anadarko Petroleum on a recent conference call with investors.

Anadarko is one of several large energy companies, Chevron and Occidental Petroleum among them, that have expanded operations in the Permian. It covers 75,000 square miles, nearly the size of Great Britain, in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

Hundreds of millions of years ago, it was a vast inland sea. The water evaporated and thousands upon thousands of feet of shale slowly built up, pressure-cooking deceased aquatic life and creating a massive reserve of oil trapped in the fine-grained sedimentary rock.

Other U.S. shale patches have petered out, but this one is special, blessed with unusually thick bands of the mudstones, 10 to 15 times the diameter of those in the Eagle Ford in South Texas. Oil- and gas-soaked layers are stacked on top of each other like a tiramisu, bearing names such as Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon.

Those weren't worth a whole lot until the 1980s, when the industry began perfecting fracturing, a method of coaxing petroleum out of shale. It uses directional bores to carve out horizontal holes and blasts the tunnels with high-pressure bursts of water, chemicals and sand. That creates millions of tiny cracks, vastly expanding the areas for escape.

The process isn't cheap, which didn't matter when crude was commanding so much in the early part of this decade. That's when the Permian and other shale fields, including the Eagle Ford and the Bakken in North Dakota and Montana, helped the U.S. reverse decades of declining output.

The American surge was a reason for the glut in 2014-the benchmark price went from $140 to $30 in six months — and there were more than a few obituaries written for high-cost shale. But the Permian roared back within two years, thanks to a combination of more intense fracturing and the use of technology to mark more precise plotting for drilling targets.

The number of active rigs has more than doubled since May 2016. In August, Permian output exceeded that of eight of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The flow is projected to rise to a record 2.63 million barrels a day in October, which would account for more than a quarter of the total from the U.S.

To Nate Steadmon, who runs the Midland branch of W-B Supply Co., those are just statistics. He knows from behavior which way the wind is blowing. When times are good, drillers want equipment as fast as possible. When it's bad, they want it as cheap as possible.

"In the last couple of months, they've started asking how quickly we can do it again," Steadmon said. "Now time is more of the issue, not money."

That is one of those danger signs. But companies are constantly coming up with workarounds to rein in costs, like the hub being set up in a New Mexico pasture. A herd of cows feasted on hay on a recent afternoon, staring through a fence as dump trucks, bulldozers and backhoes kicked up a fog of dust. Occidental Petroleum is building a logistics-and-maintenance center that will host fracturing pumps, steel pipes, sand and other materials by next year.

Right now, all that has to be hauled in from Odessa, some 120 miles away. Oxy, which spends about $6.6 million on a well, hopes to slice off from $500,000 to $750,000 of that total. "This will be a game-changer," said Jody Elliott, president of the domestic oil and gas division.

Maybe the experts will figure it out, and this one will last. But it's so reminiscent of the last boom that went bust that it has folks on edge. Curtis Helms, a geologist, was amazed when he drove through the town of Orla, near the New Mexico border.

"Holy cow," said Helms, director of the Petroleum Professionals Development Center at Midland College. "There's man camps, RV parks, food trucks. You have to be careful not to get blown off the road by the tanker trucks whooshing by. It is crazy."

The fault that produced North Texas' largest quake could produce an even bigger one, study says

By Anna Kuchment
The Dallas Morning News

The town that experienced a 4-magnitude earthquake in May 2015 -- the strongest quake ever recorded in North Texas — sits on a fault with the potential to produce an event 10 times larger, suggests a new study led by scientists at Southern Methodist University.

The report also concluded there was "substantial evidence" that the quake, near the Johnson County town of Venus, was triggered by the underground disposal of wastewater from oil and gas operations.

The study was the latest to investigate North Texas' earthquake surge, which began in 2008 and has generated more than 200 tremors. The most recent widely felt event was a 3.1-magnitude quake that struck near the border of Irving and Dallas on Aug. 25.

The U.S. Geological Survey, backed by peer-reviewed studies, has categorized the post-2008 earthquakes as human-induced. But the Railroad Commission of Texas, an agency that both regulates and promotes the oil and gas industry, has not accepted the USGS findings. In response to the new study, published Sept. 4 in the journal Solid Earth, the Railroad Commission said through a spokesperson only that its seismologist, Aaron Velasco, had not had the chance to thoroughly review the paper.

The team of seismologists identified two previously unpublished faults near Venus and Mansfield, about 30 miles southwest of Dallas. The researchers found that the fault responsible for the 2015 quake is at least 4 miles long and holds the potential to produce a 5-magnitude or greater earthquake if the fault ruptured along its full length.

"This is not meant to be taken as, 'a magnitude 5 will happen on this fault,'" said SMU's Heather DeShon, a who led the new study. Until now, the fault has ruptured only in smaller sections, and it may never produce a bigger event, she said.

Quakes of that size are considered moderate and don't typically cause serious property damage. But a 5-magnitude earthquake that struck Cushing, Okla. in November caused several brick buildings, which are especially vulnerable to earthquake damage, to be condemned. At least one of those buildings later collapsed, and others were torn down, said Jacob Walter, Oklahoma's state seismologist who contributed to the paper while he was at the University of Texas at Austin's Institute for Geophysics.

Because earthquakes in North Texas and Oklahoma are shallower than typical natural quakes, they can be felt more strongly near the epicenter.

DeShon, Walter and their colleagues also found that the 4-magnitude event marked the culmination of a series of increasingly large earthquakes along the same fault that began a decade ago, shortly after companies began disposing wastewater in northeast Johnson County. Until May 2015, earthquake magnitudes increased in step with injection volumes.

To DeShon, that means turning off individual wells is not likely to affect earthquake sizes or rates.

"From a mitigation standpoint, you need to start thinking in terms of the cumulative history of injection in regions," she said.

Johnson County Emergency Management Director Jamie Moore said that the county had factored earthquakes into its plans but that tornadoes and floods took priority because of limited resources. "We focus on what are the most likely scenarios, not necessarily the most damaging ones," he said. He is concerned about the possibility of an earthquake shifting gas pipelines and causing a leak. But, because Johnson County is home to a dense network of wells and pipelines, first responders are prepared for those situations, he said.

Moore suggested that the earthquakes are more of a political issue than one of emergency management. "It's a completely separate issue whether we as a society want to live with minor earthquakes that are very odd and certainly very noticeable," he said.

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Ghost

From 1A

haggling over pennies."

She entered the oil industry more than a decade ago. She was waitressing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and several of her regulars were oil and gas workers lured to the Barnett shale, the epicenter of America's then-nascent shale boom.

The workers kept mentioning enamels and industrial paints they were having trouble finding. So Potts started ordering them online and delivering them to drilling sites. Over the years, she and her husband, Skip, built the business into a full oil supply company selling everything from wire rope to wrenches the size of dinosaur bones.

They moved their business to the Eagle Ford in 2014. Things went great for a while. They were raking in $250,000 in revenue a month. Then the crash hit, and by 2016, that figure sank to as low as $25,000. Profits vanished. They cut out some of their more conspicuous spending — like Skip's new-truck-a-year habit — and scaled back the allowance money they sent to their kids in college. (One of them, Tyler, stopped studying petroleum engineering and is preparing instead to be a wind-turbine engineer, upon the urging of his mother: "I told him, 'Don't live and die by the price of oil.'")

Still, Potts says she has no regrets. She and Skip are turning a profit again — a competing supply shop went out of business recently, helping drive traffic their way — and they're socking those proceeds back into inventories. That way, when the next boom comes along, they figure they'll be ready to capitalize.

"I'm a gambler," Potts says. "A lot of people in the oil field are. They say it all the time when they come in my shop: 'Lord, just give me one more boom, and this time I promise I won't piss it away.'"

Some 50 miles to the west of Cuero lies Karnes City. Back in the summer of 2011, the tiny town got a new restaurant: Partners BBQ, with proprietor George Garcia behind the grill.

From the outset, the place was hopping.

The Eagle Ford was in full swing and the roughnecks would come from miles around to scarf down platefuls of brisket, sausage and ribs and wash it down with sweet tea served at long picnic tables under a corrugated metal roof. Things were going so well that Garcia opened a second location just down the road in the town of Kenedy.

And then the drilling slowed to a crawl, and those long lines of diners became a distant memory. "It was scary," Garcia says. "It got real slow."

Today, the two restaurants combined are generating only the revenue that the first one did on its own a few years ago.

Garcia, 51, got into the barbecue business late in life. For years, he had worked in, and around, the oil industry, most recently at a facility that makes drilling equipment for Baker Hughes Inc.

Eight years ago, in the wake of yet another oil market collapse, he was laid off.

"It left a bad taste in my mouth," Garcia says. "I wanted to start over in something new."

Unemployed, he passed his spare time grilling meat and drinking beer with friends. Eventually, they convinced him to turn his passion into a profession.

He tries to put a positive spin on the current slowdown. His business has picked up some. And he says he's not even sure he'd like to return to the days when it was a constant challenge to cook the food fast enough to feed the crowds. He remembers waking up at 2 a.m. nearly every day to start smoking brisket and finishing after 6 p.m., when the last of the catering jobs was done.

"The boom was good for business, but it's not a fun way to live," Garcia says.

Randy Katzmark was fast asleep late one Sunday night when his phone rang. It was a rig operator. He was in need of a "hot shot," industry jargon for an urgent delivery of essential equipment — drill bits in this case.

It's the kind of job that Katzmark, 60, would have likely turned down a few years ago. But not now. Not with his company, R. Katz Tool & Supply Inc., struggling the way it is. During the height of the Eagle Ford boom, R. Katz was supplying as many as 52 rigs and employing as many as 18 people in its office outside Cuero's main strip. Today, it's got 11 rig clients and three employees.

So Katzmark got out of bed and hopped into his black Ford F-350. It was a few minutes after midnight. By the time he got the parts, dropped them off and pulled back into his driveway, the sun was starting to come up.

"I'm trying to keep the doors open and keep the few employees I do have," he says.

Katzmark has been working in the oil industry since the mid-1980s. He's worn many hats over the years and even did stints in South America — Venezuela, Colombia and Bolivia — before founding R. Katz in 2004, four years before the first shale well was drilled in the Eagle Ford, ushering in the region's go-go days.

He spends a lot of his time in his pickup, driving the highways and country roads that crisscross the Eagle Ford landscape. A recent trip took him south, through the industrial corridors surrounding the town of Alice, and revealed the scars the bust has left. Massive corrugated metal structures that housed offices and warehouses supporting the frenetic drilling activity are empty now. Faded paint on the sides spells out names of companies such as Drilco and Genco and Forum Energy Technologies. Weeds run wild in parking lots that were once full of trucks and equipment.

To Katzmark, the place looks like a "ghost town."

His own business hit bottom a few months ago, when his roster of rig clients dropped to just four. Things have started to rebound — as they have for Potts and Garcia — but still, he's flirting with the idea of relocating to the roaring Permian Basin, where there are four times as many rigs in operation.

"If I was 38 or 42, there'd be no decision whatsoever; I'd be out there in six hours," Katzmark says. "At this age, I have to ask myself: Do I really have enough energy in me to do it right?"

Tech president: Colleges should welcome difficult conversations

■ University is hosting Civil Counterpoints, series of discussions meant to promote open dialogue

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

At around 11 o'clock one night this month, Texas Tech University President Lawrence Schovanec received a worried call from the dean of his honors college.

In two days, the dean told Schovanec, a University of San Diego law professor named Gail Heriot was scheduled to give a speech about the problems with the federal gender-equality-in-education statute known as Title IX. Her mere presence on campus was already upsetting some students — Heriot is an outspoken affirmative action opponent and was recently called a "bigot" by a congresswoman during a hearing at the U.S. Capitol.

The dean wanted to know whether the talk should continue — universities across the state and nation have become embroiled in controversy in recent months over speakers that some students and faculty find offensive.

But to Schovanec the answer was easy: Colleges are supposed to welcome difficult conversations, he said. The talk should go on.

"I said, 'How can you promote that kind of serious discussion on social issues if the first time you are given a controversial case you say, 'Let's avoid this,'" Schovanec said.

No one would have blamed Schovanec for feeling nervous. Lately, the political pressure on university presidents seems be mounting. Seemingly minor decisions that touch on politically tinged subjects like immigration, free speech and race have shown potential to spiral out of control. And blowback can come from both the political right and the left.

Many university presidents are hesitant to discuss that pressure. But in a recent interview, Schovanec described how he tries to meet it head-on. He says he believes open dialogue, as long as it's civil, is almost always the right answer. And he'll lean toward allowing a controversial speaker on campus. But he also won't hesitate to speak out in favor of the students or faculty who feel under threat — even if that might inspire some complaints.

"I don't think anyone wakes up in the morning and welcomes the opportunity to confront these issues," he said. "There are so many other things that are going on at our university. But it is part of the world we live in."

In recent months, Texas Southern University cancelled a commencement speech by one of the state's U.S. senators, John Cornyn, after a student outcry over the Republican's support of President Trump. The University of North Texas incited outrage among many students and faculty for inviting Donald Trump Jr. to speak at a university event. And Texas A&M University has faced legal threats after cancelling a planned on-campus rally by a white nationalist.

Schovanec is a relatively new university president, though he served at Tech as a mathematics professor and administrator for most of the past three decades. His permanent appointment as president in 2016 happened in the middle of the polarizing presidential campaign. Before then he was provost — essentially second in charge.

In 2016, right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos came to Tech at the invitation of a conservative student group to give a speech about "lesbians faking hate crimes." A year earlier, local conservatives were enraged by an African American History Month lecture by radical liberal activist Angela Davis.

Both speeches came and went without major incident. But Schovanec said he heard complaints from faculty, students and community members. Opponents of Davis' speech complained that she was a member of the Communist Party, USA. Opponents of Yiannopoulus pointed to his use of gay slurs and other hate speech.

Other controversies, driven by social media, have bubbled up unexpectedly. After Texas A&M canceled a planned rally by a white supremacist earlier this year, a local television station asked Schovanec how he'd handle a similar situation. He said that he'd have to consult with lawyers and figure out how to balance free speech with campus safety. Every situation is unique, he said.

The resulting story carried the headline: "Texas Tech leaves door open for potential demonstrations on campus."

That prompted protest from faculty members who hadn't seemed to see the whole story, he said.

Tech isn't known for having a particularly liberal campus. But when Trump was elected in November, students and professors across the country raised the alarm about the safety and future of undocumented students on their campuses. Some college presidents declared their schools "sanctuary campuses." Others made public calls for Trump to preserve an Obama-era program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals that allowed some immigrants who entered the country as minors to remain here at least temporarily without the threat of deportation.

Schovanec stayed relatively silent on the issue compared to many other presidents. But in the following months, he began to regret that decision. When the Trump administration announced this month that it planned to rescind DACA, Schovanec saw it as an opportunity. He penned a letter telling students about the resources available to undocumented students on campus. Then, in a tame but clear statement, he expressed his support for retaining DACA.

"I will work with the TTU System and other leaders of higher education in encouraging Congress to enact legislation that would allow these students the opportunity to continue their education," he wrote.

Schovanec said he didn't consider that a political statement. He said Tech has undocumented students, and he needed to show support for them.

"It would be inconsistent of our mission to ignore it," he said.

But many on campus disagreed. Schovanec said he heard from multiple community members who felt he was being too political. One that particularly grabbed his attention was a local podcast in which the issue was discussed. The headline: "What the hell is happening at Texas Tech?"

The podcast featured local talk radio personality Chad Hasty, who bemoaned what he perceived as the leftward political shift that Tech has undertaken in recent years. In an interview, Hasty said his listeners have noticed.

"The university, they believe, is leaning toward a more liberal slant," he said.

Around the same time, Schovanec said he read a story in the Tech student newspaper that quoted students saying he hasn't been adamant enough in his support DACA students.

Schovanec's strategy to handle those complaints has been to promote dialogue. When he saw the podcast featuring Hasty, his office reached out and asked to have lunch with the talk radio host. And he said he has tried to get the message out to minority students on campus that he supports them.

Last month, after violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, he sent an e-mail to campus noting that this year's freshman class is the most diverse in school history, thanks in part to the university's outreach to black and Hispanic students. Still, he said that Tech needs to "reaffirm our commitment to fostering an environment supportive of an inclusive and diverse community, while ensuring freedom of expression."

He said the school was trying to do that by hosting a series of frank discussions on campus called "Civil Counterpoints." He said it was the school's job to "promote an atmosphere of open dialogue." But, he said "this is not a license for those who engage in racist speech or actions to promote ideals of hatred."

Heriot was invited to campus by a law school professor, and Michael San Francisco, the honors college dean, invited her to speak separately to the honor students before he knew much about her background. After speaking with Schovanec, the worried dean proceeded with the event, but warned Heriot to keep things respectful.

AP file photo

Texas Tech University students walk past the free speech gazebo June 12, 2003 on campus in Lubbock. University President Lawrence Schovanec said it was the school's job to "promote an atmosphere of open dialogue."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WHITE SETTLEMENT

Man charged along with 3 brothers in death of teenager

A 24-year-old Fort Worth-area man now joins three brothers in being charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of a teenager.

White Settlement police say Chase Allan Nix of North Richland Hills was arrested Friday in connection to the Sept. 18 death of 18-year-old Xavier Olesko.

Nix is being held at the Tarrant County jail on a $200,000 bond. Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

Authorities say Nix and the brothers all were present when Olesko was shot outside a residence. Police have not given a motive for the killing.

Twenty-three-year-old Sean Garrison, 18-year-old Tyee Garrison and 17-year-old Kyle Garrison were taken into custody Wednesday.

Police previously said the Garrisons intended to rob Olesko when they met with him.

BEAUMONT

Court sides with cheerleaders in Bible banner lawsuit

A Texas appeals court has ruled banners emblazoned with Bible verses at football games by a group of cheerleaders are protected private speech and not government speech that can be regulated by school officials.

In its ruling Thursday, the 9th Court of Appeals in Beaumont said it's "highly unlikely" people would consider the messages on the banners by the Kountze (koontz) school district cheerleaders to be endorsed by the school.

The district at first said the banners couldn't be displayed but later changed its policy. The cheerleaders sued in 2012.

The Texas Supreme Court last year allowed the lawsuit to continue, sending it back to the lower court.

Tom Brandt, attorney for the school district, told The Dallas Morning News the district hasn't decided if it will appeal.

CROSBY

Coach kicks 2 players off team after anthem protest

The football coach of a private high school near Houston has thrown two players off the team after one knelt and another raised a fist during the national anthem prior to a game.

Head coach Ronnie Mitchem told the Houston Chronicle that he had an understanding with his players at Victory and Praise Christian Academy in Crosby that they would not protest during the anthem.

Mitchem, a former Marine, says he doesn't oppose acts of protest but says doing so during the anthem is offensive to veterans and others.

After the anthem concluded Friday, he told the two players to remove their uniforms and that they were dismissed from the team.

The mother of one of the players says she supports the players' actions and considered Mitchem's punishment excessive.

AUSTIN

Official: Black leader would be 'subject to failure'

The sole African-American member of the board overseeing Austin's public transportation authority has said a black executive should not be hired to lead the transit agency.

Beverly Silas made the remark during an August meeting of the Capital Metro board as members discussed hiring a new CEO and president.

A video recording of the meeting shows her saying, "Austin is not the place for them."

Silas clarified Friday to the Austin American-Statesman that she doesn't oppose hiring an African American.

But she says that, "because of the environment here, they might be subject to failure."

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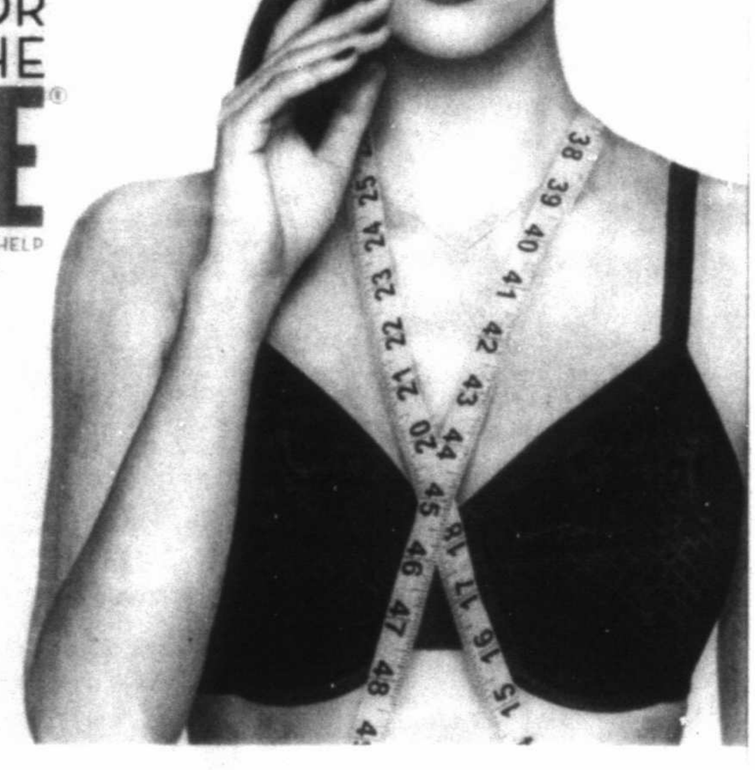

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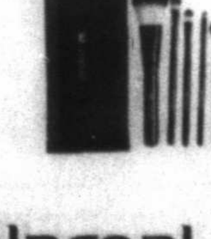

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Gorsuch gives conservatives edge in new Supreme Court term

By Greg Stohr
Bloomberg

Justice Neil Gorsuch's first full term on the U.S. Supreme Court promises to show just how much was at stake with his appointment.

The term that opens Monday is full of ideologically divisive cases that could turn on a single vote, starting with arguments over worker class-action lawsuits and political gerrymandering of election districts. The court will consider whether gay rights must yield to business owners' religious beliefs, and the justices on Thursday added a fight over mandatory union fees paid by government workers.

The term "will be momentous," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg predicted this month in a speech at Georgetown University Law Center.

It might also be a conservative rout, given President Donald Trump's selection of Gorsuch to fill what ended up being a 14-month vacancy. Gorsuch took a seat Democrats had tried to fill with Judge Merrick Garland, former President Barack Obama's nominee who never got a vote in the Republican-controlled Senate. Since he was confirmed in April, Gorsuch has aligned himself with the court's conservative wing.

Gorsuch's presence could make the difference in many of the court's biggest cases in the nine-month term. The scheduled argument dates are in parentheses:

The term starts with a case that could let companies enforce agreements in which workers promise to pursue wage or job-discrimination claims in arbitration, and not in class-action lawsuits.

Employers want to extend 2011 and 2013 Supreme Court decisions in which a conservative majority said companies can channel disputes with consumers and other businesses into arbitration. But some lower courts have said workplaces are different because federal labor law gives employees the right to engage in "concerted activities."

Companies say that provision must yield to a 1925 law that requires arbitration agreements to be enforced like any other contract.

"The employers have a few advantages going in here, particularly with a more receptive set of justices," said Greg Garre, a Washington lawyer at Latham & Watkins and former solicitor general under President George W. Bush.

The Trump administration is backing the employers. But in an unusual twist, the National Labor Relations Board is set to argue on the side of the workers. The independent agency has long said workers aren't bound by arbitration agreements that prohibit group claims.

The NLRB could change its position at the last minute. The Senate confirmed attorney William Emanuel, who has represented employers, to the board last week, giving it a Republican majority for the first time in almost a decade.

The Supreme Court has never struck down a voting map as being so partisan it violates the Constitution. Critics of gerrymandering hope a case over a Republican-drawn Wisconsin map will provide the occasion.

Wisconsin Democrats say the map virtually assures Republicans will maintain a majority in the state Assembly, even if they lose the statewide popular vote as they did in 2012.

The pivotal vote belongs to Justice Anthony Kennedy, who said in 2004 that he wouldn't preclude partisan-gerrymandering lawsuits but hadn't yet seen a manageable test to determine how much politics was too much. The Democrats are proposing a test that relies in part on statistical analyses of voting patterns.

Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch speaks at the 50th anniversary of the Fund for America Studies luncheon Thursday at the Trump Hotel in Washington.

"Justice Kennedy thinks this is very problematic from a constitutional perspective," said Marty Lederman, a law professor at Georgetown. At the same time, "he's going to be probably very uncomfortable with any of the tests that have been proposed to him."

An Ohio voter-purge clash has become a flashpoint in the broader fight over the rules governing who can cast ballots. The state removes people from the rolls if they don't vote during a six-year period and don't respond to a request to confirm their address.

Ohio says the system is a legitimate method to keep its voter database up to date. Opponents say the procedure is a voter-suppression tool that violates a 2002 federal law.

The Trump administration is backing Ohio. The president has drawn criticism for claiming without evidence that 3 million people voted illegally for his opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump then appointed a voting-fraud commission, controlled by Republican hard-liners, to examine the issue.

What began as a brief discussion about a wedding cake has grown into a Supreme Court dispute between some of the nation's most cherished values. On one side are Charlie Craig and David Mullins, who were turned away when they visited a Colorado bakery to order a cake for their wedding. On the other is Jack Phillips, a baker who says he can't create a cake for a gay wedding without violating his religious beliefs.

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission said Phillips violated a state law that bars discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation by businesses that sell to the public. Phillips says his constitutional speech and religious rights are being infringed.

Kennedy, a champion of free speech and gay rights, will again be at the center of the debate and likely to cast the deciding vote.

"Here we actually have two aspects of Justice Kennedy's jurisprudence pitted against each other," said Yaakov Roth, a Washington lawyer at Jones Day.

The court will take up a major test of digital privacy when it considers whether prosecutors need a warrant to get mobile-phone tower records that include months of information about a person's location.

Timothy Carpenter is seeking to overturn his conviction for taking part in nine armed robberies in the Detroit area. At trial, prosecutors used phone data to show Carpenter was near the site of each robbery when it occurred.

Critics say prosecutors are able to get massive amounts of data without having to meet the "probable cause" standards for a search warrant. The largest telecommunications providers receive tens of thousands of requests for location information a year under the 1986 Stored Communications Act, which doesn't require a warrant.

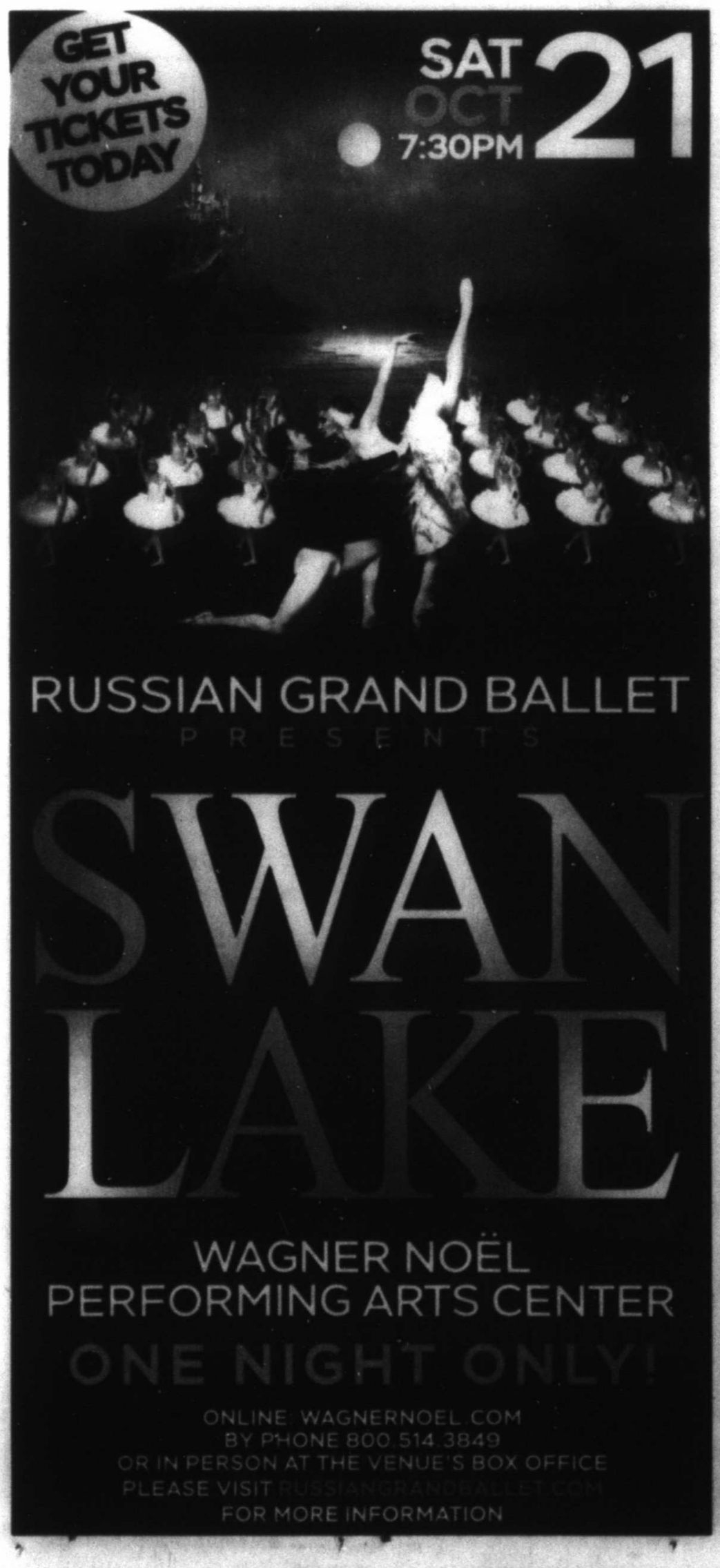
"I think this is the most consequential case that's currently on the court's docket," said Kannon Shanmugam, a Washington lawyer at Williams & Connolly.

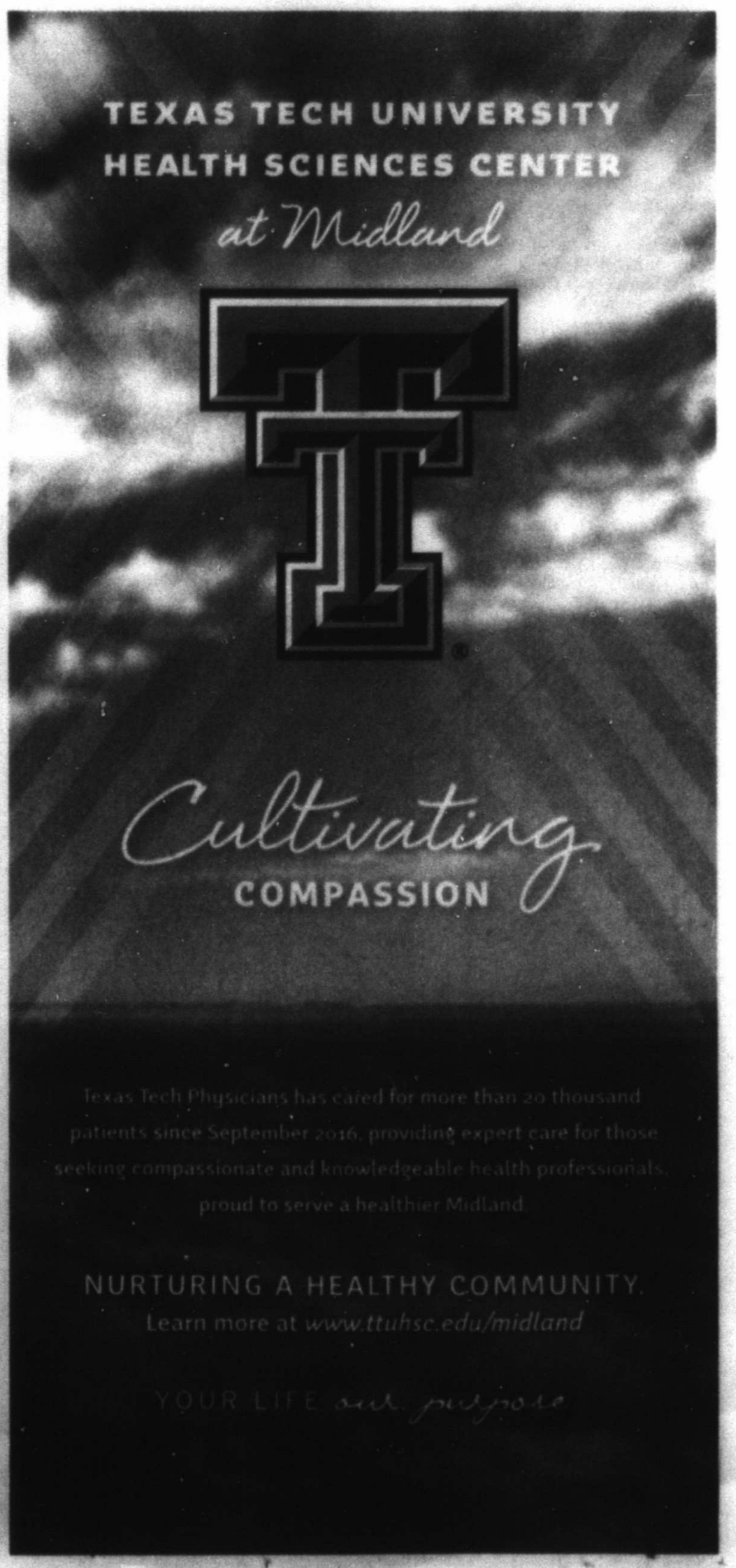
It also could be the best candidate to cut across the court's ideological divide. The court under Chief Justice John Roberts has been broadly protective of digital privacy rights, as in a unanimous 2014 ruling that said police usually must get a warrant before searching the mobile phone of a person being arrested.

The court will consider reinstating a New Jersey law that would legalize sports gambling at casinos and racetracks. The dispute pits New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie — who backs gambling — against the nation's largest professional and amateur sports leagues and associations, as well as the Trump administration. A ruling for New Jersey could free states elsewhere to legalize sports betting.

The case, which turns on a 1992 federal law outlawing sports betting in most of the country, will also be an important test of states' rights. New Jersey says the measure violates the Constitution's Tenth Amendment.

Although the court has dropped its planned Oct. 10 argument on Trump's ban on travel to the U.S. from a group of mostly Muslim countries, the justices still must decide what to do with the case.





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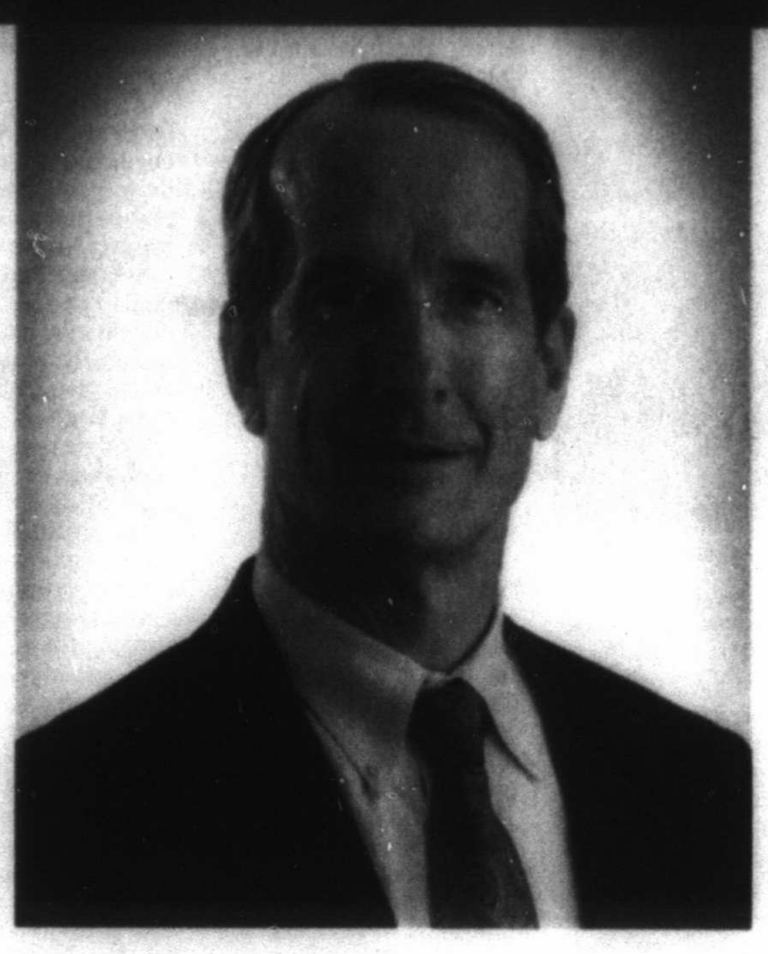

CHRIS L. WHIGHAM
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West Texas National Bank's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Chris Whigham has been promoted to Bank President. Board Chairman, David Davis, has expressed the entire Board's confidence in Chris's abilities to embrace his expanded management role with the Bank. Chris will continue to office at WTNB's banking headquarters located at 6 Desta Drive in Midland, Texas. "Our Board is excited to have Chris help lead our Bank into this new era, where the Permian Basin is filled with so much opportunity," said Davis.

Keith Moore remains the Bank's Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and will continue to drive responsible, sustainable, and profitable growth. These changes will also allow Mr. Moore to focus more on corporate development underway in several areas of the Bank. Mr. Moore added that the "promotion of Chris Whigham to President of the Bank was the culmination of deliberative efforts to broaden our Senior Management Team and posture the Bank for future growth and corporate development opportunities, both in our Midland market and our greater West Texas community banks."

Chris graduated in 1982 with a Petroleum Engineering degree from Texas A&M University. His banking career began at Midland National Bank / First City Bank Texas. After his eleven-year tenure with First City, Chris worked in various engineering roles with Parker and Parsley / Pioneer Natural Resources and Concho Resources. In 2004, he returned to banking as an energy lender and Senior Vice President of Energy Lending with West Texas National Bank. A life-long Midlander, Chris has raised his family in, and maintained strong ties to our local community.

Mr. Davis went on to say, "With the ever-increasing growth of WTNB, in terms of asset size, employees, and overall geography covered, Chris' promotion is considered timely as each of the communities served by WTNB continue to experience unprecedented growth. WTNB Branch Market Presidents are excited to provide more to their markets through new and expanded personnel, products, and offerings while continuing to ensure best-in-class customer services."

Commenting on his promotion, Chris said, "I am extremely honored to have this opportunity to continue to help lead our Bank during this period of growth. The incredible talent of our banking team, coupled with the commitment of the WTNB Board, provides us with a unique opportunity to continue growing while providing excellent service for our customers. I look forward to building on the Bank's already strong foundation."

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For GOP women in politics, a needle that's not moving

By Jocelyn Noveck
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Jinyoung Englund, Republican candidate for 45th district Senate seat in Washington state, talks with phone bank volunteers at her campaign headquarters Aug. 22 in Woodinville, Wash. She is the Republican candidate in a much-watched special legislative election on Nov. 7, 2017; Republican control of the state Senate hangs in the balance. At 33, she'd be the body's youngest woman.

The president of Emily's List rose to the podium at a recent New York fundraiser to make a proud announcement: More than 18,000 women had contacted the group since Election Day, looking to explore running for office — "an explosion," she called it.

Of course, they're all Democrats. On the Republican side, there's been no such explosion. While a tide of anti-Trump activism has led thousands of Democratic women to consider runs for office, their Republican counterparts are where they were before the 2016 election — with little chance of improving their representation.

"Republican women look very much the same now as they did pre-Trump," says Jennifer Lawless, professor at American University and co-author of a recent report that examined the persistent gender gap in political ambition, on both sides of the aisle. "They're generally not interested in running for office, the overwhelming majority has not been recruited to run, they don't think they're qualified to run, and their levels of political activity and enthusiasm are the same as they have always been."

Lawless' report, called "The Trump Effect," also throws some cold water on the expectation that Democrats will see a seismic shift in numbers of women running; re-energized political activism doesn't necessarily translate into candidacies. But the new enthusiasm has been almost entirely on the left side of the spectrum, and some groups are trying to address that.

Erin Loos Cutraro, CEO of She Should Run, a nonpartisan group, says while the overall pace of adding women to elected office is too slow — women, after all, comprise just under 20 percent of Congress — it's clearly happening faster for Democrats.

Part of the problem: uneven institutional resources and support. "Feeling that you're not going at it alone makes a big difference," Cutraro says, "and it can feel really isolating for Republican women. They don't have the same networks, just in sheer numbers ... or the same level of institutional support. If you're a Democratic pro-choice woman, and you have Emily's List there to support you, that can be incredibly powerful. Republican women don't have anything that plays at the same level."

While a group like Emily's List lends concrete support to get a candidate over the finish line, She Should Run serves women seeking that first step. "'I don't even know where to start' is something we hear over and over," says Cutraro.

Rebecca Love is one of those women. A longtime Republican — she was even president of the Republican club in high school — Love, 38, woke up at home in San Diego the morning after Election Day wanting to get involved, somehow.

"I felt that my values as a Republican woman were not represented by the candidate who was elected," says Love, who has a young daughter and works in health care consulting. "I felt Republicans were better than this. It was a wakeup call."

So Love began Googling programs for women interested in politics. Most, she found, were for Democrats — and her experience had been that even groups calling themselves nonpartisan were populated mostly by Democrats, some not eager to engage with Republicans. Finally, Love, who identifies as a pro-abortion rights, moderate Republican, started working with She Should Run. She's learning the political landscape of her community, and expects to pursue a city council seat or something similar.

By now, Love says, she feels confident enough that she doesn't need to be "asked" to run. But she meets women who do: "I say to them, 'You should think about running,' and they say, 'Me?'"

Virtually any advocate working to get women into politics will say the same thing: Much more than men, women — of any party — need to be asked to run.

Julie Conway of VIEW PAC, which works to get Republican women elected to federal office, puts it this way: "You have to tell women, 'Hey, you'd be great,' and not only that, but you'd be the best, and now I'm going to have 10 other people tell you you're the best. Guys just say, 'Hey, I could do this.'"

It's a bipartisan issue, Conway notes. "Women — Democratic or Republican — need to be convinced that they know everything about everything," she says. "Because they don't want to fake it. Guys, you ask them about a question about a specific tax issue, and they say, 'Oh, we believe in lower taxes.' A woman will say, 'I need the exact details of how that works.'"

Adds Stephanie Schriock, president of Emily's List: "For years we've sat at kitchen tables, we've said, 'You can do this, you don't need five years of training — that dude has no training!'"

For Jinyoung Englund, getting asked — by a former boss — was a turning point. A daughter of Korean immigrants in Washington state, Englund got the bug for public service early, working on a congressional campaign and then on Capitol Hill while she was still in her 20s.

She hadn't planned to run herself, and her first response, she says, was that it sounded "kinda crazy. ... Women, like myself, are often, 'Hey, who am I to think I could run?'"

But she is now the Republican candidate in a much-watched special legislative election; Republican control of the state Senate hangs in the balance. At 33, she'd be the body's youngest woman.

Not every woman, of course, needs to be asked. Shantel Krebs, the South Dakota secretary of state and candidate for Congress, served 10 years in the state legislature — she was 30 when first elected in 2004, and had begun her legislative career at 17, as a page. Krebs says she hasn't encountered the obstacles some other women describe, perhaps because South Dakota has a long history of women in positions of political power. The incumbent in the seat she's seeking, Republican Kristie Noem, is running for governor.

"I think South Dakotans expect another woman in that position," says Krebs, 44. "They know that women compromise and they listen."

Like Republican male candidates, GOP women must consider where they stand on President Donald Trump, their party's polarizing leader. Depending on the district, it's not always easy.

"Some candidates find themselves in a no-win situation and it's not a great place to be," says VIEW PAC's Conway. "I'm not seeing a lot of candidates come through saying Trump's the greatest thing since sliced bread. But I also haven't met a lot of people running who are overly willing to speak against him either."

Asked about potential concerns among women voters about Trump's attitudes toward women, Krebs, of South Dakota, says her constituents aren't troubled by that. "I haven't heard from any of my constituents that they're concerned. The concern here is bigger issues. They want government to be accountable, to control spending."

Englund, in Washington state, says she wrote in a candidate for president. "I know part of the Democratic strategy across the country is to try to tie new candidates to the president," she says, "but in our district, and I think nationally, people looked at last year's election and thought, 'Wow, neither candidate really represents my values or my vision for America.'"

In Austin, Texas, Jenifer Sarver is already preparing for the "Trump question," even though she's not yet running for office.

"Certainly people have told me that saying you didn't vote for the president isn't a good thing," says Sarver, 41, who runs a communications consulting business and has been mentioned in the local media as a potential candidate to replace Rep. Michael McCaul — who in turn has been mentioned as a potential Trump Cabinet member. "There are going to be people who won't vote for me. But I believe I can attract people in the middle ... those who want to see that there are people of integrity and character running, who aren't afraid to stand up to the system."

Though a conservative Republican and an opponent of abortion, Sarver voted for Hillary Clinton, "in large part because of (Trump's) history with misogyny," she says. While she's always felt welcome in the Republican Party, Sarver has felt stymied by the lack of an infrastructure to recruit female candidates: "Either there's not the desire there, which I don't think is true, or there's not the support and infrastructure."

This election cycle, there's an additional concern for Republican women in Congress.

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Price's exit further complicates GOP health care push

By Jill Colvin and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

BRANCHBURG, N.J. — The ouster of Tom Price as President Donald Trump's health secretary is yet another self-inflicted blow for Republicans wishing to put their own stamp on health care — and the latest distraction for a White House struggling to advance its agenda after months of turmoil.

Price resigned Friday amid investigations into his use of costly charter flights for official travel at taxpayer expense. His exit makes it even more unlikely that Republicans will be able to deliver on their promise to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's law, even though they control the White House and both chambers of Congress.

"I think health care is a dead letter through the next election," Joe Antos, a policy expert with the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute, said Saturday.

The health secretary's exit capped a week in which a last-ditch GOP health care bill failed to advance in the Senate. Regaining momentum will be more difficult now that the White House also has to find a replacement for Price. That makes it harder to visualize how the administration and congressional Republicans can fulfill their goal of remaking the health care system along conservative lines, although Trump has said he's confident a plan can pass early next year.

Price — who Trump concluded had become a distraction — had been on the rocks with the president since before the travel flap. A former Republican congressman from Georgia, he proved less helpful than expected on the health care fight. Price played a supporting role while Vice President Mike Pence took the lead, especially with the Senate.

The health secretary's departure — the latest in a list that now includes Trump's chief of staff, national security adviser, press secretary and two communications directors — is also unlikely to end what has been a steady drip of revelations about potentially inappropriate travel on the part of Cabinet members.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has come under fire for requesting a government aircraft to use on his honeymoon, while Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he'd taken three charter flights while in office, including a $12,375 late-night trip from Las Vegas to his home state of Montana in June. The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general has opened an inquiry into Administrator Scott Pruitt's frequent taxpayer-funded travel on commercial planes.

The House Oversight and Government Reform committee has launched a government-wide investigation of top political appointees' travel.

Trump ran on a pledge to "drain the swamp" in Washington and has taken pride in his efforts to reduce federal spending and negotiate better deals on behalf of American taxpayers.

In a memo Friday, White House budget director Mick Mulvaney said all travel on government-owned, rented, leased or chartered aircraft will now have to be approved by the president's chief of staff, John Kelly. That gives more oversight power to a man who has tried to impose order and structure on what has been a chaotic White House.

On health care, the task of installing another secretary at the Health and Human Services department won't be easy.

The nominee will have to run the gauntlet of Senate confirmation. The already contentious process will be more challenging as Democrats shift from playing defense to offense on health care, heartened by the survival of the Affordable Care Act and polls showing support for the government's leading role in health care.

And HHS is not the only department that needs a leader. Trump has yet to pick a permanent replacement for Kelly, who left his previous job running the Department of Homeland Security in July.

Two potential candidates for health secretary already hold senior Senate-confirmed posts at HHS, which could be a plus for the White House.

Seema Verma leads the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which runs major insurance programs. Scott Gottlieb heads the Food and Drug Administration, which has regulatory authority across pharmaceuticals and consumer products.

Verma is a protege of Pence, who played a major role in negotiations with Congress this year on the futile "Obamacare" repeal effort.

Verma is seen as a talented policy expert, but she's still relatively new to the ways of Washington. Gottlieb is a veteran, but he may prefer the FDA and its clearly defined mission to the quicksand of health care policy.

Also mentioned is Louisiana GOP Sen. Bill Cassidy, co-author of the last Republican health care bill that failed to advance. Cassidy would probably win confirmation easily, but his prospects in the Senate appear bright, and he may not want to depart for a Cabinet post in a tumultuous administration.

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Trump's tax cut fate in the hands of six key GOP senators

By Sahil Kapur
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump and Republican leaders unveiled a nine-page framework to rewrite the nation's tax code last week to rave reviews from within their party. But now the hard part starts — with the tax-writing committees in the House and Senate tasked with settling some of the most divisive issues.

Questions from whether to set a rate above 35 percent for top earners to how to limit corporate interest deductions could easily fracture the GOP. With 52 senators in their ranks and little hope of Democratic support, Republicans can't afford to lose more than two members to get a bill passed. They also can't afford another legislative loss following their failure to repeal the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

The fate of Trump's promise of a historic tax revamp could be determined by six key Republican senators: Bob Corker, John McCain, Rand Paul, Pat Toomey, Orrin Hatch and Susan Collins. Some in the group have already laid out their demands for a tax bill. Here's a closer look at those senators, whose actions will be crucial to getting a tax bill across the finish line:

Corker

Having announced he'll retire after the 2018 election, the deficit hawk is free to chart his path. And the two-term Tennessee senator is setting down a marker, insisting he won't support a tax bill that adds to the deficit. That could make meeting Trump's promise for massive tax cuts difficult.

Corker

Corker recently struck a deal with Toomey paving the way for budget legislation that would allow for huge tax cuts in theory, but Corker has said he wouldn't allow them to balloon the deficit. "With realistic growth projections, it cannot produce a deficit," Corker said Wednesday. "There is no way in hell I'm voting for it." He estimated that some $4 trillion in revenue-raisers must be achieved in order to ease his concerns.

McCain

Last week, the Arizona Republican outlined the same condition on tax legislation that twice proved pivotal in blocking Obamacare repeal efforts in the Senate: Regular order that allows for hearings, debate, amendments and bipartisan support. "We need to do it in a bipartisan fashion," McCain said Tuesday of a tax overhaul. "I am committed, as I've said before, to a bipartisan approach, such as we've been doing in the Armed Services Committee for the last 53 years."

McCain

That may be difficult to reconcile with Senate Republican leaders' plans to use the fast-track procedure on taxes that they tried to use on health care. Will the so-called maverick be satisfied?

Paul

The Kentucky libertarian is never an easy vote to win over — he proved it during the health-care debate by staunchly opposing the Senate's last opportunity to undo Obamacare before the Sept. 30 deadline, complaining that it didn't go far enough. And now he's staking out a far-reaching position on taxes, too, calling for a "large cut of at least 15 percent for every taxpayer" in an Aug. 30 op-ed.

Paul

Paul is also opposed to paying for a tax cut, describing the push for revenue neutrality as "a terrible idea" that simply shifts around the tax burden and fails to achieve "real tax cuts." He called on his party to reject the principle of revenue neutrality, warning it will "result in those with the best lobbyists, lawyers and accountants being the winners, while most everyone else either gets nothing or largely loses out." Sen. Ted Cruz has also said a tax plan should include big cuts, pushing back on the idea of revenue neutral changes.

Toomey

The second-term Pennsylvania senator is an outspoken cheerleader for tax cuts and has argued against the need to pay for such a plan, saying the overarching focus must be on economic growth and that a revenue-neutral plan would be "anemic." He successfully pushed for an agreement on a budget vehicle that allows the tax cuts to add to the deficit. He's also argued for changing the rules to extend the budget window for a temporary tax cut from 10 years to as many as 30 years. "I'd like to stretch that out as much as possible," he said.

Toomey

Toomey, along with fellow tax wonk Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, are seen as the Senate Finance Committee's thought leaders on tax policy. One of Toomey's big priorities: "Expensing capital might be the most pro-growth element of this exercise," he told reporters Wednesday. "That's really really important to me." Another is to create an incentive to bring home the estimated $2.6 trillion in corporate profits sitting overseas and set up a territorial system where U.S. companies aren't subject to "an extra layer of tax from overseas income."

Hatch

A tax overhaul may be the GOP's last best chance to secure a major legislative victory in 2017, and the chairman of the tax-writing Finance Committee views it as a political imperative. "Very important," Hatch said in an interview Wednesday. "We all feel the pressure to deliver on taxes."

Hatch

Hatch, who was a second-term senator during the last big tax-code rewrite in 1986, is keenly aware of the issue's complexity. He declined to say if he believes the Senate will secure a majority to eliminate the state and local tax deduction, a major revenue-raiser targeted in the Trump-GOP framework. "I'm not going to talk about specifics," he said. "It's a very complex bill to begin with. And we're going to have to make some very tough decisions about what we keep and what we don't."

Collins

Arguably the Senate's most moderate Republican, the always-meticulous Collins drove a hard bargain on health care that helped torpedo the push. While she has said little about the upcoming tax debate, nobody is taking her vote for granted.

Collins

The Maine senator has voted for numerous tax cuts in the past, including the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003. But she has also taken some heterodox positions that could be a factor: In 2015, she was the only GOP senator of 55 who broke ranks and voted against a budget measure calling for repeal of the estate tax, which the Trump-GOP framework seeks to do. In 2008, she voted for a measure to raise the top tax rate for people earning more than $1 million.

Trump-versus-pro football is ratings game the NFL can't win

By Felix Gillette
Bloomberg

Never in the history of the NFL have its ratings been so scrutinized. There's an almost breathless feel to the way fans, team owners, advertisers and, of course, President Donald Trump now await the release of the figures.

That they were essentially mixed in the season's third week is irrelevant. The obsession with the numbers, amped up by Trump's condemnation of protests during the national anthem, is a big headache for the National Football League and its hyper-protective commissioner, Roger Goodell.

For years, it was able to exert strong control over its own narrative. The league and its powerful media partners continuously burnished the brand as a mass-market symbol of American vitality, strength and exceptionalism.

The current commotion has, in totality, the opposite effect, reducing the NFL to the role of a sick patient looking for a proper diagnosis, a scofflaw institution deserving public shaming by the commander in chief. The reversal — from heroic savior of Sundays to something in need of saving — is proving difficult to shake off.

"The best thing for the NFL would be to divorce itself from politics and focus on making the game safer, more entertaining and appealing to everybody. But the environment they are in is so polarizing," says Ailen Adamson, head of Brand-Simple Consulting. An NFL spokesperson declined to comment.

The ratings decline, which started during the 2016 season, isn't an immediate problem for the league thanks to its long-term contracts with broadcasters.

Attorneys: New Mexico library shooting case will be lengthy

Associated Press

CLOVIS, N.M. — The attorney appointed to represent a New Mexico teenager accused in a deadly shooting inside a public library is certain any legal resolution will be a long time coming.

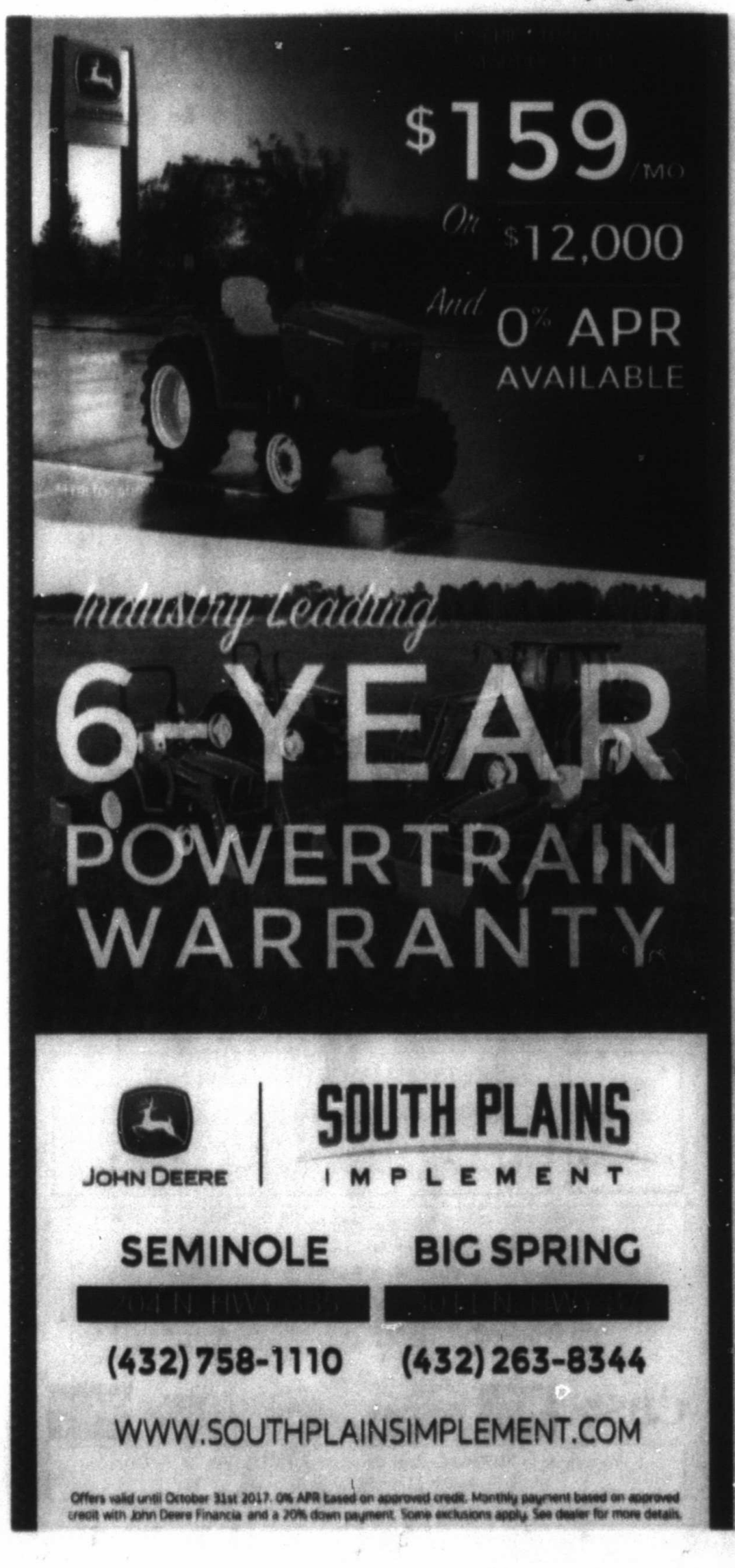
Assistant Public Defender Stephen Taylor says the case of 16-year-old Nathaniel Jouett is complex and given the amount of evidence involved, it could take months - if not a year - for lawyers to comb through it.

The inventory of evidence includes police interviews, cellphone data and phone videos from Jouett, as well as more than 1,000 combined videos and crime scene photos, The Eastern New Mexico News reported.

Taylor spoke with the newspaper after a district judge recently approved an order to seal surveillance video and audio from the Clovis-Carver Public Library as well as the teen's cellphone videos, and footage from officers' body cameras.

Jouett faces two counts of murder and numerous other charges stemming from the Aug. 28 shooting. He pleaded not guilty last week and remains in custody pending trial.

The Associated Press generally does not identify juveniles accused of crimes. It is using Jouett's name because of the seriousness of the crime and because authorities are seeking adult sanctions.



Playboy's interviews were models of the art form

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Jann Wenner was preparing to launch Rolling Stone in 1967, he had some ideas about how to make the magazine's interviews stand out.

"The Rolling Stone interview was modeled in part on the Playboy interview," Wenner told The Associated Press this week, discussing the impact of the publication started by Hugh Hefner, who died Wednesday at age 91.

Wenner, whose magazine's many notable interviews include conversations with John Lennon, Keith Richards and Elton John, explained that he wanted to combine The Paris Review's respect for the artist's craft with Playboy's range and outlook.

"(Playboy) was the most exciting magazine in America for years and years and years," he said.

Hefner is known most as an instigator of the sexual revolution of the 1960s and '70s, but Playboy's influence extended well beyond its centerfolds, whether by publishing such authors as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Kurt Vonnegut, sponsoring comedians and jazz musicians or through its mastery of the art of the interview. Playboy's long and searching conservations are remarkable for the people who spoke to the magazine and for what they said.

Playboy has met with political leaders (Fidel Castro), activists (Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X) and athletes (Muhammad Ali, Pete Rose). It was the rare publication to speak with Marlon Brando over the second half of his life. A joint interview with Lennon and Yoko Ono came out Dec. 6, 1980, two days before the former Beatle was murdered by a deranged fan. Labor leader Jimmy Hoffa's last interview before he disappeared, in 1975, was with Playboy. The interviewer was Mike Wallace, who as a television newsman had tried and failed to get Hoffa to talk.

"Why would Hoffa sit for a Playboy interview?" Wallace wrote in 1992 for a foreword to a book of Playboy interviews. "After all, he had previously declined a television interview with me. In retrospect, I think the answer is that he wanted more time — more words, more space — for himself, his ideas, his hates, his enthusiasms."

Playboy's most quoted interview likely was a 1976 meeting with then-presidential candidate Jimmy Carter. He was speaking to political journalist Robert Scheer, who asked whether people should worry that his Baptist faith would make him a "rigid, unbending president." Carter responded with a long examination of his beliefs, including a passage that immediately, and permanently, became part of his legacy.

"I've looked on a lot of women with lust," Carter confided. "I've committed adultery in my heart many times."

Scheer wrote in a recent email that Playboy interviews "were a protected zone within this racy publication" and praised Hefner for supporting "serious journalism." Carter's "lust" comments made headlines, but Scheer thought the real news was Carter's criticism of the late Lyndon Johnson, whom the candidate accused of "lying, cheating and distorting the truth."

Hefner has said that he started the Playboy interview in the early 1960s after he saw excerpts from a conversation between "Roots" author Alex Haley, a freelance journalist at the time, and Miles Davis. Hefner was impressed that Davis didn't just discuss music, but social issues, and he asked Haley to spend more time with the jazz trumpeter. Besides Wallace and Haley, who also collaborated on "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," Playboy interviewers have included music critic/civil libertarian Nat Hentoff, Alvin Toffler of "Future Shock" fame and prize-winning journalist Tom Wicker.

David Sheff, who interviewed Lennon and Yoko Ono, has had a long career with the magazine. Over the past 35 years, he has spoken with everyone from Steve Jobs to Betty Friedan to Ansel Adams, and calls his work the "the kind of job people would pay to do, which isn't to say it's not difficult."

Preparation means "massive amounts" of research and expectations are the highest: get the "definitive" interview. For Lennon and Ono, his first Playboy assignment, he spent three weeks with the couple, speaking with them over coffee, in the recording studio, in Central Park and at their home in Manhattan's Dakota building.

"Our access allowed us to be with subjects when they weren't 'on' — that is, whereas it was possible for them to present a rehearsed picture over the course of an hour or two, it was pretty hard if not impossible for them to sustain the facade over the course of many days and nights," Sheff wrote in an email. "We were tough on subjects, but gave them the space to respond at length rather than in soundbites. Many said they wanted to do the Playboy interview because they were tired of being mischaracterized by news outlets that relied on out-of-context quotations.

"When we released the full Lennon-Ono interview in book form ('All We Are Saying'), we included a quote from Lennon about the interview — 'It will be the reference book.'"

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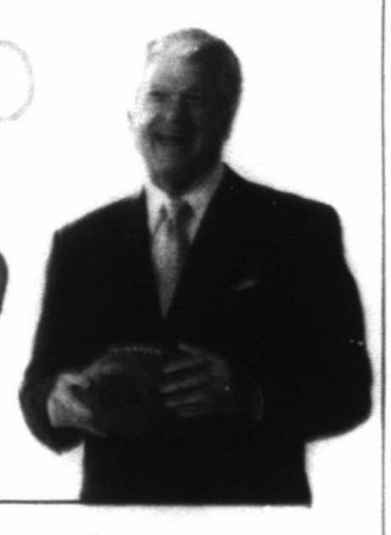

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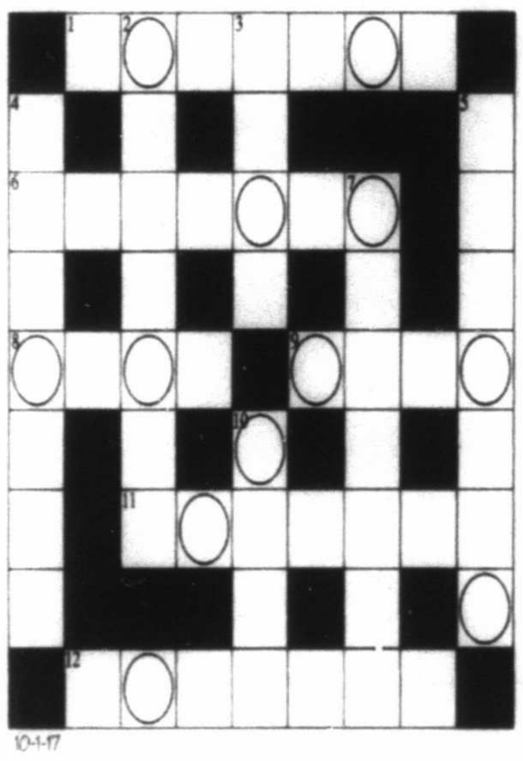

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9. ___ machine	STLO
11. Thrown out	ETCEEDJ
12. Collapse inward	DOLPIEM

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Cut off, set apart	LAOISET
3. Upon	NOTO
4. Cutter	MIEMRTR
5. Guardianship	SUYDCTO
7. Associated	TADERLE
10. Wishing ___	LEWL

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CLUE: During the course of World War II, ___ ___ rose to the rank of colonel.

How to play

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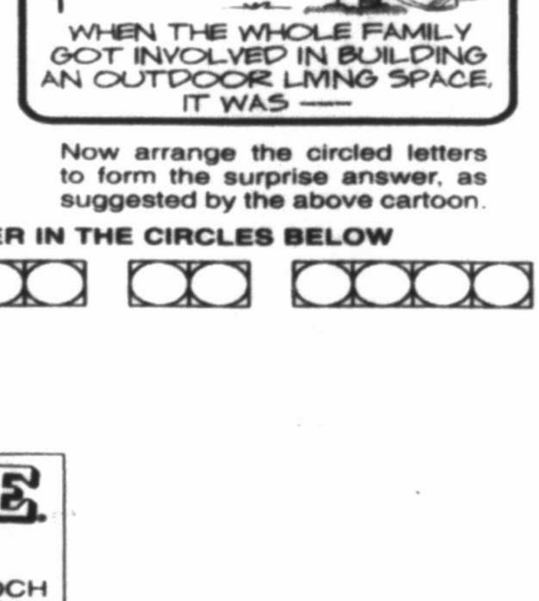

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7 Vague feeling
11 Shot spot
14 Take up or let out
19 More profound
20 Attention-getting type: Abbr.
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24 Software update strategies?
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31 Stand in a loft
33 Tile absentee
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36 Counsel offered by Carlo Rossi?
42 Map in a map
45 Ristorante suffix
46 Pursued
47 State secrets?
48 Container with slats
52 Recommend
54 Dream about childbirth?
57 What alibis may be
58 Series of rings
60 Ultra-secret org.
61 Like yoga devotees
62 Naval strength
65 Co-host Shapiro of "All Things Considered"
66 Celeb's freebie
67 Views about poetry?
71 "That film is awful"
75 '60s-'80s Brit. sports car
76 Frozen fruit-flavored snack
81 Soda purchases
82 1999 Moviefone acquirer
83 Fluency
85 Normal beginning?
86 Reminded guests that certain casual attire is required?
89 Baseless accusation, to an alleged perp
91 Yoga pose
92 Pic for a doc
93 "Dig in!"
96 When Le Havre heats up
97 Run through a reader
99 Uncompromising boss?
101 Break down
104 Mar. parade honoree
106 Shake aviate
107 Talking in a sunrise, say
110 Crowd control weapons
114 Headquarters
118 Mastering a basic golf lesson?
120 Golfer's starting point
122 Salon dye
123 Scepter top, perhaps
124 Salon, for one
125 Not leave to chance
126 Concepts
127 They're often grad students
128 Wraps (up)
129 Went bad

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9 Zinger
10 "Frozen" princess
11 Disco phrase
12 Pal of Harry
13 Summon silently
14 St. Louis landmark
15 Renaissance instrument
16 1954 Ford debut
17 Legendary Spanish hero
18 Intervals of inactivity
25 "Picnic" playwright
26 Queen's subjects
29 Princess from Alderaan
32 Spy-fi figs.
34 Grammy-winning singer Krall
36 Medical containers
37 Common film festival entry
38 Skin lotion brand
39 Menlo Park middle name
40 Justice Gorsuch who replaced Antonin
41 DJ's stack
43 8/21/2017 celestial event
44 Vagabond
47 Violinist's need
49 Quartet named for its members
50 They're usually seen with sandals
51 Miscalculates
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55 Cross inscription
56 Spark producer
58 Apt to mouth off
59 Critical care ctrs.
63 Supervised
64 Houdini's family name
65 BOLO equivalent
66 Popular _
68 Expressive online image
69 Take in the wrong way?
70 Apple mobile platform
71 Rick calls her "kid"
72 Google successes
73 Quattro competitor
74 Cold weather word
77 Turntable letters
78 Took a little off
79 Give a keynote, say
80 Morning read
82 TV spot seller
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84 Wine city near Turin
87 Unimproved property
88 In-flight fig.
89 Railing feature
90 Western natives
94 Earl with a three-finger banjo-picking style named for him
95 Berkshire boarding school
98 Castaway's home
99 Foment, with "up"
100 If all goes right
101 Rolls with rice
102 Withdrew, with "out"
103 "Moneyball" baseball exec Billy
105 Mettlesome mounts
108 Paquin of "True Blood"
109 Pioneering TV's
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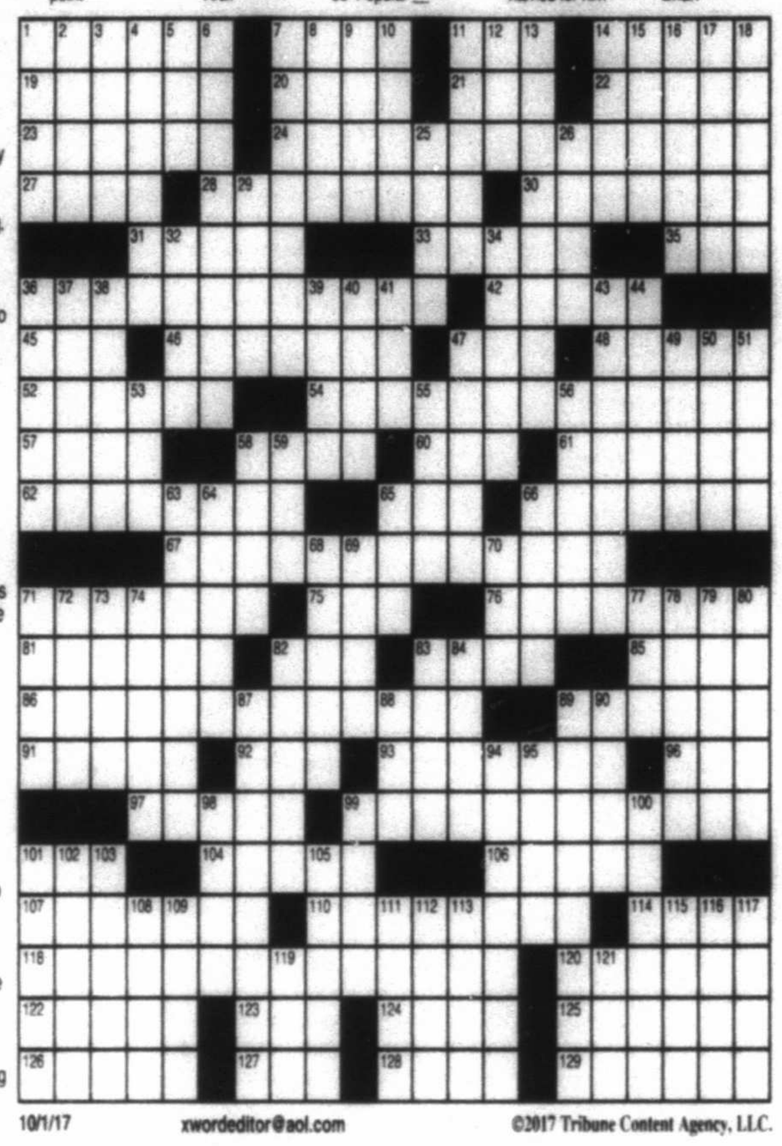
121 "Lux" composer Brian



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Marta Sostre Vazquez reacts as she starts to wade into the San Lorenzo Morovis River with her family after a bridge was swept away by Hurricane Maria on Wednesday in Morovis, Puerto Rico. The family was returning to their home after visiting family on the other side. U.S. Army veteran Luis Cabrera Sanchez holds his machete as he pauses for a portrait while clearing debris Saturday from his damaged home, with family and neighbors, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. Sanchez, who served in the military from 1966 to 1969, said his greatest needs are water, food and energy.

Maria television reporting raises echoes of Katrina coverage

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the days pass since Hurricane Maria ripped across Puerto Rico, television reports increasingly echo those after Katrina a dozen years ago in sounding the alarm for a desperate population frustrated by the pace of relief efforts.

The question is: how many people are listening this time?

The words were blunt by the usually easygoing Bill Weir on CNN: "This is a humanitarian crisis the likes of which we have not seen for a long time." His report, though, came 20 minutes into a Jake Tapper newscast that was led by political developments in the United States.

The story has struggled to get the attention of predecessor hurricanes Harvey and Irma, which struck the U.S. mainland. The emotional plea of San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz on Friday felt like a turning point, although it was overshadowed in the news by the resignation of President Donald Trump's health secretary, Tom Price.

Trump himself brought it back into the news Saturday, with Twitter attacks on how the "Fake News Networks are working overtime in Puerto Rico doing their best to take the spirit away from our soldiers" and first responders.

He may have done more to focus people on the story than television had up until the past few days. So far NBC's Lester Holt has been the only broadcast network anchor to report on the storm from Puerto Rico, a telling measure of the story's importance to news executives. Puerto Rican developments led NBC's "Nightly News" each night this past week; on ABC's "World News Tonight," it was the lead story once.

Wind and rain stinging Chris Cuomo's face was a defining image of Hurricane Irma coverage from Florida. Yet until Anderson Cooper arrived on Friday, Maria hadn't attracted cable news' marquee stars.

In a report from central Puerto Rico this week, CNN's Leyla Santiago repeatedly emphasized that residents were U.S. citizens. A native of the island who now lives on the mainland, she's aware how many people don't know that. After the storm, many Puerto Ricans raised the citizenship issue when expressing surprise that relief efforts seemed sluggish following such a ferocious storm.

"I've heard it many times — we're Americans, too," Santiago said.

It's fair to wonder how much of an influence this has had on interest in the story in both homes and newsrooms.

One measurement starkly brings this to light. When Harvey struck Texas, The Weather Channel's audience peaked at 1.1 million viewers on Aug. 25, the Nielsen company said. It hit a record-setting 3.3 million on Sept. 10 with Irma's landfall. The network's biggest audience for Maria coverage was 494,000.

The Weather Channel stationed 11 on-air meteorologists in Florida for Irma coverage. Only Paul Goodloe went to Puerto Rico. He's gone now. Any Maria stories on the network now come from corporate colleagues at NBC News.

Journalists have faced the same logistical issues as relief workers. The extent of the damage made it hard to get to Puerto Rico and hard to communicate while there. Getting to Vieques was treacherous for CNN's Weir since his pilot had to fly on sight alone because of broken radar. A day's reporting target is often decided on how much gas can be located. "It's a daily challenge to get around," said NBC News reporter Gabe Gutierrez.

When NBC News executive Janelle Rodriguez sends someone new to Puerto Rico, she makes sure they bring extra suitcases packed with water and non-perishable food. Many NBC personnel there sleep on cots at the local Telemundo affiliate.

The reporters are doing their best to reflect what Puerto Ricans are going through.

"I'm not a hero here," said CBS News' David Begnaud, who has been in Puerto Rico since before Maria hit on Sept. 20. "It's the first responders. The problem is it's just not happening fast enough, and people need to know that."

When he reached the ground on Vieques, Weir found a line of people waiting to use a satellite phone to call relatives. One woman was in tears because a bank machine was inoperable; Weir reached into his wallet and handed her some bills. Noting how the U.S. military once used the island for target practice, he said in a report, "What better way to make it up to them, by storming the beaches with aid instead of bombs?"

A woman tightly hugged Santiago in one inland town when she arrived in a helicopter hired by CNN. It was the first time residents had seen anyone from outside the community since the hurricane hit. When federal officials reported late in the week that they had reached 35 municipalities, Santiago noted that Puerto Rico had 78 in total.

"It's important to sound the alarm, to put the story out there, so that every time someone says, 'aid is getting through,' we can show that it may be here, but it is not getting to the most vulnerable," she said.

With each day, reporters are questioning the effectiveness of relief efforts that U.S. officials say are going well. Several news organizations showed truckloads of emergency supplies sitting in a port because drivers couldn't be located to distribute them.

"I'm tired of going to press conferences where officials give credit to other officials for being involved," Begnaud said. NBC's Gadi Schwartz told Rachel Maddow of hundreds of officials milling around an air conditioned convention center, seemingly unsure what to do.

Begnaud and Santiago both said they receive hundreds of messages a day from people on the mainland, asking them to check on relatives. After his hotel manager told him of a children's hospital that was running out of diesel for its generators, he posted the news on social media and government officials responded with help.

He sees scenes of desperation every day, like the food handout in a western Puerto Rican community on Friday where a young boy walked away with four bottles of water and a can of Pringles potato chips.

"I tell people that I can't fix it for you, but I can let the world know how you're doing," he said.

Trump lashes out at San Juan mayor who begged for more help

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

BRANCHBURG, N.J. — President Donald Trump on Saturday lashed out at the mayor of San Juan and other officials in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, contemptuous of their claims of a laggard U.S. response to the natural disaster that has imperiled the island's future.

"Such poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help," Trump said in a series of tweets a day after the capital city's mayor appealed for help "to save us from dying."

"They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort," Trump wrote from his New Jersey golf club.

The tweets were a biting attack on the leader of a community in crisis. After 10 days of desperation, with many still unable to access essentials including food and water, San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz accused the Trump administration Friday of "killing us with the inefficiency" after Hurricane Maria. She implored the president, who is set to visit the U.S. territory on Tuesday, to "make sure somebody is in charge that is up to the task of saving lives."

"I am begging, begging anyone that can hear us, to save us from dying," Cruz said at a news conference, her voice breaking with rage.

It was an unusually pointed rebuke from the president in the heat of a disaster — a time when leaders often put aside partisan differences in the name of solidarity. But it was a reminder of Trump's unrelenting penchant for punching back against critics, whatever the circumstances.

Trump has said he's doing everything possible to help the "great people of PR" and has pledged to spare no effort to help the island recover from Maria's ruinous aftermath. He has also repeatedly applauded his government's recovery efforts, saying military personnel and first responders have done "an amazing job," despite the significant logistical challenges.

Thousands more Puerto Ricans have received water and rationed food as an aid bottleneck has begun to ease. But many, especially outside the capital, remain desperate for necessities, including water, power and fuel.

Trump's administration has tried in recent days to combat the perception that he failed to quickly grasp the magnitude of Maria's destruction and has given the U.S. commonwealth less attention than he'd bestowed on states like Texas, Louisiana and Florida after they were hit by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Trump had repeatedly praised the residents of those states as strong and resilient, saying at one point that Texas could "handle anything."

Administration officials have held numerous press conferences providing updates on relief efforts and Trump on Saturday spoke by phone from New Jersey with FEMA Administrator Brock Long, Puerto Rico's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, and other several other local officials.

But after a week of growing criticism, the president's patience appears to be waning.

"The Mayor of San Juan, who was very complimentary only a few days ago, has now been told by the Democrats that you must be nasty to Trump," the president charged, without substantiation.

FEMA administrator Brock Long also piled on: "The problem that we have with the mayor unfortunately is that unity of command is ultimately what's needed to be successful in this response," he said, requesting that she report to a joint field office.

Cruz declined to engage in the tit-for-tat, instead calling for a united focus on the people who need help. "The goal is one: saving lives. This is the time to show our 'true colors.' We cannot be distracted by anything else," she tweeted, along with photos of herself meeting with residents and rescue workers, wading hip-deep through a flooded street and comforting an elderly woman.

After a day of tweets criticizing the news media, Trump seemed to echo the sentiment: "We must all be united in offering assistance to everyone suffering in Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the wake of this terrible disaster."

Trump's Saturday tweets are the latest example of his insistence on "punching back," even against those with far less power. After a deadly terror attack in London in June, for instance, Trump singled out London Mayor Sadiq Khan, suggesting he wasn't taking the attacks seriously enough.

Natural disasters sometimes bring moments of rare bipartisan solidarity. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which wreaked havoc along the East Coast in 2012, New Jersey's Republican governor, Chris Christie, praised Democratic President Barack Obama for his personal attention and compassion at a joint press conference. Still, the fight over relief money became politicized and contentious, with numerous Republicans voting against a delayed relief bill.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, tensions between local and federal officials also ran high. Then-New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin pleaded with the government to send help in sometimes colorful terms, while Terry Ebbert, the city's Homeland Security director, called relief efforts a "national disgrace."

Kate Hale, Dade County's emergency management chief during Hurricane Andrew, also blasted FEMA's response in an angry news conference that was credited with spurring federal government action.

"I wasn't there to criticize; I was there to beg for help," she said. "I was terrified of what was going to happen to people that otherwise could have been saved. It was never my intention to criticize; it was my intention to cry for help, my intention to beg for help. And it came out like it did, because it just does."

"We were all at the end of our rope," she said. "We didn't know what else to do."

She called Cruz's remarks a passionate outcry "from a woman who loves her community and the people in it, has watched it be destroyed and is now watching people die."

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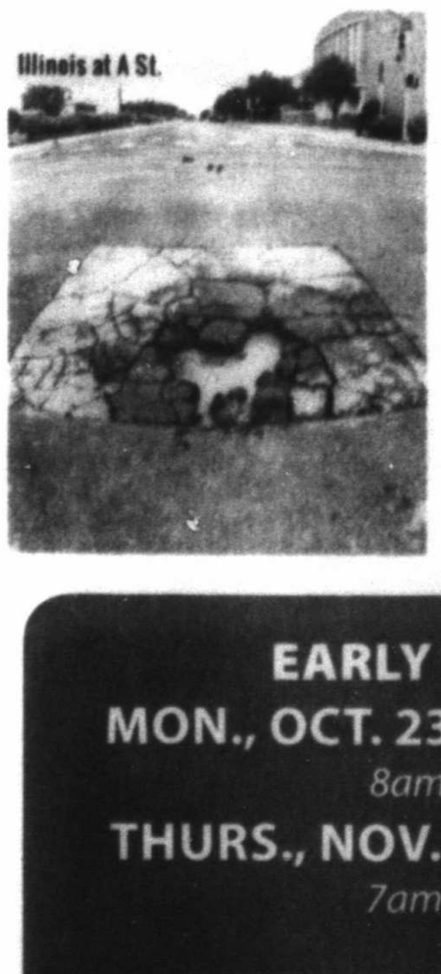

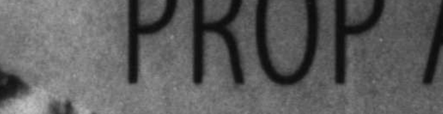

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Beware political bullying from certain 'very rich Midland money folks'

D. KIRK EDWARDS
Odessa

Midland politicos: Please don't spoil the Midland-Odessa relationship again.

Just last night, I attended a wonderful gathering put together by Patrick Payton of Stonegate Fellowship, Collin Sewell of Sewell Family Dealerships and Bob Brescia of the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute attempting to "Start the Conversation" between Midlanders and Odessans on how to make our piece of West Texas an even greater place to live for the future. What a novel concept for our part of the world. Cheers to them for their vision and fortitude to see this conversation through.

But, much to my chagrin, I opened my mail last week to see another "hit piece" against one of our Odessa elected officials that smells of the same negative mailings that came out two years ago. Even worse, it is coming from the same group as before, Empower Texans and their sister group, Texans for Fiscal Responsibly, that, according to Wikipedia, is funded by the same Midland money guys and several board members of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, as was the case in 2015. Interestingly, they try and humiliate Odessa's state rep for scoring low (65 percent) on their fiscal "index" when Midland's state representative scored even lower (58 percent) than Odessa's. Funny, though, the Midland guys don't dare run the same hit piece in Midland, which clearly makes this a personal vendetta against Odessa and our elected officials.

To me, relations could not be better between the Midland and Odessa folks as far as working together for higher education and joint projects to come out here. We definitely click well as far as the oil business goes. But there are still some individuals that want to control us in Odessa by getting their own candidates elected; candidates that they will certainly control.

Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Tom Craddick for decades now and more recently Rep. Brooks Landgraf for his first two sessions have done a stellar job for both Midland and Odessa and our common interests in the Texas Legislature, especially when it comes to higher education and energy. I hope many of you can see through what will surely be a huge negative blitz against these men in the coming months by the very rich Midland money folks and their paid-for hit-piece organizations called Empower Texans and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. You can be assured that any candidate those two groups back will be beholden to them and their increasingly negative and demeaning way of politicking. It is truly a shame that these organizations and their "leaders" feel the need to attack and tear someone else down so as to build themselves up. In life, true leadership is not a zero-sum game. We have great leaders representing us in both Midland and Odessa. People from both of these communities are united and steadfast in supporting their achievements and their representation. We will continue to strongly disapprove of the political bullying that serves only to disintegrate our combined regional progress. Join with me in denouncing these smear tactics — they are not worthy of our collective character. Midlanders and Odessans are so much smarter and capable than those promoting these attacks on one of the proudest areas of our great state.

We have come a long way in getting our two communities closer together over the last couple of decades. It is time to "Include in the Conversation" on how politically, we can become even more powerful together too. Let's please don't let a few well-off individuals try and break our communities apart again. Midland Odessa: we are better together.

MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Parents should be alarmed at dance team's skimpy outfits

Mommas, don't let your babies grow up to be dancers at Miami's Northwestern High School!

If you missed the story this week, a group of teen dancers, known as the Golden Girls, are making headlines across the country for wearing skimpy outfits and dancing suggestively at a high school sporting event. If you haven't watched the video, I will be blunt: it shows a group of beautiful young girls on the field, dressed like strippers with torn stockings and garter belts performing a burlesque routine. It is appalling.

As I watched the video, I kept waiting for a mother or father to storm the field, cover a child with a jacket, and punch a coach. It never happened. I am calling you out Golden Girls parents, school administrators and coach — you failed a group of girls. You failed an entire school full of children. And you have been doing it for quite some time.

The magic of social media and YouTube videos shows a catalogue of these girls, crotches proudly on display, hips and butts dropping low and thrusting furiously. It is disgusting. Not because of the moves themselves — I am not a prude. I have been to a strip club, I have cable. I have procreated. It is disgusting because the young women involved are not old enough to understand exactly what is happening here. They are being used. Adults have dressed them up like "naughty" candy, taught them to dance like they are having sex, and paraded them out in front of people like sheep to slaughter.

Their coach is a former Miami Heat dancer, and this kind of dancing is fine for her. She is a grown, consenting woman. I suspect she is using these girls for her own gain in hopes of landing a television show. She sees nothing wrong with the dance routines or costumes; in fact, her response was "publicity is publicity."

The dance parents interviewed don't

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LOUD AND CLEAR

Jerilee Bennett/The Gazette via AP

Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, gives a speech about race relations to U.S. Air Force cadets during lunch Friday at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Silveria, the leader of the Air Force Academy delivered a poignant and stern message on race relations in a speech to thousands of cadets after someone wrote racial slurs on message boards outside the dorm rooms of five black students.

When it comes to race relations, military has better way

STEWART DOREEN
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It's time to hit the reset button.

I'm not talking about that failed button Hillary Clinton used with the Russians (see how well that worked out for us).

I'm talking about NFL protests and social battles happening in our community and across the country. I am hitting the reset button, and I hope you will, too.

As far as the NFL protests, my thoughts are simple.

If players want to protest, go ahead.

If owners and the NFL want to support and participate in those protests — even though league rules have shut down other attempts at free speech — that's your decision. Your product will be negatively impacted, but you know that.

If people want to boycott the National Football League, they can. That is the beauty of free will.

If you are going to social media and using the same talking points you heard repeatedly on cable news, go ahead; it's a free country. If local talk radio is going to spend hours of its programming every day on this issue instead of talking about the more urgent subjects in our community, so be it.

But this is not in the best interest of Midland and Odessa. It deflects attention from the urgent issues our country and community are facing.

So I'm hitting the reset button.

Recently, I stumbled across a video of a speech from Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was addressing his cadets about racial slurs found written on dorm room door message boards at the academy's preparatory school, according to reports from The Colorado Springs Gazette.

Speech highlights from the 5-minute-and-29-second video include:

- We would be naive to think everything is perfect here and should discuss this topic;
- We would also be tone deaf not to think about the back drop of what is happening in our country.
- The appropriate response for horrible language and horrible ideas is a better idea.
- Civil discourse is a better idea.

Silveria ends by telling his cadets they should recognize the "power of us as a diverse group, the power that we come from all walks of life, that we come from all parts of this country, that we come from all races, that we come from all backgrounds, gender, all make-up, all upbringing ... that the power of that diversity comes together and makes us that much more powerful. That is a much better idea than small thinking and horrible ideas."

He ends his speech with what he called the most important part: "If you can't treat someone with dignity and respect, then you need to get out. ... If you demean someone, then you need to get out. ... If you can't treat someone from another race or different color skin with dignity and respect, then you need to get out."

There will be those who want to view Silveria's comments and my column through their ideological beliefs. And I recognize that the way some people are wired will prevent them from getting over their biases. For the rest of you, this isn't an endorsement of anything that has taken place on any football field or during any protest in any city across the United States. This isn't about politics. This isn't about being provocative.

In my view, the values that thousands of cadets at the Air Force Academy live by every day should be good enough for the rest of us.

Some people will continue to do what they did yesterday and the day before. I will hit my own reset button, watch the video, listen to wise words of a lieutenant general and be a better person than I was yesterday.

Time to take closer look at how juvenile justice system works in Midland

LAURA A. NODOLF
Midland County District Attorney

Juveniles committing crimes is something society does not like to think about. It is like a box that is in the back of your closet. You know it is there. You know there is something in it but are not sure exactly what. Because the box is out of sight, it is also out of mind. The same applies to juvenile offenders. The community knows juveniles commit crimes. The community knows that something has to happen to them but because they are not talked about in mainstream media, most residents are not sure exactly what happens in the juvenile justice system.

Unfortunately, juvenile offenders do not just commit crimes like theft or minor in possession of alcohol. Midland County has juvenile offenders that have committed offens. like murder, aggravated assault, burglary of a habitation, possession of controlled substances, sexual assault and theft of firearms. These children range between the ages of 10 to 16 and do not just come from poor, broken homes. Instead, juvenile offenders come from all socioeconomic backgrounds, levels of education and home environments. What these offenders do have in common is that 70-75 percent of the offenders have either a diagnosed or undiagnosed mental health disorder, 85 percent are illiterate or significantly behind the reading level for their grade, and 94 percent have had at least six adverse traumatic childhood events.

When a juvenile is detained, the equivalent of an adult arrest, they are taken to the Barbara Culver Center. The juvenile is then processed and an intake officer makes a determination to detain the individual or release them to a parent or guardian. If the juvenile is detained, the parents are notified that a hearing will take place to determine how long the juvenile will be detained and are encouraged to appear. When the detention hearing occurs, the judge will make a determination if the child is a danger to themselves or others, if there is adequate supervision at home and about their criminal history. After the detention hearing, the juvenile probation department and the District Attorney's Office's juvenile prosecutor have to take a hard look at each offender and their offense to determine what is in the child's best interest.

Juvenile offenders over the age of 14 who commit a serious offense and have a history of being a threat to society can be certified as adults and transferred to district court. Other serious offenders can be sentenced to incarceration in the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice by the juvenile judge. In the past year, only 2 percent of the Midland cases resulted in long-term incarceration. Youth does not excuse an individual who is a threat to society, and we must take the appropriate steps to protect our community.

While there are juvenile offenders who are in need of incarceration, the vast majority of them are in need of some type of service or supervision. The law requires that rehabilitation be the main focus of a

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MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Bloomberg View

Jeff Sessions has a point about free speech

As a defender of the First Amendment, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has terrible timing. But he has a legitimate point — and it's one that shouldn't be lost on either the U.S.'s college students or his boss, President Donald Trump.

Sessions went to Georgetown University on Tuesday to deliver a robust defense of free speech on college campuses. He would have had more credibility had he rebuked Trump for his incendiary attack on National Football League players who kneel during the national anthem as an expression of political protest. Doing so might well have cost Sessions his job, but as one of his predecessors understood, he serves the Constitution, not the president.

However flawed the messenger, Sessions's speech identified a real and growing problem: College students and administrators have been displaying a shocking disregard for First Amendment rights. Recent incidents involving violent protesters and overzealous administrators have made headlines, but they are not isolated cases. An unwillingness to hear opposing views is getting to be a defining feature of campus culture.

A recent survey of students at four-year colleges and universities uncovered an alarming level of both legal ignorance and political intolerance: Almost half (44 percent) do not believe that the First Amendment protects hate speech. A majority thinks that it is acceptable to shout down an objectionable speaker to prevent the audience from listening. One in five thinks that, to accomplish that objective, violence is justifiable.

Over the long run, these attitudes threaten a bedrock of American freedom. Respectful and reasoned dialogue is essential in a democratic society, and its survival depends on leaders — inside and outside government — who will vigorously and unflinchingly defend the rights of speakers with unpopular viewpoints.

The rise of intolerance on campus has coincided with the increasing homogeneity of the academic faculty. In 1995, liberal faculty members outnumbered conservatives by roughly two to one. Today, it is closer to five to one — and rather than man the barricades, many have joined students in protesting the presence of conservative speakers on campus.

Administrators must

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NICHOLAS

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seem to understand why people are upset. Even grandmothers don't understand, according to a story on Miami's Local 10 ABC News.

"If they're dancers, they're entertainers," said grandparent Debbie Frasier. "So if you have the same problem, you have the problem with Beyoncé or young child stars who dress that way on national television."

Well, Debbie, I do have a problem with young children who dress this way. Beyoncé can dress how she wants to; she is an adult. Have you noticed that she puts clothes on her children? Because they are not adults.

The best piece of parenting advice I ever received was from pre-school teacher Mary Stotts. She told parents to let children be little. Let them have childhoods. The pressure to have sex and to look a certain way comes soon enough.

Dressing teens as adult women and parading them about for other people's enjoyment is robbing them of the last bits of childhood. And it's not just these girls. The adultification and sexualization of our daughters is everywhere.

Little Son and I were watching college gymnastics earlier this year. These young women were literally flying through the air. Propelling themselves across the mats with sheer force and physics, and it was beautiful. But as they landed, we saw a strange phenomenon. Instead of sticking their landings and holding still in a position of power, the girls began to stick out their chests and butts, do ballet leg lifts, shimmies and jazz hands. What just happened here?

A former gymnast buddy of mine explained that gymnastics has changed a lot since we watched Mary Lou Retton earn Olympic gold. Apparently, now we need "dance elements." And the leotards leave very little to the imagination. Leotards are now cut very high up the hip bone to lengthen their body lines and make their legs look longer. Judges want a "clean" look, my friend said. Bare legs allow judges to see if the knees are straight or bent. Gymnast's pesky arms are covered so they don't break up body lines when their arms are at the gymnast's side.

But seriously, folks, I call bullshit after watching men's gymnastics. Their arms are bare, their legs are covered in stirrup pants. I am certainly not a gymnast, but I am pretty sure no one needs to see the top of a woman's hip bone to know her knees are straight. Our daughters are not foods to be served up on platters.

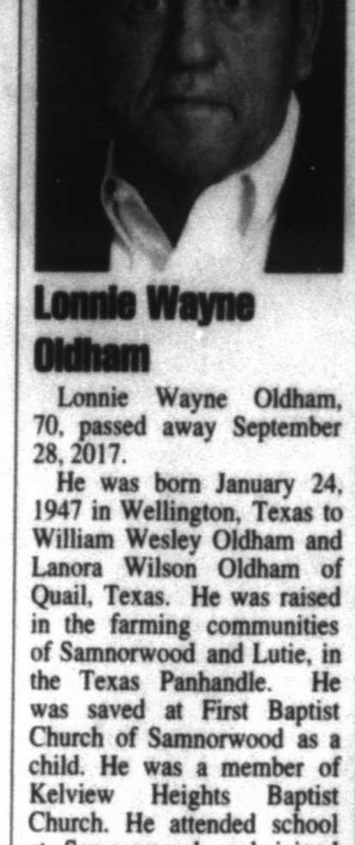
How on earth are our daughters to know they are valuable for who they are on the inside, that they have worth outside of their ability to give pleasure, when every other thing we have them do says otherwise? How are our sons to know that women should be treated as equal when so much of what they see tells them women should be valued for how they look and that women are here to please them?

So really, we all are to blame for what is going on at Northwestern High School. Every time we don't speak out against the sexualization of our children and the objectification of women, we are telling girls everywhere that they don't matter. Every time we don't tell a coach that we are not OK with an outfit or a dance routine, we are giving them silent permission to objectify our children. And for every mother who does not see the problem with the Golden Girls dance team, it is time for you to start examining the reality you are perpetuating for our children.

You can find the video clip on my Facebook page www.facebook.com/MelNicholas13.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two amazing children, Parksalot, 9, and Bodacious, 6. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook @MelNicholas13 and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Reporter-Telegram every other week.

Obituaries



Lonnie Wayne Oldham

Lonnie Wayne Oldham, 70, passed away September 28, 2017.

He was born January 24, 1947 in Wellington, Texas to William Wesley Oldham and Lanora Wilson Oldham of Quail, Texas. He was raised in the farming communities of Samnorwood and Lutie, in the Texas Panhandle. He was saved at First Baptist Church of Samnorwood as a child. He was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. He attended school at Samnorwood and joined the Army in 1966 and was stationed in Furth, Germany.

He met Nancy Elaine Pugh in 1969 and they were married June 4, 1970. They had two children, Clayton Wayne, born in 1972 and Rachella D'Lynn, born in 1975. Lonnie always loved baseball and was a coach for Little League at Greenwood. He was an awesome Dad and taught his children many "common sense" skills and values. He loved his children but he loved those grandkids with a passion! He was a welder for 47 years. He worked in the oilfield, and then later for the City of Midland for 24 years before retiring in 2009. After retiring, he worked with his son at Luxury Bath for several years until symptoms from a stroke in 2011 became more severe.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy Elaine Oldham; his son, Clayton Wayne Oldham and wife Amy of Midland, and grandsons Colton and Cayson Oldham and granddaughter Malaney Shrum; daughter, Rachella D'Lynn Oldham James, and granddaughters Tiffany and Macy James, all of Midland; brothers, Larry Oldham and wife Sandra and Don Oldham, all of Midland; sisters-in-law, Ollie Oldham of Midland and Carolyn Oldham of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; and brothers-in-law, Mervin Pugh and wife Daphne from Odessa, and Tracy Pugh from Midland; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Wesley Oldham and Leslie Oldham; and sister-in-law, Sandra Pugh Wilson.

Service will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be Jeff Franklin of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the day of the service, with family receiving visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland Texas.

Pallbearers will include Chaz Careins, Eddie Clinton, Lloyd LaBombard, Jerry Nichols, Mervin Pugh, and Jerry Rice.

Honorary pallbearers will include Tracy Pugh, Ricky Pugh, Sammy Pullum, and Brad Mann.

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Tonya Maria Reece "Muhmo"

Tonya Maria Reece "Muhmo" of Midland passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Her Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Stonegate Fellowship Building F, with Pastor Patrick Payton officiating. Per Muhmo's request, please wear bright colors.

The family will receive friends Monday, October 2, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Private graveside services will be held.

Tonya Maria Reece was born on June 10, 1954 in Midland to Stephen and Frances Sadowski. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1972 and married her high school sweetheart, Barry Dean Reece, the same year. Barry's enlistment in the Air Force took them to Georgia, across the Atlantic to Thailand, and back to Midland where they settled and had a daughter, Robin.

Tonya spent 30+ years working in the Oil & Gas industry in Midland. She loved the fast-paced environment and challenge of always learning something new. There was no quicker way to get her fired up than to get her talking about the ongoings and changes within the industry. She met many bosses and coworkers along the way who became lifelong friends and a part of her family.

Tonya was the proverbial plant lady and her front yard was always lush and full of abundant life. She looked forward to every spring when she would make her annual pilgrimage to the plant shops around town and fill her flower beds and pots with vibrant colors. She was hopelessly in love with horses and all-things nature-related. She was always up for an adventure, whether it was a crazy road trip, a spontaneous day-trip to find the best parks in West Texas with the grandkids, or to her favorite mountain-town of Ruidoso with best friend, David Lee - she was all in and ready to buy snacks!

Tonya was a fiercely devoted mother and the most supportive and loving grandmother. Even in her last years when making games and activities became more challenging, she never missed a beat and was truly in tune with her grandbabies who loved her dearly. Tonya was one of the most selfless and caring people, literally giving the shirt off her back and then some to anyone she saw in need. She never met a stranger and her smile and laugh made anyone feel welcome. She will truly be missed by so many.

Survivors include her daughter, Robin Poole and husband David; three grandchildren, Caiden, Kambel, and Carter; sister-in-law, Kathryn Sadowski; sister and brother-in-law, Linda Williams and her husband Don; sister-in-law, Pam Reece; and brother-in-law, Thomas Byrne.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Stephen Sadowski; her husband, Barry Reece; sister-in-law, Brenda Byrne; and best friend, David Lee.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Midland and Midland Fair Havens.

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

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Christopher Jax Scott

Christopher Jax Scott was born with angel wings on September 27, 2017. He was born to loving parents, Richard Harrell Chesnut and Samantha Johnson.

He is survived by grandparents, Jeremy and Audrey Johnson, Deza Johnson, and J.T. and Deanna Chesnut; great-grandparents, Mike and Gina Williams, Dennis and Ruth Wessels, Jack and Christine Melton, Waye and Melissa Johnson, Jerry Wootan, Donnie and Janice Gray and Doug Chesnut; great-great-grandparents, Millie Osborn, Peggy and Jerry Williams, Charles Johnson, and Beth George; and by numerous other loving family members.

A funeral service was held Saturday, September 30, 2017 at American Heritage.

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Estevan Marcos Rodriguez

Estevan Marcos Rodriguez passed away on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

Celebration of Life will be on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

In remembrance of Estevan, the family would like you to bring a stuffed animal or a book to donate to Cook Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Stanton, Texas.

He is survived by his parents, Marisela Hinojosa and Ross Rodriguez; and by his siblings, Jaedyn, Tarynne, and Mason Martinez.

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

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Death Notices

Sabino Castillo Rivero

Sabino Castillo Rivero, 51, of Seagraves, Texas, passed away Friday, September 29, 2017.

Family will be receiving friends on Monday, October 2, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral Service is set for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Abundant Living Christian Center. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Rebeca Barron Rivero; son, Sabino Barron Rivero; and daughter, Rebeca Barron Rivero.

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juvenile probation department. With that in mind, if the juvenile is a first-time, low-risk offender, they are usually placed in a diversionary program aimed at adjusting the juvenile's behavior. Courses like the Voices, ROPE and Female Connections classes have had great success and only have a 10 percent recidivism rate. The juvenile department has worked significantly over the past three years to with a wrap-around program to help those with the most severe mental health issues. If the juvenile is in need of additional supervision, they are placed on either deferred prosecution or a petition is filed to adjudicate the juvenile. In these situations, the juvenile works with a probation officer to attempt to address behavioral, mental or substance abuse issues. However, the person truly supervising the juvenile is a parent and, more frequently, a grandparent or guardian.

This has been the model for juvenile justice in Midland for approximately 23 years. From the outside, it may not seem like there is much concern. However, it is time to take a closer look at how the system works in Midland. The juvenile justice system has an ability to make the biggest impact out of all departments in the criminal justice system. An opportunity exists to stop whatever cycle of criminal behavior that may be learned at home or school and set the juvenile on a path of success. Those involved need to have the tools at hand to ensure that the juvenile does not merely age out of the juvenile system into the adult system because once a juvenile ages into the adult system, the likelihood of them stopping their criminal behavior is reduced significantly. Juvenile probation officers need to have caseloads that are manageable so they can make the biggest impact in those juveniles' lives that are in need of supervision. Many times we leave supervision of juveniles only up to the parent. That model is flawed. Research shows that when the juvenile probation officer is able to be truly invested in the juvenile's life and supervise them, the juvenile is less likely to re-offend. Additionally, data shows that when the juvenile knows that someone outside of the home really cares about what happens to them and wants them to succeed in life, the juvenile is more likely to finish school, maintain sobriety and address mental and behavioral issues.

I am not talking about placing a probation officer in the home of the juvenile. What we do need to look at is the ratio of probation officers to juvenile offenders so the probation officer can be impactful. We need to look at the tools available to the probation officers so they can direct the offender toward services that will benefit them. The juvenile system needs more community partners to help with non-violent offenders to offer classes like life skills and decision making. We need more mental health professionals to help with juveniles with mental health issues and more places to assist them when they are in a mental health crisis. Additionally, we need to work collectively to close the gap between when a juvenile is detained and when they are placed on supervision so we can begin to address behavioral and mental issues as quickly as possible.

The time is ripe to pull the box that is juvenile justice out of the back of the closet and address the identifiable issues. We have to remember that for the most part, these are kids. With the support of the community, those of us involved in the juvenile system know we can do what is safe and just for Midland and help juvenile offenders to accept responsibility to grow up to be productive adults.

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The swamp continues to rise around an administration that promised to drain it

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That Trump hired Price at all shows a willingness to look the other way at potential conflicts of interest, Painter said. The Georgia Republican faced questions during his confirmation process about his investment activities involving the health-care industry when he was a member of Congress involved in sponsoring and advocating legislation that could affect industry stock prices.

The image of a top government official, a Washington fat cat, blowing taxpayer money to pay for private chartered airplanes is exactly what President Donald Trump seemed to have in mind when he promised voters he would "drain the swamp."

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price's use of expensive private jets for routine government travel lost him his job Friday when the White House announced the president had accepted his resignation after days of controversy.

But beyond the eye-roll irony of the scandal enveloping a Republican politician who promoted himself as a penny-pinching budget hawk, Price is not the only example of waste, carelessness or entitlement in an administration that pledged to speak for the little guy.

At least four other Cabinet officials have taken unusual chartered or military air trips on the public dime. There is also the matter of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's $25,000 secure phone booth and the unauthorized use of private email by White House senior adviser Jared Kushner and others - a development that follows a campaign where Trump lambasted Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email system when serving as secretary of state.

Candidate Trump would have been appalled.

"A vote for Hillary is a vote to surrender our government to public corruption, graft and cronyism that threatens the very foundations of our constitutional system," Trump said during an Oct. 29 speech.

He went on to describe his broader belief that public corruption and cronyism were eating away at voters' faith in government - a situation he would remedy.

"I want the entire corrupt Washington establishment to hear and to heed the words I am about to say," Trump said. "When we win on Nov. 8, we are going to Washington, D.C., and we are going to drain the swamp."

But from the day he was elected, ethics experts have complained that many of Trump's actions have been at odds with his vow to clean up Washington.

He has famously refused to release his tax returns, something every president has done for decades in the interest of accountability. He did not divest his eponymous business interests and holds official events at Trump-owned and branded properties.

He prefers to spend weekends at private, Trump-owned golf clubs. He traveled to his golf club in New Jersey on Friday.

Transportation, staffing and other costs are paid by the taxpayer, as they were for the far less frequent family vacations taken by recent presidents.

His administration has hired lobbyists - the very definition of swampiness - although it also has issued new revolving-door rules. Trump has issued waivers for more than a dozen officials that allow them to continue to interact with former clients, something the Obama administration also did.

And the Trump administration readily risked appearance problems by hiring multimillionaire corporate titans such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the former ExxonMobil chief executive, and Wall Streeters such as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and economic adviser Gary Cohn.

Price said Thursday that he was reimbursing the government for what he said was the cost of his seat on chartered aircraft - a fraction of the total cost of private air travel that included trips to easily accessible places such as Philadelphia.

"Unprecedented," Price said of the reimbursement during a confessional interview Thursday on Fox. It was not enough to keep his job.

"He's not the only one," said Richard Painter, who was the top White House ethics lawyer for President George W. Bush. "This is just ridiculous, and this stuff just keeps piling up. There's an attitude here."

Painter, a University of Minnesota law professor, has used his Twitter feed to chronicle what he calls a "me too" culture of excess and sloppiness in the Trump White House.

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It's a long way from the two battle cries of campaign-trail Trump's regular-guy revolution, "Drain the swamp" and "Lock her up."

The first was a catch-all for cleaning house in Washington and Trump's brand of blunt, "You're fired"-type leadership. The second was a reference to what Trump called Clinton's "illegal" use of a private email system for all of her government work.

Kushner is among a handful of White House aides found to have used nongovernment email for a portion of their government work, against White House directives.

Trump's critics say no one should be surprised that he hasn't followed through on his campaign promise. They say that the mere idea of a flamboyantly rich New York real estate mogul as the champion of workaday lunch buckets in Middle America was silly.

"The tone on this stuff gets set at the top," said Brian Fallon, spokesman for Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and a former Justice Department official in the Obama administration.

"Tom Price's wasteful jet-setting is not causing Trump embarrassment because it violates any kind of reform mind-set within the Trump administration. No such mind-set exists," Fallon said. "It is simply because Price got caught and is reminding everyone of how Trump has turned Washington into an even bigger swamp than it was in the first place."

Elon Musk wants Mars. We all should

"He awoke — and wanted Mars."

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That's the first line of Philip K. Dick's classic novella, "We Can Remember It for You Wholesale," the inspiration for the "Total Recall" films. I first came across the story in a sci-fi anthology back in high school, and I can remember the force of the yearning the words roused in me: I wanted Mars, too. After all, men had just walked on the moon and everybody knew Mars would be next.

Well, the moon landing will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in two years, and human beings haven't even tried to walk anywhere else. So when Elon Musk announced Friday that he hopes to send a manned mission to the red planet by 2022 — just five years from now — I felt my heart leap.

The 1969 moon landing capped an era of enormous optimism about what humanity could achieve. Norman Borlaug was saving hundreds of millions from starvation. Integrated circuits heralded a digital revolution. The campy innocence of the original "Star Trek" dates from those years. So do "The Jetsons." People actually believed that science was the endless frontier.

Since then our species has turned its vision inward; our image of human possibility has grown cramped and pessimistic. We dream less of reaching the stars than of winning the next election; less of maturing as a species than of shunning those who are different; less of the blessings of an advanced technological tomorrow than of an apocalyptic future marked by a desperate struggle to survive. Maybe a focus on the possibility of reaching our nearest planetary neighbor will help change all that.

Mars has long fascinated us. The ancients associated it with various gods. Venus shines brighter in the sky, but somehow we have always known that our destiny lies with Mars. Filmmakers have been taking us there for decades. The planet has intrigued novelists for well over a hundred years. Ray Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles" may be dated in its science, but as social commentary on the 1940s, it stands unrivaled in the sci-fi canon. In 1893, the astronomer Camille Flammarion penned "Omega: the Last Days of the World," a novel by turns hilarious and sobering. Martian astronomers contact humanity out of the blue to warn of a comet soon to strike Earth. The message divides Earth's scientists, political leaders, journalists and theologians, who argue over whether the message is a hoax, and what to do if it's authentic. Then the comet strikes, disaster follows — and we cut to what the world is like centuries later. (For one thing, the survivors develop new senses; for another, the lower classes overthrow the elites. Hollywood, take notice.)

That's all fiction. But maybe we'll get there in reality. NASA has been pushing the idea for years. The agency's current timeline would put humans on the planet in the 2030s. China intends to get there first. Musk claims he can beat them both.

Every time someone proposes a mission to Mars, critics worry that the whole thing will be too expensive, that the money could be better spent elsewhere. Although I get their point, they're only half right: The same complaint could easily be directed at every dollar we spend on rent or education or food. Besides, in Musk's scheme the investment would come (mostly) from private sources. The point is to make the project self-sustaining.

For those of us who dream of the stars, reaching Mars has always been a preliminary step. Musk agrees. His bolder plan is for humanity to advance along the path of becoming "a space-bearing civilization and a multi-planetary species" — an ambition he laid out earlier this year in a thoughtful paper. Musk argues that what he calls the "Apollo-style approach" would make the cost of colonizing Mars prohibitive, something on the order of $10 billion a person in current dollars. But people would move in droves, he insists, if the cost can be brought down to somewhere near the median price of a U.S. home, around $200,000. Most of Musk's paper is devoted to laying out a theory on how, over time, we might bring down the cost. For instance, he proposes establishing propellant depots throughout the solar system, potentially as far away as Pluto. The most important factor, however, is the development of multiple-use vehicles — the advance that made commercial air travel cost-effective.

"With frequent flights, you can take an aircraft that costs $90 million and buy a ticket on Southwest right now from Los Angeles to Vegas for $43, including taxes. If it were single use, it would cost $500,000 per flight."

The booster rocket that he describes in the paper is enormous. Musk has since decided that his original vision was impractical. He now wants to build a much smaller version that will carry perhaps 100 people at a time. He posted a series of images on Instagram to show both the vehicle he envisions and the Mars colony he imagines it would help populate.

It's a lovely and elegant idea. Can we do it? I have no idea. But Musk's confidence rekindles in me the old excitement. Perhaps we need not be earthbound forever. Perhaps we as a species can once more look skyward with a shared sense of anticipation and excitement, confident that if we cannot reach the stars, our children will. So I hope we'll try. I may not see Mars in my lifetime, but I'm thrilled that you might see it in yours.

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shoulder some of the blame, too. By tolerating and sometimes nurturing a culture in which students feel entitled to protection, through safe spaces and trigger warnings, they are sheltering students from opinions they may find challenging or even disturbing. These are precisely the ideas that colleges should be exposing them to.

The country's best hope for countering an increasingly polarized and vitriolic political environment rests with its citizens' willingness to listen to one another. This is especially difficult — and especially necessary — when they disagree, even profoundly. If colleges cannot teach this skill, and impart that value, the threat of censorship and violence will only grow. More civic leaders from both parties should take up this challenge. Free speech is an issue that must transcend partisanship.

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Electricity	11 families	$3,332.93
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Home Repair	1 family	$337.43
	Total	$25,665.66

We met this week with a 43-year old woman who we will name Doris. She and her 13-year old son live with her mother who is 84 years old and confined to a wheelchair. Both the older woman and Doris receive Social Security. The mother because she can no longer walk, and the Doris because of some brain damage that was the result of a stroke she suffered a few years ago. She still has trouble thinking clearly at times and she seems almost like a child at times. Together the two women receive $750 each month.

Doris shopped carefully for her son's back-to-school needs. She was very careful with her monies because after she pays the $450 rent each month, the remaining $300 has to cover food, utilities and incidentals for the entire month. In July, she received a letter from her landlord. He told her that, regretfully, with rising costs of property taxes and maintenance and upkeep on his rental properties it was necessary that he increase the rent beginning on August 1. The rent would rise from $450 to $650. With what she had spent on her son's school needs, there was no way that she could absorb the $200 increase in rent. The extra money needed for the increase had already been spent!

Knowing that she could not pay the $650 in August, she kept the $450 she would have spent on the rent and kept it for September. She explained the dilemma to her landlord and asked if he would be patient with her while she tried to find a way to pay for August. He agreed, and said he would not charge late charges provided that she get the payment handled in a timely manner. She called our helpline and we met with her a few days ago. We were very impressed with her positive attitude. While many people would have been angry at the landlord, she smiled and told us what a good man he was – how he had given them such a good deal on their house and she fully understood the need to increase the rent. She was grateful for having such a low payment for as long as she did. While the increase would leave the family with only $100 to spend each month, she felt confident that she could come up with a way to make it work. She felt assured that God would be there to help her and her family.

We counseled her on getting food stamps. With the 13-year-old in the house and their extremely limited income, there should be no problem in getting help with food. We asked her to bring in her electric bill when she receives it. We will look over her rate plan and see if we can get her on a program to help ease the expense. And of course, we did pay her August rent and we gave her a ride home so she would not have to take the bus. We will keep an eye on Doris and her family from time to time, to be sure that they are able to make it.

What is so striking about Doris; what impressed us so much was her ability to handle adversity with such grace. Rather than dwelling on the negative she sees only the positive. She is confronting her future with much patience and faith. What a lesson in positive living she is for us! We thank all of you who allow us to help people like Doris by your support of Helping Hands. God bless you!

PRO "Is it time for the US to ditch the Federal Flood Insurance Program?" CON

Yes: Faulty program exposed by this year's brutal storms

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Nearly 50 years ago, Congress made big promises when it established the National Flood Insurance Program.

But with this year's bad hurricane season sending the already indebted program, called NFIP for short, deeper into the red, it's clear those promises haven't been kept.

The NFIP has proven an ineffective way to protect U.S. residents from flood losses, and it's high time to re-evaluate the policy.

To give credit where credit is due, the initial concept of the program made some sense.

When Congress started it in 1968, essentially no private company wrote flood insurance for residential properties. When disaster struck, relief aid was the only way to rebuild homes. The NFIP seemed like a better choice.

As part of the 1968 law, which also established the Department of Housing and Urban Development, communities were encouraged to opt into the program.

In return for letting local citizens buy taxpayer-backed insurance, communities committed to making themselves more flood resistant.

In the early 1970s, Congress moved to require federally supported mortgage lenders to mandate flood insurance for properties in floodplains. The federal government also began to produce flood maps that would let communities know which areas were likely to flood, so they could prevent it.

Over time, the program's architects hoped, NFIP would pay for itself and maybe even return a small profit to the Treasury.

That hasn't happened. Before hurricanes Harvey and Irma, NFIP owed the Treasury some $24.6 billion and had no practicable way to pay it back. By the end of 2017, the debt likely will be roughly double.

While the program's widespread adoption has resulted in most communities forbidding construction in the most obviously foolhardy locations, its pricing policies — overcharging those who face a modest risk and undercharging those with the greatest risk — have had the effect of encouraging building in other flood-prone areas.

As a result, many of those whose homes are less likely to flood don't bother to insure, while those in higher-risk locations do, resulting in very expensive claims.

Fortunately, good alternatives now exist. The initial case for NFIP was based on several assumptions that no longer hold true: most prominently, that flooding is "uninsurable."

That has a grain of truth: Unlike car crashes and house fires, floods aren't independent events. If one home floods, there's a very good chance that all others in the same area also will flood.

In the days before global "reinsurance" markets, a small insurer that wrote policies in a single state couldn't effectively spread the risk of flooding; even a nationwide company may have had a hard time.

This made it very difficult for casualty insurers to sell products profitably. Mapping — which enables home buyers and insurers to predict the likelihood of flooding on a given tract of land — also was less reliable in the past.

Today, global reinsurance markets allow insurers to spread flood risk all over the globe. Indeed, the NFIP itself purchased $1 billion worth of private reinsurance, at a cost of just $150 million.

This will reduce the cost of the 2017 storms to taxpayers. Flood mapping, although still challenging, also is far better today than in the 1960s.

The National Flood Insurance Program hasn't made America safer. While it would be impractical to eliminate the program right away, there is no reason that it can't be phased out over time.

This is not 1968; today, private flood insurance is available. Businesses and homeowners in the highest-risk areas along the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico might have to pay more, but this would discourage continued overbuilding in these areas.

That would be a blessing, both to taxpayers and those who might be spared what the victims of Harvey and Irma now are going through.

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No: Program should be expanded, not killed

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It's wrong that millions of Americans can face destitution simply because of where they live.

To ensure every person living on America's floodplains is covered from financial ruin, the Federal Flood Insurance Program that served people well during hurricanes Harvey and Irma should be improved and expanded.

Because of the risks and uncertainty involved, millions of Americans have only one option for flood insurance: the NFIP, now administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Those lucky enough to have flood insurance through the program are guaranteed up to $250,000 to cover rebuilding costs and $100,000 to replace personal possessions. For many, however, this won't be enough to cover the full cost of their losses. That's just one reason the program needs to be beefed up.

Across the country, only 12 percent of homeowners have flood insurance. More than 80 percent of the homeowners affected by Harvey don't have such policies.

Those without flood insurance whose homes have been made uninhabitable by flooding can apply for a $33,300 loan to cover rebuilding costs and hotel stays. And low interest loans are available through the Small Business Administration.

But the support made available through FEMA and the NFIB is crucial in such situations, as was shown during the recent storms.

FEMA, for example, froze about $134 million owed to dozens of North Carolina counties for repairs after Hurricane Matthew so those funds could be used for repairs after Harvey and Irma. The agency also spent between $150 million to $200 million per day for disaster relief.

FEMA, reacting quickly, also changed its rules to provide advance payments on flood claims, even before visits by adjusters, and increased the advance payment allowable for policyholders who provided photographs or videos showing flood damage and expenses. The agency also extended the grace period for payment of NFIP policy renewal premiums to 120 days. In addition, the agency sent groups of officials to hard hit areas to guide survivors through the very difficult first steps toward recovery.

All that said, the program and the emergency agency should be given more heft.

It's not an exaggeration to say 25 million homeowners living in floodplains need this insurance, about five times as many as have it now. Without it, they have no way to rebuild their lives after floods.

The 49-year-old program, which provides about 98 percent of residential flood insurance, is woefully underfunded and already some $25 billion in debt to the Treasury Department. It desperately needs more funding from Congress.

The best way to expand the program is to renew it on a multi-year basis, as a FEMA official told the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs earlier this year.

Roy Wright, a FEMA deputy associate administrator, said the program should not only be extended for multiple years but should also "recognize the need to increase flood insurance coverage across the nation."

While numerous experts and analysts have called for the insurance program to be reformed, Wright cautioned that ultimately the "premium paid for flood insurance must reflect the risk."

That would mean higher premiums, but they would be worth it — just ask those in Harvey, Irma and Maria's wake who weren't insured.

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Aging justices deserve better than a deathwatch

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Bloomberg

There's something profoundly morbid about watching the Supreme Court and worrying about the health of your favorite aging justices. A mandatory retirement age would take away the uncertainty. Such a rule was part of an elaborate court-packing plan proposed Monday by the president of Poland — before he withdrew it under intense international pressure.

In principle, age limits for life-tenured judicial appointees make a lot of sense. In practice, such proposals are usually the product of gamesmanship by a party in power that wants to appoint more of its preferred judges. The precedent for the Polish proposal goes all the way back to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who proposed adding new justices to the U.S. court for every justice who had passed the age of 70 1/2.

Contrary to popular opinion, what's good about limits isn't that old justices perform badly or go senile. Many of Oliver Wendell Holmes's greatest opinions came in his late 70s and early 80s. More recently, John Paul Stevens issued crucial opinions well into his late 80s.

There have been a few justices who began to fail at the end of their careers, but the other justices have the capacity to ease them out gently. Thurgood Marshall reportedly told his clerks while Ronald Reagan was president, "If I die, prop me up and keep on voting." But Marshall did retire while George H.W. Bush was president, and was replaced by Clarence Thomas.

The value of age limits is rather that it creates predictability: If we know exactly when a justice will have to go, we can start thinking about possible successors.

That means we can avoid the highly distasteful yet necessary practice of speculating about the justices' health. More important, it could mean that we move back to the assumption that when a justice retires, the president then serving should be able to make an appointment and get a Senate vote on it.

Notice that term limits for justices, rather than age limits, would have the same effect of ensuring predictability. What's more, term limits would enable presidents to pick slightly older justices than they do now. If the justices all served 20 years, a healthy 60-year-old would become a plausible choice, because there would be no need to try to appoint a justice who serves 30 years or more.

Yet despite the appeal of limiting justices' terms of service, the idea has a pretty terrible pedigree.

Roosevelt's court packing plan reflected the reality that in the U.S., the Constitution guarantees life tenure for the justices. The president thus couldn't propose mandatory retirement.

Instead, Roosevelt cleverly exploited the fact that the Constitution never says how many justices there should be. The number nine is the product of statute, and has changed over the years.

The president asked Congress to enact legislation that would allow the creation of new judicial slots for every justice over his specified age of 70 years and six months. That would have given Roosevelt the chance to appoint multiple new justices right away, all of whom would presumably have reflected his political leanings.

Roosevelt was frustrated that the court's conservative justices — the so-called Four Horsemen — were blocking key New Deal legislation. All were over 70. The balance on the court would have changed.

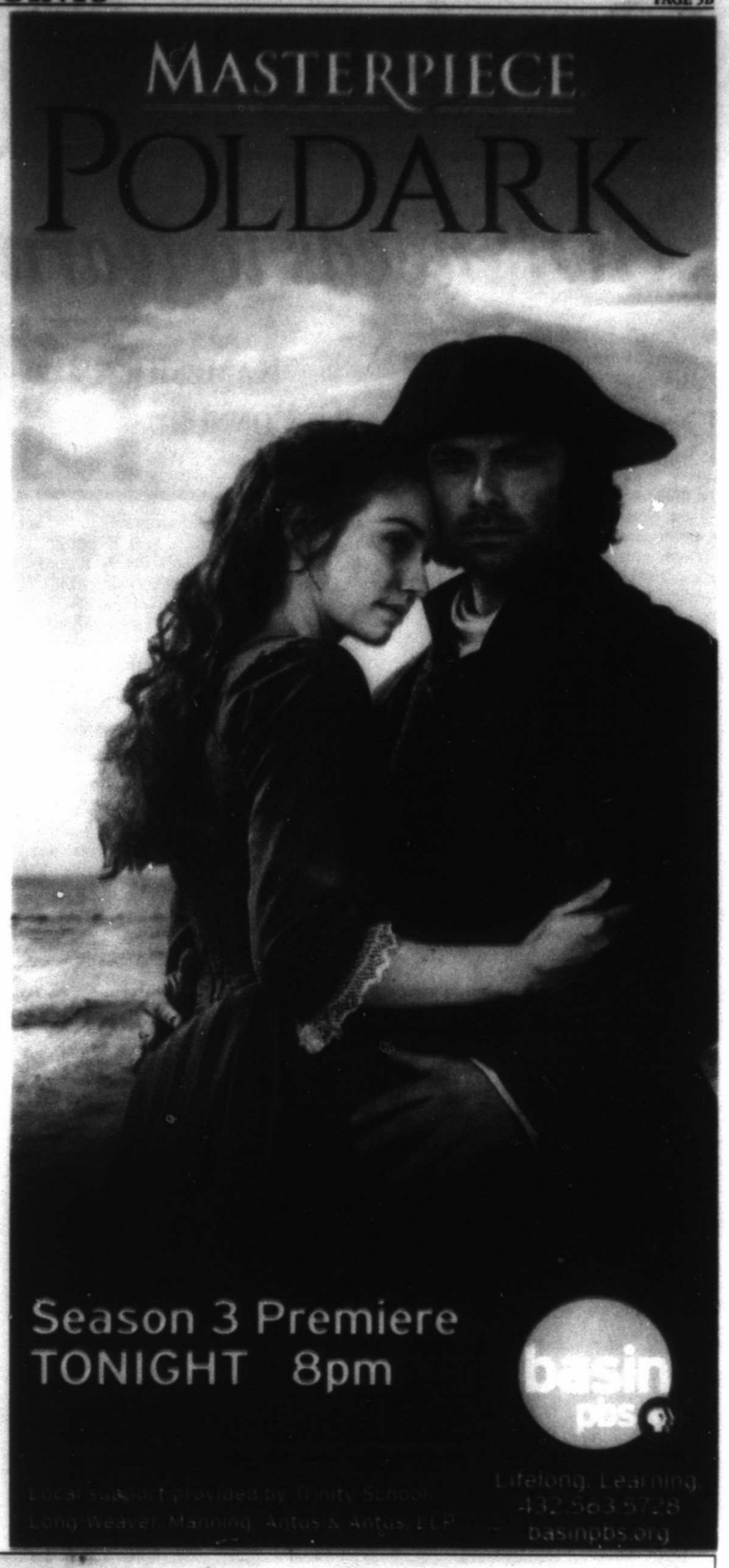
In the end, the Senate refused to pass the legislation. But Roosevelt got his way. The swing justice, Owen Roberts, appeared to change his perspective on the New Deal, a development known derisively as the "switch in time that saved nine." Then the Horsemen began to retire — and Roosevelt got to replace them.

Polish President Andrzej Duda's proposal included a provision that would have lowered the existing mandatory retirement age from 72 to 65. That would have forced 40 percent of the Polish Supreme Court's justices to retire by the end of the year. Not surprisingly, Duda also wanted to increase the president's role in selecting the new justices.

This was classic court-packing, which tends to undermine the rule of law by elevating politics over legal principle. Fortunately, it was met with fast and hard criticism from Polish civil society and European officials. Poland has already seen significant blows to judicial independence through manipulation of its constitutional court, which is separate from the Supreme Court.

Stung by the criticism, Duda withdrew his plan just a few hours after proposing it.

The entire episode should serve as a reminder that the U.S. would benefit from greater certainty in the judicial transition process. A voluntary custom to set a retirement age isn't in the cards. That leaves a constitutional amendment. To pass, such a proposal would have to be designed to grandfather in the existing justices. Maybe it's exactly what we need to spare us — and the justices — the indignity of the inevitable speculation about the state of their health.



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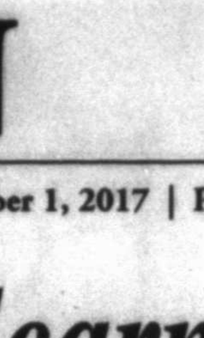

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Bloomberg View

Republicans' failure to repeal Obamacare, or even make major changes to it, feels over-determined. They came into the debate holding a weak hand, and they played it badly.

First: Voters have feared every attempt by politicians to change their health-care arrangements. That sentiment helped defeat President Bill Clinton's proposed overhaul in 1994. It forced President Barack Obama to devote half his sales job on his health-care law to reassuring people they could keep their doctors and insurance plans. This year, public wariness of change worked against the Republicans.

Second: Democrats and the press played up how disruptive Republican legislation would be. They frequently said Republican bills would "take away" insurance from millions of people, citing the Congressional Budget Office.

That was a distortion. Under each bill, the majority of those millions would have been people voluntarily forgoing insurance after the abolition of Obamacare's fines for people who make that decision. A lot of the other people affected were in states that, the CBO guessed, might expand their Medicaid programs in the future if Obamacare stays. Still, Republicans did very little to try to correct the record.

Third: One reason Republican politicians did not engage on the issue effectively is that, as a rule, they neither know nor care much about health policy. Historically they have seen the issue as a Democratic strength, to be avoided while they stay on their own safe ground of taxes, regulation and military readiness.

Fourth: Republicans avoided multiple opportunities to reach a consensus on how to replace Obamacare. Some Republican officials put forward plans in 2013 and 2014, but party leaders refused to embrace them on the grounds that candidates were better off being vague and the party's presidential nominee would lead on the issue. This advice suited a party averse to thinking about health care.

Then the nominee ended up being Donald Trump, who knew and cared less about the issue even than most Republican politicians. He didn't run on a serious health-care plan, and Republican elected officials did not consider his victory a reason to embrace any specific ideas about health policy.

Fifth: Some key Obamacare provisions had strong political support. Republican plans to lower premiums and abolish the fines required them to alter Obamacare's regulations protecting people with pre-existing conditions. But the change alarmed those people. There are a lot of them in every state, and they are a sympathetic population.

Support for the regulatory protections among the public at large was broad but weak: Polls found that it melted away when people were asked about the trade-offs it involved, like higher premiums. And there were alternative ways of ensuring affordable coverage for the seriously ill. But a lot of Republican politicians did not want to face the charge that they were abandoning that group -- and understood neither the trade-offs nor the alternatives.

Sixth: Republicans don't have 60 senators, as Democrats did when they passed most of Obamacare. Any Republican bill was therefore going to have to comply with detailed Senate rules to avoid a filibuster. Republican leaders sometimes used that constraint as an excuse for not including controversial policies that some conservatives wanted. But the rules seem to have also shaped some of their legislation. Without those rules, Republicans might have been able to come up with at least slightly more popular bills.

Seventh: The process made the product even more unpopular. Republicans managed to spend most of a year on health care, but with enough stops and starts that every new bill was a rush job. At each point, getting it done took clear precedence over getting it right. Most of the bills were sprung on congressional Republicans and the public, with no specific sponsors who could answer for and defend them.

There were so many reasons to expect Republicans to fail that what's truly surprising is how close they came. Their perseverance in the face of these pressures and the possibility that Obamacare will grow more unstable in the coming years suggest that this year may not be the last word on Republican attempts to replace Obamacare.

But to succeed in the future, they need to learn from this year's pathetic failure.

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OUR VIEW

Road bond deserves Midlanders' undivided attention

Midland is growing. That's not a perception or item for debate. It is a fact.

By just about every measurement, Midland is turning into the population center that Scott Sheffield, former president and CEO of Pioneer, envisioned — and some of us laughed at — at the start of the decade.

Year over year in July, the following were higher:

- employment (3,500 jobs),
- sales tax collections (40.92 percent),
- retail sales (24.8 percent),
- automotive spending (29.8 percent),
- permits for new homes (137.5 percent),
- home sales (17.2 percent),
- airline boardings (11.4 percent) and
- hotel-motel collections (43.5 percent in the second quarter of the year).

The downturn is over, and while $100 oil isn't on the horizon, growth is a certainty. It just depends on how much. Many in the community figure 2 to 3 percent growth is expected over the next five years. That translates into about 20,000 additional people.

That means more kids in schools (MISD reported an increased enrollment of more than 1,000 compared to the start of school last year), more cars on our roads and more pressure on our infrastructure.

No matter the result of November's bond election, there will be another tax election because Midland is growing. More people means more schools needing to be built, more roads leading to new developments and more pressure put on hospital facilities. Conditions will put our infrastructure through a stress test.

We offer this because we believe it is important that, even if there are four tax elections held over the next 24 months, Midlanders really need to judge those elections one at a time. Grade each one on its own merit and cast a vote on that item. That is the responsible way of handling community business.

Leading up to Election Day, we likely are to address other aspects we believe are important about the road bond and Midland's future. The Sunday after the election, Editor Stewart Doreen will provide his road map moving forward about how future growth inside the city could impact community resources.

We are a growing community, and that growth has its consequences.

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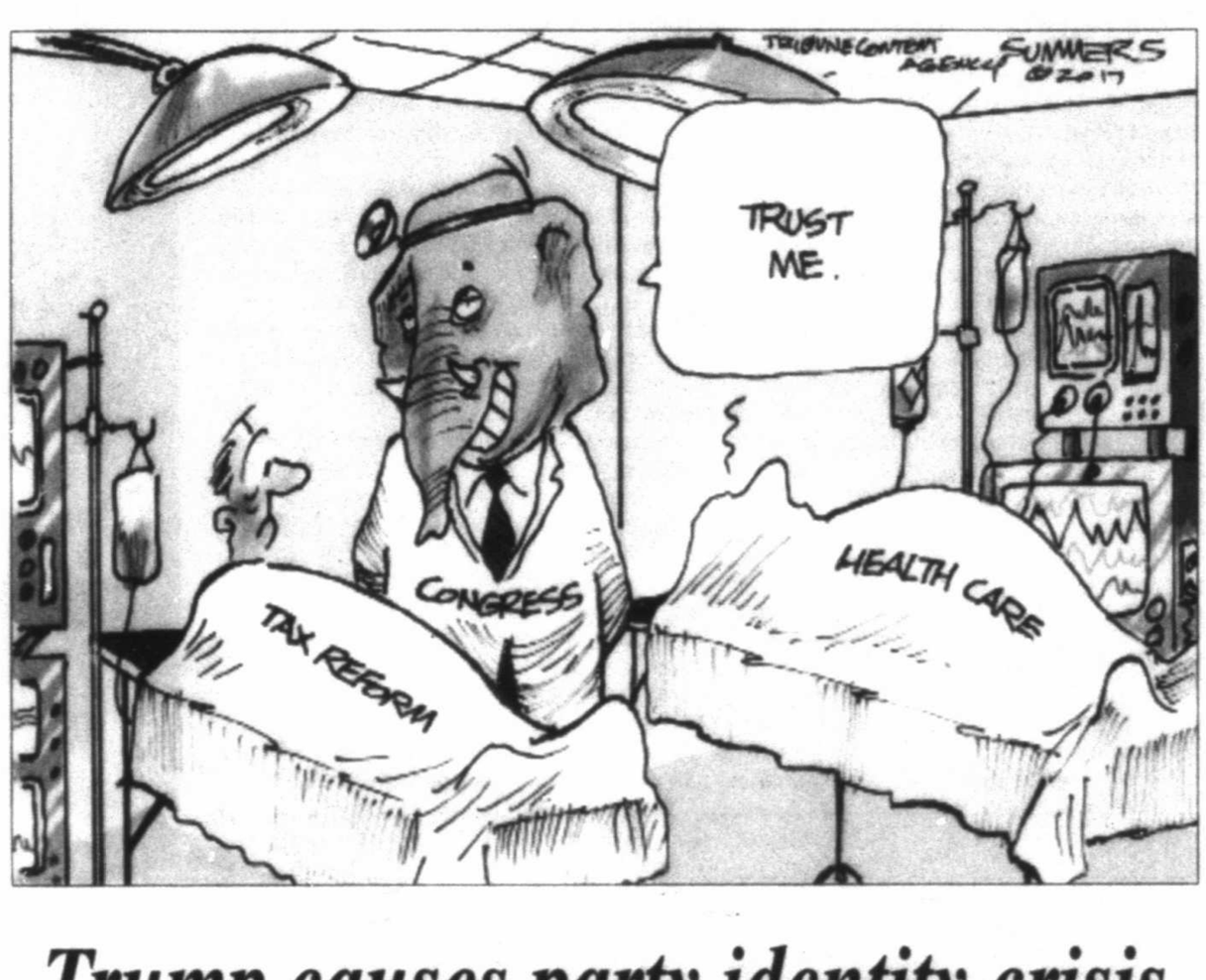
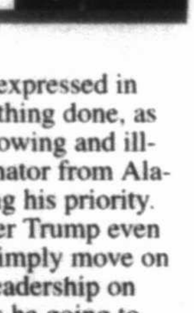


Trump causes party identity crisis

■ Success on taxes would provide some respite from the GOP's internal dissension



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The Republican Party can't pass Obamacare repeal, but it can nominate Roy Moore. This is the state of the GOP in a nutshell. It is a party locked in mortal combat between an establishment that is ineffectual and unimaginative and a populist wing that is ineffectual and inflamed.

Donald Trump's ascendance created an identity crisis in the party that hasn't been resolved, and the hope that it could be papered over with legislative accomplishments and signing ceremonies has come a cropper.

It'd be hard to design a primary fight more characteristic of the GOP's current state than Luther Strange vs. Roy Moore.

There is nothing distinctive about Strange except his height, his name and the dubious circumstances of his appointment. He was the state attorney general investigating disgraced Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley, who ended up appointing him to the Senate seat vacated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions not long before Bentley resigned because of a sex scandal.

Since Strange would be a thoroughly adequate time-server, the establishment piled in behind him like it was trying to save Arthur Vandenberg.

As for Moore, the twice-former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court is to the judiciary what Joe Arpaio is to sheriffdom — neither was particularly good at their precise duties, but both had a knack for the theatrical, polarizing cause.

It isn't shocking that Moore prevailed. Sharron Angle, Christine O'Donnell and Richard Mourdock all won primaries in 2010-2012 in less conservative states based on anti-establishment energy, although under a tea party/constitutionalist banner rather than a Trumpist/populist one.

It is an irony that in a race featuring a candidate as Trumpian as they come, Trump was on the other side. The president presumably won't let that happen again.

The biggest loser in Alabama was Mitch McConnell. He is certainly the best Republican Senate leader in a generation. The conservative grass roots, though, has never been fond of Senate leaders who inevitably reflect the caution and process-obsession of the institution. The failure of Obamacare repeal has made him increasingly radioactive with Republicans nationally.

This sentiment is unlikely to be expressed in ways that make it easier to get anything done, as Moore's victory proves. Flame-throwing and ill-informed, the presumptive next senator from Alabama is unlikely to make legislating his priority.

The result in Alabama will render Trump even more up for grabs. Is he going to simply move on and work with the congressional leadership on the next big priority, tax reform? Is he going to exercise the "Chuck and Nancy" option? Is he going to double down on his base? All of the above? Does he know?

Trump's problem isn't that he threw in with the establishment, as his most fervent supporters believe; it is that he threw in with an establishment that had no idea how to process his victory and integrate populism into the traditional Republican agenda.

One of the many causes of the failure of Obamacare repeal is that Republicans didn't emphasize the economic interests of the working-class voters who propelled Trump to victory. Out of the gate, tax reform looks to have a similar problem -- the Trumpist element is supposed to be a middle-class tax cut, but it's not obvious that it delivers one.

This gets to a fundamental failing of the populists. The president and his backers haven't thought through what a workable populist platform is besides inveighing against internal party enemies, igniting cable TV-friendly controversies and overinvesting in symbolic measures such as the wall.

If the populists don't like the results, they should take their own political project more seriously, if they are capable of it.

A success on taxes would provide some respite from the party's internal dissension, yet the medium-term forecast has to be for more recrimination than governing. Whatever the core competency of the national Republican Party is at the moment, it certainly isn't forging coherence or creating legislative achievements.

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Violent crime is up, but here's why you don't need to panic

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The latest FBI report comparing crime rates in 2015 and 2016 shows a 4.1 percent increase in violent crime and a 1.3 percent decrease in property crime nationwide. For some readers, politicians and policymakers, this may sound like the sirens that go off when the Dallas Stars score a goal at home.

But, as famous college football personality Lee Corso reminds us every Saturday, "not so fast."

It is true that the increase from year to year is noticeable, and Texas as a whole followed the U.S. trend for the two-year time period. For example, in Texas, the violent crime rate per 100,000 persons increased 5.3 percent from 2015 to 2016, while the property crime rate decreased by 2.9 percent. Importantly, the percent change in the murder and non-negligent manslaughter rate increased by 10.5 percent, from 4.8 per 100,000 to 5.3 per 100,000.

These numbers need our attention. But we also need to know which cities account for the increase and what is happening in those cities that could be producing those increases. And conversely, which cities are seeing decreases, for which types of crime, and why.

For example, both Houston and Dallas saw their violent crime rates increase between 2015 and 2016, while the property crime rate was lower in 2016 than in 2015 for both Dallas and Houston.

So, what do these year-to-year changes mean? What should we conclude and bear in mind when we receive these yearly reports?

For starters, any crime increase is a cause for some concern. Local officials need to unpack where those increases are occurring, do what they can to identify the reasons for those increases, and then amass whatever locale-specific intervention efforts are needed to reduce those numbers. After all, what is needed in Dallas may be different than what is needed in San Antonio.

At the same time, remember that year-to-year changes are just that — a 12-month snapshot. It is worth emphasizing that violent crime and property crime remain much lower today than they were 10 years ago and still remain at very low levels, especially when compared to the peaks of the 1990s.

To put this into perspective, in 1991 the U.S. violent crime rate was 758 per 100,000 people but in 2016 it was 397 per 100,000 — 47 percent lower. Similar long-term, declining trends are evident in Texas as well.

It is tempting for officials and politicians to make sweeping claims about the causes of these year-to-year changes in crime rates and to apply a one-size-fits-all policy prescription to attend to them. For some, it is the economy, for others it's gangs, for others it's drugs, and so on. But there is a lesson to be learned about short-term fluctuations from the world of sports.

Over the course of 162 games, a batter for the Texas Rangers may have some weeks when he is going through a slump and not getting base hits. Yet, over the course of a full season that same batter could be batting .280. Managers may give that player a few days off, maybe do some video work, or simply wait out the short-term slump. Some solutions work better for some batters than others.

The lesson here about crime rates is much the same. Short-term changes are something we need to pay attention to, but we should not draw wrong conclusions or make policy decisions for the long term based on short-term trends.

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Dawnna Dukes saga drags on

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The reputations of two elected officials entered a Travis County courtroom Tuesday. One, it seems, eventually is destined to walk out tarnished, at best, and disgraced, at worst.

The question is which one.

The odd and oddly lingering saga of the state of Texas vs. state Rep. Dawnna Dukes inched forward Tuesday when Dukes, the indicted Austin Democrat who'd been late for previous pretrial hearings, showed up — early! — for a key hearing.

The prosecution is led by the other elected official whose reputation could take a hit in this case — Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore. She wasn't in the courtroom Tuesday, but her reputation was.

Dukes faces up to 28 years in prison on official misconduct charges. Moore faces the public embarrassment of potentially having to dismiss the felony indictments that have had Dukes under a cloud since January.

No longer confident in their ability to pursue the felony charges, prosecutors Tuesday asked state District Judge Brad Urrutia for a 30-day delay from the scheduled Oct. 16 trial of the felony charges.

Prosecutors, however, wanted to proceed on that day on misdemeanor charges.

Dukes' defense lawyers said that would be unfair. Urrutia agreed and set the trial on all charges for Dec. 11, an interesting date I'll get back to in a moment.

Most importantly, Urrutia told prosecutors to decide by Oct. 30 whether they will go forward with the felony charges, which carry up to 26 years in prison, in which their confidence has waned.

Take a look at my colleague Ryan Autullo's story about how a potentially key prosecution witness has told defense lawyers Dukes did not run afoul of House accounting procedures. Suffice it to say what once seemed like a potentially solid corruption case against Dukes now looks decidedly less solid, if anything at all.

Prosecutor Justin Wood told Urrutia on Tuesday the investigation is ongoing.

If the felony charges fall apart, Moore has some explaining to do.

Defense lawyer Shaun Clarke told Urrutia that Dukes "has had to live under a cloud of anxiety, suspicion and often hostility" since the indictments were returned. And he quoted derogatory online comments about Dukes.

"They indicted Dawnna Dukes. They smeared her in the public," Clarke said. "And it's time for them to prove their case or come in and admit, in this case and to the public, that the district attorney filed an indictment against the longest-serving and only African-American legislator in Travis County ... and now they can't prove anything."

That remains to be seen. But if true, Moore indeed would have some explaining to do.

The bottom line now on the felony charges — and to mix old sayings here — Moore has to decide by Oct. 30 to fish or get off the pot.

Here's what's interesting about the Dec. 11 trial date, regardless of what's being tried. That's also the filing deadline for candidates in the March 2018 Democratic primary.

As she left the courtroom Tuesday, Dukes told me she still plans to seek re-election. She has a long record on which to run, but challengers in the Democratic primary (it's a prohibitively Democratic district) could focus on the most recent part of that record. Even without criminal convictions, Dukes, a House member since 1995, seems unusually vulnerable for a long-term incumbent.

Dealing with health issues from a traffic wreck, she missed 84 percent of House votes in the 2015 legislative session and 54 percent during this year's regular session. That's not a solid record on which to run.

And now, thanks to delays caused by the district attorney's questionable handling of this case, there's a chance criminal charges against Dukes won't be resolved prior to the candidate filing deadline.

That's a disservice to the indictee, as well as the electorate.

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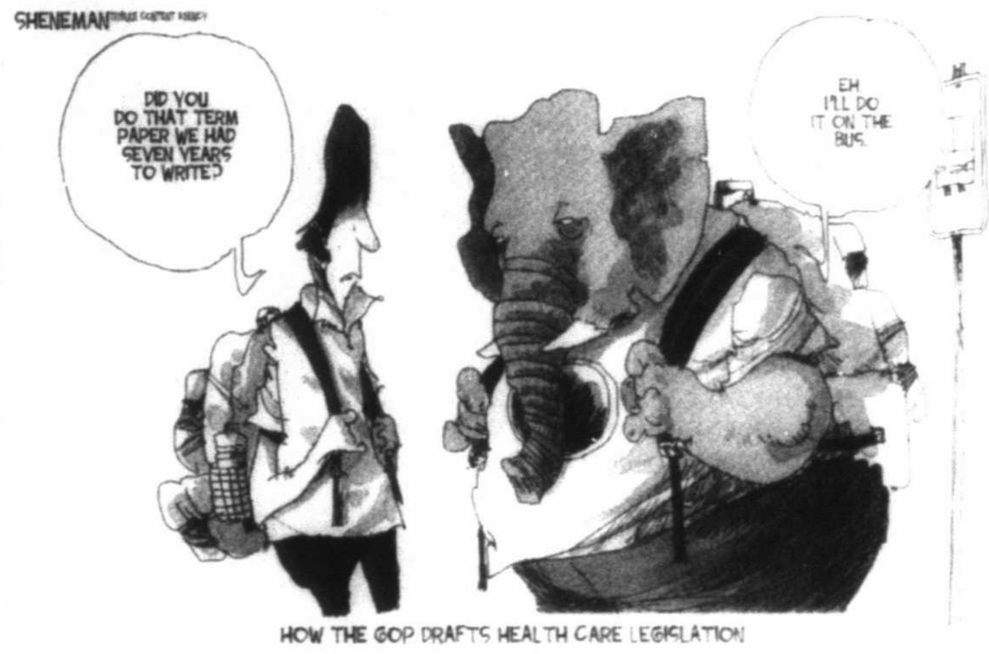

HOW THE GOP DRAFTS HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Analysis: A political bargain that's working out for social conservatives

By Ross Ramsey
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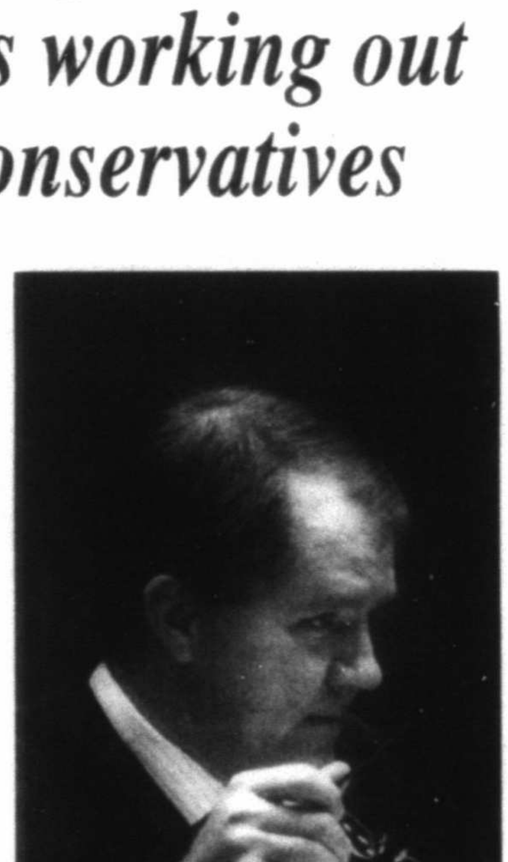

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Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett asks a question during oral arguments at the state Supreme Court in Austin. President Donald Trump named Willett one of four nominees for the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals on Thursday. His nomination would require U.S. Senate confirmation.

Here are a couple of important statistics: Don Willett is 51 and Jim Ho is 44.

If and when they are confirmed to sit on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — the two Texans were appointed by President Donald Trump on Thursday — they'll be taking positions they will probably hold long after Trump himself leaves Washington, D.C.

This is the part of the Trump phenomenon that attracted otherwise very conservative Republicans who probably wouldn't sit next to the president at a movie: They're getting judges — young judges, by the looks of things — that they certainly wouldn't be getting had Hillary Clinton won the election.

On stage with fellow U.S. Sen. John Cornyn last month at The Texas Tribune Festival, Ted Cruz pointed at the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court when asked for examples of the president's accomplishments.

This is in the same ballpark. Ho held the same job in the Texas attorney general's office that Cruz did, acting as solicitor general — the lawyer leading the state's arguments in appellate courts. Willett also came through the filter of the Texas AG's office before working his way onto the Texas Supreme Court.

Both are the sorts of lawyers you'd expect to see on lists compiled by resolute Republicans of either the chamber of commerce or the social conservative variety. The prospect of judicial appointments like these quelled conservative misgivings about Trump going into last year's general election.

Arguments that Trump was not really a conservative peppered that race. Here's a golden oldie from former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, then a presidential candidate himself, in the summer of 2015: "Let no one be mistaken – Donald Trump's candidacy is a cancer on conservatism, and it must be clearly diagnosed, excised and discarded. ... He offers a barking carnival act that can be best described as 'Trumpism' — a toxic mix of demagoguery, mean-spiritedness and nonsense that will lead the Republican Party to perdition if pursued."

Perry, as you know, got over it. He is now a member of Trump's Cabinet — the president's energy secretary.

Cruz ran against Trump, ripped him as a "pathological liar" in an emotional and excoriating speech in mid-2016 and, in the end, endorsed him. He explained that he was relying in large part on Trump's promise to nominate Supreme Court justices acceptable to conservatives.

"We are only one justice away from losing our most basic rights, and the next president will appoint as many as four new justices," Cruz said in a statement at the time. Ho and Willett aren't up for that court — though Willett was on Trump's list of candidates for the high court — but the federal courts of appeals are only one step removed.

Most presidents serve for only four or eight years. Judges, on the other hand, outlast the people who appoint them and most of the people who vote to confirm them, too. The Texas redistricting case, for instance, has been handled by three federal judges appointed by Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Willett and Ho and other appointees named last week still have to run a confirmation gauntlet. For Ho, that will mean reliving everything the Bush Justice Department did while he was in the civil rights division. Willett is known for his social media presence; it's not as batty as the president's, but it probably is fodder for foes looking to knock him around in the coming months. Another Trump judicial appointee from Texas, Jeff Mateer, has run into trouble over controversial speeches on transgender children and same-sex marriage. Cruz is sticking with him; Cornyn is reconsidering his support.

Both Ho and Willett have political angels in those two senators; both men have been in Cornyn and Cruz's orbits for years and came highly recommended from their home state legislators. If they win confirmation, they'll be judges for years — through the tenure of this president and of one or two or three of his successors. It's a prospect tantalizing enough to make a social conservative ignore Trump's many lesser moments.

Some of the movement Republicans who signed off on Trump are getting what they hoped for and what they expected — a run of conservative judicial appointments amid the president's regular barrage of tweets.

Tweets don't last long. The judges probably will.

GUEST VIEW

Will Texas quakes grow bigger, more dangerous?

Slowly but surely, seismic researchers are strengthening their conclusion that the swarm of North Texas earthquakes in recent years have been human-induced.

Texas Railroad Commission, are you listening?

Research has long established a probable link between tremors and pressure from wastewater injection disposal wells used in oil and gas operations. However, new research from an SMU-led study team, including experts from the University of Texas and the Geological Survey, adds a chilling caution.

The Johnson County town of Venus, which experienced a 4.0-magnitude earthquake in May 2015 — the strongest quake ever recorded in North Texas — sits on an unpublished fault with the potential to produce an event 10 times as large and release 32 times as much energy. The report also concludes that there's "substantial evidence" that underground disposal of wastewater from oil and gas operations caused those tremors.

When will the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates and promotes the oil and gas industry, accept such compelling evidence? They pushed back against this study, issuing a statement that there was "no conclusive evidence" tying the wells to the earthquake. They had also pushed back publicly against an earlier SMU-led team's report establishing a strong link between injection wells and a swarm of tremors in Azle in 2013.

Previous reviews of natural and human-induced tremors from the U.S. Geological Survey concluded last year that this region faces a 1 to 5 percent chance of an earthquake strong enough to damage buildings in the next year. That risk is 10 times as high as it was in 2008, when earthquake swarms began shaking this region. They now number more than 200.

The fault responsible for the 2015 quake near Venus is at least 4 miles long and holds the potential to produce a 5.0-magnitude or greater earthquake if it ruptures along its full length.

However, a magnitude 5 quake is not inevitable along this fault line.

In the face of increasing risk assessments from reputable independent researchers, the Railroad Commission should heed the advice of SMU researcher Heather DeShon, who led the new study. She says that shutting down individual wells may not slow the size or rate of tremors, adding that "from a mitigation standpoint, you need to start thinking in terms of the cumulative history of injection in regions."

Tremors with a magnitude of 5 are considered moderate, enough to crack walls and ceilings, at most. Nonetheless, the Railroad Commission needs to pay attention since the Geological Survey and others say they can't rule out the possibility that injection well activity over time will trigger something like the 5.6-magnitude quake near injection well sites in Prague, Okla., in 2011. At that magnitude, there would be substantial property damage and injuries in heavily populated North Texas.

In this era of mega-natural disasters, we don't want to be an area that had warnings and ignored them.

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Lack of execution cost Dawgs in loss to Lee

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Friday's Lee-Midland High rivalry game will go down as a 35-point rout in the annals, but the Bulldogs have to be wondering why they couldn't turn it into a more competitive affair.

The Rebels were no doubt the better team as they amassed 428 rushing yards to roll to a 49-14 victory over MHS in the teams' District 2-6A opener at Grande Communications Stadium.

But the Bulldogs (0-5, 0-1 in District 2-6A) should have made it a more closely contested game.

Statistically, MHS had its best offensive showing of the season, compiling 481 total yards. The Dawgs also exhibited run and pass balance with 175 rush yards and 306 yards in the air, something that was missing from previous performances.

In their season that has been characterized by growing pains, the young Bulldogs self-destructed by coming away with no points on three separate drives that traveled into the red zone, all three inside the 10-yard line in fact. Two of the red zone trips ended with dropped passes by receivers in the end zone on fourth down.

Additionally, MHS had a promising drive before halftime travel inside the red zone on

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Lee plays with poise in rout of rival MHS

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For a football team that has impressed early but still has plenty of work ahead, Lee passed Friday night's test against rival Midland High with flying colors.

The Rebels were off to their best start in six years and for the most part, had dominated the opposition through their first four games. Meanwhile MHS, facing the prospect of falling to 0-5 for the first time in 24 years, was a truly desperate and hungry adversary.

After such an encouraging start, overconfidence loomed as a real threat that could have easily de-railed the Rebels against a winless opponent.

Amid all the heated emotions swirling around this annual clash, Lee entered the game as an undisputed favorite. Without much of a struggle, they played like it from start to finish in a 49-14 rout of the Bulldogs, their first victory in the series since 2013.

The night wasn't perfect for the Rebels (5-0, 1-0 in District 2-6A). They surrendered a handful of explosive plays defensively and also benefited from some good fortune on a pair of MHS dropped passes in the end zone.

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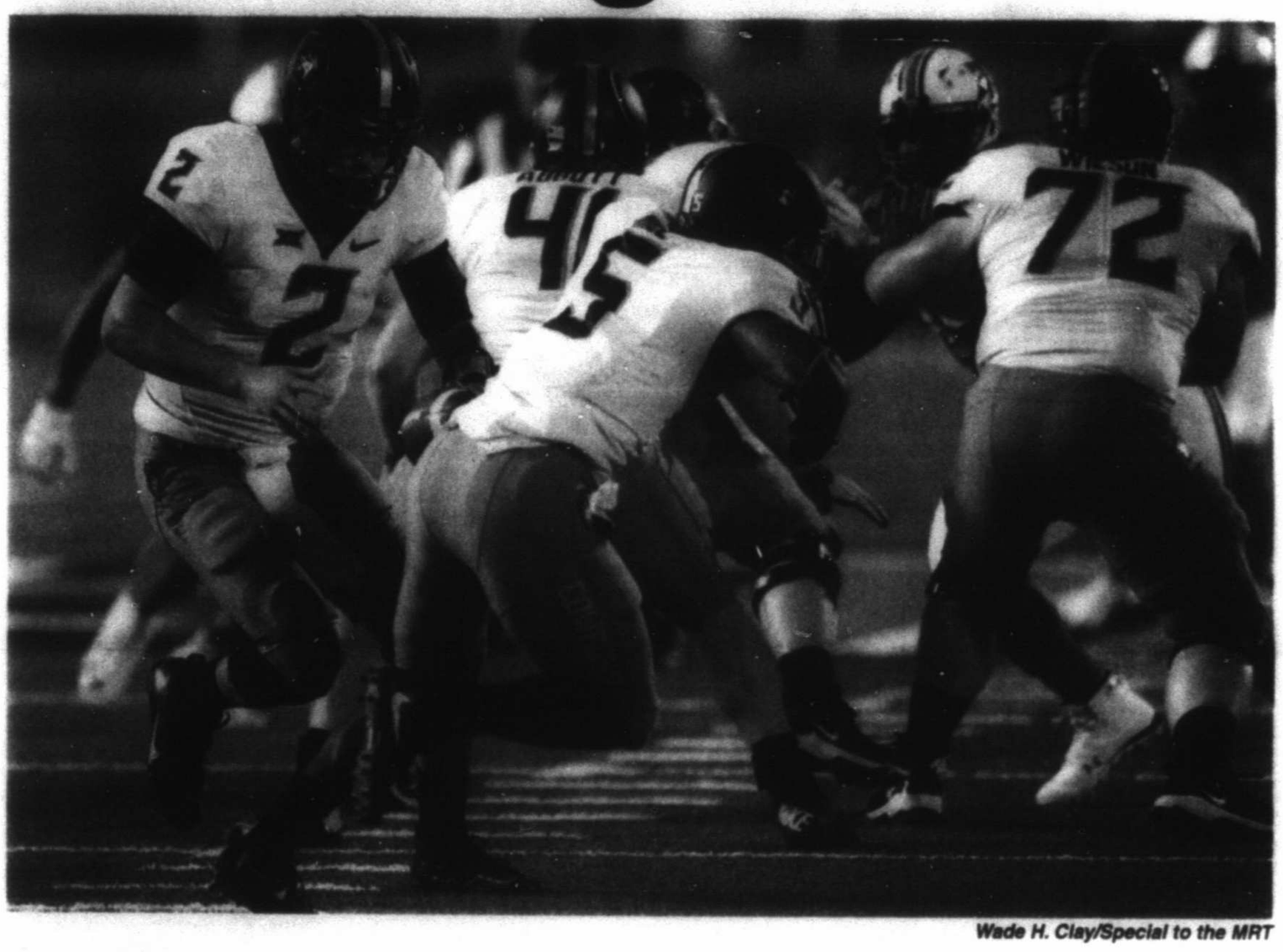
Falling short



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OSU quarterback Mason Rudolph (2) hands off to Justice Hill at Jones AT&T Stadium in Big 12 action Saturday night.

Rudolph, OSU prevail against improved Tech defense

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LUBBOCK — In the end, Mason Rudolph showed why he's a candidate for college football's top award.

Despite missed field goals and a valiant effort by the Texas Tech defense, the Oklahoma State quarterback made the plays when it counted.

Rudolph's 16-yard touchdown run with 1:12 left in the game lifted No. 15 Oklahoma State to a 41-34 victory on a wet Saturday night in front of 60,901 fans at a sold out Jones AT&T Stadium.

This was a game that saw both teams squander opportunities, but the Heisman Trophy candidate for the Cowboys (4-1, 1-0 in Big 12) proved to be the X-factor as he completed 27 of 38 passes for three touchdowns and one interception, to go with 55 yards rushing and two TDs on 11 carries.

But considering that the Cowboys not only had Rudolph but stud playmakers in wide receiver James Washington (9 catches, 127 yards, TD) and running back Justice Hill (164 yards on 30 carries), this game could have very easily been one-sided in favor of the Cowboys.

Believe it or not, the Red Raider defense did its best to keep Texas Tech (3-1, 0-1) in the game.

Tech was out-gained 602-384 as quarterback Nic Shimonek and the offense struggled at times with inconsistent play.

Arguably, Tech's best offensive possession came when the Red Raiders tied the game at 34 early in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Desmond Nisby to cap off a seven-play, 51-yard drive in 2:53.

Other than that, there was very little resemblance of the quick strike offense that Tech fans are used to seeing. Shimonek was just 29 of 45 for 330 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He was also consistently pressured by the OSU defensive front and seemed to hurry his passes, like on the pick he threw right after Tech got the ball back on an onside kick early in the fourth quarter with Tech trailing 34-27.

The Red Raiders had one last chance but Shimonek threw four straight incomplete passes and OSU held on.

Tech's running game was non-existent as well with just 54 yards on 26 attempts. Not exactly winning statistics.

So, yes this game could have gotten out of hand if it wasn't for the play of the Tech defense.

With the offseason additions, added experience and more depth, the Red Raiders are improved on that side of the ball.

The defense also gave the Red Raiders a lift early in the game when the offense was doing next to nothing as sophomore defensive back DeMarcus Fields stepped in front of a Rudolph pass and returned it 95 yards for a score to tie the game at 7.

The Red Raiders also pressured Rudolph at times and the QB had to force some throws.

The Cowboys also missed three makeable field goals - two of which hit the right post.

But Rudolph worked his magic when the Cowboys needed it the most, he kept his team in mix for the Big 12 title race and he helped his team shake off a home loss to TCU from the week before.

The Red Raiders will wonder what could have been and now it will interesting to see how they bounce back from the loss with a road trip to Kansas on Saturday.

At least Tech and its fans will know that the defense is no longer a liability.

NOTE: Midland Christian grad and sophomore Oklahoma State lineman Johnny Wilson started the game at right guard but switched to center in the second half.

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Fumbles, red zone woes doom UTPB in loss

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ODESSA — The UT Permian Basin football team discovered Saturday that gaining one yard can be the toughest yard.

The Falcons were plagued by red zone woes, specifically at the 1-yard line, during a 32-17 loss in wet conditions to Tarleton State in Lone Star Conference play at Ratliff Stadium.

UTPB (1-4, 1-2 in Lone Star Conference) went 0-for-4 on red zone opportunities, two of which were first-half possessions when it had the ball at the Texans' 1-yard line.

The red zone woes marred a Falcons' performance in which they outgained Tarleton State (4-1, 3-0) in total yards by a 528-282 margin. Furthermore, UTPB couldn't build on the momentum it put together from winning its first conference game last week, a 41-32 road win over Western New Mexico.

"There were so many opportunities for us to be ahead," Falcons head coach Justin Carrigan said. "It really could have been 17-0 at halftime. We just didn't execute well enough. To say we're a young program doesn't give our guys credit for how good we are.

"We're just not mature enough, we're not seasoned enough yet, but there's no doubt that we could have won that ballgame with many opportunities to capture a lead. Again, I don't make any excuses for not winning. Year two, I expect to win every game."

Leading 3-0, the Falcons had an opportunity to go up by two scores in the second quarter when quarterback Kameron Mathis was moving toward the end zone on the outside on a carry from the 1-yard line.

But Mathis fumbled the ball before reaching the goal line and it was scooped up by Texans defensive back Elliott Hart and returned 98 yards for a fumble recovery touchdown.

The Texans took a 6-3 lead and never surrendered their grasp of it.

Toward the end of the second quarter, UTPB had a first-and-goal opportunity following a successful drive of rushing. Tarleton State held its ground, stopping the Falcons for no gain on the first two downs and then defensive lineman David Salomon stuffed Mathis on an outside run for a 4-yard line.

UTPB kicker Bailey Giffen, who made a 51-yard field goal earlier in the game, missed a 23-yard field goal attempt as time expired in the first half, and TSU took a 6-3 lead into the half.

"We didn't execute well," Carrigan

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf

President's Cup, Day 4, 7 a.m., GOLF

President's Cup, Day 4, 11 a.m., NBC

LPGA: McKayson New Zealand Open, Final Round, 11 a.m., GOLF

Web.com Tour Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: British Masters, Final Round, 1 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball

LA Dodgers at Colorado, 2 p.m., TBS

Houston at Boston, 2 p.m., ATTSW

Oakland at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW

Men's Soccer

PL: Arsenal vs. Brighton & Hove Albion, 6 a.m., NBCSN

Bundesliga: SC Freiburg vs. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, 6:30 a.m., FS2

PL: Everton vs. Burnley, 8:15 a.m., NBCSN

Bundesliga: Hertha BSC Berlin vs. Bayern Munich, 8:30 a.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

PL: Newcastle United vs. Liverpool, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN, TELE

Bundesliga: 1. FC Köln vs. RB Leipzig, 11 a.m., FS2

MLS: Philadelphia Union vs. Seattle Sounders FC, Noon, ESPN, ESPNDEP

Liga MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs. Cruz Azul, Noon, UNIV, UDN

NCAA: Rutgers vs. Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m., BTN

Liga MX: Universidad Nacional vs. Cruz Azul FC, 4 p.m., UniMas, UDN

Motorsports

Monster Energy Cup Series: Apache Warrior 400, 1 p.m., NBCSN

NHRA: AAA Insurance NHRA Midwest Nationals, 1 p.m., FS1

National Basketball Association

Atlanta at Miami, 5 p.m., NBAtv

Toronto vs. LA Clippers, 9 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

NY Islanders at Philadelphia, 4 p.m., NBCSN

San Jose at Vegas, 7 p.m., NHL

National Football League

New Orleans vs. Miami, 8:30 a.m., FOX, FXDEP

LA Rams at Dallas, Noon, FOX

Tennessee at Houston, Noon, CBS

Oakland at Denver, 3:25 p.m., CBS

Indianapolis at Seattle, 7:30 p.m., NBC

Tennis

ATP: Tokyo, ATP: Beijing, 10 p.m., TENNIS

WTA: China Open, 12 a.m., beIN

Women's College Volleyball

Tennessee at South Carolina, Noon, SEC

North Carolina at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m., ESPNU

LSU at Florida, 2 p.m., SEC

Women's National Basketball Association

WNBA Finals, Game 4: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

Women's Soccer

NCAA: Oklahoma vs. Texas, Noon, ESPNU

NCAA: Texas Tech vs. TCU, 1 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

NCAA: Georgia vs. Florida, 5 p.m., ESPNU

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Oakland at Texas 2 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Houston at Boston, 2 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

National Football League

LA Rams at Dallas, Noon, KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

Tennessee at Houston, Noon, KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

Tennis

ITA Southern Regional Collegiate Championships, Bush Tennis Center

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Finals

(Best-of-5, x-if necessary)

Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1

Sept. 24 Los Angeles 85, Minnesota 84

Sept. 26 Minnesota 70, Los Angeles 68

Sept. 29 Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 64

Today Minnesota at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

x-Wednesday, Oct. 4 Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed OF D.Kyle Dickson on the 60-day DL.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Chicago LB Danny Trevathan two games for violating safety-related playing rules during Thursday's game.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed G Mike Iupati on injured reserve. Signed OL Winston Painter from the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Placed S Zac Kerin on injured reserve. Signed LB Thurston Armbrister from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned F Justin Bailey to Rochester (AHL). Waived F Nicholas Baptiste and D Taylor Fedun for the purpose of assigning them to Rochester. Released D Cody Eakin put from his professional try out agreement.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D Mike Hoeya to Rockford (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Filip Hronek and Robbie Russo to Grand Rapids (AHL). Released C Corey Elkins from a professional tryout contract. Recalled D Dan Renouf from Grand Rapids. Signed RW Dominik Shine to a tryout contract.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Waived D Viktor Loov. Assigned F Kevin Rooney and G Ken Appleby to Binghamton (AHL).

American Hockey League

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Reassigned G Shane Starrett to Wichita (ECHL). Released D Etienne Boulet and Jamie Doornbosch and Fs Jame Bauer, Matt DeBlouw, Steven Iacobellis, Louick Marcotte, Ishvan Sofron and Dana Tyrell from tryout agreements.

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Assigned Fs Angelo Miceli and Trevor Mingoia to Norfolk (ECHL). Released F TJ Melancon. C Erik Bradford and RW Brandon Denham from tryout agreements.

COLLEGE

MICHIGAN — Suspended DB Nate Johnson indefinitely from the football team.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	19	5	8	65	71	35
New York City FC	18	4	8	56	53	39
Atlanta United FC	16	4	8	53	66	35
Chicago	15	10	7	52	58	42
Columbus	15	12	5	50	50	47
New York	13	12	7	43	48	46
Montreal	11	14	6	39	49	52
New England	11	15	6	39	48	58
Orlando City	10	15	6	36	38	51
Philadelphia	9	13	9	36	40	43
D.C. United	9	18	5	32	30	54

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	14	10	6	48	47	43
Seattle	12	8	11	47	45	37
Sporting Kansas City	12	6	11	47	37	23
Portland	13	10	8	47	53	47
Houston	11	15	10	43	52	44
FC Dallas	10	9	12	42	42	42
Real Salt Lake	12	14	5	41	46	52
San Jose	11	14	6	39	33	56
Minnesota United	9	16	5	32	41	61
Los Angeles	7	11	11	28	40	61
Colorado	7	15	5	26	27	46

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Saturday's Scores

FC Dallas 0, Orlando City 0, tie

Toronto FC 4, New York 2

Atlanta United FC 0, New England 0, tie

Columbus 2, D.C. United 0

Houston 2, Minnesota United 1

New York City FC 1, Chicago 1, tie

Montreal at Colorado, late

Vancouver at Sporting Kansas City, late

Portland at San Jose, late

Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, late

Today's Game

Seattle at Philadelphia, noon

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	7	4	3	2	10	25	20
Florida	7	6	4	1	1	9	21
Boston	6	6	4	2	0	8	15
Detroit	8	3	4	1	2	9	24
Ottawa	6	3	3	0	0	6	22
Tampa Bay	7	3	4	0	0	6	17
Montreal	8	2	6	0	0	4	21
Buffalo	6	1	4	1	0	3	12

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	7	5	0	2	12	16	10
New Jersey	7	5	1	1	11	25	12
Carolina	7	5	2	0	10	21	15
Philadelphia	7	3	1	3	9	19	17
Columbus	8	4	3	1	9	25	24
N.Y. Rangers	6	3	2	1	7	13	13
Pittsburgh	7	3	3	1	7	26	27
Washington	6	1	5	0	2	8	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	7	5	2	0	10	16	15
Colorado	6	4	2	0	8	20	12
Chicago	5	3	2	0	6	19	12
Dallas	6	3	3	0	6	17	18
Nashville	6	2	2	2	6	17	20
St. Louis	7	3	4	0	6	18	20
Winnipeg	7	2	3	2	6	15	19

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	7	6	1	0	12	31	18
Los Angeles	6	4	1	1	9	21	16
Vegas	6	3	2	1	7	23	19
Vancouver	7	3	3	1	7	24	30
San Jose	4	3	1	0	6	15	9
Anaheim	6	3	3	0	6	16	20
Arizona	5	1	3	1	3	16	20
Calgary	5	1	5	0	2	16	25

Saturday's Scores

Columbus 3, Pittsburgh 0

Montreal 9, Ottawa 2

Detroit 3, Toronto 2, OT

Tampa Bay 3, Nashville 2, OT

Minnesota 5, Dallas 1

Boston at Chicago, late

Winnipeg at Calgary, late

Arizona at San Jose, late

Edmonton at Vancouver, late

Anaheim at Los Angeles, late

Sunday's Games

Washington at St. Louis, 3 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

San Jose at Vegas, 8 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 3

At TBA (FS1), Devon Alexander vs. Walter Castillo, 10, welterweights.

Oct. 5

At Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, Conn., Vaughn Alexander vs. Elvin Ayala, 10, middleweights.

Oct. 7

At Stuttgart, Germany, Chris Eubank Jr. vs. Avni Yildirim, 12, for Eubank's IBO World super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Firat Arslan vs. Mauricio Barragan, 10, cruiserweights.

Oct. 13

At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Ismael Barroso, 12, for Maldonado's WBC FECARBOX super lightweight title; Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Marcelino Nicolas Lopez, 10, super lightweights.

Oct. 14

At Wembley Arena, London, George Groves vs. Jamie Cox, 12, for Groves' WBA Super World super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Patrick Nielsen vs. John Ryder, 10, super middleweights.

At Barclays Center, New York (SHO), Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha, 12, for Lara's WBA junior middleweight title; Jermell Charlo vs. Erickson Lubin, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title; Jarrett Hurd vs. Austin Trout, 12, for Hurd's IBF junior middleweight title; Tony Harrison vs. Paul Valenzuela, 10, middleweights.

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (FOX), Leo Santa Cruz vs. Chris Avalos, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBA Super featherweight title; Abner Mares vs. Andres Gutierrez, 12, for Mares' WBA World featherweight title; Eddie Ramirez vs. Antonio DeMarco, 10, junior welterweights.

Oct. 19

At Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Las Vegas (ESPN), Gabriel Rosado vs. and Glen Tapia, 10, middleweights; Alejandro Barrera, vs. KoAndre Gibson, 10, welterweights.

Lady Chaps close out host tourney with win

From staff reports

Cali Barger collected a team-high nine kills to propel the Midland College volleyball team to a 25-12, 22-25, 25-6, 25-8 victory over Coastal Bend College in the Midland College Invitational, Saturday at Chaparral Center.

Desi Marmolejo added 19 assists, seven digs and four aces for MC (21-4), which finished the tournament with a 3-0 record.

Enia Agaj had eight kills, Ashley Van Gieson had 16 assists, Taylor Smith had 2 1/2 blocks and Breann Schreiber had seven kills and one of the Lady Chaps' 10 aces in the win. MC resumes Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when it hosts Frank Phillips College at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. COASTAL BEND COLLEGE 25-12, 22-25, 25-6, 25-8
Midland statistics

Kills — Cali Barger 9, Enia Agaj 8, Breann Schreiber 7, Taylor Smith 6, Kristen Johnson 4, Luisa Nieto 4, Ashley VanBeek 3, Kaylee Wilburn 1

Assists —Desi Marmolejo 19, Ashley Van Gieson 16, Nieto 1, Schreiber 1, Lauren Hermes 1

Digs — Marmolejo 7, Schreiber 7, Van Gieson 7, Ryan Keithley 6, Hermes 5, Johnson 2, Wilburn 2, VanBeek 2, Agaj 2

Blocks — Smith 2.5, Barger 1, Johnson 1, Nieto 0.5, Schreiber 0.5, VanBeek 0.5

Aces — Marmolejo 4, Nieto 2, Hermes 2, Van Gieson 2, Agaj 1, Schreiber 1

Record: Midland 21-4

Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7 p.m. Wednesday

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

MCA TOPPLES ASCENSION

AMARILLO — Behind a team-high eight kills from Lizabelle Russell, the Midland Classical volleyball team swept Amarillo Ascension 25-9, 25-16, 29-27 on Saturday in the two teams' TAPPS 1-3A opener.

Cammie Stokes added six kills for MCA (21-4, 1-0), while Micaela McDougall had 12 assists and nine digs. Allison Shelby had 11 digs, Cammie Stokes had two blocks and Kacy Miller, Makenna Beattie and Leia Beattie each had a pair of aces.

MCA next travels to Abilene Christian at 5 p.m. Friday.

MCA DEF. AMARILLO ASCENSION 25-9, 25-16, 29-27
MCA statistics

Kills — Lizabelle Russell 8, Cammie Stokes 6, Marin Casey 5, Allison Shelby 3, Leia Beattie 3, Oshy Gully 2, Kenna Bayley 1, Kacy Miller 1

Assists —Micaela McDougall 12, Grace Coco 10, Bayley 4, Makenna Beattie 1

Digs — Shelby 11, McDougall 9, L. Beattie 9, Coco 5, M. Beattie 5, Miller 3, Taylor Freeman 2, Gully 2, Casey 2, Stokes 1, Bayley 1

Blocks — Stokes 2, Gully 2, Casey 1

Aces — Miller 2, M. Beattie 2, L. Beattie 2, Coco 1, Shelby 1, Freeman 1

Record: MCA 21-4, 1-0 in TAPPS 1-3A

Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, 5 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD BEATS FORT STOCKTON

Bradi Good tallied a team-high 14 kills to carry Greenwood to a 21-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-15 District 4-4A victory over Fort Stockton, Saturday at the Greenwood High School gym.

Kyndall Dove added eight kills for the Rangerettes (22-11, 1-2), while Hanna Flores totaled 18 assists, 12 digs and three aces. Payslee Sims had a team-best 18 digs in the win.

Greenwood next travels to Big Spring at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

GREENWOOD DEF. FORT STOCKTON 21-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-15
Greenwood statistics

Kills — Bradi Good 14, Kyndall Dove 8, Caity Payne 6, Kailey Martinez 5, Payslee Sims 4, Gracie Huber 3, Hanna Flores 2, Madi Ulcak 1

Assists — Flores 18, Faith Duran 15, Good 2

Digs — Sims 18, Ulcak 13, Flores 12, Payne 6, Good 6, Jaycie Roye 5, Kaslyn Ellis 5, Duran 4, Dove 3, Huber 2

Blocks — Martinez 1.5, Good 1, Dove 1, Payne 0.5, Huber 0.5

Aces — Flores 3, Ellis 2, Duran 2, Sims 1, Ulcak 1

Record: Greenwood 22-11, 1-2 in District 4-4A

Next: Greenwood at Big Spring, 6 p.m. Tuesday

ANDREWS TOPS MONAHANS

ANDREWS — Allivia Mayfield posted 10 kills and 3 1/2 blocks to lead Andrews to a 25-19, 22-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-12 win over Monahans in District 4-4A action Saturday.

Tori Gray added seven kills and 26 assists for Andrews (1-1 in District 4-4A), while Mariah Infante supplied 12 digs.

Andrews next travels to Fort Stockton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

ANDREWS DEF. MONAHANS 25-19, 22-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-12
Andrews statistics

Kills — Allivia Mayfield 10, Madison Thompson 7, Tori Gray 7, Jazz Johnson 6, Chaliya Morris 5, Kassidy Epperson 2

Assists — Gray 26

Digs — Mariah Infante 12, Savannah Infante 10, Hailey Ramirez 6, Thompson 5, Gray 2, Morris 1

Blocks — Mayfield 3.5, Morris 1.5, Epperson 1.5, Johnson 1, Thompson 0.5

Aces — Thompson 1

Record: Andrews 2-1 in District 4-4A

Next: Andrews at Fort Stockton, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

LATE HS FOOTBALL BOXES

COAHOMA 35, SAN ANGELO GRAPE CREEK 12

Coahoma	16	12	7	0 —35
Grape Creek	6	0	0	6 —12

First quarter

Grape Creek — Keaton Prather 27 interception return (pass failed), 9:46

Coahoma — Zack Schneider 27 run (Braxton Chandler run), 6:50

Coahoma — Joe Escobedo 8 run (Gage Clark pass from Mason Moore), 1:45

Second quarter

Coahoma — Moore 1 run (run failed), 11:27

Coahoma — Schneider 4 run (run failed), 4:18

Third quarter

Coahoma — Schneider 4 run (Moore kick), 4:10

Fourth quarter

Grape Creek — Chris Sikes 15 pass from Jesse Jio (pass failed), 1:41

	Coahoma	Grape
Creek		
First Downs	19	11
Rushes-yards	50-344	24-6
Passing yards	43	171
Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-10-2	16-42-3
Punts-avg.	3-28	3-31
Fumbles-lost	3-4	3-2
Penalties-yards	8-70	6-45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Coahoma, Zack Schneider 20-201, Joe Escobedo 19-108, Braden Pearson 3-22, Braxton Chandler 3-14, Landon Gant 1-5, Mason Moore 4-(-8).

PASSING — Coahoma, Moore 4-9-1—43, Schneider 0-1-1—0.

RECEIVING — Coahoma, Adam Clark 1-21 Schneider 2-19, Gage Clark 1-3

GARDEN CITY 50, RANKIN 0

Rankin	0	0	0	x —0
Garden City	0	30	20	x —50

Second quarter

Garden City — Josue Gutierrez 5 run (Scott Miller kick)

Garden City — Amanda Alegria 65 run (Miller kick)

Garden City — Gutierrez 39 run (Miller kick)

Garden City — Alegria 39 run (kick blocked)

Third quarter

Garden City — Gutierrez 56 run (kick blocked)

Garden City — Hunter McMillian 8 run (Miller kick)

Garden City — Miller 54 run (kick failed)

	Rankin	Garden City
First Downs	6	12
Rushes-yards	25-71	27-358
Passing yards	81	45
Comp.-Att.-Int	11-25-1	4-12-0
Punts-avg.	2-24	0-0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-30	3-35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Rankin, Kamren Shelton 14-60, Callen Fouts 6-16, Markus Black 5-(-5); Garden City, Josue Gutierrez 12-134, Amanda Alegria 5-112, Scott Miller 1-54, Hunter McMillian 6-40, Cesar Chavez 1-15, Ragen Lowery 1-3, Hagan Hallmann 1-0

PASSING — Titan Quigg 11-25-1—81.

Garden City, Miller 1-1-0—27, Trent McMillan 3-10-0—18, Alegria 0-1-0—0.

RECEIVING — Rankin, Fouts 4-30, Justin Gaddis 2-28, Bim Rios 2-14, Dalon Owen 1-7, Black 2-2; Garden City, Hunter McMillian 2-28, Cade Braden 1-9, Chavez 1-8

HADORN

From 1C

the final play, but time ran out.

The Bulldogs could have potentially scored four more times with better execution, and MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz has said dropped passes, clock management are correctable issues.

The mistakes, in large part, can be attributed to the Bulldogs' youth. Lee head coach Clint Hartman believes MHS is on the correct path despite the team's worst start since 1993.

"Tim is the right guy over there, he'll get it done," Hartman said. "He's the right man. They just need to let him put his product out there."

One area where Anuszkiewicz appears to have some stability is at quarterback.

Junior Suddin Sapien and sophomore Riggs McDonald have improved steadily since being thrown to the fire with no varsity quarterback experience.

And the good news is that Sapien could potentially have up to 15 more regular season games with MHS, and McDonald still has 25 regular season games remaining in his young career. With Sapien and McDonald, the Bulldogs are building toward something that is bigger than the 2017 season.

But of course, Anuszkiewicz lives in the present, and nobody is fixated on next year yet.

The good news is Sapien took a leap forward in Friday's loss to Lee, which should help the Bulldogs' prospects down the stretch in their final five games.

Sapien completed 20 for 38 passes for a career-high 299 yards, two touchdown passes and no interceptions.

One encouraging sign was MHS gained big chunks of yardage through the air, as Sapien had five passing plays for 20 yards or more and eight plays for 15-plus yards.

This was also the first game where Sapien and the Bulldogs spread the ball around, as receivers Michael Galindo (83 yards), Darius Manning (67 yards) and Jalen Terhune (66 yards) all got involved.

For weeks, Anuszkiewicz has been stating that MHS needs more consistency out of its passing attack, and the Bulldogs improved leaps and bounds in that regard even though it occurred in a rout.

Now Midland High turns its focus to Wolfforth Frenship (0-5, 0-1), which will be hungry for a win as well when the two kick off the football at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Peoples Bank Stadium.

The Bulldogs will head to Wolfforth improved on offense, but leaving with the desired outcome, a victory, will depend on executing the finishing plays to drives.

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But like impressed me the most was the overall composure Lee seem to play with, despite being threatened immediately in the game. Of particular note: There were no turnovers in this game and Lee was penalized only three times for 27 yards.

On the night's opening drive, the Bulldogs (0-5, 0-1) pulled some trickery with a 43-yard gain on a fake punt attempt by Nic Gonzales. That play set up MHS inside the red zone with a legitimate chance to grab a 7-0 lead and set the emotional tone of the game.

But the Lee defense stood tall and forced — with the help of a dropped pass — a turnover on downs. From there the Rebels drove nearly 90 yards downfield and scored the first points on a three-yard quarterback keeper by Colby Standard.

After an MHS three-and-out, Lee doubled its lead with a 29-yard bolt by senior running back Avery Akbar.

And then came another Bulldogs' challenge.

MHS got on the board with another explosive play, a 48-yard connection from Suddin Sapien to Michael Galindo as time expired in the first quarter. Suddenly, the Bulldogs were right back in the game, trailing 14-7 and the pressure shifted back to the Rebels.

Lee took the MHS response in stride, didn't panic and stuck to what it does best: Run the ball with authority.

Over their next three drives extending into the third quarter, the Rebels stretched their lead to 35-7 on touchdown runs by Akbar, Standard and Josh Traylor, who would score for a second time nearly three minutes into the fourth quarter.

It was a very methodical and calm approach to the game by the Rebels, who also did a great job finishing off their opponent for the second straight week.

MHS found the end zone once more on a 35-yard strike from Sapien to DQ Harris. But Lee restored its five-score advantage on a 16-yard connection from backup quarterback Felix Hinojosa to Tyler Madrid with 1:08 to play.

The Rebels' 428 rushing yards was a season-high and they actually increased their total yards per game average by almost two yards to 578.4.

The convincing result had to be both refreshing and rewarding for anyone involved with the Lee program.

And the greatest reward, as head coach Clint Hartman promptly told his team after the game, is a 1-0 start in district play.

When Hartman took the Lee job in March of 2016, his mission was to return the program back to prominence in west Texas.

With the Rebels beating their arch rivals and taking a major step toward a playoff berth, things are certainly moving in the right direction.

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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 6
ASTROS 3

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox clinched the AL East by beating Houston 6-3 Saturday, setting up an immediate rematch with the Astros in the playoffs.

David Price delivered in his relief role as the Red Sox ended a two-game skid and won back-to-back AL East titles for the first time in franchise history. Boston's victory left the New York Yankees with a wild-card spot.

The Red Sox will begin the best-of-five AL Division Series on Thursday at West champion Houston. The Yankees will host Minnesota in the wild-card game Tuesday, with the winner playing at Central champion Cleveland on Thursday in the ALDS.

RANGERS 8
ATHLETICS 4

ARLINGTON — Joey Gallo hit his 40th and 41st home runs, Andrew Cashner pitched six solid innings and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 8-4 on Saturday night.

Gallo had a two-run homer in the second inning and a solo shot in the third, becoming the sixth Ranger to hit 40 homers in a season and the first since Josh Hamilton had 43 in 2010. Gallo ranks fifth in the majors in home runs. He also walked twice and scored on a single by Rougned Odor in the seventh.

Cashner (11-11) limited Oakland to five hits and two runs in six innings. He finished his season with a 3.40 ERA, good for ninth in the AL.

Gallo gave Cashner an early lead when he homered on a 1-1 pitch from Daniel Gossett (4-11) that hit the batter's eye in straightaway center.

Texas tacked on two more runs in the second when Odor and Jared Hoying had back-to-back doubles and Delino DeShields singled, knocking out Gossett after 1 2/3 innings.

Oakland cut the lead to 5-2 in the sixth on a double by Khris Davis and an RBI ground-out from Matt Chapman.

Texas added two more runs in the sixth when Willie Calhoun had an RBI single and then scored on a double from Elvis Andrus.

Matt Joyce hit a solo homer for Oakland in the eighth and Marcus Semien homered in the ninth.

YANKEES 2
BLUE JAYS 1

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees wound up with an AL wild-card spot Saturday, beating Toronto 2-1 on Aaron Judge's 52nd home run shortly before Boston clinched the AL East crown.

New York needed two wins and two losses by Boston to force a tiebreaker Monday at Yankee Stadium. Instead, the Yankees will host Minnesota in the wild-card game Tuesday.

The wild-card winner will face Cleveland in the best-of-five AL Division Series. Boston, which beat Houston about 20 minutes after the Yankees won, is set to take on the Astros in the playoffs.

Replacement starter CC Sabathia (14-5) won his fifth straight decision. With the Yankees still in contention for the division title to begin the day, manager Joe Girardi opted for Sabathia to pitch on his regular four days' rest in place of the originally scheduled Jaime Garcia.

RAYS 4
ORIOLES 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Archer won for the first time since July 24 and Brad Miller hit a three-run homer to lead the Tampa Bay Rays over the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 on Saturday night.

Archer (10-12) pitched five shutout innings before two Rays relievers helped stretch Baltimore's scoreless streak to 23 innings. Pedro Alvarez halted the drought with a two-run single off Tommy Hunter in the eighth.

Trey Mancini's 17-game hitting streak, a Baltimore rookie record, ended but he scored a run after drawing a walk.

Archer, who had lost five straight starts, struck out six and allowed only two hits. He finished the season with 249 strikeouts, three short of his own club record set two years ago.

Alex Colome pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 47th save in 53 tries.

TIGERS 3
TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Andrew Romine became the fifth player in baseball history to play all nine positions in one game, helping the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 on Saturday night.

Romine, a 31-year-old utility-man, played catcher for the first time in his career and got one out on the mound. He was the first player to accomplish the feat since Shane Halter for Detroit against Minnesota on Oct. 1, 2000.

Buck Farmer (5-5) pitched five strong innings for the win and Shane Greene recorded his ninth save.

WHITE SOX 2
INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Carson Fulmer pitched five strong innings in a matchup against Corey Kluber, Kevan Smith drove in two runs and the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 2-1 on Saturday night.

Cleveland clinched the best record in the AL earlier in the day when Houston lost to Boston. The AL Central champions will play the winner of the wild-card game between the Yankees and Twins in a Division Series.

Michael Brantley had a pinch-hit single in the fifth for Cleveland, marking his first game action since spraining his right ankle on Aug. 8. The two-time All-Star worked Fulmer (3-1) for a 10 pitch at-bat before sharply singling to right.

Smith doubled off Mike Clevinger (12-6) in the sixth, scoring Avisail Garcia for a 2-1 lead. His RBI single in the fourth off Kluber — an AL Cy Young Award contender — scored Jose Abreu.

National League

PADRES 3
GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Cain pitched five shutout innings, then raised his arms and waved his cap, fighting off tears amid a standing ovation as he walked off the mound for final time Saturday in the San Francisco Giants' 3-2 loss to San Diego.

Cain's decorated 13-year career came to an end and the home crowd at AT&T Park saluted the right-hander, a cornerstone of the team's championship era who pitched the only perfect game in franchise history.

Cain took a curtain call and exited with a 1-0 lead. He gave up two hits, struck out four and walked one. He made his last start a day ahead of his 33rd birthday and at the close of a $127.5 million, six-year contract.

Beset by injuries in recent years, Cain has said he couldn't imagine pitching for another team. The three-time All-Star finished 3-11 with a 5.43 ERA this year.

CUBS 9
REDS 0

CHICAGO — Jon Lester struck out seven over five innings, Kyle Schwarber hit his 30th home run and the Chicago Cubs pounded the Cincinnati Reds 9-0 on Saturday for their 15th win in 18 games.

Lester (13-8) allowed four hits and walked none in a possible tuneup for Game 1 of the NL Division Series against Washington. The veteran left-hander has allowed one run in 11 innings over his past two outings after posting an 8.22 ERA in his previous five starts.

Lester's second straight win was a welcome development for the Cubs with Jake Arrieta coming back from a strained right hamstring. Kyle Hendricks also could start the playoff opener against the Nationals.

BREWERS 7
CARDINALS 6

ST. LOUIS — The Milwaukee Brewers were eliminated from playoff contention Saturday when they squandered a six-run lead in a 7-6 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals, handing baseball's final postseason spot to the Colorado Rockies.

Brewers reliever Anthony Swarzak gave up a two-run single to Stephen Piscotty that tied it in the eighth inning and a go-ahead single to Harrison Bader. Milwaukee tried to rally and save its season in the bottom half, but Brett Phillips struck out with a runner on second to end it.

Milwaukee's loss clinched the second NL wild card for Colorado, which will play at NL West rival Arizona in the wild-card game Wednesday.

The Brewers began the day needing to win their last two regular-season games in St. Louis while the Rockies dropped their final two at home to the Los Angeles Dodgers to force a tiebreaker Monday.

PIRATES 4
NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Nationals ace Max Scherzer was pulled from his start while tuning up for the playoffs after an apparent injury to his right leg, and NL East champion Washington lost to the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 Saturday night.

The Nationals didn't immediately provide an update on Scherzer.

Scherzer, who leads the NL in strikeouts and is 16-6 with a 2.51 ERA, was preparing for the Nationals' matchup against the Chicago Cubs in the best-of-five Division Series that begins Friday in Washington. But the two-time Cy Young Award winner stumbled on a 2-2 pitch to Josh Bell in the fourth inning, briefly hopped around the mound and bent over at the waist.

Scherzer then began to throw a full-count pitch, but abruptly stopped when time was called.

Washington manager Dusty Baker, pitching coach Mike Maddux and team trainers visited the mound and quickly took out Scherzer.

Scherzer had given up one hit and struck out five, raising his total to 268, in 3 1/3 scoreless innings when he was hurt.

MARLINS 10
BRAVES 2

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton remained at 59 home runs after failing to hit one in the Miami Marlins 10-2 win over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night.

Stanton had one hit in five at-bats and an RBI. He has one more game to become the first player to hit 60 home runs in a season since 2001 when Barry Bonds hit 73 and Sammy Sosa hit 64. There have been five players in history to hit at least 60 in a season.

Miami's Dee Gordon had three hits giving him 200 for the season and also stole two bases — including his 60th of the season. It is the fifth time in Marlins' history a player has recorded at least 200 hits in a season and the second time by Gordon.

Derek Dietrich homered and drove in three runs, Miguel Rojas had four hits, Brian Anderson added three hits, and Odrisamer Despaigne (2-3) pitched seven innings and allowed two runs for the Marlins.

Braves' starter Lucas Sims (3-6) allowed six runs in two innings allowing every position player he faced to reach base except for Stanton, who grounded out twice.

Interleague

ROYALS 4
DIAMONDBACKS 3

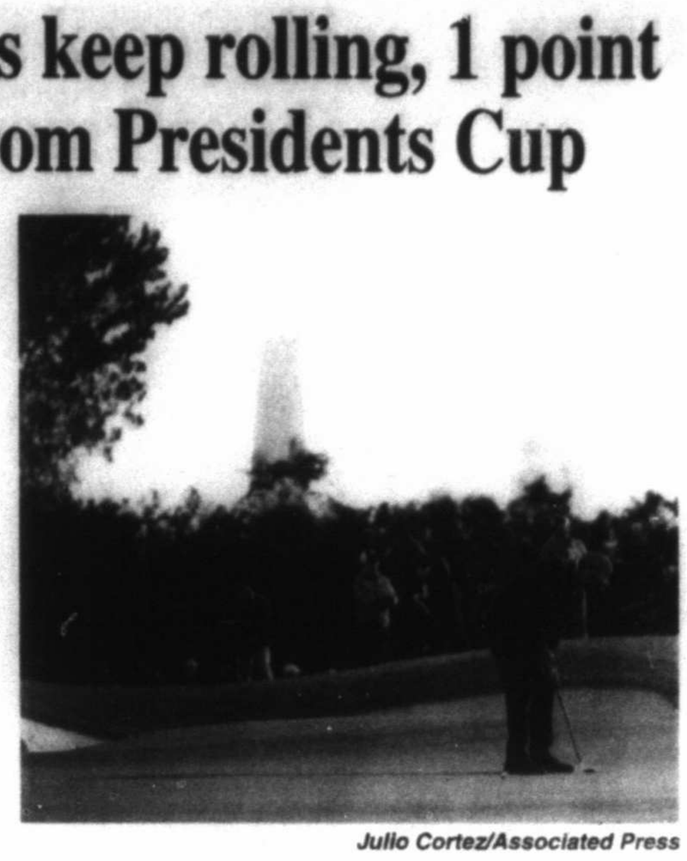
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jorge Bonifacio hit a three-run homer with two outs in the sixth inning to help the Kansas City Royals to a 4-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday night. Bonifacio's homer, his 17th, came off Archie Bradley (3-3) with Paulo Orlando and Ramon Torres aboard.

Right-hander Jake Junis (9-3) allowed two runs on five hits, including A.J. Pollock's home run in the sixth, to pick up the win. Junis' nine victories are tied for the American League lead for rookies.

David Peralta's fifth-inning double scored Rey Fuentes, who walked and stole second, with the first Diamondbacks' run.

Americans keep rolling, 1 point away from Presidents Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



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Phil Mickelson putts on the sixth hole during the third day of the Presidents Cup at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J. Saturday.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The International team lost just about everything but its sense of humor.

A long and demoralizing day at the Presidents Cup ended with Anirban Lahiri making two clutch birdies in a fourballs match that spared his team the indignity of watching the Americans celebrate another victory — on Saturday, no less.

From the sun rising over the Manhattan skyline until the chill of twilight at Liberty National, the Americans poured it on with such frightening force that they were one match away from clinching the cup one day early. The International team went 13 straight matches without winning until Lahiri and Kim won on the 18th hole.

"They got a standing ovation when they walked in our team room tonight," International captain Nick Price said with a smile. "First time we had seen a match go our way for a long time."

And that means it will be a short Sunday.

The Americans had a 14 1/2-3 1/2 lead and need only one point from the 12 singles matches on Sunday.

This is a powerful U.S. team playing to its full potential, and the result is the biggest blowout since the Presidents Cup began in 1994.

Phil Mickelson set a Presidents Cup record with his 25th victory, breaking the record set by Tiger Woods. Mickelson hit two wedges into birdie range in the morning foursomes session with Kevin Kisner, when the Americans won three matches and halved the other.

Jordan Spieth's best intentions cost him a hole in a ruling rarely seen in match play, though that didn't matter. All that did was inspire Spieth and Patrick Reed to win yet another match. They are 8-1-3 as a partnership in the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup.

Justin Thomas made another big birdie on the 14th hole and cupped his hand to his ear, covered by a beanie in the chill, to fire up a crowd that didn't need much help. Even in the lone loss of the day, the Americans made it hard on them. Charley Hoffman chipped in from short of the 17th green and body-slammed partner Kevin Chappell, a celebration that lasted only long enough for Lahiri to match his birdie with a 20-foot putt and keep a 1-up lead.

Lahiri and Kim were 1 up playing the par-3 18th, and when Lahiri chipped to 3 feet and both Americans were in the bunker, they chose not to concede Lahiri's putt until after Chappell had made par.

It was meaningless in the big picture, yet it illustrated clearly — along with all the celebrations — that no victory is too big for this U.S. team.

"Our goal coming in was to try to win every session, and we've done that up till now," Daniel Berger said after teaming with Thomas for his first point of the week. "Tomorrow, we're going to go out and try to do the exact same thing."

The 11-point margin is the largest going into the 12 singles matches, breaking the International record of nine points set in 1998 at Royal Melbourne, the only time it has ever won the Presidents Cup.

While the outcome was inevitable, this day still had its moment, none more peculiar than the 12th hole.

Jason Day was already down for a birdie. Spieth had 12 feet for his birdie, while Louis Oosthuizen hit his drive behind the green on the reachable par 4 and had a shot at eagle. The ball raced by the hole and was headed down the slope with water on the other side, and the partisan American crowd was urging it to keep going.

Spieth had heard enough and reached over and scooped away the moving ball with his putter.

Match referee Andy McFee, a top rules chief on the European Tour, stepped in and informed Spieth that it was a violation of the first rule in golf (Rule 1-2). "A player must not take an action with the intent to influence the movement of a ball in play."

No player would ever do that in stroke play (though John Daly and Kirk Triplett did it to their golf balls on U.S. Open greens). Spieth figured the International team already had its birdie. Even so, the rule meant Spieth was disqualified from the hole, even as Oosthuizen and Day protested.

"I'm sorry for trying to do the right thing," Spieth said to McFee, a mixture of sarcasm and frustration.

That gave Day and Oosthuizen a 1-up lead that lasted only three holes. Spieth birdied the 15th to square the match. Reed hit a tee shot into the wind and along a ridge to 5 feet for birdie on the 16th, and Spieth birdied the 17th to close them out.

Day went 0-4-1 in the Presidents Cup two years ago. He heads into singles with a 0-3-1 mark at Liberty National. Hideki Matsuyama has failed to win a match. Adam Scott is 0-3 and sat out the Saturday afternoon session.

Dustin Johnson extended his record to 4-0 this week, teaming with Matt Kuchar for an easy victory in foursomes and riding U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka and his hot putter for a 3-and-2 victory that put the Americans on the cusp of victory.

The celebration will have to wait.

Lahiri missed a 3 1/2-foot putt on the 18th hole that cost the International team a rare victory in South Korea two years ago.

This time he saved his team, if only for a day.

At Liberty National Golf Club
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UNITED STATES 14½, INTERNATIONAL 11½
Saturday

Fourballs
Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed, United States, def. Jason Day and Louis Oosthuizen, 1 up
Justin Thomas and Bryson DeChambeau, United States, def. Adam Scott and Marc Leishman, 2 and 1
Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar, United States, def. Hideki Matsuyama and Si Woo Kim, 3 and 2
Phil Mickelson and Kevin Kisner, United States, halved with Anirban Lahiri and Charley Hoffman
Foursomes
Thomas and DeChambeau, United States, def. Scott and Leishman, 3 and 2
Johnson and Kuchar, United States, def. Matsuyama and Kim, 3 and 2
Mickelson and Kisner, United States, def. Day and Oosthuizen, 1 up
Spieth and Reed, United States, def. Lahiri and Hoffman, 1 up
Singles
Mickelson, United States, def. Matsuyama, 3 and 2
Thomas, United States, def. Day, 3 and 2
Johnson, United States, def. Scott, 3 and 2
Reed, United States, def. Leishman, 3 and 2
DeChambeau, United States, def. Oosthuizen, 3 and 2
Kisner, United States, def. Kim, 3 and 2
Spieth, United States, def. Lahiri, 1 up
Kuchar, United States, def. Hoffman, 3 and 2
Koepka, United States, def. Si Woo Kim, 3 and 2
Matsuyama, International, def. Reed, 1 up
Scott, International, def. Kisner, 2 and 1
Leishman, International, def. Johnson, 1 up
Oosthuizen, International, def. Kuchar, 1 up
Lahiri, International, def. Spieth, 1 up
Hoffman, International, def. Thomas, 1 up
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UTPB

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said. "We didn't finish well. We played well throughout the game, we just didn't finish."

The game changed course in the second half as both Tarleton State and UTPB traded long scoring plays.

The Falcons turned the game into a one-score affair twice, as Mathis completed a 45-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Kilafas, and Mathis later threw a 78-yard TD strike to Kristian Brown, cutting TSU's lead to 25-17 with 5:56 to play.

However, the Texans responded as Zed Woerner completed a 76-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Thomas, sealing the outcome with a two-score advantage with 4:55 left.

After halftime, the Falcons were also plagued by another lost fumble by Mathis and another missed field goal by Giffen on another red zone drive that got inside the 10-yard line.

Following the second fumble by Mathis, Tarleton State's Xavier Turner broke away on a 56-yard scoring run, which extended his team's lead to 25-10 with 6:15 remaining.

Mathis completed 15 of 33 passes for 244 yards and two touchdowns.

Midland High grad and UTPB running back Brandon Infiesto rushed 29 times for 128 yards.

Thomas had six catches for 132 yards and two TDs for the Texans.

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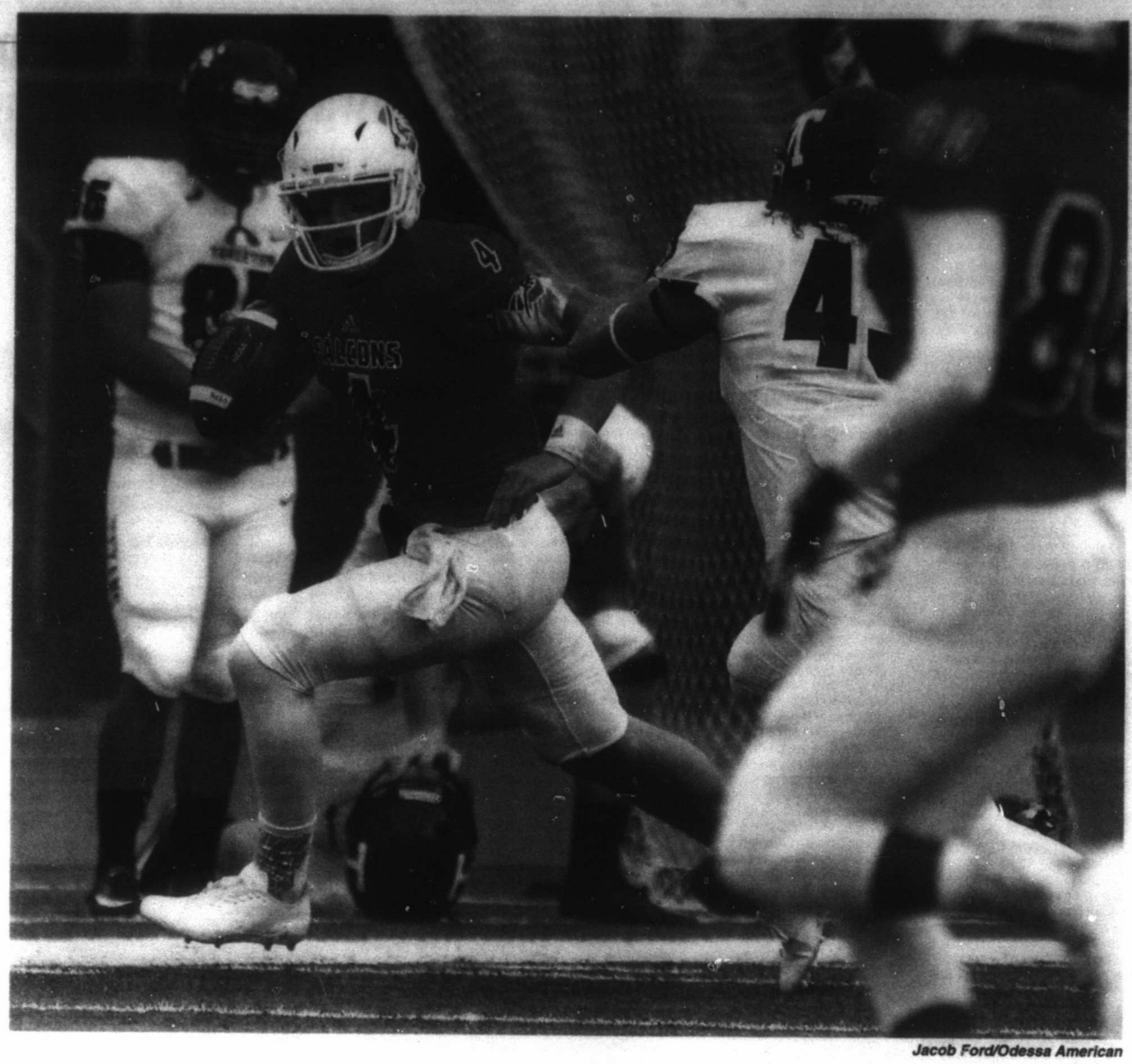

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UTPB quarterback Kameron Mathis (4) rushes for a gain against Tarleton State in a Lone Star Conference game Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

TROY 24, NO. 25 LSU 21

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jordan Chunn ran for 191 yards and a touchdown, Troy's defense forced four turnovers and the surging Trojans upset No. 25 LSU 24-21 on Saturday night.

Troy, which celebrated wildly with traveling fans in largely empty Tiger Stadium as time ran out, became the first team from outside the Southeastern Conference to win in LSU's Death Valley since UAB in 2000. They snapped the Tigers' streak of 49 straight home victories over non-league opponents.

Although the Tigers (3-2) were three-touchdown favorites, the result wasn't entirely unfathomable. LSU had looked vulnerable in a tense victory over Syracuse a week earlier, while Troy came in on a three-game winning streak and is among the favorites to win the Sun Belt Conference after a 10-victory 2016 campaign.

Troy (4-1) raced to leads of 17-0 and 24-7 before Danny Etling's fourth-quarter touchdown passes to Russell Gage and Foster Moreau got LSU as close as a field goal with 1:59 left. But after failing to recover an onside kick, LSU had only 23 seconds to get into field goal range, and any hope of that ended when Blace Brown intercepted Etling's pass on the Troy 42 with 11 seconds to go.

NO. 2 CLEMSON 31, NO. 12 VIRGINIA TECH 17

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Kelly Bryant ran around and away from Virginia Tech to lead Clemson to its third victory in three games against teams in the Top 25.

Making just his fifth start, the junior ran for 94 yards, hit Tavien Feaster with a pass the speedy running back took 60 yards for a score and avoided mistakes. He also kept alive a late scoring drive after scrambling right on a play that started at the 5, dodging three Hokies, shaking free from an ankle tackle and eventually turning back upfield at the 23. He zig-zagged all the way back to the 4.

The defending national champion Tigers (5-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) have also beaten No. 13 Auburn 14-6 and No. 17 Louisville 47-21. This triumph was their 12th in a row on the road, and fifth in a row against Virginia Tech, including the 2016 ACC championship.

Virginia Tech (4-1, 0-1) never mustered much offense and got its only touchdown after Isaiah Simmons made an ankle tackle on Greg Stroman's 43-yard punt return to the Tigers 2. Sean Savoy ran it on the next play, but the Hokies had just 234 yards through three quarters.

NO. 4 PENN STATE 45, INDIANA 14

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — DaeSean Hamilton caught nine passes for 122 yards and three touchdowns and became Penn State's career receptions leader.

Hamilton teamed with quarterback Trace McSorley on the first two scoring passes and caught the third from running back Saquon Barkley to cap the scoring in the fourth quarter. Hamilton hauled in his 180th career catch midway through the fourth quarter to break the record set by Deon Butler in 2008.

Barkley returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and finished with 221 yards. Penn State (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten) turned two first-quarter turnovers into touchdowns to spark the rout. McSorley added a rushing touchdown, and Nick Scott scored on a fumble return.

The Hoosiers (2-2, 0-2) turned the ball over on their second play of the game when Morgan Ellison coughed it up to linebacker Jason Cabinda after an 18-yard gain. McSorley capped an ensuing six-play, 39-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Indiana fumbled it away again when Irvin Charles ripped the ball out of punt returner J-Shun Harris' hands. Scott scooped it up and returned it 13 yards to put Penn State up 21-0 less than 10 minutes in.

NO. 6 WASHINGTON 42, OREGON STATE 7

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Jake Browning threw three touchdown passes, Myles Gaskin ran for 113 yards and a score and Washington broke open a close game with a 21-point third quarter.

Browning completed 26 of 34 passes for 293 yards and had touchdown passes of 5, 15 and 34 yards to Dante Pettis, who had 12 catches for 105 yards. Browning has accounted for 12 touchdowns, 10 passing, in three career games against Oregon State.

Gaskin ran for a third-quarter touchdown of 32 yards, and had 15 carries in posting his second consecutive 100-plus-yard game for Washington (5-0, 2-0 Pac-12). The Huskies finished with 509 yards after struggling to get going initially.

Washington's defense was smothering, holding Oregon State (1-4, 0-2) to 184 yards and eight first downs. The Beavers didn't cross Washington's 45 until the final six minutes.

NO. 7 GEORGIA 41, TENNESSEE 0

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jake Fromm threw a touchdown pass and ran for two more scores Saturday and Georgia handed Tennessee its first shutout in nearly a quarter-century.

Nick Chubb added 109 yards rushing to help Georgia race to its first 5-0 start since 2012, the last year the Bulldogs reached the Southeastern Conference championship game. They are 2-0 in conference play.

Tennessee (3-2, 0-2) was shut out for the first time since a 31-0 loss to Florida in 1994.

The Bulldogs got more good news in the fourth quarter when quarterback Jacob Eason made his first appearance since spraining his left knee in the season opener. Fromm was 7 of 15 for 84 yards and also rushed for 20 yards before giving way to Eason with the game well in hand.

NO. 10 WISCONSIN 33, NORTHWESTERN 24

MADISON, Wis. — Jonathan Taylor had two touchdowns runs to help the offense overcome a sluggish start and Wisconsin held off Northwestern.

Alex Hornibrook threw for 197 yards and a touchdown, settling down after two interceptions in the first half. Garrett Dooley had four of Wisconsin's 10 sacks.

Northwestern's last drive was thwarted when Clayton Thorson couldn't find a receiver out of his own end zone and was sacked by D'Cota Dixon for a safety.

Thorson was having a good quarter until then, throwing two touchdown passes in less than 2 minutes. The second to Garrett Dickerson with 2:53 left got the Wildcats within a touchdown.

But Wisconsin (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) stood up the Wildcats (2-2, 0-1) again late to seal the win in each team's conference opener.

NO. 11 OHIO STATE 56, RUTGERS 0

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — J.T. Barrett threw three touchdown passes and became Ohio State's career passing yardage leader.

Mike Weber ran for a career-high three touchdowns and Ohio State (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten) blanked Rutgers (1-4, 0-2) for the second straight year. The Buckeyes have won three straight after being upset by Oklahoma.

This marked the second meeting between Ohio Stata coach Urban Meyer and former defensive coordinator and now Scarlet Knights coach Chris Ash. It also marked the first time former Rutgers coach and current Buckeyes defensive coordinator Greg Schiano returned to High Point Solutions Stadium for a game.

This one wasn't much of a contest with Ohio State outgaining Rutgers 628-209.

Barrett threw touchdown passes of 70 and 39 yards to Johnnie Dixon in the first half in building a 35-0 lead. The fifth-year senior added a 22-yard strike to Binjimen Victor in the third quarter for his eighth touchdown in the last two games and 13th of the season.

Barrett finished 14 of 22 for 275 yards. He has 7,622 yards passing, surpassing Art Schlichter (7,547) for the top spot in Buckeyes history.

NO. 13 AUBURN 49, NO. 24 MISSISSIPPI STATE 10

AUBURN, Ala. — Jarrett Stidham passed for 264 yards and two touchdowns, and Kerryon Johnson ran for three scores for Auburn.

The Tigers (4-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) established themselves as the most likely challenger to No. 1 Alabama in the Western Division with an explosive offensive performance. The Bulldogs (3-2, 1-2) have lost two straight lopsided games since blowing out LSU.

Stidham launched a handful of deep balls for Auburn, including a 47-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Will Hastings and a 57-yarder to Eli Stove from his own end zone. He wound up 13-of-16 passing.

Johnson gained 116 yards, including an early 59-yarder, in a strong follow-up to his five-touchdown effort in a 51-14 romp over Missouri. Backup quarterback Malik Willis got into the act with a 67-yard run in the final minutes, thrilling the smattering of fans still remaining.

NO. 17 LOUISVILLE 55, MURRAY STATE 10

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lamar Jackson had a short but productive day, throwing for 249 yards and three touchdowns in just over a half for Louisville.

The reigning Heisman Trophy winner, who had just one play after halftime, added 100 yards rushing and a TD on seven carries. He's 13 yards short of becoming the seventh player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to reach 10,000 total career yards.

Jawon Pass stepped in after Jackson's day ended, throwing for 115 yards and one touchdown and added another TD on the ground with 29 seconds left. The two completed passes to 14 players as the Cardinals totaled 364 yards through the air. Louisville (4-1) rolled up 312 yards on the ground.

Murray State dropped to 1-4.

NO. 18 SOUTH FLORIDA 61, EAST CAROLINA 31

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Quinton Flowers threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, and South Florida extended its school-record winning streak to 10.

D'Ernest Johnson rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns, receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling took an end-around 75 yards for a touchdown and caught a 4-yard scoring pass from Flowers, and Auggie Sanchez returned an interception 43 yards for a TD.

The Bulls (5-0, 2-0 American) overcame some rare struggles on defense and remained perfect under first-year coach Charlie Strong by scoring on 10 of the 12 possessions with the starting offense. USF outscored the Pirates (1-4, 1-1) 30-7 in the second half.

NO. 21 FLORIDA 38, VANDERBILT 24

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Lamical Perine scored three touchdowns, Malik Davis added two and Florida beat Vanderbilt despite losing quarterback Luke Del Rio for the season with a broken left collarbone.

Coach Jim McElwain says Del Rio will have season-ending surgery Monday. It's the second straight year Del Rio failed to make it through the season uninjured.

Perine bookended two 1-yard plunges around a 13-yard scamper to help the Gators (3-1, 3-0) beat the Commodores (3-2, 0-2) for the 26th time in the last 27 meetings.

Perine, a cousin of former Oklahoma and current Washington Redskins running back Samaje Perine, finished with 58 yards on 15 carries. Davis, a freshman, ran 17 times for 124 yards.

NO. 22 NOTRE DAME 52, MIAMI (OHIO) 17

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brandon Wimbush threw for three touchdowns and ran for another and Notre Dame beat Miami (Ohio) for the 900th victory in school history.

Josh Adams added touchdown runs of 72 and 59 yards in the first half before leaving with an injury to his left leg. Adams, who entered the game as the No. 9 rusher in the country, still led the Irish (4-1) with 159 yards on the ground despite the short night.

Ford's 2 fourth quarter TDs lead Aggies over Gamecocks 24-17

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Keith Ford ran for 70 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead 17-yard score in the fourth quarter, to lift Texas A&M to a 24-17 win over South Carolina on Saturday night.

"There's games where guys are hot and a tough physical game like that, that's where Keith ford excels," coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Freshman Kellen Mond threw for 159 yards and ran for 95 to help the Aggies (4-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) rally for the victory.

Texas A&M trailed by a touchdown entering the fourth quarter before Ford tied it up with a 7-yard run.

Mond looked to have scored two plays earlier, but Camron Buckley delivered a helmet-to-helmet hit while blocking on the play and it was called back. Buckley, who was called for a holding penalty earlier in the drive, was ejected for targeting after the play was reviewed.

Otaro Alaka sacked Jake Bentley on third down on South Carolina's next drive to force a punt.

Ford put the Aggies on top on their ensuing possession when he dragged three defenders into the end zone for that 17-yard touchdown, which made it 24-17.

"I just describe it as just running hard," he said. "I don't like going to the ground, so I was just fighting."

Bentley was sacked twice on South Carolina's next drive and the Aggies got the ball back and they used run after run to get the clock down to less than two minutes.

Bentley threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns for South Carolina (3-2, 1-2), but he was sacked seven times behind a line dealing with injuries that often didn't give him enough time to make plays.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 45, Incarnate Word 20
Arkansas 42, New Mexico St. 24
Cent. Arkansas 41, Sam Houston St. 30
McNeese St. 35, Stephen F. Austin 0
Navy 31, Tulsa 21
Nicholls 41, Lamar 14
Oklahoma St. 41, Texas Tech 34
Prairie View 38, Jackson St. 9
SMU 49, UConn 28
Texas A&M 24, South Carolina 17

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 27, Ark.-Pine Bluff 14
Auburn 49, Mississippi St. 10
Austin Peay 7, UT Martin 0
Bethune-Cookman 24, Savannah St. 12
Campbell 38, Morehead St. 0
Charleston Southern 58, MVSU 7
Clemson 31, Virginia Tech 17
E. Illinois 19, Tennessee St. 13, OT
Elon 6, Albany (NY) 0
FIU 38, Middle Tennessee 20
FIU 30, Charlotte 29
Florida 38, Vanderbilt 24
Florida St. 26, Wake Forest 19
Furman 56, ETSU 35
Georgia 41, Tennessee 0
Georgia Tech 33, North Carolina 7
Jacksonville 56, Guilford 21
Jacksonville St. 34, Tennessee Tech 7
Kennesaw St. 38, North Greenville 34
Kentucky 24, E. Michigan 20
Louisiana Tech 34, South Alabama 16
Louisiana-Monroe 51, Coastal Carolina 43
Louisville 55, Murray St. 10
Marist 31, Davidson 9
Mercer 49, VMI 14
NC A&T 21, SC State 7
NC State 33, Syracuse 25
North Texas 43, Southern Miss. 28
SE Louisiana 49, Northwestern St. 20
Samford 38, The Citadel 14
South Florida 61, East Carolina 31
Southern U. 31, Fort Valley St. 14
St. Francis (Pa.) 13, Liberty 7
Stony Brook 21, William & Mary 18
Troy 24, LSU 21
UCF 46, Memphis 13
W. Carolina 45, Chattanooga 7
Wofford 31, Presbyterian 7

MIDWEST

Akron 34, Bowling Green 23
Buffalo 27, Kent St. 13
Drake 27, Butler 16
Grambling St. 31, Clark Atlanta 20
Illinois St. 24, Indiana St. 13
Kansas St. 33, Baylor 20
Marshall 38, Cincinnati 21
Maryland 31, Minnesota 24
Michigan St. 17, Iowa 10
N. Dakota St. 38, Missouri St. 11
N. Iowa 24, S. Illinois 17
Notre Dame 52, Miami (Ohio) 17
SE Missouri 29, E. Kentucky 10
San Diego 23, Dayton 7
South Dakota 38, W. Illinois 33
Valparaiso 27, Stetson 24
W. Michigan 55, Ball St. 3
Wisconsin 33, Northwestern 24
Youngstown St. 19, S. Dakota St. 7

EAST

Army 35, UTEP 21
Boston College 28, Cent. Michigan 6
Brown 24, Rhode Island 21
CCSU 28, Sacred Heart 15
Colgate 21, Cornell 7
Columbia 28, Princeton 24
Duquesne 38, WV Wesleyan 13
Harvard 41, Georgetown 2
Houston 20, Temple 13
James Madison 20, Delaware 10
Lafayette 10, Holy Cross 7
Monmouth (NJ) 35, Bucknell 13
New Hampshire 45, Bryant 17
Ohio 58, UMass 50
Ohio St. 56, Rutgers 0
Penn St. 45, Indiana 14
Pittsburgh 42, Rice 10
Villanova 24, Towson 9
Wagner 37, Lehigh 20
Yale 41, Fordham 10

FAR WEST

E. Washington 52, Sacramento St. 31
Idaho St. 38, Cal Poly 34
Montana 45, Portland St. 33
N. Arizona 48, N. Colorado 20
New Mexico 56, Air Force 38
Stanford 34, Arizona St. 24
Washington 42, Oregon St. 7
Weber St. 25, Montana St. 17
Wyoming 45, Texas St. 10

K-State tries to bounce back, Baylor tries to get on track

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State coach Bill Snyder was so embarrassed by his team's performance in a loss at Vanderbilt that he penned a letter this week apologizing to fans of the Wildcats.

"I did not hold up our end and provide you with a more positive outcome," Snyder wrote more than a week after the 14-7 defeat. "We did not play or coach collectively as well as we are capable, nor as well as we needed to against a competitive Vanderbilt team. I apologize for that."

The Wildcats finally can start making amends.

Kansas State (2-1, 0-0 Big 12) heads into its Big 12 opener against improving Baylor (0-4, 0-1) on Saturday following an inconvenient week off. Yes, the Wildcats had ample time to diagnose what went wrong against the Commodores, but they also had ample time to stew over the loss.

"Last week we had the bye coming off a loss and the guys felt a little bit down," tight end Dayton Valentine said. "We didn't get to come out and play to have a redemption game to take that anger away. Coming back, the guys realize how important his week is."

That's because the Wildcats still have a conference championship as a goal. The loss to Vanderbilt didn't scuttle that.

"Honestly, we had a great bye week," Wildcats wide receiver Dalton Schoen said. "Obviously, we know what will happen when we don't execute, which was what happened at Vanderbilt. We know as long as we go out there and execute our game plan, we can do some good things."

Meanwhile, Baylor also learned last week what happens when it executes better.

The Bears were embarrassed by Liberty, UTSA and Duke during its non-conference slate, but things began clicking against No. 3 Oklahoma. Behind a breakout game from Zach Smith, who threw for 463 yards and four scores, the Bears took the Sooners down to the wire in a 49-41 loss.

"The way we process is to every day look at what you're doing right, what you're doing wrong, and try to get better at it," Baylor coach Matt Rhule said. "We have not played to our capabilities yet, and we won't all year. We'll continue to get better and better and better.

"We just have to keep pushing ourselves forward," he added, "and when we win, I'll still be the same way. I'll say, 'We're still not doing this right, but we're doing this better.'"

As the Wildcats and Bears prepare to meet on Saturday, here are some things to know:

TOTAL PROPS

Rhule gushed about facing the 77-year-old Snyder for the first time, calling him "the kind of coach that I respect, and the guys who coach the game right, play the game right."

"We're going to compete against each other, but really at the end of the day, having a chance to compete against Coach Snyder makes me better, and makes me look at myself and how I do what I do," Rhule said. "The way he runs his program is exactly the way I want to run this program."

INJURY WOES

Baylor wide receiver Chris Platt and defensive end Xavier Jones are expected to miss the rest of the season after getting hurt against Oklahoma. Platt, who had 16 catches for 401 yards, hurt his left knee and Jones broke a bone in his foot.

"We're anxious to get them back for their senior year next year," Rhule said. "As it is right now, it looks like they will be out for the season unless something changes."

RUSHING TO JUDGMENT

Kansas State prefers to grind out games, which could pose a problem for the Bears. The Sooners rolled up 342 yards and four scores on the ground against them, while Texas-San Antonio and Duke also piled up at least 200 yards rushing.

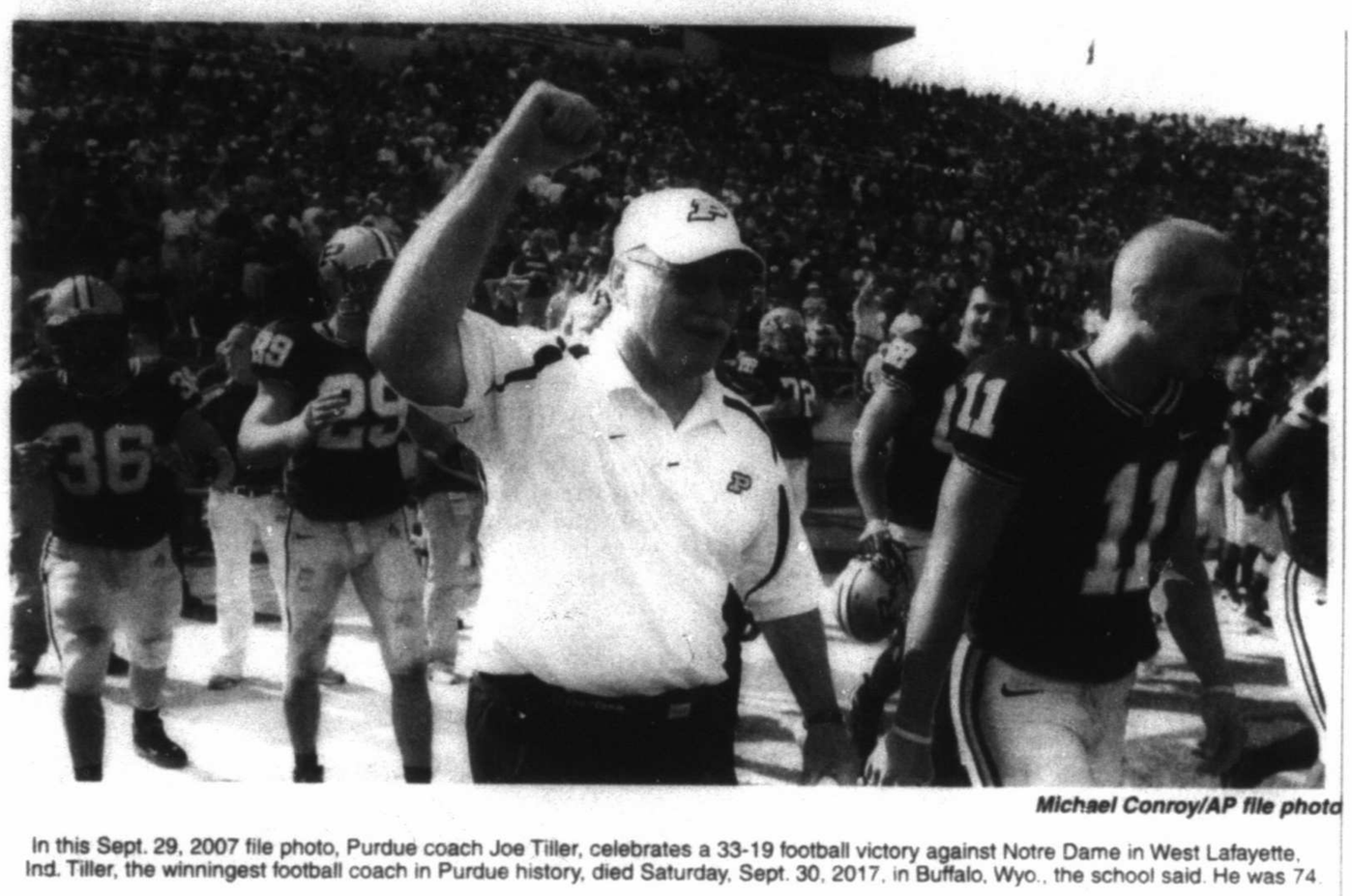
OR AIR IT OUT

Jesse Ertz was just 10 of 28 for 76 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions in the loss to Vanderbilt. But Snyder said the senior quarterback had a good week of practice, and there is a good chance the Wildcats will try to ensure Ertz's confidence rebounds.

SPEAKING OF QBS

Baylor gave Anu Solomon a shot earlier this season, but Smith was given his chance against Duke. And while the starter late last season struggled against the Blue Devils, the sophomore was dynamic — downright flawless — in the loss to Oklahoma

"It's going to be a test," Kansas State linebacker Jayd Kirby said. "I don't think we've seen 50 passes in a game yet, so it's going to be something new. We're going to have to defend them pretty well."



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In this Sept. 29, 2007 file photo, Purdue coach Joe Tiller, celebrates a 33-19 football victory against Notre Dame in West Lafayette, Ind. Tiller, the winningest football coach in Purdue history, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, in Buffalo, Wyo., the school said. He was 74.

Joe Tiller, football coach, dies at 74

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

For decades, Purdue has billed itself the "Cradle of Quarterbacks."

No coach did more to maintain that reputation than Joe Tiller. The man who guided Drew Brees as a Boilermaker and was the school's winningest football coach, died Saturday at age 74. He died at home of natural causes in Buffalo, Wyoming, the Harness Funeral Home said.

"Coach Tiller was an important person in my life and to so many other guys who played for him," Brees, the New Orleans Saints star who played for Tiller from 1997 to 2000, said. "He did so much more than teach us how to win. He taught us life lessons and how to be great leaders and men."

Tiller and Brees carried Purdue to rare heights at a school better known for basketball. Together, they led Tiller's "basketball on grass" spread offense to the 2000 Big Ten title and 2001 Rose Bowl, where Purdue lost to Washington 34-24.

"Joe Tiller was one of the great coaches in all of Purdue history," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said. "The next time we go to the Rose Bowl, our first thoughts will be of him, and we will miss him every day in between."?

Tiller had an 87-62 record at Purdue from 1997 to 2008. Besides Brees, he coached two other NFL quarterbacks — Kyle Orton and Curtis Painter. They led offenses that rewrote the Big Ten's record books. Brees is the Big Ten's all-time leading passer, Painter is second and Orton eighth.

"It's a fun offense to play in, and it attracts young people," Tiller told The Associated Press in 2008. "That's why I thought it was a matter of time before everybody ran it."

Tiller was proud of Brees and Orton's success in the NFL and used it to fire back at those who considered quarterbacks were system players. Brees has a Super Bowl ring and ranks third in NFL history in yards passing. Orton has 18,000 career yards and 101 touchdowns in the NFL.

"It's kind of interesting that two of the guys that were real torchbearers have gone on and played at the next level," Tiller said in 2008. "And not a surprise to us, I might add."

Tiller's success at Purdue came after years of struggle. In the 15 years before the school hired him, the Boilermakers had a 54-107-5 record. Purdue played in five bowl games in school history before Tiller arrived; the Boilermakers played in 10 on his watch.

"We've changed the culture surrounding the football program," Tiller told the AP in 2007. "I think that we certainly have changed the expectation level, and I don't know if that's good or bad."

Tiller was an assistant at Purdue from 1983 to 1986. He was an assistant at Wyoming and Washington State before becoming head coach at Wyoming for six years. In 1996, he led Wyoming to a 10-2 record and the Western Athletic Conference championship game.

"Joe took a chance coming back to Purdue, and all Boilermakers, and me in particular, are grateful," former Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke said. "Joe was the best evaluator of talent I have ever seen. His dry wit endeared him to his players, and he knew how to coach and motivate them."

Tiller said in 2008 he wanted to be remembered for more than football.

"People ask me about my legacy at Purdue, and I guess I see myself as a guy who came in and fit the place, and the place fit him — a man of the people," he said.

"I've always prided myself on being able to get along with anybody, whether they are a major donor or someone who comes to one game a year. I've tried to respect everybody, so I would like my legacy to be that I was a good guy who could also coach football."

From Toledo, Ohio, Tiller was a star lineman at Montana State and played one season for the Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League.

Tiller began his coaching career at his alma mater under Jim Sweeney. Tiller rejoined Sweeney at Washington State in 1971, then was with the Stampeders from 1974 to 1982 as an assistant coach, interim head coach, assistant general manager and director of administration and player personnel.

TEXAS COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

SMU 49, UCONN 28

DALLAS — Ben Hicks passed for 280 yards and four touchdowns on Saturday and SMU pulled away with three fourth-quarter touchdowns to beat Connecticut 49-28.

The Mustangs (4-1, 1-0 American) took the lead for good at 35-28 on Hicks' 34-yard touchdown pass to Courtland Sutton with 11:46 left. SMU's Ryan Becker blocked Brett Graham's punt on UConn's next possession and Ke'Mon Freeman's 3-yard run made it 42-28. The Huskies (1-3, 0-2) then turned it over on downs deep in their own territory and Braeden West's 25-yard run capped the scoring on the next play.

Trey Quinn caught 15 passes for 116 yards and two TDs and Sutton finished with seven catches for 112 yards and two scores for SMU.

UConn trailed 21-10 at halftime but cut the deficit to one with 10-straight third-quarter points and tied it at 28 early in the fourth.

Bryant Shirreffs passed for 408 yards and two TDs for the Huskies but was sacked eight times.

ARMY 66, UTEP 14

WEST POINT, N.Y. — A year ago Army was reeling from the death of defensive back Brandon Jackson when it had to go on the road early in the season, and the Black Knights responded with a dominating performance.

Leaning on the memory of No. 28, who died in a one-car accident the morning after a game, Army slammed Texas-El Paso 66-14 for its third straight win in what became a turnaround 8-5 year for the academy.

Derailed by consecutive road losses to Ohio State and Tulane that have dropped its record to 2-2, Army hopes for a repeat performance of last year when struggling UTEP (0-4) visits on Saturday.

"We played them last year and were in a very emotional state," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "We benefited from that emotional high we were on — wanting to compete and wanting to honor Brandon.

"Hopefully, we can master our intensity from last year and hope that we will execute better than we have in the last couple of weeks and find a way to win."

PITTSBURGH 42, RICE 10

PITTSBURGH — Max Browne returned at starting quarterback and threw four touchdown passes in Pittsburgh's 42-10 rout of the Rice on Saturday.

Pitt's offense was rolling from the start, scoring on its first three possessions. Chawntez Moss and Jester Weah hauled in touchdown passes of 48 and 55 yards and Qadree Ollison added a 10-yard touchdown run.

Browne, a redshirt senior transfer from Southern Cal, came out of training camp as Pittsburgh's starter, but lost the job to redshirt sophomore Ben DiNucci after three games.

DiNucci started against Georgia Tech a week ago, but couldn't stop the slide as Pitt (2-3) lost its third game in a row.

That gave Browne another opportunity and he responded by completing his first nine passes on the way to a 28-for-32 afternoon, with a career-high 410 yards and four touchdowns.

Rice quarterback Jackson Tyner hit Austin Walter for a 70-yard touchdown as the Owls (1-4) pulled it to 28-10 in the third quarter. Tyner finished 15 of 32 for 222 yards, but also threw three interceptions.

Browne connected on short touchdown passes to Darrin Hall and Chris Clark in the fourth quarter as the Panthers pulled away.

NORTH TEXAS 43, SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 28

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Mason Fine threw two touchdown passes and North Texas scored 26 straight points in the second and third quarters to rally past Southern Mississippi 43-28 on Saturday night.

After trailing 14-0 and 21-7, Fine ignited the North Texas comeback with a 2-yard pass to Jalen Guyton and, after Trevor Moore's field goals of 48 and 20 yards, Fine threw a 16-yard pass to Rico Bussey. Jeffery Wilson ran in a score from the 43 and the Mean Green (3-2, 2-0 Conference USA) led 33-21. Wilson ran for two more TDs on a career-high 30 carries for 148 yards.

Guyton has 14 catches for 211 yards, both career bests.

Fine passed for 366 yards, topping 300 for the third time. Moore's 48-yarder was a season-best.

Southern Mississippi (2-2 0-1) led 14-0 when Kwadra Griggs threw a 7-yard TD pass to Allenzae Staggers (112 yards receiving) and then ran in from the 4

Olympics could be hot topic in next round of NHL CBA talks

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

Going to the Olympics was a life-changing experience for T.J. Oshie, a shootout star for the United States against Russia in Sochi.

Oshie and dozens, if not hundreds, of NHL stars are disappointed they won't get a chance to do it again at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. He would like to ensure Olympic participation in the future — but not at any cost.

"To what end, like what we would have to give up?" Oshie said. "Now you're taking about an entire league of players and families potentially losing out on whatever it would be. ... What we'd be giving up would affect everybody. It's a tough talk."

Because Olympic participation wasn't written into the collective bargaining agreement signed in 2013, the decision rested with NHL owners, who decided against going to Pyeongchang after the league participated in the previous five Games. With the first chance for players or owners to opt out of the CBA now two years away, the Olympics, escrow payments and the draft age look like they are bound to be among the hot topics.

NHL Players' Association executive director Donald Fehr said owners choosing to skip the 2018 Olympics "is a thorn, is a sore" for players and is "not going to be forgotten."

"I think it is clearly something the players are going to want to think long and hard about when they get to the point of formulating their positions," Fehr said. "I would not be at all surprised if they wanted to make this an issue around which they felt very strongly in terms of the overall agreement because you have to remember that while it's true that roughly a fifth of the players play in any particular set of Games, everyone would like the opportunity to go."

Dallas Stars center Tyler Seguin said not going to the Olympics "kind of makes you angry." Seguin added: "We're going to have to figure something out for future players and for our future in general as a game."

The future of the game likely will involve increased international events that help grow revenue and spread hockey's influence around the world. The Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks recently played in Shanghai and Beijing , site of the 2022 Olympics, with the NHL attempting to make inroads in China.

The NHL and NHLPA staged the return of the World Cup of Hockey last year in Toronto, and the Colorado Avalanche and Ottawa Senators will play two games in Sweden in November.

Fehr said the NHL has "for some time now indicated a lot more interest in China" than in Korea. But Commissioner Gary Bettman said in several meetings with Chinese businesses and government entities "not one of them asked about the Olympics because what we're doing isn't about two weeks."

The NHL is interested in China, and it wouldn't hurt the players' Olympic chances if Salt Lake City or Calgary lands the 2026 Winter Games, but the topic of ensuring participation is not an easy one for upcoming negotiations.

"For us to say that there's a change of heart, there's obviously going to have to be a change in circumstance, including how the (International Olympic Committee) and the (International Ice Hockey Federation) view our participation," said Bettman, who noted that neither side is currently focused on reopening CBA talks.

"I have no idea what the Players' Association will raise in that regard. But we were clear in the last round of bargaining that we needed the ability not to go to the Olympics because we understood how disruptive they are to the season."

After 147 NHL players participated in Sochi, much of the reaction inside locker rooms to the NHL's decision on Korea wasn't positive. At the very least, a handful of players said they'd like to know in advance about the Olympics so it doesn't come down to the wire like it did last time.

"I think it's important that we address it so that it's a done issue, whether it be that we're not going or we're going," Anaheim Ducks center Ryan Getzlaf said. "I don't think we want to leave it open to interpretation every year that it goes on."

Cavs owner gets 'vile' voicemails after LeBron's 'bum' tweet

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert received "vile, disgusting" voicemails after LeBron James called President Donald Trump a "bum" on Twitter.

Gilbert said he was flooded with phone messages when the NBA's most celebrated player criticized Trump for rescinding a White House invitation to Golden State's Stephen Curry to honor the team's NBA championship.

"I received voicemails after LeBron tweeted that were some of the most vile, disgusting, racist," Gilbert said Friday on CNBC's "Squawk Box. "There's an element of racism that I didn't even realize existed in this country this much."

Gilbert said he had not told James about the voicemails. He called the comments unnerving.

"And you could hear it in their voice — the racism," Gilbert said. "It wasn't even really about the issue, and that's what really got me, because they went to who they really are, some of them."

Earlier this week, James said he did not regret his comment about Trump.

"Me and my friends call me that all the time," James said during a news conference on media day. "I'm not his friend, though. He's not my friend. No, when I woke up and saw what he said about Steph Curry. First of all, it's so funny because it's like you inviting me to your party, right? As a matter of fact, it's not like you invited me.

"It's almost, like 'Hey, I'm not going to be able to make it. I'm not coming and then you would be like, 'LeBron, guess what? You're not invited. I wasn't coming anyways, so that was funny to me when I woke up and saw that. So, my first initial response was, you bum."

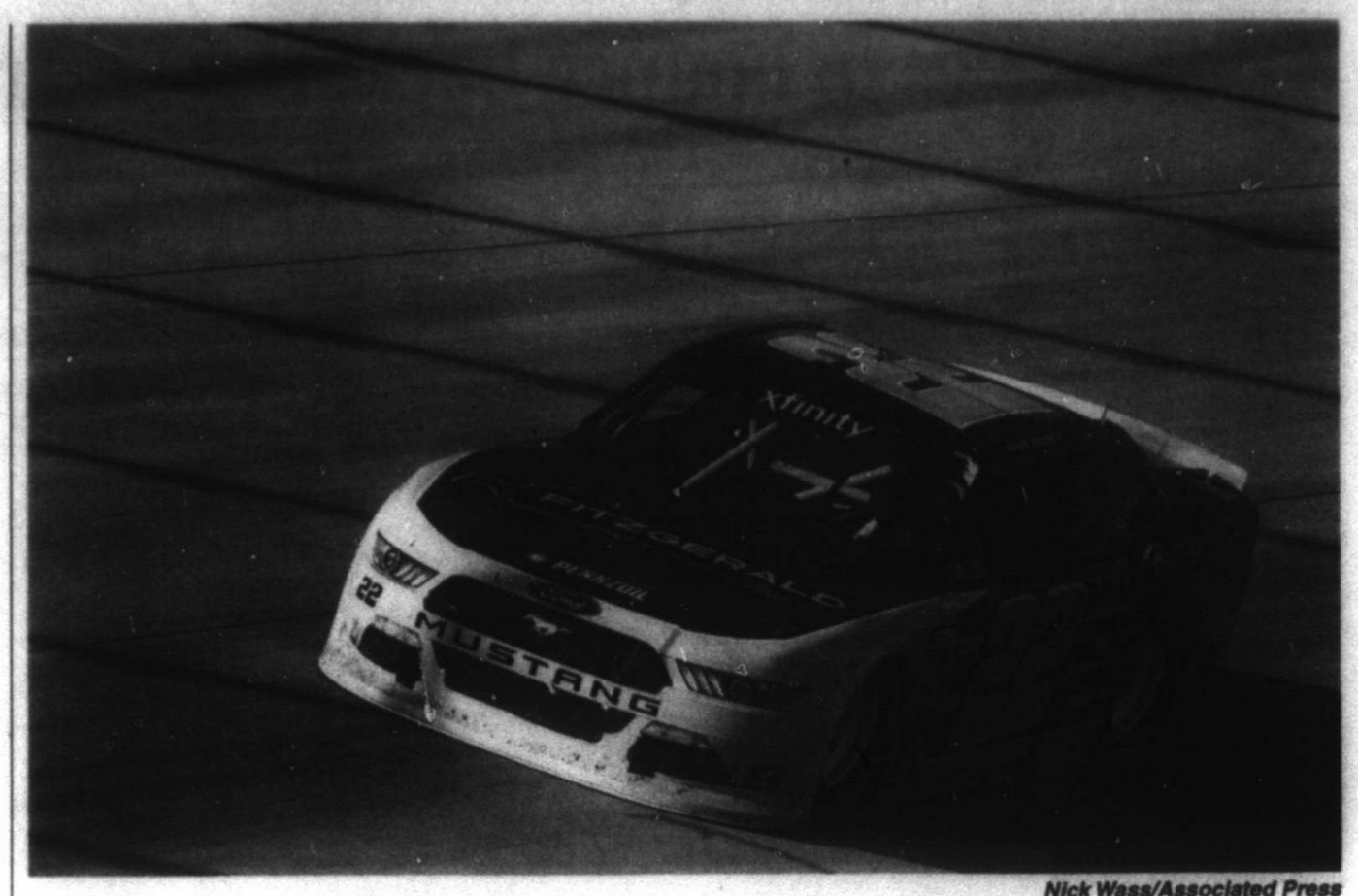
James also commended NFL players for protesting after Trump said owners should fire any players who kneel during the national anthem.

Gilbert and James have patched up a complicated relationship. Gilbert infamously wrote a letter to Cleveland fans criticizing James for leaving as a free agent in 2010. The owner was later fined $100,000 after he accused James of quitting in the playoffs during an interview with The Associated Press.

Gilbert's ties to Trump would seem to create another problem. Gilbert, however, said in statement this week that he supports both political parties. Gilbert's Quicken Loans mortgage lending company donated $750,000 to the president's inauguration party.

"Our interests are in the policies at the federal level, and not the politics surrounding the elections," he said. "We have often supported both political parties in the same election so that we have the ability to impact positive change, regardless of who occupies the offices.

"Our focus with any office-holder or politician is about the communication of the still substantial needs of our former rust-belt cities that are now finally beginning the road to recovery and growth that other parts of America have been experiencing for a long period of time."



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Ryan Blaney competes during the NASCAR Xfinity series auto race Saturday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Cup star Blaney crashes Xfinity playoffs and wins at Dover

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — With a checkered flag missing and no highlight reel burnout to be found, Ryan Blaney may at least want to keep the race trophy as a keepsake to prove he won at Dover.

Blaney crashed the Xfinity Series playoffs and the Cup regular dominated Saturday at Dover International Speedway.

"It's really hard to get a car like that," he said.

NASCAR imposed limits this season on how many times the elite Cup drivers can race in NASCAR's second-tier series. But no rule could stop Blaney from reaching victory lane. Blaney made the Cup playoffs with a win at Pocono and played spoiler at Dover in the second race of the Xfinity playoffs.

Blaney, a social media darling in NASCAR, took his checkered flag and slipped it through a fence to give to a young fan. Blaney recalled he was once that same excited kid when he tagged along at the track as the son of former NASCAR driver Dave Blaney and grandson of dirt track star Lou Blaney.

"He seemed really pumped up to be at the race," Blaney said. "There was a lot of kids here today , which is really cool. I kind of saw a little bit of myself. I was a little kid coming here and watching races. Anything we can to do to try to keep them coming back and show them a pretty great experience at the track. He looked like he wanted it and he was pretty happy when he got it."

Almost as happy as Blaney was to win it.

Blaney, who usually gives a checkered flag to a team member, also skipped the traditional winner's burnout.

"It's not really my thing," he said.

Xfinity playoff drivers took the second through six spots and nine of the top 11. Justin Allgaier was second, followed by William Byron, Daniel Hemric and Brennan Poole.

The 23-year-old Blaney won for the second time in nine Xfinity races driving the No. 22 Ford for team owner Roger Penske. He led 136 of 200 laps and won his sixth career Xfinity race.

Allgaier leads the standings by three points over JR Motorsports teammate Byron. The series moves to Charlotte Motor Speedway where the field of 12 drivers will be cut to eight.

Blaney will drive a third entry for Team Penske in NASCAR's top Cup series next year. Blaney will drive the No. 12 Ford and join Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski in team owner Roger Penske's NASCAR lineup. Blaney was signed to Penske in 2012 and farmed out to race for Wood Brothers Racing. Blaney won his first career NASCAR Cup race this season for the Wood brothers at Pocono .

Blaney starts 11th in Sunday's Cup race at Dover.

Saturday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile

(Starting position in parentheses)
1. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200 laps.
2. (4) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.
3. (1) William Byron, Chevrolet, 200.
4. (9) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 200.
5. (7) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200.
6. (23) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 200.
7. (2) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200.
8. (6) Cole Custer, Ford, 200.
9. (10) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200.
10. (13) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 200
11. (18) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 200.
12. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 200.
13. (11) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.
14. (21) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 199
15. (14) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 199.
16. (17) Ryan Reed, Ford, 198.
17. (25) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 198.
18. (16) Casey Mears, Ford, 198.
19. (19) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 198.
20. (3) Erik Jones, Toyota, 198.
21. (27) Ray Black II, Chevrolet, 198.
22. (22) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 198
23. (26) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 198
24. (20) Spencer Gallagher Jr., Chevrolet, 198
25. (29) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 197
26. (5) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 197
27. (28) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 194
28. (35) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 194
29. (30) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 194
30. (39) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 192
31. (37) Mike Harmon, Dodge, clutch, 87
32. (36) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, suspension, 43
33. (38) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, overheating, 35
34. (40) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, electrical, 31
35. (24) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, accident, 25
36. (34) Chad Finchum, Chevrolet, accident, 25
37. (31) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, engine, 17
38. (32) David Starr, Chevrolet, accident, 7
39. (15) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, accident, 4
40. (33) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, accident, 4

Average Speed of Race Winner: 111.975 mph
Time of Race: 1 hour, 47 minutes, 10 seconds
Margin of Victory: 4.852 seconds
Caution Flags: 5 for 28 laps.
Lead Changes: 4 among 3 drivers.
Lap Leaders: W. Byron 1-62; D. Suarez 63; R. Blaney 64-122; D. Suarez 123; R. Blaney 124-200
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): R. Blaney 2 times for 136 laps; W. Byron 1 time for 62 laps; D. Suarez 2 times for 2 laps

Spurs star Kawhi Leonard to miss preseason with thigh injury

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A lingering thigh injury for Kawhi Leonard has the San Antonio Spurs' season off to an ominous start.

Leonard will miss the entire preseason while rehabbing an injury to his right quadriceps, the Spurs announced Saturday. There is no definitive timetable for his return.

Coach Gregg Popovich told reporters in San Antonio that the thigh has bothered Leonard since the playoffs. The two-time All-Star and two-time defensive player of the year has been working on rehabilitation all summer but is still not ready to get on the court.

"It's just from last year, working on things from last year," Popovich said. "It's gone a little more slowly than we thought."

Leonard averaged 25.5 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Spurs last season. He was voted first team All-NBA, first team All-Defense and finished third in the MVP voting behind Russell Westbrook and James Harden.

The Spurs said it was quadriceps tendinopathy, a condition that can cause the tendon to tire with overuse. Leonard did not participate in a team scrimmage Saturday that was open to the public.

"It's all about coach wanting him to be 100 percent and ready to be Kawhi on both ends of floor," point guard Dejounte Murray said.

The Spurs will need Leonard to be the two-way dynamo he has become more than ever this season. The Western Conference is loaded with talent, with the Houston Rockets (Chris Paul), Oklahoma City Thunder (Paul George, Carmelo Anthony) and Minnesota Timberwolves (Jimmy Butler) all making significant additions to their rosters to try to catch up to the Golden State Warriors.

The Spurs played the Warriors tougher than anyone last season and were up 25 points in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals before Leonard left with a badly sprained ankle. They added Rudy Gay and Joffrey Lauvergne while bringing back free agents Pau Gasol and Patty Mills to a team that won 61 games in the regular season.

Popovich said Leonard's thigh injury was not related to the ankle issue.

South Carolina women's hoops coach: No White House invite

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Dawn Staley and her champion South Carolina Gamecocks are still waiting for their invite to the White House.

"We haven't gotten an invitation yet and that in itself speaks volumes," the women's basketball coach told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Friday night. "We won before those other teams won their championships. I don't know what else has to happen."

Staley said she isn't even sure her team, which won the NCAA women's basketball title in April, would go now if invited. The night her squad won the school's first national championship, the Hall of Famer said the team would go to the White House because "it's what it stands for. It's what national champions do." That was before "some things," as Staley put it Friday night, "transpired over the last few months. I haven't talked to anyone about it. I got bigger fish to fry than worry about an invitation."

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Every previous NCAA women's basketball champion since 1983 has been invited to the White House, spanning five different presidents.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. rises as NASCAR's conscience in his farewell season

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

Nick Wass/Associated Press

Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, signs for a fan before practice for the NASCAR Cup series auto race, Saturday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

DOVER, Del. — Retirement Dale has been Blunt Dale. As his final season ticks away, Dale Earnhardt Jr. has grabbed a bullhorn and demanded change — in 140-character bursts, on his podcast and through the media — on matters big and small in NASCAR.

He referenced John F. Kennedy in a tweet and was the first driver to take a stand on NASCAR's place in the national anthem debate. He angered fellow veteran drivers when he suggested they may have to accept pay cuts. And he chided NASCAR for allowing drivers to blow out their tires in victory celebrations and for parking drivers on pit road during an entire practice.

Earnhardt stands up for NASCAR — and isn't shy about telling the sanctioning body when it needs to stand down.

Oh, and it's not over in seven weeks after he is done racing.

He is headed to the broadcast booth and will join NBC Sports Group's coverage of stock car racing next year. Junior unleashed with a live mic for 20 Cup races next season should make for must-see TV for race fans.

Worried about sponsors or alienating a dwindling fan base, most drivers don't have the desire or clout to speak out on much more than if the car felt loose or tight headed into a turn.

Not Earnhardt. He opines on the sport each week on his "Dale Jr Download" podcast, and on his latest episode, he took aim at the "same tired stigma" NASCAR has faced over its racial and political overtones. When two race team owners threatened to fire employees who refused to stand for the national anthem, Earnhardt, who has 26 career victories, including the 2004 and 2014 Daytona 500, said he refused to judge athletes who take a knee in protest.

"I don't always claim to be right," Earnhardt said, "but I think in transparency in conversation and compassion you can learn from others. There is only one way to sort of do that and that is by communication and sharing. I have always sort of been eager in a sense to know more and to learn more and to try to understand both sides."

Earnhardt's farewell season went off the rails early and he'll end his career without a Cup championship. He hasn't won this season and is 22nd in the standings headed into Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway.

But the disappointment on the track hasn't squelched his candor on the issues that affect the sport.

Sure, when he said this summer that veteran drivers would continue to get squeezed out of rides for younger, cheaper drivers if they didn't accept pay cuts, he got a rare rebuke from former Cup champions Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth.

Otherwise, Earnhardt rolls on, perhaps hopeful he can exert some influence to change policy or even the way people think about issues that matter.

"I have just always been pretty transparent," he said.

Of late, Earnhardt has spoken out on:

■ The national anthem: "No surprise to me everyone at the track stood and addressed the flag during the anthem, which I think will continue. But I also understand that the man next to me, if he wants to do something different, that's his right. I might not agree with everything somebody does, but it's their right to have that opportunity to do that. I can't take that away from them, and I don't want them taking it away from me."

■ Blown tires: "I have been kind of waiting all this time for NASCAR to eventually say, 'Look, you know we would just rather you guys not blow the tires out.' They talk about not wanting to be the 'fun police;' being the 'fun police' is not on the radar of their damn problems."

■ Parked drivers: "Missing practice is plenty of punishment. No need to bust out the dunce hat."

■ Driver salaries: "Drivers are having to sort of understand that change is coming down the pike. If it hasn't happened to them yet, it's going to happen to them. And the young guys, they don't know any better. They want to race and they're taking whatever they can get. That's a good change for the owners. That's a shift that's going to be better for the sport and get those salaries into a realistic range for how much money we have from corporate America."

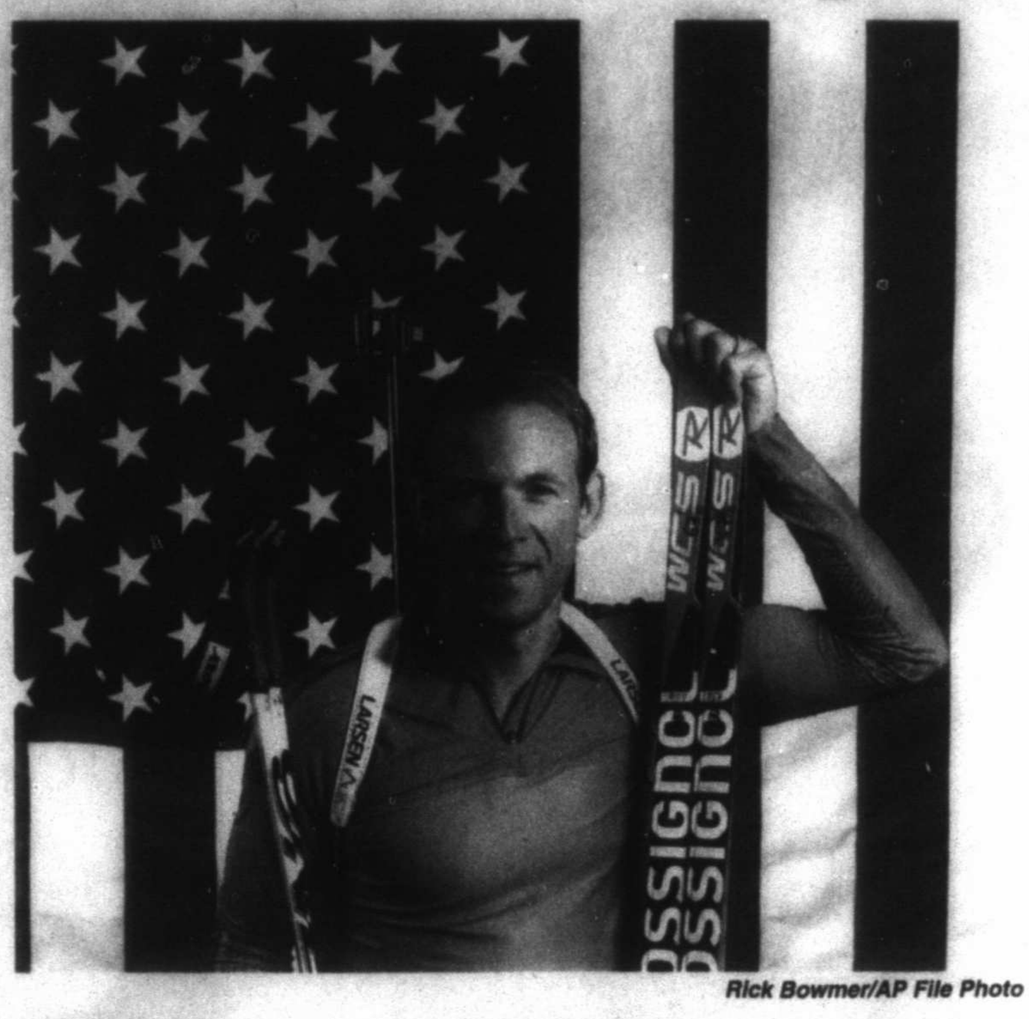
Earnhardt has a larger vehicle to express his views next season at NBC, where he'll be reunited with former crew chief and current analyst Steve Letarte. NBC declined to comment Saturday and referenced a July announcement in which executive Sam Flood said he had conversations with Earnhardt "about how to grow NASCAR, how to expose new fans and how to make his passion for the sport come through to the fans."

It's one thing for Junior to sound off as a lame-duck driver. But does NBC really want him to wade through murky political waters once he's employed by the network?

Most drivers bristled this weekend when asked about protests and anthem etiquette. Earnhardt addressed the topic on Twitter, his podcast and inside the Dover media center because that's what he does — comfortable in his role as locker room leader and conscience of the sport.

'Anger, frustration' from US biathletes, skiers over dopers

By Martha Bellisle
Associated Press



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United States Olympic Winter Games biathlon's Lowell Bailey poses for a portrait at the 2017 Team USA Media Summit Monday in Park City, Utah. Bailey says news about Russia's state-sponsored doping program was "the most shocking thing that has occurred in my athletic career."

Before Susan Dunklee became the first U.S. woman to win an individual medal in a world championship biathlon race, she spent years training 18 to 25 hours each week in the summer and racing about 35 times during the winter to fine-tune her athletic abilities.

"We do two workouts a day, a mix of skiing, running, biking, to break down the muscles over and over and let them build back up," Dunklee said via Skype from a training camp in Germany. "But there's only a certain level you can push your body before working harder isn't going to help you. You have to recover."

That's where doping comes in. Cheaters use steroids, testosterone, EPO and other performance-enhancing drugs in part to help their bodies recover faster.

"People think about doping and they think they're taking it during the race so they'll get an advantage and that's true, but you also have to think about the summer months. If they're cheating, it allows them to put a huge, bigger training foundation down," Dunklee said.

So when it was reported that Russian agents tampered with urine samples to cover up doping by biathletes, cross country skiers and others at the Sochi Olympics, Dunklee said she was "a little bit angry, but also pretty sad."

"It's painful to know it's not a level playing field," she said. "And it's painful to know that there's people who are stuck in a system that from the top down is forcing athletes into this illicit sort of scenario. It's unhealthy for everyone involved."

Russia won 33 medals — a record 13 gold — at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, compared with 15 medals — three gold — at the 2010 Vancouver Games. In Sochi, Russia won four medals in biathlon, and five in cross-country skiing.

Cross-country skiers and biathletes from Norway, Germany and other countries also have tested positive over the years, but no nation has had an organized doping program to compare with what Russia is accused of conducting.

Lowell Bailey, a member of the U.S. Olympic Biathlon team since 2006, said the news was "the most shocking thing that has occurred in my athletic career."

"When you put your entire life's work into something under the assumption that you are operating by the same rules as everyone else on that field of play, and when you find out, no, that's not the case, there's a mix of anger, frustration, sadness," Bailey, the first American biathlete to win a gold medal at the world championships, said.

That's why Bailey and Dunklee, the first athletes named to the 2018 U.S. Olympic team, as well as ski coaches and the heads of two winter organizations want Russia barred from the next Winter Games.

"If you chose to cheat at the Olympic level, and put banned substances into your blood so you can gain an advantage, I really don't see any place for that person in the Olympic movement," Bailey said.

Bailey finished eighth in the individual event in Sochi. Russian won bronze. Dunklee finished 11th in the mass start. Six Russian cross-country skiers and a Russian biathlete were suspended after Sochi but no decision has been made for the next games.

Richard McLaren, commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Association to investigate Russian doping, said his findings "confirmed the existence of widespread cheating through the use of doping substances and methods to ensure, or enhance the likelihood of, victory for athletes and teams."

McLaren's first report came out just before the Rio Olympics. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach allowed individual athletic federations to choose how to handle the Russians, with most allowing them to compete. The International Association of Athletics Federation banned Russia's track and field team, but athletes who could prove they were clean were let in as "neutral athletes."

Bach says he won't decide whether Russia can compete in Pyeongchang until he gets the results from two new commissions he set up last year. He defended his position during a recent press conference by saying more information is needed.

"Before you suspend an athlete, before you sanction an athlete you have to prove that he or she has committed an anti-doping rule violation," he said.

In the documentary "Icarus," released by Netflix last month, former Moscow Laboratory director Grigory Rodchenkov describes how Russia devised a way to open sample bottles, dump tainted urine and replace the caps. When Rodchenkov escaped to the U.S., he provided lists of athletes involved in the scam as well as emails among Russian officials discussing the drug protocols.

Bach's commissions have not met with Rodchenkov to take his testimony, according to a letter acquired by The Associated Press that was sent by Rodchenkov's lawyer to the World Anti-Doping Agency. Rodchenkov offered his help and the panels only recently contacted him to set up an interview — more than a year after starting their work.

Bach's position frustrates the U.S. winter sports world.

"If you prove that an entire Olympic organization was responsible for a state-run doping program across virtually ali their Olympic sports and then you do little or nothing about it in terms of punishment, what precedent does that set for the future of Olympic sport?" Bailey asked. "It basically says you can get away with the worst doping scandal in history and not have any negative repercussions."

Tiger Shaw, president of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, and Max Cobb, president of the U.S. Biathlon Association, also are calling for the IOC to ban Russia from the Pyeongchang Olympics.

"When you have our International Olympic Committee commissioning additional studies, questioning its own regulatory body, WADA, you wonder, really, who's controlling all of this? What's the motivation there?" Shaw asked. "The investigation has been done It's conclusive."

Los Angeles Sparks a win away from repeating as WNBA champs

By Jill Painter Lopez
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Sparks star Nneka Ogwumike was sporting a clear bandage under her eye Saturday. It wasn't hiding the five stitches she received after Minnesota Lynx center Sylvia Fowles used her arm to attempt track down a rebound in the fourth quarter in Game 3 of the WNBA Finals.

Ogwumike was quick to say Fowles didn't do it intentionally.

"I saw it happening and it was like a fumble and when she went to get it she kind of flung her arm," Ogwumike said. "It just kind of split the skin. But I think AB (Alana Beard) came up with the rebound."

It's easy for the Sparks to find silver linings. They dominated the boards en route to beating the Lynx 75-64 in Game 3 on Friday and they're now one win away from hoisting the WNBA Finals championship trophy Sunday at Staples Center.

The Sparks have plenty of experience given that they won last year and can become the first team since 2002 to win back-to-back titles.

"I think we have players that are competitors. We have players that know the way we want to play," Candace Parker said. "Look, I can tolerate just losing in terms of us beating beat, them beating us. We want to make sure it's what they're doing and not what we're doing in a game like this. We have to take care of what we can control.

"We can control how hard we rebound and how hard we play defensively, how we move offensively, the pace with which we play. That's what's important in this game, keeping both eyes on the journey."

The Sparks could envision hoisting that trophy with their fans — there was a sellout crowd of 13,500 Friday in Game 3 — and how nice that would feel. Last year, the Sparks won in Minnesota.

The Lynx face elimination but can force a Game 5 in Minnesota on Wednesday with a win. They were in a similar situation last year and forced a fifth game.

Fowles said she and Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve had a one-on-one conversation Saturday morning.

"I think for the most part we respond well when our backs are against the wall," Fowles said. "I don't like those back-up-against-the-wall type of situations. Unfortunately, that's where we are at this point. You just have to keep fighting and battling and take what comes, that's Game 4. If we want to stay alive in this thing we have to make sure we're energized and into what's going on."

Asked if she had a one-on-one talk with all of her players, Reeve simply said "no."

While the Sparks had a balanced offense, the Lynx backcourt struggled as Seimone Augustus and Lindsay Whalen were both scoreless.

"I've got to be more aggressive," Augustus said. "I've got to get the ball. I can't shoot air. Our offense was very stagnant. Didn't execute the way we wanted to, so it created a lot of one-on-one situations for everything. Forces Sylvia to have to score with two people guarding her. Forces Maya to have to take contested shots. When we are efficiently flowing in our offense, I feel like no team can guard us. I wasn't able to get as many touches because of how out of sync we were."

Reeve's challenge to the starters was well taken.

"Everything she says we know," Moore said. "She's very straightforward about telling us how it is. We as leaders have to continue to embrace that and do our best to improve and make changes and adjustments here and there to make sure we don't have issues we cause ourselves."

The Sparks believe they will play well in a closeout situation.

"I think we're a different team, even from the semifinals," Ogwumike said. "We've learned a lot along the way. We have experience, I guess you could say, in closing games out. Throughout the season, coach (Brian Agler) talks about winning each series. You play everybody three times and Dallas four times. I think we won every series with the exception of Dallas. We tied that series.

"With that, that's the mindset we have going in to this game. Just doing what we have to do to win this game. Everyone is pretty focused on that."

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When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Motion Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

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Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

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Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
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What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
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Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
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Cost: $30 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
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What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap, 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until Dusk Wednesday to Sunday
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Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Glat and Terrel
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
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Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
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COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
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West Texas Tennis Association
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Bush Tennis Center Clinics
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Where: Bush Tennis Center
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USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-8610 or E-mail www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $95, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
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When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
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For: All Ages
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When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
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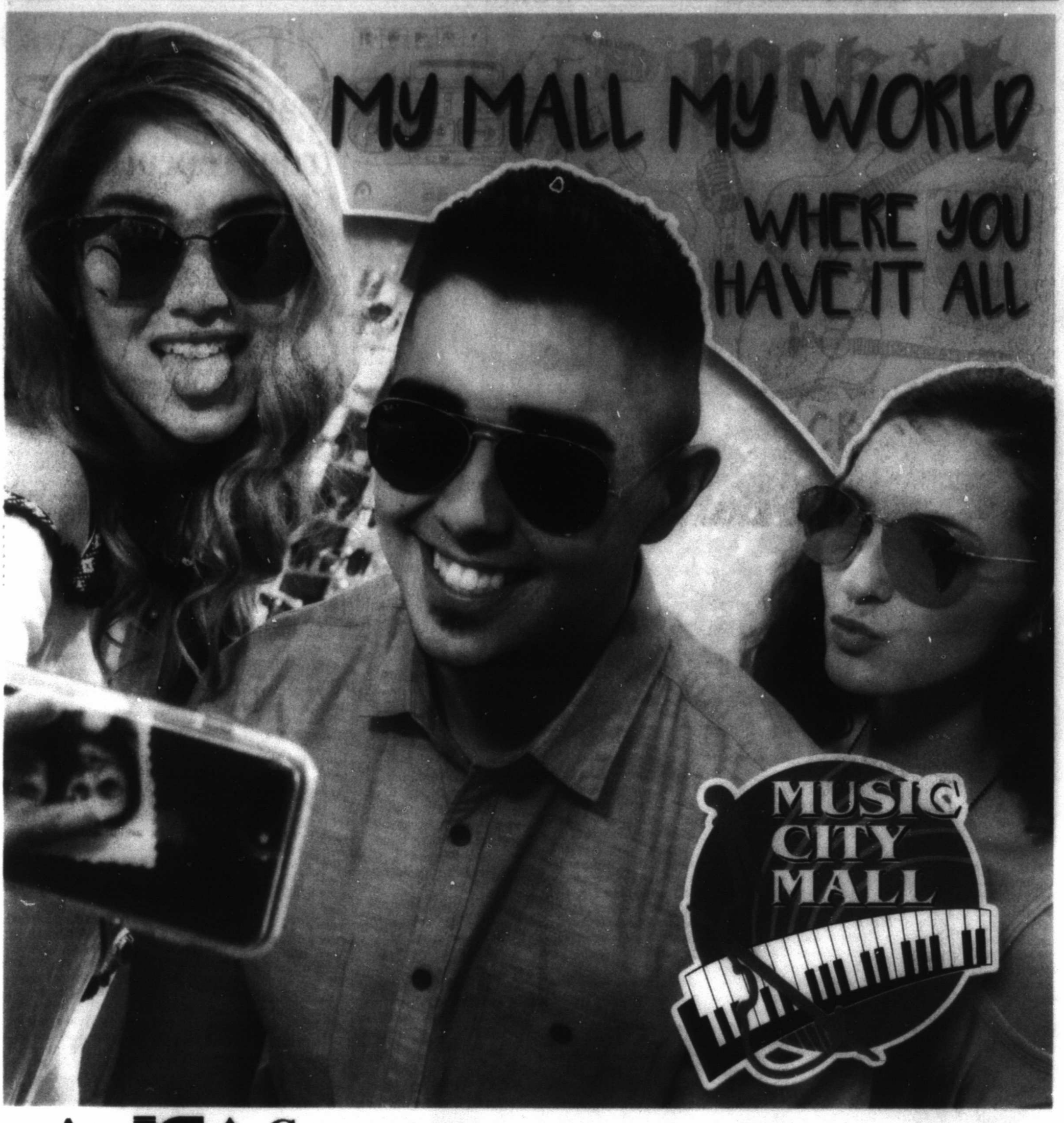

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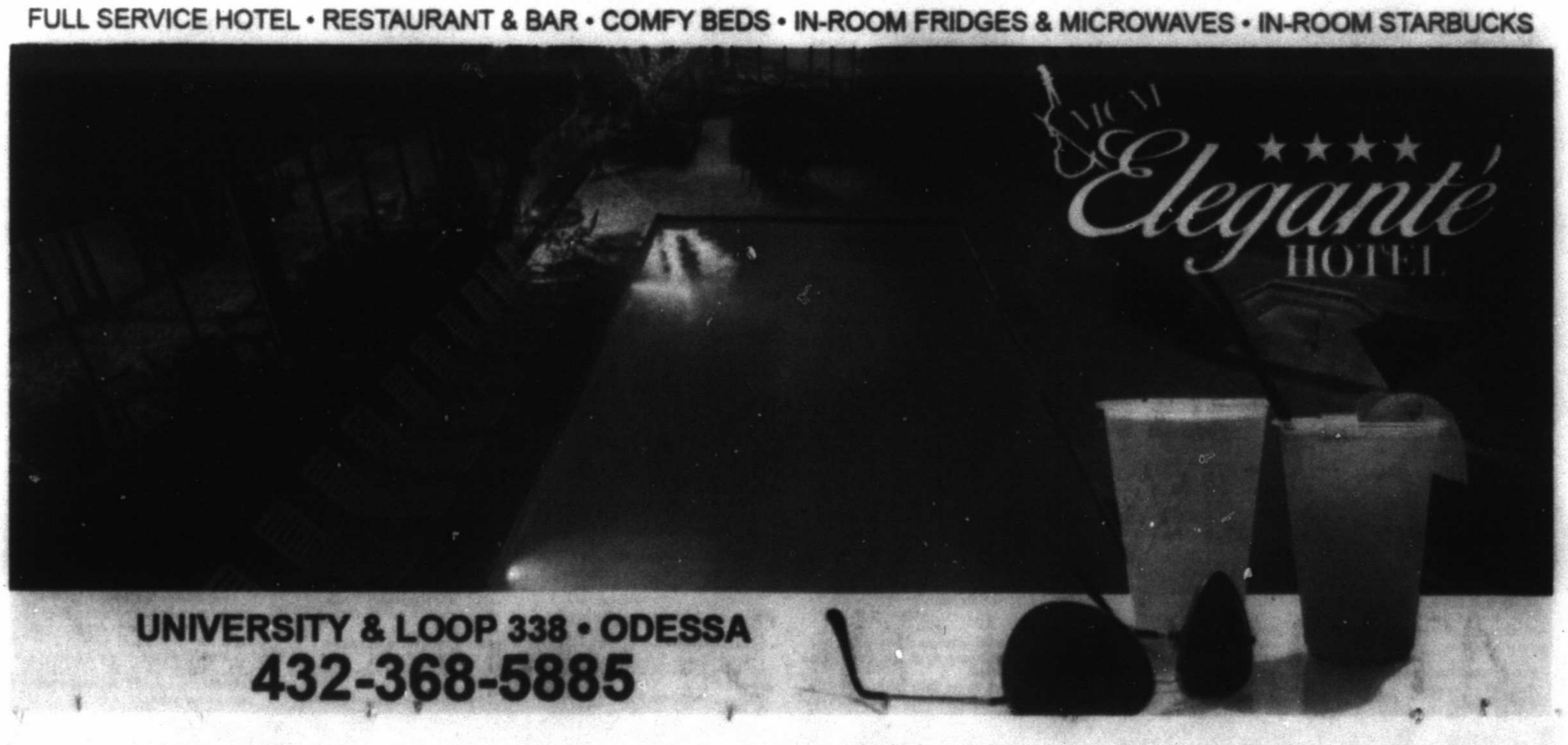

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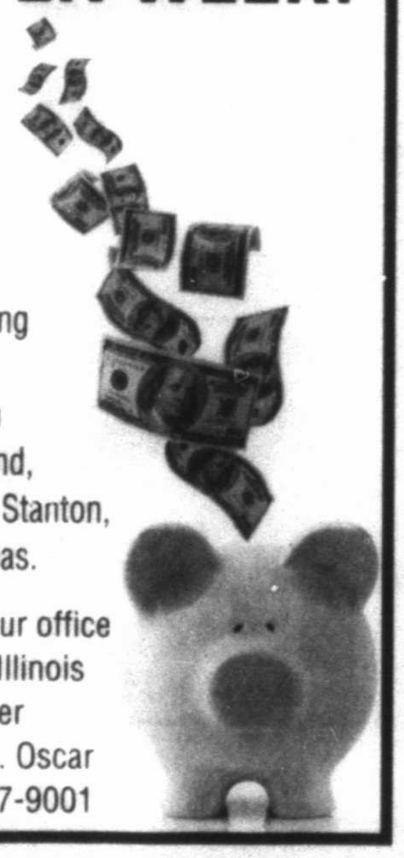

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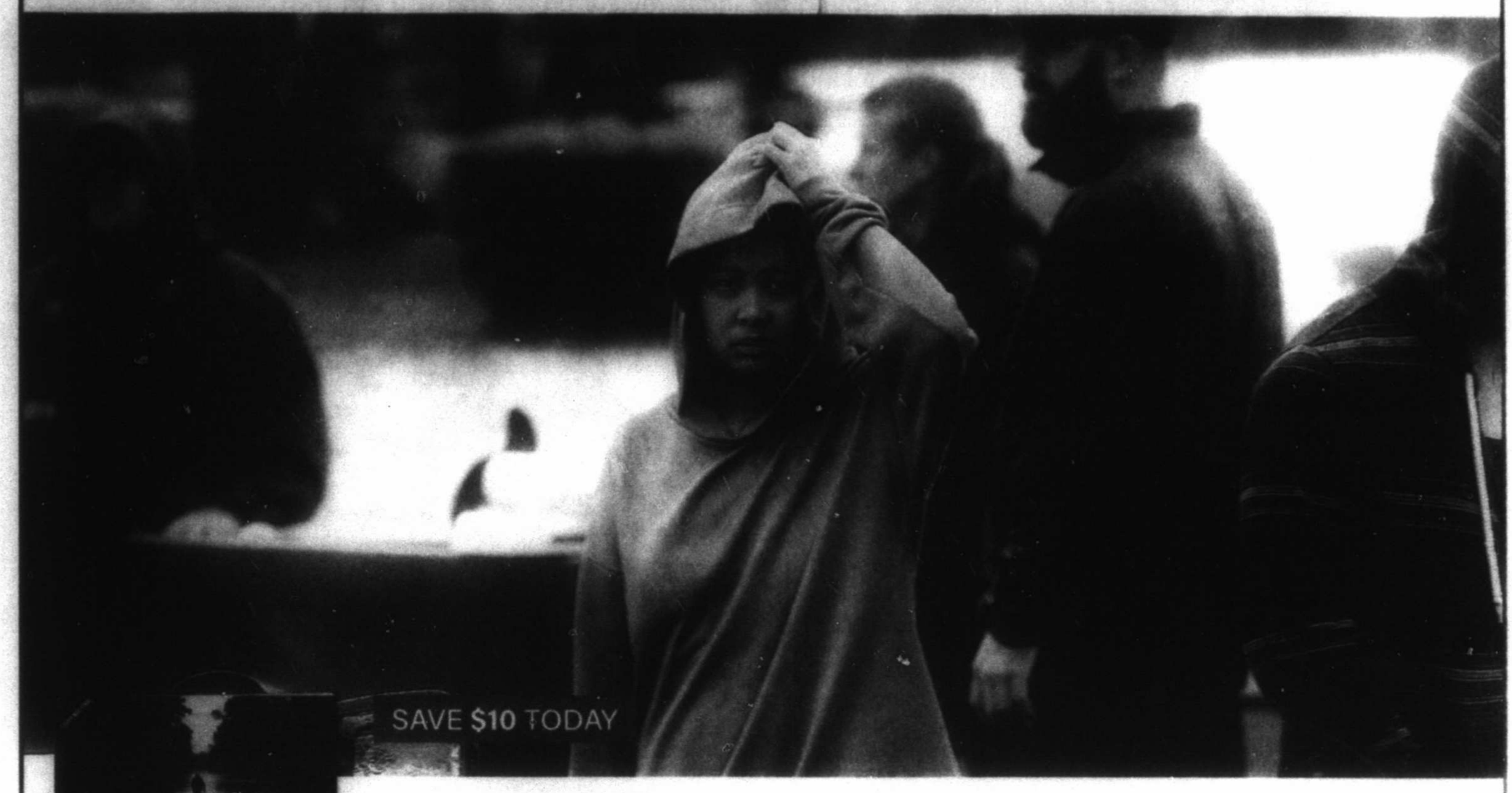

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Practice for an Interview

Your resume made it through the initial review phase and you got the call for an interview. Congratulations, you're halfway there! With only a few steps left to land your new job, it's time to get serious.

Preparing for an interview can be a stressful experience, especially if it is at a company you are excited about. Besides putting together the right professional outfit and appearance for your talk, it's important to refine some of your answers to some standard interview questions coming your way.

Below are some tips on getting ready for your next big interview. Good luck!

Practice makes perfect: The old cliché is true. If you want to knock your interview out of the park, you have to prepare yourself for success. This includes finding a list of general interview questions and rehearsing your answers, which should be only a few sentences long to keep the conversation moving.

Once you're comfortable with your responses, ask a friend or family member to have a mock interview with you. This will help you work on making eye contact as you answer questions.

Here are a few general questions you can expect during your interview:

• Can you tell us about yourself and your background?

• What drew you to this position and why do you think you're the right fit?

• Why are you looking to leave your current job? Or what made you leave your previous position?

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

Another cliché that is particularly relevant for the job interview is "You only have one chance to make a great first impression." How you handle yourself as a professional during an interview can literally make or break your chances of landing the job.

Companies want a polished, enthusiastic professional, especially if you will be working with customers or internal leadership on special projects. Everybody likes to work with someone who is pleasant and collaborative. Giving off a good vibe and not disparaging past employers are two ways of making sure you fit the bill.

INTERVIEWER STYLES

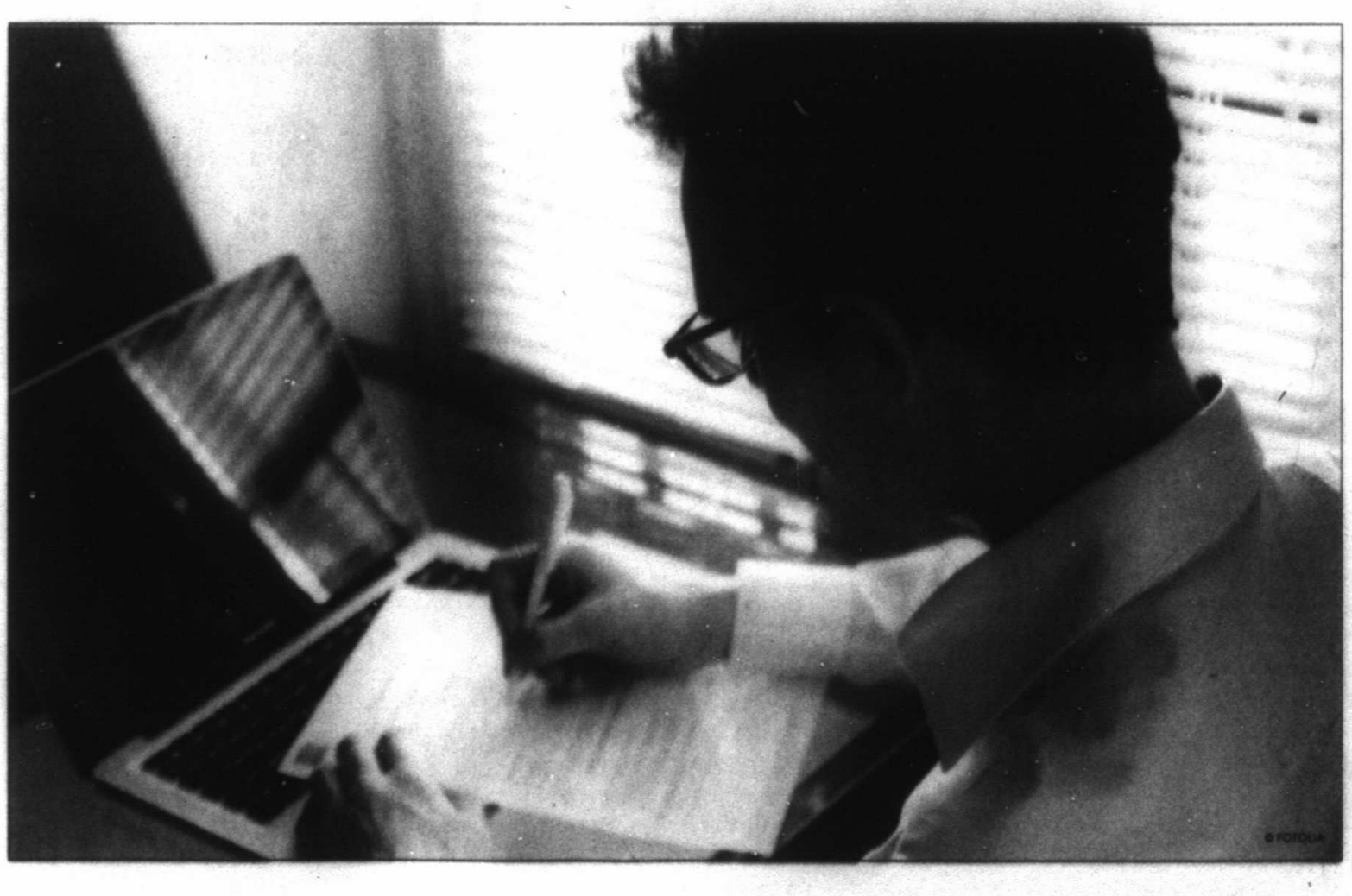
It's important to be ready for different interview styles. Some hiring managers are very cut and dry. They will ask a few general questions and move on with their day.

Others are more in-depth and looking for detailed, thoughtful answers. The best interviewees are able to "understand the room," meaning able to analyze the interviewer's style and craft answers according to their expectations.

If your interviewer laughs a lot and tells personal stories, go along with them by telling a couple of your own. Just remember to keep things short and sweet. There will be more time for chatting once you land the job!

3 Common Mistakes

Ask 10 people what makes a great resume and you're likely to get 10 different answers. The art of writing a quality resume is all about meeting a particular company's requirements on style, content and formatting.



An electrical engineer's resume is going to look and read differently than that of a graphic designer. That's because professionals in these fields have different skill sets and job requirements. The same holds true for all industries, including nursing, cyber security, writing, warehousing and general labor.

One thing is universal, however. There are specific mistakes every professional must avoid if they hope to attract and retain the attention of hiring managers.

Here are three of the most common resume mistakes made by job-seekers:

COOKIE-CUTTER CONTENT

Many in the employment industry liken your chances of landing a job on your initial application as improbable. Some studies report that the average job-seeker spends six months to land a new position.

This can be scary news for those on the market, so it's vital that your resume tells your story in a powerful way, meaning no cookie-cutter content that leaves hiring managers unimpressed. Describing yourself as "results-focused" and "analytical" just doesn't cut it today. Wow your reviewer with a clean, crisp representation of your personal brand. Customize your document with relevant keywords to make sure it has a fighting chance against the competition.

TYPOS AND MISTAKES

A quick Google search for "resume mistakes" reveals a long list of goofs and gaffes. Don't end up in the job-seeker hall of shame! Carefully proofread your resume's content to make sure it is airtight. Look for missing apostrophes or incorrect years.

Make sure company names are spelled correctly. Read your resume from the bottom-up. This will keep you from involuntarily stringing words together without really reading them, which can happen when you read something multiple times. This strategy can help you spot missing words throughout your resume that you may have skipped over before.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION

Hiring managers spend an average of six seconds on an initial resume review, according to the online job search service TheLadders. And in those six seconds, recruiters are looking for very specific information that should be easy to find.

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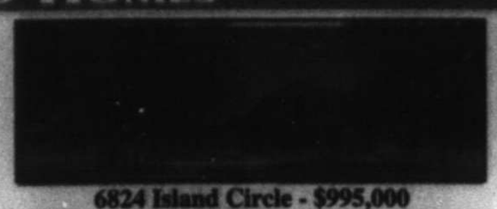

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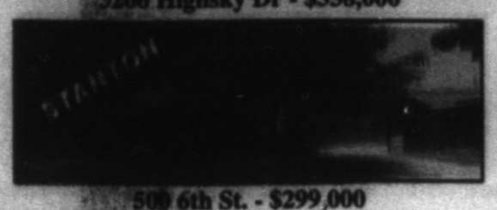

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3206 Highsky Dr-Totally redone modern-feel home. Walls of glass, upscale granite, lighting, flooring, backyard pool made like new. Come inside, be wowed! Great layout $338,000

4401 Rosewood Dr - Spacious 4BR/3BA, in-law plan w/open living, dining. Tons of storage plus lovely family yard & storage building. Hot Tub and fridge stay. So much for so little! $325,000

508 6th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/big yard. $299,000

One Bedrooms

4700 Boulder Dr - Lovely 1 Bedroom/1 Bath condo in Skyline Terrance w/community pool ..... $$0.0 $45,000

Two Bedrooms

4700 Boulder unit 1505-Furnished 2 story move in ready 2BR/2.5BA condo w/many updates! Washer and Dryer included! $80,000

Three Bedrooms

27 Oaktown Park-Beautiful neighborhood in park-like setting! Open floor plan w/high ceilings and so many updates! Shady and lush private patio! $400,500

5316 Quicksand Cove - Beautiful custom Glenn Miller home on cul-de-sac in Greathouse ..... $$0.0 $479,900

2201 S County Rd 1044-Country living at its finest! 9.11 sought after GREENWOOD acres, custom farmhouse w/open floorplan, wrap around porch & TONS of storage $459,000

11587 W County Rd 52 - Lots of space here! 3/2 on 5 acres with a barn, stable w/tack/man cave and roping arena! ..... $$0.0 $425,000

1709 Douglas Ave -Great location, 3 Large bedrooms, 3 baths. Garage is carpeted, heated and cooled. Master bedroom area was previously an in-law suite ..... $$0.0 $365,000

3005 Seafin St - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work space & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more! ,Odessa $389,000

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5408 Ridgecrest Cir-Lovely 3BR/2.5BA on quiet cul-de-sac in Grasslands. Spacious w/great plan and pretty yard ..... $$0.0 $369,900

1000 E County Rd 130 - Spacious den w/fireplace, entertaining media/family room, 3BR, 2BA. Workshop complete with overhead door. 2 well houses. ..... $$0.0 $299,900

2205 Healy Ave-Loved and cared for home in "old Midland". Updated kitchen, spacious bedrooms, large yard plus extra storage! $290,000

3117 Chelsea Pl-Better than new and squeaky clean! Great plan and move in ready! 3/2 large closets, perfect kitchen and nice patio! $299,500

1206 Windy Ave- Another great twn house in Wildaz townhomes! Recent kitchen remodel! Granite and tile! low cabinets! Great patio! $264,000

5008 Castleford Rd-Great home @ a price for buyer who wants to update paints & flooring with their own touches. Large BR's plus bonus room $279,900

3404 Oakmont Dr-3 BR, 3 full bath in Fairmont Park. Nice updates incl. kitchen and mstr bath granite counters, hardwood floors! Super location across from park! $279,000

404 Pine Ave-Great rental/investment property. Duplex! Live in one side and rent the other! Each has 3BR/2BA. 2 car garage and lots of storage. Small side yard w/covered patio ..... $$0.0 $275,000

3404 Oakmont Dr - 3BR, 3 full baths in Fairmont Park. Nice updates incl. kitchen and mstr bath granite counters, hardwood floors! Super location across from park! $274,900

4023 #6 Spring Meadow Ln -Lovely Meadow Park townhome w/tall ceilings, tile floors, spacious rooms, open plan, lots of windows, tons of storage! Great twn! ..... $$0.0 $249,900

1808 Ranger St-Gently lived in townhouse, open living concept, high ceilings, 7' backyard fence on concrete perimeter, brick and wrought iron gate $249,900

Three Bedrooms

4313 Bowing Ave-Beautiful remodel/centrally located to everything! Great floor plan! ..... $$0.0 $235,000

3303 Tarone Ave - Beautifully updated 3BR/2BA w/open floor plan in central location! Gorgeous tile, engineered hardwoods and crown molding! $210,000

1003 Upland St - Careful, it's loaded!! Recent paint, carpeting, raised baseboards, baths taken to studs, new electrical boxes, mast, sewer line, windows, plumbing fixtures! So much more!! ..... $$0.0 $205,000

1000 Delmar -Beautifully remodeled home centrally located. So much new throughout! $179,000

4410 Roosevelt Dr -Spacious 3BR/2BA/2LA(spacious den w/wood burning fireplace), large workshop w/2 garage doors, 1 car attached garage $160,000

2100 W Wadley Ave #29-Spacious condo w/3 large bedrooms Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout $105,000

4720 Boulder Dr - Low maintenance 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2-story Townhome in Skyline Terrance Subdivision $105,000

Four Bedrooms

6824 Island Circle - Beautiful w/many waterfront views, "chelsea Great Room. Sun room with telescoping glass walls that open to patio. Beautiful infinity pool/ hardwoods, granite! You'll love it!! $995,000

6008 Saddle Horn Ln-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath. 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/great room and amazing kitchen! ..... $$0.0 $849,000

2913 Regency Oaks Ct - Beautiful MR Larry home on a cul-de-sac in Mockingbird Oaks. Wonderful Great Room, large chef's kitchen. 10' & 12' ceilings + 8' doors! WOW $799,900

10 Saddle Club Dr - Wonderful Saddle Club Estates! Well built home on 1.068 acres. Spacious home,w/beautiful wood paneled den, formal living & dining. Classic Saltillo tile! Fabulous 5 car garage! Fenced w/private gated entry! ..... $$0.0 $665,000

1000 Huntington Ave -Exquisite 4/3.5 home on one of Midland's beautiful tree-lined streets in the heart of Midland ..... $$0.0 $549,900

5308 Carrington Ct - Fabulous in Green Tree North. Many Recent updates! Open versatile plan and Traditional curb appeal! A Must See! $500,000

5018 Apple Creek Rd-Practically perfect in every way! Great plan, open kitchen, lovely landscaping. One of a Kind. ..... $$0.0 $475,000

2108 Shell Ave-Custom home on 1/2 acre lot, 6' brick/block fencing w/ornamental metal gates, steel roof, chosen neighborhood w/great storage, large sunroom, outside dining area & workshop! $450,000

4012 Hilltop Dr-This home is wonderful for entertaining inside & out. Living area & kitchen are open plan that faces outside to an inground pool w/patio, outside dining area under pergola. WOW! $435,000

5300 Greathouse-Spectacular 4/4drm/3Bth. Expect to be impressed! High ceilings, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite, plus play set and patio for stay! ..... $$0.0 $425,000

1201 Castleford Rd-Extremely well cared for squeaky clean and neat as a pin! 4/3 with large yard and pretty landscaping! ..... $$0.0 $370,000

2900 Harvard-Lovely 4bdrm/3Bth home w/Hardwood Floors, High Ceilings, Tile Flooring and Wood Shutters $330,000

2004 Indiana Ave -Lovely home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood in museum district. Fully remodeled kitchen and bathroom plus so many other updates! WOW $329,500

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1210 Golf Course Rd - Truly an "Old Midland" home. Spacious back porch, hardwoods, 3/4 of an acre lot, pretty landscaping, even a basement ..... $$0.0 $249,500

3300 S. County Rd. 1089-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space ..... $$0.0 $169,000

Five or More Bedrooms

3000 Fairwood Ct - Gorgeous updating in this 5/4.5 family home. Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Wonderful kitchen w/great amenities. Plus guest house!! ..... $$0.0 $695,000

5308 Carrington Ct - Fabulous in Green Tree North. Many Recent updates! Open versatile plan and Traditional curb appeal! A Must See! $499,000

5305 Greathouse- Wonderful 5Bdrm/3Bth home in Greathouse. Walls of windows, gourmet kitchen w/granite, island. Covered patio! $439,500

For Lease

3206 Highsky Dr-Totally redone modern-feel home. Walls of glass, upscale granite, lighting, flooring, backyard pool made like new. Come inside, be wowed! Great layout ..... monthly $3,200

1201 Florida, Midland- 3,600 sq. ft., 1,800 sq. ft. each unit, recently updated carpet, paint, fixtures. Ready for lease ..... per unit monthly $2,500

2100 W Wadley Ave #65- Beautifully updated condo w/spacious rooms & nice outdoor space! Oversized bedrooms w/private balcony. 2 covered parking spaces + storage room, for lease ..... monthly $1,000

1400 Connell St. -5,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Reil 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Reil 682-1111 ..... $2,900,000

6008 Saddle Horn Ln-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath. 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/great room and amazing kitchen! ..... $$0.0 $$0.0 $849,900

6101 N Hwy 349- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on this 1.99 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club $799,000

5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,000

1600 E taylor Ave., Midland - 3.440 acres of vacant land zoned commercial $105,000

2701 S. County Rd. 1118-Prime location 1.336 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1118 or East County Road 90 ..... $87,900

Commercial Investment

3909 S. Co. Rd. 1298, Midland, Tx -includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres Total of 50,035 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Reil 682-1111

301 S. Lark Hwy., Odessa, Tx -includes 3 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 74,562 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Reil 682-1111

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2200 W Lochridge Ave -Location...Location...Location this 45 room facility originally built in 1964 where additions since $2,300,000

2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000

10001 W CR 72, Midland- 5,020 acres; 4,200 sq. ft. office built in 2015; 2 modular buildings to house overnight drivers. Perfect truck yard $750,000

11325 W Hwy 158, Garden City- 20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land w/3,280 sq. ft. home/ 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator $400,000

1700 FM 1936-Odessa, TX Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard; city water; 480 sq. ft. office space $239,900

0 Cotton Flat Rd. -Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

Out of Town Properties

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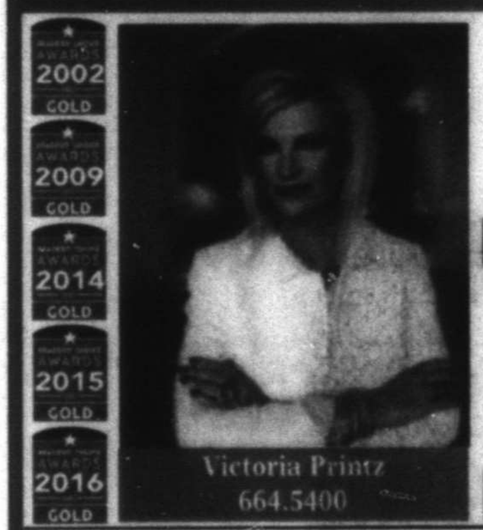

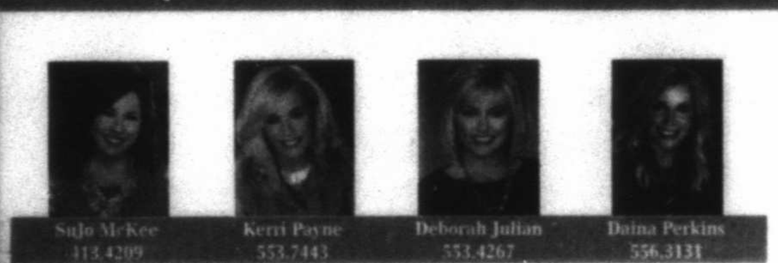

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OPEN HOUSES

2800 N Garfield ..... OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00

2810 Chelsea Place ..... OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30

4+ BEDROOMS

8312 Edinburgh Drive-Magnificent mansion on 2.5 acres(7400 sqft)- Totally updated! 4 bed/4 full bath+3 half bath/6 living/3 fireplaces & dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & bar on lushly landscaped grounds! No detail left undone! Hardwoods, soaring ceilings & winding staircase! $1,050,000

13201 ECR 116-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 living (great room, game room, study, loft)/2 dining/3 gar home w/workshop on 1.8 acres in gated community! $845,000

4310 Coyote Trail-Absolutely fabulous home on 3.33 Acres---country living w/city convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 Bath/2 dining/4 living (great room, media room, formal living, study)/3 car gar-4+parking in workshop (1225 sqft) w/2 gar doors & rv parking! Fantastic swim spa recently added $774,000

7004 Calee Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/5 living (great room, formal, game/media room, study, sunroom)/2 dining/4 car garage home w/ dazzling pool & high brick privacy fence! 2 fireplaces, built-ins, gourmet kitchen w/ granite! $630,000

4100 ECR 01-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/3 gar home on landscaped lot (2.33 acres)! Gourmet kitchen, modern light fixtures, oversized bedrooms w/walk-ins & spacious living area! $545,000

2501 NCR 1278-Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 bath/2 living/2 dining home w/3 gar & RV hookup on 1.24 acres in lovely Estrada Estates! Granite thru-out, gourmet kitchen w/ top stainless appl! Private backyard that extends beyond fencing! $499,000

2810 Chelsea Pl.-Stunning! 4 bed/3 bath/2 dining/3 car (extended) gar home on quite lot! Soaring ceilings, crown molding, plantation shutters, beautiful tile flooring (carpet in bed) & fabulous custom cabinetry thru-out! $459,000

3303 Ne Mar Ct.-Fabulous 4 bed/3 ba/2 lg living/2 dining area home in central Midland on tree-lined cul-de-sac! Hardwood & tile flooring, recent paint, updated baths, built-ins, fireplace, high ceilings and walls of windows! $425,000

2800 N Garfield St.-Executive style townhouse w/3 bed (downstairs master w/2 baths)/4.5 baths/2 living/2 dining/wet bar/2 fireplaces & 3 car gar! Pool/hot tub & cabana area in back! $399,900

11911 WCR 50-Beautiful landscaped home on 2.5 acres! 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 garage. Metal roof, wood tile flooring & new paint! 20x24 shed, 10x8 well house w/ electricity & lighting, 28x30 shop that fits 2 cars w/ gar door! $345,000

1415 San Francisco-Fabulous find! 5 bed/3 bath/great room downstairs/game room upstairs.... gourmet kitchen w/ island, granite, gas cooktop, stainless appli & abundant cabinets! Seq. master + one guest bed downstairs & 3 beds upstairs! $329,900

1300 W Tennessee Ave-This great Old Midland location holds 2 properties! Spacious 4 bed/2 bath/lg. kitchen & den home w/ guest house w/ 2 beds & 1 full bath! Both houses have their own yards! New roof 9/1/2017! $269,900

4001 SCR 1140-Ranch-style spacious 4 bed/2 bath/1 living/2 dining & 4 carport on almost 2 acre in Greenwood ISD w/inground pool & 24x24 metal workshop! $248,500

1214 Burchill Drive-Great investment! Lots of rental potential! 4/2 main house, mother-in-law house, shop w/ plumbing, bath & bonus room/ shop/storage! New paint, carpet, siding, stove, windows & almost completed baths! As-is! $115,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

3300 Wrigley - Spectacular 3 bed/3 bath/2 dining/3 car gar low maint luxury townhouse w/lovely landscaped flowerbeds & privacy fenced backyard! Gorgeous granite, glass tile backsplash & treated soaring ceilings! $447,500

2802 Shandon Avenue - Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 full baths/2 living areas/2 dining & 2 car garage home! Spacious open floor plan w/windows & plantation shutters! Beautiful back yard with enclosed a/c & heated patio! A 724 sq foot a/c workshop & storage! $279,900

100 W Carpenter (Stanton) - Spacious 3 bed/3 bath/2 living+ bonus room/1 gar home on huge corner lot!! Lg pool w/slide & patio area! Storage shed & workshop! $264,900

1304 Spruce Ave.-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $219,900

1309 Spruce Ave.-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $219,900

1326 Spruce Ave.-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $219,900

1310 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $219,900

1407 Boeing Dr - Super spacious 3 bed/2 bath home w/2 large living areas (garage has been converted to game room)/2 dining areas & 2 detached 2 car gar! Lg. workshop (572') off alley! $214,900

3010 W Ohio Ave.-3 bed/2 bath/2 living(great room+den/sunroom)/1 dining/2 gar home with low maint. yard 2/ storage building! Exposed wood beams w/fireplace in great room! $198,500

7202 ECR 60-Fantastic and well maintained 3 bed/2 bath mobile home sitting on a 1.1 acre corner lot! Open floor plan w/kitchen/breakfast dining & great room! Sequestered master w/garden tub & dual sinks! $185,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

200 CR 158 Coleman, TX 76834-175 acres of prime country flush w/ native grasses & 3 acre lake full of bass! A fabulous secluded 2-story Austin Stone 3 bed/2 bath home w/ lush landscaping! Plus 30x60 metal 3-sided barn! $875,000

6650 CR 250 Coleman, TX 76834-95 acres of beautiful country in southern Coleman County! Native grass, 2 stock ponds & oil production! 14x60 Morgan bldg 1 bed/1 full bath, central HVAC, septic & satellite tv. Storage bldg, worker rig, tools, xtra fencing & mower! $350,000

1414 Tejas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club) $200,000

4008 Rustic Trail-3.3 acres in highly desired Green Tree North! Total acreage to be sold together, no splits, could be gated, secured entry w/ private drive. Not builder exclusive! $250,000

713 Indiana Avenue-Vacant lot in great downtown location! Approx. acres 0.321 in West End Subdivision! Zoned for commercial or residential (O-1, LR3) $110,000

Thirteen Well Subdivision-Fast growing Midland/Odessa well established city of midland, martin co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $12K/ACRE, plat available. Water well/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Graveland electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,800 sq ft. $62,400

Quail Ridge-Fast growing Midland/Odessa community located in gorgeously-rustic estates! 16 lots (appr. 7.5 Acres) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic system/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp, min home 2800 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer. $30,000

UNDER CONTRACT & SOLD!

1501 W Pine

519 Coliseum Ct

1319 E. Spruce

1314 E. Spruce

1003 N. Dorris Ave

1103 W. Kentucky Ave

2405 Northtown Court

4704 Bowie Drive

4517 Spence Dr

4001 Roma St

2001 Westwind Dr

2408 Whittle Way

2207 Cimmaron Dr

4702 Cindy Pl

3215 Oriental

6313 Haywood

6105 King Kelly Ct

419 Sir Barton Pkwy

10113 WCR 150

1111 Telluride Ct

1009 W Michigan Ave

401 Alfirmed

1312 E Spruce

1313 E Spruce Ave

1406 Princeton Ave

1220 E. Spruce Ave

4614 Bishops Castle

1316 E. Spruce

403 Mac

6218 Mile High Ln

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5213 Ellen Jayne Way - 3 bed/2.5 bath $4,200

5308 Bells Place - 3 bed/3 bath $4,000

3223 W. Golf Course Rd - 2 bed/2 bath $1,700

2503 D Sanburst Dr - 2 bed/1.5 bath $1,200

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting request for proposals. The RFP, R18-2017-09-000005 is for new vehicles. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained beginning September 21, 2017 from the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.ionwave.net). All questions are to be submitted via the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.ionwave.net). Bids will be received at the above website until 3:00 p.m., October 10, 2017. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., October 18, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M. in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18000018

For: Spraberry Farm Labor Contracting Services for 5 sections of irrigated pasture land for the City of Midland, Texas.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the basement conference room of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas at 3:00 p.m. local time on October 11, 2017. Bids will be accepted only from those bidders who attend the meeting.

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

Legal and Public Notices

Texas Department of Transportation

Proposed Project on
State Loop (SL) 250 at County Road (CR) 1150 and CR 60
CSJ: 1188-02-087

The Odessa District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has scheduled a public meeting for a proposed project on SL 250 at CR 1150 and CR 60 in Midland County, Texas. The public meeting is scheduled for:

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Sibley Nature Center
1307 E. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will consist of an Open House from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a brief presentation at 6 p.m., and a question-and-answer session.

The Odessa District of TxDOT proposes to construct a segment of the SL 250 corridor, including ramps, main lanes, and overpasses at the intersections of CR 1150 and CR 60. The proposed improvements are located in north Midland County, as shown.

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Odessa District Public Information Office at (432) 498-4746 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate other special needs, as required.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged. Comments may be submitted either at the public meeting or in writing within 15 days of the public meeting and must be postmarked by November 8, 2017, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact Robert Ornelas, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development, TxDOT Odessa District Office, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas, 79761, by telephone at (432) 498-4697, or email Robert.Ornelas@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

General Announcement

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MERCEDES 2014 GLK 350, red, excellent condition 54K miles, $24,500. 432-559-1821

Exotic Cars

2009 CORVETTE Z06, 505 hp, 10,850 miles, black, premium package, always garaged, $44,450. 432-553-4654.

Antique and Vintage

CORVETTE 1975, 350 automatic. T-tops, New: tires, steering column, steering wheel, seats, front suspension, headlights, door actuators, exhaust. $9,800. 432-557-1438.

PONTIAC 1972 Lemans luxury coupe, high proformance engine, 3 speed automatic. $15,000 OBO. 432-296-0766

Pickup Trucks

CHEV. 2016 1500 crewcab. Texas edition, V8, tow pkg, 13,300 miles. $30,000 OBO. 432-940-3037

Vans and Mini Vans

CHRYSLER 2013 Town & Country, Stow & Go, GPS, leather seats, rear view camera, Blue Ray & DVD. MPV, automatic start. Great condition. 81K miles. $13,000. One owner. 432-528-0395

FORD 2017 150 Transit Van, 10 passenger, many options, sticker price $48,000, asking $35,000. 432-557-2688.

4WD and SUV

FORD 2004 Eddie Bauer, black, $3,000 OBO. 432-218-6960 or 432-212-2866 Midland.

2006 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER V6 Sport Edition 4 WD 108K miles, $10,000. Text 432-425-3460.

Motorcycles

2004 BMW K 1200 LT, Cruise control, reverse, heated seats & grips, AM/FM, CB, GPS, CD & 2 helmets & lots of extras. 35K miles. $6,000. 432-238-4888

Recreation Vehicles

2008 HARLEY Electra glide lots of chrome, 32,000 miles $10,000. 432-634-2397

2017 AIRSTREM classic, 114K. 432-557-3015.

Merchandise

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

FOR SALE large collection of 1940, 1950 1960 vintage, 33 & 45 RPM records - pop, jazz, classical & country. Call 432-685-3059 daytime.

Musical Instruments

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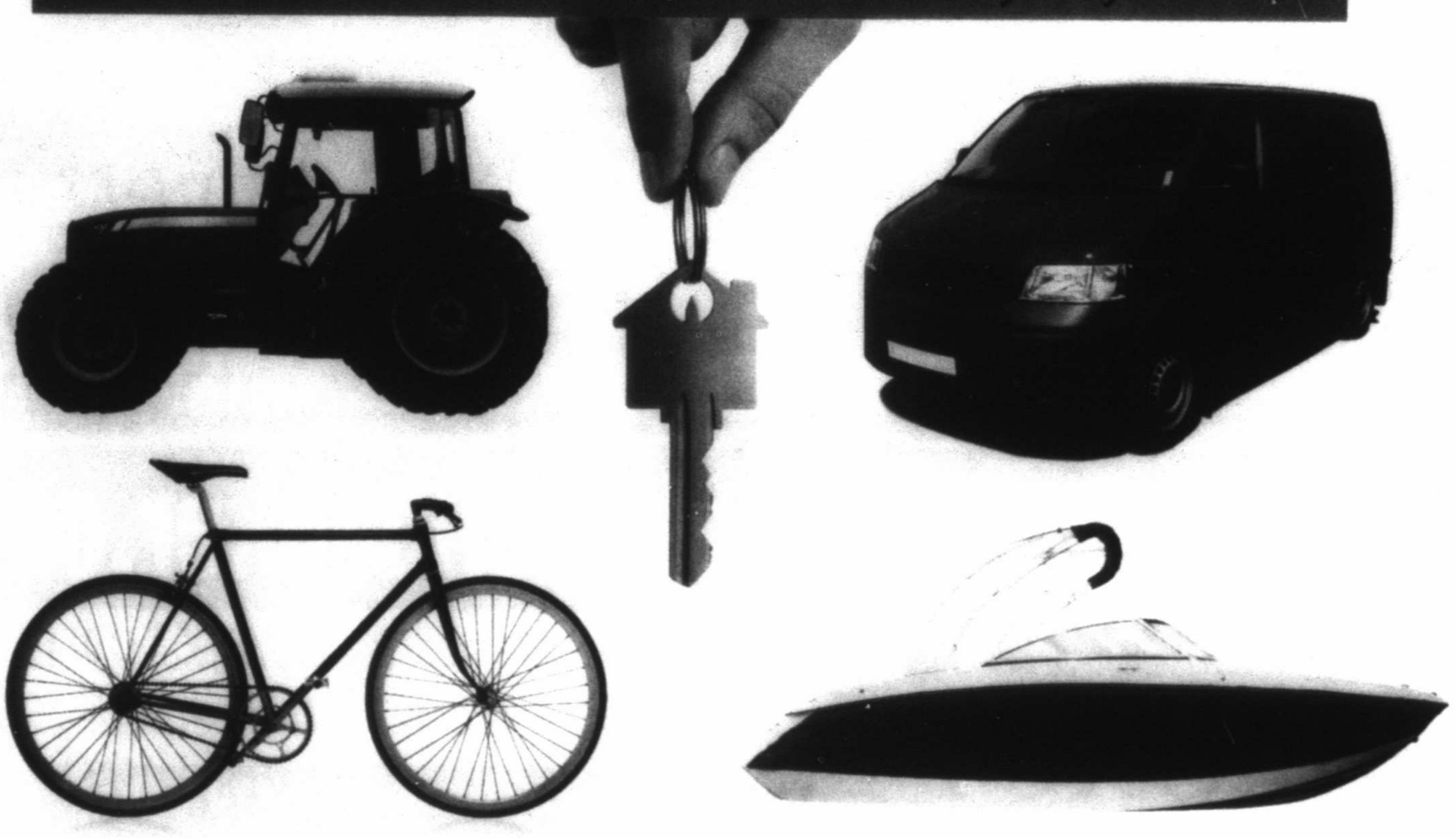

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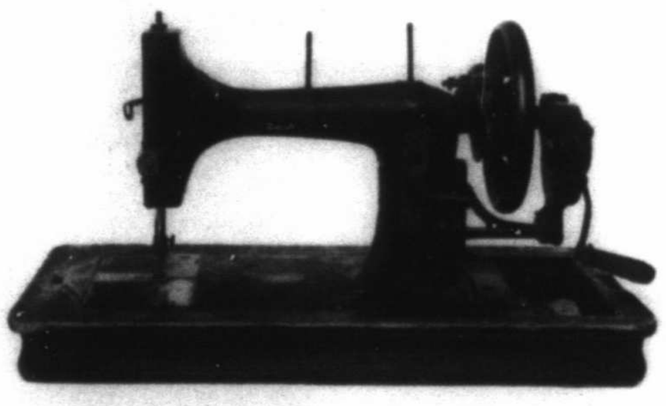

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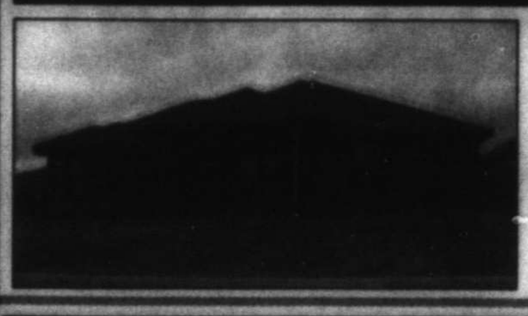

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1500 Navajo Drive	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5614 Rio Grande Ave	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$339,000
803 W. Kansas	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$959,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

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4301 San Pedro Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$425,000
5309 Balfour Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$436,000
7212 E. Co. Rd. 112	Tallwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5302 Balfour Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
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E. Co. Rd. 2300	Stanton/11.04 acres	$228,000
135 Antler Dr	Alto, NM/4 Bdrm/5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$495,000
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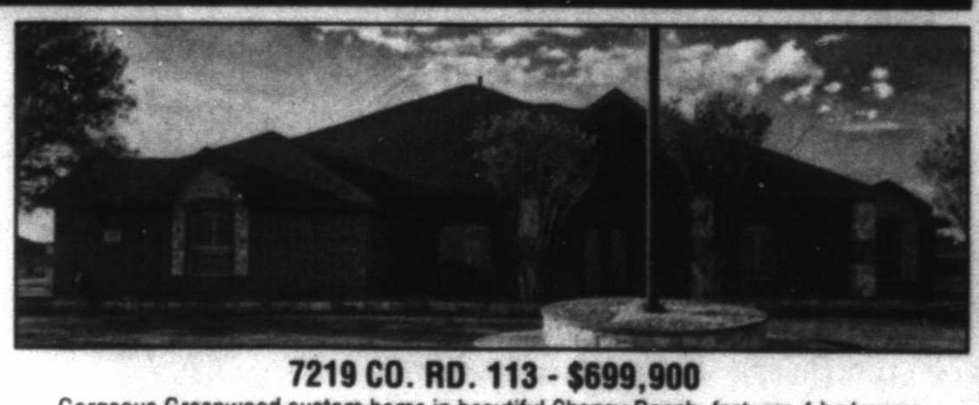

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Gorgeous Greenwood custom home in beautiful Chaney Ranch, features 4 bedrooms, grand master suite, 3 full baths, fabulous kitchen, SS appliances, granite, custom cabinetry, upgraded lighting & plumbing fixtures, tiled "wood" flooring thru-out, security cameras, trees galore, sod & auto sprinklers in front, shop plus air-conditioned dog run, beautiful stone/brick fence surrounds extra large backyard!
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$439,000
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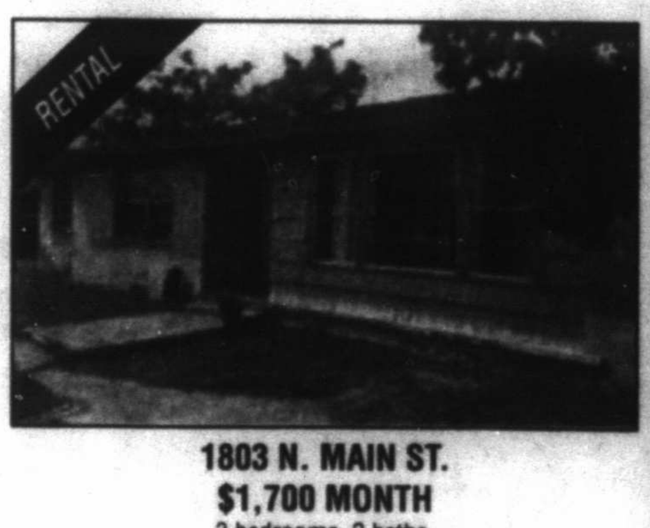

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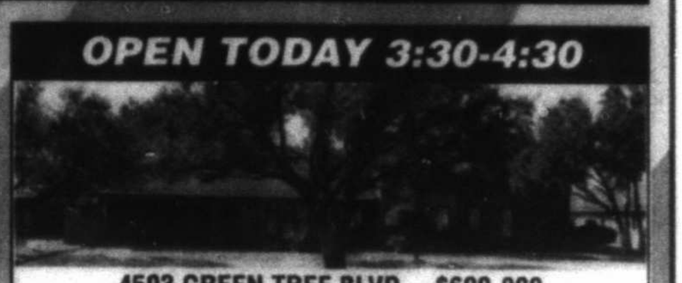

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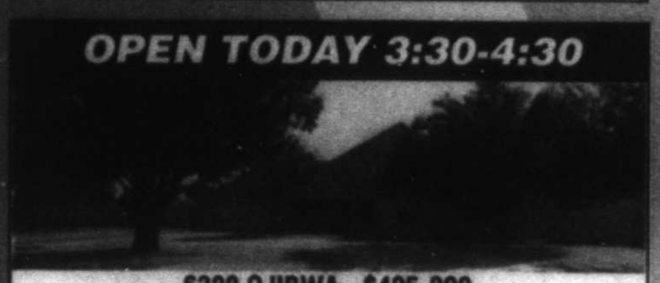

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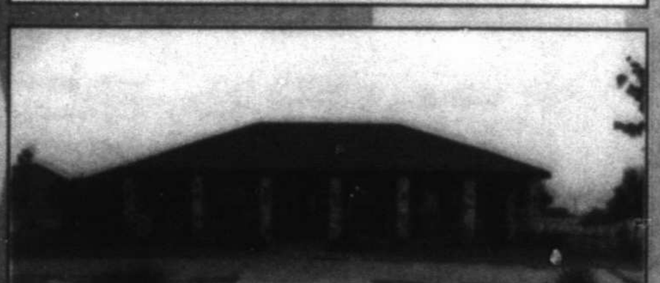
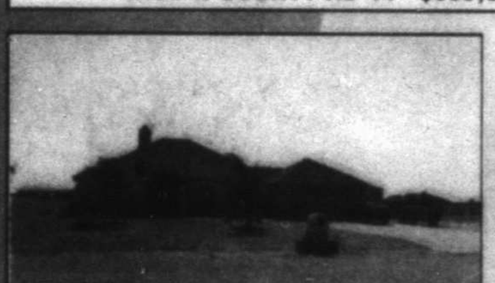


6700 W COUNTY RD 44 - $950,000

8101 EDINBURGH DRIVE - $825,000

1613 SEABOARD AVE. - $650,000



1201 SCR 1118 - $440,000

6213 SEQUOIA DR. - $365,000

1322 TERRA CT. - $375,000

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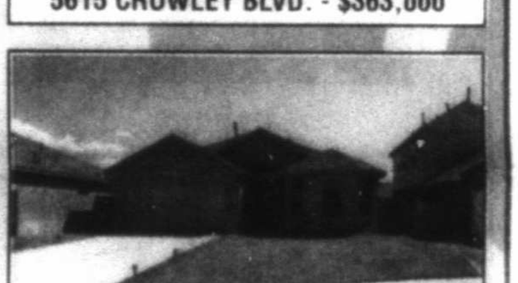

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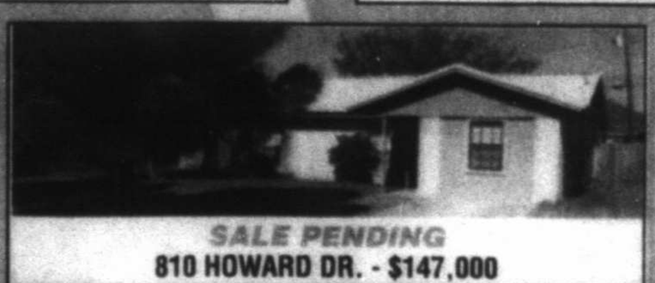

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810 HOWARD DR. - $147,000

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9y11m

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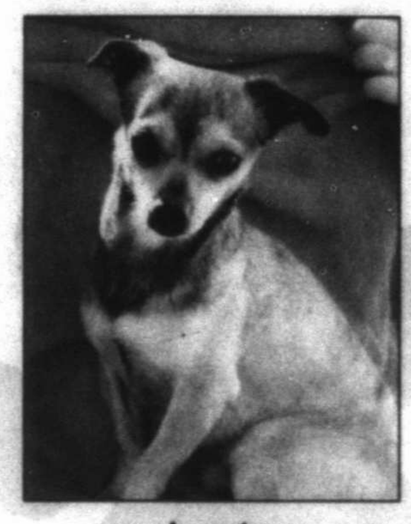

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3y8m

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F - Jack Russell mix
4y7m

Margaret
F - Lab mix
4y8m

Miss Miss
F - Snowshoe
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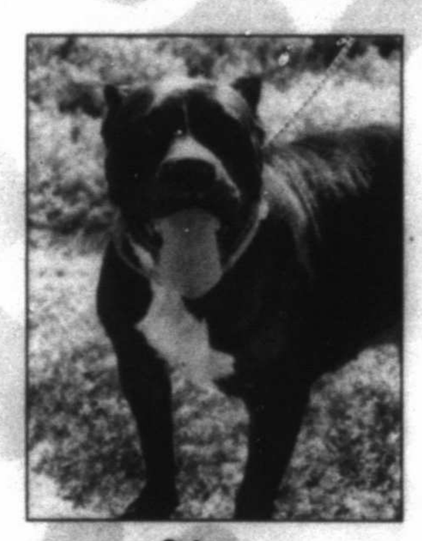

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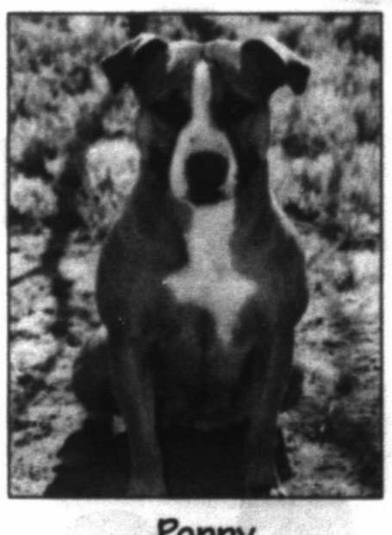

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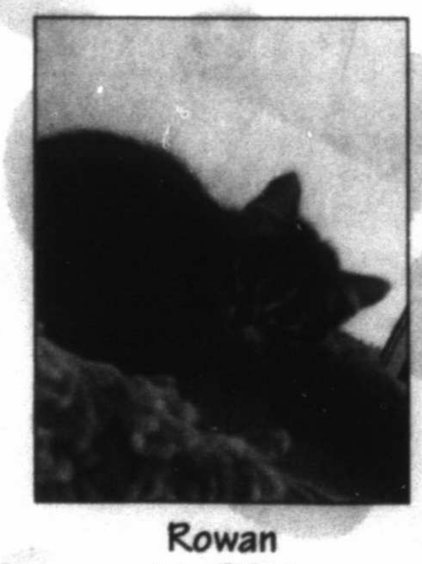
4y



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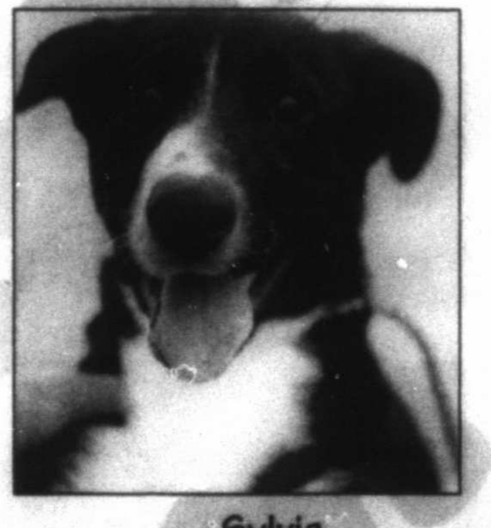
4y2m



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23w

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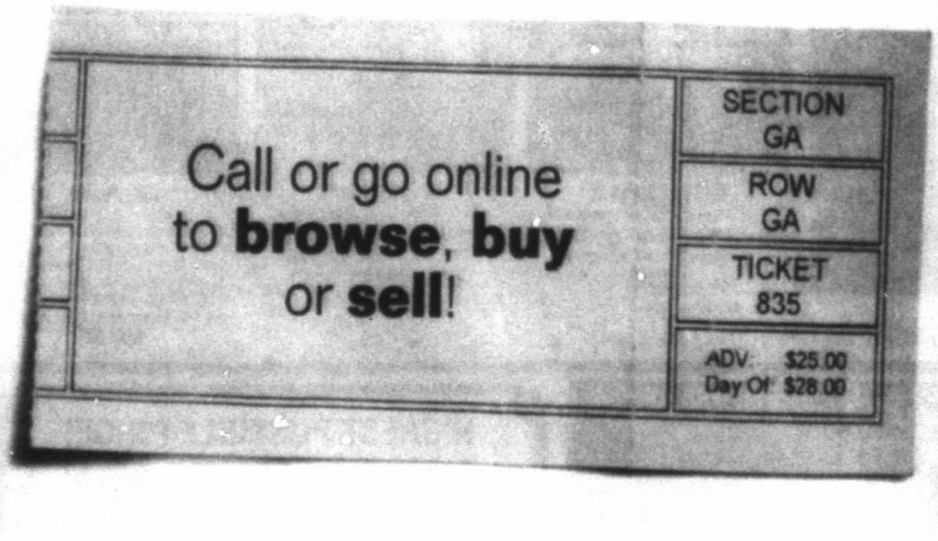

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  - *565 ac, Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - *642 ac, canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic $750/ac
  - *150 ac, big canyon, SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES & FEATURED HOME

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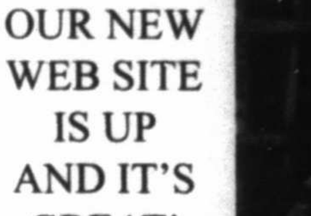
5619 Casa Grande Dr. Beautiful new AGA Homes now construction. 4 bedroom 3 full bath. HUGE walk in pantry. Still time for color, flooring and counter top selections. **$429,000**

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
5212 San Antonio Ave CLEAN! CLEAN! Move in ready. Great curb appeal. Large covered front porch with beautifully landscaped front yard. Vaulted ceiling in living area. Huge mature trees! **$230,000**

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00
4309 Wood Dr. REDUCED!!! Absolutely Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Washington Heights! Enormous living area with walls of windows, rock fireplace and designer lighting! Beautiful gourmet kitchen with high-end appliances, granite bar area! Refrigerator, washer and dryer pass with sale. Breathtaking patio area with open view! This home shows like a model home! **$639,000**

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
3400 Meadowridge Ln Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 3 huge living areas, 2 fireplaces! Formal dining room area with hardwood flooring! Granite counter tops in kitchen, double ovens, a cooks delight! All baths are updated! Walls of built-ins, plantation shutters, crown molding! Spectacular grounds with pool and hot tub! Lovely outdoor space! A must see in this price range! **$585,000**

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
1912 Fringewood Dr. Incredible 4 bed 3 bath Executive West in Pristine condition. Eyes are owner home backs to greenbelt. Super Reception. Secondstory 4th bedroom, the 3rd bath is an ideal in-law plan. Open living area off oversized kitchen with granite. Gracious formal living and dining open to entry. Walk-in closets, enormous laundry room with mud sink. Extra deep and oversized garage fits almost every pickup. **$530,000**


GORGEOUS!!
4507 Palmer Dr STUNNING KITCHEN! Granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Huge living room with vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace! Sequestered master bedroom has 2 closets! Spacious master bathroom with double vanity sinks. Tile in living room & kitchen. Carpet in bedrooms. Upgraded windows. Storage shed in back. Wrap- around back porch. 2 car garage. MOVE IN READY! WELCOME HOME! **$287,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-3:00
4405 Humble Ave Be the 1st to enjoy new construction! 3 bedroom/2 bath/1 car garage with nice 9.5'H of ceiling! Park 2 more cars! Lg 5'Flat deep low plumbing for bath! Seller put finishes major remodel of home! All floors, paint inside and out, bathroom, cabinets throughout, lights, ceiling fans, all sinks & faucets, commodes, tub & shower, windows, water heater, microwave, dishwasher! Read more! Great location! **$179,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 3:30-4:30
3200 Marmon Dr Formerly 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living home! So many updates to this home! Heart of the city close to everything! Stunning! Big brick home on large corner lot! 2345 Total square feet. 2000 Living/355 enclosed patio w/ext! Gas fireplace! Spacious shutter covered floors! Huge bedrooms w/ double closets! Built-ins! Lg utility room/cabinets! Window/door! Sunbrella! Covered patio! Storage/garden! **$298,000**

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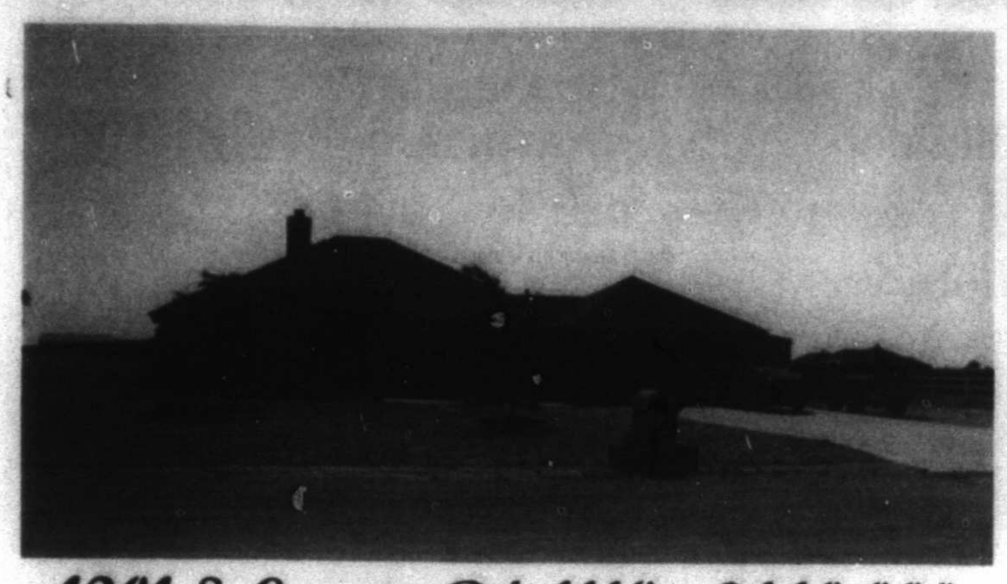

1201 S. County Rd. 1118 - $440,000

MLS#R50009538A. Spectacular home in newer subdivision! Beautiful ceiling treatments! Open floor plan! Large living area w/fireplace! Spacious dining area with view of kitchen and living area! Gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, double ovens, granite & pantry! Huge sequestered master suite offers jetted tub & wrap around shower! Sequestered in-law plan! Spacious bedrooms! Xeriscape front! Back with deck, pool & hot tub! 2 Car garage!

3204 Apperson Dr. - $325,000

MLS#R50011035A. Amazing home loaded with updates! Spacious formal living & formal dining with big windows! Beautiful kitchen has granite counter tops & pretty cabinetry! Casual dining! Spacious family room! Fireplace with gas logs! Gorgeous tile flooring! French doors to covered patio! Lots of natural light through-out! Tons of storage! Recent windows! Recent paint inside & out! Nice yards! Quiet cul-de-sac! Move-in ready!

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4900 Westminster - $349,900

Gorgeous 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 dining, 2 car 2,810 sq ft gorgeously updated throughout with bonus rooms! Great kitchen w/ss appliances, granite & island. Vaulted dining is open to spacious living with lovely brick fire and gorgeous wood floors. Dreamy sequestered master suite with claw foot tub, dual sinks, walk in tiled shower & large walk in closet. All guest beds have big closets, blinds & ceiling fans. Utility room with sink & lots of built ins. Bonus study with built ins. Covered back patio overlooks fenced and landscaped yard is quiet established neighborhood.

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Leah Watkins
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3102 Princeton Ave. $299,900

Spacious 3br/2ba, 2259 sq ft on Beautiful double lot! Updates throughout..2nd living converted to one grand room! Open living/dining/kitchen (granite)! Family room...Corner fireplace! Large utility! Spacious bedrooms w/ walk-in closets! Xlarge backyard w/ mature trees. 2 storage sheds+garden shed/ workshop! Close to schools & shopping!

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Bob and Carol Wilcox, Midland, Tx

I had a great experience with Leah! She sold our property in the timeframe we discussed. She's will give you her honest opinion, she has a cool sheet that calculates expenses/profits (that's accurate) and will always answer your call or get back with you immediately. I would absolutely do business with Leah again!

Ryan Melander, Dallas, Tx

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4807 Storey Ave. - $179,900
3BD/1.5BA
Listed & Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4903 Island Dr. - $950,000
4BD/3.5BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Mark Phillibar

OPEN 1:30-2:30
905 Pine Ct. - $307,125
3BD/2.5BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4730 Cuthbert Ave. - $160,000
3BD/2BA
Listed & Shown by Melody Carroll

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3900 Westminster - $349,900
4BD/3BA
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Yvonne Gabaldon

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4805 Spring Meadow Lane #5 - $289,500
3BD/2BA
Listed & Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3618 Storey Ave. - $270,000
4BD/3BA
Listed & Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:00-4:00
409 Mel Ott - $299,600
3BD/2BA
Listed & Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 2:00-4:00
5013 Locust Ave., Odessa, Tx. - $179,500
3BD/2BA
Listed & Shown by Lana Flores

OPEN 3:00-4:00
2633 Emerson Lane - $369,000
5BD/3.5BA
Listed & Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4503 Green Tree Blvd. - $600,000
4BD/3.5BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Mark Phillibar

OPEN 3:30-4:30
6300 Ojibwa - $495,000
4BD/2.5BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Yvonne Gabaldon

OPEN 3:30-4:30
909 Goliad Dr. - $235,000
4BD/2BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
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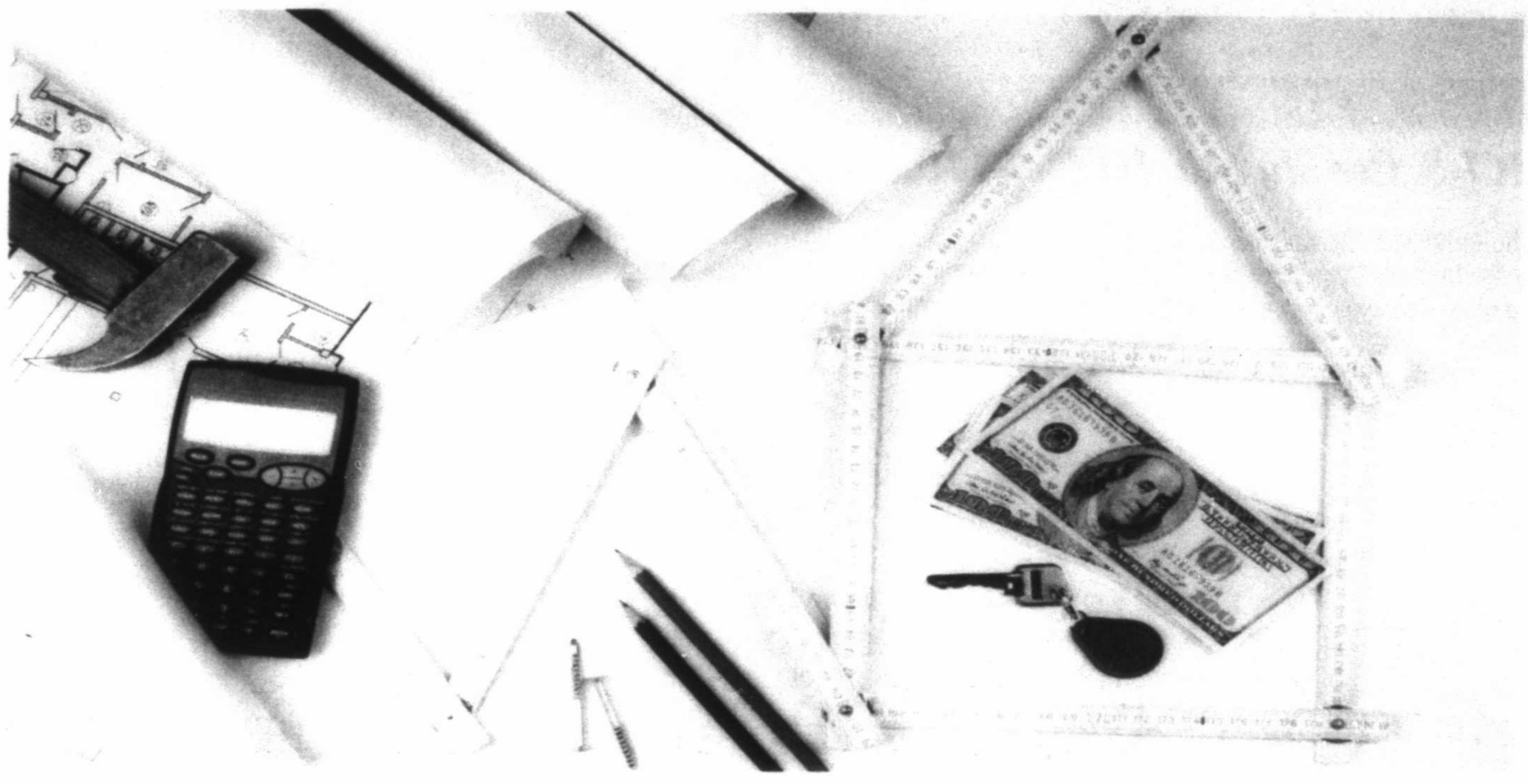
Construction Costs

The National Association of Home Builders' 2015 Construction survey provides invaluable information on construction costs for anyone considering building their dream home.



The results are broad and based on national averages of construction costs. There are many factors taken into consideration by the survey, including building practices, the cost of labor, the cost of land, and to some extent, the cost of the materials.

These costs can vary from place to place and depend on the nature of the particular home being built. Always obtain solid estimates from your contractors to have a clear understanding of your potential costs.

To compile their numbers, the National Association of Home Builders required contractors to break down the sales price of an average single-family home built by their firm into seven categories: finished lot cost, total construction cost, financing cost, overhead and general expenses, marketing costs, sales commission and profit.

Here are some findings from the 2015 national survey that may shed some light on building costs:

- The average size of the home was 2,802 square feet.
- The average lot size was 20,129 square feet — about a half an acre.
- The average lot cost per square foot was $4.20.
- The average price of the new single-family home was $468,318.
- The average construction cost of a single-family home was $289,415.
- The cost of construction per square foot rose from $80 per square foot in 2011 to $95 per square foot in 2013 to $103 per square foot in 2015.
- The total construction cost of a home accounted for 61.8 percent of the sales price. The finished lot accounts for 18.2 percent.
- Builder profits were 9.0 percent.
- Overhead and general expenses, which were at an all-time low of 4.3 percent in 2013, rebounded to a more historically typical 5.6 percent.
- The share of construction costs going to "excavation, foundation, concrete, retaining walls and backfill" jumped to 11.3 percent.
- Of the eight major stages of construction, interior finishes at 29.6 percent accounted for the largest share of construction costs, followed by framing (18.0 percent), exterior finishes (15.0 percent), major system rough-ins (13.1 percent), foundations (11.6 percent), site work (5.6 percent), final steps (6.8 percent) and other costs (0.5 percent).

Single Family Homes

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409 MEL OTT

Darling Legends Park 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/open floor-plan, high ceilings, pretty tile flooring, and crown moulding. Spacious sequestered master bedroom with wonderful master bath and closet! Great neighborhood, and conveniently located! $299,600 MLS#50010639

FEATURED LISTINGS

9708 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land. Will subdivide into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #50005743		$860,000
7106 ECR 114	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage, New Const., Chaney Ranch	MLS #50009494		$589,950
7110 ECR 114	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, New Const., Chaney Ranch	MLS #50010571	NEW LISTING	$551,908
2940 FM 829	Near Stanton, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 1 half bath, 2 garage, pool	MLS #50006617	UNDER CONTRACT	$554,000
5716 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage	MLS #50009318	SOLD	$445,000
2809 Shanks	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 1.25 Acres	MLS #50007396	UNDER CONTRACT	$369,000
6005 Rio Grande	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010267	SOLD	$357,000
2604 Shandon	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas	MLS #50010390	SOLD	$334,700
10809 E. Co. Rd. 108	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS#50010772	UNDER CONTRACT	$310,000
409 Mel Ott	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010639	NEW LISTING	$299,600
5402 Rio Grande	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50009435	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
3214 Ranchland Dr.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010266	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
6101 S. Co. Rd. 1065	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + carport, 10 acrest	MLS #50011142	NEW LISTING	$249,000
811 Lawson	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living	MLS #50009881	SOLD	$235,000
7001 Xit Ranch Rd.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50008312	SOLD	$225,500
2603 Boeing Dr.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010234	NEW PRICE	$215,500
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #196038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50006864		$99,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES SECTION III				
6400 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 6, 3.950 Acres	MLS#50010602		$99,900
6401 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 8, 3.658 Acres	MLS#50010603		$99,900
6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.549 Acres	MLS#50010604		$99,900

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How Texas Realtors are helping Texans feel at home again after Harvey

As of mid-September, nearly 200,000 homes in Southeast Texas were damaged or destroyed after Hurricane Harvey hit land in August. Homeowners and renters affected by this massive disaster are facing a long road to recovery, but luckily they don't have to do it alone.

Realtors have an intimate understanding of how important it is to have a safe place to call home. That is why Realtors in Texas and across the nation continue to donate to the Texas Realtors Relief Fund, which distributed more than $1 million worth of assistance in the week following Hurricane Harvey. The relief fund helps people with mortgage or rental payment assistance when they have suffered losses due to natural disasters in Texas.

In addition to donations, many Texas Realtors immediately rushed into action to assist those in need. They collected supplies, aided in cleanup efforts and even jumped into their own boats to rescue people stranded in floodwaters. Many Texas Realtors are still doing these things to help others – even Texas Realtors who have been affected by Harvey, too.

If you, family or friends are facing the realities of this natural disaster, know that Texas Realtors are here to help. Many of those who were in Harvey's path are beginning question whether they can rebuild or repair their property, or if they should sell their land. Others want to relocate and are seeking new homes. If you or someone you know is considering these things right now, a Texas Realtor can discuss your options and answer your questions. Find a Texas Realtor who can assist you with next steps at texasrealestate.com.

If you'd like to help the thousands of Texans who have applied for assistance through the Texas Realtors Relief fund, visit texasrealestate.com/relief. One-hundred percent of your contributions to the Texas Realtors Relief Fund are distributed directly to applicants. The more donations we receive, the more funds we can disperse.

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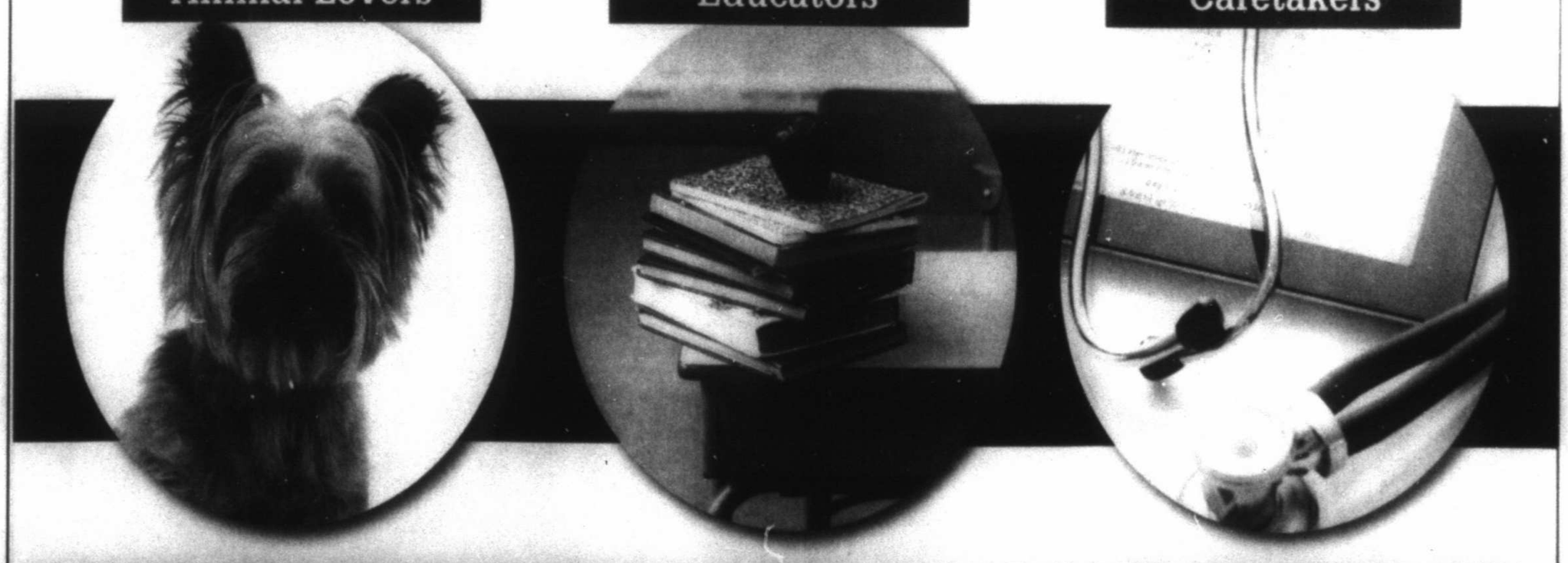

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11808 W. CO. RD. 58.....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010920 ..... $429,000
EB HOMES, INC.
7298 E. CO. RD. 111, CHANEY RANCH...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... $718,630
7299 E. CO. RD. 112, CHANEY RANCH...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50008625 ..... $529,142
7201 E. CO. RD. 96, VISTA DEL SOL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... $429,000
12029 E. NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #5000949 ..... SALE PENDING
MASTER BUILT HOMES
606 CHAPARRAL ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008393 ..... $237,500
907 CHEYENNE ST....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... $211,000
KDA BUILDERS, LLC
7186 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50009494 ..... $589,950
7118 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010571 ..... $591,900
3500 CO. RD. 143...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50008692 ..... $429,000
SB HOMES MIDLAND LLC
7400 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... $434,890
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION
1306 E. PENNSYLVANIA AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50010695 ..... $169,900
500 S. WEATHERFORD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50010696 ..... $199,900
LUPITA HOMES
423 OAK AVE...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666 ..... MLS #50010843 ..... $248,500
1101 PENNSYLVANIA AVE...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666 ..... MLS #50010702 ..... $223,000
ANNABELLA HOMES, LLC
7319 E. CO. RD. 91...Melody Carroll $434,900
7210 E. CO. RD. 91...Melody Carroll ..... MLS #50010732 ..... $250,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

604 SOLOMON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50009355 ..... $3,250,000
4903 ISLAND DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010385 ..... $950,000
6507 W. CO. RD. 41...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010824 ..... $949,500
8101 EDINBURGH DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50009192 ..... $825,000
4206 GREENVILLE...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010426 ..... $775,000
4311 E. CO. RD. 60...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #50008316 ..... $710,000
4813 RUSTIC TRAIL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50010895 ..... $699,900
1613 SEABOARD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50009787 ..... $650,000
2201 HUMBLE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #50009252 ..... SALE PENDING
5312 BELLA PLACE...Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #50009473 ..... $605,000
4503 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50011127 ..... $600,000
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #107438 ..... $549,900
12 LAFAYETTE PL...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666 ..... MLS #50011001 ..... $549,900
2607 ARROYO DR...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #50010592 ..... $499,900
4900 OAKWOOD CT...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009620 ..... SALE PENDING
5006 OAK VALLEY...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50008914 ..... SALE PENDING
6300 OJIBWA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010715 ..... $495,000
5108 WIDENER STRIP...Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004532 ..... $489,900
4117 FOX HOLLOW...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... $475,000
5707 CROWLEY...Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #50009500 ..... $469,900
5804 LINCOLN GREEN CT...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50006934 ..... SALE PENDING
2112 EVANS LN...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $435,000
5005 CRISTA LANE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010658 ..... $419,900
4303 CORONADO CT....Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50010419 ..... SALE PENDING
6515 GLADIOLA AVE....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50007487 ..... $379,000
1322 TERRA CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010981 ..... $379,000
5200 MATHIS...Martha Manulik ..... SALE PENDING
430-1 CORONADO CT....Melody Carroll 325-330-1182 ..... MLS #50005658 ..... $370,000
2803 EMERSON LANE...Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #50010535 ..... $369,000
3124 PATRICK...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #50002486 ..... $368,500
5615 CROWLEY BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010915 ..... $363,000
4105 CRESTRIDGE DR...Leah Watkins $359,500
3900 WESTMINISTER DR....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010395 ..... $349,900
2809 SHANKS...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50007396 ..... SALE PENDING
2828 DURANT DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010502 ..... $345,000
4701 FROST PL....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010997 ..... $335,000
5701 CARMEL CT....Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #50008581 ..... SALE PENDING
5209 GREATHOUSE AVE....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009347 ..... SALE PENDING
1509 SAN FRANCISCO....Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50009081 ..... $333,900
3204 SHELL...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #50006866 ..... $330,000
1311 CERRILLOS...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50010457 ..... $314,999
6702 VANGUARD....Donna Omar $305,000
3602 OAKRIDGE....Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50008982 ..... SALE PENDING
5302 WIDENER STRIP....Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50004532 ..... SALE PENDING
4500-10 FAIRGATE LVR.-DUPLEX...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50006199 ..... $299,900
3203 DURANT DR....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50008947 ..... $299,900
6110 CRYSTAL SKY LN....Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50006820 ..... $295,000
2600 DURANT...Pam Dodd $290,000
410 MARINOR COURT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50006418 ..... $276,500
2742 FAIR OAKS CIRCLE....Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #105632 ..... $275,000
509 D'ROURKE....Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... SALE PENDING
1204 RANDOLPH LN....Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50009209 ..... $275,000
3002 NORTHTOWN....Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50005784 ..... $275,000
3618 STOREY AVE....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50011093 ..... $270,000
1406 SAN MIGUEL CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50011038 ..... $265,000
2821 METZ DR....Lauren Thercell 557-4114 ..... MLS #50008464 ..... SALE PENDING
3217 SINCLAIR....Donna Omar ..... MLS #50007296 ..... $235,500
909 GOLIAD DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50011156 ..... $235,000
4516 GLENEAGLES DR....Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50010977 ..... $230,000
1917 HUNTINGTON...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50003883 ..... $229,900
604 W. KANSAS AVE....Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108203 ..... $189,900
708 UPLAND DR....Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #50005289 ..... $189,900
3903 MONTY....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010982 ..... $165,000
601 BECKLEY....Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... $149,900
610 HOWARD DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010725 ..... SALE PENDING
3500 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50005825 ..... $82,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3701 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd $850,000
1803 MABERRY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $649,900
4499 HACKBERRY...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010707 ..... $399,900
6213 SEQUOIA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50009481 ..... $365,000
1804 NORTH H...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50008505 ..... $369,900
6404 DRIFTWOOD...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #50009958 ..... $360,000
4700 ROSEWOOD...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50009562 ..... SALE PENDING
3204 APPERSON DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008513 ..... $325,000
4309 TUMBLEWEED...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50009463 ..... $319,900
5501 SAN SABA COURT...Jerri Leskar 425-1096 ..... MLS #50010701 ..... $310,000
4108 CYNTHIA DR...Lisa Russell $310,000
905 PINE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010956 ..... $307,125
2406 W. DENGAR AVE...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50008815 ..... $305,000
3102 PRINCETON...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50010427 ..... $299,900
4902 MELVILLE DR...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50010717 ..... SALE PENDING
409 MEL OTT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010639 ..... $299,000
5602 SAN SABA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010134 ..... $299,000
4700 BISHOPS CASTLE...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50009643 ..... $299,000
5406 SAN SABA CT...Gina Reyes ..... MLS #50008830 ..... $295,000
4805 SPRING MEADOW LANE #5...Kay Rivers 934-5995 ..... $289,500
2821 MOSS AVE...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50009731 ..... $279,900
6409 SHAWNEE...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666 ..... MLS #50010926 ..... $279,900
2905 SKYLINE...Linda Scudder 853-2200 ..... $279,000
1611 HARVARD...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010461 ..... SALE PENDING
1004 K ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010792 ..... $274,900
2410 NORTHTOWN CT...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50010383 ..... $273,000
5401 RIO GRANDE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50009991 ..... SALE PENDING
7905 DOUGLAS...Karen Foster $269,000
6001 MEDINA DR...Leah Watkins 556-2187 ..... SALE PENDING
6969 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd $260,000
1200 PRAIRIE LANE...Leah Watkins 349-2187 ..... MLS #1000034433 ..... $255,000
5306 CANADIAN...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... SALE PENDING
1216 CONQUISTADOR CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50011091 ..... $250,000
6969 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $250,000
3009 GODDARD...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50009678 ..... $250,000
3214 RANCHLAND DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010266 ..... SALE PENDING
5402 RIO GRANDE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50009435 ..... SALE PENDING
4606 BISHOPS CASTLE DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #50003188 ..... $249,900
3501 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50001061 ..... $249,000
4102 DYER CIRCLE...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #40204633 ..... $244,000
7803 FRONTIER...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... $242,500
4512 SPENCE...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #50013692 ..... $239,900
3305 EDGEMONT DR...Leah Watkins $239,000
513 COLISEUM CT...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #50009916 ..... SALE PENDING
1208 RANDOLPH LN...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50008031 ..... $235,000
5210 CANADIAN...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50003775 ..... $235,000
1404 E. PECAN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010673 ..... SALE PENDING
2901 DOUGLAS...Pam Dodd ..... SALE PENDING
1803 NEELY AVE...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50004091 ..... $232,500
604 S. JACKSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010997 ..... $230,000
1109 MILLTOWN RD...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50008001 ..... $229,900
2412 EMERSON CT...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50009158 ..... $229,900
2300 REGAL P...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ..... MLS #50010703 ..... SALE PENDING
405 CRENSHAW DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50004711 ..... $225,000
3601 STANDLIND...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $225,000
3405 BOYD AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50007035 ..... $225,000
3604 SINCLAIR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50009605 ..... $224,900
908 SHEA LN...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50003252 ..... $223,000
4512 PALMER DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008119 ..... SALE PENDING
402 NEELY AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010247 ..... SALE PENDING
3283 W. SHANDON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50001315 ..... $215,000
4810 HUMBLE...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50010312 ..... SALE PENDING
3505 JORDAN AVE...Skye Farris $213,000
2503 BOEING DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010224 ..... $210,500
3219 W. GOLF COURSE ROAD...Andrea Snell ..... MLS #50009445 ..... SALE PENDING
4301 NORWOOD...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50009247 ..... $200,000
508 WAVERLY DR....Skye Farris ..... MLS #50006418 ..... $200,000
4812 ANETTA DR....Reannah Glover ..... MLS #50010161 ..... SALE PENDING
2506 HOYA DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50002192 ..... $195,000
1102 E. CUTHBERT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50010214 ..... $189,000
307 S. ESKINHOWER...Wendy Waddell $187,000
4704 ANETTA...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... SALE PENDING
3905 MONTY...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010983 ..... $185,000
4807 STOREY AVE...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50011094 ..... $179,900
4405 PARKDALE DR...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50009781 ..... $179,000
3407 W. STOREY...Mark Philliber ..... MLS #50010929 ..... $179,000
4601 ANETTA DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010684 ..... SALE PENDING
3230 WHITTLE WAY...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ..... $169,000
305 S. DALLAS ST...Darla Davis ..... MLS #50002162 ..... $167,500
5206 SUNNYSIDE DR...Martha Manulik ..... MLS #50004108 ..... $165,000
4700 CUTHBERT AVE....Melody Carroll ..... MLS #50011040 ..... $162,000
5202 BELAIRE DR...Amanda Gunter ..... SALE PENDING
5204 SAN ANTONIO...Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004827 ..... $160,000
3105 DELANO AVE....Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #50006353 ..... $159,000
1217 CENTURY...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50009705 ..... SALE PENDING
3008 W. OHIO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50001730 ..... $149,000
4303 TREVINO...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010952 ..... SALE PENDING
4702 COMANCHE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50006821 ..... $148,000
1202 E. ESTES...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50008842 ..... SALE PENDING
420 E. SHARON...Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50007936 ..... SALE PENDING
3500 ROOSEVELT...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50010458 ..... SALE PENDING
619 W. KANSAS...Reece Rivera 230-8647 ..... MLS #50006662 ..... $135,000
1009 MOGFORD...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50008370 ..... $134,900
1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR....Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #50004057 ..... $128,000
4405 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $124,900
4813 CHEROKEE DR....Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50011055 ..... SALE PENDING
4721 BOWIE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50010275 ..... SALE PENDING
1002 S. JEFFERSON....Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #50010394 ..... $60,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

2505 CASTLEFORD RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010947 ..... $245,000
4774-B HARVARD AVE...Stephanie Masterson 556-1564 ..... $158,000
104 HOLLY...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50004592 ..... $133,500
4704 HARVARD AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008798 ..... SALE PENDING
3330 CALDERA #146...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50006509 ..... $110,000
3212 W. LOUISIANA AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #50010881 ..... SALE PENDING

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4409 E. CO. RD. 83...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #108422 ..... $999,000
6700 W. CO. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50010731 ..... $950,000
6507 W. CO. RD. 41...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010824 ..... $949,500
5703 S. CO. RD. 1065...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009655 ..... $800,000
7213 E. CO. RD. 114, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50009497 ..... $638,000
7003 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50007715 ..... $625,000
4309 S. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50009910 ..... 8 Acres/$599,000
7106 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50009494 ..... $589,950
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50006926 ..... Home w/Hangar/$569,500
5510 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50008396 ..... SALE PENDING
12197 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108236 ..... $484,900
12201 SCR 1118...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #R9538A $448,000
11808 W. CO. RD. 58...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010920 ..... $429,000
7405 S. CO. RD. 1119...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50011088 ..... $414,900
11701 W. CO. RD. 52...Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50010752 ..... 2.93 Acres w/Shop $370,000
12119 E. CO. RD. 102...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #50001291 ..... $365,000
9000 SCR 1160...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50010780 ..... $315,000
10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50010772 ..... SALE PENDING
1902 E. CO. RD. 120...Andrea Snell 599-4417 ..... MLS #50008114 ..... $309,900
3700 W. CO. RD. 146...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $309,900
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50008046 ..... 10 Acres/$305,000
7300 E. CO. RD. 91...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ..... SALE PENDING
10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108961 ..... 0.51 Acres/$295,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 150...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #50001570 ..... $265,000
4010 W. CO. RD. 1278...Kay Rivers 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008485 ..... $249,500
6101 S. CO. RD. 1065...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50011142 ..... $249,000
4607 S. CO. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50005740 ..... $249,000
10601 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... SALE PENDING
7606 E. CO. RD. 69...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009375 ..... $200,000
5201 S. CO. RD. 1160...Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50008733 ..... $175,000
4403 N. CO. RD. 1130...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

14800 585 N. BROWNWOOD TX...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... MLS #50008666 ..... $998,500
CO RD 248A COMANCHE TX...Melody Carroll ..... MLS #50011044 ..... 196.301 Acres/$750,000
401 4TH ST. STANTON TX...Lisa Russell ..... MLS #50004541
2940 FM 829 NEAR STANTON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50006617 ..... SALE PENDING
3407 CO. RD. B 2240, STANTON...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50010227 ..... SALE PENDING
14 SUSSEX DR. ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ..... MLS #106380 ..... $340,000
3016 SAN PEDRO ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ..... MLS #50005382 ..... $315,000
COLORADO CITY...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ..... MLS #50006943 ..... 10 Acres/$300,000
3039 CO. RD. 318, LAKE BREKENRIDGE...Jesse Alcaraz $275,000
6969 KING RANCH RD. ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $260,000
2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008073 ..... $256,900
6533 DUNBAR, ODESSA...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50010299 ..... SALE PENDING
903 W. 3RD, STANTON...Lana Flores $250,000
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3701 CARDINAL LN...Pam Dodd $850,000
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N. CO. RD. 1250...Hannah Jones ..... MLS #107829 ..... 70.5 Acres/$493,500
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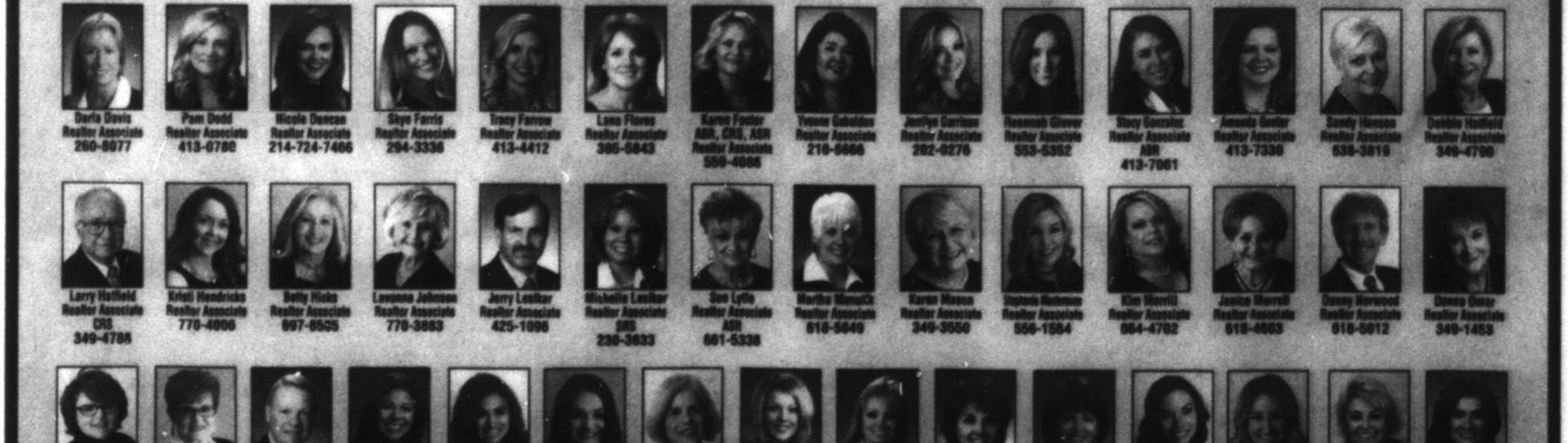

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ROAD TRIP WEST TEXAS

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Patty Pharis, the curator for the Heart of West Texas Museum, rings the bell on a 1924 LaFrance fire truck Sept. 20 in Colorado City.

Colorado City museum holds 'things from your childhood'

By Ronald W. Erdich
Abilene Reporter-News

ABOVE: The Heart of West Texas Museum in Colorado City is located at 340 E. Third Street. BELOW: A 1943 citation from former Colorado City Police Chief Dick Hickman, issued for transporting whiskey, is shown on display.

COLORADO CITY — Poor old Abe, caught running whiskey.

Or so reads Dick Hickman's ticket booth from 1943, on display at the newly opened Annex of the Heart of West Texas Museum.

"I had to look through that ticket book really good and get my dad to OK whoever I chose, so it wouldn't be somebody that someone would know," said curator Patty Pharis. "Because some of them are gambling with dice and that sort of thing."

Whoever Abe Thomas was, we can only hope he learned his lesson — or at least how to elude Hickman, who was police chief in Colorado City during the 1930s and '40s.

But Hickman's ticket book isn't the only thing of his hanging on the wall. There's also his doors.

"He wanted to be able to jump out of his police car really fast, so he took the doors off his car," Pharis explained. "We had lots of bootleggers."

Bobby Sparks, a local businessman, gave them to the museum. She didn't know what kind of car they belonged to; they hang beside Hickman's framed leather holster, beautifully hand-tooled with his first name boldly stamped across it.

"The Annex was a garage, it was actually a barracks at Camp Berkeley near Buffalo Gap," Pharis said. "When they closed the camp, they sold the buildings."

The owners of the Kiker Funeral Home purchased two of the surplus barracks. One became the garage, the other a lake cabin. In 1971, Bill Seale bought the business but retained the original owner as manager, renaming it Kiker-Seale. Twenty years later, the funeral home moved and the original building and its garage were given to the city, which converted it into the present museum.

Near Hickman's ticket book rests an American LaFrance fire engine purchased by the city in 1924 for $3,500. From 1980-81, the fire department restored the truck, drove it in a few parades, and then put it back in storage.

"It's pretty cool. My husband, Allen, was one of the ones who helped restore it," Pharis said.

Hoping not to deafen myself, I asked her to ring the machine's big brass bell. Standing 15 feet away didn't help.

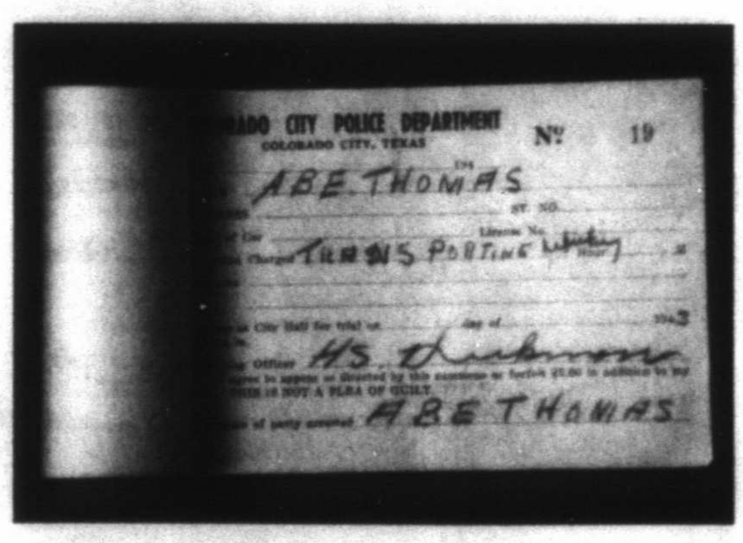
"It is loud," I barely heard her say. "The kids left to ring it."

It features a spotlight jutting from the open-air cab's dashboard, right next to the steering column. About the size of a dinner plate, the light was set into a swivel.

On the other side of the room is the old Wallace School basketball scoreboard. Now a school for accelerated learning, Wallace originally was the segregated campus for black students.

The school won four state basketball championships; 1959, 1960, 1962 and 1966. Those trophies are now on display at Colorado High School, but the scoreboard hanging near the Annex ceiling still appears nearly ready for action.

Wire mesh covers the countdown clock and the bulbs still seem present for illuminating the score. But Wallace had a perennial problem with their scoreboard — with room for only two digits, their tally couldn't go high enough.



"When the ladies came for a reunion, they said it was funny because Wallace scored so many points that when they would pass 100, (the score) would start over," Pharis said. "They'd have to remember the '1' was still up there for the home team."

She said they hope to restore power to the device in the future.

For a trip down memory lane, however, it's hard to beat Leola Anderson's mural hanging back in the museum's upstairs big room. The painting was dedicated as part of the Mitchell County Reunion on Sept. 30.

"She painted it in her garage for the Mitchell County Reunion," Pharis said. "She gave it to the First National Bank and they kept it in their foyer for a long time, and they got bought out."

About 16 feet or so across, the painting was donated to the museum and hung a few weeks ago. It depicts Second Street at both ends, with an actual parade as well as the more metaphorical one depicting a pantheon of characters and moments from the city's history.

"Up there is Seven Wells,

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LISTEN UP

Eli Torres and Justin Tate turn on the funny in new podcast

By Karis Johnson
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If you find yourself sitting next to Eli Torres and Justin Tate on any given day, there is a good chance you will hear a sneak peek of the next episode of their "Beans and Taters Comedy Hour" podcast. The witty one-liners and hilarious banter that comprise their conversations also make up the majority of their podcast content; the only difference is the recording equipment.

"We don't want to have a script," Torres said. "What we say is relatable. We just put a spin on everything."

Want more?

To listen to "Beans and Taters Comedy Hour," visit the Facebook page @BATCH-pod for links to all episodes.

The Midland natives and longtime friends kick-started the weekly comedy podcast in August, but they are no amateurs when it comes to putting on a show and making people laugh. Both are veteran performers with Midland Community Theatre. They met in 2008, when they began their Summer Mummers tenure, which continues today. They became fast friends in a short time.

"I met this guy, and when you spend a year together doing the same shows and sharing a dressing room and all that, it's kind of inevitable," Tate said.

Before the creation of the "Beans and Taters Comedy Hour," Torres and Tate — Beans and Taters, respectively — had another podcast they pioneered before that media trend became the popularized mainstream it is today. That podcast, called "Thirty-Minute Layover," could be considered the prototype for their current one.

"It just never was what we wanted," Tate said. "I moved to Las Vegas for a couple of years and just moved back here a few months ago. We had kind of been talking about trying the podcast again the right way, and pretty much as soon as I got back, we hit the ground running."

While creating a podcast is an endeavor people take on for various reasons, for Torres and Tate, it's about having a creative, communicative outlet — and making people laugh.

"I just like having an outlet," Torres said. "My day-to-day isn't really a whole lot of interaction or communication, so it's great having an outlet every week just to literally talk and just voice what's going on and what I'm thinking about, and maybe it's funny."

Besides the creative aspect of their podcast, Tate said they are the only regular podcast in the Midland-Odessa area.

"I just always liked working on something, and on top of that, I think you always hear from people in this area that there's nothing to do here, and it's like, 'Don't wait on somebody to create something for you to do, create something to do here.'" Tate said. "It gives us a chance to entertain every week, and it's something that nobody else in this area is doing."

The content of their podcasts ranges from putting hilarious spins on quotidian events to hosting on-air guests such "Old Man Harry" — Torres' neighbor and a regular on the show.

"Now, he's part of the conglomerate," Torres said. "A lot of people are asking about him. More people love Old Man Harry than love us."

Zany characters and outlandish stories run rampant in the show, and Tate and Torres said they would describe their humor as random and relatable.

"There are so many different kinds of humor," Tate said. "I'm sure we don't trip everybody's trigger on everything when we do a comedy show. Some people get it, some people don't. But, it's not inside humor, meaning it's not stuff that's only funny to us."

While the podcast is still in its beginning stages, Tate and Torres said they have no concrete plans for what its future will look like, but they are open-minded

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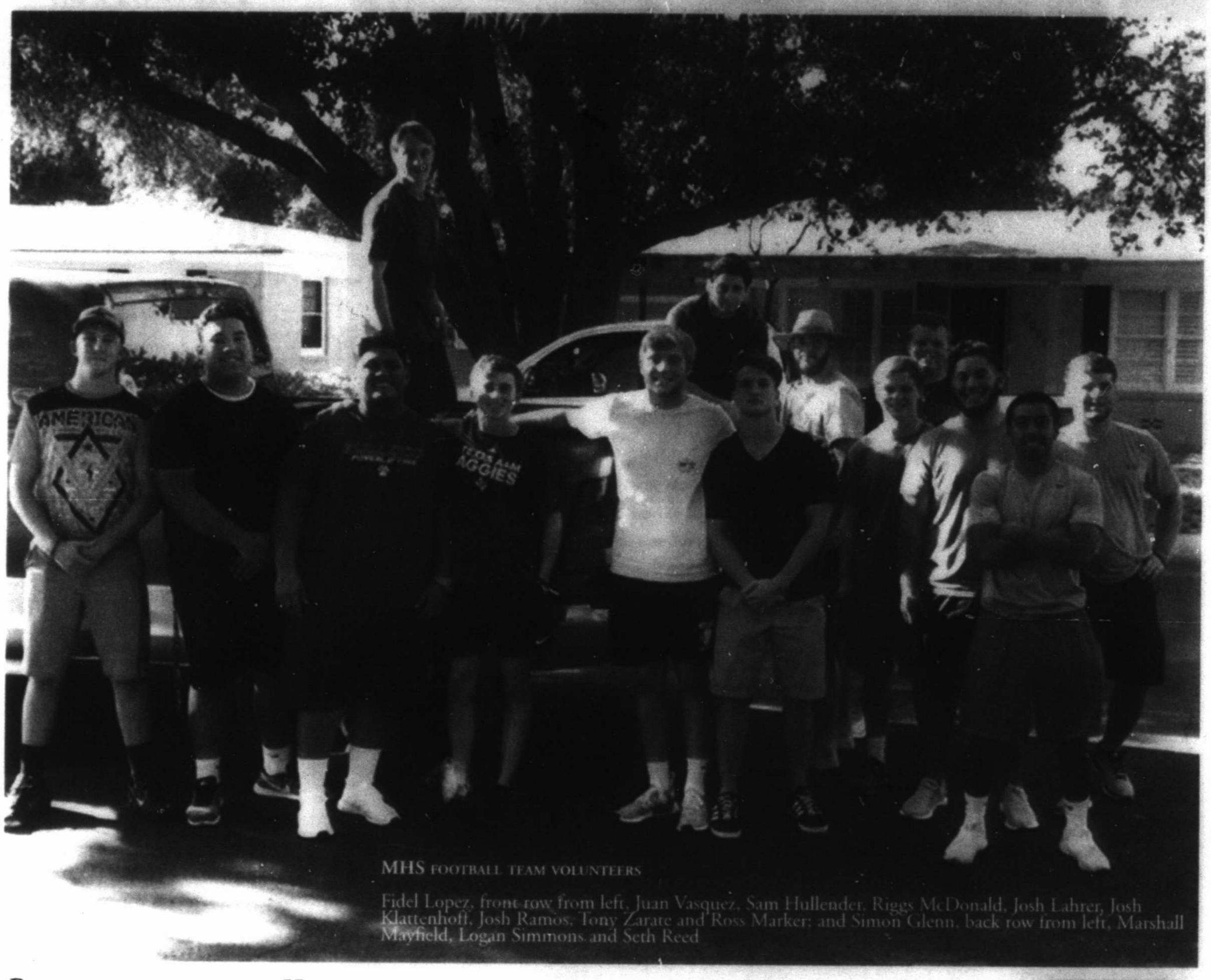


MHS FOOTBALL TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Fidel Lopez, front row from left, Juan Vasquez, Sam Hullender, Riggs McDonald, Josh Lahrer, Josh Klattenhoff, Josh Ramos, Tony Zarate and Ross Marker; and Simon Glenn, back row from left, Marshall Mayfield, Logan Simmons and Seth Reed

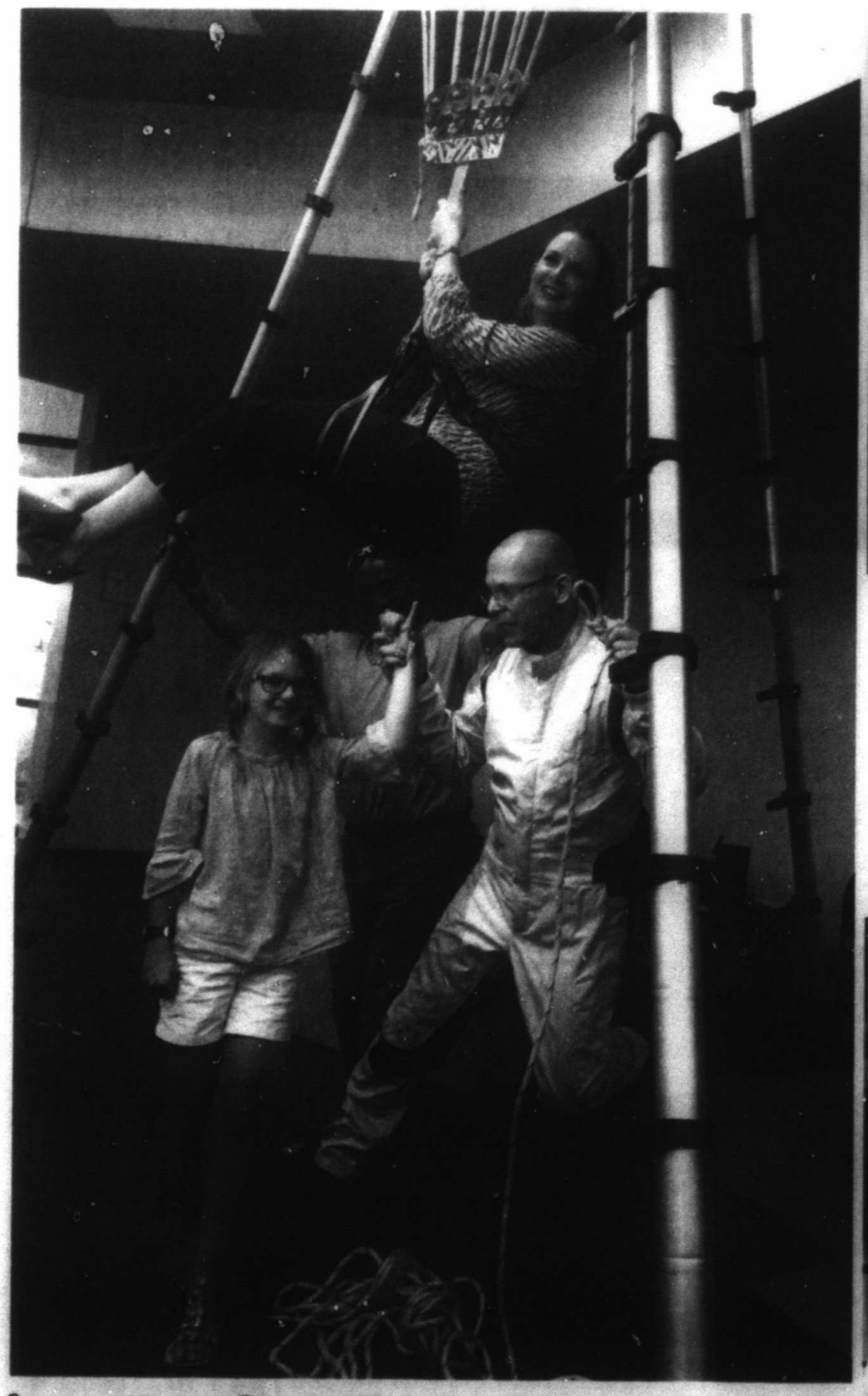
BULLDOGS VOLUNTEER FOR HARVEY VICTIMS

The Midland High School football team recently did its part for Hurricane Harvey victims.

Booster club supporters donated groceries, toiletries, blankets, diapers and other necessities that the players packed in boxes. Once packaged, the boys loaded everything onto a trailer that was heading to Houston.

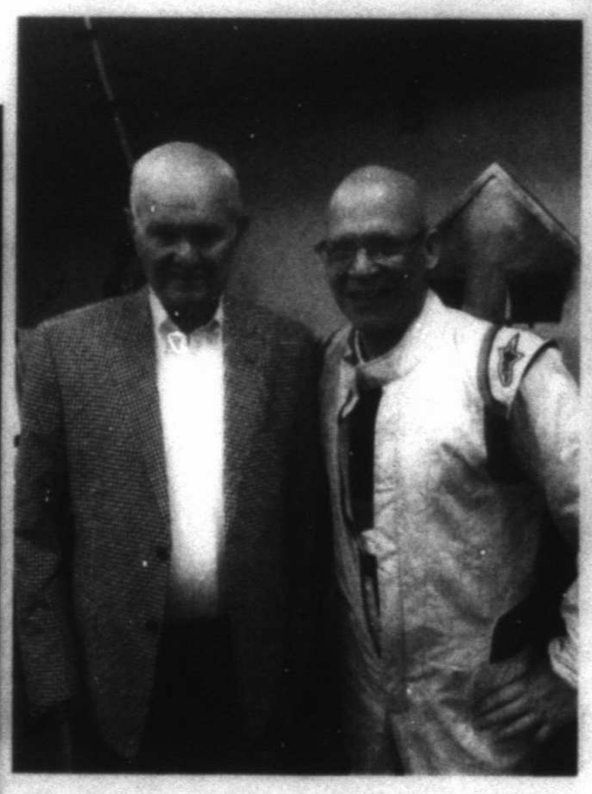
Head football coach Tim Anuszkiewicz encourages his players to be leaders in their school and the community by serving others, and the team thought this would be a great way to come together and help those in need.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.



SPECIAL EFFECTS AT THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Stacie Hanna (hanging), Lauren Blaylock, Steve Wolf and Robert Cabral, background



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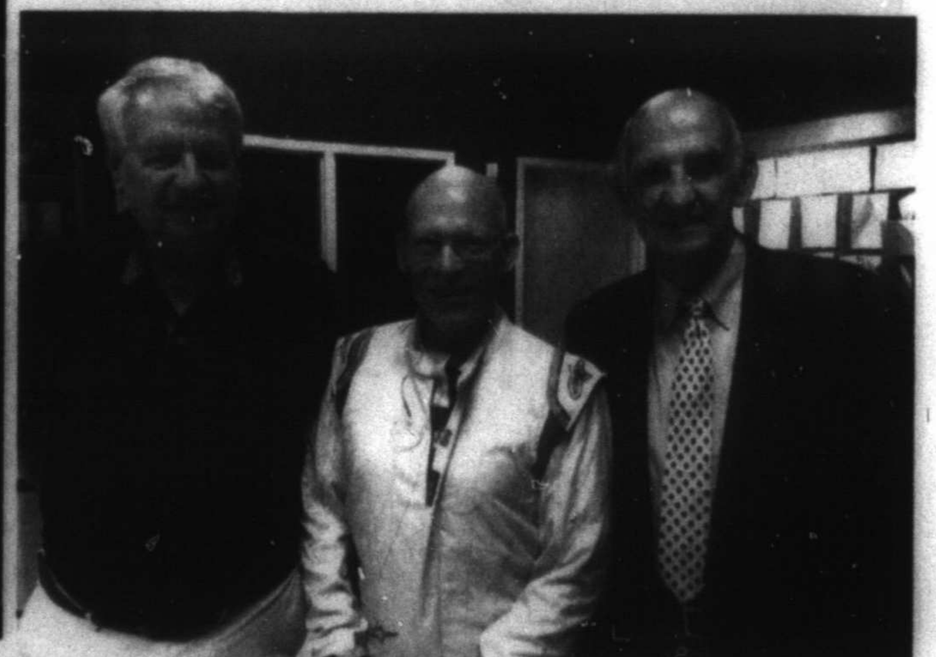
Arlen Edgar, left, and Steve Wolf

SPECIAL EFFECTS ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

It was lights, camera and lots of pyrotechnic action when Steve Wolf, an Academy Award-winning stunt and special effects professional, came to the Petroleum Museum Sept. 19 for the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series. Museum members were treated to a private meet-and-greet with Wolf in the Education Hall before attending the interactive show.

During his presentation, Wolf pulled people out of the crowd to help bring his pyrotechnics to life. He showed the audience how movie-set houses are ignited using valves; how pulleys are used to make people fly, jump and climb; and how air cannons are used to blow up things on the set.

Later in the week, Wolf was back at the museum for the Family Science Night, when he took his explosion presentation outside to entertain the crowd using pressure control, gasoline and a controlled flame to light up the evening sky.



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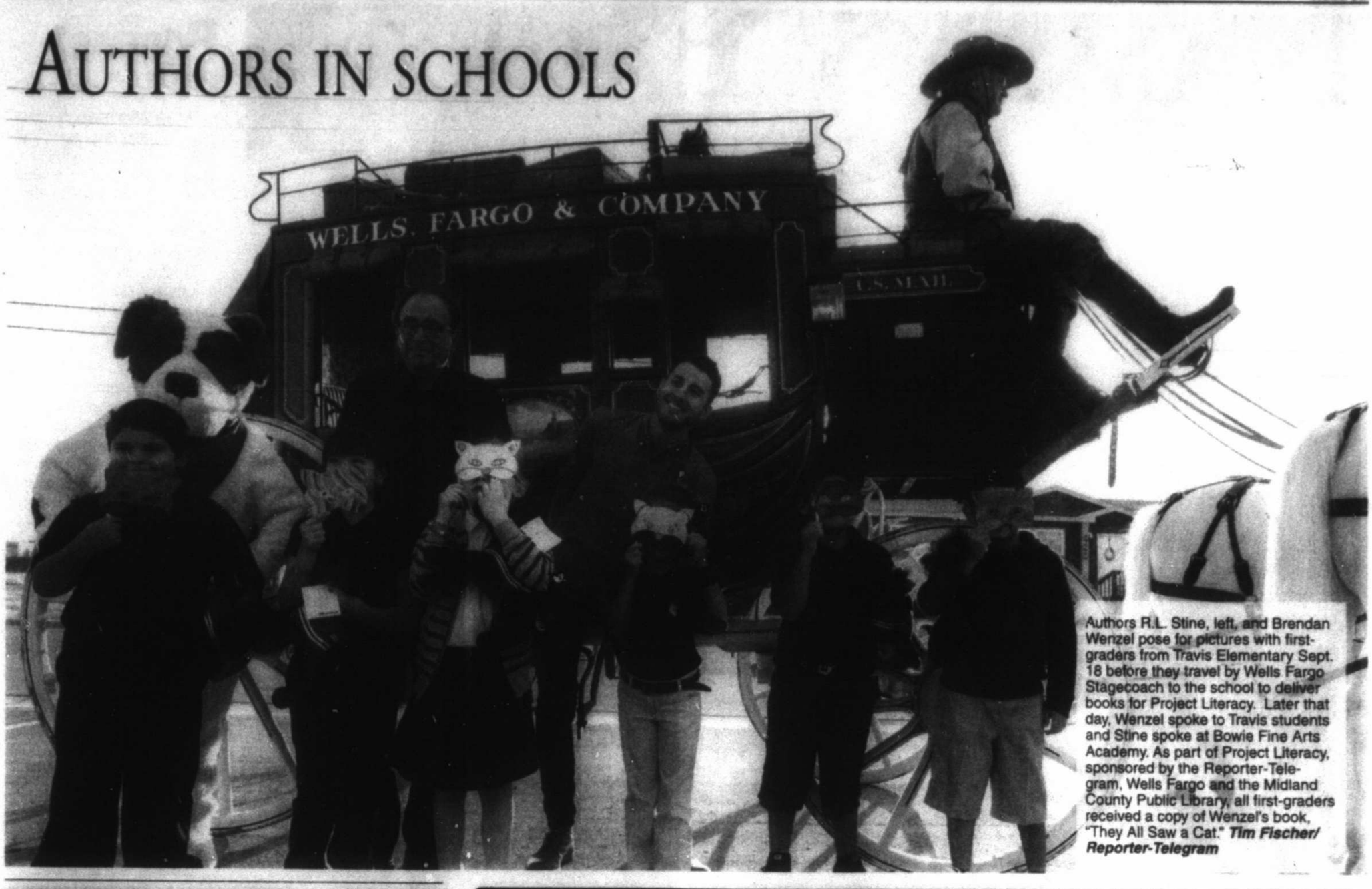
Mark Philpy, from left, Steve Wolf and Tom Hyde

AUTHORS IN SCHOOLS



Authors R.L. Stine, left, and Brendan Wenzel pose for pictures with first-graders from Travis Elementary Sept. 18 before they travel by Wells Fargo Stagecoach to the school to deliver books for Project Literacy. Later that day, Wenzel spoke to Travis students and Stine spoke at Bowie Fine Arts Academy. As part of Project Literacy, sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram, Wells Fargo and the Midland County Public Library, all first-graders received a copy of Wenzel's book, "They All Saw a Cat." ***Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram***

SPECIAL EFFECTS AT THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Braxton Nutting, from left, Suzzan Nutting, Steve Wolf, Greyson Nutting, front

SPECIAL EFFECTS AT THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Dave Adams, from left, Davey Adams, Steve Wolf and Charlie Adams

SPECIAL EFFECTS AT THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Steve Thomas, left, and Steve Wolf

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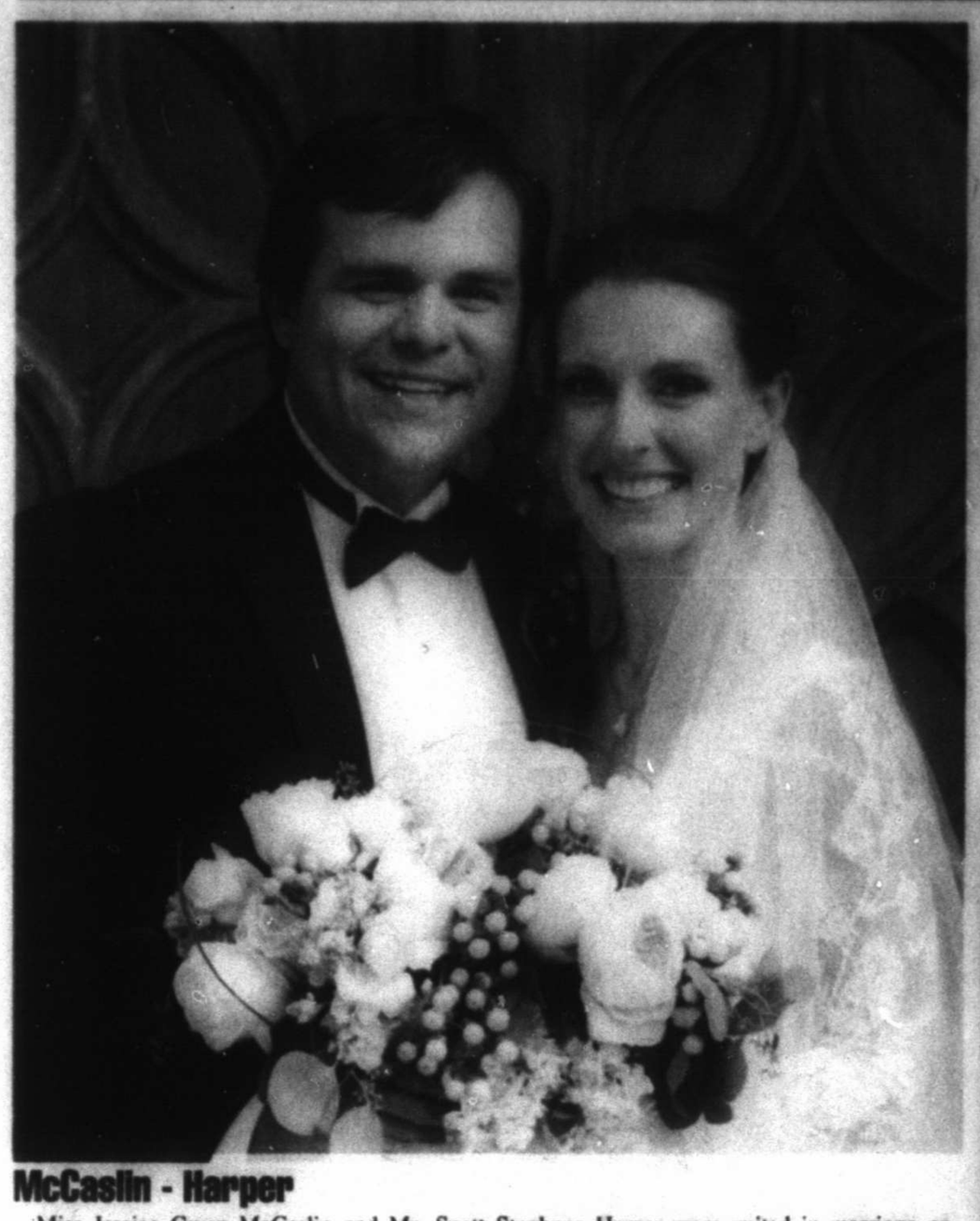


McCaslin - Harper

Miss Jessica Gwen McCaslin and Mr. Scott Stephens Harper were united in marriage on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at five-thirty in the evening at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The marriage ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Dr. Randel Everett of Flower Mound, Texas, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland. Following the ceremony, the Azteca Mariachi Band serenaded the guests to The La Fonda on the Plaza hotel for a reception hosted by the bride's parents. Guests dined and danced to The Fever from Denver, Colorado. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner on the tented grounds at La Posada Resort.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Thomas McCaslin of Midland and the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Earl Jolly of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas McCaslin of Richardson.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Tucker Harper of Midland and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis Dill of Houston and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harper, Jr., of Austin.

Presented in marriage by her parents, and escorted by her father, the bride wore a solid lace ivory empire waist gown with a v-neckline by Temperley London.

Serving as the maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Miss Meredith Claire McCaslin of Dallas. Serving as the house party were Miss Kathryn Jo Hilburn, Miss Sarah Kate Little, and Mrs. Anna Johnson Smith, all of Midland, and Mrs. Emily Hilburn Waldrop of Odessa.

Serving as best men were Mr. William Ryan Hightower of Dallas and Mr. Clayton Fredrick Ortloff of Midland. Ushers were Mr. Morgan Mitchell Ballou of Telluride, Colorado and Mr. Joseph Torivio Duran of Midland.

Following a honeymoon in the French Polynesian Islands, the couple resides in Midland, Texas.

Barron - Gatlin

Our families would like to announce the engagement of Cheryl L. Barron to J.R. Gatlin. The two will be married on October 28, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

The happy couple will reside in Homestead, Florida.

Karis Johnson/Reporter-Telegram

Eli Torres, left, and Justin Tate prepare a new episode of the "Beans and Taters Comedy Hour" podcast.

PODCAST

From 1E

"I just want people to like it and want to listen to it," Torres said. "Eventually, if other entities want us to plug their products, either locally or nationally, because we have so many listeners, then, hell yeah, we'll go for it."

By day, the men work in jobs that may not have the humor they need to feed their appetites. Torres is a groundskeeper for an apartment complex. Tate works in sales for a marketing firm. Any pent-up punchlines and funny anecdotes accumulated through the week come out in full force every Sunday. The two meet at one of their homes.

They set up the portable recording studio before spending an hour creating the next episode of the "Beans and Taters Comedy Hour."

"We've both done improv shows, but it's interesting to me that two people can sit down, flip a couple of switches and have an hour of entertaining content with none of it planned," Torres said.

"You can't do that with everybody," Tate said. "He and I read each other well; we know each other well. I know when to shut up and let him roll, and he knows when to shut up and let me roll, and it just happens out of nowhere."

They both remain active in MCT and Mummers. Tate will perform in the Improv at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre.

By turning their weekly hang-out time into a creative outlet, Tate and Torres can serve up laughs through their relatable content and random thoughts that result in an dose of hour-long humor.

"If you've got a proven track record of performing and entertaining like we have, why not use that experience and bank on that experience to create something new around here that nobody else is doing?" Tate said.

Fall's a season for planting and eating berries

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Does a fresh-picked raspberry taste better early in the morning, when it's still cool from the night air, or at noon, after it's been warmed by the sun?

That's debatable. But there's no argument that few foods are as delectable as raspberries picked at their peak of ripeness, when they're so fragile that they can't be shipped in good condition further than arm's length.

Blackberries, currants and gooseberries are equally delectable, and they're all borne on plants compact enough to grow and look at home in the vegetable or flower garden.

Blueberries are handsome landscape plants — the highbush varieties as stand-alone shrubs, the lowbush as creeping groundcover plants.

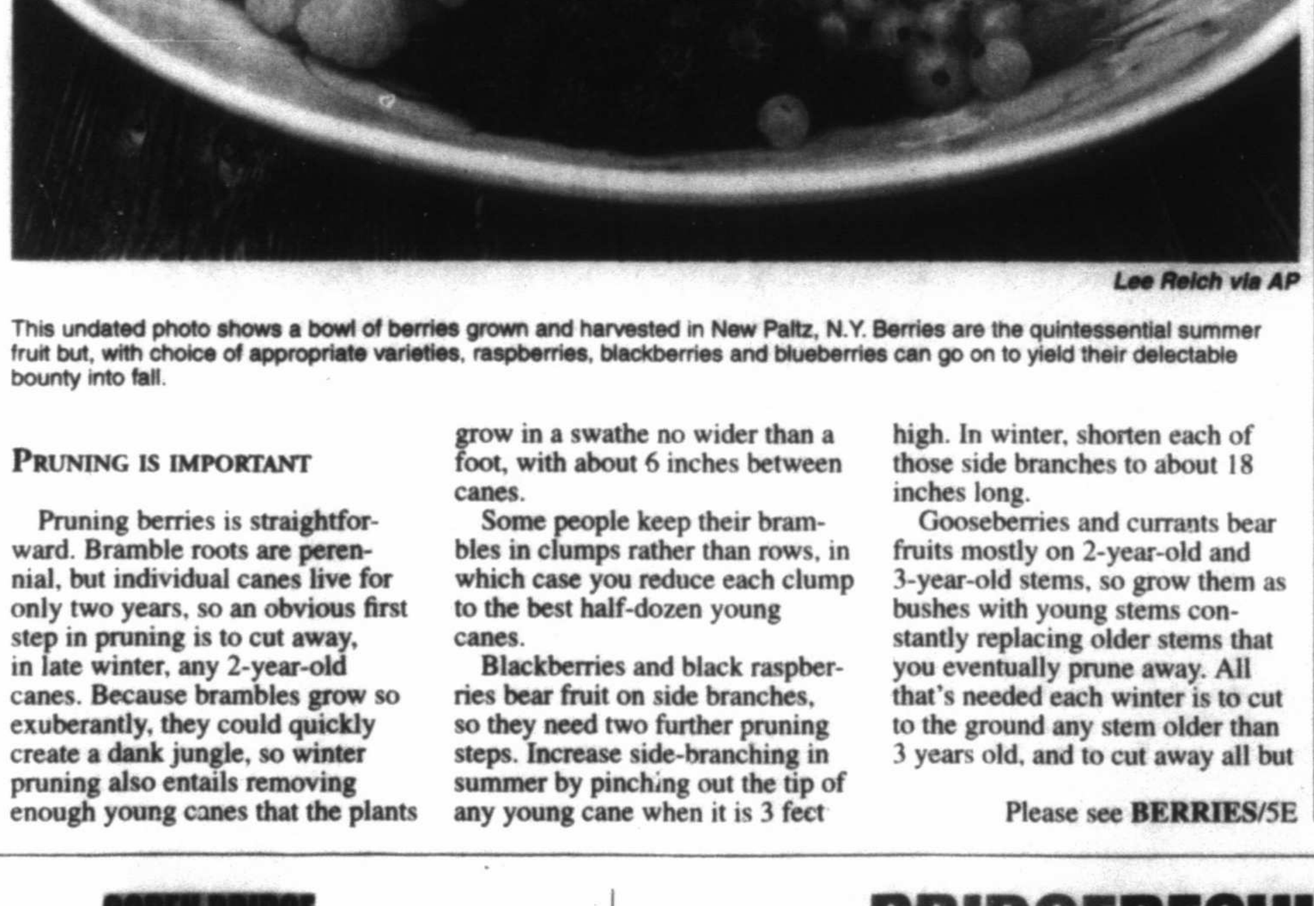
A GOOD CASE FOR GROWING BERRIES

In addition to having delicious and diverse flavors, berries are remarkably easy to grow. Pest problems are rare if the plants have a good site and regular pruning.

Blackberries and raspberries, collectively called bramble fruits, grow best bathing in full sunlight. The same goes for blueberries.

Currants and gooseberries are among the few fruits that bear well even in some shade.

All these berries are comfortable in a variety of soils, but they do like their roots kept cool and moist beneath a permanent mulch of wood chips, leaves, straw or other organic material.



Lee Reich via AP

This undated photo shows a bowl of berries grown and harvested in New Paltz, N.Y. Berries are the quintessential summer fruit but, with choice of appropriate varieties, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries can go on to yield their delectable bounty into fall.

PRUNING IS IMPORTANT

Pruning berries is straightforward. Bramble roots are perennial, but individual canes live for only two years, so an obvious first step in pruning is to cut away, in late winter, any 2-year-old canes. Because brambles grow so exuberantly, they could quickly create a dank jungle, so winter pruning also entails removing enough young canes that the plants grow in a swathe no wider than a foot, with about 6 inches between canes.

Some people keep their brambles in clumps rather than rows, in which case you reduce each clump to the best half-dozen young canes.

Blackberries and black raspberries bear fruit on side branches, so they need two further pruning steps. Increase side-branching in summer by pinching out the tip of any young cane when it is 3 feet high. In winter, shorten each of those side branches to about 18 inches long.

Gooseberries and currants bear fruits mostly on 2-year-old and 3-year-old stems, so grow them as bushes with young stems constantly replacing older stems that you eventually prune away. All that's needed each winter is to cut to the ground any stem older than 3 years old, and to cut away all but

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MUSEUM

From 1E

on the Champion Creek south of town," Pharis said. "It's an area of deep wells, the Indians went there, the buffalo came there.

"In the '50s, '60s and even the '70s, that's where everybody went on a Sunday afternoon to swim and play. Now it's covered by Champion Creek Reservoir."

Alfred Eisenstadt's iconic image of a sailor kissing a nurse on VJ.Day is there among the locals, as is a representation of a young Frank Sinatra. Store fronts bookend the work at either end; some gone and replaced by pocket parks, others still present.

Pharis was born and raised here, so the memories come thick looking at Anderson's work.

"I shopped in JC Penney's, I went to the Palace Theater when I was a little girl," she said. "Colorado Drug was where I was a soda jerk for one day."

She lifts an arm toward another section.

"No matter what age you are, you can see things from your childhood," Pharis said. "Every time I come up here, I see something that I haven't seen before."

She paused for a moment, losing herself in her thoughts.

"It's really a treasure," she said.

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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Wrong-sided

Neither vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠AQ94
♡AJ97
◇AQ4
♣K10

WEST
♠8762
♡Q854
◇98
♣842

EAST
♠KJ1053
♡K62
◇KJ1065
♣Void

SOUTH
♠Void
♡103
◇732
♣AQJ97653

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2NT	3♢*	6♣	All pass

*Diamonds and a major

Opening lead: Nine of ◇

Tate slam would be a much better contract with North as declarer — any lead from the East hand would give away the twelfth trick.

South couldn't see a way to arrange that, so he bid what he hoped he could make.

West found the most effective lead of a diamond. South won with dummy's ace and led a low spade from the dummy.

This might tempt East to rise with the king if he didn't also hold the jack.

No luck there, so declarer ruffed, crossed his fingers, and ran off seven more club tricks. That left this four-card ending:

NORTH
♠AQ
♡A
◇Q
♠Void

WEST
♠8
♡Q8
◇8
♠Void

EAST
♠KJ
♡Void
◇KJ
♠Void

SOUTH
♠Void
♡103
◇73
♠Void

South led a heart to dummy's ace and East had to make a discard that he didn't want to make. East chose to part with the jack of diamonds, so declarer exited with the queen of diamonds to East's king. East was forced to lead a spade into dummy's ace-queen and South had his slam. Well played!

BRIDGERESULTS

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

SEPT. 18

Audie Brooks-Marlene Blumentritt, Dorothy Brenneman-Kay Sewell, Linda Buzan-Paula Baggett, Greg Keys-Patti Heard

SEPT. 19

Patti Witt-Brenda Leonard, Lena Nichols-Blumentritt, Jean Pistole-Flo Curry, Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Kay Arrell-Heard, Ann Parish-Buzan, A. Brooks-Bill Brooks

SEPT.20

Ann Servatius-Charlie Grimes, Scott Vaughan-Pistole, Sewell-Keys, Brenneman-Baggett, Linda Scarpelli-Lonnie Yee

SEPT. 21

Sarana Savage-Sewell, Buzan-Servatius, John Seymour-Helen Davis, Brenneman-Baggett, Linda Farrar-Yee, Sandy Hill-Debbie Conner

David Hudson-Keys, Scarpelli-Grimes-Betty Moore-Higgins, Belle Harris-Sonya Hopkins, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Ann Brooks-Mary Tift

Savage-Sewell, Servatius-Buzan, Hudson-Keys, Grimes-Scarpelli-Moore-Higgins, Seymour-Davis, Brenneman-Baggett, Hopkins-Harris, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks, Ann Brooks-Tift, Yee-Farrar, Hill-Conner

SEPT. 22

Bob Bacon-Servatius, Buzan-Moore, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, LaDoyce Lambert-Ricki Perry, Tommie Strack-Baggett, Bonnie Hubbard-Janet Stoltz

SEPT. 24

Grimes-Servatius, Arrell-Blumentritt, Baggett-Strack, Scarpelli-Yee

Sara Moulton via AP

This photo shows butternut squash and leek soup with gruyere pesto toast Sept. 21 in New York. This dish is from a recipe by Sara Moulton.

Butternut squash & leek soup can be served with gruyere pesto toasts

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

As we head into the fall, our local markets are beginning to feature winter squash. Each variety has its charms, but one of the standouts is butternut squash. Like its brethren, it becomes creamy when cooked and pureed, with no need for cream or thickener. Flavor-wise, though, it wins.

Most butternut squash recipes tell you, first, to peel and cut up the squash, and then to steam or boil it. I've figured out a couple of different ways to get the job done. The result is a soup that's safer to prepare and much tastier when you finally dip your spoon into it.

As anyone who's ever tried to cube a winter squash knows all too well, these guys can be perilously hard to handle. True, the supermarket sells them already peeled and cubed, but they're pricier than whole squash and likely not as fresh.

For Butternut Squash and Leek Soup with Gruyere Pesto Toasts, we halve and roast the whole squash without peeling or seeding it first. Typically, halving the squash requires slicing it through from stem to stern. Instead, I suggest laying the squash on the counter, sticking the tip of a chef's knife all the way through the middle of the squash, then slicing from the mid-point to one of its ends. Rotate the squash 180 degrees horizontally, insert the knife tip back into the middle of the veggie and slice away in the direction of the uncut end. Done.

Now the halves are ready to be baked, cut-side-down, on a rimmed sheet pan. Baking squash concentrates its flavor and brings out the natural sugars — unlike boiling or steaming it, which makes it watery. And don't bother to scrape out the seeds beforehand; it's easier after the squash has been cooked.

You can prep and cook the rest of the ingredients while the squash is baking and then cooling. These include leeks, Canadian bacon (aka smoked pork loin) and gruyere pesto toasts — all of which contribute to what is a very substantial dish in the end. Round it out with a salad on the side, and this soup becomes a plausible entree. Vegetarians are welcome to substitute vegetable stock for the chicken stock and leave out the bacon.

Butternut squash and leek soup with gruyere pesto toasts

Start to finish: 2 hours 5 minutes (50 active)
Servings: 4 as an entree, 6 as a first course

For the soup

- 4 pounds butternut squash
- Oil for oiling the sheet pan
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 6 ounces sliced Canadian bacon, medium chopped
- 3 cups thinly sliced white part of leek (about 3 large leeks)
- 1 quart chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt and black pepper

For the toasts

- Twelve 1/2-inch thick slices French baguette cut on the bias
- 3/4 cup packed fresh basil leaves, finely shredded
- 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 ounces coarsely grated Gruyere cheese (about 3/4 cup)
- 1/2 ounce finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano (about 1/4 cup grated on a microplane)

Make the soup

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Working carefully, halve the squash lengthwise and arrange it cut-side down on a lightly oiled parchment-lined rimmed sheet pan. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven, until very tender, 60 to 75 minutes.

While the squash is baking, in a large saucepan or a Dutch oven, heat 2 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat, add the bacon, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until it is golden brown at the edges, 5 to 8 minutes. Transfer the bacon with a slotted spoon to a bowl, leaving as much of the fat as possible in the pan. Add the remaining tablespoon butter and the leeks and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are very tender and starting to color, about 6 to 8 minutes. If the squash is not ready, take the pan off the heat and set it aside.

When the squash is tender, remove it from the oven, turn it over and let stand until cool enough to handle. Discard the seeds and scoop out the flesh. Combine half the squash with 1/2 cup water in a food processor and puree until very smooth. Add to the saucepan with the leeks and bacon. Repeat the procedure with the remaining squash and another 1/2 cup water and add to the saucepan, along with the chicken broth. Bring the liquid to a simmer. Add the lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste and additional water if necessary to thin the soup to the desired consistency.

Make the toasts

Arrange the French baguette slices on a sheet pan and when the squash has come out of the oven, bake the slices on the middle shelf until they are slightly golden, turning them, 2 to 3 minutes a side.

In a bowl combine all the remaining ingredients. Right before serving the soup, divide the mixture among the toasts and bake them until the cheese is melted and bubbling, about 5 minutes.

To serve: Ladle the soup into soup bowls and top each portion with some of the hot toasts.

Soup

Nutrition information per appetizer serving: 256 calories; 65 calories from fat; 7 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 25 mg cholesterol; 516 mg sodium; 43g carbohydrates; 7 g fiber; 9 g sugar; 10 g protein.

Toast

Nutrition information per individual serving: 139 calories; 36 calories from fat; 4 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 9 mg cholesterol; 277 mg sodium; 19 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 7 g protein.

San Antonio chef psyched for 'Hell's Kitchen' return

By Jeanne Jakle
San Antonio Express-News

While many contestants cringe, even break into tears when TV's bile-spewing Brit Gordon Ramsay barks at them, San Antonio chef Benjamin Knack considers it an honor.

"I only got emotional once," said Knack, who'll return for a second round of reality cooking show "Hells' Kitchen" on Friday night.

It happened on season seven in 2010, when host Ramsay screamed at him for the first time.

"I loved it. I got emotionally happy. He's an idol of mine," Knack said in a phone interview. "Gordon Ramsay yelling at me — that was awesome!"

Knack, who began cooking at the age of 15, came to San Antonio more than three years ago. He formerly served as executive chef at Las Canarias at The Omni La Mansión del Río here and now works as executive chef at Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club.

He said he's inspired by regional local flavors and cooking. "I try to showcase area farms, local purveyors, where we are in the country."

Knack, who finished third at the end of his initial "Hell's Kitchen" experience, will be among 16 vets from 16 past seasons competing on the cooking reality show's first-ever all-stars edition.

Season 17 debuts at 7 p.m. Friday on Fox.

Is there anything he hopes to do differently the second time around? "Yes," he replied, then listed five ways he could improve his performance.

- Exercise and endurance training. "I got injured last season — pulled my shoulder out really bad." It happened when he lugged about 1,000 pounds of ice for a challenge. "I wasn't ready for how physically tough 'Hell's Kitchen' is. You're working all the time. Days start really early in the morning, and you're at it and on your feet until 11:30 or midnight. So I worked hard on getting in better shape and got myself used to working those long hours."
- A change in attitude. "I went into the competition last time with this kill mentality. I put a lot of stress on myself. … Now my mental outlook is really to just enjoy the experience and take advantage of such a rare opportunity - it's never the same each day."
- Better line preparation. "I was out of practice the first time." So he worked on his line cooking skills in preparation for this round. On the line, he explained, you need to work quickly and efficiently prepping ingredients, following recipes and more.
- Getting used to that

Please see KITCHEN/6B

HGTV's 'Fixer Upper' is ending with Season 5, hosts Chip and Joanna Gaines announce

By Lisa Gutierrez
The Kansas City Star

HGTV's popular series "Fixer Upper" is coming to an end, hosts Chip and Joanna Gaines announced on their blog Tuesday.

And no, this is not one of those fake news reports that have dogged the couple for months.

"It is with both sadness and expectation that we share the news that season 5 of Fixer Upper will be our last. While we are confident that this is the right choice for us, it has for sure not been an easy one to come to terms with," the couple wrote in a joint blog post.

"Our family has grown up alongside yours, and we have felt you rooting us on from the other side of the screen. How bittersweet to say goodbye to the very thing that introduced us all in the first place."

The fifth season, which begins in November on HGTV, is the "perfect finale," they said, because they "laid it all on the field and didn't hold anything back."

They called their time on TV "an amazing adventure."

"We would be foolish to think we can go and go and fire on all cylinders and never stop to pause. Our family is healthy and our marriage has honestly never been stronger," they wrote.

"This has nothing to do with a fraudulent skincare line or anything else you'll inevitably read. This is just us recognizing that we need to catch our breath for a moment. Our plan is to take this time to shore up and strengthen the spots that are weak, rest the places that are tired and give lots of love and attention to both our family and our businesses."

In a statement, HGTV said the network has been on an "incredible journey" with the couple for five years, according to E! News.

"It takes a huge amount of time and creative energy to make a phenomenal series like 'Fixer Upper.' We understand their decision to spend more time with their family. Like all of their fans, we want only the best for them and they know they will always have a home at HGTV.

"Fans can expect that the upcoming season of 'Fixer Upper' will be the best season ever and we can't wait for it to hit the air later this year."

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BERRIES

From 4E

a half-dozen or so of the sturdiest, youngest (1-year-old) stems.

If you grow so-called everbearing varieties of red, yellow or black raspberries or blackberries, you could forgo all the previous pruning steps and just cut the whole planting to the ground each winter. This limits the crop to late summer and fall only, but does bypass possible threats from deer or cold — and it's easy!

Highbush blueberries bear well on stems up to 6 years old. Once plants reach that age, every year cut a few of the oldest, thickest stems to the ground, and reduce the number of new shoots coming from ground level to three or four of the healthiest looking ones.

Prune lowbush blueberries to the ground every two or three years.

Choose the best

Growing your own brambles, gooseberries, currants and blueberries lets you choose the tastiest varieties. Fallgold, for example, is an everbearing, yellow raspberry that's too soft for market, but a delectable sweetener for your morning cereal. Achilles is a "dessert" variety of gooseberry that you'll never find in the market, but whose fruits are the size of a quarter, with a sweet flavor akin to grapes. Chester is a thornless blackberry variety whose fruits are utterly delicious if picked when they're so soft that merely touching them stains your fingers.

Everbearing red, yellow and black raspberries are still yielding fruit and will do so until stopped by hard frost. All the other brambles, though, as well as gooseberries and currants, are mere memories of summer. Do keep them in mind though, because autumn is an ideal time to plant any of these berries, especially currants and gooseberries, which leaf out very early in spring.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Older couple bemoans loss of friends

DEAR ABBY: I am 74, and my wife is 71. We are lonely. All of our friends have died, and we have no relatives in this state. We both have health issues that keep us mostly housebound. That leaves out volunteering and sports, and the high cost of gas is a factor.

We live in our own home and want to continue living here. Our home is in a development consisting of busy families involved in their own lives, or too young to bother with a couple of older people. We tried church, only to find that everyone there is as involved in their own lives as our neighbors are.

I fear the thought of one of us dying and leaving the other to possibly die alone in our house, not to be missed or discovered until much later. How can we have friends like we used to have, and not shallow acquaintances? — FRIGHTENED OF THE FUTURE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FRIGHTENED: If there are senior citizen centers in your community, I recommend you contact them. That way you can meet new people and form relationships with contemporaries. Also, these centers usually have geriatric specialists or social workers on staff with whom you can discuss your concerns.

That said, it's important to remember that the kind of friendships you and your wife used to have take time to develop — they don't happen overnight. Another thought: You say most of your neighbors are busy with their children. Perhaps you could reach out and offer to baby-sit for some of them in your home, if the parents would like a night off. I'll bet some of them will take you up on it.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently in the bakery section of our neighborhood grocery store. A woman came rushing in carrying a cake that had been at least three-fourths eaten and made a scene, saying the cake was terrible and demanding that she be given a new one. To stop the scene, the store manager gave her a new one, even though she had managed to eat most of the "terrible" cake.

The next night, my husband and I went to dinner at a nice steak house. The couple sitting next to us ate almost their entire dinner before complaining to the manager that the steaks were awful and demanding their meals for free.

Has this become acceptable? If something is wrong with the food, shouldn't management be told after the first bite? It looks to me like these people are looking for a free ride. — OFFENDED IN KANSAS

DEAR OFFENDED: It certainly appears that way. The most effective way to demonstrate that an item of food is inedible is to not eat it. In situations like this, the restaurant manager will sometimes offer as an accommodation a free dessert rather than write off the entire meal. As to what happened at the grocery, if the complainer was a good customer, then what the manager did was a wise public relations gesture.

KITCHEN

From 5E

accent. "Gordon has this deep accent. On the first show, I had a hard time understanding him. So I worked on becoming acclimated to his accent by watching a bunch of 'Hell's Kitchen's.' It's stressful in the kitchen, lots of noise and other things going on. You need to understand him right away. There can't be a pause, you have to respond quickly."

■ Prepping for separation anxiety. Family contact isn't allowed while shooting the show, "so you have to be mentally prepared for being away from your family. I live for my wife and kids so that was tough."

The reward, however, could be worth it. The last chef standing wins the position of head chef at the first Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen Restaurant at Caesars Palace Las Vegas.

Ramsay is "a visionary," Knack said. "It's every chef's goal to work with someone like that."

Moving his family to Vegas wouldn't be a problem either. "We've lived in Boston, New Hampshire, Vermont, Texas. As long as we're together, that's all that matters."

Rose terminology, names can be confusing

LINDA CRANFILL

Permian Basin Master Gardener

Do the terms "floribunda," "grandiflora," "hybrid tea," "china rose," "heritage," "drift" or "knockout" confuse you when trying to select a rose for your landscape?

Be confused no more.

Here is a breakdown of some key terminology when it comes to roses.

■ Hybrid teas have large, memorable roses with fragrance, large blossoms and ever-blooming character.

■ Floribunda is a type of rose that bears large clusters of flowers from June to frost, which makes them ideal for mass plants and landscaping. Think "abundant roses" when you see this term.

■ Grandiflora is a rose that bears profuse blooms. They are a cross between hybrid teas and floribundas resulting in flowers the size and shape of hybrid teas but with the mass flowers of the floribunda.

■ China roses were bred by the Chinese from flowering native roses into true garden types. The ever-blooming quality of all modern roses can be traced back to the first of these flowers. Chinas are useful as hedges, specimen plants or borders.

■ Climbing roses are not true climbers because they do not send out tendrils or suckers to wrap around a lattice or support. Instead, they send out long canes that can be tied and trained to a fence, lattice or other support. Most climbers are floribunda-type roses that produce several profuse blooms a season with the best bloom in spring.

■ Drift and Knockout roses are patented, which means no one can grow and sell without permission and without paying a patent fee.

You see them in a pot with that name because the patent requires the labeling. A "Drift rose" is a landscape dwarf rose that will not grow taller than 2 to 3 feet and has the blooming habit of a Knockout, which is a shrub rose with little to no maintenance required.

It has stunning flower power that provides an almost nonstop abundance of bloom.

Nursery and garden centers may sell roses with a grower's name on the pot because that grower holds the patent on that rose. You can easily Google the grower and you will find all the roses on which they hold patents as well as additional useful information.

■ Heritage refers to roses that have been found flourishing on neglected or abandoned sites that have survived many years without sprays or regular watering. Many have the Earth-kind designation.

Earth-kind is a special designation given to select rose cultivars by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service through the Earth-kind landscaping program. It is based on the results of extensive research and field trials and is awarded only to those roses demonstrating superior pest-tolerance and outstanding landscape performance.

For more information or if you have further questions, visit us at westtexasgardening.org.

Ripe fruits, vegetables should be refrigerated

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I like fruit and vegetables, but I have a hard time telling when they're ripe. And after they're ripe, I try to eat them, but I end up tossing out overripe fruit when I can't get around to eating them. How do I tell if an avocado is ripe, or berries or bananas? — Logan M., Paterson, N.J.

Great question, Logan! Here are some hints:

■ Avocados: Press the stem end, and if it's soft to the touch, it's ripe. Store ripe avocados in the refrigerator, but never unripe ones.

■ Berries: They are best if eaten right after they're picked; otherwise refrigerate them. Wash berries in a colander, but never let them soak.

■ Bananas: They will show the very beginning of tiny brown spots when ripe. Store in the refrigerator after that. The skin will turn black, but the fruit is still good. — Heloise

HARD-BOILED IDEA

Dear Heloise: I'm setting up my own place right now, and to tell hard-boiled eggs from the uncooked ones, I take a felt-tipped pen and mark the hard-boiled eggs with a "B." My mother taught me this trick! — Phil W., Casper, Wyo.

FRIDAY NIGHT LEFTOVERS

Dear Heloise: We're a family of nine and always have leftovers. On Friday nights, I serve leftovers, smorgasbord-style, to save time and clean out the refrigerator. — Lois D., Sandy City, Utah

'EMERGENCY' FOODS

Dear Heloise: My four sons often bring their friends over after school or practice, and as you might have guessed, they're always hungry. English muffins have become my best friend because of the versatility they offer.

I can top them with cream cheese, chutney and peanuts, or almond slices. A slice of tomato and cheese, and a few seconds under the broiler, also is a tasty treat. — Claire W., Southfield, Mich.

Claire, these are terrific suggestions. Do any of my other readers have "emergency-food ideas"? — Heloise

BURNED-ON COFFEE

Dear Heloise: Sometimes people will burn a glass coffeepot with just a little leftover coffee. It's stuck at the bottom and is hard to clean — unless you do this: Take about six to eight ice cubes and about 2 to 3 tablespoons of salt and put them in the coffeepot. Hold the pot by the handle and start swirling the salt/ice cubes in a circular motion, so that they spin around the inside.

The burned-on coffee will be gone in a couple of minutes. Just rinse out the pot, and you're done. — Joseph E., Dayton, Ohio

EGG PLATE FATE

Dear Heloise: I have turned my pretty glass deviled-egg plate into a fruit plate. First, I put a large strawberry where the eggs normally go. Next, I arrange a circle of either melon or mango slices, and then in the center I put either plums or grapes.

I also can sprinkle blueberries on it. I take this to potlucks and get lots of compliments. — Mary C., Godfrey, Ill.

It's banner year for Graffiti pentas and butterflies

NORMAN WINTER

Tribune News Service

It seems to be a banner year for butterflies in the south. While the big Monarch migration hasn't hit, everything else appears to be high. I'm not sure if there is a correlation, but it also seems as if pentas are having the most incredible year ever.

What a quandary for the landscape industry. It's nearly time to start planting cool-season flowers, and pentas and many other warm-season annuals are not only showing out but are adorned with butterflies.

One group of pentas that I've noticed in Georgia is the Graffiti series, mainly because a little over a decade ago I received a postcard for the California Pack Trials displaying the Graffiti Red Lace pentas. They were so beautiful; I thought the photo had been photoshopped or enhanced digitally.

When I went to the California Pack Trials, the pentas were just as beautiful and I too easily duplicated that same image. Now a decade later landscape professionals, home gardeners and places like the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens are using them in mass, much to the delight of pollinators. There are several colors and a mix in the series. I also love the Graffiti Lipstick and Graffiti Violet. The Graffiti series is brought to us from Benary Seed headquartered in Germany.

Another impressive series I've spotted in commercial landscapes this year is the HoneyCluster series from Syngenta. The HoneyCluster series comes in four colors and a mix and is a medium height. For next year there's the Falling Star series the first trailing pentas in the market.

If you love butterflies, hummingbirds and four months or more of non-stop color, you've got to try these new pentas. The leaves are shiny and attractive making for a great contrast with the colorful, star-shaped blossoms.

Blooms will be produced in abundance all summer long if beds are prepared correctly. Choose a site in full sun for best flower production. Prepare the bed by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, and till to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. While tilling, incorporate 2 pounds of a slow-release, 12-6-6 fertilizer.

The next step may be the most crucial to happiness with your pentas. If your soil is acidic and you grow azaleas, camellias or blueberries with ease, you will need to add lime to your pentas' planting area. While preparing the soil, add 5 pounds of a pelletized lime per 100 square feet in sandy soil, or 10 pounds in a clay-based soil. This is recommended because pentas prefer a soil pH of 7. Many gardeners annually apply lime to grass or vegetable gardens, and in this case, a little will help the pentas keep their flowers all summer.

Pentas fit any style of garden. I like them in a tropical setting in front of bananas and elephant ears, but I love them in our cottage garden. Here we have paired Graffiti Red Lace, with Chapel Hill yellow lantana and the blue-flowered Brazilian button bush creating a perfect triadic harmony of color and all bringing in pollinators.

Releasing butterflies has become popular for some wedding venues. Here at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens our weddings have had the continuous flight of butterflies in our cottage garden with southern gazebo thanks to Graffiti pentas. Your home can become a butterfly and pollinator sanctuary too.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		TheTruth	House	Paid		This Week		Church	J.Jones
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid		First Baptist		CBS Sunday Morning (N)				Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters		Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8.	Brady8.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Extra	W.Minist	Fox News Sunday		NFL Kick	NFL Football	New Orleans Saints vs. Miami Dolphins (L)					NFLSunday
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Essntial	Mission	Touch Ministries		OnWings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	inSearch	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid	Paid	PGA Golf	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Cat! Hat	Speaks	Splash8.	Sid	Cat	Jet Go!	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	Sit Fit
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Aquí y ahora		Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16			16	LatiNat.	Latino	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	PosPaula	Garden	First Baptist		The NFL Today	
FLIX	340	575			165	(:05) ★★★★ The Sting Paul Newman.				(:20) ★★★ Smokey and the Bandit				★ Smokey and the Bandit III		Movie	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Babe Ruth		★★ Max Payne			(:15) ★ Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Chil...				Bill Maher	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	(:40) Curb	(:20) Curb	(:50) Curb	
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(:15) ★★ Stuck on You Matt Damon.				(:15) Migrantes		★★ Tin Cup Kevin Costner.			(:20) ★ The Shack		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★ Butch Ca...		★ Charlie's Angels II: Full ...		(:50) ★ Live by Night (16, CA) Ben Affleck.					★ Master of the...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:40) ★★★ The Revenant				(:20) ★★★★ All the President's Men					(:40) ★★ Into the Blue		
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Somethi...		(:55) ★ Honey 2				(:50) ★★★ Soapdish Sally Field.			(:25) ★★ Excess Baggage		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(6:35) ★ Dicentenni...		Inside the NFL		★★ Weird Science				(:35) ★★ Kingpin Woody Harrelson.		Movie	
TMC	336	572	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Capsula		(:05) ★ Punching Henry				(:40) ★★ Dune ('84, SCI-FI) Kyle MacLachlan.				★★ 1408	
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	M*A*S*	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	★ Moneyball	
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	Fellow.	Carpet	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck		Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(5:30) Paid Program											
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska "Stranded"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska		Alaska	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mickey	Mickey	Puppy	Puppy	(:05) Elena Avalor		Elena	Puppy	Vamp	(:25) Vamp (:50) ★	Descend...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Football Final		Football Final		E:60 (L)		Fantasy Football Now (L)					
FNC	45	48	53	23	••	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Heaton	Southern	Tailgate	Heart	Cooking	Cooking	Cooking	Cooking	Bareloot	Pioneer	Southern	Bob./Da.
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★ The Boxtrolls				DuckTal.	'Woo-oo!'	★ Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs				(:05) ★ Little Giants	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Diaries	UEFAMag.	Player	Cowboys	Paid	Paid	Fantasy Hour		XPoints	Texans	MLB Baseball	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Movie
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	Lucy	Middle	Middle	★ How to Fall in Love Brooke D'Orsay.				★ Chance at Romance Ryan McPartlin.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Volo (N)	GetThere	Counting Cars: Drive		'Deep Trouble' (N)						Drive	Count.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David J.	Osteen	Paid	Am. Beauty Star		★ Her Infidelity			Movie
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC	Business	PoliticsNation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				(:55) EPL Soccer Brighton vs Arsenal (L)				Live /1:10 EPL Soccer Burn./Evert. (L)				(:15) Live	(:25) EPL Soccer (L)		
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	PAW	PAW	P Ranger	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	★ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge ...				Mysticon	Loud H.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	★★ Ghost Rider Nicolas Cage.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	The Twilight Zone			★ Ominous ('15, Hor) Barry Watson.				★ Scarecrow Lacey Chabert.	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		★★ Wanderlust Jennifer Aniston.			Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie		★★★★ Anna and the King of Siam						★★★★ Possessed		★ The Little Foxes	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	La liga	(:25) EPL Fútbol (L)		
TNT	51	67	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	'Acid'	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:58) G.Girls	(:25) Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	World XGames (N)		American Ninja		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Houston Texans (L)						(:25) NFL Football Oakland vs Denver (L)					
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	FactsLife	FactsLife	Mama'sF.	Mama'sF.	Lucy	LucyShow	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Los Angeles Rams at Dallas Cowboys (L)						The OT	Ultimate Fighter		Raceweek	Paid	Preview
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani E	Aleph	Creation	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	Walls Of	Houseca.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) PGA Golf President Cup Final Round Site: Liberty National Golf Club - Jersey City, N.J. (L)										Ins. Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Yoga	Photo	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	British Baking		Nova		News	Japan
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Cruz Azul at UNAM (L)				Republica		Como dice dicho		Al punto		Nacional	Notice
KOSA MNT	16	16			16	Feud	Bucket	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Wordrama	Outdoor	Outdoor
FLIX	340	575			165	(11:30) ★★ Reeker		(:15) ★★ Liberty Stands Still				★★★ Winter Passing			(:45) ★★★ All or Nothing		
HBO	300	550	14	14		BillMaher	VICE	★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen						★★★ Minority Report ('02, SCI-FI) Tom Cruise.			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:20) Curb	(:50) Curb	(:20) Curb	(:50) Curb	(:20) Curb	(:50) Curb	(:20) Curb	(:50) Curb	(:55) Enthusiasm		★★★ Shoot 'Em Up	
HBO3	304	••	16	102		(11:20) ★ The Shack		(:25) ★★ Insomnia Al Pacino.				(:40) R,104	Ballers	(:45) Bill Maher		LastWk	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:40) TourBus	TourBus	(:40) ★★ Rock Star Mark Wahlberg.					★★ Laurel Canyon		(:15) ★ Garden S...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:35) ★★★ Role Models			(:15) ★★ Semi-Pro				(:50) ★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious			Movie
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★ Something New				(:55) ★★ Loser Jason Biggs.				★ Honey 2 ('11, Com) Katerina Graham.			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:30) ★★ Inside Man				(:50) ★★ Thelma and Louise				Active Shooter		Dice	Episodes
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:00) ★★★ 1408		★ Bridge of Spies ('15, Thril) Tom Hanks.						★ No Escape Owen Wilson.		(:15) ★ The Amer...	
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:00) ★★★ Moneyball Brad Pitt.				★★ Predator 2 ('90, Sci-Fi) Danny Glover.						★★★ The Book of Eli	
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin		★★ House Party 2 ('91, Com) Christopher Reid.				★ Above the Rim	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(5:30) Paid Program										Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska		Alaska		Alaska		Alaska		Alaska		Alaska	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(10:50) ★ Descend...		Raven's.	Jessie	Bunk'd	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Raven's.	(:20) ★★★★ Inside Out Kaitlyn Dias.			
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLS Soccer Seattle vs Philadelphia (L)				Poker World Series		Poker World Series		E:60		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Champ	Football Final		30 for 30	'Tommy"		ESPN Films "Catching Hell"				Baseball T. (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal Edit.		News HQ		Greg Gutfeld		News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		WorstCooks		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:00) ★★ Little Giants			(:35) ★★★★ Cars ('06, Ani) Owen Wilson.					(:15) ★★★ Mulan Ming-Na Wen.			
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(11:00) MLB Baseball		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★ Neighbors				★★ The Other Woman Cameron Diaz.						★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Stranded In Paradise Vanessa Marcil.				★ Falling for Vermont (2017, Drama)						★ Autumn Dreams Jill Wagner.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Count.	Counting	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:30) ★ Lethal S...		★ Seduced ('16, Thril) Elisabeth Rohm.				★ Infidelity in Suburbia Sarah Butler.				★ Backstabbed	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Soccer	Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing Apache Warrior 400 (L)							PostRace	Victory Lap (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie		★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.							★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Vin Diesel.		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie		★ Night of the Wild Rob Morrow.				★ Horns ('14, Dra) Daniel Radcliffe, Juno Temple.				★ G.I. Joe: Retal...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:30) ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2				MLB Baseball (L)						Seinf.	Seinf.
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ The Little...		(:15) ★★★ Blossoms in the Dust				★ Andy Hardy Comes Home				★ The Age of Innocence	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Fútbol	La Liga Premier (L)	Rumbo Al Mundial		Enfoque		★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.				Videos	Noticias
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		My Giant Life		My Giant Life	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Viggo Mortensen.										(:20) ★★★★ Avatar Zoe Saldana.	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	G. Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Blue Bloods	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	The Toy Box (SP) (N)		Shark Tank (SP) (N)		Shark Tank (N)		Ten Days Fade In"	"Day 1 (SP) (N)	News (N)	(:35) Basin	(:05) Blue Bloods	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:25) Football	60 Minutes	Wisdom of Crowd "Pilot" (P) (N)		NCIS: LA Crashers" (SP) (N)		Party	To Be Announced	News (N)		(:05) CBS 7 Wire	(:35) Falcon
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Touched by An Angel "The Hero		Columbo "Bird in the Hand"				T. Angel "Interview With an Angel"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	TheSi-mpsons	Bob'sBu-rgers (N)	TheSimps ons (N)	Ghosted (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	The Big Bang	Mom	Broke Girls	Inside Game	Robert Jeffress	Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Essentials	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Our Messiah
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Seattle Seahawks Site: CenturyLink Field						News-West 9		County Reporter	Film Flickers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Craft in America "Neighbors"		Poldark Revealed		Masterpiece Classic "Poldark" (N)				Masterpiece Classic "Bruntе Sisters"		"To Walk Invisible" The	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y ahora		Mira quien baila				El Chapo		María de Todos	Noticiero FDS	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16			16	Bones		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: Miami		H.S. Football Frenship vs. Permian					
FLIX	340	575			165	(6:45) ★ All or Not...		★ Smokey and the Bandit				(:45) ★★★★ The Sting Paul Newman.				★ Zombie Honey...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		★ Why Him? ('16, Com		James Franco.		The Deuce (N)		Curb (N)	VicePri.	LastWk	(:40) The Deuce	VicePri.	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	The Deuce		The Deuce		★★★★ The Ninth Gate					(:15) ★ The Purge: Election Year		
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(:20) ★ Collateral Beauty Will Smith.				★★★ Wanted James McAvoy.				★ Term Life Vince Vaughn.		Movie	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ Garden S...		★★★★ Slumdog Millionaire				(:05) ★ Live by Night Ben Affleck.				(:15) ★ Sideways	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:40) ★★ 12 Rounds			TourBus	★★★★ The Postman ('97, Dra) Will Patton, Kevin Costner.						★ Final Destinati...	
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ Son of th...		★★ Soapdish		(:40) ★★ Loser					(:15) ★★ Excess Baggage		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Ray Donovan		Active Shooter		Ray Donovan (N)		Episodes	Dice (N)	Donovan "Horses"		Episodes	Dice
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ The Amer...		★★ Free State of Jones						★ Bridge of Spies ('15, Thril) Tom Hanks.			
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S.Wars	S.Wars	S.Wars	S.Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(6:30) ★ The Book ...		Fear the Dead		Fear the Dead (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Fear the Dead		Fear the Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Above the Rim				★★ Coach Carter ('05, Dra) Robert Richard, Samuel L. Jackson.						Stop Suffering	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs (N)		Shahs of Sunset		Real Housewives		Watch	Shahs of Sunset	BelowD	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Anthony Bourdain		A. Bourdain (N)		This Is Life (N)		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
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ON DISPLAY

OPENING

Midland Arts Association: Brad King. Works will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout October at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

Ongoing

"Appareality" is a new exhibition featuring works by Amanda and Elliott Lunson. Opening reception is at 6 p.m. The show runs through Oct. 29. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Studio 3600 Exhibition with works by Anabella Charlton, Mark Gaines, Jim Geitgey, Karen Lanier and Rick Reese at Midland College's McCormick Gallery, 3600 N. Garfield Street. midland.edu/mccormick.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays-Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

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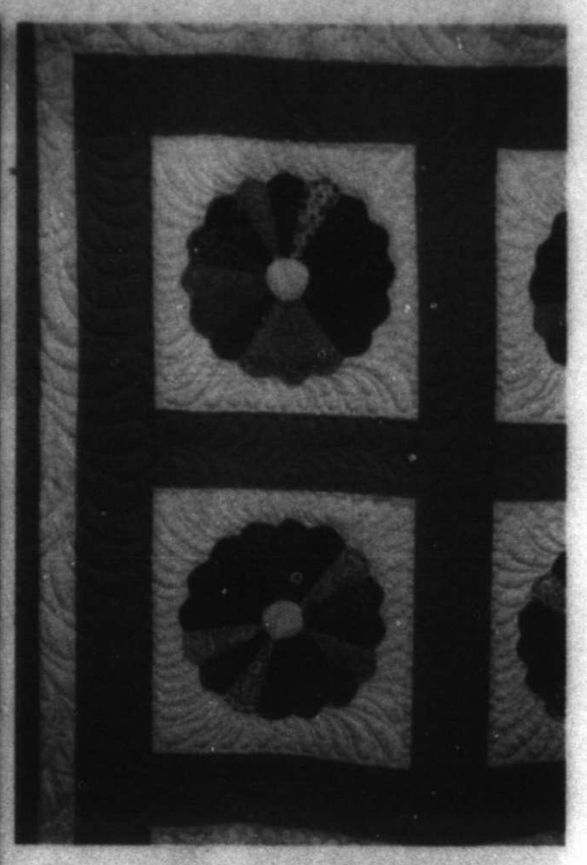
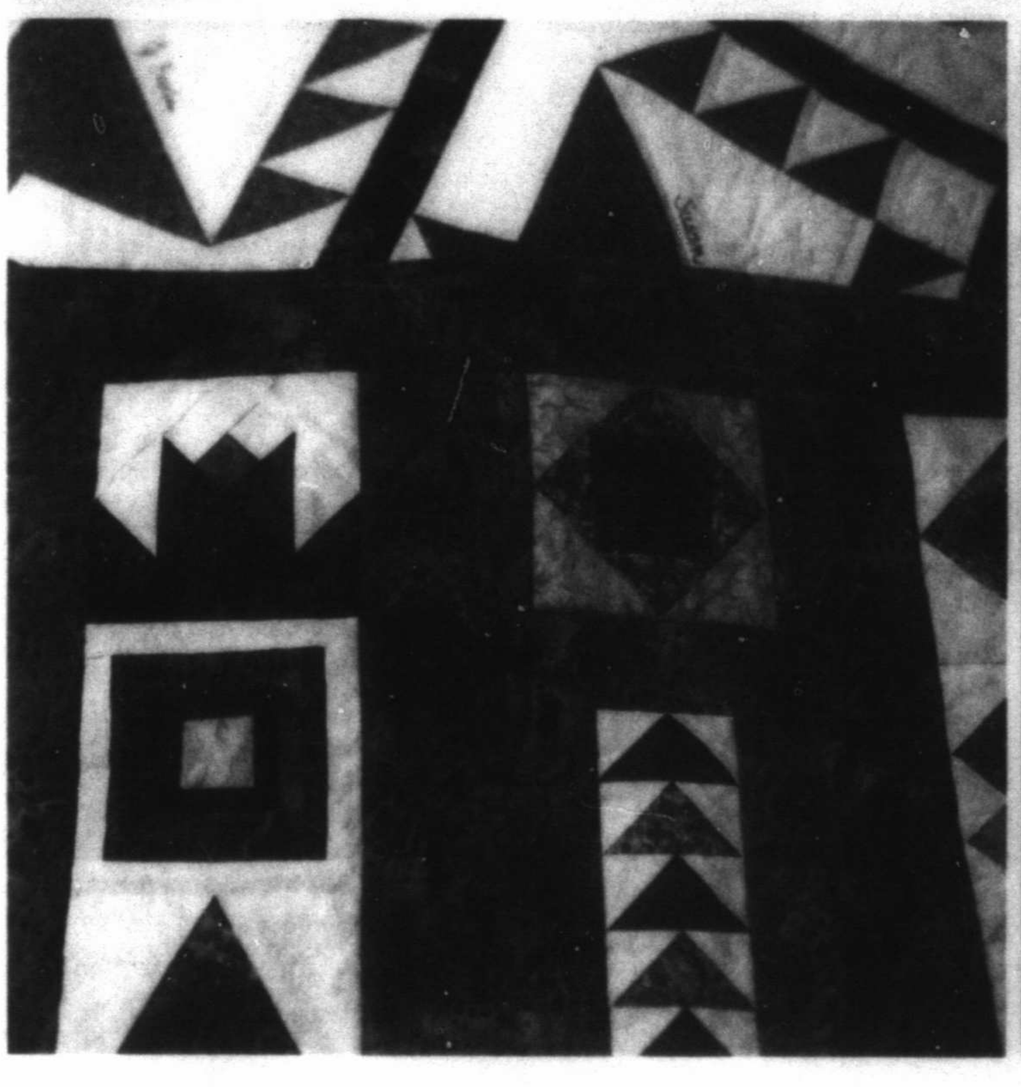
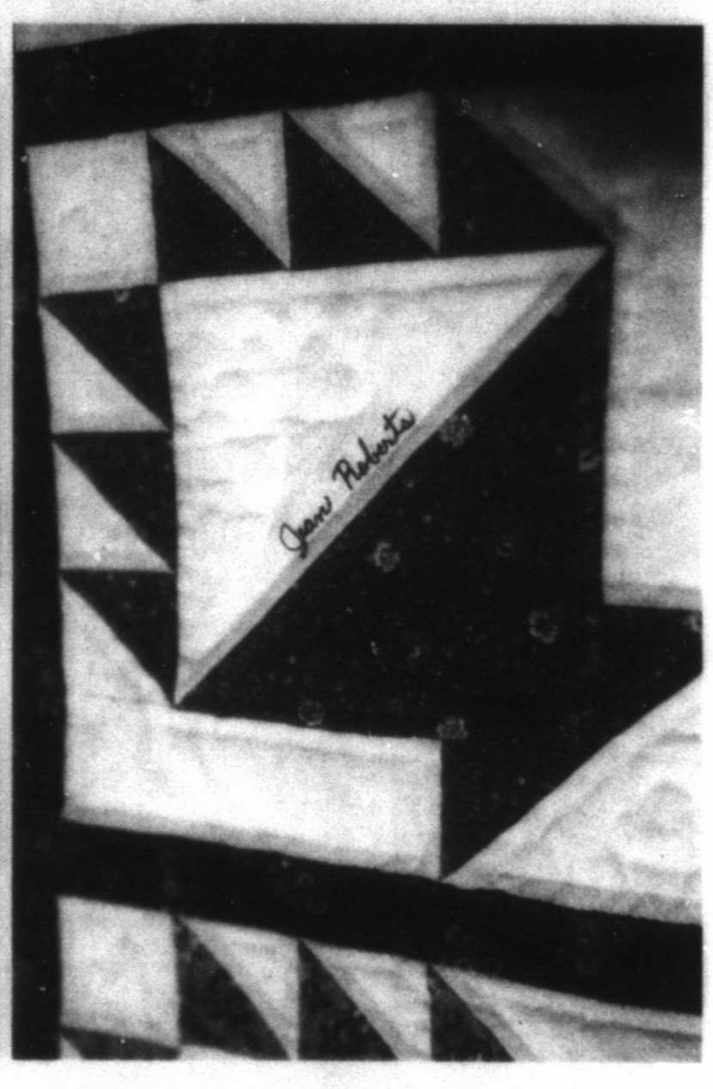


The Midland Quilters Guild 2017 Quilt Show: Shapes + Fabrics = Quilts will display more than 150 quilts by local guild members at the Cuthbert Mansion, 3207 Cuthbert Road on Saturday. The featured quilter this year is Linda Johnson. The event will also have vendors, a quilter's market and silent auction. Tickets are $7. For more information, visit midlandquiltersguild.com.





CALENDAR

Oct. 1-7

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland: acmidland.org.

TODAY

St. Ann's Family Fair carnival benefiting St. Ann's School. 1 to 6 p.m. at 1906 W. Texas Ave. Tickets for rides are $1 and armbands are $25. stannsfair.org.

CLOSING "First Date," 2:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Seventh Day Slumber, 4 p.m. at James Roberts Center, 700 SW Ave. "A," Andrews. Free.

Olivia Newton-John, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $54 to $89. Wagnernoel.com.

Best of the West with Pat Green, 8 p.m. at The Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Ave.

MONDAY

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

OPENING: The 39th annual Invitational Haley Library Art Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opens Tuesday and continues through Oct. 20. Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Fun Lab for kindergartners through second-graders. 5:30 p.m. at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W I-20 West. pbpetro

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scarbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meeting. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

Take Me to the River: A Memphis Soul and Rhythm and Blues Revue with Charlie Museelwhite, Bobby Rush and William Bell. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35 to $65. Wagnernoel.com.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

Pink the Basin: 2017 Benefit Luncheon with television host and breast cancer survivor Samantha Harris. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $150. Sponsorships $1,250 to $10,000. Pinkthebasin.com.

The Seventh Annual Basin BBQ Blowout. Live music by the Chet Johnson Band. Tickets are for all you can eat. 5 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $25. westtexastix.com.

Oktoberfest: The Beer, Sausage and Pretzel Festival, 6 p.m. at 303 W. Wall St. 21 and older. Doyourcity.us.

Yappy Hour is a pet mixer by the Midland Humane Coalition. The event will also offer microchipping for $20. 6:30 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. Midlandhumane.org.

The 2017 Samuel Adams National Stein Hoisting Competition. Top five placers will win a trip for two to compete in the finals in Boston on Oct. 27 for the America's Stein Hoister of the Year title. 7 p.m. Through Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. midlandbeergarden.com.

The Charlie Daniels Band, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $39 to $89. Wagnernoel.com.

Los Angeles Azules, Vicky y la Sonora Reventon, 8 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, . $40. haciendamidland.com.

FRIDAY

OPENING: "Project 398.2: In a Land Far Away," an original production. Through Oct. 15 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

First Friday: Dagan Sherman's "Strange Landscapes." On display Fridays throughout October. Opening reception at 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

Cody Johnson, Flatland Cavalry, Josh Ward, 8 p.m. at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. $25-$75. etix.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates National Farmers Day. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Briar Patch Trade Days, 9 a.m. at Ector County Coliseum (D and E). briarpatchodessa.com.

Midland Quilters Guild Quilt Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Cuthbert Mansion, 3207 Cuthbert Ave. $7.

Gardening 101: Fall Gardening, 10 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5.

Make a Difference Fall Community Clean-up, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Midland Arts Association presents Chad Plunkett, juror for the 40th annual MAA Fall Exhibition. 2 p.m. at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building. maatx.org.

The Big Show with Olympic gold medalist Laura Wilkinson benefiting the COM General Operating Trust. The event features cocktails, dinner and a dive show with Olympic, COM and alumni divers. 6 p.m. at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A. St. $125. comaquatics.com.

John Quinones, host of "What Would You Do?," 6:30 p.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Free.

Arthropod Adventures for Adults. Sibley Nature Center created this adult camp featuring lab and field experience. 7:30 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $40 members, $60 non-members. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

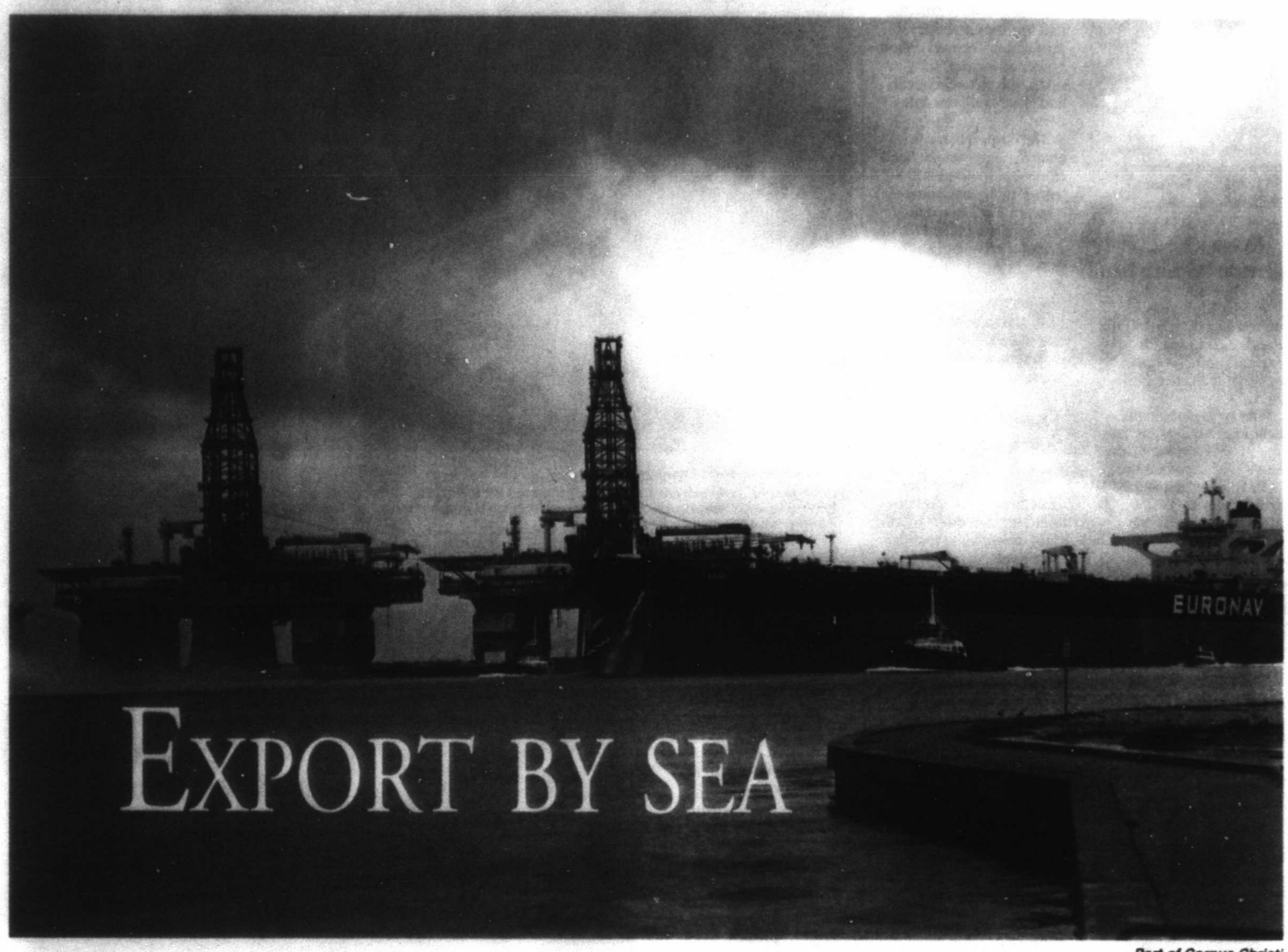
MOSC: Oz with Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$15. Mctmidland.org.

The Mercury (Portland), 8 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. Outside beverages welcome.

Post-Symphony Mixer by the MOSC Symphony Young Professionals. 9 p.m. at Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

OIL REPORT



Port of Corpus Christi

The Very Large Crude Carrier Anne, owned by Euronav of Belgium, docked at Oxy Midstream's Ingleside Energy Center in Corpus Christi in late May to help the port prepare to host large crude carriers as it builds its crude export business.

Corpus Christi introduces itself to Permian oil producers

■ Port is working to expand its ability to export Permian crude overseas

By Mella McEwen
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Permian operators have long been exporting their expertise and technology to oil basins around the globe. Now, after 40 years, they're increasingly exporting their crude, as well.

Since the 40-year-old ban on exporting U.S. crude was lifted at the end of 2015, exports have risen to an average 800,000 barrels a day, largely to Asia, Europe and South America. Much of that crude comes from the Permian. Pioneer Natural Resources reports it sends off a tanker full of its crude each month.

The growing export market has midstream companies working to exploit it by expanding infrastructure or planning pipelines that will carry the crude to export terminals located on or planned for the Port of Corpus Christi.

That trend drew representatives of the Port of Corpus Christi to Midland recently to introduce themselves and the port to West Texas.

"The Permian Basin is the premiere location for producing oil and gas," said Charles Zahn, chairman of the Port Corpus Christi Commission. "You need a market to take that production. That's why we're here — to introduce ourselves and our infrastructure."

He said that more then half of the nation's crude exports leaves from Corpus Christi.

Terry Morrison, Occidental Petroleum's vice president, midstream, said the export infrastructure being developed at Corpus means a lot to the Permian Basin. He said industry analysts are forecasting Permian Basin crude production will increase between 400,000 and 700,000 barrels per day in the coming years, creating a need to market that production.

"It's an alternative outlet for your production, i.e. better prices," he said.

Stephen Robertson, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, agreed. "One of the things that has made the Permian Basin so successful is its infrastructure. This is another opportunity," he said.

Having an additional market will also narrow the price discount between West Texas Intermediate Midland and West Texas Intermediate Cushing, he said.

"Having another partner like Corpus Christi helps," Robertson said.

Zahn said the port is in the early stages of planning infrastructure — including deepening the Corpus Christ Channel to handle Very Large Crude Carrier tanker — that will expand its ability to export crude..

In late August, the Port Corpus Christi Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans for a dredging program that would deepen the channel to 54 feet and widen the entrance at Ingleside and Corpus Christi to 530 feet.

Zahn urged West Texas oilmen to contact their elected representatives with support for the program in order to secure necessary funding.

The port has hosted the 1,093-foot long, 2 million barrel VLCC Anne, which successfully performed a test run at Corpus in late May and docked at the Oxy Ingleside Energy Center.

Other plans for the port's 10-year, $1 billion capital expenditure program include other infrastructure updates and modernization such as rail and highway connections. Plans for pipelines carrying crude from the Permian Basin to Corpus Christi are expected to total about 1.3 million barrels a day.

Morrison said Oxy is only one party participating in the expansion. The company announced plans to install multiple loading arms at Ingleside, allowing it to load VLCCs. He said the project, to be completed late next year, will allow the company to load VLCCs with 1.2 million to 1.4 million barrels at the channel's current 45-foot depth. At a depth of 66 feet or more, those carriers could carry their full load of 2 million barrels.

"We will be participating one way or another, either as a shipper or investor" to ensure adequate infrastructure at Corpus, Morrison said.

Petroleum Pioneers honor Ernest Angelo, Fred Newman at upcoming reunion

By Mella McEwen
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Continuing a legacy of honoring those who helped make the Permian Basin petroleum industry what it is today, the Petroleum Pioneers will hold their 30th Reunion on Friday at the Petroleum Museum.

Angelo

The organization holds its reunions in odd-numbered years and traditionally honors a Top Pioneer. This year's Top Pioneer is Ernest Angelo, while Fred Newman will receive the Technology and Engineering Award.

"The Petroleum Museum is to help the Pioneers honor these two men," Kathy Shannon, the museum's executive director, said via email. "Their history in the industry is incredible and admirable. They join a distinct group of people who have given so much to both the petroleum industry and to the Permian Basin."

The reunion begins with the historical program, presented by Diana Hinton, followed by a member's meeting.

Scott Tinker, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon, where the two honorees will be recognized.

Angelo has spent most of his life in two of the most unpredictable and controversial fields — the oil industry and politics, according to the Pioneers. Although earning his petroleum engineering degree at LSU, he discovered his knack for politics. He worked tirelessly for the Republican party, holding a national committee position for 20 years. As mayor of Midland, he oversaw many community-changing projects: the modernization of the airport, the building of new fire stations and construction of Midland Park Mall.

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Kathy Shannon, Museum's executive director

Newman

Newman has been referred to as a maverick physicist, inventor and aviator, according to the Pioneers. Armed with a bachelor's degree in physics and math, he began life in the oil field as a field engineer with Schlumberger. Deciding to determine his own future, he left Schlumberger to start Basin Flying Service, a Cessna dealership and flight school, and an oilfield consulting business, a five-rig drilling company, a well service company and an oilfield technology company. He holds more than seven dozen U.S. patents.

USGS geologist details survey's Permian assessments

By Mella McEwen
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"This shale play is blessed with unusually thick bands of mudstones and oil- and gas-soaked layers stacked on top of each other like a tiramusu."

Stephanie Gaswirth, Research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey

Revisiting a scene can often yield significant new insights.

Such is the case of the U.S. Geological Survey and its assessment of undiscovered continuous resources in the Midland and Delaware Basins.

Stephanie Gaswirth, research geologist with the survey, speaking at the West Texas Geological Society's annual fall symposium, cited the example of the survey's 2007 assessments.

She said an assessment released by the survey in 2007 found:

- 190 million barrels of reserves in five conventional Wolfcamp benches,
- 53 million barrels in the Bone Spring,
- 20 million barrels in the Spraberry and
- 510 million barrels in the Spraberry Continuous.

Late last year, the survey released a new assessment that found 24.6 billion barrels of oil, 19 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 1.8 billion barrels of natural gas liquids in the Wolfcamp.

An assessment released earlier this year found 4.2 billion barrels of crude and 3.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Spraberry.

Gaswirth attributed the dramatic jump over the last 10 years to horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology helping companies extract more resources. A second reason is companies are gaining better understanding of the formations.

She explained the survey's methods for performing its assessments.

Gaswirth said assessments "are based on geology and geologic models. We identify and outline total petroleum systems and assessment units (to determine) undiscovered technically recoverable resources."

She told those attending the symposium the service is currently assessing formations in the Delaware Basin. Initial findings are expected to be released next year.

"The Delaware is a different animal," she said. For example, the Delaware Wolfcamp is thicker and deeper than in the Midland Basin.

Other challenges in the assessments include differentiating between Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon Shale and determining accurate landing points for horizontal wells to differentiate between First and Second Bone Spring or Wolfcamp A and Wolfcamp B, for example.

Gaswirth said the assessment also needs to answer such questions as "is the Bone Spring a mature formation for oil and is it conventional or continuous?" and "why is gas-oil ratio in the Wolfcamp so low going west?"

She concluded by quoting Dan Murtaugh of Bloomberg, who said, "This shale play is blessed with unusually thick bands of mudstones and oil- and gas-soaked layers stacked on top of each other like a tiramusu."

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Permian Toastmasters meet

The Permian Toastmasters Club will at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld St. from 12:10 to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

There is no charge to attend.

For more information, contact Nelson Spear at 853-9915 or Nelson@NelsonSpear.com.

Exxon adds 22,000 acres in Permian Basin

Exxon Mobil has acquired 22,000 acres in the Permian Basin since May, expanding its footprint in West Texas and New Mexico.

The Irving-based oil company has bought acreage in the Delaware Basin and the Midland Basin.

Exxon has dispatched 19 drilling rigs to its 250,000 acres in the Delaware Basin and 130,000 acres in the Midland Basin.

Fourteen of those are drilling horizontal wells in the Midland Basin. Another four are in the New Mexico portion of the Delaware Basin.

The company said it recently drilled a 12,500-foot sideways well in the Delaware, and has drilled some 200 wells in the Midland Basin over the past three years.

GlobeLTR Energy changes name

Gravity Oilfield Services, formerly known as GlobeLTR Energy Inc., has initiated a comprehensive rebranding effort.

Gravity is a portfolio company of affiliates of Clearlake Capital Group LP formed in February through the merger of established Permian-based oilfield service providers Light Tower Rentals Inc. and Globe Energy Services LLC.

With more than 1,100 employees and more than 45 operating locations, Gravity is provides services to upstream oil and natural gas companies operating throughout the United States. The company's primary services focus on completion-oriented water infrastructure and logistics activities, production-focused remote power generation solutions, specialty chemicals and other wellbore solutions.

The corporate name change comes on the heels of several focused initiatives Gravity has undertaken in 2017 to redefine the company in the face of a new operating environment. In April, the company acquired pre-frac water producer West Texas H2O LLC and in September closed on the divestiture of its legacy well-servicing division.

Frank's International names new CEO

Houston oilfield services firm Frank's International has named its fourth chief executive in less than three years, continuing the longtime family company's tumultuous ride since going public in 2013.

Frank's said President and CEO Douglas Stephens is being replaced by its chairman, Michael Kearney. The company said that Stephens is pursuing other interests.

Kearney, a former CEO of the private company DeepFlex, is the first person to assume both the chairman and CEO roles since Keith Mosing, who gave up the chairman role to Kearney at the end of 2015.

Mosing, the grandson of Frank Mosing who founded the company almost 80 years ago, saw the company through its public unveiling on the New York Stock Exchange. However, Frank's has dealt with the downturn and its own internal challenges ever since.

Frank's stock is down more than 30 percent since the beginning of the year and by more than 70 percent since it went public.

Keith Mosing and two of his family members remain on the eight-person board.

Steve Gonzales / Houston Chronicle

Orlando Alvarez, president and CEO of Houston-based BP Energy Co. — the natural gas, power and natural gas liquids trading arm of BP— talks about keeping the company working through Hurricane Harvey on Tuesday in Houston. Many of BP's Helios building employees have reported back to the campus.

After Harvey, BP's Houston headquarters slowly humming back to life as repairs continue

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

A third of BP's local workforce has returned to its Houston campus over the past few days, squeezing into makeshift workspaces as contractors repair a flood-damaged tower that will remain empty until early next year.

Almost a month after Hurricane Harvey's flood waters sluiced through its sprawling U.S. headquarters and flooded roads in the Energy Corridor, the British oil company has begun reopening a few office buildings, including the 390,000-square-foot Helios Plaza, home of BP's natural gas and power trading arm, one of the largest businesses of its kind in the United States.

In a sign that both BP and Houston's energy industry continues to recover after Hurricane Harvey, hundreds of traders worked the phones and watched an array of numbers, models and charts fly across six-screen computer banks on BP's trading floor on Tuesday, combing the country for available gas to deliver to utilities, industrial sites and refineries.

For more than three weeks after Harvey, the trading floor room was silent and empty, an alarming prospect in a business where any prolonged interruption could disrupt the flow of energy to countless U.S. buyers and, ultimately, homes and businesses.

But BP's operations, which oversees trading of almost a fifth of the demand in the U.S. natural gas market, hadn't stopped. After markets had closed on Aug. 24, the Thursday before Hurricane Harvey hit, one in five of the trading company's 1,000 employees boarded a bus or drove a car to Dallas, leaving their homes behind and taking families, pets and personal belongings to hotels, to work in a backup trading site, a high-tech warehouse BP built in case of natural disasters.

Traders kept calling key clients, though they had to turn down new business. Meteorologists ran complex forecast models as Harvey, and then Hurricane Irma, slammed into the United States, causing gas pipelines to back up as power plants went offline in Florida. BP's compliance department continued to report to the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

"You can't just do that from home," said Orlando Alvarez, president and CEO of BP Energy Co. the British oil producer's natural gas, power and natural gas liquids trading arm. "We have to be a reliable source of supply. That's why it's so critical for us to be in one room, making sure everything is moving."

After weeks in Dallas, the entire trading company has returned to Helios Plaza. More than 1,730 of the company's 5,000 local employees have settled in there, including 230 who lost their workspaces. The company has also begun bringing workers into its Westlake Four office tower, with more than 700 workspaces available so far.

Thousands more continue to work from home. But by the end of October, BP plans to house at least 60 percent of its workforce at its Westlake campus, until Westlake One, its main tower, is repaired and can be reopened next year.

BP's slow, partial return to its Westlake campus is the latest in a string of developments in Houston and along the Gulf Coast showing the energy industry is recovering after flood waters crippled the region's vast network of refineries, pipelines, seaside ports and petrochemical plants.

Gasoline prices climbed 20 percent after Harvey knocked out a quarter of U.S. refining capacity along the Gulf. Half of the nation's production of petrochemicals such as ethylene, used in plastics, was shut down. Now, only 5 percent of refining capacity remains offline, and almost all of the region's ethylene plants are up and running. Ethylene is the building block of most plastics.

BP executives still don't know the full extent of the damage to its Westlake One tower, and they're not sure exactly when it will reopen — although they expect that early next year. Floodwaters had risen to the top of the turnstiles in the lobby of the office building, filling the basement and bringing down the electrical systems. Contract workers piled thousands of sandbags around the building so they could start pumping out the rushing water.

It is likely to cost a couple million dollars to fully repair the building. Economists and bankers said the damage to commercial and industrial properties in Houston will be far less consequential to the local economy than the damage to homes. For big businesses like BP, the storm's real economic punch was that employees couldn't get to work because of impassable roads.

"There's going to be a short term impact because of that," said Hank Holmes, president of Cadence Bank in Houston.

For the oil and natural gas market, oil companies with trading operations like Royal Dutch Shell and BP have become critical to the physical movement of energy in the United States. In recent years, the disappearance of Wall Street banks from the business of moving oil and gas inventories has made it harder for U.S. producers to lock in future prices.

Big banks once dominated global energy logistics, handling four of every five futures contracts U.S. oil companies use to price their product and get it to the market. They exited much of the business amid falling revenue and tougher financial rules.

Now, BP moves 25 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. It also recently expanded its gas marketing business into Mexico, where demand could grow from 3.5 billion cubic feet a day to as much as 9 billion cubic feet a day in coming years. Its Mexican business only saw minor disruptions during Harvey.

A few days before Hurricane Harvey made landfall, BP's meteorologists knew the storm could be catastrophic. It could sit over Houston and dump at least two and a half feet of rain. That's what they told Alvarez.

More than a decade ago, when Hurricane Rita hit the Gulf Coast, Alvarez learned not to hesitate on evacuation plans. BP told its traders to come to work on August 24, packed and ready to hop on a bus, if it pulled the trigger. Information technology workers had already spent the previous night preparing the Dallas trading site, just in case.

"In my 22 years here, there's never been anything close to a flood here at the Westlake campus," Alvarez said.

But he knew if the roads flooded, workers couldn't get into the building.

"So we deployed on Thursday, way ahead of everybody," he said. "Our reputation is all we got, man."

Steve Gonzales / Houston Chronicle

Many of BP's Helios building trading floor employees have reported back to the campus after Hurricane Harvey on Tuesday in Houston.

Crude by rail could hamper future US pipeline investments, study says

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Protestors may have slowed the Dakota Access Pipeline.

But the nation's vast railroad network, and its foray into transporting crude oil since the shale boom began, likely meant investors had to make the controversial pipeline smaller than it could have been, researchers say.

Even though it's more expensive, carrying oil on rail lines rather than on pipelines has some advantages that could keep pipeline investments smaller in the future, according to a new study by two professors at the University of Chicago.

If the cost of putting oil on the rail lines had increased by just $1 a barrel, for example, the Dakota Access Pipeline could have had an additional daily capacity of somewhere between 29,000 and 74,000 barrels.

That correlation comes as rail transportation has become a more flexible option for oil companies than pipelines, which require companies to sign shipping contracts of a decade or longer. Crude by rail levels lag oil price movements by only six months to 18 months.

"It doesn't mean pipelines are going away, but now that rail is a thing, it puts a constraint on how willing you are to build a pipeline," said Ryan Kellogg, a University of Chicago professor and researcher at the university's Energy Policy Institute.

By the end of the shale boom in 2014, crude by rail had reached 750,000 barrels a day. Not only because pipelines still didn't reach some remote shale plays, Kellogg argues, but because oil companies in some cases preferred the rail line flexibility. Pipelines take billions of dollars in upfront investments, which require lenders and long-term contracts.

"When oil prices are low, you don't see a lot of crude moving around on rail cars," Kellogg said. "But if prices go up again, you'll start to see rail come back."

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Oil producers say Hurricane Harvey's impact won't last long

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

For the most part, Texas oil executives aren't too worried about the long-term impacts of Hurricane Harvey, a new survey shows.

Earlier this month, 62 percent of the surveyed executives told the Dallas Fed any problems for their oil-production companies and energy service firms will have been fixed within six months. Less than a third expected to feel a slight impact in six months.

For refineries and pipelines, which took the brunt of the storm, 55 percent expected a slight impact in six months; 24 percent expected a moderate impact. Some warned the problems could have been worse.

"Hurricane Harvey's epic impact on the midstream and downstream businesses is just temporary, but it is a forewarning of what could happen," one executive said. "Had Harvey made a direct hit at full hurricane force, the impact would be more lasting and disruptive."

The Dallas Fed survey also showed hiring in the oil patch continues to be elevated, but it slowed in the third quarter. Sixty percent of oil field service companies said they had no change in hiring in the third quarter.

"The U.S. onshore rig count has peaked," one executive said. "If oil prices don't improve, we expect business growth to stop. As the market stagnates, we will find it more difficult to increase our prices for products and services."

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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Land Management Practices
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Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
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Introduction GIS Concepts for Petroleum
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On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination, and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Title: Chaining, Interpreting, and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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PetroSkills: Oil & Gas Processing Facilities for Operations Managers - OT-1
Instructor: Alan Royer
Start Date: November 6-10, 2017 - Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $3840 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: November 6 -9, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2595; Out of State $2620

PetroSkills: CO2 Surface Facilities - PF81
Instructor: Paul Carmody
Start Date: November 13-16, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $3595 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Gas Lift Design and Operation
Instructor: Mike Johnson
Date: November 27 -30, 2017 - Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800, Out of State $1825

Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: November 28, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State: $375

Basic Oilfield Operations
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: November 29 - 30, 2017
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Land and Leasing
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: December 1, 2017; End Date: December 29, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, December 1, 2017
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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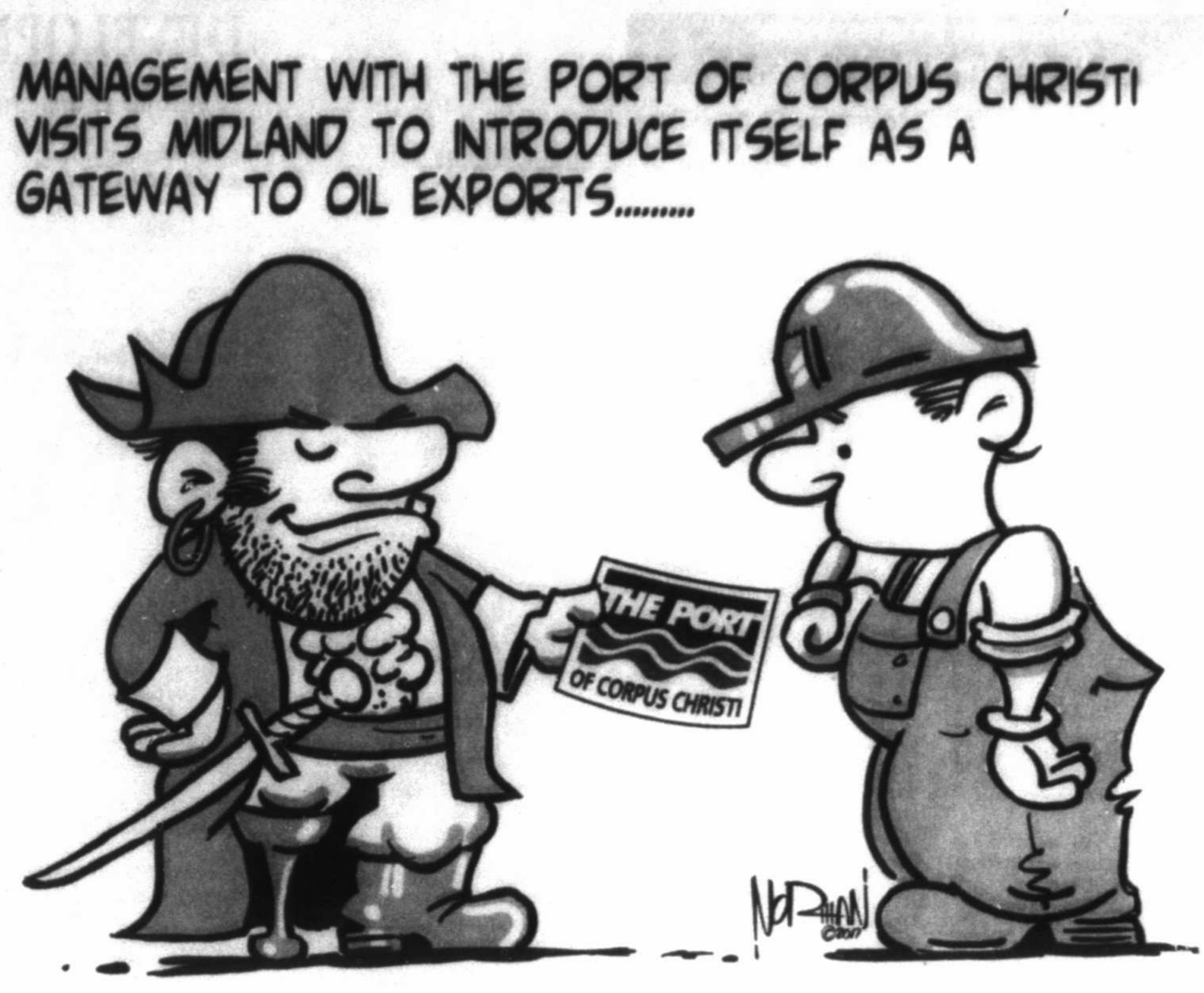

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Posted	$47.95	**Shell Trading**	$48.80
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Plains*	$48.75	**Note: Posted prices as of Sept. 27**	

Exxon says it will reduce methane leaks from gas drilling

Associated Press

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil vows to reduce emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from its natural gas drilling operations.

But company officials have declined to put a figure on how much they can or will reduce emissions, making the energy giant's public commitment difficult, if not impossible, to gauge.

Exxon said it would improve detection of methane leaks and repair equipment causing the leaks across its XTO Energy natural gas subsidiary.

XTO President Sara Ortwein said the company would provide new training for workers and install new equipment that uses compressed air instead of natural gas to run pneumatic equipment in the field. She and another Exxon official said the company is assessing the use of planes, satellites and drones mounted with optical gas-imaging cameras to hunt for methane leaks.

Ortwein said, however, that it was too early to say how much the company's measures would reduce leaks, and she declined to say how much Exxon would spend on the effort.

Methane is the main component of natural gas and is a far more powerful heat-trapping gas than carbon dioxide, making reduction of methane leaks a key goal of environmentalists to address the causes of climate change. About 40 percent of manmade emissions of methane in the U.S. come from the production and use of natural gas, coal and oil. Exxon is the second-largest U.S. emitter of methane from onshore wells, although many smaller companies release more methane per well, according to a 2016 study of federal data by the Center for American Progress.

The oil and gas industry has lobbied furiously against federal requirements proposed under President Barack Obama that would require them to monitor, report and stop methane leaks. The companies argue that federal regulations would be burdensome and aren't needed because they are already working to cut emissions.

Many environmentalists argue that voluntary measures aren't enough, and that the industry vastly underreports how much methane it leaks.

The energy industry is eager to portray natural gas as a relatively clean-burning fossil fuel, and its use in place of coal to produce about one-third of the nation's electricity has helped reduce U.S. emissions of carbon dioxide.

Michael Stravato/The New York Times

An operator checks a pipeline for gas leaks in Sabine Pass in 2014. Exxon, the nation's biggest natural gas producer, announced a program Sept. 25 to reduce emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, from its oil and natural gas production and pipeline operations across the United States.

"As long as there are questions about methane emissions, it clouds people's perception of whether it really is ... cleaner than coal," said Michael Maher, a longtime Exxon economist now at a public policy institute at Rice University.

Exxon's announcement comes as the fate of federal regulation of methane emissions by the energy industry is uncertain.

This year, the Environmental Protection Agency under President Donald Trump tried to suspend Obama administration rules on emission standards for oil and gas wells. In July, however, a federal appeals court stalled the move, ruling that EPA could rewrite the rules but couldn't block the 2016 regulations in the meantime.

Shareholders have put pressure on Exxon, the nation's largest producer of natural gas, to confront the methane problem. At this year's annual meeting, a resolution asking the company to report annually on what it was doing to minimize methane emissions was supported by holders of 39 percent of the company's shares despite board opposition to the measure.

Matt Watson, a methane expert at the Environmental Defense Fund, which was briefed by Exxon before its announcement, praised the company for targeting the highest emission sources and promising to upgrade existing equipment rather than focusing only on new facilities. He said it would "help position Exxon and XTO as a real leader" in controlling methane, even though other energy companies have taken similar steps.

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Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
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Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: December 4-5, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Hydraulic Fracturing in Horizontal Wells
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: December 6-7, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800; Out of State $825

The Art of Technical
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: December 8, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

Log Analysis of Shaly Sandstones
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 11, 2017 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $475

Quick Guide to Carbonate Well Log Analysis
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 12, 2017 - Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $475

Log Analysis of Hydrocarbon Bearing Shales
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 13, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: January 22 -23, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Law and Its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: Jan 4 - Jan 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Title: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: February 6, 2018 - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil and Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: March 6-7, 2018 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

"OLD" (Pre-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: March 7, 2018 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $450

Principles of Hydraulic Fracturing
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: March 27-29, 2018 - Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State: $1225

Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
Start Date: April 11, 2018 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $375, Out of State $400

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 - Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $3,975; Out of State: $4,000

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: April 30, 2018 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 12, 2018 - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: June 12-13, 2018 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Basic Drilling for Non Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: July 10 - 11, 2018
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: September 11-12, 2018 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

COMPLETIONS

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Tom Green County

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger D #2101
Spraberry (Trend Area); 738 fnl, 1866 fel, Sec 21, Blk A, Abst. 5202, TC RR, 45.2 nw San Angelo; TD 8150; Comp 8/27/2017; producing from 6857-7486, fracture stimulated; pump 63 BO, 11 MCF, 47 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-31885

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger D #2308
Spraberry (Trend Area); 3230 fnl, 941 fel, Sec 23, Blk A, Abst. 5203, TC RR, 46.1 nw San Angelo; TD 8265; Comp 9/12/2017; producing from 6932-7340, fracture stimulated; pump 25 BO, 10 MCF, 115 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32311

TXP Inc.
Ostrander '3' #1
June Ann (Starkey-Canyon Sand); 548 fnl, 754 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 4845, I&GN RR, 14 nw Mertzon; TD 6503; Comp 8/24/2017; producing from 6326-6350, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 5 BO, 110 MCF, 6 BW, FTP 175 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32859

Upton County

XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch #1716LH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1020 fel, 390 fsl, Sec 5, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 1352, T&P RR, 3.9 nw Midkiff; TD 9047 TVD, 19835 MD; Comp 9/7/2017; producing from 9356-19699, fracture stimulated; flow 310 BO, 293 MCF, 310 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 162 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-40549

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Winkler County

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #107
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fsl, 2635 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-3, Abst. 1359, PSL, 1.4

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Crockett County

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 40 #2123WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2057 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 16, Blk 40, Abst. 306U, ULS, 25.9 n Ozona; TD 10000; API#42-105-42438 Permit issued 9/22

Reagan County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Taylor '45-33' #4405H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2255 fsl, 1550 fwl, Sec 45, Blk B, Abst. 305, L&SV RR, 22.8 nw Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40002 Permit issued 9/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Taylor '45-33' #4305H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2265 fsl, 1550 fwl, Sec 45, Blk B, Abst. 305, L&SV RR, 22.8 nw Big Lake; TD 8800; API #42-383-40003 Permit issued 9/22

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Char Hughes '28-2' #4803H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 4627 fsl, 989 fwl, Sec 9, Abst. 678, M.A. Lindley, 11.3 n Big Lake; TD 8875; API #42-383-40010 Permit issued 9/22

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Cope 79-80 #32HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1583 fnl, 2231 fel, Sec 79, Blk 2, Abst. 602, T&P RR, 17.14 ne Stiles; TD 9000; API #42-383-40000 Permit issued 9/18

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #319HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 606 fnl, 2084 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 5.94 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40013 Permit issued 9/21

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #318HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 607 fnl, 2748 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 5.94 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40012 Permit issued 9/21

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #321HT
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 605 fnl, 2064 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 5.94 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40014 Permit issued 9/21

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #322HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 604 fnl, 2044 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 5.94 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40004 Permit issued 9/21

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #375HE
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 343 fnl, 956 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 6.05 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40011 Permit issued 9/21

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Coates 738 #335HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 342 fnl, 3916 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 738, J.W.W. Whatley, 6.05 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40008 Permit issued 9/22

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Leslie Turner #6004
Funk (San Andres); 510 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 60, Blk 5, Abst. 8104, H&TC RR, 20 nw San Angelo; TD 2000; API #42-451-32866 Permit issued 9/18

Upton County

Summit Petroleum LLC
Joann #3614
Blue Danube (Strawn); 467 fwl, 577 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 42, Abst. 1482, T&P RR, 25 nw Rankin; TD 12100; API #42-461-40673 Permit issued 8/20

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Andrews County

COG Operating LLC
Mabee 240C #1104MH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3776 fsl, 7897 fel, Sec 11, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 32, T&P RR, 17.1 se Andrews; TD 9200; API #42-003-47648 Permit issued 9/22

COG Operating LLC
Mabee 240C #1105LH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3776 fsl, 7942 fel, Sec 11, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 32, T&P RR, 17.1 se Andrews; TD 9700; API #42-003-47650 Permit issued 9/22

COG Operating LLC
Mabee 240C #1105MH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3776 fsl, 7909 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 32, T&P RR, 17.2 se Andrews; TD 9200; API #42-003-47652 Permit issued 9/22

ConocoPhillips Company
Embar -B- #0602H
Embar (Permian)-Horizontal; 139 fnl, 1918 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 44, T-2-N, Abst. 64, T&P RR, 18.4 sw Andrews; TD 7000; API #42-003-47644 Permit issued 9/18

Ring Energy Inc.
Underwood D #2H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 2176 fel, Sec 14, Blk A-34, Abst. 1838, PSL, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47646 Permit issued 9/22

Ring Energy Inc.
Underwood D #3H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 500 fel, Sec 14, Blk A-34, Abst. 1838, PSL, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47647 Permit issued 9/22

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7434
Fullerton; 8076 fsl, 9996 fel, Sec 4, Blk 13, ULS, 18.7 nw Andrews; TD 7550; API #42-003-47649 Permit issued 9/22

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #6818
Fullerton; 12671 fwl, 19945 fnl, Sec 16, Blk A-32, Abst. 644, PSL, 17.72 nw Andrews; TD 7500; API #42-003-47651 Permit issued 9/22

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #2213
Fullerton; 7916 fwl, 15881 fnl, Sec 21, Blk A-37, Abst. 654, PSL, 18.7 nw Andrews; TD 7550; API #42-003-47653 Permit issued 9/22

Culberson County

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Oatman Unit 33-40 #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1650 fwl, 2638 fsl, Sec 33, Blk 45, Abst. 7033, PSL, 37.4 nw Pecos; TD 10500; API #42-109-33182 Permit issued 9/22

Glasscock County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Colt 45 #8HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 1550 fel, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 407, T&P RR, 6.9 se Spraberry; TD 10000; API #42-173-37718 Permit issued 9/18

Howard County

Energen Resources Corporation
Parks NS 17-28 02 #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1519 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 527, T&P RR, 9.9 ne Stanton; TD 9500; API #42-227-39282 Permit issued 9/19

Hanathon Petroleum LLC
Click 14 #5
Petey (Fusselman); 467 fsl, 2175 fwl, Sec 14, Blk 32, Abst. 1317, T&P RR, 5.21 se Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39295 Permit issued 9/19

Hanathon Petroleum LLC
Robinson 12 #8
Petey (Fusselman); 330 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 112, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1518, T&P RR, 5.97 se Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39294 Permit issued 9/21

Hanathon Petroleum LLC
Conroe 15-22 Unit #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2060 fnl, 1320 fel, Sec 15, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 87, T&P RR, 10.64 ne Big Spring; TD 8900; API #42-227-39293 Permit issued 9/20

SM Energy Company
Big Daddy B #1845WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 275 fnl, 200 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 31, T-2-N, Abst. 13013, T&P RR, 14.4 ne Big Spring; TD 9500; API #42-227-39288 Permit issued 9/19

SM Energy Company
Big Daddy A #1844WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 275 fnl, 2472 fel, Sec 18, Blk 31, T-2-N, Abst. 13013, T&P RR, 14.4 ne Big Spring; TD 9500; API #42-227-39287 Permit issued 9/22

SM Energy Company
Guitar North #2723LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 391 fsl, 1555 fwl, Sec 26, Blk A, Abst. 575, Bauer & Cockrell, 7.8 sw Knott; TD 10500; API #42-227-39300 Permit issued 9/22

SM Energy Company
Guitar North #2724LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 425 fsl, 1639 fwl, Sec 26, Blk A, Abst. 575, Bauer & Cockrell, 7.8 sw Knott; TD 10500; API #42-227-39301 Permit issued 9/22

SM Energy Company
Guitar North #2743WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fsl, 1527 fwl, Sec 26, Blk A, Abst. 575, Bauer & Cockrell, 7.8 sw Knott; TD 10600; API #42-227-39302 Permit issued 9/22

SM Energy Company
Guitar North #2744WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 413 fsl, 16117 fwl, Sec 26, Blk A, Abst. 575, Bauer & Cockrell, 7.8 sw Knott; TD 10600; API #42-227-39303 Permit issued 9/22

SM Energy Company
Guitar North #2763WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 402 fsl, 1583 fwl, Sec 26, Blk A, Abst. 575, Bauer & Cockrell, 7.8 sw Knott; TD 10700; API #42-227-39304 Permit issued 9/22

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Priceless C26-1 Unit C #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsel, 637 fnel, Sec 1, Blk 29, Abst. 1177, PSL, 13.1 ne Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33654 Permit issued 9/19

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-7 Unit A #7H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 749 fel, 400 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 76, Abst. 1225, PSL, 18.1 n Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33668 Permit issued 9/22

EOG Resources Inc.
Reed 24 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 527 fwl, 5062 fsel, Sec 24, Blk C-26, Abst. 499, PSL, 15.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API#42-301-33663 Permit issued 9/18

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 47-3WS I #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 156 fel, 2433 fnl, Sec 47, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 43, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33525 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 47-3WS II #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 131 fel, 2433 fnl, Sec 47, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 43, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33526 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 37-48WS I #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 930 fwl, 2352 fnl, Sec 37, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 38, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33540 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 37-48WS II #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2352 fnl, 955 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 38, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33542 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 37-48WS III #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2313 fnl, 2105 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 38, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33544 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 37-48WS IV #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2313 fnl, 2130 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 38, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33547 Permit issued 9/20

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Fraser-Arrington 37-48WS V #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2313 fnl, 2155 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 38, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33548 Permit issued 9/20

Mewbourne Oil Company
TXL 47 #H302AP
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 337 fnl, 1078 fel, Sec 47, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 162, T&P RR, 18.8 nw Mentone; TD 10000; API #42-301-33669 Permit issued 9/22

RSP Permian LLC
Boyd 28-11 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 269 fnl, 511 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 28, Abst. 1407, PSL, 17 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33676 Permit issued 9/22

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Woodrow 34 #3
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 475 fel, 1711 fnl, Sec 34, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 759, T&P RR, 6.4 se Flower Grove; TD 12000; API #42-317-41018 Permit issued 9/20

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Shake and Bake Unit 74-69 #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 2259 fel, Sec 75, Blk B, Abst. 351, Bauer & Cockrell, 12 n Lenorah; TD 17500; API #42-317-41016 Permit issued 9/19

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Greene #3011WB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 324 fnl, 782 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 209, T&P RR, 4.1 sw Stanton; TD 9300; API #42-317-40921 Permit issued 9/18

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Greene #302WB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 789 fwl, 297 fnl, Sec 29, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 209, T&P RR, 4.1 sw Stanton; TD 9300; API #42-317-41010 Permit issued 9/18

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Strain Ranch 24-25 #4215H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 505 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 36, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 7.8 n Stanton; TD 9120; API #42-317-41011 Permit issued 9/19

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Strain Ranch 24-25 #2815H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 36, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 7.8 n Stanton; TD 8676; API #42-317-41007 Permit issued 9/19

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Strain Ranch 24-25 #4309H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2254 fel, 738 fsl, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 7.8 n Stanton; TD 9554; API #42-317-41020 Permit issued 9/22

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Strain Ranch 24-25 #4209H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 711 fsl, 2268 fel, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 7.8 n Stanton; TD 9239; API #42-317-41022 Permit issued 9/22

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Strain Ranch 24-25 #2809H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6848 fsl, 2282 fel, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 133, T&P RR, 7.8 n Stanton; TD 8758; API #42-317-41023 Permit issued 9/22

Midland County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Jupiter ET 9 #1
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 475 fwl, 476 fsl, Sec 9, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 132, T&P RR, 2.5 sw Spraberry; TD 12000; API #42-329-41866 Permit issued 9/19

Diamondback E&P LLC
Bombardier C Unit #404LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 478 fwl, 891 fsl, Sec 45, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 262, T&P RR, 5.3 sw Midland; TD 10230; API #42-329-41979 Permit issued 9/22

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Bradford South #1HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 310 fwl, 475 fsl, Sec 24, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 789, T&P RR, 13.6 s Midland; TD 9669; API #42-329-41980 Permit issued 9/22

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Bradford South #2HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 330 fwl, 475 fsl, Sec 24, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 789, T&P RR, 13.6 s Midland; TD 9414; API #42-329-41978 Permit issued 9/22

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Baumann E16R #118H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1690 fel, 2392 fsl, Sec 16, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 1381, T&P RR, 6.2 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-41885 Permit issued 9/18

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 27 Unit 3 #3412AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1039 fwl, 1895 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 231, T&P RR, 21.3 se Midland; TD 9557; API #42-329-41974 Permit issued 9/19

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 27 Unit 4 #3417AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 938 fel, 2045 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 231, T&P RR, 21.3 se Midland; TD 9698; API #42-329-41975 Permit issued 9/19

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 39-37 Unit #4WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1221 fsl, 2346 fel, Sec 39, Blk OW, Abst. 4909, TT RR, 7.1 s Coyanosa; TD 18000; API #42-371-39619 Permit issued 9/19

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 A Unit #1WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fwl, 3295 fsl, Sec 12, Blk OW, Abst. 9303, J. Donovan, 10.6 s Coyanosa; TD 11200; API #42-371-39621 Permit issued 9/21

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 A Unit #6WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fwl, 3325 fsl, Sec 12, Blk OW, Abst. 9303, J. Donovan, 9.7 s Coyanosa; TD 11200; API #42-371-39622 Permit issued 9/21

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 B Unit #4WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fwl, 308 fnl, Sec 10, Blk OW, Abst. 8411, J. Wheat, 11.8 s Coyanosa; TD 11200; API #42-371-39623 Permit issued 9/21

Jilpetco Inc.
WWJD #23
White & Baker; 1410 fsl, 1508 fwl, Sec 91, Blk 194, Abst. 4369, GC&SF RR, 18.28 sw Iraan; TD 2000; API #42-371-39620 Permit issued 9/20

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Bull Run #402BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 263 fnl, 2132 fel, Sec 35, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 11 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36361 Permit issued 9/21

Apache Corporation
Bull Run #403AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 263 fnl, 2162 fel, Sec 35, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 11 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36363 Permit issued 9/21

Apache Corporation
Bull Run #404BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 263 fnl, 2192 fel, Sec 35, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 11 se Orla; TD 16000; API

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COMPLETIONS

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ne Kermit; TD 5490; Comp 9/6/2017; producing from 5174-5332, treated with acid; pump 55 BO, 172 MCF, 257 BW, 37.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-495-33783

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Crosby County

Bridwell Oil Co.
Collier -5- #2
Hoople (Clearfork); 380 fsl, 1080 fwl, Sec 5, Abst. 387, D&SE RR, 15 s Ralls; TD 4100; Comp 9/4/2017; producing from 3852-3936, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 15 BO, 150 BW, 25 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-32146

Bridwell Oil Co.
Collier -7- #12
Hoople (Clearfork); 1520 fel, 2290 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 2, Abst. 381, D&SE RR, 15 sw Ralls; TD 4142; Comp 9/5/2017; producing from 3990-4088, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 12 BO, 120 BW, 25 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-32147

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #305-10
Kelly-Snyder; 14262 fsl, 4544 fwl, Sec 202, Blk 97, Abst. 2479, H&TC RR, 7.92 sw Snyder; TD 7169; Comp 9/12/2017; producing from 6650-7067; producing from 20 BO, 247 MCF, 2492 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35310

New Mexico

Chaves County

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Bonafide "15" #1
Wildcat-Re-Entry of Read & Stevens, P&A, Old TD 11150; Sec 11 T11S R31E; 1100/S & 660/W; EL 4473 GL, TD 11,150, PBTD 9166; Spud 6-21-17, Comp 7-1-17; production is through treated

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Orion Water Solutions' Midland team: From left, Joe Paredes, Melissa Robinson and Phillip Ward can help you get the most efficient and effective produced water treatment system for use in fracturing or other uses. Call them at 432-219-8100.

Here's how to avoid drowning in red ink when starting a water re-use program

More and more producers are replacing at least some fresh water with treated produced water in fracturing and in other applications. When invoking best practices in the treatment process, this is a great idea. It can save money while lessening the ever-increasing competition for fresh water.

Orion Water Solutions President Warren Sumner offers some pointers on how to keep costs in line while still reducing total suspended solids (TSS), iron, sulfates and other contaminants to acceptable levels.

Big is okay but smaller is often better "While many operators are building produced-water pits that will hold a million barrels of water or more, there are several reasons smaller may be better," Sumner says.

First is the expense—and delay—of building a huge pond and water treatment facility. "From the planning phase to final construction, a multi well plant can take a year or more. Meanwhile, all that produced water has to go somewhere, probably into an injection well."

Orion Water Solutions has indeed built many of these large treatment plants with great success. But those plants are costly and keeping the million-barrel pits clean is also a big expense.

"Produced water has large amounts of iron, sulfates and other food for bacteria. Any size pit can go septic quickly, but the larger ones are more costly to maintain or to treat." The best plan is to keep the water aerated and circulated.

Mobile units get up and running quickly Increasingly, operators are borrowing a page from just-in-time manufacturing techniques. "Many operators are using smaller pits or above ground storage tanks to store enough water for a day or two's requirements, as needed for current frac jobs."

To supply those tanks Orion offers mobile units capable of treating up to 10,000 BBL/D. These units can be set up quickly, multiple units can be used at one site and they can be easily moved as water volumes on a site fluctuate.

Blending fresh and produced water is key One cost-effective solution is to treat 10,000 BBL/D of produced water and blend it with 30,000 BBL/D of fresh water to make 40,000 BBL/D of frac fluid. "This blend helps operators stay within certain parameters in order to keep frac chemical prices under control," Sumner says. "For example, total dissolved solids levels under 45,000 ppm allow a producer to use less costly friction reducers."

Where needed, the company employs its extensive experience in offering oxidative biocides during frac jobs.

Orion's systems, both mobile-based and plant-based, have proven their reliability in the field. More than one system has been in operation 24/7 for five years. Onsite, Orion uses remote monitoring and automation to provide operators the data they need to make informed water treatment decisions.

Orion's Midland team members bring their expertise and their dedication to excellence to every job, including yours. Call them this week and let them help you optimize your water treatment.

The phone number for Orion Water Systems is 432-219-8100. Their website is www.orionwatersolutions.com.

Zedi's linear hydraulic pumps simplify stroke length optimization

Almost 40 percent of the rigs in the US are operating in the Permian Basin. Permian rig counts are hovering in the upper 300s in recent months. This means a lot of new wells are coming online—wells whose production rates will fluctuate greatly in the first few weeks of their lives.

Adjusting pump speed and stroke length on a traditional pumpjack is challenging and costly. Sizing the gearbox loading and matching the per-minute speed of the stroke with changing inflow rates involves technicians making multiple site trips as flow rates change.

Zedi Silverjack 8000 adjusts stroke length remotely

Zedi's SilverJack linear hydraulic pumps make it easy to detect flow rate changes and adjust to them—all by remote control.

Instead of driving the rod string directly from a prime mover, Zedi's SilverJack 8000 relies on that prime mover to pressure up hydraulic oil. This oil can be manipulated as needed to control the hydraulic cylinder that operate the rod string.

Unique even to linear hydraulics is Zedi's sensor-based monitoring system that constantly tracks the pump's position. With this information operators can make changes in pump speed, stroke length and variables.

It readily accommodates longer stroke length

In the Permian Basin in particular, greater stroke length on gassy wells boosts fluid production. Here again, the Zedi SilverJack 8000 is more flexible than traditional pumping units.

For a pumpjack, enlarging the unit enough to handle longer stroke length means unnecessarily enlarging the gearbox and other components. This is a costly and unwieldy idea.

The Zedi SilverJack 8000 accommodates stroke lengths of up to 240 inches from one compact unit, with no extra expense. And, as stated previously, stroke length can be adjusted remotely if needed, without a trip to the well site.

It installs easily on larger wellheads

As today's fracturing methods require thousands of tons of frac sand for horizontal wells, increased wellhead height becomes a major challenge when installing a traditional pumpjack. Producers must build tall pads several feet off the ground. The large footprint of a conventional pumpjack makes building this pad a complex and challenging task.

For the Zedi Silverjack, on the other hand, the prime mover and its contingent parts fit easily into a 5 foot by 7 foot space. At that small size theZedi Silverjack can easily rest on pilings, from which it can be raised or lowered as needed.

Its small footprint makes the Zedi SilverJack 8000 ideal for any spot where space is at a premium, including multi well pads and residential areas.

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Apache Corporation
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Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 400 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 11 se Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36367 Permit issued 9/21

Apache Corporation
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Apache Corporation
Chinook #201AR
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2428 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 4802, T&P RR, 10.1 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36373 Permit issued 9/21

Apache Corporation
Cedar State Unit #102AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 344 fnl, 1370 fel, Sec 40, Blk 58, Abst. 4412, T&P RR, 14.8 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36375 Permit issued 9/22

Apache Corporation
Cedar State Unit #103AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 344 fnl, 1400 fel, Sec 40, Blk 58, Abst. 4412, T&P RR, 14.8 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36376 Permit issued 9/22

Apache Corporation
Cedar State Unit #104AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 344 fnl, 1430 fel, Sec 40, Blk 58, Abst. 4412, T&P RR, 14.8 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36379 Permit issued 9/22

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Bobcat State 1718 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2439 fswl, 2235 fnwl, Abst. 389, H&GN RR, 6.2 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36374 Permit issued 9/22

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Griffin State Unit 1922 #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 263 fnl, 235 fsel, Abst. 390, H&GN RR, 7.9 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36389 Permit issued 9/22

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Crowley Unit 7558 #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 233 fnel, 401 fnwl, Sec 73, Abst. 4032, R. Talbot, 3.1 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36391 Permit issued 9/22

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Russell #U 40H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 260 fsl, 620 fel, Sec 275, Blk 13, Abst. 326, H&GN RR, 19.1 s Pecos; TD 10600; API #42-389-36359 Permit issued 9/21

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Russell #U 49H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 260 fsl, 590 fel, Sec 275, Blk 13, Abst. 326, H&GN RR, 19.1 s Pecos; TD 10600; API #42-389-36360 Permit issued 9/21

Colgate Operating LLC
J.A. Hord 8 Unit #8H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 120 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 8, Blk C-6, Abst. 5719, PSL, 9.52 nw Barstow, TD 11000; API #42-389-36383 Permit issued 9/22

EOG Resources Inc.
State Mayfly Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 328 fnwl, Sec 24, Blk 55, T-5-S, Abst. 4442, PSL, 13.6 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36358 Permit issued 9/20

PRI Operating LLC
Aardvark State 6 #1HS
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 315 fsl, 2436.8 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-1, Abst. 5049, T&P RR, 21.3 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36267 Permit issued 9/19

PRI Operating LLC
Aardvark State 6 #3HS
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 315 fsl, 2406.8 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-1, Abst. 1325, PSL, 21.3 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36268 Permit issued 9/19

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Uinta #C101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 15 fwl, Sec 2, Blk C-21, Abst. 5469, PSL, 24.7 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-36357 Permit issued 9/18

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
East Capote #C101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 8 fwl, Sec 8, Blk C-20, Abst. 2559, PSL, 11.7 se Orla; TD 11900; API #42-389-36378 Permit issued 9/22

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Smither State 1 #6H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 650 fsl, 1650 fel, Sec 1, BLk 53, Abst. 2628, PSL, 33.2 nw Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-36377 Permit issued 9/22

Ward County

COG Operating LLC
California Chrome Unit #5003HR
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 240 fnel, 205 fnwl, Sec 50, Blk 33, Abst. 1028, H&TC RR, 5 nw Barstow; TD 10900; API #42-475-37320 Permit issued 9/21

Occidental Permian Ltd.
L Black 87-88-1N #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 374 fnel, 599 fsel, Sec 92, Blk 34, Abst. 669, H&TC RR, 20.1 e Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-475-37301 Permit issued 9/18

Winkler County

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
Half Moon 3019-27 E #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 246 fsl, 966 fel, Sec 30, Blk 27, Abst. 1744, PSL, 8.55 nw Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-33930 Permit issued 9/22

Paladin Petroleum III LLC
Stonegate #1H
Keystone (San Andres)-Horizontal; 660 fwl, 450 fnl, Sec 10, Blk B-2, Abst. 1907, PSL, 9 ne Kermit; TD 5500; API #42-495-33929 Permit issued 9/22

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Cochran County

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
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Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1 fsl, 430 fwl, Sec 18, Blk W, Abst. 276, PSL, 22 sw Morton; TD 6200; API #42-079-33368 Permit issued 9/22

Gaines County

Lanexco Inc.
Dunbar Hotel #1
Tex-Mex Southeast (Albany); 331 fwl, 330 fsl, Sec 4, Blk A-28, Abst. 672, PSL, 24.6 w Seminole; TD 5000; API #42-165-38620 Permit issued 9/20

Ring Energy Inc.
Typhon #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 134 fnl, 2074 fel, Sec 23, Blk A-22, Abst. 735, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-165-38623 Permit issued 9/22

Scurry County

Verado Energy Inc.
Delta #1H
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 187 fnl, 920 fwl, Sec 90, Blk 3, Abst. 1552, H&TC RR, 11.5 se Snyder; TD 9000; API #42-415-35340 Permit issued 9/19

Verado Energy Inc.
Delta #2
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 187 fnl, 384 fel, Sec 90, Blk 3, Abst. 1552, H&TC RR, 11.7 se Snyder; TD 9000; API #42-415-35341 Permit issued 9/19

Western Chief Operating LLC
Parker #1H
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2482 fnl, 1200 fwl, Sec 51, Blk 3, Abst. 376, H&TC RR, 12.05 e Snyder; TD 9000; API #42-415-35343 Permit issued 9/22

Yoakum County

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Matador 646 B #1H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 473 fsl, 1651 fwl, Sec 599, Blk D, Abst. 525, J.H. Gibson, 11.6 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36855 Permit issued 9/21

New Mexico

Chaves County

Hadaway Consulting and Engineering LLC
Muirfield #2
Race Track; Sec 18 T10S R29E; 50/S & 1270/E; 18 mi NW Caprock; Rot 7495 San Andres; API #30-005-64298

Hadaway Consulting and Engineering LLC
Pinehurst #5
East Chisum; Sec 21 T11S R28E; 74/N & 1563/W; 19 mi SW Caprock; Rot 6800 San Andres; API #30-005-64299

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal CA #725
Cedar Lake; Sec 7 T17S R31E; 2290/S & 485/W; 4 1/2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 9401 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44399

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal CA #762
Cedar Lake; Sec 7 T17S R31E; 450/S & 75/E; 4 1/2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 10261 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44398

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Brainard 12M #2
Atoka; Sec 12 T18S R26E; 990/S & 1295/W; 5 mi SW Artesia; Rot 4600 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44412

Oxy USA WTP LP
Turkey Track 4 3 St #23
Turkey Track; Sec 4 T19S R29E; 1435/S & 360/W; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 18003 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44411

Oxy USA WTP LP
Turkey Track 4 3 St #31
Turkey Track; Sec 4 T19S R29E; 1072/N & 110/W; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 18836 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44396

NGL Water Solutions Permian LLC
Striker 1 SWD #1
SWD; Sec 15 T23S R28E; 459/N & 1469/E; 1 1/2 mi NE Loving; Rot 15100 Devonian; API #30-015-44406

NGL Water Solutions Permian LLC
Striker 3 SWD #1
SWD; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 472/S & 897/E; 1 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 15200 Devonian; API #30-015-44407

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal Com 17 #44
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T26S R30E; 75/N & 2460/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15731 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44409

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal Com 17 #45
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T26S R30E; 75/N & 2485/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15579 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44408

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RDX Federal Com 17 #46
Purple Sage; Sec 17 T26S R30E; 75/N & 2510/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15770 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44410

Lea County

Gulf Exploration LLC
Salty Dog 6 #1
NE Shoe Bar; Sec 6 T16S R36E; 2280/S & 660/E; 1 1/2 mi S Lovington; Rot 12000 Strawn; API #30-025-43920

Centennial Resources Production LLC
Tour Bus 23 State #503
Ojo Chiso; Sec 23 T22S R34E; 200/N & 2385/W; 14 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15100 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43934

COG Operating LLC
White Falcon 16 Fed #21
Dogie Draw; Sec 16 T25S R35E; 226/N & 2020/W; Rot 22439 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43931

COG Operating LLC
White Falcon 16 Fed #22
Dogie Draw; Sec 16 T25S R35E; 226/N & 1940/W; 5 1/2 mi SE Ochoa; Rot 22458 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43932

EOG Resources Inc.
Ruby 2 Fed #705
Hardin Tank; Sec 2 T26S R34E; 220/N & 2185/W; 8 mi S Ochoa; Rot 22759 Wolfcamp; API #3-025-43933

Fight brews over oilfield landfill site; County cites Choke Canyon proximity

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

TILDEN — McMullen County, known for having few residents and big, brush country ranches, has rallied allies across South Texas to fight plans to build a oil field landfill there.

McMullen County has just 804 residents and sits on the western side of the 400-mile Eagle Ford Shale field, which pumps more than 1.2 million barrels of oil per day and is the impetus for the project. The proposed 300-acre landfill would accept oil-based muds, soil contaminated by oil and pipeline spills and drill cuttings — the broken bits of rock and dirt that get drilled through on the way to finding oil and gas, according to documents filed with the the state's oil and gas regulator.

McMullen County Judge Jim Teal and other political leaders are concerned that any spills, leaks or flooding at the site could threaten Choke Canyon Reservoir, a major water source downstream.

Teal said the major worry is Salt Branch Creek, a seasonal stream on the would-be landfill property that flows to the Frio River, then to the 26,000-acre Choke Canyon Reservoir.

"It supplies drinking water to half a million people in the Coastal Bend," Teal said. "Our water and our soil is too precious to be compromised."

The landfill would be similar to a controversial one that received a permit from state regulators but hasn't begun construction in Nordheim in DeWitt County about 75 miles to the east. The same firm, San Antonio-based Petro Waste Environmental and its associated companies, is working on both projects. The Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates the industry, is holding the next hearing on the McMullen County project in October.

George Wommack of Petro Waste Environmental said the company made extensive engineering changes to its McMullen County project since the permit process first started in 2014. The city of Corpus Christi, which initially opposed the project but later dropped its fight against the landfill, made several of the design requests. Corpus Christi, the seat of Nueces County, manages Choke Canyon and is the largest community that uses the reservoir for drinking water. Residents in Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen and San Patricio counties also tap Choke Canyon.

Wommack said the site is now designed to withstand a flooding event that would leave the town of Tilden, including the McMullen County Courthouse, underwater. Berms and liners should prevent any migration of pollutants below or above ground. Wommack said he might be willing to accommodate other design change requests if he knew what McMullen County wanted, but no one from the county will agree to meet with him.

"We all know these types of facilities are needed in order for horizontal drilling to occur," Wommack said. "The burden is going to be very high for them, in my opinion. It would be very unlikely for this permit not to get issued."

Wommack said the site design also puts the landfill on the back portion of the property behind a ridge so it wouldn't be visible from Texas 16, a major roadway in McMullen County. "A lot of thought went into it," Wommack said. "They shouldn't be able to see the disposal pits."

Live Oak County Judge Jim Huff said the disposal cells sit too close to Salt Branch Creek for comfort.

"It is location, location, location," Huff said. "A creek runs through the middle of it."

Projects such as the Petro Waste landfill draw out mixed feelings in South Texas, which depends on the oil field for jobs, but is also home to many multigeneration ranchers who worry about what something like a nearby landfill means for their children and grandchildren.

"We are blessed by the energy industry. It's not an indictment or saying we're not in support of it," Huff said. "We support the energy industry 100 percent. We just feel that this location has too much possibility for future contamination. I'm not saying even in my lifetime. Once it's there, it's there forever."

Like Corpus Christi, some nearby landowners initially opposed the landfill but have pulled out of the legal fight. Teal characterized that as a practical decision. "The landowners made a business decision and I don't fault them at all," Teal said. "The company is able to stay in the fight longer."

Teal said McMullen County will continue to oppose the project.

"Basically the company offered to, quote unquote, strengthen their permit. I question why they didn't go that extra mile in the beginning," he said.

Wommack's Pyote Reclamation Systems received a permit for its Nordheim project after a long battle.

Nordheim residents wrote nearly 200 protest letters. They founded Concerned About Pollution, the only group of its kind in the 400-mile oil field, and hired attorneys, geologists and chemical engineers to help them fight the application process in Austin. They took charter buses and showed up by the dozens at Railroad Commission hearings wearing bright yellow shirts that said in red letters, "Citizens Against Pyote Reclamation."

After Wommack won his permit, Nordheim residents sued the Railroad Commission in Austin — a case that's still pending. Their state Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, appeared at hearings at the Railroad Commission to testify against the project.

In the McMullen County fight, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, filed a bill this year that would have prohibited the Railroad Commission from approving permits for solid waste facilities in McMullen or Live Oak counties because of Choke Canyon. Another Zaffirini bill would have given voters a say in whether such facilities could get a permit from the Railroad Commission. Neither bill made it out of committee, though.

"Storing refuse from the energy industry in a landfill so close to Choke Canyon unnecessarily risks contaminating the area's water," Zaffirini said by email. "Contamination could not only threaten the water supply for drinking, agricultural and commercial uses, but also harm fish and wildlife. This could jeopardize the recreation and tourism industry in Live Oak and McMullen counties, especially because thousands of birders, fishers, campers and others visit Choke Canyon State Park and James E. Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area each year."

Both Zaffirini and state Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, were among several elected officials who have asked the Railroad Commission to hold its hearing in McMullen County so residents could attend.

Three Rivers Mayor Sam Garcia said in a letter to the commission that the hearing should be held at the McMullen County Courthouse in Tilden, "so that the local people of our South Texas region, who will be most affected by the Commission's decision on the PWE application, may attend and participate in the hearing, and see and hear the evidence, without the burden of having to travel the long distance to Austin."

PetroWaste Environmental argued that the hearing should remain in Austin, where most of the attorneys involved and all of the Railroad Commission staff and administrative judges work, and that residents who didn't want to travel could comment by letter or phone, or the state could accommodate them by live streaming the event.

The Railroad Commission denied the request to move the hearing to Tilden.

It will be held where hearings usually are, in the Railroad Commission's headquarters in downtown Austin, starting Oct. 16. It's expected to take four to five days.

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Lea County

EOG Resources Inc.
Nervosa 24 State Com #501
North Berry; Sec 24 T21S R33E; 2394/N & 469/E. BHL: Sec 13 229/N & 338/E; EL 3764 GR, TD 19,370 MD, 11,759 TVD, PBTD 91,258 MD, 11,764 TVD; Spud 4-20-17, Comp 7-13-17; production is through treated perfs: 12186-19258. Treat: Frac w/18,837,190# proppant, 344,349 bbls load fluid. IP: 7-22-17 Flow 24 hrs 930 BO, 8398 BW, 1566 MCF, CP 407, GOR 1684, Gty 39. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 2016 w/1740 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5493 w/1945 sx, 5 1/2 @ 19360 w/3335 sx; API #30-025-43600

EOG Resources Inc.
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East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 530/S & 1113/W. BHL: Sec 3 2415/S & 1238/W; EL 3334 GR, TD 19,586 MD, 12,026 TVD, PBTD 19,466 MD, 12,026 TVD; Spud 4-7-17, Comp 7-17-17; production is through treated perfs: 12419-19466. Treat: Frac w/17,480,220# proppant, 336,332 bbls load fluid. IP: 7-25-17 Flow 24 hrs 1072 BO, 8150 BW, 1663 MCF, 64" Ch, CP 1590, GOR 1551, Gty 39. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 1011 w/800 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11520 w/3450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 19576 w/820 sx; API #30-025-43650

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #701
Wildcat; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 547/S & 1082/W. BHL: Sec 3 2034/S & 842/W; EL 3333 GR, TD 19,873 MD, 12,405 TVD, PBTD 19,750 MD, 12,408 TVD; Spud 4-8-17, Comp 7-17-17; production is through treated perfs: 12738-19750. Treat: Frac w/17,489,130# proppant, 347,007 bbls load fluid. IP: 7-23-17 Flow 24 hrs 1766 BO, 3867 BW, 2502 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 1274, GOR 1416, Gty 39. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 1014 w/800 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11846 w/3092 sx, 5 1/2 @ 19858 w/910 sx; API #30-025-43651

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Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R32E; 283/N & 125/E. BHL: Sec 36 282/S & 440/E; EL 3129 GL, TD 19670 MD, 12699 TVD, PBTD 19577 MD, 12699 TVD; Spud 3-8-15, Comp 6-28-17; production is through treated perfs: 12835-19505. Treat: Total 15 HCL acid = 50299, Frac w/11,871,026# 100 Mesh sd. IP: 7-19-17 Flow 24 hrs 134 BO, 1755 BW, 2399 MCF, 14/64" Ch, CP 5130. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 798 w/708 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4778 w/1285 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12198 w/526 sx, 5 @ 19651 w/1124 sx; API #30-025-42026

ConocoPhillips Co.
War Hammer 25 Federal Com W1 #3
Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R32E; 316/N & 125/E. BHL: Sec 36 273/S & 413/E; EL 3128 GL, TD 18902 MD, 12249 TVD; Spud 3-8-15, Comp 6-28-17; production is through treated perfs: 12388-18855. Treat: Total 15% HCl acid = 61,990 gals, Frac = 17,098,728# 100 mesh sd. IP: 7-12-17 Flow 24 hrs 662 BO, 1627 BW, 1000 MCF, 18/64" Ch, CP 4710. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 794 w/708 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4778 w/1322 sx, 5 @ 18885 w/995 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12382 w/551 sx; API #30-025-42027

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New Healthcare Management Certificate Offered

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will offer a certificate in Healthcare Management beginning Fall, 2017. The certificate will offer students earning a bachelor of business administration (BBA) or those who already have the degree to learn about the unique issues, challenges, and management tools used by health services organizations such as hospitals, medical practices, wellness centers, and public health units.

UTPB's new certificate will be offered through web-based courses. The first course will called Healthcare Management Information Systems and will be taught in an eight-weeks term beginning on October 18, 2017. In the Spring 2018 semester Healthcare Management and Healthcare Marketing will be offered. Additional courses will be added in summer and in Fall 2018 to complete the certificate program.

The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment of medical and health services managers is projected to grow 17 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the large baby-boom population ages and people remain active later in life, the healthcare industry as a whole will see an increase in the demand for medical services. "This new certificate helps UTPB business students prepare for careers in one of the fastest growing industries in the country," said Dr. William Price, dean of the College of Business.

The Texas Workforce Commission's Report on Texas Growth Occupation 2016 states that the Health Care and Social Assistance industry has become the dominant industry for employment in Texas – and the United States – in the last decade. Demand for health care workers in Texas is expected to continue to increase as the state has growing populations of both old and young people, who are the primary customers of the Health Care and Social Assistance industry. This "super-sector" is faced with training challenges as employers are demanding higher educated workers due to market demands and industry expectations.

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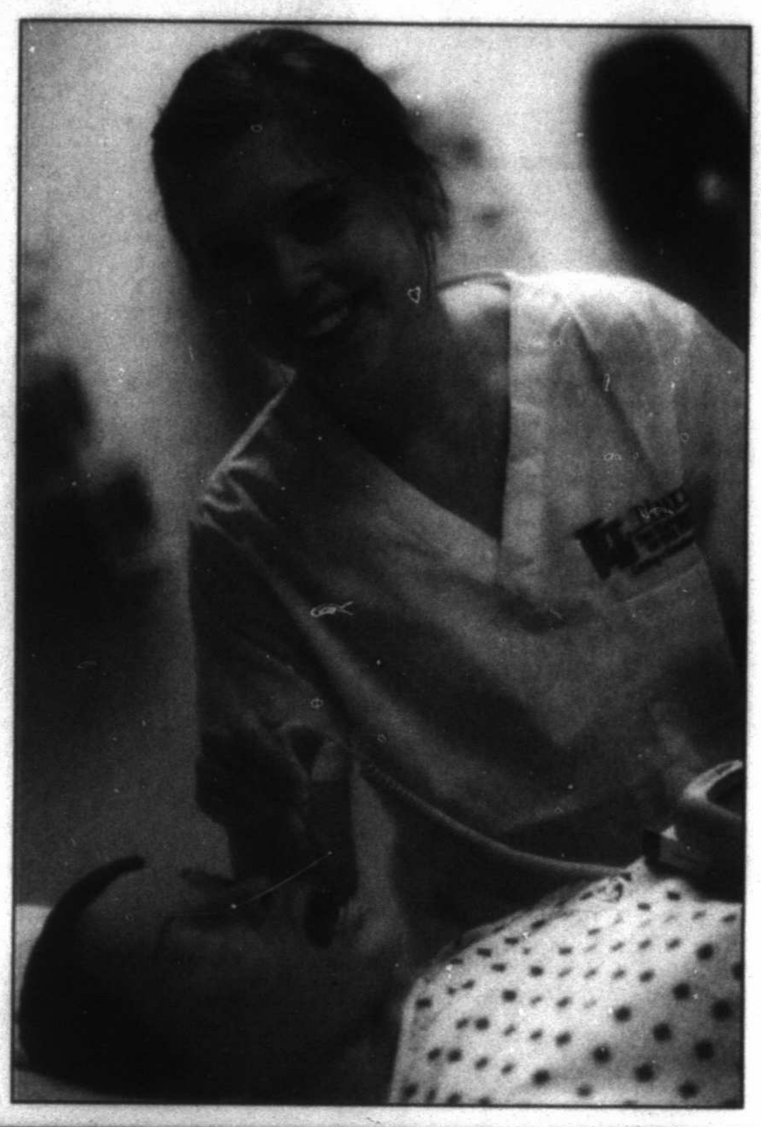

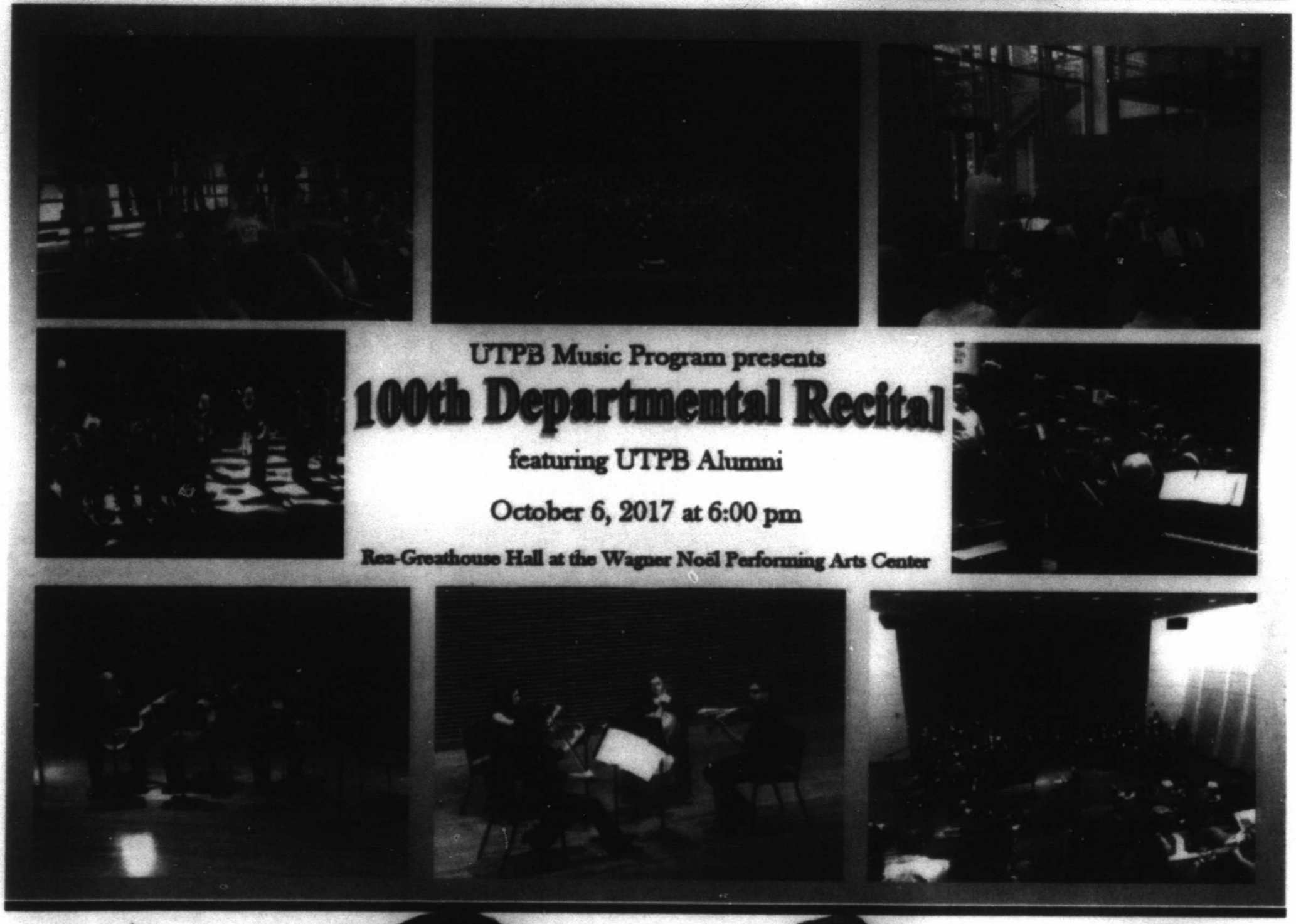

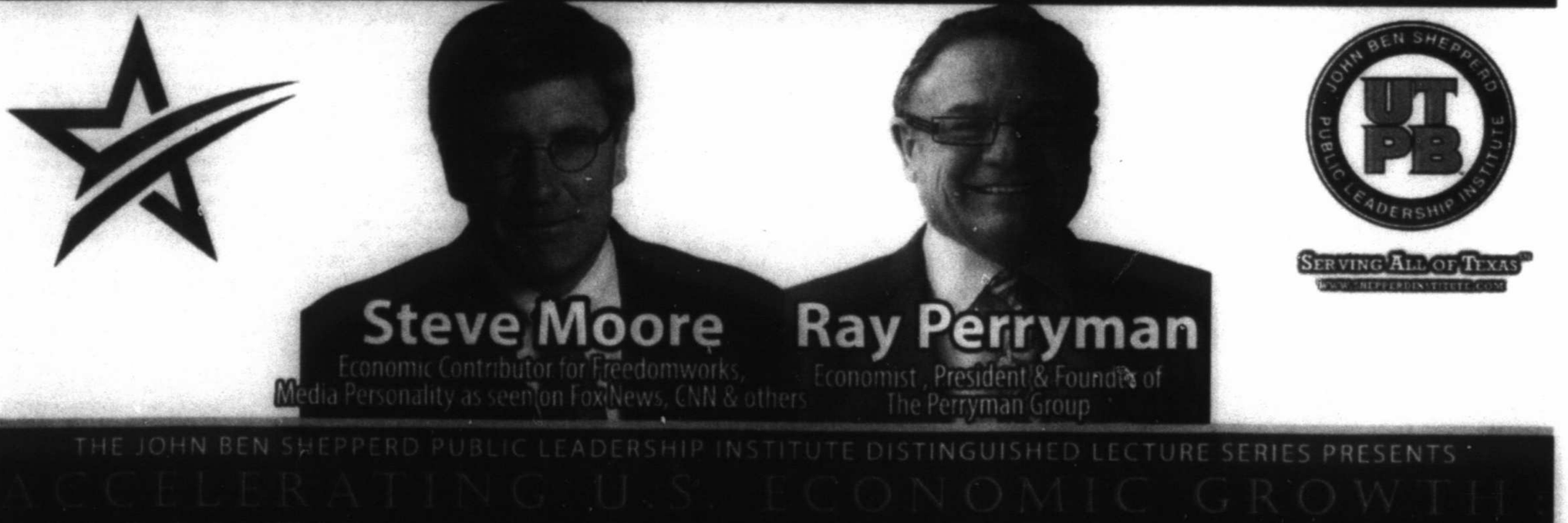

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