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Three in custody for attempted capital murder

Deputy-involved shooting leaves one suspect in critical condition; deputy OK

From staff reports

Three people have been arrested for attempted capital murder of a peace officer after an incident Saturday morning in west Midland that resulted in a deputy-involved shooting, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said.

During the course of an incident, a male, later identified as Rico Lee Robledo, fired at the deputy, and the deputy, whose name has not been released, responded by firing his weapon. He struck Robledo two times — in the head and in the groin area — Painter said in a press release.

Robledo, 22, was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was listed in critical condition Saturday. Painter said he is in custody for attempted capital murder of a peace officer and has not been formerly charged.

The deputy received glass fragments in his arm and was treated and released.

The incident started at about 3 a.m. Saturday when a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper observed a vehicle — with two males inside — behind a convenience store at Thomason Drive and Loop 250. Suspecting illegal activity, the trooper returned to the area of the store. The vehicle left the scene and headed eastbound in the alley. The trooper stopped the vehicle — driven by a female, later identified as 17-year-old Esmeralda Ramirez — and a Midland County deputy stopped to assist the trooper, according to the release. The trooper advised the deputy that there were two males inside the store and

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FUN AT FIDDLESTICKS



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Kids play during the opening day at Fiddlesticks Farms on Saturday.

MISD, area programs team up to reduce pregnancy, help teen moms

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on health care services provided to young adults in Midland.

By Cassie Burton
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Texas' teen birth rate declined from 2012-13, the latest figures finalized by the Center for Disease Control, but still ranked fifth for most teen births. The state had 41 pregnancies per 1,000 teenagers aged 15-19.

For its part, Midland County still inched above the state average for percentage of mothers under 18 with 3.7 percent in 2013 (compared to 3.2 percent overall for the state). However, teen pregnancies for Midland ISD students are declining: last school year reported 73 confirmed teen pregnancies, almost 100 less than in 2010-11, according to statistics provided by Midland ISD.

Abstinence, plus ...

MISD currently has two abstinence-plus education programs now in their fifth year, beginning in fourth grade and continuing to 12th grade. "It's Your Game, Keep It Real" and "There Is No Gray Area" were launched as a dual effort to reduce teen pregnancies.

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Texans brace for campus carry amid tragedy

■ Oregon shooting reignites debate for gun rights in universities

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

Last week's shooting on an Oregon college campus is a nightmare scenario haunting Texas university leaders as they grapple with the state's new campus carry law, which in a year's time will allow some Texans to carry concealed handguns into college classrooms.

The new law gives some leeway to school leaders to determine what, if any, parts of campus should be gun-free zones — something that has sparked debate on campuses across the state about where firearms should be allowed.

At least nine people died in the latest mass shooting, at Umpqua Community College in Oregon, which has rekindled the broader national debate about gun violence. All sides in Texas are pointing to the Oregon shooting as the reason they are right.

"The events yesterday have certainly done nothing but heightened passions about this, and I think both sides are taking the events of yesterday and saying it supports their position," said Steven Goode, a University of Texas at Austin law professor who is leading a group of faculty, staff and students tasked with recommending where guns should and shouldn't be allowed on campus.

Goode's group is one of many established by Texas universities, including Texas A&M University and the

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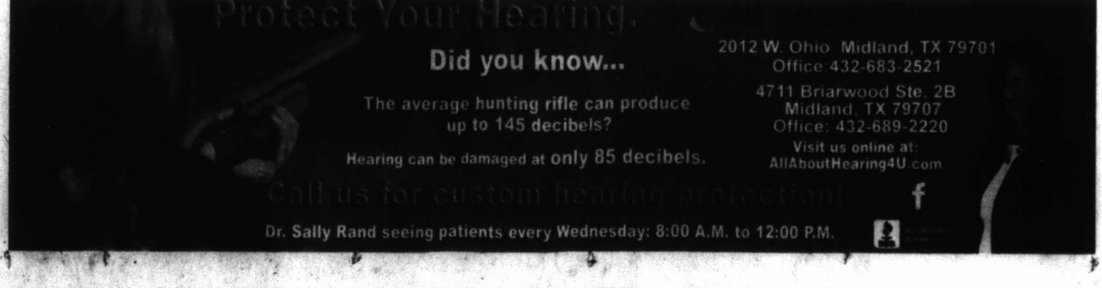
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STARTING TO FEEL THE PULL

Ailing global economy starts to weigh on US job market

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A sagging global economy has finally caught up with the United States.

Nervous employers pulled back on hiring in August and September as China's economy slowed, global markets sank and foreigners bought fewer U.S. goods. Friday's monthly jobs report from the government suggested that the U.S. economy, which has been outshining others around the world, may be weakening.

Lackluster growth overseas has reduced exports of U.S. factory goods and cut into the overseas profits of large companies. Canada, the largest U.S. trading partner, is in recession. China, the second-largest economy after the United States, is growing far more slowly. And emerging economies, from Brazil to Turkey, are straining to grow at all.

A result is that economists now expect the Federal Reserve to delay a long-awaited increase in interest rates, possibly until next year.

Employers added just 142,000 jobs in September, and the government sharply lowered its estimate of gains in July and August by a combined 59,000. Monthly job growth averaged a mediocre 167,000 in the July-September quarter, down from 231,000 in the April-June period.

The unemployment rate remained a low 5.1 percent, but only because many Americans have stopped looking for work and are no longer counted as unemployed. The proportion of adults who either have a job or are looking for one is at a 38-year low.

U.S. stock prices have tumbled as fears of a global slowdown have intensified. Volatile financial markets can make businesses too anxious to expand and hire.

"We're back to a period of what I call corporate caution," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS. "It's wait and see. If things stabilize, we could see hiring come back."

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average fell about 200 points soon after the jobs report was issued before recovering to close up 200. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped below 2 percent, a sign that investors anticipate sluggish growth and low inflation.

Over the past year, the dollar has risen about 15 percent against overseas currencies, making U.S. goods costlier overseas and imports cheaper. Declining exports have led many analysts to slash their growth estimates for the July-September quarter to a subpar 1.5 percent annual rate or less.

Heavy equipment maker Caterpillar has said it will cut up to 5,000 jobs by year's end. Lower oil prices have hurt its sales of drilling equipment, and overseas sales of its construction machines have fallen.

Hershey has said it will shed 300 positions in the U.S. this year after sales in China plunged.

A host of other companies have announced layoffs in recent weeks, including Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer; ConAgra Foods, which makes Chef Boyardee and Slim Jims; and Chesapeake Energy, which has been hurt by lower oil prices.

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Weakness and strength: 7 snapshots of the US job market

WASHINGTON — The U.S. job market no longer looks quite so robust.

Employers added a meager 142,000 jobs in September, the government said Friday. And the average job gain for each of the past three months — 167,000 — is well below the 231,000 average for the previous three.

All of which renews doubts about a job market in which steady hiring and the consumer spending it drives were expected to fuel continued healthy economic growth. But JPMorgan Chase now estimates that the economy grew at a mere 1.5 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter.

The economy occupies a sensitive spot as the Federal Reserve considers whether to raise interest rates for the first time in nearly a decade. Vulnerabilities in U.S. manufacturing reflect a struggling global economy. Wages still aren't growing much.

Still, some signs of strength remain. Unemployment is just 5.1 percent, down steeply from the 10 percent it reached after the Great Recession. The construction and sale of new homes have advanced this year, supporting evidence of solid consumer confidence.

Here are seven factors that explain the state of the job market:

Global Squeeze Tightens

For months, the U.S. job market cruised as the rest of the world struggled. Not so much anymore. Employers appear to be responding to some of the fears gripping the rest of the globe.

Demand for energy and commodities has slid as China's growth prospects have dimmed. Europe is struggling to sustain its growth. Emerging economies like Brazil are slumping. Fears of a worldwide slowdown, which shook the U.S. stock market in August, appear to have now spilled into the job market.

Oil prices have plunged, leading energy companies to cut jobs. The mining sector, which includes energy drillers, cut 10,300 jobs last month. Refiners of coal and petroleum lost 1,100.

The dollar has also risen in value against foreign currencies, thereby making U.S. goods costlier overseas and hurting U.S. manufacturers. Producers of metal products, machinery and computers — all key drivers of exports — shed a combined 10,800 jobs in September.

Global pressures infected other sectors last month, too, with job losses in wholesale trade and transportation.

Solid gains for college grads

The numbers show that employers want people with college degrees. The demand is part of a larger shift in the composition of the workforce: Nearly 35 percent of jobs now belong to college grads, up from 30 percent right before the recession began in December 2007 — an increase of 8.6 million jobs for the college educated. College grads also enjoy a scant unemployment rate of 2.5 percent, less than half the overall 5.1 percent rate.

Losses for the less educated

It's a brutal job market for people with only a high school diploma or no diploma at all. Employers have cut these workers over the past year. Unemployment for high school dropouts rose last month to 7.9 percent, putting it substantially above the overall rate. And the percentage of high school graduates who either have a job or are looking for one — their labor force participation rate — is at just 56.9 percent.

The participation rate for Americans as a whole is 62.4 percent, the lowest since 1977. The exodus of less educated workers — due either to retirement or discouragement — accounts for much of that drop.

Job growth slows

A hot streak in hiring appears to have ended. Friday's report downgraded estimated job growth for July and August by a combined 59,000. The July-August-September average gain of 167,000 compares with 324,333 in the final three months of 2014.

Some economists note that a decline in the pace of job growth was inevitable because it had been exceeding population growth.

"The question is whether wage growth can pick up the baton," said Gregory Daco, head of U.S. Macroeconomics at Oxford Economics.

Weak incomes

Pay growth has been close to stalling. A result is that many consumers are hesitant to spend more of their paychecks, thereby preventing the economy from accelerating.

The pattern of tepid earnings growth defies what should normally happen when unemployment falls. Lower unemployment tends to reflect a competitive job market, and companies must usually raise pay to draw enough qualified workers.

But average hourly wages have risen a subpar 2.2 percent over the past 12 months. In September, workers earned an average of $25.09 an hour.

"The bottom line is you've got less spending power from the American consumer," said John Silvia, chief economist at the bank Wells Fargo.

Few layoffs

Despite high-profile layoff announcements by Caterpillar and Wal-Mart, most employers aren't panicking by slashing jobs. Applications for unemployment benefits — which reflect the pace of layoffs — totaled just 277,000 last week. That level remains near historic lows, evidence that many businesses expect their customer demand to remain stable and the U.S. economy to expand for a seventh straight year.

More full-time workers

All the net job growth over the past 12 months came from full-time workers. Their ranks have swelled by 2.8 million. Conversely, there are 630,000 fewer part-time employees now. The decline in the proportion of part-time jobs has occurred because more Americans have managed to work 35 hours or more each week, meeting the definition of a full-time employee.

The additional full-time workers represent a source of strength because they have more income to spend. The rise in their ranks is helping mend some of the lingering damage from the Great Recession, which forced a historically high proportion of workers into part-time positions.

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

BBB advises small businesses to install EMV chip card readers

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises all retail businesses to get new EMV chip card readers installed this month. By the end of 2015, 70 percent of credit cards and 40 percent of debit cards in the U.S. will have embedded security chips called EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa). EMV cards will eventually replace magnetic stripe cards completely. In fact, many banks and credit unions are already issuing EMV cards to current account holders.

The EMV cards allow consumers to use their cards globally and makes in-store transactions more secure. They also help reduce credit card fraud and identity theft. The chip generates a unique, one-time code that is difficult to counterfeit but is needed for each transaction to be approved.

October 1, 2015, is an important deadline for American businesses — it is when a "liability shift" occurs that moves the responsibility for covering losses to the business where a fraudulent charge occurs. If a business does not have the new EMV reader, they are liable for the cost of any purchases made with a counterfeit card. In other words, the card issuer will no longer absorb the loss.

Businesses need to replace the old magnetic swipe machines as soon as possible. Most large retailers have already made the change, but many small and independent businesses have not. EMV readers cost around $25 (for a basic device that plugs into a smart phone), and go up to about $300 for a countertop model with all the "bells and whistles." They are available from major electronics retailers and online. A business's credit card processor may be able to provide additional information or recommendations.

Many consumers have already received new credit

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Ambitious new goals set for higher education in state of Texas

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman



Significant progress has been made since 2000 in the area of encouraging Texans to attend and graduate from college. As I described in my last column, many key goals in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) "Closing the Gaps" initiative have now been met. To build on and expand upon this progress, the THECB has developed a new strategic plan with the overarching goal that at least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree by 2030, hence the name: 60x30TX ("60 by 30 Tex").

The 60 percent goal is driven by expectations regarding what the economy and workplace of the future will require. Some well-informed people think that to fully meet the needs of the business complex, we will need to reach 60 percent even sooner. The 25- to 34-year old age group was chosen because it is an indicator of the economic future of the state and its ability to remain globally competitive.

The 60x30TX plan is overtly focused on students. While Closing the Gaps included goals related to research dollars and teaching excellence, for example, the current plan is more about getting more students through school with marketable skills and manageable debt. One reason for the choice of goals is recognition that Texas is slipping. While decades ago, Texas' young adult population was ranked reasonably well, that is no longer the case.

Clearly, achieving this objective is no easy matter. The proportion is a large increase from the current level of around 34 percent of Texans in the 25-34 age range who hold associate's or higher degrees. Furthermore, demographic patterns are increasing the challenge. The population of Texas, particularly in younger age groups, is becoming increasingly Hispanic, and Hispanics (along with African Americans) have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education. Currently, about 43 percent of Texans ages 25-34 are Hispanic, with 39 percent white and 12 percent African American. In 2030, an estimated 52 percent of Texans in that age group will be Hispanic, with 29 percent white and 11 percent African American.

More than 60 percent of Texas high school graduates of all backgrounds are considered economically disadvantaged, and those with lower incomes are generally less likely to pursue higher education. In addition, Texas Education Agency data indicate that Hispanics and African Americans make up more than 60 percent of K-12 students, and, as noted, a smaller proportion of these groups have historically tended to choose higher education. Clearly, it is imperative to find ways to increase higher education attainment among these large student populations which have historically been less likely to attend college in order to meet the goal.

It is important to note that this goal is not limited to individuals earning an associate or bachelor's degree (or higher) through traditional classes at two-year and four-year colleges and universities. For some students, a better path will be earning a certificate in a shorter or competency-based program. Associate degrees can also be earned through dual credit or early college high school programs. Online programs must also play a role.

Another aspect of the plan is that it addresses completions rather than enrollment. A second goal is that in 2030, at least 550,000 students will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor;s, or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas. A current problem is that thousands of people enroll in higher education institutions but fail to finish, and part of increasing completions will be finding ways to decrease the numbers of students who fall by the wayside. The plan notes that practices to encourage individuals with more than 50 semester credit hours (but who have stopped attending) to return and complete a degree or certificate should be developed.

Another aspect of the plan is that it focuses on marketable skills. After all, the primary reason most people attend college is to improve their job prospects. The goal is that by 2030, all graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills. Some degree plans (such as certain liberal arts majors, for example) are less directly and obviously tied to the workplace than others; even so, people with those degrees are learning extremely valuable workplace skills such as critical thinking, communication, and more. These programs are vital to long-term creative progress and quality of life, and must not be drowned in a sea of supposed pragmatism. The THECB plan places the burden on Texas higher education institutions to increase students' awareness of the marketable skills embedded in their academic programs, and to document and communicate the skills acquired.

Another bold aspect of the new strategic plan is that undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages for graduates of Texas public institutions. Achieving this goal involves a spectrum of possibilities ranging from controlling tuition costs to helping students make better choices as to how they spend their resources, which could involve anything from finding ways to reduce student costs of living to getting out of school faster by being very efficient with degree plans. As unpleasant as it may sound to lawmakers and some others, it is also going to require increased funding and tangible support of higher education goals and the workforce of tomorrow.

Clearly, the success or failure of the 60 percent goal hinges on the decision process of young Texans. The 60x30TX plan sets forth specific strategies to encourage higher education, including aggressively promoting college attainment to students and parents prior to high school. Education and curriculum delivery systems (such as competency-based programs) can also make higher education available to a broader and changing population. In addition, high-quality education programs for educationally underserved adults can play a role.

For prosperity in Texas to be maintained or enhanced, it is crucial that workforce quality keeps pace with the evolving needs of business and industry. From an individual perspective, it is critical to have marketable skills to be able to find quality jobs. The 60x30TX plan is ambitious, which is exactly what we need.

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ECONOMY

From 2A

The tepid pace of hiring clouds the picture for the Fed, which is considering whether to raise rates from record lows. Fed Chair Janet Yellen has said that the job market is nearly healed. But she's also said she wants to see further hiring and pay growth for reassurance that inflation is edging toward the Fed's 2 percent target. Average hourly wages are up just 2.2 percent in the past year — far below the 3.5 percent or 4 percent considered healthy.

Many economists now expect no rate hike until 2016, though some still think the Fed will begin raising rates in December — a step that would eventually send consumer and business borrowing rates up.

Some analysts, like Michael Gapen, chief U.S. economist at Barclays Capital, say they remain confident in the economy's resilience. Gapen notes that the threats from overseas resemble earlier periods in the economic recovery when anxiety about Europe's financial crisis slowed hiring and roiled U.S. markets.

He said he thinks underlying drivers of the U.S. economy are healthier now and can power through overseas pressures.

"The consumer is in much better shape, and the housing sector is in better shape," Gapen said. "This is something that is more of a soft patch," rather than a "meaningful recession risk."

Some Americans are still willing to splurge out on pricey goods: Auto sales surged to the highest level in a decade last month, and sales of new homes reached a seven-year high in August.

The disparity between overseas weakness and solid consumer spending was evident in the September jobs report: Manufacturers shed jobs for a second straight month while retailers, restaurants and hotels all added positions.

Central banks in China and Europe could take further steps this year to stimulate growth. And most expect growth in Germany to pick up next year. That could lessen the threat from overseas.

Still, the sluggish growth of the U.S. labor force — the number of people either working or looking for work — poses a headwind for job growth. The aging population means more baby boomers are retiring.

The decline in the proportion of Americans in the workforce also signals that many remain discouraged about their job prospects. Modest growth and steady, if unspectacular, hiring haven't encouraged lots more people to look for work.

US regulator missed its best chance to catch VW cheating

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

CHICAGO — More than a decade ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency helped develop a technology that ultimately was used by an independent laboratory to catch Volkswagen's elaborate cheating on car emissions tests. But EPA used the technology primarily to test trucks rather than passenger cars because such heavy equipment was a much bigger polluter.

That decision meant that the U.S. regulator missed its best chance to foil the German carmaker's deception early on. The portable emissions measurement systems that EPA pioneered might have subjected VW diesel cars to on-road tests and discovered they were spewing up to 40 times the allowable levels of key pollutant nitrogen oxide under normal driving conditions.

Without that test, VW was virtually home free and evaded detection for seven years.

"If EPA had used the technology back then (on diesel cars), we could have caught it," said Margo Oge, who was director of the EPA's office of Transportation and Air Quality at the time and headed the office for 18 years until 2012. But she doesn't regret EPA's decision to focus that technology on manufacturers of trucks and heavy equipment, which had a record of cheating on tests and accounted for a much bigger portion of U.S. pollution than the nascent diesel car business.

Interviews with former and current EPA officials and other auto and environmental experts suggest that although the U.S. has the world's toughest auto emissions standards, federal and state regulators don't have the resources to conduct the kind of comprehensive tests that might have nabbed VW, and they rely on automakers to self-report data in a kind of honor system.

"They trust the auto companies to tell the truth. And the auto companies have proven time and again that they don't tell the truth," said Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign and a veteran of the fight for tougher car emissions regulation. "We can't allow the students to test themselves and submit their own grades."

The crucial step in the U.S. testing system is "certification" of each new model or family of models, allowing them to be sold in the U.S. To get that EPA stamp of approval, car manufacturers run their own tests and submit sometimes thousands of data points to the EPA.

The EPA requires carmakers to follow a test script that has not changed in more than a decade. The script must be the same, experts said, in order to compare vehicles or validate data. They put the vehicles on a dynamometer — a treadmill for cars — that accelerates and slows down at a programmed interval known as a "drive cycle." A device measures pollutants from the tailpipe.

Aware of the script, VW installed 2009-15 diesel models with software that sensed when the vehicles were on the treadmill and switched the emissions system to trap the right amount of nitrogen oxide. That sophisticated software algorithm sensed things such as the position of the steering wheel, speed, the duration of the engine's operation and barometric pressure.

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and debit cards with the EMV chips (it is the small metallic square located on the front of the card). The only other noticeable change for consumers will be when they shop at retail stores with EMV technology. Instead of "swiping" their card, consumers will "dip" the card into a slot in the terminal — or in some cases — "tap" the card on a flat reader. It may take a few moments longer than the old swipe card, but the transaction will be more secure.

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Charging off debt doesn't end right to collect

DEAR DAVE: If a credit card company has charged off a debt, can they still sell that debt to someone else who can come after it? I'm currently receiving calls about a debt that's more than 20 years old. Do you have any suggestions? — Lisa

DEAR LISA: Charging off a debt doesn't mean that the right to collect has been given up or revoked. All it means is that it's debt is no longer on their books as an asset. They don't think they're going to collect, but it doesn't mean that the legal right to collect has ended.

The real problem here is whether or not the debt is outside the statute of limitations. I'm guessing that after 20-something years it has passed, but check with a lawyer in your state to make sure. Another issue is when someone buys and tries to collect on a 20-year old credit card debt, they paid about five cents on the dollar for it. These debt collectors are the worst type of bottom feeders.

If they call, just hang up on them unless they're willing to be respectful and reasonable. You can probably settle this for 10 or 15 cents on the dollar, and get them out of your life for good.

DEAR DAVE: My husband and I have a disagreement on whether or not you would recommend buying a home warranty to cover appliance repair. I've read your books, and I think you'd say no. He thinks you believe it's a good idea. Can you settle this for us? — Crystal

DEAR CRYSTAL: No. I wouldn't recommend it. I don't buy warranties of any kind, and here's why. Warranties are usually based on somewhere between 12 and 18 percent of the cost of the warranty actually going to the probability of the repair. The rest is eaten up in profit, overhead and marketing costs. In other words, for 18 percent of what you pay — give or take — you could put that money aside, and, on average, you could cover the repair.

I don't buy extended warranties, either. Whether you're talking about something on a home, car or other item, these are the types of things you should be able to self-insure against with your emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Besides that, if you can't afford to fix something you bought if something goes wrong, then you couldn't afford to buy that item in the first place!

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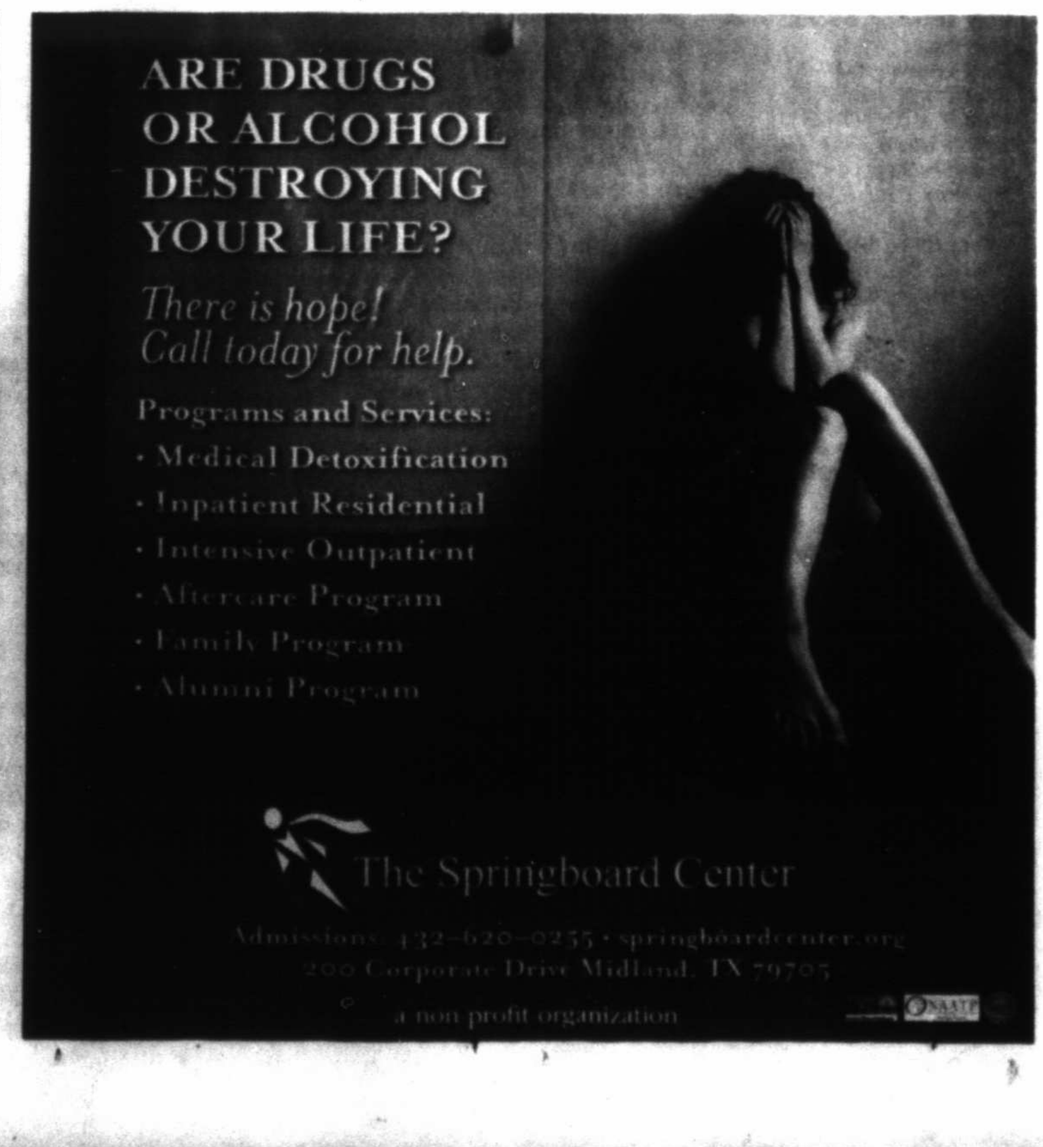
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Thursday

■ Chris Young (country) at Hacienda Event Cente, 8 p.m. $45. haciendamidland.com.

Saturday

■ MOSC: Light Eternal: The Music of Vivaldi, Britten and Lauridsen, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org.

Meetings this week

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

Fiddlesticks opens this weekend

Fiddlesticks Farms, 5610 E County Road 120, is open for its eighth season and features its famous maze among other activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-6 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are $12. For more information, go to fiddlesticks-farms.com.

Support groups today

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

MISD early release

Midland ISD schools will have an early release day on Wednesday.

Elementary schools (including magnet schools) will release at noon.

Secondary schools (junior high, freshman, and high schools) will release at 12:45 p.m.

Community calendar

■ The Midland ISD Marching Festival is Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium. Bands from the secondary schools will perform for sixth-graders. The event begins at 9 a.m.

■ A motor convoy of various military vehicles will be rolling through Midland on Thursday. Midland is one of many stops that the Military Vehicle Preservation Association will make for its 95th anniversary convoy that began in Washington, D.C., and will end in San Diego, California.

The convoy of as many as 65 historic military vehicles will follow the route of the original 1920 U.S. Army convoy that occurred to further the Army's understanding of "the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the U.S. Army," according to the association's press release.

The original convoy took 116 days to travel about 3,300 miles. This year's convoy began Sept. 19 and will end on Oct. 17.

National Night Out

This year's National Night Out will kick off with a party beginning at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Cimarex Energy Pavilion located next to Security Bank Ballpark.

Midland police and the fire departments will be present to answer questions and offer tours of fleet vehicles including MPD's armored vehicle used in tactical operations. Food and drinks will also be available.

The Midland Police Department asks residents to participate in National Night Out every year by locking their doors, turning on outside lights and spending the evening outside with neighbors and public safety employees. More than 70 neighborhoods throughout Midland have signed up this year to host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts and visits from the police and firefighters.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention event designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime. Midland police officers will visit each block party to meet with residents and discuss ways to keep their community safe.

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Today in history

Today is Sunday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2015. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 4, 1965, Pope Paul VI, making the first-ever papal visit to the Western Hemisphere, addressed the U.N. General Assembly, where he urged delegates to adopt as their solemn oath: "No more war, war never again."

On this date:

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1957, the television series "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

Online database sheds light on statewide officer-involved shootings

By Brandon Mulder
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"I believe law enforcement's commitment to transparency by complying with the reporting law will go a long way in strengthening and building trust between police and the people they serve."

Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas

Lawmakers recently passed a law that would require police agencies statewide to report all officer-involved shootings to the Texas Attorney General's Office, whether officers are doing the shooting or being shot at. That law went into effect last month and shortly thereafter was made available to the public online.

Each report details the demographics of both the officer and the other party involved in the shooting, the incident that led to the shooting and whether the other person(s) involved exhibited a deadly weapon. However, the reports list neither the officers' or suspects' names, keeping the data to be strictly used for trend analysis and policy decisions.

A report is only required when a party is injured or killed in a shooting incident. Since the law went live Sept. 1, seven reports have been filed in the Attorney General's office. Of the seven, all are related to incidents where officers fired at residents — three of which resulted in death.

The law has also set up a parallel reporting system to report shootings of police officers by residents, however no incidents related to residents firing at officers have been reported. All reports must be filed within 30 days of the incident, and the OAG must post the report online within five days of receiving it.

The requirements for filing a report cast a wide net that can document any incident, no matter how consequential. One report details an incident in which an "accidental discharge ricocheted during range activities" and resulted in "minor injury," according to a report filed by the Plano Police Department. Another involved the shooting of a vicious dog by the Balch Springs Police Department.

Others, however, illustrate more fatal incidents. In one instance filed last week, two Alvin Police Department officers fatally shot at a 29-year-old white male while executing a warrant. The man allegedly exhibited a deadly weapon, according to the report.

"I believe law enforcement's commitment to transparency by complying with the reporting law will go a long way in strengthening and building trust between police and the people they serve," said Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, in a press release last week.

Johnson's bill, which was filed and passed unanimously last session, stemmed from a Dallas PD initiative that posted online a comprehensive database of Dallas police shootings of the last 13 years, according to a Dallas Morning News report.

"In an effort to increase transparency, officer accountability and improve officer safety, I have directed the implementation of numerous policy changes and initiatives," wrote Dallas Police Chief David Brown on the department's public information webpage. "A number of these changes came after an officer-involved shooting in 2012," in which an officer shot 31-year-old James Harper who attempted to flee an altercation with the officer, according to a local report.

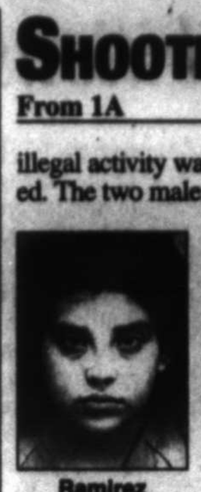
That incident, along with several others, sparked public outcry in Dallas, which in turn lead to the city's own online database. In a similar way, Johnson's bill has been a response to the national controversies in which officers have shot unarmed black people in several cities around the country.

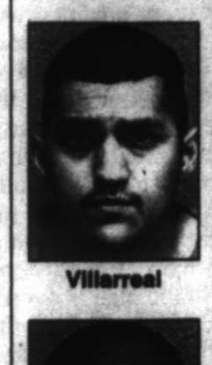
In the last decade, Midland police have been involved in 14 shootings, 10 of which have resulted in death. One of those incidents includes a murder-suicide involving MPD officer Chad Simpson last winter. The most recent incident was the shooting death of Joe Nevels, who refused to surrender to police while wielding a box cutter. Nevels was shot multiple times by two officers outside of Bill's Bottle Shop on Neely Avenue and Midland Drive last summer.

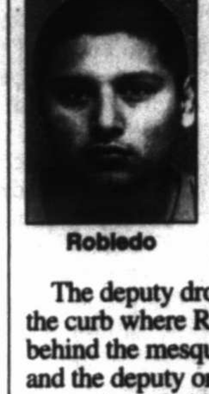
SHOOTING

From 1A

illegal activity was suspected. The two males, Robledo and 21-year-old Joe Luis Villarreal, fled the store, running eastbound down Thomason Drive. Villarreal jumped a fence near a business in the area of 5300 Thomason Drive, and Robledo attempted to hide behind a mesquite bush just north of the curb on Thomason Drive west of the alley, according to Painter.


Ramirez


Villarreal


Robledo

The deputy drove close to the curb where Robledo was behind the mesquite bush and the deputy ordered him to stand up. Robledo raised up, produced a handgun and started firing at the deputy, according to the release. The deputy retreated to the rear of his vehicle and returned fire, striking Robledo twice.

Painter reported that a patrol officer with the Midland Police Department located Villarreal near Midland Drive and Thomason Drive at about 4:39 a.m. Villarreal allegedly had been hiding in a backyard. He was charged with evading arrest, unlawfully carrying a weapon (a pistol) and attempted capital murder of a peace officer.

Ramirez, who allegedly drove the two males to the convenience store and waited in the alley, has been charged with driving while intoxicated and attempted capital murder of a police officer, according to Painter.

The Texas Rangers are conducting the investigation into the shooting and are being assisted by the Midland Police Department Crime Scene Team and the Midland County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and Technical Assistance unit, Painter said.

CARRY

From 1A

University of Houston, as academic leaders try to determine which portions of campuses can be determined gun-free.

The classroom, the scene of Thursday's shooting in Oregon, has become a focal point in the battle over where guns should be allowed. The classroom is a special space where students learn to communicate through disagreement, professors said Friday. How to protect that space for the give-and-take of ideas is a key difference of opinion among those advocating for and against gun-free zones.

Professors, students, university leaders and others have called on schools to keep classrooms — where debates over touchy subjects from religion to sexuality can quickly grow heated — free from guns. But gun rights advocates argue the only way to lower the death toll in a scenario like the one in Oregon is to let students and professors arm themselves.

'Reasonable' zones

The gun-free zones must be "reasonable," according to the Texas law's language, and cannot have the effect of wholly or generally prohibiting concealed carry on campus.

Some places are more obvious than others. The law already excludes football stadiums and other sporting venues. Other places, like medical facilities, nuclear facilities and labs with dangerous and flammable chemicals, all have basis in state law to ban guns and likely will remain gun-free zones. The state also bans guns from grade schools, so on-campus day care facilites could be protected, as well.

But many faculty, staff and students are urging working groups like the one Goode leads to designate large areas of campus — including all classrooms, offices and dormitories — as gun free.

Texas' new campus carry law, signed by Gov. Greg Abbott in June, will allow licensed firearms owners to bring concealed handguns into those exact places beginning in August 2016.

Students at the University of Houston on Friday said more guns will only make them feel less safe.

"There's no need for a gun on campus," said Paloma Canel, a 21-year-old psychology major. "You're coming here to learn."

Garrett Crow, a 22-year-old history major, said the Oregon shooting reinforced his opinion that more guns is not the answer.

"I think that with campus carry, it is progress in the wrong direction," Crow said. "It's the opposite way of how we should be addressing this situation."

Please see GUNS/5A

SEX ED

From 1A

"It's more based on decision-making. This is how you make reasonable decisions, how you maintain control of your thought processes and how to make sure that you're making decisions that are yours. We want our young ladies and our young men to make good decisions."

Imo-Jean Douglas, MISD health services supervisor

The difference between abstinence and abstinence-plus is that, while the curriculum highlights abstinence as the most effective and safest lifestyle choice, the plus program also covers some knowledge on how to reduce the chance of pregnancy and contracting STDs.

The decision to bring in an abstinence-plus program came as a result of "research and practicality," according to MISD Health Services Supervisor Imo-Jean Douglas.

"We have girls that are pregnant — that is evidence abstinence is not practiced 100 percent of the time," Douglas said. "We want our kids to be educated so that they know abstinence is a good choice. We also want them to be prepared. If they make the decision that they're not going to participate in abstinence, that they know how to protect their bodies."

The district's sexual education takes place in the seventh and eighth grades with the University of Texas's research-based "It's Your Game."

"It's more based on decision-making," Douglas said. "This is how you make reasonable decisions, how you maintain control of your thought processes and how to make sure that you're making decisions that are yours. We want our young ladies and our young men to make good decisions."

Douglas said UT is in the process of releasing a high school component that will likely be considered by the school district this month.

The Life Center begins the education process in fourth grade with a "character component" that discusses making good choices and establishing values, according to Executive Director Judy Rouse.

A health component, made up of education about anatomy, puberty and the definitions of sex, is taught in fifth grade, according to Prevention Education Director Misty Stewart.

"Everything we do is medically accurate," Rouse said. "We really capture the concept of healthy relationship, the value of the whole person and how to have and develop healthy relationships. ... Our goal as a program is to wait until marriage and why."

Rouse described the programs for sixth through 12th grade as comprehensive, goal-directed and instilling values and respect "for yourself and boundaries." Each program lasts three days. The Life Center presents the programs at schools for free, and all curriculum follows state sex-ed regulations.

"I truly believe that what you don't know can hurt you, and so if they're going to make these choices, at least make an informed choice," Stewart said.

Part of the programming includes information about sexting, child support, STDs and how engaging in sexual activity is a choice. The latter is when program coordinators also discuss sexual violence and date rape.

"We make sure they understand that at any time they are made to do things that are not their choice ... that's called violence, and it needs to be reported," Stewart said. "It makes them understand they are not alone, that it doesn't define who they are, that there is help for them."

Midland-Odessa Area AIDS Inc. also participates in abstinence-plus education, according to founder Judy Warren. Warren said MAAS's education stresses abstinence but includes education about condoms.

"I do talk about condoms and other ways that they should consider to protect themselves if they're going to decide doing something anyway," Warren said. "We talk about how they only have one life and one death, and there are no take-backs."

Contraception

While MISD reports smaller numbers of teen pregnancies, health care services related to teens' sexual activity and pregnancy does not appear to have suffered a dent for at least one regional health care center.

"It doesn't seem to me, in my position, that we've seen a noticeable change in teen pregnancy rates or STDs or stuff like that," said Dr. R. Moss Hampton, regional chair of the Obstetrics and Gynecology department at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. "Just to speak about education in general, I think the more you educate people, the better it is and the better off they are."

Texas Tech, like many health centers in the area, provides funding through state and federal plans to assist teens and lower-income families with contraception access. Teens need parental permission if on a state plan for contraception but do not need it if getting contraception from the federal Title X program.

"We don't have a lot of issues with that," Hampton said. "A lot of times, (teens') mothers are the ones taking them in saying, 'We need to get her on something.'".

Each of the center's patients receives a full counseling on all birth control, but teen mothers might be counseled "more than once" about long-term implanted birth controls like the rod and the IUD since they cancel out human error, unlike pills, according to Hampton.

"It's really for a young person who may not be as disciplined as an older person might be to take a pill every day," Hampton said, adding that he recommends the other forms for any woman not wanting children for several years.

Teen pregnancy

In addition to preventing teen pregnancy, MISD and The Life Center frequently partner to help students who are also mothers and fathers. While the number of teen pregnancies for MISD has dropped every year since the abstinence-plus program began, MISD still has employees a Pregnancy-Related Services coordinator as part of its Special Services Department.

Beginning this year, the department forms a committee for each confirmed pregnancy. That committee is made up of the pregnant student, the student's partner if possible, the expecting student's school principal, school counselors, collegiate counselors, teachers and parents or guardians.

"It's just getting everyone on board to watch out for the student and meeting her needs," said PRS Coordinator Bradi Simpson, who meets with each pregnant student about once a week. "If they need any help with community-based needs, we can get in contact with those people and work with them to help them get those things."

The department runs two different programs: pregnancy-related services, for during the pregnancy, and the six-week CEHI, or compensatory education homebound instruction, for after birth.

"What we try to prevent is the second baby, and it's like maternity leave, but they don't stop getting their education," said Lisa Cisneros, Special Services supervisor.

Coleman High School, the district's non-traditional school, has an on-site daycare, and MISD has contracts with several daycares in the area geared toward helping student mothers with scheduling, rates and programs, according to Cisneros.

The Life Center has a Mothering As Responsible Youth, or MARY, teen mom program that is referred through MISD. It's an evening program designed to not clash with school hours, according to Stewart.

Other types of counseling include male mentoring for new fathers, with a program in the works that will be the male equivalent of MARY. According to a report given to the center's advisory board, a record of 241 male clients were seen from January to August.

On the health side, the center provides sonograms; pregnancy counseling that includes information about abortion, adoption and parenting; vouchers to help pay for STD and pregnancy testing, as well as providing referrals for Medicaid, WIC and organizations that help teen parents.

Rouse, Stewart, Cisneros, Simpson, Douglas and Director of Guidance and Counseling Ron Moss all state the same goal: keep teen mothers in school and "successful."

"Our goal is to do everything we can to provide them the support that they need to keep them in school and help them navigate this chapter in their life," Moss said.

"We've got some very smart girls ... they just have a different track now," Cisneros said.

GUNS

From 4A

Teaching in fear

Nearly 170 faculty members at the state's flagship university in Austin have signed a petition against the law. The list, which currently includes 168 names from 30 departments and programs, was released the same day that dozens — on both sides of the debate — rallied at the system flagship.

"The classroom in particular is a special space — a space that has extra reasons for us to keep it a safe space," said Joan Neuberger, a history professor at UT Austin. "In order to teach them, we need to encourage them to say what they need to say. People get very heated. ... If I know there's a possibility that someone has a gun in the classroom, I'm not going to hold those same discussions. I'm not going to encourage students to speak openly."

And last week at a UT Austin forum presided by Goode's committee, the overwhelming sentiment was to keep guns out of classrooms and buildings.

Mixed opinions

Professors across the state have expressed similar views. David Smith-Soto, a senior lecturer of multimedia journalism at UT El Paso, drew attention last month when he posted a "no-guns" sign outside of his classroom.

"The minute that the governor signed that legislation, I put up my sign outside the door," Smith-Soto told the Chronicle of Higher Education. "Guns belong wherever they belong, but they don't belong in my classroom — or anybody's classroom, for that matter."

At Texas A&M University, which historically has been more open to the idea of guns on campus, faculty have mixed opinions, said Walter Daugherity, a senior lecturer in computer science and engineering and a member of the faculty senate executive committee.

"I feel less threatened by a licensed concealed weapon holder than some of the students I have encountered who were probably psychotic but weren't armed," Daugherity said.

Gun rights advocates argue that the only way to protect the classroom is to allow the people in it to arm and protect themselves. The shooter in Oregon killed nine people before he was stopped by police. Gun rights advocates argued that if someone in the classroom had returned fire, lives could have been saved.

"This guy went in there and was able to kill nine people and injure about a dozen others," said C.J. Grisham, an open carry activist who is running for state Senate. "We won't have to worry about such a shooter going completely unchecked until law enforcement can get there 20 minutes later. At least we'll have a chance."

Oregon state law allows licensed concealed carry on campus, however, colleges are allowed to prohibit it in campus buildings. The school's code of conduct bans the "Possession or use, without written authorization, of firearms."

The rule did little to deter Thursday's shooting, said Jerry Patterson, the former Texas land commissioner and an outspoken gun rights advocate.

Patterson said Friday had he been in Aurora, Colo., where a gunman murdered 12 in a movie theater in 2012, "there would be fewer people dead on that day."

"A guy who is a mass murderer does not care about your rule," Patterson said.

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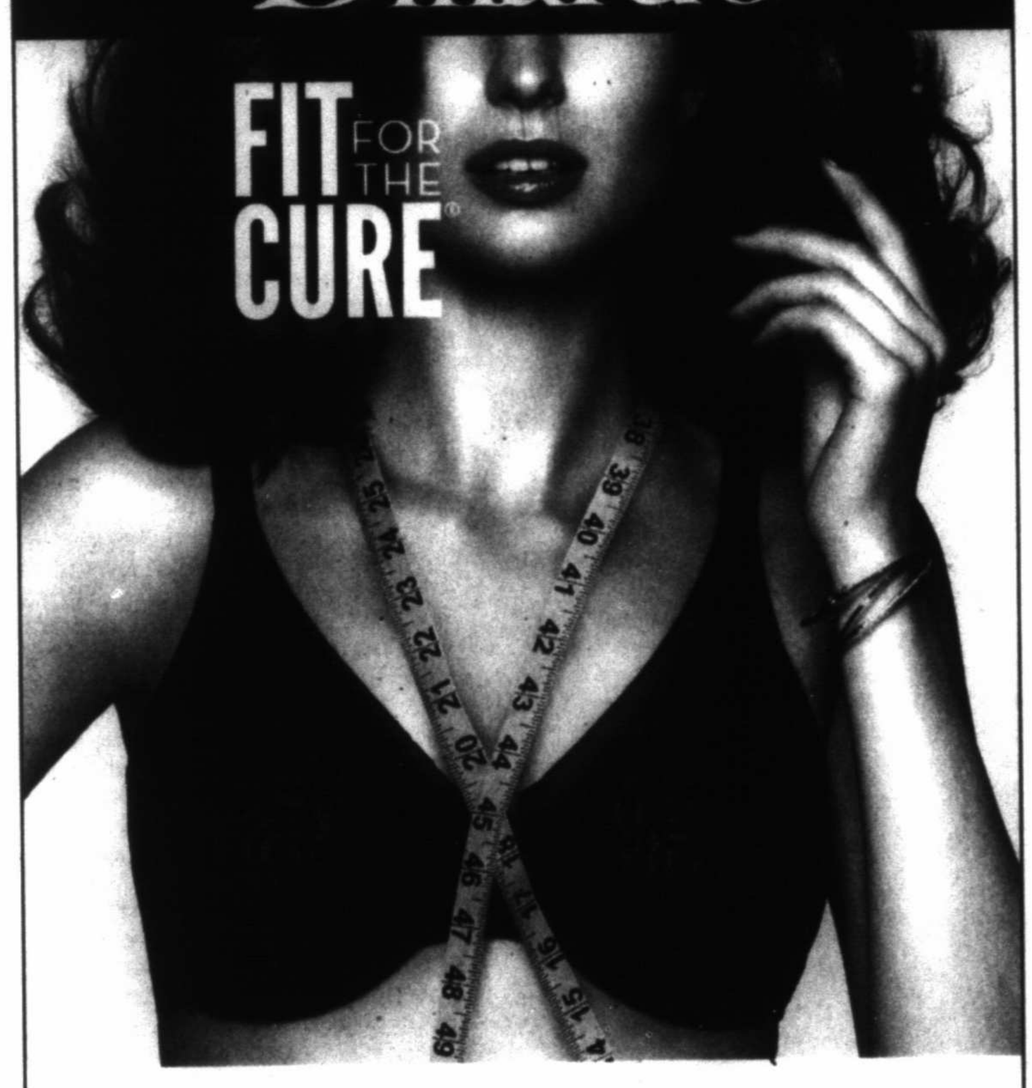


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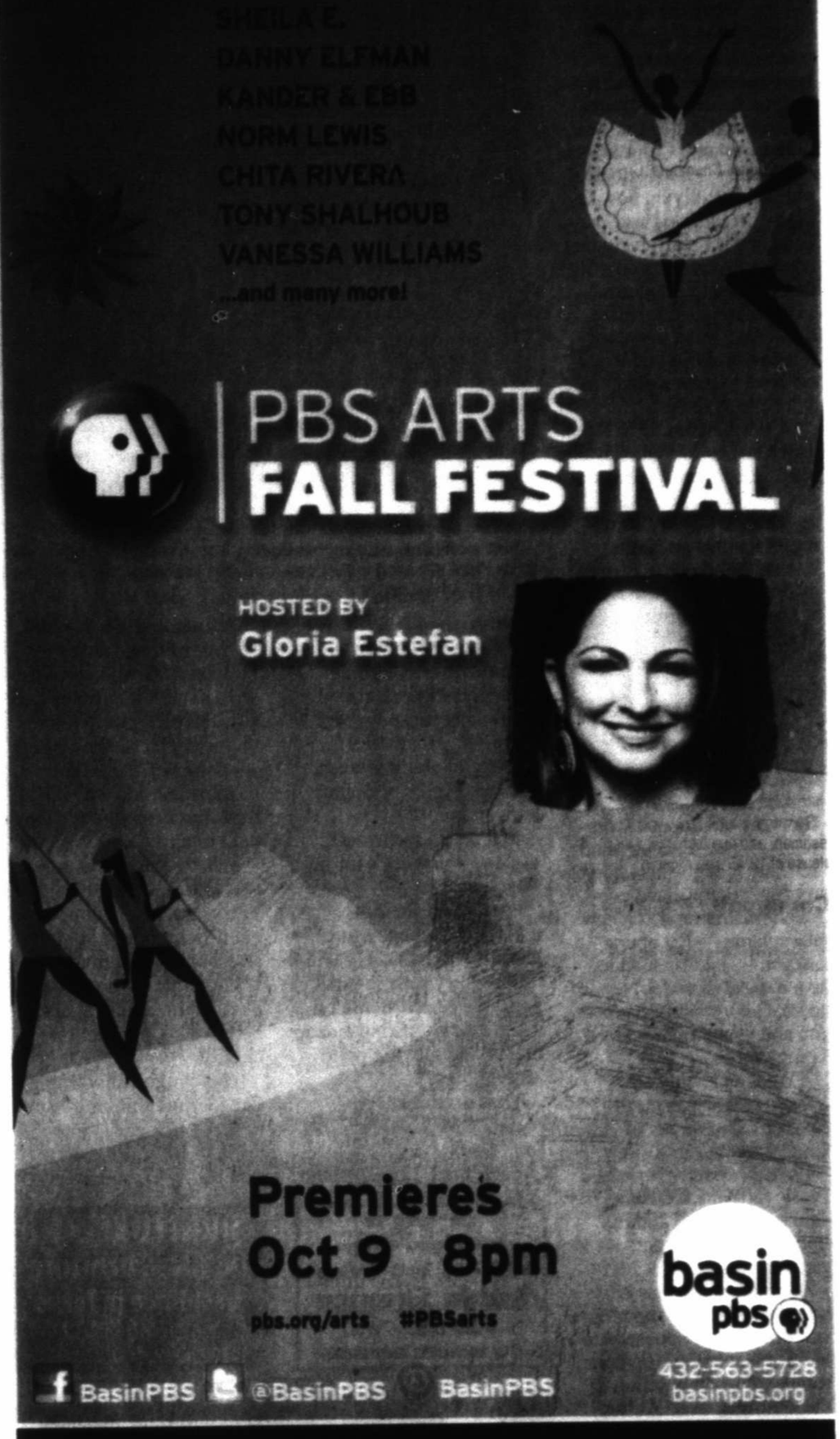
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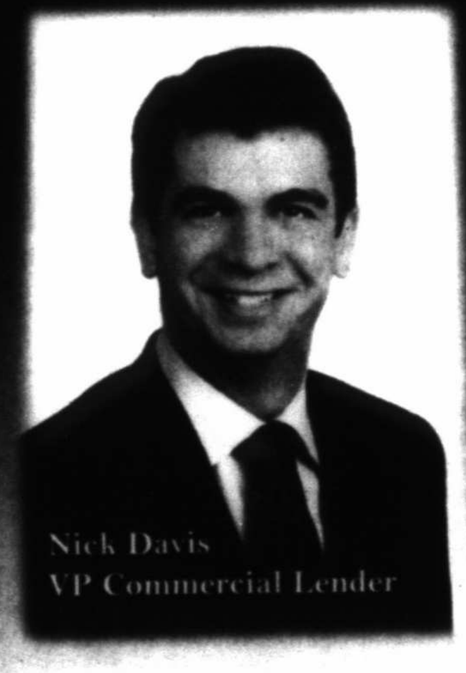
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'Here we go again' — Americans' lament after Oregon shooting

By David Crary and Adam Geller
Associated Press



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A police officer leads children visiting from the Citizens of the World Charter School in Los Angeles away from Santa Monica College following a shooting in the area, in Santa Monica, Calif., on June 7, 2013. Six people were killed in the shooting, including suspected gunman John Zawahri.

The news from Oregon was grim enough in isolation — nine people shot dead at a community college. For many Americans it was all the sadder as a reminder of how frequent, how depressingly routine, mass shootings have become — in malls, at churches, and so often at schools and colleges.

In Loveland, Colorado, an elementary school principal mused wistfully on how security precautions now preoccupied her staff, including adults-only evacuation drills that exempt the students in order not to traumatize them. "It's a sad indicator of our world right now that we have to have a plan," said Michelle Malvey.

In Washington, U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania said he went into his office and wept on hearing of the Oregon tragedy, thinking, "Here we go again."

A school security expert in Texas advised Americans to brace for recurrences. "This is the equivalent of: We know the tsunami is coming and we're trying to get to higher ground," said Greg Crane.

Details remained scant about why a 26-year-old walked into a classroom Thursday at Umpqua Community College and opened fire. But enough was known to trigger outrage and profound frustration that a new place name — Roseburg, Oregon — had been added to a list that includes Newtown, Columbine, Charleston and many more scarred communities.

"We are the only advanced country on earth that sees these kinds of mass shootings every few months," a visibly frustrated President Barack Obama said in a televised address hours after the Oregon rampage.

"Somehow this has become routine. The reporting is routine, my response here at this podium ends up being routine, the conversation in the aftermath of it. We've become numb to this."

James Tucker, 70, the co-owner of an antique store in Sycamore, Illinois, about 70 miles west of Chicago, said Obama's comments underscored his view that what happened in Oregon will happen again and again — something he didn't think possible when children in Newtown, Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School were killed in 2012.

"You thought Sandy Hook would be a watershed at the time, but it turns out it wasn't," he said. "Nothing changed."

Except, he said, some things have changed.

"You do start to worry about things that might be a target," he said. "We go to the Lyric Opera in Chicago and I walk in there and I think, 'What if somebody tried to make a statement.' What better place. It's a fleeting thought, but you do think about it now."

The reality is that mass shootings in the U.S. are rare and such attacks account for a tiny fraction of the more than 32,000 people killed by gunshots annually, said Grant Duwe, a criminologist with the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

Mass murders — in which four or more people are killed — are 0.2 percent of U.S. homicides, Duwe said. That figure includes episodes of extreme violence within families or during robberies or other crimes.

Mass shootings at schools and other public settings average just four a year, but the rate has increased 26 percent in the last decade, said Duwe, author of "Mass Murder in the United States: A History."

"What's different since the mid-2000s is the regularity with which these cases have occurred, that there really hasn't been any letup," Duwe said. "These are usually incidents where people didn't know the shooter, essentially they are innocent victims, and I think a lot of people feel like this could've been me, could've been my child, my spouse, my parents."

For psychologists, the shootings have provided a sobering case study of how people respond to repeated trauma.

"There's a certain degree of sadness about going through this protocol that's evolved because we've had so much practice," said psychology professor Charles Figley of Tulane University.

With each recurrence, Figley said, there's initial shock.

"And then we think, what if it happens again?" he said. "Remarkably and sadly, every time it happens, we're practicing on more quickly taking a deep breath and moving on to other things."

That's the case for Steven Goncalves, a bread franchise owner from Cumberland, Rhode Island.

"I'm not shell-shocked by any of these anymore," he said. "Me and my wife will discuss it at times and say, 'What's going to be the next place? We've had schools, we've had the movie theaters, we've had the churches, where's the next place?'"

When you first heard about these 10 or 12 years ago, you'd almost get a sick feeling in your stomach — Oh, my God, it's horrible — now, it's like, again, again, again, here we go, another one," he said.

The Oregon shooting got Greg Crane thinking back to the "duck and cover" drills of his childhood that sent him and classmates under their desks in the naive belief that it might save them from a nuclear attack.

That Cold War threat was always abstract. But Crane — who left a career as a policeman in a Dallas suburb to train school administrators how to respond to an active shooter — says time has convinced him such shootings are the modern equivalent of the tornadoes and fires kids have long prepared for.

"You can hardly say this is abstract anymore and look at where it's happened," said Crane, who lives outside of San Antonio.

After the 1999 mass shooting at Colorado's Columbine High School, Crane asked his wife, an elementary school principal, what she'd do if an attacker ever came to her building. Hunker down and wait for the police to arrive, she said. No way that was enough, he thought.

So Crane drew up lessons for responding, driving from school to school in a Chevy Suburban towing an RV, while his wife did paperwork for their fledgling venture in the backseat. Today, his company, ALICE Training Institute, has more than 50 full-time and part-time employees, and its training is deployed to more than 2,000 school districts.

Michelle Malvey, the principal in Loveland, Colorado, says it's a constant challenge to ensure airtight security at her school while minimizing distress for the students.

The adults in the building want to be prepared, she said. "But you don't want to traumatize children and their families by overreacting to something that you hope never happens."

Despite efforts to insulate them, Malvey said even the youngest children at the school learn about the violence that happens elsewhere.

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On the way to her apartment she talked of the sun, and new growth and gardening. Her mother had schooled her on the joy of growing beautiful flowers and the bounty of a garden. Her mother also was a single mom and she smiled as she talked of their times together. She spoke happily of the time when she will be able to teach her own child to plant flowers and vegetables. She dreams of having her own little place in about 10 years where she and her child will be able to share the same dreams that she and her mother also shared.

Is this situation sad or joyful? In a way it is a little of both. It is so difficult to watch these young girls who are barely able to care for themselves, bring new life into this world. But in most of these cases their mothers were the same as them – single moms struggling to raise their children. She grew up with happy memories. Hopefully her child will do the same. The fact that the baby will be born to a mother who already loves her baby deeply is cause for hope. Pray for them both.

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A look at school shootings in the US in the past decade

Associated Press

School shootings have erupted in small rural communities and major urban centers across the U.S. over the past decade. According to an analysis of all mass shootings by a group called Everytown for Gun Safety, about 11 percent of cases involves possible mental illness and in 44 percent of the cases, the shooter committed suicide. Everytown is a coalition of government officials, victims and advocates against gun violence.

Here is a look at some of the worst school shootings in recent years:

Oct. 1, 2015 in Roseburg, Oregon: A gunman opened fire, killing nine people and dying in a shootout with police at Umpqua Community College. A government official says the man was 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer. One witness said he demanded to know students' religion before shooting them.

Sept. 30, 2015 in Harrisburg, South Dakota: Mason Buhl, 16 has been charged with attempted murder after police say he fired a handgun at Harrisburg High School Principal Kevin Lein. The principal was lightly wounded in his arm. His father has said Buhl, who has taken gun safety classes and would regularly target shoot, seemed to just be mad at everybody.

May 14, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida: Edgar Robles, 16, has been charged with second-degree attempted murder for shooting into a Jacksonville school bus and injuring two girls. Officials say Robles and some friends got into a fight with some teenagers on the bus about another person who had died. As the bus pulled away, at least three shots were fired.

Feb. 4, 2015 in Frederick, Maryland: Two men were arrested a month after a shooting outside a high school basketball game that injured two teenage boys. Brandon Tyler, 21, and Chandler Davenport, 19, each face assault and gun charges. Police say the shooting was gang related and that the men and their victims knew each other.

Dec. 12, 2014 in Portland, Oregon: A suspected gang member opened fire on a group outside an alternative high school, injuring four people. Three young people have been arrested in connection with the shooting. Two of them had a prior criminal history. The third pleaded guilty in May and has been sentenced to serve 10 years in a youth prison.

Oct. 24, 2014 in Marysville, Washington: Jaylen Fryberg, 15, killed three 14-year-old girls and a 15-year-old boy after inviting them to lunch in the Marysville-Pilchuck High School cafeteria. The depressed teen turned the gun on himself after killing his friends. Fryberg had sent a text message to a former girlfriend threatening to kill himself days before the shooting.

June 5, 2014 in Seattle: Aaron Rey Ybarra, 26, is charged with first-degree murder after a 19-year-old student is killed and two others wounded in a shooting at Seattle Pacific University. Ybarra's attorney has said mental illness was a factor.

May 23, 2014 in Santa Barbara, California: Elliott Rodger, 22, killed six people and injured 13 others in shooting and stabbing attacks near the University of California, Santa Barbara, campus. Authorities say he shot himself to death after a shootout with deputies. The shooter recorded a disturbing Internet video before the rampage, warning that he would slaughter those with a good life, especially women who had shunned him.

June 7, 2013 in Santa Monica, California: John Zawahri, 23, shot his father and brother and then shot at strangers in cars — killing three people — and then shot at people on the Santa Monica College campus. He was fatally shot by officers in the college library. Investigators say Zawahri was angered by his parents' divorce, and they believe mental illness played a role in the killings.

Dec. 14, 2012 in Newtown, Connecticut: Adam Lanza, 20, killed his mother and then used three of her guns, including a semiautomatic rifle, to shoot 20 first graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Volumes have been written about his mental health problems since the Newtown shooting.

April 2, 2012 in Oakland, California: One Goh, 43, opened fire at a tiny Christian school, Oikos Univeristy. Goh was charged with seven counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder but is being held at a Northern California mental hospital after psychiatric evaluations concluded he suffers from long-term paranoid schizophrenia and is unfit to stand trial.

Feb. 14, 2008 in DeKalb, Illinois: Five students are killed and 18 were wounded when former student Steven Kazmierczak, 27, opened fire in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University, before committing suicide. A year earlier, Kazmierczak had been a graduate sociology student at the school. Authorities say he started behaving erratically after he stopped taking his medication for an unnamed illness.

April 16, 2007 in Blacksburg, Virginia: Thirty-two people are fatally shot in a dorm and classroom at Virginia Tech, before the gunman, Seung-Hui Cho, 23, kills himself. He moved to the United States from South Korea with his family while a grade school student. Cho was in his senior year as an English major at Virginia Tech. It was the deadliest shooting rampage in American history and happened about eight years after 13 people died at Columbine High School in Colorado.

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LeBron James: 'There's no room for guns'

By Tom Withers
Associated Press



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Cleveland Cavaliers' Lebron James poses for a portrait during the NBA team's media day, Sept. 28, in Independence, Ohio.

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James was at home with his three kids when news broke that a 5-month-old girl had been killed in a drive-by shooting — the third fatal shooting of a child in Cleveland in the past month.

Aavielle Wakefield's death moved James to speak out on social media, where he used the platform to make an immediate plea for calm and change in the wake of more senseless violence.

On Friday, the NBA star went further, stating his support for stricter gun laws.

"There's no room for guns," James said.

James, who has never shied away from stating his opinion on political issues, spoke after practice, a day after another tragedy in Cleveland as well as the mass shooting at an Oregon community college, where a gunman killed at least nine people and wounded others when he opened fire on campus.

James decried both situations and took a strong stance on gun control, a divisive issue in the U.S.

"Four kids under the age of five or six years old have been shot and killed or very badly injured," James said. "There's no room for that. There's no room for guns, first of all, but then for violence toward kids or anybody. I see the news go across my phone, and I'm sitting there in front of my three kids, so it automatically just hit me.

"It's not just in Cleveland, it's the whole nation that goes through this as well. We all hurt from it."

Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams broke down in tears while asking for the public's help in finding the shooter of Wakefield, who was in a car with her mother and grandmother.

A 3-year-old boy and 5-year-old boy have also been killed since Sept. 4.

James didn't hear President Barack Obama's impassioned speech Thursday following the Oregon massacre. Obama grimly denounced the latest shooting, saying it had become too commonplace and calling the U.S. "the only advanced country on earth that sees these kinds of mass shootings every few months."

James didn't specify what changes he would like to see made to gun laws, but echoed the president's sentiments.

"I know what I see. I know how I feel," he said. "Obviously you're not going to be able to take every gun out. I don't know how you can do that. There's so many around now, today.

"But if there's some stipulations behind it or some penalties, some big time penalties or rules or regulations about carrying firearms, legal or illegal, people will second-guess themselves."

This isn't the first time James has taken a public stance.

When he played in Miami, James led a protest by the Heat players, who wore hooded sweatshirts for a photo shoot to protest the death of teenager Trayvon Martin.

Last season, he wore an "I Can't Breathe" T-shirt in New York after Eric Garner was killed while being arrested.

James knows his voice and status can help him have a positive impact.

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Again? Health care debate expands for 2016

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's health care debate has been called an unhealthy political obsession. But if the 2016 presidential hopefuls have any say, it's about to get bigger.

On the left, part of the appeal of Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders is his years-long advocacy of "single payer," a tax-supported, Medicare-like plan for all. The idea is in the political DNA of liberals, and Sanders as president would lead a movement to make it happen, his campaign says.

On the right are the Republicans, united on repealing President Barack Obama's health care law, but unable to agree on what should replace it. They wouldn't stop with the Affordable Care Act, either. Republicans also want curbs on Medicaid, to reduce spending and let states, not Washington, set the tone. Medicaid covers low-income and disabled people.

In the middle — if one still exists on such a polarized issue — is Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton. She would keep the basic structure of Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama health law while making incremental changes.

This week, Clinton proposed repealing an insurance tax in the health law that's opposed by unions and big business but seen by experts as a needed brake on costs. She also wants to curb prescription drug prices and limit insurance cost-shifting to consumers.

A look at some of the approaches, and their potential drawbacks:

Single payer

If Sanders keeps gaining traction, the wonkish term for a government-run health care system could become a household word. His supporters say Obama's hard-fought health overhaul hasn't done nearly enough.

Supporters say having the government take charge of health care finances would slow the growth of spending, keep things affordable for patients, and improve overall quality.

A major pitfall is the switch from employer-based and private coverage to the single-payer plan. Money that employers and individuals now pay for premiums would have to be diverted to government coffers — a massive tax increase.

Repeal and replace

The Supreme Court upheld Obama's law, and the president won re-election in 2012. That didn't settle the debate, but 2016 may.

'Repeal' is a winning issue with the GOP's political base, but the 'replace' part gets tricky because Republicans don't agree on an alternative. In the general election, the GOP counterproposal will be measured against the health care law's progress in reducing the number of uninsured. A plan that repeals federal mandates and reduces insurance subsidies would probably leave more people uncovered.

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Vatican: Pope's encounter with Davis not a form of support

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Friday distanced Pope Francis from Kim Davis, the focal point in the gay marriage debate in the U.S., saying she was one of dozens of people the pope greeted as he left Washington and that their encounter "should not be considered a form of support of her position."

After days of confusion, the Vatican issued a statement Friday with its version of Francis' Sept. 24 encounter with Davis, a Kentucky county clerk who was jailed for refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Francis met with "several dozen" people at the Vatican's embassy in Washington just before leaving for New York.

Lombardi said such meetings are normal on any Vatican trip and are due to the pope's "kindness and availability." He said Francis really had only one "audience" in Washington: with one of his former students and his family.

"The pope did not enter into the details of the situation of Mrs. Davis and his meeting with her should not be considered a form of support of her position in all of its particular and complex aspects," Lombardi said.

Davis, an Apostolic Christian, spent five days in jail for defying federal court orders to issue same-sex marriage licenses after the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.

A judge ultimately freed Davis on the condition she doesn't interfere with her deputies issuing the licenses. When Davis returned to work, she replaced the licenses with new ones saying they were issued "pursuant to federal court order."

Davis said earlier this week that she and her husband met briefly with the pope at the Vatican's nunciature in Washington and that he thanked her for her courage and encouraged her to "stay strong."

"Just knowing that the pope is on track with what we're doing and agreeing, you know, it kind of validates everything," she told ABC.

The Vatican statement made clear the pope intended no such validation.

However, Davis' lawyer, Mat Staver, told The Associated Press that the Vatican initiated the meeting as an affirmation of her right to be conscientious objector.

"We wouldn't expect the pope to weigh in on the particulars of any case," Staver said Friday. "Rather, the meeting was a pastoral meeting to encourage Kim Davis in which Pope Francis thanked her for her courage and told her to 'Stay strong,'" Staver said in a statement. "His words and actions support the universal human right to conscientious objection."

He said an unnamed Vatican official initiated the meeting on Sept. 14, the day Davis returned to work after being jailed, saying the pope wanted to meet her. He said Vatican security picked up her and her husband from their hotel and told her to change her hairdo so she wouldn't be recognized since the Vatican wanted the meeting kept secret.

Staver disputed a Vatican spokesman's claims that the pope only met Davis in a "farewell lineup" or receiving line. He said the couple was in a separate room with Francis and Vatican security and personnel and that no member of the general public was present, to keep the meeting secret. He said the Vatican official who arranged the meeting insisted that it not be made public until after Francis had left the U.S., and gave him the "green light" to make it public after Francis was back in Rome.

News of the meeting sent shockwaves through the U.S. church, with Davis' supporters saying it showed the pope backed her cause and opponents questioning whether the pope had been duped into meeting with her.

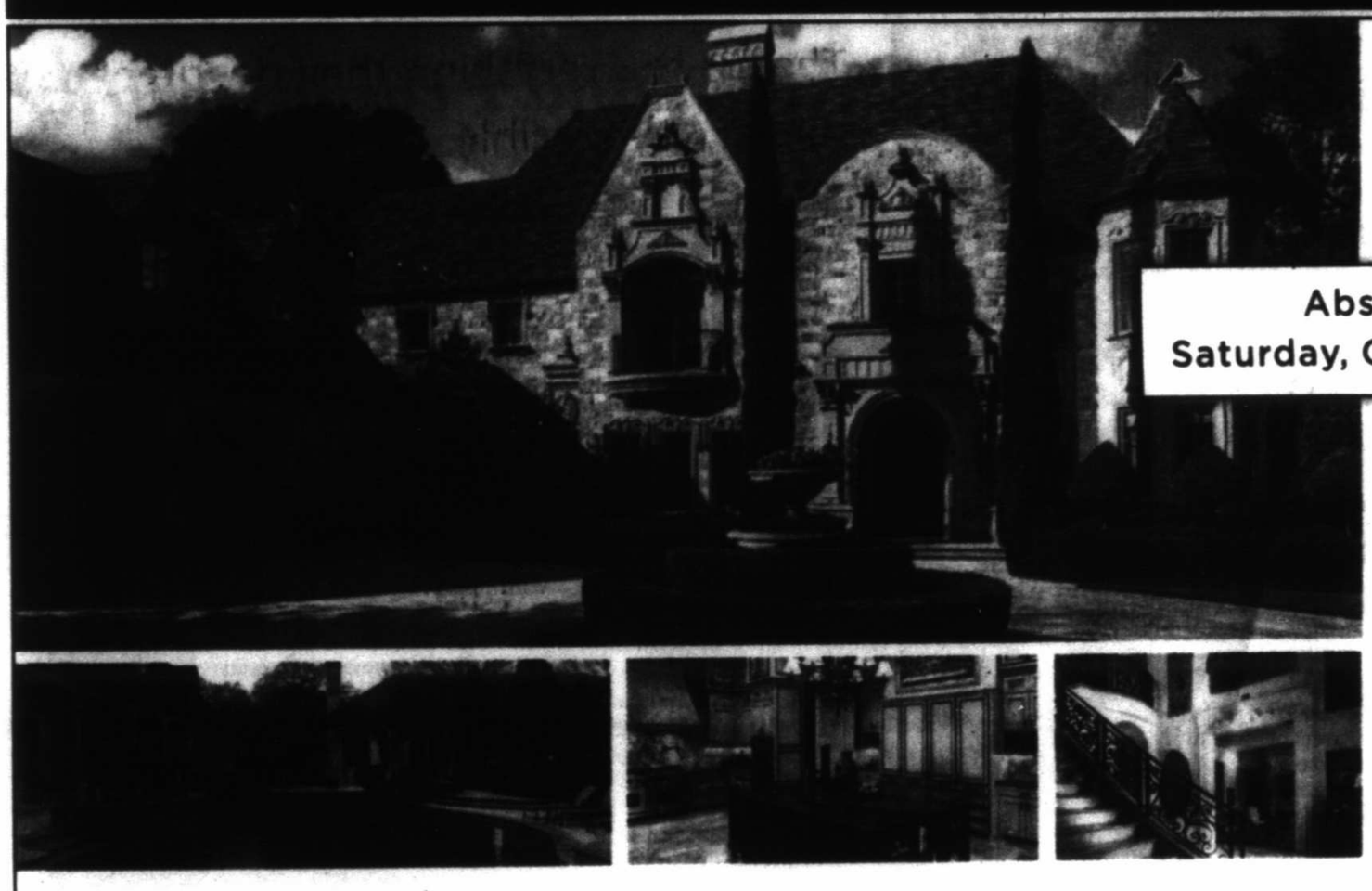
Initially the Vatican only reluctantly confirmed the meeting but offered no comment.

On Friday, Lombardi met with Francis and issued a fuller statement to "contribute to an objective understanding of what transpired." Francis has made clear he dislikes being used for political ends, and Lombardi's statement appeared intended to make clear that the encounter should in no way be exploited.

Lombardi declined to say who invited Davis into the nunciature or what the pope knew of the case ahead of time. Such encounters are arranged by the Vatican ambassador and his staff, not the pope's delegation or the U.S. bishops' conference.

The Vatican nuncio in Washington is Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, an Italian best known for his role in the Vatileaks scandal, which helped bring about Pope Benedict XVI's resignation: The scandal began in 2012 when an Italian journalist broadcast letters from Vigano, then the No. 2 Vatican administrator, to Benedict in which he begged not to be transferred for having exposed alleged corruption that cost the Holy See millions of euros. Vigano was eventually transferred to Washington to become ambassador.

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OPINION

The new GOP McCarthyism bails out Clinton

■ Front-runner for speaker gives Clinton her get-out-of-jail-free card



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The lede to this column is a deep, guttural groan that originates in the throat and expands into the lungs before collapsing in the pit of the stomach.

How do you spell hmmmgrrrungh?

What else is there to say about House Republicans' inability to get something right? And I say this with compassion, I really do. Because seriously? It's over. Done. Kaput. With Kevin McCarthy's recent response to the simplest question about GOP accomplishments in Congress -- from the friendliest interviewer, Sean Hannity, a GOPer could hope for -- the future may as well be called Democrat. Here's what McCarthy offered if you happened to be away exploring conspiracies about liquid water on Mars: "Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right?" he said. "But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping. Why? Because she's untrustable."

The consequences of McCarthy's sleight of tongue can't be overstated. It wasn't just a Washington gaffe — when someone accidentally tells the truth. It was a self-inflicted, potentially fatal wound, not just to McCarthy but to Republicans more broadly, including those running for president.

One minute McCarthy was the near-certain next speaker of the House; the next he was persona non grata as GOP colleagues, their own minds hurtling through various apocalyptic scenarios, hammered him.

McCarthy has since tried to cram the bad genie back into the bottle, but the damage has been done and can't be undone.

Essentially, he had handed Clinton the keys to her prison cell. Held hostage these past three years by a series of Republican interrogators about the September 2012 attack in Libya that killed our ambassador and three others, she has been liberated.

The Benghazi hearings that led to the private server, that led to the missing 30,000 emails, that led to the FBI investigation that thus far has led only to the conclusion that she was "hackable" have been reduced in the public mind to a political hit job organized to damage her chances of becoming the Democratic presidential nominee.

This isn't necessarily the whole of it — House Select Committee on Benghazi Chairman Trey Gowdy and others certainly believe there's more to know — but the cement has set on what McCarthy implied. At the very least, any previous suspicions that Republicans were just out to get Clinton have cleared the bar of reasonable doubt.

One can imagine, meanwhile, that Clinton is performing mental pirouettes and grand jetes, dancing circles around the vast right-wing conspiracy, even as she conveys almost sorrowfully how "deeply distressed" she is by McCarthy's admission.

Miraculously, she managed not to betray the happy tune coursing through the sunlit savannah of her brain's limbic system: *Born free, as free as* ...I know, I hate it, too. Maybe she and John Boehner can get together and perform a duet of "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah."

Yes, this New McCarthyism is that serious.

The Republican Party, which deserves better than its parts, has suffered a damaging blow when it can ill afford another. Already in disarray with constant inner conflict, the House also faces Boehner's imminent retirement and yet another debt-ceiling crisis looming.

McCarthy should tar and feather himself and ride out of town on a donkey. Then again, couldn't one as easily say, as Howard Dean recently suggested on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," that, good grief, McCarthy merely bumbled? That this, too, shall pass.

Not on your life. Does anyone really think Hillary Clinton will let this pass?

At best, McCarthy can try to be convincing when he insists that the Benghazi investigation wasn't politically motivated (cough, cough, this darned weather). Here, let me help you, sir:

"What I meant was that the Republican Congress' greatest accomplishment, by way of its investigations into Benghazi, is to have revealed that Hillary Clinton should never be president."

You see the problem. McCarthy should never have mentioned the word Benghazi in the context of political advantage for the now very obvious reasons. How could someone aspiring to be speaker of the House, No. 2 in line behind the vice president to become president if so required, fail to know this? House Republicans will have to answer this question for themselves when they vote for leadership next week.

Meanwhile, unless Gowdy discovers Clinton's fingerprints on a grenade retrieved from the diplomatic compound in Benghazi, she has every right to denounce any future claim or question as the grandstanding of admitted political scammers.

That grŏwling sound you hear rolling down Capitol Hill and across the Potomac isn't just thunder.

OUR VIEW

Republicans will find it hard to recover from unforced errors

The only thing standing in the way of Republican majorities in the House and Senate and a Republican successor to President Barack Obama are Republicans.

This past week was a disaster for the party. Just when it appeared life couldn't get any easier and you could start to embroider GOP on the next set of White House towels, overreach and ineptitude got in the way.

First, there was a congressional hearing to look into Planned Parenthood's participation in manipulating abortions as to best preserve the baby's organs. And instead of grilling the organization's CEO on the indefensible, Republican leaders harped on salaries, travel expenses and tried to offer a smoking gun that ended up being statistics not from Planned Parenthood disclosures but from an opposition group's website.

This was a potential slam-dunk that was rejected and thrown back into the cheap seats. The hearing, as conservative columnist Rich Lowry noted Thursday, showed Republicans were outsmarted when they didn't have to be. The plan was simple: Force Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards to address the video, her organization's stance on late-term abortions and rigging procedures to make organ harvesting more likely. Make the Democrats come to her rescue on those issues. They won't. Instead, the issue is dead. Republicans are seen as overreaching and not being able to govern. And Planned Parenthood is off the hook.

A second instance of Republican incompetence occurred when Kevin McCarthy, majority leader in the House and prohibitive favorite to become the next speaker, went on Fox News and offered the following:

"Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right? But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping. Why? Because she's untrustable."

In one fell swoop, McCarthy provided Republicans in Washington proof he's not fit to lead Republicans in the House or the House itself.

More importantly, McCarthy did considerable, and probably irreversible, damage to the work done and potential future efforts of the Benghazi special committee. He also provided cover for Clinton on the email scandal. Before McCarthy made his comments, the Clintons' comments about a right-wing conspiracy looked like it came from the same old, tired Clinton playbook. After McCarthy's comments, which he has since tried to walk back, the jury has been tainted. Clinton has a sound bite she can refer to at hearings, debates and interviews. One commentator said it accurately — McCarthy provided Clinton a present that was better than Christmas and her birthday wrapped into one, and the GOP nominee for president in 2016 was made weaker because of McCarthy's regrettable gaffe.

If the first two items weren't enough, Republicans fumbled an issue that is near and dear to the heart of those around here.

The Senate banking committee this past week, according to the Houston Chronicle, voted to approve a measure to authorize crude exports. However, the committee added a controversial provision to require Iran to use proceeds from a nuclear deal to compensate terrorism victims who have won U.S. court rulings against the country. The language, sponsored by Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., was adopted 13-9, despite a warning from U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., that the amendment is a "poison pill" that could bring down the whole bill.

Kevin Book, with the Washington, D.C.-based ClearView Energy, said the Iran amendment "virtually guarantees that (the exports bill) will not survive on the Senate floor, where Democrats have repeatedly demonstrated that they have at least 41 votes necessary to protect President Obama's Iran deal."

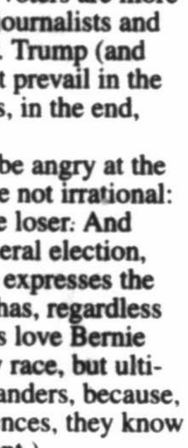
Again, common-sense solutions will be hinder by overreach.

Everyone can argue the reason they believe Republicans assumed power in the House and Senate after the 2010 and 2014 elections. In our view, it was because Americans were tired of a Democratic Party that had shown it could not capably govern.

Republicans were given the keys to the car. This week they ran that car over a speed bump, off the road and into a wall. Is it fixable? We will see.



Trumps wins, and I eat my words



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I never expected to write these words, but I miss Mitt Romney.

Last Wednesday, the day the front-runner for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination was in New Hampshire alleging that Syrian refugees fleeing for their lives may actually be clandestine terrorists, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee was in Washington, talking sense.

"Donald Trump will not be the nominee," Romney told a group of business-school students at Georgetown University. And why won't Trump, who when he isn't besmirching Syrian refugees as terrorists is maligning Mexican immigrants as rapists, get the nod? Because, Romney said, "when all is said and done, the American people usually do the right thing."

The Washington Post's Philip Rucker recorded Romney's categorical prediction, and his rationale. "I know there's some skunks in any endeavor — business, politics — and they get most of the visibility, but there are also some really good people," Romney said. "The American people are a very good people and by and large find people of similar character to elect to the highest office in the land."

Romney is right. In fact, I'm so certain Trump won't win the nomination that I'll eat my words if he does. Literally: The day Trump clinches the nomination I will eat the page on which this column is printed. I have this confidence for the same reason Romney does: Americans are better than Trump.

The Post's media critic, Paul Farhi, took me to task last week for expressing such a sentiment. I was one of the pundits he named as being "consistently wrong" in predicting Trump's demise, one who "declared his candidacy dead or mortally wounded" while Trump instead "maintained his leading position in opinion polls."

Specifically, Farhi took issue with my Sept. 17 column, after the second Republican debate, when I asked: "Could this be the beginning of the end of Donald Trump?" I expressed the hope that "Trump will indeed succeed in making America great again -- by motivating Americans, even fellow conservatives and Republicans, to repudiate his nonsense." The media critic refuted my belief that Trump would fail by pointing to a new USA Today poll showing that Trump had gained 6 points since July.

Alas for Farhi, the Post's Philip Bump posted a piece 57 minutes earlier undermining the Trump-triumphant theme. Bump noted that Trump has shed 8 points in polling averages from his peak before the second debate and that "there are signs that Trump is hitting the ceiling of his support" at 23 percent.

More to the point, my prediction that Trump will ultimately fail isn't about punditry or polling. It comes from faith that American voters are more sensible than many poll-obsessed journalists and commentators give them credit for. Trump (and Muslim-baiting Ben Carson) won't prevail in the Republican primary because voters, in the end, tend to get it right.

Republican primary voters may be angry at the political establishment, but they are not irrational: They don't wish to nominate a sure loser. And Trump is that. Americans, in a general election, will never choose a candidate who expresses the bigotry and misogyny that Trump has, regardless of his attributes. (Similarly, liberals love Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary race, but ultimately Democrats won't choose Sanders, because, regardless of their personal preferences, they know a socialist won't be elected president.)

Consider what Trump said in Keene, New Hampshire, last week about the largest refugee crisis since World War II. "This could be one of the great tactical ploys of all time," he said of the desperate masses fleeing Syria's civil war. "A 200,000-man army, maybe. ... I don't know that it is, but it could be possible."

And what would happen to the refugees under President Trump? "They're going back," he said.

To their deaths, presumably.

The same day Trump posited this paranoia, Romney was at Georgetown, telling students about an 1814 letter John Adams wrote to the political philosopher John Taylor. "Remember," the nation's second president wrote, "democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

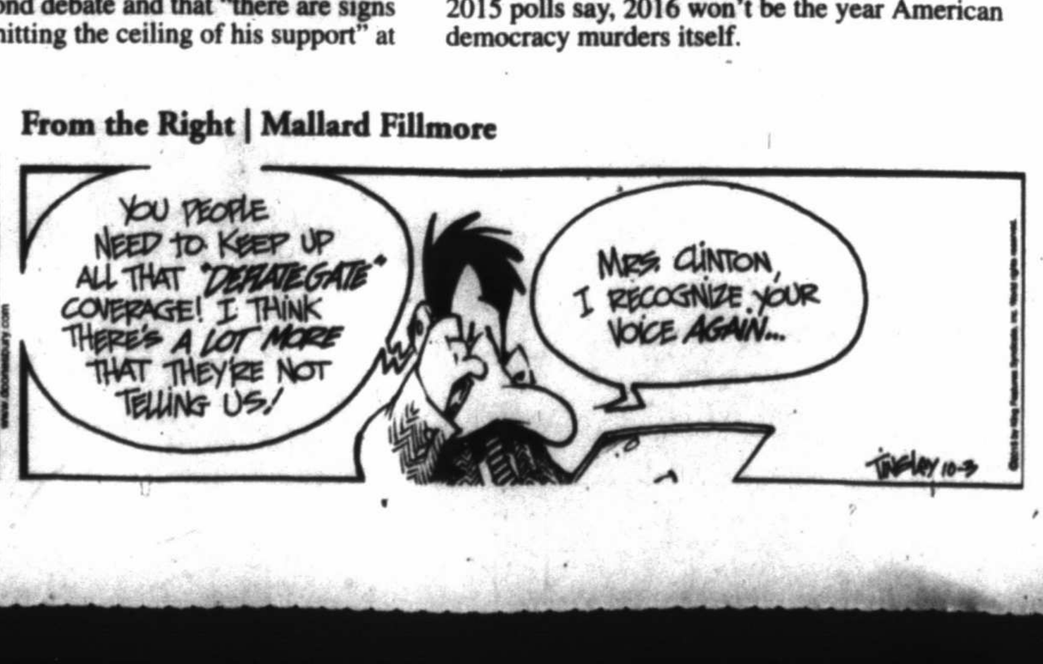
Ours hasn't — yet. "We've beaten the odds," Romney said, "in part because we've had, I think, people of real character who have led our country as presidents ... and the American people have risen to the occasion time and again and have in fact then elected good people."

I second Romney's analysis. No matter what 2015 polls say, 2016 won't be the year American democracy murders itself.

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Happy Anniversary, League of Women Voters (Not for Women Only)

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League of Women Voters-Midland president



Passed by Congress on June 4, 1919, and ratified on Aug. 18, 1920, the 19th amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest.

The League of Women Voters of the United States, founded six months prior to passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, is celebrating its 95th anniversary. The League of Women Voters began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy.

Texas was the first Southern state to pass the 19th amendment; indeed, women have participated in politics in Texas longer than in many other states. On Oct. 19, 1919, only four months after the 19th amendment was ratified by Congress, the League of Women Voters of Texas was formed at San Antonio.

The League of Women Voters of Midland celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. LWV-Midland has prepared a Voters Guide since the 1950s. In the '50s and '60s, the Guide was mailed to the households of all registered voters. Much dedicated volunteer work was required to send out over 13,000 mailings. Postage was paid by the First National Bank of Midland. Later, the bank provided the funds to print the Voters Guide in the newspaper.

Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the LWV, commented, "Is the League political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League." Unlike the Republican Women or Democratic Women organizations, people join the League because it is nonpartisan — neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.

This holds true today. The League helps register voters, but is perhaps best known for its Voters Guide. For several years, this has been published prior to elections in the Midland Reporter-Telegram as a public service. It is prepared by the LWV to provide voters with non-partisan information about candidates.

Voter advocacy is the cornerstone of LWV work and has sometimes offered interesting situations. The League worked to abolish the poll tax, but at the same time, while it was the law, we encouraged people to pay their poll tax so they could vote.

Early in its history the LWV was involved in social reform such as child care centers, playground and roof gardens, health care clinics and improved city services — "women's" issues. The issues have broadened over the years. More contemporary issues include the environment, education, water issues and campaign finance.

The LWV welcomes male members. Many thoughtful and progressive men fought alongside women during the 1900s to give women the right to vote.

Fast forward to the 2000s. The League has a clear consensus that Voter ID is an unnecessary barrier to voting. It is, however, the law. While the League works for laws to broaden the types of IDs that can be used and indeed while we work for legislation to overturn Voter ID, we also work to inform Texans about what kinds of IDs are valid and give them information to obtain the proper IDs so they can vote.

The League of Women Voters has an important place in shaping the history of this country. Its members have been and continue to be dedicated participants in the political processes that strengthen our democracy. Reaching consensus on issues is an important part of the LWV study process. From that study, positions are reached on which the LWV advocates.

I encourage you to consider joining the League of Women Voters of Midland during 2015 as we celebrate our 75th anniversary. Email LWV-Midland Membership: patricia.midland@gmail.com

I am proud to be president of the LWV-Midland along with these fellow board members: Pat Stanley, Lynette Schillo, Jane Hellinghausen, Cookie Wetendorf, Kim Doolan, Patricia Stevens, Jan Artley, Mary Macferran, Donna Robertson and Mary Smith.

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Little-known bill helps put child predators behind bars

For the first few years of her life, Maisie was a typical, happy-go-lucky child. But a couple months after she started school, everything changed. Helen, Maisie's mother, began receiving phone calls from her daughter's teacher informing her that Maisie's behavior had grown increasingly disruptive and violent.

After several investigations and months of Maisie's continuous classroom misconduct, Helen's worst nightmare became a reality. Her innocent, 4-year-old daughter was being abused by her after-school club sponsor.

Maisie's story is not unique. In 2004, more than 50,000 Texas children were victims of abuse and neglect. Fortunately, a bill this past legislative session aimed at alleviating some of the unique problems child victims encounter went into effect Sept. 1.

House Bill 1396 requires courts to give juvenile docket preference to victims under the age of 14. Child victims will now be able to move past the traumatic experience expeditiously, thereby reducing the long-term effects that these incidents have on children and their families.

Child victims of abuse are particularly traumatized based upon their young age. Childhood trauma can have damaging repercussions on a person's development physically, mentally and emotionally.

Some of the more notable long-term effects include depression and an increased likelihood to engage in violent, criminal activity later in life.

Juvenile docket preference not only provides children with the opportunity to testify sooner, but it also increases their likelihood of doing so. Victims' testimonies provide crucial evidence needed to render a proper verdict. This is especially true in sexual assault cases in which the only witness is the victim.

As time progresses between the incident and testimony, there is an increased likelihood the child victim will forget crucial pieces of information or refuse to testify to prevent re-living the horrific experiences they have endured. With more than 70 percent of sexual assault victims 14 years of age or younger, this bill will go a long way to ensure justice is served on some of the most heinous offenders.

In cases like Maisie's, preferential treatment also minimizes the length of heartache and stress placed on victims' families. After appearing in court multiple times, Sandra Place, the daughter of a homicide victim, stated, "Each court date, each appeal, each write-up in the newspaper, revisiting and revisiting the pain, each event keeping me that much further from the curative process I and my family so greatly deserve."

While Sandra's case did not involve a child victim, her pain and desire to move past the traumatic situation parallels with the feelings child victims' families experience.

Through judicial expedition, children placed in state care can also return to otherwise safe homes sooner.

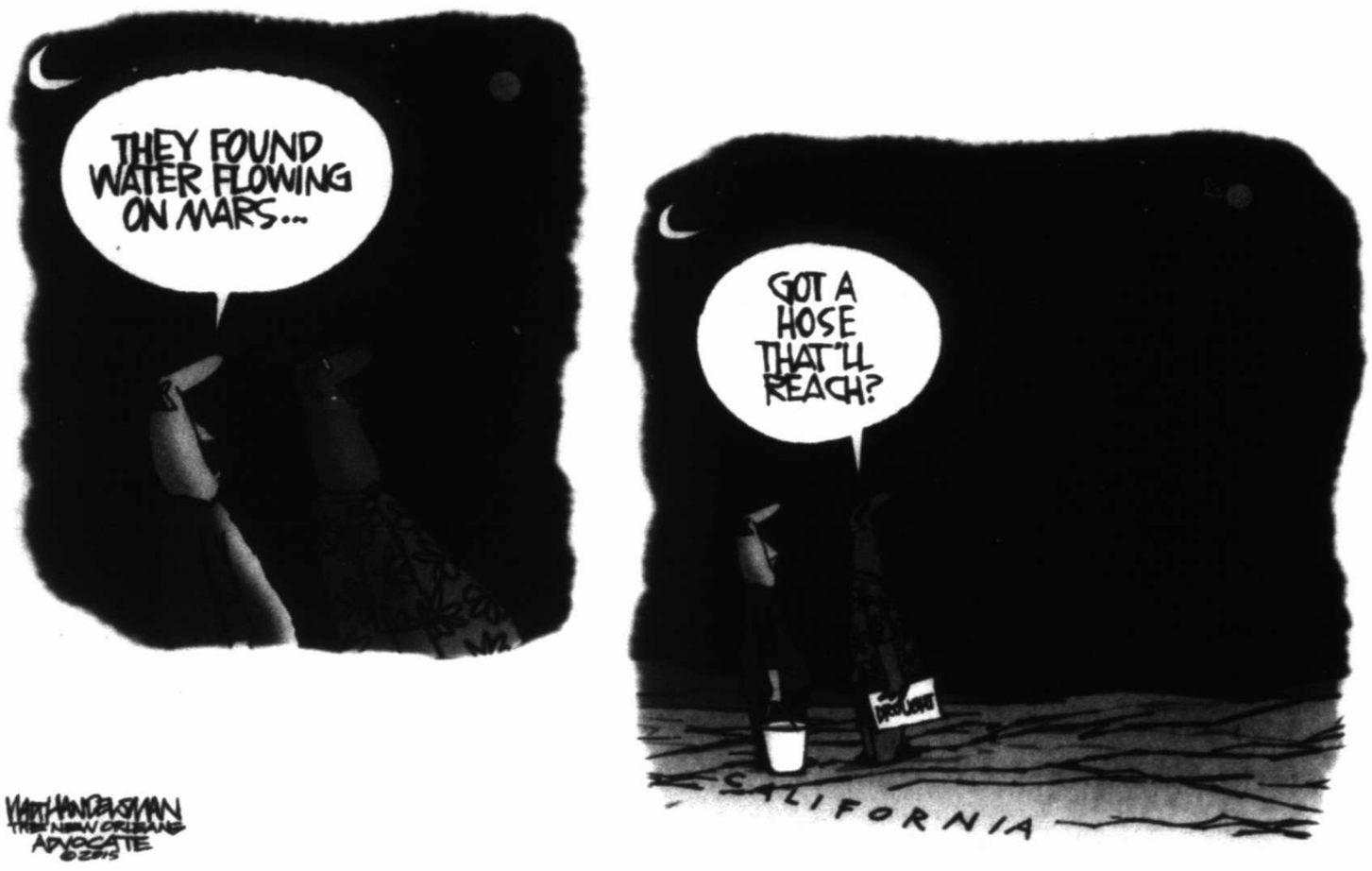
In 2010, my parents served as foster parents for the state of Texas. The first child we hosted was forced to stay with us until the court could hear his case. After weeks of waiting and long nights of the child screaming to return home, the court reviewed the case and found the mother innocent.

Thanks to HB 1396, foster children will no longer spend weeks in state care waiting for their day in court. Good parents can be happily reunited with their children sooner, and the short supply of foster homes will be available for children most in need of a safe haven.

Offenders causing the hurt and emotional pain described by Sandra are the type of criminals that deserve our courts' utmost and prompt attention. HB 1396 promotes the dignity of victims by focusing on society's most dangerous threats.

The Texas legislature made the right choice for child victims and their families and a right choice for public safety.

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New local website helps connect people with opportunities



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Talk to any nonprofit organization or agency in Midland, or around the world for that matter, and you will hear a recurring need for volunteers. These organizations and agencies have tight budgetary constraints that do not allow for large operating budgets to staff numerous employees, yet each needs an "all men/women on deck" effort to help with all aspects of their organizations. That help comes in the form of volunteers.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofits, but how can nonprofits find the volunteers they need? With today's fast-paced lifestyle, most people don't have much time to spare. If you do want to volunteer, you want to make a difference in a way that matters to you.

Midland Volunteer Connections (midlandvolunteerconnections.org), part of a pilot program funded by the Warren Charitable Foundation in partnership with Midland Shared Spaces, is a web-based tool that connects individuals with volunteer opportunities and nonprofit agency needs in Midland. Launched on Sept. 1 of this year with a small group of health and human service organizations, the list of organizations and agencies on Midland Volunteer Connections continues to grow. The potential for this website to change Midland in a positive and lasting way is huge.

Vicki Jay, executive director of Midland Shared Spaces said, "Midland Volunteer Connections has been needed in our community for a long time. It is a very user-friendly tool that connects good people and good causes. As a community volunteer, MVC provides opportunities to uncover new volunteer opportunities that matter to me. I can find a cause that excites me and get in touch with a nonprofit that needs me. I can discover a way to give back that's meaningful to me. As a community agency, MVC has provided a very efficient way to recruit volunteers for very specific areas. Midland Shared Spaces was fortunate to have volunteers that connected with us for the last event in our building. They were great and the process was so simple!"

The nonprofit organizations are doing their part — listing all of their volunteer needs and opportunities on Midland Volunteer Connections. They are ready for you to sign up and make a difference. You choose your area of interest — children, seniors, animals, art, education, etc. You also choose your level of commitment, whether you can volunteer one afternoon for an hour, or commit to a weekly role.

Midland Volunteer Connections is already making a difference in the community after just a few short weeks. Kristen Wagstrom, curator of education at the Museum of the Southwest said, "Volunteers are crucial to the function of the Museum of the Southwest. Our most recent event, the 46th annual SeptemberFest, relied on the time and talent of more than 120 volunteers in only three days. Finding, scheduling and managing this many volunteers can be much like a ballet. The new Midland Volunteer Connections website makes the whole process easier and brings Midland's volunteer community together."

The right match can help you meet friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. The benefits of volunteering positively impact you, your family and your community. All it takes is a few clicks.

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

1. A good way to pass the time while waiting for a new season of your favorite Netflix series.
2. Your family could use a break from you.
3. You might need help yourself someday.
4. If you don't go out each day, you get old.
5. You can only spend so much time on Facebook.
6. Who cares about money?
7. Think of the new Pinterest boards you could create.
8. It forces you to get out of your pajamas.
9. Your mom would be proud of you.
10. You will meet some amazing people.

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

When does this shooting madness end?

How many more times must we shed tears when a quiet afternoon is interrupted by the most horrifying images of death and mayhem visiting a place where innocents gather?

Once again, a community's heart has been shattered, this time at Umpqua Community College in Oregon, the sort of rustic place that isn't supposed to be marred by such violent acts. A college is supposed to be a place of refuge or safety.

We don't know why this happened, but the deaths of more than a dozen people and the wounding of so many others in Oregon remind us that tragedy can strike at any moment. As a nation, we've been through this painful drill of sadness, empathy and anger far too many times. "Mother" Emanuel, Virginia Tech, Columbine, Sandy Hook, and even Fort Hood. The fact that all of us can identify mass shootings so easily signals just how prevalent these random acts of violence have become.

And that's why we shed tears again and again and again.

We don't want the shooter's evil actions to be rewarded or dignified with the perverse attention that such gunmen crave by using his name. Instead, it is essential to offer comfort to those whose loss of family and friends cannot be restored. Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, herself a victim of a deranged gunman, said it well in a tweet today: A community's heart has been tested but will not be broken.

We must not allow ourselves to be prisoners to such events, as these otherwise anonymous perpetrators would want us to be. It is the way they deal with the shortcomings in their life; stealing the lives of their victims while emotionally and spiritually wounding the rest of us.

It is sad that events like these leave us numb and devoid of words to adequately convey our sorrow and anger. And as these mass shootings mount, there is a part of us that says it could have been worse. Yes, it could, but that is scant comfort because one is too many.

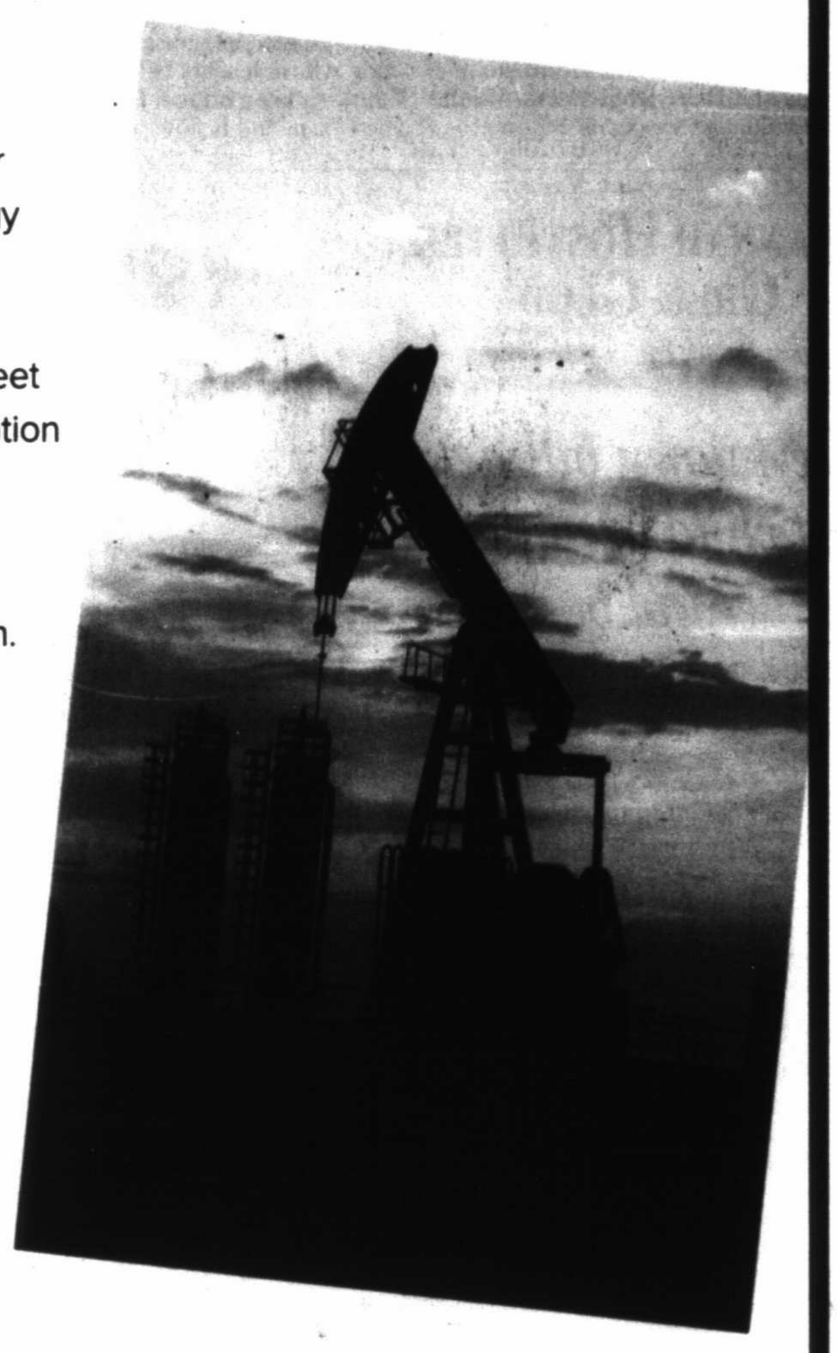
Mass shootings have become an American cancer, taking lives violently as it metastasizes throughout the nation. The threat ended quickly in Oregon, but not quickly enough.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to those who can never again see the faces or hear the laughs of those dear to them. We can't comprehend what drives someone to shatter so many lives so callously in just a few moments. But we stand resolute with the families and hope that this American nightmare eventually will be put to rest.

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Continuing Education Classes at MC

Petroleum Professional Development Center



The Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center provides quality continuing education for the Permian Basin energy industries. The center is one of seven mid-career training centers worldwide recognized by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). The center is located at the corner of Main Street and Illinois Avenue (downtown, Midland, Texas). For more information and to register, visit ce.midland.edu/ppdc or call 432.683.2832.

Introduction to Log Interpretation G027 151Q
October 12-14, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Introduction to Well Completion Design
G008 151Q
October 15-16, Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;
Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Completions and Stimulation for Geologists (and other non-petroleum engineering discipline)
G012 151Q
October 20, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Coiled Tubing G029 151Q
October 20, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers G084 151Q
October 21-22, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils G079 151Q
October 26, Monday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Introduction to Pharmacy Technician



This comprehensive course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field. Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings, working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Course content include medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading/ interpreting prescriptions, and defining drugs by generic/ brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, I.V. flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control, billing and reimbursement. Basic math comprehension is recommended. Course will prepare student to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB exam (not included in course). Textbooks and material are provided. Instructor: Veronica Lujan. 52.5 hours/5.2 CEUs. For more information, visit ce.midland.edu/hs or call 432.681.6354.

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These classes can help you get healthy, learn a new language, sample a new sport or craft, or improve your life in all kinds of ways. There are even online courses offered to fully meet your personal time and schedule. Most courses do no have grades or exams - just the opportunity to learn in a fun, "small-class" environment with people with similar interests. Here is just a sampling of some of the courses being offered in October. For a complete list of upcoming courses visit ce.midland.edu/cp or call 432.685.4518.



Zumba Gold 9312 151Q
October 12 – November 18,
Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Shallow Water Aerobics 9306 151Q
October 13-November 19,
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Class 9304 151Q
October 13 – November 19,
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

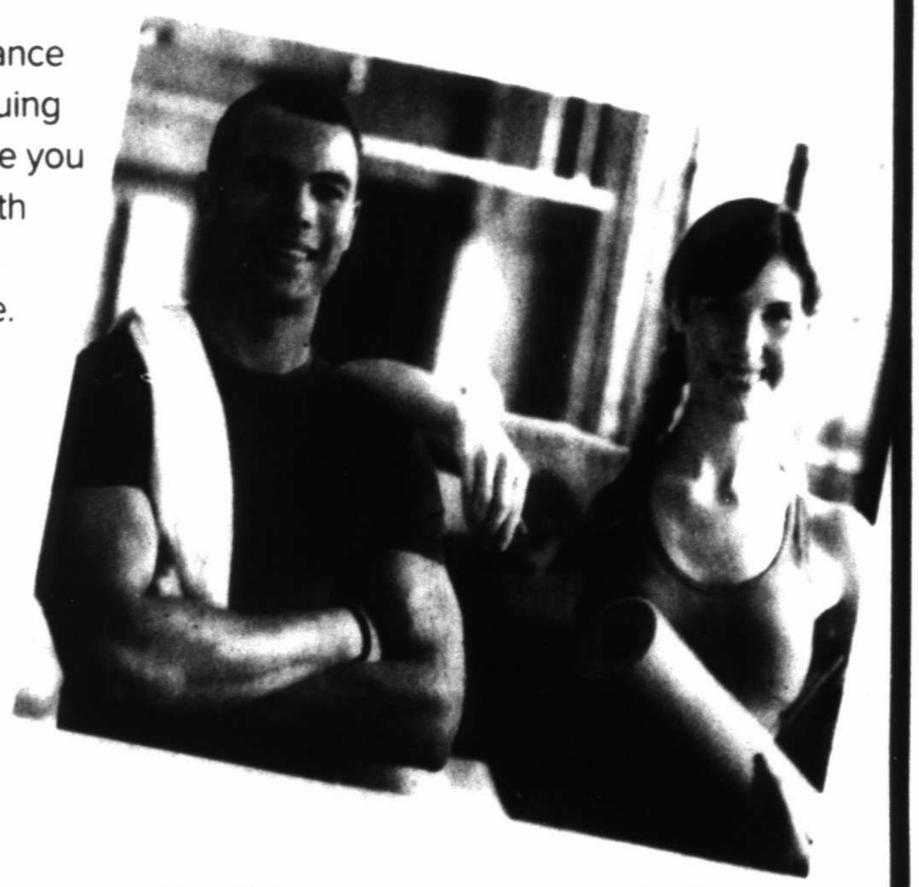
Restorative Yoga 9310 151Q
October 13-November 19,
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:00 noon -1:00 p.m.

Concealed Handgun 9251 151Q
October 17, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wreath Making (Fall) 9061 151Q
October 26, Monday, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

Workforce Continuing Education

If you are considering a career move, or are ready to advance up your career ladder, Midland College Workforce Continuing Education offers a wide range of courses to get you where you are headed. Our Workforce CE staff continuously work with experienced faculty and instructors to develop courses to help area residents develop timely skills for the workplace. For a complete listing of courses and services, visit ce.midland.edu/wf or call 432.681.6335.



Personal Fitness Trainer Certificate FN00151Q
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Conducting Successful Meetings PS01151Q
October 14, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Introduction to Residential Wiring EL01151Q
Oct. 6 – Oct. 29, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Afghan Taliban leader claims 'victory' in city of Kunduz

By Mirwais Khan and Lynne O'Donnell
Associated Press



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Afghan security forces and volunteer militias rest on their way to Kunduz, Afghanistan, to fight against Taliban fighters on Thursday. The new leader of the Afghan Taliban says their capture of the northern city of Kunduz was a "symbolic victory" that showed the strength of the insurgency — even though the Taliban pulled out of the city after three days.

KABUL, Afghanistan — The new leader of the Afghan Taliban boasted in a phone call with The Associated Press on Friday that the group's three-day occupation of the northern city of Kunduz was a "symbolic victory" demonstrating the insurgents' strength, even as his fighters were fleeing under fire from Afghan government troops.

The Taliban takeover of Kunduz was an embarrassing blow to the government of President Ashraf Ghani, which was trying to determine how a force of several hundred insurgents were able to cause the collapse of several thousand troops defending the city.

Still, in the end, the Taliban were unable to hold their ground as the Afghan military rallied in a counterattack, a sign of how the insurgents lack the manpower or firepower to carry out much more than short-term sorties into large urban areas.

The dramatic Taliban assault on Kunduz, a city of some 300,000 — and the boasts of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor — appeared aimed in part at boosting Mansoor's legitimacy as leader in the face of opponents within the movement. He was formally elevated to the post in August, after the Afghan government revealed that longtime Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar had died two years earlier.

His appointment caused a large public rift in the Taliban, whose leadership is said to be based in neighboring Pakistan, when Mullah Omar's family objected to him as leader. Though they later rallied behind Mansoor, some factions are yet to be convinced. The takeover of Kunduz was reportedly run by one of Mansoor's own appointees, Mullah Abdul Salam, which could help shore up his legitimacy.

Mansoor spoke to the AP by telephone from an unknown location.

"The victory is a symbolic victory for us," he said. "Moreover, it is also a historical event which will be remembered."

"People who said we were a small force with an unchosen leader can now see how wrong they were about the potential and strength my people have," he said.

As he spoke, Taliban gunmen were still leaving Kunduz after what residents said was a spree of looting government offices and international charities, and terrorizing citizens as they went house to house looking for civil servants and human rights defenders. The U.N. said around 6,000 people had managed to flee the city before militants closed off most exits.

The insurgents took the city on Monday after a multi-front surprise attack. They quickly sealed and mined roads to prevent anyone coming or going, and while some fighters fought a long gun battle in a failed attempt to take the airport, others went on the rampage, stealing cars — including armored vehicles from the U.N. and the International Committee of the Red Cross — and torching buildings. A statement from Ghani's office accused the Taliban of committing "rape, torture and murder" in the city, without offering details on the allegations.

Amnesty International and the U.N.'s representative in Afghanistan, Nicholas Haysom, have also cited reports of extrajudicial killings and kidnappings.

Government forces moved in early Thursday, backed by U.S. airstrikes, and have reclaimed control over much of the city. Sporadic battles were still being fought Friday as a combined force of Afghan army and police sought to eliminate pockets of insurgents.

Sixty people were killed and around 400 wounded in the fighting since Monday, the spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health, Wahidullah Mayar, wrote on his Twitter account, apparently referring to civilians. The government claimed 200 Taliban were killed, a claim Mansoor called a lie.

Officials, residents and aid workers reported growing shortages of food and medicines. Water and electricity were cut off, and most businesses shuttered.

"We urgently need medical supplies because the battle is still going on and so we expect more casualties," said Saad Mukhar, head of the city's public health department, adding that supplies sent from Kabul were being held up on the way.

The ICRC said it had supplies ready to be flown into Kunduz as soon as the airport reopened. "Medical staff in the city cannot get to the hospitals because of the on-going fighting," Kunduz-based doctor Peter Esmith Ewoi said in an ICRC statement.

Even if the occupation was brief, Kunduz was the first provincial capital and major urban area the Taliban have taken in their campaign against the Kabul government, waged since their own rule was toppled in the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

That made it a humbling defeat for Ghani and raised questions over whether the U.S.-trained military was capable of defending the country now that most coalition forces have withdrawn.

Ghani has launched an investigation into how the Taliban, with only a few hundred gunmen, could have overwhelmed the city defended by a few thousand government troops.

Meanwhile, the Taliban appeared to be taking advantage of a security void elsewhere as Afghan troops from neighboring provinces redeployed to Kunduz. Taliban attacks forced government troops to withdraw from two districts in Badakhshan province, the provincial governor's spokesman Ahmad Nawid Frutan said, and there was further fighting in Takhar province. Both provinces are to the east of Kunduz.

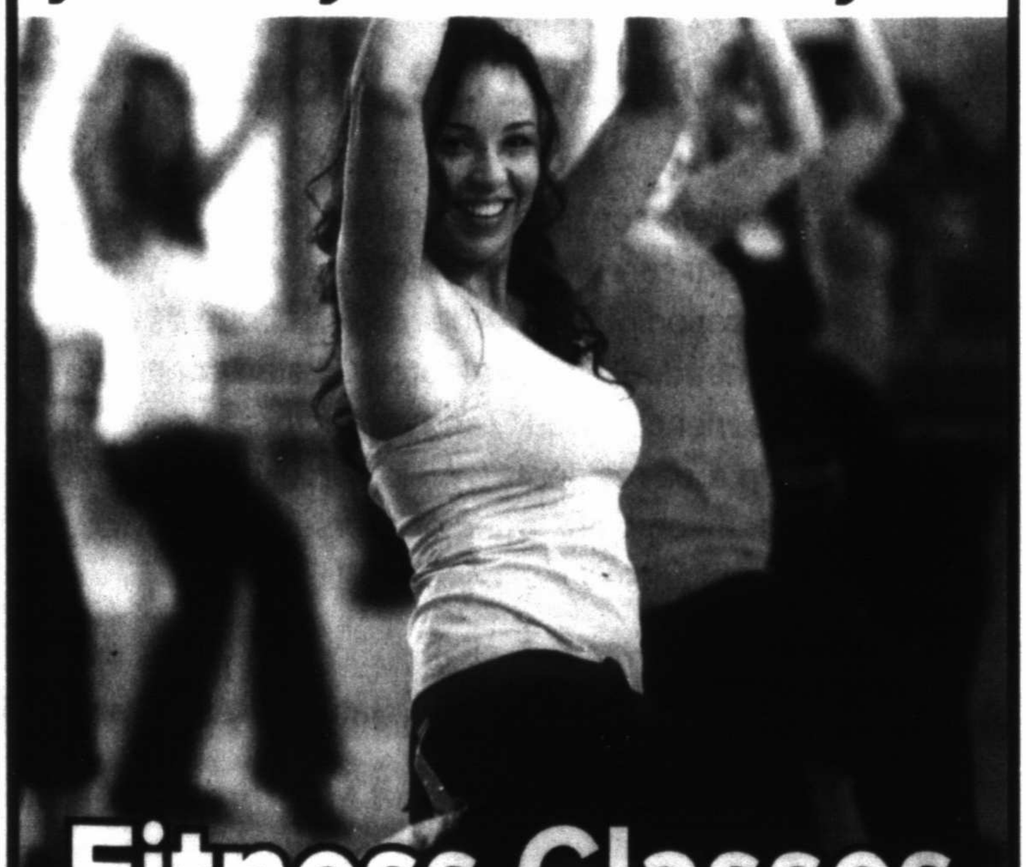
Michael Semple, professor at the Institute for the Study of Conflict, Transformation and Justice at Queen's University in Belfast, said the Taliban attack on Kunduz aimed to loot vehicles, weapons and ammunition. But he said the battle should be a warning to Ghani that the Taliban have the battlefield discipline to plan and execute such operations.

"Ghani needs to take them seriously," Semple said.

The city's seizure rattled many in Afghanistan, concerned that the Taliban's expanding footprint could mean they are gearing for a more intense war with Afghan troops. Before this year's summer fighting season began, Afghanistan's northern region was not known for a strong Taliban presence, unlike the south and east. Kunduz sits on lucrative smuggling routes for drugs, minerals and weapons to and from Central Asia.

Despite a fierce summer of fighting across the country, during which they have taken control of small towns and rural districts alike, the Taliban have quickly buckled under counter-offensives from Afghan forces.

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Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for cooler temperatures this next week. The high should fall into the 70s and low temperatures could fall below the 60-degree mark. There is a 30 percent chance of rain on Monday and a chance of showers Wednesday through Friday.

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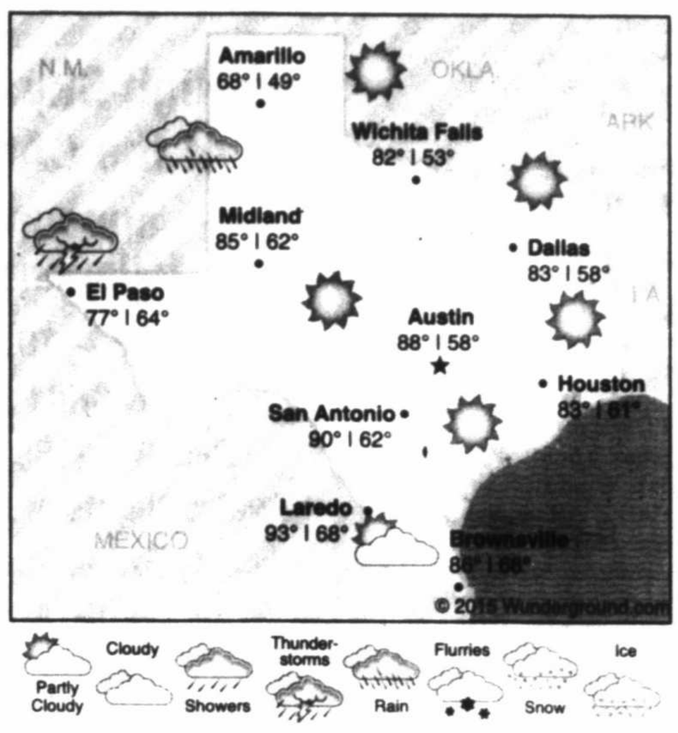
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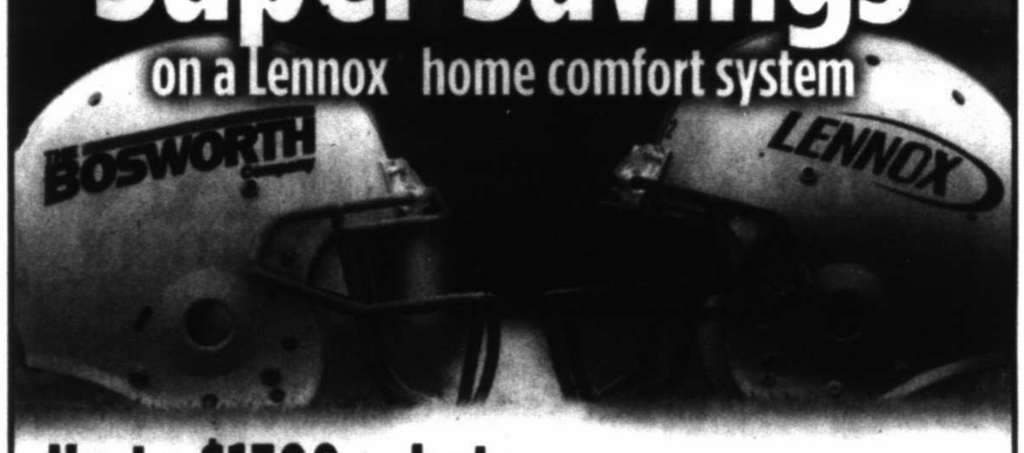
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New TiVo DVR will skip entire commercial break

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — TiVo wants to help you skip TV commercials.

With one press of a button on the remote, TiVo's new digital video recorder will skip the entire commercial break. That's quicker than the 30-second forward feature found on previous TiVos. On the new TiVo Bolt, TiVo will tag the start and end of commercial breaks so that viewers can skip that section when watching on their recordings. The feature will work with about 20 over-the-air and cable channels, including the major broadcast networks, mostly during prime-time hours.

Satellite TV provider Dish has had a similar feature on its Hopper DVR, which has prompting lawsuits from several TV channels. Dish has been settling them as part of broader agreements for rights to include the channels on Dish's lineup. In an agreement with CBS, for instance, Dish's commercial-skipping feature is blocked for the first seven days after a program is broadcast on a CBS-owned station.

The San Jose, California, company hopes to avoid legal problems by leaving it to users to enable the feature, said TiVo Inc. Vice President Jim Denney.

"We're not changing the underlying content," Denney said in an interview. "We're not auto-eliminating commercials. The user does it. We're giving users a tool to get through their content more quickly."

The TiVo Bolt also has a "quick mode" that plays back recordings 30 percent faster. The pitch on the audio is adjusted using software so that it won't sound odd. With this and the commercial skipping, it will be possible to watch an hour-long show in roughly a half-hour.

Other features include support for video in Ultra HD, or 4K, resolution when channels start offering that quality.

As with past models, the TiVo Bolt offers a unified search of both traditional channels and streaming-video services. Ask for "How I Met Your Mother" for reruns on local stations plus video on Netflix. You can watch streaming video such as Hulu on TiVo, but the commercial skipping and quick playback work only with regular recordings. The 4K feature works with both recordings and streaming services that offer it.

The TiVo Bolt starts at $300 and includes one year of free service, which provides programming data and other information needed to tap the device's full capabilities. After that, service costs $15 a month. TiVo's starting price was cheaper in the past, but people had to pay for monthly service right away.

Wednesday's announcement comes a day after Google Inc. began selling upgrades to its $35 Chromecast video-streaming device. It also launched a new Chromecast model that can be plugged into speakers to play music from a phone or an Internet service. A few weeks ago, Amazon.com Inc. refreshed its streaming-TV devices. The new Fire TV, selling for $100 and shipping next week, will also support 4K video streaming. Apple Inc. is also coming out with an Apple TV update in October.

6 noteworthy features in Mac system update

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The name of Apple's new Mac operating system says a lot about what to expect.

"El Capitan" won't offer dramatic changes, but rather refinements and enhancements to the current Mac system, called Yosemite.

In real life, El Capitan is a rock formation in Yosemite National Park. It's as though the new Mac system isn't big enough to leave Yosemite.

Nonetheless, it's an upgrade worth having after it's out Wednesday, especially as it's free.

Though you're not getting a lot of new functionality, El Capitan is packed with goodies that will shave off seconds here and there. Those seconds will add up.

Just back up your system before upgrading, and make sure any apps you use frequently will work with the new system.

Sometimes, it takes app makers weeks or months to catch up, especially for non-Apple apps.

Once you get El Capitan, here are six features worth checking out:

Pinning websites

A pin is like a bookmark on Apple's Safari browser, except the website you're pinning is always open and refreshing in the background.

If you visit another website and come back, pins remember where you left off — as long as you don't close the browser.

You might say this sounds like browser tabs. A key difference is when you click on an external link and leave a pinned site, the browser opens a new tab, so you don't lose your place on the pinned site. With tabs, the new site sometimes replaces the site you were on.

Muting audio

As websites get aggressive at delivering video ads and content, audio might play automatically. This gets annoying if you're watching video in another window. Safari now has a speaker icon to instantly mute all audio playing in the browser, without affecting audio elsewhere. With the computer's mute button, it's all or nothing.

If the video you're watching is playing in the same browser, the audio for that will mute, too. It works better when playing video in a stand-alone app, such as iTunes. Or you can install a separate browser, such as Google's Chrome, and play your Netflix or Hulu video there.

Split screens and spaces

The Mac has long let you run multiple apps in separate windows, but you've been limited to one app when it's in full-screen mode. This changes with El Capitan's Split View, a feature Microsoft has had since Window 8's release in 2012. Although you can come close to split screens by resizing two windows and placing them side by side, you now just need to press and hold the green button on the top left of an app's window.

The introduction of split screens also uncovers a little-known feature called Spaces. If your desktop feels cluttered, you can spread your apps out in groups, or Spaces. One Space might be for your productivity apps, such as spreadsheets. Another might be for goofing off. If you're on a laptop, it's easy to switch by swiping three fingers on the touchpad left or right. That's perfect for when your boss suddenly walks by.

Better notes

The Notes app has traditionally been little more than a word-processing app. Now, it's possible to drag in photos, add map locations and create checklists. It's also easier to sift through Web links and attachments you've added. The Notes app on iPhones and iPads got a comparable update, and your notes sync across Apple devices. You can also access them on Windows computers through icloud.com. Android users are out of luck.

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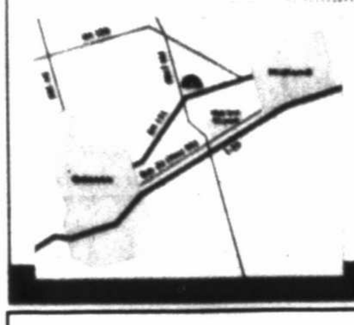
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Veteran speaks about problems with Choice Program

By Erin Stone
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From the time she was 11, Teresa Asante knew she would join the Army. She always looked up to her father. When she saw him in his Dress Blues, she felt pride and a determination to follow in his footsteps. In 1983, she joined the Army.

"Without telling anyone, even my husband, I joined the Army and went off to boot camp a month later and knew that I'd be in it for life," Asante said.

She joined after having two daughters and losing faith in a marriage with a husband who she said liked to drink. Though she missed her young girls, she left them in her parents' care and went to boot camp, determined to be able to take care of them on her own when she got out.

"My goal was to be the first female command sergeant major of the Army. I was a good soldier. I was raised by a soldier so the discipline was already there, the drive, knowing that I was doing it for the right reasons. I loved the Army, and I loved being in it."

While Asante's love for serving in the Army has never waned, one fateful day in September of 1988 changed her life irrevocably.

"We were training at Fort Huachuca (in Arizona) on a mission that would eventually take us to Saudi Arabia," Asante said. "There were three units out on this training site. They hauled us in what they called cattle trucks. Big, massive 18-wheeler trucks, all steel inside, rows and rows of seats. The guy who was driving the first truck thought he saw a deer so he slammed on his breaks, and our driver never slowed down. Buckled our truck in three places. There were deaths, amputations. I was one of the lucky ones. A lot of people — their lives were changed that day."

Asante had initially refused to let her unit on the truck because she knew two of the drivers had been drinking — she could smell the alcohol — and later found out that one had been smoking pot. However, she soon realized that no matter what she said, her unit was getting on that truck that day.

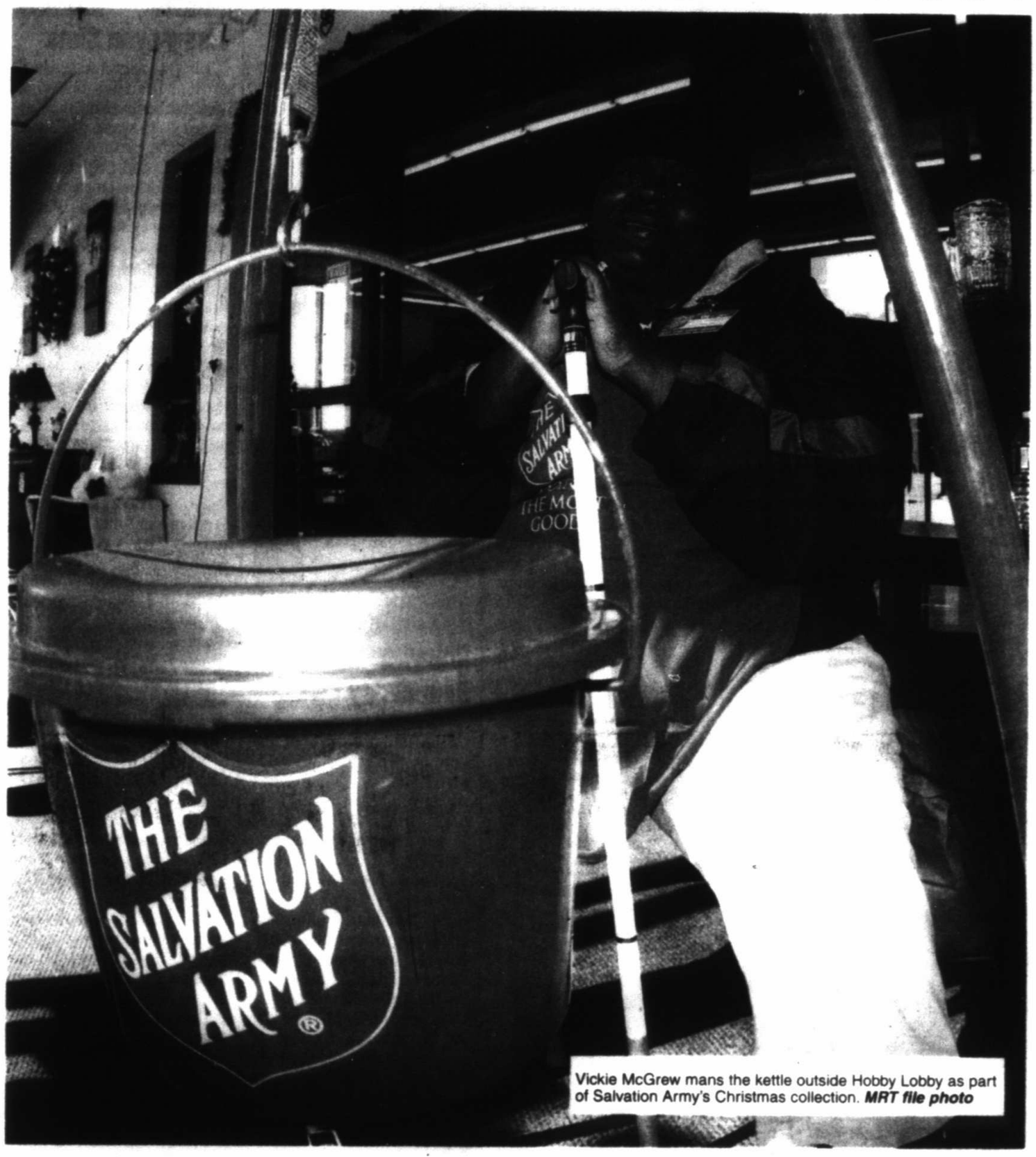
When the crash happened, Asante was knocked out cold.

"I don't really remember a lot of it," Asante said, looking down at her hands. "These trucks, they're wood floors. On impact, I was thrown with my weapon in the lead and the bayonet stuck in the wood floor and I was thrown on top of it. It did a lot of damage to my uterus and we later found out other things were involved. First, they did an emergency hysterectomy and repaired some small tears. I seemed to be OK body-wise for the most part until a few months later, my insides started comin' apart."

Fifty-nine surgeries later, Asante's health issues have only gotten worse. When Asante learned of the Choice Program, however, she immediately became an advocate for it, seeing the value in a program that would allow veterans to see health care providers outside of the VA, especially since she needs

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CHARITABLE SALVATION



Vickie McGrew mans the kettle outside Hobby Lobby as part of Salvation Army's Christmas collection. ***MRT file photo***

Salvation Army doing the most good in Midland



BARBARA MAMOULIDES
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In Robert Watson's book, "Leadership Secrets of The Salvation Army," he quotes Peter Drucker as saying, "The Salvation Army is by far the most effective organization in the U.S. No one even comes close to it with respect to clarity of mission, ability to innovate, measurable results, dedication and putting money to maximum use."

The Salvation Army celebrates its 150th birthday this year. It was established in 1865 in the East End slums of London and has since grown into an organization that provides help and hope in 126 countries around the world and to nearly 30 million Americans each year.

The Salvation Army is one of the largest social care providers in the world. The broad array of social services ranges from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims and assistance to first responders, outreach for the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. Eighty-two cents of every dollar donated is used to carry out those services.

During disaster relief efforts, The Salvation Army provides meals from their "canteens," which are mobile kitchens staffed by employees and volunteers. They serve meals, snacks and water to residents, first responders and other valuable relief workers. The Salvation Army transitions from emergency assistance to long-term support. They support clean-up efforts with meals and supplies, distribute food boxes, clean-up kits and hygiene supplies.

Even though you might not see the canteens or Salvation Army employees or volunteers on the news, you can be certain they are there and are serving those who are hungry, scared, tired or lost. Those who assist with these efforts are not in the spotlight, so they are easily missed by the media. Their philosophy is to serve those in need, and they are much more concerned with individuals who need help than getting their pictures on the news.

The Midland Salvation Army is no different. You do not see them on the news

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



Understanding your spouse prolongs a happy marriage

It seems to me that communication is a big deal in a marriage. If you don't have communication, you probably have a lack of understanding.

This is where I have to admit that the wife and I fought over this very thing in our youthful dating days.

I used to think that everything was great between us for weeks on end. She would give me the silent treatment for days. I was just smart enough to know that something wasn't right but not brave enough to ask why I was getting the cold shoulder.

Finally, she would explode with a tirade of wrongs that left me perplexed, stunned and angry.

I would say, "If things are so bad, why don't you just tell me before things get so out of hand. I can't read your mind."

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Odessa murder suspect taken into custody

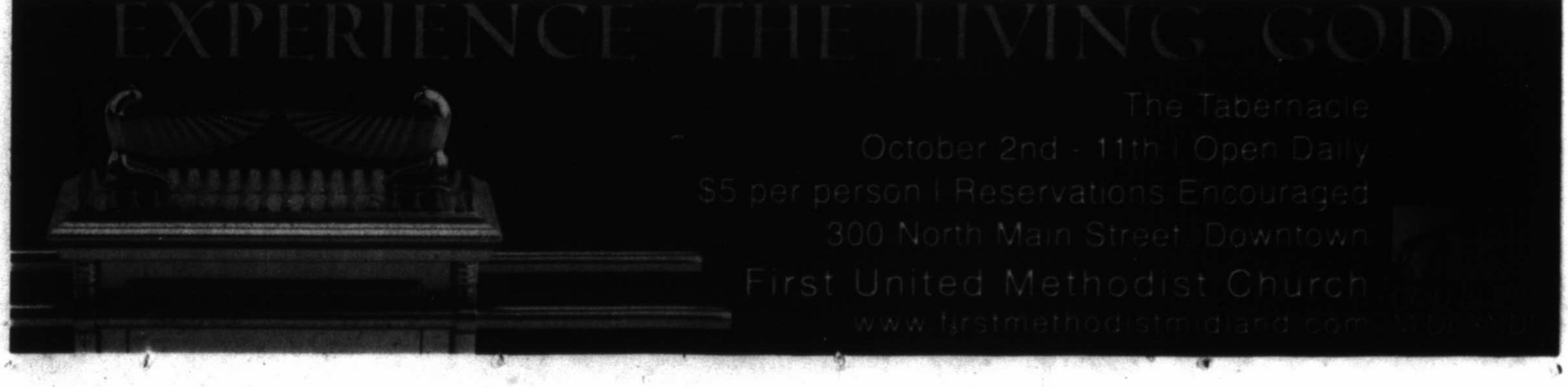
From staff reports

ODESSA — Odessa police report the man suspected of a murder at the Acacia Park Apartments last week was located, arrested and taken into custody Saturday morning.

Khalifah Muhammad was located at about 6:30 Saturday morning at a Flying J Truck Stop, according to an Odessa Police Department report. Muhammad was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ector County Law Enforcement Center. The investigation continues.

Muhammad, 29, allegedly murdered a 24-year-old repossession agent man in Odessa late Wednesday night, according to a press release from Odessa police.

On Friday, The Texas Rangers along with Midland police, the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Odessa police, DPS and other agencies were looking for Muhammad in southwest Midland. Surveillance tapes allegedly showed Muhammad at a motel and then walking toward the businesses located between Commerce Drive and Warehouse Road on Thursday night. Tapes at various businesses also appeared to show Muhammad breaking into buildings and setting off alarm systems.



Obituaries



Della "Jill" Parrott Holder

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, Della "Jill" Parrott Holder was welcomed to her heavenly home and ended her lengthy illness on the earth. She has claimed her reward and has joined the saints around the throne of God. Praise the Lord!

Jill Parrott was born on December 8, 1929, in Midland, Texas, where she spent almost the entirety of her life. Her parents were Pearl and Lula Parrott, and she grew up in a loving, Christian home. This is where she began to learn the ways of servanthood and love that would continue for all of her natural life. On June 4, 1949, she married her sweetheart, Joe Holder, in Odessa, Texas, and was married for 57 years until he preceded her in death. They built a wonderful life together based on love, for each other and their Lord. Jill and Joe raised two daughters, Bonnie and Lee Ann, and showered them both with love. Bonnie was born in Odessa, and then they moved for a short time to Plainview and Lubbock, Texas, before returning to Midland where Jill continued her career of making a home. She had a fun-loving nature and loved being with family and friends. She was the hostess to many friends and was an excellent cook! Jill always volunteered at her daughter's schools and became a lifetime member of the PTA. She was a Brownie leader and homeroom mom and was very involved at her church, North A Church of Christ, as a bible teacher and was always willing to serve in any capacity.

After Lee Ann began school, Jill was employed at Midland Christian School for many years and served as the Day Care Director. She and Joe were always believers in Christian education, as evidenced by her involvement in Lubbock Christian College Associates, PTPA, and LACE at Midland Christian. Her daughter Lee Ann graduated from Midland Christian as well as two of her grandchildren. Jill continued her servant life there and became the official gate keeper for all varsity volleyball and basketball games, complete with a bowl of Tootsie Rolls to share with incoming fans. She enjoyed traveling to her grandchildren's many sports events and continued her love of watching all sports for the remainder of her life. She and Joe were even fortunate enough to travel to the Los Angeles Olympics, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Jill was a wonderful daughter, loving wife, devoted mother and extraordinarily blessed Mawgy, and will be sorely missed by many. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Miller and her husband Rick Miller of Midland and daughter Lee Ann Holland of Newbury Park, California. She has three grandchildren, Amanda Blatnick married to Shar Blatnick of Kennedale, Texas; Josh Miller of Plano, Texas; and Ainsley Holland of Newbury Park, California. She also has one great granddaughter, Sharlee Blatnick of Kennedale, Texas. She touched many lives and there are many who feel her loss.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Ralph Parrott, Don Parrott and Glen Parrott and also by one sister, Charlene Ener.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Karen Carr and the wonderful caring staff at Texas Oncology, to the staff at Home Health for their exceptional care, to Hospice of Midland for their dedicated service at such a crucial time and to the staff at Martin County Hospital for serving so lovingly in her final hours. God bless you all in your efforts.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A service to celebrate Jill's life and to praise her Lord will be held at 1:00 pm, Monday, October 5, 2015 at North A Church of Christ. Greg Fleming and Eddie Lee will officiate, and congregational singing will be led by Clinton Davis. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Jack Holder, Greg Moore, Glenn Neimeyer, Bill Stewart, Gary Truex and John Worley.

The family requests that memorials be made to North A Church of Christ, 505 San Angelo Street, Midland, Texas, 79701 or Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Drive, Midland, Texas, 79705.

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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Dessie "Ozell" Dunn

Dessie "Ozell" Dunn, age 96, of Midland, TX passed away on October 1, 2015. Ozell was born in Orange, TX on April 12, 1919. She graduated from Coleman High School in 1935. Ozell was married to Raymond W. Dunn on March 3, 1941. They were married for 65 years.

Ozell was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and enjoyed serving for 50 years alongside her husband in ministry. He pastored churches in Crane, Coleman, Abilene, Decatur, Snyder, Sweetwater, and Fort Worth, TX. Ozell was the ultimate pastor's wife who was loved and admired by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Raymond W. Dunn; her parents, Jim Will and Bessie Jackson; her brother, James Jackson and sisters, Opal Dunn and Gwen Jackson.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Connell and husband Jim of Midland, TX; daughter Jana Daniel and her husband Robert of Granbury, TX. Also surviving are grandchildren: Jeff and Debra Stewart of Abilene, TX; Joy and Jon Haley of Arkansas City, KS; Jill and Aaron Young of Flower Mound, TX; and Jami and Michael Todd of Midland, TX. She is also survived by two sisters; Billie Woodard of Abilene, TX and Betty Mittel of Tulare, CA. Also left to cherish her memory are great grandchildren: Zach and Nate Stewart; Blake and Blaire Haley; Daniel, Dawson and Darci Young; Lucas and Landri Todd and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Legacy Ranch and Compass Hospice for their special, loving care of our dear mother and grandmother.

Visitation will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Kelview Heights Baptist Church chapel in Midland, TX with Reverend Jon Haley, Ozell's grandson, officiating. Burial will follow on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Coleman City Cemetery in Coleman, TX.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Dorothy Tisdale

After suffering several strokes over the last 10 months, Dorothy Walters Harmon Tisdale, 87, of Midland passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. She will be available for viewing on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 1:00pm-9:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10:00am at St. Ann's Catholic Church Chapel with interment following at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Dorothy Walters was born on May 24, 1928 in Embry, Texas to Roger Walters and Calvie Lee Taylor. Dorothy grew up in east Texas and southern Oklahoma. She moved to Midland in 1950. After retirement, Dorothy pursued her two loves- gardening and garage sale shopping. She became quite the entrepreneur selling veggies from her garden and pecans from around the area.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheryl Harmon Kelley; son, Xavier Damien Harmon; grandchildren, Brittany Kelley, Anthony Kelley, Kourtney Kelley, Ashton Datcher, Torrin Datcher, Xavier Damien Harmon, Jr., and Jazmine Harmon; and great-grandchildren, Alicia Kelley, Jaeda Kelley, Nicholas Kelley, and Xakaria Harmon.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grady Sturgean Harmon; husband, George Tisdale; and daughter, Doris Harmon Datcher.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude towards the Manor Park family for all of their services and kindness.

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Jaque Moore

Jacquelyn (Jacque) Moore, 64, of Midland Texas passed away on September 27, 2015. Jacque was born in Houston on May 29, 1951 and was the daughter of Johnny and Stanley Moore. She graduated from Midland High School and continued on to receive training and certification as a Message Therapist through Midland College. She worked as a licensed Massage Therapist in Midland.

Jacque is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Moore.

Jacque is survived by; her sister, Talley Moore; her nephew, John Landua; and family members, Mable Nelson Smith, Donna Barkholtz, Andrea and Neville Moore, Mike Jackson, Kay Norman, Pat Wilson and numerous extended family members, cousins and friends.

In accordance with her wishes, Jacque will be cremated and brought to Oregon for burial. She did not wish to have a funeral service or memorial.

In memorial, donations may be given to Jacque's charity, the Midland Humane Coalition either online at www.midlandhumane.org or mailed to P.O. Box 53213, Midland TX 79710; or the charity of your choice.

The family of Jacquelyn Moore wishes to express their sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to Jacque's many wonderful friends and extended family members for their love, kindness and support. Jacque was a kind and gentle soul, with a heart of gold, who treasured each and every one of you.

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Juanita Garrett

Juanita Branum Garrett, 97 years, 11 months, and 30 days old, passed away on October 2, 2015. She was born in Hobart, OK on November 11, 1917. Juanita married Frank Garrett in 1938. They moved to Midland, TX from Hobbs, NM in 1951.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ben and Eula (Davenport) Branum; brothers, Ben Branum, Jr., who served in World War II, Lowell Branum, and Buddy Branum; husband, Frank Garrett; and one grandson, Howard Cunningham.

She is survived by her children, Frances and husband, Art Laengrich; Terry Garrett and wife Kathy; Gary Garrett; Donna and husband Jeff Wishard; Scott Garrett and wife Hettie; Jackie and husband Jerry Reese and her children: Cathy and husband Tony McCollum; and Nancy and husband Frank List. She is also survived by seven great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and one sister, Hope Branum Tonde.

There will be a Visitation on Monday, October 5, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home followed by a Graveside Service at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park, in Midland

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Medina Children's Home at 21300 Hwy 16, Medina, TX 78055, or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland TX 79701.

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Linda Bosworth

Linda Lou Bosworth, 75, of Midland, joined her Lord and Savior on Friday, October 2, 2015 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. The family will receive friends on Monday, October 5, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Midland.

Linda was born on January 19, 1940 to Thomas and Dorothy Jackson in Ft. Worth, Texas. She married Corky Bosworth on August 22, 1964 in Midland, they enjoyed 51 years together. She loved painting, collecting art, traveling and taking pictures to fill her volumes of scrapbooks. Linda delighted in the years spent at the ranch with her goats, llamas and her faithful blue heeler, Girl. Linda was passionate about plants and flowers and opened her own business called Linda's Place in the 1970's. She enjoyed reading her bible and spending time with God. Linda loved serving people, especially the Bosworth Company employees and their families. She took great pride in her husband, children and their many accomplishments. Linda's greatest joy in life was spending time with her eight beautiful grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Nina".

She is survived by her husband, Corky Bosworth of Midland, TX; daughter, Julie Viña and husband, John of Boerne, TX and their children Henry, Margaret and George Viña; daughter-in-law, Shannon Bosworth of Midland, TX and her children Trey and wife, Kayla Bosworth; Morgan and husband Daniel Scharbauer; Catie and husband Strother Simpson; Annabeth Bosworth and John Bosworth; and great grandchildren, Lucas and Nathan Bosworth.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her loving son, Randy Bosworth, and her sister, Carolyn Lindsey.

Pallbearers will be Trey Bosworth, John Bosworth, Henry Viña, Ron Ainsworth, Tom Knittle, Farris Parsons, James Forrest and Frank Rios.

The family sincerely appreciates the kind and loving attention from all of her caregivers, especially Amy Rios and Monica Lavenant.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Unlock Ministries, 2917 W Industrial Ave, Midland, TX 79701 or a charity of your choice.

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MaryAnna Brimberry

MaryAnna Brimberry passed into the arms of the Lord on September 30, 2015. MaryAnna's loving and strong life began in 1935 in Lake Arthur, New Mexico, as the daughter of Edd and Lula Price. She grew up in Southeast New Mexico as "the baby" sister of Guy and Elmo Cantrell; ultimately graduating from Artesia High School. MaryAnna met and married Elmer L. Brimberry in Roswell, New Mexico. They moved to Midland for the first time in 1962. Life took her to Abilene, Roswell, Midland, Waterwood on Lake Livingston and Houston. She and her husband of 56 years returned to Midland in 2001.

MaryAnna was a loving mother of three children, Lynda Donnet, David Brimberry and Nancy Sparr; and their spouses, Lisa Brimberry and Jim Sparr. She was a doting and proud grandmother of her grandchildren, Bethany Brimberry, Meredith Swallow, Jared Brimberry, Audrey Brimberry and MaryClaire Swallow.

She started a long and industrious career in the Oil and Gas industry in Artesia that she retired from in 2011. MaryAnna was a leader, very active in and serving as president of Midland's Desk and Derrick Club. Her attention to detail served her well in her professional life. MaryAnna lived life with energy and diligence both in and outside of the home. She enjoyed sharing her cooking, sewing talents and holiday enthusiasm with everyone. She also was a gardener, collector and golfer; always experiencing them with family and friends in mind. Upon her return to Midland, her compassion shined through as she ministered to others through the Stephen Ministry of Midland's First United Methodist Church.

MaryAnna was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Lynda, and brothers Guy and Elmo. She is survived by her husband, children, their spouses, and her grandchildren.

The Brimberry family is thankful for the loving care that Eva Chacon and Hospice of Midland provided MaryAnna.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 5th, at 2 PM in the Glass Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main, Midland TX 79701.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to any of the following would honor Mary Anna.

Breaking Bread Kitchen,
P.O. Box 9402, Midland TX 79708;
breakingbreadkitchen.org

Stephen Ministry,
First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main, Midland TX 79701;
firstmethodistmidland.com

Hospice of Midland,
911 West Texas, Midland TX 79701; *hospiceofmidland.org*



Terry Lynn Sims

Terry Lynn Sims graduated from Lee High School in Midland,Texas. She then attended Howard College where she studied Medical Assistant and Phlebotomy. She was later employed by the Allison Cancer Center and Odessa Regional as a phlebotomist. She also assisted her husband Larry Sims at Classic's Auto Paint and Body.

Motherhood is where Terry thrived. She and Larry avidly supported their talented son Terry Jr. Sims in chasing and achieving his dreams. After graduating from his mother's Alma-Mater, Terry Jr. earned an academic and track & field scholarship to the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio,Tx.

Terry was preceded in death by her mother, Nellie Mae Williams; sister, Wanda Williams; and daughter, Shyann Sims.

Terry leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 25 years, Larry Sims, her son, Terry Jr. Sims; her father, Archie T. Williams; all of Midland. Her siblings, Sharon Green and husband Charles, of Midland; Beverly Conally and husband, Roderick, of Houston, Tx; and Bradley Williams of Midland, Tx. She had numerous nieces & nephews and one great niece.

The family will receive friends and relatives Sunday night 6:00-8:00 pm at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 am, at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S Tyler, with Dr. George Bell Officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Carl Ray Mondy

Carl Ray Mondy, an account manager in gas detection services, age 62, passed away Friday, October 2, 2015, at his residence in Odessa. He was born February 24, 1953, in Sweetwater, TX. He is survived by his wife Judy Mondy of Odessa.

Memorial services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Charlotte M. Farmer

Charlotte Mae Farmer, 70, of Midland, passed away on Friday, October 2, 2015. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 5:00-7:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 10:00am at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:30 pm at Wall Cemetery in Wall, TX.

She is survived by her son, Jayme Farmer and daughter, Paula Eckel.

Banished to a central Texas rehabilitation center

■ Treatment center for sex predators 'more like a prison' to some

By Mike Ward and Anita Hassan
Houston Chronicle

LITTLEFIELD — Thilmus "Timothy" Bradshaw stared blankly ahead, without emotion, cocking his head slightly as if trying to understand.

On a recent afternoon, the 54-year-old did not know the name of the town he was now living in, much less the state program that brought him here.

Bradshaw suffers from a long history of delusions that are a product of paranoid schizophrenia, an illness his family said he suffered from long before he was ordered into Texas' controversial civil commitment program three years ago.

His only comprehension of where he thought he was: prison.

In fact, he is in the Billy Clayton Center, Texas' new treatment center for repeat sex offenders who have been ordered into civil-commitment, a program that's supposed to provide therapy so that offenders who already have completed their prison sentences can once again live in the community.

Since Sept. 1, as part of reforms to Texas' nearly 16-year-old program, from which no one had ever graduated to freedom, the state has moved more than 180 offenders from halfway houses in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso and Austin to a repurposed private prison in Littlefield, about 40 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Even as it's getting started, substantive questions loom about whether the new program can be as effective as envisioned.

In relatively short order, officials concede the program struggled for months to find a site where it could operate, creating a new regimen program that will withstand mounting legal challenges.

Officials' latest difficulties include how to provide effective mental health and therapy services, as well as jobs and resettlement programs, in a remote community in West Texas where those opportunities are mostly nonexistent.

"I'm confident we have turned a corner and can now set a national standard," said Fort Worth attorney Christy Jack, chair of the Texas Civil Commitment Office's governing board. "But we have our work cut out for us."

Numerous questions

Texas is one of 20 states with laws allowing repeat sex offenders deemed to have a likelihood of committing new crimes to be kept under supervision for treatment after they have completed their prison terms.

Courts have ruled such programs, into which felons are ordered by a civil-court judge, are legal only if offenders are able to graduate from treatment and given the possibility of reintegrating into society.

This year's legislative overhaul of Texas' civil commitment program followed a yearlong investigation by the Houston Chronicle that revealed numerous questions about its constitutionality, including the fact that none of the more than 350 men put in the program had been released in its 16-year history.

Nearly half had been sent back to prison — some for life — for violating program rules.

Recently, civil commitment programs in other states faced their own legal questions — many of which mirrored issues in Texas — coming under fire by federal courts.

Officials in Texas privately concede the mental health treatment challenges could be the most significant they now face.

"Several men can't read and can't write, and they had no idea what was going on," said Clarence Brown, an offender who was among the first to arrive here in early September, with a group from a Houston halfway house, and has watched many clueless offenders arrive in the days since.

"There are men with low IQs and who have severe mental issues that have been brought here. There's no way they can ever graduate from this program. Why are they in it?"

'More staff training'

Treatment experts, after initial assessments, informed state officials on Thursday that there are likely some men in the program who are so mentally impaired that they cannot benefit from the program, including one who appears to have dementia. Others have the cognitive skills of fifth-graders and below.

"They would have to spend a lot of money, have a lot of more staff training and a lot more resources for people with mental illnesses or development delays to benefit from this program," said Nicolas Hughes, an assistant public defender in Houston who represented several men in the program. "I worry that putting them out somewhere as remote as Littlefield will keep them from getting access to the sort of mental health resources they would get in a larger community."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GALVESTON

Prosecutors considering trying teen as adult in mom's death

Prosecutors say a 14-year-old boy accused of strangling and stabbing his pregnant mother more than 20 times at the home they shared south of Houston will more than likely be certified to stand trial as an adult.

The Galveston County Daily News reported prosecutor Paul Love declined to provide details on what was leading the district attorney's office toward making such a decision.

But Love says that information from the mother's autopsy report will "be a major determining factor."

The boy has been charged with a juvenile count of murder.

The Associated Press is not naming the boy because he is a juvenile or his parents because it would identify the boy.

Investigators have not indicated a motive in the killing. The woman's body was found Sept. 26.

BEAUMONT

Texas teen pleads guilty to stabbing dog

A Southeast Texas teenager has pleaded guilty to stabbing a dog with a steak knife that had been taped to PVC pipe.

The Beaumont Enterprise reported 17-year-old Clinton Joseph Johnson pleaded guilty Friday to animal cruelty.

Under a plea agreement, Johnson is eligible for probation, but if he goes to prison it can be for no less than two years. The plea deal stipulates no more than a five-year sentence

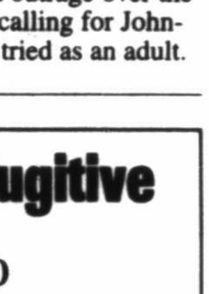
Johnson originally faced a state jail felony charge for stabbing a miniature pinscher mix named Victor last November. The dog survived.

Johnson's defense attorney Kevin Laine says his client didn't fully comprehend the consequences of his actions.

The Humane Society of Southeast Texas had expressed outrage over the incident, calling for Johnson to be tried as an adult.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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■ NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifyfng two men involved in a vehicle burglary.

The complainant reported on Sept. 15 that their vehicle had been broken into in the Woodland Park addition. Numerous items were taken, including an iPad mini and a large amount of cash.

The suspects were captured on a surveillance camera. The first is a white male with slender build. At the time of the burglary he was wearing a black ball cap, salmon-colored shirt, dark shorts. He was carrying the iPad mini. The second is a white male with slender build. At the time of the burglary he was wearing a black ball cap, white shirt and khaki shorts. Both males appear to be in their late teens or early 20s.

(Surveillance photo of suspects can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com)

If you are the first person to provide information identifying these suspects and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous, and NO caller I.D. is ever used.

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GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Sept. 21-25 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Derrick Hall Adkinson, 41, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ.

Joseph Arthur Barron, 52, possession of a controlled substance, nine months state jail; possession of a controlled substance, nine months state jail.

Cristobal Blasuett, 21, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoked, seven months state jail.

Milton Darrell Carmack, 60, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, six months state jail.

Cory Jay Chatham, 25, burglary of a habitation, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, restitution, 100 hours community service.

Steven Laray Cole, 23, forgery by passing, 12 months state jail.

Shelley Renea Dawson, 40, burglary of a habitation, four years, nine months TDCJ.

Zackary Austin Edwards, 20, burglary, adjudicating guilt, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, 10 days jail, 240 hours community service, TAIP.

Kenneth Carson Gore, 39, felony driving while intoxicated, modify CRTC.

Donna Jo Harvey, 40, burglary of a building, one year state jail; failure to appear, three years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, one year state jail.

Sean Irvin Johnson, 28, assault on a public servant, five years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, anger management, 150 hours community service.

Melissa Aline Joseph, 41, possession of a controlled substance, six months state jail.

Jesus Lopez Mendoza Jr., 27, possession of a controlled substance as a lesser included offense of prohibited substance in a correctional facility, deferred adjudication five years, fine, restitution, TAIP, 200 hours community service.

Robert Mireles Jr., 20, possession of a controlled substance, extend supervision two years, 75 days jail, CRTC.

Dusty Lynn Morgan, 24, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoked, six months state jail.

Randall Lee Nix Jr., 25, sexual assault of a child, two years TDCJ.

Brock Dean Pittman, 30, felony driving while intoxicated, extend community supervision six months, 100 hours community service, anger management, weekly probation for four months.

Frank Alex Rodriguez III, 28, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, extend one year; continuous violence against family, extend one year, 20 days jail.

Carlos Datrion Ross, 22, tampering with physical evidence, adjudicate and revoke, two years TDCJ.

Jarvara Don Sanders, 23, harassment of a public servant, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, fine, anger management.

Matthew Allan Stroker, 32, injury to a child, guilty of a lesser included assault family violence, one year county jail, suspended for two years probation, 30 days jail, fine, court cost, Project Adam, 50 hours community service.

Manuel A. Reyes Villegas, 30, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, four years deferred adjudication, court cost, restitution, 100 hours community service.

Jarvis D. Walker Jr., 31, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, four years TDCJ.

Ellis Edward Warren III, 53, aggravated assault, five years TDCJ.

Joseph Wieczorek III, 35, possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ.

Bradley Don Wilkerson, 27, assault family violence, extend one year.

Arnulfo Villa, 24, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, pay fine, 175 hours community service, TAIP.

Note: TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program; CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Antonio Delgado, 18, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Archie D. Goodman, 43, of Greenwood was charged Sept. 25 with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Manuel J. Mancha, 23, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with evading arrest/detainment.

P.J.Russell Proctor, 29, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Isaac D. Provencio, 20, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with fraudulent use/possession of identification.

Abraham R. Sanchez, 21, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with abandonment/endangerment of a child and assault of a public servant.

Latyrum T. Williams, 19, of Midland was charged Sept. 25 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Santos Almanza, 18, of Midland was charged Sept. 26 with burglary and intended sexual offense.

Douglas E. Broadway, 45, of Midland was charged Sept. 26 with unlicensed possession of a firearm.

Roy Deleon, 50, of Midland was charged Sept. 26 with driving while intoxicated.

Kedron D. Fillmore, 23, of Midland was charged Sept. 26 with credit card or debit card abuse.

Joshua R. Perez, 21, of Midland was charged Sept. 26 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Richard M. Roman, 37, of Odessa was charged Sept. 26 with violation of bond/protective order.

Sananah N. Balvantin, 21, of Midland was charged Sept. 27 with abandonment/endangerment of a child.

Victoria E. Floyd, 27, of Midland was charged Sept. 27 with racing on highway causing bodily injury, abandonment/endangerment of a child, tampering/fabricating physical evidence, and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Robert T. James, 19, of Midland was charged Sept. 27 with racing on highway causing bodily injury.

Miguel A. Aguirre, 34, of Midland was charged Sept. 28 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

David A. Cortez, 32, of Odessa was charged Sept. 28 with indecent sexual contact with a child.

Raul M. Fuentes Jr., 25, of Burlington, Colorado, was charged Sept. 28 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Heath L. Livingston, 32, of Midland was charged Sept. 28 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Leticia A. Nunez, 32, of Midland was charged Sept. 28 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Reydecel Salas-Almanza, 38, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was charged Sept. 28 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Quintaria T. Blake, 17, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with unlawful restraint, aggravated assault of a date/family/house member, unauthorized use of a vehicle and criminal mischief.

Richard J. Catlin Jr., 38, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Dillon L. Courtney, 21, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Xavier D. Harmon, 49, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with burglary.

Sammy F. Olgin Jr., 29, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 400 grams.

Mariano F. Olguin, 56, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 400 grams and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Christopher L. Romero, 30, of Midland was charged Sept. 29 with fraudulent use/possession of identification.

Jose C. Gonzalez, 27, of Midland was charged Sept. 30 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Hardy Lenard, 43, of Midland was charged Sept. 30 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Casey A. Murray, 22, of Midland was charged Sept. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram in a drug free zone.

Jason Rosales, 27, of Odessa was charged Sept. 30 with driving while intoxicated.

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Well, that's a reasonable request, isn't it?

The wife explained to me that she grew up in a family where the children were not allowed to express their feelings. So, naturally, she didn't feel comfortable with this "openness" I was demanding.

The family I grew up in, however, was an open book. That doesn't mean we all got along all the time, but we said what we thought, had our fight and moved on. We always had our say — before we got our punishment.

Oh, yes, getting our say didn't exclude us from paying the price, but I guess we feel better about it.

I'm not sure where the wife changed, but somewhere along the line she managed to lose old inhibitions and found her voice. Now, she has no trouble telling me what is wrong.

You see, there is a thin line between good communication and bad communication. In my early days, I just thought I wanted an open relationship. Now I have one, and I'm having a hard time convincing myself that this way is better.

In the old days, I could ignore my transgressions for as long as the girlfriend didn't openly confront the situation. In other words, I could get away with most anything for a couple of weeks.

Now, I pay the piper right off the bat. The wife knows a wrong when she sees it, and there is no more hiding it.

I can't get away with anything under our new "openness" agreement. She embraced my advice and it remains in my mind as the only advice that I've ever given her that she has taken to heart.

Now, we have great understanding. Here's the way it goes in my household: I now understand that I'm wrong no matter the circumstance.

If I can accept that rule, there are no problems in my household.

I'm sorry, but I'm not always a perfect human being. Sometimes, I forget the rule. That's a bad moment for me. I might get my say, but the wife will revert to old habits and we lose out on the ability to gain understanding.

It is a slippery slope we walk as humble men when it comes to the wives. We live in fear of the day when understanding slips into the pattern of darker days. It is here — in these very shadows — where we find the ruts of that old forgotten path. We, therefore, resolve not to ever forget the rule of proper understanding. In that way, man can live a reasonably long life without major retribution. And the marriage union will survive forevermore.

Thought for the Week: "I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." — Robert McCloskey, American illustrator of children's books.

GOOD

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very often except at Christmas time, but they are there serving, day in and day out. They do what they do with local donations. The donations that are received locally are used for food, shelter and the services that keep people in the homes they are in, or help them find appropriate housing and shelter. The donations also provide clothing and school supplies, summer camp for deserving children, food boxes for hungry families and emergency shelter.

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The Salvation Army's annual dinner is planned for Oct. 27 at Midland Country Club. Featured speaker will be Jay Novacek, former Dallas Cowboy. Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys are strong supporters of The Salvation Army and especially the Red Kettle Campaign every Christmas.

The dinner is open to everyone, and sponsor tables and tickets are on sale now by contacting The Salvation Army at 300 S. Baird St. or 683-3614. The dinner is a great event that will not only feature Jay Novacek but also will include testimonials from local clients and information about all the local services. Attendees will also learn what the future plans are for growth for this fantastic organization.

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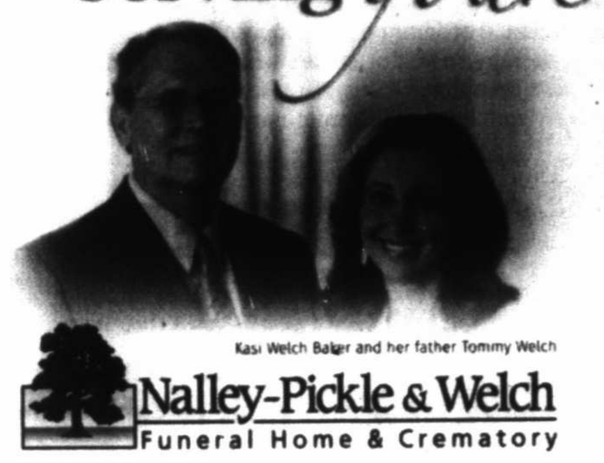
How To Create A Meaningful Service With Cremation

Some families are considering cremation for the first time and may have more questions than answers. Sometimes people consider it more environmentally sensitive, others are just curious and are interested in learning more.

Probably the greatest misconception about cremation is that there can be no funeral. Many people choosing cremation have a traditional funeral service, which may be conducted in a funeral home, church, or any other appropriate setting. Clergy may conduct the service, but this is not required. Some will prefer a less formal style of sharing memories and feelings.

Perhaps the best reason to consider cremation is the many options available for services and final wishes. In fact, cremation offers more options than traditional burial. For example, burial typically occurs within a week to ten days following death; in contrast, a gathering or memorial service to commemorate the life of the person who died can be scheduled at any time. Eulogies, readings, music, and the sharing of photos, videos, and personal collections and hobbies are often part of the gathering. The gathering is an opportunity for those who cared about your loved one to remember them in a special way, and to say good-bye. There are also many ways to memorialize; cremated remains may be placed in a columbarium niche, buried next to another family member, scattered at a location significant to the individual, or retained in the home in an artistic and meaningful urn.

Often families who choose cremation with no service later regret the decision because of loved one's need for closure. Participating in arrangements, the viewing, and meeting in a formal or informal setting with supportive friends and family are meaningful parts of a ritual. Just like baptisms and weddings, ceremonies help us understand and cope with loss.

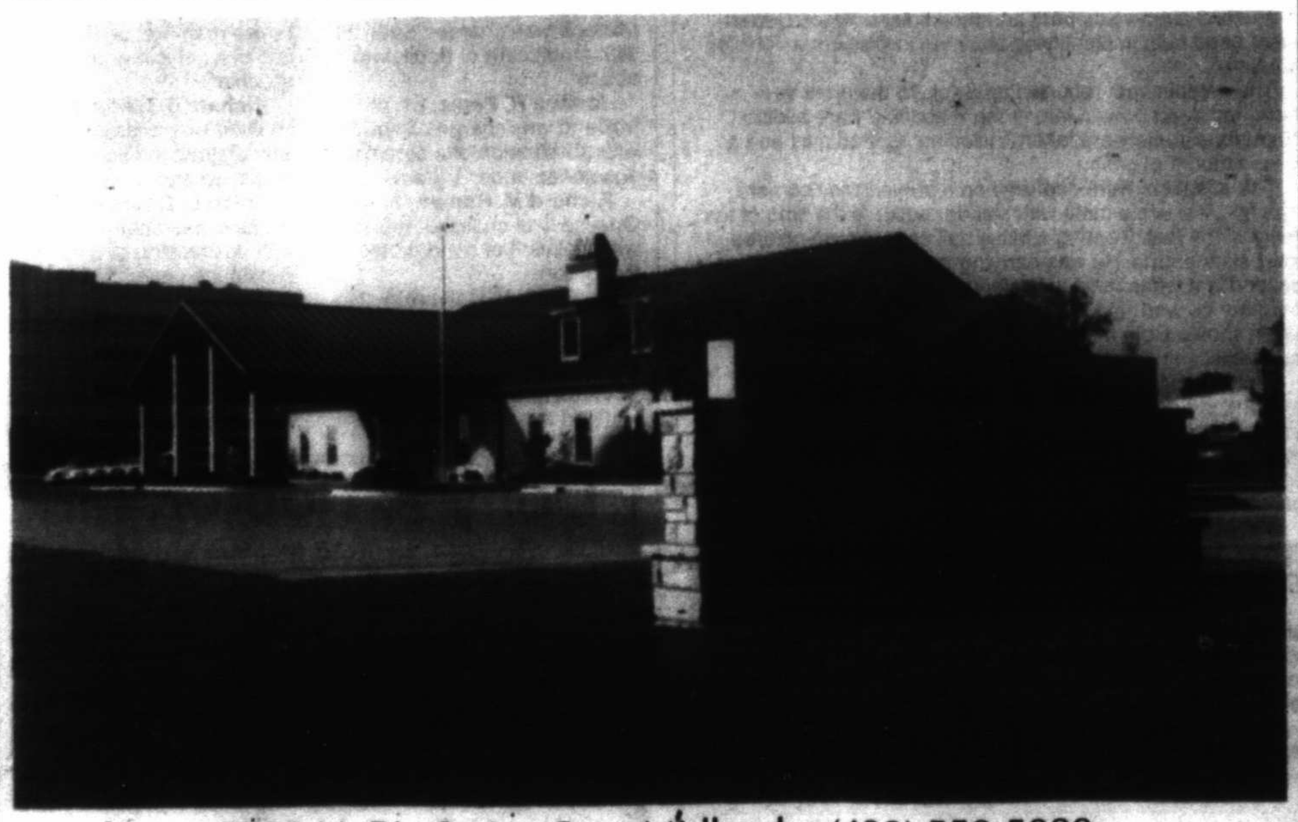


With the growing interest in cremation, there has been an increase in the number of less ethical disposition businesses. The funeral profession is regulated by the state of Texas and funeral directors are licensed. Some cremation businesses advertise extremely low costs, but the many scandals related to these businesses nationally indicate the level of professionalism is well below the public's expectations.

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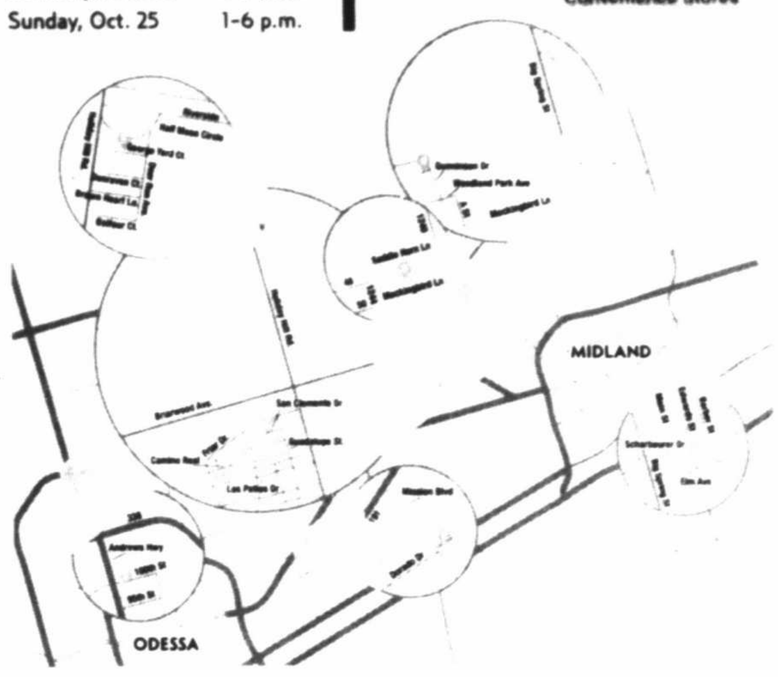
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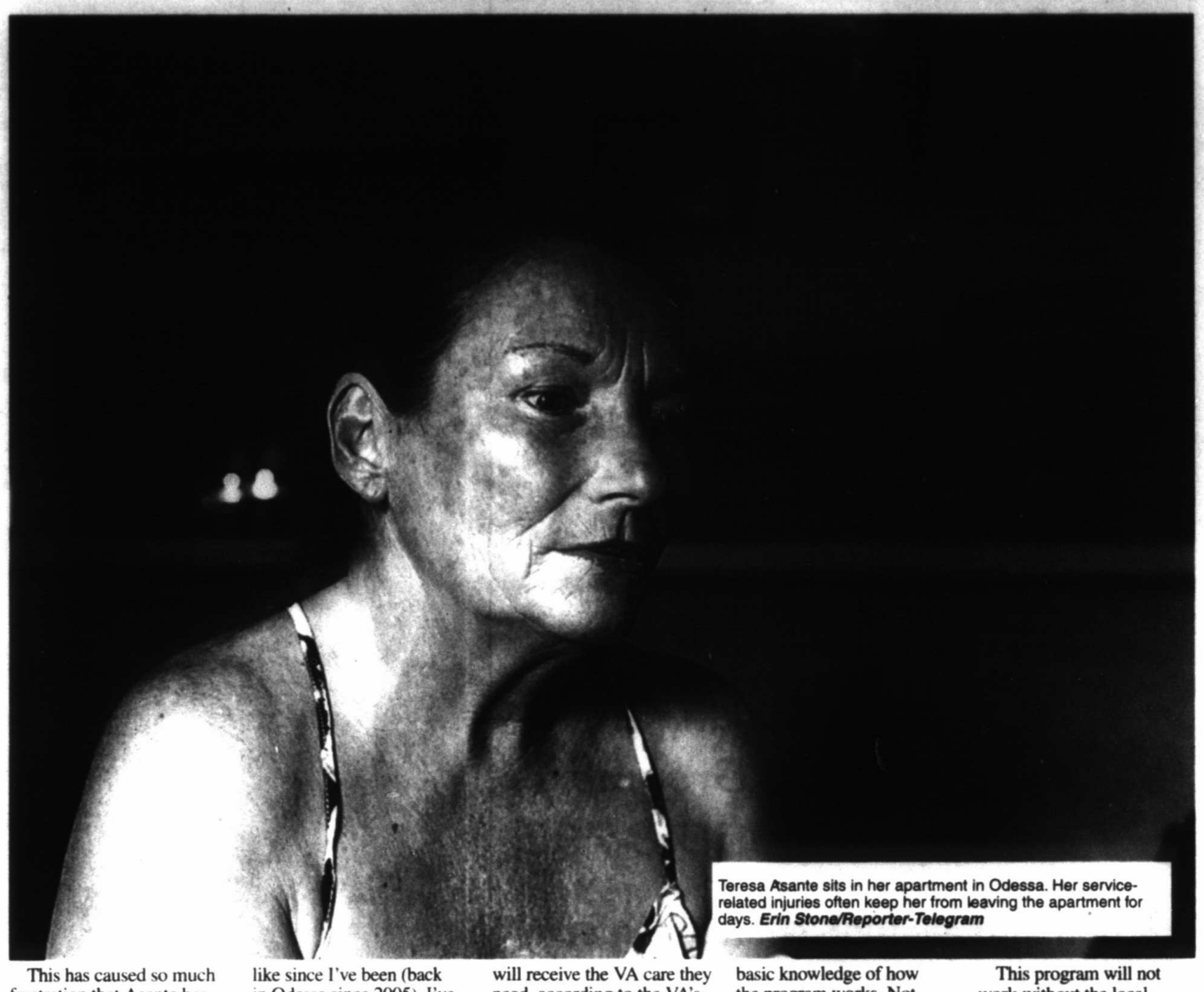
The Choice Program was enacted in fall of 2014, giving veterans expanded access to private providers, all paid for through Tri-West and the VA. If an eligible veteran contacts Tri-West, the management company must make an appointment within five days, and the appointment must occur within 30 days. At least on paper, this is how it's supposed to work.

Asante has not experienced this so far, and she believes Tri-West, which had formerly managed Tri-Care, has had enough time to work out the kinks.

In early September, Asante learned that she would need more surgery on her bladder and rectal prolapse surgery. She has two doctors at the Dallas VA who were able to set up these surgeries under the Choice Program. However, she has to travel six hours multiple times a month for care.

"I got the appointments with the urologist and the surgeon at (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center) within a week of my doctors in Dallas putting in the consults," Asante said. "There is no reason why we should not have that same level (of responsiveness in Midland-Odessa). The VA in Big Spring and my primary are simply not doing their part."

As of Tuesday of last week, Asante had been waiting four weeks to receive a consult to see a doctor about the results of her thoracic outlet syndrome. She has also been waiting more than three months for a consult from her primary doctor at the VA for an allergist. She has had three episodes of anaphylactic shock where she almost died. To this day, her doctors have not found out what caused these near-death episodes.



Teresa Asante sits in her apartment in Odessa. Her service-related injuries often keep her from leaving the apartment for days. *Erin Stone/Reporter-Telegram*

This has caused so much frustration that Asante has considered moving. But she knows she can't do that either because her grandchildren are here. Sept. 9 was Asante's birthday, and her daughters wanted to take her out to lunch. "I just don't feel well," she wrote over a text. "Been in bed for 2 days."

The physical symptoms of Asante's injury leave her where she cannot leave her Odessa apartment for days at a time. The physical pain also keeps her from getting out of bed sometimes. The mental and emotional impact is something she fights with daily.

"No veteran, nobody for that matter, should have to work so hard for a doctors appointment," Asante said. "Just to make sure we're OK, y'know? And I feel like since I've been (back in Odessa since 2005), I've worked constantly to get a doctor to give a s——. And I'm sorry for my language, but I really, really have. Ever since I've been here, it's been an issue."

Asante said she thinks a part of the lack of responsiveness is because the VA is stretched thin. Though the Veterans Health Administration has expanded access to care — completing more than 46 million appointments between May 1, 2014 and Feb. 28, 2015, with the Choice Program adding additional flexibility to that access, according to the VA's official blog — a $1.4 billion reduction in VA funding for 2016, passed by House Republicans in June, could hurt this progress.

With that cut, an estimated 70,000 fewer veterans will receive the VA care they need, according to the VA's blog.

"With respect to the Choice Program, right now, I'm having my issues with that there's a lack of training," Asante said. "You can call three or four different times in a 20- or 30-minute time span and the answer you get is gonna be different every single time. I've tested it, and I've done that."

It required multiple calls for Asante to even learn that she needed a consult from her primary to move forward. What it comes down to is streamlining the process, Asante said.

"I really think it would work if there's more education, some kind of consistency across the board where everybody who answers the phone has some basic knowledge of how the program works. Not, 'Well I'm gonna get all your information and put you in the computer.' Or they say, 'Well I'll escalate it to another department.' And I was told that three times, that they're gonna escalate it."

Asante is discouraged. "I feel like I'm doing all the right things, and I'm being pushed back," Asante said. "Some good things have come out of it, several veterans have gotten their issues taken care of."

Despite the drawbacks, Asante's determination continues. "I still have hope," she said. "But it does get discouraging. I try not to let it because if that's the worst thing going on in my life then I'm a lot luckier than a lot of people out there."

This program will not work without the local physicians and health care professionals doing their part, Asante said. It's clear she's experienced this first-hand, now having to travel all the way to Dallas for two surgeries.

"I'm trying. And I'm not doing it just for myself. I have family that are veterans, friends that are veterans. Especially in the Midland-Odessa area, you see a lot of retired licensed plates. They proudly have their stickers on their cars that denotes where they've been in service. And people I just say hi to, it matters to them."

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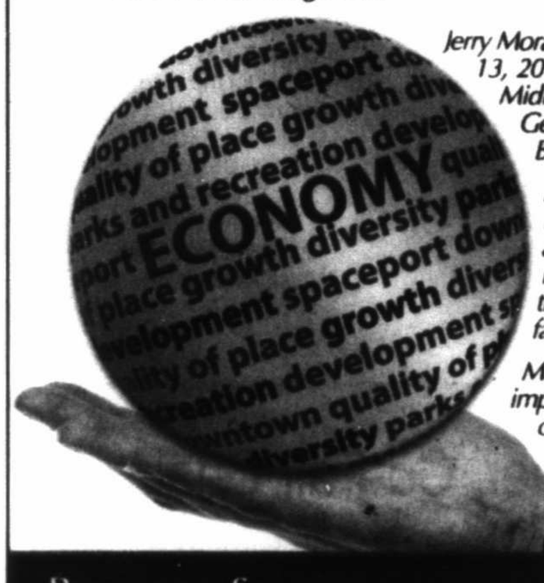
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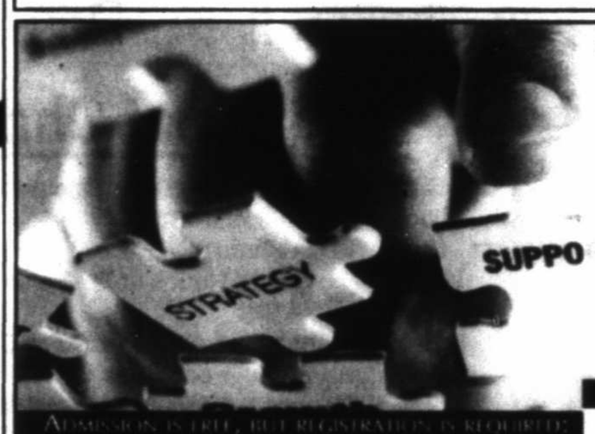
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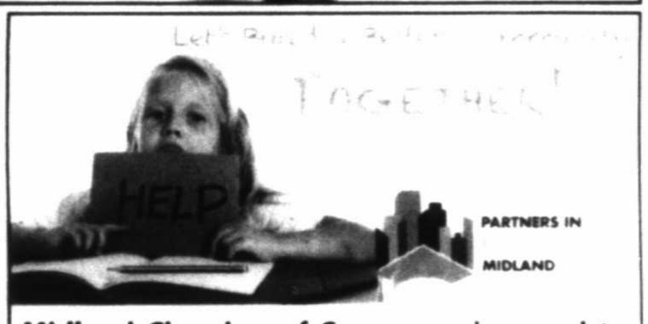
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MCS volleyball falls to Lady Lions in 4 sets

By Will Korn
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Much like last Saturday, the Midland Christian volleyball team was far from its best. Lacking energy and aggressivness for much of the afternoon, MCS fell to Grapevine Faith Christian, 18-25, 21-25, 25-19, 20-25 in a TAPPS 1-4A match Saturday at McGraw Events Center.

With the loss, MCS dropped to 23-10 overall and 5-4 in district. Grapevine Faith improved to 18-10, 5-5.

"I just think that we weren't as mentally focused and prepared," MCS head coach Alicia Filyukova said. "With this being our homecoming week, we were prepared strategically, it's just their (the MCS players) mental focus wasn't there. They weren't playing with intensity; they weren't being agressive and the scrappy defensive team I know they can be."

MCS senior outside hitter Megan Ashton said her team deserved a majority of the blame for the loss, even against a quality Grapevine squad.

"I don't think they (Grapevine) did anything special," Ashton, who had 23 kills, 22 digs and two blocks, said. "We really beat ourselves. One thing we need to work on is watching our hands on tips, but overall it was our mistakes that beat us."

Grapevine came out and dug in deep defensively to open the match. MCS racked up hitting errors and had a difficult time generating points, as the Lady Lions seemed to defend and return every threatening Lady Mustang attack. MCS showed some life late in the set but ultimately dropped it, 25-18.

MCS improved in the second set, but it was more of the same. An impressive Grapevine defense plus several MCS mistakes gave the Lady Lions a 25-21 set win and a 2-0 set lead.

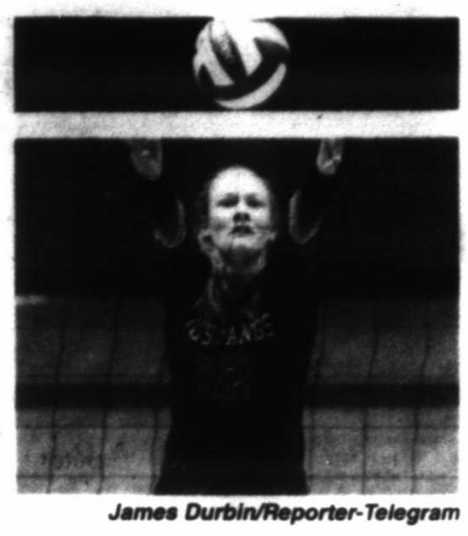
Filyukova said there were times when her team played noticeably better, but those times were too few and far between.

"We played well in spurts, but, unfortunately we did it at times where we were already behind and it's too late to try to come back. So that wasn't in our favor."

But down 2-0, MCS responded with a 25-19 victory in the third set and looked like a completely different team for most of the frame.

The Lady Mustangs then held an 11-9 lead in the fourth set, but Grapevine strung together a series of timely points and continued to frustrate the MCS hitters on the way to a clinching the match with a 25-20

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Megan Ashton (12) sets the ball against Grapevine Faith on Saturday at McGraw Events Center.

Baylor blows past Tech



Associated Press

Baylor running back Shock Linwood leads Texas Tech defensive back Jah'Shawn Johnson (7) linebacker Micah Awe (18) on a long chase before Linwood scored a touchdown in the first half of a college football game Saturday in Arlington.

Linwood leads No. 5 Baylor past Tech

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Fifth-ranked Baylor beat up Texas Tech with a balanced attack.

"We know we can throw the football," Bears coach Art Briles said. "If you can run the football, it kind of hurts people in the heart."

Seth Russell passed for 286 yards and four touchdowns and ran for two more scores, Shock Linwood rushed for a career-high 221 yards and two touchdowns and No. Baylor began its bid for a third consecutive Big 12 championship with a 63-35 victory Saturday.

Baylor (4-0, 1-0) entered with the FBS' top offense in scoring (64.0 points per game), total offense (767.0 yards per game) and rushing yards (379.7 per game). The Bears gained 680 yards, 368 rushing.

Bears	63
Red Raiders	35

"You think Baylor, you think throwing the ball," Russell said. "Being able to run the ball strong, it definitely opened up the pass game because that's below the box and basically it's one-on-one with, I feel like, the best receivers in the nation. It puts a lot of stress on the defense."

Corey Coleman caught touchdown passes of 24, 16 and 16 yards.

Russell was 15 for 23 with one interception.

The Red Raiders (3-2, 0-2) dropped their second straight game after sweeping their nonconference opponents, They lost 55-52 to No. 4 TCU last week.

Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes was 32 of 50 for 415 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Mahomes hurt his left knee last week in the first quarter against TCU, was listed as day to day during the week, but started and played into the fourth quarter.

Baylor went into the game as the only FBS school ranked in the top 10 in both rushing and passing offense.

The Red Raiders entered ranked fifth in total offense (594.5 yards per game), third in scoring (53.8 points per game) but 122nd in total defense (556.3 yards per game).

Linwood gained the fourth-most rushing yards in school history. His previous high was 187 against Texas Tech in 2013.

Linwood scored on runs of 79 and 8 yards, both in the first half. The longer score came on the Bears' third play from scrimmage, when he broke through the

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Cowboys' defense visits site of 2013 meltdown

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli isn't looking for a turnaround from a unit that crumbled against Atlanta after a strong start the first two weeks of the season.

That's because he never is. Good game or bad, Marinelli still preaches preparation, technique and repetition.

"I know it sounds boring. I am boring," Marinelli said. "But I'm telling you the truth. Hey, correct this, do this right and now get it going and get on the field and make our corrections and improve our executions."

Reinforcements are coming this week and next as the Cowboys (2-1) return to the site of perhaps the worst defensive day in franchise history at New Orleans two years ago. The visit to the Saints (0-3) on Sunday night comes after the Falcons scored three straight touchdowns in the second half behind star receiver Julio Jones and fill-in running back Devonta Freeman.

The same group that held Chip Kelly's Philadelphia offense to 7 yards rushing in a 20-10 victory gave up 158 yards and couldn't hold three 14-point leads in the 39-28 loss to Atlanta. There was one difference, with defensive end Jeremy Mincey sitting out with a concussion.

Mincey cleared the concussion protocol this week and is expected to play in New Orleans.

"Mentality is everything," he said. "That is one of my gifts, mentality, bring guys with me with the energy. I really do feel like my teammates missed that."

Dallas is going into the last game before linebacker Rolando McClain and defensive end Greg Hardy return from four-game suspensions — McClain for a substance-abuse violation, and Hardy for a domestic violence case.

With Mincey sidelined against Atlanta along with rookie defensive end Randy Gregory (sprained ankle that will keep him out for the third straight game), the Cowboys didn't have the numbers they were used to with the rotation in the defensive line.

Defensive tackle Nick Hayden said that didn't matter.

"I don't think the focus was there," Hayden said. "We always preach technique, speed, be disciplined in our gaps, and we didn't have any of that."

The Cowboys didn't have much of anything the last time they visited the Saints in 2013. Dallas gave up an NFL-record 40 first downs and a franchise-record 625 yards to Drew Brees' team.

That 49-17 loss was particularly embarrassing because the Cowboys had fired defensive coordinator Rob Ryan the previous offseason and brought in Monte Kiffin to run the defense along with Marinelli to coach the defensive line. Ryan was hired by the Saints, who held the Cowboys to nine first downs.

"You learn, you evaluate and you move forward," said Marinelli, who replaced Kiffin after that season.

This time, the Cowboys aren't certain Brees will start because he missed last week's 27-22 loss to Carolina with a bruised right rotator cuff. He took first-team snaps this week and was listed as probable on the injury report Friday. Luke McCown filled in for Brees last week.

"I think we talk more about offenses having tendencies," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "Luke went into the game last week and it looked like the New Orleans Saints running their plays. It wasn't like they came up with all these new plays because he's a different style of quarterback."

The Cowboys were third overall on defense and the best in the NFL against

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SWOTT promotes friendship in tennis community

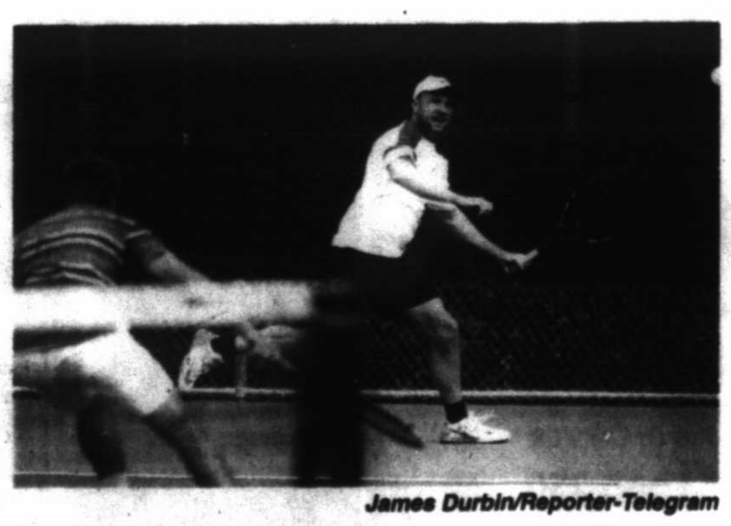
By Christopher Hadorn
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The local oil industry is flushed with talented tennis players, judging by the level of play in Saturday's Southwest Oilman's Tennis Tournament championship bracket match for the round-robin title.

The men's doubles pair of Brian McPhee and Andy Jones defeated Luke Morrow and Jeremy Earl, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), in a hotly contested match of unbeaten duos at Midland Country Club.

All four were comprised of former collegiate players as Morrow and Earl both played at Texas Tech at one time, while Jones competed at Western Illinois, and McPhee once played at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

The older team of Earl and Morrow gave Jones and McPhee all they could handle, especially in the second set when the younger players needed to break serve in a deciding game to avoid a third set.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Luke Morrow returns a hit as teammate Jeremy Earl (blue shirt) looks on during a doubles match in the Southwest Oilman's Tennis Tournament on Saturday at Midland Country Club.

"I still really enjoyed it," said Morrow, who teamed with Harper Essex to win the Class 5A state boys doubles title with Midland High in 1988-89. "I have lost a step. I'm 44 now, getting a little older, but I still enjoy playing and I want to keep playing as long as I can. Certainly these younger guys, they're faster, stronger, better.

SWOTT, now in its 27th year, was created "to promote friendship and goodwill among members of the oil and gas industry."

Even though the talk is amiable amongst players, the victors in the tournament are able to hold bragging rights when they converse in business interactions throughout the year.

"In the office, through any type of correspondence whether it's phone, face, e-mail, there's always some tennis talk throughout the week," Jones said. "It's a big sport throughout the industry.

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

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Beach Volleyball

FIVB World Tour Finals, 1:30 p.m., NBC

Golf

European PGA: Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, Final Round, 6:30 a.m., GOLF

Web.com Tour Championship, 3rd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

Horse Racing

Bourbon Stakes, 4 p.m., NBC

Major League Baseball

LA Angels at Texas, 2 p.m., TBS/FSSW

Houston at Arizona, 2 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer

English Championship: Charlton Athletic vs Fulham, 5:50 a.m., beIN

Scottish Premier: Hamilton Academical vs Celtic, 6:20 a.m., FSP

Eredivisie: AFC Ajax vs PSV Eindhoven, 7:20 a.m., UDN

English Premier: Everton vs Liverpool, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN/NBCU

Italian Serie A: UC Sampdoria vs FC Internazionale Milano, 7:50 a.m., beIN

Bundesliga: Schalke vs Koln, 8:30 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

La Liga: Athletic Club de Bilbao vs Valencia CF, 8:50 a.m., beIN2

English Premier: Arsenal vs Manchester United, 10 a.m., NBCSN/NBCU

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Bundesliga: Bayern Munich vs Borussia Dortmund, 10:30 a.m., FS2/GolTV

Bundesliga: Leverkusen vs Augsburg, 10:30 a.m., FSP/FXDEP

Italian Serie A: Juventus FC vs Bologna FC 1909, 10:50 a.m., beIN

La Liga: Levnate UD vs Villarreal CF, 11:15 a.m., beIN2

Liga MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs CD Guadalajara, 11:50 a.m., UNIV/UDN

NCAA: Ohio State at Michigan State, Noon, BTN

La Liga: Club Atletico de Madrid vs Real Madrid CF, 1:20 p.m., beIN

Brazil: Cruzeiro vs Gremio, 2 p.m., GolTV

Olympic Qualifying: Costa Rica vs Honduras, 3:30 p.m., TELE

MLS: Houston at FC Dallas, 4 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

Uruguay: Nacional vs Defensor Sporting, 4 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX: Puebla FC vs CF Monarcas Morelia, 4:50 p.m., UDN

MLS: Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 6 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

NCAA: Stanford at California, 6 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

Olympic Qualifying: Haiti vs Mexico, 6 p.m., NBCU

MLS: LA Galaxy at Seattle, 8:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

NCAA: UCLA at Washington, 9 p.m., P12/P12 LA

Motorsports

Sprint Cup: AAA 400, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

Global Rallycross, 2:30 p.m., NBC

National Basketball Association

LA Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League

NY Jets vs Miami, 8:30 a.m., CBS

Houston at Atlanta, Noon, CBS

NY Giants at Buffalo, Noon, FOX

Minnesota at Denver, 3:25 p.m., FOX

New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League

NY Islanders at Washington, 4 p.m., NHL

Skateboarding

Street Land Chicago, 4 p.m., FS1

WNBA

Finals, Gm 1: Indiana at Minnesota, 2 p.m., ABC

Women's College Soccer

Stanford at Arizona, 1 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

UCLA at Washington State, 1 p.m., P12 LA

Stanford at California, 6:30 p.m., P12 LA

Women's College Volleyball

South Carolina at Mississippi State, 11 a.m., SEC

Mississippi at Texas A&M, 1 p.m., SEC

Florida at Arkansas, 3 p.m., SEC

Washington at USC, 3 p.m., P12/P12 LA

California at Arizona State, 3:30 p.m., P12 BAY

LSU at Auburn, 5 p.m., SEC

RADIO

Major League Baseball

LA Angels at Texas, 2 p.m., KTBS 94.3 FM (Big Spring)

National Football League

Houston at Atlanta, Noon, KCRS 550 AM, KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KBAT 99.1 FM (Ods/Mid), KTXC 104.7 FM (Ods/Mid-Esp)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned RHP Donn Roach outright to Buffalo (IL).

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated OF Yasiel Puig from the 15-day DL.

MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned LHP Chris Reed outright to New Orleans (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Waived F/C Nikoloz Tskitishvili.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Exercised the 2016-17 option on G Ben McLemore.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Waived DT Brandon Dunn. Signed P Spencer Lanning.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Terminated OT Andrew McDonald from the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released DT Bruce Gaston. Signed WR Jared Abbrederis from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived CB Shaun Prater.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Terminated the contract of DT Kenrick Ellis. Signed TE Will Tye from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed TE Wes Saxton from the practice squad and DT Deon Simon to the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed DT Caushaud Lyons to the practice squad. Signed PK Chris Boswell.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Traded WR Chris Givens to Baltimore for a conditional draft pick. Waived CB Brandon McGee. Signed DB Christian Bryant from the practice squad and CB Eric Patterson to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Released RB Donald Brown. Signed OL Michael Ola from the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released DE Frank Kearse. Signed CB Deshazor Everett from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned C Drew Shore to Stockton (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned G Daniel Altshuller from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL). Agreed to terms with G Eddie Lack on a two-year contract extension.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned G Michael Leighton to Rockford (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Released F Tyler Kennedy from his professional tryout agreement. Agreed to terms with F Lee Stempniak on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned F Jayson Megna and D Raphael Diaz to Hartford (AHL).

American Hockey League

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Assigned G Anthony Peters and F Matt Willows to Florida (ECHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned G Pat Nagle, RWs Reid Halabi and Brock Montgomery and D Will Weber, Cody Sol and Austin Levi to Fort Wayne (ECHL).

ECHL

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Released G Tyler Toyota from his tryout agreement.

WHEELING NAILERS — Signed G Sahir Gill.

COLLEGE

UMKC — Placed men's assistant basketball coach Andre McGee on administrative leave. Promoted director of men's basketball operations Conner Hampton to temporary assistant coach.

H.S. TENNIS

FORT STOCKTON BLOWS BY GREENWOOD

FORT STOCKTON 16, GREENWOOD 3

Boys Singles

1. Joseph Diaz, Fort Stockton def. Landon Day, Greenwood, 6-2, 6-4; 2. Trey Rodriguez, Fort Stockton def. William Chappell, Greenwood, 6-1, 6-1; 3. Adrian Rios, Fort Stockton def. Timmy Knapp, Greenwood, 6-4, 6-1; 4. Cody Aaron, Fort Stockton def. Joaquin Sotelo, Greenwood, 6-1, 6-3; 5. Mason Elkins, Greenwood def. David Graves, Fort Stockton, 2-6, 11-9, 10-4; 6. John Morales, Fort Stockton def. Ben Hawley, Greenwood, 6-4, 7-5

Boys Doubles

1. Rodriguez-Diaz, Fort Stockton def. Day-Knapp, Greenwood, 4-6, 7-5, 10-5; 2. Aaron-Graves, Fort Stockton def. Chappell-Sotelo, Greenwood, 7-5, 1-6, 11-9; 3. Elkins-Hinojosa, Greenwood def. Morales-Hurtado, Fort Stockton, 6-3, 2-6, 12-10

Girls Singles

1. Bree Ortega, Fort Stockton def. Veronica Palomino, Greenwood, 6-2, 6-3; 2. Gisselle Monterossa, Greenwood def. Katia Villareal, Fort Stockton, 6-3, 7-5; 3. Martiza Sanchez, Fort Stockton def. Katie Ross, Greenwood, 6-2, 6-0; 4. Paloma Silvestre, Fort Stockton def. Lexie Knapp, Greenwood, 6-2, 6-0; 5. Wesley Crockett, Fort Stockton def. Chelsey Chappel, Greenwood, 6-1, 6-3; 6. Jessina Ureste, Fort Stockton def. Kelsey Robbins, Greenwood, 6-2, 6-2

Girls Doubles

1. Ortega-Villareal, Fort Stockton def. Palomino-Ross, Greenwood, 6-1, 6-0; 2. Crockett-Ureste, Fort Stockton def. Monterossa-Lexie Knapp, Greenwood, 6-3, 9-7; 3. Silvestre-Crenshaw, Fort Stockton def. Robbins-Davis, Greenwood, 3-6, 6-4, 10-6

Mixed Doubles

1. Sancez-Rios, Fort Stockton def. Hawley-Chappell, Greenwood, 6-0, 6-3

H.S. CROSS COUNTRY

McNeil Invitational

At Old Settler's Park, Round Rock

Saturday's results

Boys

Gold Division

Team results (top 10 out of 45 schools)

1. Katy 140; 2. Grapevine 159; 3. Spring Branch Smithson Valley 252; 4. Lewisville Hebron 252; 5. Flower Mound 284; 6. Atascocita 311; 7. Midland High 347; 8. New Braunfels 355; 9. San Antonio Antonian 380; 10. Clear Lake 400

Area individual results

Midland High: 21. Bryce Hoppel 15:43.10; 22. Ruben Guerra 15:43.40; 68. Cade Michael 16:12.00; 76. Chad Schmidt 16:16.10; 203. Jaylen Tryon 17:06.20; 238. Lorenzo Mendez 17:18.80; 275. Jose Chavez 17:30.40; 333. Jordan Howell 17:53.30; 360. Aaron Shipp 18:09.40

Greenwood High result: 141. Exalander Magallan 16:44.40

Boys

6A Division

Team results (top 10 out of 29 schools)

1. Coppell 85; 2. Katy Taylor 126; 3. McKinney North 131; 4. Lufkin Madison 137; 5. Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Memorial 149; 6. Lubbock Coronado 186; 7. San Antonio Stevens 195; 8. Austin St. Andrews 223; 9. Justin Northwest Nelson 259; 10. Pflugerville 270. Other: 22. Lee 608

Area individual results

Lee: 93. Adrian Ramon 17:46.19; 122. Jeremias Carrasco 18:05.69; 123. Chance Ziemann 18:05.75; 142. Anthony Ramon 18:19.13; 154. Hector Nieto 18:31.49; 155. Adan Martinez 18:32.52; 210. Denim Rogers 19:38.88

Girls

Gold Division

Team results (top 10 out of 42 schools)

1. Marcus 73; 2. Kingwood 107; 3. Spring Branch Smithson Valley 117; 4. Lewisville Hebron 162; 5. Katy 248; 6. Flower Mound 278; 7. Grapevine 334; 8. Austin Bowie 365; 9. Forney 381; 10. Highland Park 436. Other: 26. Midland High 656

Area individual results

Midland High: 36. Jenia Mitchell 18:31.65; 78. Kandus Box 19:00.91; 103. Emma Pennington 19:27.98; 230. Logan Ellis 20:35.48; 287. Shannon Smith 21:13.17; 303. Marisol Reyes 21:32.27; 311. Mia Bejil 21:43.82; 313. Amber Salcido 21:45.91

6A Division

Team results (top 10 out of 30 schools)

1. Coppell 70; 2. San Antonio Warren 134; 3. St. John's Houston 138; 4. McKinney North 139; 5. Round Rock McNeil 178; 6. Lubbock Coronado 239; 7. Austin St. Andrews 245; 8. Hays Buda 263; 9. San Antonio Holmes 264; 10. Marcus 278. Other: 20. Lee 525

Area individual results

Lee: 54. Thalia Balderas 20:29.38; 110. Mikaylee Gwin 21:29.84; 130. Amber Ramon 21:44.74; 133. Emily Ray 21:46.27; 138. Ligaya Barnes 21:49.22; 139. Maya Cisneros 21:49.43; 200. Arianna Sanchez 22:58.89

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Third Round

Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	68c-66k-65s—199
Florian Fritsch, Germany	68s-70c-64k—202
Benjamin Hebert, France	69k-67s-67c—203
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden	71s-71c-62k—204
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	75c-63k-66s—204
Bradley Dredge, Wales	73c-63k-68s—204
Chris Stroud, United States	68c-66k-70s—204
Branden Grace, South Africa	73c-64k-68s—205
Graeme Storm, England	69c-68k-68s—205
Ernie Els, South Africa	72c-67k-66s—205
Brooks Koepka, United States	72c-69k-64s—205
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	69c-65k-71s—205
Paul Dunne, Ireland	64k-70s-72c—206
David Horsey, England	72s-70c-64k—206
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	68c-69k-69s—206
Anthony Wall, England	65k-68s-73c—206
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	69s-67c-70k—206
Scott Piercy, United States	69c-69k-68s—206
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	65k-72s-69c—206
David Drysdale, Scotland	68s-72c-66k—206

Panic meter should be high for the Cowboys



OSCAR LEROY

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OK Dallas Cowboys fans, on a scale of one to 10 where should the panic meter be about now?

Nobody in their right mind thought that a Cowboys team would be as good with Dez Bryant and Tony Romo being replaced by Brandon Weeden and Cole Beasley as their go-to guys on offense.

But after last week's second-half meltdown against Atlanta by not only the offense but the defense as well, there has to be major concern before either Bryant or Romo return.

The good news is that the NFC East is mediocre at best and a team can win the division with a 9-7 record.

The question is, will the Cowboys even get to nine wins?

Here are the next four games on the schedule: At New Orleans tonight, at home against New England, at the New York Giants after a bye week, and then at home against Seattle.

They could very easily be 2-5 going into a home game against Philadelphia on Nov. 8.

The way the Cowboys could avoid that hole would be for Weeden to make smarter decisions, for wide receiver Terrance Williams to come out of the witness protection program and make a few catches, for the offensive line to play up to its potential, and for the defense to hold the fort until the parents' worst nightmares Greg Hardy and Rolando McClain come back from suspension.

The Cowboys could be OK but my panic meter is about an 8.5 right now.

■ Speaking of Dallas area teams, the Texas Rangers are back in the playoff after an improbable second-half run.

I, as well as many Ranger fans, were surprised as they thought that they would contend next year as the team was looking mediocre for a big part of the season.

But I have to give credit to the boy genius general manager Jon Daniels, who is having his moves pan out, at least for now. Although I still contend that the length of Prince Fielder's and Shin-Soo Choo's contracts could be the white elephants of the organization going forward.

Still, the only thing that matters is getting into the postseason because just about anything can happen.

The Rangers can still win the A.L. West today but after Saturday's big comeback by the Anaheim Angels — who are also fighting for a playoff spot — it shows anything can happen in the final day of the regular season as well.

Crazier things have happened, and as a Red Sox fan I should know.

■ Most of our area football teams begin district play this week and probably the most intriguing district is — no surprise — 3-6A.

I'm sticking with San Angelo Central as the team to beat with they key being quarterback and TCU commit Brennen Wooten.

I still don't know how good Odessa Permian is considering the Panthers haven't really played anybody of note. However, Mojo is beating the teams they're supposed to beat pretty handily. But this district from to bottom will be better than anybody they have played yet.

And even though Abilene High went through a coaching change in the offseason, the Eagles are still playing very well.

That means Midland High, Lee and Odessa High might be battling for the final playoff spot. Each team has had their good and bad days, so you might as well flip a coin because I honestly have no idea which team has the edge.

I wouldn't be surprised that the final playoff spot is determined on the final day of the regular season. Would we expect anything different?

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US romps to 6-1 win over Cuba in Olympic qualifying match

By Dave Skretta

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The United States romped to a 6-1 victory over a depleted Cuba squad on Saturday to guarantee itself a semifinal spot in CONCACAF Olympic qualifying.

Cameron Carter-Vickers, Matt Miazga and Jerome Kieswetter scored in the first half for the U.S., which beat Canada on Thursday night to open the eight-team tournament. Kieswetter added his second goal early in the second half, and Emerson Hyndman and Alonso Hernandez also scored.

Daniel Luis scored in second-half stoppage time for Cuba.

The Americans play their final group stage match against Panama, which lost 3-1 to Canada, on Tuesday night in Colorado. Cuba faces Canada in the other doubleheader match.

The top two teams from each group advance to the semifinals, and the two finalists qualify for the Rio Games, something that the U.S. failed to do for the London Olympics four years ago. The winner of the third-place match faces Colombia in a one-game playoff for another berth.

SWOTT

From 1C

It's really, really good to kind of keep tennis going, keep in shape so you can kind of get the positive benefits of it like networking."

Jones, 29, credits his tennis association for getting his foot through the door.

"Tennis is what got me into the oil industry," Jones said. "I really didn't have a lot of knowledge beforehand and tennis kind of met the right group of guys. They got me studying the right things and in touch with the right people."

One of the unique aspects about SWOTT is that it promotes camaraderie. All of the tournaments involve doubles in men's, women's and mixed divisions, and there is even a scrambles competition where partners are placed together by random draw.

"It's pretty social and we have fun out there," Earl, 35, said. "I think everybody tries their hardest. At the end of the day, everybody has fun and we walk off the court as friends. That's the fun thing about the tennis tournament these days. Back in college, it wasn't always you walked off the court friends."

In addition to bolstering relations with oil industry members, SWOTT is a non-profit organization that aims to redistribute its earnings back into the tennis community.

The Midland ISD tennis program booster clubs, the Bush Tennis Center and local tennis programs that benefit less-privileged youth are the beneficiaries of money raised by SWOTT.

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SOUTHWEST OILMAN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At Midland Country Club

Saturday's results

Championship bracket

Brian McPhee-Andy Jones def. Luke Morrow-Jeremy Earl, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) McPhee-Jones win round-robin tournament.

Men's C bracket

Jim Artley-Roger Artley def. Matt Bell-David Pearson 6-2, 6-3. Artley-Artley win round-robin tournament.

Championship matches

Men's A bracket

Kameron Tatum-Andrew Jones def. Luke Hawkins-Grant Hawkins 6-3, 6-4

Men's B bracket

Lance McDougal-Carlos Morales def. Josh Ham-Bobby Blackburn 7-5, 6-4, 10-4

Women's A bracket

Nichole Williams-Jenna Hessert def. Kim Daugherty-Barbara Starnes 6-1, 6-3

Women's B bracket

Amanda Friday-Jenna Kennedy def. Theresa Fitzgerald-Tami Wheeler 6-4, 6-1

Mixed A bracket

Dominic Palmien-Jenna Hessert def. Blade Van Stavern-Nichole Williams 6-3, 4-6, 6-4

Mixed B bracket

Michael McWilliams-Natalie Schwartz def. Ronnie Woodard-Becky Marler

Scrambles

Mark Majors-Brian McPhee def. Logan Chatterton-Jason Cannon

MCS

From 1C

win.

Grapevine first-year head coach Ed Chen credited MCS for continuing to fight through adversity and for being a challenge for his team on the road.

"We played them (MCS) at home and it was a good game," Chen said. "Both teams played great, so they (the Grapevine players) knew coming in they had to be at their best to even have a shot. This group, it's been awhile since they've beaten Midland. Props to Midland though. They didn't back down and made us earn it and that's what we did."

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GRAPEVINE FAITH CHRISTIAN DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 25-18, 25-21, 19-25, 25-20

MCS statistics

Kills -- Megan Ashton 23, Bayle Weaver 12, Emma Holder 11, Meagan Thomason 8, Kenzie Pullen 5, Savana Walker 1

Digs -- Pullen 23, Ashton 22, Walker 18, Madi Blanchard 11, Weaver 8, Sydney Wilson 7, Thomason 3, Mady Jo Warren 2, Holder 1

Blocks -- Holder 4, Walker 2, Ashton 2

Grapevine statistics

Kills -- Grace Turnham 16, Abby Leonhard 11, Heather Richardson 11, Kylie Lacik 10, Megan Stallings 8, Rae Williams 1, Alli Morris 1

Assists -- Morris 45, Turnham 2, Stallings 1, Ashlin Thomas 1

Digs -- Morris 13, Stallings 13, McKinley Irwin 12, Payton Gesek 10, Lacik 10, Leonhard 7, Turnham 6, Thomas 5, Richardson 3

Blocks -- Turnham 4, Leonhard 2, Richardson 1

Aces -- Morris 4, Richardson 1

Records: MCS 23-10, 5-4 in TAPPS 1-4A; Grapevine Faith 18-10, 5-5 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: MCS at Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m., Friday; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

H.S. VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

SEMINOLE BEATS GREENWOOD

Seminole defeated Greenwood in straight sets, 25-7, 25-18, 25-8 in a District 4-4A match at Greenwood High School on Saturday.

Greenwood (9-22, 0-4) was led by Payslee Sims with six kills, Kaydn Ellis had eight digs and Faith Duran added nine assists.

Seminole def. Greenwood 25-7, 25-18, 25-8

Statsitics

Kills -- Payslee Sims 6, Alex McConnell 4, Kailey Martinez 3, Caity Payne 2, Faith Duran 1, Kyndall Dove 1

Digs -- Kaydn Ellis 8, Sims 6, Payne 5, Dove 4, Duran 2, Martinez 2, Kaitlin Murphy 2, Hannah Flores 2

Assists -- Duran 9, Flores 3, Dove 1, Sims 1

Blocks -- Payne 2, Murphy 1, Sims 1

Aces -- Payne 2

Record -- 9-22, 0-4 in District 4-4A

Next: Greenwood at Pecos, 7 p.m. Tuesday

TRINITY EDGES AMARILLO SAN JACINTO

Trinity edged Amarillo San Jacinto 16-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-22, 15-13 in a TAPPS 1-3A match on Saturday at Beal Gymnasium.

The Lady Chargers (15-9, 3-0) remained undefeated in TAPPS 1-3A play with the win.

Avery Watson paced Trinity with 18 kills and 27 digs, while Mady Walker contributed 16 kills and 25 digs. Setter Hilary Lanier tallied 42 assists, eight digs and four aces in the win for Trinity.

Trinity will next host Abilene Christian at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

TRINITY DEF. AMARILLO SAN JACINTO 16-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-22, 15-13

Trinity statistics

Kills -- Avery Watson 18, Mady Walker 16, Carrie Herd 4, Callie Herd 4, Kinzie Roemer 1

Assists --Lanier 42

Digs -- Watson 27, Walker 25, Abbie Beard 25, Clara Hart 15, Lanier 8, Rebecca Young 8, Carrie Herd 5, Roemer 5, Callie Herd 1

Blocks -- Roemer 3, Young 2, Walker 1

Aces -- Watson 4, Lanier 4, Beard 3, Young 1, Carrie Herd 1

Record: Trinity 15-9, 3-0 in TAPPS 1-3A

Next: Abilene Christian at Trinity, 6 p.m. Tuesday

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TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 1 BUCKEYES 34
HOOSIERS 27

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Ezekiel Elliott did everything he could to keep Ohio State's winning streak going. It still took a final goal-line stand for the top-ranked Buckeyes to hold off Indiana.

And now, Ohio State's grip on the No. 1 ranking could be slipping after its 34-27 victory over the Hoosiers on Saturday.

Elliott had an electrifying second half with touchdown runs of 55, 65 and 75 yards and finished with a career-best 274 yards to help the Buckeyes narrowly win their 18th in a row — the longest active streak in the FBS.

Nothing came easy for Ohio State (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten). Especially at the end, when Buckeyes cornerback Eli Apple batted away a desperation pass in the back of the end zone as time expired.

NO. 25 FLORIDA 38
NO. 3 MISSISSIPPI 10

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Will Grier threw four touchdown passes to four receivers — all in the first half — and Florida upset Mississippi to give coach Jim McElwain a signature win in his first season in Gainesville.

The redshirt freshman battled a stomach virus for two days before the game — feeling so ill that the Gators (5-0, 3-0) thought there was a chance Treon Harris might get the nod — but Grier started anyway and was sharper than ever.

Grier was sick all night.

He was downright nasty against the Rebels (4-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference).

NO. 13 ALABAMA 38
NO. 8 GEORGIA 10

ATHENS, Ga. — Jake Coker ran the offense to perfection, the defense turned in a dominating performance, and No. 13 Alabama even got a touchdown from its special teams in a rout of Georgia that re-established the Crimson Tide as a force in the national race.

Coming of a home loss to Mississippi two weeks ago, Alabama (4-1, 1-1 Southeastern) jumped ahead 24-3 at halftime and iced the victory on Georgia's first offensive play of the second half. Eddie Jackson intercepted Brice Ramsey's pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown.

Coker, with an assist from Lane Kiffin's play-calling, completed 11 of 16 for 190 yards, passed for one touchdown, and ran for another. Derrick Henry rushed for 148 yards and scored on a 30-yard run that put Alabama ahead to stay midway through the second quarter.

NO. 2 MICHIGAN STATE 24
PURDUE 21

EAST LANSING, Mich. — LJ Scott ran for 146 yards and two touchdowns, and Michigan State held on through a lackluster second half.

The Spartans (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten) led 21-0 at halftime, but Purdue had the ball near midfield with a chance to tie or take the lead before David Blough threw incomplete on fourth down with about a minute to play in the game. The Boilermakers (1-4, 0-1) turned the ball over three times in the first half.

Michigan State's Connor Cook went 13 of 19 for 139 yards and a touchdown, and became the school's career leader with his 28th victory as the starting quarterback. Kirk Cousins won 27 games.

NO. 9 LSU 44
EASTERN MICHIGAN 22

BATON ROUGE, La. — Leonard Fournette highlighted his third straight 200-yard game with a 75-yard touchdown run, and LSU beat Eastern Michigan.

Fournette had 233 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries to remain among the top contenders for the Heisman Trophy. He also became the first player in the history of the Southeastern Conference to rush for 200-plus yards in three straight games.

But some might have expected even more from the 6-foot-1, 230-pound sophomore against the Eagles (1-4), who came in allowing a nation's-worst 373.2 yards rushing per game.

The Eagles stacked their defense to stop the run, but the Tigers (4-0) struggled to cash in through the air. LSU quarterback Brandon Harris was 4 of 15 for 80 yards with one interception.

NO. 11 FLORIDA STATE 24
WAKE FOREST 16

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Dalvin Cook had a 94-yard touchdown run before leaving with a left leg injury, and Florida State held on to beat Wake Forest.

Johnathan Vickers added a 9-yard touchdown run and Everett Golson was 20 of 31 for 202 yards with a 5-yard scoring pass to Kermit Whitfield.

Roberto Aguayo added a 25-yard field goal for the Seminoles (4-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference). Freshman Kendall Hinton was 27 of 42 for 215 yards against the nation's No. 4 pass defense with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Cam Serigne.

NO. 16 NORTHWESTERN 27
MINNESOTA 0

EVANSTON, Ill. — Clayton Thorson scored two touchdowns, Justin Jackson ran for 120 yards and the Northwestern defense turned in another dominant performance.

Thorson, a freshman quarterback, scored on runs of 5 and 1 yards to spark the offense for Northwestern (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten). The Wildcats defense, which has allowed only three touchdowns in five games, did the rest.

Northwestern defensive tackle Tyler Lancaster forced a fumble by Minnesota quarterback Mitch Leidner that inebacker Anthony Walker returned 13 yards for a touchdown that gave the Wildcats a 27-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

IOWA 10
NO. 19 WISCONSIN 6

MADISON, Wis. — Jordan Canzeri ran for 125 yards and Iowa took advantage of four turnovers by Wisconsin quarterback Joel Stave.

George Kittle caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from C.J. Beathard in the second quarter for the only touchdown and Iowa (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten) beat a ranked opponent for the first time in its last 10 attempts.

Stave was intercepted twice by Desmond King and lost two fumbles, including midway through the fourth quarter on Iowa's 1. The Wisconsin quarterback tripped and lost the ball while attempting to hand off to freshman Taiwan Deal. Iowa's Faith Ekakitie recovered.

NO. 20 OK. STATE 36
KANSAS STATE 34

STILLWATER, Okla. — Ben Grogan made a 37-yard field goal with 32 seconds remaining to lift Oklahoma State past Kansas State.

Grogan rebounded to make the winner after having an extra-point blocked. Last week, he made field goals from 41 and 40 yards in the final 1:33 to give the Cowboys (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) a 30-27 victory at Texas.

After the Wildcats (3-1, 0-1) built a 28-13 lead late in the second quarter, the Cowboys rallied to take a 33-28 lead on Mason Rudolph's 3-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Sheperd with 6:06 to go.

NO. 22 MICHIGAN
MARYLAND 0

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Desmond Morgan led a dominating defensive performance by Michigan.

In winning its first Big Ten opener under Jim Harbaugh, Michigan (4-1, 1-0) picked off three passes and limited Maryland to 105 yards. It was the second straight shutout for the Wolverines, who have allowed a total of 14 points in their last four games.

Morgan, a senior inside linebacker, picked off a pass in the first quarter and was a major reason why the Terrapins (2-3, 0-1) finished with 29 yards rushing after averaging 196 in their first four games.

NO. 24 CALIFORNIA 34
WASHINGTON STATE 28

BERKELEY, Calif. — Jared Goff got off to a shaky start and still threw for 390 yards and four touchdowns to lead No. 24 California to a victory over Washington State in the Golden Bears' first game as a ranked team in six years.

Goff threw an early interception and was off target on a few throws before finding his groove. He threw two TD passes in a less than 2 minutes late in the third quarter surrounding a successful onside kick to erase an eight-point deficit and lead the Bears (5-0, 2-0 Pac-12) to their best start since 2007.

Boykin throws 5 TDs, No. 4 TCU blows out Texas

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Trevone Boykin threw five touchdown passes, including four to freshman KaVontae Turpin, and No. 4 TCU rode a 30-point first quarter to a 50-7 rout of Texas on Saturday.

Josh Doctson broke the TCU record for receiving TDs with a pair of scores as the Horned Frogs (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) won their 13th straight game, second nationally to defending champion Ohio State, which took a 17-game streak into its game at Indiana.

The Longhorns (1-4, 0-2), plagued by special teams mistakes for the third straight game, scored a late touchdown to avoid matching the second-worst shutout loss in school history — 50-0 to Oklahoma 107 years ago. They are off to their worst start since going 1-9 in 1956.

TCU beat Texas in consecutive years for the first time since 1958-59, outscoring the Longhorns 98-17.

Boykin threw for 332 yards without playing in the fourth quarter, and his 74 career TD passes are three more than Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton had from 2007-10.

The Horned Frogs had a 220-1 lead in total yards late in the first quarter after receiver Shaun Nixon threw a 29-yard scoring pass to Doctson on a trick play for a 30-0 lead.

Boykin threw backward to Nixon, and Doctson was well behind Texas cornerback Davante Davis when he caught Nixon's soft toss as he crossed the goal line. It marked the first 30-point quarter against the Longhorns since they gave up 31 in the fourth of a 60-40 loss to Houston in 1987.

Doctson and Turpin each had a flashy score. Doctson soared over Holton Hill on a leaping catch in the back corner of the end zone, and Turpin fooled safety P.J. Locke III with a cut inside from the sideline on a 49-yard score.

Turpin, who had six catches for 138 yards, also had a 50-yard score to put TCU up 37-0 at halftime. His others touchdowns were from 13 and 12 yards.

After special teams mistakes cost them chances to win late in losses to California and Oklahoma State, the Longhorns buried themselves with early blunders.

Kyle Ashby snapped the ball over punter Michael Dickson's head for a safety a week after Dickson dropped a perfect snap to set up Oklahoma State's winning field goal in the final seconds.



Associated Press

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin (2) tries to get past Texas cornerback Duke Thomas (21) during the second quarter of a college football game, Saturday in Fort Worth.

Horned Frogs	50
Longhorns	7

Allen helps No. 14 Aggies over No. 21 Bulldogs 30-17

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Kyle Allen threw for 322 yards and two touchdowns to help No. 14 Texas A&M remain undefeated with a 30-17 win over No. 21 Mississippi State on Saturday night.

The Aggies (5-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) led by 14 at halftime. They didn't score a touchdown in the second half, but added two field goals to secure the victory.

Dak Prescott capped a 68-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run that got Mississippi State (3-2, 1-2) within 27-17 with about 12 1/2 minutes remaining.

A 30-yard field goal by Taylor Bertolet pushed the lead to 30-17 midway through the fourth quarter.

Allen threw touchdown passes of 1 and 29 yards in the first quarter and Tra Carson ran for a score in the second to help A&M to the win.

Prescott threw for 210 yards and ran for 96 more.

TEXASCOLLEGEFOOTBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INCARNATE WORD 45
NORTHWESTERN ST. 31

SAN ANTONIO — Trent Brittain rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two more, leading Incarnate Word to a 45-31 win over Northwestern State on Saturday.

Faced with 14-0 and 21-7 deficits, Brittain finally put the Cardinals (3-2, 2-1 Southland Football League) on top with a 1-yard dive late in the third quarter, giving Incarnate Word a 28-24 lead. He followed it up with a 47-yard touchdown run and 7-yard touchdown pass to John Oglesby to salt the game away.

Daniel Taylor's 51-yard run brought the Demons (0-5, 0-3) within two scores midway through the fourth quarter, but Northwestern State couldn't muster another point. De'Mard Llorens had 98 yards and a touchdown and Taylor added 63 yards and two touchdowns.

WESTERN KENTUCKY 49
RICE 10

HOUSTON — Brandon Doughty threw for 409 yards and four first-half touchdowns to lead Western Kentucky to a 49-10 win over Rice on Saturday.

D'Andre Ferby added two touchdown runs for the Hilltoppers (4-1, 2-0 Conference USA), who piled up 504 yards.

Doughty finished 28 of 38 and moved into the top 100 in NCAA for career passing yards with 9,800. He connected with Taywan Taylor for 10 yards, Jared Dangerfield for 39 and Antwane Grant for 45 in the first quarter. In the second he connected with Tyler Higbee for 30 yards to make it 28-3.

HOUSTON 38
TULSA 24

TULSA, Okla. — Greg Ward Jr. threw for 273 yards and ran for 182 yards with three touchdowns, breaking the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback, to help lead Houston to a 38-24 victory over Tulsa on Saturday.

Kenneth Farrow finished with 159 yards on 19 carries with two touchdowns, including a 44-yarder for the Houston (4-0, 1-0 American Conference).

All three of Ward's touchdown runs came in the first half, helping Houston to a 21-10 lead at the break. A Zack Langer 1-yard TD run for Tulsa late in the third cut the Cougars lead to seven (24-17) after three quarters. But the Golden Hurricanes (2-2, 0-1) got no closer, as Farrow added both of his TD's in the fourth to push the game out of reach.

SAM HOUSTON ST. 34
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 28

HOUSTON — Gerald Thomas and Yedidiah Louis each returned third-quarter punts for a touchdown and Sam Houston State came back to beat Stephen F. Austin 34-28 in the 90th Battle of the Piney Woods on Saturday.

The returns covered 78 and 53 yards, respectively.

Stephen F. Austin had a 14-3 lead at the break but Sam Houston outscored the Lumberjacks 21-7 in the third to lead 24-21 going into the final quarter. The Bearkats (2-2, 2-1 Southland Conference) started the fourth quarter with a 14-play 87-yard drive that Corey Avery capped with a one-yard plunge with 13:12 left.

The Lumberjacks (0-5, 0-3) responded when Loran Easly, who finished with 213 rushing yards, broke for an 80-yard scoring run to close the gap to 31-28 with 10:39 left in the game.

EAST CAROLINA 49
SMU 23

DALLAS — James Summers entered the game in the second quarter, passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more to spur East Carolina to a 49-23 victory over SMU on Saturday.

Summers came in with the Pirates (3-2, 1-1 American) trailing 23-7. His 27-yard touchdown run and a 34-yard run by Chris Hairston got East Carolina within 23-21 at halftime. Summer threw 47 yards to Trevon Brown early in the second half for the lead. Anthony Scott ran for a TD and Summers added an 8-yard scoring run and a 16-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Williams.

SOUTHERN MISS. 49
NORTH TEXAS 14

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Nick Mullens threw four touchdown passes and ran for a score, and Southern Mississippi trounced North Texas 49-14 on Saturday night.

Mullens was 27 of 36 for 325 yards and no interceptions. Justice Hayes ran for 86 yards on 16 carries with a 2-yard touchdown, Ito Smith added 84 yards rushing and a touchdown, and Michael Thomas had seven catches for a career-high 155 yards and three scores for the Golden Eagles (3-2, 1-0 Conference USA).

CENTERAL ARKANSAS 42
ABILENE CHRISTIAN 14

CONWAY, Ark. — Hayden Hildebrand threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns to lead Central Arkansas to a 42-14 victory over Abilene Christian on Saturday night.

Dominique Thomas rushed 21 times for 126 yards and one touchdown as Central Arkansas (2-2, 2-0 Southland Conference) jumped out to a 32-7 halftime advantage and coasted to the win.

The Bears had 469 total yards —259 rushing and 210 passing — while limiting Abilene Christian (2-2, 2-1) to 272.

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Texas Tech quarterback Patrick Mahomes (5) passes under pressure from Baylor defensive lineman Beau Blackshear (95) in the first half of a college football game Saturday in Arlington.

No. 23 West Virginia falls to No. 15 Oklahoma

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — West Virginia's Big 12 opener made its nonconference dominance look like something of a mirage on Saturday.

No. 15 Oklahoma rolled past the 23rd-ranked Mountaineers 44-24 in the conference opener for both teams.

West Virginia (3-1, 0-1) entered the game leading the nation in scoring defense and turnover margin, but those numbers changed dramatically against the Sooners. The Mountaineers gave up 24 points in the first half, one more than they had allowed combined in wins over Georgia Southern, Liberty and Maryland.

Baker Mayfield passed for 320 yards and three touchdowns, Dede Westbrook caught five passes for 107 yards and Durron Neal had 87 yards receiving for the Sooners (4-0, 1-0).

"They've got receivers that can play," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "You'd better get used to it, because it's going to happen again and again and again."

Skyler Howard threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles for the Mountaineers, who had committed just two turnovers in their first three games. Wendell Smallwood ran for 111 yards for West Virginia, which had its moments but made too many mistakes.

Oklahoma linebacker Eric Striker had 13 tackles, including two sacks and three tackles for loss. He forced a fumble in the fourth quarter that Jordan Evans returned 41 yards for a touchdown. Jordan Thomas intercepted two passes and Evans had nine tackles, two for a loss.

"It comes down to their defense was better than me," Holgorsen said. "I'm the one calling the plays. Just didn't do a very good job in the fourth quarter of calling plays the way that we need to in order to beat these guys, so this one falls on me."

West Virginia's Karl Joseph, who entered the game leading the nation with four interceptions, snagged another on Saturday.

The chippy contest featured a combined 245 yards in penalties and plenty of pushing and shoving. During pregame warmups, players from both teams were seen jawing at each other.

"They came in, and it was really disrespectful, and I really didn't approve of it," Westbrook said. "You don't come into someone's house and disrespect us the way that they did. And we pretty much showed them with our game."

Mark Andrews' 17-yard touchdown reception from Mayfield with 8:45 left in the first quarter was the first score West Virginia allowed in the first half of a game this season.

Mayfield connected with Sterling Shepard for a 28-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, and Joe Mixon's 25-yard scoring run late in the first half sent the Sooners into the break with a 24-7 lead.

The Mountaineers closed the gap in the third quarter. A spectacular touchdown grab by Jovon Durante cut Oklahoma's lead to 24-14. A fumble by Westbrook led to a short Josh Lambert field goal that made it 24-17 midway through the third quarter.

After the Sooners took a 27-17 lead, West Virginia went for it on fourth-and-2, and Howard kept on the read option and strolled 50 yards for a touchdown. Mayfield responded with a 71-yard scoring strike to Neal to put the Sooners up 34-24.

West Virginia tried to keep up, but Striker stripped Howard, and Oklahoma's Evans scooped the ball up and ran it back for a touchdown to put the Sooners ahead by 17 with just under 10 minutes to play.

"We forced some things in the fourth quarter, and you can't do that against a defense like this," Holgorsen said.

Sooners	44
Mountaineers	24

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middle of the line, avoided one hand tackle and raced down the right sideline.

"You could probably drive a semi-truck through it," Russell said about the hole.

"I just hit the seam and put on the burners," Linwood said. "It was clear as day."

Baylor gained 333 yards in the first quarter, 499 in the half and scored touchdowns on its first five possessions to build a 49-21 halftime lead.

The Bears converted two of Texas Tech's four turnovers into touchdowns.

"If you get two or three stops, it flips the game," Briles said.

The Bears are 4-0 for the third consecutive season for the first time since 1915-17. This 28-point win was their smallest margin of victory yet.

Baylor has won five straight against Texas Tech, all at AT&T Stadium, averaging 58.4 points. The win gives the Bears a 37-36-1 edge in the series, which began in 1929.

The Red Raiders came off the TCU loss, in which the Horned Frogs scored the winning touchdown on a tipped pass with 23 seconds to play. They faced top-5 opponents in consecutive weeks for the first time.

"I don't think we gave ourselves an opportunity to win the game like we did the first four," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Pat played fairly well. We got behind and got out of our game plan. He hung in there on some stuff, not being 100 percent."

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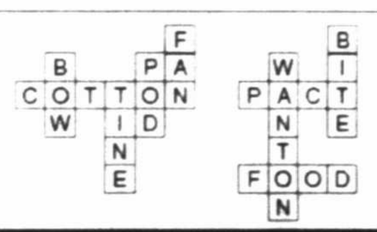
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San Diego 30, Marist 27
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Indiana St. 56, Missouri St. 28
Iowa 10, Wisconsin 6
Iowa St. 38, Kansas 13
Kent St. 20, Miami (Ohio) 14
Michigan St. 24, Purdue 21
Missouri 24, South Carolina 10
Northwestern 27, Minnesota 0
Ohio 14, Akron 12
Ohio St. 34, Indiana 27
Toledo 24, Ball St. 10
W. Illinois 37, S. Illinois 36
Youngstown St. 31, South Dakota 3
Alabama 38, Georgia 10
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Auburn 35, San Jose St. 21
Bethune-Cookman 28, NC Central 26
Bucknell 28, VMI 22, OT
Campbell 24, Drake 14
Coastal Carolina 55, Alabama A&M 0
Dayton 27, Stetson 14
Duke 9, Boston College 7
E. Illinois 40, Austin Peay 16
Florida St. 24, Wake Forest 16
Jacksonville 30, Morehead St. 26
Jacksonville St. 49, MVSU 7
James Madison 38, Stony Brook 20
Liberty 41, Georgia St. 33
Louisville 20, NC State 13
Marshall 27, Old Dominion 7
McNeese St. 37, Nicholls St. 7
Michigan 28, Maryland 0
Morgan St. 26, Delaware St. 6
NC A&T 45, Hampton 31
Norfolk St. 15, Howard 12
North Carolina 38, Georgia Tech 31
Pittsburgh 17, Virginia Tech 13
Richmond 48, Maine 17
Savannah St. 37, Florida A&M 27
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Falcons' Jones, Texans' Watt among elite game-changers

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Falcons coach Dan Quinn estimates there may be about 10 NFL players who make such devastating impacts in games they must be accounted for on every play.

Two of those game-changer, Atlanta wide receiver Julio Jones and Houston defensive end J.J. Watt, will be on the field Sunday when the Falcons play the Texans.

The game will reunite the stars who trained together in Phoenix before being first-round picks in the 2011 NFL draft.

Jones' 34 catches through three games lead the NFL. He is the league's first player to have at least 135 yards receiving in each of the first three games of a season. He's a major reason the Falcons (3-0) are enjoying a strong start under Quinn.

Watt is receiving more attention than ever from blockers after his 20 1/2 sacks in 2014. The Texans (1-2) did not have a sack in last week's win over Tampa Bay, ending Watt's streak of at least one in eight straight games.

Despite having "only" three sacks so far, Watt has eight quarterback hurries and eight tackles for losses. He's also a threat on offense as he showed with three rushing touchdowns last season.

"He's about as good as it gets," said Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan.

Quinn said Watt must be watched carefully because he lines up in different spots "from outside the tight end all the way to over the center."

"Really complete player," Quinn said. "I've got tons of respect for him."

Watt said he saw evidence at the pre-draft training facility that Jones is "a physical freak for a reason, because he puts in the work."

Jones said Watt "has a high, high motor."

HOUSTON (1-2) at ATLANTA (3-0)

Sunday, noon, CBS

OPENING LINE — Falcons by 5

RECORD VS SPREAD — Texans 1-2, Falcons 3-0

SERIES RECORD — Texans lead 2-1

LAST MEETING — Texans beat Falcons 17-10, Dec. 4, 2011

LAST WEEK — Texans beat Buccaneers 19-9; Falcons beat Cowboys 39-28

AP PRO32 RANKING — Texans No. 21, Falcons No. 6

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (13), PASS (13)

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (T12), RUSH (19), PASS (12)

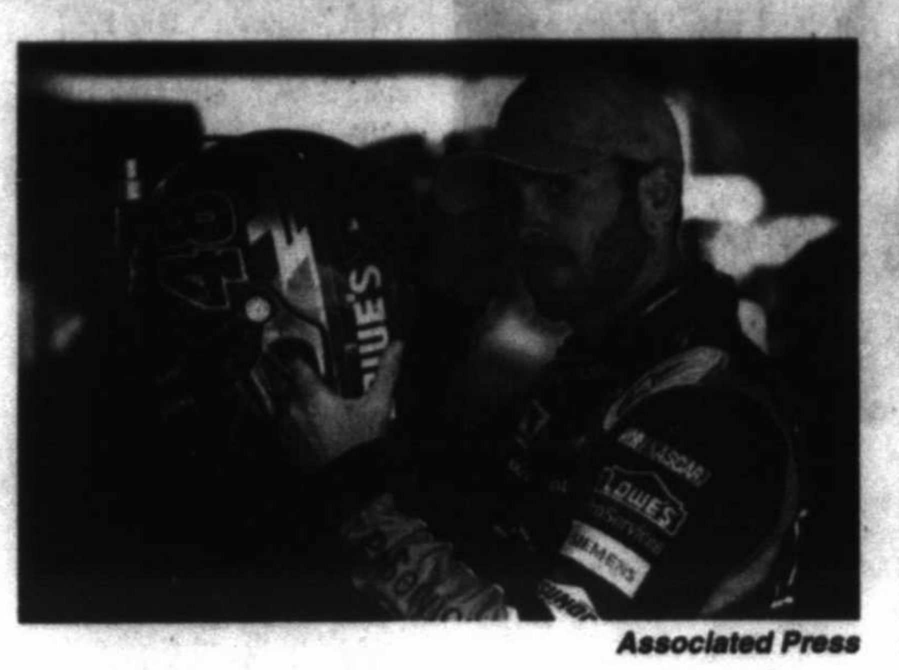
FALCONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (14), PASS (2)

FALCONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (15), PASS (25)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Texans beat Falcons 32-7 in preseason game at Houston in 2014. ... RB Alfred Blue had 139 yards rushing with TD last week against Tampa Bay. He has 467 yards rushing in six career starts. ... DE J.J. Watt has 14 sacks, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, a safety, four pass deflections and a TD catch in last eight games. ... RB Arian Foster could return from groin injury. ... QB Ryan Mallett improved to 2-2 as starter by passing for 228 yards, one TD in win over Buccaneers. ... K Randy Bullock released by Texans after missing extra point and FG last week. K Nick Novak was signed on Tuesday. ... Falcons are first NFL team to be 3-0 when trailing in fourth quarter of each game. ... WR Julio Jones' 34 catches are most in NFL history through three games. Jones also leads NFL with 440 yards receiving. ... WR Roddy White has no catches in last two games. ... Rookie DE Vic Beasley Jr. has sacks in last two games. Fantasy Tip: Following his huge production — 141 yards rushing with three TDs, 52 yards receiving — against Cowboys, Falcons RB Devonta Freeman could be fantasy starter, especially with Tevin Coleman still recovering from rib injury.

Jimmie Johnson hopes for Dover dominance in 500th start

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press



Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson gets ready before practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race, Saturday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson was still only a prospect in NASCAR's developmental series when he tried to work up the nerve to talk to Jeff Gordon.

Johnson wanted to introduce himself to Gordon and ask for career advice, a chance to pick the brain of one of racing's greats.

What he didn't know during that fateful August 2000 meeting was Gordon already knew him. Not only did Gordon have advice, he had a pitch — Hendrick Motorsports was going to expand to four cars and Johnson was their man.

Johnson's been turning heads on the track ever since he landed a ride with racing powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports.

He started three times in 2001 and flashed some early championship potential with his first win just 10 races into 2002. With crew chief Chad Knaus calling the shots, Johnson has driven the No. 48 Chevrolet to six championships and 74 career wins, including a track-record 10 at Dover International Speedway.

As NASCAR champions Tony Stewart and Gordon ready for retirement, the 40-year-old Johnson shows no signs of following their path and calling it quits any time soon. He'll make his 500th career start Sunday at Dover after recently signing a two-year extension with team owner Rick Hendrick.

Johnson's numbers long ago stamped him a surefire Hall of Famer. Among his achievements:

■ 6. Johnson won championships in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013, putting him one shy of matching Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt for most on the career list.

■ 74. Johnson's 74 wins trail only Gordon (92) among active drivers. He's eighth on the career list and has Earnhardt (76) in his sights. He's won at least two races in every full season, won 10 in 2007 and has four this season.

■ 1. Crew chief. Not counting some races missed because of suspension, Knaus has been a constant presence atop the pit box for Johnson since 2002. Johnson and Knaus were almost split by Hendrick following the 2005 season, but Hendrick made them hash out their differences over a snack of milk and cookies. They went on to win a record five consecutive titles.

NFL INJURY REPORT

NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

NEW YORK JETS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — JETS: OUT: G Willie Colon (knee), TE Jeff Cumberland (concussion), WR Chris Owusu (knee), LB Trevor Reilly (finger), CB Darrin Walls (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: WR Eric Decker (knee). PROBABLE: NT T.J. Barnes (ankle), DE Stephen Bowen (knee), G James Carpenter (back), LB Quinton Coples (elbow), CB Antonio Cromartie (hip), LB David Harris (finger), RB Chris Ivory (quadriceps), S Jaiquawn Jarrett (knee), CB Darrelle Revis (hamstring), WR Devin Smith (ribs). DOLPHINS: OUT: TE Dion Sims (concussion). DOUBTFUL: T Branden Albert (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: TE Jordan Cameron (groin), RB Jonas Gray (calf). PROBABLE: DT Earl Mitchell (back).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — JAGUARS: OUT: WR Marqise Lee (hamstring), G Brandon Linder (shoulder), DT Sen'Derrick Marks (knee), RB Denard Robinson (knee), TE Julius Thomas (hand). DOUBTFUL: S Sergio Brown (calf). PROBABLE: G Zane Beadles (finger), DE Chris Clemons (not injury related), S Josh Evans (knee), CB Davon House (lower leg), WR Allen Hurns (thigh), DT Roy Miller III (knee), G Tyler Shatley (thumb). COLTS: OUT: CB Greg Toler (neck), RB Tyler Varga (concussion). QUESTIONABLE: TE Dwayne Allen (ankle), QB Andrew Luck (shoulder). PROBABLE: CB Darius Butler (hip), LB Trent Cole (knee), CB Vontae Davis (ankle), WR T.Y. Hilton (knee), RB Josh Robinson (back), G Hugh Thornton (knee).

NEW YORK GIANTS at BUFFALO BILLS — GIANTS: OUT: DE Robert Ayers Jr. (hamstring), WR Victor Cruz (calf), TE Jerome Cunningham (knee), DT Markus Kuhn (knee). QUESTIONABLE: TE Daniel Fells (ankle), T Ereck Flowers (ankle). PROBABLE: RB Orleans Darkwa (knee), DE Owamagbe Odighizuwa (foot). BILLS: OUT: WR Marquise Goodwin (ribs), RB LeSean McCoy (hamstring), G John Miller (groin), WR Sammy Watkins (calf), S Aaron Williams (neck). PROBABLE: LB Preston Brown (hamstring), K Dan Carpenter (left knee), WR Percy Harvin (hip), QB Tyrod Taylor (ankle).

CAROLINA PANTHERS at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — PANTHERS: OUT: WR Jerricho Cotchery (ankle), LB Luke Kuechly (concussion), G Amini Silatolu (ankle), T Daryl Williams (knee). PROBABLE: WR Corey Brown (illness), LB Thomas Davis (chest), DT Dwan Edwards (not injury related), CB Josh Norman (not injury related), RB Jonathan Stewart (tibia), CB Charles Tillman (not injury related), RB Mike Tolbert (groin). BUCCANEERS: DOUBTFUL: CB Johnthan Banks (knee), TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins (shoulder), C Evan Smith (ankle), TE Luke Stocker (hip). QUESTIONABLE: DE George Johnson (neck), RB Doug Martin (knee, quadriceps), DT Gerald McCoy (shoulder), WR Russell Shepard (hamstring), T Donovan Smith (knee), S Major Wright (abdomen). PROBABLE: S Chris Conte (hip).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — EAGLES: OUT: LB Kiko Alonso (knee), DE Taylor Hart (shoulder), DE Cedric Thornton (hand). QUESTIONABLE: LB Mychal Kendricks (hamstring), S Chris Maragos (quadriceps), RB DeMarco Murray (hamstring), T Jason Peters (quadriceps). PROBABLE: TE Trey Burton (shoulder), WR Riley Cooper (knee), WR Josh Huff (hamstring). REDSKINS: OUT: CB DeAngelo Hall (toe), WR DeSean Jackson (hamstring), LB Perry Riley Jr. (calf). QUESTIONABLE: CB Chris Culliver (knee), DE Kedric Golston (hand), C Josh LeRibeus (calf). PROBABLE: C Kory Lichtensteiger (finger), QB Colt McCoy (foot), T Morgan Moses (knee, elbow).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at CHICAGO BEARS — RAIDERS: OUT: DE Benson Mayowa (knee), CB Keith McGill (foot), DT C.J. Wilson (calf). QUESTIONABLE: LB Ben Heeney (hamstring), RB Taiwan Jones (foot), S Charles Woodson (shoulder). PROBABLE: DT Justin Ellis (ankle), DE Khalil Mack (hip), RB Jamize Olawale (ankle), DE Justin Tuck (knee). BEARS: OUT: T Jermon Bushrod (concussion, shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: CB Alan Ball (groin), QB Jay Cutler (hamstring), DT Ego Ferguson (knee), WR Alshon Jeffery (hamstring), P Patrick O'Donnell (right knee), DT Jeremiah Ratliff (ankle), DT Will Sutton (elbow).

HOUSTON TEXANS at ATLANTA FALCONS — TEXANS: OUT: S Lonnie Ballentine (knee), LB Akeem Dent (hamstring), RB Jonathan Grimes (knee). QUESTIONABLE: T Duane Brown (hand), RB Arian Foster (groin). PROBABLE: G Brandon Brooks (ankle), LB Jadeveon Clowney (shoulder), CB Johnathan Joseph (hip), QB Ryan Mallett (chest), T Derek Newton (ankle), S Eddie Pleasant (thigh), G Xavier Su'a-Filo (calf). FALCONS: OUT: S Ricardo Allen (knee), RB Tevin Coleman (ribs), WR Devin Hester (toe), TE Jacob Tamme (concussion). PROBABLE: RB Devonta Freeman (toe), WR Julio Jones (toe, hamstring), LB Brooks Reed (groin).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS at CINCINNATI BENGALS — CHIEFS: QUESTIONABLE: WR Albert Wilson (shoulder). PROBABLE: WR Jason Avant (knee), WR Chris Conley (shoulder), CB Jamell Fleming (hip), LB Josh Mauga (Achilles). BENGALS: DOUBTFUL: S George Iloka (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: DT Marcus Hardison (knee), CB Adam Jones (elbow). PROBABLE: CB Dre Kirkpatrick (shoulder), DT Pat Sims (hip).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — BROWNS: OUT: DE Desmond Bryant (shoulder), LB Craig Robertson (ankle), LB Scott Solomon (ankle), RB Robert Turbin (ankle), CB K'Waun Williams (concussion). QUESTIONABLE: RB Shaun Draughn (back), S Tashaun Gipson (groin). PROBABLE: WR Travis Benjamin (ribs), LB Karlos Dansby (ankle), CB Justin Gilbert (hamstring), CB Joe Haden (ribs, finger), QB Johnny Manziel (right elbow), QB Josh McCown (right hand), T Mitchell Schwartz (thumb). CHARGERS: OUT: T King Dunlap (concussion), G Orlando Franklin (ankle), WR Jacoby Jones (ankle), CB Craig Mager (hamstring), LB Tourek Williams (foot). DOUBTFUL: C Chris Watt (groin). QUESTIONABLE: S Jahleel Addae (ankle), T D.J. Fluker (ankle, chest), TE Ladarius Green (concussion), CB Jason Verrett (foot). PROBABLE: CB Brandon Flowers (knee), T Chris Hairston (ankle, knee).

GREEN BAY PACKERS at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — PACKERS: OUT: T Bryan Bulaga (knee). DOUBTFUL: CB Demetri Goodson (hamstring), LB Jake Ryan (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: WR Davante Adams (ankle), S Morgan Burnett (calf). PROBABLE: WR Randall Cobb (shoulder), DE Datone Jones (head), RB Eddie Lacy (ankle), LB Mike Neal (groin), S Sean Richardson (ankle), RB Aaron Ripkowski (shoulder). 49ERS: DOUBTFUL: TE Vernon Davis (knee). PROBABLE: CB Kenneth Acker (back), G Alex Boone (shoulder), LB NaVorro Bowman (not injury related), LB Ahmad Brooks (shoulder), RB Reggie Bush (calf), WR Bruce Ellington (ankle), S L.J. McCray (hip), TE Vance McDonald (knee), S Eric Reid (hip).

ST. LOUIS RAMS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — RAMS: OUT: S Maurice Alexander (groin), DE Eugene Sims (knee). DOUBTFUL: RB Chase Reynolds (knee). PROBABLE: WR Kenny Britt (shoulder), RB Benny Cunningham (knee), LB James Laurinaitis (not injury related). CARDINALS: OUT: WR J.J. Nelson (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: RB Andre Ellington (knee). PROBABLE: WR John Brown (shoulder), G Mike Iupati (knee), LB Alex Okafor (shoulder), LB LaMarr Woodley (quadriceps).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at DENVER BRONCOS — VIKINGS: OUT: WR Charles Johnson (rib), CB Jabari Price (shoulder), S Andrew Sendejo (knee), DE Justin Trattou (foot). QUESTIONABLE: LB Audie Cole (ankle), WR Jarius Wright (hand). PROBABLE: CB Xavier Rhodes (concussion, neck). BRONCOS: OUT: T Ty Sambrailo (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: TE James Casey (knee), LB Todd Davis (ankle). PROBABLE: DE Kenny Anunike (knee), S Omar Bolden (foot), TE Owen Daniels (not injury related), QB Peyton Manning (not injury related), G Evan Mathis (hamstring), RB Juwan Thompson (neck), G Louis Vasquez (knee), DE Vance Walker (elbow), CB Kayvon Webster (ankle).

DALLAS COWBOYS at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — COWBOYS: OUT: WR Dez Bryant (foot), DE Randy Gregory (ankle). PROBABLE: CB Brandon Carr (not injury related), LB Andrew Gachkar (foot), G Ronald Leary (groin), DE Jeremy Mincey (concussion), DE Ryan Russell (groin), LB Kyle Wilber (hamstring), TE Jason Witten (ankle, knee). SAINTS: OUT: G Jahri Evans (knee). PROBABLE: QB Drew Brees (right shoulder), S Jairus Byrd (knee), WR Brandin Cooks (ankle), LB Dannell Ellerbe (toe), DE Cameron Jordan (back), CB Keenan Lewis (hip).

DETROIT LIONS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — LIONS: DNP: RB Joique Bell (ankle), TE Brandon Pettigrew (hamstring). LIMITED: DE Ezekiel Ansah (groin), LB DeAndre Levy (hip), T Corey Robinson (ankle), CB Josh Wilson (lower leg). FULL: G Larry Warford (ankle). SEAHAWKS: No Data Reported.

COWBOYS

From 1C

the run after beating the Eagles. They dropped all the way to 10th in rushing defense while letting the Falcons covert nine of 14 third downs — many of them favorable yardage situations because of Atlanta's success on the early downs.

"We lost our identity for a game and we're fighting to get our identity back," Mincey said. "Sometimes it's good to get kicked in the rear end early. Better now than later."

DALLAS (2-1) at NEW ORLEANS (0-3)

Sunday, 7:30 p.m., NBC

OPENING LINE — Cowboys by 7

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cowboys 1-2, Saints 1-2

SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 16-11

LAST MEETING — Cowboys beat Saints 38-17, Sept. 28, 2014

LAST WEEK — Cowboys lost to Falcons 39-28; Saints lost to Panthers 27-22.

AP PRO32 RANKING — Cowboys No. 12, Saints No. 31

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (16), PASS (9)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (10), PASS (13)

SAINTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (26), PASS (5)

SAINTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (29), RUSH (26), PASS (22)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Cowboys can set franchise record for consecutive regular-season road victories with 11 if they win in New Orleans. ... Cowboys QB Brandon Weeden has lost nine straight starts, mostly when with Cleveland, longest active streak of any QB who has started at least once this season. Weeden has completed 29 of 33 passes since taking over for injured starter Tony Romo. ... Dallas RB Joseph Randle rushed for career-high 87 yards, three TDs last week. ... Cowboys RB Lance Dunbar had career-best 10 catches, 100 yards receiving last week and leads NFL RBs with 21 catches for 215 yards. ... LB Sean Lee had 10 tackles, including a sack, against Atlanta and leads NFC with 33 tackles. ... Saints are 0-3 for third time since 2007, having started 0-4 in 2007 and 2012. ... Saints have lost six straight at home. ... QB Drew Brees aims to return after sitting out Week 3 with bruised rotator cuff in right (throwing) shoulder. ... Brees needs two TD passes to become fifth QB in NFL history with 400. ... Saints reserve QB Luke McCown completed 31 of 38 passes last week for 310 yards, INT. ... CB Keenan Lewis said he expects to play this week for first time since injuring hip in third preseason game. ... RB Mark Ingram has 16 receptions, second among RBs. ... Rookie PR-KR Marcus Murphy, seventh-round draft pick, had 74-yard punt return for TD last week. ... WR Brandin Cooks leads Saints with 190 yards receiving. ... Fantasy Tip: Saints RB C.J. Spiller looks increasingly healthy since returning to lineup in Week 2, and coach Sean Payton said this week Spiller probably has not gotten ball enough.

RACING GLANCE

NASCAR

Sprint Cup-AAA 400 Lineup
Sunday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, owner points
2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, owner points
3. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, owner points
4. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, owner points
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, owner points
6. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, owner points
7. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, owner points
8. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, owner points
9. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, owner points
10. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, owner points
11. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, owner points
12. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, owner points
13. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, owner points
14. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, owner points
15. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, owner points
16. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, owner points
17. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, owner points
18. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, owner points
19. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, owner points
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, owner points
21. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, owner points
22. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, owner points
23. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, owner points
24. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, owner points
25. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, owner points
26. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, owner points
27. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, owner points
28. (55) David Ragan, Toyota, owner points
29. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, owner points
30. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, owner points
31. (35) Cole Whitt, Ford, owner points
32. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, owner points
33. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, owner points
34. (34) Brett Moffitt, Ford, owner points
35. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, owner points
36. (33) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, owner points
37. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, attempts
38. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, attempts
39. (23) Jeb Burton, Toyota, attempts
40. (98) Reed Sorenson, Ford, attempts
41. (32) Josh Wise, Ford, attempts
42. (26) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, attempts
43. (62) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, attempts

XFINITY
Hisense 200 Results
Saturday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (8) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 200 laps, 129 rating, 47 points, $49,402.
2. (7) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200, 124.6, 0, $35,586.
3. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200, 140.1, 0, $34,950.
4. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 116.5, 40, $30,183.
5. (15) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 104.8, 0, $22,698.
6. (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 99.3, 0, $21,077.
7. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 109.3, 37, $27,457.
8. (3) Chris Buescher, Ford, 200, 101.5, 36, $28,315.
9. (10) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 200, 97.1, 36, $25,816.
10. (13) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 91.2, 34, $27,362.
11. (9) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 199, 86.8, 33, $25,158.
12. (19) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 199, 81.1, 33, $25,031.
13. (11) Ben Rhodes, Chevrolet, 199, 85.7, 31, $24,931.
14. (16) Ryan Reed, Ford, 199, 77.3, 30, $24,803.
15. (23) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 198, 70.8, 29, $25,328.
16. (14) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 198, 80.8, 28, $24,652.
17. (21) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 196, 79.9, 27, $24,576.
18. (22) David Starr, Toyota, 196, 62.8, 26, $24,526.
19. (26) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, 195, 60.7, 25, $24,475.
20. (20) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 195, 59.8, 24, $24,925.
21. (17) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 194, 69.4, 23, $24,369.
22. (27) Eric McClure, Toyota, 190, 54.3, 22, $24,263.
23. (24) Blake Koch, Toyota, 187, 67.9, 21, $24,186.
24. (28) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 187, 50.8, 20, $24,111.
25. (36) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 185, 43.8, 19, $18,210.
26. (30) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 132, 50.8, 0, $24,009.
27. (32) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, suspension, 126, 38.3, 17, $23,959.
28. (4) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 115, 60.5, 16, $23,883.
29. (25) Cale Conley, Toyota, accident, 103, 61.2, 15, $23,808.
30. (34) Stanton Barrett, Ford, accident, 100, 46.3, 14, $24,057.
31. (12) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, accident, 80, 59, 13, $23,701.
32. (35) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, accident, 79, 37.5, 12, $23,640.
33. (38) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, suspension, 72, 33.7, 11, $17,575.
34. (33) Josh Reaume, Dodge, parked, 72, 31.9, 10, $23,540.
35. (40) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, brakes, 39, 32.7, 0, $17,499.
36. (29) T.J. Bell, Toyota, suspension, 38, 39, 0, $21,806.
37. (18) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 23, 44.2, 7, $20,806.
38. (39) Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, suspension, 17, 28.2, 6, $13,806.
39. (37) Carl Long, Chevrolet, suspension, 10, 28.7, 5, $12,806.
40. (31) Jeff Green, Toyota, suspension, 4, 27, 4, $11,806.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 105.156 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 54 minutes, 7 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.703 seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 29 laps.
Lead Changes: 5 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Busch 1-29; J.Yeley 30-31; K.Busch 32-112; E.Sadler 113-120; R.Smith 121-200.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 2 times for 110 laps; R.Smith, 1 time for 80 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 8 laps; J.Yeley, 1 time for 2 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Buescher, 1,018; 2. C.Elliott, 994; 3. R.Smith, 982; 4. T.Dillon, 979; 5. E.Sadler, 908; 6. D.Wallace Jr., 907; 7. D.Suarez, 886; 8. B.Scott, 870; 9. B.Gaughan, 864; 10. R.Reed, 765.

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HOW TO PLAY
Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at co-sponsors' retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

LIMIT: You may enter the contest only once per week.

DEADLINE: 2 P.M. THURSDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in BILLS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Indianapolis at Houston	Washington at Atlanta
Cleveland at Baltimore	Seattle at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Green Bay	Chicago at Kansas City
New Orleans at Philadelphia	Jacksonville at Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Tennessee	San Francisco at NY Giants
New England at Dallas	Wisconsin at Nebraska
Arizona at Detroit	Oklahoma St. at West Virginia
Denver at Oakland	Indiana at Penn State

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1. Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 weekly points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a tossup. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The contestant from the participating newspapers who tallies the most of the 136 possible points — or who survives any needed Tiebreaker procedure — will win the Grand Prize of either $1,000 or $500 depending on whether he/she has recorded a perfect score, including Tiebreakers.

2. Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.

3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar-sounding team names.

4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.

5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.

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11. Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant. "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.

12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ASTROS 6
DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX — Collin McHugh earned his 19th victory, Colby Rasmus homered twice and the Houston Astros beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-2 on Saturday night to clinch at least a tie for the American League's second wild card.

The Astros remained in contention for the AL West title as well as the league's first wild card.

McHugh (19-7), pitching a night after teammate Dallas Keuchel won his 20th game, allowed a run and six hits in seven innings to improve to 6-0 in his last seven starts. Jose Altuve homered and doubled for Houston.

If the Astros lose on Sunday and Los Angeles wins, the Angels would come to Houston on Monday for a tiebreaker to determine the second wild card. A Houston loss and a Texas victory would give the Astros the No. 2 wild card and a trip to Yankee Stadium.

And if Houston and Texas both win, the Astros could wind up the top wild card and host the Yankees if New York loses its regular-season finale at Baltimore. Houston holds the tiebreaker over the Yankees because it won the season series 4-3.

NATIONALS 2
METS 0

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer pitched his second no-hitter this season for Washington, striking out a team-record 17 and leading the Nationals over the NL East champion New York Mets 2-0 on Saturday night for a doubleheader sweep.

Only one batter reached base against Scherzer, and that came when third baseman Yunel Escobar bounced a throw for an error on Kevin Plawecki's leadoff grounder in the sixth inning.

He became the sixth pitcher to throw two no-hitters in a year, and the first since Roy Halladay in 2010 — the former Phillies ace had one in the regular season and another in the playoffs.

ANGELS 11
RANGERS 10

ARLINGTON — The Los Angeles Angels rallied for five runs in the ninth inning, taking their playoff hopes into the final day of the regular season with a wild win that again kept Texas from clinching the AL West.

Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson, pitching for the fifth straight day, entered with a 10-6 lead and allowed consecutive homers to Erick Aybar and Kole Calhoun.

Ross Ohlendorf (3-1) relieved and retired Mike Trout on a grounder, then gave up Albert Pujols' double on a difficult popup to short right that ricocheted off first baseman Mike Napoli's glove, whose back was to the plate.

RAYS 4
BLUE JAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tim Beckham had a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning for Tampa Bay.

Grady Sizemore had a leadoff double off Roberto Osuna (1-6), who later loaded the bases with two outs with two walks. Beckham won it with his liner to left.



Associated Press

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer, second from left, celebrates his no hitter against the New York Mets with teammates, catcher Wilson Ramos (40), Dan Uggla (26), and Clint Robinson (25) in the second baseball game of a doubleheader, Saturday in New York. The Nationals won 2-0.

ROYALS 5
TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins were eliminated from the AL playoff race when they were stifled by Yordano Ventura for seven innings in a loss to Kansas City.

Ventura (13-8) carried a no-hitter into the fifth and struck out 11 to win his third straight decision for Kansas City, which took a one-game lead over Toronto, which lost to Tampa Bay, for home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

ORIOLES 9
YANKEES 2, 1st game
ORIOLES 4
YANKEES 3, 2nd game

BALTIMORE — The New York Yankees failed to clinch home field in the AL wild-card game, getting swept by Baltimore in a day-night doubleheader.

Only needing one win to host Tuesday's one-game playoff, reliever Dellin Betances allowed the go-ahead run in the second game to score on a wild pitch in the eighth inning. The Orioles roughed up Ivan Nova in the opener.

REDS 3
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — A.J. Burnett was outpitched by a rookie in the final regular-season start of his career, and Cincinnati prevented Pittsburgh from clinching home-field advantage in the NL wild-card game by snapping a 13-game skid.

CUBS 1
BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Kyle Hendricks allowed one hit and struck out eight in six innings, and Chicago kept alive its hopes to host to the NL wild card game.

INDIANS 2
RED SOX 0

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber pitched eight innings while Carlos Santana and Ryan Raburn homered for Cleveland.

Kluber (9-16) ended his rocky season with a strong performance, allowing three hits and striking out nine. The right-hander, who won the AL Cy Young Award last season, recorded his first victory since Aug. 14.

WHITE SOX 4
TIGERS 3

CHICAGO — Leury Garcia singled home the winning run in the ninth as the White Sox avoided finishing last in the AL Central.

Pinch-hitter J.B. Shuck doubled to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth. After Jose Abreu was intentionally walked, Garcia singled.

GIANTS 3
ROCKIES 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Jake Peavy pitched five innings for his fifth consecutive win, and rookie Kelby Tomlinson hit an inside-the-park home run during San Francisco's victory over Colorado.

Brandon Crawford and Marlon Byrd also homered off Chris Rusin (6-10) for the Giants, who beat the Rockies for the eighth time in 18 meetings this year.

MARLINS 7
PHILLIES 6, 1ST GAME
MARLINS 5
PHILLIES 2, 2ND GAME

PHILADELPHIA — Dee Gordon got his 200th hit of the season in the opener, and Christian Yelich tied a club record with hits in eight straight at-bats as the Miami Marlins won the nightcap 5-2 to complete a doubleheader sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies Saturday.

Yelich was 5 for 5 in the first game, a 7-6 victory, then hit safely in his first three at-bats in the second. In the first game, Gordon became the first Marlins player since Hanley Ramirez in 2007 to record 200 hits with a sixth-inning single.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	93	68	.578	—
y-New York	87	74	.540	6
Baltimore	80	81	.497	13
Tampa Bay	79	82	.491	14
Boston	78	83	.484	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Kansas City	94	67	.584	—
Minnesota	83	78	.516	11
Cleveland	80	80	.500	13½
Chicago	76	85	.472	18
Detroit	73	87	.456	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Texas	87	74	.540	—
Houston	86	75	.534	1
Los Angeles	85	76	.528	2
Seattle	75	85	.469	11½
Oakland	67	93	.419	19½

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	89	72	.553	—
Washington	83	78	.516	6
Miami	71	90	.441	18
Atlanta	65	95	.406	23½
Philadelphia	62	99	.385	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	100	60	.625	—
y-Pittsburgh	97	64	.602	3½
y-Chicago	96	65	.596	4½
Milwaukee	68	93	.422	32½
Cincinnati	64	97	.398	36½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	91	70	.565	—
San Francisco	84	77	.522	7
Arizona	78	83	.484	13
San Diego	74	87	.460	17
Colorado	67	94	.416	24

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 9, N.Y. Yankees 2, 1st game
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 2nd game
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 11, Texas 10
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3
Cleveland 2, Boston 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 3
Oakland at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game
San Francisco 3, Colorado 2
Miami 7, Philadelphia 6, 1st game
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 1, Milwaukee 0
Washington 2, N.Y. Mets 0, 2nd game
St. Louis at Atlanta, ppd., rain
Miami 5, Philadelphia 2, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1

INTERLEAGUE

Houston 6, Arizona 2

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

L.A. Angels (Richards 15-11) at Texas (Hamels 6-1), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 12-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 10-11), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 9-14) at Cleveland (Salazar 13-10), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Da.Norris 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Montas 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Cueto 3-7) at Minnesota (Undecided), 2:10 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 1-8) at Seattle (Nuno 1-4), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Undecided) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 2-4), 2:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis (Undecided) at Atlanta (Undecided), noon, 1st game
Cincinnati (Jos.Smith 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Happ 6-2), 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bergman 3-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 2-4), 2:05 p.m.
Miami (Conley 4-1) at Philadelphia (D.Buchanan 2-9), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Haren 10-9) at Milwaukee (Jo. Lopez 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Ray 5-12), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Undecided) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 16-7), 2:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 4-7) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 14-8), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 12-10) at Atlanta (Wisler 7-8), 3:30 p.m., 2nd game

INTERLEAGUE

Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Ray 5-12), 2:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

ANGELS 11, RANGERS 10

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	5	2	2	1	DShlds cf	3	1	1	1
Calhon rf	5	1	1	1	Morlnd ph	0	0	0	0
Trout cf	4	1	2	1	Stubbs pr-cf	0	1	0	0
Pujols dh	4	1	2	0	Choo rf	5	0	1	2
DvMrp lf	4	0	1	1	Beltre 3b	5	0	3	3
ENavrr 1b	0	0	0	0	Fielder dh	5	0	0	0
Cron 1b	5	0	2	1	Napoli 1b	5	0	0	0
Cowgill pr-lf	0	1	0	0	JHmltn lf	4	2	2	2
Freese 3b	4	2	2	0	Venale lf	1	0	0	0
Cowart pr-3b	0	1	0	0	Andrus ss	4	2	3	0
C.Perez c	5	1	2	2	Odor 2b	4	2	2	2
Giavtl 2b	5	1	3	3	Chirins c	4	2	1	0
Fthrstn pr-2b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	41	11	17	10	Totals	40	10	13	10

Los Angeles .... 000 141 005—11
Texas .... 010 043 200—10

E—Aybar (17), Freese (8), Chirinos (6). DP—Los Angeles 1, Texas 1. LOB—Los Angeles 9, Texas 6. 2B—Trout (31), Pujols (22), C.Perez (13), Giavotella (25), Beltre (32), Andrus (33). HR—Aybar (3), Calhoun (26), J.Hamilton 2 (8), Odor (16). SB—Stubbs (3), Andrus (25). CS—Andrus (9). SF—Trout.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Santiago	4	5	5	3	1	5
Salas	0	1	0	0	0	0
J.Alvarez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Morin H,5	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
C.Ramos BS,2-2	0	1	1	1	1	0
Gott	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Latos	1 2-3	2	2	2	1	1
Jo-.Reyes W,1-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
J.Smith S,5-9	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Lewis	4	6	5	5	0	4
S.Freeman	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ch.Gonzalez	2	1	1	1	2	1
Diekman H,10	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Kela H,22	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
S.Dyson	1	1	0	0	0	3
Sh.Tolleson	0	2	2	2	0	0
Ohlendorf L,3-1,1-22-3	5	3	3	0	1	
Faulkner	1-3	0	0	0	1	0

Lewis pitched to 4 batters in the 5th.
S.Freeman pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.
Sh.Tolleson pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
Santiago pitched to 5 batters in the 5th.
Salas pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.
C.Ramos pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
WP—Ch.Gonzalez.
T—4:06. A—37,271 (48,114).

ASTROS 7, MARINERS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	1	KMarte ss	5	1	2	0
Springr rf	5	0	2	0	KSeagr 3b	4	1	1	3
Correa ss	5	0	1	1	N.Cruz dh	5	1	1	1
Gattis dh	4	0	2	0	Cano 2b	5	1	4	0
Villar pr-dh	1	1	0	0	J.Jones pr	0	0	0	0
ClRsms lf	4	0	2	1	Gutirrz lf	5	0	0	0
MGnzlz 1b	1	0	0	0	Trumo rf-1b	3	1	1	0
CGomz cf	4	1	2	0	Morrsn pr-1b	0	0	0	0
Valuen 3b	3	2	2	1	JMontr 1b	2	0	0	0
Carter 1b	3	1	1	3	BMiller ph-rf	2	0	0	0
Mrsnck lf	0	0	0	0	OMally cf	3	0	0	0
JCastro c	4	1	1	0	Sucre c	4	1	3	1
Totals	39	7	14	7	Totals	38	6	12	5

Houston .... 000 033 100—7
Seattle .... 020 040 000—6

E_C.Gomez (1), Valbuena (7), Correa 2 (12), K.Marte (7). DP_Houston 2, Seattle 1. LOB_Houston 7, Seattle 8. 2B_Altuve (38), Valbuena (16). 3B_Gattis (11). HR_Valbuena (24), Carter (24), K.Seager (26), N.Cruz (44). SB_C.Gomez 2 (10).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Kazmir	4 1-3	7	6	4	2	3
J.Fields	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	3
Sipp W,3-4	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
W.Harris H,13	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
O.Perez H,3	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson S,31-36	1	1	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Zych	2 2-3	3	0	0	0	4
Guaipe	1 2-3	3	2	2	1	2
Kensing	1-3	3	1	1	0	1
Rasmussen	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
J.Ramirez BS,1-1	0	2	3	3	1	0
Beimel	1	0	0	0	0	0
Farquhar L,1-7	2	3	1	1	0	3
D.Rollins	1	0	0	0	0	1

J.Ramirez pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Kazmir (K.Seager). WP—Kazmir 2, Sipp.
T—3:29. A—14,257 (47,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 9, YANKEES 2, FIRST GAME

New York .... 000 000 200 —2 6 0
Baltimore .... 101 014 20x —9 15 1

Nova, Shreve (6), Goody (7), Ch.Martin (8) and J.Murphy; W.Chen, Brach (7), Givens (7), Drake (9) and Wieters. W—W.Chen 11-8. L—Nova 6-11. HRs—Baltimore, M.Machado (34).

ROYALS 5, TWINS 1

Kansas City .... 100 000 400 —5 9 0
Minnesota .... 000 001 000 —1 6 3

Ventura, D.Duffy (8), K.Herrera (9), W.Davis (9) and S.Perez; Milone, Boyer (7), Cotts (7), May (7), Tonkin (8) and K.Suzuki, Herrmann. W—Ventura 13-8. L—Boyer 3-6. Sv—W.Davis (17).

RAYS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto .... 001 002 000 —3 8 0
Tampa Bay .... 100 000 102 —4 5 0

Estrada, Hawkins (7), Cecil (8), Lowe (8), Osuna (9) and D.Navarro; Archer, B.Gomes (6), Riefenhauser (6), Geltz (7), McGee (8), Colome (9) and R.Rivera, Maile. W—Colome 8-5. L—Osuna 1-6. HRs—Toronto, Encarnacion (39). Tampa Bay, Jaso (5), A.Cabrera (15).

ORIOLES 4, YANKEES 3, SECOND GAME

New York .... 010 020 000 —3 6 1
Baltimore .... 201 000 01x —4 7 0

L.Severino, Betances (8) and B.McCann; U.Jimenez, McFarland (7), Britton (9) and Joseph. W—McFarland 2-2. L—Betances 6-4. Sv—Britton (36). HRs—Baltimore, Reimold (6), M.Machado (35).

WHITE SOX 4, TIGERS 3

Detroit .... 000 002 001 —3 8 2
Chicago .... 100 001 002 —4 8 0

Verlander, VerHagen (7), N.Feliz (9) and Avila, J.McCann; E.Johnson, Duke (7), Petricka (8), Da.Jennings (9), N.Jones (9) and Brantly. W—N.Jones 2-2. L—N.Feliz 3-4. HRs—Detroit, Mi.Cabrera (18).

INDIANS 2, RED SOX 0

Boston .... 000 000 000 —0 3 0
Cleveland .... 010 100 00x —2 8 0

Breslow, M.Barnes (6), Layne (7), Hembree (8) and S.Leon; Kluber, Allen (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Kluber 9-16. L—Breslow 0-4. Sv—Allen (33). HRs—Cleveland, C.Santana (19), Raburn (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONALS 3, METS 1, FIRST GAME

Washington .... 000 000 120 —3 4 1
New York .... 000 000 100 —1 5 0

G.Gonzalez, Treinen (7), Grace (7), Ra.Martin (7), Janssen (8), Rivero (9) and Lobaton; Syndergaard, A.Reed (8), Niese (9) and T.d'Arnaud. W—Ra.Martin 2-0. L—A.Reed 3-3. Sv—Rivero (2). HRs—Washington, C.Robinson (10), Harper (42).

NATIONALS 2, METS 0, SECOND GAME

Washington .... 000 001 100 —2 5 1
New York .... 000 000 000 —0 0 1

Scherzer and W.Ramos; Harvey, Robles (7), Goeddel (8), C.Torres (9) and Plawecki. W—Scherzer 14-12. L—Harvey 13-8. HRs—Washington, Uggla (2).

MARLINS 7, PHILLIES 6, FIRST GAME

Miami .... 031 001 002 —7 13 3
Philadelphia .... 003 111 000 —6 9 2

Koehler, Lazo (6), Ellington (7), Narveson (8), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis; Harang, Roberts (6), Neris (6), Hinojosa (8), Giles (9) and Ruiz. W—Narveson 3-1. L—Giles 6-3. Sv—A.Ramos (31). HRs—Miami, Mathis (2). Philadelphia, Bogusevic (2).

MARLINS 5, PHILLIES 2, SECOND GAME

Miami .... 210 010 010 —5 11 0
Philadelphia .... 000 101 000 —2 8 0

Nicolino, B.Morris (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; Asher, De Fratus (3), N.Ogando (6), Roberts (7), Murray (8), Loewen (9) and Rupp. W—Nicolino 5-4. L—Asher 0-6. Sv—A.Ramos (32). HRs—Philadelphia, Franco (14).

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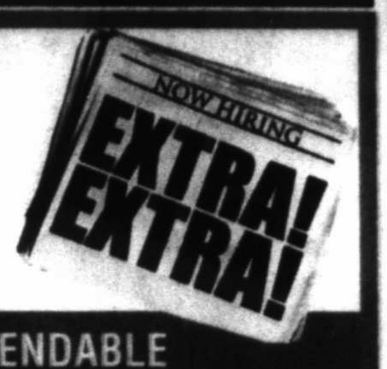
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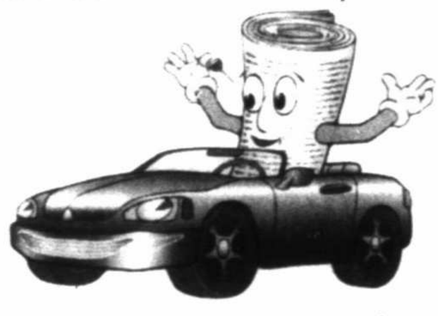
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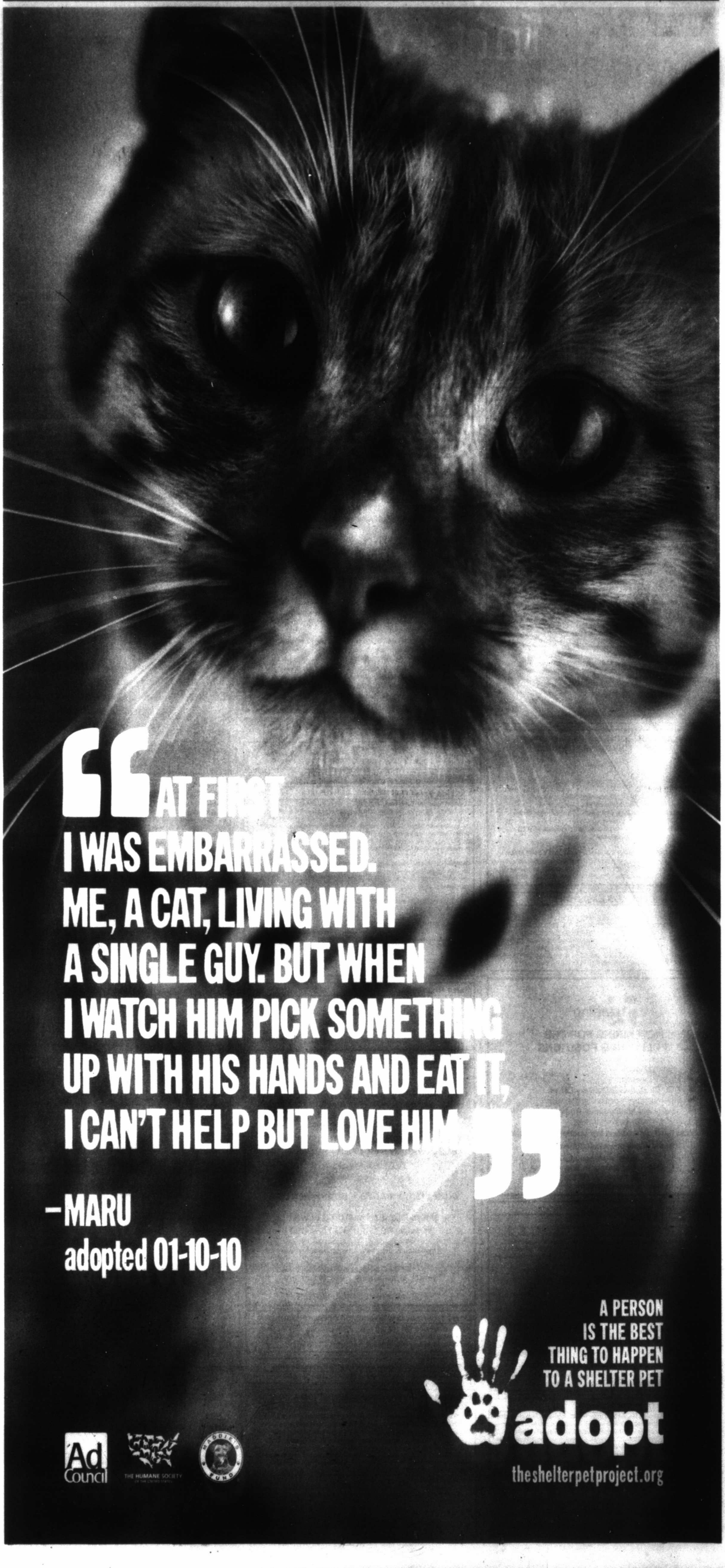


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Source: Cancer and Careers survey of 913 cancer patients and survivors

CHANGING YOUR WORK ATTITUDE

IF YOU DO WHAT YOU LOVE, THEN YOU'LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA
CTW FEATURES

Hate your job and dread going to work? You're not alone. Two out of three 3 U.S. workers are unhappy with their jobs, according to a Gallup poll.

In lieu of looking for a new job, you take proactive steps to make the best out of your situation and get your groove back again.

"Many people get into a rut because they're bored and want to tackle a new challenge," says Seattle author and career counselor Robin Ryan. "But you don't want to throw the baby out with the water. You can find ways to increase job satisfaction where you are."

Start by understanding what would make you happier – or why you're unhappy. Ryan says that once you can envision a better scenario, there are ways to start working toward a more ideal job within your organization.

Ryan says you should not expect your supervisors to know what you want. You need to articulate it. Your job should express your passion and you should possess a desire to excel in this area.

"You can't separate your work from your life," she notes. "Your career is a part of your life, your identity, a part of who you are and how you feel."

As you think about what you would like to do, think about any transferable skills that might make the transition easier. Review your skills and strengths. Note any and all skills important in performing the job you desire now. Be sure to include management, computer and technical skills you possess.

Once you've assessed what sort of opportunities you would enjoy within your organization, talk with your boss about working on special projects or find ways to use those skills you want to develop, Ryan suggests.

If you're looking for a change outside of your immediate job description, then speak with someone in human resources about other jobs within the company. You might need to get additional training, perhaps even training that the company could provide.

Ryan says a change of attitude also is key. Employers want workers with a positive outlook who are looking to improve operations and challenge themselves personally. Also, a positive, cooperative attitude increases your ability to work and get things done as a team.

"When you care about your job, it shows," she adds. "Your attitude and willingness to adapt and change through extra effort can produce the biggest change of all – turning your current job into one much more to your liking."

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THE MYTH OF SUSTAINED ATTENTION

IF YOU NEED AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF FOCUS, IT ACTUALLY MAY HELP TO LET YOUR MIND WANDER

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

You're working on a report that is due Saturday at 5 p.m. Your energy has started to flag and you're unfocused. You give yourself permission for a quick break. What's the most productive way to spend the time?

Reply to a few emails? Take care of personal matters, like bills or online shopping? Catch up on industry news? Stare out the window and count the number of red cars?

While it may seem more productive to do anything but the last option, gazing out the window won't rob you of mental energy and may even prime your brain to write a better report.

By contrast, to the extent that the other activities require your brain to process new information and engage your working memory, they tend to "suck you in and wear you out," says Josh Davis, author of "Two Awesome Hours: Science-based Strategies to Harness Your Best Time and Get Your Most Important Work Done" (HarperOne, 2015).

When you're toiling on that report or any other demanding cognitive task, you'll be more productive by intermittently "letting go of your focus," Davis says.

That's because your brain is no better at sustaining its focus on a single task than it is at multitasking. "It doesn't fit with how our attention systems work. Our brains weren't designed to focus but to stay on alert for changes in our environment," Davis says.

When your mind starts to drift, instead of reining it in, just daydream for a spell or engage in window gazing or some other mindless activity for a few minutes. Davis recommends looking at art or photos in your office, tidying your desk (but don't file paperwork – too many decisions), listening to music or playing a simple game like counting red cars (no difficult crossword or Sudoku puzzles).

Though spending time this way won't shorten your to-do list, research shows that it pays off in other ways. "There are studies that show that mind wandering actually assists with focus," says Maura Thomas, founder of RegainYourTime.com and author of two books on productivity. "Useful insights come when you allow your mind to wander. That's when you digest and synthesize information."

Mind wandering is a time of "creative incubation," says Davis, citing University of California research showing that it helps people to solve the problems they had been working on before allowing their minds to drift.

Letting your mind wander is not the same as getting distracted or sidetracked; when your mind gets absorbed by another task, it doesn't shift back as readily or resourcefully. And not fighting the mind's tendency to drift is not the same as saying to heck with focusing. In fact, the ability to focus gives you a competitive advantage because so few people can do it, Thomas says. She recommends that people prone to distraction "build up their focus muscle" by setting a timer and working uninterrupted for 20 to 45 minutes at a stretch.

"How we organize and manage our time is only relevant to the extent that we devote our attention. We do need to learn to devote our attention to the task at hand," Thomas says. "The problem is, we're conditioning ourselves into a state of constant distraction. We don't even try to control our technology and set it up so we're virtually guaranteed to be interrupted or pinged all the time with news alerts, status updates and email notifications."

Davis says people hobby-trap their workspaces with potential distractions and disruptions because the brain scans its surroundings for such things. "You should limit or remove them. Keep the noise level down, your desktop tidy and your telecommunications silenced or disabled when intense focus is needed," he recommends.

"Removing distractions in order to focus better may seem incredibly obvious — and it is," Davis writes. "And yet if you work in an office, then you probably know firsthand that most of us do very little to truly remove distractions from our workspaces."

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JOB HUNT

NEW JOB TEMPTATIONS

Looking elsewhere for employment can be fruitful or disastrous



Gambling with your paycheck is risky.

If you get a better job offer but hope that your boss will lay even more money on the table to entice you to stay, you probably won't get your wish, according to one recent survey.

Staffing firm Robert Half polled 2,200 chief financial officers at companies around the country, and 21 percent answered 'yes' to the question: Do you extend counter-offers to employees to keep them from leaving for another job?

Although CFOs are involved in extending offers for finance and accounting jobs, "they have a broad organizational view of the policies and practices, including counter-offers," says Paul McDonald, senior executive director at Robert Half.

That reluctance isn't surprising, because bumping up one salary can disrupt overall pay parity, says Barry Gerhart, professor of management and human resources at the University of Wisconsin.

"If employee A is worth 20 percent more than employee B, based on contribution, but B gets an increase in salary that brings B to the same salary as A, then internal equity would only be restored by giving employee A the same increase," he says.

But companies are more likely to disregard this domino effect when a worker is higher up in the organization and has skills that contribute to the firm's success, Gerhart notes.

Ideally, says McDonald, firms should conduct an annual review of how their compensation compares with what other firms offer for similar talent.

Most employers, Gerhart says, study pay annually.

However, when a worker "wins" and successfully parlays a job offer, it could be a hollow victory if the company then regards the worker as disloyal for looking, Gerhart says. "I do not believe it should be that way, but the fact is that it is at some organizations," he concludes.

—Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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Rule 37 Case No. 0298282
Status/Permit No. 810552
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10780 feet.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0298105
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Lease/Unit Name: BROOK Y-6F
Lease/Unit Well No: 6H
Lease/Unit Acres: 890.9
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 654.0

Lease Lines: 80.0 F south L. 2125.0 F west L
Survey Lines: 80.0 F south L. 2125.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 80.0 F SOUTH L
2125.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: Y Abstract: 616
Survey: GC&SF RR CO/WESTMORELAND, J N
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
343.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10780 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)969-1742.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for voting in a general election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL CONDADO DE MIDLAND, TEXAS:
Notifíquese, por las presente, que los centros electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM el día 3 de noviembre de 2015 para votar en la elección general para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional así como fueron sometidas por la 84 Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

NAME	ADDRESS
Annex Courtroom	2110 North A
Centennial Library	2503 W. Loop 250 N
Cogdell Learning Center	211 W. Florida
Fairmont Park Church of Christ	3813 N. Midland Dr.
Fellowship Community Church	5206 N. Midland Dr.
Golf Course Church of Christ	3500 W. Golf Course
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PDAP	1208 W. Wall
St. Paul's Methodist Church	4501 Thomason

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following location:
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Elections Office - County Annex
2110 North A Street, Suite 103

October 19 - October 23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 26 - October 28	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 29 - October 30	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
19 de octubre - 23 de octubre	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
26 de octubre - 28 de octubre	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
29 de octubre - 30 de octubre	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:

Elections Administrator
PO Box 3434
Midland TX 79702-3434

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2015.
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 23 de octubre de 2015.

Issued this the 24th day of September, 2015.
Emitida este día 24 de septiembre de 2015.

Michael Bradford
Midland County Judge
Firma del Juez del Condado

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 24, 2015
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 29, 2015
Rule 37 Case No. 0298273
Status/Permit No. 810555
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Bk. B, CCSD&RGNG RR CO/THORNTON, J W Survey, A-607, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

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Oct 29, 2015

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name : BROOK Y-6D
Lease/Unit Well No. : 4H
Lease/Unit Acres : 850.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 660.0

Lease Lines : 300.0 F S (off lease) L. 705.0 F W (off lease) L
Survey Lines : 300.0 F south L. 705.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 300.0 F S (OFF LEASE) L
705.0 F W (OFF LEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: Y Abstract: 616
Survey: GC&SF RR. CO/WESTMORELAND, J N
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

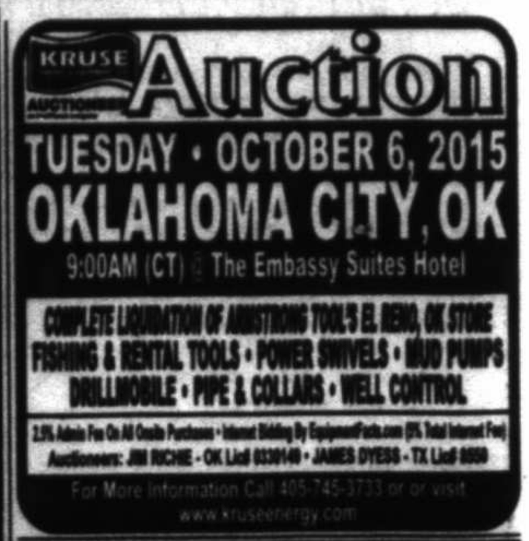
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10780 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.



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Legal & Public Notices

Public Notice
Request for Proposals
#2016-009

Midland College is accepting competitive proposals for indicative pricing from retail electricity providers to serve the electrical energy needs of the College for the period beginning with the first scheduled meter reading after December 31, 2015. To obtain proposal packets contact the College's consultant, Pat Ennis, at (432) 620-9100 or patennis@prioritypower.net. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Priority Power Management, located at 310 West Wall, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701. The proposals will be evaluated and select vendors will be asked for final pricing at a later date. A final determination will be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS 9297-15

City of Midland will receive competitive sealed proposals for General Construction Work for the Fire Station 6 at 301 Tradewinds Blvd. Sealed bids (prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders) may be sent to Fred Reyes, City of Midland, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702. A pre-bid conference will be held on October 8, 2015 at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, 1700 W Wall, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701 at 2:00 p.m., local time. Attendance by prospective bidders is not mandatory. The bid opening location will be held in the offices of the City of Midland, Texas, City Secretary's Office, 300 N. Loraine Suite 330, Midland, TX 79701 at 2:00 P.M., local time, October 30, 2015. Bids received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Bids received after this time will not be considered. Bid Proposal Documents will be available beginning September 28, 2015. Hard copy documents may be obtained with a refundable deposit in the amount of $50.00. Digital documents are available for download at no charge and may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. at 1700 W. Wall, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1847.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday September 30, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday October 20, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1175-093015.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until April 30, 2016

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 3, 2015 will be tested on October 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM at 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Deborah Land
Elections Administrator

AVISO PÚBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección General que se llevará a cabo el 3 de noviembre de 2015 se probará el a las 6 de octubre de 2015 a las 9:00 AM en 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Deborah Land
Oficial de Elección

Legal & Public Notices

ALPHA CRUDE CONNECTOR, LLC ANNOUNCES OPEN SEASON

Tulsa, Okla.-(BUSINESS WIRE)-Alpha Crude Connector, LLC ("Alpha") today announced it intends to conduct an Open Season for the Alpha Crude Connector Pipeline (the "Pipeline" or the "System"), a new FERC regulated, crude oil transportation pipeline being constructed in Lea and Eddy Counties New Mexico and Culberson, Loving, Reeves and Winkler Counties, Texas. The Pipeline will have the capacity to accept over 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil from numerous lease tank batteries and other field receipt points and a truck terminal in the northern Delaware Basin. By bidding for capacity on the Pipeline, producers and marketers can enjoy the option to deliver crude through the System to multiple downstream pipelines and a rail terminal, providing access to local refineries, Cushing and the US Gulf Coast.

Open Season

Alpha intends to conduct an Open Season to obtain long-term acreage or long-term volume commitments for this new crude oil transportation System. The Open Season will provide an opportunity for interested shippers to present bids for long term transportation commitments for capacity rights at competitive rates. The Pipeline is projected to be in service in November 2015.

Open Season Process

The Open Season is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2015 and end on October 31, 2015. All bids must be submitted to Alpha by 5:00 pm, Central Standard Time, on or before October 31, 2015. Certain additional information regarding the Pipeline and the Open Season can be found at www.frontierenergyllc.com. All requests for Open Season documents, presentation of bids, and other correspondence should be directed to:

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Vice President of Supply and Marketing
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mstephens@frontierenergyllc.com

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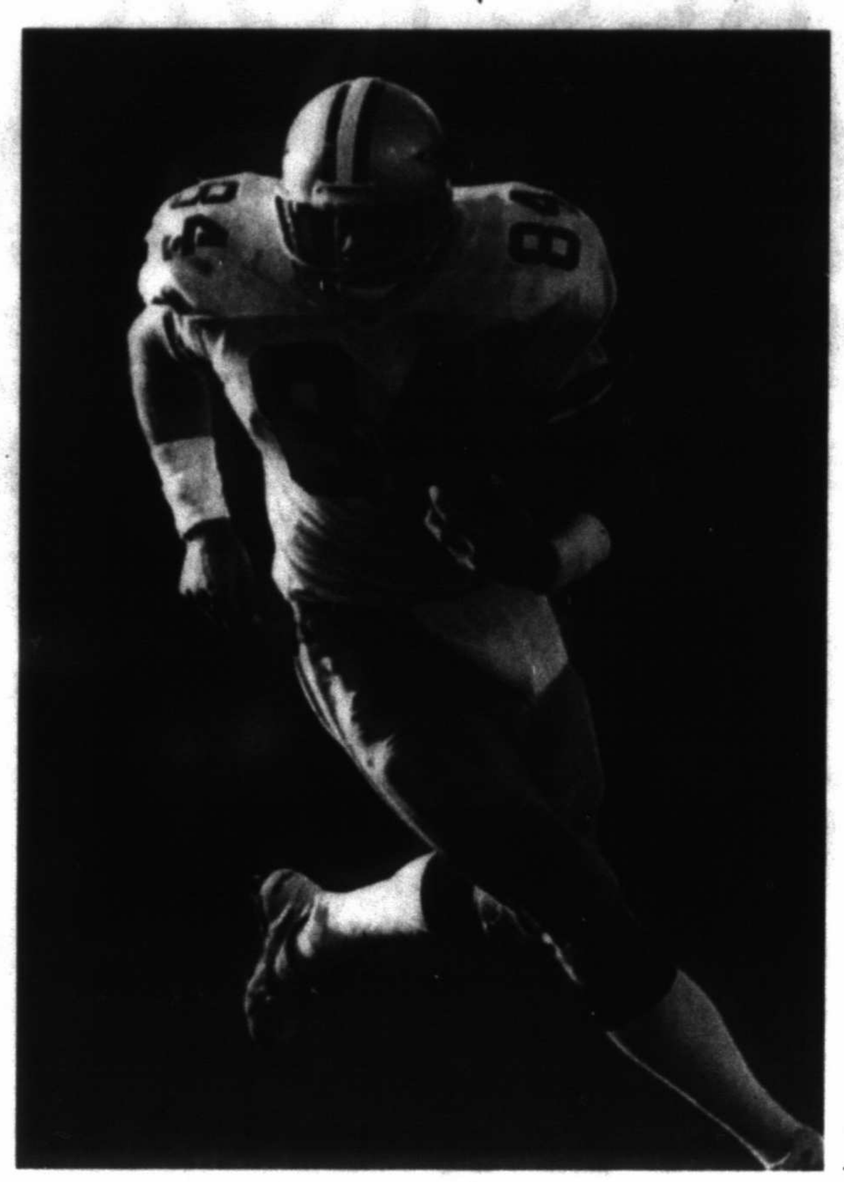
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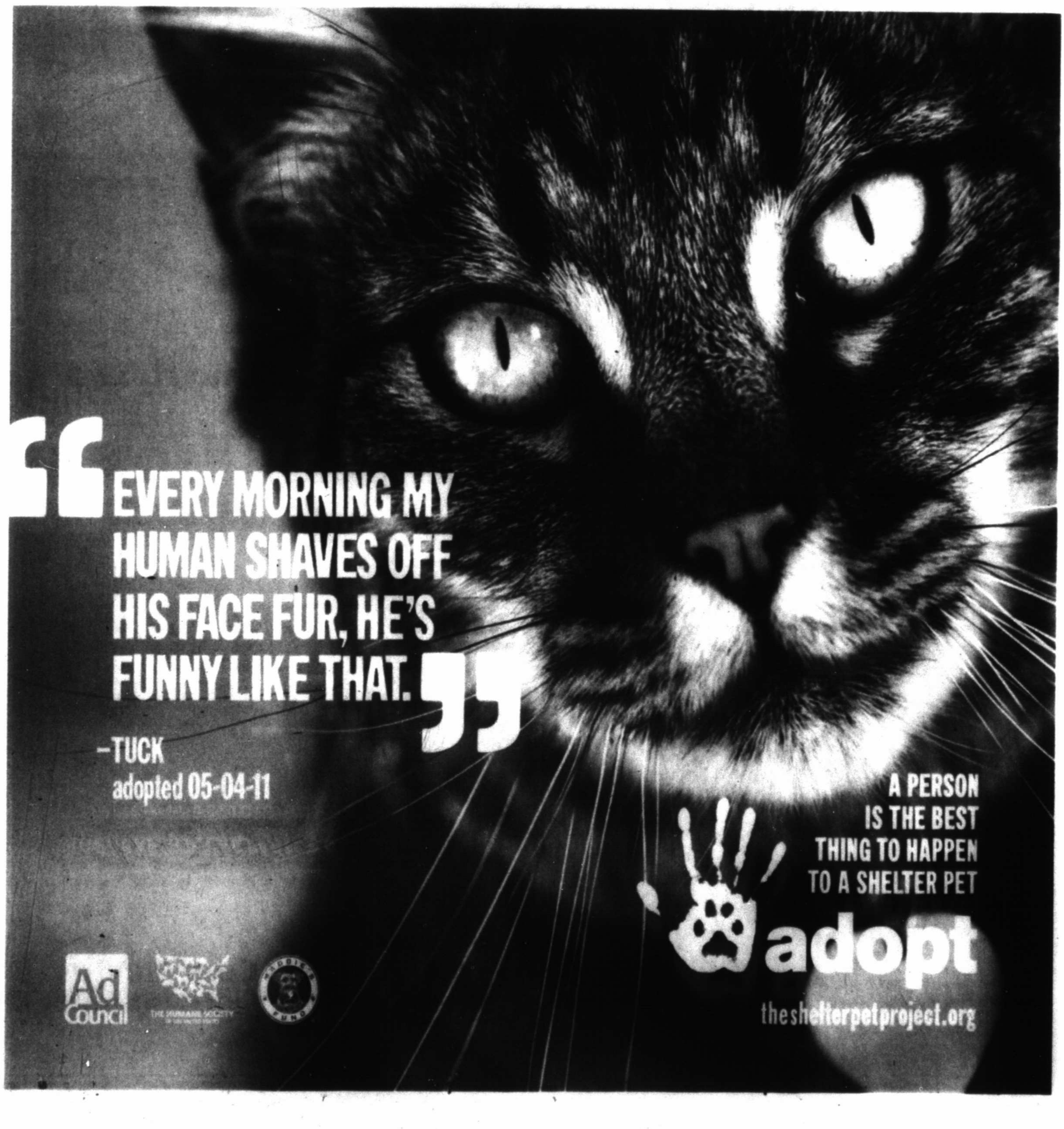
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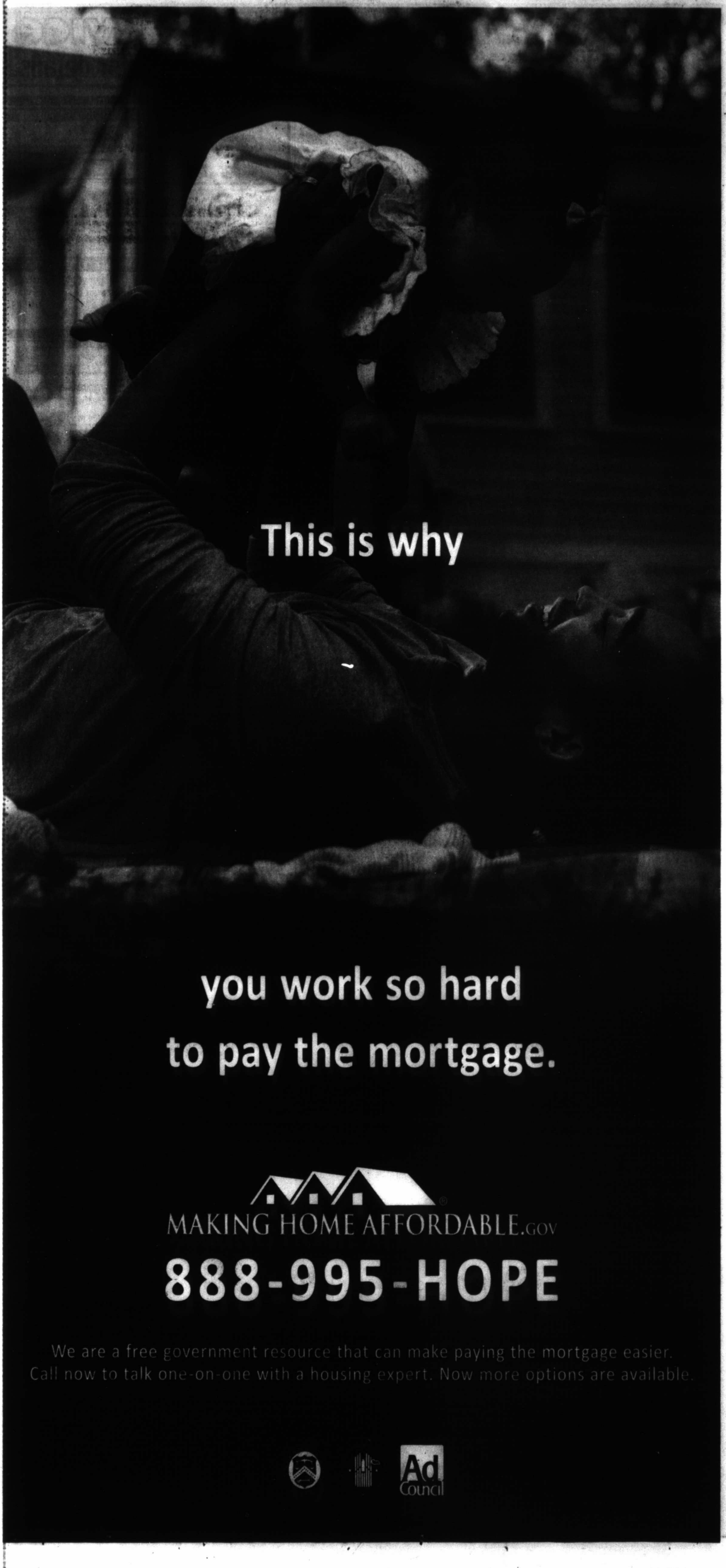
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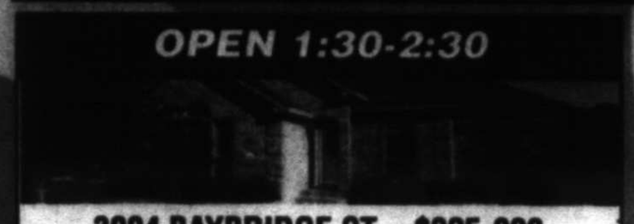
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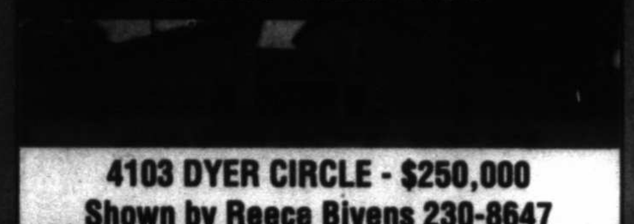
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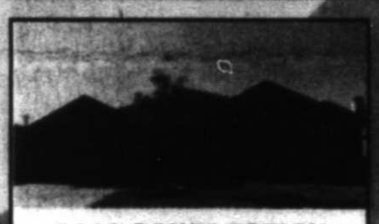
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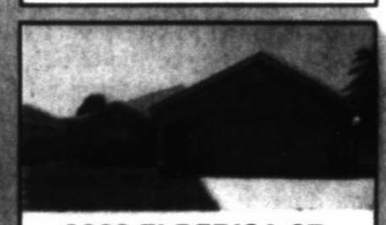
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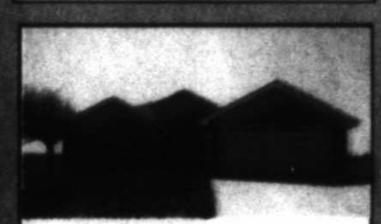
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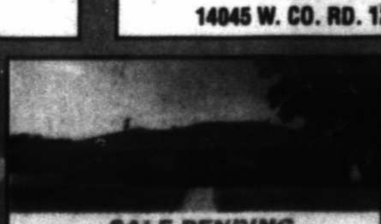
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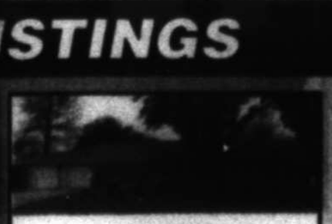
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How to Sleep More Guests in Your Home

The in-laws and their brood coming to stay for the holidays? Don't panic about where to stow everyone for the night. Below are a handful of tips for making sleeping space on any budget.

Screened off corners. So you put a cot in the office—now what? The answer is a privacy screen. "Buying a privacy screen to corner off sleeping spaces can help up the cozy ante, as well as keep your existing space functional."

Skinny sleeper sofa. When most of us hear the term "sleeper sofa," we think of the bulky bedding of yore. However, there are many twin size sleeper sofa options that could fit nicely in the living room, den, or even in the corner of the guest bedroom. No year-round guests? No worries! These make great reading nooks in the off season.

Bunk it out. Want to make the most of that guest bedroom? Try bunk beds. There are many attractive bunk bed options available. And who says bunk beds need to be for kids? Many companies make queen size bunk options. No guest room? No problem. Another option is placing bunk beds in a less-trafficked room, like the office or den. Want to hide the bunks from day-to-day activities? Add an intimate curtain or—if your budget allows—a sliding barn door, which will add discretion and make guests feel like they've got their own sleeping fort.

Consider alternate couches. The futon isn't the only couch with slumber party capabilities. Consider swapping one of your couches for a day bed equipped with a trundle bed, or look for a large sectional big enough to sleep one or more.

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Housing Demand

The Mortgage Bankers Association, in a new research paper, projects between 13.9 and 15.9 million additional households will form by 2024, making the next decade one of the strongest in housing in U.S. history. The report, Housing Demand: Demographics and the Numbers Behind the Coming Multi-Million Increase in Households, shows that the housing demand surge will be driven by Hispanics, Baby Boomers and Millennials. "Household formation has been depressed in recent years by a long, jobless recovery and by a lull in the growth of the working age population," said MBA Vice President of Research and Economics Lynn Fisher. "Improving employment markets will build on major demographic trends-including maturing of Baby Boomers, Hispanics and Millennials-to create strong growth in both owner and rental housing markets over the next decade." The report said household growth will include: 5.5 to 5.7 million more Hispanic households in 2024 than in 2014 and 3.4 to 5.0 million more non-Hispanic White households. MBA said growth will be driven by Baby Boomers, with 12.3 to 12.9 million more households age 60 and over in 2024 than there are today. Millennials will also be a key component of growth raising the ranks of households age 18 to 44 by 4.1 to 5.1 million. "When it comes to starting new households, age 35 is the new 25, as younger Americans are spending a longer time in school and delaying major life events like getting married and having children," said MBA Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Research Jamie Woodwell. "As Millennials age and create more housing demand, these long-term social trends will mix with demographic changes and the waning hang-over from the Great Recession with a net outcome of increased demand for housing." By 2024, MBA said, demographic and economic changes "will bring what could be one of the largest expansions" in the history of the U.S. housing market. "Averaging 1.6 million additional households per year, housing market growth over the next decade would be among the strongest the U.S. has ever seen." Source: The MBA



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Seeking approval
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But I haven't found a house yet
Being pre-approved for a mortgage loan doesn't mean you are borrowing the money or that you are obligated to. It just means the lender must stand behind his written commitment to fund the specified amount unless something changes with your situation. Think about how attractive your offer will be to the seller if you submit it with a letter pre-approving you for the loan.

Can the lender change his mind?
Some situations could cause a lender to withdraw from funding a loan even after a pre-approval letter is issued. If your credit situation changes between the time the pre-approval letter is issued and the loan's funding, then the lender could change the interest rate or even deny the loan application. So, while you're buying a house, it's important not to apply for credit cards or other loans that could change your credit situation.

Avoid surprises in your credit
The best way to check out what a lender is going to see in your credit history is to get a copy of your credit report. This document lists your financial history, including total debt and whether you pay your bills on time. Regularly checking your credit report is the best way to spot identity theft, credit report errors or other blemishes that could affect your ability to buy a home.

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2 BED 1 bathroom, $850mo. $500 deposit. Updated, tile bathroom. No smoking, no pets, 3112 W Kansas. Call 432-803-7051.

Houses for Rent Furnished

3 BED 2 bath. $1,300 month, $800 deposit. No pets. 15 miles from Midland, East I-20 in the country. 432-853-0015

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

3BD, 2BA house in Fannin school district. $2400/mo + deposit. Call 325-207-0942

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, ranch style home. 1,800 sq. ft. Lease to own. 575-937-9377 $1,350/mo.

4705 B Harvard. Cute 2BD/2B duplex, 2 carports, fenced yard, applicances, non-smoker, prefer no pets. $1,300 mo. 432-620-9222 or 432-425-2739.

4982 RUSTIC Trail, Midland. 4BD/2BA, 2 car garage, 2,400sqft, $1,800 deposit, Rent $2,150/mo. Call 916-847-2590.

4 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Credit check, no pets. 3308 Canemont $1,750 month & $1,400 deposit. 432-741-0097

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Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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Condos/ Townhouses

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Homes for Sale

12206 WCR 58 4 bd, 4 ½ bath on 4 acres. $475k, call Amber Broker Associate for the Scott Williams Team of Realtors 432-238-9916

2403 METZ Place: 5 bd, 3 1/2 bath, 2 lvg. areas, dining room and office. Great location close to Emerson Elementary and Goddard Jr. High. $325,000. For more information please call 432-352-1218

3527 GULF, 3BD/2BA, Newly Remodeled, fireplace, 2000+ sf. Large backyard. $219,000. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

3608 SINCLAIR 2939sf. 4BD/3BA., fireplace. Water well, Remodeled. $249,000 Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

4613 LEISURE DRIVE 3 BEDROOM/ 2 BATH HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER. NO OWNER FINANCE.$155,000. VIEW HOME AT ZILLOW.COM. Call 432-238-0658

501 W. Scharbauer Drive, Unit 13, 1 bedroom 1 bath Townhome. For sale by owner. No owner finance. $40,000. View home at zillow.com. Call 432-238-0658

805 SHEA 3 bedroom, 2 bath, built in 2013 $205k call Kristin, Realtor at The Scott Williams Team 432-557-7366

REDUCED! $159,000 4007 Roosevelt 3 bd, 2 ba, spacious. Large back yard with Bonus room. Call Kristin, Realtor for the Scott Williams Team of Realtors 432-557-7366

Lots & Land

Acreage

340 ACES for sale, 1/2 farm approximately 1/2 pasture. 1/2 mile of Concho River. Turkey deer, Dove good hunting. Fish the river. 15 - 18 miles from San Angelo. Jim Thomas 325-656-0110. Tom Carpenter, Broker.

MITCHELL COUNTY 160 acres irrigated farm. Valley Center Pivot with 600 gallon per minute water well. 325-242-0771

Lots & Land

Acreage

79.4 ACRES SE Snyder,Tx. Hwy and RR frontage on East end. Deep Creek in center of property. West end is scenic and remote. Call Pat Zeitler, REALTOR, Dierschke, REALTORS 325-374-1880

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*1,771 ac. windmill. creek. blinds and feeders. great w-tail and mule deer. turkey. hogs. quail $850/ac
• **Nolan County**
*646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD d creek. blinds. feeders. elevation change. oaks $3,550/ac
*565 ac. Pecan Creek. New Living/Shop. 200 acres cleared for cattle. blinds/feeders. windmill $3,550/ac
• **Howard County**
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*150 ac. big canyo SOLD anks. cedar/mesquites. great deer. turkey. jav $895/ac
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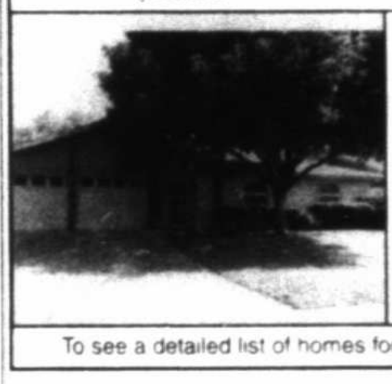


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4517 Hilltop-4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage w/2 HUGE living areas +2 dining areas in Briarwood. 2 new HVAC systems. Park Like yard. Over 3,300 sq. ft. **$459,900**
1404 W. Pine-WALLACE TOWNHOME: **BIG REDUCTION** Over 2,900 sq. ft w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2 huge living areas. Goodbye yard work. **$329,900**
6701 ECR 55, SHORT SALE sellers loss is your gain! Almost 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Titan modular home on 2 acres. Great condition. **$259,900**
34 Kauai, Odessa: New by Stevens Construction. Gated "Fountains" Addition. 3-3-2 Patio style home, loads of upgrades include granite and rock interior accents. Over 2,400 Sq. ft. **$379,900**

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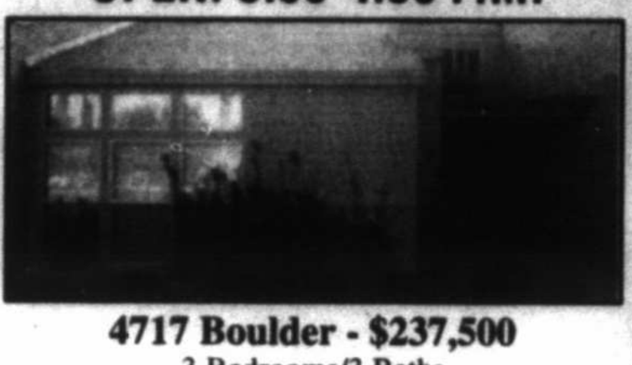
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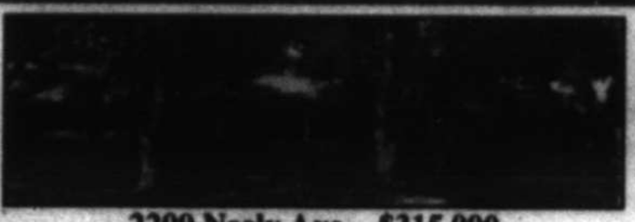
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5 Bedrooms/4.5 Baths
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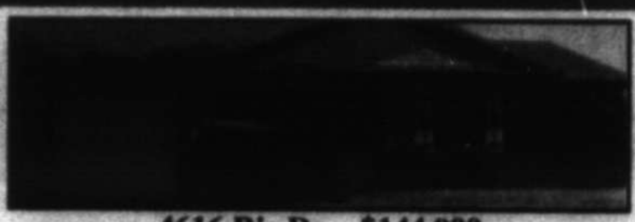


4717 Boulder - $237,500
3 Bedrooms/3 Baths
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Featured Homes



2200 Neely Ave. - $315,000



4616 Ric Dr. - $144,000



700 Nolan Ryan Dr. - $229,900



3806 Wedgwood - $389,000

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New and Reduced Listings

2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres ... $795,000
3806 Wedgwood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect kitchen. large living areas ... $389,000
2200 Neely Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths ... $315,000
2821 Frontier Dr-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath in quiet street in Fannin area ... $239,000
700 Nolan Ryan Dr-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan, all the amenities, great yard, entertaining pergola ... $229,900
3605 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back ... $224,000
1108 Ainslee St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates ... $199,000
4616 Ric Dr.-Totally updated and absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath home ... $144,000

Two Bedrooms

2001 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! ... $599,000
2200 North H St.-Spacious 2br, 2 bath, neutral decor, open kitchen/dining area, large utility room and pantry ... $206,000
3534 Lonoke Ave.-Beautiful spacious townhome with 2 bedrooms-each a suite ... $200,000
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! ... $199,900
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! ... $135,000
3330 Caldera #146-2BR/2BA Great updated condo ... $110,000
4700 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! 2 bdrm/2bth condo. Corner lot with view of POOL! ... $88,000

Three Bedrooms

2106 N. N St.-Old Midland treasure! 3bdrm/3bth, just amazing! Must see! ... $799,900
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres ... $795,000
1209 W. Cuthbert-Updated in the heart of Old Midland, wonderful pool! ... $695,000
112 Windridge Circle-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub ... $599,900
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! ... $575,000
4419 Tanforan Ave.-Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! ... $450,000
1700 Maberry-Simply gorgeous, 3-2.5, formals, w/fab gates, many new upgrades, lovely Huntington Place ... $425,000
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree ... $399,900
3810 Coyote-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! ... $399,500
Lot10Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows ... $376,000
4910 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! ... $366,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL ... $349,000
2102 Neely Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland ... $345,000
902 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park ... $329,000
2200 Neely Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths ... $315,000
5608 San Saba-Wonderful 3/2.5/2/2 Mark Payne one owner home. A must see ... $314,900
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions ... $285,000
3609 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property ... $285,000
4306 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home ... $289,900
2610 Lockheed Dr.-So many updates, too many to list. Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5bth home w/nice open floor plan and POOL ... $275,000
3301 Marble Ln - 1953 sq. ft. - 3BR, 2BA Great updated home in Rock Point ... $269,900
4205 Nelson-Spacious 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous ... $259,900
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! ... $237,500
3103 Elma Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees ... $230,000
1508 Douglas Ave. - Lovely 3 bedrooms/2 bath, great location! ... $230,000
700 Nolan Ryan Dr-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan, all the amenities, great yard, entertaining pergola ... $229,900
3605 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back ... $224,000
9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa! Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan ... $199,900
2803 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR, 2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage ... $199,900
1108 Ainslee St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates ... $199,000
3217 Lockheed Dr.-Charming 3 bdrm/2bth home with great floor plan & location! Investors welcome! ... $175,000
2100 Wadley #65-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/3bths ... $152,500
4616 Ric Dr.-Totally updated and absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath home ... $144,000

Four Bedrooms

519 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan ... $1,175,000
2002 Stanolind-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! ... $790,000
6418 Saddle Horn Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br, 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage ... $794,000
2105 Co. Rd. 1060-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! ... $455,000
Lot11Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc ... $449,600
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashingdon home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! ... $442,000
4409 Verde Glen Ct-4 Br, 3/5 Bath, 2 Living 3,545 sq. ft. ... U/C $439,900
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today ... $408,320
3806 Wedgwood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect kitchen, large living areas ... $389,000
7208 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now ... $380,480
4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/2bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss the 4 car garage! ... $369,900
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/2bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful!! ... $369,900
Lot9Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Madows. Call Holly to make selections now ... $353,760
5009 Mount Vernon Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2.5bth home! Move-in condition! ... U/C $349,500
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1089-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! ... $339,500
5404 San Saba Ct.-Beautifully laid out 4bdrm/2bth home w/oversized rooms, high ceilings, open kitchen ... $329,900
2302 Seaboard Ave.-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home ... U/C $329,000
5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa! Immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms ... $319,900
2302 Stanolind-Stainless appliances!! Fridge, washer & dryer stay with this 4/2/3 living in Fannin School area SOLD $263,500
2821 Frontier Dr.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath in quiet street in Fannin area ... $239,000
5201 Co. Rd. 1157- 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country ... $230,000
3808 Fannin Ave.-Open living and dining, great location! ... $189,000
5000 S. Co. Rd. 1136-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre ... $120,000

Five or More Bedrooms

2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/8fbths/4hbths. WOW! ... $2,250,000
6826 Island Circle-6/5.5-Exquisite Greentree jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! ... $849,900
2003 Sinclair Ave-Fabulous 5 bedroom in Warwick, 4LA, pool, spa, game room, beautifully updated SOLD $849,000
3900 Fairwood Ct.-Updated in Mockingbird Heights, 2 story, granite, and full guest house! U/C $699,000
6515 Gladiola-Spacious 5 bdrm/4.5bth home w/finished livable basement on 1.194 acres ... $379,900
6810 W. County Rd. 41-Charming country home in Sunridge Ranch Estates. Gorgeous kitchen and tile wood floors! U/C $350,000

New Construction

4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/2bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss the 4 car garage! ... $379,000
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/2bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful!! ... $379,000
Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage ... 638-3090

Town Houses and Patio Homes

4302 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar. patio home ... U/C $289,900
4306 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home ... $289,900

For Lease

1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111

For Lease

10601-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease, 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home ... 638-3090
S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood ... $2,000,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ... $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood ... $1,303,200
3810 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! ... $549,000
1106 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ... $451,120
800 Neely Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales ... $300,000
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan ... $399,900
6703 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community ... $300,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! ... $250,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy ... $179,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres ... $125,000
11816 W. County Rd. 58 1/2 W - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood ... $114,000
2500 Regency Oaks Ct.-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks ... $87,500
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ... U/C $85,000
0 N. Weatherford St.-Residential Lot close to downtown ... $28,500

Commercial Investment Property

1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
10 Desta Drvie-For Sublease, approx. 13,599 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
3415 Caldera-For Lease, beautiful custom office building, approx. 2,132 sq. ft. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
4000 N. Big Spring-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,507 sq. ft. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
3800 S. Co. Rd. 1276-2,330 acres with a 10,792 sf industrial warehouse/distribution center. Fenced, gated and secured facility located conveniently just south of Midland International Airport. Grade level access and dock high loading. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ... U/C $800,000
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres ... $795,000
901 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! ... $650,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott ... $575,000
3407 Caldera-Approximately 2,478 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Caldera Plaza Complex. Convenient access to Midkiff & Loop 250 ... U/C $389,000
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned industrial Park ... $100,000
12020 West I-20-For Lease, Approx. 4,080 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 ... $4,000/Month

Out of Town Properties

5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa! Immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms ... $319,900
9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa! Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan ... $199,900



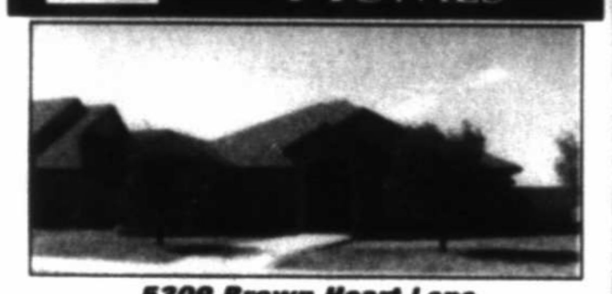
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers HOMES



4304 Saltillo Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $387,500

ASHINGDON HOMES



5309 Brown Heart Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $429,500

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4306 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $439,900

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OPEN HOUSES TODAY



5112 Brighton Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $279,900



4408 Norwood
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $209,900



6501 Mosswood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $444,500



NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland Gallery Homes



5302 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $515,000

Saenz Signature Homes



4304 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $379,500

Carrasco Homes



5319 Half Moon Circle
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $484,900

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1904 E. Pine	1 Bdrm/1 Ba/Mobile Home	$39,500
501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,900
2910 Delano Avenue	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/Carport	SOLD
4408 Norwood Street	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$209,900
3212 Frontier Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas	$209,900
5112 Brighton Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$279,900
4608 Lemonwood Lane	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$319,900
5521 Los Patios	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$330,000
6501 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$444,500
4301 Mockingbird Ln	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage, Outbuildings & Acreage	U/C
5314 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$465,000
3700 Casady Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$465,000
1920 Fringewood Dr.	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Area/4 Car Garage	U/C
5313 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6413 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/3 Car Garage/Spectacular Pool	$574,500

NEW CONSTRUCTION

801 N. Terrell St.	Carrasco Homes/3 B drm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
803 N. Terrell St.	Carrasco Homes/3 B drm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,800
5607 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$373,000
2410 S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4405 Casa Verde Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$418,500
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$429,500
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$439,900
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$445,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$455,900
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$482,500
5319 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5302 George Yard Ct	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$515,000
5307 Dunraven Ct	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5417 Secretariat St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,275,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

6518 Mockingbird Ln.	1.007 Acres	$125,000
3406 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$129,500
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
3609 S. Co. Rd. 1187	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
2410 S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$375,000
7112 FM 307	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car garage	$389,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

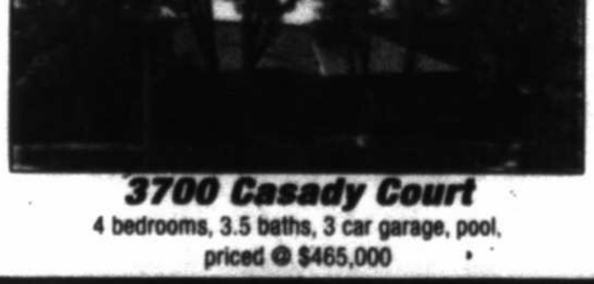
OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

458 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$159,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

E. Co. Rd. 140	10.2 Acres	$399,000
3108 W. Co. Rd. 1200	Office building/5 offices/meeting room/3 acres	$875,000
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

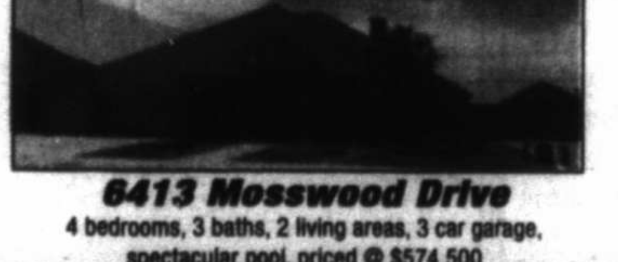
FEATURED PROPERTIES



3700 Casady Court
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, pool, priced @ $465,000



4608 Lemonwood Lane
Odessa, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $319,900



6413 Mosswood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, spectacular pool, priced @ $574,500



5521 Los Patios
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $330,000



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6701 E. COUNTY RD. 112
4 Bedrooms, 3 baths, 2,820 sq. Ft. Home with oversized 2 car garage. (8ft garage door) on 3 acres in greenwood. The 4th bedroom/bonus room with the 3rd bath is above the garage. Office area next to master bedroom. Custom cabinets, air bubble tub and many more amenities. List of amenities uploaded in mls.Easy access to Loop 250, Hwy 307, I-20 and Garden City Hwy. **$489,500** Cindy Colley 432-413-8494.



2313 DENGAR AVE.
Beautifully updated & well maintained home in very desirable neighborhood with Beautiful landscaping, large back yard with covered patio and **in ground pool**. Perfect for entertaining. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 2 Large living areas and 2 dining areas. **$298,000**. Call Cindy Colley 432-413-8494.



4521 LEDDY DR.
Tons of space to accommodate any size of family. 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and 2 nice size living areas. Aluminum siding for easy exterior care. Storm windows for great efficiency. Fireplace in Den with parquet flooring and tons of closets/storage space! Huge kitchen with pantry. Good sizes bedrooms with nice size closets. **$182,000**. Call Cindy Colley 432-413-8494.



5308 GREATHOUSE AVE.
Gorgeous 4 bed,3 bath,2 living and 2 dining home in greathouse. Beautiful curb appeal with landscaping. Granite and tile throughout the home with high ceilings. Gourmet kitchen opens to the den and breakfast dining. Breakfast bar, gas range and large island. In law plan. Master has 2 vanities and huge wrap around closet! Move in ready!! **$440,000**. Call Elvia Lopez.



1505 ELKINS RD.
Super nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home country living at its best. tile floors - corner fireplace - no carpet anywhere. room off of den is partially finished. This is a delight to see. **$405,000**. Call Kay McDonald (432) 689-0021



2917 GODDARD PLACE
Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home located on a low maintenance corner lot. Great floorplan - Lots of nice updates here. Large living area with corner fireplace. Sequestered master. Cinder block fence. **$249,900** Call Kay McDonald (432) 689-0021



8801 W. COUNTY RD. 60
Unbelievable country property. Home has been completely updated (2009-2010) New Roof put on in 2012, New Central HVAC January 2011 and a saltless softener system. Beautiful stained flooring, gourmet kitchen w/huge granite island, wine frig, double ovens, plus granite in both baths. Huge master bdrm with fireplace, bookshelves and french doors out to the courtyard. **$419,900**. Cindy Colley 432-413-8494.



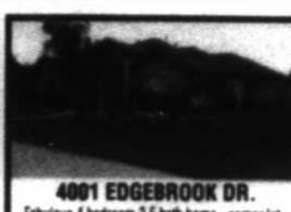
803 N 7TH, LAMESA, TX
Addorable 2 bedrpoom 1 bath home with large living room with fireplace and built in cabinet and formal dining. Nice den and updated kitchen. Very large beautiful back yard with many trees. **$48,900.** Cindy Colley (432) 413-8494.



4704 THOMASON
Lots of Potential with this Property. 4 Bedrooms, 2 baths with large Sunroom/Gameroom. **$99,900**. Call Cindy Colley (432) 413-8494.



3311 BAUMANN AVE.
Spacious family home with newish carpet that was installed over existing tile. The whole house has white tile like is in the kitchen under the carpet. Big lot nice area. see to appreciate. **$185,000** Call Carol Fulfer (432) 528-1632.



4001 EDGEBROOK DR.
Fabulous 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home - corner lot - incredible Aranda pool with sheer decent waterfall - granite countertops - stainless appliances - custom paint - this is drop dead gorgeous. Sequestered master - open floorplan - wow - homes like this one do not come along often. for a virtual tour go to:https://youtube.com/watch?v=E03101giBQ8 **$540,000**. Call Kay McDonald (432) 689-0021.



2317 N COUNTY RD 1140
Sits on cinder block foundation with 2 water wells. Beautiful country home 3.47 Acres. 4 Bedrooms with good closet space. Beautiful kitchen with island. Gorgeous updated bathrooms. **$175,000**. Call Elvia Lopez.



2803 KESSLER
Charming Older Home with 3 bedroom and 2 Bathrooms. Huge backyard with above ground pool. **$139,900**. Call Cindy Colley (432) 413-8494

RENTALS

4700 Boulder #1108 2.2	$1,250	5101 Canadian 3.2.2	$1,750
3305 Dengar W 3.2.2	$2,100	4421 Humble 3.2.2	$1,950
1901 Ohio 3.2.2	$2,000	3501 Gaston 2.1	$1,200
4102 Godfrey 3.2.2	$2,950	4728 Country Club 3.2.2	$1,650
4717 Kiowa 3.2.1	$1,200	4315 Dengar A 2.1	$1,250
#5 Belfield 4.2.2	$2,500	4315 Dengar B 2.1	$1,250
3101 B Dentcrest 3.2.2	$1,800		

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4310 E County Rd 63 - $734,900
New Construction in Bonito Estates, 4br, 3ba, 2 acres.



4200 E County Rd 63 - $732,900
New Construction in Bonito Estates, 4br, 3ba, 2 acres.



3206 Haynes - $265,000
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths



5920 Homestead - $735,000
3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths



5920 Llano - $319,900
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths

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Call Genie McMahan 432-664-0813

203 E Spruce Ave., Midland, TX
Immaculate, well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Lots of storage, nice built-in shelving in living area. Neutral paint colors. Recent dishwasher. Refrigerator to stay. This is a great place to call Home!
Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

2306 Haynes Dr., Midland, TX
Charming home close to schools, shopping, dining and Loop 250. Lots of space on the inside and low maintenance on the outside. Nice courtyards in front back.
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5104 Brighton Pl., Midland, TX
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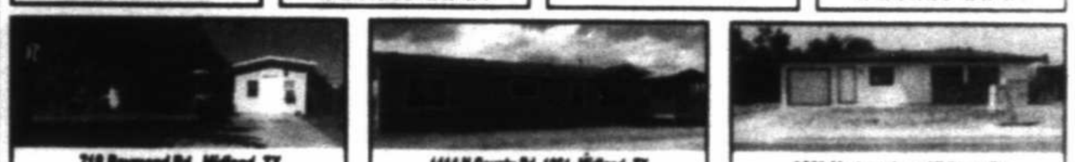


6313 Hopi Court, Midland, TX
Completely updated within the past year including windows and tile! Wonderful 3 bedroom home on Cul-de-Sac. Don't miss this one!
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1403 Mogford, Midland, TX
CUTE! CUTE! CUTE! 3 bedroom home with TONS of space! Very SPACIOUS kitchen! Very quiet and NICE neighborhood!! Call TODAY!!!
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4308 Cedar Spring, Midland, TX
Cute starter home with lots of updates. Open Concept. Large Kitchen with beautiful cabinets, tile counter top and backsplash. Master Bedroom has a half bath. Big back yard & walking distance from the school.
Call Sonya Luna 432-934-8358

3906 Lehigh Dr., Midland, TX
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718 Raymond Rd., Midland, TX
Charming 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Home, on a Corner Lot. Close to Elementary School. Stunning floors throughout, separate Utility Room, 2nd Living Area may be used as family room or a bedroom. Landscaped front yard and fenced backyard CALL TO SEE!
Call Rosalee Burrola 432-208-9040

1414 N County Rd. 1081, Midland, TX
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3220 Mariana Ave., Midland, TX
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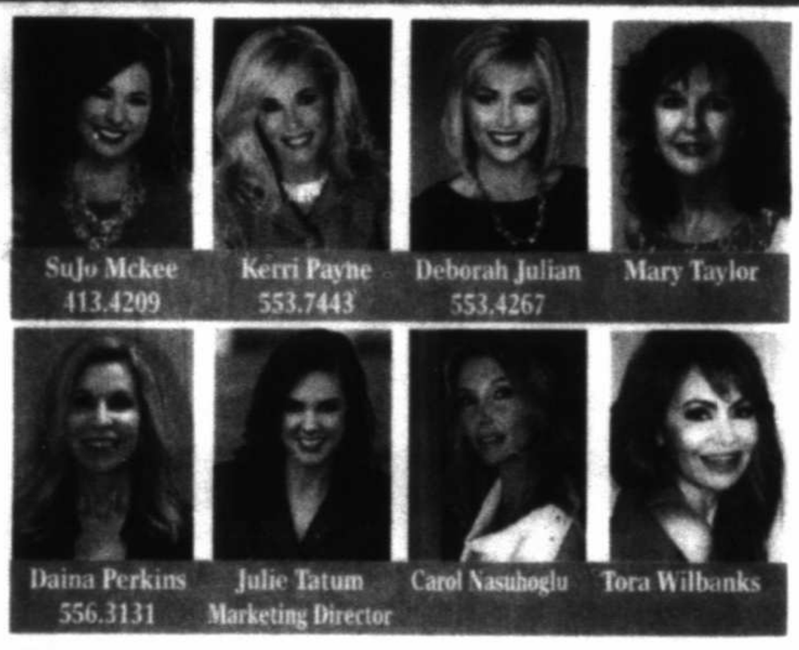
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00 - 2102 Deeanna Ln.-Fabulous home in Grassland Estates 4 Bed /3.5 Baths/3 living areas /2 dining areas & gourmet kitchen! Fresh interior paint & new carpet in bedrooms!	$519,900
OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00 - 2813 Caldera-Absolutely wonderful 4 bed/2.5 Bath/3 car garage home w/gorgeous hardwood flooring, gas fireplace, high ceilings, walls of windows & custom archways!	$275,000
OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30 - 4700 Island Drive- Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/4.5 Bath/2 living/2 dining area/3 car gar home w/sweeping course views & metal fence!	$499,900
OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30 - 3405 Trinity Meadows-Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/3.5 Bath/3 living area home on quiet street w/lushly landscaped grounds! 4191 square feet!	$425,000

4+ BEDROOMS

14750 Kobyn Lane-Recently completed elegant estate in gardendale on 6.03 Acres! Main home has 5 (or 6) bed/6 Full+2 1/2 baths/great room, study, theatre & playroom!, pool, workout room, workshop, barn, pond & playground!	$2,900,000
4 Bay Meadows Lane-Absolutely fabulous stucco hacienda in saddle club estates-1.4 Acres! Dazzling pool & spa! 6 Bed/6.5 Bath/9 living guest quarters, workshop & a delightful casita!	$1,800,000
116 Soloman-Austin stone exterior, extensively landscaped 2 acres of gorgeous grounds, dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & 3780 sw ft party barn! Is delightfully finished w/huge living areas, kitchen, bath, media+enormous workshop!	$1,500,000
2109 Deeanna Ln.-Spectacular & totally updated 6 bed/6 full bath+3 half bath/10 living, 2 complete kitchens, soaring ceilings and dazzling pool! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of custom tile!	$999,900
3201 Elkins-Dream home with guest house - a must see on almost 20 acres! Main house has 6956 sqft -guest house has 1293 sqft! Hardwood, tile, marble & stained concrete flooring, walls of windows, soaring ceiling!	$949,900
4916 Tattenham Corner - Absolutely spectacular santa fe style dream home on 3.43 Acres with artist studio, barn, workshop and dazzling pool! 5 Bed/5.5 Baths /5+ living/3 dining & 9 gar on cul-de-sac! Wrap-around balcony, 5 hvac, metal roof!	$875,000
3600 Trinity-4 Bed/3 Full/2 Half Bath Home in Trinity Estates Bright & Dramatic-Beautiful Museum Lighting! 61 windows making it light, bright & dramatic! Oak trees galore provide fantastic shade!	$749,900
8 Hialeah-Absolutely lovely home in saddle club estates-4 bed/3.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining areas! Circle drive on .616 acre lot w/mature trees! Gorgeous hardwood floors, plantation shutters & updated gourmet kitchen!	$625,000
9901 WCR 75-Wonderful country living close to town on 2.114 Acres! 4 Bed/4.5 Bath/3 living & 2 dining! Huge (86x65) shop/barn/rv storage! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless & granite!	$525,000
2102 Deeanna Ln.-Fabulous home in Grassland Estates 4 Bed /3.5 Baths/3 living areas /2 dining areas & gourmet kitchen! Fresh interior paint & new carpet in bedrooms! Walls of windows!	$519,900
97 San Clemente-Simply spectacular! Main house has exquisite master ste w/2 baths, fireplace, lovely study & private patio! Guest house is 871 sq. ft. w/2 bed/2 baths & kitchenette!	$500,000
5300 Balfour Ct-Extraordinary showstopper on quiet cul-de-sac has 4 bed/3 baths/greatroom+study/3 car gar + fabulous outdoor kitchen & 2nd fireplace! Stucco & stone exterior!	$499,900
4700 Island Drive- Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/4.5 Bath/2 living/2 dining area/3 car gar home w/sweeping course views & metal fence! Gourmet kitchen w/granite! Two patios, lushly landscaped grounds!	$499,900
4520 Bent Tree-Spectacular course views! 4 Bed/3 bath/2 dining/2 living/3 car gar home in Green Tree North! 3 gorgeous fireplaces (one in master suite)! Fabulous oak floors and soaring ceilings!	$499,900
6209 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely stunning 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 dining, 1 living, oversized 3 car garage home in low maintenance dazzling pool! Extended covered patio & workshop added in 2007!	$499,900
4413 Verde Glen Ct-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 Bath/2 living area/2 dining area/4 car gar home on quiet street in gtn with putting green! Walls of windows, crown molding & plantation shutters!	$450,000
3405 Trinity Meadows-Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/3.5 Bath/3 living area home on quiet street w/lushly landscaped grounds! 4191 square feet! Gorgeous saltillo tile flows thru-out	$425,000
4905 Kingsboro-Absolutely fabulous lower maintenance 4 bed/2.5 Bath/2 or 3 living area /3 car garage home on quiet gorgeous street! Lovely extended patio w/pergola, celing fan & tall privacy fence!	$329,900
2813 Caldera-Absolutely wonderful 4 bed/2.5 Bath/3 car garage home w/gorgeous hardwood flooring, gas fireplace, high ceilings, walls of windows & custom archways! Gourmet kitchen!	$275,000
411 O'Rourke-Absolutely darling-better than new 4 bed/2 bath/formal dining or breakfast room/2 car gar home built in 2014! Rounded corners, crown molding & cozy fireplace!	$249,900
3317 W. Cuthbert-Cute 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living area/2 dining area home on large lot with recent 6 ft cedar fence! Very spacious with versatile plan! Great storage! Nice mature trees!	$135,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5201 Trobaugh-Fabulous custom hill country home on 4.550 Acres! 5,219 Sq. ft. workshop w/kitchen, bath & hookup! Walls of windows&plantation shutters! Re-purposed custom milled pine flooring!	$699,900
63 Lafayette-Gorgeous 3 bed/3.5 Bath/greatroom+study/2 dining area/2 car gar+parking pad low maintenance townhome w/soaring ceilings! Exquisite downstairs master suite w/ private patio!	$499,900
3312 Crestmont-Absolutely darling & updated 3 bed/2 bath/2 living +bonus room/2 car gar home w/lavishly landscaped grounds, Extended patio & gorgeous pergola! Corner lot on cul-de-sac!	$219,900
3704 Gulf-Cute & updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 dining area, 2 living area, 2 car garage (added in 2007) home in Wedgewood Park neighborhood! Beautiful mature pecan trees, patio & breezeway!	$215,000
3207 Lockheed-Great location! 3 Beds/2.5 Baths/2 living areas or 2 dining areas/2 car garage, pool & water well + storage building & masonry fence! Hardwood & tile flooring! Walls of windows!	$209,900
3246 Preston Dr.-Charming 2-story town home has 3 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and 2 car garage! Sautillo tile flooring, recent paint, carpet, 2in blinds and french doors! Cheerful patio!	$175,000
701 S. Lincoln - Absolutely spectacular new construction from G.O. Homes! Fabulous kitchen with granite, tons of cabinets! 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms! Large backyard with cinder block fence!	$165,000
603 N Madison Super Cute Cottage Like 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, 1 Living area and 1 Dining area home! Recently Remodeled Inside and Outside! Small study or man cave in the backyard!	$130,000
600 Liddon #68-Super cute and updated 2 story liddon townhome in sutton place! HOA fee covers all utilities (except cable)! Fantastic fireplace! Beautiful french doors! Cute back patio!	$99,900

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

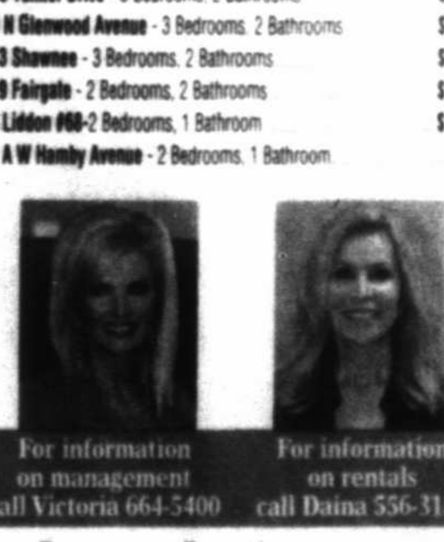
4107 N County Rd. 1247-RV Park: RV Park w/clubhouse & 2 cabins, 26 rv spots rent for $650/mo, 2 cabins rent for $1000 each/rv spots have concrete pads, cabins have window units, clubhouse has central heat & air!	$1,800,000
304 GEORGE AVE., 2101 N. BIG SPRING & 2111 N. BIG SPRING-This property is a package deal! Fabulous commercial location! Easy access to downtown as well as Loop 250!	$304,900
2610 E FM 1212-Fabulous country property on 12.888 Acres, all fenced with 2 water wells, 60x25 workshop, 3 storage buildings, over 100 trees! Pecan, peach, apple, plum, fig, apricot & walnut!	$225,000
2221 Timber Wolf Lane -Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates-city of midland, martin co. 25 Lots (appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre)!	$75,000
1975 Timber Wolf Lane - One of Midland's newest subdivisions--Timber Wolf Estates---city of midland, martin co. 25 Lots (appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre)...Plat available!	$62,400
Cutter Estates - Fabulous subdivision conveniently locatad in Gardendale-Cutter Estates-16 lots (appr .75 Acre) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer!	$35,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

1003 Mogford	UNDER CONTRACT
4404 Trevino	UNDER CONTRACT
6009 Mile High	SOLD
3408 Trinity Dr	[illegible]
2300 Regal	[illegible]
3512 W Michigan	[illegible]
4527 Shady Oak Ct.	[illegible]

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411 O'Rourke - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$2,500
2302 Haynes Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms	$1,950
4702 Sunshine Parkway - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
4907 Brazos Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
3311 Stewart Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
4403 Anetta Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
3506 Hyde Park Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
3411 Roosevelt Avenue - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
2522 Faulkner - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,700
723 Mellon Alley - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,700
3248 Preston Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,650
3232 Whittle Way - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,600
4516 Anetta Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,600
2511 Haynes Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,600
2305 B Haynes Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,600
2100 Wadley #21 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms	$1,500
1906 N Pecos Street - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,500
107 Thornridge Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,500
4506 Amigo - 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom	$1,500
4012 Livingston - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,500
3701 Michigan Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,500
1001 Tarleton - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,450
4016 Crockett Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,400
3606 Tanner Drive - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,400
210 N Glenwood Avenue - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,400
6313 Shawnee - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,200
4419 Fairgate - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,200
600 Liddon #68-2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom	$1,100
401 A W Hamby Avenue - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom	$900



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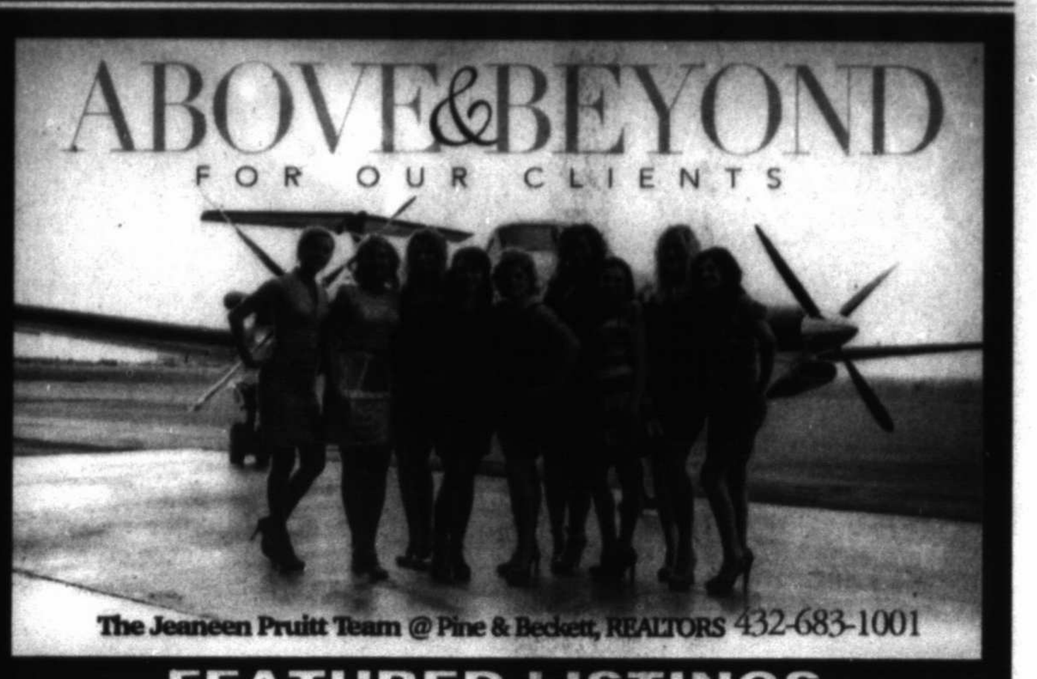
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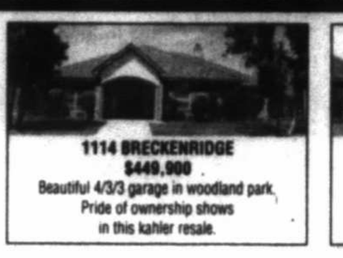


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809 SHEA LANE
$215,000
Spacious move in ready 3 bed/2 bath 2 car garage home in legends park!



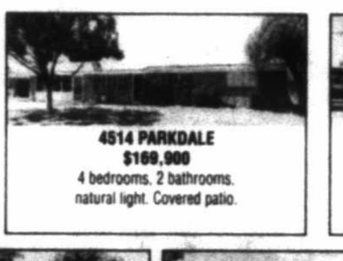
1114 BRECKENRIDGE
$449,900
Beautiful 4/3/3 garage in woodland park. Pride of ownership shows in this kahler resale.



5311 HALF MOON CIRCLE
$475,000
Gorgeous new construction 4 bed/3 bath/ 3 car by greg lacy homes in greathouse!



5205 HILLTOP
$599,500
Spacious 4,000 sq. ft. home w/giant gourmet kitchen



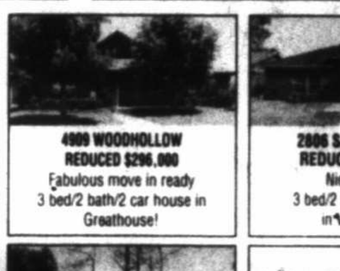
4514 PARKDALE
$169,900
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, natural light. Covered patio.



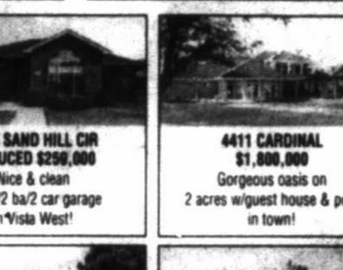
4429 ROOSEVELT
$150,000
Spacious 3 bedroom home on corner lot w/carport, workshop & water well!



12101 E. CO. RD. 102
$449,950
Fabulous 4 bed. 2 ba. 2 car on 1.15 acres w/a dazzling pool, pergola, workshop & storage bldg.



4909 WOODHOLLOW
REDUCED $296,000
Fabulous move in ready 3 bed/2 bath/2 car house in Greathouse!

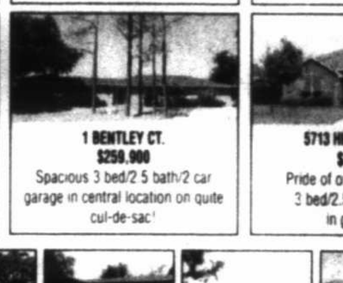


2805 SAND HILL CIR
REDUCED $250,000
Nice & clean 3 bed/2 ba/2 car garage in Vista West!

4411 CARDINAL
$1,800,000
Gorgeous oasis on 2 acres w/guest house & pool in town!



776 NE 1500, ANDREWS, TX
$1,300,000
Beautiful country estate on 1 acre w/pool, hot tub & full outdoor kitchen!



1 BENTLEY CT.
$250,000
Spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 car garage in central location on quite cul-de-sac!

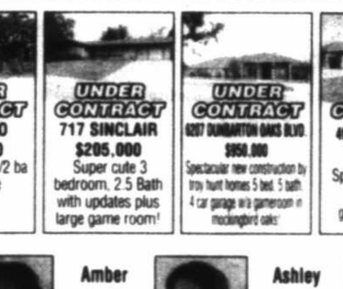


5713 HIGHLAND BLVD.
$360,000
Pride of ownership shows! 2 bed/2.5 bath/3 garage in grassland!

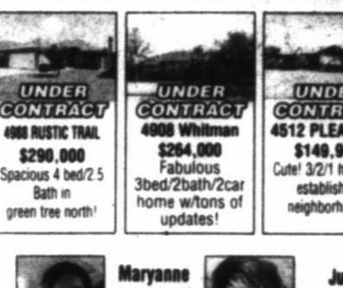
4710 NEELY
$219,000
Move in Ready! 3 bed, 2 bath nice comes lot!



UNDER CONTRACT
6408 MECCA
$299,900
Lovely home on quiet cul-de-sac with in-ground pool + separate yard!



UNDER CONTRACT
3622 OHIO
$154,900
Spotless 2 bed/2 ba townhome



UNDER CONTRACT
717 SINCLAIR
$205,000
Super cute 3 bedroom, 2.5 Bath with updates plus large game room!

UNDER CONTRACT
6307 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
$950,000
Spectacular new construction by Iris Ivan homes 5 bed. 5 bath / 3 car garage w/a gameroom + mockingbird cabi



UNDER CONTRACT
4905 RUSTIC TRAIL
$290,000
Spacious 4 bed/2.5 Bath in green tree north!



UNDER CONTRACT
4908 Whitman
$204,000
Fabulous 3bed/2bath/2car home w/tons of updates!



UNDER CONTRACT
4512 PLEASANT
$149,000
Cute! 3/2/1 home in established neighborhood.



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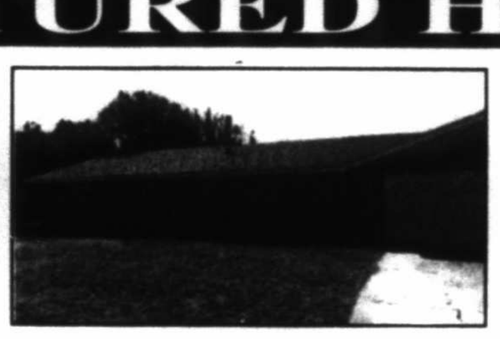
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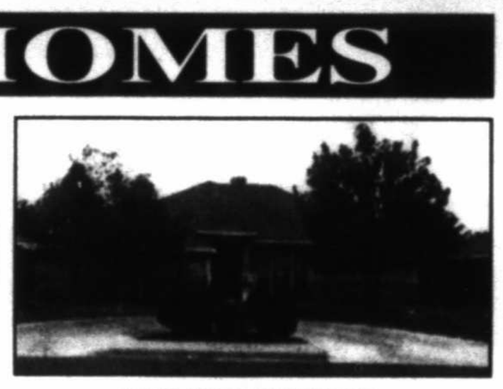
308 99TH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS
$179,000
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Mint condition! Spacious kitchen, sequestered master with large walk in closet, good sized yard with covered patio, in North Park nice and quiet neighborhood. MOVE IN READY!
Call Minerva Rodriguez, 631-5679



4109 SPRINGFIELD CT.
$418,000
Immaculate large 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with sparkling inground pool & wood floors. Great for entertaining! Home has formal living area and cozy den, formal dining area and large kitchen with TONS of storage. Inviting breakfast nook with bay window overlooking the pool. Inside utility room with sink. Landscaped yard with back covered patio, workshop/storage and 3-car garage & located in cul-de-sac.
Call Sharon Horton, 853-7875



3401 PRINCETON AVE.
$225,000
Come see the brand new kitchen! Open to family room with new carpet! Wonderful home in central location and great neighborhood. 3 living areas with lots of room! Very large lot with fenced in yard & more room in back of lot! 3 nice sized bedrooms and 2 baths.
Call Kelvie Cleverdon, 559-1488



5502 CROWLEY BLVD.
LEASE $2,700 MONTH
Open floor plan, huge living room w/cozy fireplace, formal dining area nice & bright, breakfast dining area, nice & spacious kitchen w/beautiful island & breakfast bar, large pantry, sequestered matster suite w/double vanities, jetted tub, separate shower, his & hers walk-in closets. Good dized bedrooms w/spacious closets, utility room w/sink, circular driveway, nice covered patio in desireable neighborhood.
Call Minerva Rodriguez, 631-5679

4+ BEDROOM

1205 TELLURIDE DR		$540,000
11802 COUNTY RD. 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	U/C
5307 OAK VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1056	SOLD
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5006 APPLE CREEK ROAD		$325,000
3204 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
5910 PEDERNALES DR	FACT ID #1080	$313,900
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1033	SOLD
506 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1089	$293,000
3014 BOTTICELLI		$262,500
5908 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1025	SOLD
3313 CAMARIE AVE	FACT ID #1096	$219,000
6201 OLYMPIC CT		SOLD
518 COLISEUM CT	FACT ID #1100	SOLD

3 BEDROOM

4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1097	$418,000
4621 ROSEWOOD		$339,500
4705 #6 SPRING MEADOW LANE	FACT ID #1038	U/C

3 BEDROOM

2516 SEABOARD AVE	FACT ID #1033	$325,000
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
2307 HERMITAGE CT	FACT ID #1057	SOLD
3704 BERMUDA CT	FACT ID #1039	SOLD
4823 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1025	$278,000
1005 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1038	U/C
3508 IMPERIAL AVE		SOLD
4003 COUNTY RD. 1247		$235,000
605 MEMORIAL CT	FACT ID #1086	$230,000
3401 PRINCETON AVE	FACT ID #1089	$225,000
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
2603 NORTHRUP	FACT ID # 1080	SOLD
4703 NEELY AVE	FACT ID #0851	U/C
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1096	$205,000
3215 ORIENTAL	FACT ID #3215	SOLD
3809 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1006	U/C
2508 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1056	$189,900
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$189,000
424 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1090	$175,000

3 BEDROOM

4518 LEDDY DR	FACT ID #1057	$169,000
1703 E. PINE AVE	FACT ID #1070	U/C
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
2702 MICHIGAN AVE	FACT ID #1078	SOLD
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$69,900

2 BEDROOM

1501 E. 17TH		$135,000

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6203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000

LAND

13416 W COUNTY RD. 100		$200,000

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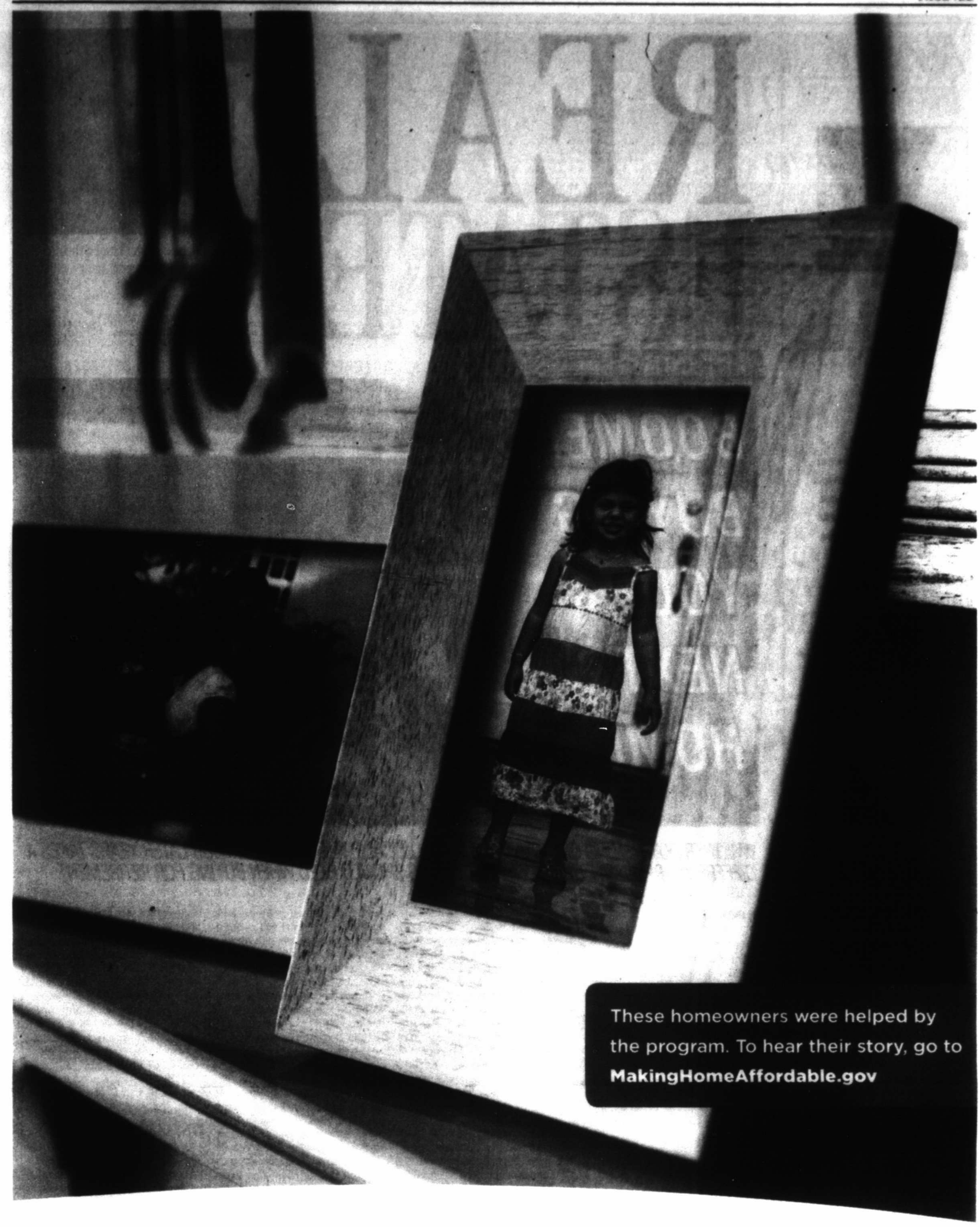
9040 W VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	$350,000
3014 BOTTICELLI		$262,500
2809 N. VEGAS AVE		$230,000
1708 E 53RD ST, ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
308 99TH STREET	FACT ID #1096	$179,000
2441 W. 15TH ST	FACT ID #1061 RESIDENTIAL LOT 0.19 ACRES	PRICE REDUCTION $25,000

LEASE

5502 CROWLEY BLVD. 38D		$2,700/MONTH

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Number of Americans who tapped their retirement savings for an emergency within the past year

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MORE MORTGAGES OR LESS?

QUESTION:

Several years ago we lost our home to foreclosure. We were told that it would be at least seven years before we could apply for a mortgage. Is that information still correct?

ANSWER:

Since the end of the Great Depression there were very few foreclosures in the U.S., one reason we have generally enjoyed low mortgage rates. However, with the introduction of toxic loans and the financial fall-out they caused, we began to see a massive increase in the number of foreclosures seen across the country in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The old idea was the mortgage lenders really didn't want to deal with someone who had a foreclosure in their financial history until the borrower had re-established credit. Part of this approach was also cautionary – if you were a mortgage lender then you surely did not want to give a mortgage to someone who had reneged on a home loan, the product you sell. If they had one mortgage failure then maybe they would have another.

As the financial dust began to clear from the mortgage debacle it became clear that some portion of the more than seven million people who lost their homes were not scoundrels seeking to abuse lenders. Instead, they were people who too often lost jobs and income. And despite good prior credit, they could not make their payments. As a result, lenders and insurers began to change their approach, and the result is that we now have "boomerang" borrowers, people with foreclosures, short sales (pre-foreclosures), bankruptcies and deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure on their financial history who can re-enter the mortgage marketplace.

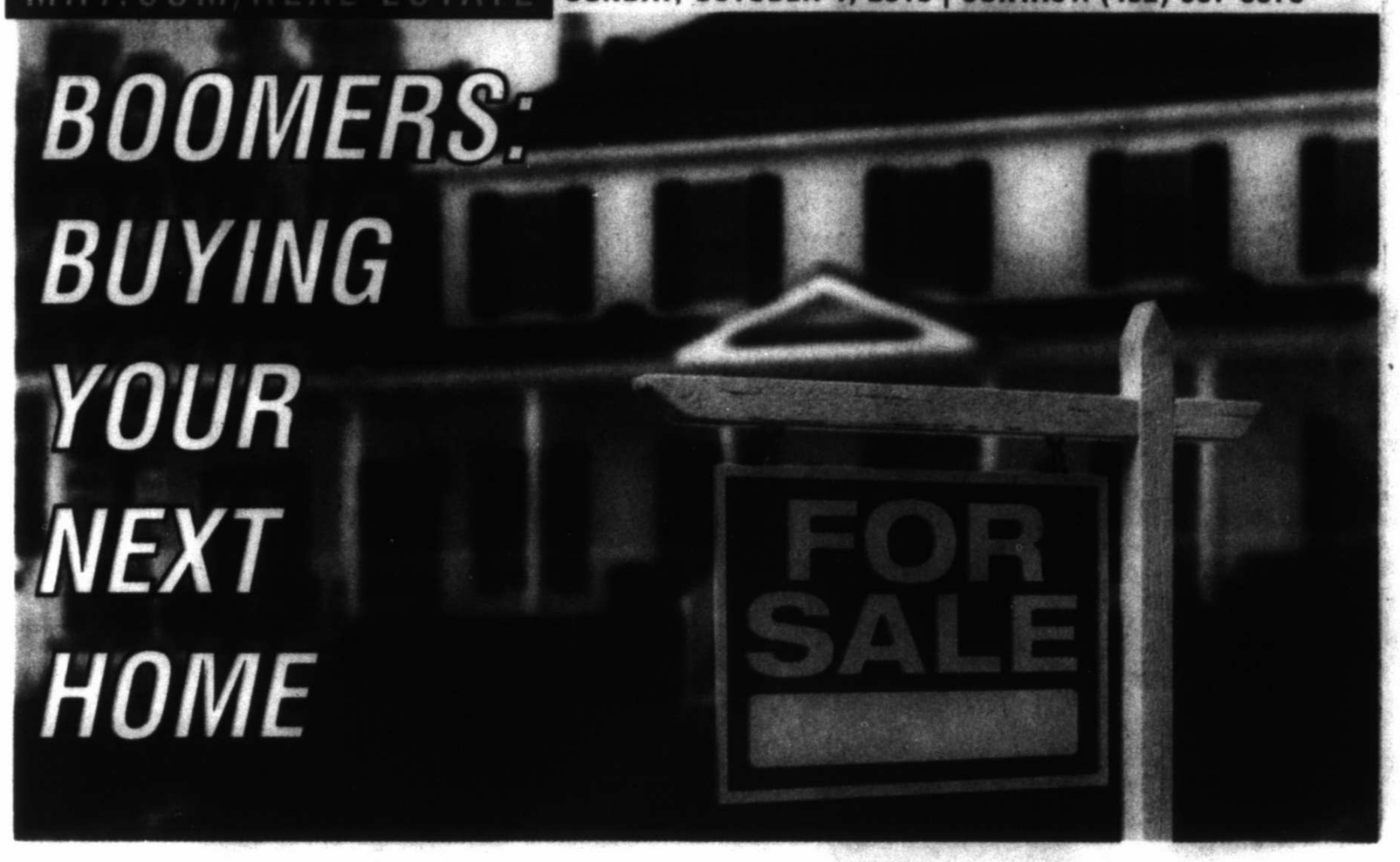
For instance, the FHA has a "back-to-work" program which allows once-troubled borrowers to get financing with 3.5 percent down in as little as a year after an adverse "economic event." Fannie Mae will consider loans with at least 10 percent down at two years after a "significant derogatory event."

Don't be fooled into thinking that we have entered a new era of mortgage niceness. Lenders will want to know what happened and why, in an effort to assure that no borrower who deliberately defaulted on their loan – a so-called "strategic default" – can easily or quickly get a new mortgage. Also, lenders will want to be absolutely sure that credit and income have been re-established and will stay re-established to the extent that anyone can predict the future.

Still, the opening is there for boomerang borrowers to get back into the marketplace so speak with lenders for details and specifics. Be prepared to provide a lot of paperwork documenting past credit issues and proving current credit worthiness.

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WHETHER DOWNSIZING OR MOVING TO A NEW LOCALE, THE HOME FOR YOUR LATER YEARS TAKES A DIFFERENT APPROACH. HERE'S WHAT BOOMERS SHOULD HEED WHEN BUYING FOR RETIREMENT

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA
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For many Americans, retirement signifies a new chapter in their lives, one that comes complete with a new home. Call it downsizing; call it rightsizing. Regardless, buying a new home in retirement, when many older adults take to traveling and other leisure activities, requires some additional research.

Retirees must first educate themselves about their options and their new reality.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is the assumption that a newer, smaller home will be cheaper than their current, larger one. That's, unfortunately, not always the case," says Dave Fry, a real estate professional with Keller Williams in Minneapolis.

Smaller floor plans can often sell for the same price or more, depending on location, amenities or association fees, among other factors. Fry says retirees should be prepared for the unexpected and suggests they find a good loan officer who will sit down with them and review different financing options before they start looking for potential homes.

Retirees also should keep in mind that once they find the right home for their needs, they would need to act quickly. That might include purchasing a new place before they sell their current home.

"If they're fortunate enough to have enough equity in their current home, then there are options for a bridge loan or they may even qualify for two homes," Fry says.

Making two mortgage payments for a few months may be worth the long-term benefits, even if it may mean spending more per month in the short term.

Study All Options

Before making a decision, consider a variety of options, including age-restricted communities.

Independent living communities for seniors have active calendars full of activities for physical, emotional and mental well-being, says Daniel Sagal, who operates Total Senior, a senior housing referral agency in the Los Angeles area. In addition to the lifestyle, individuals who reside in senior communities are able to age in place and eventually receive assistance with their daily tasks of living.

"Accepting assistance with daily tasks from caregivers you've been surrounded by for years, makes for a simpler transition," he says.

Lori Corken, broker and owner of Lori Corken & Co. in Englewood, Colo., says when retirees look outside of age-restricted communities, it's important to consider location, amenities and floor plans. The trend is fewer stairs or none at all. An ideal option is a main floor master or a ranch-style home within a walkable community or one that offers exercise trails.

"You also want to look for low or no-maintenance options to allow for a 'lock and go' lifestyle," she adds.

Fry says downsizing retirees should also think about staying put and budgeting for maintenance services, such as lawn care and snow removal.

"You may be surprised when you run the numbers that keeping your current home with that added expense may the net the same result as moving," he adds.

OPT FOR FIXED RATES

Given that interest rates currently are low, the "ideal" mortgage is a very subjective and depends greatly on a retiree's individual financial position, says Fry.

"But I would recommend that retirees consider a fixed-rate loan instead of an adjustable rate loan, because the rates are so low. Plus, adjustable rate loans increase upward as interest rates rise, which means the mortgage payment will grow as interest rates do. And that can be challenging for retirees on a fixed monthly income," he says.

Damon Nickle, a financial adviser with Biddle Capital Management in Wilmington, Delaware, says the reality is that older adults could deal with life changes that impact their finances, including unexpected health issues or the death of a spouse. He, too, recommends a more conservative approach to real estate investment.

"You just don't need to be in debt at this stage of your life," he says.

THE DOWN PAYMENT

Retirees who are downsizing should consider putting at least 20 percent down, if they have that amount of equity in their current home.

From there, they should assess their monthly expenses against their income. If they are in a position where a tax write-off is needed, then borrowing up to 80 percent may make some sense.

"If retirees are on a fixed income with a tight monthly budget, it would probably make sense to make as big of a down payment as they can so their monthly payment is minimal without putting themselves in a position where any unexpected expense could be trouble," he says.

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HOME INVESTMENT RETURNS

Investors see real estate as lucrative options according to survey

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA

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The American Dream is re-awakening.

In a July 2015 survey by bankrate.com, 27 percent of respondents said they'd put their money in real estate if they had cash to invest for the long-term.

Twenty-three percent would keep money in cash and CDs, which was the favorite top choice in both 2014 and 2013. Just 17 percent favored stocks.

The foreclosure crisis is abating, along with the fear that home buying is risky, says Dr. Moira Somers, a psychologist who specializes in financial issues.

Moreover, many shy away from investments that seem complex. "Everyone gets what a house is," Somers notes.

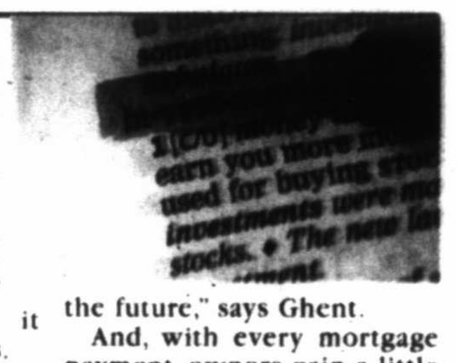
A home purchase isn't solely an investment, however, experts say. It's also a 'consumption' item, like clothing and food.

Say, for instance, you want a four-bedroom place with a big yard. The only home that fits the bill with a price you can afford requires a two-hour commute to work.

The commute necessitates a new car and added daycare costs, however. "You have to put home buying in the context of the disposable income it will require," says Somers.

Home buying isn't advisable if it "means putting all your eggs in one basket," says Andra Ghent, a University of Wisconsin real estate professor. " You shouldn't have too much of your wealth tied up in any single asset, and that includes your home."

Still, buyers "avoid the risk they'll pay more for rent in the future," says Ghent.



And, with every mortgage payment, owners gain a little more equity, which is the portion of a home's value they own outright. With equity, owners gain wealth, but only if they don't borrow against it.

"It should be treated like a 401k, only to be touched in times of great hardship," warns Lois Vitt, founder of the Institute for Socio-Financial Studies.

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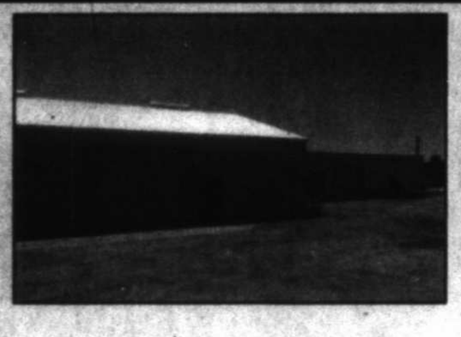
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Home, Home on the Internet



Smart devices make connecting your home to the Internet a simple way to improve your style and lifestyle

By Julia Haskins | CTW Features

If you're still manually locking your doors or adjusting your thermostat by hand, you're behind the technology times. Completing the same tasks using your smartphone is the modern way, and most tasks even can be completed without stepping foot inside your home. Thanks to recent advances in Internet-connected devices, the so-called Internet of Things is helping people effortlessly manage their home lives. Here's what you need to know about the concept that's taking off:

Inside the Internet of Things

Chances are you've heard the phrase on a daily basis in one commercial or another, and while the Internet of Things has broad scientific connotations, its simple definition refers to the capacity for objects to connect to the Internet, creating more advanced devices. It's becoming increasingly popular among average homeowners looking to streamline their day-to-day tasks around the house. With the push of a button, a garage door can be closed or a room's temperature can be monitored remotely.

"Years ago, that type of technology was limited to the luxury segment or a very hardcore early enthusiast technology adopter," says Mike Harris, CEO of the comprehensive software platform Zonoff. But now that this technology is accessible via widespread devices like smartphones, tablets and laptops, consumers no longer have to be wealthy or even particularly tech savvy to take part.

Get Wired

Connecting home devices to the Internet can provide homeowners with a number of possibilities for running their lives more smoothly.

"Whether a business traveler wants to monitor his or her home while away, or parents want to ensure that their kids make it home from school safely while they're at work, there are increasing needs in our everyday lives for remote home control and monitoring," says Lindsay Kirchhausen, marketing manager at home automation company, Nexia Home Intelligence.

Devices involving temperature, lighting or water control can even conserve energy, and in turn, save homeowners money by shutting off at the homeowner's will.

But product engineers and entrepreneurs most proudly tout the peace of mind aspect of their products. Take the home weather station Netatmo, which allows users to monitor air temperature, air quality and humidity from afar.

Consumers have come to demand this kind of reassurance from their devices, says Pierre Kil, CEO of OpenRemote, a software integration platform for building automation. "They understand and even expect that smartphones allow them to control their environments whether they're physically present or not."

Ensure It's Safe

As exciting as these innovations are for consumers, the race for the newest Internet-connected home products could have a serious downside in favoring a rush to the market over quality.

"As more and more devices in the home are connected to the Internet in some way, there are all sorts of new risks that consumers are opening themselves up to," says Chris Eng, vice president of research at application security company, Veracode.

That's why it's important to choose complex passwords and network names for your devices – to ensure that your products are connected to a secure router or wireless network; never directly expose your devices to the Internet.

Eng also recommends checking the National Vulnerability Database (https://nvd.nist.gov) to stay up to date on products that have been cited for security issues. "People need to weigh the value of what they're getting against the possible risks," Eng says.

If you're hesitant about installing the latest Internet-connected devices in your home, stick to products that already have historically loyal consumer base, or at least wait until the technology gains enough recognition.

Wait for a purchase that will really impact your life. You'll know what that is, Harris says, because "once you have it you never want to get rid of it."

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Oh Say Can You Ceiling

Elevate your home's style with an elegant, understated ceiling upgrade



By Dawn Klingensmith | CTW Features

It's easy to look around a stylish room and see it's many attributes, but look up: a your ceiling could be calling attention to itself for all the wrong reasons. A ceiling treatment should complement the room's architecture and design, not undermine the entire concept for the sake of added drama.

Ornate moldings, ceiling medallions and fretwork embellishments create "an overall luxurious feel" in traditional homes but may look fussy and out-of-place in modern spaces, says Joanne Jakab, principal, Joanne Jakab Interior Design, Burlington, Ontario.

An overhead mural can also enhance a traditional design concept "especially in large foyers or halls where furnishings are less prevalent," Jakab says. "Tin or faux tin creates an Old World feel. Swirled plaster surfaces are rustic yet also have an Old World charm."

Coffered ceilings are a crowning element that evokes the opulence of "another place and time" with "jeweled colors, layered textiles, gilded frames and decorative moldings," according to a color trend report from Behr Paints. (A coffered ceiling consists of recessed panels framed by beams or molding, usually arranged in a grid or other geometrical pattern.)

Tudor-style or honeycomb patterns can work in modern as well as traditional rooms.

Exposed beams also work with different interior design styles, including "European country" or "industrial chic," depending on the finishing, Jakab says. Metal beams (instead of wood) create clean lines and contemporary styling.

Modern rooms "often feature ceilings that are painted the same color as the wall to create a clean, seamless look in the entire space," says Erika Woelfel, director of color, Behr Paints.

Another modern style option is cove molding, which "can hide LED lighting and provide that wash of light" that brings a modern space to life, Jakab says.

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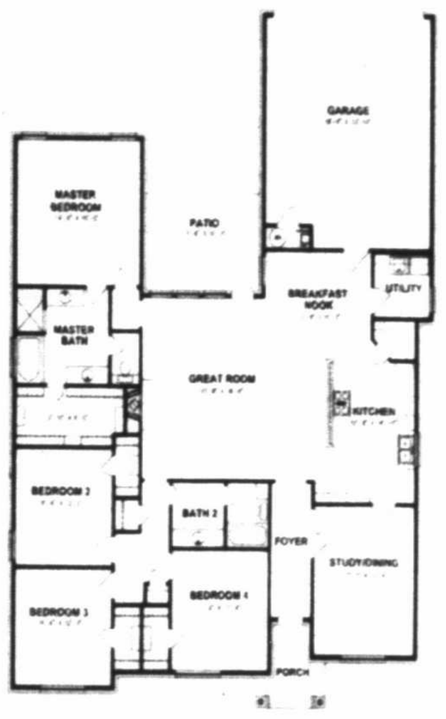
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4802 W. ILLINOIS AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104488	SALE PENDING
1622 HICKORY	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #105629	$159,900
3502 BAUMANN	Lavonne Johnson 618-5002	MLS #105564	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5815 E. CO. RD. 190	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #104230	155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
3905 CARDINAL LANE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #106281	$610,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 140	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #105341	70 Acres/$499,000
1200 CUTHBERT AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106399	$475,000
3809 TODD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105012	$400,000
5311 WIMBERLY SPRING CT	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105883	$375,000
4012 TRINITY COURT	Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #104840	$354,900
5007 GATEWAY	Maria Mallory 352-4021		SALE PENDING
1910 SPARKS ST	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #105239	SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106395	$325,000
5913 LLANO CT	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #106104	SALE PENDING
5709 CARMEL CT	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105577	SALE PENDING
1201 OVERSHINE LN	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105501	$310,000
5511 CARMEL CT	Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #106054	$309,900
802 ELK	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	$309,900
3300 GREENBRIAR DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105677	$305,000
3206 SOUTHRIDGE CT	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #104767	$299,900
2707 CALDERA	Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #105229	SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #105666	$285,000
4805 SPRING MEADOW LN. #4	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #104189	SALE PENDING
2810 DURANT	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99124	$277,500
4300 BOULDER DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106685	$275,000
2107 WESTERN DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105427	SALE PENDING
1009 VENTURA AVE	Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #105620	$274,900
1810 WASHITA	Madison Shaw 528-4640		SALE PENDING
3529 LONOKE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105907	$265,000
3304 CLAREMONT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #106086	$265,000
2516 HUMBLE AVE	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #104009	SALE PENDING
3503 DOUGLAS AVE	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105059	$250,000
1904 WASHITA	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #105798	$250,000
4103 DYER	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102538	$250,000
3600 MISSION CT	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105741	SALE PENDING
4607 PINE MEADOW DR	Paul Culver 934-1021		$247,000
3528 STANOLIND AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105191	SALE PENDING
1414 CERRILLOS AVE	Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106221	$239,900
2363 DENGAR AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106068	SALE PENDING
4202 VALLEY DR	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105948	$239,000
1610 W. INDIANA	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #102450	$235,000
2605 SUNBURST DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104829	SALE PENDING
2505 NEELY	Danny Norwood 413-2764		$229,900
4300 RUSSELL	Amanda Gunter		$229,900
1400 W. TEXAS AVE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #106122	$225,000
3405 SINCLAIR AVE	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #106570	$225,000
2410 CAMARIE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105951	$220,000
1604 NORTH N. ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106289	$220,000
2410 DENGAR AVE	Ashley St. John	MLS #105458	SALE PENDING
3607 PRINCETON	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105648	$219,000
3311 TERRACE AVE	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #106102	$215,000
5213 ANETTA DR	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #105622	SALE PENDING
1402 VENTNOR AVE	Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #105734	SALE PENDING
410 W. ESTES WITH 1204 MARIENFELD	Josie Rendon 889-8394		$210,000
4504 PATMAN	Karen Foster 559-4086		$209,900
1603 MCDONALD ST	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106691	$206,900
1203 NOBLES AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$202,625
903 CANDLESTICK DR	Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #106081	SALE PENDING
3604 BAUMANN	Lisa Russell	MLS #106073	$200,000
2609 SPARTAN DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105173	SALE PENDING
1121 CHERRY LN	Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #105649	SALE PENDING
3329 W. SHANDON	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #106352	$194,500
1400 AINSLEE	Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105276	$189,000
2408 APPERSON DR	Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106114	$189,000
4503 WATSON CT	Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #106673	$185,000
1300 CHUKAR LANE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106547	$185,000
807 SINCLAIR	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #105485	SALE PENDING
2105 NORTHRUP DR	Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #10357	$184,000
3300 TERRACE AVE	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105565	$183,000
113 SOUTH TYLER	Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106445	$179,500
3405 HUMBLE AVE	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #105968	SALE PENDING
1604 N. N ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106289	$175,000
1113 GULF AVE	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105199	$169,900
400 CRENSHAW	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #10613	$169,900
4406 GULF AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106247	$169,900
2511 EMERSON DR	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106045	SALE PENDING
313 ROCKY LANE	Lavonne Johnson	MLS #104500	SALE PENDING
4426 FAIRGATE	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #105359	SALE PENDING
1605 W LOUISIANA	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #106185	$165,000
4411 GULF AVE	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #106223	SALE PENDING
4706 COUNTRY CLUB	Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105980	$165,000
3804 CEDAR SPRING	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #106066	$164,900
409 W. COWDEN	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$159,900
4403 ANETTA DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106416	$159,000
1217 CENTURY	Amanda Gunter 432-413-7330	MLS #106562	$150,000
307 S. ADAMS	Lana Flores 385-5843		$150,000
4720 LAURA	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #105971	$149,500
2705 DELANO AVE	Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #105100	$138,000
4203 PLEASANT DR	Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105487	$129,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE	Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105613	$122,900
403 SPRABERRY DR	Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #105232	SALE PENDING
1617 A NAVAJO	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #103997	SALE PENDING
4304 THOMASON	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #103796	$106,700
4327 CEDAR SPRING	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #104223	$105,000
1804 MAGNOLIA	Josie Rendon 889-8394		$105,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105215	$465,000
2510 QUAIL POINT	Lisa Russell	MLS #105892	$265,000
5105 CONCHO DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106360	$225,000
907 VENTURA AVE	Danny Norwood 413-2764		$209,900
1306 COLLEGE AVE	Kim Merrill 664-4702		$130,000
4203 PLEASANT DR	Reannah Wyatt 210-2759015	MLS #105487	$129,900
2210 COLLEGE AVE	Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105098	$124,500
330 E. CLOUD	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102286	$120,000
3330 CALDERA # 248	Cheryl Parrish 432-352-3053	MLS #106220	$109,900
600 LIDDON AVE. #52	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105729	$99,500
311 S. BENTON	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105052	$98,000
1315 E. COWDEN	Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #105398	$94,000
3207 DELANO	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105904	$79,500

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

1300 S. CO. RD. 1130	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #102406	72 Acres/$2,650,000
5815 E. CO. RD. 190	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #104230	155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
6704 E. CO. RD. 107	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106602	2 Acres/$789,900
1801 S. CO. RD. 1140	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105368	6.5 Acres/$689,000
4405 CARDINAL LN.	Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #105170	2 Acres/$625,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284	Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #104991	$625,000
9901 W. CO. RD. 75	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #14284	$599,000
801 E. CO. RD. 130	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104808	$589,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 140	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #105341	70 Acres/$499,000
7310 ECR 108	Tracy Farrow	MLS #106210	SALE PENDING
1306 W. CO. RD. 130	Sandy J Hanson	MLS #106546	$468,000
2007 S. CO. RD. 1063	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105715	$439,900
2024 S. CO. RD. 1063	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106536	7 Acres/$434,500
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		5 Acres/$430,000
7308 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD	Tracy Farrow 413-4412		SALE PENDING
2201 S. CO. RD. 1086	Lisa Jansa	MLS #105983	$399,900
7315 E. CO. RD. 93	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106628	1 Acre/$392,500
14045 W. CO. RD. 124	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103799	SALE PENDING
10501 E. CO. RD. 109	Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106539	$370,000
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	1.35 Acres/$335,500
1400 N. CO. RD. 1110	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103113	$259,900
10502 FM 307, GREENWOOD	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		SALE PENDING
4507 N CO. RD. 1284	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106158	$250,000
6307 S. CO. RD. 1288	Jo Keller 269-8319	MLS #104643	$235,900
6109 S. CO. RD. 1178	Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106219	$219,900
5005 S. CO. RD. 1137	Maria Mallory	MLS #106268	$165,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116	Mark Philliber	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104091	$699,000
8 WARWICK, ODESSA	Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104602	$550,000
4456 SE 1000, ANDREWS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97133	25+ Acres/$425,000
510 2ND ST., ODESSA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106606	$400,000
KNOX AVE. & 3RD ST., ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97163	20 Acres/$400,000
14689 N. DOGWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #104548	5 Acres/$397,000
11402 W. CO. RD. 40, GARDENDALE	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #104636	3 Acres/ $349,900
2108 WESTSIDE, STANTON	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #105659	$321,000
KNOX & 3RD ST., ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97164	10 Acres/$300,000
3909 ELDERICA CT., ODESSA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106607	$250,000
4810 N. COUNTY RD. 1123	Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105921	$230,000
2024 PCR 2240, Stanton	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS# 105600	2 acres/$225,000
106 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA, TX	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #105898	$212,000
1402 N. CO. RD. 1061	Ashley St. John 432-352-6254	MLS #105512	$209,900
KNOX AVE. & 3RD ST., ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97165	5 Acres/$150,000
10977 DRAKE, GARDENDALE	Lisa Jansa	MLS #105721	1.6 Acres/$139,900
1221 S. MARY ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	$135,000
313 20TH ST., CRANE, TX	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105709	$125,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256	Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106038	$99,400
211 E. 6TH ST. CRANE, TX	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104054	$85,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10204 FM 307	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #103036	10.11 Ac/$2,100,000
3114 SUNBURST	Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #102751	$1,900,000
5308 WALL ST	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	$799,000
807 E 2ND ST., ODESSA, TX	Sue Lytle 432-661-5338	MLS #105511	$570,000
802 E. 2nd Street, Odessa	Sue Lytle	MLS 105511	$570,000
1002 MARIENFELD	Josie Rendon 889-8394		$499,999
FM 715	Caleb Matott 349-3330		28+ Acres/$395,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #102474	7.817 Ac/$337,560
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #102474	11.252 Ac/$337,560
CO. RD. 140-LOT 11	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #103744	5 Acres/$330,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 2	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102240	9.7 Acres/$291,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #102472	9.479 Ac/$284,370
1406 W. TEXAS AVE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #106122	$225,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #102473	9.298 Ac/$209,160
CO. RD. 140-LOT 6	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102244	5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 7	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102245	5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 8	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102246	5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 4	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102243	5.6 Acres/$168,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 13	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102251	5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 12	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102250	5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 10	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102249	5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 15	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102253	5.1 Acres/$153,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 9	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102257	5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 18	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102256	5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 17	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102255	5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 16	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102254	5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 14	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102252	5 Acres/$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100230	2 Lots/$120,000
401 MIDLAND DR	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000
109 W. NEW YORK AVE	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #105786	$84,900

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 55	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102675	5 Acres/
W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY Storage Complex	Caleb Matott 349-3330	North Ridge Dev., RV Park,	$20,000,000
CO. RD. 1065	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97403	CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
3202 S. CO. RD 1050	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101019	99.61 Acres/$1,543,955
5815 E. Co. Rd 190	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #104230	155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
N. Co. Rd. 1150	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #104231	Quiet area; will split $1,200,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$968,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Superb Land; Caliche Pit	169 Acres/$676,000
FM 715	Caleb Matott 349-3330	No Restriction or Zoning	28+Acres/$395,000
2415 IDLEWILDE DR	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #102445	SALE PENDING
FM 715	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 20 acres	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97163	$400,000
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 10 acres	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97164	$300,000
6605 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102119	5+ Acres/$164,500
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 5 acres	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97165	$150,000
HWY. 80	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101936	$140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
6601 CO. RD. 41	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103862	$125,000
7208 E. CO. RD. 111	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103299	$122,000
2600 SCR 1124, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102126	3+ Acres/$110,000
CO. RD. 54	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #100052	$105,000
6710 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330		SALE PENDING
6508 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102121	3+ Acres/$100,000
6600 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102123	3+ Acres/$100,000
2615 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102120	3+ Acres/$87,500
2601 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #102125	3+ Acres/$87,500
7209 E. CO. RD. 112	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103298	$82,500
1202 S. CO. RD. 117	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100043	1.408 Acres/$81,864
3202 S. CO. RD. 1130	Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #105605	5 Acres/$82,500
7316 E. CO. RD. 96	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100046	1.017 Acres/$58,986
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000/Acre
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97405	GREAT Land, 169 Acres/$4,000/Acre

FARMS AND RANCHES

LAKE ALAN HENRY	Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330	HUGE OPPORTUNITY; Water Rights		$20,000,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 1140	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Ranchette Close to Downtown	MLS #105341	70 Acres/$499,000
THE FLYTING 7 GAME RANCH, STONEWALL COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Exotic Wildlife, Brazos River		1307 Acres/$3,500,000
THE LAZY L RANCH, ECTOR COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Rare Find. Exceptional		2588 Acres/$2,575,060
CO. RD. 160	Caleb Matott 349-3330		MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
BRASELTON RANCH, VAL VERDE CO.	Caleb Matott 349-3330	EXCEPTIONAL Part of the Pecos River		SALE PENDING
KINARD RANCH, MIDLAND COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Pond, Shop & Man Cave	MLS #104230	155+ ACRES/$1,350,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD.	Caleb Matott 349-3330	GREENWOOD-Great Subdivision Potential		96.85 Acres/$968,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065	Caleb Matott 349-3330		MLS #97406	SUPERB Land - Will Split, 169 Acres/$4,000/Acre
PECOS COUNTY RANCH - FORT STOCKTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	Superb Mule Deer & Bird Hunting		2006+ Acres/$425/Acre
ANDREWS/ECTOR COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330	M Bar Ranch - Extremely good cattle/hunting ranch; SWD income		SALE PENDING

If you are interested in any of the ranches, please call Caleb L. Matott (432) 349-3330 or please visit www.CMranchrealestate.com

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

3529 BOYD AVE	Lydia Scudder	MLS #103042	SALE PENDING
4700 BOULDER DR. #101	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105377	$80,000

FOR LEASE

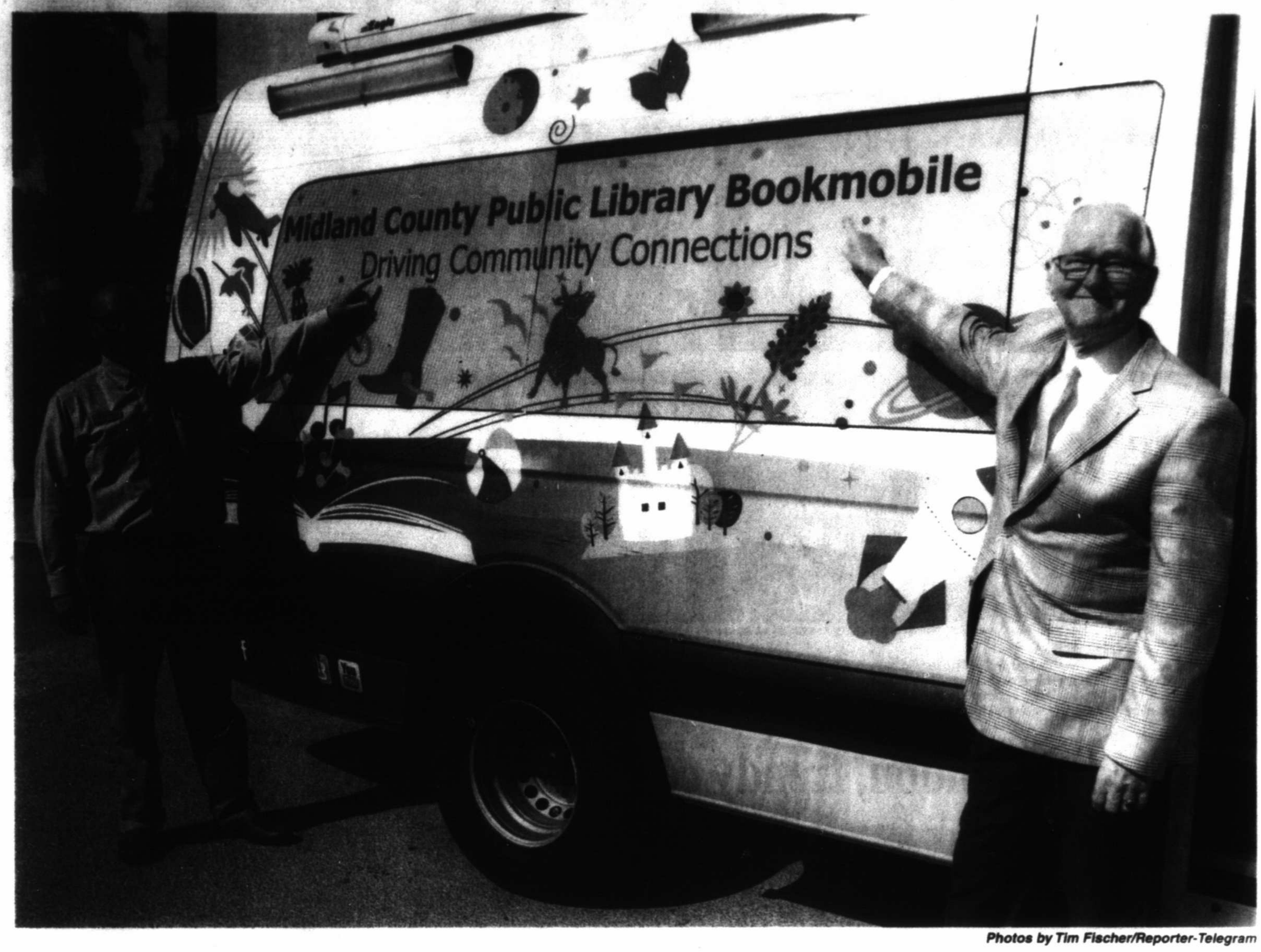
2401 DARTMOUTH	Barnett	MLS #102010	$3,750/MONTH
503 COMISKEY	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105891	$3,300/MONTH
3330 CALDERA #248 CORP. LEASE	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106083	$2,800/MONTH
1402 N. CO. RD. 1061	Ashley St. John		$2,500/MONTH
1406 W. TEXAS AVE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #106325	$2,500/MONTH
5200 BRAZOS	Karen Foster 559-4086		$1,950/MONTH
4310 COUNTRY CLUB	Karen Foster 559-4086		$1,800/MONTH
2508 CASTLEFORD	Karen Foster 559-4086		$1,750/MONTH
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John Trischitti with Midland County Libraries, left, and Judge Midland County Judge Mike Bradford show off the new bookmobile.

BETTER CATCH SOME BOOKS

Library expands its reach with bookmobile

By Rich Lopez
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Midlanders will soon see a large, colorful vehicle rolling through town: the third branch of the Midland County Public Library.

The library's bookmobile, which was presented to the public last month, will make its official debut 5 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Taylor Park Boys and Girls Club, 1321 S. Goode St.

"We're excited to take it out to the community and expand our user base," said John Trischitti, director of MCPL.

He's learned there are many Midlanders who might not be able to visit the brick-and-mortar libraries. So he and his staff are taking the library to them.

"I think it gives us a lot more flexibility to serve those who can't get to the library. People are moving to outlying areas, and as our population grows, a bulk of that is further away from hub of city," he said. "There are still large percentages of communities where kids don't have the ability to get to us. So we can go to there and partner with trusted places like Boys and Girls Club or Casa de Amigos."

Locations where the bookmobile will make stops also include Greenwood Independent School District, Manor Park, Stonegate Manufactured Community and the Hispanic Cultural Center.

Cataloging clerk Esther Alexander, who has long been a proponent of the bookmobile, is glad to see the outreach becoming a reality.

"I used to work in children's (department), and so I've often seen children who can't get here. We have many kids with parents who work late. But if we can now go there to a safe environment, those people can enjoy and use the library's services," she said.

And although a mere fraction of the size of the downtown and Centennial branches, Trischitti and Alexander said that everything the branches offer, expect the bookmobile to offer as well.

The bookmobile will hold up to 1,800 and 2,500 materials including books, DVDs and audiobooks. The materials will be tailored to the destinations via the bookmobile's own collection.

"For our opening day collection, these were materials purchased specifically for the vehicle, but as we go on, we'll pull from the existing collection and add new items," bookmobile manager Jessica Waller said.

Materials will reflect the community needs, so if the vehicle is at Boys and Girls Club, the selection will be geared toward children and young adults. The same with Manor Park, where the collection will be geared more toward the interests of older residents, such as large-print books and novels.

Eventually, the bookmobile will be out every day with two-hour stops at multiple locations. Trischitti said that the bookmobile schedule will be available by visiting the library's website.

As the bookmobile plan unfolded, it resulted in the downtown branch being closed Saturdays.

"We went back and forth on that for long time," Trischitti said. "We looked at the numbers for several years, and Saturdays were about half of any weekday. It became a matter of the best use of staff time and with the bookmobile; that's where we can utilize employees the best."

Trischitti is optimistic about the impact the bookmobile will have on the library and perhaps even the downtown branch.

"While we are certainly and always an advocate for downtown service, Saturdays were a casualty of the tough decision. But in the long term, I think the bookmobile will do better numbers with its stops and maybe even generate interest in the downtown branch. That's the best-case scenario."

A rotating staff of two will ride on the bookmobile and offer additional services beyond checking out (or returning) materials. Depending on the needs of the communities, the bookmobile — which is ADA-compliant — has the capability of also providing two computer stations, bilingual staffers, Wi-Fi service and potentially more.

"I'm hoping we can do different types of programming like story time, crafts, technology lessons," Waller said.

There is even discussion about a portable stage for puppet shows.

The library seems to have thought of everything — even bad weather.

"If the libraries are open, we'll be open. We'll be there if we're scheduled for a stop even if it's raining," Trischitti said. "Unless the organization we're stopping at says it's not a good day."

But for now, the sky's the limit. As both the library and Midland get comfortable with the bookmobile, Trischitti expects more stops to be added.

"We always have ideas kicking around. The county and courts' support continues to be very strong, and we work to be the best practice model for libraries in Texas and nationally, even," Trischitti said.

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John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Library



Associated Press

A selection of special promotional cereal packages, largely gathered from commercial sites on the internet and put on display at Cereal Killer Cafe in Brick Lane, London, on Wednesday. The Cereal Killer Cafe has drawn both derision and big crowds since it opened nine months ago, offering a cornucopia of flakes, pops and puffs from about 3 pounds ($4.50) a bowl. Now it has attracted the ire of anti-gentrification protesters, who last week surrounded the business with flaming torches and scrawled "scum" on its windows as customers sheltered in the basement. **BELOW:** Alan Keery one of the twin brothers who developed and own the Cereal Killer Cafe in Brick Lane, London talks to the Associated Press at the cafe, as customer Melanie Wolstenholme eats a late afternoon bowl of cereal

In divided London, trendy cereal cafe targeted by protesters

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press



LONDON — One of London's fastest-changing neighborhoods is echoing with the snap, crackle and pop of conflict.

An East End cafe that serves 120 varieties of breakfast cereal — along with 30 kinds of milk — has become a surprising flashpoint for protest in a city increasingly polarized between rich and poor.

The Cereal Killer Cafe has drawn both derision and big crowds since it opened nine months ago, offering a cornucopia of flakes, pops and puffs from about 3 pounds ($4.50) a bowl. On the weekend, it attracted the ire of anti-gentrification protesters, who surrounded the business with flaming torches and scrawled "scum" on its windows as customers sheltered in the basement.

"It is a bit weird," said Gary Keery, who runs the cafe with his brother, Alan. "I don't see us as hateful people — but a lot of people seem to."

Fashionably bearded 33-year-old twins from Belfast, Northern Ireland, the Keery brothers are among the latest wave of migrants to this diverse part of east London. Over the decades European Jews, Bangladeshi Muslims and hipsters from around the world have brought bagel shops and curry restaurants, espresso bars and independent fashion boutiques to Brick Lane and nearby Shoreditch.

It's that diversity that made the Keery brothers choose the area for their breakfast business.

"There's a lot of creative things happening," said Gary Keery. "A cat cafe just opened up around the corner. We just knew that if it was going to work, it would work in Brick Lane."

That hunch was correct, judging by the crowds of students, tourists and families lining up for a bowl of milk-soaked comfort food in the quirky cafe, where shelves are lined with brightly colored cereal boxes and a portrait of Hannibal Lecter made from Cheerios hangs on one wall.

"It takes people back to their childhood, when cereal was fun," Gary Keery said.

But not everyone is a fan. On Saturday, anti-poverty protesters targeted the cafe as a symbol of all that's wrong with London's development. Footage filmed from inside showed a group, some in pig masks and carrying torches, shouting outside as staff told customers to go downstairs.

Police say one officer was injured by a flying bottle during the protest, organized by militant anarchist group Class War.

Tony Travers, an expert on Britain's capital city at the London School of Economics, says the cereal storm is "a war by proxy about something much, much bigger": the squeeze on space in a booming city whose population, already 8.6 million, is growing by 120,000 people a year.

Developers are building just 20,000 to 25,000 new homes each year, so rents and property prices climb ever higher.

In the East End, a long-established working-class population has been joined — and sometimes displaced — by thousands of affluent young professionals in renovated buildings and shiny new developments. The result is an area where organic food shops sit alongside everything-for-a-pound stores. One-bedroom apartments sell for 500,000 pounds ($750,000) and up, but almost half of children in the local borough, Tower Hamlets, live in poverty.

Travers said the cereal cafe is "an innocent casualty of a wider struggle for territory in the city."

Class War says it is delighted with the publicity it has received and plans more protests outside independent businesses.

"The fight against gentrification has basically been lost and it's speeding up all the time," Class War founder Ian Bone told The Guardian newspaper. "So our philosophy is to go back to areas which have already been gentrified and start taking the fight back to them."

The Keery brothers are undaunted. They recently opened a second branch in London's tourist-heavy Camden Town, and have a cereal cookbook coming out next month.

And the attack has brought new customers to the cafe.

"There are worse things in the world than people eating cereal," said Tess Hoey, from Sussex in southern England, who came to show her support.

She said those concerned about London's property crisis should "talk about Russian oligarchs — not boys from Belfast."

A simple Cuban marinade can add big punch to easy oven fries

By J.M. Hirsch
Associated Press

Most of the foods we eat — even among those of us for whom eating is a career — pass our lips and leave not even a fleeting memory. Most foods.

But then there are those that linger not just on our tongues, but in our minds. Perhaps by association of a time or place or person, or simply by the power of their own deliciousness. Somehow these foods take on another life for us.

Over the years, a handful of such foods have entered my life. My great grandmother's rustic pork pate. My mother's spanakopita. The sunflower seed risotto I ate at a small restaurant in Copenhagen last spring. The sinfully rich liverwurst spread thickly on sourdough that was my afterschool snack (paired with chocolate milk!) when I lived in Germany as a child.

And there is mojo sauce. The first time I tasted it was during Hurricane Katrina, which had forced an extended stay in Key West. We ate dinner at a dive where the meal itself was forgettable. But plopped onto the table was a basket of fried plantain chips and a bowl of mojo sauce for dipping. It was orange and slightly chunky and flecked with green.

I had no idea what it was, but as soon as I tried it I couldn't stop eating it. It was sweet and sour and tangy and refreshing with just a tiny hint of heat. It was similar to a salsa, but so much more refreshing. The waitress explained that it was a Cuban-style mojo, for there actually are numerous mojo sauces from different parts of the world.

Cuban mojo generally consists of minced garlic, onion and parsley that are mixed with sour orange juice, lime juice, olive oil and a hit of cumin. Traditionally, it is used to marinate pork or for dipping chips, such as plantains.

I wrote down the list of ingredients, but never made it. Until now, I found the card on which I'd scribbled the recipe and remembered that flavor. While plantain chips don't necessarily excite me, this sauce did. So I decided to recreate it, but this time pair it with something big and bold — roasted potato wedges dusted with paprika. It's a perfect combination.

Mastering the art of cooking dried beans from scratch

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

Until I went off to college and became a vegetarian out of financial necessity, beans really weren't a part of my life.

But once I found myself pinching pennies while sharing a house with three other women, beans became a great and affordable source of bulk and protein. And though the initial motivation was saving money, we eventually grew to love the unique flavors and textures of beans, and I have continued to cook with them ever since.

And the best way to make beans? Starting with dried beans. Why take the time to cook dried beans when you can find a wide variety of canned available? There are several reasons.

Dried beans cooked from scratch have a more uniform texture than most canned beans (some of which tend to get mushed in the can). Also, you can control what gets added to the beans (particularly salt). And they cost much less than canned beans. A 16-ounce bag of dried beans yields roughly 5 or 6 cups of cooked beans, while a 15-ounce can of cooked beans yields roughly 1 1/2 cups. Finally, homemade beans freeze beautifully, so why not make a big batch on the weekend and use it in recipes later in the week?

But there are a few things to keep in mind regarding dried beans.

Dried beans seem to last forever on the shelf, but beware: The older the bean, the longer it will take to cook. So try to buy your beans from a store that has plenty of turnover.

There has been a long debate about whether to soak beans before cooking them. The main reason for the pre-soak is to speed up the cooking time. And a pre-soak does indeed do that, by about 30 minutes. But Cook's Illustrated magazine has uncovered an even better reason. If you soak beans in salted water overnight, they not only absorb some of the salt (which seasons them), they also come out more tender. For years we were all told that salt made beans tough, but it's quite the contrary. So I recommend a pre-soak in salted water.

Acid of any kind, however — tomatoes, citrus, vinegar, wine, etc. — is the enemy. It will prevent the beans from cooking properly. If you want to add a touch of acid to your beans, add it only when the cooking is nearly done.

The basics for cooking almost all dried beans (except dried lentils and split peas, which cook so quickly you can make them from start to finish in about 20 minutes) are below. I won't offer exact cooking times because the timing can vary widely depending on the variety and size of the beans, as well as how fresh they are. I have offered cooking methods using both stovetop and a slow cooker. Whichever you choose, save the cooking liquid. It is delicious added to soups and stews.

Master recipe for cooking dried beans

Start to finish: 13 to 15 hours (15 minutes active)
Servings: 10

- 1 pound dried beans
- 3 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 1 medium carrot, cut crosswise into 4 pieces
- 1 celery stalk, cut crosswise into 4 pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme

Sort through the beans to pick out any random stones or sticks among them, then rinse and drain the beans.

In a large bowl or pot, dissolve 3 tablespoons of the salt in 4 quarts of water. Add the beans, stir, then cover and soak overnight at room temperature.

The next day, drain the beans and rinse them. In a large saucepan or stockpot, combine the beans with 7 cups of cold water. Stir in the remaining 2 teaspoons salt. Bring the mixture to a boil, skimming the scum that rises to the surface with a skimmer or slotted spoon (that scum is protein solids). Reduce the heat to a simmer and simmer the beans, regularly skimming the scum, until no more scum rises to the surface.

Add the onion, carrot, celery, garlic and thyme, then simmer for 30 to 60 minutes, or until the beans are just tender. Drain the beans, reserving the cooking liquid (if desired) and discard the onion, carrot, celery, garlic and thyme stalks. Use the beans in recipes or freeze them in 1- or 2-cup portions.

Slow cooker method

Soak the beans as described above, then drain and rinse them. In a slow cooker, combine the beans with the 2 teaspoons of salt, onion, carrot, celery, garlic and thyme. Add enough water to cover the beans by 1 inch, then cover and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours, or until completely tender.

Captain Comics: 50 years of S.H.I.E.L.D. and over-the-top fandom

By Andrew A. Smith
Tribune News Service

Happy birthday, S.H.I.E.L.D.!

Fifty years ago, Marvel's Stan Lee and Jack Kirby rode the wave of James Bond mania by taking an old World War II character, wrapping an espionage agency around him, and coming up with their own super-spy, "Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D." The acronym stood for Supreme Headquarters International Espionage Law Enforcement Division, and in the first story we saw just how awesome the organization was: Flying cars! Helicarriers! Realistic robots called Life Model Decoys!

That first 12-page story, published in "Strange Tales" #135 in 1965, was titled "The Man for the Job!" The job was director of S.H.I.E.L.D. And the man was Nick Fury, veteran of countless Ranger missions in World War II (as seen in "Sgt. Fury and the Howling Commandos") and an agent for the CIA after the war (as seen, exactly once, in "Fantastic Four").

Not that the old, one-eyed warhorse wanted the job. When Tony Stark — yes, that Tony Stark — tried to recruit him, he said "You gotta be kiddin'! You got a million scientific gimmicks — rays — rockets — things I can't even pronounce! I'm outta my league!"

But Stark and the other leaders of the free world needed someone as tough and experienced as Fury to be the second director of the agency — because the first one had been assassinated! He had been killed by Hydra, a new, evil organization with hazy ties to World War II and a very similar philosophy to the Fascists Sgt. Fury had fought 20 years earlier.

"Hail Hydra! Immortal Hydra! We shall never be destroyed!" they would chant. "Cut off a limb and two more shall take its place! We serve none but the Master, as the world shall soon serve us!"

That was enough for Fury. "Looks like somebody has to smash Hydra," he said, lighting a trademark stogie. "So it might as well be me!"

That was how S.H.I.E.L.D. began. But over the years, it has gone through many changes — changes that continue today, mostly as the result of the ABC TV show, which began its third season Tuesday. Here are some of the highlights, available in reprint collections:

■ "S.H.I.E.L.D.: The Complete Collection Omnibus" (stories originally published 1965-69): This enormous collection comes out Oct. 7, putting between two covers every major S.H.I.E.L.D. story from its first four years, which combines two distinct eras.

The first year and a half of S.H.I.E.L.D. stories — published in "Strange Tales" #135-150 — continued in the bombastic Lee-Kirby style. Not only were all the important elements of S.H.I.E.L.D. introduced, but so were many of the supporting characters (some of them former Howling Commandos) and the major bad guys, which included Hydra and Advanced Idea Mechanics (A.I.M.).

But the next few years were guided by writer/artist Jim Steranko, a visionary whose style blended a variety of sources — including pop art and Salvador Dali — and who impacted not only S.H.I.E.L.D. but comics as a whole.

"I believe that I changed Nick Fury's life as much as he changed mine," Steranko said in a solicitation for a collection of his work from IDW Publishing. "And looking over the original art again celebrates a flood of memories evincing the kind of rampant, seismic creativity that went into their creation. I can see my artistic evolution expand by the story, even by the page, and revisiting that experience can be simultaneously reassuring and shocking — a kind of microcosm of comic book history."

That sounds like hyperbole, but as Fury & Co. continued their battles with Hydra, Baron von Strucker and the Yellow Claw in "Strange Tales" #151-168 and the first few issues of a "Fury" solo title, Steranko got more and more experimental. His run climaxed with a handful of stories still admired today, crossing the super-spy genre with psychedelia and science fiction.

(Warning: These stories have been repurposed in a lot of different collections over the years, so take care when buying S.H.I.E.L.D. collections to avoid duplication.)

■ "Marvel Essentials: Godzilla" (1977): Marvel had the franchise for Toho's most famous monster for a while, and what they did with the Big G was have S.H.I.E.L.D. chase him all over the globe for 24 issues. The series starred Fury's second in command, Timothy Aloysius Cadwallader "Dum Dum" Dugan (played in the movies by Neal McDonough), and it was a lot of big, dumb fun.

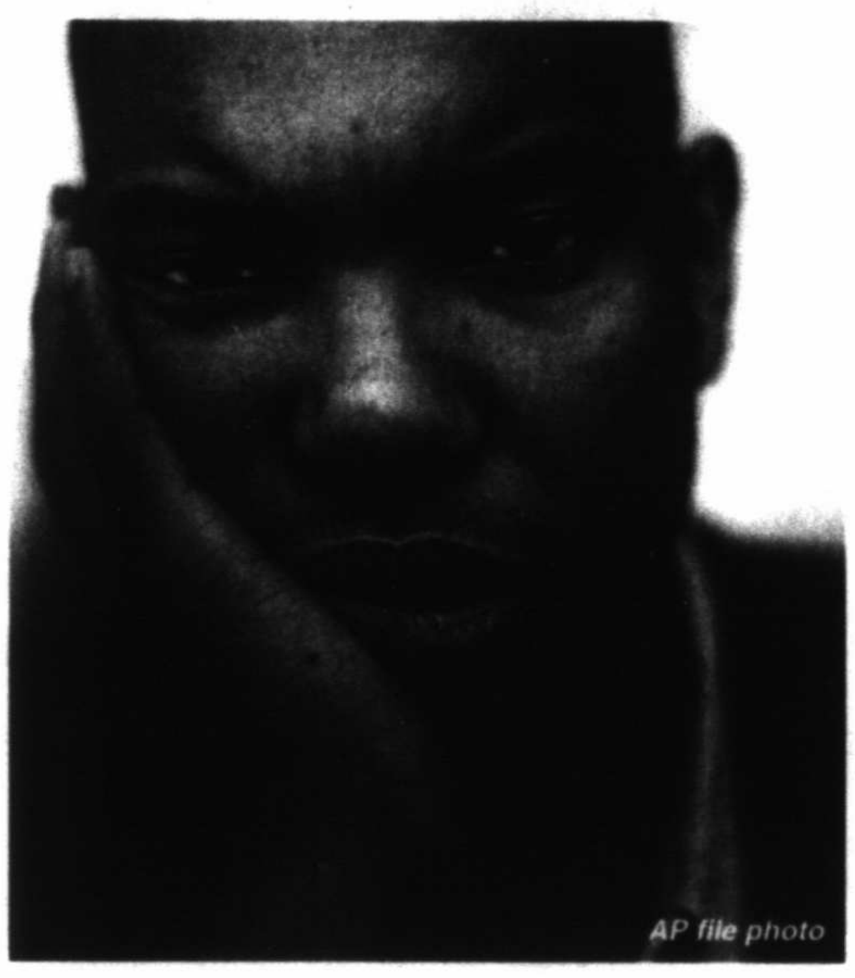
■ "Nick Fury vs. S.H.I.E.L.D." (1988): This story offers a classic espionage trope, in which Fury is framed by his own organization, can trust no one and goes underground to clear his name. Unfortunately, this story also killed off virtually all of Fury's supporting cast. A later regime at Marvel considered that a mistake and quietly brought most of those characters back, relegating this story to a sort-of "what if."

■ "Secret War" (2005): Fury organizes a group of misfit superheroes to go on a mission expressly forbidden by the U.S. government. That costs him his job, which launches Fury's third career, as a "ghost in the machine" who watches everyone but can never be found.

■ "Secret Warriors" (2009): When the alien shapeshifting Skrulls infiltrate every powerful organization on Earth — including the White House and the Avengers — Nick Fury rides to the rescue with a group of hand-picked agents he knows he can trust. This story introduces Daisy Johnson, the Inhuman with vibration powers, played by Chloe Bennet on TV.

■ "S.H.I.E.L.D.: Architects of Forever" (2011): Jonathan Hickman, a writer known for long-form, in-depth stories, posits a S.H.I.E.L.D. that has existed since ancient Egypt, and has included members such as Leonardo da Vinci, Galileo and Isaac Newton. Irresistibly weird.

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Coates, race writer, among Kirkus book prize nominees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The accolades are piling up for one of the country's top writers about race.

Trade publication Kirkus Reviews announced Wednesday that Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me" is a finalist for the $50,000 Kirkus Prize for nonfiction.

Coates' best-selling work on racism and police violence is framed as a letter to his teenage son. It already is a National Book Award nominee.

Coates earlier last week was among 24 recipients of MacArthur genius grants, worth $625,000.

Kirkus released a list of 18 finalists, six each for nonfiction, fiction and young people's literature. Nominated works also include the novels "Fates and Furies" by Lauren Groff, "A Little Life" by Hanya Yanagihara and Lauren Child's picture book "The New Small Person."

Other finalists in fiction were Susan Barker's "The Incarnations," the late Lucia Berlin's "A Manual for Cleaning Women," Valeria Luiselli's "The Story of My Teeth" and Jim Shepard's "The Book of Aron."

Besides Coates, nonfiction nominees were Helen Macdonald for the best-selling "H Is for Hawk," Adam Tooze for "The Deluge: The Great War, America and the Remaking of the Global Order, 1916-1931," John Ferling for "Whirlwind: The American Revolution and the War that Won It," popular historian Simon Winchester for "Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World's Superpowers" and Andrea Wulf for "The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World."

Winners will be announced Oct. 15. They will each receive $50,000.

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WEDDING



Patterson - Figliuzzo exchange vows

Rachel Leigh Patterson and Andrew Joseph Figliuzzi were united in marriage Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Woodlands Church Chapel in the Woods in The Woodlands, Texas. The double ring ceremony was performed by Pastor Conn McWhorter of Woodlands Church.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Debra Patterson of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Brown of Clifton, Texas, and Mildred Patterson of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The groom is the son of Frank and Coleen Figliuzzi of Milford, Connecticut. He is the grandson of Barry and Lori Ladd of University Park, Florida, and Cesare and Anna Figliuzzi of West Hartford, Connecticut.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Rebecca Patterson of Midland. The bridesmaids were college friends of the bride, Jessica Hunek of Austin, Texas, and Dana Alvarado of Houston, Texas.

The best man was the groom's brother, Adam Figliuzzi, who was unable to attend because he is serving in the United States Navy. The groomsmen were Russell Linehan of Midland, Andrew Valencia of Waco, Texas, David Bullock of Houston, Texas, and Jack Button of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Also attending the bride were flower girls Anna and Tara Button, and the ring bearer, Conor Button, all cousins of the groom and residents of Glastonbury.

Scripture readings were by both sets of parents. Special music was by Susan Werner of Chicago, Illinois.

Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed dinner and dancing at the Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at America's in The Woodlands.

Rachel is a 2010 graduate of Trinity School and a 2014 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is employed with ExxonMobil in The Woodlands.

Andrew is a 2009 graduate of Bay High School in Bay Village, Ohio, and a 2012 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in International Studies. He graduated from Baylor Law School in 2015 and is an Assistant District Attorney for the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

The couple took their honeymoon in Costa Rica, and they currently reside in The Woodlands.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

What could be better than planting spinach in the fall garden?

Cilantro.

Uniquely delicious cilantro can be used in salads, salsa, soups and many other tasty dishes but hurry, the window is closing fast on planting time.

Before you devote a large portion of your garden to cilantro (AKA coriander or Chinese parsley), make sure you really like the taste of this highly popular green. People either love it or hate it. It is delightful in so many foods for those who are in the "like" category, but it is disgusting for those with a complicated genetic link that makes it taste "soapy". So, if you find yourself in the latter category, use that room for garlic, spinach or other seasonal vegetables.

Cilantro does best when temperatures are between 50 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. If the temperature is predicted get into the low teens, a sheet or similar covering will help protect plants. Cilantro does poorly if temperatures are above 85 Fahrenheit. That's why so many spring and early summer transplants begin to flower so quickly, spoiling the harvest — but that's OK.

If plants go to seed, you are likely to have seedlings in the fall. Cilantro can also be planted in about February for a spring crop, but it is so much more fun to plant this time of year. Extend the harvest time by planting seeds every five to seven days.

Three recommended cilantro (Coriandrum sativum) varieties include Long Standing, Slo Bolt and Leisure.

Cilantro has a hard seed coat, so soaking seeds in hot water for eight-24 hours before planting can enhance sprouting. You can also pre-sprout seed by soaking overnight, then place soaked seed on a "water squeezed out" moist paper towel. Fold it into fourths and place in a plastic bag. Check seeds for split seed coats and tiny white root shoots every day. Once they are barely visible, plant into moist soil and water in. Handle carefully, because root shoots will easily break.

Sow cilantro seed into loose, well-prepared soil at a depth of one-quarter to one-half inch. Place seeds 2 inches apart in row and about 12 inches between rows. The establishment period is critical for getting seeds up and growing so don't neglect keeping the soil moist. Once they have a few leaves on, irrigation times can be stretched out. A little nitrogen can be side dressed on plants for healthy, vigorous foliage and better yield.

Cilantro is ready to harvest in just 45-70 days. Cut the exterior leaves once they get about 4 to 6 inches tall or you can cut the entire plant a couple of inches above the soil line.

Get garden and dinner time re-leaf by growing your own, delicious cilantro.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. She can be contact at garden.frost@gmail.com.

Chewed leaves: Mystery of the damaged citrus tree





NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: The leaves of my citrus trees have been ruined. Any idea what might have done it?

Answer: I can't really tell from the photo. It looks like there might have been some powdery mildew back in the spring. You may have seen how mildew will pucker zinnia and crape myrtle leaves. However, the chewed-out areas alone could also have caused the puckering. Whatever did it is probably history by now. I would suggest trimming it out toward the end of winter. In the meantime, watch for any type of insect that might show up. I believe this is all old damage from much earlier this year.

Dear Neil: My zoysia lawn has developed brown spots. Do you have any idea what it might be and how I can stop it?

Answer: Brown patch fungus may be involved. It's the same disease that causes dead-looking patches in St. Augustine in fall. It might have gotten an early start in your lawn. You may want to send a sample of the dying (not dead) grass to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station. Rotted areas at the bases of any blades that are turning yellow would confirm the brown patch. If you see them, use a labeled turf fungicide.

Dear Neil: My Kieffer pears have developed a brown film. It does not wash off, and it does not affect their eating quality. What causes it? Also, what type of insect stings the fruit and leaves it with brown circular spots each place where it has been stung? What can I use to control that pest?

Answer: The russeting and its roughening are normal for Kieffers. As you said, it does not impact their fresh-eating quality. As for the brown spots, those are the aftermath of damage done by stink bugs. They do that to many types of fruit, from tomatoes to peaches and pecans, and in most cases, they will render it unfit for eating. A regular spray program for other pests will probably help prevent or eliminate the stink bugs at the same time.

Dear Neil: We have a very protected spot in our landscape. We have several very large bougainvilleas growing there. How can we keep them from freezing this winter?

Answer: Bougainvilleas won't tolerate sub-freezing weather for more than a few hours. If you're growing them outdoors and if it's going to drop into the 20s, you'll need to have some means of providing them cover and heat. Otherwise, it's usually best to bring them indoors or into the greenhouse until spring. (The garage is not acceptable: too dark, too cold.)

Dear Neil: I have been amending my garden's soil with an organic soil and compost from decayed plants. Now the soil tests high in phosphorus, and I think it's because of the organic matter. What can I use to improve the soil without adding more phosphorus?

Answer: Phosphorus accumulates as we apply many types of "complete" fertilizers (all three elements present). Organic plant foods certainly have a high ratio of phosphorus, so you probably should avoid them until soil test results improve. Apply an all-nitrogen plant food with half or more of its nitrogen in slow-release form. However, you should be able to add compost, shredded pine bark mulch and leaf humus. Expanded shale is outstanding at doing what you want, and it certainly won't bring any phosphorus into play.

Dear Neil: I have several kinds of clover in my lawn, both white and yellow. I've tried all kinds of weedkillers without success. What can I use that will work?

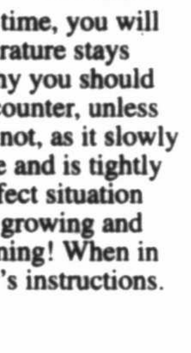
Answer: You need a broadleafed weedkiller containing 2,4-D. Read and follow label directions for the best results. Use a pump sprayer, and add one drop of liquid dishwashing detergent with each gallon of spray mix. Coat the leaves carefully, but not to the point that the herbicide beads up and rolls off. You probably have bur and white clovers, also oxalis, which is often mistaken for clover. It's even more difficult to eliminate than the other true clovers.

Dear Neil: It seems that the builder put one or two inches of topsoil down over our entire yard, then rolled out the sod. Now the lawn is very bumpy and the grass isn't very vigorous. I've been told that I need to have someone "top-dress" the lawn. Is that a good plan? I've never seen that done.

Answer: Topdressing with a sandy loam topsoil might allow you to even out the low spots, but it also presents the chance that weeds could invade. Specify that the soil won't be accepted if nutsedge or other weeds are visible when the truck arrives. If you're hiring a landscape contractor to do the job for you, put the pressure concerning weeds on them. You might also try running over the area with a lawn roller soon after a soaking rain. You wouldn't want to do that too often for fear of over-compaction, but on a one-time basis, it might help.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Complaint: No pop-the-top green olives?



HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I have a consumer complaint that I wonder if you could address. I love GREEN OLIVES, and very often I find that the jars do not "pop" when I open them. Some do, but many do not. I have tried many brands and find the same situation throughout. — Katie in New York

Katie, we have the same taste! My husband kids me that if I could put green olives on ice cream, I would. Hmm — think I'll try it with vanilla.

Don't worry if all tops don't pop! Some manufacturers use a pasteurization process, which doesn't need a vacuum-sealed lid. Most brands I've bought do sort of "pop," so I'm not sure about your situation. Here is what I'd do: I'd buy one of each brand (from the same store) and open them all at the same time. No pop? I'd put on my Heloise Hat and become a Helloease detective. Call each manufacturer and ask. If you do, please let us in on your hint-hunting results. — Hugs, Heloise

Frozen-fish plastic

Dear Heloise: Most frozen fish comes in vacuum-sealed plastic. Instructions say to remove from packaging before thawing. It's hard to get the vacuum packaging off while the fish is frozen.

Web research indicates that it is safer to remove the plastic before thawing, but how does one do it without frustration? So far, my best solution is to slice the plastic down the middle with a paper cutter. Do you have any hints? — Maureen A. in San Diego

Sure do. Try running the whole package under cool tap water (or place in a sink) just long enough to "loosen" the wrap.

For my readers wondering "Well, what's wrong with letting it thaw in the package?" here is the reason: It's safer foodwise. It's not a law, though.

If you let fish thaw out IN the refrigerator, which may take some time, you will be OK, because the temperature stays constantly cold. This is why you should NOT let fish thaw on the counter, unless you remove the plastic. If not, as it slowly thaws to room temperature and is tightly sealed in plastic, it's a perfect situation for yucky bacteria to start growing and possibly cause food poisoning! When in doubt, follow the provider's instructions. — Heloise

Easy open

Dear Heloise: I read in the Ventura County (Calif.) Star the hint about opening produce bags at the store. There is an easy way to open the bags. Simply hold the bag close to your mouth and breathe on the end that opens. The moisture from your breath allows you to separate those thin layers. Try it and see! — Annie O., Ventura, Calif.

Plastic-wrap puzzle

Dear Heloise: Regarding finding the edge of a plastic-wrap roll: Place your thumb over the center of the cutting edge and tear off a sheet. Your thumb will leave a small tab, which is easy to find for the next sheet. — Lori A., Englewood, Fla.

Send a hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000; Fax: 210-HELOISE; Email: Heloise@Heloise.com.

Botanic garden's 2nd corpse flower blooms

Associated Press

GLENCOE, Ill. — A suburban Chicago garden with a disappointing rainforest plant that refused to bloom now has a new star attraction.

The Chicago Botanic Garden announced Tuesday that a second corpse flower is not only on display in its semi-tropical greenhouse, but it has bloomed.

Garden officials said the smell is a combination of Limburger cheese, garlic, rotting fish and smelly feet.

Visitors flocked to the garden to see the plant as it bloomed. The garden live-streamed the titan arum plant on its website, but the plant has since winded down.

This plant was nicknamed Alice. In August, another corpse flower, nicknamed Spike, didn't open after much anticipation. Garden scientists finally opened the flower manually.

Exciting ride: a train ride to Chicago



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

We've taken a few train trips and loved them all. We rode the rails from Los Angeles to Oakland, from Savannah to Charleston, from Dallas to Texarkana. We've taken some excursion trains in Texas and Colorado. We've taken the Chihuahua al Pacifico railroad in Mexico and the Chunnel train beneath the English Channel.

Train travel is wonderful, refined way to go someplace.

My wife Susan and I took Amtrak's Texas Eagle from Dallas to Chicago recently. It left the cavernous Union Station just before 4 p.m. and within an hour we were sitting in the observation car sipping margarita cocktails.

Life is sweet on a train.

We bought round trip tickets and had a compartment, which we thought was pretty upscale. It had comfortable seating for two. The seats face each other. We spent a good portion of the trip in our compartment, watching the view from our picture window. We found out later that there is a deluxe room that has a bathroom, shower and a bed that can sleep two. If I'm going to spend another night on a train, I'm going to make sure I get a deluxe room. But they are hard to get. We kept trying to upgrade, but they were all sold out. In fact, the whole train was sold out coming and going. Our compartment had a bunk bed with about a foot of space between the mattress and the ceiling. I had the upper. Susan had the lower — made from the two chairs.

Each mattress is 28-inches wide.

Please see TUMBLEWEED/5E



OH, TO BE A BUTTERFLY

Royal journey: Season of monarch butterfly travel is upon us

By Steven Schafersman
Entomology specialist

The most famous butterfly in the world travels through Texas twice a year on its annual migration from deep in Mexico to the northern United States and southern Canada and then back again to Mexico. The migration is spectacular not only for the distances traveled, but also because the monarchs that start the migration are not the same ones that finish it. Remarkably, the monarchs breed twice along the way northward, and it is the third generation that reached the northern Midwestern states and southern Ontario in July. Then, even more spectacularly, this northernmost generation breeds, and its offspring — the fourth generation — flies 4,000 to 5,000 miles back to a small area of mountains in the state of Michoacan, about 75 miles west of Mexico City. The butterflies will arrive in November.

During its overwintering period in Michoacan, the fourth generation breeds, and its offspring — the fifth generation — initiates a new migration cycle by flying north. The fourth generation butterflies live longer than the others and have the energy and endurance to precisely fly a tremendous distance to a small area in Mexico that they never have seen before and can know about only by following landmarks to a geographic location stored in their genes. This astounding migration never has failed to astound those who can appreciate its special natural attributes.

The monarch migration travels through a Central Texas corridor and is visible in Texas in March, April, September and October. The number of butterflies that are seen vary greatly depending on location and weather conditions. We always see a few in West Texas, which is just outside the corridor. They were visible the last three weeks in September in Midland yards that have butterfly gardens, but the greatest numbers appear here during the first two weeks of October. When weather conditions are appropriate, the migration will be pushed westward and hundreds of thousands of monarchs will come through Midland. This last happened in October 2011. It was possible to see hundreds of monarch butterflies visiting small plots of nectar plants and hanging from trees where they roost at night, waiting for the next weather front to carry them to Mexico.

The migration that is conducted only by the eastern North American monarch population soon may disappear forever. This population is being threatened by new hazards that the butterflies have never faced before. For several years, trees in the mountain preserve in Mexico on which the monarchs roost during the winter were being illegally harvested by forest poachers, but this has been stopped by Mexican authorities. Now, all the threats are in the United States.

New types of herbicide-resistant crops are being planted throughout the Midwest farm belt. Herbicides are then used to kill weeds, including the milkweeds that grow on roadsides and between fields and on which the monarchs depend. Since 1996, the introduction of herbicide-tolerant soybean and corn removed 150 million acres of land that could have borne milkweed.

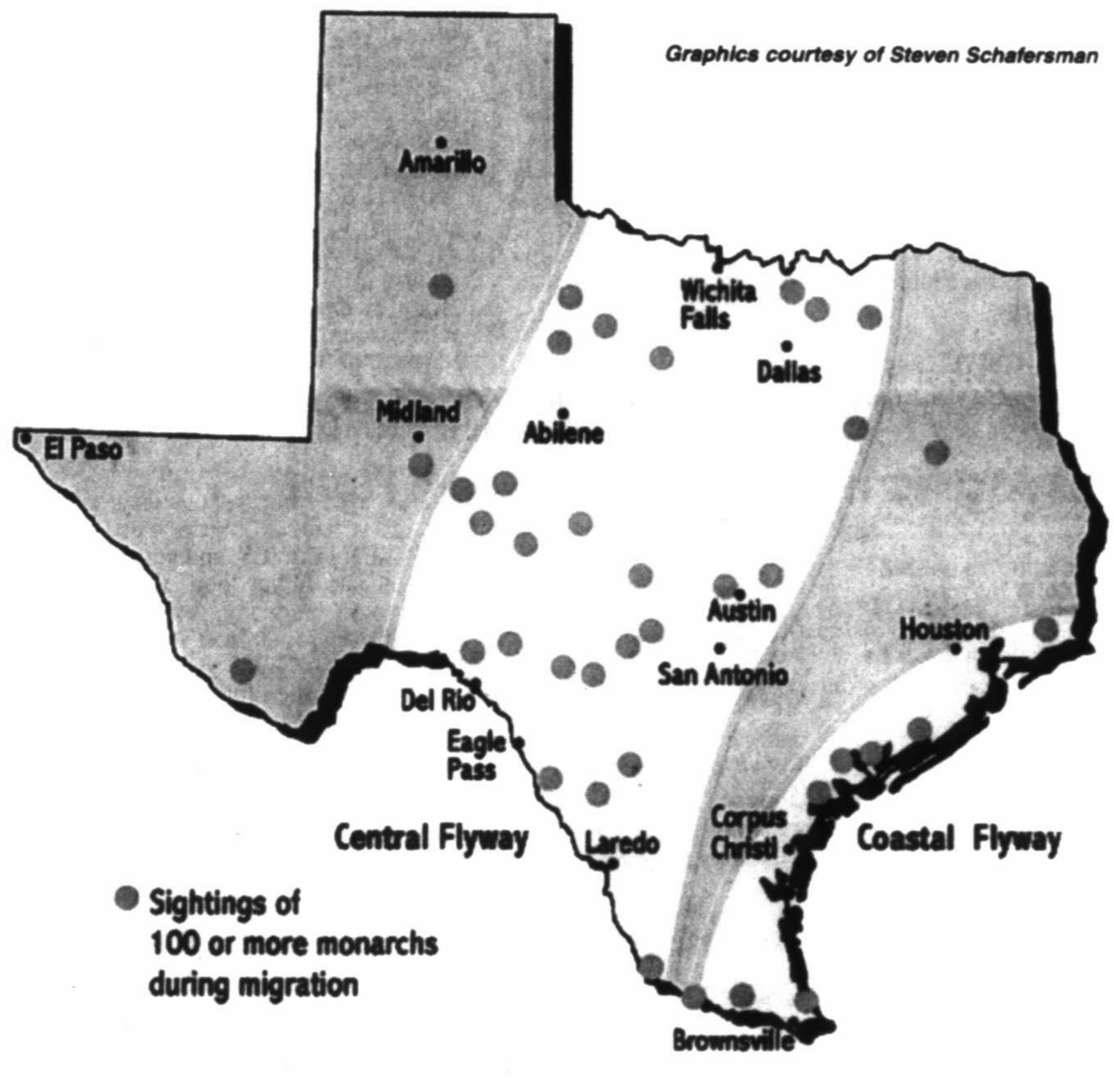
The monarch's migration breeding ground coincides with the Midwest corn belt. A larger amount of corn is being grown for the ethanol industry, and so fewer fields are left fallow, and, of course, the corn has been hybridized to be herbicide-resistant.

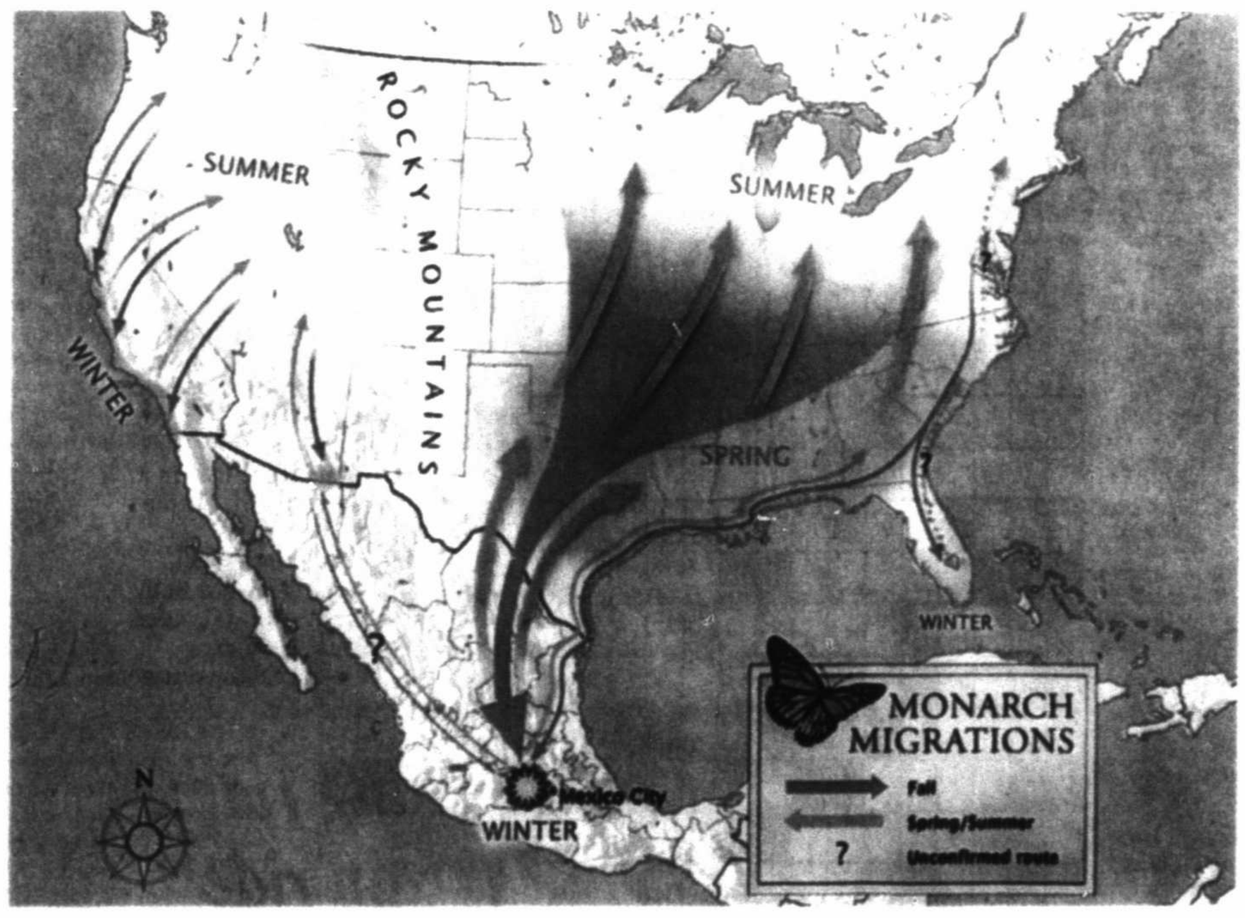
Severe droughts have taken their toll on native plants, including milkweed. Global warming exacerbates the drought conditions, according to climate scientists. Droughts will increase and become more severe — primarily in the western U.S., but also in the Midwest.

The result of these threats has already been experienced. The numbers of monarchs that overwinter in their mountain forest preserves are carefully monitored each year. The number has decreased dramatically since the high point in 1996-97. The 2013-14 population roosted in an area only slightly larger than a football field. Conservation biologists are genuinely worried that the great monarch migration will disappear forever unless drastic measures — such as planting milkweed in enormous herbicide-free areas of Texas and the Midwest — are taken to feed and protect the monarchs during their migration.

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Graphics courtesy of Steven Schafersman





TUMBLEWEED

From 4E

Didn't sleep much.

The cost of our round trip ticket was $750, total for both of us. That included dinner, breakfast and lunch. Coming back we had dinner and breakfast. The food was excellent. People riding in regular seats usually bring their own food. Apparently you can bring anything on the train. There is no x-ray, no examination of luggage. We passed through Longview, Marshall, Texarkana, Little Rock, Arkansas, St. Louis and some smaller cities.

The return trip got interesting. Since we had a compartment, we could wait for the train in Chicago's first-class waiting room. It's just like an airline club, with free snacks and drinks. Not anything at all like the train station in Dallas. We were escorted to the train and shown to our compartment. We made ourselves comfortable and settled in for the trip home. We had supper and called it a day. This time we decided not to use the upper bunk but to sleep together on the lower bed. Forget it. No sleep at all.

At 4 a.m. the train stopped for a long time at the Little Rock station. We were told that two Union Pacific engines had collided head on just west of Texarkana and the tracks were damaged. No trains could pass over them. We had breakfast at 6 a.m. and finally got on a bus just before 8 a.m. We got back to Dallas four hours late.

Train travel is not only fun. It's exciting. Next time we'll take the train one way and fly back (only if we can get a deluxe room).

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DEAR ABBY



Universal Press Syndicate

Man's anger issues threaten to break loving relationship

DEAR ABBY: I have anger issues, and sometimes I take it out on the ones I love. When my fiancee recently told me we are having a child, I hoped my attitude would change. It hasn't, and at times it has gotten worse. I hit her last night, and it left a mark.

I feel awful for the pain I continue to cause her, and I keep telling myself "this is the last time." I know she should drop me and be done with this abusive relationship, but she believes in me and holds onto the hope that better days are around the corner. I know the things I have done will never be forgotten. How can I fix this? Or is it too late and we are both lying to ourselves? — ASHAMED IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR ASHAMED: It isn't too late IF you are willing to seek professional help for your anger issues. Change isn't easy, but it is possible if you are willing to put in the effort and find ways of coping with your anger other than lashing out at those closest to you. Your physician should be able to refer you to a therapist who can help you. However, if that's not feasible, contact your county department of mental health about counseling.

If you hit your pregnant girlfriend again, you could seriously injure her or your baby, so please don't wait to talk to someone. While I empathize with her loving and having faith in you, she must now put the child she is carrying first. If you assault her again, she should call the police. But I would rather you get help for your problem on your own than your having a criminal record and court-ordered anger management.

DEAR ABBY: I came into a large sum of money because of an accident a relative of mine was in about a year ago. I spent it on a variety of items for myself, my husband and my mother. I paid off some debt and medical bills, and we also made two significant purchases as well as many small ones. Seventy-five percent of the money has been spent. I am OK with that and so is my husband.

My financial adviser, who has been managing two of the beneficiary accounts from the accident, has asked me about the other funds I received. I know to some people I was irresponsible and I should have saved as much as I could. I'm nervous about telling him what I chose to do. I'm afraid he'll judge me for not being more frugal with the money.

Truth be told, it isn't his business how that money was spent because he wasn't managing it for me. How should I tell him about it? I feel like a typed letter is my best bet. — NERVOUS IN KOKOMO, IND.

DEAR NERVOUS: I hope you realize that you are thinking like a guilty child and not the adult you are now. If you prefer to answer your money manager's question via a typed letter, that is your privilege.

However, it would be quicker and faster if you stop worrying about his reaction, pick up the phone and talk to the man. I agree it's not his job to "judge" you, but he would not be acting in your best interest if he didn't advise you how to provide for your future with the monies you have left after the spending spree you have described. Be prepared for it, and please do not regard anything he says as criticism from a scolding parent, because he's not your father.



Associated Press

Sixty-eight-year-old Florinda Ruiz Carapia, better known as "Hermana Flor," grills thin-cut flank steaks in the kitchen of her convent, the Pontifical Palafoxiano Seminary, in Puebla, Mexico on Wednesday. At the seminary in the central state of Puebla where she cooks three meals a day for 150 seminarians, Hermana Flor runs a simple but sustainable and nutritious operation. "The steaks we have here are paper thin; you put them on the grill and they're done. We don't have any medium, medium-rare, none of that here."

'Cooking nun' takes TV shot to pay order's debts

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

PUEBLA, Mexico — A plain-spoken Mexican nun has become an unlikely television star while trying to save her congregation from mounting debts.

Sixty-eight-year-old Florinda Ruiz Carapia, better known as "Hermana Flor," is one of five finalists on Mexico's version of "Master Chef," a program in which contestants compete for a 1 million peso ($59,000) prize. That would at least make a dent in the approximately 7 million peso debt that her order, the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, owes for loans it took out to build or expand schools, according to Alejandro Esquivel, producer of the TV Azteca show.

Passionist Missionary Jose Antonio Barrientos confirmed the debt problems, and said the order is also worried that new government requirements might leave some of the order's schools out of compliance with regulations, perhaps requiring expensive renovations.

Hermana Flor has already made it past several stages that have whittled the 300 want-to-be chefs down to five finalists. With only three weeks left till the finale, Hermana Flor has proven so popular that Esquivel is a little worried about the potential backlash if the nun doesn't win. A panel of professional chefs judges the contestants on the taste, presentation and speed of their dishes.

"I think Hermana Flor's popularity comes from her being a very straightforward, very human, very sympathetic person," said Esquivel. "I think there will be disappointment if anyone is eliminated, but obviously, that will be much greater if it is Hermana Flor, because the audiences like her so much."

It's not all sugar and sweetness from Hermana Flor; in fact it's her tasty, fiery chile sauces that have gotten her this far.

At a seminary in the central state of Puebla where she cooks three meals a day for 150 seminarians, Hermana Flor runs a simple but sustainable and nutritious operation: a small mill grinds moist heaps of corn for fresh tortillas, sheep graze outside the windows, pigs and chickens eat the kitchen scraps and any leftovers go to local hospitals.

But it leaves Hermana Flor struggling with concepts like plating food and presentation, something she doesn't worry about when hungry would-be priests pile into the dining hall: She sets out a plate full of food for each table of 10, and everybody serves himself.

She also was flummoxed when the judges at "Master Chef" made her cook a lobster. "There are a lot of things I don't know how to use, like the lobster. That's a kind of seafood I've never cooked here. We don't have the money for that kind of thing."

She also was a bit intimidated by thick cuts of meat.

"I did a chop (on the show), and it came out raw, because it was so thick. I ruined it," said the sister, who is around 5 feet (152 centimeters) tall. "Look at this," she said, pointing to a metal bowl of thin-cut flank steaks marinating in the seminary's kitchen. "The steaks we have here are paper thin; you put them on the grill and they're done. We don't have any medium, medium-rare, none of that here."

To dress up a typical day's lunch menu — beef, grilled nopal cactus, grilled onions, rice, beans and tortillas — Hermana Flor uses the classic, local ingredients that don't cost much and pack a punch.

"There is always chile in Mexico, and lots of it, and tomatoes, and onions," she said. "With that, I can make you a tasty dish."

The three judges on the show agree, praising the sister's sauces. She has earned over 31,000 followers on her Twitter account in the 15 weeks since the show began, and fans crowd her Facebook page with comments like, "You're an inspiration!" and "She's Mexico's favorite nun."

But just don't try to congratulate Hermana Flor yet.

"Don't tell me I'm famous. I'm not famous until I get that money in my hand," she said. "I want to win, because I want to help others. I still have five (contestants) to go, and fame hasn't done anything for me yet, it hasn't given me one cent."

Keeping an eye over the three or four helpers in her industrial-size kitchen, Hermana Flor noted, "There's never enough money in the religious orders, money is never wasted."

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

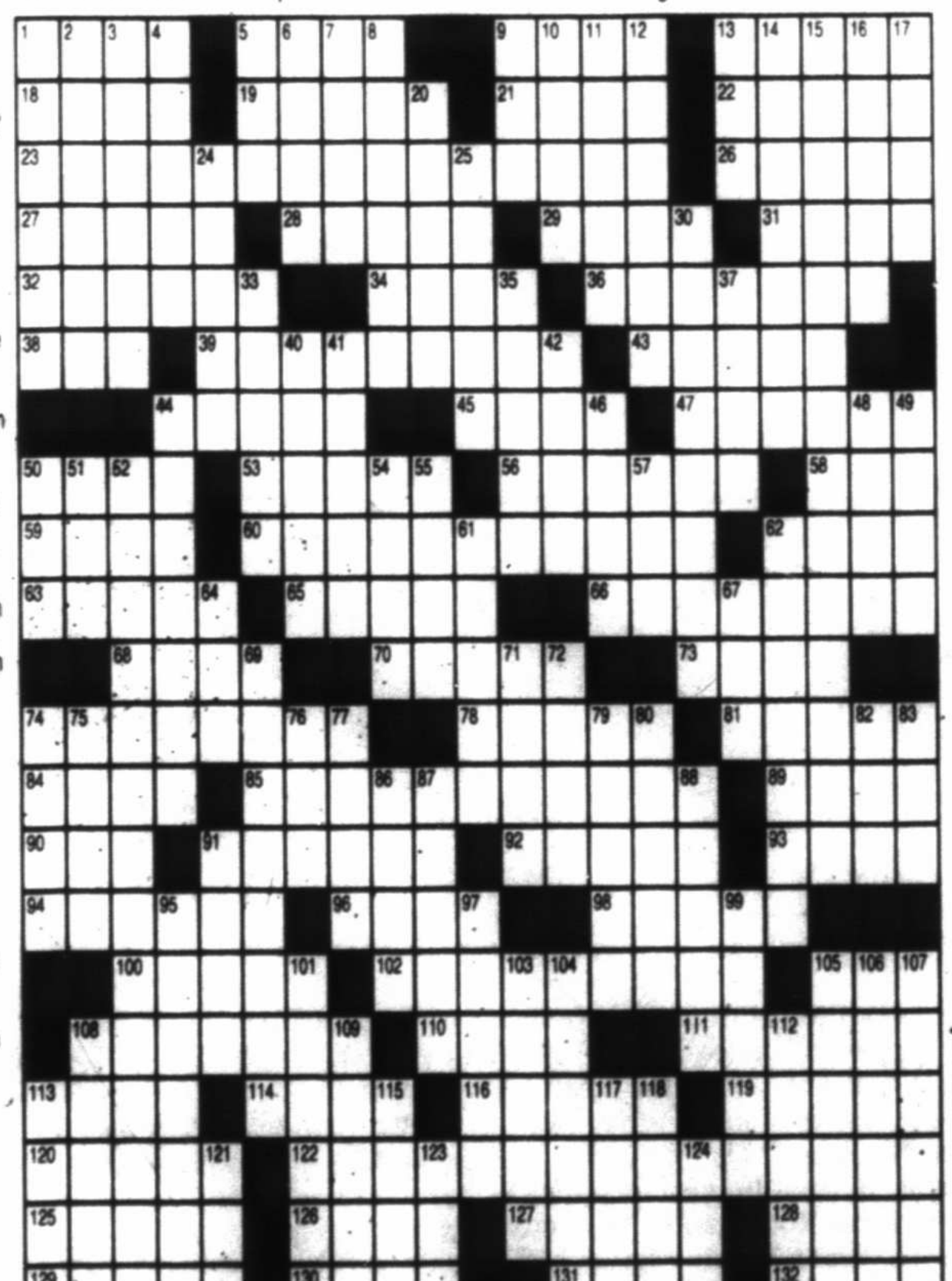
"PLAYING WITH YOUR FOOD" By AMY JOHNSON

ACROSS

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5 Athletic org. since 1894
9 They might be game
13 Monastery head
18 Two-thumbs-up review
19 Obeyed a court order
21 Olympic sword
22 Hymn to Apollo, say
23 Diet for ice cream lovers?
26 George who was the A.L. batting champ in three different decades
27 Like some lashes
28 Intro to physics?
29 Man cave focus
31 Ordinal extremes
32 Gently or quietly, e.g.
34 Rubik's creation
36 Annoy your bedmate
38 __ Bo
39 Farce set in a sandwich shop?
43 Doggie bag goodie
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47 Previously, to Byron
50 Premier League soccer anchor Rebecca
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59 Israeli statesman Barak
60 Top for a beach cookout?
62 Arrogant "South Park" kid
63 "Kinda" kin
65 Lover's end?
66 Frog haunts
68 Brownie accessory
70 Put on __
73 Issue
74 Wayne Manor ringer
78 Impressionist's forte
81 One of more than four billion
84 __ wolf
85 Cake recipe overhaul?
89 "The Addams Family" adjective
90 Down Under school
91 Lima resident, maybe
92 Half a droid name
93 Tiny evidence samples
94 Ziggy Marley's genre
96 Fries, say
98 Off-the-wall
100 Chorus of laughs
102 Thanksgiving week for a baker?
105 Tex.-based carrier
108 Layered pastry
110 Gillette razor word
111 Relative of A-flat major
113 Word heard when pulling a string
114 "Find Your Own Road" sloganeer
116 Spaceship Earth setting
119 In
120 Isn't exactly humble
122 Affair for dessert-loving bovines?
125 What toadies do
126 Latin 101 word
127 It sets in Spain
128 Rocky subj.?
129 Almonds, e.g.
130 Little bits
131 To-do list item
132 Coastal fisher

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1 Longtime PLO chairman
2 Wyndham-owned brand
3 Advance in the race?
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6 Greek meeting site
7 Gut reactions?
8 Sam's competitor
9 Janet Yellen's org., with "The"
10 Large deep-water fish
11 Bed intruders
12 Rice title vampire
13 Call to cruisers, briefly
14 Without exception
15 Group that thrived during the borscht years?
16 Censor's targets
17 Blasting supplies
20 Pasta wheat
24 Land in Paris?
25 Prize since 1901
30 Bug in a garage
33 Quaint words of determination
35 Fixes a draft
37 Byron, for one
40 Flip over
41 What opposite personalities often do
42 "Why not?!"
44 Procedural impediment
46 Monthly exp.
48 "Amores" author
49 MacArthur's "best soldiers"
50 Paul in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
51 "The jig is up!"
52 Period of terror induced by a brat?
54 Early Chinese dynasty
55 Dick Van Patten's "Mama" role
57 Pod opener?
61 Operettist Franz
62 Season finale, e.g.
64 Pipe remains
67 Sumac from Peru
69 Explosion sources
71 Column with a slant
72 Emilia, to Iago
74 Fuzzy memory
75 Second to none
76 "There's __ in
77 Love deity
79 __ this world
80 __ project
82 Letters for John Smith?
83 Buffalo locale: Abbr.
86 Dog, in a way
87 Send a Dear John letter
88 Artistic theme
91 Surfing mecca
95 Like privately owned classic cars
97 Violinist Zimbalist
99 Update to reflect new routes
101 SpongeBob's home
103 "Annabel Lee" poet, in some of his personal letters
104 Paranormal
105 Annoying bedmate
106 Hot-and-sour alternative
107 Sweater pattern
108 Boot camp barker
109 "Little House" lass
112 Pixel pattern
113 Degrees for CEOs
115 Tattle
117 Peak of Greek myth
118 General __ chicken
121 His, to Henri
123 Many USMA grads
124 Animal in a rut



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Its own reward

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ J 9 5
A K 6
10 9 8
♣ Q 7 4 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 6
10 9
K Q 5
♣ K J 10 9 5

EAST
♠ 8
Q 8 7 5 2
J 7 6
♣ A 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 4 3 2
J 4 3
A 4 3 2
♣ Void

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1	1♠
Pass	2 *	3♣	4♠
Dbl	All pass		

*Spade fit, invitational values or better

Opening lead: Ten of

Superior technique does not always lead to a superior result. It may not show a profit, so the good technique must sometimes be its own reward.

Today's deal is from a team game. South at one table was Eric Greco, a leading American expert. The contract would be easy should either major suit queen fall doubleton, but the auction and the lead told Greco that he wouldn't be so lucky. The only other chance was a 3-3 split of the missing diamonds, but it was imperative to keep East off play.

Greco won the opening heart lead with the ace in dummy and immediately passed the 10 of diamonds to West. West persevered with hearts, Greco winning dummy's king and passing the nine of diamonds to West. Greco ruffed the club shift, cashed the ace and king of trumps, then the ace of diamonds. When that suit behaved, Greco discarded dummy's remaining heart on the long diamond and ruffed his last heart in dummy. Well done!

In the replay, South won the heart lead, led a trump to his ace, then played ace and another diamond. This gave the defense a chance — West could have unblocked his queen of diamonds under the ace, won the second diamond with the king, and continued hearts. East would still have the jack of diamonds as an entry to the queen of hearts.

Greco's teammates missed this chance, so the hand was a push. Greco, however, got credit for his superior play, and an apology from his teammates for their defense.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015:
This year could be very important, as far as your public image and career are concerned. You will be noticed more than you realize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You can't ignore the tension around you, but you might not be sure as to the best way to eliminate it, either. Let it go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to straighten out a misunderstanding before it becomes much more. Share some of your thoughts about a particular friendship and the people involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make sure your checking account is balanced before you leap into action. Spending money goes through your fingers so easily and a bit too naturally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You feel in tune with others, even if they are having a disagreement. Your empathetic qualities work like a sponge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Try to play it low-key today. That is not to say that you will be lonely or that everyone will ignore you; you simply will be happier just doing your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might have plans, but keeping them could be difficult, as a group of friends seems to seek you out. Don't underestimate how much you inspire others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take a stand and understand that others might not agree. In fact, they probably won't. You tend to trigger a lot of gossip. Stay involved in the discussion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep stretching past self-imposed limits, even though you might need a friend to help you with this process. Sometimes we can't see our mental filter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Make this a special day with the one you love. You can be spontaneous and just take off. Cancel plans, if need be.

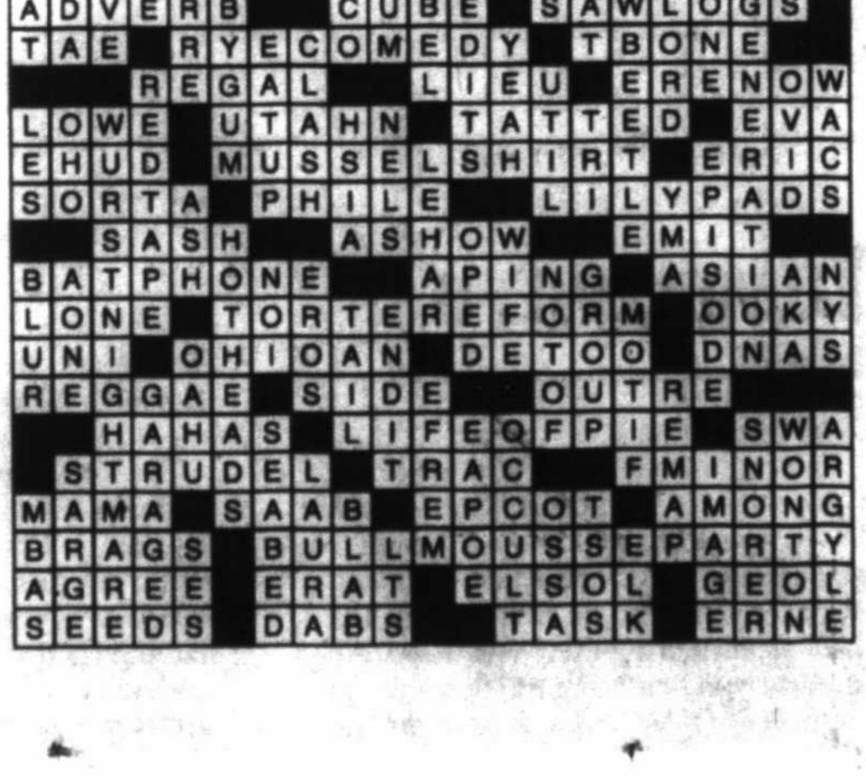
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be so determined to make a point that you forget who you are with and that you do not need to push so hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Push as hard as you need to. You have a lot to get through, and quite quickly at that. Once you clear up a problem, you will feel free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take your cues from a loved one. Get away from the daily grind, and don't think about work. Tap into your imagination.

BORN TODAY
Actress Susan Sarandon (1946), racecar driver Sarah Fisher (1980), novelist Anne Rice (1941)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	NFL Today	NFL Football New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins (L)						NFL Today
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Rain	NFL Kickoff (L)		Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		J.Seifft	R/Manusc	Day Disc.	Enarson	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	TBA	Secrets	TBA	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		UCI Cycling	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Sqd	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Mi jefe	Mi jefe	Al punto		Pagado	Pagado	Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	RawTrav.	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	575		165		★★ The Watcher			(:45) ★★★★ Swimming Upstream				★★★ The Horse Whisperer Robert Redford.				
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:30) Superbabie...		Boxing HBO Bad				RoadTo	Real Sports		★★ Exodus: Gods and Kings		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	★★★ Center Stage Amanda Schull.				1stLook	(:10) ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2			The Leftovers "Pilot"		(:15) The Leftovers	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:40) State of Play		(:45) ★★ Rumor Has It Kevin Costner.			(:25) ★★ Godzilla Elizabeth Olsen.					LastWeek
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) The Grapes ...	(:10) Police Academy 3: Ba...				(:35) ★★ Disturbia ('07, Cri) Shia LaBeouf.				(:25) The Fabulous Baker Bo...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★★ Enemy of the State Will Smith.				(:10) ★★ The Mexican Julia Roberts.				(:15) Ride Along ('14, Act/Com) Ice Cube.			
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★★★ Searching for Bobby Fischer				(:05) ★★ Babes in Toyland			(:45) ★★★★ The African Queen				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) Runaway B...	Inside the NFL			(:10) St. Vincent ('14, Com) Bill Murray.				Homeland	(:50) Homeland		Homeland
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:20) A Promise ('13, Dra) Rebecca Hall.				The Kings of Summer			(:35) ★★★ Akeelah and the Bee				Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Scared "Lights Out"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Predator Arnold Schwarzenegger.					(:15) Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life					Movie
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin 2/2	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Watch	Watch	My Fab 40th		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		H.Wives "Fire Signs"		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52	·	39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Austin	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Austin	Austin
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL "Sunday Edition"		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00)DragR	30Shorts	Football Final		OLines	Report	SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Enchanted ('07, Adv) Amy Adams, Julie Andrews.					A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song				★★★★ Matilda		
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Giada	Pioneer	Southern	BBQ	Cooking	Giada (N)	Pioneer	Heart	Southern
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Whitetail	Cowboys	Huddle	Texans	Paid	Paid	NCAA Big 12		Countdown (L)		Game365	Golf Life
FX	31	56	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Tom Cruise.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	A Novel Romance Milena Govich.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Beachfront Reno	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Step It Up		Step Up "Fake Sweat"		The Jacksons: Next	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				MatchDay	Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Liverpool at Everton (L)				Bridge	EPL Soccer Manchester United at Arsenal (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	★★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	Twilight	★★★ The Dead Zone ('83, Susp) Martin Sheen.					★★ Daybreakers		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ The Dark Knight Rises			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Susan & God		★ Opposite Sex ('93, Com) Arye Gross.				Movie Stars		Movie Stars		★★★ Killers	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Manchester United at Arsenal (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day "Red Flags"		90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "Damaged"		Law&Order "Tabloid"		LawOrder "Monster"		Law&O. "Cherished"		Law & Order "DWB"		Law & Order "Bait"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) 3's Co.	(:50) 3's Co.	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Miracles	Paid	SVU "Selfish"		SVU "Quickie"		SVU "Liberties"		SVU "Official Story"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	Manhattan		Manhattan		Manhat. "The Hive"		Manhattan	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — OCTOBER 4, 2015

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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	World of X Games		WNBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Houston Texans at Atlanta Falcons Site: Georgia Dome -- Atlanta, Ga. (L)								(:05) PBR Bull Riding		FaceNtn	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins (L)						NFL Football Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers (L)					
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Pres. Cup	Dew Tour		FIVB Volleyball		Rallycross			Horse Racing		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Back In	Beads	Sewing	Japan	Travel	Global	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(:55) MFL Fútbol Guadalajara vs Pumas (L)				Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		P. Luche	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		America	Gigging	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	South Park: Bigger, Longer...			(:55) Billy's Hollywood Scr...			★★ Turner & Hooch			(:10) Another St...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(10:30) Exodus: Go...		Vice		(:15) Bill Maher		(:20) ★★★ Unbroken ('14, Bio) Jack O'Connell.					Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:15) The Leftovers		(:10) The Leftovers		Leftovers "Gladys"		Leftovers "Guest"		The Leftovers		Leftovers "Cairo"	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Doll and Em		Making /(:15) ★★ The Maze Runner				(:15) Boxing				1stLook	LastWeek
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:20) ★ The Big Bounce			(:50) ★★ 47 Ronin Keanu Reeves.				(:50) Strike Back		(:40) The Wedding Planner		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★★ Barbershop Ice Cube.			(:40) Make Your Move Derek Hough.				(:35) The Signal			(:15) The Fast & ...	
PLEX			96			(11:35) Dirty Rotten Scoundrels			★★★ Bubble Boy			★★★★ Searching for Bobby Fischer				(:55) The Elepha...	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland	Homeland		Homeland	(:15) Homeland		(:05) Homeland		Homeland	(:45) Homeland		Homeland
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:30) Breaking U...		Bunraku ('10, Act) Josh Hartnett.				(:05) ★★ Mindhunters Eion Bailey.				(:55) Ironclad	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	★★ Ocean's Twelve ('04, Act) George Clooney.					★★ Ocean's Thirteen ('07, Com) George Clooney.					The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:45) ★★★ Terminator Salvation				(:15) Fear the Dead "Pilot"			(:45) Fear the Dead		(:45) Fear the Dead		FearDead
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Medic. "Baha-mania"	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Austin	I Didn't	I Didn't	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Underc.	Friends	Friends	Austin
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Champ	College Football Final		Poker	WPT Poker		WPT Poker		WPT Poker		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	30 for 30 "The Bad Boys"				NHRA Drag R. Keystone Nationals			Golf H/L	MLS Soccer Houston Dynamo at FC Dallas (L)			
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	★★ Herbie: Fully Loaded Lindsay Lohan.				★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						Movie
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal E.	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		WorstCooks		Chopped "Wild Ride"		Chopped		Chopped		Food Truck Race	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	UFC FB
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba.						★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Autumn Dreams ('15, Dra) Jill Wagner.				In My Dreams ('14, Rom) Mike Vogel.				My Boyfriend's Dogs Erika Christensen.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Truckers "Power Trip"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★★ The Last Song ('10, Dra) Miley Cyrus.				★★ 27 Dresses Katherine Heigl.				★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Will Smith.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Vegas Undercover		Vegas Homicide	
NBCSN	38	43				GoalZone	NASCAR	Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing AAA 400 Site: Dover International Speedway (L)							Post-race	Vic Lap
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	The Thundermans		Game Shakers	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★ Along Came Polly Ben Stiller.				Bar Res.	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Beach Rats"	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★ Stake Land ('10, Hor) Connor Paolo.				★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith.				★★★ Sinister Ethan Hawke.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(10:00) The Dark Knight Rises			Pre-game	MLB Baseball (L)						Clash of the Ti...	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) Killers		★★★★ Hush...Hush, Sweet Charlotte Bette Davis.					★★★ Point Blank			(:15) Key Largo	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Enfoque	★★★ Sin miedo Jet Li.			Conducta	Noticiero	Videos	CONCACAF Fútbol Hon./TBA (L)				Se Puede
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Love	Love	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★ All About the Benjamins Ice Cube.				★★★ The Longest Yard ('05, Com) Adam Sandler.				★★ The Replacements			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Theater Tricks"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		SVU "Child's Welfare"		SVU "Justice Denied"	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Blue Bloods "Exiles"		Blue Bloods "Pilot"	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	The Muppets	The Muppets	Once Upon a Time "The Price" (N)		Blood & Oil "The Ripple Effect" (N)		Quantico "America" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Basin Gridiron	(:05) Monopoly	(:35) W.Collar
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam "The Show Must Go On" (SP) (N)		The Good Wife "Bond" (SP) (N)		CSI: Cyber "Why-Fi" (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementary	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Lady in Waiting" A quarrel ends in murder.			M*A*S*H	The Odd Couple	Honeymooners	Cheers	B.Newhart	MaryTylerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	The OT (L)	TheSimpsons (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans Show	Jack Van Impe	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest				Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Lars Enarson	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America		(:20) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at New Orleans Saints Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome -- New Orleans, La. (L)							(:35) News	Country Reporter	TBA
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Baking Show "Biscuits and Traybakes"		Masterpiece Classic "Home Fires" (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Indian Summers" (N)		The Widower (N)		Knowles (N)	On Story	Front and Center "The Rides"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		La Banda				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		H.S. Football			
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:10) Another St...		South Park: Bigger, Longer...			★★ Dave Chappelle's Block Par...			(:15) The Hand That Rocks the Cradle			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:45) American Sniper Bradley Cooper.				The Leftovers (SP) (N)		Greenlight	Doll&Em	LastWeek	(:35) The Leftovers		Greenlight
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	The Leftovers		The Leftovers		★ Exodus: Gods and Kings ('14, Dra) Christian Bale.					★★★ Neighbors Seth Rogen.		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Bill Maher (N)		★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.				(:05) Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler.				(:05) Walk of Sha...	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25) ★★★ Contact ('97, Sci-Fi) Jodie Foster.					★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club				★★★ Frailty	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:15) The Fast & ...		Strike Back		Lost River Christina Hendricks.			(:35) 300: Rise of an Empire			Science	Science
PLEX			96			(4:55) The Elepha...		★★★★ The African Queen			(:50) ★★★ Bubble Boy			(:20) ★★ Strange Invaders Paul Le Mat.			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:20) Homeland		(:05) Homeland		Homeland (N)		The Affair (SP) (N)		Homeland		The Affair	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:55) Ironclad		★★★ King Kong ('05, Act) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						(:10) ★★ Cold in July Michael C. Hall.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:50) Fear the Dead		(:55) Fear the Dead		Fear the Dead (N)		(:10) Talking Dead (N)		(:10) Fear the Dead		(:20) Fear the Dead	
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BRAVO	65	76		41		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine		Married Medicine (N)		Tardy (N)	Manzo	Watch (N)	Tardy...	Married to Medicine	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Money	Rich Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Anthony Bourdain		A. Bourdain "Cuba"		A. Bourdain (N)		Gotta Do It (N)		A. Bourdain "Cuba"		Anthony "Marseille"	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier (N)		Naked "Forsaken" (N)		Alaska "Big Changes"		Naked "Forsaken"	
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FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ The Lucky One		(:45) ★★★ The Notebook ('04, Rom) Rachel McAdams, Ryan Gosling.								J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		Greg Gutfeld Show		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Halloween Wars (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Hallow "Infestation"	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bull Riding		Sooner Football (N)		WPT Poker		WPT Poker Alpha8		Stars	School (N)	Cowboys	Poker
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Elysium ('13, Act) Jodie Foster, Matt Damon.					The Strain (N)		(:05) The Strain		(:10) The Strain	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Surprised by Love ('15, Rom) Hilarie Burton.				Autumn Dreams ('15, Dra) Jill Wagner.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Hawaii	Hawaii	IslndLif	IslndLif	Island	Island	H.Hunt	House	IslndLif	IslndLif
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers (N)		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★★ Hitch		The Unauthorized Beverly Hills, 90210...				Beyond Headlines		The Unauthorized Beverly Hills, 90210...			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Vegas Homicide		Vegas Homicide		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				VicLap	Mobsteel		Mobsteel		Mobsteel		Chasing		NASCAR Victory Lap		MatchDay
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	GShakers	GShakers	H.Danger	H.Danger	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) Sinister		★★ Orphan ('09, Hor) Peter Sarsgaard, Vera Farmiga.					★★★ Fright Night ('11, Com) Anton Yelchin.				
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) Clash of th...		★★★ Jurassic Park ('93, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.					(:45) ★★ Jurassic Park III Sam Neill.				Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) Key Largo		Big Country (1994, Western)						★★★ The Westerner			Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:30) Si Se Puede		Transformers: Dark of the Moon ('11, Act) Shia LaBeouf.						Titulares	Videos	Entre compadr...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)			Love	Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) The Replac...		★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Jordi Mollà, Martin Lawrence.						★★ Rush Hour 3 ('07, Act) Chris Tucker.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Learning Curve"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				BlueB. "Officer Down"		★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington.						Manhattan		Manhattan	

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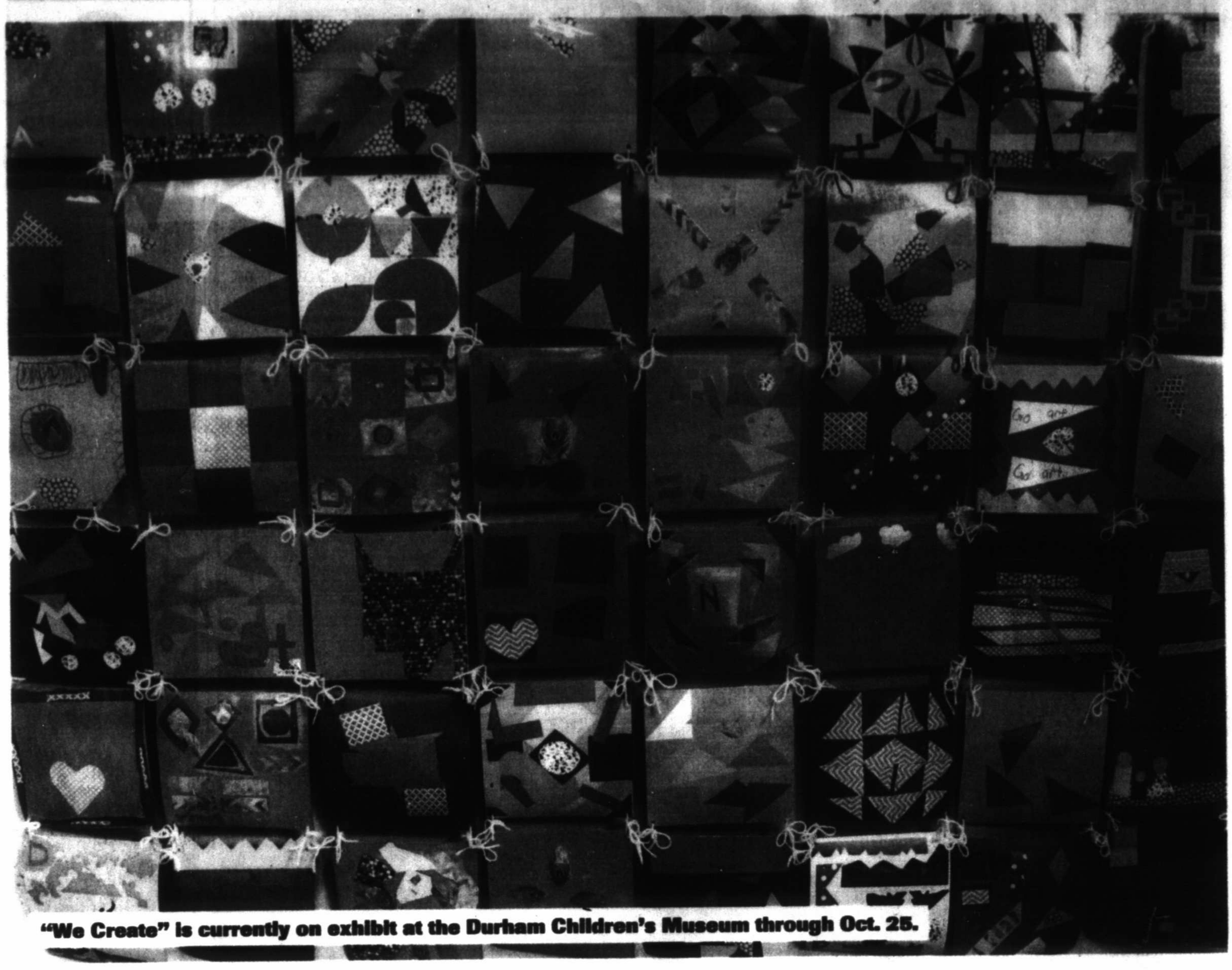
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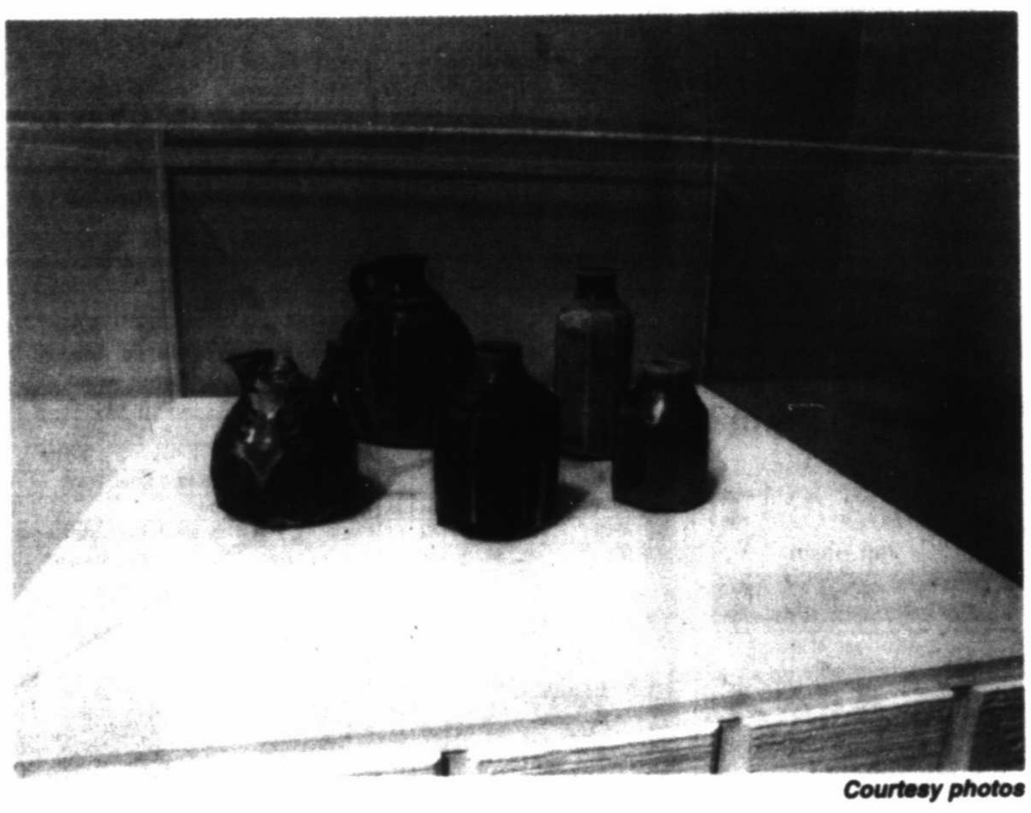
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"We Create" is an exhibition of visitors and members art that include oral histories, book art, a community quilt and more.

CALENDAR

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MONDAY

Opera 101 presented by Midland Opera Theater. The class studies the operas being presented by The Metropolitan Opera in their "Live in HD" performances screened ono local movie theaters. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College. Visit midlandoperatheater.org to register.

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 colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palleteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio- Every Tuesday -Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western band. St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely Road. Weekly from 7:30-10 p.m. Members $5, non $8. 432-520-4343 or 432-218-8215.

WEDNESDAY

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

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.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at Midland Community Theatre. Through Saturday. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

MOSC: Light Eternal: The Music of Vivaldi Britten and Lauridsen. First Presbyterian Church of Midland; 800 W. Texas Ave. 7:30 p.m. $15. MOSC.org.

ON DISPLAY

"Charles E. Burchfield: Weather Event" through Nov. 29. "Changing Weather: Works by Judy Youngblood" through Dec. 8. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd, Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

"Pillars of Creation," at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the UTPB campus, 4901 E. University Blvd. Through Oct. 9. Artist reception and talk Oct. 8. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Weekends 2-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. utpb.edu.

"We Create." an exhibition of visitors and members' art that include oral histories, book art, a community quilt and more. Through Oct. 25. Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Open . Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children 3-11 and seniors 65+ $3, free for children younger than 3. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

Fall Art Exhibit opening featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland. Through Dec. 10. Midland Shared Spaces Gallery, 3500 N. A. St. midlandss.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios. 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. 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

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Arts Association presents work by Sean Patty in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during August. midlandartsassociation.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.

Midland Shared Spaces Gallery Summer Exhibit with featured artists from ArtQuest, Artizen Outlet, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland through Sept. 10. 685-0400. sharedspaces.org.

Museum of the Southwest ,1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Turner Memorial Art Gallery currently closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woltena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-6:30 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. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

NOVEMBER

Santa Claus comes to town, 2-5 p.m. Nov. 15, 22 at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. Visits are free and open to the public. Pictures with Santa are welcomed. caycechristmasstore.com.

DECEMBER

Santa Claus comes to town, 6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. Visits are free and open to the public. Pictures with Santa are welcomed. caycechristmasstore.com.



Keeping everything operating

Workshop addresses threats to, resiliency of supply chain

By Mella McEwen
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Threats to disrupt the flow of the nation's oil and natural gas to market come in many forms: theft, vandalism, terrorism, accidents and human error.

How the oil and gas supply chain can anticipate, prevent and recover from disruptions was the focus of a daylong workshop last week that brought together industry, industry associations and law enforcement.

The Permian Basin Oil & Gas Supply Chain Resiliency Workshop was the first of its kind; others are set for elsewhere in Texas later in the year.

The event at the Region 18 Education Service Center drew Mayor Jerry Morales, who said he wanted to understand how the industry handles security.

"I wanted a sense of what's taking place and whether it's concentrated in Midland or spread throughout the Permian Basin," he said.

His main concern was security of the area's water sources, he said.

After attending the workshop Morales said he was confident "with the available resources and that the FBI, the police, Sheriff's Office are working together and sharing information."

Barney Welch, Homeland Security director for the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, surveyed would-be attendants before the workshop to find out their primary concerns.

Topping the list was theft and vandalism and concerns about cyber threats and cyber security, he said.

Safety must be the top priority, Welch said.

"Our most valuable resource is human resources," he said.

Disruptions can come from human error, such as excavating a site before calling 811 to ensure the site doesn't have a pipeline, Welch said. Sometimes, those who don't call first get lucky and hit a water line instead of a natural gas line, he said.

"Road safety, transportation, disruptions from accidents, even train derailments (are concerns," he said.

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Patriot Energy

Patriot Energy's Thoroughbred prospect encompasses about 440 acres in northwestern Sterling County.

Patriot Energy spuds well in Sterling County

By Mella McEwen
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Sterling County is playing host to continued operations on a farmout lease acquired early last year.

Patriot Energy announced that it has begun drilling its No. 1 Thoroughbred, a vertical well expected to reach a total depth of about 9,000 feet sometime this month.

Michael Miller, founder and president of the Dallas-based company, noted that this is the fourth well the company has participated in on that 3,600-acre lease. The lease will ultimately encompass at least eight prospects with the option to further drill out remaining acreage, he said.

The Thoroughbred No. 1 targets multiple pay zones, including the Strawn Lime, Cline shale, Cisco sands, Triple M Credo, Middle Wolfcamp and Albaugh. The Thoroughbred prospect sits on about 440 acres in northwestern Sterling County.

With Sterling County being a prolific area, there is ample infrastructure all around the lease, including a Devon Energy well nearby, Miller said. The well is being drilled in a remote area on acreage owned by a very supportive landowner who has allowed storage tanks on-site, he said. The natural gas being produced goes straight to a nearby gathering station.

"The beauty of Permian Basin wells is the opportunity for multiple pay zones. When you consider the prolific zones combined with a multiple stage vertical frac, wells of this nature offer attractive potential, even at today's oil prices. The economics are acceptable today, and we believe prices will eventually find their way back up to a more normal level," Miller said.

"While we fully realize if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates it could have temporary short-term pressure on oil, we still feel the macro picture for the dollar will indicate an eventual correction and a positive impact on oil.

"We analyze the economics before we drill, and vertical wells are mostly what we have been involved in for the past decade.," he said. "They avoid the high costs of laterals and multiple frac zones and have much better economics for what we do. We tend to stay on the conservative side, so while the big IPs of long laterals and multiple frac

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Symposium to feature presentations about other producing basins

By Mella McEwen
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Despite feeling the impact of low crude prices, a solid turnout is expected for the annual West Texas Geological Society Fall Symposium, planned for Wednesday through Friday at Midland Center.

Jesse White, general chairman, estimated that 300 to 400 people will attend, down from the more than 600 who attended last year.

"In this current climate, there is a need for the geological community to come together and keep working hard," he said. "We're looking forward and showing the Midland geoscience community is strong."

He will have a poster session on the Good field in Borden County at this year's event.

As in past years, the symposium will focus on the Permian Basin, said Valentina Vallega, technical chair.

But she is including presentations from outside the region, she said.

"This year, I've included talks from different reservoirs because I believe we can learn from other regions. We can apply technology in the Permian Basin that was first applied in other regions," she said.

Presentations and poster sessions will discuss the Eagle Ford, San Juan Basin, Capitan Reef and even Alabama's Smackover formation.

For the symposium's poster session, 16 will be on display. Students and faculty from Sul Ross State University, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Mississippi State University and Texas Tech University will be among those displaying posters.

Technical presentations will come from a variety of businesses and organizations, including the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the University of Texas at

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Shell's Arctic miss is just the oil industry's latest dry hole

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Shell's $7 billion flop in the Arctic Ocean stands out as one of the industry's costliest missed bets, even for an industry used to gambling big.

"There are few $7 billion zeros in the industry, so it's fairly unique," said Dave Pursell, head of securities at Houston energy investment bank Tudor Pickering Holt & Co.

It's even more unusual for a single well to take down an entire exploration project.

On Monday, the company said that it was walking away from Arctic drilling after a just-finished well in the Chukchi Sea turned up indications of less oil and gas than the company needed to justify continued development.

But Shell is far from alone in making a big bet on an offshore play only to end up with disappointing results. From the Gulf of Mexico to the shores of Angola, offshore exploration has yielded plenty of dry holes.

"It's hard to find oil and gas — that's the bottom line," Pursell said. "It doesn't matter how much technology you throw at it, you have to put a drill bit in to see what's there."

Onshore, these days, it's a different scenario. With hydraulic fracturing, energy companies are plumbing dense shale formations and pulling oil out of the rock itself, not drilling wildcat wells hoping to hit hidden reservoirs thousands of feet below ground.

"With the unconventional resource plays (on land), there is no hydrocarbon risk," Pursell said. "You know it's there. The risk is do you have the technology to extract it."

University of Texas petroleum geologist John Snedden insists that Shell's Burger J well "should not be characterized as a mistake." Rather, he said, it's "an illustration of the risk and uncertainty of exploration."

The success rate for wildcat wells — measured by whether hydrocarbons are found and not whether there is enough to be commercially viable — range wildly worldwide, Snedden notes.

In some frontier basins, wells find oil or gas less than 5 percent of the time, he said. By contrast, in the early 2000s, oil companies targeting the Paleogene trend in the Gulf of Mexico were scoring more often than not, with a success rate of about 70 percent.

Sophisticated seismic research — and computer modeling that helps interpret it — can limit, but not eliminate, the exploration risks.

Statoil learned that the hard way last year at its Martin prospect, about 43 miles from the Louisiana coast.

Excited by initial seismic research, the company bid a record-setting $157 million for a single, 5,760-acre lease at the site during a government auction in June 2012 — with the sealed bid five and a half times that of its nearest competitor.

The company moved swiftly to begin work on the well, and then spent about $1.1 million per day to drill it. But some 31,400 feet down, Statoil didn't find what it was looking for. Although the company said it made a discovery at the site, it wasn't commercially viable.

There's another cautionary tale just a few hundred miles from Shell's failed Burger J well.

There, in the Beaufort Sea, a consortium of companies invested nearly $1 billion in the 1980s drilling a well named Mukluk.

They were confident they'd find oil. At the time, geologists boasted that it was an incredibly low-risk venture, in part because the formation appeared to mimic the massive Prudhoe Bay oil field on Alaska's North Slope.

But their bullishness was misplaced. In December 1983, it was revealed the well contained nothing but salt water and traces of long-gone oil.

Decades later geologists armed with new data theorized that the oil actually had been sucked out by BP from an existing site onshore on the North Slope.

For decades, Mukluk has been considered the industry's most expensive dry hole — a case study in what can go wrong below ground, even when everything else operationally goes right.

Shell's Burger J well might give it competition.



Associated Press

On Sept. 2, Shell Oil Co. President Marvin Odum gestures while speaking to The Associated Press in Anchorage, Alaska. Royal Dutch Shell will cease exploration in Arctic waters off Alaska's coast following disappointing results from an exploratory well backed by billions in investment and years of work. Sept. 28 was Shell's final day to drill this year in petroleum-bearing rock under its federal permit.

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A public safety manager for Union Pacific Railroad pointed out that disruptions from train derailments could involve not just hazardous materials, but building supplies, as well.

Special agents with the FBI's El Paso division told the audience that, until recently, the FBI's oilfield task force was preoccupied with theft of equipment and copper tubing. With the industry downturn, they said the trend is toward fraudulent billing. Another rising trend is the theft of equipment, such as drill bits, replacing the serial number with a fraudulent one and then selling the equipment.

Terrorism threats, whether from domestic terrorists opposed to oil and gas operations or international terrorists seeking to make a political statement, have not risen to the surface, they said.

Oil and gas sites are vulnerable because they are primarily in remote areas with little to light physical security, they said. Oil is a global commodity, and the industry is a national security issue not only for the United States, but other countries as well, the agents said.

The FBI agents, as well as representatives with the Department of Homeland Security, stressed cooperation with local law enforcement and the industry, associations and others.

Charles "Buck" Hamilton, DHS protective security advisor, talked about the numerous resources to train employees and first responders, including supporting live-action drills such as workplace violence and active shooters.

The key is to maintain the momentum begun by the workshop, Welch said.

"We need to keep up these relationships and coming together. The intent of this workshop was to bring the chief stakeholders together and engage them. We need to keep up collaboration and communication and look at what we can do down the road, whether it's a sector working group or another workshop or planning session," Welch said.

With other workshops planned for around the state, the hope is to find valuable best practices and lessons learned and find things that can be improved, he said.

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El Paso, the University of Oklahoma, Schlumberger, Dynamic Measurement, Energen Resources, ESG Solutions Canada, Core Laboratories, Special Core Analysis Laboratories and Weatherford Laboratories.

Local companies represented include Diamondback Energy, OGX Resources and Clayton Williams Energy.

Also offering presentations will be the U.S. Geological Survey, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.

James Smith of Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business will open the symposium with his keynote speech, "Sheiks versus Shale: What's Next for OPEC?"

There will be a luncheon Thursday at the Petroleum Club. A session on ethics will be presented by Vincent Cronin of Baylor University.

The symposium will end Friday with a half-day session of nine core presentations from UTPB, Fasken Oil & Ranch and Trey Resources.

There will be a field trip to study Guadalupian age basinal facies in the Western Delaware mountain Group Outcrop Belt, Guadalupe and Apache mountains, led by Peter Scholle, Dana Ulmer-Scholle, Merlynd Nestell and Galena Nestell.

"We're sharing what we've learned and helping others get more out of their projects," Vallega said.

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zones look good, we feel that a slower and steadier strategy has served us well, so we're not making any adjustments to what has worked."

Miller said he believes other operators are switching back to vertical drilling, setting aside costlier horizontal drilling projects in the current price environment.

"We hear about it from our vendors. The rigs that are drilling seem to be focusing primarily on verticals, at least around here. It only makes sense because when you remove the lateral and the multiple frac zones, the economics to get a bit in the ground improve significantly. The vertical wells still intersect multiple pay zones, so you get the benefit of intersecting zones ... without the substantial cost of a horizontal," he said.

"Eventually, we feel horizontals will come back as prices rise, but when that happens still is a prediction we don't feel anyone can make at this point," he said.

Drilling of the No. 1 Thoroughbred comes on the heels of Patriot's recently announced Sandhills-7 prospect that will see six wells drilled in Kent County and one in Knox County. Drilling in the first, the No. 1 Bankers' Trust, is underway.



Associated Press

On May 8, 2014, a man works on construction of the Kingdom Tower, a planned 252-story building that aims to become the world's tallest skyscraper when complete, in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal's Kingdom Holding Co. and the construction giant Saudi Binladin Group are among the owners of the project. The tower will house a luxury hotel, apartments and office space.

As oil wealth dwindles, Saudi Arabia faces change

By Aya Batrawy
Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — At a gas station in Saudi Arabia's second largest city of Jiddah, drivers are fueling up their cars at just 45 cents a gallon — four times less than the price of water.

To make that possible, the kingdom spends up to $10.7 billion per year on gasoline subsidies. It also offers a range of perks and welfare support to its citizens such as free health care and education, including thousands of scholarships to expensive Western universities.

Such largesse, however, is likely to be rolled back as the world's largest oil exporter looks to curb spending for the first time in years due to a plunge in the price of crude, which accounts for 90 percent of government revenue.

While the country's $656 billion in currency reserves will help it avoid a brutal shift in lifestyles and policies, the kingdom is starting to be more careful with its finances. That will likely mean less investment in new infrastructure projects but also possibly, down the line, less welfare spending, smaller wage increases, and less construction of much-needed housing and roads.

"It's not an absolute crisis, but it is a question of planning for the future," said Karen Young, a senior resident scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C.

Saudi Arabia starts losing money when the price of oil drops below $70 a barrel, experts say. If the price hovers around the current level of about $50 a barrel, the country can continue spending at its current pace until 2020. "That's when things get bad," said Young.

Alternatively, it can start cutting spending on infrastructure now to free up money for social welfare for another 30 years or so.

The impact on the population would vary due to disparities in wealth.

"We are not feeling any anxiety," Saeed al-Ghamdi, 40, said as a South Asian gas attendant fueled up his car in Jiddah. He estimates that even if the government raised gas prices by 50 percent, he'd still end up only paying a few Saudi riyals, or a dollar or two, more.

Yet many Saudis are already complaining on social media that salaries, which sometimes average just $300 a month, are not enough to cover basic costs of living. The Internet is one of the few spaces where people can discuss sensitive issues since there are no political parties and protests are banned.

Housing is out of reach for many. Rents for middle income households are about $1,040 a month, according to real estate adviser Jones Lang LaSalle. By contrast, middle income households earn $1,600-$5,400 a month, meaning many on the lower end are squeezed out of the market and have to live with family members.

Young couples are also finding it harder to marry due to the high cost of dowries and apartments, both prerequisites for a traditional marriage. Dowries and wedding celebrations can cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Said Al-Shaikh, a member of the country's Shura Council that recommends policies to the Cabinet and king, says these are some of the reasons why the government is not preparing to cut subsidies for fuel. "I believe that the Shura would not be in favor at this point in time in removing the subsidies... especially as it relates to households," he told The Associated Press.

He says that if the government gradually lifted energy subsidies, it would first target businesses and manufacturing so as to "not necessarily affect the welfare of the citizens."

The general view is that the Saudi government will not change the price of fuel at gas stations until large public transportations projects, like the metro system under construction in the capital Riyadh, are completed.

One sign that times are changing is the largely debt-free Saudi government is issuing bonds to ensure it has a steady supply of cash. Fahad Alturki, chief economist at Saudi-based Jadwa Investment, estimates the kingdom will issue as much as $53.5 billion in debt through next year.

For Gulf countries like Saudi Arabia, financial strength is crucial to domestic stability.

They have relied on vast underground oil reserves to develop their societies from impoverished desert tribes into modern cities that attract foreign workers and investment. The money has also been used to secure political patronage for the sheikhs, emirs and kings who have inherited the post.

Young says Gulf countries have also used revenue from natural resources to make politics quiet by giving their populations financial perks. She warns, though, the situation emerging now in the Gulf states, which include Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar, is more complicated than just money. She says there is a mobilization of political identity among people that has nothing to do with the amount of money their governments spend on providing services for them.

"If the leaders want to be smart, they'll see it as an end" to the golden years of high oil prices, she said. "This is the time to change."

One thing that Saudi Arabia will not roll back on is foreign policy and defense, seen as necessary for stability, says Al-Sheikh.

Saudi Arabia has used its oil wealth to throw its weight around the region, propping up friendly governments in Bahrain and Egypt, supporting allies in Lebanon, arming Sunni Syrian rebels and leading an Arab coalition into war in Yemen to fight Shiite rebels.

Because of this, any spending cuts by Saudi Arabia will likely be made at home.

To prepare for a period of weaker oil revenue and to keep creating jobs for the country's growing population, the government is looking to diversify its revenue away from oil.

So far, the government has plans to build the Gulf's largest sea port, rivaling ports in nearby Dubai, and is expanding the King Abdullah Economic City, where 100 percent foreign ownership of companies is allowed and where foreigners can live in cushy compounds not far from the Red Sea city of Jiddah.

Mega construction projects, like the Kingdom Tower in Jiddah are also steaming ahead. The tower aims to eclipse Dubai's Burj Khalifa, currently the world's tallest tower, by jutting out a kilometer, or roughly 3,300 feet, into the sky.

Back at the pump, driver al-Ghamdi waves off suggestions that the government could be doing more. He says that when someone's financial situation changes, challenges are to be expected.

"In the beginning, a person has to struggle a bit," he says. "But after you pass this stage, you relax."

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Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
October 5-9, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$1,350, Out of State, $1,375

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program- Module 1 of 6 Modules
Title: Introduction to Land Management Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 5; End Date: October 31-Registration Deadline: Noon, October 5th
Returning Registrants: $612.50 (includes new $13.50 Distance Learning Fee) Out of State, $637.50 (includes $25 out of state fee and $13.50 Distance Learning fee); New Registrants: $662.50 ((includes $50 manual. AAPL Land Reference Guide and a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $687.50 (includes $25 out of state fee, a $50 manual AAPL Land Reference Guide, and a $13.50 Distance Learning fee). If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge.

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Pooling and Unitization in Texas
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Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
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Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
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$1,095; Out of State, $1,120

Advanced Cross Sections and Correlation Techniques-Register directly with IHS
Instructor: Dennis Earl
October 13-14, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$1,600
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Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
October 14-15, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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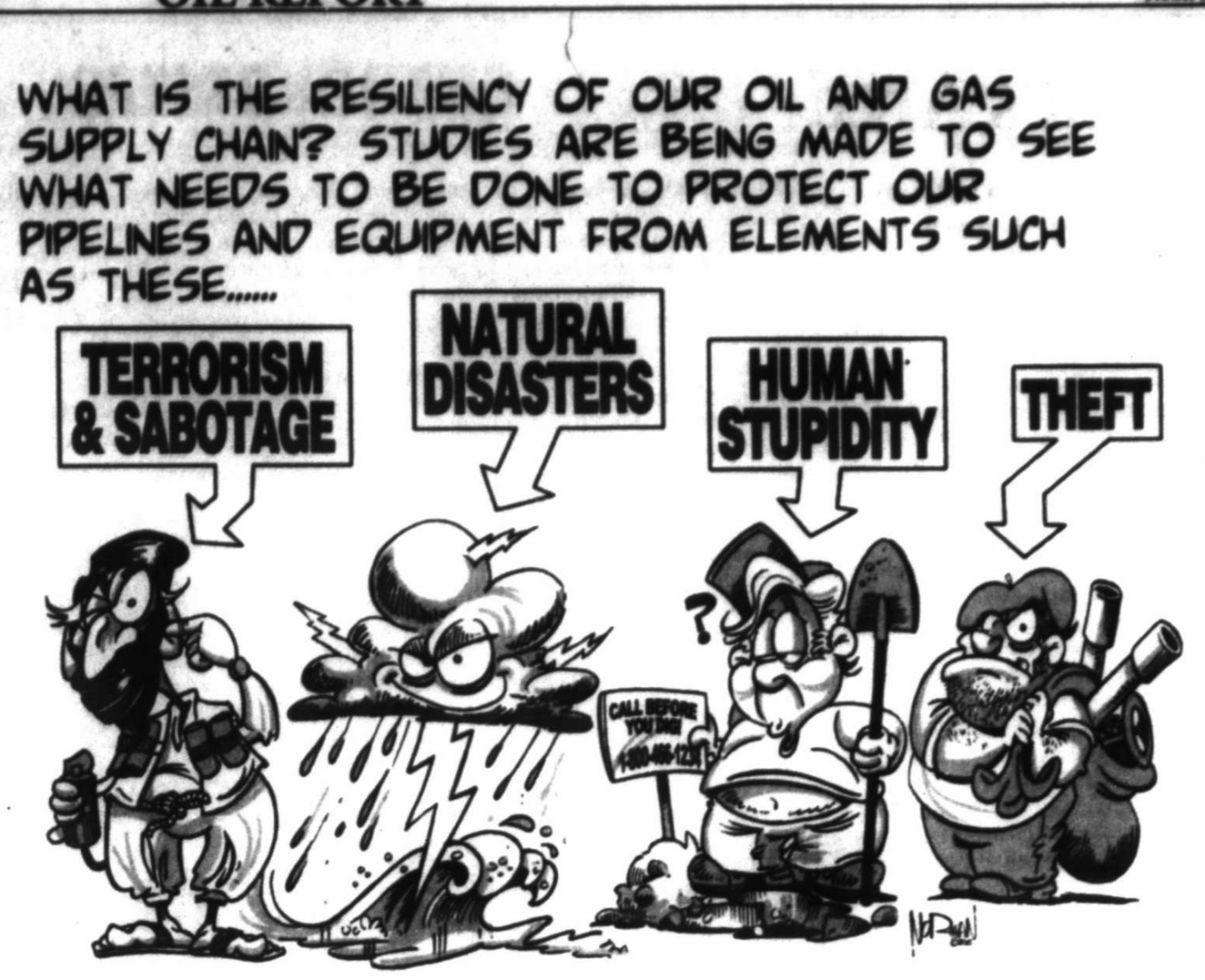
Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
October 15-16, Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri, 8 a.m.-Noon
$695; Out of State, $820

Completions and Stimulation for Geologists (and other non-petroleum engineering discipline)
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
October 20, Tue, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400

An Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
October 20, Tue, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $325

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
October 21-22, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$695; Out of State, $720

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Dr. Kerry Sublette
October 26, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
This program has been accredited for 8 RL, RPL or CPL recertification credit(s) (CEU), OR 8 CPL/ESA, and/or 0 Ethics credit(s) (CEU Ethics), for a total of 8 credit(s).



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$41.50	Sun*	$41.50
Flint Hills Resources*	$41.50	Nymex futures	$45.07*
Phillips 66	$41.71		
Plains*	$41.50	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$41.80	Note: Posted prices as of Sept. 30	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Sept. 30	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.638	$2.524	$4.121
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$2.540	$2.450	$3.875
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$2.440	$2.440	$3.800
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$2.520	$2.465	$3.847
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.530	$2.465	$3.855
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$2.438	$2.447	$3.833
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$2.578	$2.478	$3.957

Energy XXI's CEO received personal loans from vendors, board member

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Energy XXI says it has learned its CEO John Schiller borrowed funds from acquaintances and some of the company's vendors and received a personal loan from a member of the company's board before the director's appointment.

The Houston oil producer said earlier last week its board is reviewing results of an internal investigation into the loans but has found Schiller's dealings in 2007, 2009 and 2014 were not illegal and didn't impact the company's financial reporting or statements.

But Schiller's failure to disclose the personal loans to the board before they were made was not in compliance with the company's code of business conduct and ethics, Energy XXI Chief Financial Officer Bruce Busmire told investors in a conference call Tuesday.

Public company boards often require top executives to keep their relationships with vendors at an arm's length to avoid entanglements that work against the company's financial interests.

"The loans themselves are not necessarily the issue. The issue is the incentive structure those loans can create," said Todd Mensing, a lawyer specializing in commercial litigation at Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing in Houston.

"If vendors are doing favors for an executive, it could create the risk the executive may give the vendor more favorable terms and may not put them on an even playing field," he said.

Spokesman Greg Smith said the company isn't commenting further on the matter until the board completes its review of the probe, which was conducted by independent legal counsel and assisted by outside forensic accountants. Schiller in 2005 was one of Energy XXI's founders, and he has served as chief executive since then.

Energy XXI's disclosures came as the company reported a net loss of $1.69 billion in its fiscal fourth quarter, which ended June 30, largely because it wrote down the value of its oil and gas properties by $1.85 billion amid cheap energy prices.

The company's shares have fallen 90 percent since this time last year to a close of $1.05 on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

In regulatory filings, the company said it had $4.19 billion in total debt in September, with most of its obligations maturing within a decade and a substantial portion due in five years. It expects to have a $367 million interest payment due in fiscal 2016, and last month, it had about $679 million in total liquidity.

During the conference call, Schiller, who is also the company's chairman and president, said Energy XXI cut several jobs in July, bringing its headcount from about 500 from the time of its merger with EPL Oil & Gas last year to about 260 now.

"We believe that oil prices will eventually rebound," Schiller said. "However, we've established a culture that is highly focused on efficient use of capital and keeping a strong focus on our cost at the same time."

Last year, the company said, Schiller received a personal loan from board member Norman Louie before Louie's appointment. Previously, Louie was a managing director at an investment firm that owned 6.3 percent of Energy XXI's shares. Schiller's loans from last year are still outstanding, the company said.

"In general, companies prefer for their corporate officers to not engage in transactions with vendors or board members because they want to avoid perverse incentives," Mensing said, adding that outside dealings between directors and executives could compromise a board's supervisory role over company managers.

Energy XXI said it is revising its vendor policies "to address any potential conflicts of interest that could arise from Mr. Schiller's personal loans" and will ban such loans in its business conduct and ethics code. Schiller's overall executive compensation was $14.5 million in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, regulatory filings show.

"It's fair to say the oil and gas industry is not well loved," said Bud Weinstein, an associate director of Southern Methodist University's Maguire Energy Institute. "In today's politically charged environment, it's absolutely critical that oil and gas companies be transparent."

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Breitling Energy spuds Permian well

Breitling Energy Corp. has begun drilling operations on its fourth well under the previously announced Farmout Agreement in the Permian Basin of West Texas.

The Sellers "60" No. 1 spud on Sept. 21 and is currently drilling through about 3,000 feet. The well is targeting a total depth of about 9,000 vertical feet in early October under normal field operations.

Breitling anticipates intersecting similar pay zones as its other three wells on the acreage: the No. 1 Hoppe "63," the Parramore No. 1 and the Sellers "66" No. 1 — all of which were drilled to a similar depth in 2014 and early 2015. Potential pay zones anticipated include the Albaugh and Middle Wolfcamp, Triple M Credo, Cisco sands, Strawn Lime and the Cline shale.

"According to Baker Hughes, there were 838 rigs drilling in North America and 250 are in the Permian Basin. I'm proud that one of those belongs to Breitling Energy," said Chris Faulkner, company Chairman and CEO. "We firmly believe in the future of American shale, and there's no better place to be, in our opinion, than the Permian. The economics work for us at today's price levels so we're drilling."

The company is still on track to drill eight wells on its Permian Basin lease to earnout the total acreage under the Farmout Agreement. Based on the results of the initial eight wells, the company may opt to drill out the acreage using the most successful wells to guide its future drilling locations.

DALLAS

EnLink Midstream completes purchase from Matador Resources

The EnLink Midstream companies, EnLink Midstream Partners LP and EnLink Midstream LLC, together with its subsidiaries announced that a subsidiary of the partnership completed its previously announced acquisition of gathering and processing assets in the Delaware Basin from a subsidiary of Matador Resources Company.

"We are pleased to complete this acquisition which complements our existing natural gas and crude oil gathering, transportation and marketing services in the Delaware Basin," said Barry E. Davis, EnLink Midstream President and Chief Executive Officer. "This acquisition solidifies our commitment to grow in West Texas and brings our capital investment in the area to over $1.5 billion. We will execute on approximately $250-350 million of additional growth capital in the Delaware Basin over the next 18 months to expand our presence in this region, which is among the most favorable oil producing plays in the United States."

TULSA

Alpha Crude Connector plans Open Season for new pipeline

TULSA — Alpha Crude Connector LLC intends to conduct an Open Season for the Alpha Crude Connector Pipeline, a new FERC regulated, crude oil transportation pipeline being constructed in Lea and Eddy counties in New Mexico and Culberson, Loving, Reeves and Winkler counties in Texas.

The pipeline will have the capacity to accept more than 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil from numerous lease tank batteries and other field receipt points and a truck terminal in the northern Delaware Basin. By bidding for capacity on the pipeline, producers and marketers can enjoy the option to deliver crude through the System to multiple downstream pipelines and a rail terminal, providing access to local refineries, Cushing and the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Alpha intends to conduct an Open Season to obtain long-term acreage or long-term volume commitments for this new crude oil transportation System. The Open Season will provide an opportunity for interested shippers to present bids for long term transportation commitments for capacity rights at competitive rates. The pipeline is projected to be in service in November 2015.

The Open Season was scheduled to begin Thursday and end Oct. 31. All bids must be submitted to Alpha by 5 p.m. on or before Oct. 31. Certain additional information regarding the pipeline and the Open Season can be found at www.frontierenergyllc.com.

ARKANSAS

US pipeline agency fines Exxon subsidiary $2.6M

LITTLE ROCK — Federal regulators announced Thursday they are assessing a $2.6 million civil penalty against ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. for a 2013 oil spill in Arkansas.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration released its final report on the Pegasus pipeline leak that spilled roughly 3,190 barrels of oil near Mayflower and Lake Conway about 20 miles north of Little Rock in March 2013. The agency, which is under the U.S. Department of Transportation, said in its order that the company violated regulations involving the line's integrity, operation and maintenance.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

TPH: Production from Big Three shale plays will suffer with $50 oil

For the top U.S. shale plays that once seemed immune to the downturn, persistently low oil prices are starting to take their toll.

The lingering crude slump is expected to drive down production next year in the nation's premiere oil patches — West Texas' Permian Basin, South Texas' Eagle Ford and North Dakota's Bakken shale — as operators spend less to stay within cash flow, according to a report by investment banking firm Tudor Pickering Holt & Co.

With oil hovering around $50 per barrel, or less than half the price it fetched last year, output from the so-called Big Three basins could fall by about 400,000 barrels per day next year compared to 2015, TPH said.

Under that scenario, Permian output will tumble 7 percent, Eagle Ford production could fall about 13 percent and Bakken production would slip by about 6 percent.

Any further plunge in oil prices could drive down the rig count even more as oil companies pare back and figure out more efficient ways to drill, allowing them to use fewer rigs to wrangle as much oil and gas from the ground, the analysis found. In the oil-rich Permian, which has been seen as more resilient to the crude slump than other more risky plays, the horizontal rig count has fallen more than 50 percent from its 2014 peak. If prices remain below $50 per barrel, operators would likely idle an additional 50 percent of the horizontal rigs in the region, according to the analysis.

However, the production declines may not be as steep as analysts predict in the Permian Basin if exploration and production companies outspend their cash flow as they historically have in recent years. Companies operating in the Permian tend to be in the best position to access cash from capital markets and that fundraising ability, coupled with the basin's strong base of legacy production, could help bolster output while operators throttle back activity in the Bakken, Eagle Ford and elsewhere, the analysis found.

HOUSTON

Halliburton, Baker Hughes announce additional divestitures

Halliburton and Baker Hughes Inc. announced plans Monday to sell off additional businesses to gain regulatory approval for their $35 billion merger.

The oil field services giants said they will put up for sale an array of businesses including Halliburton's expandable liner hangers business which is part of the company's completion and production division and Baker Hughes' core completions business, which includes packers, flow control tools, subsurface safety systems, intelligent well systems, permanent monitoring, sand control tools and sand control screens.

Also targeted for divestment are Baker Hughes sand control business in the Gulf of Mexico, including two pressure pumping vehicles, and its offshore cementing businesses in Australia, Brazil, the Gulf of Mexico, Norway and the United Kingdom.

These businesses coupled with the other previously announced divestitures — Halliburton's fixed cuter and roller cone drill bits, directional drilling and logging-while-drilling/measurement-while-drilling businesses — brought in a combined revenue of $5.2 billion in 2013, the year before the merger was announced.

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Hear from the Permian's top producers at 2015 Executive Oil Conference

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Despite today's uncertain oil prices, the Permian Basin—one of the nation's oldest and most prolific fields—remains a strategic investment for producers of all sizes.

Over the last 20 years, the Executive Oil Conference has brought thousands of top industry executives together in Midland to discuss strategies and opportunities in the Permian Basin. Last year a record 1,147 attendees joined 17 executive-level speakers, over 80 exhibitors and 29 sponsors for two days of in-depth conference sessions and targeted networking events.

This year's conference, themed "Permian Powers On," convenes November 9-10 at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion.

The event kicks off on Monday with the annual Executive Oil Conference golf tournament at the Odessa Country Club, followed by an opening reception at the Midland County Horseshoe.

Conference sessions begin on Tuesday morning with a keynote address from Joey Hall, executive vice president of Permian Operations for Pioneer Natural Resources. Even in this market, Pioneer is making new wells in the Wolfcamp and Spraberry work at 2015 WTI. Hall will discuss Pioneer's strategy, and the outlook for exporting Permian Basin oil.

Following Hall's address, attendees will hear from Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter, who will continue the discussion on export possibilities and how the U. S. E&P operating environment is evolving. Learn what changes are in the works and how they could affect your business.

At 10:30, Will Giraud, EVP and chief commercial officer for Concho Resources, will offer insights into the company's operations in the Delaware, Midland and New Mexico Shelf plays. Concho has operated in the Permian Basin for almost 20 years, and now holds 1.1 million gross acres. In 2014 they conducted the largest horizontal drilling program in the Basin. Concho has more than 550 horizontal wells in the Delaware Basin and over 1,400 vertical wells in its growing horizontal Midland Basin program. It also has a significant horizontal program in the New Mexico Shelf.

The afternoon keynote, "Flush with Powder and Permian—Apache's Plans," features Apache Corp. CEO and President John Christmann. Apache is indeed flush with cash from international asset sales, so they are fully loaded to develop their Permian Basin holdings. The company is the third largest Permian acreage holder with 3.2 million gross acres, from which they produce more than 170,000 BOE/d net.

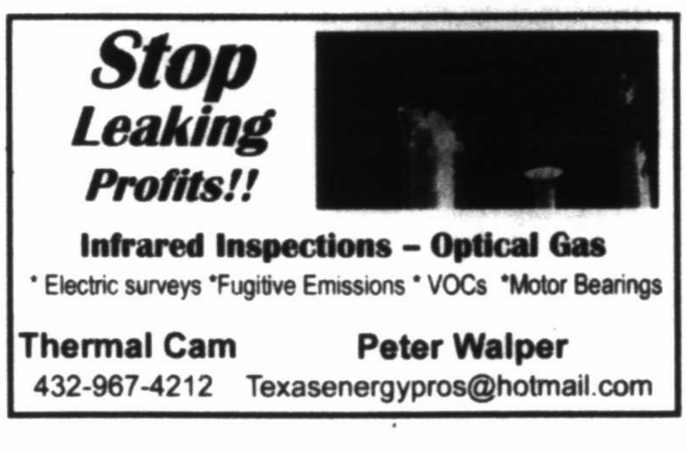
Among the mix of key producers is Chevron, a multinational major that has significant holdings in West Texas. The company's General Manager of Operations, Don Puckett, will talk about "How the Permian Rates in a Multi-National Portfolio." Chevron estimates its 2 million net Permian Basin acres contains 7 billion BOE of potentially recoverable reserves, and expects production to exceed 250,000 BOE/d by 2020. Hear the latest on this international super-major's plans in the Permian Basin.

A blue-ribbon well starts with the right recipe. The event's afternoon roundtable explores tried-and-true recipes for horizontal wells in the Permian Basin. Matthew Hairford, president of Matador Resources and Dick Stoneburner, managing director of energy investments for Pine Brook Partners LP will give an insider look at proven strategies and promising trials.

Make sure you're present for these and other informative sessions by signing up now for this important industry gathering. Register by October 9 to save $200 off the onsite registration cost.

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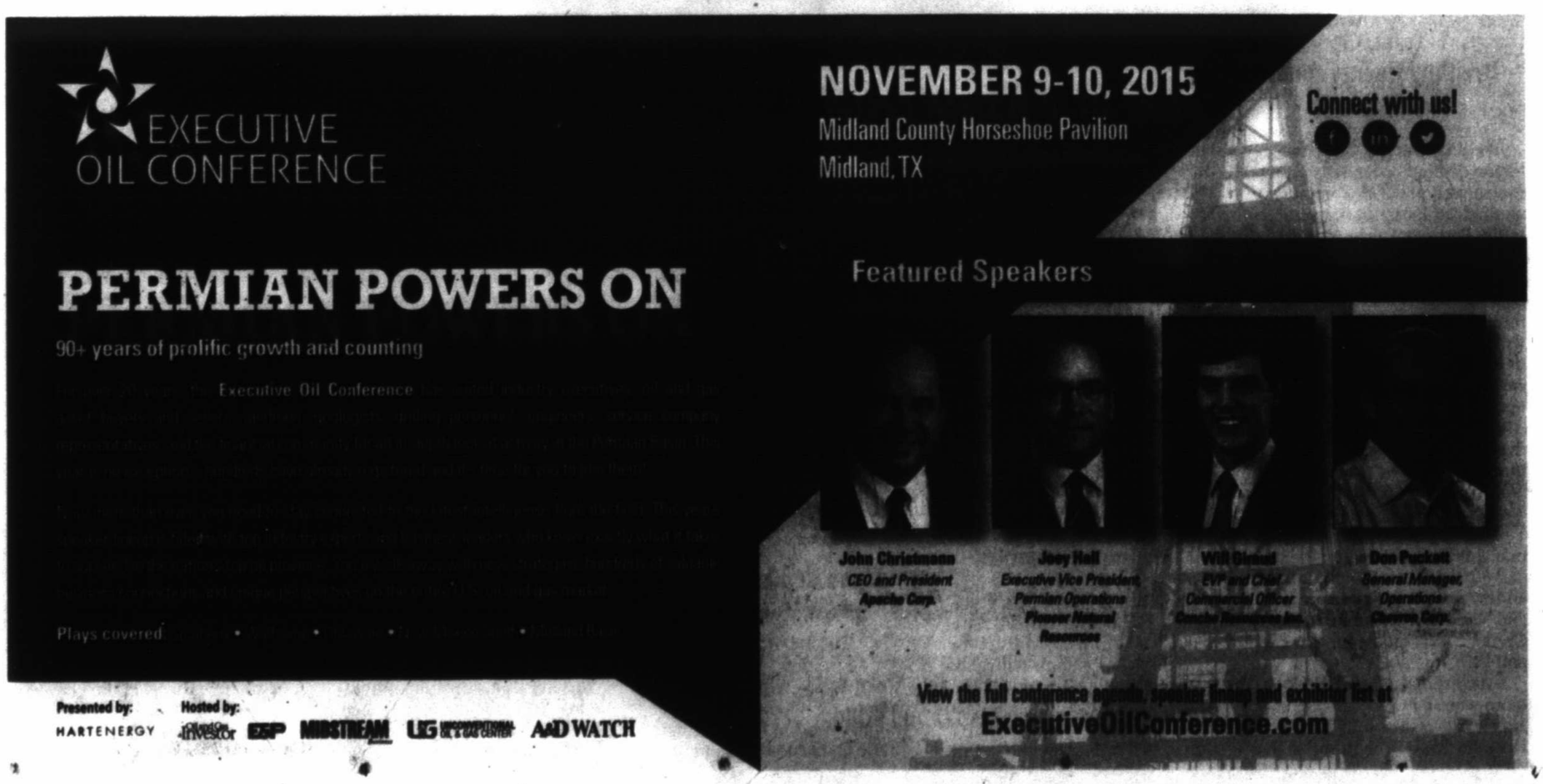












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Terrell County

Henry Resources LLC
Lauren #6403
Wildcat; 2400 fsl, 1008 fwl, Sec 64, Blk B-2, Abst. 1616, CCSD&RGNG, 9 sw Sheffield; TD 11150, PBTD 4860; Comp 9/6/2015; producing from 4518-4596, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 69 BO, 60 MCF, 3 BW, 27 Oil Gravity; API #42-443-31349

Upton County

XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch #1614AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2990 fel, 200 fnl, Sec 9, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 401, T&P.RR, 3.5 nw Midkiff; TD 9095 TVD, 19334 MD; Comp 9/3/2015; producing from 9464-19213, fracture stimulated; flow 593 BO, 597 MCF, 2194 BW on 30/64 inch choke, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-39765

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XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch #1603BH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1451 fwl, 947 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 882, T&P RR, 21 se Midland; TD 9362 TVD, 20690 MD; Comp 9/14/2015; producing from 10114-20551, fracture stimulated; flow 86 BO, 262 MCF, 4621 BW on 29/64 inch choke, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-39764

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BH" #4109
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2450 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-I- N, Abst. 1331, T&P RR, 2 nw Midland; PBTD 11250; Comp 9/2/2015; producing from 9722-10576, fracture stimulated; pump 185 BO, 207 MCF, 217 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-39248

Reeves County

EOG Resources Inc.
State Apache "57" #101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 645 fel, Sec 1, Blk 57, Abst. 3965, PSL, 15.7 se Orla; TD 10586 TVD, 15457 MD; Comp 8/26/2015; producing from 10441-15325, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1751 BO, 5360 MCF, 4379 BW on open choke, 48 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-34868

EOG Resources Inc.
State Apache "57" #102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 675 fel, Sec 1, Blk 57, Abst. 3965, PSL, 15.7 se Orla; TD 10578 TVD, 15501 MD; Comp 8/26/2015; producing from 10490-15374, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1510 BO, 4261 MCF, 4164 BW on 46/64 inch choke, 48 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-34869

Sterling County

Steller Energy & Investment Corp.
Partners #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 2173 fel, Sec 170, Blk 29, Abst. 1244, W&NW RR, 18 nw Sterling City; TD 9322; Comp 9/6/2015; producing from 7444-8225, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 43 BO, 87 MCF, 137 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-431-33488

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Crosby County

Surge Operating LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #K101
Hoople (Clearfork); 416 fnl, 781 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 8 ne Slaton; TD 4511; Comp 9/14/2015; producing from 4199-4306, fracture stimulated; pump 9 BO, 443 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-32023

Dawson County

Cholla Petroleum Inc..
Foster #1
Wells South (Spraberry); 746 fsl, 1282 fel, Sec 269, Abst. 409, Moore CSL, 6 n Patricia; TD 11958; Comp 9/9/2015; producing from 11536-11630, fracture stimulated; pump 10 BO, 290 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-115-33713

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Coffer Federal #21
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 2120/N & 2565/E; EL 3744 GL, TD 6412, PBTD 6380; Spud 12-12-14, Comp 2-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 4622-5160, 5218-5775, 5816-6260. Treat: 499.015 gals 20# XL, 663,200# sd, 13,118 gals acid, 17024 gals gel. IP: 5-25-15 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 30 BW, 76 MCF, GOR 5429, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 385 w/1200 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5153 w/3380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6412 w/875 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6349; API #30-015-40961

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #23
Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2265/N & 330/E; EL 3654 GL, TD 4513, PBTD 4496; Spud 8-3-14, Comp 10-2-14; production is through treated perfs: 3454-4225. Treat: 3885 acid, 303,704# sd, 3360 gals 10# gel, 257,208 gal 20#. IP: 10-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 78 BO, 421 BW, 90 MCF, GOR 1154, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 347 w/530 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4513 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4357; API #30-015-42336

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Regulus 26 Federal #5
West Lusk; Sec 26 T19S R31E; 380/N & 667/E. BHL: 425/N & 282/W; EL 3494 GL, TD 12907 MD, 8347.5 TVD, PBTD 12854.7; Spud 11-25-14, Comp 2-20-15; production is through treated perfs: 8570-12845. Treat: 45,000 gals 15% NEFe acid, 4,568,150# 30/50 white sd, 1,891,360# 20/40 SLC. IP: 3-12-15 Pump 24 hrs 208 BO, 817 BW, 223 MCF, GOR 1072. Csg: 20 @ 837 w/1501 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2529 w/1698 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4448 w/2538 sx, 7 & 5 1/2 12903 w/1695 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7778; API #30-015-42489

COG Operating LLC
Lizard Pot Federal #5
Williams Sink; Sec 36 T19S R31E; 1650/S & 2210/E. BHL: 367/S & 1943/E; EL 3486 GL, TD 15620 MD, 9398 TVD, PBTD 15562 MD, 9396 TVD; Spud 11-7-14, Comp 1-30-15; production is through treated perfs: 11091-15462. Treat: Acdz w/97557 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/7245945# & 6025207 gals fluid. IP: 2-9-15 Pump 24 hrs 802 BO, 1428 BW, 705 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 948 w/1300 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2710 w/2050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4310 w/1700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15615 w/2990 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8860; API #30-015-42455

BOPCO LP
Big Eddy Unit D14 #264
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 5 T20S R31E; 660/N & 2200/E. BHL: 674/N & 2322/E; EL 3465 GL, TD 13330 MD, 8072 TVD; Spud 7-15-14, Comp 10-25-14; production is through perfs: 8760-13330. IP: 11-3-14 Flow 24 hrs 1076 BO, 2903 BW, 1777 MCF. Csg: 16 @ 727 w/406 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2776 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4124 w/1090 sx, 7 @ surf -8447w/1090 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8947-13300; API #30-015-42478

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Merlyn 27 22 Federal #1
Lost Tank; Sec 34 T21S R31E; 1165/N & 2385/W. BHL: 711/N & 2060/W; EL 3481 GL, TD 18797 MD, 7847.6 TVD, PBTD 18683.4; Spud 11-14-14, Comp 4-28-15; production is through treated perfs: Perfs: 8931-18609. Treat: 52,573 gals 15% HCL acid, 2,497,000# 100 mesh, 2,473,000# 40/70 sd. IP: 5-22-15 Pump 24 hrs 589 BO, 1764 BW, 362 MCF, GOR 614.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 663 w/710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4121 w/1107 sx, 5 1/2 @ 18730 w/4045 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6986; API #30-015-42385

Devon Enegy Production Co. LP
Grandi 22 #2
Cass Draw; Sec 22 T22S R27E; 1360/N & 255/W. BHL: 1780/N & 210/E; EL 3109 GL, TD 11808 MD, 7416 TVD, PBTD 11761; Spud 1-20-15, Comp 4-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 7548-11751. Treat: Frac w/23,969 gals 15% HCl acid, 6,154,720# 20/40 sd. IP: 5-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 345 BO, 1162 BW, 695 MCF, TP 450, GOR 2012.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 324 w/494 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2094 w/830 sx, cmt plug @ 9125 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11809 w/2185 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6629.5; API #30-015-42821

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #195
South Los Medanos; Sec 36 T22S R30E; 800/S & 330/E. BHL: 658/S & 2690/W; EL 3310 GL, TD 18378 MD, 7691 TVD; Spud 5-3-14, Comp 6-4-14; production is through perfs: 10228-18330. IP: 11-23-14 Pump 24 hrs 314 BO, 220 BW, 781 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 578 w/580 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3857 w/1490 sx, 7 @ 10037 w/1340 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9973-18373 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10163; API #30-015-42324

Oxy USA Inc.
Federal 26 #13
Livingston Ridge; Sec 26 T22S R31E; 334/N & 2378/E. BHL: 210/S & 2176/E; EL 3574 GL, TD 12747 MD, 8304 TVD; Spud 8-16-14, Comp 2-4-15; production is through perfs: 8671-12560. IP: 3-22-15, Pump 24 hrs 115 BO, 1499 BW, TSTM MCF. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 900 w/580 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4520 w/1455 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12730 w/2140 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7521; API #30-015-41600

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 33 Federal Com #7
Cedar Canyon; Sec 33 T23S R29E; 150/N & 1900/E. BHL: 180/S & 1983/W; EL 3022 GL, TD 13541 MD, 8738 TVD, PBTD 13454 MD, 8738 TVD; Spud 9-10-14, Comp 12-25-14; production is through perfs: 8882-13370. IP: 1-24-15 Pump 24 hrs 672 BO, 729 BW, 888 MCF. Csg: 11 ? @ 324 w/550 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2935 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13536 w/1490 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8082; API #30-015-42616

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Federal 12 #2
SE Quahada Ridge; Sec 1 T23S R30E; 1159/S & 1543/E. BHL: 347/S & 1995/E; EL 3288 GL, TD 12820 MD, 7659 TVD, PBTD 12812 MD, 7658 TVD; Spud 2-21-14, Comp 10-15-14; production is from treated perfs: 8506-12815. Treat: 28516 gals 15% HCL acid + 1306907 gals trt wtr w/2120398 sd. IP: 12-6-14 Pump 24 hrs 200 BO, 1012 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 375 w/280 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3967 w/1710 sx, 7 @ 8291 w/720 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6709-12810, 2 7/8 @ 6572; API #30-015-41344

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cottontail 16 State Com #1
SE Willow Lake; Sec 16 T25S R29E; 150/S & 1950/E. BHL: 321/N & 1985/E; EL 2969 GL, TD 13350 MD, 8706 TVD, PBTD 13303; Spud 1-8-15, Comp 4-2-15; production is through perfs: 9015-13237. IP: 5-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 830 BO, 1061 BW, 1396 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 720 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2948 w/935 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13350 w/2285 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7669.5; API #30-015-42321

COG Producing LLC
Patron 23 Federal #2
Willow Lake; Sec 23 T25S R29E; 322/N & 2085/W. BHL: 365/S & 1891/W; EL 3112.6 GL, TD 12215 MD, 7828 TVD, PBTD 12135 MD, 7826 TVD; Spud 12-11-14, Comp 4-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 7977-12035, 12085-12095. Treat: Acdz w/87336 gals 7 1/2% Frac w/6420645# sd & 6686671 gals fluid. IP: 5-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 512 BO, 2350 BW, 2100 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 854 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3267 w/4377 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12190 w/1675 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7295; API #30-015-42449

COG Producing LLC
Cabo Wabo 24 Federal #5
SE Willow Lake; Sec 24 T25S R29E; 190/S & 660/W, BHL: 365/N & 652/W; EL 3083 GL, TD 12448, PBTD 12375; Spud 11-19-14, Comp 1-19-15; production is through perfs: 8047-12335. IP: 3-22-15 Pump 24 hrs 48 BO, 2199 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 755 w/680 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3289 w/1522 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12430 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8009; API #30-015-42482

Cimarex Energy Co.
Medwick 32 Federal Com #11
Wildcat; Sec 32 T26S R27E; 210/S & 750/E. BHL: 333/N & 770/E; EL 3183 GL, TD 14,018, PBTD 14,005; Spud 10-7-14, Comp 1-28-15; production is through perfs: 7232-13949. IP: 2-4-15 Flow 24 hrs 716 BO, 1259 BW, 1168 MCF, 29/64" Ch, TP 940. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 415 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1920 w/791 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14018 w/2519 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6698; API #30-015-42175

Cimarex Energy Co.
Klein 33 Federal Com #6
Wildcat; Sec 33 T26S R27E; 210/S & 2020/W. BHL: 341/N & 2018/W; EL 3186 GL, TD 16393 MD, 9800 TVD, PBTD 16,368; Spud 12-16-14, Comp 5-6-15; production is through treated perfs: 9647-16434. Treat: Frac w/9,701,733 gals total fluid, 8,270,372# sd. IP: 5-18-15 Flow 24 hrs 404 BO, 1273 BW, 3520 MCF, 18/64" Ch, CP 3350. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 415 w/448 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1955 w/842 sx, 7 @ 9836 w/913 sx, 4 1/2 @ 16393 w/600 sx; API #30-015-42034

Lea County

Texland Petroleum-Hobbs LLC
RLF Trust 30 #1
East Garrett; Sec 30 T16S R39E; 416/N & 180/E, BHL: 1882/N & 2367/W; EL 3672 GL, TD 11,421, PBTD 11,366; Spud 9-30-14, Comp 12-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 11300-310. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% HCL. IP: 12-22-14 Pump 24 hrs 144 BO, 151 BW, 89 MCF, GOR 618, Gty 33.5. Csg; 9 5/8 @ 2171 w/950 sx, 7 @ 7915 w/1820 sx, 4 1/2 Lnr @ 11421 w/400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7841; API #30-025-41845

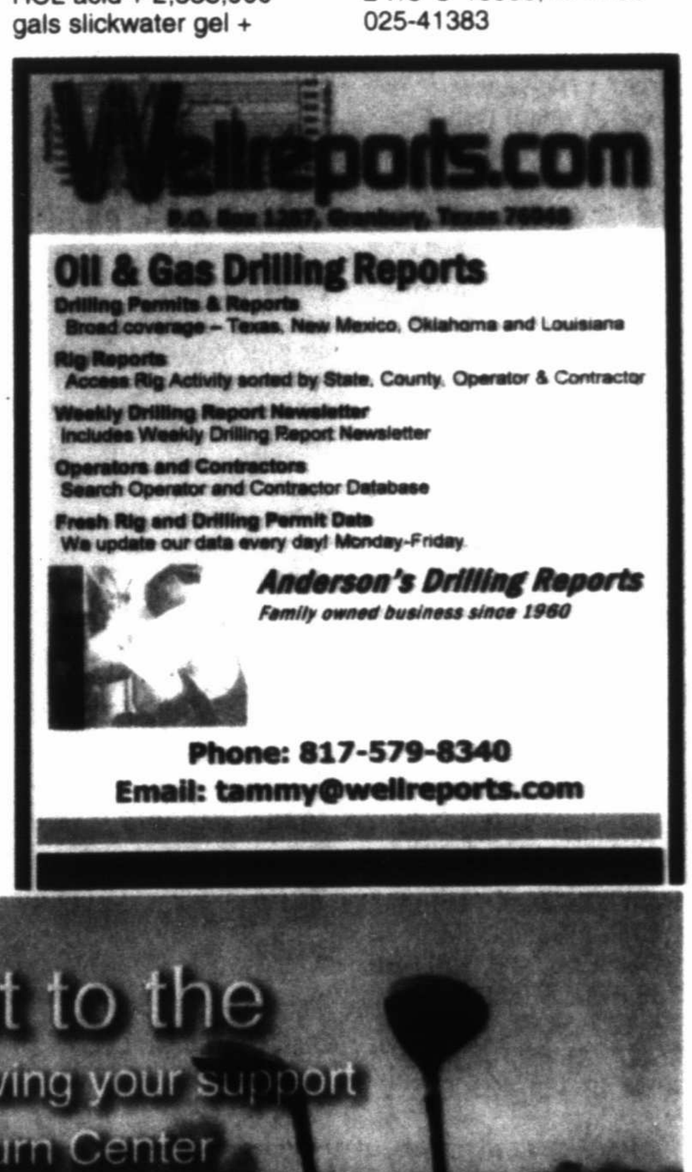
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OPL 3 State #2
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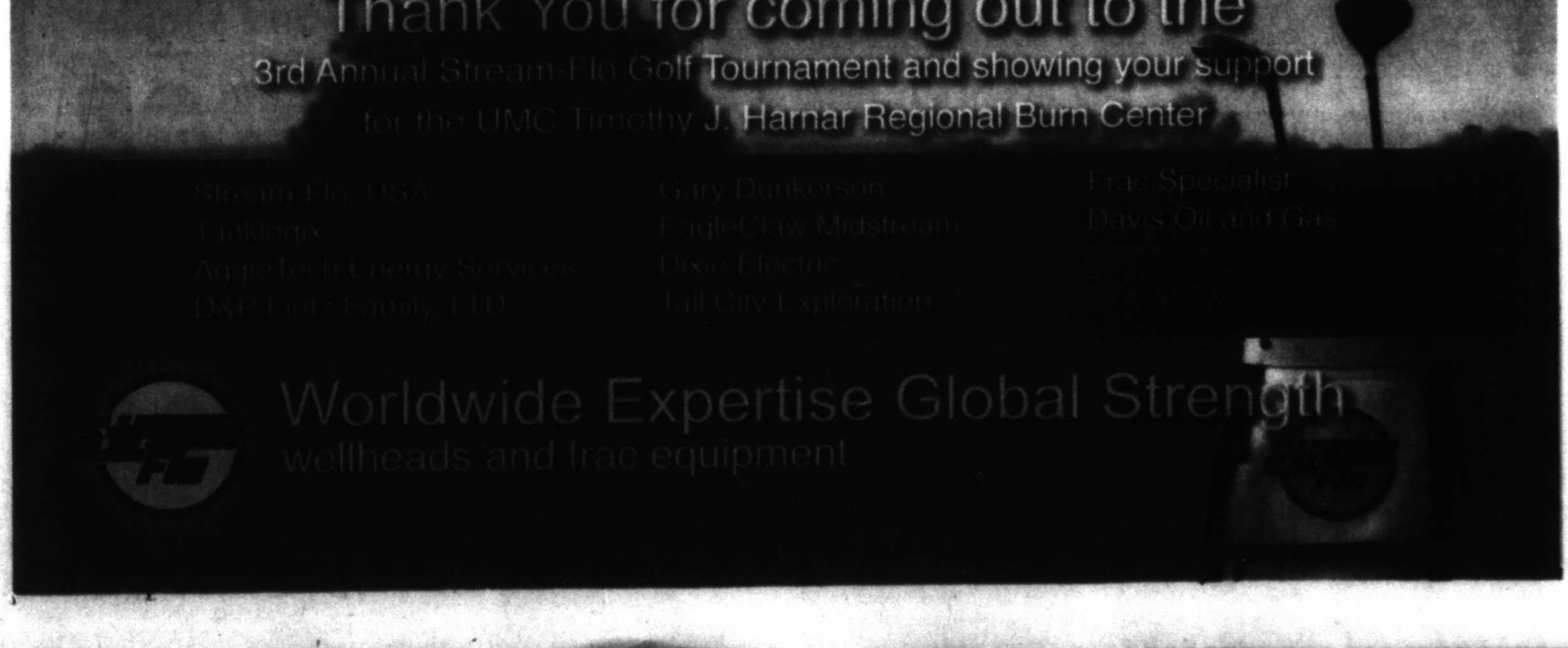
BC Operating Inc.
Nighthawk State Com #3
Airstrip; Sec 20 T18S R35E; 240/S & 2310/E. BHL: 240/S & 2110/E; EL 3923 GL, TD 14,896, PBTD 14,852; Spud 10-18-14, Comp 3-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 10107-14727. Treat: Frac w/45,000 gals 15% HCL acid + 2,538,900 gals slickwater gel + 787,500# 30/50 Proppant, 3,150,000# 20/40 Proppant. IP: 3-19-15 Pump 24 hrs 128 BO, 120 BW, 95 MCF, 64/64" ch, GOR 742, Gty 36.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1842 w/1285 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3380 w/955 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14854 w/2540 sx, 5 ? @ 14896 w/2540 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10,450; API #30-025-41950

Cimarex Energy Co.
Chaparral 33 Federal Com #5
South Quail Ridge; Sec 33 T19S R34E; 330/N & 1980/W. BHL: 330/S & 1914/W; EL 3686 GL, TD 15130 MD, 10820 TVD, PBTD 18127; Spud 9-26-14, Comp 12-5-14; production is through treated perfs: 10720-15100. Treat: Frac w/1,583,077 gals total fluid & 2,137,645# sd. IP: 12-11-14 Pump 24 hrs 798 BO, 742 BW, 488 MCF, GOR 611, Gty 45.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1690 w/1610 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5615 w/3345 sx, 5 1/2 @ 151130 w/2130 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10135; API #30-025-41879

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #34
Madera Sand; Sec 33 T23S R33E; 355/S & 1525/W. BHL: 333/N & 2032/W; EL 3665 GL, TD 13231 MD, 8702 TVD, PBTD 12917.5; Spud 3-2-15, Comp 5-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 8863-12843. Treat: Frac w/24,555 gals 15% NEFE acid, 868,249# 100 mesh sd, 3,335,632# 30/50 Prem, 1,767,064# 20/40 Prem Res. IP: 5-27-15 Pump 24 hrs 307 BO, 3198 BW, 151 MCF, GOR 491.85. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1359 w/1180 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5155 w/2771 sx, 5 1/2 & 7 @ 12922 w/1565 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8166; API #30-025-40719

COG Operating LLC
Deckard Federal Com #3
Red Hills; Sec 13 T24S R33E; 190/N & 1980/E. BHL: 340/S & 1967/E; EL 3595 GL, TD 15440 MD, 11162 TVD, PBTD 15300 MD, 11155 TVD; Spud 8-30-14, Comp 10-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 11376-15265, 15365-15375. Treat: Acdz w/63120 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/6330975# sd & 4549785 gals fluid. IP: 11-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 703 BO, 1376 BW, 1239 MCF, TP 240, GOR 1762. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1390 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5134 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15440 w/3400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10338; API #30-025-41383





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Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1420HC UNIVERSITY 42, 2603 FNL 300 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42, UNIVERSITY LAND SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42237

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1416HB UNIVERSITY 42, 2603 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42, UNIVERSITY LAND SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42236

Reagan County

ARKLAND PROD. CO., INC., RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 HUGHES, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 15 BLK F, C&M SUR., A-85 11000', 19 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39406

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5HC UNIVERSITY 43-25, 550 FWL 2258 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 43, UL SUR., A-U312 8000', 12 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39402

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6HB UNIVERSITY 43-25, 510 FWL 2258 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 43, UL SUR., A-U312 8000', 12 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39403

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3SL SUGG E 197-195 (ALLOC-C), 2478 FNL 1223 FWL, SEC 197 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-619 12000', 27 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39400

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3SM SUGG E 197-195 (ALLOC-C), 2528 FNL 1223 FWL, SEC 197 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-619 12000', 27 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39401

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4204H KATHRYN 44-5, 1590 FWL 805 FNL, SEC 44 BLK C, L&SV/WD BOYD SUR., A-734 8450', 20 NE RANKIN API# 42-383-39404

Runnels County

EAGLE PRODUCTION, INC., SW WINTERS (CAPPS) (O) DRILL Well# 5 FERREL, 1242 FSL 2441 FEL, SEC 169, ET SUR., A-169 5000', 6 N BALLINGER API# 42-399-35471

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HM CONNELL 38C, 129 FSL 385 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 39, T&P SUR., A-1181 9600', 23 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40106

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HU CONNELL 38C, 173 FSL 345 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 39, T&P SUR., A-1181 9600', 23 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40107

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 18H POWELL 31 UNIT, 150 FSL 2640 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ JP RANKIN SUR., A-870 12000', 22 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40108

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 209E DAVIDSON 2, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ T WINDHAM SUR., A-1515 11430', 29 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40103

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ELAINE 10, 707 FEL 1630 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ T WINDHAM SUR., A-1516 12200', 13 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-38658

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 57H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 900 FEL 1350 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR. 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40100

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 58H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 855 FEL 1350 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR. 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40099

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 54H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2592 FEL 2470 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U18 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40104

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 55H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2547 FEL 2470 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U18 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40102

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 53H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2637 FEL 2470 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U18 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40105

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 56H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 945 FEL 1350 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U18 10750', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40101

WICHITA WATER LLC, BENEDUM (SPRABERRY) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1 CIRCLE C SWD, 656 FSL 644 FEL, SEC 47 BLK Y, MK&TE SUR., A-365 4900', 12 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-01486

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Andrews County

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6 THORNBERRY 13A, 2002 FNL 557 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A42, PSL/ MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2212 7400', 11 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-34382

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 JW KUYKENDALL, 405 FSL 2160 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A42, PSL/AW SEARS SUR., A-1626 4478', 8 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-05602

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6 WT FORD, 1803 FSL 2206 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A43, PSL/AI BOYD SUR., A-465 4475', 8 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-31713

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FULLERTON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 9, 1992 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U411 8648', 15 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-03881

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 5 THORNBERRY 7, 1105 FSL 1644 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A42, PSL/ MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2210 4802', 11 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-39770

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 ANITA, 2171 FNL 1793 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A42, PSL/ MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2210 4800', 11 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-32463

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 SUN, 876 FSL 2206 FWL, SEC 9 BLK A42, PSL/WN BROWN SUR., A-2224 4700', 9 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-33281

Culberson County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H HH SW 3, 450 FNL 865 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2687 11000', 19 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32858

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 59 FRANK B, 1394 FSL 555 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-816 7100', 25 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-43345

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2502 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 1371 FSL 289 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-271 6850', 1 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43340

Glasscock County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 704H ENSERCH-FRYSAK UNIT, 2280 FWL 2952 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-373 10000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37174

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 504H ENSERCH-FRYSAK UNIT, 2330 FWL 2952 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-373 10000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37173

STAMPEDE ENERGY RES., LLC, CLYDE-RYNLDS (WLFCMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 MADISON, 914 FNL 433 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-256 12500', 6 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37172

Howard County

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC, PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3601 MORGAN RANCH, 913 FNL 2164 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 32 T1S, T&P/ AD LEE SUR., A-1290 11000', 5 NW FORSAN API# 42-227-38030

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC, PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3401 MORGAN RANCH, 944 FSL 1494 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 32 T1S, T&P/ WE MOODY SUR., A-1158 11000', 5 NW FORSAN API# 42-227-37660

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15H YELLOWJACKET UL UNIT 19-3, 2313 FNL 700 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 19, UL SUR., A-U3 13000', 11 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32588

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H JAMES WEST 1-41, 348 FSEL 421 FSWL, SEC 41 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-175 13000', 9 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32585

RKI E&P, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CBR 6, 302 FSL 50 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 56 T1, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1126 16000', 11 NE ORLA API# 42-301-32583

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SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BULLHEAD STATE 55-1-44, 1171 FWL 584 FSL, SEC 44 BLK 55 T1, T&P/ R&D LINDSAY SUR., A-1413 11500', 17 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32586

Martin County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 405E HOLT RANCH NORTH, 1387 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 249, HARTLEY CSL SUR., A-601 12310', 12 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40190

Midland County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8HB MIDLAND AX FEE, 350 FNL 2292 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ OB JACOBS SUR., A-1222 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40192

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1508H DONALD L HUTT FEE, 1248 FNL 752 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-94 11000', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40234

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4302BH MIDKIFF 42-43 ALLOCATION 4302, 990 FWL 273 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ WA HUTCHISON SUR., A-1129 10200', 25 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40193

Reeves County

COG OPERATING, LLC, HOEFS T-K (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1404H JAWS, 470 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 52 T8S, T&P/ HT COLLIER SUR., A-4513 13100', 20 S PECOS API# 42-389-34860

COG OPERATING, LLC, HOEFS T-K (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7301H BIG CHIEF, 300 FNL 232 FEL, SEC 173 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-986 11000', 23 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34815

PANTHER EXPL., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CIRCE STATE 28, 250 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 54 T4S, T&P/ B CLAYTON SUR., A-2862 11450', 16 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34865

PITTS ENERGY CO., WORSHAM (CHRY CNYN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 STATE SCHOOL BOARD ZZ, 1800 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 15 BLK C4, PSL SUR. 7500', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34833

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1004BH ELEPHANT, 550 FSL 300 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 4, H&GN SUR., A-386 13000', 7 W MENTONE API# 42-389-34859

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Ward County

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Cottle County

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GUNN OIL CO., MACK (CANYON SD) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WICHITA RIVER BC, 1982 FEL 665 FNL, SEC 2, ET/ CM DAVIDSON SUR., A-1498 6500', 12 S PADUCAH API# 42-101-30734

King County

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC., BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 36 FORKS GGG, 425 FNL 1217 FEL, RT CO SUR., A-271 4100', 10 SW GUTHRIE API# 42-269-32952

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Garcia Leads the Pack for UTPB Women's Cross Country

Senior Michelle Garcia has led UTPB women's cross country team in each of the team's first three races in 2015, but according to head coach Alick Musukuma, her preparation for her final season began long before coming to campus in August.

"First and foremost, cross country is won in the summer," said Musukuma. "Michelle did extremely well to have a good base in the summer, and coming back from a year off, she did really well training in the summer and it shows."

Garcia redshirted the 2014 season and her daughter was born this past January. A nursing major, she is set to graduate this coming December.

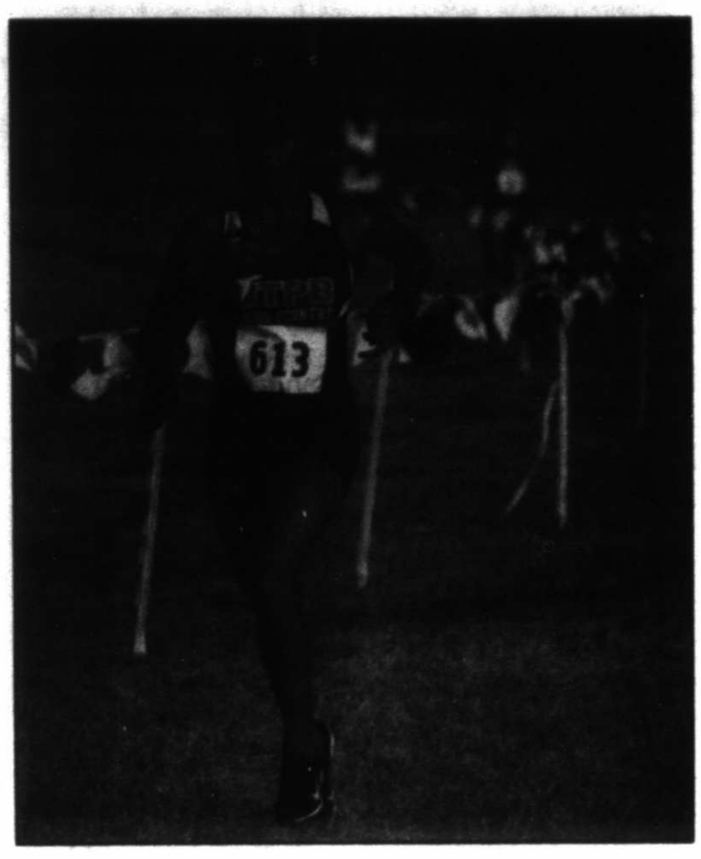
"It's been tough since the first time I started back running again," Garcia said. "Mentally and physically, between taking care of her, not sleeping and going to school. A week after she was born I was back at school to do clinicals. There's not one day I don't want to quit. I had to take my daughter to El Paso so I can finish strong with cross country and nursing."

Garcia started the season off 22nd with a time of 20:59.72 in the 5k at the Bill Libby Invitational. She improved to a second place finish the next week with a time of 16:30.2 in the 4k at the Midwestern State Strohman Stampede. Garcia then took first place last weekend at the Hardin Simmons Cowboy Classic, helping the Falcons to a team win by leading the field in 19:25.02.

"It's something to show my daughter how tough and strong I've been," Garcia said. "I've always wanted to perform the best for myself, and now I want to provide everything I can for her. It's been an accomplishment because I started running four weeks after giving birth. I ran a mile and thought I was going to die. I didn't think I would be back, I didn't think I could run how I wanted to. I'm not back how I used to run but I'm getting there.

"Her work ethic is unbelievable," said Musukuma. "She is a very good communicator and is working so hard. Every single day she shows improvement."

> **"Her work ethic is unbelievable."**
>
> — **ALICK MUSUKUMA**
> *Head Coach, UTPB Cross Country*



UTPB student groups to participate in awareness and prevention events

During the month of October, UTPB's Student Engagement Team (SET) will partner with student groups and the campus community to participate in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention Month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

SET believes that the more informed students are, the more empowered they will be to make good decisions and take care of each other. The theme for this series of programs is - *The More You Know.*

In addition to these activities, SET will have banners, posters, and table tents around campus to share information about each of these areas. Additional programming may be added and will be emailed to the campus community the Monday of each awareness week."

For more information about hese activities or about UTPB Student Life, please contact studentlife@utpb.edu.

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October 5th-9th: Domestic Violence Awareness

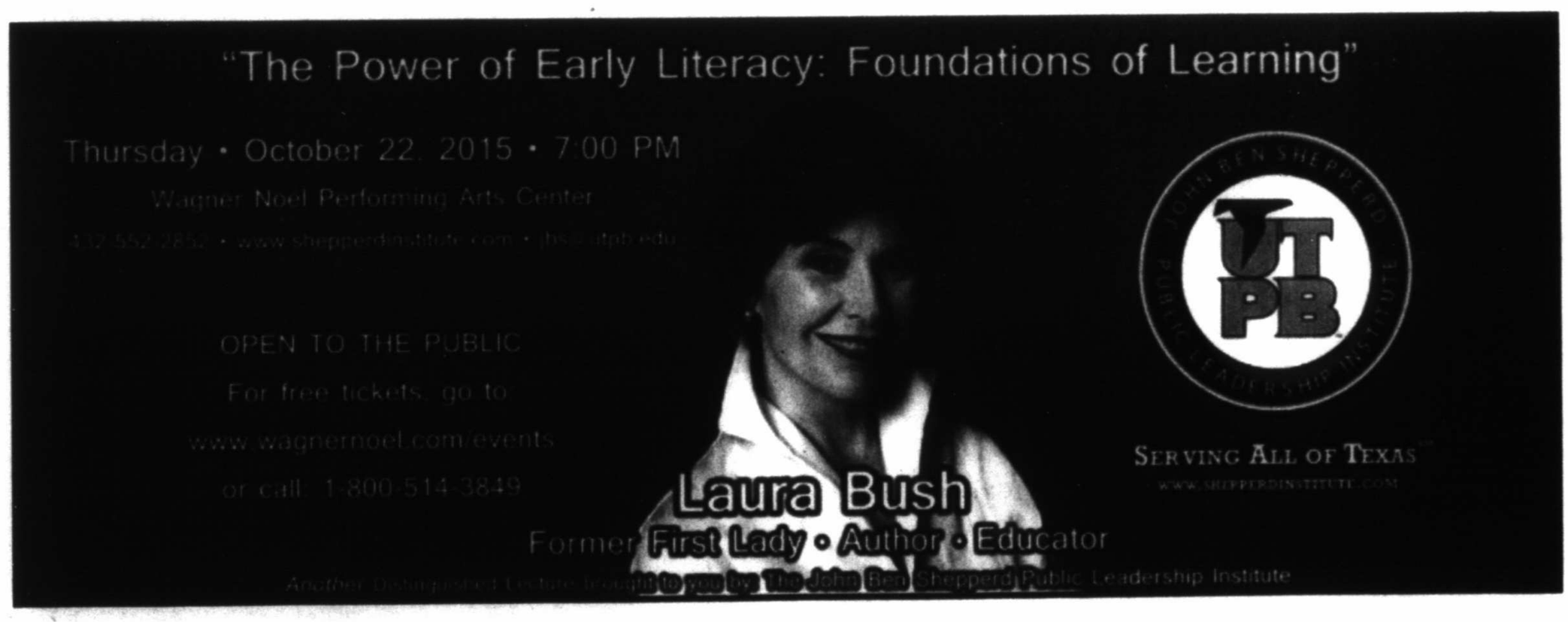
- •Oct. 5: *Chartwells will serve a purple dessert to kick off awareness*
- •Oct. 5-9: *Cell phone donation at the SAC welcome desk. Donate your old cell phones to be redistributed to domestic violence assistance programs*
- •Oct. 6-7: *Purple Hearts Pledge & No More Photo Campaign* from 11am-1pm in the SAC.*
- •Oct. 7: *Candlelight Vigil at 8pm on the Quad*
- •Oct 9: *Wear purple to spread the message*

Oct 12th-16th: Breast Cancer Awareness

- •Oct. 12: *Chartwells will serve a pink dessert to kick off awareness*
- •Oct. 13-14: *Pink Hearts Pledge from 11am-1pm in the SAC*
- •Oct. 14: *Wear pink to spread the message and receive your free "On Wednesdays We Wear Pink" button*
- •Oct. 15: *FREE pink polish nail painting in the SAC from 11am-1pm*
- •Oct. 16: *Strike Out Breast Cancer Bowling Tournament (free for students who have their ID) Diamond Bowling Lanes from 7pm-9pm*

Oct 26-30 Bullying Prevention

- •Oct. 26: *Chartwells will serve an orange dessert to kick off awareness*
- •Oct. 26: *Acts of Kindness Day. Do something nice for someone else and use #utpbkindness on social media to tell us about it!*
- •Oct. 27-28: *Orange Hearts Pledge from 11am-1pm in the SAC*
- •Oct. 28: *Faculty/Staff vs. Students Unity Volleyball Game at 6:30pm in the lower gym*
- •Oct. 30: *Wear orange to spread the unity message.*





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Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) (RECMP) (DIREC) Well# 2084SL SACROC UNIT, 2199 FSL 586 FEL, SEC 250 BLK 97, H&TC SUR., A-1743 7250', 3 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-32636

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 285-10 SACROC UNIT, 867 FSL 1990 FWL, SEC 206 BLK 97, H&TC SUR., A-1975 7250', 5 SW SNYDER API# 42-415-01723

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2676 DENVER UNIT, 839 FNL 1548 FWL, SEC 828 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-657 5800', 3 N DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36586

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OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2675 DENVER UNIT, 417 FNL 872 FWL, SEC 636 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JD TOMLINSON SUR., A-828 5800', 3 N DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36585

OXY USA WTP LP, WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 40W WILLARD UNIT, 2203 FNL 440 FEL, SEC 802 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ SO WILSON SUR., A-1293 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-02790

OXY USA WTP LP, WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 38w WILLARD UNIT, 2207 FNL 2202 FWL, SEC 802 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ M ROBERTS SUR., A-1702 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-00376

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OXY USA WTP LP, WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 38A WILLARD UNIT, 1329 FNL 2485 FWL, SEC 802 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ M ROBERTS SUR., A-1702 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-30124

WISHBONE TX OPER. CO. LLC, WASSON (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOOMER 727, 100 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 727 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-86 5500', 11 NW DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36583

New Mexico

Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 33A Fed #33
NE Red Lake; Sec 33 T17S R27E; 1035/N & 970/E; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5067 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43217

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Hawk 8E Fed #48
Red Lake; Sec 8 T18S R27E; 1165/N & 230/W; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5135 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43219

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Hawk 9G Fed #19
Red Lake; Sec 9 T18S R27E; 2275/N & 2295/E; 8 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5200 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43216

Tandem Energy Corp.
Ballard GB/SA 13 #4
Loco Hills; Sec 5 T18S R29E; 1018/N & 940/W; 7 mi SW Lbco Hills; Rot 2850 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-43226

Chi Operating Inc.
Freeway 30 Fed Com #3
Parkway; Sec 30 T19S R30E; 1800/N & 330/W; 13 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12622 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43225

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Ceniza AGZ Fed Com #7
Long Draw; Sec 13 T20S R24E; 1845/S & 270/W; 10.5 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7045 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43229

COG Operating LLC
Solution Fed Com #3
Parkway; Sec 5 T20S R30E; 190/N & 2250/W; 15 mi NW Halfway; Rot 15522 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43227

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Rafter BJI Federal Com #3
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 11 T20S R30E; 290/S & 2170/E; 12 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13077 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43228

BOPCO LP
Big Eddy Unit #287
NE Fenton; Sec 17 T21S R28E; 2260/N & 2335/W; 8 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 15649 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43235

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #127
Quahada Ridge; Sec 21 T22S R30E; 1506/N & 1250/E; 15 mi SW Halfway; Rot 18014 Delaware; API #30-015-43231

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 27 Fed #6
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 28 T24S R29E; 1920/S & 200/E; 6 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13794 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43232

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 27 Fed #7
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Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 28 Fed #6
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Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 28 Fed #7
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 28 T24S R29E; 1695/S & 200/E; 6 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13426 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43238

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Ut #240
Paduca; Sec 13 T25S R31E; 265/N & 1980/W; 18 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14862 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43215

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Ut #241
Paduca; Sec 13 T25S R31E; 215/N & 1980/W; 18 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15319 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43220

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Shire 22 Federal #1
Undesignated; Sec 15 T25S R31E; 14/S & 1660/E; 18 mi E Malaga; Rot 15084 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43222

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Blast BLA Fed Com #11
Welch; Sec 17 T26S R27E; 2290/N & 250/E; 11 mi SE Black River; Rot 12247 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43221

Lea County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Lone Wolf 36 B2DM Sate Com #1
Querecho Plains; Sec 36 T18S R32E; 185/N & 500/W; 10.5 mi NE Halfway; Rot 14100 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42695

McElvain Energy Inc.
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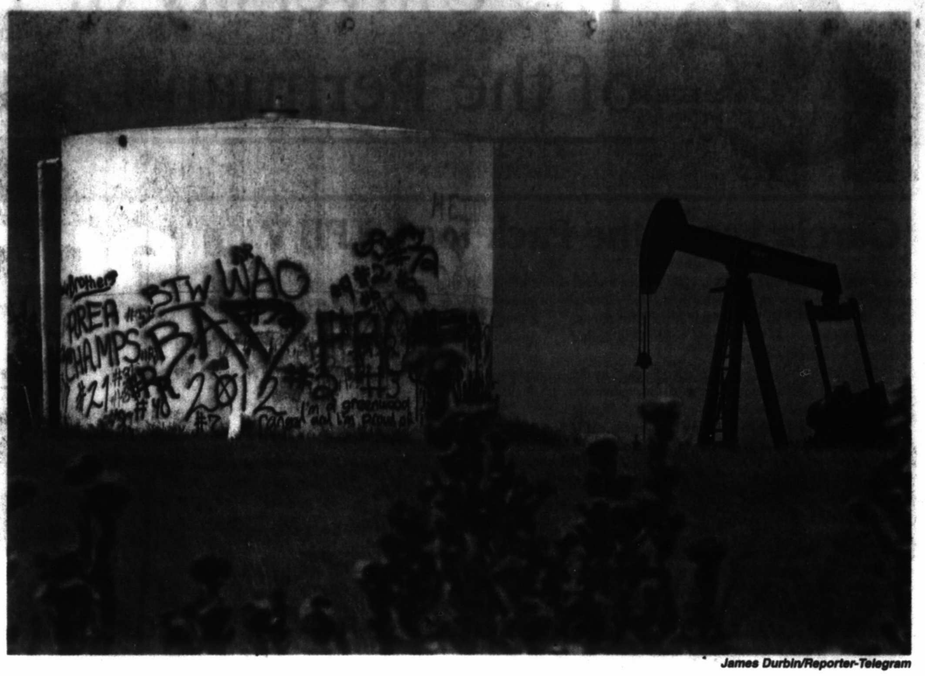
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Taylor Draw 7 Fed #2Y
Lusk; Sec 7 T19S R32E; 665/S & 400/E; 9 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13896 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42693

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