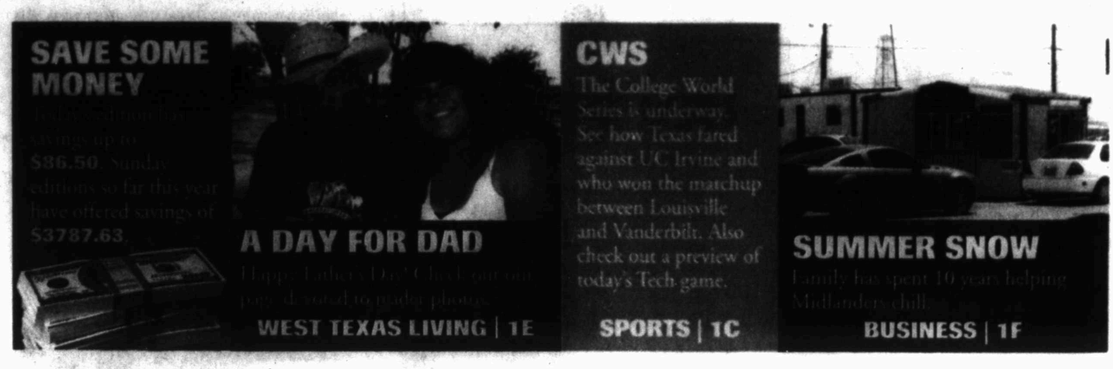

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Local vets: We deserve better access to care

Facing further investigation, West Texas VA calls for more medical professionals

By Rachael Gleason
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After an explosion ripped through his U.S. Marine Corps patrol unit in Iraq, leaving him with a traumatic brain injury, bad back and shrapnel in his legs, Jerry Fuentes returned home to West Texas with what he calls a false sense of security.

The Purple Heart recipient thought for sure the West Texas VA Health Care System based in Big Spring would take care of him. But after five years of fighting for care and falling through the cracks, Fuentes lost faith in the system.

"I've received more apologies than anything," said Fuentes, who now pays out of pocket for most if his care. "You promised me you would take care of me if something like this happened, and now you're making it my problem."

A nationwide audit of Veterans Affairs facilities and health care systems released last week turned up troubling reports of lengthy wait times for veterans seeking medical services — with Texas having some of the worst offenders.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs called for another round of investigation for the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center in Big Spring, the largest facility in a health care system that services about 17,000 patients per year in a 33-county area.

VA facilities in Harlingen, McAllen, Corpus Christi, Temple, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas were also flagged for further review "because of concerns that indicted undesired scheduling practices or because detailed responses by interviewed staff indicated they had received instruction to modify scheduling dates," according to the Monday report.

At a press conference Tuesday in Big Spring, West Texas VA Health Care System Executive Director Michael Kiefer couldn't pinpoint a specific reason for the second audit.

"We have our challenges, but we remain a learning organization," he said. "Know better, do better."

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KEEPING UP TO CODE

Cale Ottens/Reporter-Telegram

David Browder, a building inspector for the city, inspects a home under construction in a west Midland subdivision last month. The inspection is one of dozens he completes each day to keep up with the influx of construction around the city.

As Midland construction nearly doubles, inspection staff remains the same

Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series examining the affect of increased construction in Midland. Parts two and three will be published June 22 and June 29, respectively.

By Cale Ottens
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Each morning, as the work day is just getting started for David Browder and Midland's five other city code inspectors, a computer screen inside each of their work trucks greets them with an increasingly extensive to-do list.

The group of inspectors is responsible for ensuring that every construction project — both residential and commercial — meets the minimum standards of the building code adopted by the city.

Midland's budget allows for six inspectors on staff, but the team is now down to five people after one building inspector quit last month to take a higher-paying job in the oil and gas industry, according to Steve Thorpe, the city's building official.

Thorpe, in the meantime, is completing inspections until the city finds a replacement.

Inspections are conducted only after the city issues a building permit, and the number of inspections required is based on the size and type of each project. A new home, for example, requires about 20 separate inspections throughout the construction process, Thorpe said.

And as the Tall City continues to grow each year, the number of permits issued naturally follows suit.

Increased workload

A decade ago, the city issued 5,181 building permits, 295 of which were for new homes. Last year, 9,550 permits were issued, an increase of more than 84 percent from 2004, according to city records.

Additionally, the number of new residential permits issued each year has tripled since 2002, the records show. More than 730 permits for new homes were issued last year — the most in recent history — and the city is on pace to approve even more this year.

"Sometimes you look at (the computer) and say 'how in the world are we going to get all of this done,'" Browder said.

The increased construction and workload for Midland's code inspectors, however, has not prompted the city to hire any additional inspectors, a Reporter-Telegram investigation found.

Since at least 1997, Midland has never kept more than six inspectors on staff, according to records from the city's Administrative Services office.

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MISD weighing tax election for 2-cent increase

■ Warren, trustees: Eliminating homestead exemption bad idea

By Tessa Duvall
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Voters could be the deciding factor for how Midland ISD resolves its anticipated multi-million dollar deficit next school year.

With estimated revenue exceeding $213.3 million — but recapture payments to the state likely at $32.4 million — district officials predict their $180.9 million net revenue will leave them about $3.7 million in the red.

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Superintendent Ryder Warren said if the board of trustees supports it, he wants to present the problem to the public in the form of a tax ratification election to raise the district's maintenance and operations tax rate from $1.04 to $1.06 per $100 valuation.

"I so much like the idea of asking our public what they feel," Warren said. "They can either tell me yes or no. 'Yes, two pennies are appropriate to get us to the next legislative session.'"

Trustee Jay Isaacs said he expects the district to look at the budget with an "eagle eye and sharp pencil," but if the board does decide to go to the voters, it will be only when it's necessary and appropriate to do so.

"We have to be prudent with taxpayer money, and that being prudent is to make sure our expense side of our budget is where it needs to be," he said. "Only after we've scrubbed the expense side should we go back to the community and ask for their support in allowing us to increase our tax rate."

Isaacs said with dozens of support staff vacancies, difficulties attracting qualified teachers and 170 portable classrooms in place for the fall, he hopes voters understand the district's current needs.

"We've got exponential growth," he said. "The citizens of Midland need to understand what we're dealing with and we may need their support if we ask them for a tax rate increase."

MISD has another, less popular option: eliminating the local homestead exemption, worth 10 percent of a home's value.

Board President Rick Davis said while he needs more information before deciding what is the best way for the district to proceed, he does not support eliminating with the exemption.

He suspects the board agrees with him, too.

"I just don't think that's something that would be a good idea right now," Davis said. "It would be too much of a surprise to homeowners, and it would be unfair, in my view, to spring that on them right now, if ever."

Warren said it's not unusual for the district to run a deficit at this point in the budget process; what is unusual is the size of the shortfall.

"Every year at this time, I've got a deficit

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The retired U.S. Army colonel who took over five months ago, claimed the auditors didn't find any misconduct or secret waiting lists. But after admitting he didn't even read the scheduling directive until learning of the impending audit, Kiefer said he found his medical staff using a list that's not approved for handling delayed care for veterans.

"Because of the way we were set up, we could get veterans in pretty quickly, so we never had to put them on a list to take them off a list," he said. "When we developed our personal shortages, there became a gap, and we didn't have enough appointments."

That's when Big Spring doctors starting making rotations to the system's clinics in Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo and Hobbs, New Mexico, working off a list of veterans who needed urgent care at those locations, Kiefer said.

"Well-meaning staff created the list. They didn't realize there was an approved process," he said, noting some staff are new and lack the proper training. "You can't even keep a list without it becoming a secret waiting list."

Allegations of falsified scheduling documents first sparked the federal audits of VA facilities.

About 13 percent of staffers nationwide indicated they entered a date different from what the veteran requested in the scheduling system, according to the audit. An additional 8 percent used alternatives to approved waiting lists, with several cases involving pressures to make waiting times appear more favorable.

But Kiefer denied that happening at the Big Spring facility during Tuesday's press conference.

"That wasn't the intent of our practice," he said. "We didn't tell our staff to do that."

The Veterans Health Administration has two approved processes for keeping waiting lists: the New Enrollee Appointment Request (NEAR) list for veterans who have requested appointments without yet receiving one and the Electronic Waiting List (EWL) for veterans who have to wait more than three months for an appointment.

The Big Spring facility had the least amount of appointments on the books as of May 15 compared to VA locations in Texas and Veterans Integrated Service Network 18, which covers West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. But with 363 patients waiting for services, Big Spring's EWL list rivals big cities such as Houston and Dallas, which have more than 10 times more booked appointments.

Established patients also have to wait an average of 12 days — the longest wait time in Texas and its region — for specialty care at the Big Spring facility. But Kiefer said that's well within VA guidelines.

"While we were the longest, we're still within what the VA would like us to be," he said. "It's the science and art of constantly adjusting what kinds of appointments you have available to schedule."

For some patients, it's often a waiting game. But Fuentes said he's much better off than veterans who aren't yet in the system.

It took the Monahans-native nearly two years to retire from the U.S. Marine Corps following the April 2007 explosion that took him out of the helicopter pilot's seat for good.

"I thought that was a long wait. It gets even longer when you get out," said Fuentes, who now runs a robotic welding shop in Midland.

Even being fast-tracked into the VA system, the 40-year-old combat veteran said it's tough getting an appointment — more so at the Odessa clinic, which re-opens Tuesday with additional services.

Still, Fuentes called his care — especially his physical therapy in Big Spring — top-notch.

"They are good people," he said. "I'm just not happy with a lot of stuff that goes on there."

His biggest gripe: Not enough specialty care. More recently, Fuentes tried to see a doctor the Big Spring VA facility doesn't have. After being denied possible reimbursement for seeing a private specialist, he asked to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for treatment.

But Fuentes said that requires a two- to three-month wait for a referral from a Big Spring primary care physician.

"We fight an enemy overseas and then come back and fight against a system that's set up to make it difficult to get care," he said. "They lied to us. They really did."

U.S. Army Combat veteran Gonzalo Almager had the opposite experience. The West Texas VA referred the Midlander to New Mexico when he wanted to see a local a cardiologist. And after being treated at Midland Memorial Hospital for a heart attack, Almager claimed he was denied reimbursement.

"I didn't wake up at 4 a.m. for eight years and say no," said Almager, who served in Europe and Desert Storm. "They are sending me a letter saying no. It breaks my heart."

At the press conference, Kiefer put the blame on a lack of qualified medical professionals. The West Texas VA Health Care System is down 40 key staff, with the Permian Basin's oil boom making it hard to retain quality doctors.

"If you look at the cost of living in Midland-Odessa for our providers, the cost is higher than it is in Florida," he said. "You can live there cheaper and have a higher salary. That's been a reality for a while."

But the health care system now offers retention bonuses, enhanced pay scales and substantial salaries for nurse practitioners to attract more talent, he said.

"Any rural health care system is very much tied to its ability to attract and retain providers," Kiefer said. "We have to take advantage of every opportunity."

To improve wait times, the West Texas VA has committed to retaining staff and discussing access issues daily during executive-level team meetings.

"That's another 20 set of eyes every day looking for issues," said Kiefer, noting the system has also reached out to every patient on the NEAR list since the May 15 audit.

But after being in the system for five years, Fuentes has one piece of advice: Good luck. The 2009 Show of Support alumnus now pays out of pocket for most of his health care, relying partly on Tricare insurance benefits.

Suffering from migraines, Fuentes also maxes out on over-the-counter medications until his body builds a tolerance or he's able to see a doctor.

Once, after being denied surgery to remove a piece of shrapnel from his toe when the surgeon dropped out of the network, Fuentes took a knife and cut it out himself.

"You can only walk with a limp for so long before you get pissed off," he said.

Veteran access to care in Big Spring

About the West Texas Health Care system

■ Main facility George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center in Big Spring
Phone: 263-7361 or 800-472-1365
■ Four additional clinics in Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo and Hobbs, New Mexico
■ Total appointments scheduled at Big Spring facility as of May 15: 9,821
■ Scheduled in two weeks or less: 86 percent (8,415 appointments)
■ Scheduled in one month or less: 92 percent (9,068 appointments)
■ Scheduled in more than one month: 8 percent (85 appointments)

Electronic waiting list times for 363 patients

■ Up to two weeks: 282 patients
■ Between two weeks and one month: 19 patients
■ Up to two months: 13 patients
■ Up to three months: 22 patients
■ Up to four months: 22 patients
■ Greater than four months: five patients

Average waiting times per patient

Primary care
■ New patient: 38 days
■ Established patient: 12 days

Speciality care
■ New patient: 53 days
■ Established patient: six days

Mental health
■ New patient: 33 days
■ Established patient: four days

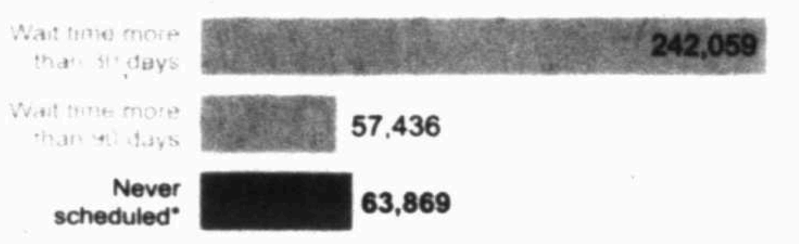
How West Texas compares

Facility	Total appointments	Less than one month wait	Greater than one month wait	New enrollee appointment request	Electronic waiting list
Houston	118,698	117,235 (99 percent)	1,463 (1 percent)	459 patients	433 patients
Dallas	95,514	88,528 (93 percent)	6,986 (7 percent)	893 patients	439 patients
San Antonio	55,524	54,682 (98 percent)	842 (2 percent)	837 patients	2 patients
Temple	91,927	85,974 (94 percent)	5,953 (6 percent)	561 patients	257 patients
Amarillo	20,862	20,481 (98 percent)	381 (2 percent)	63 patients	41 patients
El Paso	34,621	32,175 (93 percent)	2,446 (7 percent)	1,155 patients	331 patients
Big Spring	9,821	9,068 (2 percent)	763 (7 percent)	86 patients	363 patients

Source: U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs audit

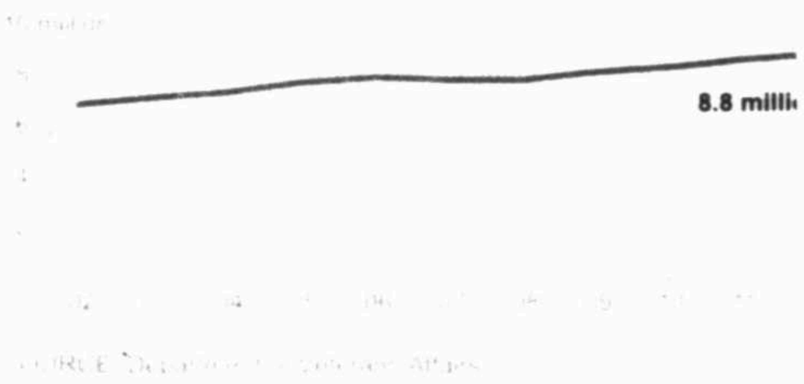
Auditing veterans' health care

A wide-ranging probe of health care facilities for veterans found tens of thousands of vets waiting for appointments beyond the VA-set goal of 14 days.



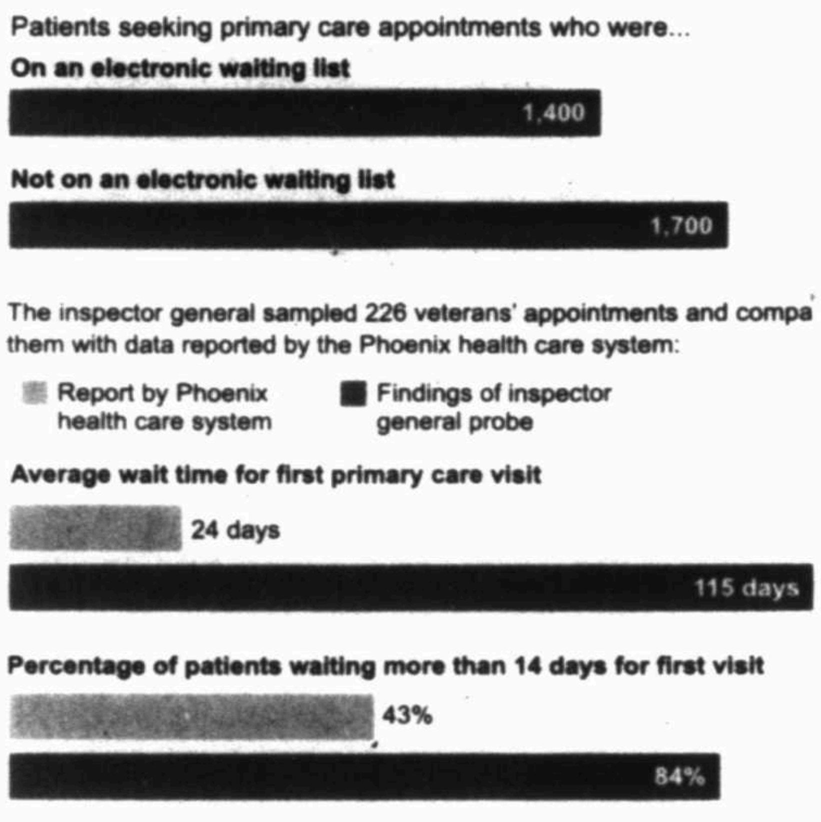
*Total known cases over the past 10 years

Enrollees in the Veterans Health Administration since 2002:



Veterans health care probe

A Department of Veterans Affairs inspector general found scheduling practices at Phoenix-area VA health facilities ke veterans off of waiting lists and at risk of being forgotten. Some of the investigation's findings:



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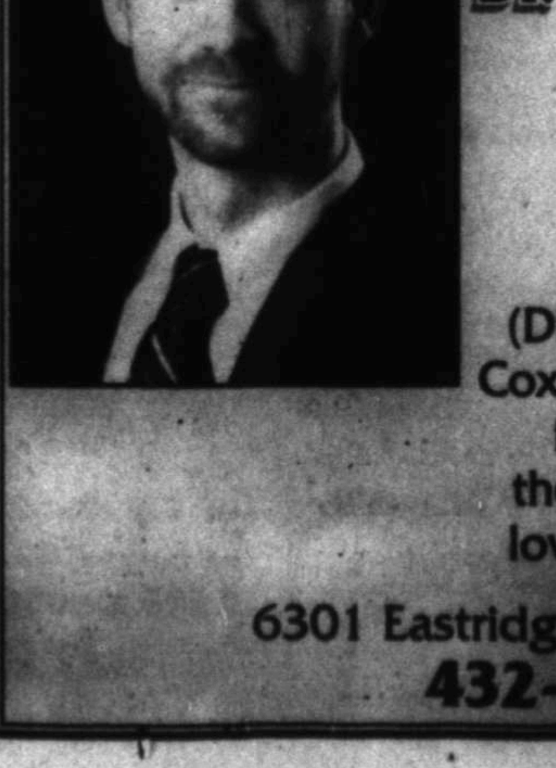

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INSPECTORS

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The six positions include two plumbing inspectors, two electrical inspectors and two building inspectors, Thorpe said.

Most of Midland's inspectors have many years of experience working in the private sector of the construction industry. They each must also pass a multiple-choice exam to become certified to complete code inspections, he said.

Midland faced a problem similar to the current issue last year as it operated with just one building inspector for two months in the midst of the busiest year in recent history.

But even with a "full staff," the code inspectors stay busy, Thorpe said as he rattled off statistics from one particular Tuesday in April, which he deemed "typical."

On that day, the building inspectors completed 43 inspections, while the plumbing inspectors finished 75 and the electrical inspectors did 34. On average, each inspector spends 7.5 hours every work day completing inspections; about 1.5 hours are spent in the office or driving to the sites, he said.

Statistics raise concern

Some industry officials said the inspectors' workload in Midland is concerning.

Other Midlanders question the quality of new homes around the city and whether they're adequately inspected.

In November, Lona Wojak purchased her first brand new house — a 2,200- square-foot three-bedroom home nestled inside a west Midland neighborhood.

But since she settled into the new home, Wojak said she's experienced a handful of problems, including cracked molding, air conditioning issues and other plumbing and electrical problems.

"When you flush the toilet, it comes up in the tub," Wojak said. "When you wash dishes, it comes up in the sink."

The woman said the city's inspectors are shorthanded and more should be hired, but it would be unfair to say the city staff should have caught all of the problems, she said.

The construction crews are "hiding so the city of Midland cannot see these things," Wojak said.

Travis Pate, a member of the Permian Basin Builders Association, said Midland's code inspectors usually catch any mistakes that do not meet code standard.

But on a few rare occasions, some projects slip through the cracks and pass inspection when they probably shouldn't, Pate said.

"Most of the buildings meet most of the standards most of the time," he said.

The books outlining the national code standard are each about 600 pages, so it wouldn't be unheard of for a builder to make mistakes, but most errors are repairable, Pate said.

The next story in this three-part series is slated to run June 22. It will examine common hurdles the private sector faces when building homes in Midland.

The norm across Texas is to have each inspector complete between 15 and 17 inspections a day, according to Scott McDonald, second past president of the Building Officials Association of Texas.

"When you start exceeding those numbers, you have to be concerned with the quality of the overall inspection," McDonald said. "I always advocate for additional staff for building departments across the state. It's one of those areas that aren't staffed as large as it could be."

But McDonald said many cities across the state are often hesitant to increase their inspection staffs because construction typically fluctuates. Many cities don't hire additional inspectors because of the risk of having to lay off staff once the number of construction projects starts to dip back down, he said.

The current economic boom in Midland stemming from the oil and gas industry's success, however, shows no signs of slowing down any time soon. Because of that, McDonald said he thinks it would be a good idea for Midland to hire more inspectors.

City not hiring

Selso Mata, the state building officials' association vice president, said the national Insurance Services Office traditionally likes to see each city inspector complete no more than 10 inspections a day.

"It would be good, but that's probably not a real-world scenario because right now, you've got a lot going on across Texas," Mata said. "Many cities couldn't afford to keep that large of staff, so you've got to find a middle ground."

In Midland, the annual salary of an inspector ranges from $44,317 to $59,715, which Thorpe said is based on a 40-hour work week. The city did not pay any of its inspectors for overtime within the last two years, except for $137.97 paid to one building inspector last year, records show.

"I don't want to paint a picture that we're trouble-free, because we have our moments," Thorpe said. "Inspectors make mistakes every day, whether they're looking at 20 houses a day or two houses a day."

Thorpe later said the city is "probably on the edge of needing to increase [its] inspection staff," but has no immediate plans to do so. There's also $100,000 reserved in the budget for outside firms to help alleviate the workload if necessary, but none of that money has yet to be used, he said.

Keeping up with demand

To keep up with the workload, the inspectors said they try to complete each inspection thoroughly but quickly.

Browder, a building inspector, spent a recent Wednesday afternoon inspecting several sites within a developing subdivision in west Midland. There, he took a few minutes to glance over a particular lot that at the time was merely a foundation and slab covered in dirt.

"You can stand right here and see the whole thing [and know] whether it'd pass or not," Browder said as he confirmed there were enough steel wall ties installed to support the future home's structure.

Moments later, the site was given a green tag, indicating it had passed, and Browder was off to his next inspection conveniently located one lot over.

Thorpe said the vast number of inspections completed in Midland every day is possible because many assignments are located within the same subdivision, much like the one Browder was inspecting.

"Our job is to enforce the code minimum, [but] meeting code doesn't always mean that it meets people's standards," Thorpe said.

Browder, while pointing out everything he looks for during a typical "framing inspection," said he is required only to ensure a window, for example, is installed properly. He doesn't check to see if it opens and closes, he said.

"We don't really do a quality check on these houses; we check for structure," Browder said.

Thorpe also explained that there are several instances when multiple inspections can be completed at once. He said that he does not think the workload has taken away from the inspectors' performance.

"It's good to be busy. When our inspectors are busy, I think they stay sharper," Thorpe said. "If there's more time to look at something, you're not necessarily going to find anything more."

How Midland measures up

Meanwhile, Odessa has also seen an increase in construction in recent years but not quite at the same level as Midland.

In 2012 and 2013, Midland issued at least 3,300 more building permits than Odessa, according to a Reporter-Telegram analysis of public records from both cities.

Ralph McCain, Odessa's building official, said the city has kept six inspectors on staff for many years, but two more were hired within the last six months.

The positions had been open for more than a year before they were filled, McCain said, noting the spots were created as "a direct result of the increase of activity of construction in Odessa."

Before those positions were filled, Odessa's assistant building official had also been performing inspections to help the city's six inspectors, who have had to work overtime and occasionally on Saturdays to "take care of the increased workload," McCain said.

Midland has one inspector on staff for every 1,591 building permits issued by the city. The most recent data from Odessa indicates it has an inspector for about every 725 permits issued. Similar records from Lubbock show it has an inspector for every 1,064 permits approved, and Dallas has one for every 880 permits issued, the Reporter-Telegram investigation found.

McCain would not comment on whether or not he thinks that Midland needs more inspectors on staff, adding that "cities have different ways of setting up their inspectors."

No clear solution

Virtually every homeowner, industry official and expert interviewed during the investigation agreed that it's up to home builders to ensure the growing number of new homes in Midland are built to last.

Additionally, there is very little protection in place for consumers who may encounter problems with their homes after they sign the contract, according to Evin Dugas, an Austin-based attorney who specializes in home-defect lawsuits throughout Texas.

"If you're going to have a lot of new construction that's affordable, there's going to be a lot of corners cut," Dugas said. "It always goes back to the home builder. It's up to the builder to supervise that construction."

It typically takes at least a year or two for major problems — including cracked foundations or leaking roofs — to arise and become noticeable, he said.

But if a home was built and passed every inspection, there is no way to hold the city inspectors or building official responsible for problems that arise later, even if they're a direct result of building code violations, Dugas explained.

"You can't sue the city because they didn't do their job correctly," he said.

The government — throughout Texas — is liable only for property damage, personal injury or death if the damage "arises from the operation or use of a motor-driven vehicle or motor-driven equipment," according to state law.

"If they hit you with their car, you can sue them for that," Dugas said. "But if they fail to come out and inspect your property or if they don't inspect it correctly, there's no liability."

Homeowners, as a result, can only hope there aren't any major issues with their homes. But if there are, it's at the home builders' discretion to repair any damages. But builders are not obligated by law to fix anything.

"Welcome to the wild west," he said. "It's all about business."

Tip for Midland homebuyers

Before closing on a house, Midland's Building Official Steve Thorpe suggests homebuyers be skeptical during final inspection.

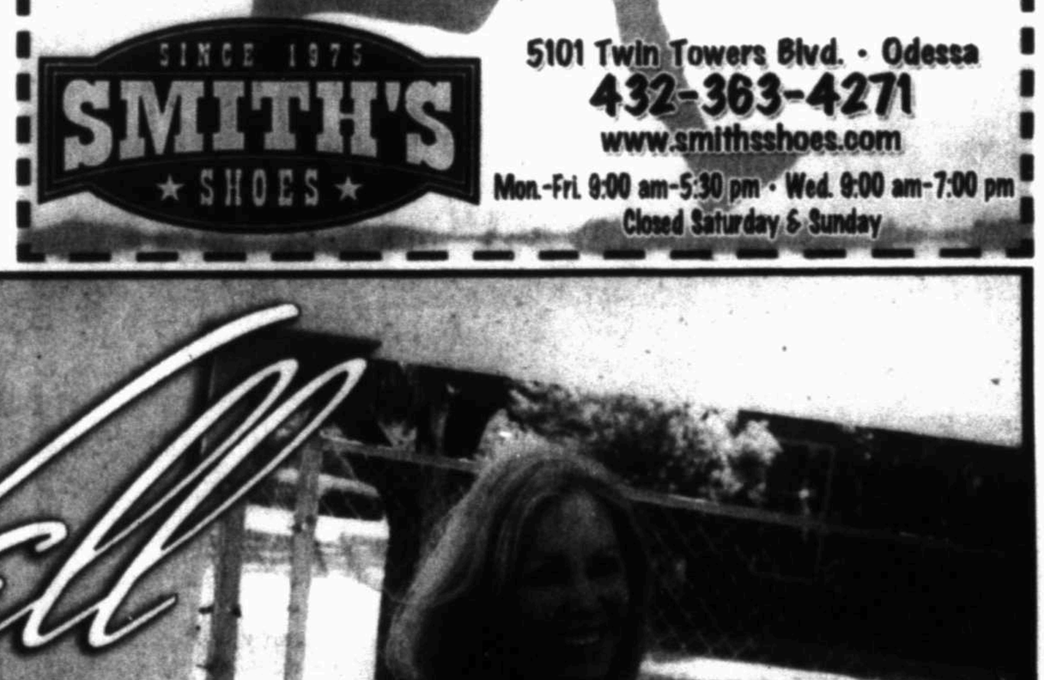
"Go in with your eyes open," he said. "Make sure you're satisfied with what's being presented."

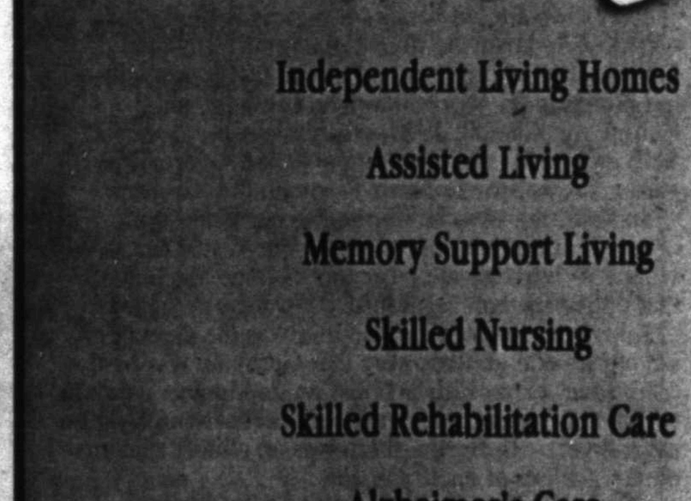
A house is often the largest investment people make in their lives, he added.

"Don't go in there all starry-eyed," Thorpe said. "People get too excited about the moment."

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland City Building Official Steve Thorpe inspects a new home Thursday afternoon on South Marshall Street. Because of staffing shortages, Thorpe has had to help with inspections.





TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Father's Day

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make to their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia, in 1907.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

Today

Chris Brazeal Band, 7:30-9 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Tuesday

- Movie camp: "Planes," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.
- Midland Opera Theater DVD party "Hansel and Gretel," 5:30 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium. midlandoperatheater.org.
- Summer Bash, 7-9 p.m., Washington Aquatic Center. midlandtexas.gov.

Wednesday

John Fogerty, benefiting Education Foundation of Odessa at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Thursday through Saturday

81st Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. bigspringrodeo.com

Friday

- Family Friday: Notice Nature, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.
- Science class "Buggin Out" at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Saturday

- Jack Ingram and Eli Young Band at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com
- Permian Basin Gun Show at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Club meetings, support groups today

- Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031
- Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus
- Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588

Sales tax figures

June 2014 collection: $3,629,829
June 2013 collection: $3,119,367
Percent increase: 16.36
June 2012 collection: $2,755,818
June 2011 collection: $2,412,217

Fiscal year-to-date total: $32,064,281
Percent increase from last year: 16.36
Amount dedicated in June to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $868,630
Amount dedicated in this fiscal year to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $8,016,070
Note: Sales tax collection is generated by sales tax income from two months before.

Source: City of Midland reports

Fourth of July in Midland

Midland's annual Fourth of July celebration begins with the children's parade and ends with fireworks downtown.

The 52nd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade is 10 a.m. Registration begins 9 a.m. at the corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue. The parade route begins on Texas Avenue and ends at Centennial Plaza.

Children must be in a wagon or stroller or riding a tricycle, bicycle or Big Wheel. They will be divided into age categories: birth-3, 4-6,7-9 and 10-12.

The event is presented by the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which will distribute American flags to participants.

Star-Spangled Salute begins 6 p.m. at Centennial Plaza. The event, sponsored by Devon Energy, includes live music, a kids' area, food and then the fireworks display.

For more information call 683-3381 or visit www.fourthinmidland.com.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-6-5
Pick 3 day: 2-0-1
Pick 3 evening: 7-6-9
Pick 3 night: 4-7-2
Daily 4 morning: 1-0-4-8
Daily 4 day: 5-9-2-7
Daily 4 evening: 3-8-9-4
Daily 4 night: 3-8-1-5
Cash Five: 3-4-5-16-26
Lotto Texas: 2-17-18-27-37-42
Powerball: 9-33-42-45-54 PB: 30 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-6-7-12-13-14-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-6-9-10-14-15-16-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-7-8-9-10-13-14-15-16-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-7-8-9-18-19-21-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Sunday, June 15, the 166th day of 2014. There are 199 days left in the year. This is Father's Day.

Today's highlight:

On June 15, 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground that became Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency.

In 1994, The Walt Disney animated feature "The Lion King" was released by Buena Vista Pictures.

Today's birthdays: Actress Helen Hunt is 51. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 45. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 41.

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MISD by the numbers

Midland ISD maintenance and operations tax rate:

FY ending Aug. 31	M&O/$100 valuation	Assessed value
2004	$1.500000	$4.639 billion
2005	$1.500000	$5.007 billion
2006	$1.500000	$5.565 billion
2007	$1.330000	$6.805 billion
2008	$1.000050	$8.011 billion
2009	$1.040050	$9.622 billion
2010	$1.040050	$10.221 billion
2011	$1.040050	$10.879 billion
2012	$1.040050	$11.235 billion
2013	$1.040050	$14.783 billion

Source: Midland ISD

Future recapture estimates

2014-15	$32,428,457
2015-16	$43,897,731
2016-17	$47,062,332
2017-18	$52,846,790

Future projected budget deficits

	Deficit	Fund balance
2014-15	$3,719,183	$47.8 million
2015-16	$18,424,150	$29.4 million
2016-17	$13,093,173	$16.3 million
2017-18	$13,923,771	$2.4 million

Tax rate analysis

Increased amount	Net revenue	Recapture payment
2 cents ($1.06)	$3,737,594	$14,924
4 cents ($1.08)	$5,782,442	$1,723,518
6 cents ($1.10)	$7,821,297	$3,428,743
8 cents ($1.12)	$9,859,309	$5,134,811
10 cents ($1.14)	$11,896,521	$6,841,678
12 cents ($1.16)	$13,932,976	$8,549,302
13 cents ($1.17)	$14,945,842	$9,399,114

Source: Superintendent Ryder Warren's presentation to the board of trustees June 9

budget," he said. "That is nothing new. Normally, we're looking at $100,000, maybe up to half-a-million. The difference this year is the recapture budget."

District officials are on a limited timeline to resolve the deficit. There are three regularly scheduled board meetings between now and Sept. 1 — the date by which school districts must adopt a budget.

If trustees were to recommend putting the tax increase before the voters, they would do so at the July 28 meeting, Warren said. The final budget approval meeting is scheduled for Aug. 25.

Option 1: A 2-cent tax increase

Isaacs said he takes personal pride in the fact that the district has "very conservatively managed the tax rate" at minimum levels for years.

MISD's maintenance and operations tax rate has remained at $1.04 since fiscal year 2009.

All school districts' M&O tax rates were reduced to current levels when in May 2006, Gov. Rick Perry signed a package of bills into law, eliminating more than $16.4 billion in school property taxes, according to the website for the governor's office.

Before that, the rate was at the state cap of $1.50 per $100 valuation. The new law reduced the cap to $1.33 in its first year and then to $1 the following year, according to the website.

However, Warren said, the law still allowed school districts to access up to an additional four pennies by board vote, which MISD did for fiscal year 2009 after a $1 rate for 2008.

In order for a school district to raise the tax rate beyond $1.04 — not exceeding the new state-imposed cap of $1.17 — the school board must call for a tax ratification election (TRE), Warren said. By placing this restriction, he said the Legislature has set school districts apart from other local taxing entities, which have the discretion to set their own rate.

Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said the district has never called for a tax ratification election before.

The district's attorney, Leah Robertson, is working with the Midland County Elections Office to figure out the earliest date MISD could hold a TRE election, should the board call for it.

According to the 2014 Tax Ratification Election Information and Timelines guide produced by the Texas Association of School Boards, an election must be conducted 30 to 90 days after the date the tax rate is adopted.

If the Nov. 4 uniform election date falls within that 30- to 90-day period, the district must hold the TRE on Nov. 4, according to the TASB guide.

Warren said if the school board decides to ask for a tax increase, it will be 2 cents.

"I like the idea of asking, instead of us telling, 'This is going to be it,'" he said. "It's exactly like with the bond. Midland gave us an idea of what they wanted from their schools, the facilities themselves, through that bond election. I think this is a lot the same way. Midland will tell me, 'This is what we need to you to.'"

A 2-cent increase on a house appraised at $200,000 is $40. Last year, a house appraised at $200,000 paid approximately $2,280 in property taxes to MISD, using an M&O rate of 1.04 and a debt service rate of 0.10.

Warren said he is concerned, but not "overly concerned," that asking for an increase could hurt the chances of a future secondary schools' bond.

"Any time we ask for a tax increase — 2 cents — we'll do all the analysis," he said. "We'll show people how much 2 cents will be on their specific tax rates. I don't think just two pennies will have a huge impact on a bond that would come up in the future. But ... there's going to be a little bit of concern out there.

"We can't sacrifice day-to-day issues and the educational issues thinking about what might happen."

Isaacs said he hopes the community can see the tax election and the secondary bond as separate issues and that should each be given separate consideration.

"It would make our citizens stop and think about what our needs truly are," he said. "Right now, the needs are speaking for themselves. We have got extreme growth in student populations. We have extreme shortfalls in various staffing within the school district, and we have to increase that from an operational standpoint. That has nothing to do with the needs of our facilities. Those are two separate issues. Our facility needs are extreme right now. When you have 170 portables, which are the equivalent of 4 1/2 school buildings, that tells you we have a serious need."

Option 2: Eliminate the homestead exemption

Although MISD has a second option to bring more revenue into the district, Warren and some trustees don't see it as a viable option.

Through a board vote — not a special election — trustees could eliminate the district's 10 percent homestead exemption, which is provided in addition to the $15,000 mandated by statute.

"No. 1, I do not feel this board feels (eliminating) the homestead exemption is an option," Warren said. "I've already had feedback because of that."

Cutting the exemption would bring an additional $4.1 million into the budget for next year. MISD pays recapture to the state on the exempt values, despite the fact it doesn't keep the money. This, Davis said, is designed by the state to make eliminating exemptions financially attractive to districts, while providing little incentive to keep them in place.

Warren said this move was made with political motivations in mind.

"Legislators said, 'OK, we're not going to tax the people, but, local board, you can vote to do away with the local homestead exemption,'" he said. "Make my guys look like the bad guys? No, no. The whole system is set up where you'd only be taking money away from one part of your public."

Davis said with the significant tax burden on homeowners, the exemption is needed to provide some relief.

MISD trustees unanimously implemented the 10 percent exemption on June 12, 1984, when Parker M. Humes was board president and Joseph P. Baressi Jr., was superintendent.

Isaacs said only about 20 percent of school districts in Texas still have a homestead exemption in place.

"I'd rather not get rid of the homestead exemption because it's punitive to the homeowner here in town," he said. "If you get rid of the homestead exemption, only homeowners will bear the pain of higher taxes, whereas if we were to increase the tax rate, all citizens and businesses would participate in supporting the schools."

If neither of the revenue-increasing options are enacted, the district is left with one final choice.

An alternative: Slash spending, use reserves

Without new money coming into the district, there's just one option left: cut the deficit.

To cut an additional $3.7 million would mean eliminating vacant positions, officials said, not layoffs.

If recapture payments to the state are excluded, payroll makes up 87 percent of MISD's total budget, Garcia said.

MISD has already slashed about $5.7 million — all of which would have been personnel positions, Garcia said — from its original $14.7 million in expenditure requests.

MISD can't academically afford to give up any more of those positions, Warren said.

"As we try our best to make academic gains, giving the teachers a fighting chance inside the classroom by reducing the (number) of kids they work with, especially at the elementary level, and being able to stay under than 22-to-1 mark ... I think that is critical to us moving forward," he said. "With so many kids coming to us and the kids we are getting in have a whole range of academic challenges."

When state legislators cut $5.4 billion for classroom funding from the budget in 2011, it translated to $9 million locally, Warren said. MISD cut 160 vacant positions as a result, including 90 teaching spots and 70 support staff.

"Academically, I think that was the worst thing we've ever had to do," he said. "I still don't think we've recovered from those two years we've had to do that."

But if the board tells the district to eliminate the excess spending, it will be done, he said.

Warren outlined in two presentations to the board an additional nearly $5.9 million in personnel costs for the next school year. This includes a 2.5 percent of midpoint raise for all district employees, support staff retention bonuses and pay adjustments for some positions.

Warren said he "would fight tooth and nail" to keep the proposed raises in place, and he anticipates the school board would, too.

"The people we have in Midland right now, that's the only way we have to make sure they can fight against what we're dealing with right now," he said. "The 2.5 percent that we're giving is what I could call significantly lower than what we've been doing."

And if the board asks voters for a tax increase and then is denied after the budget has been approved, the district will make mid-year cuts where it can and pull the rest from MISD's $51.5 million reserves, Warren said.

"$3.7 million looks huge right now, but we're going to do it," Warren said. "We're going to bring the board a balanced budget. It's just going to be a very interesting conversation we have moving forward on how we're going to do this, just because it's such a high number than what we're used to dealing with."

With estimated recapture payments growing to nearly $44 million for the 2015-16 school year, Warren said he hopes the Legislature and the courts provide some form of relief.

"There's no point in griping anymore about the system because it is what it is, and we've already made our stance on the system, and we've fought against it," he said.

MISD is a part of a plaintiff group of more than 600 school districts suing the state to restore adequate public school funding. The courts have yet to offer a ruling, leaving the schools looking for legislative help in the meantime.

"That's all I can do right now, is hope," Warren said. "Whether we do the 2 cents or not, the only thing I can hope for is the 2015 legislative session.

"Something will have to give."

Australian soldier's story shows tragedy of World War I

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

NIEUWKERKE, Belgium — In a neatly clipped corner of the Westhof Farm Cemetery, an Australian family huddled around the grave of Pvt. Andrew Bayne. One century after the start of World War I, the family found closure in homage to a forebear who had traveled half the world to meet his death, his stomach ripped open by an exploding shell, in the horrors of Flanders Fields.

Bayne left his wife, Katie, with four young children in Brisbane and a prescient letter of regret: "What a dammed fool I was to ever have enlisted."

Bayne's remains lie alongside other Commonwealth victims and a handful of German dead, the rows of pristine white tombstones stretching over rich, undulating pastures. Belgium and France are still scarred by over 1,000 graveyards, countless bomb craters, rusting gas shells, bunkers and trenches that tore apart the Western Front for four years.

The front line of death and destruction burned through the Alps, Central Europe, the Balkans and Russia, spilling into present-day Turkey and reaching beyond to the Middle East and as far as China. It claimed some 14 million lives — 5 million civilians and 9 million soldiers, sailors and airmen from 28 countries, from India to South Africa to the United States. The 1914-18 conflict was so unprecedented in its scope and savagery that it became known simply as "The Great War." At least 7 million troops were left permanently disabled and families across the globe, much like Bayne's, were wrecked.

Despite the vows of "never again" across a shell-shocked world, the outcome of the conflict only sowed the bitter seeds that led to World War II and more slaughter. And the nationalist tensions that set off the killing never really died, most recently resurfacing in Ukraine and Russia.

For Kaylene Biggs, misty-eyed after finally facing the grave of her great-grandfather in the small cemetery, the war's far-reaching legacy makes remembrance all the more important. "It isn't until you do visit the battlefields that you realize the huge amount of loss and sacrifice."

"Now, it seems so peaceful," she said amid the twitter of birds and the faraway galloping of a horse.

The early summer of 1914 seemed just as tranquil to most Europeans. By that time, the Bayne family had already been in Australia for two years, hoping to build a richer life after toiling for meager rewards on a Scottish farm.

Little did they know that Europe would not let them go so easily.

Suddenly, Sarajevo

The Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires had often clashed over borders in the restive Balkans, but somehow diplomats had muddled through without plunging the world into war. Little prepared Europe for June 28, 1914, when a gunshot from Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip killed Austro-Hungarian Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo.

So shocking was the murder, so constricting its consequences, that no diplomacy could stop the slow wheels of intricate alliances and oblique agreements that pulled the continent into full war by Aug. 4.

Adding to the combustible mix was the perception among several great powers that Germany was bent on military expansion to boost its standing as second to none in Europe. An arms race had been building for several years. In Berlin, there was an almost claustrophobic feeling of encirclement.

"You get something in 1914 like a perfect storm," said historian Margaret MacMillan of Oxford University. "So in those five weeks, Europe, instead of pulling back from the brink, puts itself toward the brink. And the results are catastrophic. And you look at it, and you think, 'You don't have to be doing this.'"

When the pieces of the puzzle finally fell into place that August, the Entente Powers including Britain, France and Russia faced the Central Powers of the German and Austro-Hungarian empires.

Germany opened the Western Front with a

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Australian soldier Andrew Bayne poses for a photo before leaving for the Western Front in 1916.

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massive attack through Luxembourg and Belgium, hoping to knock out France before Russia had a chance to mobilize in the east. It was hoping to count victory in weeks, not years. But Belgium was tougher to get through than expected, and French and British troops stopped the German onslaught at the Marne River northeast of Paris.

"At the beginning, people thought it was a war worth fighting," MacMillan said. "They all had good reason to fight. They didn't, most of them, foresee what the war would turn into."

The war quickly became a deadly stalemate the likes of which had never been seen. Over the next three years, each side attempted a series of massive offensives that failed to break the deadlock but caused horrific carnage — up to 1 million dead in the French Battle of the Somme alone. The Gallipoli campaign in Turkey was so ghastly it turned into a seminal event for Australian and New Zealand nationhood.

Sometimes tens of thousands would die in a single day. Artillery was relentless. Toxic gas was introduced in modern warfare with devastating effect. The poison wafted across trenches, killing and maiming whoever took a breath. Because of it, the need for fresh manpower was enormous — and the reach of the British Empire was global. One million Indian troops alone served overseas under British command. A New Zealand memorial in Flanders simply says "From the uttermost ends of the earth."

It was only a matter of time before the war turned up at Andrew Bayne's doorstep in Brisbane.

'They have got me'

Bayne was hardly gung-ho about the war. What turned things around, Biggs said, was that "one day in the street, he was handed a white feather," at the time a universal sign for cowardice. "So he went and joined up." His dreams of setting up a farm were replaced with the horrors of Europe: the trenches, the mud, the gas and the booming artillery.

He enlisted in June 1916, left Australia four months later — and arrived in France in March of the following year, just one indication of the pace of war a century ago.

Bayne was not the only family member to go. His brother John enlisted in the Australian Light Horse, fought on Gallipoli in Turkey and in Beersheba in current-day Israel. Another brother, Adam, joined the Canadian forces and went to fight in France; a third, Bill, fought with the British. They all survived.

Family archives showed that Andrew Bayne fought at Bullecourt in northern France, where two battles cost Australia 10,000 casualties and hardly moved the front line. Bullecourt villagers coming back said there was no way of knowing where their houses had once been. Such devastation was par for the course.

Bayne, like so many millions of soldiers, long remained hopeful as the war stretched into its fourth year. The Germans, he wrote home, "are about starved out and they can't last much longer." He added, "Cheer up. I will be with you yet."

On Aug. 19, 1917, a German shell burst close to him as he was on the Ypres front holding the line close to Messines Ridge, little more than a molehill but a killer of thousands on both sides. The pain and agony were recorded matter-of-factly in a witness report: "The wounds were left arm, right of face and stomach — the latter a bad one."

Bayne could still call for a stretcher and, before losing consciousness, uttered: "They have got me." He died soon afterward at age 32.

Had he held out longer, he might have benefited by the U.S. entry into the war.

'Europe's war, America's breakthrough'

For most Americans, it began as "Europe's war." Many German, Scandinavian and Irish immigrants saw no reason to help the British, and pacifism was all the rage in a country still traumatized by its own Civil War. A 1915 hit song in America carried the name: "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be A Soldier."

But Germany's policy of unrestricted submarine attacks undermined neutrality. In 1915, a German submarine sank the British liner Lusitania, killing 128 Americans. President Woodrow Wilson responded that America was "too proud to fight" but demanded Germany halt attacks on passenger ships. Even modest steps to build up the U.S. Navy and an Army Reserve met strong public opposition.

Three things tipped the scales: somewhat overdramatized reports of German atrocities in Belgium and elsewhere; Germany's decision in January 1917 to resume unrestricted submarine warfare; and a clumsy, ill-timed overture by the Germans to Mexico.

On April 2, 1917, Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany to make the world "safe for democracy." U.S. troops did not arrive in strength in Europe until the following year.

They found themselves in the middle of the end game.

Russian Czar Nicholas II was forced out, and the new Bolshevik government under Vladimir Lenin signed a peace treaty on March 3, 1918, allowing Germany to center all of its energy on the Western Front. Germans advanced to the point of bringing Paris into artillery range, but allied counterattacks and the arrival of up to 2.1 million American soldiers tipped the balance for good.

"They were essential in turning the tide," said Belgian military historian Luc De Vos of Leuven University. "There was a real deadlock in the war" and the other combatants were exhausted, he said. "The 2 million Americans — young, enthusiastic troops — they attacked and they were everywhere on the front."

More than 116,500 American service members were killed and some U.S. soldiers now lie buried in the huge swath of Flanders Fields where Bayne was also laid to rest.

With German forces in retreat, a revolutionary government seized power in Berlin and stopped fighting on Nov. 11, 1918. The Versailles peace treaty sealed Germany's defeat the following June 28, five years to the day after the Sarajevo shooting set off the war.

Scar tissue

The Great War left the United States at the dawn of what would become known as the American century. In Europe and beyond, the empires that launched the conflict — Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottomans and Russia — all collapsed. The war allowed Lenin to establish the Soviet Union. In Germany, defeat paved the way for the rise of Adolf Hitler.

At a personal level, the horrors of modern warfare and the massive loss of life produced the "Lost Generation," with millions left cynical, rootless and disillusioned by carnage and social upheaval. In literature, this generation included greats like Ernest Hemingway, T.S. Eliot and Erich Maria Remarque. It also affected millions of families around the world.

Bayne's wife Katie long refused to believe that he had died because she apparently received a letter dated after his death. Biggs said her great grandmother went to meet every ship bringing soldiers home into Brisbane.

"They never had a funeral for him," Biggs added. "I cannot fathom the hurt."

For the rest of her life — over half a century — she would carry with her the last letter Andrew wrote, Biggs said.

Without Andrew, Katie Bayne struggled and scraped together money to take the children back to Scotland in 1920. Once there, life seemed even bleaker. She brought the family back to Australia three years later.

Amid the luxuries of the 21st century, her Australian descendants still consider remembrance a necessity.

The last post

Like the hundreds of thousands expected to come to Europe from across the world over the next four years, the Baynes' pilgrimage has been multi-generational. Kaylene and her husband Peter also brought their three children.

"His children and his wife weren't able to come," said Kaylene's daughter Jaleesa, 18. "They, in a sense, didn't get closure but we are able to come here and to see what they always wanted to see."

From Gallipoli to Sarajevo to Verdun and Flanders Fields, countless memorials and cemeteries stand in immaculate condition to take in crowds and host leaders from all sides for commemorations. Many major ceremonies uniting politicians, royalty and families from across the globe will be held in early August.

For Biggs and her family, a trip across the globe to a simple grave in a small cemetery has meant the world.

"With all this sadness, I am so thankful that he actually does have a grave, somewhere for his descendants to go to pay their respects," she said. "I feel comforted that his sacrifice has not been forgotten through time."

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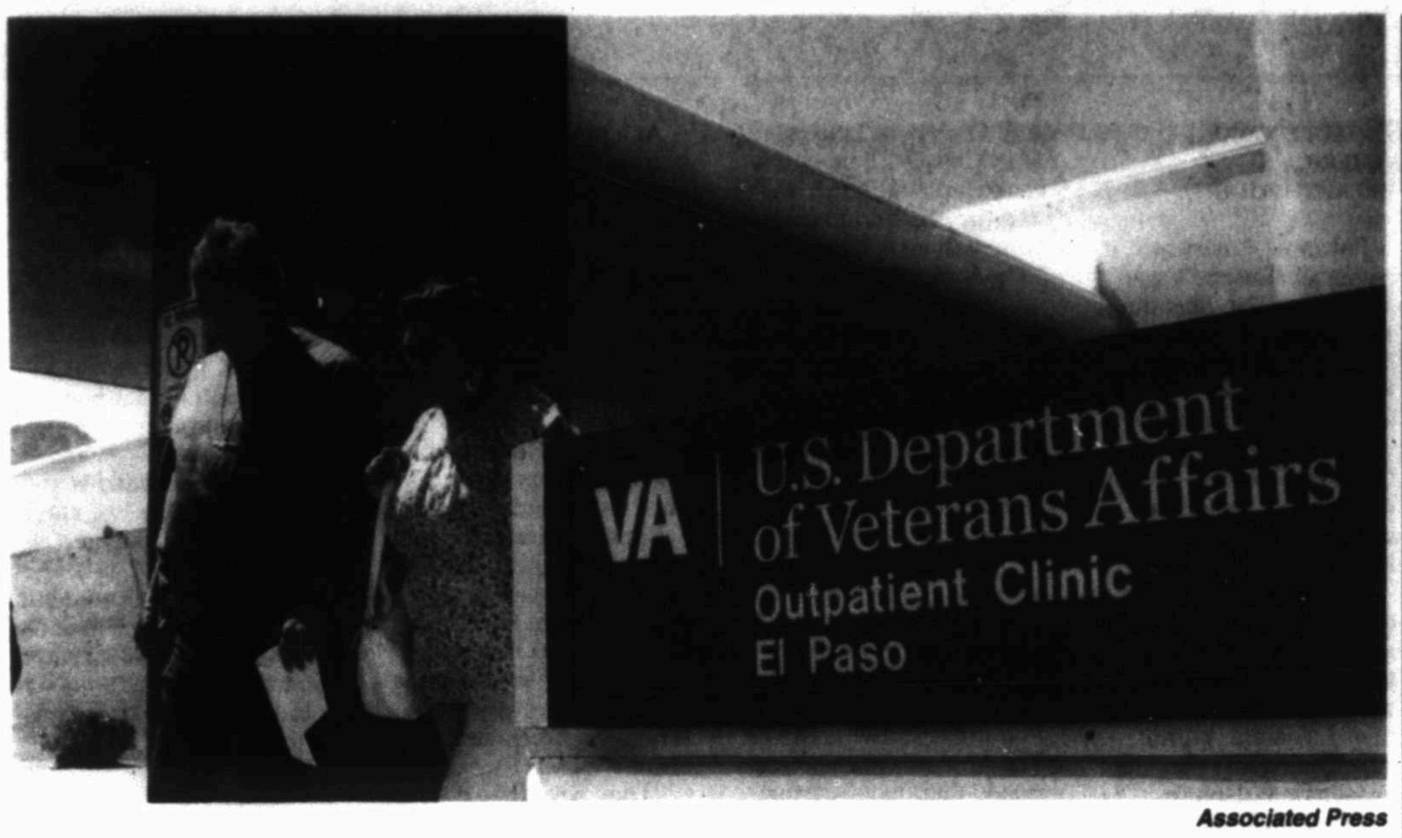

Associated Press

David and Marianne Trujillo exit the Veteran Affairs facility June 9 in El Paso. Some Veterans Affairs facilities in Texas have among the longest wait times in the nation for those trying to see a doctor for the first time, according to federal data. It's not just veterans who sometimes have to wait for health care. Depending on where you live and what kind of care you want, in parts of the country it's not always easy for new patients to get a quick appointment.

Outside the VA, waits for doctors vary widely

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Veterans aren't the only ones who can find it tough to get a quick appointment with a new doctor.

There are wide variations in wait times, depending on where you live and what kind of care you're seeking.

Need routine primary care? The average wait to see a family physician for the first time ranged from 66 days in Boston to just five days in Dallas, according to a survey in 15 large cities by health care consulting firm Merritt Hawkins.

And that's before the new federal health care law opened the way for millions of newly insured people to start looking for a doctor.

"To say it's an easy solution to the VA problem — we'll just have them get care in the community — overestimates the capacity the community has to absorb these folks," said Dr. Yul Ejnes of the American College of Physicians.

Veteran waits made headlines

A government audit shows more than 57,000 veterans have been waiting at least three months for their first appointments at Veterans Affairs medical centers and an additional 64,000 who enrolled for VA care over the past decade never got seen by a doctor. The longest waits for an initial primary care appointment ranged from 115 days in Honolulu to 73 days in Richmond, Virginia.

To help, Congress is moving to allow more veterans who encounter delays to seek VA-paid care, temporarily, from a non-VA doctor. (The VA already had allowed some outside care, although veterans have complained that it's difficult to access and includes a series of bureaucratic hurdles that must be cleared.)

Outside VA, what's the wait?

There are no national statistics. But Merritt Hawkins' survey, released earlier this year, illustrates there's variation around the country when it comes to choosing a new physician. And the kind of doctor you need makes a difference.

The wait for a first-time appointment with a cardiologist averaged 32 days in the nation's capital but only 11 days in Atlanta.

Got knee pain? Waits for an initial consultation with an orthopedic surgeon averaged 18 days in San Diego and five days in Philadelphia, Minneapolis and Houston.

For a well-woman visit, waits for a first-time OB/GYN appointment ranged from 46 days in Boston to 10 days in Seattle.

Those are averages. The longest reported wait time was a stunning 256 days for a particular Minneapolis dermatologist. You could wait 129 days for a certain Seattle family practice and 132 days for one San Diego cardiologist, the survey found.

But people frustrated by waits for one doctor often can seek another, depending on their insurance and how far they're willing to drive. Sure enough, Merritt Hawkins' survey showed that in multiple cities, there were physicians with appointments available in just one day even for a new patient.

That's not the only way to measure. The Massachusetts Medical Society's annual statewide survey found wait times ebb and flow. The wait for a first-time appointment with an internal medicine specialist was 50 days in 2013, up from 44 days the previous year. In contrast, the wait for a family physician dropped to 39 days, from 45 in 2012, and the wait for a gastroenterologist was 33 days, 11 days shorter than the previous year.

Why the wait?

Partly, there aren't enough doctors. A graying population that needs more medical care was straining the system even before the new health care law allowed more people to enter the system. With older physicians retiring, too, there aren't enough new ones coming on board to meet growing demand.

Primary care physicians get the most attention, and nearly 20 million people live in areas officially designated in need of more, said Dr. Atul Grover of the Association of American Medical Colleges. But specialists can be hard to find, too, especially in rural areas and in parts of the country where new doctors haven't kept up with rapid population growth. That includes parts of the Southeast and Southwest, particularly Arizona, Nevada and Texas, he said.

The AAMC estimates that by 2020, there will be a shortage of 45,000 primary care physicians and 46,000 surgeons and specialists nationally.

Pending legislation calls for the VA to hire more doctors. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said Wednesday that "at the very minimum, there is a need for 700 new physicians in the VA."

New patients vs. existing

The busier the office, the less space for a new patient and some doctors simply don't accept newcomers. Ejnes is a Rhode Island internal medicine physician with 1,500 patients, enough that he only accepts new patients who are family members of existing ones. Some offices close to new patients during busy times of the year, like a bad flu season, and accept them again during slow periods.

"It's supply and demand," Ejnes said. "It takes a lot of persistence, a lot of phone calls, to find someone."

Existing patients get priority for future appointments. Even the VA audit found returning patients usually had shorter waits for a primary care appointment, with some exceptions.

What about urgent visits?

The American Academy of Family Physicians said 80 percent of its members make provisions for same-day appointments. Half also offer extended hours, with some appointments early or in the evening to catch people who can't get off work for a doctor's appointment and those who otherwise would go to the emergency room for a sudden problem, said AAFP President Dr. Reid Blackwelder.

How many patients said they're able to get quick appointments when they need them? A survey by Medicare overseers found 82 percent of beneficiaries seeking an appointment for an illness or injury never had to wait longer than they wanted. A Commonwealth Fund survey published last year found almost half of adults in the U.S. got a same- or next-day appointment the last time they were sick, compared with about 70 percent of those surveyed in Germany and New Zealand.

What's too long?

The VA has lifted its goal of 14 days to get an appointment, after investigators determined workers falsified records to cover up delays. For private doctors, there are no national standards on waits.

California, however, does have some rules requiring that certain types of health plans ensure their customers get timely access: 48 to 96 hours for an urgent need, and 10 to 15 business days for a non-urgent need.

VA officials: Wait times in audit had some caveats

By David Caruso
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Data released by Veterans Affairs officials earlier this week appeared to confirm that new patients at the agency's medical centers were routinely waiting 30, 50 or even more than 90 days to see a doctor. It turns out those statistics came with some big caveats.

Average wait times at many of the facilities are likely much shorter, Philip Matkovsky, an assistant deputy undersecretary at the Department of Veterans Affairs, told The Associated Press on Friday.

He said information about patients who received care very quickly was left out of the analysis for technical reasons.

"They are valid numbers," he said of audit results issued Monday, but acknowledged that the exclusion of those receiving swift care and other factors led to longer average reported wait times for some facilities than actually experienced by veterans.

One reason for the disparity is that the audit essentially represented a look into future doctor visits, while another VA data system assessed wait times by looking at the past, Matkovsky said.

The bottom line, though, he added, remains unchanged: Many veterans are still waiting too long for care.

"Nobody should wait 90 days for an appointment from when they want to be seen," he said.

Since Monday's release of average wait time data by VA headquarters officials in Washington, administrators at local VA medical centers have been questioning the announced audit results, saying they didn't jibe with internal data showing far shorter waits. The complaints have come not only from places that fared the worst in the audit, but also from hospitals that ranked in the middle or did relatively well.

"Our numbers are significantly better than what was released," said Dr. Jeffrey Ryan, the associate chief of staff at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. The audit had pegged average wait times there for new primary care patients at 41 days. Ryan said the real wait was a fraction of that, typically just a day or two.

At the Durham VA Medical Center in North Carolina, officials said they were baffled after the audit singled them out as having a whopping 104-day average wait for new patients seeking mental health services. They said the VA's national scheduling database pegged the overall average wait time this year for the same category of patients at 25 days.

Beth Brown, director of the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia, said her most recent batch of data for April showed new patients waiting an average of eight days for primary care, 21 days to see a specialist and 11 days for mental health services. The audit had entirely different numbers: 54 days for primary care, 86 days for a specialist and 96 days for mental health services.

For the audit, investigators essentially took a snapshot of all appointments in the VA's medical scheduling system as it existed on May 15. At that time, there were about six million visits that had been scheduled but hadn't yet taken place. The average wait times in the audit report were based on the time elapsed between when those appointments were requested and when they were scheduled to occur.

By contrast, the data systems traditionally relied on by local VA staff to examine wait times is based on historical data — meaning, appointments that have already occurred. That data may not be reliable either; the VA is investigating widespread manipulation of appointment data by schedulers.

The forward-looking audit released Monday doesn't account for appointments that might be rescheduled or cancelled, or moved up as doctors' schedules open up. It also omits same-day appointments and many other appointments for people who got care within a few days of first requesting it.

Those factors have the effect of inflating average waiting times — sometimes by a lot — although they don't erase the fact that thousands of people have been forced to wait weeks or even months for care they wish they could have right away.

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Clinton full of reasons to run

By Philip Elliot
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — She insists she hasn't decided on a second bid for the presidency. But Hillary Rodham Clinton is laying out more reasons to run than not during her coast-to-coast book tour.

The Republicans' inquiry into the deadly raid in Benghazi emboldens her, she said. She knows how not to run a campaign after losing the 2008 Democratic nomination to Barack Obama. And she'd be doing something for the women and girls she felt she let down that year, and perhaps, she suggests, be more effective in the struggle by both parties to get gender politics right.

"We live with a double standard," Clinton told ABC News as she kicked off a tour for "Hard Choices," her memoir. "People ought to think about their own daughters, their own sisters, their own mothers, when they make comments about women in public life."

Her main reason to sit 2016 out?

"I really like my life," Clinton said. "I like what I'm doing. I'm thrilled about becoming a grandmother in the fall. I have lots of hopes for what that means to me and my family."

But in the next breath, she notes that having a grandchild — daughter Chelsea is expecting — does not put the White House off-limits.

In highly choreographed appearances and interviews, Clinton is making quite clear that she already has given serious consideration to running for president, again. She has a ready-made network of supporters and fundraisers and, unlike in 2008, no real competition for the Democratic nomination.

The temptation to run is clear. Asked by ABC News about the Republican probes into her knowledge and role in the response to the deadly raid on the U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, Clinton leaned forward and said they provided an incentive.

"It's more of a reason to run, because I do not believe our great country should be playing minor league ball," she said emphatically. "We ought to be in the majors."

She said she now knows how not to run a campaign after the bitter experience of having watched Obama beat her in Iowa and arriving in New Hampshire dumbfounded.

"I don't think I ever said, yes, you may have known me for eight years, but I don't take anything for granted," Clinton told ABC. "I have to earn your support."

And in her memoir, Clinton suggests that some in her own party got gender politics wrong. After Republican presidential nominee John McCain picked Sarah Palin to be his running mate, aides to Obama asked Clinton to attack Palin, Clinton wrote.

"I said, 'Attack her for what? For being a woman?'" Clinton said. She said she told the Obama campaign, "There'll be plenty of time to do what I think you should do in politics, which is draw distinctions."

And as she tours the country and appears before audiences of autograph-seekers and admirers, Clinton and the public are becoming reacquainted, for better or worse.

Polls taken as she launched her publicity tour show a slight slide in Clinton's favorability rating, though most Americans continue to view her in a positive light. A Gallup Poll on the eve of her memoir's release found 54 percent of Americans viewed her favorably, down from 59 percent in February. As secretary of state, Clinton's favorability consistently topped 60 percent, according to Gallup.

Clinton said she finds the prospect of running compelling for the mere chance it offers to help Americans find economic opportunities that elude them. There are political opportunities, too.

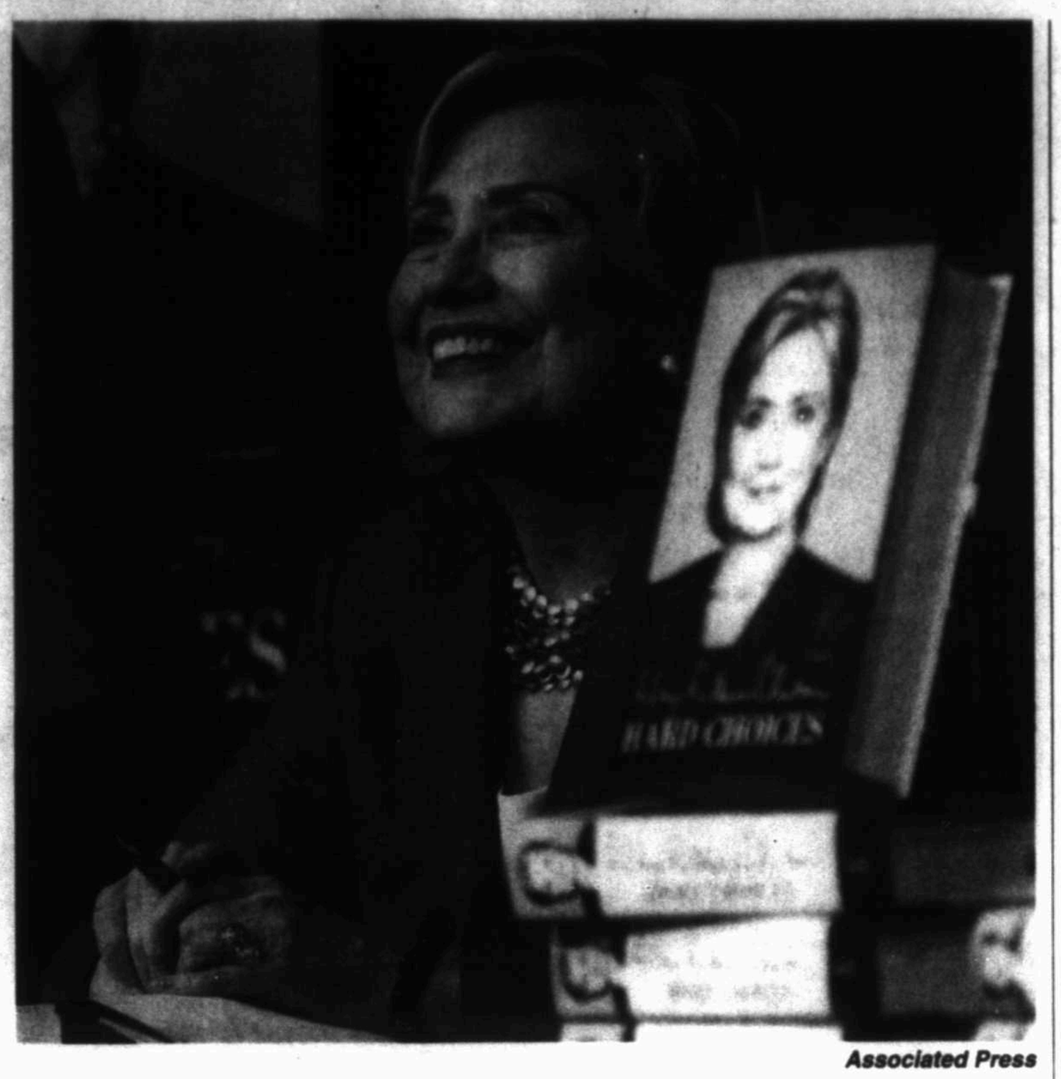
In interviews during the first week of her book tour, the former first lady confronted a pair of potential political weaknesses in an effort, perhaps, to put them behind her.

Asked in the ABC interview about Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern whose affair with Clinton's husband Bill led to his impeachment and Senate acquittal, Clinton answered that she doesn't give her much thought, wished Lewinsky well and acknowledged that interviewer Diane Sawyer had a right to ask the question.

"I have moved on," Clinton said, with none of the clipped, not-your-business tone she's used in the past.

But on National Public Radio on Thursday, Clinton scrapped with "Fresh Air" host Terry Gross for questioning her motivation behind shifting last year from opposing to supporting gay marriage.

"No, I don't think you are trying to clarify," Clinton scolded Gross. "I think you are trying to say that I used to be opposed and now I am in favor and I did it for political reasons. And that's just flat wrong."



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Hillary Rodham Clinton listens before signing a copy of her book, "Hard Choices" on Tuesday at Barnes & Noble bookstore in New York. Clinton said Tuesday that she and former President Bill Clinton "fully appreciate how hard life is for so many Americans," seeking to refine remarks she made about the pair being broke when they left the White House while on a high-profile media tour for a new book.

IRS lost emails to, from official in tea party probe

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service said Friday it has lost a trove of emails to and from a central figure in the agency's tea party controversy, sparking outrage from congressional investigators who have been probing the agency for more than a year.

The IRS told Congress Friday it cannot locate many of Lois Lerner's emails before 2011 because her computer crashed during the summer of that year.

Lerner headed the IRS division that processed applications for tax-exempt status. The IRS acknowledged last year that agents had improperly scrutinized applications for tax-exempt status by tea party and other conservative groups.

"The fact that I am just learning about this, over a year into the investigation, is completely unacceptable and now calls into question the credibility of the IRS' response to congressional inquiries," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "There needs to be an immediate investigation and forensic audit by Department of Justice, as well as the inspector general."

The Ways and Means Committee is one of three congressional committees investigating the IRS over its handling of tea party applications from 2010 to 2012. The Justice Department and the IRS inspector general are also investigating.

Congressional investigators have shown that IRS officials in Washington were closely involved in the handling of tea party applications, many of which languished for more than a year without action. But so far, they have not publicly produced evidence that anyone outside the agency directed the targeting or even knew about it.

If anyone outside the agency was involved, investigators were hoping for clues in Lerner's emails.

The IRS said technicians went to great lengths trying to recover data from Lerner's computer in 2011. In emails provided by the IRS, technicians said they sent the computer to a forensic lab run by the agency's criminal investigations unit. But to no avail.

The IRS was able to generate 24,000 Lerner emails from the 2009 to 2011 because Lerner had copied in other IRS employees. The agency said it pieced together the emails from the computers of 82 other IRS employees.

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Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and south winds around 15 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 72 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 93 and a low around 72. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The high on Saturday reached 97, while the low dropped to 68. The record high for June 14 is 108 set in 2011. The record low is 56 set in 1947.

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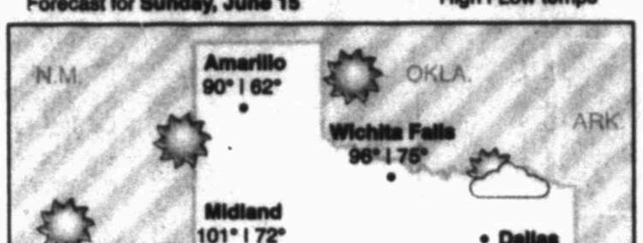

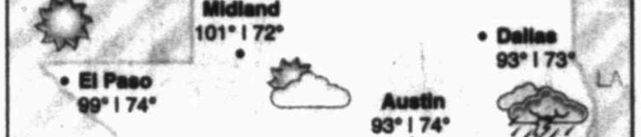

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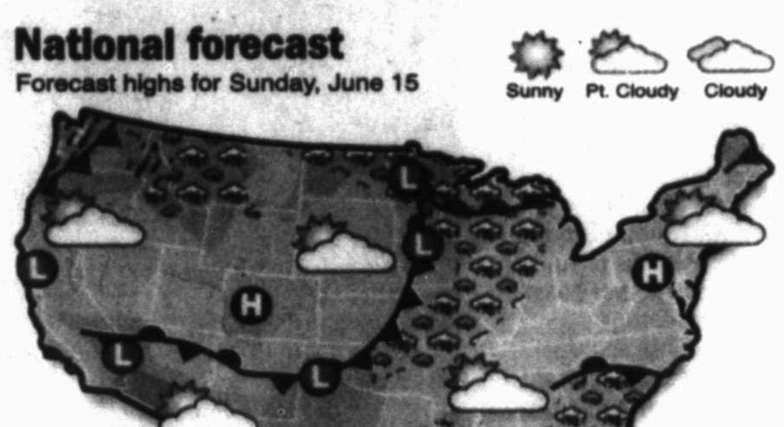
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, June 15



National forecast

A storm system across the central United States will spark strong thunderstorms today from eastern Kansas and Oklahoma through Missouri and Illinois. The main threats will be blinding downpours, damaging winds and large hail; however, there can also be a few tornadoes. Strong storms will also extend northward into Iowa and southern Wisconsin.

Confirmed tornado damages homes in Central Texas

Associated Press

BERTRAM — Severe weather has spawned a Central Texas tornado that damaged several homes and floodwaters that washed away a car and left its driver missing.

The National Weather Service said a tornado packing winds of up to 125 mph tracked across rural Burnet County on Thursday night. The twister touched down near Briggs and traveled southwest toward Bertram.

Officials said a roof was torn off one house and another home was lifted off its foundation and tossed 150 yards away. Minor injuries were reported.

Waco authorities said flash flooding washed away a car late Thursday, and the 18-year-old driver's body was found nearby late Friday.

Abilene fire officials said large hail caused minor head injuries to three people at a children's parade and broke vehicle windows nearby Thursday night.

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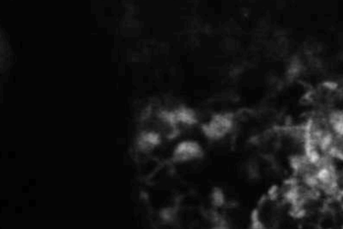

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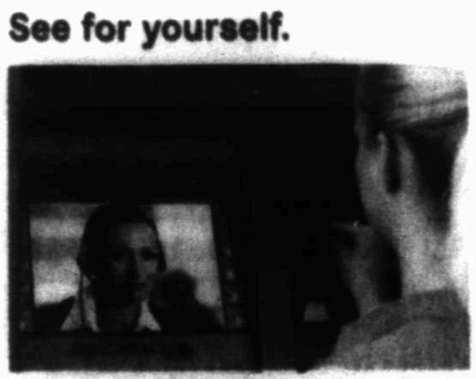

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Was Vegas concealed carry permit holder hero or victim?

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

Joseph Wilcox, a Nevada concealed-carry permit holder, had taken his gun on a shopping trip to return a modem to a Las Vegas Wal-Mart last week.

Once there, he drew his weapon to confront what he thought was a lone shooter, anti-government fanatic Jerad Miller, only to be shot and killed himself by Miller's wife and accomplice, Amanda Miller.

Hero or victim? Or perhaps both?

The local sheriff and his chief deputy described him as a hero, a view echoed by concealed-carry advocates who say that although Wilcox died tragically, his actions delayed the deadly rampage of the Millers.

But others in law enforcement and gun-control advocacy said the deadly confrontation illustrates the ultimate fallacy of the concealed-carry mantra that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," as National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre put it a week after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

When they encountered Wilcox, the couple had already shot and killed two police officers eating lunch inside a nearby pizza restaurant.

Police were arriving at the scene at the time Jerad Miller came face to face with Wilcox. It is uncertain how long Wilcox delayed the two or whether it had any bearing on the ultimate outcome.

"Joseph died attempting to protect others," said Sheriff Douglas Gillespie. "His death is completely senseless."

Las Vegas law enforcement officials initially said the two died in a suicide pact shortly after Amanda Miller shot Wilcox. But on Wednesday, they said police bullets had killed Jerad Miller and Amanda Miller shot and killed herself.

But whatever the timing, the death of Wilcox already has become the latest installment in an ongoing debate over the wisdom of concealed carry.

"It is tragic that Wilcox had to give his life to stop these two murderers, but there's no doubt that his actions saved countless lives," wrote Nick Leghorn, a self-described San Antonio "gun nerd" who writes for the pro-gun blog thetruthaboutguns.com.

But many in law enforcement have misgivings over concealed carry, worrying that would-be heroes may do more harm than good in tense situations where split-second judgments are a necessity.

"It's very hard to speak ill of someone who died doing what he thought was right," said Kevin Quinn, a police officer in Chandler, Ariz., and president of the National Association of School Resource Officers, which represents police assigned to schools. "But was (drawing a gun at Miller) the best option? In hindsight, obviously it was not."

Police officers are trained to have total awareness of their surroundings in such situations and not just focus on the active shooter, Quinn said.

"How a police officer responds is much different than a civilian with a gun," Quinn said, noting that NASRO opposed the NRA's post-Newtown plan to train armed civilians for school-protection duty.

Gun control advocates said the death of Wilcox was a black eye for the NRA and its promotion of gun ownership and carrying as a solution to a rising tide of mass shootings.

"From its magazines to Wayne LaPierre's statements after Newtown, the NRA routinely argues that concealed carry is a simple solution to complex situations including mass shootings," said Kristen Rand, legislative director of the Violence Policy Center. "In his own way, Joseph Wilcox was as much a victim of the NRA's language and marketing as the two law enforcement officers who were killed."

The chief theoretician of concealed carry, John Lott, said in an interview that conscientious gun owners can make a difference in mass-shooter situations.

"In that situation, 20 or 30 seconds can be a long time in terms of helping someone get away from the scene," Lott said. "Obviously it was a tragedy that his life was lost, but it seems like he helped to some extent."

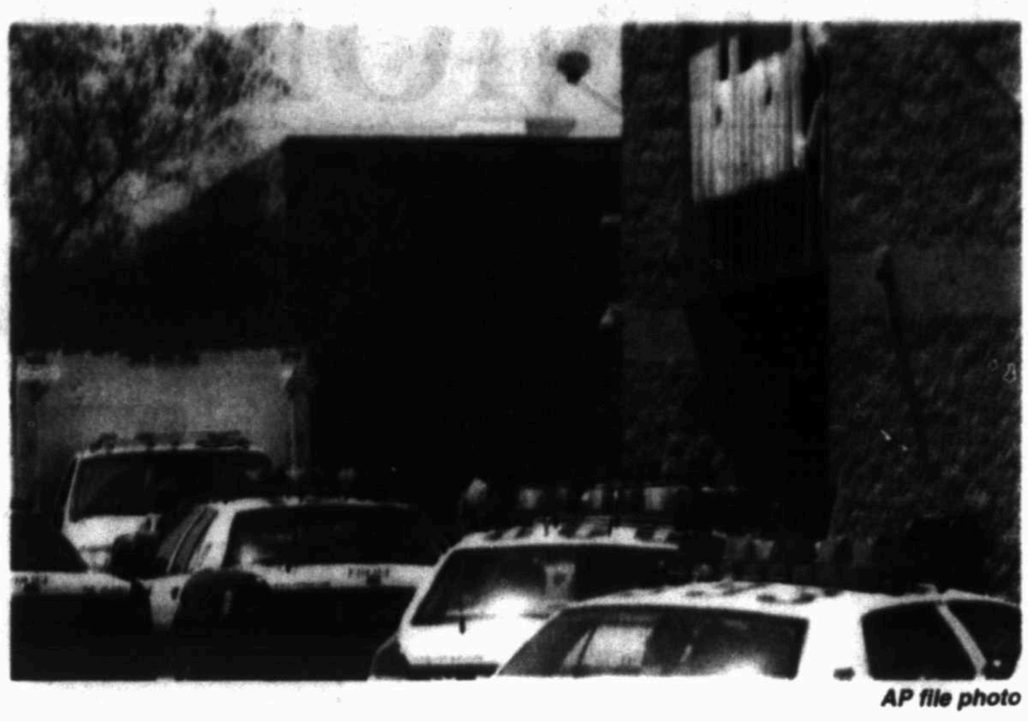
Lott's 1998 book, "More Guns, Less Crime," served as the underpinning for expansion of concealed-carry laws in many states.

Concealed carry in Texas went into effect in 1996 largely as a response to the 1991 mass shooting at Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen. Suzanna Hupp, who lost her parents in the shooting and later served as a Texas state representative, undertook a campaign to change the law that she said compelled her to keep her handgun in her car glove compartment when it could have been used to stop the killer.

Texas political figures have lamented the absence of concealed-carry weapon holders in mass shooting situations.

"It does make me wonder, with all those people in the theater, was there nobody that was carrying a gun that could have stopped this guy more quickly?" said Rep. Louie Gohmert in 2012 after the movie-theater mass shooting in Aurora, Colo., which left 12 dead.

All 50 states allow concealed carry in some form. Four states do not require any permit for concealed carry.



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Las Vegas police officers are near the scene of a shooting in Las Vegas on June 8. The spree began around 11:30 a.m. June 8 when a man and woman walked into CiCi's Pizza and shot two officers who were eating lunch.

Eleven states — including California, Connecticut and New York — give broad powers to local law enforcement officials to limit concealed-carry permit issuance, typically to those who can demonstrate an immediate need to carry a gun.

Forty-six states, including Texas, require authorities to issue such permits if applicants pass a handgun proficiency training course and meet minimum criteria, such as being 21, not a convicted felon and not being "chemically dependent."

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OPINION

Cantor's defeat wasn't entirely about tea party

■ His swan song had a lot to do with his ground game — or lack thereof

KATHLEEN PARKER
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About that stunning defeat. Conventional Wisdom, that self-righteous propagandist, has it that Republican House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's trouncing by an academic, tea-sipping nobody marks the end of the GOP establishment.

The tea party candidate *crushed* Cantor, they say. The old-guard Republican Party is toast! It's over. *Finito.*

And those were the Democrats talking.

Funny thing is, the tea party folks had been saying more or less the same thing, for exactly the same reason. It fit the narrative that served both groups. The tea party was losing its power to overthrow the titans. Witness the primary victories of a couple of old-timer targets, South Carolina's Lindsey Graham and Kentucky's Mitch McConnell.

The Democratic Party was losing its narrative that the tea party wacko-birds control the GOP.

Thus, Dave Brat, the Republican nominee for Cantor's seat, was a gift from Google. Or God. But I repeat myself. The narrative is back, baby!

In the nation's capital, the mourning for Cantor was over faster than a Rick Perry gay fundraiser. It is an awesome day — or something — when Nancy Pelosi and Ted Cruz are grinning about the same state of affairs. You don't know whether to signal Scotty to beam you up or whistle for Toto.

The truth is, the tea party will be lucky to oust Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran in a primary runoff, though it would hardly be considered a rout. Cochran has been on the run lately, stumbling over a series of errors and literally dashing out the back door of one event to evade CNN's Dana Bash.

And, as though the South needed one more anecdote to convince the rest of the nation that something seriously strange has contaminated the region's DNA, Cochran recently reminisced fondly of his days doing "all kinds of indecent things with animals," when he was just a young lad visiting the state's Pine Belt.

"I know some of you know what that is," he told the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, audience.

Oh, do tell. On second thought, don't.

Two victories, assuming the second, hardly bestow bragging rights on the tea party. Nor, consequently, would they bolster the Democratic narrative that the tea party has conquered the GOP.

Also, let's not forget, Cantor wasn't an old establishment guy. He was one of the "Young Guns," the title of the book in which he, Kevin McCarthy and Paul Ryan featured themselves as the new generation of conservative leadership. Those are some highfalutin words to live up to.

Reality check: People who self-identify as "young guns" are setting themselves up to get shot down. It isn't that they can't gun-sling with the best of them; it's that they feel the need to tell you they can.

Young gun, eh? We'll see about that.

Indeed, the tea party didn't really support the Republican Brat (how delicious is that name?), who raised a measly $231,000 to Cantor's $5.7 million. Conservative, tea-party-leaning Republicans ultimately may have supported him, in part thanks to talk radio promoters, but they weren't expecting Brat to win any more than he was.

Brat, an economics professor at Randolph-Macon College, was so surprised that he has yet to think out his platform. Other than water-cooler talks at the gym about ethical systems, free markets and the rule of law (read, "no amnesty"), he hasn't really nailed down his policy positions.

So MSNBC's Chuck Todd discovered upon asking Brat on Wednesday about raising the minimum wage. Sort of breezy with his answer, saying he didn't have a "well-crafted response," and "you can't make up wage rates," Brat explained that he didn't get much sleep the night before.

Poor Zachary Werrell, Brat's 23-year-old campaign manager, who was so overwhelmed that he couldn't find time to return a call to House Speaker John Boehner and had to scramble to hire a communications staffer. In the meantime, Werrell uttered the saddest words in political history:

"We're not going to be making any statements until we get professional PR help," he said in an interview with Politico.

Brat, in other words, isn't quite ready for the prime-time slot he's expected to win in November. But he had something Cantor didn't have — a ground game. Brat's lack of political sophistication served him well. Instead of watching polls, he knocked on doors. As for Cantor, the polls showed him winning, so why bother to press flesh?

Here's another reality check: It's always about the ground game.

This is the real lesson of Cantor's stunning defeat. Sometimes a loser is just a loser.

OUR VIEW

Looking for a new home? We have a series you should read

We are in need of housing for the people who continue to move to Midland. Nearly 3,000 more people were working in Midland in April of this year compared to a year earlier, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Regular readers of "Our View" know this is not a new issue. We appreciate the work of community leaders trying to make up for the lack of housing around our city. We're still behind in the number of homes needed, but at least leaders are making an effort.

In today's edition, the Reporter-Telegram is offering the first of a three-part series on the impact of the increased construction in Midland. Business reporter Cale Ottens provides our readers with a look at challenges that go with the booming economy.

Those challenges include:

- a city inspection staff that has not grown while construction has nearly doubled during the last decade;
- high labor turnover and how it has been problematic for builders; and
- Texas' lax regulations, which don't require builders to be licensed, thus limiting accountability.

Our goal is not to deter needed development but to make readers aware of the challenges faced by prospective home buyers. We are not trying to scare people; we want to provide information.

And if the city is only checking to make sure a structure meets the minimum standards of the building code adopted by the city or if the rush to build homes brings questions about quality, a buyer needs to make sure his or her interests are protected.

The newspaper could recommend adding inspection staff to provide more coverage for 9,550 permits issued in 2013 (an increase of more than 84 percent from 2004, according to city records). However, Steve Thorpe, the city's building official, says the city is not there yet. He also reminds us, it is "our job is to enforce the code minimum, [but] meeting code doesn't always mean that it meets people's standards."

Ultimately, the buyer — not government — is responsible for making sure the builder is reputable and the house is inspected in a way that results in a better product. For most people, this product will be the largest investment they will ever make.

Please take a look at our series that continues June 22 and 29. And if you are a future new home buyer, use that information to make yourself a smarter buyer.

We are excited to see so many more housing opportunities for people who want to live and work in Midland. And for those looking for a new home, we hope you take the steps needed to get exactly what you want.

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Immigration issue sinks Cantor

■ A populist surge was enough to sink the No. 2 Republican who appeared interested in acting on immigration bill

RICH LOWRY
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The seeds of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's shocking primary loss may have been sown in January.

That's when House Republican leaders insisted on floating a set of immigration principles at the party's retreat as a gesture toward acting on the Senate Gang of Eight immigration bill. The principles were shelved, but they stoked the worst fears of opponents of the Gang of Eight bill — that no matter how dead the bill seemed, it could be revived instantly.

The principles helped keep the issue alive, and in so doing, lit the long fuse on the stick of dynamite that ignited in Virginia's 7th Congressional District.

Eric Cantor wouldn't be on the top of anyone's list of victims of an immigration backlash. He's not John McCain or Lindsey Graham. His offense was speaking in favor of an unspecified version of the DREAM Act and making occasional favorable sounds about more far-reaching legislation.

The standard for convicting Cantor, it turns out, wasn't guilt beyond a reasonable doubt or preponderance of evidence. It was simple suspicion. Conservatives suspected that the House leadership wanted to pass immigration reform, no matter what it might say, and suspected that Cantor would be part of it, no matter what he might say. The message of the district's primary voters on immigration was, "We don't trust you."

There are few issues in American life that so justify a thoroughgoing cynicism as immigration. The political elite has never cared about enforcing immigration laws; it invariably sells whatever is the latest version of "comprehensive" reform in dishonest terms; and it has an ill-disguised contempt for the alleged boobs who take immigration enforcement seriously.

Of course, Cantor couldn't have possibly lost, let alone lost by double digits, if he wasn't vulnerable more broadly. Compared with his underfunded, underdog opponent, Cantor was the well-heeled Big Dollar candidate, the powerful Inside Washington candidate, the highly connected Big Business candidate. In most circumstances, these are formidable strengths, but David Brat used them against Cantor in an act of populist jujitsu.

The insurgent candidate's opposition to amnesty was part of a larger anti-Washington and anti-Wall Street working-class message. Brat constantly linked immigration to jobs and wages. In his closing argument, he said, "Cantor continues to work with multinational corporations to boost the inflow of low-wage guest workers to reduce Virginians' wages and employment opportunities." He attacked the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable. He tweeted out a picture of Cantor posing with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg — an enthusiast for the importation of more foreign workers — with the caption "Eric Cantor doesn't represent you."

In a nutshell, Brat took a version of the populist conservatism championed by Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions (and the influential, Brat-supporting talk-show host Laura Ingraham) and weaponized it against Cantor. It proved incredibly powerful.

The Brat message is one that all Republicans should heed. If the GOP is ever going to become identified as the pro-worker party again, it must oppose flooding the labor market with new, wage-suppressing foreign labor at the behest of business interests. But obviously this can't be the entirety of the Republican agenda. The irony is that Cantor has been one of the Republicans trying to fill in the rest of the picture with a bread-and-butter economic agenda aimed at ordinary workers.

Indeed, Eric Cantor's contributions to the party have been considerable. He rose in the House as a young reformer when the House Republicans had a literally corrupt establishment. A tireless party-builder and committed (if realistic) conservative, he did much to nurture the Republican candidates who took the House in 2010.

If he and other members of the leadership had unmistakably slammed the door on the Gang of Eight bill or any permutations of it, he would probably still be on his way to the speakership. Now, the bill is dead, and so is his House career.

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Cantor was an insider who was outed

■ Virginia Republicans didn't like what they saw in the GOP establishment and voted Cantor out

The favorite term to describe Republican House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's primary loss to an unknown was "Earthquake!?" The New York Time's 2012 election-predictor guru Nate Silver — now with his own firm — even produced graphs comparing all 3.5 or higher Southern California earthquakes since 1999 to House incumbent loses in primaries since 2010.

I can't blame Silver for having a little fun. The truth is, we were all shocked and gobsmacked because we believed the Republican "establishment" was unshakable. So when their ground shook, we were stunned. A Virginia college professor, Dave Brat, has demonstrated voters could collapse the Republican establishment in the 2012 election.

He called it a miracle from God. I call it "chickens coming home to roost."

Cantor's defeat means the 2014 election is no longer in the bag for the Republicans. And that, dear reader, truly is a political earthquake. We should not underestimate the magnitude of what just happened. This was a rebellion against Republican leaders in Washington. They are no longer outsiders.

The popular analysis is that Cantor, a consistent foe of immigration reform, was beaten because his opponent made immigration a key issue in the closing weeks of the campaign. Brat leveled an untrue charge that Cantor favored amnesty. If that issue resonated with voters at all, it was because it positioned Brat as a man with personal convictions. By contrast, though Cantor's been a staunch foe of immigration reform, many charge Cantor with talking about it in such a way as to play both sides.

Public Policy Polling (PPP), a Democratic polling firm, polled Cantor's district on primary day, and found 72 percent of them supported immigration reform. Lest you think PPP's affiliation affects its polling, know that several studies of 2012 presidential election pollsters put PPP on top of the list for accuracy. No, immigration reform did not defeat Cantor.

Eric Cantor defeated Cantor.

Voters in his district awakened to the reality that Cantor wasn't the solution to doublespeak, Washington insider cronyism and gridlock. He was part of the problem.

Cantor was an inside-the-Beltway operative. He was so busy running as K Street's man to replace John Boehner as speaker of the House that he forgot his real constituents lived in Virginia.

That's the truth of it.

Red State, a conservative online publication, put it this way: "Cantor's constituent services moved more toward focusing on running the Republican House majority than his congressional district. K Street, the den of Washington lobbyists, became his chief constituency."

There were signs Cantor saw this too late. At a district Republican convention held in Richmond shortly before the election, Cantor's pick for the 7th Congressional District Republican chairmanship lost. And when Cantor addressed the convention — key, active members of his own party — he spoke for only 24 seconds before they drowned him out with boos.

PPP primary day polling also found Cantor had developed serious negatives among constituents. Only 43 percent of Republican voters approved of Cantor's job performance.

How did professional pollsters miss what was clearly a pervasive rebellion against Cantor as a Washington insider? How did they miss this massive voter movement — not just of tea party Republicans, but of most Republican voters in Cantor's district — against the Republican

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KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Platform debate creates interesting times for GOP

■ Unfied party? Far from it when it was time for the grassroots to talk and vote on the platform

Some lingering notions from last weekend's GOP state convention in Fort Worth:

First, a party that suffers, among some, from an image of being harsh and heartless was lucky to have Chairman Steve Munisteri running the show. Munisteri's relaxed manner helped put a friendly face on the convention, including when he humorously confronted delegates who asked questions being asked for the fourth time. At one point he said he felt like a preacher who "gave a sermon against drinking and sees the guy at a bar the next hour." (Why the preacher would be at a bar was left unanswered.)

In seeking adherence to rules of order, Munisteri told delegates, "If you don't go by God's rules, you need to go by Robert's Rules." And once, surprised by what he saw when he saw himself on the big screen, Munisteri wondered when he'd gotten that fat (his word).

Another lasting memory is the amateur hour feel of the Saturday platform debate. Despite Munisteri's efforts to precisely explain what was going on, many delegates seemed confused. There were several votes on how something would be voted on.

And the voting process disenfranchised people like GOP gubernatorial nominee Greg Abbott (a paraplegic in a wheelchair). Votes were registered by standing up, an embarrassing situation that Munisteri changed (he allowed show of hands) after a delegate rightfully complained about it.

The platform got done late Saturday afternoon (Munisteri reminded delegates he had tickets to the Saturday night IndyCar Series race at nearby Texas Motor Speedway) but the process was less than inspiring. Though delegates handle it as if they are making laws, state party platform fights often seem like much ado about not too much that anybody outside the hall cares about (though

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MISD Superintendant Ryder Warren participates in a school board meeting.

Budget deficit leaves MISD, Midlanders to make big decisions

■ Cutting large amounts out of the budget mandates cutting staff

RYDER WARREN
MISD superintendent

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to their summer. We are very busy in the school district — summer school has cranked up, and I am very proud of the efforts I'm seeing from our kids and our staff who are involved. From an administrative viewpoint, we are very busy with two of our main summer challenges. We are working every day to make sure our schools, programs and departments are properly staffed for the upcoming school year, and we are putting together our 2014-15 district budget.

It is the latter — our budget — that I want to speak on this week. Last Monday during our regular June meeting of the MISD board of trustees, I gave a presentation to our board members regarding our budget process this year and specific issues that have arisen during the budget preparation. I feel these budget issues are very important to every stakeholder of our community, so I am going to go into more detail regarding our budgetary challenges for the 2014-15 school year and beyond.

Last Monday, we first discussed local MISD issues with which we are dealing. The first was solely focused on academic demands. Over the last several months, I've had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of community/business leaders, community service groups and MISD parents and caregivers. As both the superintendent and as a parent of one recent graduate and two kids who are still in our schools, I have truly enjoyed the discussions I've had with these groups as we discussed and planned for increased academic programs and opportunities for our children. The support we are seeing for these improvements has been phenomenal.

On top of local expectations for service to our children, the state of Texas continues to push increased academic demands onto our students. As with every one of the 1,100 school districts in the state, we are dealing with new curriculum standards that our teachers will have to master; we are dealing with an ever-increasing focus on the state mandated student assessment tool — STAAR; and we are dealing with the new accountability system that takes the STAAR results and labels our students, our campuses and the district as a whole.

MISD is also dealing with two local challenges that affect almost every decision we make in the district, which are the following: (1) Midland ISD has become what is termed in the state as a "Fast Growth" school district. Our student enrollment continues to grow (mostly because of our phenomenal economy), and we are tasked to plan staffing patterns and educational programs to serve our current and our future students; and (2) Midland ISD has become an official "Chapter 41" school district.

There are two chapters in the Texas Education Code that deal with school finance — Chapters 41 and 42. If school districts fall under Chapter 41, this means they are considered "property wealthy" by the state, and they are subject to the Robin Hood law that mandates local tax dollars be taken from the district and spread to other school districts in the state that are considered "property poor."

Emphasizing the challenges of our Chapter 41 status, we can no longer solely plan year to year for our budget cycles. Because we know that our funds will be taken from us, we must plan as far in the future as possible to understand how current decisions will affect us financially in the future. The following are our current Robin Hood obligations that we have predicted, using the current finance laws, that will be taken from us over the next four years: 2014-15 school year = $32.4 million / 2015-16 school year = $43.9 million / 2016-17 school year = $47 million / 2017-18 school year = $52.8 million. Again, these are local tax dollars that will not be spent on our children.

To begin our budget preparation for any particular school year, there are two simple, yet very important, steps that must be taken. We must know what the district's revenue will be for the year, and we must estimate our intended expenses in regard to personnel, programs and operations. Because MISD is both a Chapter 41 school district and we know we will be losing local funds to comply with the Texas finance laws, and because we know we are a fast growth district and must plan for more new students entering our schools every year, these two estimates become even more important as we put together our budget.

So, in the 2014-15 (and beyond) budget process presentation to our board members last Monday, I started with a calculation of our projected revenue. Based on local taxable values of $18.7 billion and our maintenance and operations tax rate of $1.04 — MISD will collect about $213 million from local taxes, a little bit of federal grant funds, and an even smaller amount of state funds. We will then turn around and cut checks back to the state totaling $32.4 million to comply with the Robin Hood law. We are looking at our net income to be around $180.9 million for the 2014-15 school year. If we compare this amount to our funds we had available for the school year we just concluded, we have about $4.9 million more available for this year's expenditures.

Before we plan for any additional staff and/or programs for our current students and the new students we are predicting, just taking care of our current MISD employees creates huge challenges. The district has aggressively fought against the Midland cost of living on behalf of our staff members, and we must continue to do so. For the upcoming school year, we have multiple salary initiatives for every current employee of the district. We are recommending an across-the-board raise for everyone, we are looking at retention stipends for both non-certified and professional support staff, and we are recommending specific salary adjustments for positions and/or departments that are no longer competitive or are critically under-staffed.

If we look at all of these initiatives for current staff members, we realize the following figures: (1) Personnel Pay Raises = $3.3 million, (2) Support Staff Retention Stipends = $1.7

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Increased spending doesn't translate to better education

If Ryder Warren worked in the private sector, he would have already been fired. In any job I know, when you fail to meet goals and come up millions short of budget, you get fired.

The numbers all show that Midland's children are far below the state average in every subject. Obviously, this proves that throwing more money into the schools here doesn't translate into a better education for our students. I have seen children who have just graduated and cannot add 8 plus 7 or write a coherent sentence, yet MISD pushed them through the system to make state goals for more state money.

Warren has been given millions from the private sector, above and beyond the tax money he receives, and still he wants more — $3.7 million more, to be exact. According to Warren, this money could come from eliminating the homestead exemption, raising taxes or cutting the budget, but he doesn't recommend cutting the budget. Why not? That's what everyone else does when they don't have enough money. They cut expenses in order to live within their means.

Warren, it's time for you to step aside. If you do not, it's time for the school board to step up and fire you. Midlanders, it's time to let these people know that we are tired of having our hard-earned money taken with nothing to show for it.

Bob Crites

MISD shortfall result of poor planning, management

MISD says they have a $3.7 million shortage. I ask, whose fault is it? Who cannot budget correctly? Convenient, yes, that the article ran just above about how MISD test results have risen.

At this point in time, there are more residents in Midland paying taxes, and sales tax revenue dollars are the highest they have ever been. Why in the world is MISD short? Poor planning and management. The $40,000 raise given to Warren is 1 percent of the shortage. He should decline that, as, in his own words, "no raise until I earn it," and earn it he has not.

Why are we paying big bucks for a superintendent to be so stupid? Twenty-three MISD employees earn more than $100,000 a year. 75 MISD employees earn more than $80,000 a year — most are administrators, not educators.

Thank you, MRT, for "Our View" sums it up pretty well. If Warren is short of money, then he needs to use some of the $6 million Midland foolishly awarded him and MISD last November.

Jackie Ward

It's ludicrous to protest ban by taking in guns

Pogo said we have met the enemy and they are us.

There are not many things I find myself in agreement with this paper and the NRA, but this is one of them. Why any group of people would take semi-automatic long guns into a business to protest their policy to ban concealed firearms is ludicrous.

Unless you are wearing a duster from a Clint Eastwood movie, how are you going to conceal the long gun? And if you are wearing a duster, everyone is going to think you are up to no good.

There are better ways to make your point. Stage a rally during peak business hours with protest signs. Tie up their phones by calling during peak hours and voicing your opposition to their new policy banning concealed carrying of firearms. Write letters or postcards to corporate offices.

Please do not alienate businesses that would otherwise be our friends.

And Pogo was right.

Dennis Walker

Propaganda machine attacking University of Texas

■ Texans should get the whole story, not just cherry-picked facts from special interests

RICHARD LESHIN
Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education founding member

It's been said that there are degrees of falsehood: lies, damn lies and statistics. Unfortunately, for Texans, all three are being employed by a fringe propaganda machine churning out lies about The University of Texas at Austin and its leadership.

For anyone who hasn't been paying attention, the recent impeachment investigation of UT System Regent Wallace L. Hall Jr. has brought to light a nasty and ongoing battle over leadership of UT Austin.

On one hand, you have a world-ranked university with Nobel-prize winning faculty and graduates, such as Adm. William McRaven, who are literally and figuratively changing the world.

On the other you have a web of extremist special-interest groups who blanket their grassroots organizations and the lawmakers beholden to them with false information, innuendo and cherry-picked facts to paint a picture of a university that is purportedly rampant with corruption and fiscal mismanagement. Their fliers, mailers and "news" outlets feverishly churn out hyperbolic content intended to support their narrative and persuade voters and lawmakers that there is something illegal, rotten and corrupt happening at UT.

But just because they say so, doesn't make it true. Unfortunately, if it keeps getting reprinted, retweeted, reposted and repeated, people start believing it. But let's look at the facts.

The propaganda machine will tell you that the university's admissions process is flawed and admitting subpar students because of political influence.

They highlight an example from the Law School — a 59 percent February Bar Exam passage rate — as evidence. What they don't tell you is that the Law School's annual pass rate is reliably above 90 percent — one of the best in the nation. The February passage rate was based on just 17 students taking the bar. Is 59 percent accurate? Yes. Does it tell the full picture? No.

Regent Hall, in a presumed effort to uncover wrongdoing, demanded an inquiry into the University's admissions process. The report he requested that was publicly released in May, "did not uncover any evidence of a systematic, structured or centralized process of reviewing and admitting applicants recommended by influential individuals" and did not reveal "any evidence of a quid pro quo for admissions decisions, or other wrongdoing." It did call for a review of processes, which UT Austin and all campuses will participate in.

Regent Hall apparently did not like the outcome of the investigation, and the propaganda machine that supports him is now out to discredit it and use selective information to paint a narrative more to its liking.

These same special interests will try to suggest that the impeachment proceedings against Hall are politically motivated. They are attempting to malign the integrity of the elected public officials who have the responsibility to investigate. They suggest something nefarious in a "hand-picked 'Transparency' committee," giving the illusion that there are political strings being pulled to accomplish impeachment.

The fact is that all legislative committees are selected in the House by the speaker and in the Senate by the lieutenant governor. This is not new, nor is it nefarious — and the fact that it is so easily being twisted is a damning indictment of the lack of civic awareness of the basic workings of the Texas Legislature. Further, the Transparency Committee was in place before the impeachment issue was even introduced. Speaker Joe Straus prudently slowed efforts to impeach Regent Hall, by stopping an effort by one legislator and moving it into the committee for a full, fair and thorough investigation. The committee hired special counsel, spent significant time in hearings and reviewing materials, and ultimately concluded that Hall indeed committed impeachable offenses, and in fact, may have committed illegal acts, and thus the matter has been referred to the Travis County District Attorney, which is now investigating.

Regent Hall and the special interests don't like the outcome of the Transparency Committee's work, so now they are attacking the process and the actors associated with it.

Texans deserve better. They deserve fact-based conversations about real issues facing the state. The breathless, incendiary and outlandish propaganda being spewed forth from a fount of special-interest groups does nothing to further our state's education system, our public policy or our politics. Texans should demand better.

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WARREN

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million, and (3) Department Salary Adjustments = $820,500. These salary initiatives to retaining our staff come out to around $5.8 million — meaning our $4.9 million of additional funds are already used before we get to our growth planning processes.

Now, usually this time of year — right at the beginning of the summer — we are always in an estimated deficit situation. Normally we are between $100,000 to $500,000 from obtaining a balanced budget recommendation for our board, and we whittle this down throughout the summer, so we can bring that balanced budget to our board for adoption at the end of the summer.

However, because of the exorbitant amount of funds we will not have access to because of the Robin Hood system, this number is estimated to be $3.7 million. The main point of my presentation to our school board members is that as a board, as a school district, and as a community, we are going to have to decide how we proceed from here. As I stated above, we cannot just look year to year, we have to plan for financial excellence as far into the future as we can.

In this new world of Robin Hood in which we are living, the decisions are difficult as we juggle the needs of our students and the needs of our taxpayers, parents and community members; however, we do have options to stand up to this challenge.

(1) As with years past, the board can instruct the MISD administration to cut whatever expenditure requests remain that are over the estimated revenue, thereby creating a balanced budget to be presented to the board in August. This would mostly mean cutting additional personnel needs to address student enrollment growth. More than 80 percent of our budget is personnel costs, so cutting large amounts out of the budget mandates cutting staff. We would not cut any existing positions, but we would not fill those positions that have been created as we predict growth.

(2) The board can access the district's fund balance in order to cover the shortfall we have at this time. The Texas Education Agency's recommendation to Texas school districts is to carry at least a three-month fund balance in order to have necessary emergency funds to cover expenditures if funding, for whatever reason, ceased. MISD has almost exactly the three-month recommendation — we will have $52 million at the beginning of next school year. The one real problem I have with accessing the fund balance for the 2014-15 year is that we will no doubt be forced to use it in the coming years, because the Robin Hood payments will get so large in a short amount of time. If we begin using the fund balance for the 2014-15 school year, the projections show that, under current law, the district will use the entire balance within five years.

(3) The board can vote to request additional tax dollars from our taxpayers by requesting additional pennies be added onto our current maintenance & operation tax rate. As I discussed above, our current rate is $1.04. By Texas law, this is the highest rate any local school board can assess on a community. The Texas Legislature, several years ago, set apart school boards from any other taxing authority (cities, counties, hospital districts, etc.). Texas school board members may not vote to raise M&O taxes beyond the $1.04 for local need. Any pennies above the $1.04 must be approved in a specially-called election in which voters may approve or disapprove the tax rate increase. If our school board deems any more cuts could negatively impact the district, it could call for an election this fall.

(4) The board could, by a majority vote, elect to eliminate the local Homestead Exemption we created in 1984 for district homeowners. At this time, home owners within Midland ISD not only qualify for the required $15,000 exemption, MISD also carries another 10 percent local option exemption. From our revenues each year, MISD has elected to give back over $4.1 million (yearly) to our homeowners. In dealing with some harsh economic times, we have felt it very important to provide this exemption to Midlanders.

For everyone's information as we proceed, after discussing these options of our school board, none of the members were supportive of eliminating the homestead exemption. The unique issues we are dealing with as we live in Midland are a challenge to everyone, and the comments the board members made in relation to the exemption was that it needed to be protected.

I also need to explain option No. 3 better, which is asking the public for additional tax dollars in order to fund a budget that will address what we feel are real needs (and not wants) of the district. I provided a tax rate analysis of the remaining pennies that are allowed by Texas law. By local voter approval, a school district can access up to $1.17 for its M&O tax rate.

For our purposes, an additional 2 cents — $1.06 total M&O rate — would net the district an estimated $3.737 million. This would fund both current and growth needs of the new budget, and this is what our school board members will be contemplating during this summer's budget process. Another fact of this is that these two pennies would also mandate an additional $15,000 be added to our Robin Hood payment. As Chapter 41 districts increase revenue, the mandated payment increases as well.

Seeking guidance from our community through the election is a process I feel works. As with the elementary bond initiative, we received a Midland answer for the expectations for our buildings, and I feel a tax rate election (TRE) would give us guidance, not only for next year's budget but for the future as well. As we deal with the ever-increasing Robin Hood payments, we do know something will have to change, because we cannot continue to operate having that many tax dollars removed from our schools on a yearly basis.

As we work through the summer, we will also have a complete plan in place on the cuts necessary to bring a balanced budget to the board and to the community. There will be several areas in which our district's administrators will look to make these cuts. We will look at many different department and program budgets, and we will also analyze staffing recommendations for our campuses and departments that were requested in light of our student enrollment growth estimates. The bottom line is that we will have a plan to put in place to assure our expenditures will balance with our estimated revenue.

Please know that any comments, questions and guidance anyone can give us on this issue will be greatly appreciated. I've already started talking to community groups about these options and have already garnered very insightful opinions. You may send your thoughts on this directly to me at ryder.warren@midlandisd.net. As usual, we truly appreciate your support of our students and our schools in Midland.

HERMAN

From 11A

the opposition likes to point out particularly nutty nuttiness. The Dems wasted no time in sending a fundraising email noting such things as the GOP platform's call to get the U.S. out of the U.N. and vice versa.)

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz showed no interest in the platform, opting to "leave the platform to the grassroots delegates here at the convention." I asked if he'd support the platform. "As I just said," he said, "I'm going to leave the platform to the grassroots voters of Texas."

In another time, then-Gov. George W. Bush distanced himself from the state platform by saying he hadn't read it.

When the convention ended Saturday afternoon (in time for Munisteri to get to the auto race), he declared it successful and the party unified, despite tension caused by removing the guest worker provision from the platform.

And, post adjournment, I found tension at the back of the hall, where there was an animated argument sparked by gay delegates incensed that they'd been denied floor time to discuss a new plank that recognizes "the legitimacy and efficacy of counseling, which offers reparative therapy and treatment for those patients seeking healing and wholeness from their homosexual lifestyle."

"We did not get to present our case ... and this is the old-guard Republican Party stepping in saying 'Oh, we won't let any of the gay people speak at all, we will discontinue the convention' and that's exactly what they've done," said David Keeton, whose credentials included stickers that said "gay veteran" and "no need for repair."

These days there are lots of uncomfortable political places to be. It's difficult to imagine one much more uncomfortable than being a gay American who believes in almost everything the Republican Party, the party proud of its belief in individual freedom and liberty, believes in.

BRAZILE

From 11A

Party establishment?

Pollsters and professional analysts overlooked the fact that dissatisfaction with their Republican leader's conduct wasn't just confined to a litmus test of their conservative "purity." Cantor came to represent some politicians inside the Beltway who no longer believe they need the folks back home to keep them in power.

In the end, not even standard appeals to GOP voters' partisan dislike of all things Obama could overcome a growing perception — and disgust — of being flatly ignored. Add to this that Brat ran as a Republican populist. Primary voters believe Brat has real convictions. That he is for the middle class and against those in Washington, such as Mitch McConnell and Cantor, who represent one square mile of Wall Street at all times.

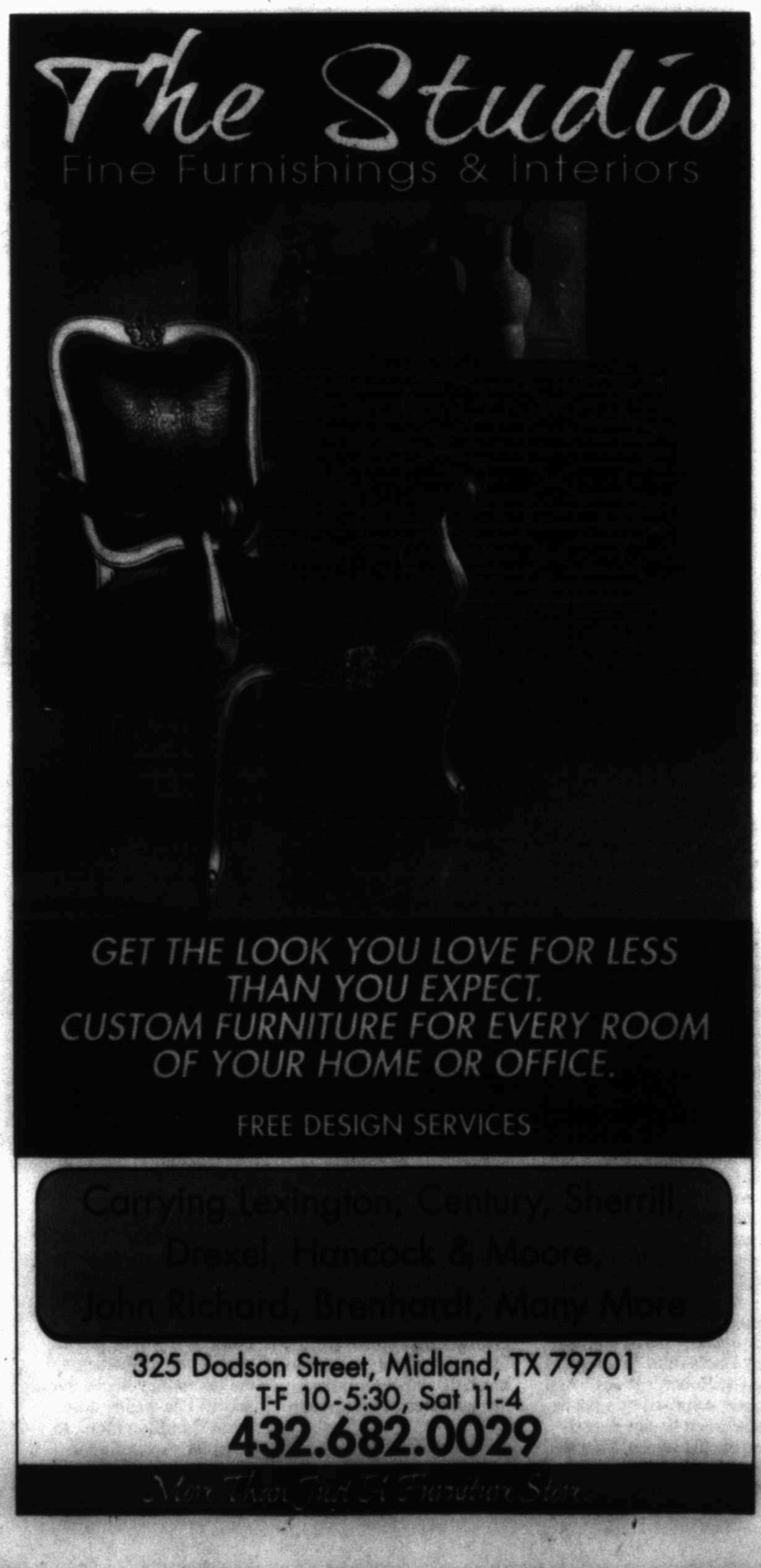
Brat's Republican populism wasn't caught by pollsters because many, as in 1948, apparently stopped polling. Cantor's pollster predicted he'd win by a 34 percent margin. Internal polls aren't always believed by professionals. But they apparently did believe the Republican establishment to be "voterproof" against any challenge by a newcomer with pocket change and lint for campaign funds.

The electorate had expanded, and Cantor's polling models apparently didn't reflect this. Cantor's district had been gerrymandered to include more Republicans, and ironically, that hurt him most. The more Republicans of any stripe who showed up to vote — and there were a little more than in the last mid-term back in 2010 — the more trouble Cantor was in.

On primary day, a candidate who doesn't take the voters for granted would be outdoors on the hustle for votes, calling last-minute undecided voters, showing up at high-voting precincts or greeting workers at factory gates. Cantor was hosting a regular monthly meeting he held at a Capitol Hill Starbucks with campaign contributors to the party.

He was back in Washington, D.C., and not home asking his constituents for their votes.

Perceived insincerity and a growing personal dislike and distrust of Cantor did him in. He became the poster boy for the Republican establishment, which Republicans of all stripes no longer like.



Employers grappling with surge of e-cigarette popularity

By Mark Fisher
Cox Newspapers

DAYTON, Ohio — Some large employers are expanding their no-smoking policies to cover electronic cigarettes just as the popularity of the tobacco-free devices surges.

A national organization of human-resources professionals advises members that there are some perfectly valid reasons to ban e-cigarettes, but also warns of backlash from employees who are using the products in order to quit smoking. E-cigarette entrepreneurs said it's unfair to treat e-cigarettes the same as tobacco.

The Dayton region's largest employer, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, considers e-cigarettes to be the same as tobacco products, according to Bill Hancock, a base spokesman. All tobacco products and e-cigarettes are prohibited in Air Force installations except in designated smoking areas or in housing units.

The use of tobacco "damages personal health and detracts from unit mission readiness" and "reflects poorly on professional image (and) appearance," Hancock wrote in response to an email inquiry. And the Air Force's tobacco policy includes e-cigarettes just as it does smokeless tobacco products, the spokesman said.

Community Mercy Health Partners, Wright State University, Sinclair Community College and Kettering Health Network are among the region's other employers that already include e-cigarettes in their no-smoking policies. An e-cigarette cartridge is filled with a flavored nicotine liquid, which becomes an inhalable vapor when heated by the battery-powered device.

Tim Dutton, vice president of human resources for Kettering Health Network, said allowing e-cigarettes would create confusion in the enforcement of the network's no-smoking policy because the practice "would create a public impression that cigarette smoking is condoned."

CareSource and the University of Dayton officials said they are reviewing their smoking policies to determine whether e-cigarettes should be added to the list of prohibited products. And while Montgomery County's employee policies don't currently mention e-cigarettes, "We will be including e-cigarettes in our no smoking policy" soon, a spokeswoman for the county said.

There are several reasons to ban e-cigarettes in the workplace: employers accustomed to a smoke-free workplace might not want to allow employees to appear as if they are smoking cigarettes; employees who see co-workers use e-cigarettes will question why they can't; and some employees might say that they are allergic to the vapor.

But attorneys who specialize in workplace issues told the Society for Human Resource Management that employers should first weigh the costs and benefits of an outright ban because they run the risk of backlash from employees who are using the products to help wean themselves off tobacco. Some who rely on e-cigarettes in the workplace may do so because they are trying to quit smoking, meaning e-cigarettes may help workers smoke fewer tobacco cigarettes.

Ohio's smoking ban is limited to tobacco products and does not cover e-cigarettes, which were developed in China and entered the U.S. market in 2007. Since then, sales and popularity have jumped. The percentage of smokers who have tried e-cigarettes rose from 2 percent in 2010 to as high as 30 percent in 2012.

Advocates and retailers said e-cigarettes can ease the craving for nicotine without the user inhaling tar and other harmful chemicals found in tobacco. But public health officials are concerned that nicotine is being delivered in a form that may lure children and adolescents.

Ohio already bans the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, and the FDA last month proposed a nationwide ban on sales to minors as well as regulations that would require warning labels and approval for new products. But the agency stopped short of proposing product standards or restrictions on flavorings.

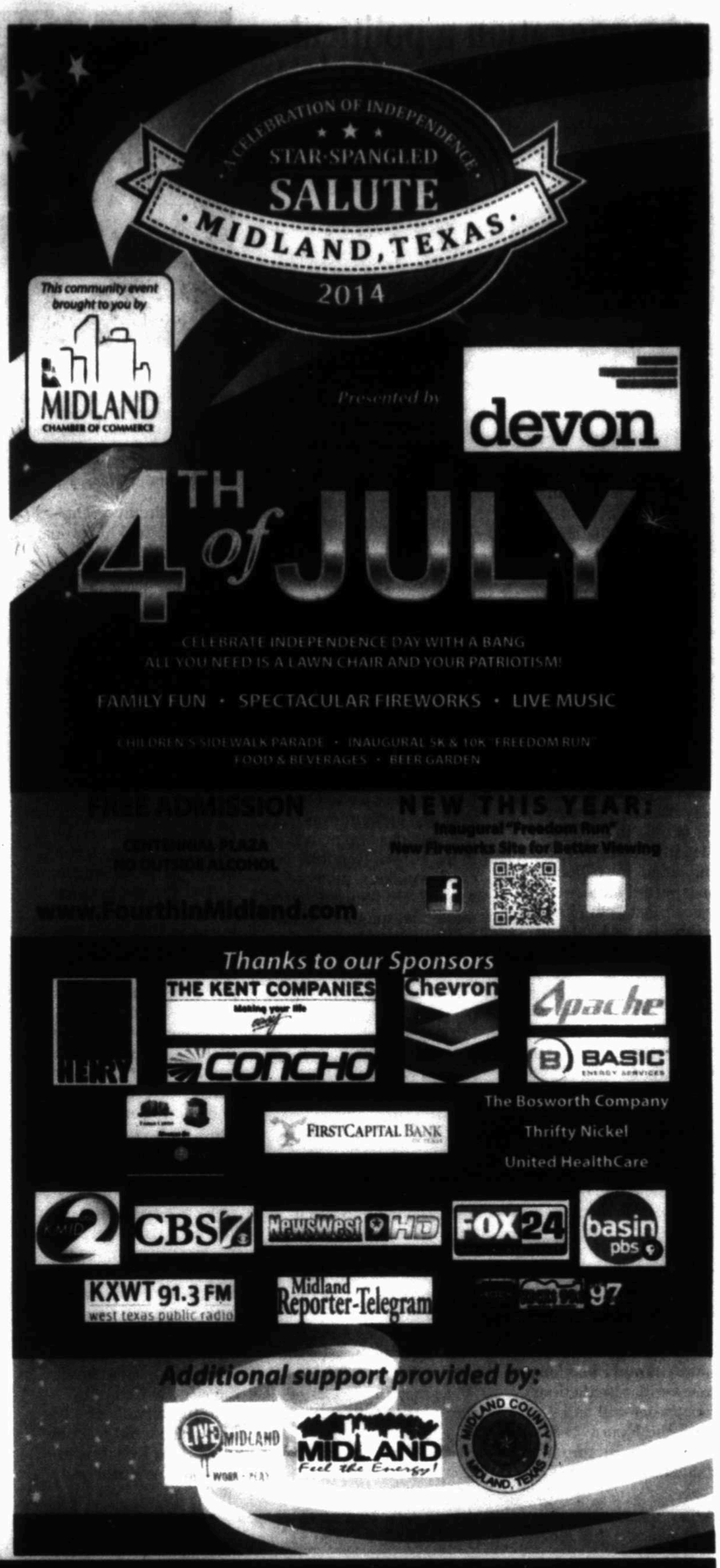
On Tuesday, the American Medical Association called for reining in the sale and marketing practices of e-cigarette companies, calling for restrictions of flavors that appeal to minors and a prohibition of what an AMA news release called "unsupported marketing claims as a tobacco cessation tool."

The movement toward regulating e-cigarettes seems to be gaining momentum on the municipal-government level as well. Chicago has banned e-cigarette smoking indoors, and Philadelphia prohibits "vaping" in the workplace. Last week, Oberlin, Ohio's city council approved legislation banning the use of e-cigarettes in public.

Chris Voudris, who opened his first Vapor Haus shop in Dayton in late 2013 and his second shop in nearby Kettering three weeks ago, said it's unfair to treat his store's products as tobacco.

"An e-cigarette should not be lumped in with a traditional cigarette, because it's simply not one," Voudris said. "There is not a single second-hand effect from electronic cigarettes.

"I believe that people should be respectable and abide by rules set out by each individual place. If someone were to politely ask me to not 'vape' inside a public place, I would be all right with putting the e-cigarette down and waiting for the appropriate time."



Immigration a political quandary for Republicans

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

DENVER — House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's startling primary loss this week to a tea party-backed opponent illustrates how the GOP finds itself paralyzed by immigration reform. The policy most party leaders agree is best for the Republican Party's future is risky for most House Republicans seeking re-election in the fall.

Almost all represent districts that are home to few minorities and they are in greater danger of losing to a primary challenger than to a Democrat in the general election. That leaves little incentive for the GOP-controlled House to even touch an immigration overhaul that would to grant citizenship to many of the 11 million people living in the country illegally.

Economics professor David Brat hammered Cantor, R-Va., for purportedly backing "amnesty" for people in the U.S. illegally during his primary challenge. He called his unexpected victory a wake-up call that "immigration reform is DOA." After Cantor's defeat, Republicans are left in a quandary before the 2016 election — what to do about an issue that's often a winner in primaries but could cripple the party in a White House race before a more diverse electorate.

"Pain can be a good teaching tool sometimes," said Mario H. Lopez, a Republican and executive director of the Hispanic Leadership Fund. "It may take another White House beat-down before some folks understand what kind of cliff they're walking over."

Many people involved in the immigration debate have similar predictions about what will happen next: The House takes no action on an immigration overhaul, President Barack Obama makes good on his promise to ease deportations by executive action later this summer, and that inflames the GOP even more, dooming any bill in 2015.

When the next presidential race gets underway, a broad field of the GOP's presidential candidates will be competing for the support of primary voters who are far more opposed to an immigration overhaul than most Americans.

To some Republicans, that brings back memories of 2012, when Republican Mitt Romney adopted tough-on-illegal-immigration rhetoric to win the Republican presidential primaries. On Election Day, Hispanic and Asian voters overwhelmingly backed Obama.

The lone policy recommendation of GOP's postmortem on Romney's loss was to pass immigration reform. While 14 Republican senators voted for an immigration overhaul that chamber passed last year, the measure was declared dead on arrival in the House. Republican lawmakers, many of whom were focused on the midterms, sought to avoid angering their base.

Immigration skeptics argue that's the right way for the party to appeal to the working class.

"There aren't enough rich people and there aren't enough businesspeople to elect people to office," said Roy Beck, president of Numbers USA, which advocates for less immigration and believes those in favor of an overhaul are catering to financial elites who want to import cheaper workers into the U.S. "They have to have wage-earners."

Immigrant rights groups complained that Cantor was part of the reason the overhaul died in the House, but as majority leader he opened the door to narrower measures that would grant citizenship to people brought to the U.S. illegally as children. That was enough to fuel his primary challenger.

It wasn't immigration alone that doomed Cantor. The Virginia congressman sowed resentment by spending too much time focused on national issues as majority leader and not enough tending to his district. Others note that South Carolina GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham, a chief architect of the Senate's immigration overhaul, easily won his primary Tuesday night against a batch of tea party challengers.

And yet, the message appears clear to Republicans in Congress. On Thursday, House Speaker John Boehner said a bill probably wouldn't be possible this year.

"Perception is reality in politics, and the perception among Republican members of Congress is going to be that (Cantor) lost because he took a somewhat squishy stance on immigration," said Republican pollster Glen Bolger, who expects similar caution among 2016 hopefuls.

"You'll see the volume turned way down on that," Bolger said. "You're going to see a lot more caution and a lot less risk-taking."

Among the 2016 prospects taking care with the issue is Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who has received a tepid reaction from some Republican activists for a proposal that would let some people living in the U.S. illegally receive citizenship. He told reporters this week the immigration debate has become too charged.

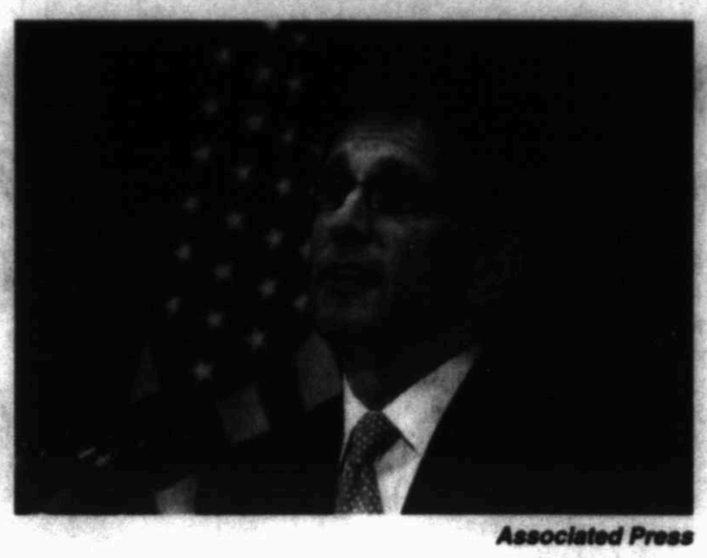
"We're trapped in this rhetoric and we have to get beyond that," Paul said.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio reversed course on immigration in the wake of a backlash from GOP activists that followed his work as one of the eight co-authors of the Senate overhaul. He now argues the country shouldn't consider creating a citizenship pathway until it secures its southern border.

"That was true before last night," Rubio said the day after Cantor lost. "That's especially true now."

Matt Schlapp, a Republican consultant who worked for President George W. Bush, said the varying politics of immigration doom the prospects for any near-term action. After this year's midterms, Democrats are sure to spend the next two years beating up on Republicans for the lack of movement, which in turn will lead the GOP to dig in deeper.

"If we have divided government, the politics have to work for both parties," Schlapp said. "Until we get these things worked out, this just isn't going to happen."



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House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., speaks at the Capitol in Washington on June 11. Cantor's startling primary loss throws into stark relief the reason Republicans find themselves paralyzed by immigration. The policy most party leaders agree is best for the GOP's future is risky for the vast majority of House Republicans seeking re-election in the fall.

5 things to know on polarized politics

WASHINGTON — Partisan and ideological polarization has grown dramatically in the last two decades, according to a survey of more than 10,000 Americans conducted by the Pew Research Center. A look at five findings that help explain the nation's political fissures:

Party unity increasingly ideological

Over the past 20 years, the share of Americans holding ideologically pure views has doubled, from 10 percent in 1994 to 21 percent now, according to the survey. And ideology is now more closely aligned with partisanship. Those holding strictly liberal or strictly conservative views across a battery of 10 issue questions now make up around 20 percent of each major party, and majorities in each now express views that are mostly one way.

Political engagement

The numbers of ideological purists are larger among the politically engaged than the general public, suggesting the ideological stalemates that have become more common in Washington and statehouses around the country are likely to continue. A third of those who say they regularly vote in primaries have all-or-nothing ideological views, as do 41 percent who say they have donated money to a campaign. Likewise, among partisans, the most politically engaged are also most likely to take an acrimonious view of the opposing party and denounce compromise, heightening pressure on elected officials to avoid cooperation across the aisle.

The shrinking middle

About 4 in 10 of those surveyed held a nearly even mix of liberal and conservative views, down from about half in 1994. But lack of consistency doesn't necessarily translate to lack of conviction. Sizable minorities within this group hold what could be considered ideologically extreme views. For example, 3 in 10 who hold a mix of liberal and conservative views generally take a hard line on abortion: 16 percent say it should be legal in every circumstance, 14 percent that it should always be illegal.

Issues and ideologues

Even among those on the ends of the ideological scale, who hold either consistently liberal or conservative positions generally, there is some nuance to their viewpoint. Among consistent liberals, 81 percent support limits on gun ownership, yet just 16 percent say only law enforcement officers should have guns. Likewise, though 9d percent of consistent conservatives prioritize protecting gun rights over restricting them, just 34 percent said there should be no ownership restrictions at all. Immigration seems an exception on the right, with more than 8 in 10 consistent conservatives who oppose a path to citizenship saying the government should make an effort to deport immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. For consistent liberals, the only issue in the survey that comes close is health care, where 6 in 10 who see health insurance as a government responsibility say there ought to be a single-payer program.

Lifestyle and culture

The polarization dominating politics now extends to everyday life, with shared political views a priority for many in their social lives and neighborhoods. Two-thirds of consistent conservatives and half of consistent liberals say most of their close friends share their political views. And one-quarter of consistent liberals say they'd be unhappy if an immediate family member married a Republican, 30 percent of consistent conservatives say the same about a union with a Democrat. Three in 10 on each side say it's important to them to live in a place where most people share their political views. Even beyond a neighborhood's political character, conservatives and liberals prioritize different lifestyles, with liberals more apt to favor a walkable city and conservatives favoring space and privacy.

The findings are based on a telephone survey of 10,013 randomly-selected adults nationwide, conducted between Jan. 23 and March 16, 2014. Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 1.1 percentage points.

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Russell Girsh motions to his driller to turn the equipment on at an oil rig Dec. 5, 2013, near Watford City, N.D. Oil and gas workers earned an average 11 percent more an hour in April than they did a year ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's more than five times the average gain across all industries.

Pay raises go mainly to those in select industries

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you hope to get a raise that finally feels like one, it helps to work in the right industry.

Historically, at this stage in the economy's recovery, pay would be rising in most sectors. But five years after the Great Recession officially ended, raises remain sharply uneven across industries and, as a whole, have barely kept up with prices. Overall pay has been rising about 2 percent a year, roughly equal to inflation.

The best raises have gone to workers with specialized skills in a few booming industries — energy, transportation, health care, technology. Those in retail or government have been less fortunate.

"If you're in an in-demand field, with the right skill set, the chance of getting a raise is much higher," said Katie Bardaro, an economist at PayScale, a pay-tracking firm.

Typically in a recovery, raises in a few industries lead to raises in others as workers become confident enough to quit one job for another for more pay.

This time, the subpar recovery has slowed pay gains. Technology has played a role, too. It's lifted pay for people who work, for example, with programs that sift data from your mobile devices so companies can pitch products matched to your interests. Yet workers in industries upended by the Internet, such as retailers left behind by e-commerce, have been hurt.

Here are industry standouts — and laggards — on pay:

Oil and gas

Hydraulic fracturing has driven a boom in jobs and wages. Oil and gas workers earned an average 11 percent more an hour in April than they did a year ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's more than five times the average gain across all industries.

Temp surge

Though many temp workers would like full-time jobs with benefits, at least their pay is climbing. Robert Half International, a staffing firm, said higher pay for its temps forced it to raise the rates it charges employers by 2.6 percent in the first quarter, a point higher than its increase late last year.

High tech

Non-managers at computer-system design companies earned an average 4.1 percent more in April than a year ago, the latest in a string of increases beginning in 2012. Their pay hadn't risen in the three prior years. Pay is strong for specialists in "Big Data" — digital information that includes data culled from mobile devices to spot trends or build digital dossiers on people.

Also hot are people who use technology to help health care providers digitize medical records. Nearly three-quarters of health care providers are having trouble attracting workers with expertise in e-records, according to a survey last year by Towers Watson, a consultant.

Blue collar bounce

As manufacturing picks up, trucking companies are desperate for drivers. And not surprisingly, truckers are earning more. Hourly pay for transportation and warehouse workers was 4.4 percent higher than a year earlier in each of the past three months — a streak unmatched in over three decades.

Ryder Systems, which rents trucks, said in a call with financial analysts that it's facing upward pressure on drivers' wages. Many drivers retired or left the industry during the financial crisis when demand plunged.

"I definitely am making more money," said Darrell Beyer, 56, a driver from Kingman, Arizona.

So are workers at companies that make construction equipment. They earned an average 11 percent more an hour in the past year, according to the BLS.

Pay for non-managerial and production workers — who fill 80 percent of private non-farm jobs — is rising 2.3 percent annually. In previous recoveries, raises for these workers peaked at about 4 percent three or four years after they'd begun climbing. That raises at least the possibility that their pay will keep rising.

Housing

Many of the skilled workers who are needed to build homes fled to other careers after the housing bust. Now, there aren't enough of them. Home construction workers have received an average 3.3 percent raise a year, according to the BLS, since their wages starting rising in 2012. They'd fallen 4 percent over the previous two years.

Buck Consultants, a pay adviser, foresees raises for all construction workers, including those involved in commercial and industrial buildings, averaging more than 3 percent for a second straight year.

Among the industry laggards on pay:

Retailers

Consumers are spending more, but that's not helping workers at some stores who earn the minimum wage or little more. Though some cities and states have enacted higher minimums, the minimum in 28 states is no more than the federal mandate of $7.25 an hour.

Wages for liquor-store staff rose less than 1 percent in April from a year earlier, according to the BLS. At electronics stores, pay actually fell 4 percent. Perhaps some of their money was going to workers at Internet retailers: Their pay jumped 3 percent.

Fast food workers aren't seeing much relief, either.

"I've been earning $7.25 for six or seven years now," said Mary Coleman, a food preparer at Popeyes in Milwaukee. "It's hard to make ends meet."

Government

Government budget cuts mean meager wage gains for local, state and federal workers. Wages rose less than 1 percent in 2013, according to Haver Analytics, a data provider. "The unions aren't pushing for more," said David Van De Voort, a principal at Buck Consultants. "They're focused on job security and retaining benefits."

Arts

Struggling with a fall in donations, theaters, orchestras and other arts groups appear to be retrenching. Workers in the broad category of art, entertainment and recreation, including actors, writers and musicians, earned 1.1 percent less in the first quarter than a year ago, according to a PayScale survey.

Overall, most U.S. workers have fared much better than that. But inflation has eroded their gains. From the start of the recovery in June 2009 through April, pay for non-managerial and production workers has dropped 0.2 percent after accounting for inflation. By this point in the previous three recoveries, wages had risen an average 2.3 percent after inflation.

Still, some economists think the outlook for broader pay gains has brightened. More people are quitting jobs than at any time in six years, a sign of confidence. A third of small businesses say they plan to raise pay within six months, double the proportion a year ago.

And the unemployment rate among workers who lost jobs less than six months ago is 4.1 percent, below its three-decade average. These short-term unemployed are the ones employers tend to fill jobs. Fewer of them suggest pressure to keep present employees content by raising pay.

"There comes a point where that excess supply (of workers) gets mopped up and wages begin to climb," said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Funds.

Still, many economists, including Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, disagree. She said the still-high 6.3 percent unemployment rate for all workers, which includes 3.4 million people out of work for more than six months, gives employers reason to restrict raises.

The gloomy camp includes workers themselves. Nearly half of all households expect their inflation-adjusted income to decline over the next 12 months, a University of Michigan survey found last month.

That in itself could limit raises: If you don't think conditions are ripe for a raise, you're not likely to ask for one.

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Thanks For A Wonderful Life!!

CASA advocates role models for foster care kids

Most foster care kids lack father figure; male volunteers are especially in demand

By Rachael Gleason
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CASA of West Texas

To become a volunteer, visit www.casawtx.org or call 683-1114. The next training session is July 14.

After growing up in a household with four sisters — and later having three daughters of his own — Midland immigration attorney Ted Ruiz learned how to deal with women.

So after taking on his first case involving a boy for the Court Appointed Special Advocates of West Texas, Ruiz didn't know how to relate to him.

"He wouldn't talk to me the first two days," said Ruiz, who has advocated for abused and neglected children in the Permian Basin for the past seven years. "I thought, 'I have to do something to get through to him.'"

Ruiz brought a basketball during his next visit, and it broke the ice.

"We went out there and I told him, 'We don't have to talk. We can just shoot baskets,'" he said, noting that shooting baskets eventually turned into a trusted relationship. "Once they trust you, they trust wholeheartedly. That's why there's a demand for role models."

CASA of West Texas offers advocacy services in seven Permian Basin counties, an area that had more than 700 confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in 2013, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Volunteers serve in court as the eyes, ears and voice of abused children to help them find safe, permanent homes. But with only 61 volunteers in Midland County advocating for the more than 200 foster care kids, CASA needs more helping hands.

"Every child that needs one should have a CASA volunteer, but we need more people to get involved to make that happen," said Executive Director Patty Pisklak.

Male volunteers are especially needed, said Kathy Harmon, recruitment and marketing specialist for CASA.

A friend recommended that Ruiz became an advocate seven years ago, and he has since helped

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CASA of West Texas volunteers Jimmy Smith (left) and Ted Ruiz (right) pose for a photo Tuesday at the CASA of West Texas office.

WEEKEND BIKE RODEO

ABOVE: Randy Maxwell Miller, 4, rides through an obstacle course under the direction of Midland Police Department community relations officer John Kerrigan during a Bike Rodeo on Saturday at My Community Federal Credit Union on North Big Spring Street. The credit union partnered with the Midland Police Department to put on the rodeo. MPD employees and bank volunteers provided helmets, safety information, and Safe Kid Identification packets while children navigated a bicycle obstacle course.

RIGHT: Jerald Easterling, 2, gets fitted for a helmet by his dad during the event.

James Durbin
Reporter-Telegram

Open carry movement raises passions, threats

By Doug J. Swanson
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The death threats began, James Henry recalled, about an hour after the confrontation. "One of them said, 'You're going to wish you had a gun, boy, when I fill you full of holes.'"

A 35-year-old former Marine, Henry was fresh from an encounter with an increasingly common phenomenon in North Texas: an Open Carry rally, where advocates gather in public places with semi-automatic rifles.

Henry said he simply wanted to make a video of the Memorial Day demonstration by the small but well-armed crowd. Then tempers rose and some curses flew. He left, and before long, he said, hostile phone calls began rolling in.

Thus far, Henry said last week, no violent action has followed. But he and many others worry about the combination of inflamed passions, heated arguments and loaded weapons.

"You know what's going to happen," Henry said. "Sooner or later somebody is going to start shooting. — Someone is going to get killed."

Opponents and advocates agree on one thing: Texas has emerged as the hotbed of the open carry movement. Its adherents stand on street corners and parade in other venues with their rifles and shotguns. One of their intents is to accustom the public to the routine display of firearms — even military-style semi-automatic rifles.

Semi-automatics can be fired rapidly because they load from a multi-round magazine. In Texas, no permit or training is required to own or use them.

Open carry activists say they ensure that their gatherings are safe and civil. Participants are urged to practice gun safety and avoid hostile encounters.

"We're under a microscope," the organizer of a recent Tarrant County rally warned those about to march. "Our enemies are watching us."

But some of their tactics — such as entering stores and restaurants with their rifles on full display — are seen by some as needlessly provocative. "Is that the person you want standing next to you at Target?" said Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

She, too, believes violence could erupt soon. "I think it's only a matter of time before something horrific happens."

Open Carry organizers dismiss Watts and her supporters as extremists who fan irrational fears. "They're dishonest," said C.J. Grisham, founder of Open Carry Texas. "They're emotional activists."

Grisham said his group, now at 18,000 members, has mounted a public relations offensive, encouraging press coverage of its rallies. "We're trying to get the real story out there," he said. "We're just trying to counter the negative perception

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Fatherhood doesn't come with maintenance manual

It's tough being a father. I know because I'm a father of two girls.

All fathers face the challenge of helping raise a child.

Some of us get by, and some of us are miserable failures. Some of it comes from hard work, and some of it comes from sheer luck. For me, it was a combination of the two.

This is not a hard and fast rule, but usually it's the woman who tells the man when it's time to have kids. They say women have a biological clock that tips her off. Men have women to tell them when it's time.

They also say that women just have a natural instinct for raising children. You never hear that about men. In fact, I can prove it. I heard it said at the hospital by a nurse to the wife after birth.

"Honey, don't worry about going home with your baby," the nurse said. "You have this natural instinct to tell you what needs to be done."

I don't think the wife ever believed that because she worried about our first-born's every sneeze or cough. By the time the second one was born, it was just another day at the shop.

For me, I kept looking for a maintenance manual to tell us what to do.

And if I happened to run across anything resembling such, I started by looking for the "How to stop the baby from crying" section. There were some good hints, but nothing that was a permanent fix.

So, it's hard raising a kid without instincts, and as far as I can tell, men didn't come with instincts for raising kids. We only have instincts for putting our feet up in our favorite chair with the remote control in one hand and a cool drink in the other.

But being a father doesn't allow much of that. You have responsibilities, which differ from man to man.

For instance, if you are a father of just girls , like me, you will have to attend tea parties from time to time. You have to go to father-daughter banquets and you have to learn to dress dolls. You have to be prepared that no one in your family will ever watch sports with you on a Saturday afternoon.

If you are a father of only boys, you will have to play ball until bedtime, wrestle on the floor, coach Little League and watch monster movies — if the wife will allow it.

When the kids get older, it's even worse. No manual covers this stuff.

What is there to prepare you for a kid coming to the door with nose rings, tattoos from head to toe and body piercings. And he asks if your daughter is home.

With no manual to back you up, you calmly say, "She's not home today and she may be in the hospital tomorrow. I suggest you check back then if you don't mind a buckshot moment."

Of course, that's just the father in you. After a scene like that, you will be asking your daughter why she won't confide in you about the boys she is dating.

"Dad, you'll only tell me that you will shoot him if he ever comes around the

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Obituaries

Albert Patrick (Pat) Thomas, Sr.

At 12:45 am, on June 13, 2014 surrounded by family, 94 year old Pat Thomas, and member of the "Greatest Generation", passed away and into the loving arms of his God and Savior. He was a remarkable man! Referred to by his family and many of those who knew him as the "bravest, most courageous, and yet, most gentle man" they had ever known...a truly rare combination of human traits. He spent his entire professional life in the West Texas towns of, Ranger, Abilene, San Angelo, and Midland..but he always maintained the "roots of his raisin', a true Southern Gentleman, having been born and raised as the youngest of eight children on a rural farm in Newton, Mississippi, on November 14, 1919, the son of Albert Patrick and Virginia (Jennie) Agnes Weir Thomas, Sr. He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 66 years, "Jeanie Babe", Dorothy Jean Bruce Thomas of Ranger, TX.

Upon graduation from Newton High School, he became the first of his family to graduate from college, first attending Decatur Junior College and then the University of Southern Mississippi on a full football scholarship. After graduating in 1941, he entered the Officer's Candidate School in the U.S. Navy at the University of Notre Dame.

No one can ever truly explain why so many sacrifice their life while others almost inexplicably survive, but the young Lieutenant Pat Thomas was one of the fortunate who did. As Boat Wave Commander of the First Wave, he, along with his good friend, John Fansmith, from Baltimore, MD, led the first wave. Of not just one, but the Amphibious Invasions of the enemy Japanese-held islands of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. Despite constant enemy air attacks, shell, and mortar fire, Lt. Thomas performed his vital duties with courage and skill...even surviving a direct hit to his boat in which 1/3 of his men were killed immediately. He was awarded his country's Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, and a Citation from the Commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral C. W. Nimitz and the Secretary of the Navy, for his "inspiring leadership, tenacious devotion to duty and unselfish efforts on behalf of his companions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United Stated Navel Service."

Before his duty in the Pacific, one of the personal highlights of Daddy's Naval Career, was as very young 22 year old Lieutenant serving on the USS Monrovia in her first assault assignment in the Mediterranean. As fortune would have it, he was serving as Officer of the Day on June 30, 1943, when Lt. General George S. Patton, asked permission from the young Lieutenant to "come aboard". He was then entrusted with landing General Patton on the island of Sicily. Daddy said Patton was the most inspiring, commanding 'presence' he ever had ever known. After safely transporting Patton, the Monrovia was reassigned to the Pacific...where all the 'fun' began...and also, as fate would have it, Daddy was again Officer of the day when General Douglas MacArthur requested permission from Daddy to "Come Aboard".

Daddy was a salesman. He enjoyed a long and successful career with Ralston Purina Feed Company from 1957 until 1990, when at age 70 he was forced to retire. In his final year with Purina at age 70, he was Purina's #1 Salesman in the United States.

His proudest accomplishment, however, was his family, and being a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, serving in numerous lay leadership positions, as Sunday School teacher at both St. Paul UMC in Abilene and the First United Methodist Church in Midland, and being a life-long supporter of the United Methodist's Children Home in Waco, TX.

He is survived by son Albert Patrick (Rick) Thomas III, and his children Patrick IV, and Sarah Thomas of Nashville, TN; son Bruce Phillip Thomas (Jere) of Sterling City, TX, and their children Phillip (Molly) Thomas of Elgin, TX, Lee Pat Thomas of Lubbock, TX, Janell (Paige) Dempsey of Abilene, TX, and April (Drew) Reed of Shallowater, TX.; son David Michael Thomas, deceased, and widow Carla Thomas of Euless, TX, and their children, Brad (Mary) Thomas of Denton, TX, Darin (Emily) Thomas of Fort Worth, TX, and Jennifer Schumacher of Euless, TX; daughter Sylvia Thomas Barritt (Duane), and her children, Molly (Kris) Powell of Dallas, TX, and Morgan Cook of Lubbock, TX.

Pat is also survived by his 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main, Midland, TX with burial at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the Texas State Veterans' Cemetery, 7457 West Lake Rd., Abilene, TX. Services are entrusted with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

E.H. "Red" Hallmark

E.H. "Red" Hallmark, 90, of Midland, passed away on Monday, June 9, 2014.

Red was born Ellis Harold Hallmark on November 21, 1923, in Dublin, Texas, to Wallace Ellis and Willie Hendricks (Sanders) Hallmark.

He served his country as a Machinist Mate First Class in the U.S. Navy. Red married the love of his life, Norma Marcheline Adams, on July 17, 1945, in Dublin, Texas. He raised his family and made a career in Wink, Texas. Red was a District Foreman for Chevron when he retired in 1984 after 37 years of service.

Red is survived by his daughters, Melody Cassady and Theresa Davis; his brother, Joe Hallmark; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild and numerous friends whom all loved and will miss him dearly.

Red was preceded by his parents, Wallace and Willie Hallmark; his brother, Gerald Hallmark; and by his wife of almost 57 years, Norma Hallmark, who passed away on May 11, 2003.

E.H. "Red" Hallmark will be laid to rest at a later date in the Live Oak Cemetery in Dublin, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that Gifts of Hope be made in Red's name to Allison Cancer Center 400 N. Garfield Suite 100 Midland, Texas 79701 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

George E. Bush

George E. Bush departed this life for his Heavenly home on June 13, 2014, at the age of 91.

George was born on February 25, 1923, to Easter and George W. Bush of Rule, Texas.

George was an Army Veteran of WWII, where he served in the South Pacific 184th Infantry Division as a heavy machine gunner from February 1942 to August 1945. George was awarded the Bronze star and two Purple Hearts during his courageous service to his country.

George married Evelyn Simonds from Fort Worth, Texas, on September 20, 1947. They were a devoted couple for 67 years. Their only child, Carla Bush Rowland, was born on April 15, 1955.

George began his career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1946 and moved to Midland, Texas in 1956 as an Exchange Engineer. They joined Crestview Baptist Church in Midland and George was also very active in the Midland Evening Lions Club for over 20 years, where he served with all his heart, in numerous positions from Tail Twister to President. George retired from Southwestern Bell in March of 1985 with 38 years of wonderful friendships and memories.

Dedication to his family was his number one life priority. His joy and pleasure in his child, the daughter he adored, was the center of his life, and her husband Joe Dan was truly the son he never had. During the years of his illness, his wife was an incredibly dedicated caretaker and each time she walked into the room he would light up and announce to everyone - 'that's my wife, isn't she beautiful!' George's smile, which lit up the room, his wonderful sense of humor and his loving heart will be missed forever.

George is survived by his daughter, Carla Bush Rowland and her husband Joe Dan Rowland of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; two grandchildren, Brad Rowland and his wife Shareese, and Todd Rowland and his wife Melissa; and six great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two loving sisters, Robbie Jo Vanderburg of Odessa, Texas, and Geraldine Hailes of Duncan, Oklahoma.

George was preceeded in death by two brothers, Charles and Buford; a sister, Laverne; and his loving wife Evelyn Bush.

The family extends special gratitude to the caring staff at both Manor Park Rehab in Midland and Granite Mesa in Marble Falls, as well as the tremendous loving assistance from Rae, Regina, and Krista.

Graveside Services will be held on June 18, at 10:15 a.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Clements Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Janet Williams Koonce

Janet Williams Koonce was born on March 11, 1940, in Lamesa, Texas, to parents Orbie Lee and Annie Lee Williams. She passed away on June 13, 2014, at her home surrounded by family and friends; following a brief bout with Leukemia.

Janet grew up in and around Midland and attended Midland High School and Ft. Stockton High School. She joined Calvary Baptist Church at age 11 and later transferred her membership to Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

In 1957, she married Norman Koonce and they raised three children. Janet's main profession was as a bookkeeper and she worked with several of the early oil and gas companies in Midland most notably Leede Exploration and Ford Chapman Production.

Janet "retired" in the mid 1990's and spent the rest of her time traveling with Norman and hosting sleepovers and pool parties for her five grandsons at the family farm near Gardendale. Grandmom's house was the center of activity for almost all holidays; and Christmas time was the main event as Janet spent weeks decorating the inside of the house for the big day.

Janet was a member of the Purple Sage Chapter of The Ninety-Nines - The International Organization of Woman Pilots and piloted a Cessna 172. She was active in the Midland Odessa Christian Women's Organization where she attended monthly luncheons and bible studies.

Janet is survived by her son, Gary Koonce and wife Cindy; daughter, Janna Quattlebaum and husband Robert; five grandsons, Byron Koonce, Phillip Koonce, Cole Quattlebaum, Blake Quattlebaum, and Gentry Quattlebaum, all of Midland; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of special friends spanning a lifetime.

She is predeceased by her husband, Norman Koonce; son, Dale Wade Koonce; her parents, Orbie and Annie Williams; her siblings, Judy Rogers, Stan Williams, and Jean Chambliss.

Pallbearers will be Gary, Byron and Phillip Koonce; Robert, Cole, Blake and Gentry Quattlebaum.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, on Sunday, June 15, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, June 16, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. with a graveside to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the charity of your choice.

Services are entrusted with Ellis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Loyd George Whitley

Loyd George Whitley, born in Keller, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening June 11.

He was a World War II veteran, including serving in the Intelligence Corps of Patton's III Army. He was a graduate of Texas Christian University and a certified public accountant. He practiced public accounting in Midland, Texas, and subsequently entered into the oil business serving in executive positions. Prior to and during retirement he served on many charitable boards in Midland Texas, Tulsa Oklahoma, and San Antonio, Texas, including the Board of Oblate School of Theology.

In 1997, his first wife, Louise and he received from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate the designation as Honorary Oblates as a sign of the dedication that they had to the mission and ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate throughout the world, especially in Zambia, and the Oblate School of Theology.

He was preceded in death by his wives. He married Louise Elizabeth Rumely Whitley in 1948. They were married for 49 years prior to her passing in 1997. He married Betty Sue Davis Clark Whitley in 2001. They were married 4 years prior to her passing in 2005.

He is survived by his son Loyd Whitley, Jr. MD with his wife Kristi, her daughter Katie; daughter, Margaret Whitley and son Steven Whitley and his wife Rebecca, and their son Jackson.

He is also survived by his son, Rufus Whitley OMI, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; nephew, Bill Whitely, his wife Judy and their daughters Amy and Macy, and caregiver, Cora Brewer.

The services are at Oblate School of Theology Chapel, 285 Oblate Drive (on Oblate Drive between Blanco and San Pedro): Vigil Service, Sunday, June 15, 5:00 p.m. and Mass of the Resurrection, Monday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. followed by burial in the Oblate Cemetery and reception in the Whitley Theological Center.

The family requests in lieu of flowers a gift to Oblate School of Theology, 285 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216 or Oblate Missions, 323 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216 or to the charity of choice in memory of Loyd Whitley.

Condolences may be sent to the Whitley family at *www.theangelusfuneralhome.com*. Arrangements by: The Angelus Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann McCaskill Estes

Patricia Ann "Pat" McCaskill Estes passed away at home on June 12, 2014, after a brief illness. Pat was born December 30, 1925 in Sweetwater, Texas to Malcolm Neubert McCaskill and Lucille Virginia Heatly.

After graduating from Breckenridge High School in 1945, she moved to Midland to live with beloved family members, Cleo "Brownie" Petosky, her husband Jack and their daughter Patricia Ann Petosky Darby. Pat worked for Jack at the Minute Inn Café in downtown Midland before going to work at Superior Oil Company as a well draftsman. While working at Superior she met the love of her life, Aldredge "Little Button" Estes, Jr. They were married March 1, 1947 in El Paso, Texas. She continued her work at Superior throughout WW II until the birth of her first child. Pat loved managing the family ranching business and raising quality registered Hereford cattle.

After her children, Virginia and Beau were born, Pat became active in 4-H, FFA and the National Hereford Association. She was involved in the establishment of High Sky Girl's Ranch, which later became High Sky Children's Ranch. Pat was appointed to the Midland Memorial Hospital Board of Directors in 1979. She ran for office and was elected to the Board and served five terms. In 1992 she was appointed to the Board of Governors and served in that capacity until her death. In recent years, she became actively involved in the local oil industry and the operation of the family partnership. Pat was an active member of First Christian Church of Midland. The most important things in Pat's life were her family and her faith.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Aldredge Estes Jr., her sister Elizabeth Cicelle McCaskill Fambro. She is survived by her daughter Virginia Ann Estes of Midland; her son Aldredge Beau Estes III and wife Barbara Skaggs Estes of Midland; her granddaughter Bailey Elizabeth Estes of Midland; nephews Sammy Fambro, Gary Fambro and Joey Fambro of Breckenridge, Texas; and a number of great-nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held Monday, June 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in Midland, with interment at Fairview Cemetery. Rev Mike Hunter and Dr. Tommy Potter will be officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

Virginia Anguiana

Virginia Anguiana, 74, of Midland passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2014 surrounded by her family.

Virginia was born on January 25, 1940 in Tulare, California to Frank and Rachel (Atchison) Babcock. Virginia was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She enjoyed gardening, painting, and she especially loved to travel.

She is survived by her husband of over 34 years, Gomesindo Marroquin, Jr.; her daughter, Doreen Hanna; her beloved brothers, Frank, Phil, and Steve Babcock; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and numerous friends and family who all loved and will miss her dearly.

The family will receive guests on Sunday, June 15, 2014 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 2:00p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Pastor Phil Babcock officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Garden.

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

Death Notices

Barbara Larson Buescher

Barbara Larson Buescher, 88, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully in the night on June 13, 2014.

She is survived by her family, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Floyd; Mr. and Mrs. John Mayeron; Mr. and Mrs. George Buescher; and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Durossette.

Beulah I. Cox

Beulah I. Cox, 85, of Cedar Park, passed away on Friday, June 13, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Newman.

CHICAGO

Lee Hyla, who mixed rock and jazz into classical works, dies

Lee Hyla, an American composer whose work marries the formal rigor of classical music with the driving energy of rock and the improvisational abandon of jazz, died June 6 in Chicago. He was 61.

His death, from complications of pneumonia, was announced by Northwestern University, where he held the Harry N. and Ruth F. Wyatt chair in music theory and composition.

Hyla, whose music was commissioned and performed by some of the world's most celebrated ensembles, was considered "among the most accomplished American composers of the baby boomer generation," as Anthony Tommasini wrote in The New York Times in 1999.

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Hyla — who cited influences ranging from Beethoven to the free-jazz pianist Cecil Taylor to the contemporary composer Elliott Carter — was praised for compositions that were inarguably modern but which lacked the forbidding qualities that can alienate listeners from modernist music.

What made his work so captivating, critics said, was its eclectic originality, propulsive rhythmic force, companionable combination of dissonance and consonance and its masterly command of sonorities from the lush to the spare.

"His music wrestles extremes of sound and energy into a form of sagely controlled chaos," The Boston Globe wrote in 2007. "It is packed with brainy structures and rigorous forms, but at its best it hurls through space with the visceral immediacy of the genres that first sparked his imagination. Moments of surprising beauty arrive like clearings in a forest. He is an uptown composer with a downtown soul, a 12-tone rebel who never gave up on modernism."

Another hallmark of Hyla's style was his exquisite attention to the timbre of instruments, including those — like bass clarinet and hammered dulcimer — typically neglected by concert composers. In one piece, "Wilson's Ivory-bill," based on the writings of the 19th-century ornithologist Alexander Wilson, he recruited an ivory-billed woodpecker (on tape) as a member of the ensemble.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Starbucks catches fire

Midland firefighters responded to a small fire Saturday night at the Starbucks on Rankin Highway. A Midland Fire Department official said the motor to an air conditioning unit burned and caused a large amount of smoke to spread throughout the building's interior, but no significant damage was caused by the incident.

OPD: Pedestrian killed in train crash remains unidentified

From staff reports

The Odessa Police Department needs help in identifying a man who was struck and killed by a train early Saturday morning in Odessa.

OPD and emergency personnel responded at about 3:30 a.m. Saturday to the 1700 block of West Murphy Street at Bankhead Avenue, where a pedestrian was involved in a train crash.

OPD Cpl. Steve LeSueur said officers learned that the Union Pacific train had struck a man, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The man's body will be sent to Tarrant County for an autopsy. OPD is asking for the public's help in identifying the male, who is a described as a young white male, possibly Hispanic.

Anyone with information in reference to this incident is asked to call OPD or Odessa Crime Stoppers at 432-333-TIPS.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

TAMERON LEE

DOB: 8-1-1989
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- Wanted as of 6-13-2014
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- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need help solving a theft.

During the nighttime hours of June 1, someone took a 2007 Conquest 31-foot bumper pull travel trailer. The trailer was taken from the property because it had just been purchased. The travel trailer is valued at more than $14,000.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to the identity of these trailer grabbing thieves, it will be worth a TOTAL CASH REWARD of $2,000. ($1,000 Cash Reward from Midland Crime Stoppers and an additional $1,000 Cash Reward from a donor). You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used.

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- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard Arzola, 24, of Chaparral, New Mexico was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Rayla B. Bankhead, 30, of Imperial was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Lyndsey E. Brashear, 22, of Odessa, was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Trinna L. Cazares, 25, of Midland was charged Friday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence and injury to a child, elderly or disabled person.

Jose H. Gallegos, 27, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Meredith R. Johnson, 36, of Midland was charged Friday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Floyd K. Linville, 41, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.

James T. Lott Jr., 54, of Midland was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Carrie A. McLeod, 35, of Alamo Gordo, New Mexico was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Ricardo Mendoza Jr., 21, of Midland was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Jesus R. Morfa, 54, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Darian D. O'Neal, 18, of Midland was charged Friday with sexual assault.

Christopher S. Painter, 21, of Midland was charged Friday with sexual assault.

Armando Ramirez Jr., 38, of Midland was charged Friday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Gabino J. Rosa, 30, of Midland was charged Friday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

John D. Rydell, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with burglary of a habitation.

Pablo A. Tagle III, 33, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

John R. Ward, 28, of Carrizozo, New Mexico was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Nicholas R. Wiseman, 25, of The Woodlands was charged Friday with claim a lottery prize through fraud.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

CASA

From 1B

several children — all different genders, ages and backgrounds.

In most cases, the father is out of the picture — a situation Ruiz can relate to after being raised by a single mother.

"I was there. I'm able to bond with them," he said, noting volunteers become a stable presence in kids' lives.

One case involved a fatherless 17-year-old boy, who Ruiz said beat the odds after graduating high school and taking advantage of his higher education foster care benefits in San Angelo.

"You become a part of their lives, and you're a part of their lives," said Ruiz, noting the experience redefined fatherhood for him.

But it's not always easy.

Midland County Commissioner Jimmy Smith started volunteering with CASA because of his wife, who has advocated for four children over the years. Smith currently handles one case, but he sees how damaged kids can become and how abuse is handed down from generation to generation.

"They can't get out of it," he said.

Still, Smith said it's worth helping the kids — and urges more young people to start volunteering.

"You have to have a heart for it," said Smith, who often travels hours to handle his case. "You have to be very dedicated to the child's life."

Ruiz said volunteers need to be honest, caring and understanding.

"Remember you're there for child, not the foster care system or court system," he said, noting it doesn't take any special background to become a volunteer.

And even though both Midland fathers are busy — Ruiz works for a local law firm, while Smith is a commercial real estate agent and holds public office — they both make time for surprise visits, teacher conferences and court appearances for their CASA cases.

"We have a lot do in life, but we still make time," Ruiz said.

Father's Day retail facts

Average amount Americans will spend on dad this year: $113.80
Total estimated spending: $12.5 billion

How consumers will show their appreciation:
Greeting cards: 64 percent
Total estimated spending: $785 million

Special outing (including dining out or sporting event): 42.6 percent
Total estimated spending: $4.5 billion

Tools or appliances: 14 percent
Total estimated spending: $663 million

Sporting or leisure items: 14.7 percent
Total estimated spending: $662 million

Automotive accessories: 13.3 percent
Total estimated spending: $520 million

Consumer electronics: 19.8 percent
Total estimated spending: $1.6 billion

Clothing or accessories: 41.6 percent
Total estimated spending: $1.8 billion

How consumers will get the goods
Department stores: 36 percent
Discount stores: 28 percent
Online: 28 percent
Specialty stores: 24 percent
Small businesses: 17 percent

Source: National Retail Federation's 2014 Father's Day spending survey

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Look for it in today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

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(BEHIND ROGERS FORD)
520-8900
www.helpinghandsmidland.com

Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:

Electricity	3 families	$ 615.79
Water	2 families	$ 171.63
Rent	22 families	$22,607.14
Transportation	2 families	$ 988.78
Medical	3 families	$ 1,035.40
Misc.	1 family	$ 918.00
TOTAL		**$26,336.74**

Betrayal. Kidnapping. Sexual slavery. These are the things we occasionally watch on television dramas. Surely they do not happen in our own backyard. But as we recently discovered, unfortunately they do.

We met with a woman who was referred to us from another agency this past week. Latricia was a 20-year-old, attractive young woman who landed in Midland while living a nightmare.

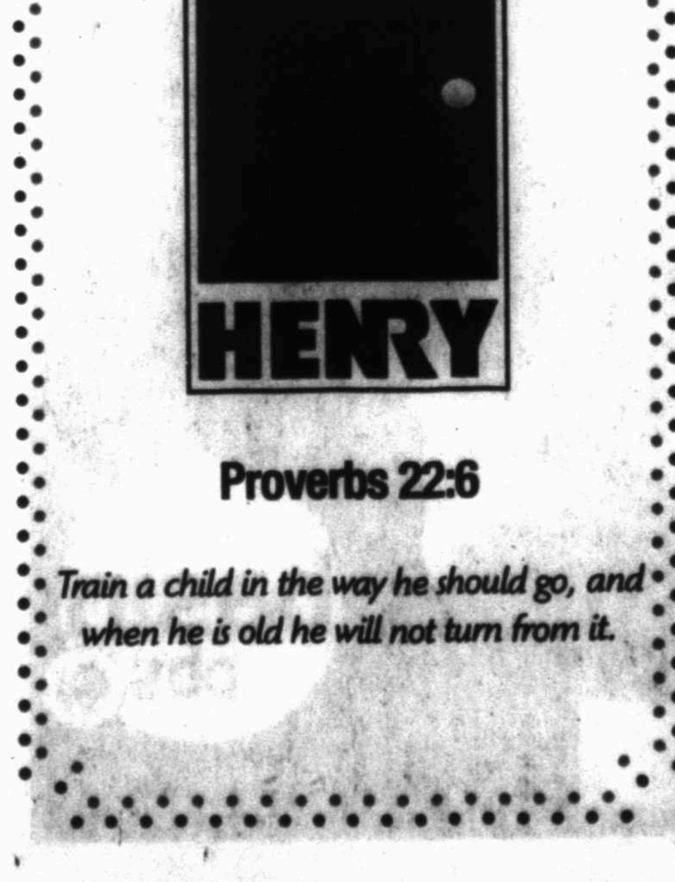
She had been attending college in California on a basketball scholarship. While she had suffered a traumatic start in life, with a father who had deserted her, she was comforted by the love and support of a mother and grandmother who were strong women and who encouraged her to follow her dream of becoming a teacher.

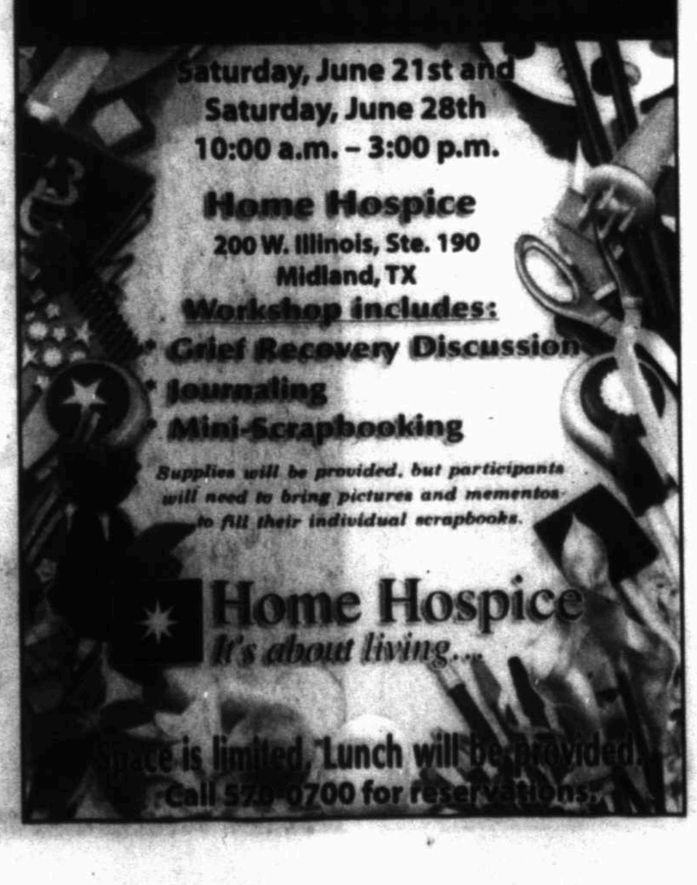
She was having problems with her roommate, and one night she met a man in college who listened to her problems and offered her a home with some of his friends. She instantly felt attracted to the two women who offered such emotional support, and she quickly moved in. But after a few weeks things did not seem to add up....too many unanswered questions and no insistence on paying her way. She grew suspicious and decided to move back home.

When she revealed her plans to her roommates they beat, drugged and bound her and transported her to Midland. While she still had her phone on her, her abductors took it away from her and whenever anyone called they told the caller that she was doing just fine but was at work. Her friends bought the story and were happy that she had finally met up with people who would care for her.

One night she was told that a man was coming over and she was to do whatever was asked of her. By this time she had been deprived of sleep, drugged and beaten, and her resolve was weakening, but she still refused to cooperate with their demands. Her abductors beat her severely, breaking her arm, ribs, and hitting her over the head with a lamp. Neighbors heard the commotion and called the police. She was taken to the hospital and received treatment for her wounds. From there she was released to a woman's shelter.

After much counseling from the shelter over a period of one month, and she began to tell others about her experience to prevent other young people from becoming victims to kidnapping, slavery and prostitution. She is healing physically and emotionally, and all she wanted when she contacted us was to go home to California. We arranged the transportation so that she could be reunited with her mother and her grandmother, and to pick up her new life in college with a renewed desire to be a teacher and to alert other women of the dangers of trusting too much. We were pleased to have been able to arrange for her to get back home, and we thank all of you who made that support possible. Thank you very much!





Landmen's Association presents scholarships

From staff reports

Members of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association presented $61,000 in charitable contributions and scholarships at its recent luncheon.

The association distributed $23,000 through its Danita Walker Charity Fund to the Arts Council of Midland, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico Inc., Buckner Children and Family Services, Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes Midland/Odessa Division, Midland County Child Welfare Board, Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, Mission Center Adult Day Service and Palmer Drug Abuse Program Midland Texas Inc.

The association's Bro Seltzer Scholarship Fund distributed $38,000 in scholarships to 29 students, including two from Midland. Students receiving scholarships came from throughout Texas and Oklahoma as well as Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Washington state.

The two funds are named in memory of two influential members of the association.

Last Christmas, the association spent more than $9,000 on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, sponsoring 30 Christmas Angels.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Couple creates website for gay fathers

Two Austin men struggling with fatherhood as a gay couple launched a website and nonprofit designed to offer advice, assistance and support to other men in their situation.

Brian Stephens and Andy Miller launched The Handsome Father and its website, www.thehandsomefather.org, in April. Now, for its first Father's Day celebration, the group is holding a brunch for gay fathers.

The idea was formed because Stephens and Miller often felt alone or like pioneers as they raised their 7-year-old son, Clark, surrounded by straight parents. Everything, including the adoption process, was an unknown. And even though the men had mentors to turn to, they still felt there were too many hurdles.

"You feel like you're the only person in the world who's done this," Stephens told the Austin American-Statesman.

The website is meant to help others experiencing similar problems and includes stories about gay fatherhood, a blog, a mentorship program and suggestions for other sites, Twitter handles or support networks.

The nonprofit sustains itself through different levels of membership.

The Father's Day brunch is an example of the kinds of gatherings the group wants to hold not only in Austin, but in other cities nationwide.

And already the response has been strong. Since April, the website has had 2,000 unique visitors and the Facebook page has about 1,200 followers. Every day, Stephens said, they hear from men about to embark on fatherhood.

"Just the fact that it's out there, what a difference that makes," Stephens said.

While gay women were making progress, gay men were dealing with the AIDS crisis, he said. Now about 20 years behind, the men are struggling to navigate the foster care and adoption systems, or they are learning the legalities of surrogate parenting or becoming the adoptive parent of a partner's biological children, he said.

As these various experiences occur, the role of being a father is evolving, Stephens said.

"Just as women are crashing the glass ceiling, what it is to be a father has to change, too," he added.

EL PASO

VA clinic takes steps to correct problems

The Veterans Affairs health clinic in El Paso, pinpointed as having some of the longest wait times in the country for veterans to meet with a mental health specialist, is moving on its own to fix some of the problems instead of waiting for a national plan, the agency's local director said.

John Mendoza, El Paso's VA director, told the El Paso Times the clinic will begin getting patients help from private caregivers, create new appointment times and increase staff numbers in some departments.

"I know that right now when you take a look at the numbers and you see the wait times you may say, 'Why bother?'" Mendoza said. "My response is, please give us that opportunity."

He talked to the newspaper after an extensive audit of the Department of Veteran Affairs found that more than 64,000 veterans nationwide have been unable to get a doctor's appointment. The El Paso center was found fourth-worst nationally in the mental health arena, with veterans waiting an average of 60 days to get an appointment with a specialist.

The audit also found that 331 veterans in El Paso have been waiting 90 or more days for their first medical appointment, and more than 1,100 have never received an appointment.

Significant problems also have been found in other Texas VA clinics, including in Harlingen, which has a worst-in-the-nation, 145-day average wait for new patients seeking specialist care.

Mendoza said the El Paso clinic has already started making calls to those on its wait list.

"Of the calls we have already made, we have had about 800 to 850 veterans that have already responded to us and said, 'Yes, I would like to make an appointment,' if they did not already have one," Mendoza said. "So what we are going to do is we are going to provide them that appointment sooner."

HOUSTON

FBI nabs Illinois kidnap suspect, victim in Texas

The FBI has found in Houston a man suspected of kidnapping a 19-year-old woman in Illinois. The teenager has been safely recovered. Police in Illinois say she'd previously dated the suspect.

The Houston Chronicle reported Saturday the FBI arrested Eduardo Guerrero Cortez at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday. The FBI suspects him of forcing the teenager into a Chevrolet Silverado on Wednesday in Champaign, Illinois.

West Texas site seeks to bury depleted uranium

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The company operating Texas' only radioactive waste dump site is asking state regulators to allow disposal of depleted uranium and triple the capacity of a burial site that accepts waste from dozens of states.

Although Waste Control Specialists says the uranium stored at its West Texas site would have only low-level radioactivity, opponents say the proposal would get the company another step closer to handling more dangerous material that wasn't part of the original license. The company has already been in talks with county officials about high-level waste disposal.

Meanwhile, the Dallas-based business has also asked the state to reduce the money it's required to have available to fund potential liability at the site.

"The public should be paying attention, but they're not," said state Rep. Lon Burnam, a Fort Worth Democrat who has taken an active role in monitoring how the state handles radioactive waste. "We have less and less financial assurances and greater threat for more harm."

The depleted uranium, a by-product of enriched uranium that fuels nuclear power plants, would come from U.S. Department of Energy facilities, said company spokesman Chuck McDonald.

Although the uranium would still be classified as low-level, experts say the substance gets more radioactive as time passes and if disposed of improperly could pose health risks such as cancer.

To ensure safety, the depleted uranium would have to be disposed of at the greatest depth possible, said Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

No date has been set for when the state's three environmental agencies will consider the amendment.

City officials in Andrews, about 30 miles east of the site, said they weren't familiar enough with the proposal to comment.

"But we'll certainly delve into it to get more information," Andrews city manager Glen Hackler said. "The city consistently says we need to be cautious and take pretty extraordinary care."

McDonald said the company wants to reduce its liability funding because the facility is smaller than the one included in its original application. If the site expands, more financial assurance will be added, he said.

He added that the company's proposal to expand one of its two sites from 2.3 million cubic feet to 9 million cubic feet would likely not ever be utilized. He said the proposal came from concerns about capacity from state legislators and a commission that oversees the low-level waste site.

The Andrews County site currently only stores as much as 60,000 cubic feet.

Environmental groups have long worried about the local geology and contamination of underground water sources near the site, which can accept low-level waste from compact members Texas and Vermont as well as 36 other states.

The site could soon be the resting place for hotter material that's being stored at Texas' four commercial nuclear reactors.

In March, Texas Gov. Rick Perry asked lawmakers to explore establishing a location in Texas to store the high-level radioactive waste from these reactors. Two months earlier, House Speaker Joe Straus directed lawmakers to examine the economic impact of permitting such a site.

McDonald said the company has had conversations with Andrews County officials about high-level waste storage. Officials in Loving County, the nation's least populous county, have interest in building a storage site there.

The family of Rev. Otis James (O. J.) Archie would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who called, sent cards, flowers, and plants, brought food and other items during the passing of our loved one. We want to give special thanks to the amazing medical team that kept him with us for many more years than we thought possible as he fought a 20+ years battle with cancer; Dr. Karen Carr, Kirstin, Tonya, Mary, Dr. James Corwin, Emma, Caroline, Glenn and George at the Allison Cancer Center; Debra, Lori and the staff at T.O.P.s; Debbie in PT at Nurses Unlimited; Dr. Steven Brown, Dr. Daniel Nelson, Dr. Tara Deaver, Dr. Guillermo Brachetta and Dr. Govind Patel.

Such an outpouring of love for our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle, as so many attended his services. We want you to know, we saw you there and it comforted us. Some of you donated to the Allison Cancer Center and a friend from Austin donated a tree in his name to the Arbor Day Foundation. Thank you for remembering him in a lasting way.

Blanche, Otis Jr., Lillie, Gary, Ray, Michael, Myra, Kay, Lela, James, and the rest of our extensive family. His legacy lives on!

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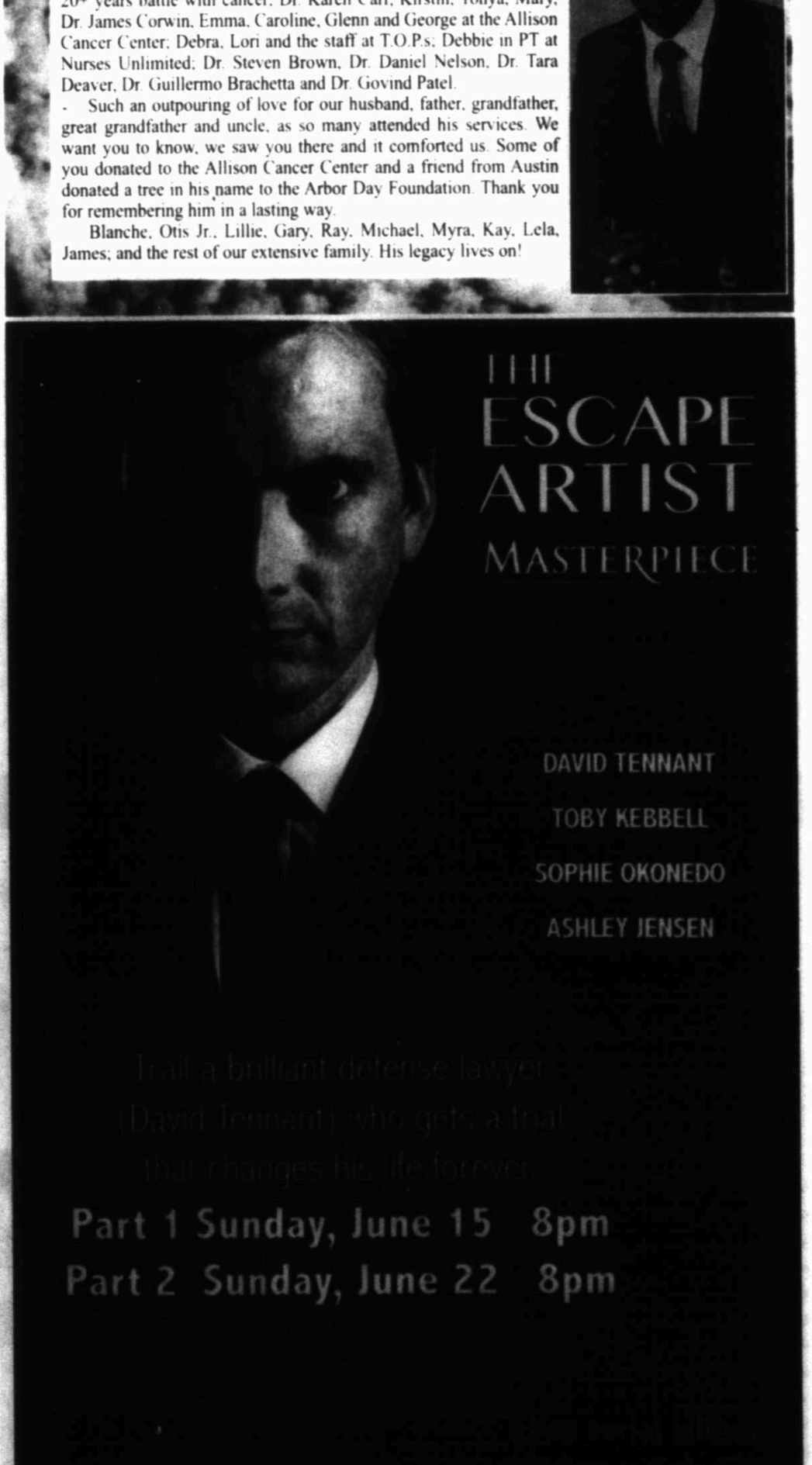

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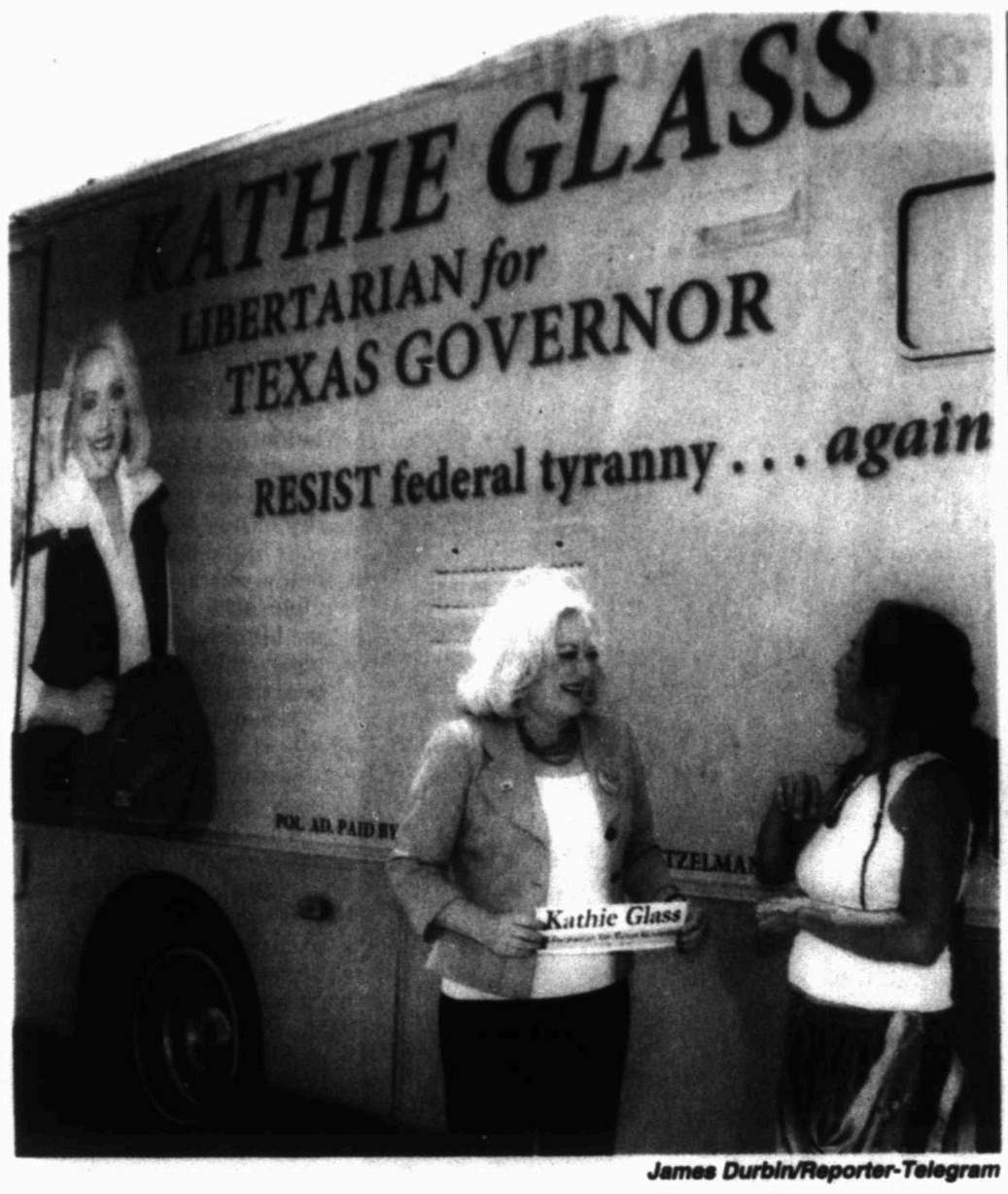

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Libertarian candidate

Kathie Glass visited Midland and Odessa today as part of her "Texas 254 Tour." Her goal is to visit each of the state's 254 counties before Election Day. She has visited more than 60 thus far, according to her campaign.

Kathie Glass emphasizes nullification during campaign

Editor's note: Because of scheduling conflicts, the Reporter-Telegram couldn't send a photographer to Glass' event. The following is a Texas Tribune report from October of 2013 which will provide some backgrond on the candidate for governor.

By David Maly
Texas Tribune

Saying that the federal government shutdown and tensions between Republicans and Democrats have made Texans ready for a change in leadership, Libertarian Kathie Glass announced her candidacy in the 2014 governor's race.

"We're going to be active in every aspect of this race," said Glass, a Houston lawyer who also ran for governor in 2010. "We are getting out there a lot sooner."

Glass said she plans to visit every county in Texas during her campaign and will talk to Texans about their frustrations with the current state of affairs.

"(The) shutdown is just a glimpse of what might happen," Glass said at her Austin news conference, at which several other Texas Libertarian hopefuls also announced their candidacies. "Voters know that what they want they are not going to get from the two other parties, so we are looking forward to offering them this alternative from the Libertarian Party."

Glass said her campaign would focus on the idea of nullification, a legal theory that a state can invalidate federal laws it finds unconstitutional. She said that if she doesn't win, she hopes her candidacy will instill that idea into the public and the winning candidate.

"I want to make nuliification a household-known concept," Glass said. "This is our way out of this federal overreach."

She said she would nullify the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, and federal regulations on companies that lead them to ship jobs overseas to nations with laxer regulations.

"In the current environment, if we keep doing what we have always done, voting within the two-party system, we won't be able to keep what we have got," Glass said. "We have got to chart a new course."

Steve Munisteri, chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, said he did not think Glass' run would have a decisive impact.

"Libertarians regularly run candidates, so they will get a small percentage of the vote, but I don't see it affecting the gubernatorial race," Munisteri said.

Glass received 2.2 percent of the vote in her 2010 run.

Her husband, Tom Glass, the vice chairman of the Texas Libertarian Party, announced at the news conference that he will run for attorney general.

He said he is running to battle unnecessary restrictions from the federal government.

"I will use the force of the office to stop unconstitutional federal acts in Texas," Glass said, citing Obamacare, privacy laws, prison regulations and spending.

MC basketball teams host summer camps for children

From staff reports

The Midland College Chaps and Lady Chaps basketball organizations will host summer camps for children.

The boys' camps are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 7-10 and July 28-31. The first camp is for boys who completed kindergarten through eighth grade. The second camp, an offensive drills camp, is for kindergartners through 12th-graders.

Youth will be divided into groups based on their grade level. Prizes and awards will be given. Cost is $150 per camper each week, with a 25 percent discount for those who register for both weeks. Cost includes a camp T-shirt and a detailed player evaluation.

For more information, contact coach Jordan Dreiling at 685- 4577, jdreiling@midland.edu or visit www.midland.edu/chapsbasketballcamp.

Lady Chaps will be hosting a camp 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 17-19 for third- through 12th-grade girls. Coach Ron Jones will be leading a shooting camp 4-6 p.m. July 17-19 for seventh through 12th-grade girls.

Each camp includes individual instruction, as well as skill competitions and drills divided by age groups. Cost of each girls' camp is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt. To reserve a spot, contact Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu or Assistant Lady Chaps Basketball Coach Ginger Gatliff at 685-6469, ggatliff@midland.edu. For more information, visit www.midland.edu/ladychapsbasketballcamp.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

house again. That is not a helpful conversation."

When I became a father, no one ever told me that having a whole family of females would be an emotional roller-coaster ride. Women are exploding with happiness one minute and the world is coming to an end in the next minute. That makes it tough being a father.

And boys won't tell you anything. It's not manly to talk about feelings. And the wife tells you to bite your tongue when his girlfriend comes along with the family while sporting her new purple and orange hair.

This doesn't even speak to all the acne, learning to drive, the lost loves, the first dates or the diaper changing.

I'm here to tell the pops of the world that you deserve a special Father's Day. Being a father is hard work — especially with no instincts to work with.

Thought for the Week:
"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."
— Umberto Eco, author.

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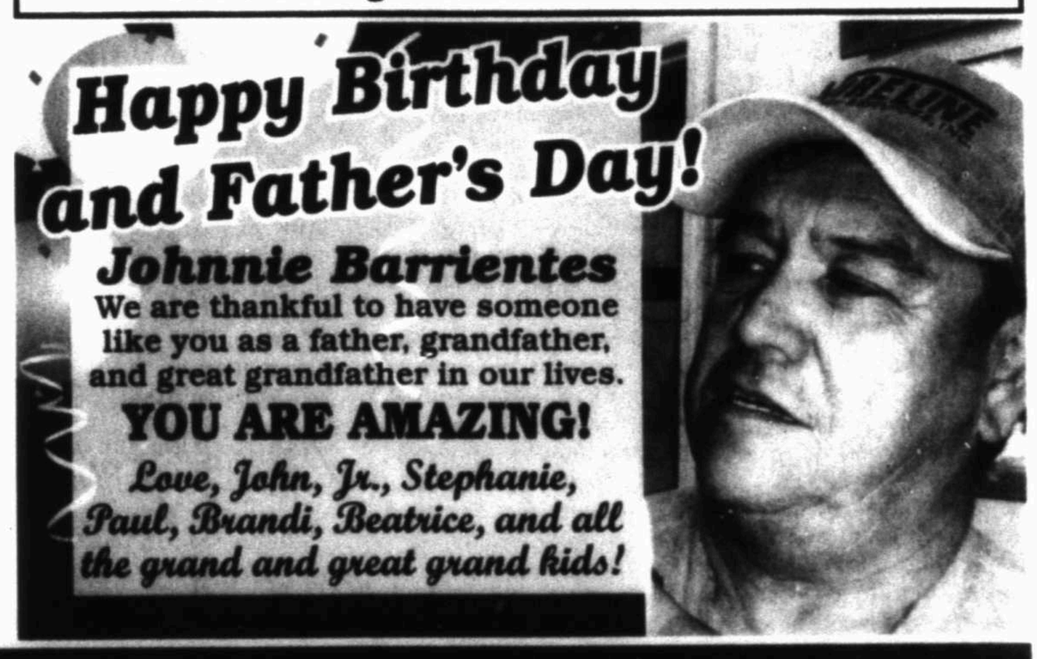
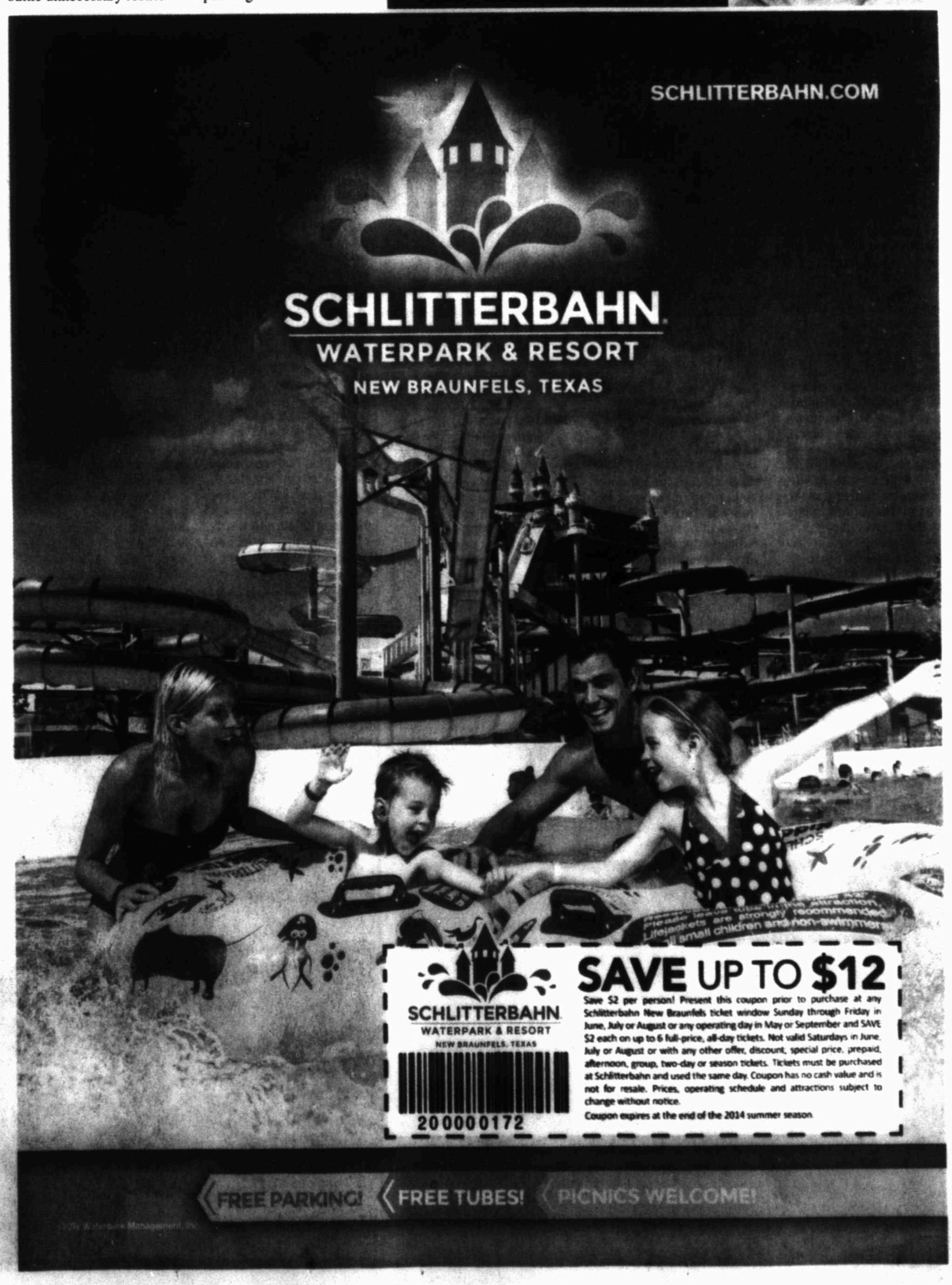




For brewer, emphasizing tradition, community pays

By Ronnie Crocker
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The fragrant green flowers, each the size of the tip of a man's thumb, were heaped into three equal piles on a counter in the old Czech Republic town of Zatec. The Americans, in borrowed white lab coats, approached like eager supplicants.

They'd crossed the Atlantic Ocean for this, to see, touch and smell the cone-shaped flowers known as hops, one of beer's four essential ingredients. Getting to work with a deep bowing motion, they scooped up hops by the fistful and rubbed their hands together, breaking apart lupulin glands of resins and oils and releasing a pleasant floral aroma. They burrowed their noses in and inhaled deeply.

"Oh, God, that smells good," said the more practiced of the two, Brock Wagner, founder and owner of Houston's Saint Arnold Brewing Co. Next, he added, "we decide which one smells the best."

Wagner and Stephen Rawlings, a 28-year-old Saint Arnold brewer, were on Day 4 of a weeklong buying trip through two of the most storied regions in the world of brewing — the Bavarian Hallertau of Germany and now the Saaz in the Czech Republic, not far from the birthplace of pilsner beer.

Hallertau and Saaz hops have been prized by generations of brewers across the globe, as well. The Japanese and, increasingly, the Chinese have become major customers.

But it's American craft brewers like Wagner, a relatively new breed in beer's millennia-long history, who have made the biggest mark on the European hops business, elevating hops to their most exalted status while using them in creative new ways and radically altering the perception of American beer around the world.

Wagner, now celebrating 20 years in business, is among the veterans in that transformation.

Just 185 U.S. craft breweries and brewpubs in business today opened before Saint Arnold did, records show. The most recent Brewers Association count shows there now are 2,866 in operation, which means the Houston brewery has been around longer than 93 percent of its contemporaries. It survived the boom times of the 1990s and the shakeout that followed.

For the last several years, Saint Arnold has been growing at double-digit rates even as the number of competitors continues to soar. Until 2008, it was the only non-brewpub craft brewery in the Houston area; today, it is one of 12, and the number is growing. Brewpubs, too, are popping up to take advantage of recent law changes.

The local growth reflects a national trend. Since June 9, 1994, when Saint Arnold delivered the first kegs of its Amber Ale from a nondescript industrial park in northwest Houston, the number of U.S. breweries and brewpubs has increased nearly fivefold. That is up from the post-Prohibition low of 89 in 1978 and up from 601 in 1994. Many hundreds more are in the planning stages.

J. Patric Schneider/Houston Chronicle

Saint Arnold Brewing Co.'s founder Brock Wagner walks around the brewery on June 3 in Houston.

All but 1 percent of the breweries now open are defined by the Brewers Association as "craft," meaning they are independently owned and adhere to guidelines for the types of ingredients they can use. The label is intended in part to limit shortcuts in the production process and to identify breweries that take a more artisanal approach to making beer.

This subset, huge in number but still relatively small in the market compared to the giant global brewers Anheuser-Busch InBev and MillerCoors, has in a generation redefined the domestic beer scene.

Wagner alluded to this change when a Texas industry group released figures showing the state's smaller craft breweries had increased production by 44 percent last year and were making inroads in the overall beer market.

"That's what people think of as beer now," he told the Houston Chronicle. "It's not just mass-produced light lager."

Getting to this point was not easy. As Wagner likes to joke, in 1994 he had a great idea for a business in 2006. Except for a hardcore group of enthusiasts, many of them homebrewers, most of them male, college-educated and in their 30s or 40s, consumers were initially reluctant to part with their light, familiar beers in large numbers.

"It took 20 years to teach everybody who had forgotten what beer was like," Wagner said.

In 1996, Wagner and original business partner Kevin Bartol, both former investment bankers, predicted in the Houston Chronicle that they would be making 100,000 barrels within a decade. In reality, sales flattened at just over the 5,000-barrel mark for the next few years.

Twelve years later, production exceeded 20,000 barrels for the first time.

Wagner stuck it out, buying out Bartol, repurchasing shares from initial investors and building Saint Arnold into an iconic local brand through its Saturday tours, pub crawls and an array of community fundraising projects. His and Bartol's goal from the beginning, he says, was to make the best beer possible and to build a company that Houston and the state of Texas would be proud of.

By late 2009, business was booming and Saint Arnold was constrained only by physical space. That's when Wagner moved his brewery into a renovated warehouse overlooking downtown, even though it would've been cheaper to buy a custom-built building outside the city center. But again, he said he wanted to create a community gathering point. Again, his decision paid off.

Wagner took on investors to raise enough capital to convert the century-old warehouse into a modern brewing facility with a huge beer hall that serves lunch daily, packs in crowds during tours and special events and is rented out for private parties. The brewery attracts an estimated 100,000 visitors annually.

The new digs also significantly increased capacity. Production is expected in the range of 65,000 to 70,000 barrels this year, boosted not only by consumer demand but also by changes in state law last year that Wagner had pushed for over several legislative sessions. Those production numbers are expected to continue to grow.

Charles Vallhonrat, head of Texas Craft Brewers Guild, says Wagner was smart from the beginning to build a sense of community around his product. He recalled being with his brother-in-law when Saint Arnold Amber made its debut. They were at the Ginger Man pub in Rice Village, near the university that drew Wagner to Texas and where he had learned to homebrew in the 1980s.

"We're sitting at a table trying this beer," he said, "and this guy came up and introduced himself as Brock Wagner."

The young owner took Vallhonrat's address and Vallhonrat was "incredibly impressed" to receive a personalized postcard a few days later.

He sees an echo of that today. When Wagner hosted a recent brewers' night for guild members, for example, he opened up the Saint Arnold quality-control lab so the other brewers could bring in samples for testing.

Wagner, whose ancestors include both an Alsace liquor merchant and the founder of a famous saloon in San Francisco, enjoys being part of a tradition.

That was obvious as Leo Berger pulled his Massey Ferguson tractor to a stop and climbed down to meet Wagner and Rawlings, the brewers who'd traveled from America to see where their hops were grown. The plants had long since been harvested, but there's always work to do at Berger's tidy farm.

His fields still were staked in precisely ordered rows of wooden poles connected by overhead wires that will support the hops. Berger owns several giant pieces of machinery that pick the hops flowers from the vines, dry them and pack them into canvas bales for delivery to broker HVG's warehouse.

The surrounding village is picture-postcard Bavaria, a town where Berger, his wife and son make up an eighth of the population. For two weeks at harvest time each year, the countryside is rich with the smell of hops.

Working this land has introduced him to brewers from all over the world who yearn for a connection to the agricultural roots of their professions. Berger calls it an important experience, and not just because it helps him understand what the craft brewers want.

Wagner, who was on his fourth European buying trip, told Berger he wants to make sure the farmers know he supports them. He had said the same thing to the HVG brokers earlier and would repeat that two days later during a meeting at Bohemia Hop in Zatec.

"We want it to be profitable for farmers to grow our crops, so there is that focus on quality," he said. To go cheap on this important ingredient, he explained, would be foolish.

Wagner was talking with Erich Lehmair and Florian Seidl, sons of hops farmers who now work at HVG. In a conference room where hops-infused mineral water was served, Lehmair started with the bad news: the 2013 crop was below average because the weather was too wet and cold in the spring and too dry in July. Technical readings found the hops had below-average amounts of alpha acids, which provide the bittering qualities that balance the sweetness in beer that comes from malt.

When those acid levels are off, brewers must adjust their recipes accordingly, a tricky prospect.

Then came the good news: the previous five harvests had been "fabulous" and so there were plenty of hops stored up. The money paid to farmers during those years had allowed them to invest in land and equipment. Lehmair said brewers like Wagner, who sign pre-contracts committing to certain levels of purchase, can be assured of their supply.

"The mood in the industry is much better than it was a few years ago," he said.

Part of that is due to the Americans' growing taste for hoppier beers that take fuller advantage of the strong, often piney or citrusy flavors and the intense floral aromas they impart. A decade ago, Lehmair said, about 60 to 70 percent of German-grown hops were exported to non-German breweries. Today, he estimated, up to 80 percent are sent abroad.

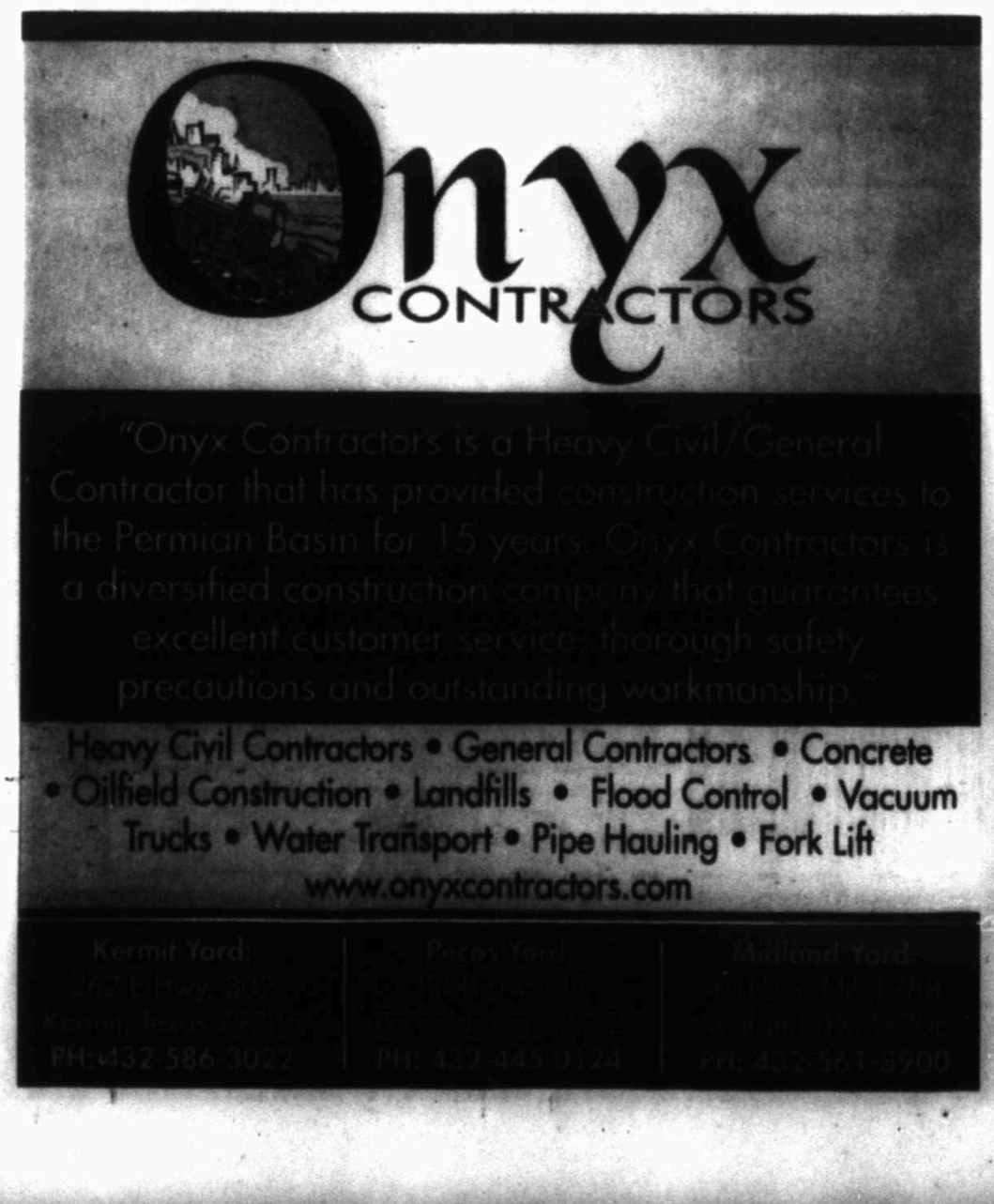
U.S. craft brewers, which make just 7 percent of all the beer sold domestically, represent 40 percent of HVG's business.

And since Americans — and the craft brewers following their example in other parts of the world — put more emphasis on the hops' strongest attributes, German researchers have been experimenting and cross-breeding new and bolder strains. A decade ago, Lehmair said, the scientists ignored hops with strong piney, citrusy attributes.

For Wagner, the annual buying trip serves multiple purposes. Foremost, it allows him to choose the specific hops, from crops grown in a particular field, that he thinks will best bring out the flavors and aromas he wants. Bringing along a younger brewer is a way to both reward and educate.

The trip seems to inspire him as well, to remind him why he got into the business.

"You see this cycle of their life that goes around the cycle of the hops," Wagner said later, reflecting on the trip. "Plus, you see the tradition of beer they have in Germany and the Czech Republic and you want to draw on that — while always putting our own stamp on them."



OPEN CARRY

From 1B

that we have."

Open Carry Texas supporter Robert Beverly of Fort Worth echoed the message. "These guys aren't nuts," he said. "We're not loons. We aren't dummies."

Yet many open carry jamborees are thick with those who, while not seeking armed conflict on city streets, are ready for it. Beverly, 54, said he has joined a militia, through which he has received tactical and weapons training.

He is concerned, he said, about widespread civil disturbances or extensive societal breakdown. "I want to be able to respond to any incident," he said.

Another Open Carry member, Mark Thompson of Garland, had similar thoughts. "Say if there's ever a coup in the United States," he said. "We would have the means to protect ourselves."

Others worry about threats that, though smaller in scale, may be no less lethal.

"This is the safest corner in America," Robert Perez declared as he waved a "Don't Tread on Me" flag late last month at a rally in Haltom City. He was joined there by a dozen or so armed compatriots. "There's nobody getting robbed here," he said.

Perez, a 45-year-old auto mechanic from Arlington, carried an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle on his back. The chamber was empty, but he kept a loaded 30-round magazine attached to this gun. He could squeeze off multiple rounds in a matter of seconds.

"I do have ammo just in case," he said. "We have a lot of people who take issue with what I'm doing."

Firing on attackers, Perez said, might be his only option. "If we're out on a march today and we have a situation where they don't like us and they try to run us over with a car," he said, "I may have to defend myself."

The doleful roll of American mass murder sites — Sandy Hook, Aurora, Virginia Tech, Columbine — often is invoked in the debate over semi-automatic weapons. Gun control advocates use them as rallying points. A semi-automatic rifle was used in the Connecticut school shootings in which 20 children were killed.

Perhaps surprisingly, open carry proponents also summon these same places as arguments for their cause. "We've had over 800 events, and not a child has been killed," said Grisham of Open Carry Texas. As for school and theater shootings, "Guns aren't responsible for that. Crazy people are."

One of his group's messages, he said, is that weapons are not to be feared. "People are afraid of something they have no need to be afraid of. — It comes from a lack of knowledge about guns."

Grisham, an Army master sergeant, founded Open Carry Texas about a year ago. The impetus was his arrest in Temple for carrying — while on a Boy Scout hike with his son — a semi-automatic weapon in public.

He ultimately was convicted of interfering with a peace officer and fined $2,000. "I pay it a hundred dollars at a time," he said. "I pay it in nickels."

His group's current goal is a change in Texas law that would allow the open carry of handguns. "We are only one of six states that ban it," Grisham said. Other states are California, Illinois, New York, South Carolina and Florida. Washington, D.C., also bans the open carry of handguns.

"As a Texan," he said, "that's embarrassing."

Concealed handguns are legal in Texas if the carrier holds a license.

If an open handgun law is passed, Open Carry supporter Beverly said, most will leave their rifles at home. "Give us a right to carry our sidearms," he said, "and you'll not see us carrying our ARs 99 percent of the time."

State Rep. George Lavender, R-Texarkana, said he believes open carry handgun legislation has a good chance in the 2015 session. Lavender filed such a bill during the last session, unsuccessfully.

"It's in great shape to pass," he said. But he added, some Open Carry activists may be sabotaging themselves.

"I think what some people are doing is causing negative publicity, which does set back the cause," he said.

Even the National Rifle Association piled on. Late last month, its Institute for Legislative Action said open carry demonstrators were counterproductive, "downright weird" and "downright scary." They were, the NRA said, "an attention-hungry few who thought only of themselves."

But the NRA reversed itself quickly after open carry groups reacted with anger. "That was a mistake," Chris Cox, the NRA's chief lobbyist, said a few days later. "It was a poor word choice."

Some of the more arresting images — at least for those not accustomed to the sight of heavily armed individuals casually eating burritos or purchasing milk — have been photos of Open Carry members in establishments such as Chipotle and Target.

One of the photos showed a man carrying a semi-automatic as he prepared to buy a bag of Oreos. Another was of Kory Watkins, coordinator of Open Carry Tarrant County, passing time at a Dairy Queen with his rifle across his back.

"It's 'Gunfight at the Golden Corral,'" comedian Jon Stewart cracked last week on The Daily Show.

John Pierce, co-founder of OpenCarry.org in Virginia, said he is sympathetic toward a group that bears long guns because sidearms are not legal. But he acknowledged that semi-automatic rifles in a fast-food restaurant can make for poor public relations.

"It's a jarring visual in some cases," he said.

Moms Demand Action has happily circulated many of these photographs, which it lifts from the Facebook pages of Open Carry members. "When you see pictures of what it looks like, it points out how bizarre this behavior is," said Watts of Moms Demand Action.

Beyond that, some who have opposed — or merely questioned — Open Carry members say they have been targeted with hostile calls, texts and emails.

"There is an underbelly of America that I did not know existed," Watts said of the messages she has received. "One of them said, 'I hope you are raped and killed and I'm standing there with my gun, and I won't save your life.'"

Grisham said the Open Carry member should not have made the woman's name and number public. "He did it for the right reasons," Grisham said. "It was just bad execution."

He also said he condemns any threats or abusive language. "We reject it in the strongest terms," Grisham said, but does not feel his campaign has caused it. "I don't feel any responsibility for it."

Gun-regulation supporters have mounted their own attacks, he said. Grisham noted that online posts have depicted the demonstrators as mouth-breathing losers with sexual-compensation issues.

"The gun control crowd has their own extremists," he said. "These things are vile. People are telling us we should be shot in the head."

Former Marine Henry said he approached a Memorial Day Open Carry rally, which took place in Fort Worth, with no ill will. A gun owner and a video producer, he hoped to make a video of the demonstrators and sell it to them.

But he was instantly accosted, he said, by men with semi-automatics demanding to know who he was and what he was doing. "Two or three guys immediately began bombarding me with questions," he said. "These are armed strangers engaging an unarmed citizen."

The rally occurred shortly after a southern California incident in which a man killed six people. "I said, 'Honestly, I think it looks bad,'" Henry recalled. "I said, 'I think you're (expletive) for being out here two days after parents lost their children.'"

Henry went to his car, closely followed by an Open Carry member shooting video.

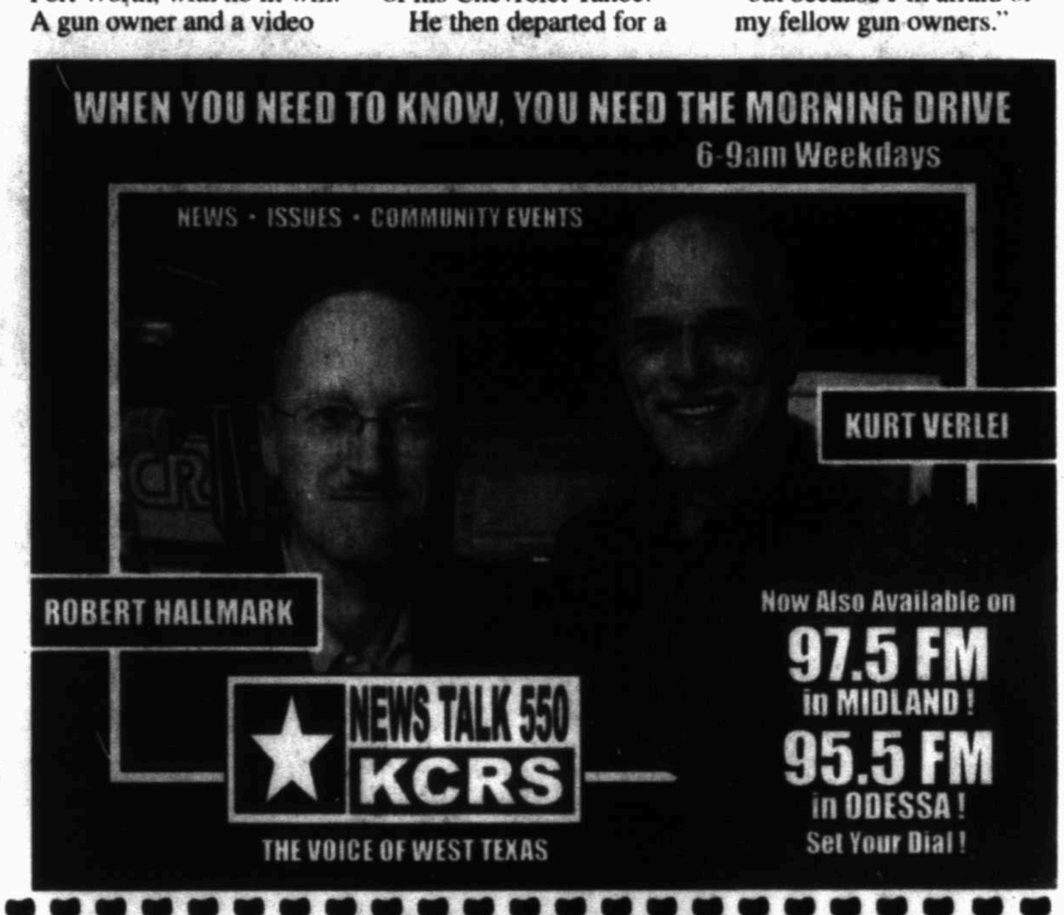
The name of Henry's production company and his phone number was displayed on the rear window of his Chevrolet Tahoe.

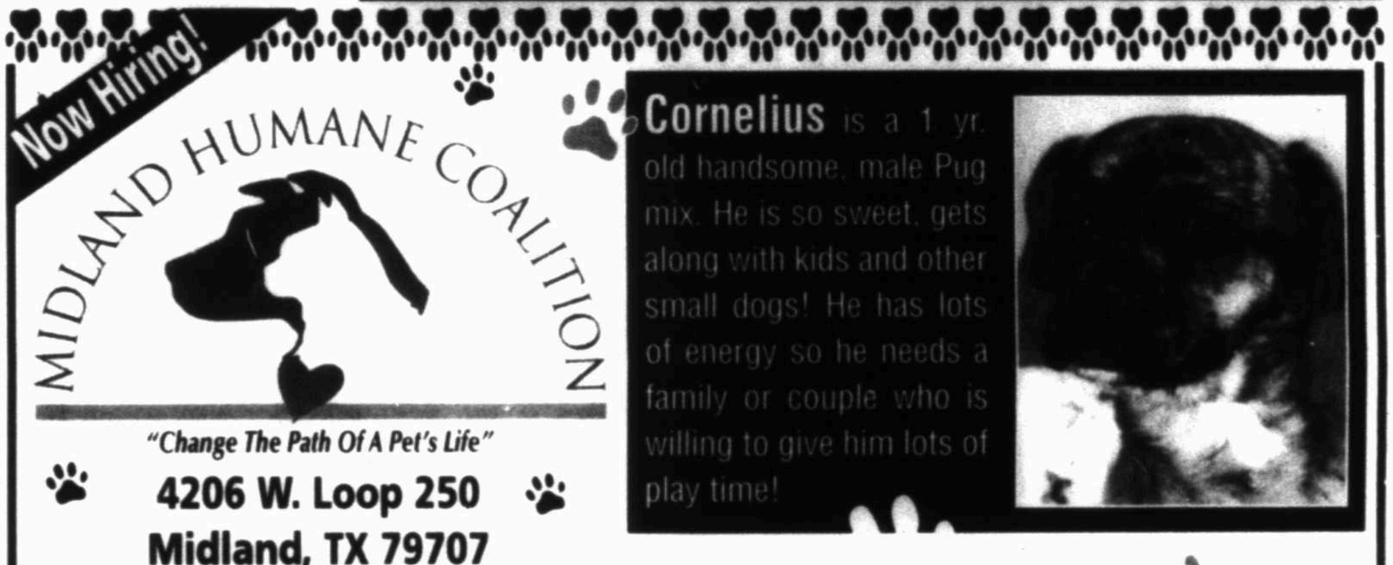
He then departed for a trip out of town. Henry was just past the city limits, he said, when the first of many phone calls with death threats started.

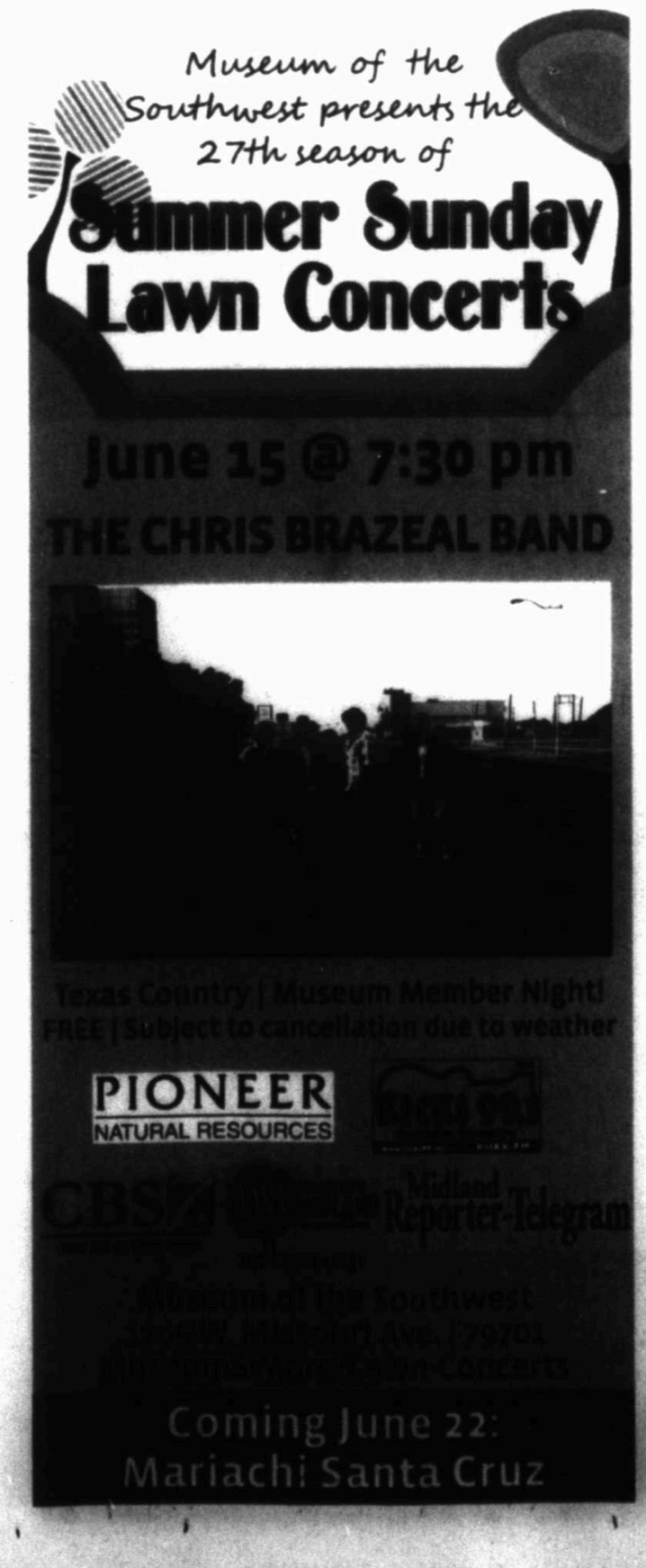
Open Carry member Joseph Tye posted his video of the encounter — including Henry's phone number — on YouTube. Tye attached this comment: "James Henry apparently does not like Texans lawfully exercising their right to carry guns. He also is apparently an ardent atheist that has a foul mouth and is quite negative toward peaceful Christian people."

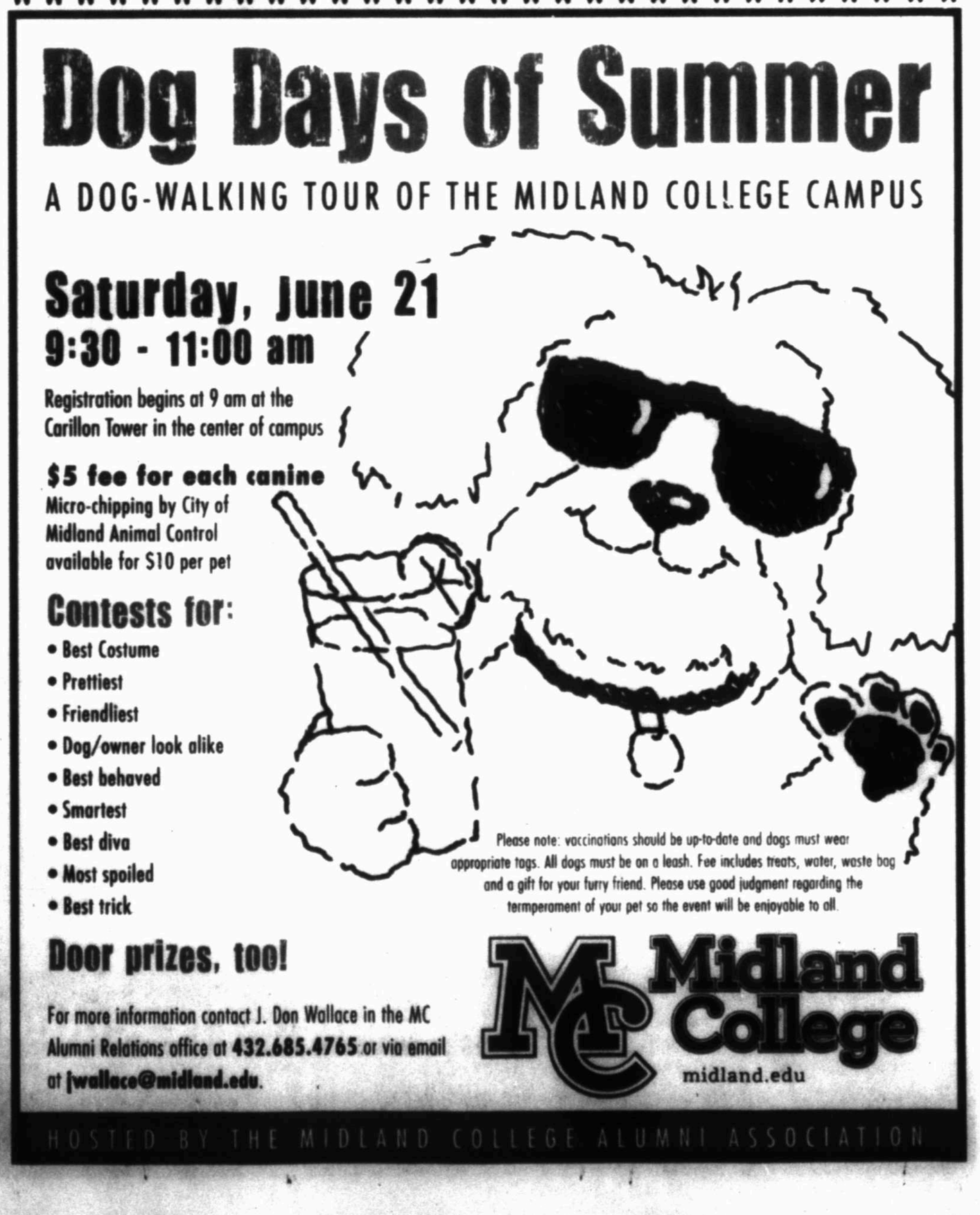
For the record, Henry said, he's an agnostic. Such online activity, he said, serves to antagonize and incite. "They are well aware that they are provoking some of their more unstable ranks."

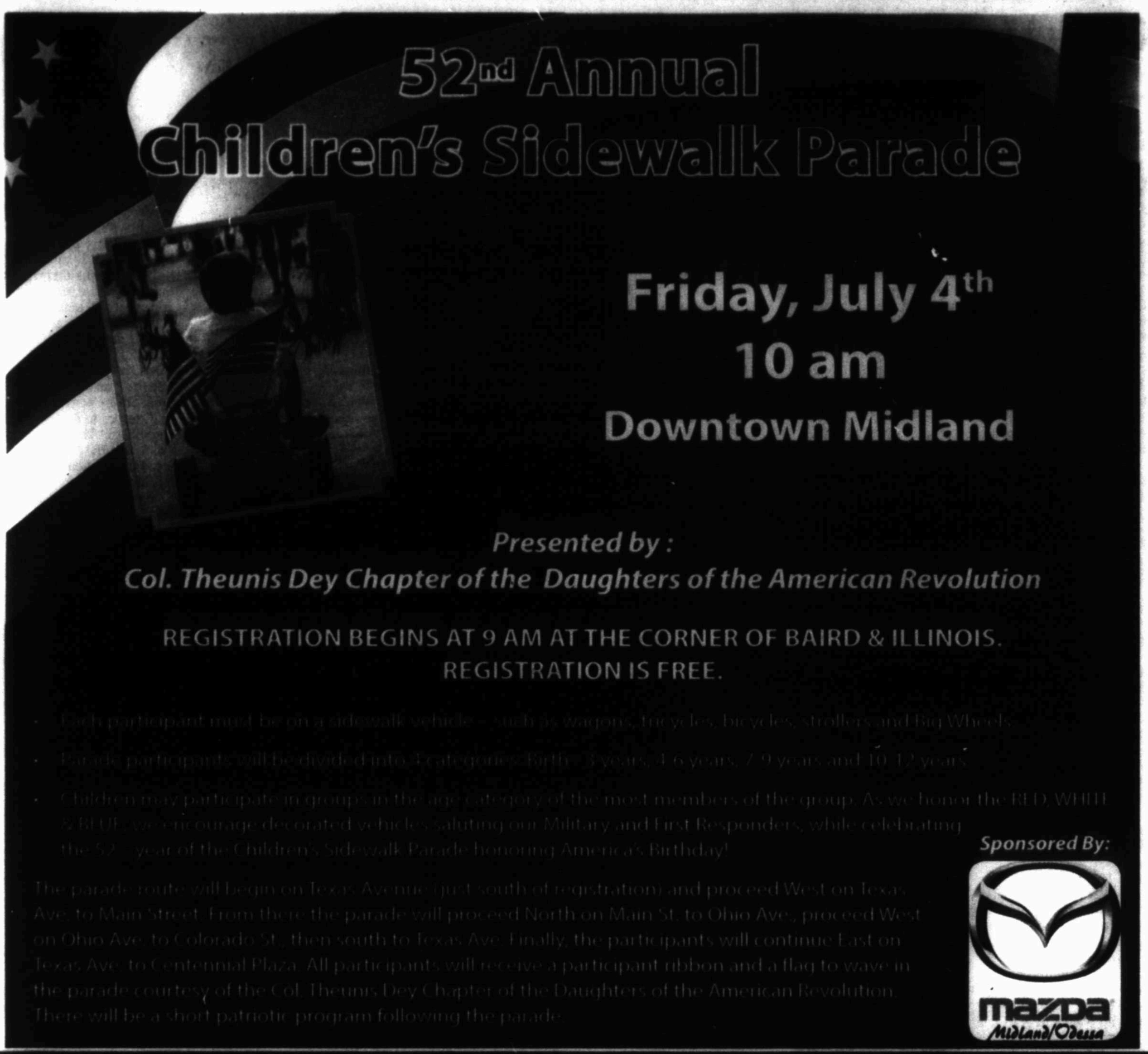
Henry now carries a .38 revolver — concealed — in his car. "I have a firearm on me now, not because I'm afraid of gangs," he said, "but because I'm afraid of my fellow gun owners."











2014 Star Spangled Coloring Contest

Courtesy of the Midland Chamber of Commerce & The Midland Reporter-Telegram

CONTEST RULES:

1. Eligibility: Contest is open to children ages 2 to Grade 6 (completed). Children of employees of the Midland Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) or the Midland Reporter-Telegram (MRT) are not eligible for cash prizes, but may participate to have their entry distributed to an active duty member of the Military or Veteran (See Rule 6).
2. How to Enter: Limit (1) entry per child. Cut out coloring sheet on reverse side. Have child color using crayons, colored pencils or markers. Submit entry to the Chamber office, 109 N. Main St., NO LATER THAN 5 PM on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Entry must have the entry form attached (use staples only - no tape or paperclips). DO NOT include identification information on the coloring sheet.
3. Judging: Submissions will be judged by an independent panel based on artistic quality, creativity and representation of theme (Patriotism). Entrants will be judged in the following categories: (A) Ages 2 - Kindergarten (Completed); (B) Grades 1 - 3 (Completed); and (C) Grades 4 - 6 (Completed).
4. Prizes: The following prizes will be awarded in each category - 1st Place - $20 gift certificate; 2nd Place - $10 gift certificate; 3rd place - $5 gift certificate.
5. Notification: All entries will be displayed at the 2014 Star Spangled Salute presented by Devon Energy. Winning Entries will be marked with the appropriate ribbon and displayed inside the "Kid's Zone" in Midland Center prior to the pre-show concert (approximately 7:00 p.m.). Following the 2014 Star Spangled Salute presented by Devon Energy, winners will be contacted via the email and/or phone number provided on the form.
6. Distribution: Entries WILL NOT be returned. Instead, entries will be distributed to active duty military and/or local (Permian Basin area) Veterans. Entry Form will be removed prior to distribution.
7. Other: All entries become the property of the Chamber and the MRT. Images of entries may be used by the Chamber and/or the MRT for promotional and/or editorial purposes. Such usage may attribute credit to the entrant by first name, last initial and age category. Entrant's full name and/or contact information WILL NOT be used.

ENTRY FORM

Child's Name: _____

Child's Category (Circle one):
Age 2 - K 1st - 3rd 4th - 6th

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature
(By Signing, Parent/Guardian signifies understanding of Rules)

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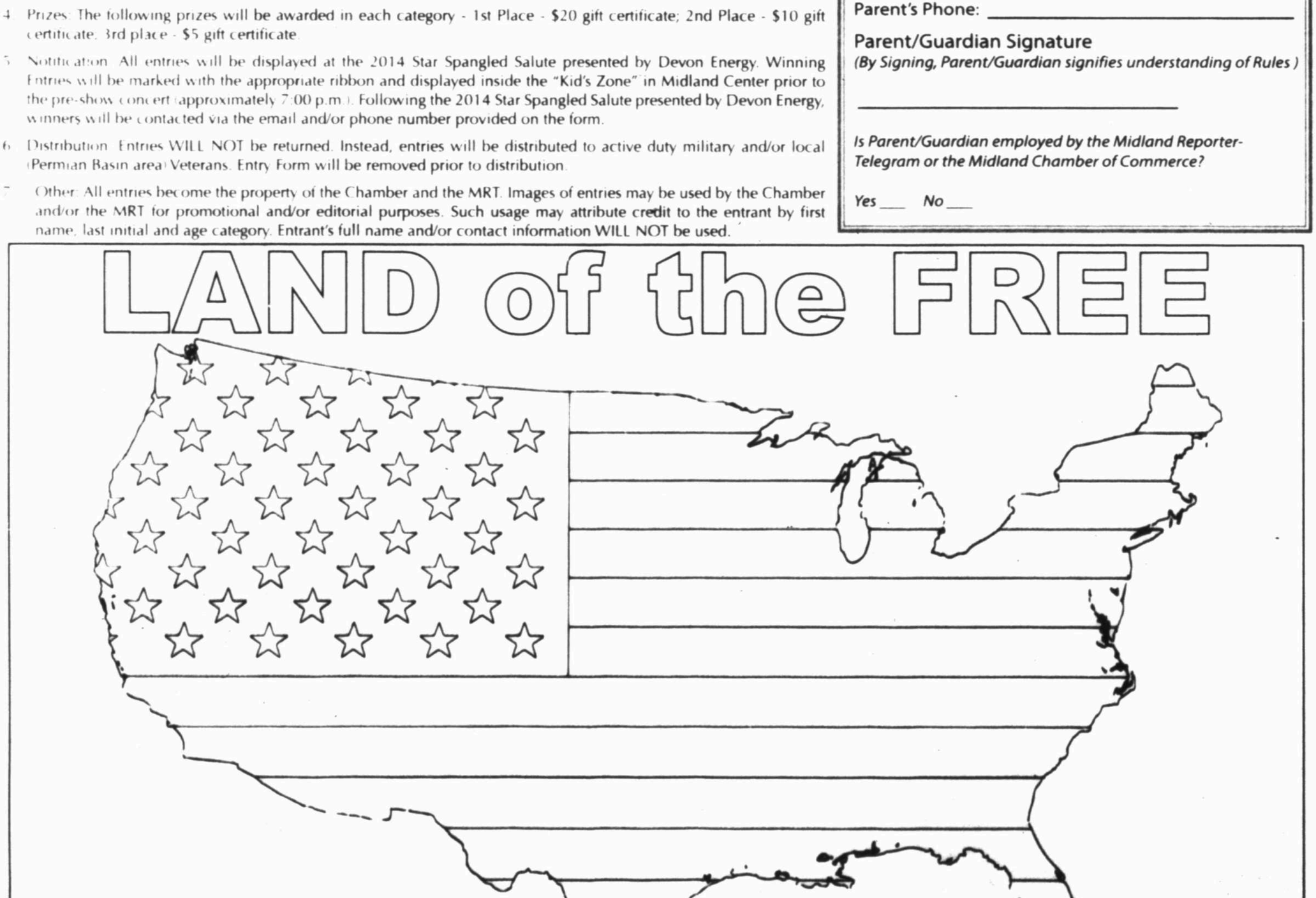

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Dunda returns to West Texas to compete, see family

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Wrangler Dunda began his bull riding career a little earlier than most.

At age 2, his father Gary took him to a rodeo and placed him on the back of sheep. A toddler, Wrangler believed he would just there for a photo opportunity. Instead the gate open, and thus commenced his rodeo career.

Twenty-one years later, Wrangler is still riding and Saturday he competed in the Midland GMC Invitational at Horseshoe Arena & Pavilion. In the stands were both his dad and mom, Deedee, making the event a family affair.

Then again, for the Dundas, bull riding always has been.

"That's all our life has been since the day we got married," Gary said. "It's always been about bull riding. It didn't change when Wrangler was born."

Gary started riding bulls at 14, and he didn't retire from the sport until last year at 47 years old. So it's of little surprise that Wrangler took to the family craft quickly. Wrangler advanced rapidly from sheep to calves and started mounting professional-level bulls when he was 12.

While most children rode little springed horse toys as a child, Wrangler's was in the shape of a bull. Father and son loved riding and conversations at the family table rarely strayed far from the inner workings of the sport.

Like most children in Odessa, Wrangler played football growing up, and he competed in both sports through junior high. But eventually Wrangler's football coach gave him an ultimatum, football or rodeo. Too often Wrangler's riding events conflicted with games.

Wrangler didn't mull over the decision for long.

"That was the end of my football career," Wrangler said with a laugh.

Wrangler said both football and riding rely on toughness and taking hits, but with one subtle difference on the blows.

"Its 200 pounds as opposed to 2,000 pounds," Wrangler said. "A lot of people say we're crazy that

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Wrangler Dunda of Odessa competes in the PBR Touring Pro Division Midland GMC Invitational on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena.

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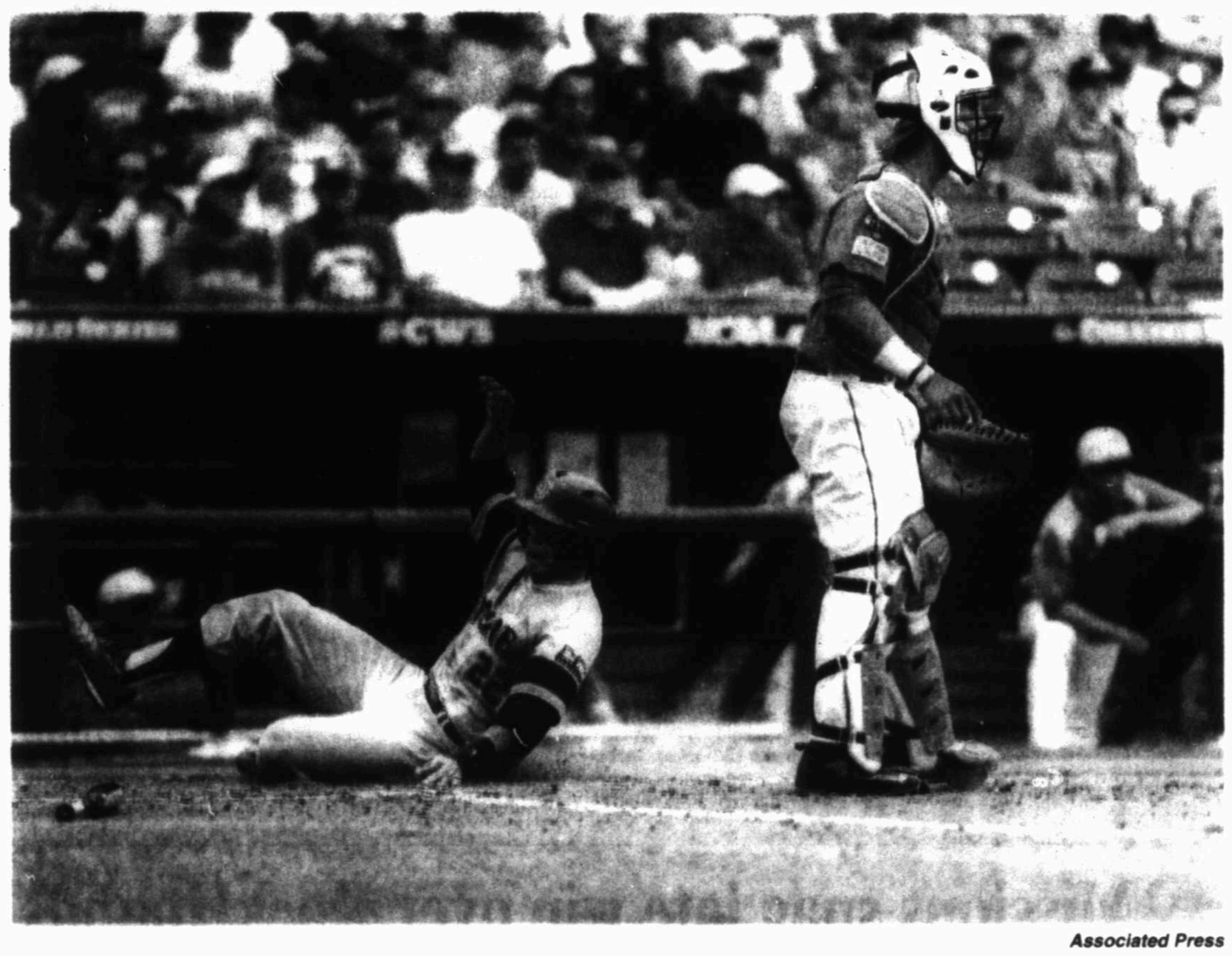

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UC Irvine shortstop Chris Rabago, left, scores on a single by Jonathan Munoz in the eighth inning of a College World Series game against Texas in Omaha, Neb., on Saturday. At right is Texas catcher Tres Barrera.

Texas is in survival mode after loss to Irvine

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Texas is in the same position it was in during its previous College World Series appearance. This time the Longhorns are hoping for a different ending.

Nathan Thornhill carried a shutout into the eighth Saturday before UC Irvine's Taylor Sparks hit his nation-leading ninth triple to start a three-run inning that sent the Longhorns to a 3-1 loss in the opening game of the College World Series.

The Longhorns (43-20), who also lost their first CWS game in 2011, hope to avoid their second straight two-and-out in Omaha. They play Monday against the loser of the late game between Louisville and Vanderbilt.

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UC Irvine leads series 1-0

"This is not the position we want to be in, but I don't think we're going to feel sorry for ourselves," Thornhill said. "We're going to try to find a way to dig out of it. We've got a lot of fight in us."

The wind was blowing in at 35 mph at cavernous TD Ameritrade Park, and Sparks' hit was the longest of the day. It barely reached the warning track.

But with Texas' outfield playing extremely shallow, his drive to left-center was more than enough to get the Anteaters' offense going.

"The wind was really howling, so I knew anything lifted, it wasn't going anywhere," Sparks said. "I just tried to stay flat with that and was able to travel through the gap. It's definitely my most special and favorite hit so far."

Texas is making its record 35th CWS appearance, with 75-year-old coach Augie Garrido trying to win a national title in a fifth decade. He won championships with Cal State Fullerton in 1979, 1984 and 1995 and with Texas in 2002 and 2005.

"Remember in '79 when Fullerton lost the first game in the double elimination? I said they were going to win?" Garrido said. "So we've got a chance, we've got the right attitude, we've got the right group of guys."

One of the last four teams selected for the NCAA tournament, UC Irvine (41-23) continued to amaze during a

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CWS packed with former JUCO Region V talent

By Oscar LeRoy
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With the celebration that comes from the Texas Tech baseball team making it to the College World Series for the first time ever, one also has to look at how much the influx of junior college talent helped the program reach this level.

Of the 33 players listed on the 2014 roster, 13 played at a junior college at least one year before arriving at Texas Tech and 11 of those players were at a program in NJCAA Region V. Some key Red Raider players coming out of a Region V program were catcher, Midland Christian grad and Midland College ex Hunter Redman, pitchers Chris Sadberry and Jonny Drozd transferred from Grayson County College, pitcher Cameron Smith and outfielder Devon Conley went to New Mexico Junior College, pitcher Dominic Moreno went to Howard College, and designated hitter Adam Kirsch played one season at North Central Texas College.

That's not surprising that head coach

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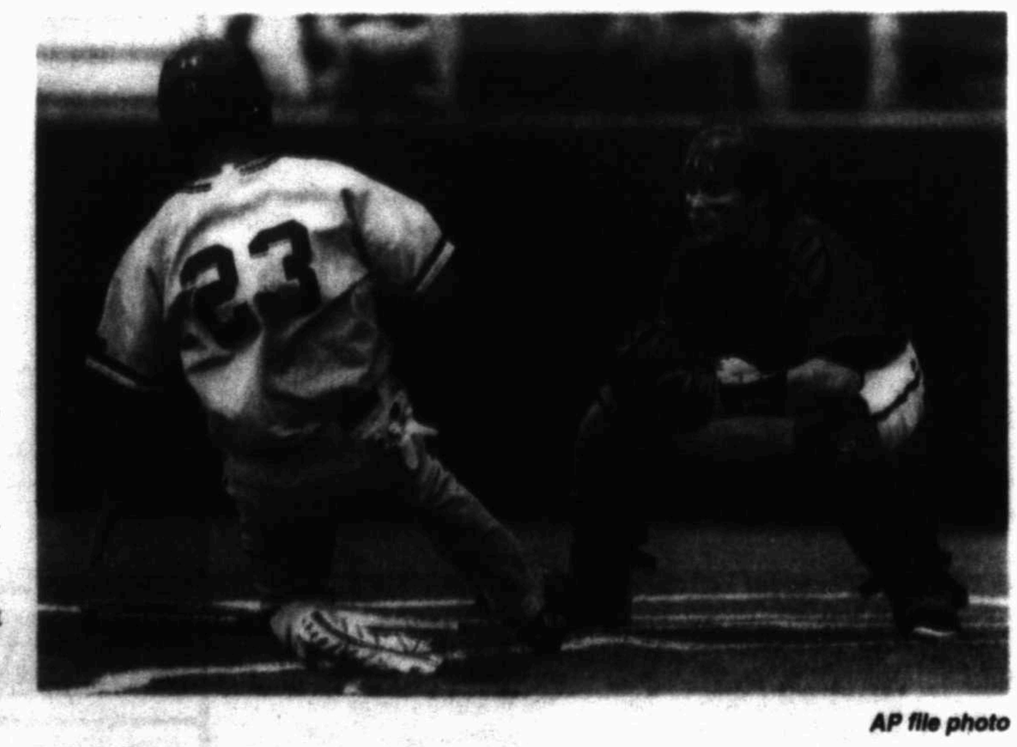

AP file photo

Texas Tech's Hunter Redman, right, prepares to tag out the College of Charleston's Brandon Glazer at home plate during a NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game in Lubbock on June 7. Redman formerly played at Midland College and is one of several former NJCAA Region V players in this year's NCAA College World Series.

It's the role players who have the Spurs rolling

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker is still thankful for the role players who helped carry San Antonio to its last NBA title in 2007.

There was Robert Horry, a seven-time champion and official finals good-luck charm if there ever was one. Michael Finley, who was hitting 3-pointers at a much better rate in those playoffs than he did in the regular season that year. Fabricio Oberto, who probably never had a play called for him but found ways to get things done.

The Spurs had a 'Big 3' then, the same one that they have now.

But three is rarely enough, and that's been proven once again in these NBA Finals.

Kawhi Leonard and Boris Diaw have been exactly what San Antonio needed in this matchup against the Miami Heat, and might be the two biggest reasons why the Spurs are one win away from their fifth NBA championship. The Spurs lead these finals 3-1, and will look to end Miami's reign in Game 5 at home on tonight.

"If you want to win championships, obviously you need a 'Big 3,'" Parker said. "But you need your role players to play great too. And every time we won championships in the past, the 'Big 3,' we played great, but we had great role players. ... If you want to go all the way, you need the whole team to play great."

That's what the Spurs are getting.

Parker is leading the Spurs in scoring, Tim Duncan is leading in rebounding and the Western Conference champions are outscoring Miami by 62 points so far with Manu Ginobili on the floor — so yes, the 'Big 3' is doing its part.

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Kaymer outlasts tough Pinehurst for a 5-shot lead

Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — A tough Pinehurst No. 2 tried to make a game out of this U.S. Open. Martin Kaymer always had an answer.

Already with one bogey on his card, Kaymer's tee shot on No. 4 was so deep into the trees that his golf ball settled in sandy patch that had been washed out by rain, stacked up against 6 inches of pine straw. With nowhere to go and no relief available, he turned to USGA President Tom O'Toole and said, "If you have a way to play it, I'll follow you."

Kaymer navigated his way out of trouble just fine.

He escaped with a bogey by getting up-and-down from 165 yards. He followed with an eagle with a 7-iron from 202 yards out of more sand and weeds. And a birdie on the final hole gave him a 2-over 72 and a five-shot lead in a U.S. Open that finally lived up to its reputation Saturday.

"I kept it very well together," said Kaymer, who was at 8-under 202.

Now he has to do it one more time, with a different cast of challengers behind him.

Rickie Fowler, with teen idol status in American golf, birdied the par-3 17th hole and shot 67 to get into the final group of a major for the first time.

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MotoGP World Championship, Grand Prix of Catalunya, at Montmelo, Spain, 6:30 p.m., FS1
MotoGP Moto3, Grand Prix of Catalunya, at Montmelo, Spain (same-day tape), 11 a.m., FS1
MotoGP Moto2, Grand Prix of Catalunya, at Montmelo, Spain (same-day tape), noon, FS1

NBA
NBA Finals, game 5, Miami at San Antonio, 7 p.m., ABC

SOCCER
FIFA, World Cup, Group E, Switzerland vs. Ecuador, at Brasilia, Brazil, 10:30 p.m., ABC
FIFA, World Cup, Group E, France vs. Honduras, at Porto Alegre, Brazil, 1:30 p.m., ABC
FIFA, World Cup, Group F, Argentina vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina, at Rio de Janeiro, 4:30 p.m., ESPN

WNBA
Phoenix at Minnesota, noon, ESPN2

LOCAL SPORTS

2014 MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
at Green Tree Country ClubSarturday's second round results
Championship Flight — 1. John Pelletier 74-70—144; 2. John Ironside 74-72—146
President's Flight — 1. Stuart Beall 81-75—156; 2. Mike Elphick 82-75—157
First Flight — 1. Gary Mulloy 75-80—155; 2. (tie) Derek Robinson 76-82—158; Michael Cowley 80-78—158
Second Flight — 1. Jacob Hooper 84-81—165; 2. (tie) Jimmy Rogers 82-86—168; Keith Conner 82-86—168
Third Flight — 1. Richard Lee 80-78—158; 2. Miles Walker 81-78—159
Fourth Flight — 1. Thomas Gentry 90-84—174; 2. Shawn Mowles 80-95—175

WHAT'S ON DECK

Frost Bank Invitational, Doug Russell Pool
College World Series, Texas Tech vs. TCU, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent OF Shane Victorino, RHP Clay Buchholz and 3B Will Middlebrooks to Pawtucket (IL) for rehab assignments.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Henry Rodriguez on a minor league contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jared Robinson on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned LHP Rudy Owens to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Josh Zeid from Oklahoma City.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Angel Sanchez to Montgomery (SL). Sent OF Brandon Guyer to Durham (IL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned OF Darin Mastroianni to Buffalo (IL). Reinstated RHP Sergio Santos from the 15-day DL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Zac Rosscup to Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed LHP Sean Marshall on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Reinstated RHP Mat Latos from the 60-day DL.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Assigned RHP Wilton Lopez outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Colin Hering on a minor league contract.
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with SS Brian Anderson on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned INF Irving Falu and OF Logan Schafer to Nashville (PCL). Recalled UT Elian Herrera to Nashville. Reinstated LHP Tom Gorzelanny from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with LHPs Kodi Medeiros and Carlos Leal, SS Jacob Gatewood, OF Monte Harrison and C Matt Martin on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK METS — Sent OF Eric Young Jr. to Binghamton (EL) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Prevost and LHP Kelly Secrest on minor league contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent 3B Cody Asche to Lakewood (SAL) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with LHP Matt Hoffman on a minor league contract.
PITTSURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with SS Nelson Jorge, OF Eric Thomas, 3B Chase Simpson and RHPs Eric Karch, Frank Duncan, Palmer Betts, Trey Supak, Mitch Keller and Michael Clemens. Called up RHP Vance Worley from Indianapolis (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Tyler Lyons to Memphis (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed LHP Troy Patton on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Jesse Hahn from San Antonio (TL).
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Released RHP Michael Nannini.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released LHP James Giulietti.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed LHP Joe Testa.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHP Bo Budkevics. Traded C Justin Dalles to Windy City (Frontier) for a player to be named.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Michael Hernandez.
Frontier League
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed LHP Tommy Organ and INF Matt Reida.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released C Matt Scioscia.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Agreed to terms with S Mike Adams.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed LW Tomas Nosek to a two-year, entry-level contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed coach Michel Therrien to a four-year contract extension. Traded F Louis Leblanc to Anaheim for a conditional 2015 fifth-round draft pick.
SOCCER
National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Acquired M Kerstin Garefrekes on loan from FFC Frankfurt (Germany) for the remainder of the season.
COLLEGE
LIMESTONE — Named Sam Holmes women's assistant soccer coach.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	7	5	2	23	21	18
Sporting Kansas City	6	5	4	22	21	14
D.C.	6	4	4	22	18	14
Toronto FC	6	4	1	19	15	13
New York	4	5	6	18	22	22
Columbus	4	5	6	18	18	18
Houston	5	9	2	17	16	29
Philadelphia	3	7	6	15	22	27
Chicago	2	4	8	14	22	25
Montreal	2	6	4	10	11	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	10	3	2	32	32	23
Real Salt Lake	6	2	7	25	25	21
Colorado	6	5	4	22	21	18
FC Dallas	6	7	3	21	26	26
Vancouver	5	2	6	21	25	20
Portland	4	4	7	19	26	25
Los Angeles	4	3	5	17	16	11
San Jose	4	5	4	16	15	14
Chivas USA	2	7	5	11	14	26

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

June 27
Toronto FC at New York, 7 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Portland, 10 p.m.
June 28
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 6:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
June 29
Houston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 74-82 degrees; 16.54' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, flukes, Senkos, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 75-83 degrees; 17.78' low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 21.40' low. No report available.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 74-82 degrees; 14.26' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-84 degrees; 25.66' low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 73-83 degrees; 22.12' low. Black bass are fair Texas rigged lizards or worms, jigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 75-81 degrees; 37.45' low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, jigs and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 74-81 degrees; 15.36' low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Humdingers. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 73.57' low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 16.59' low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 75-82 degrees; 25.18' low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 74-82 degrees; 32.37' low. No report available.
PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: 43.43' low. No report available.
MACKENZIE: 98.66' low. No report available.
MEREDITH: 89.62' low. No report available.
PALO DURO: 53.55' low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water stained; 78-82 degrees; 45.54' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on Red Fins, crankbaits, and topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch near rockslides. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms near the dam. Striped bass are good on liver and perch off points. Redfish are fair on tilapia, crawfish, and silver spoons. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on shrimp, cut bait, and cheesebait near the dam.
CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are fair down rigging silver and gold spoons in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are good on doughbait and shad. Blue catfish are good on liver and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
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This and that as Jürgen Klinsmann is telling us something we already knew:

■ It's still kind of crazy to think that Texas Tech will be playing in the College World Series this week.

The program has been close a few times, but it seems through the years those spots in Omaha for teams from Texas were reserved for other programs such as Texas and Texas A&M.

But now I believe Tim Tadlock has created something that will be tough to slow down. Tadlock is a proven winner, evidenced by his two junior college national titles at Grayson County College. But doing it in big-time college baseball is another story.

But the Denton native has pulled it off, and if Tadlock sticks around, which I think is highly likely, he will be able to turn the Red Raiders into a consistent national power.

■ It's amazing how a simple rule change in regard to bats has changed college baseball. No longer are games among elite teams in home run fests with doubles that come off an aluminum bat's fist. There's always been good pitching in college baseball, but the problem was the bats were so far ahead that even good pitchers couldn't keep their earned run averages down.

But now teams with good pitching are winning and the true hitters are coming to the forefront.

The change in bats was done mainly for safety, but I also think it helps give pro scouts a better gauge of a player and makes strategy a bigger part of the game.

For some it might be boring. But with a 1-0 or 2-1 game, there's much more tension, which makes the game much more fun.

■ If you get a chance over the next four days, you might want to get to Security Bank Ballpark to see the "Joey Gallo Show." Gallo, who is a highly touted Texas Rangers prospect, has certainly made his mark in his short time in Double-A at Frisco. This kid will be playing in the big leagues, so catch a glimpse this week.

■ It doesn't take long to watch an NBA Finals game to know that the San Antonio Spurs are dialed in to win this championship. Even if they do, I'm not sure they will be considered one of the NBA's great dynasties.

But for nearly two decades, starting with a little luck in the NBA Draft Lottery, this team has been a consistent playoff and championship contender. San Antonio's stars don't cause a lot of fuss, and they even get some grief because some think they are floppers and whiners.

But whatever name might be thrown out there to describe the team and franchise, it should be led by the word "winners."

Maybe in time the Spurs will get their due from the talking heads in the national media, but they've managed to build a dynasty in a smaller market and keep it going. And if you are a Spurs hater, you may be hating for a while because with the emergence of Kawhi Leonard, they may be good for a while.

■ I do have to touch on the World Cup this week and say that Jürgen Klinsmann saying that the U.S. is not in a position to win the World Cup right now is very true. And frankly, I don't think this country can ever win one.

Klinsmann's words, though, were a reminder of how far we've come and how far we still have to go as a soccer country. To even be in the World Cup and be competitive is an accomplishment, and the obvious next stage is to win one.

But there has to be a profound shift in how soccer is viewed in this country and how America's soccer players are trained. Klinsmann is trying to change that, but will he be around long enough to see it? I don't know.

It will be fun to watch the team over the next few weeks and see if it can prove its coach wrong.

■ And finally, happy Father's Day to my dad and all the fathers out there.

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COM Aquatics gets 4 relay victories

From staff reports

The City of Midland Aquatics team won four relays in four different age divisions and four different swimmers won multiple events Saturday during the third day of the Frost Bank West Texas Invitational at Doug Russell Pool.

The relay victories helped the COM increase its lead in the team standings to more than 100 points as it has 433 points and is 113.5 points ahead of second Las Cruces Aquatic team.

All four relay wins were in the 400 medley relay as COM teams took victories in the girls 13-14 year old division and 15-and-over division, and also in the boys 10-and-under and 11-12 year old divisions.

Mollie Wright, Braden Vines, Brady Cawthon and D'Avante Polk all won multiple individual events Saturday.

Wright won the 100 freestyle (1 minutes, 05.19 seconds), 200 backstroke (2:39.25) and 400 freestyle (4:56.02) in the girls 13-14 year old division.

Vines won three events on Saturday in the boys 13-14 year old division, taking victories in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.13), 200 backstroke (2:22.83) and 400 freestyle (4:29.58).

Brady Cawthon and D'Avante Polk each won two events in the boys 11-12 year old division. Cawthon won the 100 freestyle (1:08.60) and 200 backstroke (2:58.46), and Polk took top honors in the 100 breaststroke (1:35.10) and 50 backstroke (37.88).

The four-day meet will conclude today.

69TH ANNUAL FROST BANK WEST TEXAS INVITATIONAL
Thursday-Sunday
Doug Russell Pool
Saturday's Results
Note: Only winners listed

Team totals: 1. COM Aquatics (COM) 433; 2. Las Cruces Aquatic Team (LCAT) 319.5; 3. Austin Trinity Aquatic Club (ATAC) 187; 4. Longhorn Aquatics (TXLA) 146; 5. Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 104.5; 6. Odessa Aquatic Club (OAC) 58; 7. LHCAA 46; 8. Cavern City Swim Club (CCSC) 28; 9. TeamFINS (FINS) 27; 10. Amarillo Swim Team (AST) 19; 11. Pecos Aquatic Club (PAC) 14; 12. Caprock Swimming (CAP) 11

GIRLS
10 and under
400 medley relay: TXLA (Kendall Hall, Kathleen Bils, Zoe Lynch, Savannah Shively), 6:56.23
100 freestyle: Kendall Hall, TXLA, 1:15.56
100 breaststroke: LeAni Gonzalez, ATAC, 1:34.56
50 backstroke: Abigail Hardy, ATAC, 39.63
11-12
400 medley relay: LCAT (Erica Mock, Julia Fernald, Sarah Gormley, Summer Garcia), 5:27.12
100 freestyle: Sarah Gormley, LCAT, 1:07.99
100 breaststroke: Sarah Gormley, LCAT, 1:27.80
200 backstroke: Sarah Gormley, LCAT, 2:41.11
50 backstroke: Erica Mock, LCAT, 37.71
13-14
400 medley relay: COM (Melanie Barndt, Dailey Parker, Mollie Wright, Claire Keck), 5:15.22
100 freestyle: Mollie Wright, COM, 1:05.19
100 breaststroke: Kim Bowling, ATAC, 1:28.58
200 backstroke: Mollie Wright, COM, 2:39.25
400 freestyle: Mollie Wright, COM, 4:56.02
15 and over
400 medley relay: COM (Blythe Lary, Kile Carriger, Jocelin Drennan, Lindsay Hellerich), 4:55:98
100 freestyle: Victoria Ehly, LCAT, 1:02.75
100 breaststroke: Kayla Gerhart, LSC, 1:20.34
200 backstroke: Lindsay Hellerich, COM, 2:35.45
400 freestyle: Victoria Ehly, LCAT, 4:48.38

BOYS
10 and under
400 medley relay: COM (Rishi Yarlagadda, Caden Carriger, Jakob Vines, Lucas Roark), 7:22.30
100 freestyle: Davis Byrd, FINS, 1:15.33
100 breaststroke: David Byrd, FINS, 1:47.53
50 backstroke: Davis Byrd, FINS, 41.80
11-12
400 medley relay: COM (D'Avante Polk, Connor Carriger, Brady Cawthon, Dante Amicarella), 5:37.44
100 freestyle: Brady Cawthon, COM, 1:08.60
100 breaststroke: D'Avante Polk, COM, 1:35.10
200 backstroke: Brady Cawthon, COM, 2:58.46
50 backstroke: D'Avante Polk, COM, 37.88
13-14
100 freestyle: Brendel Bell, OAC, 1:03.05
100 breaststroke: Braden Vines, COM, 1:16.13
200 backstroke: Braden Vines, COM, 2:22.83
400 freestyle: Braden Vines, COM, 4:29.58
15 and over
400 medley relay: LCAT (Noah Lambert, Andrew Gormley, Kyle Temple, Ian Canavan), 4:30.71
100 freestyle: Kyle Temple, LCAT, 56.24
100 breaststroke: Adrian Law, LCAT, 1:14.48
200 backstroke: Noah Lambert, LCAT, 2:20.10
400 freestyle: Noah Lambert, LCAT, 4:30.36

Missions snag late win over RockHounds

From staff reports

SAN ANTONIO — Rymer Liriano raced home from third base after Cody Overbeck singled on a bunt ground ball to shortstop with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the San Antonio Missions to a 2-1 victory over the Midland RockHounds on Saturday night.

With the Missions' win at Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium, the teams ended up with a split in the four-game series.

The RockHounds return to Security Bank Ballpark at 6 p.m. today to begin a four-game series with the Frisco RoughRiders.

Midland, despite getting 11 hits in the game, scored its only run in the third inning when Dusty Coleman scored on a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

San Antonio tied the game in the fourth inning on an Austin Hedges RBI double.

Ryan Dull (3-3), in relief of Midland starter Shawn Haviland, got into trouble in the ninth as he hit Liriano with a pitch and walked another batter with no outs. After a sacrifice bunt against RockHound reliever Seth Frankoff by Hedges moved runners over, Overbeck came through with the game-winning hit.

MISSIONS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	4	0	1	0	Fuentes cf	4	0	1	0
Crumbliss 2b	3	0	1	1	Asencio rf	4	0	1	0
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	McElroy 2b	3	0	1	0
Taylor dh	4	0	2	0	Hunt 3b	1	0	0	0
Oberacker lf	3	0	0	0	Liriano lf	3	1	0	0
Head 1b	4	0	3	0	Hagerty dh	1	1	0	0
Aliotti rf	4	0	0	0	Hedges c	3	0	1	1
Forsythe c	4	0	2	0	Overbeck 1b	4	0	1	1
Coleman ss	4	1	2	0	Buschini 3b-2b	3	0	0	0
					Bixler ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	11	1	Totals	28	2	5	2

Midland .... 001 000 000—1
San Antonio .... 000 100 001—2

One out when winning run scored.
E — Crumbliss (4), Muncy (5). DO — Midland 2, San Antonio 3. LOB — Midland 8, San Antonio 7. 2B — Coleman (14), Taylor (10), Hedges (16). 3B — Head (1). SB— Coleman (10), Fuentes (9). CS — Liriano (5). SH — Hedges. SF — Crumbliss.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland	7.0	2	1	1	3	3
Dull L, 3-3	1.0	2	1	1	1	2
Frankoff	0.1	1	0	0	0	0
San Antonio						
Morrow	7.0	8	1	1	1	8
Ibarra	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
De La Cruz W, 2-5	1.0	2	0	0	0	0

Dull pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
WP — Ibarra. HBP — by Dull (Liriano).
T — 2:36. A — 5,796.

Texas League standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
xz-Tulsa	37	30	.552	—
Arkansas	33	35	.485	4½
Springfield	33	35	.485	4½
Northwest Arkansas	24	44	.353	13½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
xz-Frisco	40	27	.597	—
Midland	36	32	.529	4½
San Antonio	35	33	.515	5½
Corpus Christi	33	35	.485	7½

Saturday's Scores
Springfield 5, Northwest Arkansas 4, 10 innings
Arkansas 4, Tulsa 2
San Antonio 2, Midland 1
Frisco 10, Corpus Christi 2

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 2:05 p.m.
Frisco at Midland, 6 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.

Cities eyed for 2024 Games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An American bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics would come from Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco or Washington if the U.S. Olympic Committee decides to put a city in the running.

A process that began 16 months ago when the USOC sent letters to leaders in 35 cities is now at four finalists.

Dallas and San Diego were scratched from the list.

Los Angeles hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics. Boston, San Francisco and Washington would be first-time hosts.

"Boston, LA, San Francisco and Washington have each given us reason to believe they can deliver a compelling and successful bid, and we look forward to continuing to explore the possibilities as we consider 2024," USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said Friday, when the decision was made public.

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MIDLAND PRO BASEBALL UPDATE

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through June 13

Pitchers

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Milwaukee Brewers

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	11.1	2-1	0	14	10	9	4	17	7.15

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
24	24.1	2-4	6	30	15	15	15	14	5.55

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
16	15.0	0-2	4	22	14	10	5	12	6.00

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), RHP, Jupiter Hammerheads (Miami Marlins Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
19	27.2	2-1	3	21	8	8	5	32	2.60

Position Players

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 3B, Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays Triple-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
79	15	18	8	0	2	8	10	2	.228

Philadelphia Phillies (through May 9)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
39	1	6	0	0	1	2	2	0	.154

Steel Russell (Midland College), C, Frederick Keys (Baltimore Orioles Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
37	8	8	2	0	0	1	4	0	.216

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	30	.571	—
New York	35	31	.530	3
Baltimore	35	32	.522	3½
Boston	31	37	.456	8
Tampa Bay	26	43	.377	13½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	35	29	.547	—
Kansas City	35	32	.522	1½
Cleveland	34	35	.493	3½
Minnesota	32	34	.485	4
Chicago	33	36	.478	4½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	40	27	.597	—
Los Angeles	36	30	.545	3½
Seattle	34	33	.507	6
Texas	33	34	.493	7
Houston	32	38	.457	9½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	35	31	.530	—
Washington	35	32	.522	½
Miami	34	33	.507	1½
New York	30	38	.441	6
Philadelphia	29	37	.439	6
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	41	28	.594	—
St. Louis	36	32	.529	4½
Pittsburgh	34	34	.500	6½
Cincinnati	32	35	.478	8
Chicago	27	39	.409	12½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	43	26	.623	—
Los Angeles	36	33	.522	7
Colorado	33	35	.485	9½
San Diego	29	39	.426	13½
Arizona	29	41	.414	14½

Saturday's Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City 9, Chicago White Sox 1
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Baltimore 3, Toronto 2
Detroit 12, Minnesota 9
Houston 7, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Angels at Atlanta, late
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, late
Texas at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Colorado 5, San Francisco 4
Pittsburgh 8, Miami 6
San Diego 5, N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 4, Washington 1
L.A. Angels at Atlanta, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota (Nolasco 4-5) at Detroit (Porcello 8-4), 12:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 6-4) at Boston (Workman 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 5-3) at Baltimore (Tillman 5-3), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 4-6) at Houston (Peacock 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-2) at Oakland (J.Chavez 5-4), 3:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 1-3) at Seattle (Iwakuma 4-3), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-6) at Atlanta (Minor 2-4), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh (Worley 0-0) at Miami (H.Alvarez 3-3), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 5-7) at N.Y. Mets (Matsuzaka 3-0), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-5) at Philadelphia (A.Burnett 4-5), 12:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 3-6) at Milwaukee (Estrada 5-3), 1:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 5-1) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 2-0), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Nicasio 5-5) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 8-4), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Arroyo 6-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 4-3), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-6) at Atlanta (Minor 2-4), 7:05 p.m.

AL West box scores

ASTROS 7, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs cf	5	0	1	0	Fowler cf	5	1	1	2
Kiermr rf	4	2	2	0	Springr rf	3	1	0	0
Longori 3b	4	1	2	3	Singltn 1b	2	1	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	2	1	0	1
Zobrist 2b-lf	4	0	0	0	MDmn 3b	4	0	2	3
DeJess dh	2	0	1	0	Carter dh	4	0	0	0
SRdrgz ph-dh	1	0	1	0	Presley lf	3	1	0	0
Joyce lf	3	0	1	0	MGnzlz 2b	4	2	3	0
Forsyth ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Villar ss	4	0	1	0
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0					
Hanign c	4	0	1	0					
Totals	36	3	10	3	Totals	31	7	7	6

Tampa Bay ....100 020 000—3
Houston ....005 200 00x—7

E—Archer (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Houston 6. 2B—Kiermaier 2 (7), Loney (16), Fowler (10), M.Dominguez (11), Ma.Gonzalez (4). HR—Longoria (8). CS—Kiermaier (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Archer L,3-4	3	3	6	1	3	2
C.Ramos	3	3	1	1	0	4
Oviedo	1	0	0	0	2	0
Yates	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Cosart W,6-5	7	9	3	3	1	2
Sipp	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Fields	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Zeid	1	0	0	0	0	0

Archer pitched to 1 batter in the 4th.
HBP—by Archer (Springer). WP—Archer, Oviedo.
T—3:39. A—26,264 (42,060).

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX SCORES
RANGERS 1, MARINERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Choice dh	4	0	0	0	J.Jones cf	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	1	2	0	Seager 3b	3	0	0	0
Choo lf	3	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	0	0	0
DRrtsn lf	0	0	0	0	Morrsn 1b	2	0	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	0	0	1	Romer dh	2	0	0	0
Rios rf	4	0	1	0	EnChvz ph-dh	1	0	0	0
Snyder 1b	2	0	0	0	Ackley lf	3	0	0	0
Chirins c	2	0	0	0	Zunino c	3	0	2	0
LMartn cf	3	0	0	0	BMiller ss	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	Gillespi rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	4	1	Totals	28	0	2	0

Texas ....000 000 001—1
Seattle ....000 000 000—0

E—Cano (3). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Texas 4, Seattle 3. 2B—Zunino (11). SB—Andrus 2 (16). CS—B.Miller (1). S—Chirinos.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Tepesch	6 1-3	2	0	0	2	5
Frasor	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Sh.Tolleson W,2-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Soria S,14-15	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
F.Hernandez L,8-2	8 1-3	4	1	1	2	6
Rodney	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—F.Hernandez. PB—Chirinos.
T—2:30. A—22,039 (47,476).

YANKEES 7, ATHLETICS 0

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr lf	4	1	2	1	Crisp cf	3	0	0	0
Jeter ss	4	1	2	0	Jaso dh	3	0	0	0
Ryan ph-ss	0	0	0	0	Dnldsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Ellsury cf	4	0	1	1	Moss rf	4	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	4	1	1	1	Cespds lf	3	0	0	0
McCnn c	4	1	1	0	Lowrie ss	2	0	1	0
Beltran dh	5	0	0	0	DNorrs c	3	0	1	0
ISuzuki rf	4	1	2	1	Parrino 2b	3	0	0	0
BRorts 2b	4	2	2	1	Blanks 1b	3	0	0	0
KJhnsn 3b	3	0	1	1					
Totals	36	7	12	6	Totals	28	0	2	0

New York ....210 000 040—7
Oakland ....000 000 000—0

E—D.Norris (3). DP—New York 1, Oakland 2. LOB—New York 8, Oakland 4. 2B—Lowrie (17). SF—Teixeira.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Phelps W,2-4	6 2-3	2	0	0	3	4
Betances	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
J.Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Gray L,6-3	6	7	3	3	1	7
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	1
Francis	1	5	4	4	0	1
Ji.Johnson	1	0	0	0	2	0

HBP—by Ji.Johnson (Ryan), by Abad (Gardner).
T—3:05. A—36,067 (35,067).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ROYALS 9, WHITE SOX 1

Kansas City ....000 500 013 —9 16 1
Chicago ....000 000 001 —1 7 1

Duffy, Crow (8), Mariot (9) and S.Perez; Noesi, Guerra (4), S.Downs (7), D.Webb (9) and Flowers. W—Duffy 4-5. L—Noesi 2-5. HRs—Kansas City, Moustakas (6), B.Butler (2). Chicago, Konerko (4).

INDIANS 3, RED SOX 2

Cleveland ....001 000 200 —3 10 0
Boston ....100 001 000 —2 9 1

House, Axford (6), Crockett (7), Shaw (7), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes; Peavy, Breslow (7), Tazawa (7), A.Miller (8), Uehara (9) and Pierzynski. W—Axford 2-3. L—Breslow 2-2. Sv—Allen (7).

ORIOLES 3, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto ....010 000 010 —2 9 1
Baltimore ....000 120 00x —3 7 0

Dickey, Jenkins (7) and Thole; B.Norris, O'Day (7), Matusz (8), R.Webb (8), Z.Britton (9) and Hundley. W—B.Norris 6-5. L—Dickey 6-5. Sv—Z.Britton (7). HRs—Baltimore, C.Davis (11).

TIGERS 12, TWINS 9

Minnesota ....010 000 332 —9 12 0
Detroit ....007 121 10x —12 19 1

Deduno, Swarzak (3), Guerrier (5), Thielbar (7), Duensing (8) and Fryer; A.Sanchez, E.Reed (7), Coke (7), Alburquerque (8), Krol (8) and Avila. W—A.Sanchez 3-2. L—Deduno 2-5. Sv—Krol (1). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (15). Detroit, Suarez (3), V.Martinez (17).

ASTROS 7, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay ....100 020 000 —3 10 1
Houston ....005 200 00x —7 7 0

Archer, C.Ramos (4), Oviedo (7), Yates (8) and Hanigan; Cosart, Sipp (8), Fields (8), Zeid (9) and J.Castro. W—Cosart 6-5. L—Archer 3-4. HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 7, CUBS 4

Chicago ....011 100 010 —4 9 1
Philadelphia ....130 030 00x —7 10 0

E.Jackson, Villanueva (5), Russell (7) and Whiteside; Buchanan, Hollands (6), De Fratus (7), Diekman (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—Buchanan 2-3. L—E.Jackson 4-7. Sv—Papelbon (15). HRs—Chicago, Olt (10), Ruggiano (2), Valbuena (4). Philadelphia, Utley (5), D.Brown (5).

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 4

Colorado ....021 000 002 —5 12 1
San Francisco ....100 020 100 —4 10 0

Bergman, Ottavino (7), Brothers (8), Hawkins (9) and McKenry; Vogelsong, Petit (6), Affeldt (7), Machi (8), Romo (9) and Posey. W—Brothers 3-4. L—Romo 3-3. Sv—Hawkins (13). HRs—Colorado, Barnes (2). San Francisco, Pence (9), Posey (9).

PADRES 5, METS 0

San Diego ....201 100 010 —5 9 0
New York ....000 000 000 —0 2 1

Hahn, Thayer (7), Benoit (8), Street (9) and Grandal; Z.Wheeler, Eveland (6), Germen (8) and Teagarden. W—Hahn 1-1. L—Z.Wheeler 2-7. HRs—San Diego, Headley (6).

PIRATES 8, MARLINS 6

Pittsburgh ....020 330 000 —8 18 0
Miami ....000 200 004 —6 10 0

Morton, Pimentel (8), Grilli (9) and C.Stewart; Wolf, Slowey (5), Morris (7), M.Dunn (9) and Realmuto. W—Morton 4-7. L—Wolf 1-3. Sv—Grilli (11). HRs—Pittsburgh, Mercer (4), A.McCutchen (11). Miami, Ozuna (12), Je.Baker (2).

BREWERS 4, REDS 2

Cincinnati ....100 000 010 —2 7 0
Milwaukee ....000 000 22x —4 6 0

Latos, Ondrusek (7), M.Parra (7), Hoover (8) and B.Pena; Gallardo, W.Smith (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—W.Smith 1-0. L—Hoover 1-5. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (21). HRs—Cincinnati, B.Hamilton (3). Milwaukee, Braun (10).

CARDINALS 4, NATIONALS 1

Washington ....100 000 000 —1 4 0
St. Louis ....001 000 30x —4 8 0

Strasburg, Blevins (7), Storen (7), X.Cedeno (8) and Lobaton; S.Miller, Choate (7), Neshek (8), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina. W—Choate 1-2. L—Strasburg 6-5. Sv—Rosenthal (19). HRs—St. Louis, Ma.Adams (5).

Arkansas' Anderson signs with Miami

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Former University of Arkansas infielder Brian Anderson has signed a professional contract with the Miami Marlins.

Anderson was selected in the third round by the Marlins and was one of six Razorbacks taken in the 2014 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. He joins Chris Oliver, who signed with the Philadelphia Phillies Thursday morning.

A native of Edmond, Oklahoma, Anderson played and started in all 65 games for the Razorbacks in 2014 and posted a .328 batting average with seven home runs, 14 doubles and 51 runs batted in. He was 9-for-11 in stolen bases and scored 39 runs, tallied 79 total hits and added three triples.

Associated Press

Houston Astros' Jon Singleton, left, Carlos Corporan, center, and Matt Dominguez celebrate a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday in Houston.

Dominguez leads Astros over Rays

Associated Press

Astros	7
Rays	3

HOUSTON — Matt Dominguez broke out of a slump with two hits including a three-run double in Houston's big third inning to lead the Astros to a 7-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

Dominguez was 1 for 12 in the first three games of this homestand before singling in the second inning. The Astros led by one when he cleared the bases with his double in a five-run third inning that made it 5-1.

Jarred Cosart (6-5) allowed nine hits and three runs in seven innings in his longest outing since May 5 for the win.

Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer (3-4) was done in by an error and a lack of control in his shortest start this season. He allowed three hits and six runs — one earned — with three walks in three innings.

The Astros got back on track after striking out a season-high 16 times in a 6-1 loss in the opener Friday night. Dexter Fowler had two RBIs and Marwin Gonzalez, who was filling in for the injured Jose Altuve, had three hits and scored twice.

Altuve missed his second straight game after being hit on the right hand by a pitch on Thursday night.

Evan Longoria homered and drove in all of the runs for the Rays, who have lost 15 of their past 18 games.

Rookie Kevin Kiermaier doubled with one out in the first and scored on a single by Longoria to put Tampa Bay up 1-0.

Gonzalez got things going in the third with a one-out double before advancing to third on a wild pitch. Fowler reached and Gonzalez scored to tie it at 1-1 on an error by Archer with two outs when he missed the catch at first base.

Archer slipped and fell onto his stomach while trying to make that catch, and was unable to locate his pitches after that.

He plunked George Springer on the left shoulder and walked Jon Singleton before giving Houston the lead by walking Jason Castro.

Dominguez followed with his double to center field, which hit on the wall just inches shy of the home run line, to make it 5-1. The play was reviewed and upheld.

Archer escaped the inning by striking out Chris Carter.

Alex Presley drew a walk to start the fourth inning and chase Archer. He was replaced by Cesar Ramos, who was greeted with a single by Gonzalez. Ramos struck out Jonathan Villar before Fowler's two-run double to center field pushed the lead to 7-1.

Desmond Jennings singled with one out in the fifth before Longoria launched his eighth home run this season into the Crawford Boxes in left field to get Tampa Bay within 7-3.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Associated Press

Philadelphia Phillies' Jimmy Rollins, right, celebrates his single with former Phillies' Mike Schmidt during the fifth inning against the Chicago Cubs on Saturday in Philadelphia. This single gives Rollins the all-time hits mark for the Philadelphia Phillies over Schmidt.

American League

ROYALS 9
WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Danny Duffy matched a career high with nine strikeouts, and the Kansas City Royals extended their winning streak to six with a 9-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Saturday.

Duffy (4-5) scattered five hits over seven-plus shutout innings for Kansas City.

Mike Moustakas homered among his three hits as the Royals won their second straight in this weekend series.

The Royals scored five times in the fourth — four with none out — to chase Chicago starter Hector Noesi (3-5).

Noesi allowed five runs — two earned — and eight hits while walking one and striking out four.

Duffy last struck out nine on June 19, 2011, at St. Louis. He's now 2-0 against Chicago.

The left-hander was chased in the eighth inning after a leadoff single by Adam Eaton.

White Sox designated hitter Paul Konerko spoiled the shutout with a homer off Michael Mariotoff to open the ninth.

INDIANS 3
RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Jason Kipnis had three hits and the Cleveland Indians rallied with two runs in the seventh inning on Saturday to beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2 and snap a four-game losing streak.

Asdrubal Cabrera and Michael Brantley each had a pair of hits for Cleveland, which had lost eight of its past nine games at Fenway Park. John Axford (2-3) earned the win with one scoreless inning in relief of T.J. House.

Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Craig Breslow (2-2) took the loss, allowing two unearned runs and two hits and a walk in two-thirds of an inning.

ORIOLES 3
BLUE JAYS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis homered to back an effective pitching performance by Bud Norris, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the skidding Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 Saturday.

Davis hit a two-run shot off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (6-5) to put Baltimore up 3-1 in the fifth inning. It was the 11th homer of the year for Davis, who led the majors last year with 53.

Norris (6-5) gave up one run and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander extended an impressive run by Orioles starters, who have allowed two runs or fewer in 13 of the last 16 games.

TIGERS 12
TWINS 9

DETROIT — Rookie Eugenio Suarez hit a leadoff homer and a run-scoring double in Detroit's seven-run third inning, and the slumping Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 12-9 on Saturday.

The Tigers led 11-1 after six innings, but their struggling bullpen had trouble finishing off the game.

National League

PHILLIES 7
CUBS 4

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Rollins singled in the fifth to pass Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt to become the Phillies' hits leader and Domonic Brown capped the inning with a three-run homer, leading Philadelphi to a 7-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Rollins got hit No. 2,235 off Edwin Jackson, sending a 3-1 pitch into right field to open the fifth. The game was then delayed for an on-field celebration.

Schmidt, now a Phillies TV analyst for Sunday games, retrieved Rollins' bat and greeted the 2007 NL MVP with a high-five and hug at first base. The entire Phillies team then came out from the dugout to offer congratulatory hugs and handshakes.

Chase Utley also homered for Philadelphia, which has won four of five following a dismal 1-8 stretch.

David Buchanan (2-3), in his fifth start for injured lefty Cliff Lee (elbow), allowed three runs and six hits in five innings.

ROCKIES 5
GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Barnes hit a two-run, inside-the-park home run in the ninth inning and the Colorado Rockies rallied for the second straight day to stun the San Francisco Giants 5-4 on Saturday.

Charlie Blackmon singled with two outs off Giants closer Sergio Romo (3-3) before Barnes lined a hit to center field. San Francisco's Angel Pagan misplayed the ball and it skipped to the fence as Blackmon and Barnes raced around the bases.

PIRATES 8
MARLINS 6

MIAMI — Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and Jody Mercer also went deep, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-6 victory over the Miami Marlins on Saturday.

Josh Harrison and Chris Stewart had three hits apiece, and the Pirates finished with 18 overall in their sixth consecutive game in double digits. Touted rookie Gregory Polanco had two hits and two RBIs.

Marcell Ozuna and Jeff Baker each hit a two-run homer in the ninth for Miami. Randy Wolf (1-3) allowed five runs and nine hits in four innings.

PADRES 5
METS 0

NEW YORK — Jesse Hahn earned his first big league victory, pitching one-hit ball for six innings and contributing an RBI single as the San Diego Padres stopped a five-game losing streak, beating the New York Mets 5-0.

BREWERS 4
REDS 2

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds Saturday.

With one out in the eighth inning, Scooter Gennett ended up with a double after blooping a ball to center that Billy Hamilton got his glove on but couldn't hold. Braun then drove the first pitch from reliever J.J. Hoover (1-5) over the right field fence for his 10th homer of the season.

CARDINALS 4
NATIONALS 1

ST. LOUIS — Matt Adams hit the go-ahead home run for the second straight game, connecting off Stephen Strasburg in St. Louis' three-run seventh inning, and the Cardinals beat the Washington Nationals 4-1 on Saturday night.

Adams snapped a 1-all tie with his sixth homer leading off the seventh, driving a 3-1 offering from Strasburg (6-5) over the wall in right-center. On Friday, he homered on his first swing since coming off the 15-day disabled list from a left calf strain, lifting St. Louis to a 1-0 victory.

Friday's late game

RANGERS 1
MARINERS 0

SEATTLE — Elvis Andrus singled, stole two bases and scored on Adrian Beltre's infield grounder in the ninth inning and the Texas Rangers did just enough against Seattle ace Felix Hernandez for a 1-0 victory over the Mariners on Friday night.

Andrus singled with one out in the ninth, then proceeded to steal second and third base. The second stolen base came as Shin-Soo Choo walked on a 3-2 pitch from Hernandez. That was the final batter for Seattle's ace. Closer Fernando Rodney entered and got Beltre to hit a grounder into the hole at shortstop. The Mariners got Choo, but couldn't turn the double play and Andrus scored.

SATURDAY'S US OPEN SCORES

AT PINEHURST RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB, NO. 2 COURSE

Martin Kaymer	65-65-72—202
Rickie Fowler	70-70-67—207
Erik Compton	72-68-67—207
Henrik Stenson	69-69-70—208
Dustin Johnson	69-69-70—208
Brandt Snedeker	69-68-72—209
Matt Kuchar	69-70-71—210
Brooks Koepka	70-68-72—210
Kevin Na	68-69-73—210
Justin Rose	72-69-70—211
Jordan Spieth	69-70-72—211
Chris Kirk	71-68-72—211
Brendon De Jonge	68-70-73—211
Victor Dubuisson	70-72-70—212
Francesco Molinari	69-71-72—212
Garth Mulroy	71-72-70—213
Jimmy Walker	70-72-71—213
Jason Day	73-68-72—213
Marcel Siem	70-71-72—213
J.B. Holmes	70-71-72—213
Adam Scott	73-67-73—213
Rory McIlroy	71-68-74—213
Shiv Kapur	73-70-71—214
Lucas Bjerregaard	70-72-72—214
Aaron Baddeley	70-71-73—214
Steve Stricker	70-71-73—214
Hideki Matsuyama	69-71-74—214
Ian Poulter	70-70-74—214
Keegan Bradley	69-69-76—214
Ryan Moore	76-68-71—215
Retief Goosen	73-71-71—215
Bill Haas	72-72-71—215
Phil Mickelson	70-73-72—215
Brendon Todd	69-67-79—215
Sergio Garcia	73-71-72—216
Cody Gribble	72-72-72—216
Ernie Els	74-70-72—216
Billy Horschel	75-68-73—216
Webb Simpson	71-72-73—216
Patrick Reed	71-72-73—216
Jim Furyk	73-70-73—216
Nicholas Lindheim	72-73-72—217
Zach Johnson	71-74-72—217
Kenny Perry	74-69-74—217
Graeme McDowell	68-74-75—217
Zac Blair	71-74-73—218
Stewart Cink	72-72-74—218
Scott Langley	72-71-75—218
Gary Woodland	72-71-75—218
Seung-Yul Noh	70-72-76—218
Paul Casey	70-75-74—219
Bo Van Pelt	72-72-75—219
Harris English	69-75-75—219
Danny Willett	70-71-78—219
Billy Hurley III	71-74-75—220
Justin Leonard	75-70-75—220
Clayton Rask	73-71-77—221
Alex Cejka	73-71-77—221
Daniel Berger	72-71-78—221
Fran Quinn	68-74-79—221
a-Matthew Fitzpatrick	71-73-78—222
Louis Oosthuizen	71-73-78—222
Kevin Stadler	77-68-78—223
Boo Weekley	71-73-80—224
Kevin Tway	72-72-81—225
Russell Henley	70-74-82—226
Toru Taniguchi	72-73-88—233

US OPEN NOTEBOOK

MCDOWELL'S SLIDE: Graeme McDowell spent as much energy Saturday fighting frustration as he did the demanding conditions at the U.S. Open.

Three strokes back after the first round, the 2010 Open winner had seven bogeys in a 5-over 75 that left him 7 over after 54 holes. It was his second straight day over par, sliding him further down the leaderboard after a promising start at Pinehurst No. 2.

"It's very, very difficult mentally, to stay in it," McDowell said. "You start thinking to yourself, 'I'm not even sure if I want to play tomorrow.' It's not really enjoyable. It's not enjoyable. It's very difficult. But it's the U.S. Open."

McDowell opened with a 68 on Thursday, playing conservatively but putting the ball where he wanted it in a nearly mistake-free performance. But he fell back Friday with a 74, making four bogeys and a double bogey.

Things did not get any better Saturday as the course got harder and faster with unforgiving pin placements.

His sixth hole started a run of four straight bogeys before the turn, with two more coming on the 13th and 16th holes.

"This is a hard golf course for me because it's so long," McDowell said. "I don't get a lot of wedges in my hands, short irons in my hands. That's the strength of my game. ... My iron play hasn't been bad. I just haven't given myself enough opportunities. It's the US Open, golf's toughest test. And they were right today."

PERRY'S EAGLE: Kenny Perry's final U.S. Open now includes what he figures is the longest shot of his career.

Perry eagled the par-4 14th with a 220-yard shot out of a bunker. The ball bounced on the green and rolled straight to the pin with enough speed that last he thought it might zip right by the hole.

"Came out like a dream," he said.

The 53-year-old Perry, who plays on the Champions Tour, is playing in the Open for the first time since 2010. Last year's U.S. Senior Open winner played Saturday with Billy Horschel — who at 27 is the same age as Perry's youngest daughter.

"I still hit my drivers as far as Billy hits it, but his irons are different," Perry said. "They're coming out higher, softer, more spin. My irons are a lot flatter now with less spin.

"It makes it very difficult to compete in a major championship, but it does just fine on the Champions Tour."

He was 7 over after a 74.

GOOSEN'S OPEN FUTURE: Retief Goosen earned a 10-year exemption to play in the U.S. Open after winning his second title in 2004.

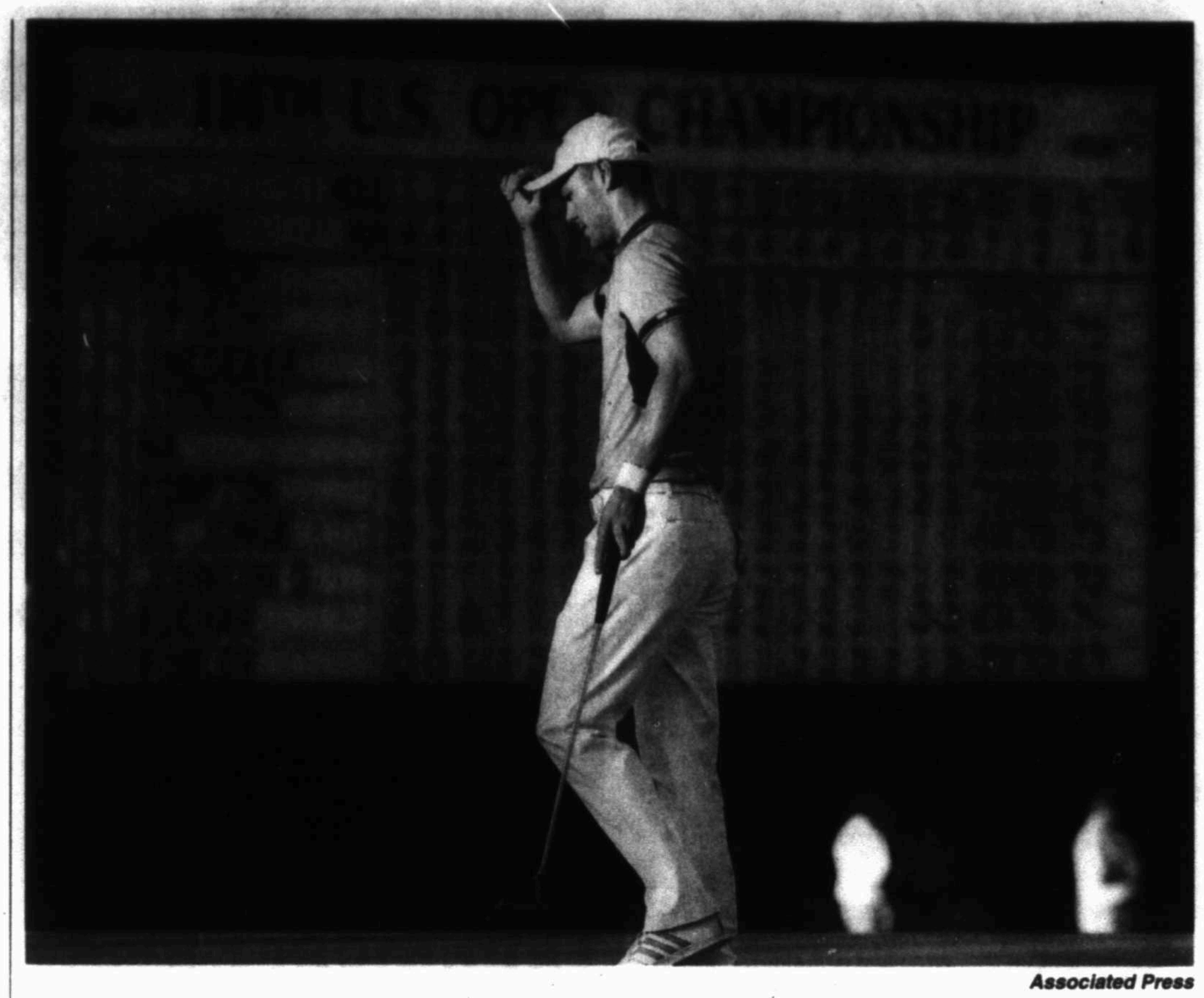
That comes to an end this year, meaning Goosen is hoping to finish high enough this weekend to secure a spot at Chambers Bay in 2015.

The top 10 and ties earn exemptions into the following year's Open.

The 45-year-old Goosen finished Saturday with his second straight 1-over 71, putting him at 5-over 215.

KEY STAT: Martin Kaymer is ranked among the top five in every statistical category that matters — fairways hit, greens in regulation, birdies and total putts — except driving distance, where he ranked 13th.

Associated Press



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Martin Kaymer, of Germany, tips his cap Saturday after finishing the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C. Kaymer shot a 2-over 72 on Saturday and leads the field by five strokes.

KAYMER

From 1C

Even more unlikely was the other player at 3-under 207 — Erik Compton, the two-time heart transplant recipient who considers it a victory just to be playing golf. Compton ran off five birdies and an eagle for a 67.

"If I were to win the tournament, it would be obviously something that would be extremely special, not only for me, but for my family and for those who have been around me, and I think also for the community and those who have been through some tough times," Compton said. "I might just sail off and never play golf again."

Even so, this tournament is in the hands of a 29-year-old German who kept his cool on a broiling day of some wicked pin positions.

Only one player in U.S. Open history has lost a five-shot lead in the final round, and that Mike Brady in 1919.

"It would be nice if they make it difficult again," Kaymer said of the pins, several of which were on the edges of the Donald Ross turtleback greens. "Because then it's all about ball-striking. I enjoy playing those courses a lot more than just a putting competition. ... So I hope they put them in tough positions. Not as tough as today. It would be nice if we could have some kind of a chance once in a while. But that is what you get at the U.S. Open. It's OK. You just have to play very well."

Only six players remained under par, and considering no one has come from more than seven shots behind in the final round to win a U.S. Open, they might be the only ones left with a realistic chance to catch Kaymer.

Dustin Johnson and Henrik Stenson each shot 70 and were at 2-under 208. Brandt Snedeker had a 72 and was another shot behind.

Asked how much that birdie mattered on the 18th hole, Kaymer said, "One shot."

Analyst's cart driver, trooper have run-in at Open

The man driving NBC Sports analyst Roger Maltbie's golf cart at the U.S. Open was taken into custody Saturday after a state trooper said the driver ignored instructions to stay put, then hit the officer with the cart.

North Carolina Highway Patrol spokeswoman Pam Walker said Tommy Lineberry was taken to the Moore County jail and charged.

Walker said the charge was not immediately available but added that paperwork will be available today.

An official at the jail said Lineberry was not in custody Saturday night and had no further details.

NBC Sports is aware of the incident but declined further comment.

Maltbie was walking with the final group of Martin Kaymer and Brendon Todd. Lineberry's job is to drive Maltbie to get in position for the next shots.

An Associated Press reporter who witnessed the incident heard Lineberry tell the trooper, "I'm supposed to get the cart to Roger."

"When a state trooper tells you to stop, THAT'S what you're supposed to do," the trooper responded, inches from Lineberry's face.

The trooper was holding traffic behind a walkway as the players teed off on the 11th hole. He told Lineberry that the cart struck his leg. The trooper asked for any the names of witnesses, and three people in the gallery immediately handed him their business cards.

The trooper ran after and then collared Lineberry, quickly placing him in handcuffs.

Associated Press

LA Kings celebrate 2nd NHL title and plot 3rd run

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Drew Doughty never hesitates to say what the rest of the Los Angeles Kings are only thinking, and the star defenseman's mind was already on a third Stanley Cup title while his teammates celebrated their second on the ice behind him.

"Next year, we're going to want to win it again," Doughty said Friday night after the Kings' double-overtime, Cup-winning victory over the New York Rangers.

With two NHL championships in three years, the Kings are building a hockey dynasty in an unlikely place. Hollywood's team is hardly the most glamorous in the league, but the Kings' commitment to hard work, team defense and playoff excellence puts them in position to contend for years to come.

Los Angeles' core is mostly in its prime, a balanced collection of gritty veterans and promising young talent. The Kings have only three unrestricted free agents, including late-season acquisition Marian Gaborik.

What's more, they've built a culture of winning that got them through a grueling 26-game postseason run that included a 3-0 deficit in the first round, three consecutive seven-game series in the Western Conference playoffs, and three overtime games in the Cup finals.

The Kings have no worlds left to conquer, but they're eager to do it all again when training camp opens in three months — after an appropriate celebration, of course. They'll have a parade through downtown Los Angeles on Monday.

"We've got a special group here," goalie Jonathan Quick said. "We just finished four incredible difficult and exhausting rounds. These were probably the most tiring two months of hockey I've ever played. So we have a special group to be able to overcome everything we've been challenged with, and we just want to party now."

Indeed, the frequently humorless Quick broke out some sweet dance moves in the Kings' dressing room while they partied with the Cup on Friday night. After captain Dustin Brown carried the Stanley Cup into the room, coach Darryl Sutter took a long drink from the bowl while bubbly and beer sprayed all around him.

The Kings have an enviable leadership tandem in general manager Dean Lombardi and Sutter, two hockey lifers who finally claimed the ultimate prize in the back half of their careers — and then did it again.

When Lombardi gets back to work, he'll likely only make small tweaks to his championship roster. Of the 24 players on the Kings' 2012 championship roster, 17 are still with the organization, and they've all bought into the Kings' wildly successful style.

Veteran defensemen Matt Greene and Willie Mitchell are unrestricted free agents, and Dwight King is a restricted free agent. The biggest question mark is Gaborik, who led the NHL postseason with 14 goals after arriving from Columbus in March.

The 32-year-old Slovak wing showed he's still an elite goal-scorer who likely could command a hefty new contract. But after 13 seasons under the microscope of enormous expectations in Minnesota, New York and Columbus, Gaborik seemed grateful to take a complementary role with the Kings — and he loves living in sunny Los Angeles.

The Kings also must evaluate center Mike Richards, whose offensive production has declined alarmingly from his earlier totals. While Sutter praises him as a key role player, Richards is making an awful lot of money for a glue guy — an average of $5.75 million over the next six seasons.

Associated Press

Los Angeles Kings right wing Dustin Brown kisses the Stanley Cup on Friday after the Kings beat the New York Rangers in overtime in Game 5 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final series in Los Angeles.

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Earnhardt, Keselowski among favorites at Michigan

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. snapped a long losing streak when he won at Michigan International Speedway two years ago.

How much have times changed? A victory today would give NASCAR's most popular driver a winning streak.

Earnhardt has won twice this year, including last weekend at Pocono.

Now third in the Sprint Cup standings, Earnhardt has three second-place finishes in 2014 to go with his two wins — and the question is no longer whether he can win, but how often.

"Definitely that's new," Earnhardt said. "That's the new conversation topic for us, but I just want to win the next one. We have so much fun winning and going to Victory Lane and last week was so much fun (with) the feeling that you have inside and that you have for several hours after that. It's like the best feeling ever. And I want to do it again. I want to do it now, this weekend."

Earnhardt paired his first career win at Pocono with his Daytona 500 championship for his first multi-win season since 2004. He's won twice at Michigan, including the 2012 victory that was his first in a Cup race anywhere since he also won at MIS four years earlier.

Earnhardt's success this year has come to some degree at the expense of Brad Keselowski, who got his break when Earnhardt hired him to drive for JR Motorsports in the Nationwide Series.

Although their developing rivalry does not involve any real bad blood, Earnhardt and Keselowski have found themselves going head to head a decent amount lately.

When Earnhardt won at Daytona, Keselowski was third, and Keselowski was second to Earnhardt last weekend at Pocono. Keselowski did win at Las Vegas early in the season — with Earnhardt finishing second.

Although Keselowski is from Michigan, he's never won a Cup race at MIS, finishing as high as second. A win by Keselowski would extend Ford's winning streak to four Cup races at this track. Joey Logano took last year's August event, and Greg Biffle took the two before that.

Associated Press

Driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. prepares Saturday for his qualifying session for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

Associated Press

Driver Paul Menard holds up the trophy in victory lane Saturday a. 'r winning the NASCAR Nationwide Ollie's series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

AUTO RACING AT A GLANCE

Sprint Cup lineup

QUICKEN LOANS 400
After Friday qualifying; race today
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 204.557
2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 203.776
3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 203.729
4. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 203.2
5. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 203.04
6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 202.908
7. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 202.401
8. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 202.043
9. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 202.032
10. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 201.331
11. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 200.49
12. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 201.117
13. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 200.816
14. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200.842
15. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 200.831
16. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 200.82
17. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.73
18. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 200.518
19. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.457
20. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 200.128
21. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 199.967
22. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 199.534
23. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 199.518
24. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 199.165
25. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 200.837
26. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 200.457
27. (13) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 200.451
28. (12) Juan Pablo Montoya, Ford, 200.217
29. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 199.933
30. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 199.75
31. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 199.617
32. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 198.593
33. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 198.577
34. (66) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 198.34
35. (44) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 197.9
36. (33) David Stremme, Chevrolet, 197.686
37. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points
38. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, Owner Points
39. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points
40. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Owner Points
41. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, Owner Points
42. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, Owner Points
43. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, Owner Points

Failed to Qualify

44. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 196.431

Nationwide results

OLLIE'S BARGAIN OUTLET 250
Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 125 laps, 128.7 rating, 0 points, $44,400
2. (13) Sam Hornish Jr., Toyota, 125, 114
3. (11) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 125, 107.6, 0, $21,050
4. (11) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 125, 112.9, $24,675
5. (6) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 125, 96, $23,325
6. (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 125, 39, $22,850
7. (8) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 125, 97, $20,910
8. (4) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 125, $17,485
9. (3) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 125, 99, $21,025
10. (10) Chris Buescher, Ford, 125, 94, $21,356
11. (24) Ryan Reed, Ford, 125, $20,174
12. (17) Ross Chastain, Toyota, 125, $13,900
13. (15) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 125, 91, $19,650
14. (28) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 125, 86, $19,525
15. (James Buescher, Toyota, 125, 29, $20,
16. (Joey Logano, Ford, 125, 3, $13,275
17. (Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 125, $14,225
18. (19) Max Biss, Toyota, 124, 84, $19,275
19. (Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 124, 82, $13,125
20. (Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 124, 81, $18,975
21. (29) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 124, 80, $18,820
22. (Blake Koch, Toyota, 124, 79, $18,675
23. (Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 124, $18,525
24. (Jeff Gordon, Toyota, 123, 2, $18,400
25. (Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 123, 76, $18,275
26. (Mike Bliss, Toyota, 123, 75, $18,125
27. (Ryan Blaney, Ford, 123, 74, $18,025
28. (Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 123, 73, $17,925
29. (Aric Almirola, Ford, 123, 72, $17,825
30. (Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 123, 71, $17,725
31. (Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 123, 70, $17,625
32. (Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 123, 69, $17,525
33. (Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 123, 68, $17,425
34. (Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, vibration, 101, 67, $17,375
35. (33) Matt Carter, Chevrolet, brakes, 8, 66, $17,355
36. (40) Timmy Joe Martins, Ford, engine, 5, 64, $11,316
37. (52) Kevin Lepage, Toyota, vibration, 1, 63, $11,166
38. (Tim Schendel, Chevrolet, engine, 1, 63, $17,160

NHRA qualifying

NHRA THUNDER VALLEY NATIONALS
After Saturday qualifying
final eliminations today
At Bristol Dragway
Bristol, Tenn.

Top Fuel

1. Brittany Force, 1,409 on sends, 317.44 mph
2. Chris Karamesines, 4.485, 190.66
3. JR Todd, 3.830, 315.12
4. Tony Schumacher, 3.854, 306.47
5. Billy Torrence, 3.761, 242.25
6. Antron Brown, 3.673, 313.07
7. Richie Crampton, 3.698, 309.51
8. Spencer Massey, 3.676, 312.91
9. Clay Millican, 3.809, 307.42
10. Doug Kalitta, 3.679, 317.44
11. Bob Vandergriff, 3.904, 303.72
12. Shawn Langdon, 3.886, 316.75
13. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.900, 315.42
14. Doug Kalitta, 3.694, 315.12
15. Leah Pritchett, 3.898, 304.79
16. Del Worsham, 3.893, 294.46

Funny Car

1. Del Worsham, Toyota Camry, 4.096, 319.29
2. Jeff Arend, Dodge Charger, 4.465, 190.66
3. Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 4.073, 317.75
4. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.344, 306.47
5. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.024, 316.75
6. Tommy Johnson Jr., Dodge Charger, 4.042, 316.60
7. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.013, 316.60
8. Cruz Pedregon, Charger, 4.077, 316.75
9. Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.077, 313.07
10. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.125, 316.60
11. John Force, Mustang, 4.099, 316.75
12. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.121, 305.79
13. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.111, 316.60
14. Jim Head, Charger, 4.174, 310.22

Pro Stock

1. Shane Gray, Chevy Camaro, 6.621, 208.78
2. Jeg Coughlin Jr., Camaro, 6.648, 208.62
3. Erica Enders-Stevens, Camaro, 6.654, 208.47
4. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.662, 208.62
5. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.666, 208.55
6. Allen Johnson, Camaro, 6.668, 207.76
7. Rodger Brogdon, Camaro, 6.681, 207.44
8. Jeg Anderson, Camaro, 6.683, 207.60
9. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.683, 207.60
10. Shane Tucker, Camaro, 6.691, 207.22
11. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.693, 207.28
12. John Gaydosh Jr., 6.693, 207.22

AUTO RACING BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NASCAR Nationwide

MENARD WINS AFTER LOGANO'S MISHAP

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Paul Menard won the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday when leader Joey Logano was victimized by a flat tire with about five laps remaining.

Menard ended up holding off Sam Hornish Jr. by a half-second for his first series victory since 2006. It was his first Nationwide start of the season.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished third, followed by pole-winner Kyle Busch and Brian Scott. Regan Smith finished seventh and remained atop the points list.

NHRA

BRITTANY FORCE TAKES NO. 1 SPOT IN TOP FUEL

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Brittany Force raced to the No. 1 qualifying position in Top Fuel on Saturday in the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway.

Force claimed her second No. 1 qualifier in the last three events with her Friday run of 3.829 seconds at 317.94 mph in her 10,000-horsepower dragster.

Del Worsham led the Funny Car lineup, and Shane Gray topped the Pro Stock field.

Worsham set both ends of the track record Friday with a 3.992 at 319.45 in his Toyota Camry. He also topped qualifying last year in the event.

Gray set both ends of the Bristol Dragway track record and secured his first career No. 1 qualifying position with a 6.621 at 208.78 in a Chevy Camaro.

Le Mans

TOYOTA LEADS IN 13TH HOUR AT LE MANS

LE MANS, France — Chasing its first win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Toyota led at the halfway stage on Saturday night but was under pressure from Audi.

Alexander Wurz's Toyota No. 7 led Andre Lotterer's Audi No. 2 by 1 minute, 56 seconds and Tom Kristensen's Audi No. 1 by two laps. The Japanese manufacturer has no maneuvering room as its second car, Sebastien Buemi's Toyota No. 8 is virtually out of contention, in sixth place but 12 laps off the pace.

In its return to Le Mans after a 16-year absence in the top category, Porsche depends on mistakes from its rivals to have a shot at the title. Timo Bernhard's Porsche No. 20 is fourth, three laps behind Wurz, followed by Neel Jani's Porsche No. 14 in fifth place.

Porsche and Toyota swapped the lead from the third to the fifth hour until an unscheduled pit stop by Brendon Hartley's Porsche No. 20 allowed Stephane Sarrazin's Toyota No. 7 to pull away.

Reliability proved an issue for Porsche in the opening hour when Romain Dumas' Porsche No. 14 lost time in the garage because of a fuel pressure problem.

Audi has won nine of the last 10 races at Le Mans, including the last four. A total of 54 cars started the 82nd edition of the race, which ends on today at 8 a.m. CDT.

SPURS

From 1C

But when the Spurs took control of the series by winning Games 3 and 4 in Miami, Leonard led the charge by averaging 24.5 points on 68 percent shooting. And Diaw has 23 assists so far in the series, more than anyone else and none probably better than his behind-the-back offering out of the post that set Tiago Splitter up for a dunk in Game 4.

There's already talk that Leonard could be in line to win MVP of the finals. In an absolutely not-shocking development, he wanted no part of that talk.

"It feels the same for me as any game going into it," Leonard said of the anticipation level for Game 5. "All I'm thinking about is playing. I'm not worried about what if we win or lose, and we just want to go out and play."

Such is the Spurs' way.

The makeup of a player who perfectly fits into the San Antonio system has remained unchanged for the better part of two decades. He values team play over any individual accolade. He never says too much, particularly about himself. He stays in the moment, avoiding the urge to look ahead or behind.

Leonard and Diaw meet all those characteristics.

"San Antonio is playing great," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They're moving the basketball. They're exploiting where we're normally good, so we have to do a better job. Even when we've made adjustments, they've still been able to stay in a rhythm and a flow."

It's hard to remember now that Diaw couldn't get minutes with the 2011-12 Charlotte Bobcats — a team that finished with the worst record in NBA history — in part because then-coach Paul Silas was frustrated with Diaw's penchant for passing the ball instead of taking shots at times.

So the Bobcats waived him late that season. The Spurs picked him up and in Game 4 of these finals, Diaw had more assists (nine) than shots (six).

Go figure.

"He really has a high basketball IQ," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of Diaw. "I think he raises the level for everyone. At the defensive end, he's pretty heady, not the quickest guy in the world, but really smart. Does his work early and understands what's going on. At the offensive end, he can score inside and out, and he passes the ball really well. He's a consummate team sort of guy."

NBA Finals at a glance

SAN ANTONIO 3, MIAMI 1
(BEST-OF-7; X-IF NECESSARY)
June 5: San Antonio 110, Miami 95
June 8: Miami 98, San Antonio 96
Tuesday: San Antonio 111, Miami 92
Thursday: San Antonio 107, Miami 86
Today: Miami at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
x-June 17: San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
x-June 20: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

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WORLD CUP DEBUT ON LEGENDARY GROUNDS AWAITS BOSNIA

RIO DE JANEIRO — Bosnia-Herzegovina will make its World Cup debut against a two-time world champion led by one of the greatest players in the game at the legendary Maracana stadium.

It's not like the Bosnians need smelling salt to get excited before Sunday's match against Lionel Messi's Argentina.

"The very fact that we are here for the first time, that we play a great team, that we are playing against the best player in the world ... that's motivation enough," Bosnia coach Safet Susic said Saturday.

The match comes nearly 20 years after Bosnia played its first match as an independent nation in 1995, at the end of a civil war that followed the violent breakup of Yugoslavia.

It will also be the first World Cup game at the Maracana since Brazil lost to Uruguay in the last round of the 1950 tournament, which remains a deep wound in Brazilian football history.

"If we could choose the city or the grounds or stadium where we should play the first match we couldn't have chosen any better than the Maracana and Rio de Janeiro," Susic said.

Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero said he, too, was inspired by the location of his team's World Cup opener.

"It's incredible to play in this stadium, which has so much history. It's the first time I'm here," he said.

Argentina hasn't won at the Maracana since it beat Brazil 1-0 in a friendly in 1998.

HONDURAS COACH SAYS TEAM NOT VIOLENT

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Honduras coach Luis Suarez says his team may be an outsider, even "the Cinderella of our group", but he rejects any suggestion it plays dirty.

"Some call it a good style of aggression, others might call it an intense style of play" he said ahead of his team's World Cup opener against France on Sunday. "We want to win, but certainly can't be called violent."

Honduras played a bruising pre-tournament friendly against England littered with fouls, one of which saw defender Brayan Beckeles sent off.

Earlier Saturday, French coach Didier Deschamps said Honduras was "combative" but "I certainly don't want to limit this team to just being aggressive fighters." Suarez noted his team didn't get any red cards in the qualifying matches, suggesting the focus on the team's physicality was misplaced.

Honduras has made it to the World Cup finals just twice, but has never won a match. In South Africa it failed to score.

But with Suarez at the helm, Honduras might have found the manager who can cause an upset.

In 2006, he was in charge of Ecuador — which is in the same group as Honduras this time around — when it stunned Poland 2-0 and reached the quarterfinals. In September, Honduras became only the second team to defeat Mexico at Estadio Azteca during World Cup qualifying. The team also beat the United States and Costa Rica on its way to Brazil.

"We are the Cinderella of our group," he said. "If someone wants to beat us, they are going to have to try very hard."

ARGENTINE SOCCER FANS GET ROWDY IN RIO

RIO DE JANEIRO — "Copacabana belongs to Argentina," shouted Roberto Pons, rubbing his eyes clear of pepper spray as his long, gray hair flowed down his bare back to his Speedo swimsuit.

The 42-year-old air conditioning repairman was one of about 2,000 rambunctious Argentines who amassed Saturday on Rio de Janeiro's iconic beach to declare the superiority of their team — even before it had taken the field.

An estimated 50,000 Argentines are believed to have descended on Rio ahead of Argentina's match against Bosnia-Herzegovina on Sunday. Many Brazilians disdainfully speak of an Argentine "invasion" in this most Brazilian of Brazil's cities.

Fueled by social media, the impromptu street party Saturday was for the most part a fun-loving affair reflecting Argentina's high hopes for winning its first championship in nearly three decades. Fans dressed in the blue and white colors of the nation's flag hopped in place to a steady drumbeat, taunting any English supporter who happened to walk by with an in-your-face stadium chant: "The one not jumping is a Brit!"

Another die-hard fan wearing a white robe, peaked cap and mask resembling Pope Francis, who is from Buenos Aires, walked around barefoot blessing anyone who crossed his path.

As the crowd swelled, a group of vastly outnumbered riot police deployed pepper spray to keep them from blocking traffic on the six-lane Avenida Atlantica running along Copacabana Beach.

"You're acting like little children," barked one cop, night stick drawn.

Associated Press

England's goalkeeper Joe Hart fails to stop a goal by Italy's Mario Balotelli on Saturday during the second half of the group D World Cup soccer match between England and Italy at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil. The goal gave Italy a 2-1 win.

Balotelli goal gives Italy 2-1 win over England

Associated Press

MANAUS, Brazil — With one nod of his head, Mario Balotelli gave Italy a 2-1 win over England and put the four-time champions in position to go far at the World Cup.

The often volatile and often brilliant Italy striker was left unmarked at the far post, giving him plenty of space to head a cross from Antonio Candreva past goalkeeper Joe Hart for the winning goal.

Claudio Marchisio had scored first for Italy, sending a long shot through a crowded area and past a diving Hart in the 35th. Daniel Sturridge equalized for England two minutes later, tapping in a cross from Wayne Rooney.

Ballotelli's header came in the 50th, but with the heat and humidity at the Arena da Amazonia slowing the pace of play in the second half, it came at just the right time.

"We won, but now let's keep our feet on the ground, otherwise we're not going anywhere," Balotelli said.

The match was played in the Amazonian city of Manaus, the most exotic of the 12 World Cup venues for this year's tournament. According to FIFA, it was 86 degrees F with humidity at 61 percent for the match.

"At times it felt like having hallucinations due to the heat," said Claudio Marchisio, who scored Italy's opening goal.

In the other Group D match, Costa Rica beat Uruguay 3-1. So both England and Uruguay, who meet Thursday, have plenty of work to do to advance.

"We all need time to digest what happened on the field," England coach Roy Hodgson said. "My gut feeling is that we did very good things. There were some very good individual performances."

Balotelli is one of the most talented strikers in football, but there were some predictions heading into the World Cup that he would be dropped in favor of Ciro Immobile.

Immobile, who plays for Torino, scored a hat trick last weekend in a warm-up match against Brazilian club Fluminense. Coach Cesare Prandelli, however, decided to stick with his main man, and it certainly looked like the right choice.

"He gave everything he had," Prandelli said.

Prandelli was pleased with both the team performance and the preparations in Coverciano, Italy's training base back in Florence.

"We played well. It was a tough victory but we maintained supremacy in the middle of the pitch," he said. "We worked well in Coverciano and you could see that. They (England) had cramps midway through the second half, and that shows that our work paid off."

Associated Press

Costa Rica's Joel Campbell celebrates Saturday after the group D World Cup soccer match between Uruguay and Costa Rica at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil. Costa Rica won the match 3-1.

Campbell leads Costa Rica to upset over Uruguay

Associated Press

FORTALEZA, Brazil — Joel Campbell hasn't played a game for Arsenal since he signed with the Premier League club three years ago.

If he keeps performing like this at the World Cup, he might soon get his chance.

The 21-year-old forward led Costa Rica to a stunning 3-1 win over Uruguay on Saturday, playing as the lone striker in a team that started with five defenders and was trailing by a goal midway through the first half.

Campbell, who has been loaned out by Arsenal to teams in France and Spain before settling with Greek champion Olympiakos, was the main threat for the Costa Ricans throughout the match, attempting solo runs and shots from distance before scoring the equalizer in the 54th minute — firing the ball across the goal with his left foot, after it was headed down by Celso Borges through the Uruguayan defense.

Campbell celebrated by tucking the ball under his shirt, and kneeling down to salute his teammates. They went on to add two more, with Campbell occasionally dropping back to let midfielder Christian Bollanos lead the attack.

Oscar Duarte headed in the winner three minutes after Costa Rica's first goal, while Campbell helped set up the third scored by substitute Marcos Urena with six minutes to go.

Campbell said Costa Rica intends to keep playing the same way.

"I'm really happy. We can make it to the second round," he said. "I played my part, but all the players did. ... We all did this. The team is the star."

Colombia clobbers Greece 3-0 in Group C opener

Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Colombia started its first World Cup campaign in 16 years in dazzling fashion, beating Greece 3-0 to open Group C on Saturday in front of a big, loud pro-Colombian crowd.

Left back Pablo Armero opened the scoring in the fifth minute when his deflected shot rolled past Greece goalkeeper Orestis Karnezis. Striker Teofilo Gutierrez poked in Colombia's second goal from a deflected corner in the 58th and James Rodriguez capped it off with a low shot in stoppage time after a slick backheel flick from Juan Cuadrado.

Colombia's pace and trickery were too much for Greece to handle in the latter stages as the 57,174 crowd, most dressed in bright yellow shirts, constantly chanted "Ole, ole" at Estadio Mineriao.

"It was a good debut with players who had never played a World Cup. It's a big satisfaction," Colombia coach Jose Pekerman said. "This is how we planned this match. Some things turned out the way we wanted, some things didn't, but we were very focused and showed that we're here to play a good World Cup."

Rodriguez said the result showed Colombia was on the right path.

"It's a good start, but we have to be calm for what's ahead, which will be even more difficult," he said, looking ahead at Group C matches against Ivory Coast and Japan.

Greece had the majority of possession with 54 percent, but whenever Colombia players got hold of the ball, they blazed down the flanks and through the middle of the pitch, disorientating their opponents.

Drogba inspires Ivory Coast to 2-1 comeback win over Japan

Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Didier Drogba came off the bench to inspire Ivory Coast to a 2-1 comeback victory over Japan in a World Cup Group C match on Saturday.

Drogba, who had been carrying an injury, came on in the 62nd minute when his team was losing 1-0.

The talismanic striker's arrival immediately lifted the Ivory Coast team and Wilfried Bony and Gervinho scored with headers two minutes apart. Both goals were set up by curling crosses from defender Serge Aurier.

Coach Sabri Lamouchi's inspired substitution negated Keisuke Honda's first half goal that had given Japan the lead in a group that also includes Colombia and Greece. Colombia beat Greece 3-0 earlier on Saturday.

WORLD CUP AT A GLANCE

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	0	0	3	1	3
Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	0	1	0	0	1	0
Croatia	0	1	0	1	3	0

Thursday
At Sao Paulo
Brazil 3, Croatia 1

Friday
At Natal, Brazil
Mexico 1, Cameroon 0

June 17
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Brazil vs. Mexico, 2 p.m.

June 18
At Manaus, Brazil
Croatia vs. Cameroon, 5 p.m.

June 23
At Brasilia, Brazil
Brazil vs. Cameroon, 3 p.m.
At Recife, Brazil
Croatia vs. Mexico, 3 p.m.

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	0	0	5	1	3
Chile	1	0	0	3	1	3
Australia	0	1	0	1	3	0
Spain	0	1	0	1	5	0

Friday
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands 5, Spain 1
At Cuiaba, Brazil
Chile 3, Australia 1

June 18
At Rio de Janeiro
Spain vs. Chile, 2 p.m.
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Netherlands vs. Australia, 11 a.m.

June 23
At Curitiba, Brazil
Spain vs. Australia, 11 a.m.
At Sao Paulo
Netherlands vs. Chile, 11 a.m.

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Colombia	1	0	0	3	0	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	2	1	3
Japan	0	1	0	1	2	0
Greece	0	1	0	0	3	0

Saturday
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Colombia 3, Greece 0
At Recife, Brazil
Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1

June 19
At Brasilia, Brazil
Colombia vs. Ivory Coast, 11 a.m.
At Natal, Brazil
Greece vs. Japan, 5 p.m.

June 24
At Cuiaba, Brazil
Colombia vs. Japan, 3 p.m.
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Greece vs. Ivory Coast, 3 p.m.

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Costa Rica	1	0	0	3	1	3
Italy	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	0	1	0	1	2	0
Uruguay	0	1	0	1	3	0

Saturday
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Costa Rica 3, Uruguay 1
At Manaus, Brazil
Italy 2, England 1

June 19
At Sao Paulo
Uruguay vs. England, 2 p.m.

June 20
At Recife, Brazil
Costa Rica vs. Italy, 11 a.m.

June 24
At Natal, Brazil
Uruguay vs. Italy, 11 a.m.
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Costa Rica vs. England, 11 a.m.

GROUP E

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today
At Brasilia, Brazil
Switzerland vs. Ecuador, 11 a.m.
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
France vs. Honduras, 2 p.m.

June 20
At Salvador, Brazil
Switzerland vs. France, 2 p.m.
At Curitiba, Brazil
Ecuador vs. Honduras, 5 p.m.

June 25
At Manaus, Brazil
Switzerland vs. Honduras, 3 p.m.
At Rio de Janeiro
Ecuador vs. France, 3 p.m.

GROUP F

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today
At Rio de Janeiro
Argentina vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 5 p.m.

June 16
At Curitiba, Brazil
Iran vs. Nigeria, 2 p.m.

June 21
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Argentina vs. Iran, 11 a.m.
At Cuiaba, Brazil
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Nigeria, 11 a.m.

June 25
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Argentina vs. Nigeria, 11 a.m.
At Salvador, Brazil
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Iran, 11 a.m.

GROUP G

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0

June 16
At Salvador, Brazil
Germany vs. Portugal, 11 a.m.
At Natal, Brazil
Ghana vs. United States, 5 p.m.

June 21
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Germany vs. Ghana, 2 p.m.

June 22
At Manaus, Brazil
Portugal vs. United States, 5 p.m.

June 26
At Recife, Brazil
Germany vs. United States, 11 a.m.
At Brasilia, Brazil
Portugal vs. Ghana, 11 a.m.

GROUP H

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0

June 17
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Belgium vs. Algeria, 11 a.m.
At Cuiaba, Brazil
Russia vs. South Korea, 5 p.m.

June 22
At Rio de Janeiro
Belgium vs. Russia, 11 a.m.
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Algeria vs. South Korea, 2 p.m.

June 26
At Sao Paulo
Belgium vs. South Korea, 3 p.m.
At Curitiba, Brazil
Algeria vs. Russia, 3 p.m.

Steelers coach Noll remembered as a great teacher

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Chuck Noll was a no-nonsense coach, and his Pittsburgh Steelers followed his lead to win four Super Bowls.

Noll, who died Friday of natural causes at 82, wasn't an entertainer or a charmer when it came to football. He was a winner, the only man to coach four Super Bowl champions, building a dynasty in Pittsburgh for a franchise that hadn't won an NFL title before he arrived in 1969.

"When Chuck became our head coach he brought a change to the whole culture of the organization," Steelers President Art Rooney said Saturday. "Even in his first season when we won only one game, there was a different feel to the team. He set a new standard for the Steelers that still is the foundation of what we do and who we are. From the players to the coaches to the front office down to the ball boys, he taught us all what it took to be a winner."

Noll was a sharp strategist, brilliant evaluator of personnel and strong motivator.

"He was the glue," said former linebacker Jack Ham, a Hall of Famer like Noll — and so many members of those Steelers teams. "He was the guy that got all of us to buy into how to win a championship. He took the lead.

"Preparation. He always felt you don't win games on Sunday at 1 p.m., you win games in your preparation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at practice. I think we all bought into that."

While Noll's success on the sideline — a 209-156-1 record in 23 seasons — defined him professionally, football did not dominate his existence. Indeed, he insisted that everyone around him have hobbies and enjoy life away from the field.

Noll was a licensed pilot who flew himself and assistant coaches on scouting trips. He was a wine connoisseur and enjoyed cooking. He had a passion for jazz.

When Tony Dungy was dating his future wife, Noll gave him a recipe to cook for dinner that Dungy says "must have worked."

Dungy remembers a scouting trip to New Orleans with Noll during which they hit many memorable restaurants and jazz spots. Dungy thought he was about to be elevated to defensive coordinator, but they were so busy in the Big Easy he never asked Noll if he was getting the job.

Dungy finally found out he got the position when they returned to Pittsburgh.

"Most of what I clung to from him was how to deal with people, how to structure your life, how to hire coaches," Dungy said. "He stressed that you couldn't get burned out from football, couldn't let football be everything in your life. He made sure we got away from the game."

Noll left the game after the 1991 season and was inducted into the Hall of Fame two years later. The lessons he taught his players remain constants in their lives.

"The man was just so consistent in his belief that we just believed everything he said," said Joe Greene, yet another Hall of Fame player for Noll. "He was a man who wasn't about any kind of hyperbole at all. You got the same Chuck all the time.

"Being the first (draft) pick, I haven't been able to find any relevance in that. But I do know having Chuck as a coach made all the difference in the world in having the career that I had as a Pittsburgh Steeler."

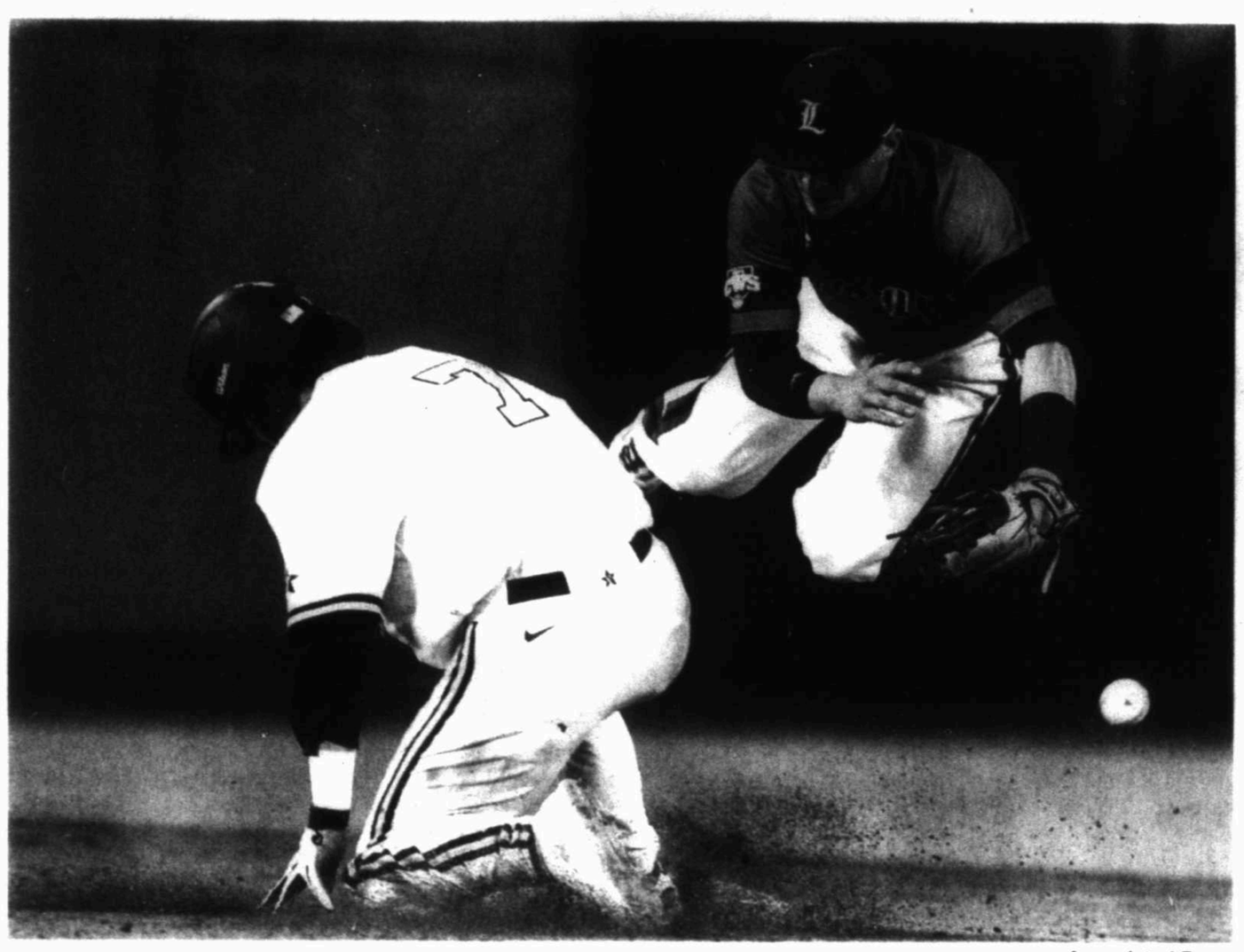
Commissioner Roger Goodell called Noll's quiet leadership "extraordinary."

"What set Chuck Noll apart was his remarkable ability as a teacher," Goodell said. "His subject was football and his students became four-time Super Bowl champions. He always put the team, his players, and the game first. His legacy of excellence will forever be an important part of the history of the Steelers and the NFL."

Owned by the Rooneys since joining the NFL in 1933, the Steelers have always been known for their family-like atmosphere. Noll believed strongly in such an environment and fostered it, a sometimes difficult chore while trying to win championships.

Yet the Steelers went from doormats to dynasty under him.

"As for the football end of it, I think he ranks with (George) Halas and (Vince) Lombardi," Steelers owner Dan Rooney said Saturday. "There are many other good coaches over the history of the NFL, but I think Chuck Noll ranks up there with those other two guys right at the top. No other coach won four Super Bowls, and the way he did it was with dignity. His players were always his concern, both in treating them well and giving them what they needed to succeed on the field."



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Vanderbilt's Dansby Swanson, left, steals second base against Louisville shortstop Sutton Whiting and advances to third base on a throwing error in the fourth inning of a College World Series game in Omaha, Neb., on Saturday.

Vanderbilt beats Louisville in its opener

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Dansby Swanson doubled in two runs and Adam Ravenelle pitched 2 1-3 innings of shutout relief to help Vanderbilt beat Louisville 5-3 in the College World Series on Saturday night.

The Commodores (46-19) won in a grinding, 3-hour, 40-minute game that saw Louisville (50-16) issue nine walks, its third-most of the season. One of the Cardinals' two wild pitches produced a Vanderbilt run.

Vanderbilt	5
Louisville	3

Vanderbilt leads the series 1-0

Another run, and a big one, came home on a passed ball after the Commodores saw their 4-0 lead shrink to 4-3 in the seventh.

It looked like catcher Kyle Gibson was setting up for a pitch-out, but reliever Kyle McGrath pitched to the plate and Gibson let the ball get past him, allowing Vince Conde to score.

CWS at a glance

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Saturday

UC Irvine 3, Texas 1
Vanderbilt 5, Louisville 3

Today

Game 3 — Texas Tech (45-19) vs. TCU (47-16), 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Virginia (49-14) vs. Mississippi (46-18), 7 p.m.

Monday

Game 5 — Texas (43-20) vs. Louisville (50-16), 2 p.m.
Game 6 — UC Irvine (41-23) vs. Vanderbilt (47-19), 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.

Friday

Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday

x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
If only one game is necessary, it will start at 8:30 p.m.

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(Best-of-3)

June 23: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
June 24: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-June 25: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

Texas

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postseason run in which it knocked off No. 1 national seed Oregon State and swept a super regional at Oklahoma State.

"By keeping the game close, and with there being no clock in this game, it was possible for us to do what we did in the eighth," Irvine coach Mike Gillespie said.

"Taylor Sparks had a spectacular game both on offense and defense. We strung together some hits, so it was a good win for us," he said

The Anteaters advanced to a winner's game Monday against Vanderbilt or Louisville.

The Anteaters had been shut out for seven innings before they broke through against Thornhill (8-3) and reliever John Curtiss.

Thornhill allowed only three runs over 37 innings in six starts before Adam Alcantara singled and scored on Sparks' triple. It was his third hit of the game.

Juco

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Tim Tadlock and his staff would tap into the talent in this junior college region considering Tadlock's past ties. The head coach of the Red Raiders not only played at Hill College two years before transferring to Texas Tech, he went back and coached at Hill and then later coached at Grayson County, where he led the Vikings to back-to-back JUCO World Series titles in 1999 and 2000.

Plus, there's assistant coach J-Bob Thomas, who started his playing career at Howard College and also was an assistant coach with the Hawks from 2006-2012. And then there is Andrews High grad and volunteer assistant coach Matt Gardner, who played for Tadlock at Grayson County in 2004-05.

With that in mind, you might want to consider attending a Midland College baseball game at Christensen Stadium next year. You never know if you might see a future Red Raider star.

FORMER CHAPS: Speaking of Midland College, I decided to take a look back at players on last year's Chaparral team that made the program's first appearance at the JUCO Word Series. Twelve members of last year's team transferred to play at four-year schools. With the exception of pitcher Keanu Ramos, who redshirted at Marshall University, the other guys saw some to plenty of playing time with their respective teams.

Here is how they did this past season:

■ **Hunter Redman, catcher at Texas Tech:** Redman hit .257 with 17 RBI in 46 games played (39 starts) for the Red Raiders, who are making their first ever appearance in the College World Series. Redman was also recently selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the eighth round of Major League Baseball's First Year Player Draft.

■ **Blair Beck, first baseman at Kansas:** The Midland High grad hit .250 with 15 RBI in 46 games played (34 starts) for the Jayhawks, who made the NCAA Tournament.

■ **Jeremie Fagnan, first baseman at TCU:** The 2013 NJCAA Division I player of the year hit .203 with 11 RBI and two homes runs in 28 games played (20 starts) for the Horned Frogs, who play Texas Tech Sunday at the College World Series.

■ **Matt Reyes, second baseman at New Mexico:** The Midland High grad batted .167 in nine games played for the 37-20-1 Lobos

■ **Jason Zgardowski, pitcher at Angelo State:** The right-hander was 4-5 with a 3.79 ERA in 18 appearances (13 starts). He also had 72 strikeouts against 27 walks for the 27-26 Rams.

■ **Jared Robinson, pitcher at Houston:** The right-hander was 5-1 with a 1.35 ERA in 23 appearances, as he helped the Cougars to the NCAA Super Regionals.

■ **Joel Atkinson, shortstop at Northwestern State:** Atkinson hit .197 with seven RBI in 36 games played (35 starts) for the 22-14 Demons.

■ **Jeremy Filipek, pitcher at UT-San Antonio:** The Canadian righty was 2-1 with a 1.80 ERA in 18 appearances for the 35-26 Roadrunners.

■ **Stephen Withrow, outfielder at Lubbock Christian:** The Midland Christian grad hit .391 with 17 RBI in 32 games (23 starts) for the 39-10 Chaparrals.

■ **Ethan Kohnle, outfielder at Lubbock Christian:** Kohnle batted .228 with one home run and nine RBI in 22 games played (12 starts).

■ **Cody Brown, pitcher at New Mexico Highlands:** The right-hander was 5-1 with a 4.75 ERA in nine appearances (5 starts) to go with 32 strikeouts against six walks for the 32-22 Cowboys.

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it is what we're doing for a living. But it's our dream."

Wrangler started riding in professional events shortly after hopping on his first bull and found instant success on a local and state level. At 18, Wrangler began traveling the country on the Championship Bull Riding (CBR) circuit. He won a few events along the way and finished third in the world in 2011.

Two years ago Wrangler made the switch to the PBR circuit, chasing more lucrative purses against a significantly upgraded talent pool. Wrangler struggled a little to adjust at first, but he believes he's riding a lot better this year. Notably, he began running a few miles a day to improve his endurance and moved away from home to Oklahoma so he could be closer to better practice bulls and many of the events.

Life on the road can occasionally be tough, and Wrangler was thrilled to make a return trip home.

"It's neat when I go home and have my dad back there with me," Wrangler said. "It's like I've been doing my whole life."

Outside of his dad Wrangler has never had a bull riding coach. While the elder Dunda advises Wrangler to seek wisdom from other riders, Gary is still is the first to tell Wrangler if he committed an error during a ride.

"Every bull he gets on, every video we watch, we analyze every bit of it," Gary said.

Wrangler had little luck Saturday in the Invitational, he took two rides but failed to stay on a pair of squirming bulls for the required eight seconds.

Gary started riding all of those years ago and says Wrangler rides "100 times better" than he ever did, no matter the finish Saturday. Gary could not be more proud watching his son Saturday evening. Being around his son and watching him ride, those are the moments he really cherishes.

"For a dad to see a son succeed in the same business he used to be in and do it better, there is no feeling to describe it," he said.

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Sockers FC edge Brilla for third straight victory

From staff reports

Sockers FC jumped out to a 2-0 lead over the Mississippi Brilla on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium, but a late offensive flurry by the Brilla and a few defensive miscues by the Sockers turned an easy victory into a 3-2 thriller.

Tied at 2-2 deep in the game it looked like the Sockers would cough up what seemed to be a guaranteed three points. But a late sub to Ricardo Yeverino paid dividends, as he gave the Sockers the lead for good in the 86th minute.

It's the Sockers' third straight win and gives them a weekend sweep over the Brilla. The Sockers won a 5-1 contest against Mississippi on Thursday.

The win improves the Sockers' second-place standing in the Mid-South division, giving them a five-point cushion over Laredo. The loss droped the Brilla from third to fourth.

Fleet and Allen push Oregon men to team title

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon senior Mac Fleet leaned at the finish line in the 1,500 meters, just to ensure he defended his NCAA title.

Arizona's Lawi Lalang was right on his heels.

"I could see Lawi's hands right here — he's got that big arm swing — all the way to the end," Fleet said, gesturing over his shoulder.

Fleet's victory Saturday at the NCAA track and field championships denied Lalang a ninth national title in his final college race.

Fleet pulled ahead down the stretch and bore down for the final 50 meters to win in a personal-best 3 minutes, 39.09 seconds, with Lalang close behind in 3:39.13 to the delight of the Ducks' home crowd at Hayward Field.

"Big lean at the end," Fleet said. "I wanted to make sure."

Fleet's victory helped push the Oregon men (88 points) to the team's first outdoor national title since 1984. Texas A&M (75 points) won the women's title.

Fleet became the first man to repeat in the 1,500 since Seneca Lassiter of Arkansas in 1997 and 1998.

On Friday night, Lalang won the 5,000 in a meet-record 13:18.36 for his eighth NCAA title. Oregon freshman Edward Cheserek took the lead on the final lap, but defending champion Lalang pulled back in front on the final 100 meters for the dramatic finish.

Lalang was vying to become the first man to win both the 1,500 and the 5K in the same year.

"I've done my best. I have nothing to regret," Lalang said about his impressive college career. "I'm really happy."

Arizona State junior Shelby Houlihan won the women's 1,500 in 4:18.10.

The Ducks went into the meet ranked No. 1 in the nation by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Oregon, which has won eight straight Pac-12 titles, also claimed the NCAA indoor championship this year.

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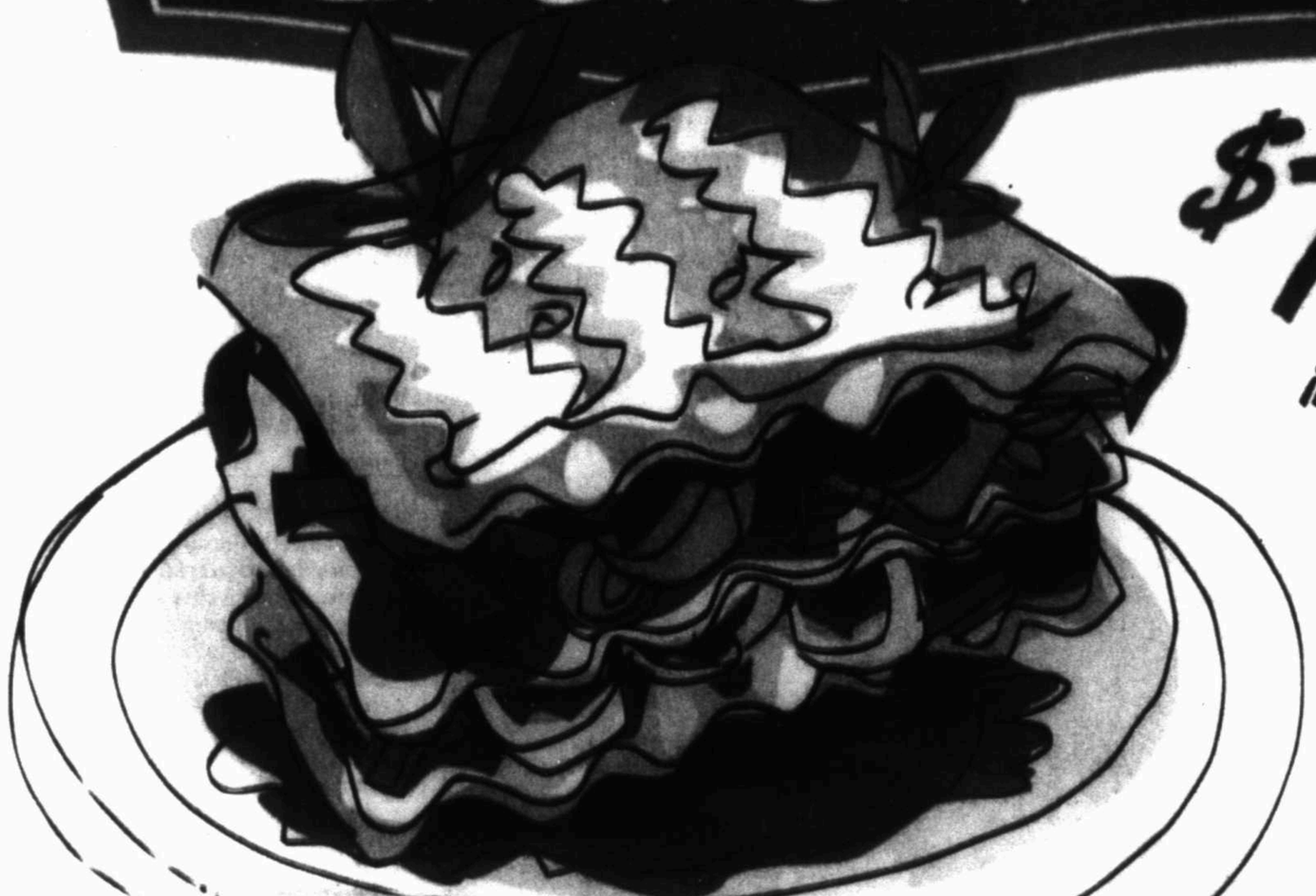

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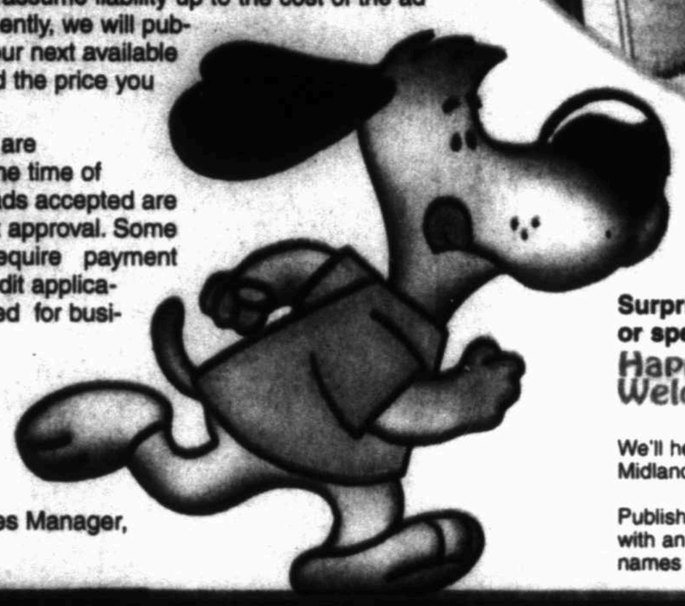

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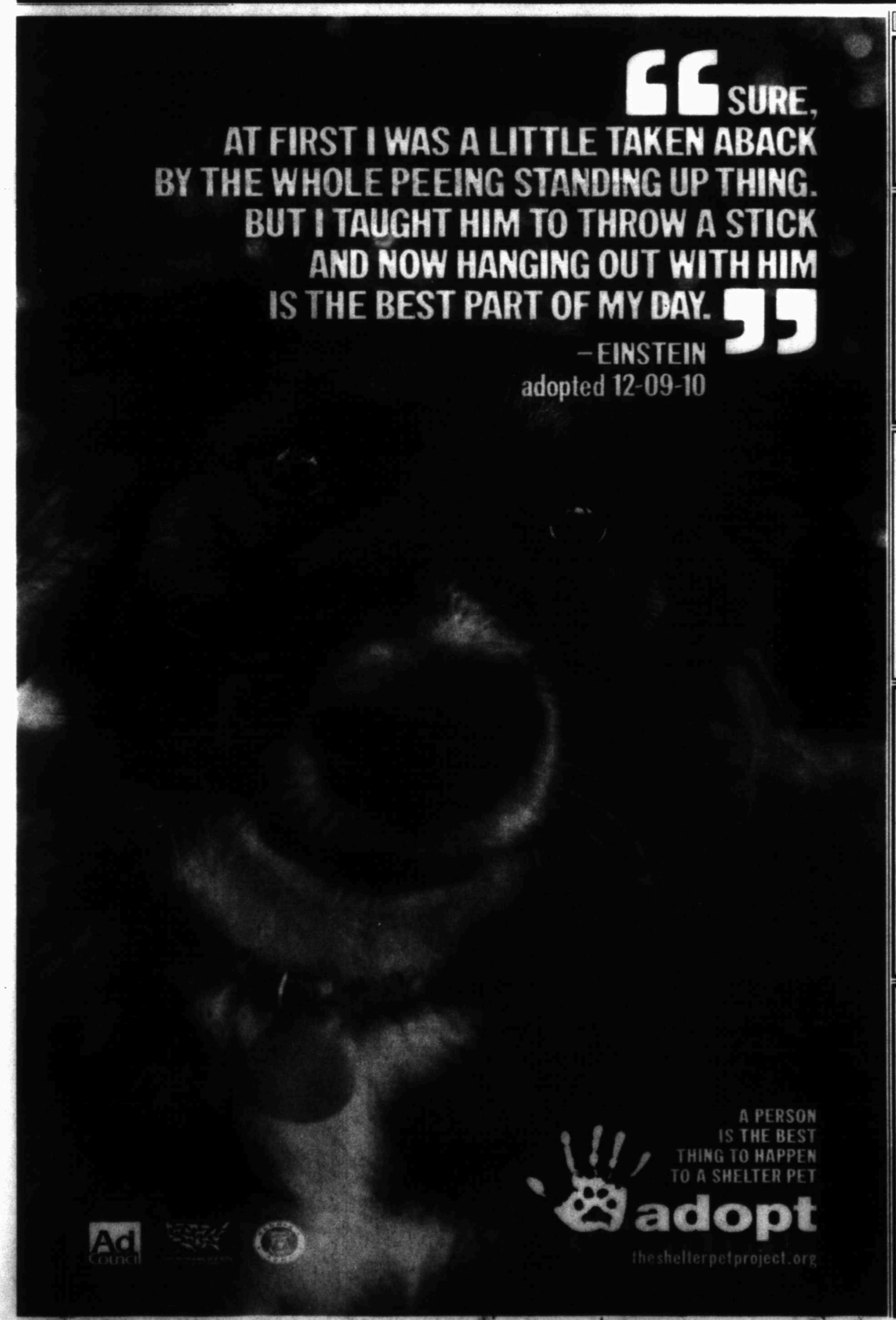

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
City of Midland will hold a Public Vehicle Auction at Action Wrecker Service, Inc. 1109 S Midland Dr. on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Gates open at 8:00 AM. Auction begins at 10:00 AM. All vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Full payment is due at the time of purchase. Buyer has five days to remove vehicles from impound lot. For more information visit www.actionwrecker.com or contact Action Wrecker Service Inc., 1109 S Midland Drive, Midland, TX (432) 697-8697.

Public Notice
Proposal #2014-026

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for a course evaluation software system. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Purchasing Office located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014** in the Purchasing Office at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT School District will receive sealed bids for Open Catalog Bids (New/Renew Contracted Vendor Bids) for the 2014-2015 School Year. Categories are: Floral Establishments, Specialty Items, Grocery Store, Water Store, Plaques, Engraving, Jackets, Letters etc, Eating Establishments, Science Supplies/Equip, Office Machine Repair/Equip, Musical Instrument Repair/Equip, Printing Services, Industrial Tech Supplies/Equip, Maintenance, Transportation, Other. Bids are to be addressed to Leon Hartter, Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 705, Midland, Texas 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 5:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, July 18, 2014. All forms and information may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5890 or going to www.midlandisd.net/Financial Info/Procurement Services.

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, (Seller) invites Sealed Bids to purchase the SURFACE ESTATE ONLY of a tract of approximately 17 acres of vacant land, on the West Side of South U.S. Hwy 385 approximately 0.80 miles South of U.S. Interstate Highway 20 in Odessa, Ector County, Texas. This tract is described as:
Being a total of 17.0 acres of land, and being out of Sec.39, 40 & 46, Block 42, T-2-S, T& P Ry Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas.

For Terms and Procedure For Bidding, please send written request addressed to:
Mr. Mike Wyse, Chancellor
Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo
P.O. Box 1829
San Angelo, TX 76903

All inquiries must be accompanied, by a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., June 25, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 7898-14

For: 1.5 CY Refuse Containers & 35-40 CY Self-Contained Compactors

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland, in determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

General Announcements

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FOUND (Bluebird/ Garfield)-Male Yellow Lab. No microchip/ tags. 432-254-1203.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for Armored Car and Bank Courier Service, Bid 5-0017. Bids are to be addressed to Leon Hartter, Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 705, Midland, Texas 79701. **Bids will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., CDT, Thursday, June 26, 2014.** All forms and information may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5890.

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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 27th day of May, 2014, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 27th day of May, 2014, seized, levied upon, and will on the 1st day of July, 2014, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V P) or document number of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	TX12292	Midland Central Appraisal District v Pedro Ramirez, Jr. AKA Pete Ramirez, Jr. et al, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	West 19.35 feet of Lot 1 and East 38.715 feet of Lot 2, Block 25, Section 4, Loma Linda Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 492, Page 1 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 102 West Pine Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-6748, Account #R000029173
2	TX12416	Midland Central Appraisal District v Brenda Thomas et al, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 17, Block 6, Brunson Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2684, Page 628 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1211 East Parker Ave., Account #R000012588
3	TX12457	Midland Central Appraisal District v Randall Brockington et al, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	East 47 feet of Lot 18 and West 1 foot of Lot 19, Block 3, East Glendale Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 713, Page 5 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1317 East Cuthbert Avenue, Account #R000016818
4	TX12480	Midland Central Appraisal District v Irvin Young et al, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 3, Block 57, Park Avenue Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1517, Page 311), 1304 East New York Avenue, Account #R000035965
5	TX12570	Midland Central Appraisal District v Virginia Natividad et al, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 7, Block 2, Westview Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1130, Page 125 and Volume 1931, Page 475 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 10222 W. CR 60, Account #R000051442
6	TX12760	Midland Central Appraisal District v Terri Lynn Burditt et al, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 7, Block 4, Ranchland Hills Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 672, Page 567 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1612 E. Oak, Midland, Texas 79705-6916, Account #R000040497
7	TX13080	Midland Central Appraisal District v Vivian Perkins, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	All of Lot 4 and Lot 3 except the east 4 feet of Lot 3, Block 4, Davis Heights Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2449, Page 190 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1115 Maple Ave, Account #R000016118
8	TX13215	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ruby Lee Pardue, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 1, Block 125, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1039, Page 445 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 910 E. Washington, Account #R000045491
9	TX13215	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ruby Lee Pardue, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 2, Block 125, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1039, Page 445 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), E. Washington, Account #R000045492
10	TX13215	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ruby Lee Pardue, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 3, Block 125, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1039, Page 445 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), E. Washington, Account #R000045493
11	TX13267	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eugene Coley, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	A 50 ½ feet x 138.8 feet tract out of the re-subdivision of Blocks 1 and 2, Tract 5, W. W. Harris Tract, an addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (That tract of land described by metes and bounds in Volume 657, Page 112 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 936 N. Weatherford St., Midland, Texas, Account #R24397
12	TX13308	Midland Central Appraisal District v Joe Espinoza, Jr., in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 15, Block 1, Loma Linda Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2795, Page 682 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 312 Cedar Avenue, Midland , Texas, Account #R000028762
13	TX13316	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rudolph Whitley, Jr., in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 1, Block 12, Ranchland Hills Addition, Section 2, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 587, Page 329 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1724 Maple Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R000040693
14	TX13337	Midland Central Appraisal District v Kathleen Solomon Lewis, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 1, Block 14, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 248, Page 484 and Volume 1611, Page 654 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 400 South Clay Street, Midland, Texas, Account #R23439
15	TX13343	Midland Central Appraisal District v Lola W. Prince, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 8, Block 38, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 860, Page 513 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 714 South Clay Street, Midland, Texas, Account #R000023733
16	TX13355	Midland Central Appraisal District v Lucas J. Davis, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	1.00 Acre, more or less, out of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RY. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas (Volume 297, Page 574 and Volume 307, Page 618), West Griffin Avenue, Midland County, Texas, Account #R4487

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17	TX13363	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mary Adelle Cathey, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	32.620 Acres, more or less, out of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 466, Page 303 and Volume 439, Page 296 SAVE AND EXCEPT that property more particularly described in Volume 575, Page 591 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2503 West County Road 123, Midland County, Texas, Account #R000005789
18	TX13374	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rosa Chavez, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	0.750 Acre, more or less, out of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 8, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1111, Page 148 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3507 West County Road 118, Account #R000005024
19	TX13374	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rosa Chavez, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	0.250 Acre, more or less, out of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 8, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1311, Page 148 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), South County Road 1212, Account #R000005023
20	TX13381	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rosey Castilla, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 1, Block 91A, East Midland Addition, Section Five, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument #2009-6261 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 2301 Orchard Lane, Midland, Texas, Account #R000017229
21	TX13398	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sandra J. Fitzpatrick, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	An HBOS Manufactured Home, Label #NTA0861183 and #NTA0861184, Serial #HOTX08808846A/B, located at 10600 W. County Road 145, Account #M000203837
22	TX13399	Midland Central Appraisal District v Charles M. Gray, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 19, Block 4, Brunson Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 592, Page 201 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1207 Chestnut Ave., Midland, Texas, Account #R000012546
23	TX13402	Midland Central Appraisal District v Benjamin Belloc, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	0.50 acres, more or less, out of Section 33, Block 38, T-1-S, T&P RR Company Survey, AKA the South 1/2 of Lot 17, Elkins Ranch, an unrecorded subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2126, Page 555 SAVE & EXCEPT that in Volume 2719, Page 411 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2007 N. CR1147, Account #R000002577
24	TX13412	Midland Central Appraisal District v Placido Villanueva, in the 238th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 7, Block 50, East Midland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 607, Page 114 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1301 South St., Midland, Texas, Account #R17107
25	TX13414	Midland Central Appraisal District v Joylyn Ragland, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 4 and the West 30 feet of Lot 3, Block 22, Gardens Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1818, Page 577 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2804 W. Ohio Ave., Account #R000020518
26	TX13418	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gumersindo Gonzalez, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	West 223.85 feet of Lot 40, Block 11, Skyview Development Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1567, Page 21 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2808 Marie Dr., Account #R000044413
27	TX13418	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gumersindo Gonzalez, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 6, Block 1, Highland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2590, Page 201 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1100 N. Colorado St., Account #R000024633
28	TX13418	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gumersindo Gonzalez, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 8, Block 47, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2516, Page 108 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1108 W. Kentucky Ave., Account #R000052018
29	TX13440	Midland Central Appraisal District v Megan Rodriguez, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 16, Block 5, Bel Air Subdivision, Section Two, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument#2011-22498 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 4620 Crockett Avenue, Account #R000010909
30	TX13448	Midland Central Appraisal District v Naomi Oyman, in the 385th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	2.810 Acres, more or less, out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2397, Page 414 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1601 E. CR 145, Account #R000006353
31	TX13452	Midland Central Appraisal District v Michael K. Nutter, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	a Mmufactured Home Only, Label TEX0539425, Serial #V400667 located in Midland County, Texas, 7100 Airline Drive #523, Account #M000022674
32	TX13456	Midland Central Appraisal District v Cloydie C. Banks, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 5, Block 21, Moody Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1320, Page 374 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 203 N. Carver St., Account #R000032500
33	TX13462	Midland Central Appraisal District v ASI Texas, LLC, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	North 1/2 of Block 1, Morningside Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1668, Page 722 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1900 N. Big Spring St., Account #R000033090
34	TX13462	Midland Central Appraisal District v ASI Texas, LLC, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	South 83.3 feet of Tract 18, Morningside Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1755, Page 593 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1905 N. Main St., Account #R000033134
35	TX13462	Midland Central Appraisal District v ASI Texas, LLC, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	North 167 feet of Tract 19, Morningside Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1755, Page 593 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), N. Main St., Account #R000033135/R000033136
36	TX13462	Midland Central Appraisal District v ASI Texas, LLC, in the 142nd Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	North 83 feet of Tract 20, Morningside Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1755, Page 593 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), N. Main St., Account #R000033140
37	TX13479	Midland Central Appraisal District v Debra Ann Ellis, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Lot 9, Block 18, Northgate Addition, Section Four, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2969, Page 515 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 4505 Spence Drive, Midland, Texas, Account #R000033849
38	TX13533	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gilbert Reyes, in the 441st Judicial District, Midland County, Texas	Peachtree Trailway Manufactured Home, Label #TEX0046278, Serial #C11TEX78479, located at 2610 South County Road 1223-1/2, #14, Account #M000012581

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

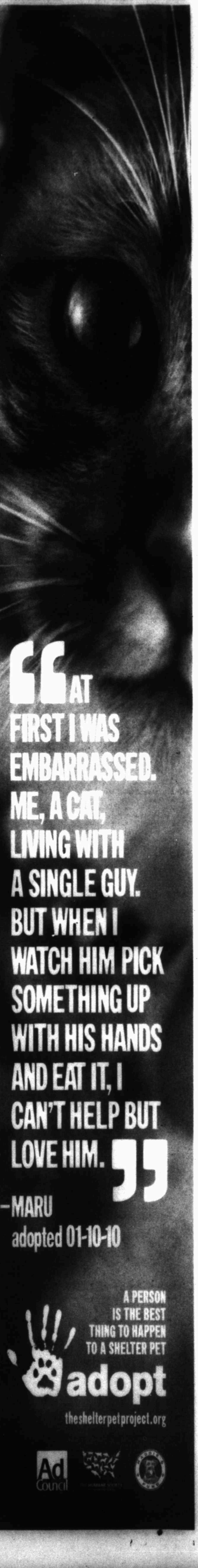
I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 27th day of May, 2014, at Midland, Texas

GARY PAINTER
Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By: _____
KEN COLSTON, Sergeant Investigator

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (432)699-4991. 4631 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas 79703-4608.



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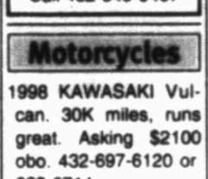

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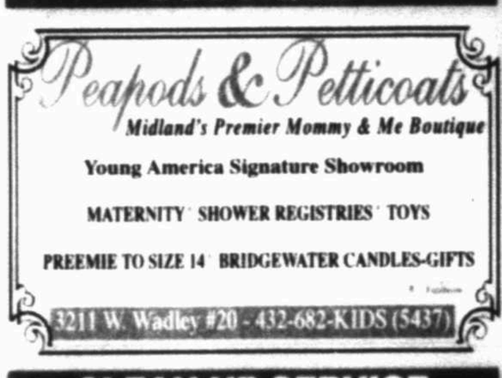

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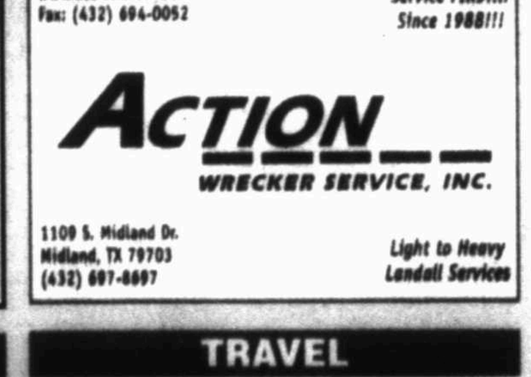

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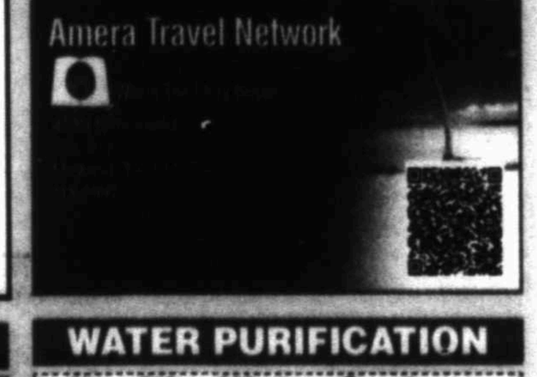

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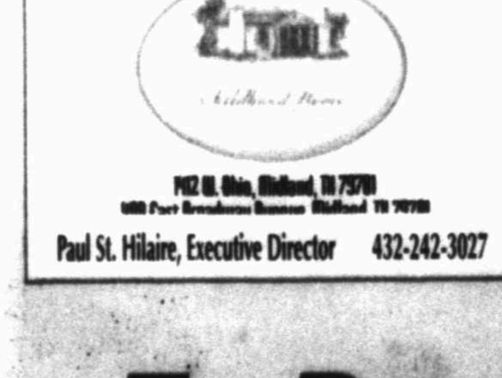

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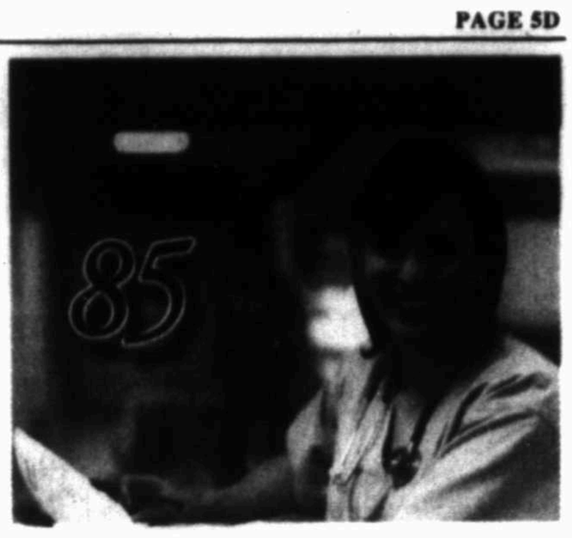

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SUMMER WORK HOURS

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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In the summer months, thoughts of four-day workweeks dance in the heads of employees across the United States.

With kids out of school and some industries slowing down during the summer, the season encourages workers to rethink their traditional schedules. Some companies even have official four-day workweeks from May through September to offer greater flexibility.

"More companies are open to the compressed work week because it doesn't affect productivity. Employees are still working full time," says Pat Katepoo, the Kaneohe, Hawaii-based head of Work Options, a firm that helps employees negotiate flexible schedules.

Katepoo, who helps individuals develop proposals for a four-hour workweek, says most employers are willing to give it a try if the employee spells out how he or she will do the job under the proposed schedule.

"Often people don't get it because they don't ask for it. If it's important to you, you don't lose anything by asking for it," she says.

Four-day workweeks vary. It does not always involve taking Fridays off. Some people alternate between weeks of five nine-hour days and ones with four nine-hour days, so they get a day off every other week.

Katepoo says the arrangement is also not for everyone. For instance, employees with children or elderly relatives in a daycare situation may find it difficult to leave their child or parent for 11 hours in some else's care. Individuals who can't work productively more than seven or eight hours per day may find 10-hour days overwhelming.

If no one else is managing a four-day week in your workplace, bosses may need a bit more convincing. Katepoo says the key is to think through all possible arguments before you make the request. She offers these tips:

- Do your homework. Review all employee manuals for policies and provisions. Also look in the company's website career section, mission statement, employee newsletters and other management documentation to identify any alignment with your proposed arrangement.
- Dissect your job and responsibilities. Determine what job function needs some level of coverage on your "off" day. For those functions, devise a way for each to be handled. Also think through how your new schedule will impact the work and workload of others in the office and how you'll garner their support.
- Draft a proposal. Spell out in a formal proposal the business case for your new compressed workweek arrangement.
- Devise a fallback plan. If your proposal of, say, 10-hour days is rejected, propose nine-hour days with a day off every other week..

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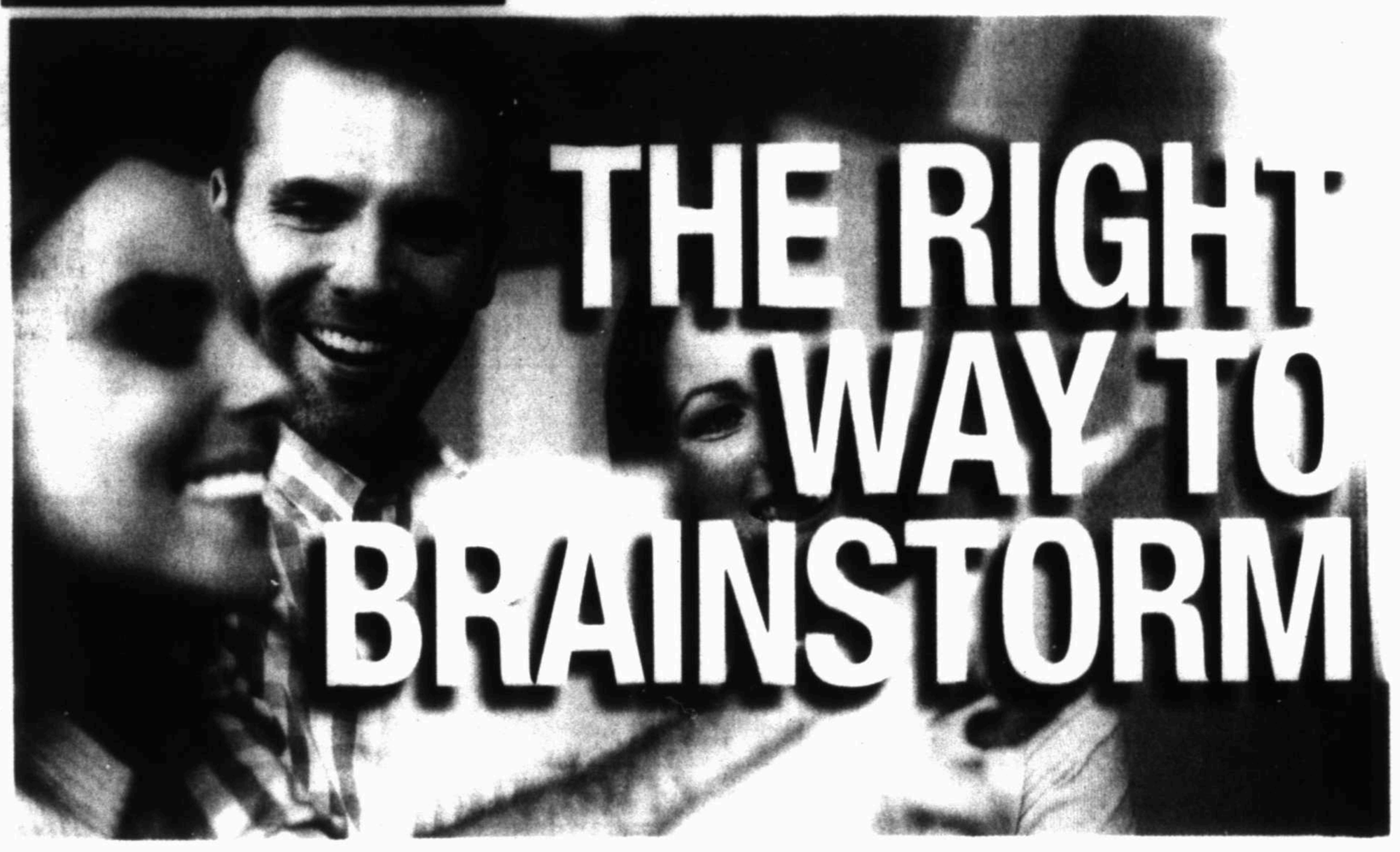

THE RIGHT WAY TO BRAINSTORM

THINK BRAINSTORMING IS JUST SITTING AROUND A TABLE AND THROWING OUT IDEAS? THINK AGAIN.

By CHRIS GELBACH
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Anyone in corporate America most likely participated in a brainstorm session. But are they actually doing it "right?"

According to Scott Isaksen, president and CEO of the Creative Problem Solving Group, brainstorming is often misunderstood, and the term often misused. "It's come to mean almost anything," he says. Brainstorming originated as a specific process for group creativity popularized by adman Alex Osborn in his book "Applied Imagination." (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1953) According to Isaksen, Osborn provided four clear brainstorming guidelines:

1. Criticism is ruled out
2. Freewheeling and wild ideas are welcomed
3. Quantity of ideas is wanted
4. Participants should build on the ideas of others

A trained facilitator is also central to proper brainstorming. "You're not brainstorming if you're not following the four guidelines, and you're not brainstorming unless you have a facilitator," says Isaksen. "Trained facilitators add 400 to 600 percent additional value to idea generation." These techniques can be learned by reading Osborn's book or other books on the topic, or by training at a university or through the Creative Education Foundation.

Several other tips can also help you make the most of this creativity tool:

- Brainstorm when you need new ideas. "Typically, brainstorming is used when something is novel, complex and ambiguous, and you don't have an answer," says Isaksen.
- Invite four to seven people. "If you get too many people, not everybody will have speaking time. With too few people, you're not going to have enough surprising new ideas coming to the table," says Keith Sawyer, a professor at the University of North Carolina and the author of "Group Genius: The Creative Power of Collaboration." (Basic Books, 2008) Select people from different backgrounds and experience levels who don't normally work together.
- Allow for prep time. According to Sawyer, research shows that people can come up with more ideas on their own than they can if placed in a group and asked to generate ideas. This has caused some to question brainstorming's value. But Osborn's recommended process actually calls for solo idea generation by participants before and after the session. In addition to drawing out more ideas, this external work also helps introverts participate more fully in the session, since they are less comfortable thinking out loud than their extroverted counterparts.
- Make the ideas visible. Externalizing the ideas will enhance the group's creativity, according to Sawyer. One technique Isaksen suggests is having everybody write their own ideas down on sticky notes. This can prevent the idle time and potential for judgment that can occur if one person struggles to record all the ideas on a whiteboard.
- Focus on listening. "If you're doing it right, when you're listening to other people's ideas, they'll say something you weren't thinking of and it will surprise you and make you think of new ideas that you wouldn't have otherwise," says Sawyer. This is where brainstorming adds value.
- Extend the effort. According to Isaksen, a brainstorm by a trained facilitator will occur in three waves. The first usually results in obvious, common thoughts. In the second wave, the facilitator uses tools to produce wackier ideas. Stopping the session after either of these waves may cause people to judge the session as not worth the effort. "Trained facilitators know that they've got to get to that third wave of generation, which is where those new ideas that are also potentially useful come," says Isaksen.
- Let ideas incubate. If you take some breaks, it gives people a chance to stop generating ideas and to reflect on the ideas of others. When working with corporate groups, Isaksen often starts a session one afternoon and then concludes the following morning for this reason.

Following up a few days after the brainstorming sessions is also important. "People will usually have ideas that they didn't have during the meeting itself," says Sawyer. "You can't do brainstorming as a one-off. It's one piece of a longer creative process."

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COMMUTING

WHEN GETTING THERE IS THE GRIND

For many, the biggest work hassle has nothing to do with work itself.

A recent telephone survey of 1,004 employed adults conducted by Nielsen on behalf of Everest College found that the commute to work was their top work-related stressor, tied for first place with low pay, with 13 percent of respondents citing either factor as their chief strain. (Respondents citing commuting tended to have higher salaries.)

This was the fourth consecutive year that low pay ranked highest, but the first that commuting tied for first.

Blame deteriorating roads and lack of efficient public transportation for commuting woes, says Brookings Institution senior fellow Clifford Winston.

His research finds that some 90 percent of people drive to work, up from 72.5 percent who drove in 1960. Not only are most people driving to work, but the commute accounts for about one-third of vehicle miles driven, with the average commute running 20 minutes each way.

It's the additional minutes – from traffic and other disturbances – that annoy commuters, says Alan Pisarski, author of the series "Commuting in America."

"People are not in control," Pisarski adds. "If you're stuck in traffic on a freeway, there may be very few options."

Moving closer to work isn't always feasible, Pisarski says. Other considerations, like the quality of schools or the safety of the neighborhood, can take priority in deciding where to live. Moreover, "two-thirds of workers live in a household where there are other workers – so whose job are you going to live close to?"

Commuters who aren't stressed out, says Pisarski, "are more mellow... and take time to 'smell the roses'. See what's going on around you, become an observer, while still paying attention to the task."

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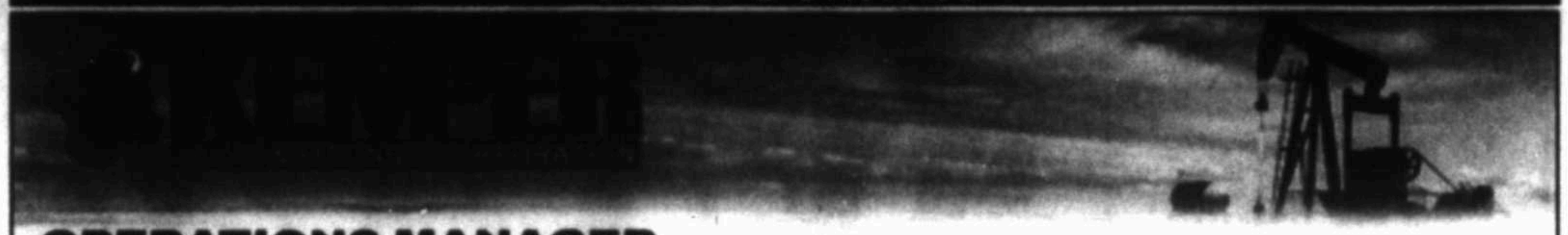

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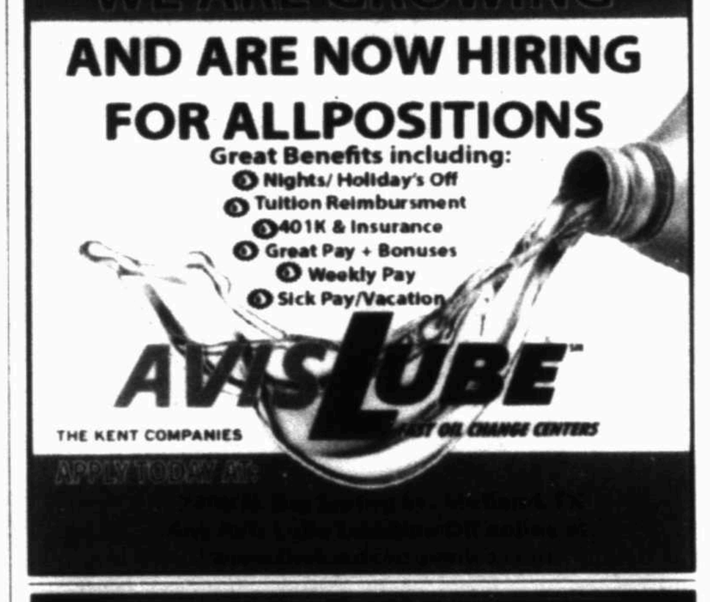

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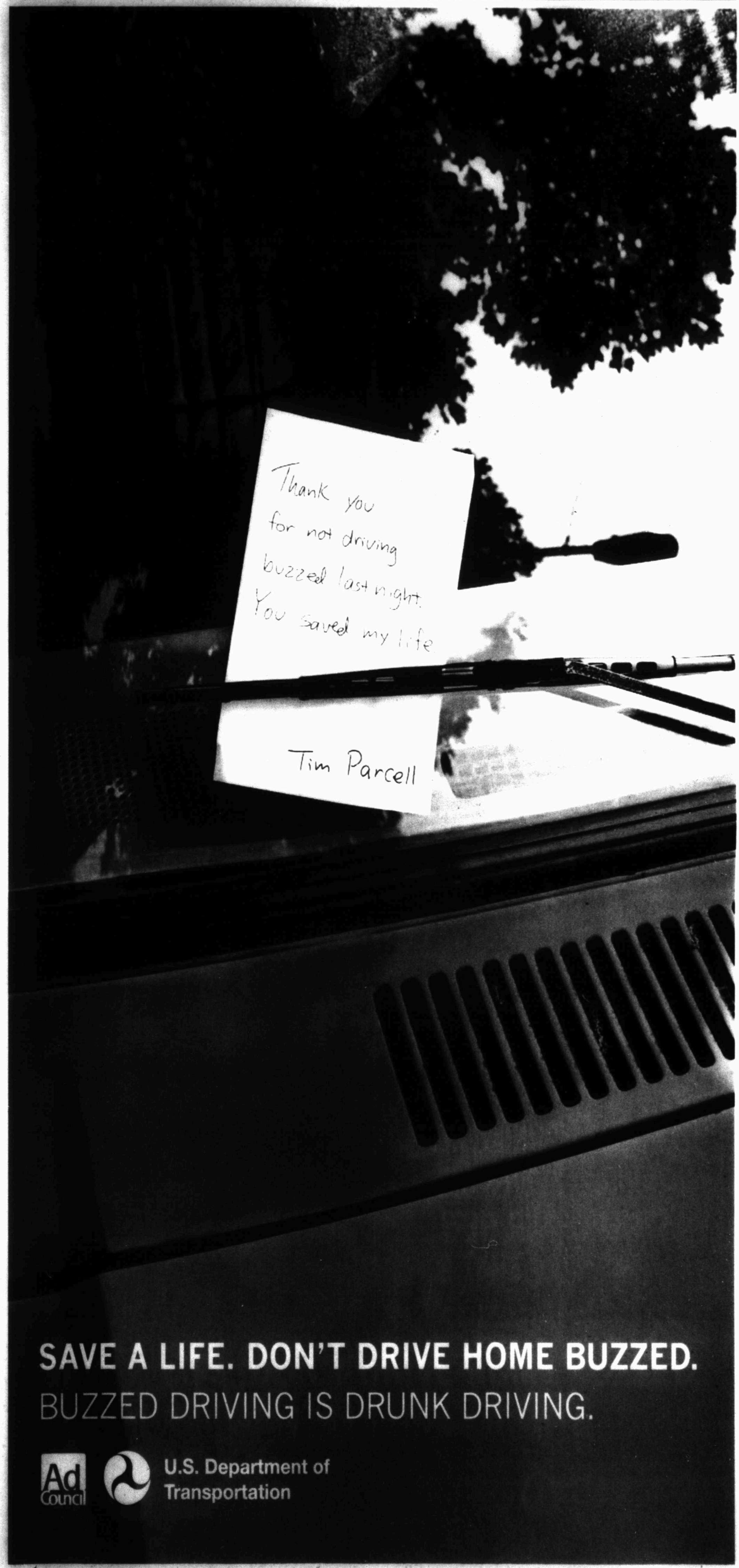
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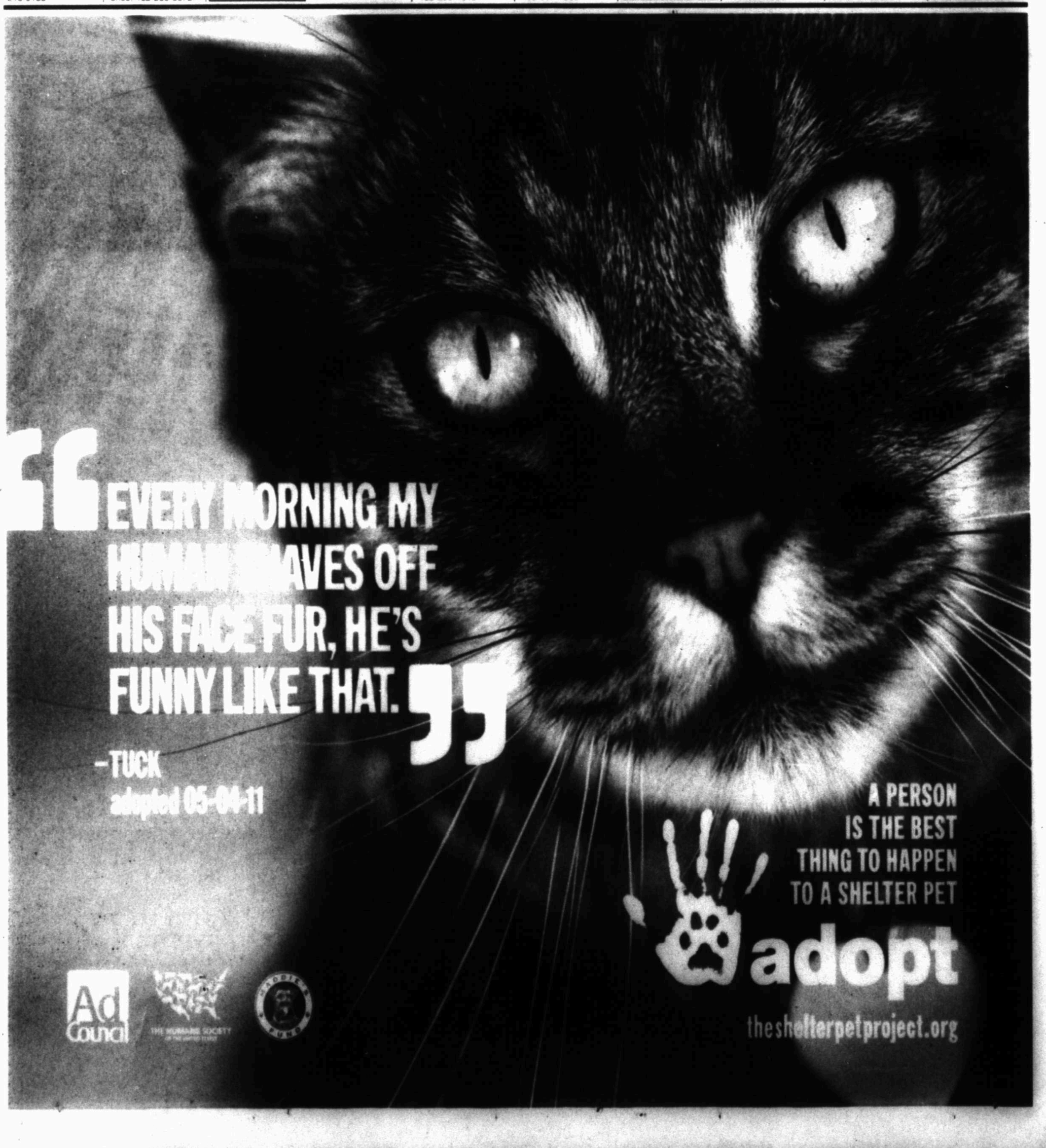

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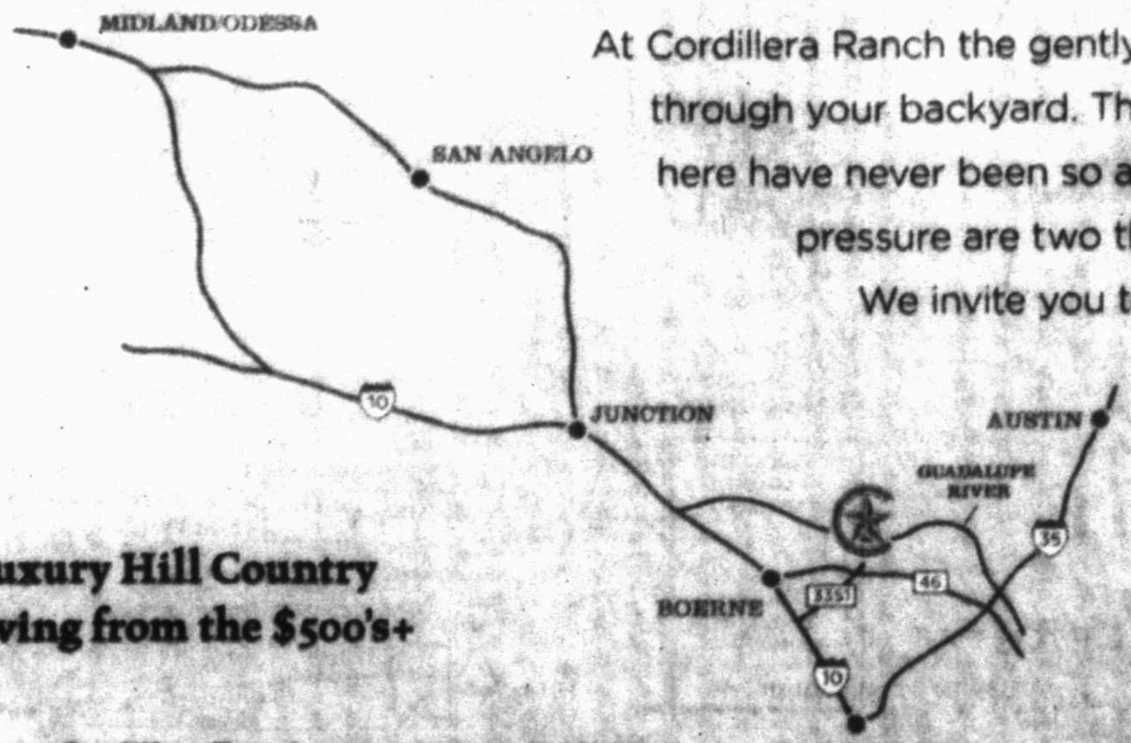

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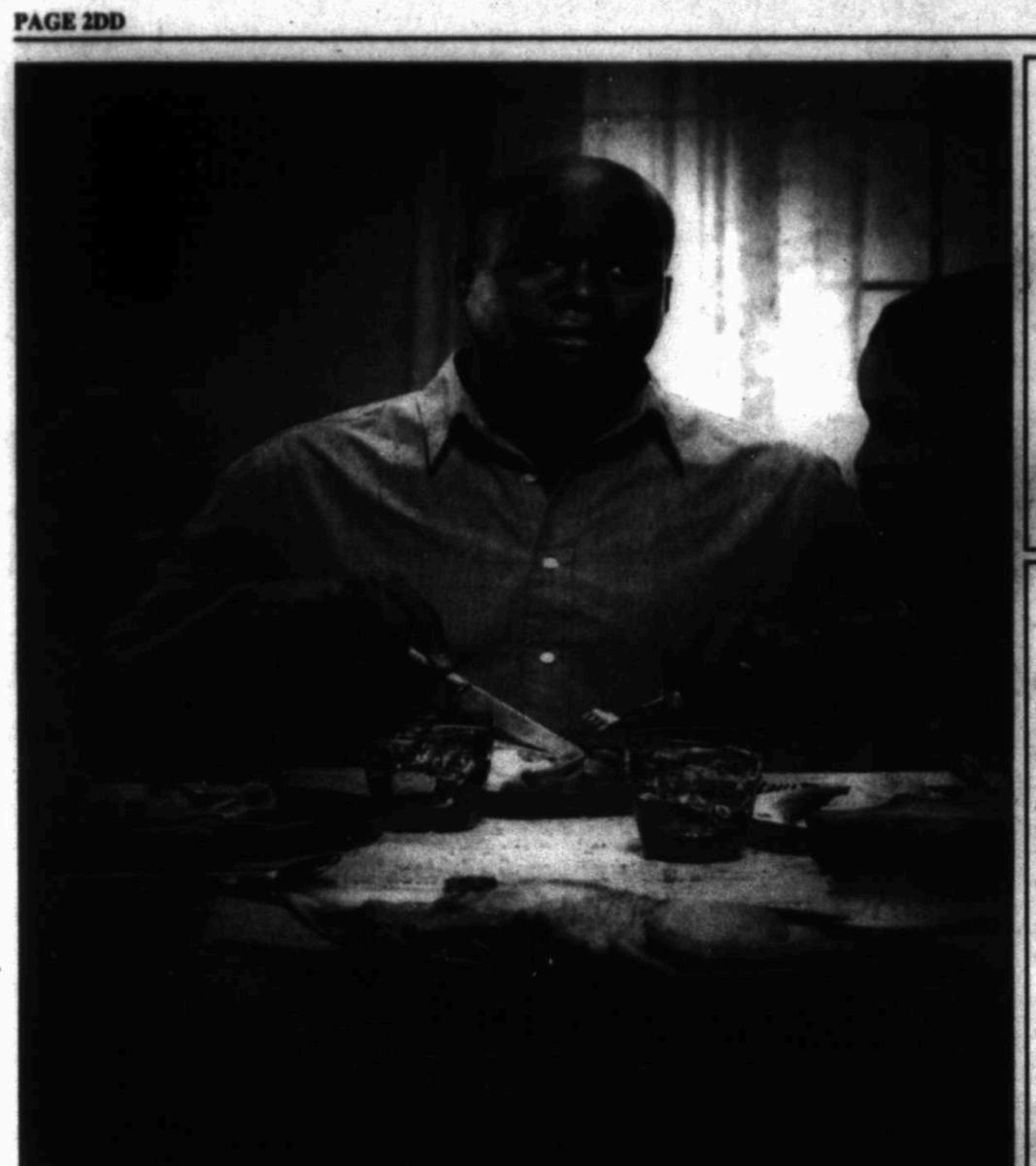

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Sixty-nine percent of consumers recently admitting to having a "home crush"—a property they liked so much they were drawn back to looking at it more than once online or in person, according to a new realtor.com® survey of 1,000 consumers. But men and women respond quite differently to these crushes, according to the survey. For example, the survey found that women are more likely than men to have a crush on a home that was out of their financial league. Forty-one percent of women revealed their home crush is out of their price range, compared to only 30% of men who said the same.

Men were more likely than women to move from one home crush to another. Thirty-six percent of men surveyed say they find a new house crush weekly, compared to 29% of women. But when it comes to true love, the sexes agreed on one thing that makes them most fall in love with a home: outdoor living space. Both men and women identified this feature as the top attribute in a home. Women's hearts tended to be set a-flutter by open floor plans, great curb appeal, and appliances and fixtures, while men said they swooned over good garage space, curb appeal, and open floor plans....

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5 Big Mortgage Mistakes to Avoid

Applying for a mortgage can be a daunting task. It takes many hours, lots of paperwork, and possibly a headache or two. Below are several mistakes to avoid when on the hunt for a mortgage.

Not checking your credit. This should be your first step in applying for a mortgage. Check your score months before applying for a mortgage so you know where you stand, and have time to make any changes if necessary.

Not getting pre-approved. A mortgage pre-approval is one of the best things you can do to ease the home-buying process. During pre-approval, your bank checks your credit and examines your income, assets, and employment. Before shopping for a home, get pre-approved. Many sellers won't take you seriously otherwise.

Applying for new credit AND a new mortgage. Do not apply for a new line of credit before or during the mortgage application process – it hints at financial instability, and you're seen as a greater risk.

Changing jobs. If you're thinking about switching jobs, then hold off on the mortgage application, or stick out your current position for longer. While a change in the same field doesn't necessarily mean you will be rejected, a big change - like a brand new career - can be a red flag.

Not seasoning your assets. Uncle John is giving you $10,000 to put toward your mortgage? Terrific. Make sure it's in your account months before you apply for a mortgage. New funds do not equate to financial stability, and your underwriter will catch on.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Is your home ready to sell? Check these six maintenance issues

If you're thinking of selling your home, finding the right local REALTOR® is the first step in the home-selling process. Your REALTOR® will be able to help you determine the right price, the kinds of marketing that will work well for your property, and much more. But you can also be a proactive seller by checking into these basic home-maintenance issues before putting your house on the market:

Inspect your roof. Find out if there is damage to your roof, especially if your area experiences severe weather. Hail is particularly damaging. For safety purposes, it might be in your best interest to pay a professional to check it out for you.

Search for problems in the attic. In your attic, check for any roof leaks and signs of termites or rodents. Squirrels or rats nesting in your attic are not particular about what they chew, and they sometimes gnaw electrical wiring, which can lead to damaged infrastructure or fire. Navigating your attic can be dangerous, so use caution or hire a professional to inspect it for you.

Check out the paint on your home. It may seem cosmetic, but paint is a first line of defense against the weathering and aging of wood. Also, damaged paint can indicate the start of a larger problem. Brick, stucco and siding should be inspected as well.

Examine the ground you walk on. Depending on the level of traffic, hardwood floors may need to be refinished every five to 10 years. If they get too worn down, you're risking permanent damage to the wood.

Check for leaks in any room that has plumbed fixtures. And consider that in some older homes, cast iron was used for the wastewater lines. These pipes eventually fail. If the seepage is under the foundation, you'll probably never notice, but it may be worth it to have a professional plumber come check it out. If the leak gets bad enough, it can damage your foundation.

Look for cracks in the walls or other signs of foundation issues. The main cause of foundation problems, whether pier and beam or slab, is fluctuations in the moisture content of the soil. If the soil beneath a foundation swells uniformly or shrinks uniformly, it is unlikely to cause a problem. When only part of the foundation moves, though, you're likely to see signs of damage.

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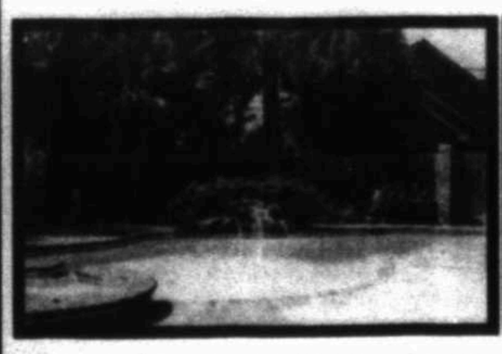

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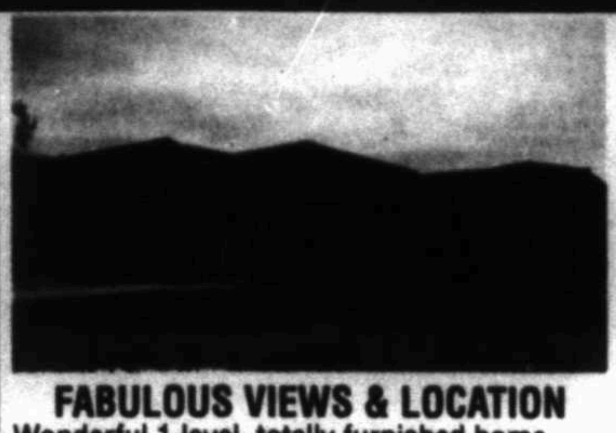

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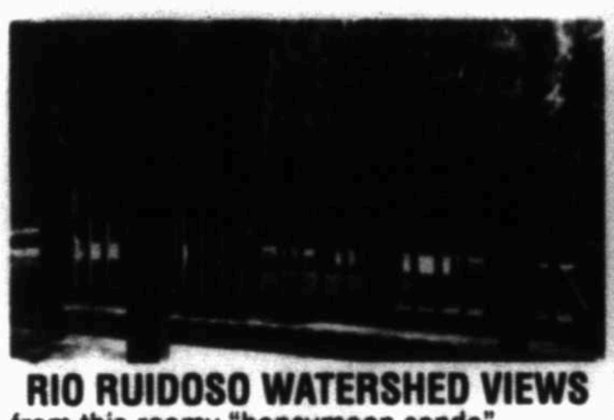

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Many buyers in today's market are purchasing homes for cash. Sometimes cash buyers say they should get a discount because they can settle faster. Is this true?

ANSWER:

It's likely true in most jurisdictions that cash buyers can settle faster than purchasers who need mortgage financing. However, this is not necessarily a reason for sellers to accept a discounted price.

Let's start with today's financing rules. Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act lenders have two deadlines when offering a loan:

• First, the borrower must receive a good faith estimate of closing costs within three business days after applying for a loan. This is sometimes called "early disclosure."

• Second, the rules say that lenders cannot generally close the loan until seven days after the borrower has received the GFE.

Also, there may be a "financial emergency" that allows a borrower to waive the time requirements. However, lenders may be leery of such requests. Why? Worries about missing underwriting requirements that could result in costly payments to investors and regulators.

In effect, it will take a borrower needing a mortgage at least 10 days to close. Because all-cash buyers are not relying on mortgage lenders, the disclosure requirements and closing minimums do not apply to them.

Does a quicker closing justify a price discount?

That's a debatable matter, but the answer for many sellers is no. In selling a property, many owners expect that closing will not take place for 30 to 45 days, sometimes maybe a little faster, sometimes a little slower.

Owners often would much prefer a longer closing so there is reasonable time to pack and move. In an ideal world, it would be great to have simultaneous closings so that a seller can instantly go from one home to another with as little time as possible between properties. This becomes easier with a longer closing period.

In some areas you can see street signs that say "We'll buy your home for cash" and "Close in seven days." Sometimes such offers come in the mail. While these offers may be attractive for some distressed owners, is it really worth losing thousands of dollars for a faster settlement?

The more important issue for most sellers is not the speed of closing; it's the size of the settlement check. As the old expression goes, "All good things come to those who wait" – and in real estate that usually means 30 to 45 days until closing.

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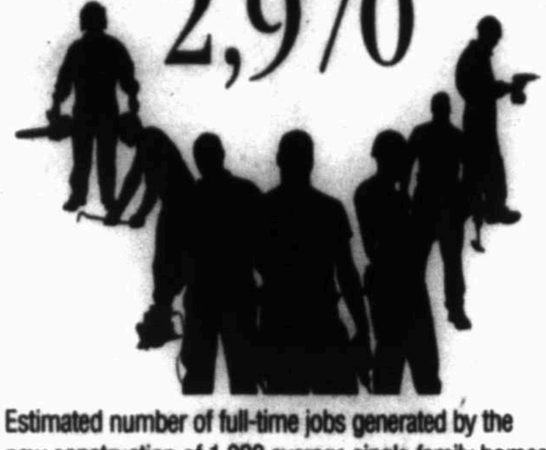

Estimated number of full-time jobs generated by the new construction of 1,000 average single-family homes

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WORK @ HOME

THINKING OF MOVING YOUR BUSINESS TO YOUR HOUSE? CONSIDER THESE TAX, LEGAL AND REAL ESTATE FACTORS FIRST

By ERIK J. MARTIN

The thought of rolling out of bed and going to work a few steps away is an appealing one. But while setting up a home-based business can have its benefits for those who are disciplined enough to make it work, and have the available space, homeowners need to carefully consider what's involved — including legal, tax, insurance and resale ramifications.

Richard Houston, who owns and operates several websites from his office adjacent to the laundry room in his home near Los Angeles, will tell you that the perks of running a business from home are plentiful, including business tax deductions, lower out-of-pocket costs and flexible work hours. But he warns that many municipalities have zoning restrictions and other requirements that limit or prohibit operating a commercial enterprise out of your place of residence.

"You need to find out what restrictions exist because some cities even have substantial hidden taxes, fines and other penalties attached to operating a business out of your home," Houston says.

Christine A. Reuther, a tax attorney in Radnor, Pennsylvania, agrees.

"Check with local authorities first to determine if zoning and other code restrictions apply, which will depend on the type of business and where it's located," she says. "Additionally, some municipalities require a 'business license.'"

Even if community rule-makers give you the green light, you want to make sure that you don't inconvenience neighbors with your business activity, says William Curtis, a Realtor with Nankani Management in San Antonio, who also has an home-based business. When Curtis has to meet a client or has a meeting he meets them at a nearby coffee shop or rents out a conference room.

When it comes to federal and state income taxes, an home business may provide an opportunity to deduct some expenses, such as a portion of your utility expenses, office equipment, and mortgage interest paid. In addition, some portion of the home itself may be depreciable.

"The keys to understanding what you can deduct are determining what portion of the house is used for business, realistically assessing whether the space and equipment set aside for business use are exclusively for business use, and if necessary, tracking business and non-business use of dual-purpose items," says tax attorney Reuther. She recommends consulting with an accountant to determine your deduction eligibility. "Keeping records is critical to supporting the deductions being claimed, and to make sure you expense items appropriately," Reuther adds.

In general, your property taxes shouldn't be affected by creating a home business unless you finish space that was unfinished the last time your house was assessed, such as a basement.

To keep your property's value as high as possible, Gary Klein, founder of Cornerstone Real Estate Organization in Detroit, New Jersey, suggests keeping your home office space flexible, without making too many major modifications. "You don't [want to] lose a potential buyer who, instead of a home office, would rather have an extra bedroom or a basement for their kids to play in," he says.

Also, don't just assume that your current homeowner's insurance policy will cover a claim made involving your home-based business. Any business, regardless of its scope or location, should have a commercial general liability insurance policy and applicable errors and omissions insurance.

Lastly, it's crucial to evaluate how the business might affect your home's resale value, which ties into your choice as to where to locate the office within your abode.

"If at all possible, have a separate office with a separate entrance," says Bill Horne of William Warren Consulting, a firm in Sharon, Massachusetts, that helps home-based business plan, construct and maintain offices.

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BUYING

DON'T BE REMORSEFUL

Don't let regrets kill the joy of a new-home purchase. Make sure you're finding the right home for the long haul

Considering that a home likely is the most important purchase and biggest financial transaction you'll ever make, it's important that you be happy with that acquisition. Yet, alarmingly, results of a recent study by Redfin reveal that one in four U.S. homeowners who purchased the home they currently reside in would not buy the home again if they could do it all over again.

When asked what are the most common causes of homebuyer's remorse, Marshall Park, a real estate agent for Redfin Corp. in Washington, D.C., narrowed it down a few reasons.

"First, many feel they paid too much for their home, which can easily happen when they're competing in a bidding war and prices are escalating," Park says. "Second, many feel they bought the wrong house. With so little inventory on the market and bidding wars common, it's easy to get swept up in the frenzy when five other people want the same house you're looking at or when the limited options of homes to choose from gets frustrating."

Third, many buyers feel pressure to purchase, which underscores the importance of choosing an agent you can trust to look out for your best interests and guide you through the process.

Zachary D. Schorr, a real estate attorney in Los Angeles, says other common culprits behind purchase regret include inadequate investigation of the physical characteristics and needs of the property; misunderstanding of the financial terms of the purchase; and failure to comprehend how pricey home maintenance can be.

Carol Olrich, broker associate with Alain Pinel Realtors in Marin County, California, says the lesson to be learned here is to continually review priorities, ask plenty of questions of the seller and listing agent, and study the neighborhood carefully prior to writing the offer. Also, don't let negative reactions from friends and family let you second-guess the decision.

"I ask my buyers to focus on what is right for them and try not to listen to unconstructive, negative dialogue," Olrich says.

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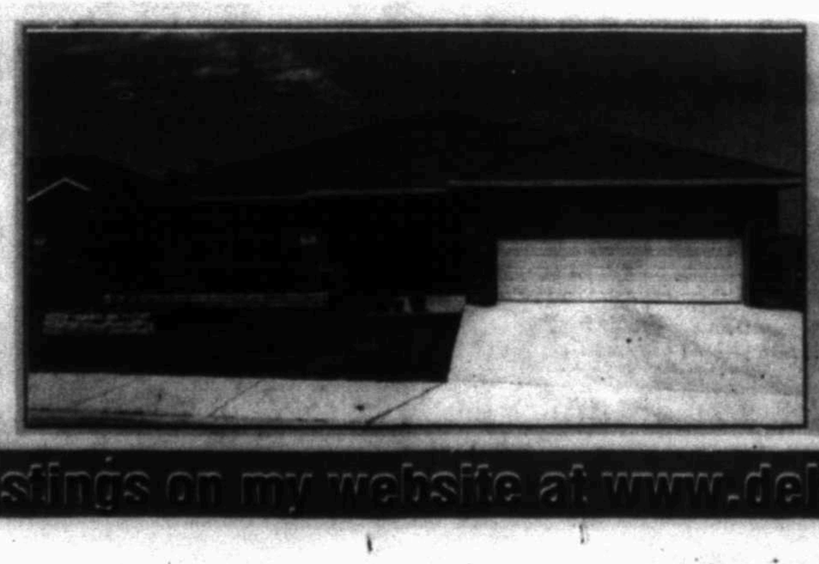

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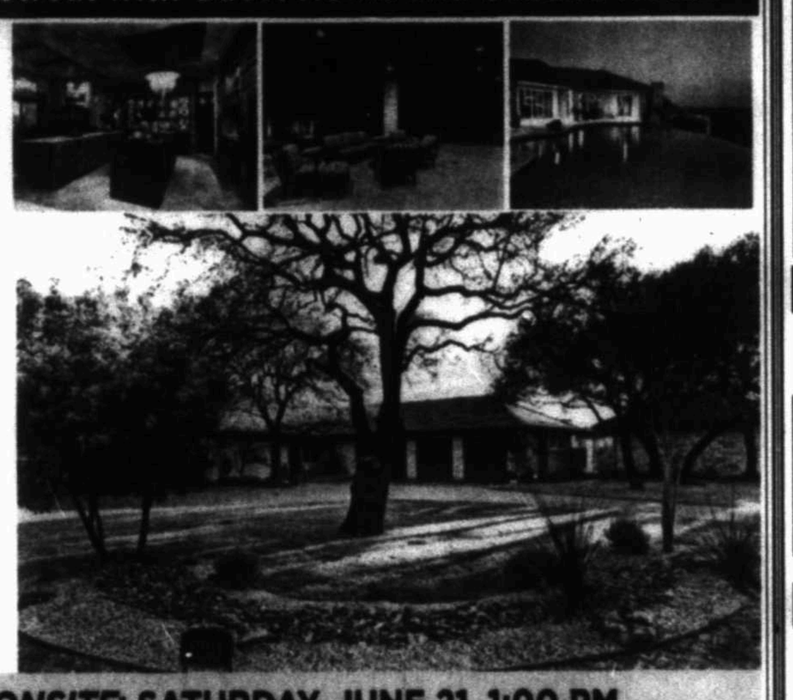

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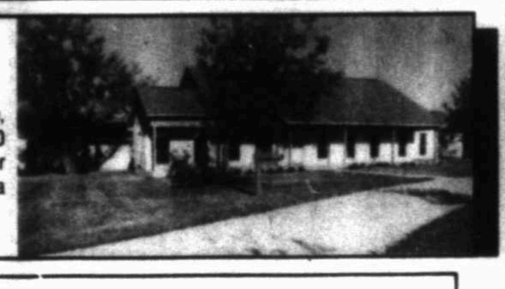

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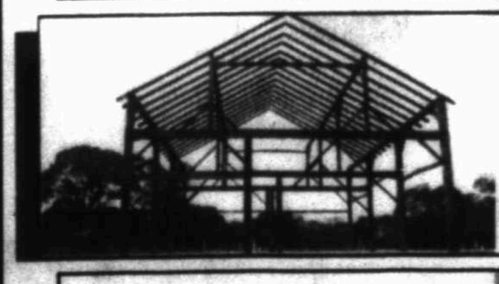

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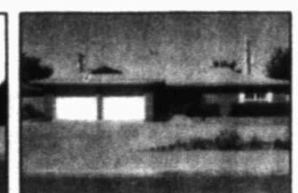

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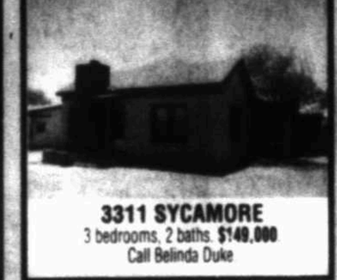

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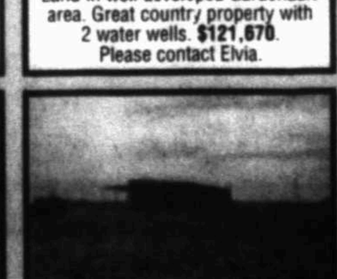

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$329,900
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1704 WARD
$209,900
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4509 MATHIS
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$464,900
UNDER CONTRACT
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6105 HOMESTEAD BLVD.
$845,000
UNDER CONTRACT
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Saenz Signature Homes

2810 Regency Oaks Court
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, study, 3 car garage, priced @ $589,700

Carrasco Homes

6500 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $793,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

903 Odessa	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	SOLD
401 Pecos	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$60,000
2406 W. 8th St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	$80,000
905 Golder	Odessa/2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	$81,000
400 Patterson	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	$85,000
917 E. 21st St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	SOLD
1501 Thistle Road	1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	/UC
3915 Amarillo Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$155,000
323 Rocky Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
4400 Crenshaw Dr	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$195,000
3214 Princeton Dr	2 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
4500 Floyd Court	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
4203 Nelson	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage/Workshop	/UC
5100 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$230,500
1808 Ranger St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
3803 Crestline Ave	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
3121 Patrick Pl	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$394,500
6210 Olympic Ct	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
310 Oak Point Drive	Lakefront Property/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$425,000
7001 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$620,000
6413 Mosswood	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$635,000
705 Riviera Court	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 half Ba/6 Car Garage	$775,000
3802 St. Andrews Court	5 Bdrm/5 Ba/2 Half Ba/4 Car Garage/Pool	$899,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1903 N. Fairgrounds Rd	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	/UC
308 S. Tilden	Madegal Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
923 N. Edwards	Gomez Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5015 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$366,000
5017 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$366,000
5019 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$366,000
4400 Llano Ct	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$366,000
5021 San Clemente Dr	Diamond/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$369,000
5707 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
5709 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	/UC
5711 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/ 2 Ba/3 car garage	/UC
4304 Saddle Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,000
4306 Saddle Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	/UC
5705 Camino Real	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2Ba/3 car garage	/UC
4500 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$414,000
4410 Llano Ct	Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	/UC
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Greenwood	$400,000
5314 Brown Heart Ln	Rome Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$476,000
6701 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Greenwood	/UC
2511 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$539,500
2910 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	/UC
6905 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Cattery Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$998,500
6509 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	/UC
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$949,500
413 Affirmed Ave	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	/UC

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

W. Co. Rd. 145	15 Acres	$75,000
Luna Roca Estates	Gardendale/New Home	Call Gary
6901 E. Co. Rd. 53	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas	/UC
7109 E. Co. Rd. 55	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas	/UC
4083 E. Poppy Dr.	Gardendale/ 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas	$190,000
6720 E. Co. Rd. 94	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Approx. 20 Acres	$275,000
7001 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$620,000

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Hwy. 137	1 acre/3 acres/1.0 acres	/UC
Luna Roca Estates	W. Co. Rd. 90/1.2-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

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3008 Elkins Rd	3.35 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,700,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES

3802 St. Andrews Court
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4409 Crenshaw Drive
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $195,000

4083 E. Poppy Drive
Gardendale, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,118 sq. ft. priced @ $190,000

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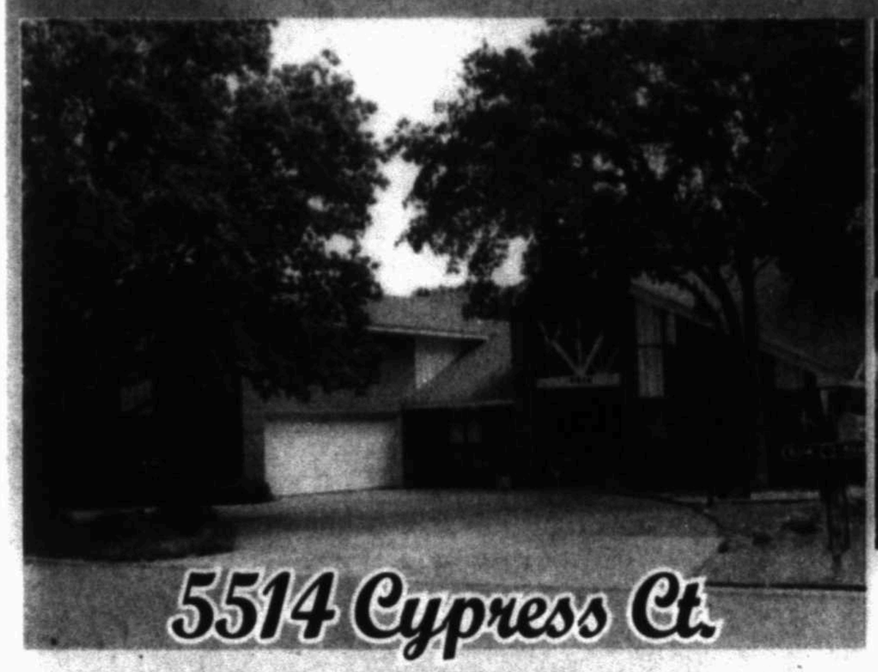

5514 Cypress Ct.

Beautiful and bright this elegant home has been updated to the max! Granite, hardwood floors, tile and recent carpet. Cathedral ceiling in den, oversized bedrooms, abundant storage throughout plus a bonus room above the garage. Patio faces east and overlooks the 3rd tee box on the west golf course. Don't miss this gem in Green Tree South!

Listed by Jane Wolf
684-6040

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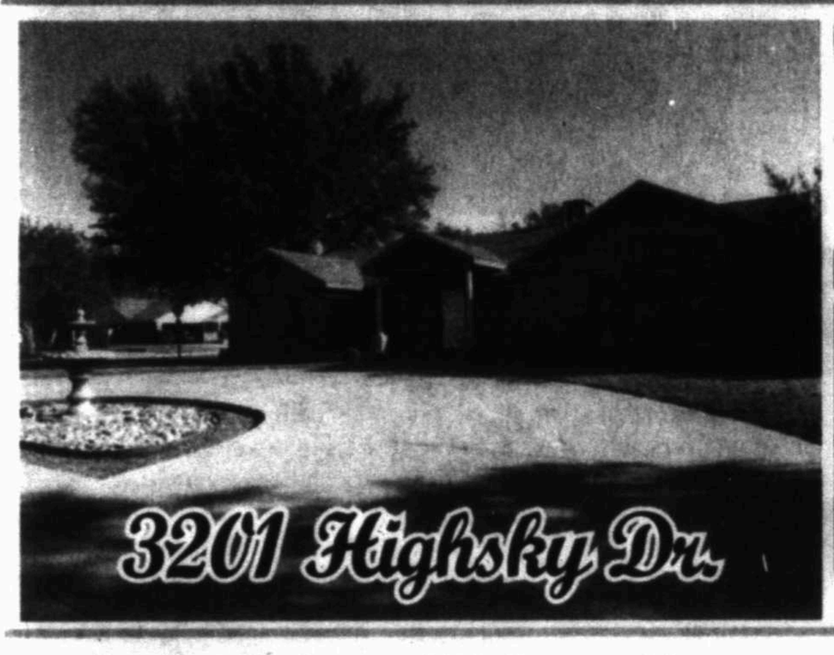
1:00-2:00 p.m.



3201 Highsky Dr.

Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home located on an oversized corner lot. Wood laminate flooring and tile throughout. Enjoy a carpet-free home! Updated kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel faucet. Built around a large patio/courtyard.

Listed by Jane Wolf
684-6040

Open Sunday
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Spacious 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 large living areas plus a great workshop in the backyard! Abundant storage and built-ins throughout. Granite counter tops in the kitchen with great cabinet space. Huge covered patio and mature landscaping.

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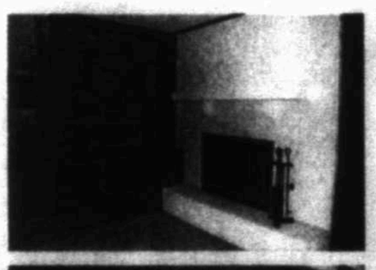

2820 W. Dengar Ave.

Wonderful low-maintenance home on a cul-de-sac! Large living area with built-ins, opens to the formal dining room. Spacious, bright kitchen and breakfast area. Great master with dual sinks, his and hers closets and separate tub and shower. Lovely covered patio and mature trees.

Listed by Susan Palmer
978-7816

Open Sunday
2:00-3:00 p.m.

4902 Foxboro Ct.

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

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2820 W. DENGAR AVE. - $305,000
Great storage throughout ***Shown by Reece Bivens***

OPEN 1:00-2:00
5514 CYPRESS CT. - $540,000
On the golf course! ***Shown by Paul Culver***

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3201 HIGHSKY DR. - $265,000
Move-in ready! ***Shown by Jane Wolf***

OPEN 2:00-4:00
2414 MAXWELL - $337,500
Shown by Madison Shaw

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4902 FOXBORO CT. - $265,000
3/2 on a cul-de-sac. ***Shown by Susan Palmer***

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Presto, Change-o: Why Home Goods that Shape-Shift are All the Rage

By Dawn Klingensmith | CTW Features

Just as smartphones changed the way people interact with one another, so too they are they transforming our relationship with everyday household objects and furnishings.

Custom options, from phone cases to apps, make each smartphone unique, and the ability to update functionality of the device at a moment's notice helps the individual "live the life you want to live," says Tom Mirabile, trends forecaster for the International Housewares Association and senior vice president for Lifetime Brands.

Mirabile says many consumers now seek the same adaptability in their living environments and gravitate to flexible functionality in everything from kitchen gadgets to home furnishings and room designs.

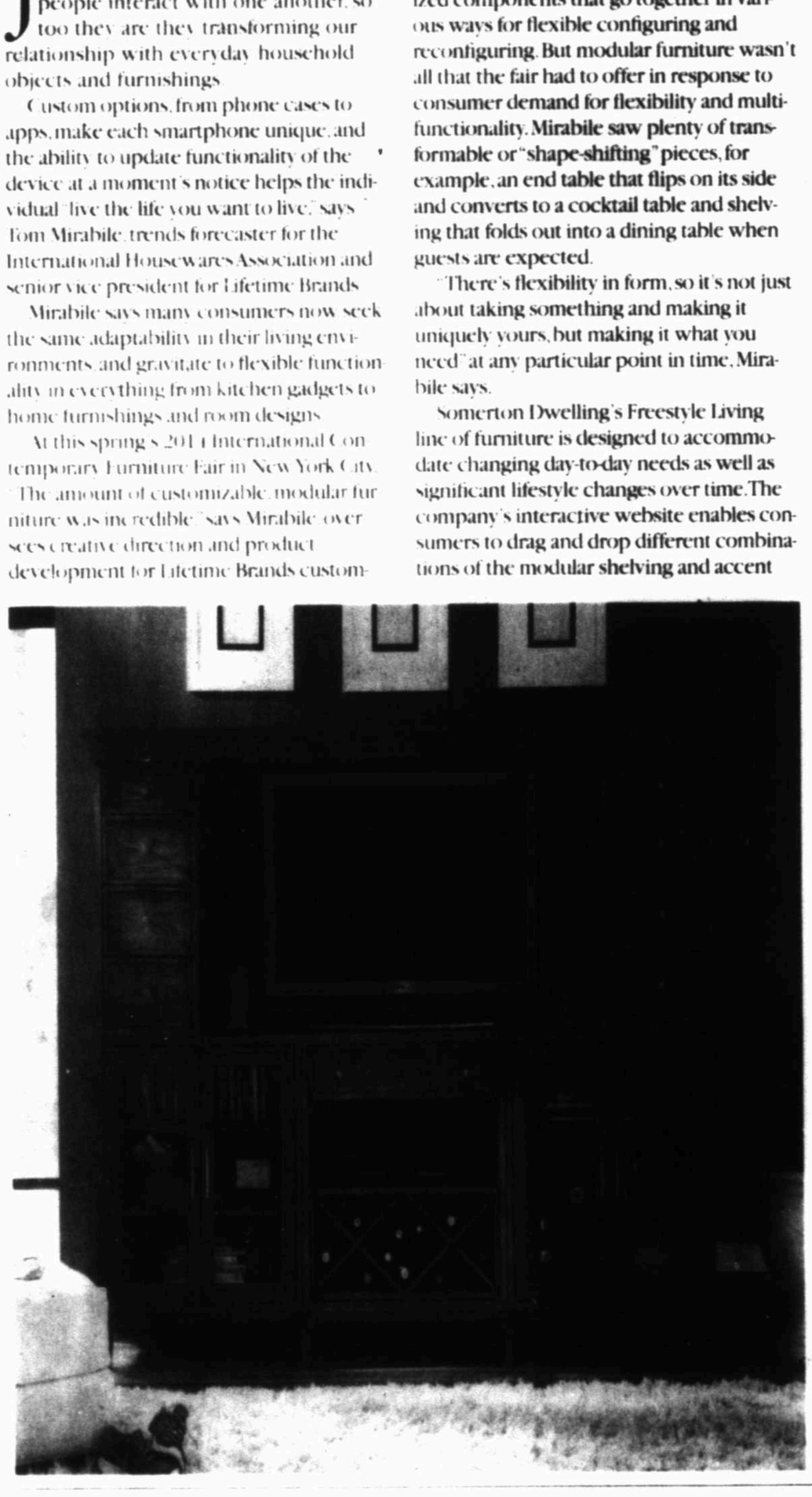
At this spring's 2014 International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York City, "The amount of customizable, modular furniture was incredible," says Mirabile, who oversees creative direction and product development for Lifetime Brands custom-ers including Cuisinart, KitchenAid and Mikasa.

Modular furniture consists of standardized components that go together in various ways for flexible configuring and reconfiguring. But modular furniture wasn't all that the fair had to offer in response to consumer demand for flexibility and multifunctionality. Mirabile saw plenty of transformable or "shape-shifting" pieces, for example, an end table that flips on its side and converts to a cocktail table and shelving that folds out into a dining table when guests are expected.

"There's flexibility in form, so it's not just about taking something and making it uniquely yours, but making it what you need" at any particular point in time, Mirabile says.

Somerton Dwelling's Freestyle Living line of furniture is designed to accommodate changing day-to-day needs as well as significant lifestyle changes over time. The company's interactive website enables consumers to drag and drop different combinations of the modular shelving and accent pieces to design the combination that's best for them. For maximum versatility, the shelves and back panels flip from a wood finish to paint colors.

Somerton Dwelling



Somerton Dwelling

Build what you imagine: Like smart phones, says Mirablile, new furnishings let folks 'live the lives they want to live.' The new modular collection from Somerton Dwelling, above and below, allows users to go online to configure just the right size and assortment of storage.

Using the site's dealer locator feature, consumers can then purchase their creation locally.

"The whole intent is that you can build whatever you can imagine," with stackable and side-by-side components, says Stephanie Lena, Somerton Dwelling's creative director. "Later on, you can reconfigure the pieces to create an entirely new look and function."

While wining and working may not seem to go together, "You might need a place to store wine and an area to sit and check your email," and the line allows for the creation of a desk and wine rack combo, Lena says.

"I can't tell you how many times I have moved and the furniture just doesn't fit the same way it did in the space before," she adds, "so now when I buy pieces I'm always looking for something that can be multifunctional for later down the road."

Consumers increasingly expect home goods, particularly housewares, to multitask. With its mixer that performs scores of additional functions, including pasta making, by adding choosing from an array of attachments, KitchenAid may have been ahead of the customizing curve, although television viewers have been in thrall the Veg-O-Matic device ("It slices! It dices!") since the early 1960s. But here again, the smartphone raised the bar on consumers' expectations, Mirabile says. After all, even the most basic smartphone can function as a map, compass, calculator, shopping portal, notepad, clock, camera and recorder.

A "perfect storm" of demographic and cultural shifts converged to drive demand for multifunctional and multitasking home products, Mirabile says. Millennials play a huge part. "It's funny. Baby boomers are called the 'Me Generation,' but it's the millennials who are all about customization and wanting to make something their own," he says.

But boomers partake of the multi-function trend in their own way. The rise of multigeneration households, including boomerang kids returning from college to live at home for an extended period or seniors who move in with adult children, call for new ways of using limited living space. There's rising demand for "the two-in-one or three-in-one tool, objects that collapse or nest or fold up and products that let you live large in a small space," Mirabile says.

Americans want their homes to be "a combined hive and haven," a lively social hub at times and a restful retreat in between. "That's where these shape-shifting pieces come in," Mirabile says, "so people can have both."

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Spring Cleaning: Gutters

It's a messy job – and someone needs to do it

By Erin Chan Ding | CTW Features

Have you been ignoring the aging leaves and muck winter left in your gutters? The debris can lead to serious problems as it decays, degrading the gutters and aging your house as moisture accumulates.

Clogged gutters can force water to leak through the roof and damage your house. The dampness can encourage mold spores to grow and spread.

Home improvement experts have tips for making gutter cleaning simple and effective.

Make sure to clean the gutters at least twice a year, in the spring and the fall, which will help you avoid expensive home repairs later.

Watch those leaves

Robert Weitz, certified microbial investigator and principal of RTK Environmental Group, a Stamford, Connecticut environmental testing service company, warns that you should never throw the leaves you've dug out of your gutters next to your home. The debris will eventually rot and could encourage mold to make its way into your residence.

Remember the downspouts

Don't just clean your gutters. Weitz says that downspouts are just as important. If they're not cleaned of leaves and debris they can back up, causing water to pour from the rooftop along the foundation of your home. Too much of this water and you could end up with a damp basement.

Be careful with that ladder

Set up your ladder about an arm's length from your home's corner downspout. Never rest your ladder directly against the gutters; you could end up in the hospital after a nasty fall.

A final rinse

After the gutters are clear of debris, the work isn't done. Weitz recommends using a garden hose to rinse the gutters. This will remove any lingering debris.

Hire help

Hire help if height is too much for you to handle. Or, you can invest in a gutter-cleaning robot.

The iRobot Looj 330 ($299.99) travels through gutters on its own, brushing away dirt and leaves and saving the homeowner the hassle and danger inherent in this important chore.

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2013 Evans Lane			MLS #99256	$750,000
10310 SCR 1210	-1.21 Acres w/hanger		MLS #98671	$625,000
306 ECR 140	-1.76 Acres		MLS #98742	$329,900
5408 Los Patios	-Low maintenance	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #98797	$305,000
3209 Stanolind	-Pool		MLS #98323	$340,000
4202 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres, water well, trees, storage bldg		MLS #98691	$136,000
000 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres		MLS #98687	$115,500
5301 N. Midland Dr.	-2.23 Acres	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #97361	$295,000
1410 W. Missouri	-2 Story		MLS #97421	$299,900
6600 FM 715	-10.32 Acres		MLS #96956	$439,900
FM 715	-22 Acres		MLS #96888	$484,000
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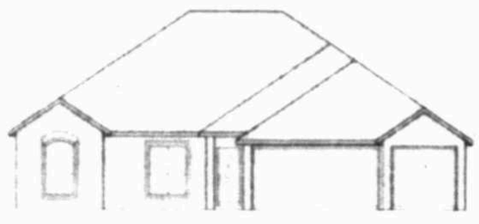

5919 Oak Creek
$365,500

This gorgeous home in Heritage Oaks includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, a study, game room & large utility room. Kitchen features custom built cabinetry, granite countertops and a gas cooktop. This home is a MUST SEE!

5912 Sabine
$394,500

Open kitchen in this beautiful 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath home. Includes a formal dining room, game room & spacious utility room. Dark stained custom cabinets, stained concrete & a gas cooktop!

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6010 Oak Creek- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage..... UC

6012 Oak Creek- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 3 Car Garage..... UC

6001 Sabine- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage..... UC

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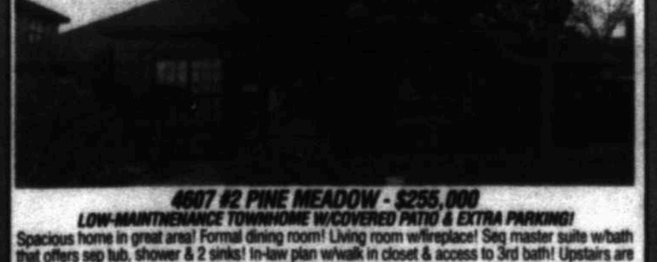
5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $575,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/sautillo tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym! 2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios & open patios! 3Cg!

1913 GLADEWOOD - $565,000
GRASSLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry, & counterspace plus pantry! Seq master w/nice bath & closet space! Seq in-law plan! Live outdoors too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!

6516 GLADIOLA - $500,000
COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO CITY!
Beautiful design!Huge living room w/high ceilings,beams & fireplace & space for formal dining!Kitchen w/island,breakfast bar,stainless appliances!Granite thru-out!Spacious seq master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks,sep tub/shower, & great closet!Each guest bdrm has private bath access!Fantastic workshop w/full bath & mini kitchen,large rv door!5 Car garage!!

4905 HILLSBORO CT. - $379,000
UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME W/3 FULL BATHS ON CUL-DE-SAC!
Large living room w/built-ins, fireplace & high ceilings! Formal dining! Kitchen w/island, pantry, recent appliances & breakfast bar is open to the den! Spacious seq master suite w/ nice bath offers dual sinks, sep tub & shower, 2 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Big utility rm! Enclosed patio is great sunroom/playroom! Pretty yard w/recent sod! Close to Comm pool!!

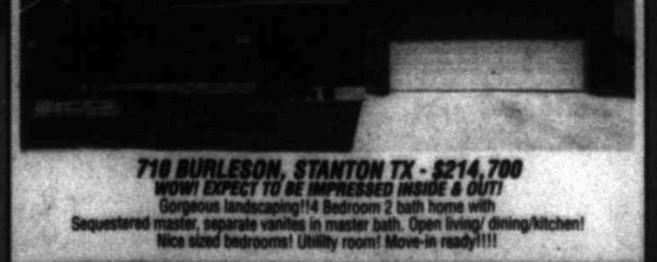
000 CHUKAR - $268,000
WONDERFULLY UPDATED HOME ON 1.25 ACRE LOT!
Fenced & close to downtown! Wood floors! Granite countertops! Crown moulding! Tons of windows! Roomy bedrooms & great baths! Garage has been converted for a wonderful gameroom/2nd living room!! High efficiency windows, hvac, & tankless water heater! Low-e vinyl insulated windows! City utilities!



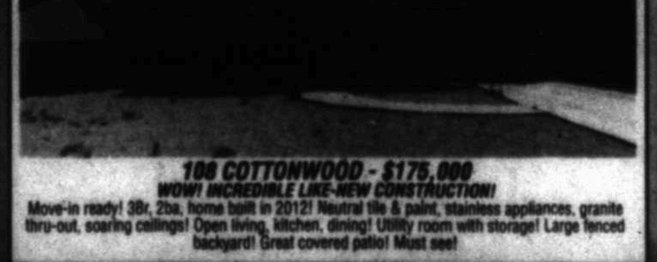
4007 #2 PINE MEADOW - $255,000
LOW-MAINTENANCE TOWNHOME W/COVERED PATIO & EXTRA PARKING!
Spacious home in great area! Formal dining room! Living room w/fireplace! Seq master suite w/bath that offers sep tub, shower & 2 sinks! In-law plan w/walk in closet & access to 3rd bath! Upstairs are two roomy bedrooms, walk in closets & jack/Jill bath! Kitchen overlooks breakfast eating area! 2 Car rear entry garage! Access to pool/park!

6000 BRIARWOOD AVE., ODESSA - $225,000
GREAT LIVING SPACE HERE!
Large formal dining/living area! den w/fireplace! nice kitchen w/breakfast nook! roomy bedrooms! Fabulous backyard offers tons of space for animals, pool or entertaining! water well too! circle drive! 2 car garage! easy access to loop 338! Very well-maintained home!

3807 PLACID CT. - $220,000
QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH GREAT TREES!
Living room offers vaulted ceiling & brick fireplace! Kitchen is open to dining with bay window! Sequestered master is nice sized with walk in closet & private bath! Covered patio! 2 Car garage!



718 BURLESON, STANTON TX - $214,700
WOW! EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED INSIDE & OUT!
Gorgeous landscaping!!4 Bedroom 2 bath home with Sequestered master, separate vanities in master bath, Open living/ dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!!



108 COTTONWOOD - $175,000
WOW! INCREDIBLE LAND-NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Move-in ready! 3Br, 2ba, home built in 2012! Neutral tile & paint, stainless appliances, granite thru-out, soaring ceilings! Open living, kitchen, dining! Utility room with storage! Large fenced backyard! Great covered patio! Must see!

1221 MARY ST., CRANE, TX - $160,000
GREAT SPACIOUS HOME IN CRANE!
Formal living room! Kitchen has stained countertops, breakfast bar & breakfast nook! Cozy den with fireplace! Study/office too! 3 Roomy bedrooms! 2 Full baths! 4 Carports (2 on front & 2 on side) storage bldg! Cinder block fence! Patio! Corner lot! Nice front porch!

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

EE HOMES, INC.			
1402 TEJAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97732	4BD/$313,000
501 LIDDON AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98293	SALE PENDING
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION			
3110 ROOSEVELT AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #99273	3BD/$225,000
202 MITCHELL ST	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98839	$220,000
204 MITCHELL ST	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98277	3BD/$214,900
RUEDAS HOMES, INC.			
3609 THOMASON DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98092	SALE PENDING
KEA HOMES			
2104 EVANS LANE	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95808	4BD/$359,900
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES			
10201 E. CO. RD. 105	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #98289	$423,500
2701 S. CO. RD. 1087	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99350	$369,000
10212 E. CO. RD. 107	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #98291	SALE PENDING
MICHAEL FRIDAY HOMES			
5313 ELLEN JAYNE WAY		MLS #96147	$379,000
5329 BELLA PLACE	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98661	SALE PENDING
LANCE FRIDAY HOMES			
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
TRES M PROPERTIES, INC.			
5309 CASTLE PINE RD	Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS95988	$429,500
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION			
1309 PINE AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8294	MLS #98157	SALE PENDING
MASTERS BUILDERS			
501 SIR BARTON PKWY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97675	$1,150,000
JACK CUNNINGHAM BUILDER			
5510 LOS PATIOS	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98688	3BD/$375,500
COBY FARROW CTC HOMES & CONSTRUCTION			
5604 DUNBARTON OAKS	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #99119	SALE PENDING

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4520 CORSAIR CT	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95233	SALE PENDING
2504 TEXLAND CIRCLE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #97394	$1,250,000
501 SIR BARTON PKWY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97675	$1,150,000
3310 BLUEBIRD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97312	$1,000,000
5001 WIDENER STRIP	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98366	$925,000
6020 HOMESTEAD BLVD	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #96570	$850,000
6207 HOMESTEAD	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #98629	$749,500
6212 ORIOLE CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97621	SALE PENDING
1116 BRECKENRIDGE DR	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS 98632	$641,000
5312 BELLA PL	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96858	$623,000
6827 ISLAND CIRCLE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #98336	$606,500
1103 BRECKENRIDGE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98399	SALE PENDING
3909 BAYBROOK CT	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #99263	$599,900
4109 E. CO. RD. 63	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #99043	SALE PENDING
5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97814	$575,000
1208 BRECKENRIDGE	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS 99207	$569,000
1913 GLADEWOOD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98776	$565,000
1710 COMMUNITY	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #99172	$565,000
9917 S. CO. RD. 1214	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #99082	$550,000
3901 ARROYO DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99165	$550,000
1111 BRECKENRIDGE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99139	$545,000
5614 CYPRESS CT	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #99169	$540,000
4712 WOODBAR CT	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #99252	SALE PENDING
1501 W. SCHARBAUER DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #97180	SALE PENDING
10508 E. CO RD. 103	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98701	SALE PENDING
1000 ALMONT	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98577	$499,000
1114 TELLURIDE CT	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #99381	$494,500
1303 DAVENTRY	Lisa Jansa 631-3389	MLS #99268	SALE PENDING
1114 TELLURIDE CT	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #99381	$489,500
4001 RADCLIFF CT	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #98352	SALE PENDING
2000 NEELY AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96859	SALE PENDING
4613 TATTENHAM	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98706	SALE PENDING
5007 LOS ALAMITOS	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #99326	$436,500
5601 RIDGEMONT	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #98899	SALE PENDING
5815 GRASSLAND	Larry Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #98662	SALE PENDING
6005 PRAIRIE RIDGE	Barbara McWilliams 230-2034	MLS #98864	SALE PENDING
6209 SEQUOIA DR	Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #98326	$389,900
3322 W. CO. RD. 185	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	SALE PENDING
4901 KINGSBORO	Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98894	$384,900
1609 MISSOURI	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #98627	SALE PENDING
5000 PIMLICO	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #99283	$379,500
12 FAIRFAX	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #99020	SALE PENDING
4906 HILLSBORO CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97651	$370,000
2715 SAVOY	Call Martha Manulik 618-5049		$368,500
2403 METZ PLACE	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99260	$354,000
2304 SEABOARD	Lisa Jansa 618-5074	MLS #99203	$349,900
2414 MAXWELL DRIVE	Madison Shaw		$337,500
3531 WADLEY AVE	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #98929	$329,900
306 E. CO. RD. 140	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98742	$329,900
3602 SHANDON AVE	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136		$322,900
2108 WHITNEY	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #99144	$319,900
4102 STRATTON DR	Josie Alvarez 618-6513	MLS #98604	$319,900
3511 STANOLIND AVE	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #99309	$315,000
2817 STUTZ	DeLaura Gammage 288-3380	MLS #99140	$315,000
4609 TANFORAN AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98848	SALE PENDING
3211 TEALWOOD PL	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98715	$306,000
2820 W. DENGAR AVE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98160	$305,000
5408 LOS PATIOS	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98797	$305,000
1410 W. MISSOURI	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97421	$299,900
2300 CIMMARON	Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412	MLS #99021	$299,000
6005 ALLANDALE	Maria Mallory 352-4021		SALE PENDING
3029 FREDNA	Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #99232	$280,000
3003 N. PECOS	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99403	$279,000
2 AUBURN CT	Madison Shaw 528-4640		SALE PENDING
4901 PLEASANT DR	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98578	$275,000
4406 DALTON	Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #98898	$274,900
4607 #2 PINE MEADOW DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98693	$265,000
3615 HYDE PARK	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98840	$262,500
3501 LOCKHEED	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #97658	$253,500
3519 SEABOARD	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98075	SALE PENDING
3806 FAIRGREEN CT	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #98958	$244,500
105 N. EISENHOWER	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98927	$233,500
2508 EMERSON	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96516	SALE PENDING
3602 GODFREY CT	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #97765	$225,000
6500 SHAWNEE	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #98905	SALE PENDING
1401 E. CO. RD. 145	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98044	$200,000
111 RIDGLEA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99310	$200,000
4518 AB ST. ANDREWS	Brian Sales 432-618-1818	MLS #99045	SALE PENDING
3216 KESSLER AVE	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #96354	$179,900
308 WILLOWOOD DR	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99251	SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

8600 N. CO. RD. 1150	Caleb Matott 349-3330	HUGE Shop. 208+ Acres	$2,950,000
1209 W. CUTHBERT	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #99177	$1,585,000
3837 NORTHFIELD	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #97301	$889,900
3302 BLUEBIRD LANE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #94206	5.13 Acres/$550,000
6516 GLADIOLA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	$500,000
1705 CUTHBERT	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96293	$468,000
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
405 E. CO. RD. 127	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96749	$364,900
#6 OAKLAWN PARK	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #98613	$358,500
3225 PATRICK PLACE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98802	$349,900
4604 MEADOWOOD COURT	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99453	$325,000
5714 LOS PATIOS	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98628	SALE PENDING
4506 W. CUTHBERT	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98169	SALE PENDING
2117 BRADFORD CT	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #99487	$315,000
2805 EMERSON LANE	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99294	$310,900
2514 QUAIL POINT	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98796	SALE PENDING
6502 DRIFTWOOD DR	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #99091	SALE PENDING
2807 MARMON	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99067	SALE PENDING
2205 BEDFORD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98861	SALE PENDING
901 CHUKAR LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98698	SALE PENDING
2810 DURANT	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99124	$289,900
801 MOGFORD ST	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #98897	$275,000
5130 ASHDOWN	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #98919	$274,900
1608 CASTLEFORD	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #98901	$269,900
809 CHUKAR LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98697	$265,000
3201 HIGHSKY DR	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #99405	$265,000
5411 LA JOLLA	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98954	SALE PENDING
2103 MARCIE CT	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #98008	SALE PENDING
4201 ST. ANDREWS	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98998	SALE PENDING
2512 HARVARD	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #98027	$249,000
5509 SAN SABA	Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412	MLS #99036	SALE PENDING
4506 STILLMEADOW	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #98769	SALE PENDING
3601 TAMPICO	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98862	SALE PENDING
4506 MEREDITH	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98941	SALE PENDING
2904 DORA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #99493	$219,900
2518 FAULKNER	Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98024	$219,000
4903 BROOKDALE	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98747	$218,000
3519 BOYD AVE	Elisia Flatt 557-7159	MLS #99191	SALE PENDING
4507 BELTON PLACE	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98304	SALE PENDING
4407 PASADENA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98308	SALE PENDING
3000 FREDNA PLACE	Ashley St John 352-6254		SALE PENDING
914 MAYS DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389		SALE PENDING
3807 PLACID CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99196	$200,000
4511 WATSON CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98349	SALE PENDING
1202 STANOLIND AVE	Angie McKay 599-0272		$199,900
1400 VENTNOR	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #98346	$193,900
4419 STANOLIND	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98836	SALE PENDING
3607 CRESTMONT DR	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #99282	$180,000
1614 W. LOUISIANA	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #99416	$179,000
108 COTTONWOOD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99013	$175,000
5005 JOY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99250	SALE PENDING
4723 PRINCETON	Lisa Jansa 618-5077	MLS #99145	SALE PENDING
1328 E. PINE	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #96302	$169,900
4820 SHADY LANE DRIVE	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #99331	$167,900
2005 N. D ST	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99420	$165,000
4501 WILSHIRE DR	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #98338	SALE PENDING
306 SUNSET	Angie McKay 599-0272		SALE PENDING
418 SWEETBRIAR	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #99257	SALE PENDING
2606 W. CUTHBERT	Karen Foster 559-4806	MLS #99249	$154,500
708 BOYD AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98549	SALE PENDING
4708 SHADYLANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98423	SALE PENDING
5001 LEISURE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98887	SALE PENDING
2608 N. MIDKIFF	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #97024	SALE PENDING
1708 ENGLISH DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98368	SALE PENDING
2203 HOLLOWAY	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #99037	$124,900
4207 ANETTA DR	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #95057	$119,000
1413 E. OAK	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #99279	$117,900
803 SPRUCE AVE	Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
1208 BURCHILL DR	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #95144	$97,500
4725 CROCKETT	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #99490	$80,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #94450/94453	$425,000
2100 W. WADLEY #68	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94465	$205,000
4705 TIMBER LANE	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98719	$174,900
3830 NASSAU	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #99484	$164,500
2009 A&B W. LOUISIANA	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #99450	Duplex/$145,000
202 COWDEN	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99110	$119,900
2303 CASTLEFORD RD	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #99006	SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

9706 E. CO. RD 127	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #98330	Roping Area/25 Acres/$950,000
4109 E. CO. RD 63	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #99043	4BD/$599,900
2200 S. CO. RD 1087	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #98780	4.20 Acres/$579,900
4109 E. CO. RD 63	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #99043	4BD/$589,900
901 E. CO. RD 125	Clemmie Sorge	MLS #98997	4BD/$589,000
9917 S. CO. RD. 1214	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #99082	4BD/$550,000
1312 E. CO. RD. 128	Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #95538	4BD/$539,000
6516 GLADIOLA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	3BD/$500,000
6600 FM 715	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96956	3BD/$439,900
3605 W. CO. RD. 145	Josie Alvarez	MLS #98906	$425,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1084 1/2, GREENWOOD	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #98692	SALE PENDING
13105 E. CO. RD. 120	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96767	SALE PENDING
3322 W. CO. RD. 185	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	SALE PENDING
2501 W. CO. RD. 130	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$375,000
405 E. CO. RD. 127	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96749	3BD/$364,900
2101 S. CO. RD. 1129	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98849	$359,900
306 E. CO. RD. 140	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98742	4BD/$329,900
2501 W. CO. RD. 130	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$325,000
3700 S. CO. RD. 1178	Caleb Matott 349-3330		2+ Acres/$325,000
4105 S. CO. RD. 1184	Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98653	3BD/$320,000
6300 S. CO. RD. 1200	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #99173	4BD/$299,900
4206 N. CO. RD. 1130, GREENWOOD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #96528	1.5 Acres/$299,000
1415 S. CO. RD. 1129	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99090	SALE PENDING
3605 W. CO. RD. 145	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #98995	4BD/$239,900
1401 E. CO. RD. 145	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98044	$215,000
7101 E. CO. RD. 90	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98761	SALE PENDING
3406 S. CO. RD. 1071	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99377	$145,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING
5001 S. CO. RD. 1137	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97679	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

8600 N. CO. RD. 1150	Caleb Matott 349-3330	HUGE Shop. 208+ Acres	$2,950,000
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94739	3BD/16+ Acres/$1,100,000
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98671	4BD/$625,000
5 BRISTOL CT., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98987	SALE PENDING
105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #123919	4BD/$399,000
10 VIA PLAYA, ODESSA	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92571	2BD/$350,000
16121 HORSESHOE DR., GARDENDALE	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97931	1+ Acres/$339,900
2916 SAN PEDRO DR	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #99491	4BD/$279,900
1202 S. NELSON, MONAHANS	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95441	3BD/$275,000
2822 MAXWELL	Madison Shaw 432-528-4640	MLS #99033	3BD/$269,900
2825 MERCEDES HOUSE	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97748	3BD/$229,900
6000 BRIARWOOD AVE., ODESSA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97723	$225,000
1524 SANDALWOOD LANE	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91729	SALE PENDING
1812 CINDY PL., ODESSA	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98967	SALE PENDING
302 9TH ST., IRAAN	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	5BD/$179,000
7244 MANFORD LANE, ODESSA	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #381981	SALE PENDING
2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89268	3BD/$169,900
2906 REDBUD, ODESSA	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97905	3BD/$159,900
1120 KATHERINE, CRANE	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #97616	3BD/$155,000
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This undated image released by Disney shows Disney characters Anna, left, and her sister Elsa, right, from the animated film "Frozen" at Princess Fairytale Hall with a young fan at a meet-and-greet at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Wait times to meet the sisters stretches for hours and reservations are snapped up as soon as they become available, part of a frenzy for all things "Frozen."

Families in frenzy over Disney's 'Frozen'

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — For the Calder family, the "Frozen" frenzy began when the Disney movie came out in late 2013 and they took their 7-year-old daughter Caroline to see it in the theater.

Caroline then saw it again, with a grandparent. Then with the other set of grandparents. Then came the Disney cruise to the Caribbean with the "Frozen" sing-along, the purchase of "Frozen"-themed pajamas — instead of "Frozen" dolls, which were sold out — and waiting in line at a Disney store to obtain a raffle ticket for a chance to purchase a "Frozen" dress.

"We've become the 'Frozen' family," said Caroline's mom Kristin, 41, who said the "Frozen" CD or DVD plays daily in her vehicle or home in Boynton Beach, Florida. "It is part of our everyday life."

Her daughter Caroline describes her love of the movie like this: "I really like Elsa because of her frozen power. And I really like Anna because she's really nice a lot."

Caroline added that the ice blue dress worn by Elsa when she sings the song "Let it Go" is her favorite part of the movie.

Recently, the family had a "Frozen"-themed birthday party for Caroline with life-sized cutouts of the animated film stars, a plush toy depicting the movie's snowman, Olaf and "Frozen"-themed invitations downloaded from the craft site Etsy. For $350, the Calders even hired performers to portray Anna and Elsa, the sisters from the movie, to sing and play with the kids for an hour. It was the performers' sixth "Frozen"-themed birthday party that day.

For the uninitiated, "Frozen" — which tells the story of how Anna and Elsa overcome Elsa's terrible power to turn everything into ice and snow — has become the fifth-highest grossing film of all time, raking in $1.2 billion in box office earnings worldwide.

The huge demand for anything "Frozen" has created a shortage of merchandise on Disney Store shelves all over North America. It's also led to hours-long waits to see the princesses at Disney parks in Florida and California.

It's even become an international phenomenon. The tour company Adventures by Disney added Geirangerfjord, Norway, to a new itinerary this year inspired by the movie. The film's fantasy kingdom of Arendelle was based on the fjord. Calder looked into Disney's Norway cruise for 2015, but shelved the idea over cost — $15,000 for her family plus airfare.

She also figured hiring the princess performers for her daughter's party was cheaper and easier than taking the whole family to Walt Disney World Resort. One day last week, the wait to meet the sisters at the Magic Kingdom's Princess Fairytale Hall was listed on a park sign as 300 minutes — five hours — by 9:30 a.m., a half-hour after the park opened, according to Deborah Bowen, a Tampa resident and longtime Disney parkgoer.

"I've never seen anything like this, the fury, the popularity that these two princesses have had," Bowen said.

Bowen, a member of Disney Parks Mom Panel, which provides vacation advice, said a saner strategy for seeing the princesses is to use the My Disney Experience mobile app to book a FastPass appointment, which assures access within a designated time window.

But Jessica Becak, 33, of Long Island, New York, wasn't able to reserve a visit using the FastPass system — other visitors had snagged the appointments before she booked a June trip to Disney with her 3-year-old daughter. So she's downplaying the possibility of seeing Anna and Elsa at the park because she knows it might not be realistic. Waiting in the standby line just isn't an option, she said.

"My daughter's not going to be able to stand in line for two to five hours in the heat," she said. "So right now, we're glossing over it. If we walk by and it doesn't look too traumatic, we might try it."

She's thankful that Anna and Elsa have been added to Disney's Festival of Fantasy Parade, so her daughter will likely be able to at least spot the princesses while in the park.

But Becak was persistent enough to snare a hard-to-find Elsa toddler doll earlier this year — though she had to spend an entire day literally calling every Disney Store in the U.S. to get one. Finally, a store in Pittsburgh came through. No luck with any other "Frozen" merchandise, though: "We haven't been able to find anything since," she said.

"Frozen" has boosted Disney's bottom line; in May it posted second-quarter earnings that beat Wall Street forecasts.

Disney CEO Bob Iger said the company's consumer products revenue grew 16 percent to $885 million, lifted by "Frozen," whose merchandise accounted for nine of the top 10 best-selling items in Disney Stores. Iger said "Frozen" had become one of Disney's best franchises. The company plans to increase the film's characters in its parks, develop a Broadway show and is working on books and interactive products.

He said he expects the effect of the hit to last for at least the next five years.

Note to parents: If your kids want "Frozen" gifts for Christmas, better start hunting now.

Writer Green discusses Hollywood, teen whispering

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When "The Fault in Our Stars" landed on bookshelves more than two years ago, John Green's enthusiasm was nonexistent for a screen version of his story featuring teens with cancer.

"I had had some Hollywood experiences before that weren't great and I felt like Hollywood would struggle to make a movie where the female romantic lead has nasal cannula tubes in her nose for the entire movie," he said.

Well, hello 2014 and Monday night's premiere of "TFIOS," the movie. It's the first of Green's best-selling books to go Hollywood after he was won over by the script's dedication to his characters in the clutches of adolescence. Oh, and it didn't hurt that one of the producers was a huge Liverpool soccer club fan like Green.

Already a rock star among young readers, mostly of the teen girl variety, the Orlando, Florida-raised Green, the guy who looks straight out of central casting as Unassuming Writer, now walks red carpets, clowns on morning TV and banters with new BFF Nat Wolff and the movie's other young stars, Shailene Woodley and newcomer Ansel Elgort.

In his plaid button-down shirt and conservative suit jacket, it was the bespectacled, 36-year-old Green — not the hunky, younger Wolff — who got the loudest screams Saturday from several hundred girls who made their way to the publishing industry's annual BookExpo America.

Green leapt off the stage of the stuffed conference hall to bear-hug a 16-year-old amputee, Robert Berger of Damerest, New Jersey. Berger, a high school sophomore with a prosthetic like "TFIOS" love interest Gus Waters, made his way to a microphone to offer: "I'd like to thank you, John, for answering a lifelong question of mine, which is, whether during sex, I keep my leg on or off."

Green, a father of two, is ever respectful of Berger and his other "nerdfighters," the community of fans worldwide who have led him to Hollywood's door and greet each other with his tagline: "Don't Forget to Be Awesome!" They even have a special thing they do with their arms, crossing at the chest and spreading their fingers in twos. You sort of have to be there.

He was vigilant as a presence on the movie's set, sobbing when the filmmakers got it right and cheering on Woodley, Elgort and Wolff, who is slated to star in the next stop on Green's big screen journey for his "Paper Towns."

So, can Green hold on to his mojo? His is the kind of authenticity among young people that led a headline writer at The New Yorker to dub him the "Teen Whisperer." Green doesn't love that term.

"I don't whisper to teens very often. I think whispering to teens would be weird and creepy," he joked. "I love talking to teenagers. I love making stuff for teenagers and making stuff with them."

Green was an early YouTuber. He has a rapid-fire delivery in an ongoing series of videos he exchanges with his brother Hank, who lives in Montana. Their Vlogbrothers channel has attracted millions and showcases Green's goofy side (like smearing his face with peanut butter) as he weighs in on everything from Hitler's sex life to how to stamp out bullying.

The brothers also put up "Crash Course" videos accompanied by cartoonish graphics to help older kids cram for school on the sciences and humanities. They're now used by thousands of teachers.

But until now, Green's off-the-page life has been exclusively small screen. Does the writer part of his brain now need to make peace with his developing big-screen brain?

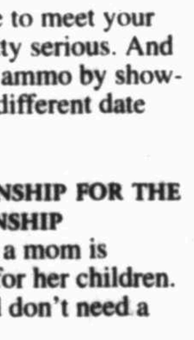
"I hope that I'm not developing a Hollywood brain, to be honest with you. I love books. I love writing books. I love movies, too, but I am a book writer and if I'm lucky enough to be able to work with people who are great at making movies then I feel very fortunate, but I have no desire to become a movie person," he said.

Green won the 2006 Printz Award for his debut novel, "Looking for Alaska," and his fans have kept all four of his books high on best-seller lists since. This year, Green made Time magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people.

He was initially inspired to write "The Fault in Our Stars" through his work as a student chaplain at a children's hospital and later through his friendship with Esther Earl, a Quincy, Massachusetts, teen he met at a "Harry Potter" event. She died of thyroid cancer in 2010 at age 16.

"Esther had a wonderful gift for imagining others and for imagining them very complexly," Green said. "That was important to me in thinking about this story, but it was also important to me to come to the belief that a short life can still be a meaningful life, that a short life can still be a good and full life."

It takes time to work through stages of grief after divorce



Marie Almond
Centers for Children and Families

Divorce, especially if unwanted, is like a death. You have lost someone from your life and several of the grief stages need to be addressed. The stages include denial, anger, depression, bargaining and acceptance. Healing after a divorce takes time and varies with each individual. Below are some things to address while working through the healing process.

Take time to heal

After divorcing, many individuals decide to immediately jump into another relationship. The person starts a new relationship while still carrying a lot of baggage from his or her failed marriage. This person is not only adding more baggage to his or her life, but also dumping that baggage into the new person's life.

Deal with it

Don't pretend the marriage/divorce did not hurt. Write down everything that has hurt you concerning the divorce, the marriage and anything else that triggers bad memories. Allow yourself to cry. And then burn that piece of paper as a symbol you are ready to move on with your life.

Forgive

There is no way to move forward after a divorce until you forgive yourself and your spouse for what either of you may have contributed to the divorce. As long as you are unforgiving toward the person, he or she still has control over you.

Take care of yourself

After a divorce some people tend to stop taking care of themselves. Do something special for yourself and get used to doing things by yourself instead of being depressed because you no longer have a spouse to go out with.

Dating after the divorce

Hopefully, dating does not come into play until after the divorce and preferably not until a year after the divorce is final. Not only will taking on a new partner during your divorce slow down the process, it will also bring drama to whoever you date while you are still going through your divorce.

Do things you haven't done yet

Focus on your career or start a new hobby. It will take your focus off your old relationship and allow you to meet new people at the same time.

Don't introduce children to new dates

Do not bring your dates home to meet your kids until things are getting pretty serious. And don't give nosey relatives more ammo by showing up at family dinners with a different date every time.

Don't look for a relationship for the sake of being in a relationship

It happens way too often that a mom is desperately seeking a new dad for her children. Children have only one dad and don't need a replacement.

Limit talk about your ex

It doesn't matter how horrible your ex was and how much he or she used or abused you. If you don't have anything nice to say about a person, don't say it period. Negative comments, even if they are true, will only make you look bad.

Divorce is happening 51 percent of the time in first-time marriages and is one of the top reasons people come in for counseling. Don't wait until you have separated to seek help.

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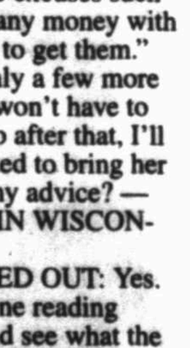
Obvious tattoos keep friend out of front office

Dear Abby
Universal Press Syndicate



DEAR ABBY: I have an attractive friend who was bypassed for a front-office promotion. "Miranda" is pleasant, clean, efficient, energetic and had the same qualifications as the individual who was promoted. A management team member confided that the reason for Miranda's lack of advancement might be due to the numerous tattoos — difficult to cover — on her arms and wrists, which the manager said isn't the image the business wants to convey.

Is this discrimination? I think it's unfair because Miranda is a good worker. She keeps asking me if I have any ideas why she was bypassed. Should I tell her? I don't want to violate the manager's faith in my confidentiality, even though I will be retiring soon. — LOYAL FRIEND IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR LOYAL FRIEND: Your friend's obvious tattoos prevent her from presenting the corporate image your employer prefers be conveyed to clients who visit the front office. To my knowledge, people with tattoos are not members of a protected class, which would put an employer at risk for a discrimination lawsuit.

Because Miranda continues to ask why she wasn't promoted, and you have nothing to lose by telling her what you were told, I think you should level with her. She might prefer to work at a company where her chances for advancement aren't stymied.

DEAR ABBY: I have two children who are not yet old enough for school. My mother-in-law watches them for free a few times a week. She has been trying to quit smoking for the last couple of years.

Nine out of 10 times when I take my children to her, she asks me to bring her a pack of cigarettes. I feel obligated to do it because she watches my children for free.

I know I'm not doing her any favors, and I have asked others how I should handle this. They say I should make excuses such as, "I don't have any money with me," or, "I forgot to get them." I figure there's only a few more years before she won't have to watch my kids, so after that, I'll never feel obligated to bring her smokes again. Any advice? — SMOKED OUT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR SMOKED OUT: Yes. When you are done reading this, go online and see what the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association have to say about the effects of secondhand smoke on children. Then, rather than lie to your mother-in-law, the next time she asks you to bring her a pack when you drop off the kids, summon the courage to tell her no because it isn't healthy for your children.

DEAR READERS: I would like to wish a Happy Father's Day to fathers everywhere — birth fathers, stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers, grandfathers, and all of those caring men who mentor children and fill the role of absent fathers. LOVE, ABBY

Matthew Mead/AP

Baked prosciutto-wrapped jalapeno poppers are seen April 21 in Concord, N.H.

HEALTHY POPPER

Just for Dad, a healthy take on jalapeno poppers

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

What to do on Father's Day when it's time to eat and you want to serve something manly and filling? Other than steak, that is. Here's a nominee that re-engineers a classic sports bar appetizer — jalapeno poppers.

Standard jalapeno poppers are thumb-sized hot peppers stuffed with cream cheese and cheddar cheese, then breaded and deep-fried. Yummy, but most home cooks aren't too excited for the mess of deep-frying. That's why there also is a baked version — half a jalapeno stuffed with cheese and wrapped in bacon.

Both types are delicious, but neither is all that healthy. After all, we want to keep Dad around for a while. So my version delivers guy's guy gratification without overdoing it.

From a culinary point of view, jalapeno poppers make complete sense. Nothing tames a chili's heat like dairy. That's why so many cultures serve their fiery entrees with dairy as a side dish. The Mexicans team up spicy tortillas with crema. The Indians serve hot curries with yogurt-based raita. And that's why cheese is right at home in a jalapeno popper.

But it doesn't have to be high-fat cheese. The fresh goat cheese in this recipe delivers the required creaminess, while a very modest amount of Parmigiano-Reggiano delivers the required flavor.

I brightened up the filling with scallions and lemon zest, then wrapped the stuffed jalapeno in prosciutto, my substitute for bacon. Though it has a lot less fat than bacon, prosciutto boasts big pork flavor. And when it's baked, as it is here, it's nice and crispy, which eliminates the need to coat the pepper with breadcrumbs.

A couple of tips for preparing the jalapenos. First, be sure to wear rubber gloves when you're halving and gutting the peppers. No matter how macho you're feeling, you don't want those capsaicin oils burning your hands. Also, use a grapefruit spoon, if you have one, to remove the pepper's innards — its ribs and seeds — which are the hottest parts of a chili.

Then serve it to the big guy with pride. He'll never notice that many of its typical ingredients have gone AWOL.

BAKED PROSCIUTTO-WRAPPED JALAPENO POPPERS

Start to finish: 45 minutes (30 minutes active)
Servings: 6

4 ounces fresh goat cheese
1 ounce grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped scallion greens
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
6 jalapeno peppers
3 ounces (12 slices) prosciutto

Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil, then coat it with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, combine the goat cheese, Parmigiano-Reggiano, scallion greens and lemon zest. Halve the jalapenos lengthwise and carefully remove the ribs and seeds (wear rubber gloves if necessary to protect your hands). Stuff each half with the cheese mixture, being sure to use all of the cheese mixture.

Wrap 1 slice of prosciutto around each stuffed jalapeno half, overlapping the ends of the prosciutto on the bottom of the jalapeno. Arrange the poppers on the prepared baking sheet, then bake on the oven's center rack until the prosciutto is slightly crispy, about 15 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 calories; 60 calories from fat (55 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 25 mg cholesterol; 2 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 10 g protein; 540 mg sodium.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Consistency, nutrients differ from regular yogurt and Greek version

Dear Heloise: Can you tell me the difference between Greek yogurt and regular yogurt, other than the price? — Hazel B. in Idaho

An obvious difference is Greek yogurt is thicker than regular yogurt because it is strained of all the whey (or extra liquid). This is what makes Greek yogurt not only thicker, but also healthier, because sugar and carbohydrates also are strained out with the liquid. Many people find Greek yogurt has a tangy taste that's different from regular yogurt, and almost double the protein, which is why people are really going crazy for it.

If you don't care for the taste of Greek yogurt by itself, try using it in dishes in place of sour cream. Another popular way to eat it is as a dip or salad dressing. — Heloise

SALT HINTS

Dear Heloise: After chopping onions, the odor can remain on your hands for days, and washing your hands doesn't always help. What works well is to wet your hands, pour on a generous amount of salt and then rub your hands with the salt like it's soap. Be sure to get it under your fingernails, too. If a faint odor remains, a second washing should do it.

Also, if your coffee cups are stained with coffee, rinse them with water and dampen a paper towel. Then pour a small amount of salt into the cup. Scrub the inside of the cup with the damp paper towel. The stain easily comes out. This is especially handy in an office break room, where cleaning supplies are limited. — Mary A. in Nebraska

MOCK APPLE PIE

Dear Heloise: You have a recipe for an apple pie that doesn't actually contain apples. Can you please reprint it? — Callie H. in Oregon

This Heloise's Mock Apple Pie is delicious, and you're right — it has no apples in it! Gather the following ingredients:

Pastry for a double-crusted 9-inch pie
2 cups water
1 1/4 cups sugar
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
20 regular, salted, single-stack, square saltine crackers
Butter (for dotting)
Ground cinnamon (for sprinkling)

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan with the pastry. In a saucepan (medium size), boil the water, sugar and cream of tartar. Add the soda crackers and boil, but only for 1 minute. Spoon the mixture gently into the pie shell. Dot the top with butter, and sprinkle with some cinnamon to taste. Cover the pie with the top crust and cut vents into it. Bake for 35 minutes.

Let the pie cool completely before cutting into it. This recipe and more are in my Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet, which you can order by sending $5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

KEEP FRESH

Dear Heloise: When you open a container of ice cream, before you put the lid back on, put a piece of waxed paper over it. It will be just as when you first opened it. — Betty B. in Ohio

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

San Antonio's dining scene is surging

By Matthew Odam
Cox Newspapers

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio doesn't receive the national attention of its swaggering neighbor to the north. While the city can't stake claim to countless trend pieces lauding its every move, San Antonio's dining scene is surging, led by a brigade of homegrown and transplanted culinary talent.

Most tourists know the town for Tex-Mex and margaritas along the River Walk, but San Antonio has a breadth of culinary options rooted in the work of chefs such as Brit Bruce Auden, who first earned national attention with Biga in the early 1990s.

"We're starting to see the development of more chef-driven restaurants, where chefs are much more comfortable creating menus and creating experiences that are a reflection of their own personalities," said San Antonio Express-News restaurant critic Edmund Tijerina. He credits that shift in part to the diversity of the growing population in San Antonio.

San Antonio native Andrew Weissman could have made a career anywhere in the world, and his resume includes stops in France and New York City, but he returned home and helped raise San Antonio's profile with his award-winning French bistro Le Reve, which he operated on the River Walk from 2001-2009.

When Christopher "Kit" Goldsbury renovated the Pearl Brewery, Weissman moved up the river to launch the dining component of the self-contained entertainment district. He opened the exceptional Italian trattoria Il Sogno and seafood restaurant Sandbar in 2009. Those spots served as culinary cornerstones for the Pearl, which is now home to about a dozen bars and restaurants (and growing). Austin has no corollary for a space so dense with quality dining and drinking options. When the Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group opens its hotel on the property early next year, the Pearl, which also features retail shopping and a Culinary Institute of America campus, will serve as a one-stop destination for tourists.

FINDING A CURE

The latest addition to the Pearl's slew of dining options is Cured from chef Steve McHugh, who moved to San Antonio about four years ago to open Luke with celebrated chef John Besh.

The proud brick building sits at the head of a postage-stamp lawn in the middle of the Pearl complex. It looks like a former schoolhouse or bank, but the historic structure served as the brewery's original administrative office.

The bespectacled McHugh, who resembles the mellowed lead singer of a defunct hardcore band, opened the restaurant in December. The name is an acknowledgment of one of the restaurant's culinary centerpieces and a celebration of the modest chef's successful fight against cancer.

A decade in New Orleans working with Besh didn't sap the Wisconsin accent from McHugh, and the restaurant nods to both his farm upbringing and classic food preservation techniques.

Large cuts of meat dangle inside a gleaming humidity-controlled glass case at the entrance to the handsome dining room framed by beautiful wooden floors, brick walls and a refurbished pressed-tin ceiling.

The cured meats constitute a roster of about a dozen charcuterie options that include pork fat whipped to the consistency of butter, smoky duck pastrami, piquant jalapeno sausage and citrusy 30-day bresaola flavored with orange and coriander. Design your own charcuterie board with three ($18), six ($26) or nine selections ($34).

Puzzle pieces of tomato, avocado, citrus and beets fit together atop a refreshing crabmeat ravigote ($14) in a dish that straddled McHugh's Texas and Louisiana influences. You can see more Southern inspiration in four brilliant red peppers stuffed with shrimp in a bowl of grits studded with ham, tomato and onions.

ELEGANCE AND AUTHENTICITY

After Weissman shuttered the award-winning Le Reve to focus on his Pearl restaurants (and now two more spots around town), one of his former cooks stepped in to helm a restaurant in Le Reve's former space.

Chef Michael Sohocki, who worked for Weissman at Le Reve and Il Sogno, opened Restaurant Gwendolyn in 2010. The name is a tribute to Sohocki's grandmother, a Depression-era pig farmer in Oklahoma, and the chef honors that era of resourcefulness and honest cooking with an elegant little restaurant driven by sustainability and authenticity.

The menu lists the local farms and ranches sourced for each course in Gwendolyn's two prix-fixe menus (three courses for $55 and five courses for $75). They offer a $20 discount for those dining by 6:30 p.m. early in the week, but make sure you're seated promptly for your 6:30 p.m. reservation or you might receive a curt chastisement and no discount, as was the case for us one night.

The early awkwardness passed following a savory amuse bouche of bacon-wrapped quail, and we eased into a very pleasant dinner at the pocket-sized bistro with buttercream-colored walls. Bright vegetal notes elevated a cream of asparagus soup in a first course that also included a kale salad with the woodsy musk of marinated mushrooms.

Entrees exhibited imagination and range: tender smoked and grilled pork loin with the charred snap of grilled zucchini in a salsa rojo represented the chef's South Texas roots, while braised goat served with sweet coconut rice and a tomato-orange ragout dipped into Caribbean flavors. Also a testament to Sohocki's diversity, he and partner Jenn Wade opened Japanese izakaya and ramen shop Kimura in the adjacent space last summer.

TASTE OF BLISS

California native Mark Bliss originally moved to Texas more than 30 years ago. After helping Auden open Biga, he won acclaim with Silo in Alamo Heights, which he ran for about 12 years. Bliss left San Antonio in 2010 for a personal hiatus but returned in the winter of 2012 to open Bliss, a stunner in the Southtown neighborhood.

Built in an old gas station, the restaurant blends industrial architectural touches from two centuries to achieve comfort and sophistication. The exposed brick walls and high-vaulted ceiling with wooden beams speak to the past, while the sleek metallic extensions to the original building feel very of the moment.

The new restaurant gives Bliss wide berth to express his New American cuisine. Fans of Biga will recognize the crispy chicken-fried Gulf oysters, here sandwiched between flaky homemade buttermilk biscuits and served as sliders ($15). Another appetizer took the deconstructed approach, with hamachi sashimi surrounded by the salt, spice and tang of sea trout roe, jalapeno-cilantro salsa, pickled nori and ponzu ($17).

Bliss cooked one of the best duck dishes I've had in recent memory — juicy, pink-centered breast encrusted with a five-spice rub, and confit strands tossed with roasted Brussels sprouts and sweet potato hash. He offset those autumnal flavors with lemony spinach and spicy grilled Szechuan peppercorns, and topped the whole affair with a jiggling slab of seared foie gras.

The chef didn't just deliver comfort with decadence; he also did it with grace, as with a crisp pan-roasted Gulf snapper served in a shrimp risotto bursting with a saltwater-floral bloom. Throw in a rack of lamb with cheese potatoes ($37), a buttery sea bass and friendly and courteous service, and you have the best meal I ate in San Antonio over several days.

COLORFUL AND ELECTRIC

Bliss was preceded in the Southtown surge by chef Quealy Watson, who's drawn excellent reviews for his imaginative small plates at Monterey. When he wasn't courting crowds with his New American comfort, Watson used the restaurant to showcase Hot Joy, a pop-up concept that served pan-Asian food on Sunday and Monday nights.

The occasional meal series grew so popular that it graduated from weekly culinary couch-crasher to a home of its own. Hot Joy opened in early April around the corner from Monterey with a confident aesthetic that blends pop art elements (Samurai cat graffiti in the men's room, a psychedelic mural and mask lanterns suspended over the bar) in a space dripping in red paint with black accents.

The food is just as colorful and electric as the space, blending whimsy and sophistication. I usually don't write about a place so soon after opening, but time dictated otherwise and early returns indicated the crowds are warranted. Big knobby pieces of glistening twice-fried chicken wings arrived lacquered with the sweet ocean funk of crab fat caramel ($8.99) that confounded, then enticed.

Tangy preserved vegetables stood up to the gaminess of wok-fried slices of lamb breast ($13.99), and an excellent fried rice dish ($9.99) took two approaches to sweetness with nutty Chinese sausage and bits of juicy pineapple. Hot Joy plays by its own rules: witness a diverse list of about 50 Rieslings, which make for natural pairings with the sweet and spicy food, and the playful take on Indian flavors of tater tot chaat ($8.99), which featured tender cubes of paneer and a miso gravy.

TACO EMPIRE

Ramen shops, pan-Asian restaurants, farm-to-table proselytizers and charcuterie ... you may be wondering what happened to the San Antonio you've always known and loved. It's still there, and it's not going anywhere. You want tacos? Head to San Antonio. And if you want a fight, just hint to a San Antonio native that you think we do them better here in Austin. You'd be in trouble, and you'd be wrong.

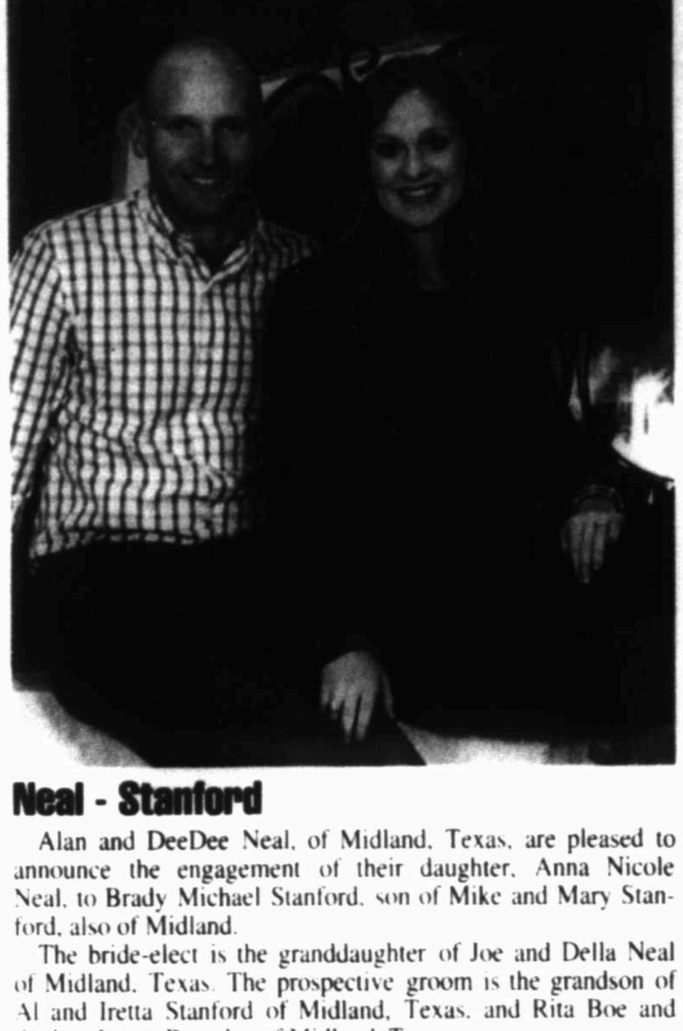
When I want to get a taste of the soul of old-school San Antonio, I go to Garcia's Mexican Food on Fredericksburg Road. Brothers Andy and John Garcia run the restaurant their late father, Julio Garcia, opened with his parents in 1962. (Garcia's relocated to its current location in 1970.)

The only new-fangled cuisine you'll find here is something the brothers introduced to the menu 10 years ago — a supple and smoky brisket taco ($2.95) that draws me to Fredericksburg Road every trip to San Antonio.

When a server asked if I wanted guacamole on my taco, another customer passed by and whispered "get the guacamole." I did. Another Garcia's regular turned me on to the simple salt-and-pepper pleasures of a thin grilled pork chop taco ($2.65). You listen to regulars. One of those regulars is Texas Tornado Augie Meyers, who walked out just as I took my seat last time in. Seems his old running buddy Doug Sahm used to frequent the joint, as well.

Across town the next morning at Taco Haven in Southtown I marveled at one of the best handmade flour tortillas I'd ever tasted. Fluffy, toasty, chewy. "How do you do it?" I asked my cheerful server. Is it the water? The air? Lard? Love? She was happy to bring me another, but she wasn't giving up her secret.

Weddings & Engagements



Neal - Stanford

Alan and DeeDee Neal, of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Nicole Neal, to Brady Michael Stanford, son of Mike and Mary Stanford, also of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joe and Della Neal of Midland, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Al and Iretta Stanford of Midland, Texas, and Rita Boe and the late James Boe also of Midland, Texas.

Anna is a 2006 graduate of Lee High School and she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Texas A&M University in 2010. She is employed as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor at Midland Judicial CSCD in Midland.

Brady graduated from Lee High School in 2002 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University in 2009. He is employed as a Civil Engineer at Parkhill, Smith and Cooper in Midland.

The couple will be married on August 23, 2014, at Camp Lucy in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Dragisic - Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dragisic of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Noelle Dragisic, to Clint Sanford Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hall of Odessa, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnett, Sr. of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dragisic of Midland. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sanford of Odessa, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of San Angelo, Texas.

Noelle is a 2005 graduate of Lee High School of Midland, Texas and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. Noelle is currently employed by Midland Independent School District as a sixth grade math teacher at Pease Communication & Technology Academy Magnet School.

Clint is a 2007 graduate of Permian High School of Odessa, Texas and a 2012 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a Bachelor of Communication Studies. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity. Clint is employed by Caprock Oil Tools of Houston and Odessa, Texas.

The couple will be married at the Kent Hance Chapel on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, Texas, on July 26, 2014, followed by a reception at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Schwarz - Jech

Britni Macohl Schwarz and Ryan Austin Jech were united in marriage in the presence of friends and family on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The outdoor ceremony was held at the Dominion House Garden in Guthrie, Oklahoma, with Pastor Scott Williams officiating.

Following the ceremony, the newly married couple, friends, and family celebrated with dinner and dancing at a reception in the Dominion House Ballroom, hosted by the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis Schwarz of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Carrie and Doug Puryear of Edmond, Oklahoma. Ryan is the son of Darcy and Vicky Jech of Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

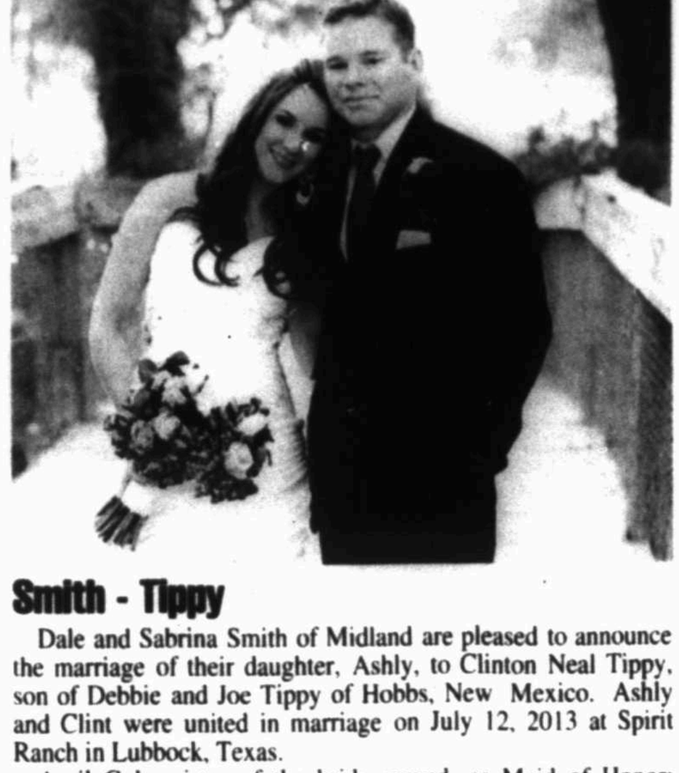
Given in marriage by her family, Britni was escorted by her father. Jordin Schwarz of Edmond, Oklahoma served her sister as Maid of Honor, and Lindsay Edge of Yukon, Oklahoma served her sister as Matron of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Courtney Ryburn, Elizabeth Clinch and Abbye Irons, all of Midland, Dallas Parks of Odessa, Kara Krittenbrink of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Melissa Rice, Sarah Aholt and Kendra Meadows, all of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Mitchell Pembrook of Enid, Oklahoma served Ryan as Best Man. Also serving as groomsmen were Curtis Lofton of New Orleans, Louisiana, Jared Gore of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Ty Peck of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Grady Thiems of Kansas City, Layne Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Zac Schwarz of Yukon, Oklahoma, Heath Redwine of Enid, Oklahoma and Tyler Miller of Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Shelly Ast of Yukon, Oklahoma and Lindsey Schroder of Enid, Oklahoma, served as wedding attendants. Hunter, Cooper and Gunner Edge, Britni's nephews, served as ring bearers. Kadyn Daugherty and Raegan Snider served as flower girls.

Britni is a 2005 graduate of Midland Christian High School and Ryan is a 2005 graduate of Kingfisher High School. Britni and Ryan both graduated in 2009 from Oklahoma State University. Ryan currently works in Production Marketing for Samson Resources and Britni works in Division Orders for Unit Petroleum.

Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Jech honeymooned in Maroma Beach, Mexico and now reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



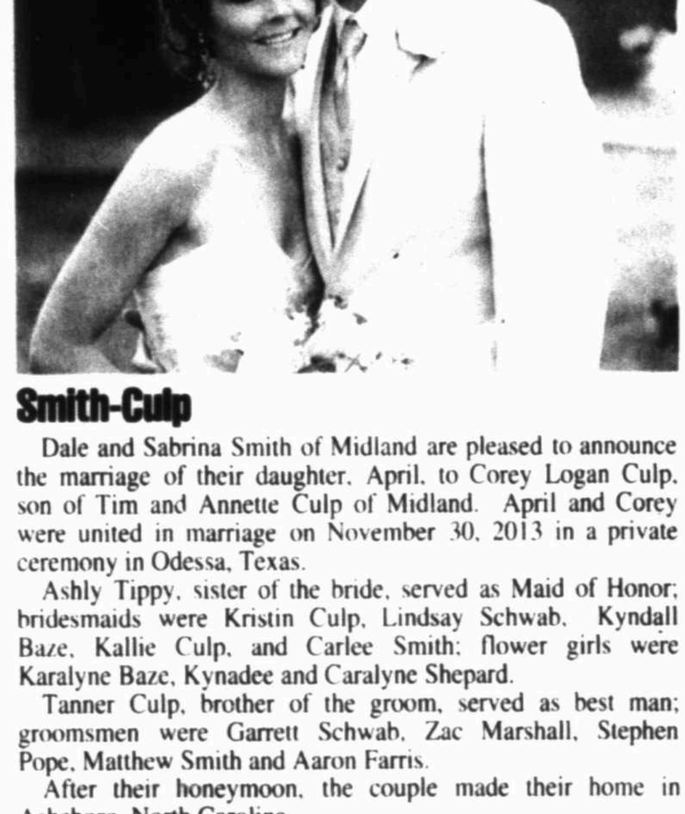
Smith - Tippy

Dale and Sabrina Smith of Midland are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Ashly, to Clinton Neal Tippy, son of Debbie and Joe Tippy of Hobbs, New Mexico. Ashly and Clint were united in marriage on July 12, 2013 at Spirit Ranch in Lubbock, Texas.

April Culp, sister of the bride served, as Maid of Honor; bridesmaids were Amy Tippy, Kyndall Baze, Kallie Culp, Carlee Smith, Avery Grant and Amy Ricks; flower girls were Anna Claire, Grace and Ella Tippy.

Rex Tippy, brother of the groom, served as best man; groomsmen were Guy Ross Tippy, Mark Key, Brent Moore, Stephen Lowrey, Jonathan Cotton and Christian Cotton.

After their honeymoon, the couple made their home in Midland.



Smith-Culp

Dale and Sabrina Smith of Midland are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, April, to Corey Logan Culp, son of Tim and Annette Culp of Midland. April and Corey were united in marriage on November 30, 2013 in a private ceremony in Odessa, Texas.

Ashly Tippy, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor; bridesmaids were Kristin Culp, Lindsay Schwab, Kyndall Baze, Kallie Culp, and Carlee Smith; flower girls were Karalyne Baze, Kynadee and Caralyne Shepard.

Tanner Culp, brother of the groom, served as best man; groomsmen were Garrett Schwab, Zac Marshall, Stephen Pope, Matthew Smith and Aaron Farris.

After their honeymoon, the couple made their home in Asheboro, North Carolina.

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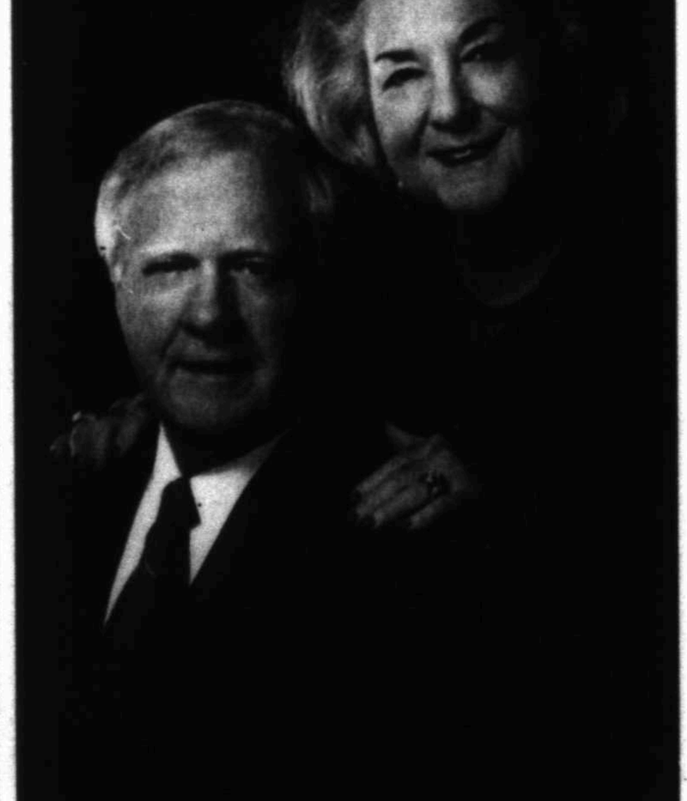


Carol and Paul Morris

Carol "Dee" and Paul Morris of Midland, Texas, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 15, 2014. Dee grew up in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Paul grew up in Charleston, West Virginia. After meeting at the University of Cincinnati, they were married in 1964 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

While Paul was working for Columbia Gas System Service Corporation, they lived in Columbus, Ohio, Wilmington, Delaware and Houston, Texas, before making their home in Midland, Texas, in 1981.

While in Midland, Paul worked for Banner Energy and Wagner and Brown, where he was President and CEO. He now has his own company, Elk River Resources. He serves on many boards and is very active in the community.

While in Columbus, Dee was an Industrial Engineer heading up the Cost Department for R. G. Barry Corporation. Dee enjoyed raising their daughters and spending her time volunteering in many community services, especially ones involving children.

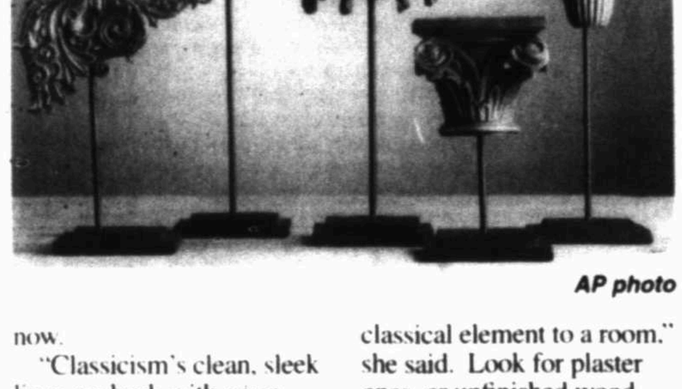
They have three daughters, Tamara and her husband, Graham "Scooter" Beachum, III, Amy and her husband, Marc Atnipp, and Paige and her husband, David Worley.

Paul and Dee also have six grandchildren, Townsend and Taryn Beachum, Channing and Ashton Atnipp and Jake and Brett Worley.

Being a close family is the biggest blessing of Paul and Dee's 50 years together and all of the adventures they have shared.

Neoclassical decor enjoying a moment

By Kim Cook
Associated Press



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If you're a fan of traditional dicor, you probably appreciate the elegant lines and rich history of neoclassical style.

Interest in classical style really took off in the second half of the 18th century, when Scottish architect Robert Adam began using its elements in fancy homes, said London designer Adrienne Chin. Adam recast urns, sphinxes and vine leaves as decorative elements in mirrors and moldings.

"Adam's style owed much to the archaeological discoveries of Greco-Roman domestic architecture at Pompeii and Herculaneum," said Chinn.

The historical discoveries also inspired the development of neoclassical furniture, which replaced the fussy rococo style with more linear, geometric silhouettes.

Today, Greco-Roman classicism is the basis of many interior dicor styles — Louis XV, Regency, Federal and Georgian among them, said New York designer Elaine Griffin. "As the oldest recognized style, classicism carries with it the approbation of time and taste," Griffin said.

And while it never falls too far off dicor's radar, it's really enjoying a moment now.

"Classicism's clean, sleek lines are back with a vengeance this summer, both in a refined way and in over-the-top, tongue-in-cheek style statements," she said.

There are many ways to introduce the style into traditional or contemporary spaces, and at various price points.

"Lamps are a great way to bring a neoclassical touch into your dicor — classic urn shapes, columns or classical motifs such as acanthus leaves look elegant, particularly when paired with a black card or pleated silk Empire lampshade," Chinn said.

Stiffel has a wide selection with silver or burnished bronze bases. (www.stiffel.com)

"Ornate plaster corbels used as brackets for decorative display shelves bring a classical element to a room," she said. Look for plaster ones, or unfinished wood that you can paint or gild yourself. (www.architecturaldepot.com)

AllModern has pairs of bookends with busts of Hercules or David. The Perseus console from Currey & Company is a sleek, silver-leafed iron piece with a Greek key border. (www.allmodern.com)

At Arhaus, scroll and floral wood carvings frame the Clara mirror, while the Adele dining chair, upholstered in velvet, features inlaid antiqued wood rosettes. (www.arhaus.com)

Restoration Hardware has a group of architectural ornament fragments cast in brass and mounted on museum stands, among them swag and tassel, cornice and acanthus scroll patterns. Vintage Italian etchings of capital styles would make nice wall art, and so would an intricate charcoal drawing circa 1900 of classical carved marble portraits. A series of intaglio cameos of neoclassical themes are cast in plaster and framed.

The retailer also has larger pieces, including wooden columns, pillars and plinths that could be used as display stands for artwork — perhaps for a plaster bust of Ariadne, or a carved finial. (www.restorationhardware.com)

Griffin is not surprised that the Greek key motif is a trend.

"Its sleek, straight lines and crisp right angles are perfect counterparts to contemporary design, and are among the few design motifs that truly look great everywhere and with everything," she said.

She likes to use the design in dressmaker-inspired details, such as embroidered tape trim on curtains and upholstery.

Or, if you want a bold look, consider going for an all-over pattern. Smith and Noble offers the Greek key motif in bright combinations of tangerine, navy, red or deep pink with white, or a more subtle pairing of pale gray or aqua with off-white — especially pretty for sheer curtains. (www.smithandnoble.com)

GLEN AARON

Glen Aaron writes about West Texas writers at www.glenaaron.com

Big Spring bird rescuer shares stories of feathered friends

I had heard of Bebe McCasland's book, "The Scoop from Bird Poop," but had never seen it until purchasing it a few weeks ago.

Actually, my wife and I read it together. There were many fascinating and inspiring stories about birds, some domestic and some on their migration, that had been injured and McCasland's attempt to save them. My wife and I are so inspired by what we read that we have a new appreciation for our feathered friends, their habits, their beauty and their unique personalities. In fact, we have taken to spending early mornings sitting on a bench in front of the house with my Sports Illustrated binoculars enjoying the coming and goings of many species.

McCasland of Big Spring has for some 40 years rescued endangered or injured avian friends. She has worked with Midge Erskin of Midland, the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary, the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, Texas Tech, many dedicated game wardens who often find these birds, numerous zoos, veterinarian clinics, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The author is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate birds. She and her husband, Art, have been saving birds since 1974 and tell the most exciting tales about their efforts. For a number of years, McCasland wrote articles for the Big Spring Herald telling her stories of rescue and adventure, which brought her national fame. Her writing style is simple, gifted and in the nature of stories told around the camp fire. The stories would not only delight children while teaching them about nature, they are fascinating and educational for adults. It's surprising how little most of us know about what's flying around our heads.

Did you know white pelicans migrate yearly through the Big Spring area? I'll bet you don't know how many different hawk species we have in West Texas or how many different kinds of owls call the South Plains home. Have you ever been dive-bombed by a Mississippi Kite, which lives here in spring and summer? From roadrunners to Chihuahuan ravens and on, McCasland tells stories of field rescue and rehabilitation in a witty and West Texas way.

Should you want to know more about this outstanding person in our community, search "Bird Scoop+Ed Todd" on mrt.com. On the second page you will find an article from Sept. 29, 2010, with the headline "Bebe McCasland: Heart of a Poet, empathic rescuer of birds" by Ed Todd.

The book is 9x9 inches, which makes it a perfect illustration for coffee table placement about West Texas birds and migration. The colorful drawings of each bird with its story is by Don Collins, a freelance illustrator in the Austin area. But this book should not be left on the coffee table. It must be shared and enjoyed by all. After you purchase the book, sit in your front or backyard and enjoy the antics of our feathered friends.

"The Scoop from Bird Poop" can be purchased at local indie book stores, Barnes & Noble, Hastings or online.

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15. "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis (W.W. Norton)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "The Marriage Pact" by Linda Lael Miller (Harlequin)
2. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
3. "Air Bound" by Christine Feehan (Jove)
4. "Before We Kiss" by Susan Mallery (Harlequin)
5. "The Devaney Brothers: Daniel's Desire" by Sherryl Woods (Mira)
6. "Hidden Order" by Brad Thor (Pocket Books)
7. "On a Clear Day" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
8. "Silken Prey" by John Sandford (Berkley)
9. "First Sight" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
10. "Deeply Odd" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
11. "Against the Wild" by Kat Martin (Kensington/Zebra)
12. "The Cursed" by Heather Graham (Mira)
13. "The Next Always" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
14. "Private Berlin" by Patterson/Sullivan (Grand Central)
15. "Last Mercenary" by Diana Palmer (Harlequin)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
3. "Heaven Is for Real (movie tie-in)" by Todd Burpo (Thomas Nelson)
4. "The Southern Cake Book" by Living Southern (Oxmoor House)
5. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
6. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
7. "Conform" by Glenn Beck (S&S/Threshold)
8. "The Gods of Guilt" by Michael Connelly (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith (L,B/Mulholland)
10. "Gone" by Patterson/Ledwidge (Grand Central Publishing)
11. "Shadow Spell" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
12. "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo (Random House)
13. "Minecrafter 2.0: Advanced" by Triumph Books (Triumph)
14. "The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair" by Joel Dicker (Penguin)
15. "Lone Survivor (movie tie-in)" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)

Source: Publisher's Weekly

Midlander publishes second novel

By Megan Buck
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Midlander Fern Crume published her second novel, "Just Around the Corner," last month. With her 90th birthday coming up and the recent closure of her family's store, Midland Gallery, Crume is excited about her just-released book and looks forward to future projects.

MRT: How did you come up with the idea for this novel?

Crume: Actually it was patterned after my daughter, Julia, and niece, Judy. They both had gone through some rough emotional times, but they were strong and independent, and with a strong faith in God they came through to a much better place.

MRT: Your first novel was a love story. Is "Just Around the Corner" also a love story?

Crume: It's a love story but with a younger couple. The setting on this one starts in Midland but then it goes to Ruidoso, N.M., and some of that area, so I think it will be of interest to some of the people here.

MRT: The book explores more than just romantic love. How does Angie's relationship with her grandmother influence her other relationships:

Crume: Angie lost her parents and her grandfather when she was very young so her grandmother, Ohma, became her role model as well as her guardian. Ohma accepted this responsibility seriously. She taught by example ... how to accept and give love, to live with respect for herself as well as others. She loved and admired Ohma and tried to pattern her life after Ohma. She learned from Ohma how to be strong and independent. How to be a real friend and this shows in her relationship with Janie and others. Her strength shows when she realizes her fiancee does not have these values, and she breaks her engagement. And she learned from Ohma the importance of having faith in God. When to let go and let God.

MRT: Who was your favorite character to write?

Crume: Zack. He is a John Wayne-type guy with all the trimmings. Handsome, strong, kind, trustworthy and the values any girl would admire.

MRT: Who was the most difficult character to develop?

Crume: Probably Mary, Ohma's maid. I had a hard time keeping her from being condescending and "too good." She actually was very strong and was a major force in Angie's upbringing.

MRT: How long did it take to write "Just Around the Corner"?

Crume: It has been about three years (since debut novel "Love is Never Late."). It only took me about six months to write it, but I didn't get it published (right away).

MRT: Do you have any book signings planned?

Crume: Not at the moment. As you know, we have retired (from Midland Gallery). I plan to kick back for awhile. When we get settled, I will contact Barnes & Noble. They did a great job in making ("Love is Never Late") a great success.

MRT: Where can readers purchase the book?

Crume: "Just Around the Corner" is self-published and can be purchased at Amazon.com.

MRT: Do you have any other projects planned?

Crume: I do have one that is a historical novel that I've been working on. It's kind of a panoramic from early Texas all the way through.

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CALENDAR

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds fans wave to Rocky during the game against Corpus Christi on June 5 at Security Bank Ballpark. The RockHounds will be in town today through Wednesday.

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland

SUNDAY

Chris Brazeal Band, 7:30-9 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Free Admission Sunday made possible by Cimarex Energy Co., through Aug. 31 at the Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org

West Texas Tejano Blowout, at Star of Texas Ranch. tejanoblowout.com.

RockHounds game Faith and Family Night, 6 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

Poetry Society of Texas Permian Basin Chapter submission deadline for Anthology of Written and Visual Art. permianbasinpoetrysociety@gmail.com

MONDAY

RockHounds game, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com

Summer Art Camp through Aug. 1 at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

"Raccoon Nation" PBS film series screening and brown bag lunch, noon-1 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Movie camp "Planes," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Summer Bash, 7-9 p.m. at Washington Aquatic Center. midlandtexas.gov

Midland Opera Theater DVD party "Hansel and Gretel," 5:30 p.m. at Blakemore Planetarium. midlandoperatheater.org

RockHounds game, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Met: Live in HD presents Verdi's "Rigoletto," 7 p.m. at Cinemark theater in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

John Fogerty, benefiting Education Foundation of Odessa, at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

RockHounds game, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

THURSDAY

Movies at the Museum "Princess Mononoke," 1:30 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org

Free children's reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org

Gary Seay, 7-9 p.m. at Cafe at the Gardens. alldredgegardens.com

81st Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, through June 21 at Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. bigspringrodeo.com

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281

FRIDAY

"Our People, Our Land, Our Images" exhibit opening at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Brave Combo," 8 p.m. at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer

Mini Day Camp: Mammal Madness, at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org

Trailblazer Science Truck, at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Family Friday: Notice Nature, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org

Science class "Buggin Out," at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"Edward Curtis in the Southwest" exhibit opening, at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Open Campus Night, at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

SciFriday: "The Time Machine," 8:15 p.m. at Marian West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Crash Masters Monster Trucks, through June 22 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

Jack Ingram and Eli Young Band, at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

Permian Basin Gun Show, at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer science classes, through Aug. 8 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Register now. petroleummuseum.org

Summer Bug Camp and Mini Day Camp, June through August at Sibley Nature Center. Register now. 684-6827

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' reserved studio time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum's "Healing Blade" through Aug. 24. "In the Making: The Art of Tracy Krumm." Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Galactic Golf" through Sept. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Midland Arts Association presents oil/watercolor of Maxine Hannifin in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during June.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research. 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's children's exhibit "Arthur's World" from Boston Children's Museum, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits: Kathy Sosa's "Identidad" through June 27.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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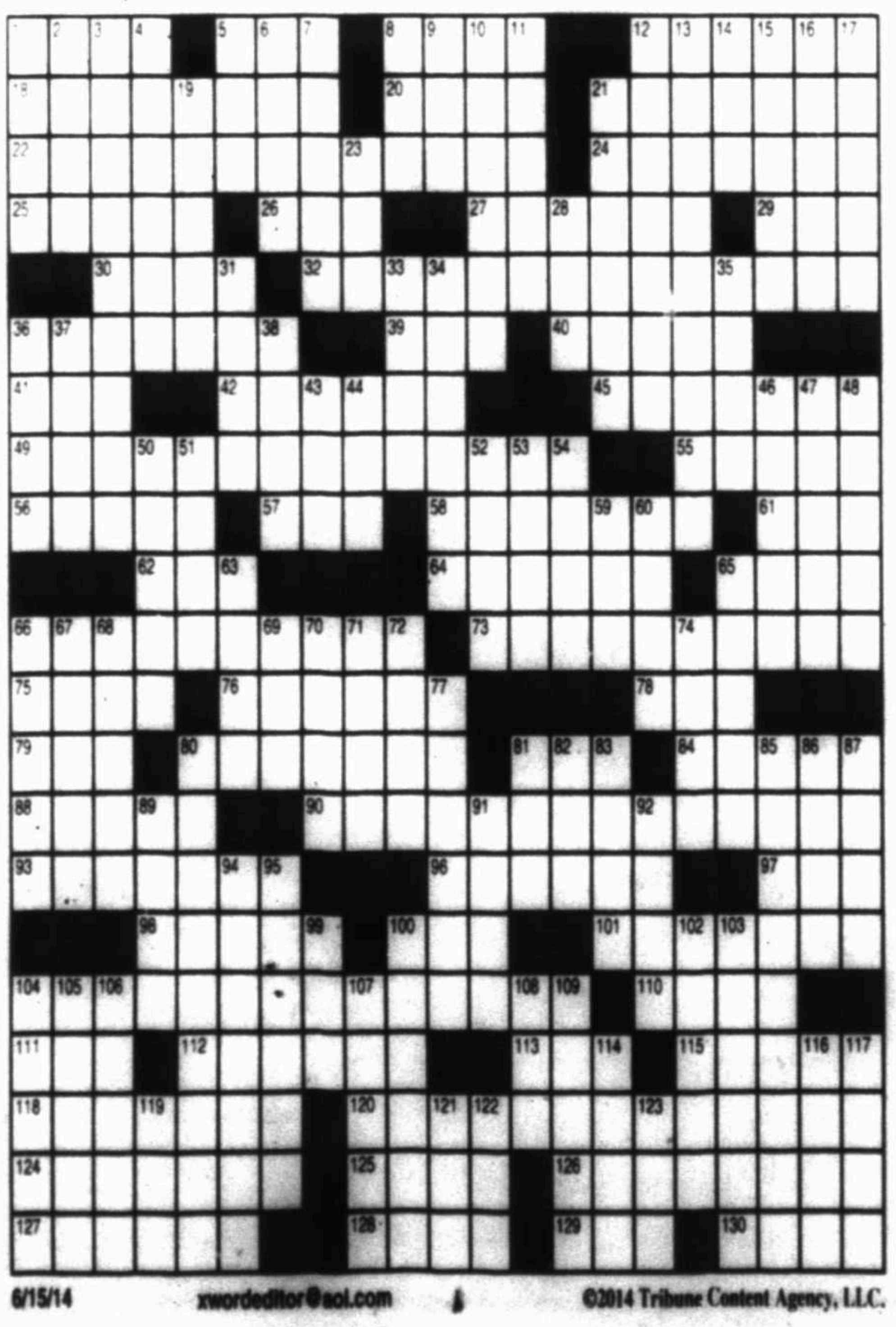
"PA DE DEUX" By ELIZABETH C. GORSKI

ACROSS

1 Judges' concerns
5 2002 Winter Games host initially
8 Pyramid, to Tut
12 Has because of
18 Ape
20 Auction site
21 More eminent
22 Van Eyck's "Ghent Altarpiece," for one
24 Learning experiences
25 "SNL" alum Cheri
26 2001, in letters
27 Adorable to the max
29 Sugary finish
30 Khulan habitat
32 Baking pan liner
36 Not averse
39 "___ boy ___ girl?"
40 Classical music hall
41 Maestro Esa-Pekka Salonen
42 Cork, for one
45 Utterly ridiculous
49 Eaten or drunk
55 Messages from Mozart?
56 Captain's command
57 Buddy
58 Can refuse to
61 Airline to Oslo
62 Showed happiness, with "up"
64 Easy to like
65 Tightly bound bundle
66 Restaurante cookware
73 Comedian the Smothers Brothers convinced to run for President
75 Private organization?
76 All-in-one component
78 Storm dir.
79 Lobster eater's protection
80 City on Lake Ontario
81 Casual greetings
84 "Heart Shaped World" singer Chris
88 Infection cause
90 Swirly fabric design
93 Tried to bean
96 Mr. and Mrs.
97 1970s court alias
98 Cheese-topped chip
100 No-seats-available shorthand
101 Cough medicine additive
104 Breakdancing garb
110 Hurricane response org.
111 Ipanema locale
112 1999 Top 10 hit for Sixpence None the Richer
113 Net exchange
115 Pocahontas' husband John
118 Teach bit by bit
120 Sleepovers with pillow fights
124 In a no-nonsense manner
125 Enterprise counselor
126 Approve of
127 Guide the team
128 Belgian river
129 Otto I's realm: Abbr.
130 D.C. Metro stops

DOWN

1 Fat head?
2 Bit of beginning Latin
3 Red or white container
4 Waxy compound
5 Indy additive
6 Fertile soil
7 Pinch and press, as pie crust edges
8 Lunar Asian holiday
9 Asian sash
10 La ___, Spanish region
11 Old-fashioned oath
12 Electra's brother
13 Academy since 1802
14 ___ in echo
15 Urban hangout
16 In a knot
17 "Carmen on Ice" Emmy sharer Brian
19 Tall story, often
21 Jackson of "Mary, Queen of Scots"
23 Actress Vardalos
28 Racecar driver Fabi
31 Empire that stretched as far south as Chile
33 School mil. program
34 In tears
35 A.D. part
36 Was in tears
37 Senior golfer Aoki
38 Nutty trail snack
43 Acting teacher Hagen
44 None
46 "___ I said"
47 Hall of Fame football coach Earle "Greasy"
48 Ruhr city
50 William and Kate's set
51 Water carrier
52 Fowl language?
53 Contemporary of Ella
54 Add or delete, say
59 Little break
60 "The Good Earth" wife
63 Snack in a shell
65 Favored
66 Owner of Lone Star Beer
67 Grade sch. subject
68 Put in prison
69 ___ favor
70 Per
71 Jazz singer Simone
72 "The X-Files" grp.
74 Storage
77 Talking points?
80 What a piñata gets at a kid's party
81 So far
82 Popeye's goil Olive
83 What some build on
85 Circus performer
86 "Moses und ___": Schoenberg opera
87 Guitar support
89 Transportation secretary under Clinton
91 Feline king
92 Since
94 ___ Lauro: ship in 1985 news
95 Like so
99 Extra NFL periods
100 Plant shoots
102 Fictional town in Stephen King works
103 Acts inappropriately?
104 Spectroscope part
105 AC/DC's "Hell ___ Bad Place to Be"
106 Cleveland Indians legend Al
107 Ready for a refill
108 "Make it work" fashion mogul Gunn
109 Big hit
114 Practice for a prizefight
116 Salad cheese
117 Those, to Jorge
119 Singing syllable
121 Morning cup
122 Lung filler
123 Word a captain likes to hear



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The queen can wait

Both vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ A 3 2
♥ J 7
♦ A 10 9
♣ K J 10 8 5

WEST
♠ 10 9
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 9 6 3 2

EAST
♠ K J 7 5 4
♥ A K 10 5
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 8 3
♦ K J 7 6 4
♣ A 7

The bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: 10 of ♠

South ducked the opening spade lead in dummy, East winning the king. East shifted to a low heart, establishing enough tricks to defeat the contract should the defense gain the lead in either minor.

South knew that East had five spades from the auction and could place East with four or more hearts from the early play. He reasoned that the diamond length was likely with West and led a low diamond to dummy's 10 at trick three. East grabbed his queen and quickly cashed three hearts for a one-trick set.

Declarer's reasoning about the likely diamond length was perfectly valid, and he was a bit unlucky to find East with the diamond queen. Nevertheless, he did not give the hand best play. South, knowing that the king of spades is with East, should rise with dummy's ace of spades at trick one. He can now make plays in both minors, if necessary, only needing to be successful in one of them.

On today's hand, he would likely cash the ace of diamonds and run the 10. That play would be the winner, and he could then lead a spade towards his queen for the ninth trick. Should the diamond finesse lose, he would still have the chance to take a club finesse and come to nine tricks with any luck there.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 15, 2014:
This year you are secure and stable when it counts. You will be adventuresome with your ideas and often with your plans as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take care of an obligation first, and hook up with friends later. The plans might be less relevant than the company. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Meet up with a friend or family member who lives at a distance in the morning. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll love spending time with a special person in your life. Enjoy the morning together over brunch or just a cup of coffee. Tonight: Have a good time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You and someone else have different ideas as to what would be fun. Go along with this person's suggestion today. Tonight: Cut the questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★
Complete a project quickly, if possible. You won't want to be saddled with a domestic chore. Tonight: The party animal within you emerges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ At some point in the day, you will need to check up on a friend. Some of you even might need to go to work. Tonight: Think about tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★
You will see the difference in a loved one's mood. This person could be a veritable Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Accept this. Tonight: Be naughty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll wonder what is happening with a neighbor or relative. You might not get the whole story. Tonight: Be a little lazy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Look at your budget before you walk out the door. In the long run, this self-discipline will serve you well. Tonight: Enjoy living in the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your jovial nature emerges in the morning, even if you disagree with a friend. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You appear to be radiant and ready for anything. Others certainly will notice the difference in your mood. Tonight: Just be yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the morning to get together with a loved one. By the afternoon, you might want to retreat. Tonight: Do your thing.

BORN TODAY
Record producer Ice Cube (1969), actress Courteney Cox (1964), actress Helen Hunt (1963)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

LAWS SLC TOMB OWESTO
IMITATOR EBAY GREATER
PANELPAINTING LESSONS
OTERI MMI CUTEST OSE
GOBI PARCHMENTPAPER
WILLING ORA ODEON
ESA COUNTY ASININE
PASTPARTICIPLE NOTES
TOSEA PAL NEEDNOT SAS
LIT GENIAL BALE
PAELLAPANS PATPAULSEN
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SUMMER MUMMERS

Opening night of Summer Mummers on June 6 at the Yucca Theater.

Photos by James Durbin

CHANCE

From 8E

Chance: Nothing makes me prouder than continuing to work, continuing to improve beyond what I thought was possible for me. Over the years I've played fantastic music in a lot of interesting places, and I've won some awards and recognition here and there — but as soon as it's over, it's in the past. I could sit on achievements and let things slide — the achievements would no longer be accurate if I did that. But if I keep working hard and keep improving, whether I succeed or fail at any one task, my direction is always onward and upward.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal

Chance: I'd want it to be a long, lighthearted dinner party with friends and loved ones. There would probably be sushi at some point, if not as the main course. It would be a night of laughing and reminiscing, and would end quietly as the guests went home.

MRT: What is your secret (or not-so-secret) indulgence?

Chance: I love to make and try cocktails from different eras and countries — in moderation, of course!

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Chance: Richard Strauss orchestral works, Abba, Bjork and I can't I live without my New Age station on Pandora. Listening to classical music all day seems to wear me out — there's some part of my brain that's always engaged, always analyzing and working. But New Age or the right pop music can really shut off that part of my mind and let me relax when the day's work is done.

JACOB

From 8E

volumetric dimensions of inter-linked domains. Artistic renderings have often aided much critical thinking and analysis. Dr. Arun and Dr. Zeeba Mathews, local physicians, have worked closely with a group of young artists in the creation of this exhibit.

"Healing Blade" juxtaposes the making of the exhibit with evolving concept drawings and video animation, laced with fun, intrigue and battle-strategy on the imaginary island of Soma, to combat disease. The project is attracting national and international attention for more expanded virtual versions with seamless user interface and freedom to impact input parameters.

George Jacob is a Canadian Commonwealth Fellow and executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

GALLERY

From 8E

along with First Fridays openings and "two Saturdays a month for live music shows." Appointments also can be made to view the art.

The brothers harken back to their memories of Gallery 1114, a contemporary art space in Midland that has since closed down. Their mother was a part of that collective and the brothers grew up among those artists. The tables turned for the brothers last week at the opening.

"People who were involved in that were here," Elliott Lunson said. "We're doing our own things in our lives, but we come together in a place — this place and be a community."

This is their motivation. But Kamiposi is also for those, who like the brothers are hungry for new art in Midland.

"Midland is starving for contemporary, modern art to make the brain vibrate and we'll bring in different types of art that provoke subversive types of thinking. More people are trying to open their minds to something new in Midland," Scott Lunson said. "We want to connect Midland to that through art here and outside, but that is also our inspiration. We needed that too."

KAMIPOSI, 510 S. Big Spring Street. For appointments call 230-0256 or visit facebook.com/kamiposi

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Scott and Elliott Lunson pose for a photo in the Kamiposi Gallery on Tuesday.

ALTERNATIVE FEEL

New downtown art gallery Kamiposi hosted a grand opening June 6.

Rich Lopez Reporter-Telegram

Brothers bring new voice to arts scene with Kamiposi

By Rich Lopez
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With Palette Club, ArtiZen Outlet and ArtQuest, Midland has its outlets for local artists looking to display their work or improve their craft. But Scott Lunson and his brother, Elliott, had a different space in mind.

"The motivation came from doing this our whole lives. We've worked so hard and we need a place to call our own. We are part of the art community in Midland," Scott Lunson said.

Kamiposi is the brothers' new art gallery on Big Spring Street housed in the old Pine Box Collective space. The brothers opened the doors last week with a well-attended reception featuring a collection of works by various local artists, including the Lunsons, and live music by three bands.

But Kamiposi is clearly a different kind of art space.

"Kamiposi is a little more abstract and emotional here. It's not just the portraiture and watercolors. I have respect for all those other types of works, but I guess it is an alternative feel here," Elliott Lunson said.

The two have been at this before. With events that almost predicted Kamiposi, the Midland-native brothers have hosted shows at the Wagner Noel and even Elliott Lunson's own home.

"This isn't our first go around," Scott Lunson said. "This same crew that did this, we all did a show at Wagner Noel in April last year. And if we could do that, we could get a building and have continuous shows."

The house shows in Elliott Lunson's home featured art with a sense of community. As a new father and art teacher at Lee High School, he couldn't conceive of hosting more house shows or being on the annual studio tour by the Arts Council of Midland, but that's not to say those things didn't forge a passion within him.

"Each thing we do helped us build our confidence to do this," he said. "And I always wanted to but never had the time or know what to do and Scott just jumped right in."

After the Pine Box closed, the brothers looked into the space determined to have a gallery. But the interior of the former venue was shot from graffiti to structural damage. Ambition trumped as they turned it around within the span of three months.

"This place was a wreck," Scott Lunson said. "The windows were painted black and we had to scrape that off. The place smelled terrible. We repaired some of the framing, put in new sinks and new plywood and drywall all in three months and with a lot of help."

That ambition translates to their intentions with new gallery shows every month. The current show, which features works by the Lunson brothers among others, will be taken down June 27 to make way for graffiti art show debuting July 4.

"That's our next opening and we're looking to change every first Friday," Scott Lunson said. "I think that people here might get bored and so we want them to come back."

The projected hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,

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Meet the Artist

5 questions with Chris Chance

Chris Chance is principal clarinet player with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. MOSC recently released its 2014-2015 season schedule, including its Pops & Family series, Masterworks series and Chamber & Chorale series. For more information or to purchase season tickets, visit mosc.org.

MRT: Who are your musical heroes?

Chance: My favorite stories are always about the people who worked the hardest and what they achieved. One of the most famous has to be Beethoven, who went on composing despite increasing deafness — which would have caused most people to give up completely. I also admire Gerald Finzi, a 20th-century British composer who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. In the 1950s it was still a death sentence — and yet he wrote his most beautiful music when he knew he did not have long to live.

MRT: What is your proudest achievement as a musician?

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Surviving super-bugs: Art meets medicine

GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

TEDx acclaimed speaker Dr. Karl Klose addressed the opening of one of the first exhibits of its kind in the U.S. at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin titled "The Healing Blade: Fantasy Art in Medicine." His talk Wednesday on the "Rise of Super-Bugs" addressed the power of antibiotics — labeled the miracle of modern medicine when they were first discovered — and their subsequent overuse rendering them ineffective as pathogens adapted. As founder and director of the South Texas Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases, with 19 infectious disease laboratories, Klose's research focuses on bacterial pathogenesis and finding effective antibiotic treatments.

The experimental debut of expressionistic art uses fantasy characters in avatars of infectious diseases battling antibiotics in the garb of protective lords fighting pestilence. "Healing Blade" is the creative culmination of two local physicians developing a unique exhibit experience of medical diagnostics on infectious diseases using fantasy art and extreme imaginative application of game theory. It is an innovative leap that has enabled this blend of science and the arts to provide a unique approach to non-formal education where the arts fire a degree of inventive expressionism. The museum began working on this project nearly six months ago.

The museum took on the challenge of converting a complex game of cards into a workable, functional exhibit experience that leverages the power of art to understanding the intricate world of microbes, bacteria and viruses. This is the second in the series of traveling exhibits being developed by the museum that has many other institutions across the country and as far as Singapore interested in acquiring them on loan from Odessa.

Science has always relied on art to explain and visualize complex theories, physical relationships, spatial interactions, scale and

Please see JACOB/7E

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Hawaiian Breeze shaved ice stand with drive-through window is seen at 1300 Rankin Highway on Wednesday.

Summers in the SNOW

Family has spent 19 years helping Midlanders chill

By Mella McEwen
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For 19 years, the Estrada family has spent its summers surrounded by snow.

Nineteen years ago, Beatrice and her husband Nahum opened a snow cone stand and the family has flavored summers for Midlanders since.

The business began as a conversation between her husband, who was working as a paralegal, and his attorney boss, Beatrice recalled. She explained that the two men became good friends and were considering different business ideas and came across snow cone stands.

"They decided it would be a good investment and my husband ran with it," she laughed. Because he works full time, she oversees the stands for the six months a year they're open.

Each year, she secures permits from the city of Midland and the Health Department, lines up locations, arranges for the sugar used in the flavoring syrups, and the ice and notifies the staff. Then the stands are brought out of storage and readied to help Midlanders through triple-digit summers.

Over the years, the business has grown to include three stands. This year the family has three stands, located at 611 E. Estes, 1300 Rankin Highway and 314 Midland Drive. The stand on Midland Drive is not yet open, she said.

Ice supplies have become an issue this year, she explained, because her regular supplier in Odessa sold the business and the new owner works with oilfield companies and other snow cone stands. She was headed to Hobbs, New Mexico to buy ice and was later headed to Dallas to also buy ice. That has been the only hurdle she has faced since beginning the business.

If she secures enough ice, she said she plans to open the third location. If not, she said she may have to reduce the number of hours and days the stands are open. Currently they are open from noon to 9 p.m. daily.

Securing ice may also force her to raise prices next year, she said.

"In 19 years we've raised prices only twice," she said. "Once we had to because the cost of a lot of the merchandise had risen. The second time was because the minimum wage rose. I told my husband I'm afraid to go up on prices again. I don't think a snow cone should be such an expensive thing."

One challenge she has never had, she said, is staffing the stands.

Most of her workers, she said, come back year after year. Some, she said, have worked at the stands at least four years. Her children have worked at the strands, starting when they were 14. Her oldest is 20, she said, and still helps out.

Working with the younger staff is fun, she said, and to show their appreciation, she and her husband try to take them on trips.

They make their own syrups and she estimates they have 85 to 90 flavors.

They get to exercise their creativity in devising new flavors, she said. Without question the top seller is Blue Coconut, she said, estimating they go through five or six gallons of blue coconut syrup a day among the stands.

Last year they devised "Cry Baby," which she said is sour and literally makes your jaw want to lock up." Another flavor they offered last year, "Dragon," wasn't brought back this year, but she said they've been receiving requests for it.

A few years back, the couple considered adding more stands and expanding, but decided they didn't want to miss out on time with their children. "We like to enjoy our summers, too," she said. "If we do expand, it will be somewhere else."

Come fall, the stands will be shut down and moved to their friend's property in Greenwood to wait for the next spring.

NAMESINTHENEWS

Texas Energy Network names CEO

Texas Energy Network LLC, a providers of next generation carrier-class communication services to the oil and natural gas industry, has appointed Bryan Olivier as chief executive officer.

Olivier, former president and chief operating officer of TEN, brings more than 30 years of experience leading telecommunications growth companies in both the oilfield communications and wireless growth sectors to his new position.

Before joining TEN, Olivier served as president of Sciret, a diverse engineering and consulting company operating in the oilfield and telecommunications space. He has served as president and COO of Broadpoint Communications, COO of Caprock Communications, executive vice president and COO of Novolink and senior vice president and chief technology officer of Clearwire Technologies.

Founded in 2010, Texas Energy Network has built, owns and operates carrier class LTE networks focused specifically on serving the domestic oil and gas industry. Its existing network covers 22,000 square miles, providing broadband communication services for energy clients operating in the Permian Basin and the Eagle Ford Shale oil fields.

Baker Hughes appoints new directors

HOUSTON — Baker Hughes Incorporated announces the appointment two new members to its board of directors.

W.H. "Bill" Easter III, is the retired chairman, president, and chief executive officer of DCP Midstream. Before that appointment, he served in several roles at ConocoPhillips. In addition to serving on the board of Baker Hughes, he is a director of Concho Resources and Delta Airlines.

Greg Brenneman, chairman of CCMP Capital Advisors, LLC, is also a new board member. He has held a variety of senior-level management positions, including chairman and CEO of Quiznos and Burger King, CEO of PWC Consulting and president of Continental Airlines. Brenneman also serves as a director of Automatic Data Processing, is lead director of the board of The Home Depot and is chairman of the board of Francesca's Collections.

Platinum Bank plans Midland location

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Midlanders familiar with the building at 805 N. Big Spring St., home to numerous businesses, including chicken and pizza restaurants, may note that the building no longer exists.

It has been torn down to make way for a new branch of Platinum Bank-Midland and the Lubbock-based bank plans to begin building its full-service banking center there sometime late this year.

Until the new location opens, Platinum Bank is in a temporary location in the Wilco Tower at 415 W. Wall St., Suite 514.

Founded in 2007 in Lubbock, Platinum Bank offers full banking services for both individuals and businesses: Personal or business checking and savings accounts, money market and CD accounts, debit and credit cards, personal, home and business loans and other business or personal services.

Customers can utilize Platinum's online banking to check account balances and view account activity, view check images, transfer funds between accounts or pay bills online. Customers can do similar transactions on their mobile devices using Platinum's mobile app.

In addition to the home location in Lubbock and the temporary Midland location, Platinum has locations in Levelland and Odessa.

More information is available by calling 332-3299.

Just opened at 409 Andrews Highway is Southwest Insurance.

The insurance agency offers affordable auto, home, commercial and Mexico insurance.

Liability auto insurance can be purchased for as little as $35 a month.

Customers can purchase policies designed to meet their needs.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

More information is available by calling the agency at 242-6848.

Ask the Fool

What to Expect

Q I've averaged gains of around 25 percent with my initial stock investments. This short-term success has me wondering what average annual returns I can expect over, say, a 10-year period. Is 12 percent to 15 percent reasonable? — *C.B., Cadillac, Michigan*

A Don't expect any particular number, as the stock market's moves can be surprising from year to year. Over many decades, though, it has averaged about 10 percent annually. That's just an average, however, and over the particular years in which you invest, you might average 7 percent, or 13 percent, or something else.

It takes a lot of skill and work to beat the market over the long haul, and even then, averaging 15 percent is ambitious. For perspective, know that stock in Berkshire Hathaway, run by superinvestor Warren Buffett, has averaged about 22 percent growth annually over 52 years. Trying to beat the market is hard. Buffett himself has recommended low-cost, broad-market index funds for most folks. They'll roughly match the market's return.

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Q What's the "wash sale" rule? — *J.C., Syracuse, New York*

A The IRS says that if you sell a stock for a loss and buy it back within 30 days, the loss cannot be claimed for tax purposes. Don't worry, though — the loss isn't lost forever. You do get to claim it, just not now. The disallowed loss is added to the cost of the repurchased stock, and it's claimed when the stock is finally sold in a non-wash sale way.

You can simply avoid the rules entirely, though, by always waiting at least 31 days before jumping back into any stock. Learn more about tax issues for free at fool.com/taxes and from the horse's mouth at irs.gov.

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The P/E Ratio: It's a Start

The price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) is probably the most widely used stock valuation tool. Unfortunately, it can be dangerous when used alone.

Its simplicity is appealing: You just divide a company's stock price by its last 12 months of earnings per share (EPS). For example, MasterCard's EPS is $2.67. At a recent price of $76.50, its P/E ratio is 29 ($76.50 divided by $2.67 equals 28.7). Wall Streeters and others will sometimes refer to it as MasterCard's "multiple" of 29.

Since you naturally want more earnings for every dollar you invest, a lower P/E is more attractive. After all, you'd rather pay $50 per share for MasterCard for its $2.67 in earnings (for a P/E of 19) than $100 (with a P/E of 37), right? It's not so simple, though.

For example, P/E ratios differ by industry. An automaker with a P/E of 15 might be a little richly valued, while a briskly growing software company with a P/E of 20 could be a bargain.

A company's EPS isn't always what it seems, either, as it's possible to manipulate earnings, such as by delaying when a company recognizes certain revenue. In another instance, a company's top line might be growing, but its total earnings might be flat. But if it buys back lots of shares, thereby reducing its share count, then its earnings per share will rise.

There are many other measures to assess beyond the P/E. For example, how quickly are items such as revenue, earnings, debt, free cash flow, profit margins, etc., growing? If you're looking at biotech companies, assess their pipelines of drugs in development. If you're examining soft-drink companies, look at societal trends.

Never isolate your attention on any single metric. The better you get at reading financial statements and evaluating companies, the better investor you'll likely be.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of MasterCard and its Motley Fool Stock Advisor service has recommended it. Test-drive Stock Advisor for free at fooladvisor.com and check out all its recommended stocks.)

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the Chautauqua airline in New York in 1973, which flew two 15-passenger turboprop planes between three cities. Today I'm a holding company including Chautauqua Airlines, Shuttle America and the airline that bears my name. My combined fleet has more than 250 planes and operates more than 1,300 flights daily to more than 110 cities, mainly in the U.S. There's a good chance you've flown on me, as I fly on a fixed-fee basis under my partner brands that include American Eagle, Delta Connection, United Express and US Airways Express. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

My Dumbest Investment

Oops

My dumbest investment has to have been the first stock I ever bought. It was a local burger chain, recommended in Money magazine. About a year into my investment, I called the local office to try to get my address changed or something, and I learned that I had invested in a different company with the same name. Still, I did well on the investment. So it all worked out fine, but that was blind luck. — *J.H., Falls Church, Virginia*

The Fool Responds: This is a great reminder to be careful when buying stock. Many companies share the same, or similar, names, and many ticker symbols can be misleading, too. You might, for example, expect Intel's ticker to be something like INTL. Instead, it's INTC. Meanwhile, Apple's is not APPL, but AAPL; Coca-Cola's ticker is KO, not CO; and Hewlett-Packard, after swallowing Compaq, is not HP, but HPQ.

When you decide you want to buy into a company, do a little digging to make sure you're identifying it correctly — and then get its ticker symbol right, too. You're lucky your story has a happy ending!

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Big Blue Chip

If you're looking for a company that has demonstrated an ability to successfully adapt to the changing times over many years, consider 103-year-old International Business Machines (NYSE: IBM). The company has been shifting its focus from lower-margin hardware offerings to higher-margin software and services. It's investing heavily in cloud-computing technologies, with a stated goal to have 40 cloud data centers running in 15 countries by the end of 2014.

Think, too, of its cognitive supercomputer, "Watson," which can actually learn. The possibilities it offers in the fast-growing big-data market are seemingly endless, with potentially revolutionary applications in science, medicine, finance and more.

Another key IBM asset is its pile of patents, which generate more than a billion dollars in royalty income annually. (IBM set a new record with 6,809 patents issued in 2013, its 21st consecutive year atop the industry charts in terms of awarded patents.) And then there is its brand, which ranks third among top global brands according to BrandZ, which pegs its value at more than $107 billion.

Investing in a company that's in the middle of a major strategic change is a risky proposition — but it could also be an opportunity to make a great long-term investment, inexpensively. IBM recently had a P/E ratio near 12.5 and its dividend recently yielded 2.4 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares of IBM.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1902 and the purchase of the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories' stockroom. My first offerings included microscopes and balances, and I published my first catalog in 1904. Today, based in Massachusetts, I'm the global leader in serving science – accelerating life sciences research, solving complex analytical challenges, improving patient diagnostics and increasing laboratory productivity. My products and services range from beakers and flasks to diagnostic test kits and chemicals to mass spectrometers and fume hoods. I rake in more than $13 billion annually and employ about 50,000 people in 50 countries. Who am I? (Answer: Thermo Fisher Scientific)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. *Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.*

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits May 19-June 6

1904 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign	$4,000	6002 Barton Springs	New Residence	$206,910	6013 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$148,000
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	3102 W. Michigan Ave.	Residence-Detached	$1,500	1008 Clemente Court	Residence-Detached	$3,500
1904 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign	$4,000	508 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$40,000	6005 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$226,800
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	3400 Cunningham	Residential Alteration	$391	1207 Meadow Drive	Residence-Detached	$8,300
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	912 E. New York Ave.	Residential Alteration	$7,000	4301 Pasadena Drive	Residence-Detached	$5,100
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1106 Castle Rock Ct.	Residential Addition	$18,000	2800 Moss Ave.	Commercial Addition	$2,587,620
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	519 Coliseum Court	Residence-Detached	$3,700	401 E. Parker Ave.	Commercial Addition	$4,105,940
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$54,400	6512 Mockingbird	New Residence	$277,560
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$57,600	5103 W. Illinois Ave.	Residence-Detached	$2,000
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$72,000	4306 San Pedro Court	New Residence	$245,439
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$60,800	3922 Edgebrook Court	Residential Addition	$53,550
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$72,000	10 Desta Drive	Commercial Alteration	$540,000
5315 Briarwood Ave.	Sign	$10,000	713 W. Kansas Ave.	Residential Addition	$21,735	2107 CR 2300	New Residence	$161,280
4610 N. Garfield St.	Sign	$7,500	6500 Saddle Horn	Residence-Detached	$35,000	8100 Dunblane Drive	Residence-Detached	$11,340
4610 N. Garfield St.	Sign	$7,500	5606 Los Patios Drive	Swimming Pool	$45,000	4607 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$3,500
4612 Billingsley Blvd.	Sign	$990	500 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$25,000	4607 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$3,500
1822 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration	$238,000	6900 Big Blue Ave.	New Commercial	$4,839,123	4607 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$3,500
2506 Auburn Place	Swimming Pool	$30,000	809 Trinidad	New Residence	$243,540	4607 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$3,500
1306 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	$142,830	2008 W. Wall St.	Sign	$1,500	4607 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$3,500
1310 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	$159,120	907 Trinidad Place	New Residence	$233,190	2100 W. Wall St.	Sign	$5,500
1308 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	$270,000	400 S. Pecos St.	Commercial Alteration	$10,000	2900 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign	$2,875
1401 San Francisco	New Residence	$168,480	3310 Sycamore Ave.	Residence-Detached	$2,695	2502 College Ave.	Residence-Detached	$8,000
1413 San Francisco	New Residence	$168,480	6112 N. Highway 349	Commercial Alteration	$35,000	407 Kent St.	Commercial Alteration	$120,000
1300 Rankin Highway	Snow Cone Stand	$5,000	3805 Thomason Drive	Residential Alteration	$3,000	1509 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$15,000
3800 Wedgwood Ct.	Swimming Pool	$80,000	1504 S. Mineola St.	New Residence	$159,210	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
9321 Shady Bend Ct.	Swimming Pool	$50,000	6111 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$173,160	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
2117 Blackwood Drive	Swimming Pool	$55,000	6101 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$200,970	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
6408 Homestead Blvd.	New Residence	$471,870	6105 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$208,890	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
3 Hawthorne Drive	Residence-Detached	$145,000	6107 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$173,160	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
521 Coliseum Court	Residence-Detached	$3,000	6103 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$148,770	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
3100 E. Highway 158	New Commercial	$3,500,000	6109 Sun Tea Way	New Residence	$173,970	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
1503 Butternut Lane	Residential Alteration	$4,000	6007 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$157,410	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
1221 E. Estes Ave.	New Residence	$131,310	6011 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$161,550	508 W. Wall St.	Sign	$144,482
802 Ventura Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$49,000	6015 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$158,490	800 W. Wadley Ave.	Sign	$24,360
1401 E. Walnut Lane	MH-Single Lot	$800	6017 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$161,000	4101 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$30,000
6412 Homestead Blvd.	Swimming Pool	$45,000	6012 Dunbarton Oaks	Residence-Detached	$50,000	800 W. Wadley Ave.	Sign	$24,360
500 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$1,151,750	6009 Mile High Lane	New Residence	$159,000			

Source: City of Midland

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BBB lists the top 5 summer scams

Summer is a great time to take that long-overdue vacation or make much-needed home repairs, but as the weather heats up, so do scams. Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about these popular summer scams.

Don't let a scam ruin your vacation. Fake travel agents and websites are known for touting too-good-to-be-true deals in the hopes of getting your money in return. Whether it's a fake timeshare rental or a falsely promised Disney vacation, don't let a vacation scam take you for a ride. Make sure the offer is legitimate by checking bbb.org first. If there is no BBB Business Review on the company, dig deeper. Google the phone number or website to see if others report problems.

Keep your belongings safe during your move. Summer is the peak time of year for changing residences, and unlicensed movers and dishonest scammers are waiting to take advantage of the busy season. Always research the company and check out the mover's BBB Business Review at bbb.org. Not all price quotes online or over the phone are legitimate. Also, remember to get an in-person estimate. Don't let an unrealistic, low ball over-the-phone estimate cost you big in the end.

Beware of summer concert ticket scams. Before paying for concert tickets online, make sure the seller is reputable. Oftentimes, phony sellers will trick consumers into wiring money with no intention of sending real tickets. Most concert venues now allow ticket holders to print tickets from personal computers, which also gives scammers the opportunity to sell the same ticket over and over to unsuspecting consumers. Be wary of sellers who: offer a sad tale as to why they cannot use the tickets, only accept cash, ask for a wire transfer or use high pressure tactics.

Be wary of high pressure door-to-door sales tactics. Many legitimate companies use door-to-door sales, and various city ordinances regulate solicitors to protect residents from unscrupulous individuals. However, consumers need to watch for individuals who try to work their way around the system. Many door-to-door salesmen offer deals for everything from driveway paving to air conditioning repair to security systems. Before saying yes, get all promises in writing, including start and finish dates. Never sign a contract that has an open-ended completion date or blank spaces.

Beware of job scams that can turn a hot summer cold. Finding summer employment is a top priority for most college and high school students. Don't let the seasonal job hunt turn into a huge waste of time and money. Always be wary of employers who require fees for training and background checks, or who tout "no experience needed." BBB considers these red flags for employment scams.

Find out more about scams and sign up for scam alerts at BBB Scam Stopper (bbb.org/scam). For tips you can trust, visit bbb.org and for the latest, check out our blog, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		TheTruth	House	E. Wild	This Week (N)		Pre-game	FIFA Soccer	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist		First Baptist	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Beaver	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari	Edgemont	Gilligan	Gilligan	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumer	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Southwest		Walking	LifeBynd	Touch Ministries		Zion	D.Disc	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Secrets	Mercury	W.America	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Baptist Church		USGA Golf	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.World	Cat/ Hat	Peg Cat	DinoT	D.Tiger	SuperWI	Sid	Wild K.	Arthur	Speaks	WordG	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Jungle	Dora	Diego	Tras la Verdad		Al punto		FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial (L)		
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Game	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	★★ Rize			★ Father Hood			(:35) The Secret of My Success				Sylvia
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) Leave It t...		Charlie and the Chocolate Factory				Boxing HBO After Dark					Making
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:20) ★★★ Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts.					Making /(:50) R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.				Game of Thrones		Thrones
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★★ Life of Pi Suraj Sharma.				(:15) ★★★★ The Way Way Back				Veep	Veep	Bruce Springsteen	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Dragonfly			(:45) ★★ True Crime ('99, Dra) Clint Eastwood.					★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:00) Great Ex...		★★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				★★★ The Abyss ('89, Sci-Fi) Ed Harris.					Movie
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ AntiTrust Ryan Phillippe.				(:10) Papa's Delicate Con...			(:50) ★★★ Fly Away Home				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★ Houseguest ('95, Com) Sinbad.				The Twilight Saga: Breaking Daw...				★★ The Out of Towners			Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	Peacock Cillian Murphy.			★★★★ People Like Us Chris Pine.				★★ Step Up Revolution			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	C.Minds "To Hell"		Hollywood (N)		Hollywood (N)		Longmire		Longmire		Goodfellas	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		TURN		Halt/ Catch "I/O"		(:05) Halt "FUD"		Angels & De...	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Outkast	Turn Up!		The Ditchdigg...	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Watch	Watch	UntyKnot	UntyKnot	Kandi's Wedding		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day	Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Epic Homes		LogHome	LogHome
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Callie	Stuffins	Jake	Sofia 1st	LEGO	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Dog Blog	Austin	Austin
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter		Sportscenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) Auto Racing		Inside		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter		30 for 30	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Daddy	★★ RV ('06, Com) Robin Williams.				★★★ Honey, I Shrunk the Kids				Honey, I Blew Up the Kid		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News	Housecal
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Giada	Barefoot	Rachel Ray's...		Pioneer	Southern	Heart	Giada	King	Big Bite	The Kitchen	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	UIL Champ.		Paid	Paid	18 Holes	Swing	Jones	Dumbest	Game365	Polaris
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Shrek Forever After				★★ Puss in Boots				★★★★ How to Train Your Dragon			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Middle	Middle	Accidentally i...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Nazi America: A Secret History				Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History				Crime Wave "18 Months of Mayhem"			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David J.	J.Osteen	Paid	Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	MSNBCln.	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Offense	Offense	Fishing	MartinC.	Bidding	Fishing	Salt. Fish	Bass 2	FLW Outdoors		OffGrid	Volleyball
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Robot	Monsters	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja (N)	Ninja	Parents	Parents
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Wheaton	★★★ Michael ('96, Com) John Travolta.					The Astronau...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Married	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ Envy ('04, Com) Ben Stiller.				★★ Eurotrip	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Vice Versa		★★ The Happy Time			(:45) The Reluctant Debutante				No, My Darling Daughter		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Jay Jay	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque	Videos
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Enemy"		LawOrder "Fixed"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Countdown Green	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	3'sCo.	(:50) 3's Co.	(:25) 3's Company		Hot In	Jennifer	Who'sB?	Who'sB?	(:25) Who's Boss?		Who'sB?	Who'sB?
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Graceland		SVU "Head"		SVU "Home"		SVU "Sick"	
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	KeyDavid	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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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	(11:00) FIFA Soccer		SportsC.	Pre-game	FIFA Soccer World Cup Fra./Hon (L)				Paid	Church	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	★ Hideaway ('95, Hor) Jeff Goldblum.				Dog Challenge		River Parade		Paid	Paid	FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		Cannon		Rockford "Claire"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★ Head of State Bernie Mac.				Heroes at Home				American Anthem		Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani E	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				J.McGee	Dollars	HouseCall	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) USGA Golf U.S. Open Final Round Site: Pinehurst Resort and Country Club -- Pinehurst, N.C. (L)											
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Euromaxx	Get Away	BioCent	F&Porter	Beads	Sewing	Knitting	Sew It	Drexel	News.	W.Week
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(10:30) FIFA Fútbol		Republic	FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial France at Honduras (L)					Republic	FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial (L)		
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The FBI Files		RedCarpet	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:30) ★★ Sylvia			★★ Deceived Goldie Hawn.				★★ Boat Trip			(:05) Cocktail	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher		deNiroSr	Making	The Incredible Burt Won...			(:45) ★★ Enough Said				Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Thrones	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:05) ★★ Admission Tina Fey.				Boxing After Dark					Making	Veep	LastWeek
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Kick-Ass 2			(:45) ★★ Ender's Game				(:40) South Park: Bigger, ...			Now You See ...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:40) The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey					★★ Internal Affairs Richard Gere.				★★ Nothing to Lose		
PLEX			96			(11:40) Mr. Nice...		(:10) ★★ AntiTrust Ryan Phillippe.				★★★ Pleasantville				(:10) Fly Away ...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:30) Scary M...		The Twilight Saga: Breaking Daw...				The Twilight Saga: Breaking Daw...				Years of Living	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:45) ★★★★ Amelie			(:50) ★★ Judge Dredd				Peacock Cillian Murphy.			People Like Us	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(11:00) ★★★ Goodfellas Ray Liotta.				★★★ We Were Soldiers ('02, War) Mel Gibson.					Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Big Smo
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:00) ★★★ Angels and Demons				★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.							
BET	58	26		40		(11:00) The Ditchdigger's...		★★ Are We There Yet? ('05, Com) Ice Cube.						★ The Longshots Ice Cube.			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Ladies of London		Ladies of London		Married Medicine		Married Medicine		Medic. "Blind Date"		Kandi's Wedding	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Bush "Blindsided"		Bush People		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad /(:20) The Adventures of S...				Boy MW	Boy MW	Boy MW	Boy MW	Boy MW	Boy MW
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	X Games Austin "Anthology" Site: Circuit of the Americas -- Austin, Texas								PreMatch	FIFA Soccer World Cup (L)		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Pho./Min. (L)				NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament (L)						SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★ Uncle Buck John Candy.				★★★ Liar Liar Jim Carrey.				Remember the Titans		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News		Journal	News	Healthy	Housecal	Media Buzz		Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Southern	Pioneer	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Iron Chef America		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Lunch Rangers (N)		Lights	Lights	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners (L)					
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Click ('06, Com) Adam Sandler.					★★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. Steve Carell.					★★ Grown Ups	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) Accident...		Second Chances Alison Sweeney.				A Lesson in Romance ('14, Rom)				The Nanny E...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Rumrunners				Manson				The Hunt		Mountain Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Taken Back Amanda Tapping.				A Daughter's Nightmare				Missing at 17 Tricia O'Kelley.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Disrupt		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				(11:30) Volleyball		/Drive	SCCA Auto Racing			Moto. Hour (N)		Racer TV	The List	The List	KBusch
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Jinxed Ciara Bravo.			Thunder.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Brdwnrs	Thunder.
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) The Astronaut's Wife			Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's A...				★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans				Movie
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) Eurotrip			★ Cop Out ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.			★★ Due Date Zach Galifianakis.				Anchorman: ...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	★★★★ Life With Father				(:45) ★★★ The Courtship of Eddie's Father					Father of the...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		300 ('06, Act) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler.					La momia: La tumba del empera...				Op. Repo	La gran señora	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey Boo Boo		Honey B.	Honey B.
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NASCAR Auto Racing Michigan 400 (L)							(:35) Falling Skies		(:35) Mission: Impossible II		
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Who'sB?	Who'sB?	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Blood"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		SVU "Loophole"		SVU "Responsible"		SVU "Screwed"	
WGN	19	18				Leadoff	MLB Baseball Chi. Cubs vs Philadelphia (L)					(:15) 10th..	Videos	Home Videos		Home Videos	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jimmy Kimmel	Count-down (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs Miami Heat at San Antonio Spurs Final Game 5 Site: AT&T Center (L)					NBA Post (L)	KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The Good Wife "A Few Words"		The Good Wife		Mentalist "White as the Driven Snow"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kojak "Deliver Us Some Evil"		Columbo			M*A*S*H	Thriller		The Alfred Hitchcock Hour		The Fugitive	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Enlisted (N)	American Dad	TheSimpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack VanImpe	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day Disc.	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) Golf	American Ninja Warrior "Venice Beach Qualifying"			Believe "Second Chance" (F) (N)		Crisis "Best Laid Plans" (N)		News-West 9	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Evan Smith	America/World	Secrets of Scotland Yard		Masterpiece "The Escape Artist" 1/2 cont'd June 22 (N)			The Making of a Lady			Arts in Context	Bluegrass U
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(4:30) FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial (L)		Bailando por un Sueño				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero: FDS	Aquí y Ahora	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trobador
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) Cocktail		★★★ The Secret of My Success				★★★ The Frighteners				★★ AntiTrust	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★ The Conjuring			TruBlood	Thrones (N)		(:15) Thrones "The Children"			LastWeek	Game of Thrones	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:20) Thrones		(:15) R.I.P.D. ('13, Act) Ryan Reynolds.				★★★★ Warm Bodies			(:45) Big Momma's Hou...		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Bill Maher		The Way Way Back			Making	★★★★ Les Misérables Hugh Jackman.					Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) Now You ...		★★★ Full Metal Jacket				★★ Kick-Ass 2			Topless	Topless	Topless
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:10) ★★★ The World's End				The Watch Ben Stiller.			(:45) FemmeFatales		★★ War of the Worlds		
PLEX			96			(5:10) Fly Away ...		Papa's Delicate Condition			(:40) ★★ AntiTrust Ryan Phillippe.				★★★★ Mr. Nice Guy		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Califor.	Nurse J.	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	Califor.	P. Dreadful (N)		Penny Dreadful		Penny Dreadful	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) People Lik...		★★★ The Truman Show Jim Carrey.				★★ Step Up Revolution			(:40) The Canyons		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dynasty		Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Big Smo	Duck Dy	Duck Dynasty	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ Shutter Island ('09, Myst) Leonardo DiCaprio.						Halt/ Catch (N)		Halt/ Catch Fire		Shutter Island	
BET	58	26		40		Movie	★ Johnson Family Vacation					★★ The Cookout ('04, Com) Ja Rule.				BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Kandi's Wedding		Wedding (N)		MarriedMed (N)		Kandi's Wedding		Watch	Kandi's Wedding		Medic.
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	Money	Ripping	Rich	Rich	Rich	Supermarkets Inc		Behind Doors		Escape/ Havana	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Report		Anthony Bourdain		41 on 41 (P) (N)				41 on 41			
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Last "Father's Day Special" (N)				Bush People (N)		Alaska/Frontier "Father's Day Special"			
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Boy MW	Boy MW	★★★ Finding Nemo			Liv/Mad	Mickey	DogBlog	Jessie	GoodL	GoodLk	GoodLk
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(4:30) FIFA Soccer		MLB Baseball L.A. Angels vs Atlanta (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight		NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament (L)						NHRA Drag R. Thunder Valley Nationals			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) Remembe...		★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock.						Chasing Life "Pilot"		J.Osteen	Life
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		Huckabee		Fox News		Stossel		Huckabee		Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Rangers	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners						School	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Grown Ups		★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Act) Jonah Hill.					★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Act) Jonah Hill.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) The Nan...		Sign/ Delivered (N)		Accidentally in Love Jennie Garth.				Signed/ Delivered		G. Girls	G. Girls
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UTPB athletics wraps up year

Ryan Haage
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UTPB athletics wrapped up the 2013-14 school year with its annual intercollegiate athletic awards dinner.

The department recognized academic and athletic achievements from each of its 13 sports over the course of the evening on April 30.

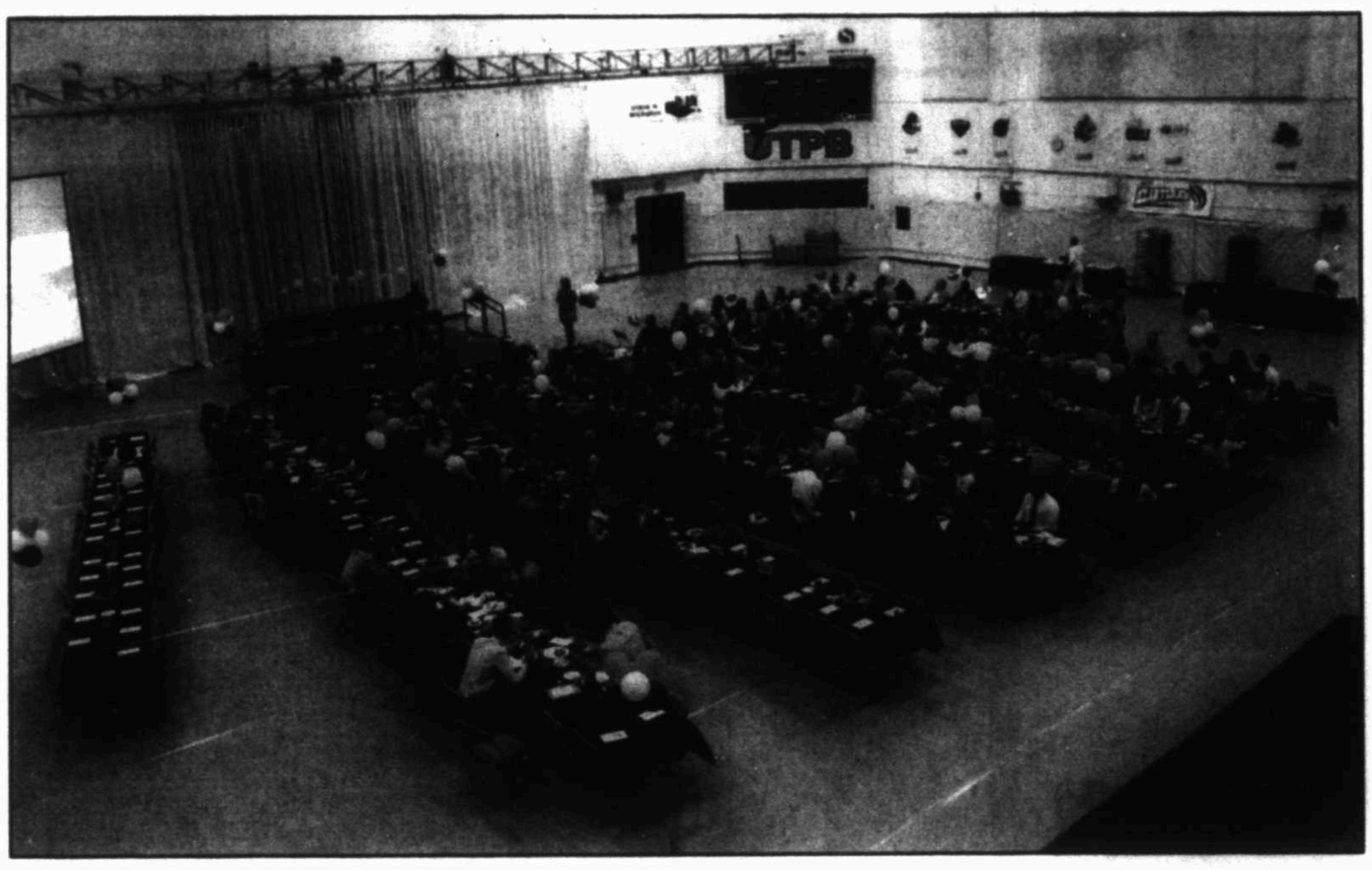
Four-year letter winners were acknowledged along with scholar athlete award recipients. Scholar athletes were required to have a 3.5 GPA and be of junior or senior standing. Those presented awards included; Brian Brademan (baseball), Ryley Carman (volleyball), Anna Hollingsworth (softball), Hannah Hamilton (swimming), Jonathan Uribe (men's basketball), Daniel Moran (men's swimming), Edgar Lazcano (men's tennis) and German Chavarria (men's soccer).

UTPB had six different individuals named to their respective sport's end of the season all-conference team.

Naraly Rodriguez and Michelle Garcia each represenvted women's cross country on the all-conference squad with top-10 finishes at the Heartland Conference Championships. Rodriguez earned Freshman of the Year honors with a fourth-place finish and Garcia ended the event in ninth.

Nathan Cotterell was named to the Heartland Conference men's soccer first team and was later selected to the NCAA South Central Region first team. Cotterell led the Falcons and finished the season tied for second in the league with 15 goals in 16 games on a conference-leading 5.31 shots per game. He also led the Falcons with eight assists to rank second in the Heartland and ended the season second with 2.38 points per game.

Melissa Lusk led UTPB with 322 kills on the season to be selected to the Heartland Conference all-volleyball team. She hit .242 on the season and ranked seventh in the Heartland with an average 3.37 points per set. She finished the year strong with double digit kills in nine of the team's final 11 matches and had five of the team's top six kill performances in 2013.



The UTPB Annual Intercollegiate Athletic Awards Dinner, held April 30, 2014

Dwayne Soders averaged 16 points and 9.1 rebounds per game to lead men's basketball in both categories to earn All-Heartland first team honors. Ranking fourth in the conference in scoring and second in the league in rebounding, he tallied 13 double-doubles on the year in helping the team to a 17-11 record and a trip to the finals at the Heartland Conference Championships.

Jennie Quam hit .403 on the season, led all players in the Heartland with six triples and ranked third in the conference with 16 doubles to earn a spot on the All-Heartland softball first team. She led UTPB with 31 runs and 21 RBI hitting out of the leadoff spot in 49 games.

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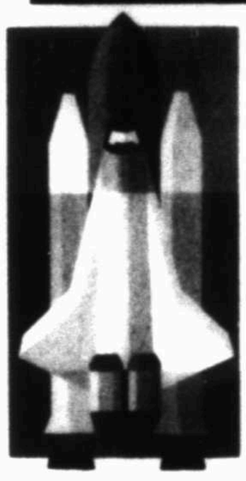

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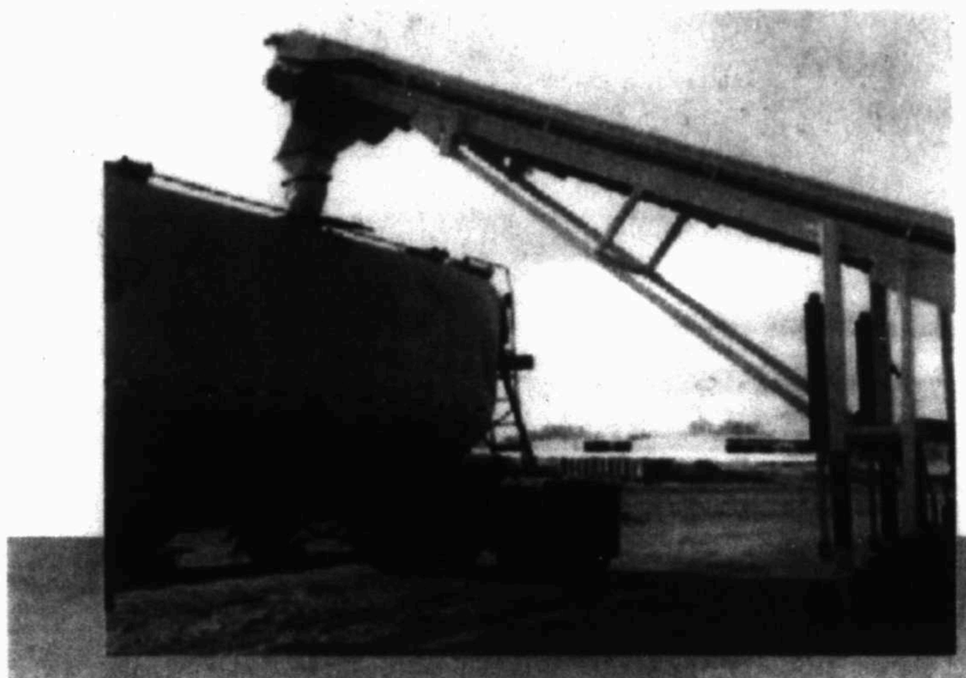

SAND SUPPLIES

Permian Basin continues to gain infrastructure

■ New Artesia rail terminal to bring in sand, pipe, move out crude, water

By Mella McEwen
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Just as Permian Basin operators seek to get their commodities to market, they seek to get supplies into the Permian Basin.

Companies are scurrying to provide those transportation services, providing opportunities for existing firms or for would-be entrepreneurs.

One example is the Ramage brothers, Kyle and Khory, who saw growing demand and seized the opportunity to form Ironhorse Permian Basin, constructing a rail terminal at Artesia, New Mexico, near their hometown of Roswell, to serve the Permian Basin.

Co-founder Khory Ramage, who serves as president and chief financial officer, said Ironhorse already has 7,000 feet of track laid and connected to the BNSF main line and rail cars should be headed the facility's way in the next week or two. The first of three phases calls for 18,000 feet of track to accommodate rail cars unloading proppants, whether sand, ceramics or resin-coated sands.

When the three phases are complete, he said, there will be nine-and-a-half miles of track laid down in Ironhorse's terminal for rail cars to unload frac sand and pipe and load crude. It will be a unit train terminal with a loop track able to hold 200 loaded railcars at once.

The facility sits on 360 acres that was once a dairy owned by David Hoekstra, who sits on Ironhorse's board. Khory said Hoekstra has offered invaluable advice as the brothers got their business off the ground.

Kyle, who had become increasingly busy building and rehabilitating railroad tracks throughout West Texas proposed that the two brothers start their own business. He called his brother, who was living in Dallas and managing over a billion dollars in oil and gas assets for a privately-owned oil and gas company that was active in development in the Permian Basin and Williston Basin.

"He called me up and asked, 'Think we can do this?'" Khory recalled.

The two met Hoekstra, whom Khory credits with helping get Ironhorse off the ground. Not only did Hoekstra provide the land, he said, but "he saw our vision."

The acreage not only allows space for rail cars bringing in proppants and chemicals but for yards to store pipe.

"We are working with vendors on putting in pipe yards in our facility," Khory reported. "With all the building of pipelines and drill pipe, they'll be bringing in more product. We're working on securing agreements to lease space for pipe."

Ironhorse already has commitments from one provider and is

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Permian Basin wheeling and dealing continues

■ Acquisitions, partnerships bring new companies to Permian Basin

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin assets continue to change hands as operators restructure their portfolios and other companies seek entrance to the thriving basin.

American Energy Partners, the Oklahoma City firm founded by former Chesapeake Energy founder Aubrey McClendon, has agreed to acquire 63,000 net acres in the southern Permian Basin, through its Permian Basin LLC unit for $2.5 billion. The leasehold, primarily in Reagan and Irion counties, is being acquired from affiliates of Enduring Resources LLC of Denver. The acquisition will bring American Energy net production of approximately 16,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Enduring Resources is currently using four rigs to develop this acreage and American Energy plans to increase that number to six to eight rigs by the end of 2015, with plans to drill approximately 2,500 gross, 1,750 net wells over the next decade.

The transaction also marks American Energy's entrance into the Permian Basin and company officials say they plan to increase their holdings through additional acquisitions. The company has already raised committed equity and debt capital of approximately $10 billion to fund the development of five play or strategy specific companies: American Energy — Utica, LLC (AEU), American Energy — Woodford, LLC (AEW), American Energy — NonOp, LLC (AENO), American Energy — Marcellus, LLC (AEM), and American Energy — Permian Basin, LLC (AEPB). L Lead equity investor is The Energy & Minerals Group.

The Permian Basin is also within the focus area of a new venture formed by Zenergy Inc. and funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management LLC. The partnership is evaluating opportunities in this region.

The Zenergy-Apollo partnership will acquire and develop upstream and midstream oil and gas properties and has total committed capital of $700 million.

In addition to the Permian Basin, the partnership will evaluate opportunities in the Mid-Continent, elsewhere in Texas and Arkansas-Texas-Louisiana regions.

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EXPANSION

Canyon Midstream signs deals with XTO, Apache

■ Second phase of James Lake system underway even as first phase still under construction

By Mella McEwen
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Midstream development continues in the Permian Basin, with Houston's Canyon Midstream Partners announcing expansion of a system still under construction.

Canyon has entered into agreements with XTO Energy, a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil, and Apache Corp. for midstream services on its James Lake System.

"We were part of the process XTO ran late last year to source additional midstream capacity in Ector and Andrews counties," explained Michael Walsh, Canyon president and chief executive officer. "This is part of that process."

He added that the company continues to receive interest in and response to its ongoing operations.

Canyon has already expanded its cryogenic gas processing plant in Ector County from 70 million cubic feet per day to 100 million cubic feet per day by adding a 30 million cubic foot cryogenic turbo expansion train.

This plant is part of the James Lake System, which currently consists of 60 miles of 12-inch trunkline and six field compressor stations providing low pressure gathering services to Ector, Andrews, Martin, Dawson and Gaines counties. Expected to be complete late this year, it will deliver residue gas into the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline and deliver NGLs to the Sand Hills pipeline and the Chaparral pipeline in Ector County.

At the same time, Walsh said, Canyon is developing the second phase, which will consist of a second 100 MMcf/d cryogenic gas processing plant in Martin County and 60 additional miles of 12-inch trunkline, which will expand the system's service territory into Howard and Borden counties. It is expected to go online in the first half of next year.

"We're working hard, we've made tremendous progress and are working to meet the timeline we've given producers," he stated.

Additional contracts are ready to be signed to use the system, he said.

"We're happy to be part of the solution to moving product to market," he said. "We give producers greater options" for where to send their production.

The company, he said, has plans for future growth but those plans will be guided by interest from producers.

"We have substantial equity remaining from our sponsor" Kayne Anderson Energy Funds, Walsh said, to fund expansion.

The Permian Basin is the company's top operational platform, he said, but Canyon is also active in the Woodbine and the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale plays.

What's not to like? More oil to use, less carbon dioxide emitted

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Capturing man-made carbon dioxide and pumping it into the ground would not only help the environment, but also help the United States continue producing record amounts of oil.

Many people question how the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, released last week, could present a business opportunity for Texas companies. The answer is the state's unique mix of carbon dioxide-producing industries and old oil wells that need a little help to keep producing.

Since the 1970s, Well operators have pumped carbon dioxide into old oil reservoirs to force out every last drop, a technique that falls into a broader category called enhanced oil recovery.

This approach often works so well that suppliers drill into naturally occurring pockets of carbon dioxide and pump 2.7 billion cubic feet per day via pipeline to older oil fields, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

That's right: While the government is trying to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide Americans produce, companies are pumping it out of the ground and injecting it into wells, where most of it never comes back up. This produces 282,000 barrels of oil a day from fields once considered tapped out.

The Department of Energy forecast in April that the demand for carbon dioxide in enhanced oil recovery will double by 2020.

One industry's waste product is another industry's means of production.

Until now, though, the industries that generate carbon dioxide mostly have released it into the atmosphere for free, leaving the companies that need the gas to tap natural sources. Only about 400 million cubic feet of man-made CO2 was injected into oil wells in 2012.

James Wuerth, president of Kinder Morgan CO2 division, says it costs $2 to $2.25 per million cubic feet to produce natural CO2.

"We have looked into CO2 capture. The problem is that in most locations, the cost to capture, clean up and compress, based on today's technology, is about $2.50 to $3 per million cubic feet," Wuerth said in an email.

"We have a couple of projects that we are currently working on that would capture CO2 from gas plants that are separating the CO2 from hydrocarbon gas and venting the CO2. This is near a pure stream of CO2, and even with these, we are having a difficult time making them work at today's price."

To help decrease that price, the Department of Energy held a competition and decided to finance a demonstration project by Air Products and Chemicals, based in Lehigh Valley, Pa., to capture the CO2 coming out of a Valero refinery.

The agency paid for $283 million of the $400 million project. It's aimed at demonstrating that Air Products' device could capture carbon dioxide from steam methane reformers — which generate hydrogen used in refining gasoline — and that oil wells are a safe place to store the gas.

Since March 2013, Air Products has fed the gas into a Denbury Resources pipeline, and the Plano company has used it in the 80-year-old West Hastings oil field south of Houston. The project is on track to capture 1 million tons of carbon dioxide a year and push up as much as 3.1 million barrels of oil.

Denbury and several other oil companies purchase CO2 from man-made sources for use in enhanced oil recovery, said Jack Collins, a Denbury spokesman, indicating there's a market for captured CO2.

But Gloria Power, director of tonnage gases and business development at Air Products, said the Port Arthur Valero refinery project would not have been viable without federal funding.

"Technically, it can be captured," she said of carbon dioxide. "The challenge today is the economics."

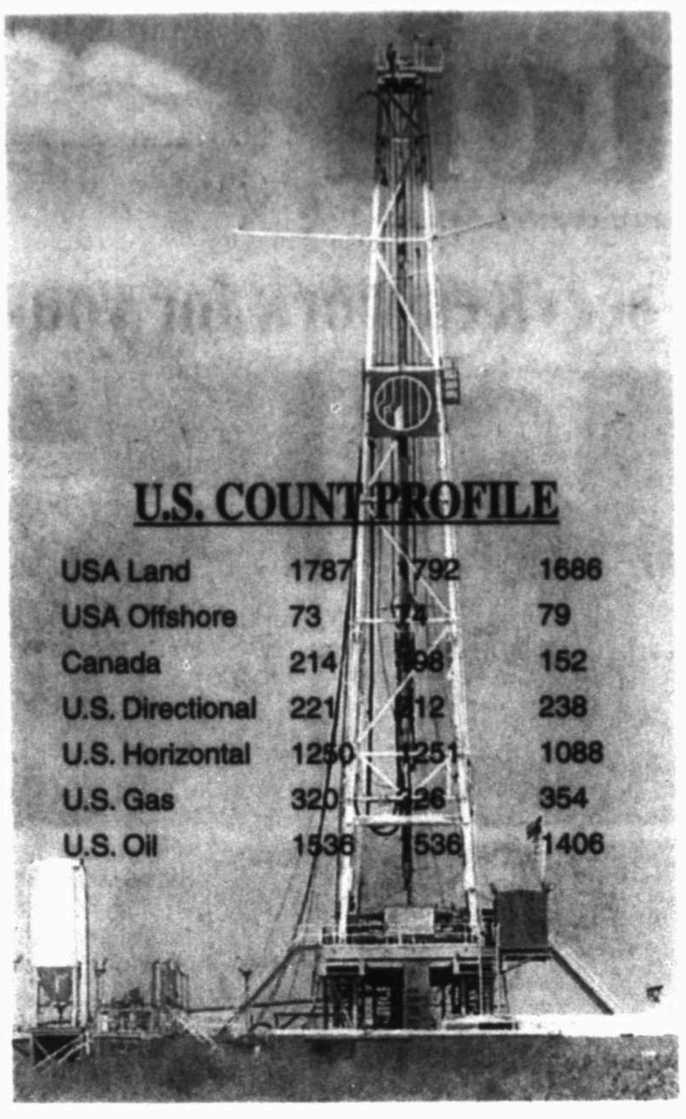
The EPA's proposed new limits on carbon emissions could boost the market viability, making it more valuable for industries that emit the gas to capture it, and spurring technological developments.

Texas is the nation's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, largely from power generation and refineries along the coast. Southeast Texas is dotted with old oil fields, and pipelines crisscross the region.

The EPA's rule requires Texas to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 39 percent by 2030. We can use Texas' carbon dioxide to produce more Texas oil, improve the atmosphere, make a profit and create jobs that can't be shipped overseas.

This is not just my idea. The Department of Energy forecasts that what it calls post-industrial carbon dioxide — others might called it recycled — could grow to 47 percent of the enhanced oil recovery market by 2020 and sustain the U.S. energy renaissance.

In an infinitely complex and creative world, this is how to deal with pollution: Set a standard and let the private sector work it out. Someone will find a way to make it work, and make a buck.



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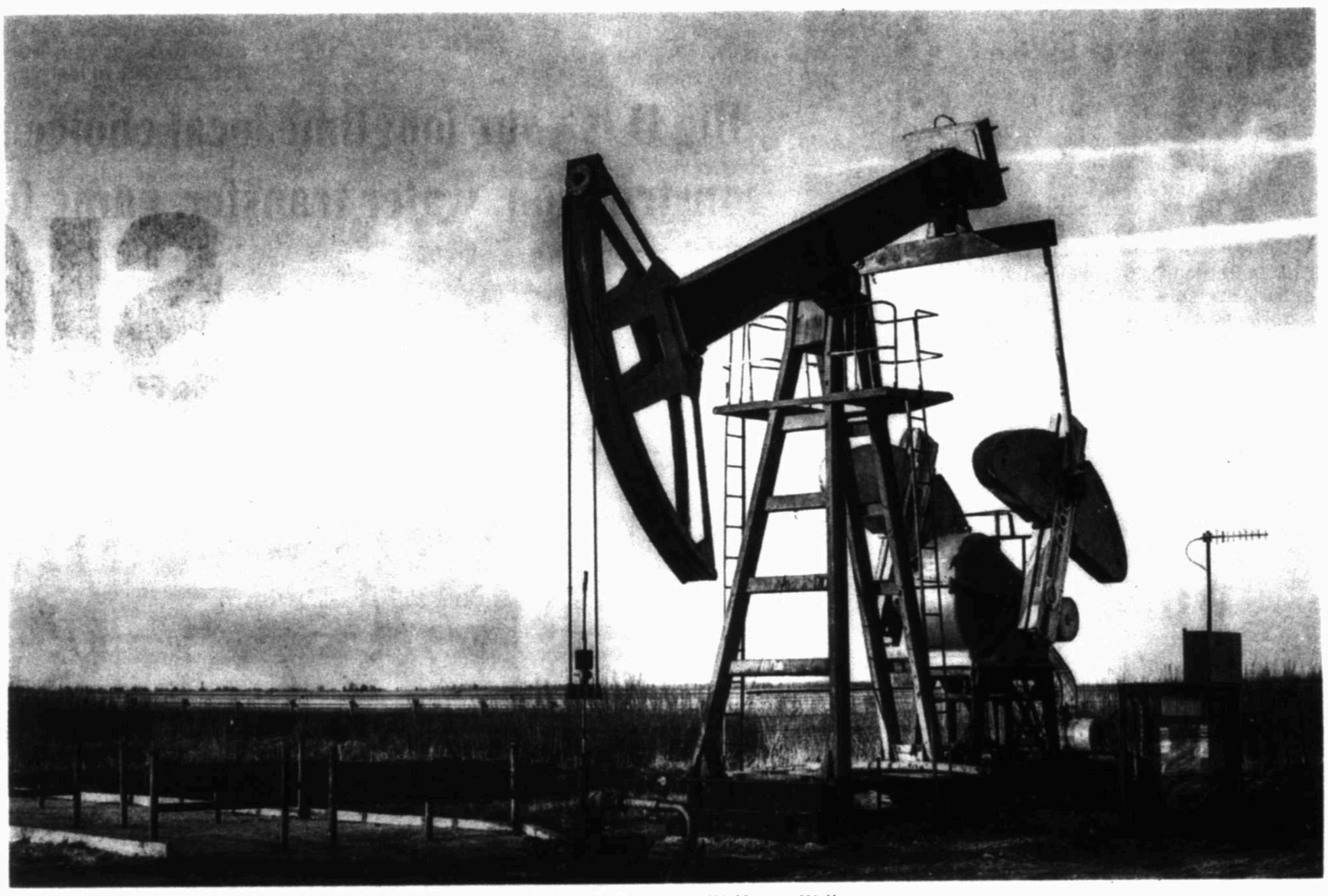
By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle



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HOUSTON — As shale-oil companies wrestle for the most productive U.S. acreage, one analyst said the unique geology of the Permian Basin could give producers a chance to double — or triple — down on their oil land.

Already, getting a spot in the core of the West Texas play isn't as crucial to oil production and profits as it is in, say, the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, where a relatively small sliver of land holds most of the easy-to-reach crude and a handful of operators have cornered the most lucrative bounty.

Operators in the Permian's Wolfcamp Shale that have focused on the field tend to perform much better in the region than companies that have recently moved in or only spend a fraction of their drilling budgets in the play, said Benjamin Shattuck, an analyst with Houston energy research firm Wood Mackenzie, in a press briefing last week.

"It's not based on location," Shattuck said. "It boiled down to attention to the Permian: How long have these operators been operating in the Permian and, if they hadn't been operating in the Permian for long, how focused are they?"

Wood Mackenzie showed that operators with at least five years of proprietary drilling or that spend around 70 percent of their North American budgets in the Wolfcamp have seen as much as six times the oil production per 1,000 foot lateral drilling lengths, measured over 10 months.

At the end of 10 months at one end of the West Texas basin, Apache Corp., EOG Resources and Pioneer Natural Resources had a production rate of between 11,000 and 13,000 barrels of oil equivalent per 1,000-foot laterals, while a group of newer producers in the play pumped 2,000 to 3,000 barrels, according to Wood Mackenzie.

But in the future, increasing the value of the West Texas oil land may rest in geology, and how well the operators understand it. Two years ago, oil companies began drilling into layers of oil above and below the thick band of oil-soaked rock known as the Wolfcamp, now known as "Bench B." Though the two other layers aren't as productive as the original column, they could make the play much more lucrative for operators.

One of the first companies to explore the layers of rock was Pioneer Natural Resources, an Irving, Texas-based oil producer that has drilled wells in the Permian for decades.

"As operators have been out there for the past couple of years, they've been exploring up and down the stratigraphic column," Shattuck said. "The results in these benches continue to improve."

Oil companies that develop the three benches from singular areas could "compound the value" of their land by cutting down significantly on per-acreage costs. That trend could put two key plays in the Permian in the top five most lucrative regions in the United States, he said.

"We haven't seen an operator put all of this together yet, but we've certainly seen operators make strong headwinds," he said. "If we were having this conversation two years ago, we wouldn't be talking about benches."

The value of undeveloped acreage in the Wolfcamp could increase to about $50,000 per acre, behind the Eagle Ford and the Marcellus (both worth around $70,000 per acre). But it would rank above the Bakken Shale in North Dakota (valued at $30,000 per acre), according to Wood Mackenzie data.

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Posted	$100.10
Flint Hills Resources*	$101.00
Phillips 66	$101.02
Plains*	$101.00
Shell Trading	$101.00
Sun*	$100.75
NYMEX futures	$103.66

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Note: Posted prices as of June 11, 2014

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Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 6/11/14	Same period one year ago
NYMEX future price	$4.619	$4.508	$3.724
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$4.280	$4.485	$3.765
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$4.338	$4.463	$3.600
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$4.250	$4.485	$3.718
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$4.510	$4.480	$3.690
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	$4.240	$4.407	$3.640
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$4.560	$4.518	$3.803

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Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	1
Concho	0
Crockett	12
Irion	20
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	29
Runnels	2
Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	36

DIST. #8

Andrews	29
Brewster	0
Crane	6
Culberson	10
Ector	21
Glasscock	37
Howard	19
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	23
Martin	52
Midland	36
Mitchell	0
Pecos	11
Presidio	0
Reeves	53
Sterling	2
Ward	18
Winkler	4

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	2
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	4
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	5
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	3
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	6
Terry	2
Yoakum	5
TEXAS TOTAL	460

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	44
Lea	35
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	79

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working on two or three other contracts from miners and sand providers, Khory said.

"This area is underserved," he said. "There's still a huge demand for more infrastructure to bring in proppants, sand, ceramics, chemicals and pipe." He added that the facility will become increasingly in demand as Permian Basin operators expand their activity and "this becomes a bigger and bigger play."

Having spent six years working in the Williston Basin, he said he has gained a good understanding of high oil field activity and how the railroads can be beneficial.

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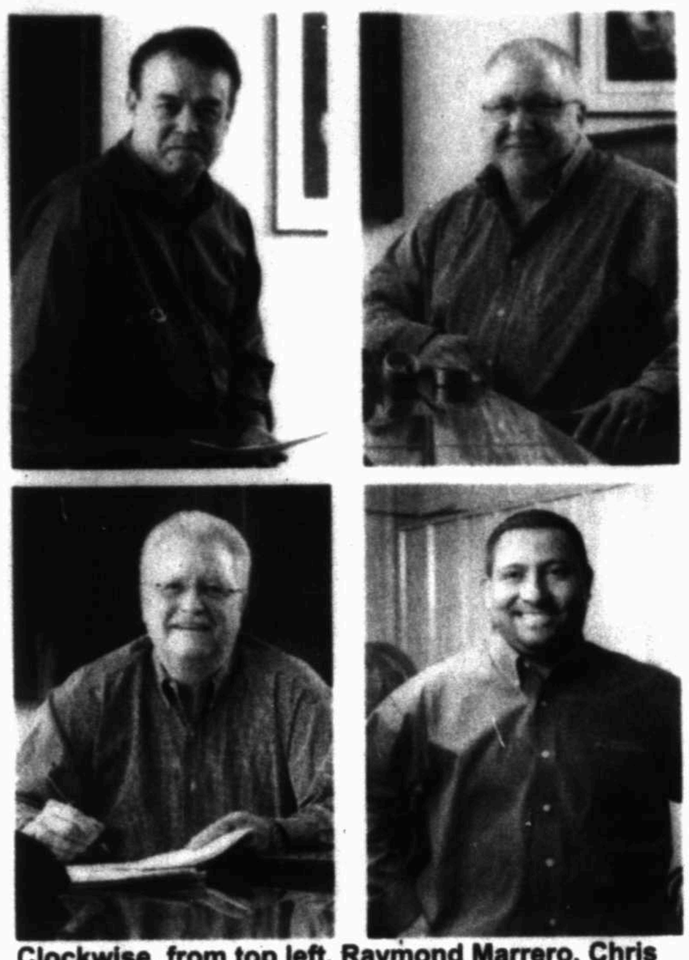

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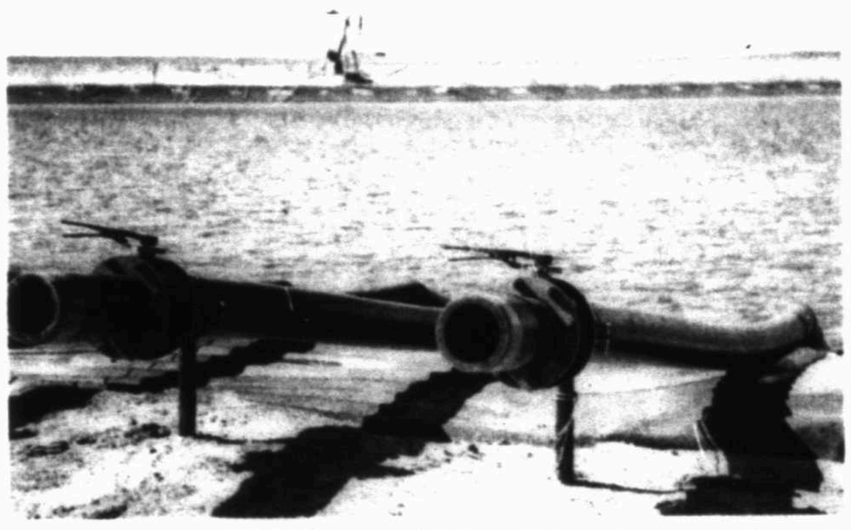

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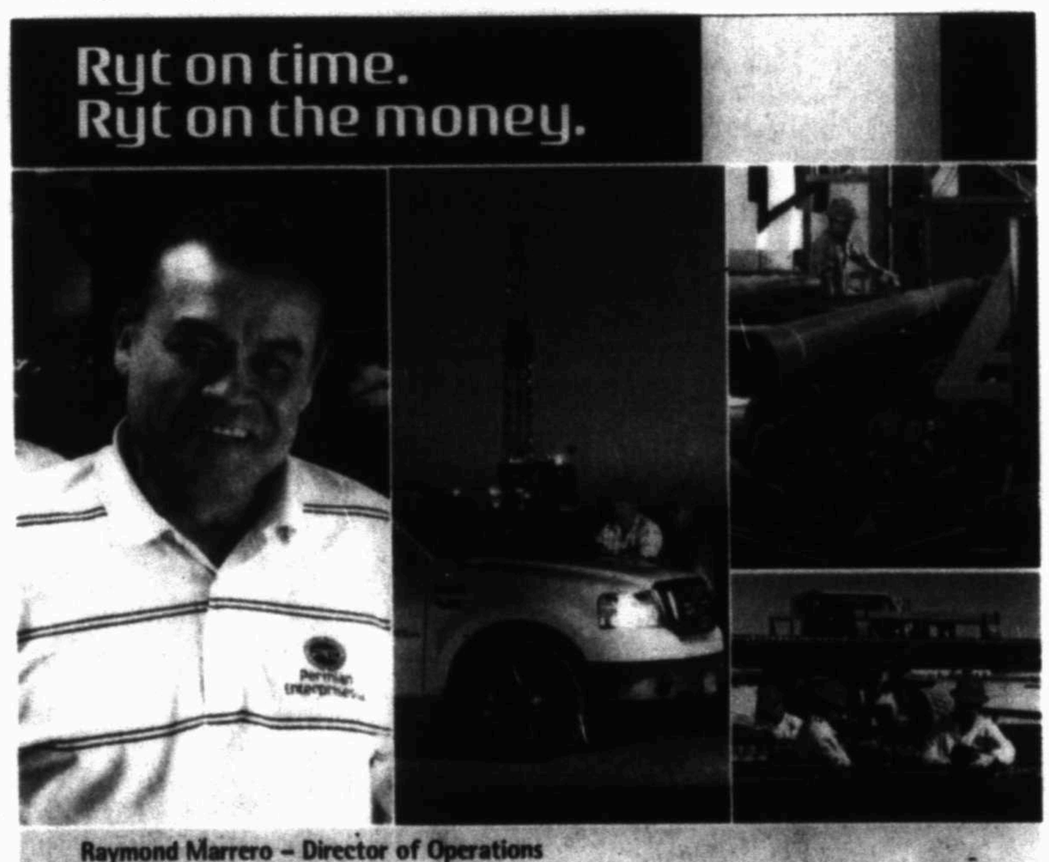

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Victaulic HDPE pipe joining system beats heat fusing

When installing HDPE pipe, the top priorities are to do it in a timely manner and to get secure connections. The Victaulic plain end HDPE pipe joining system excels at both.

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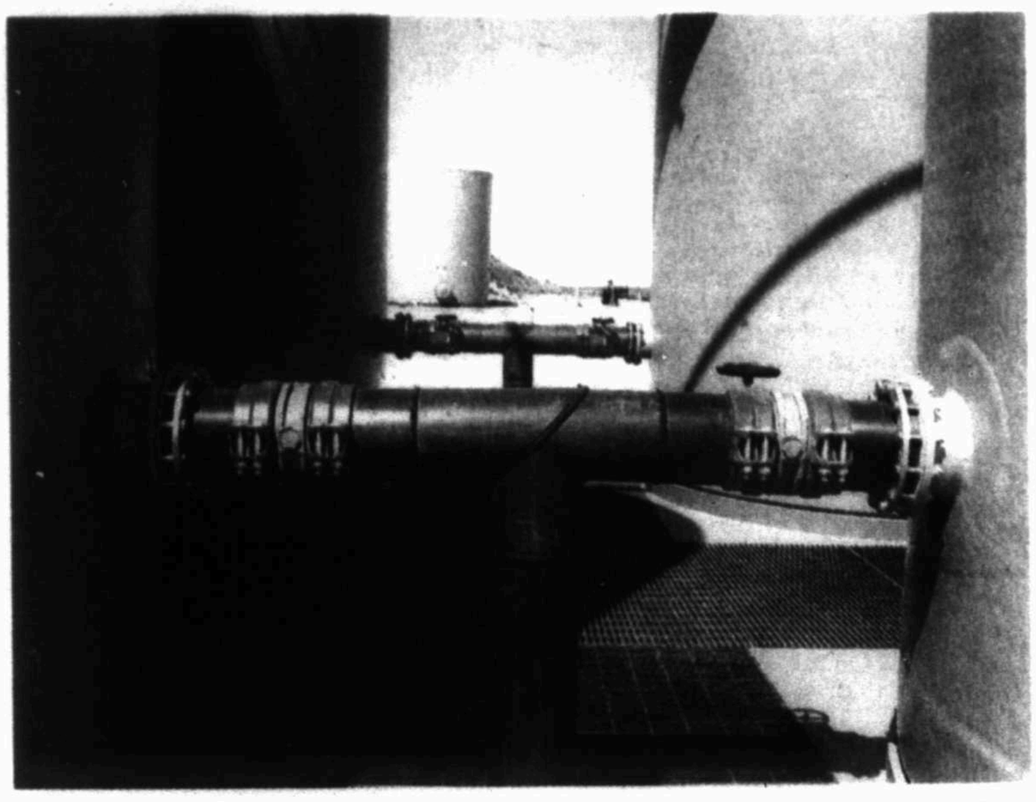

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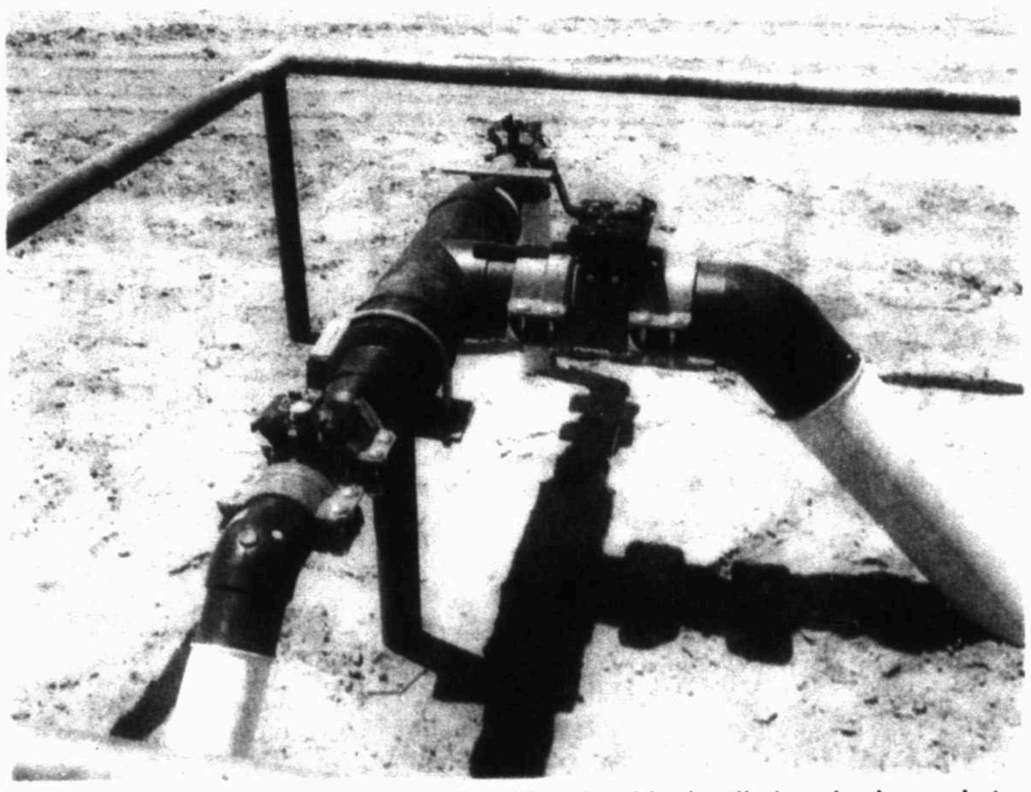

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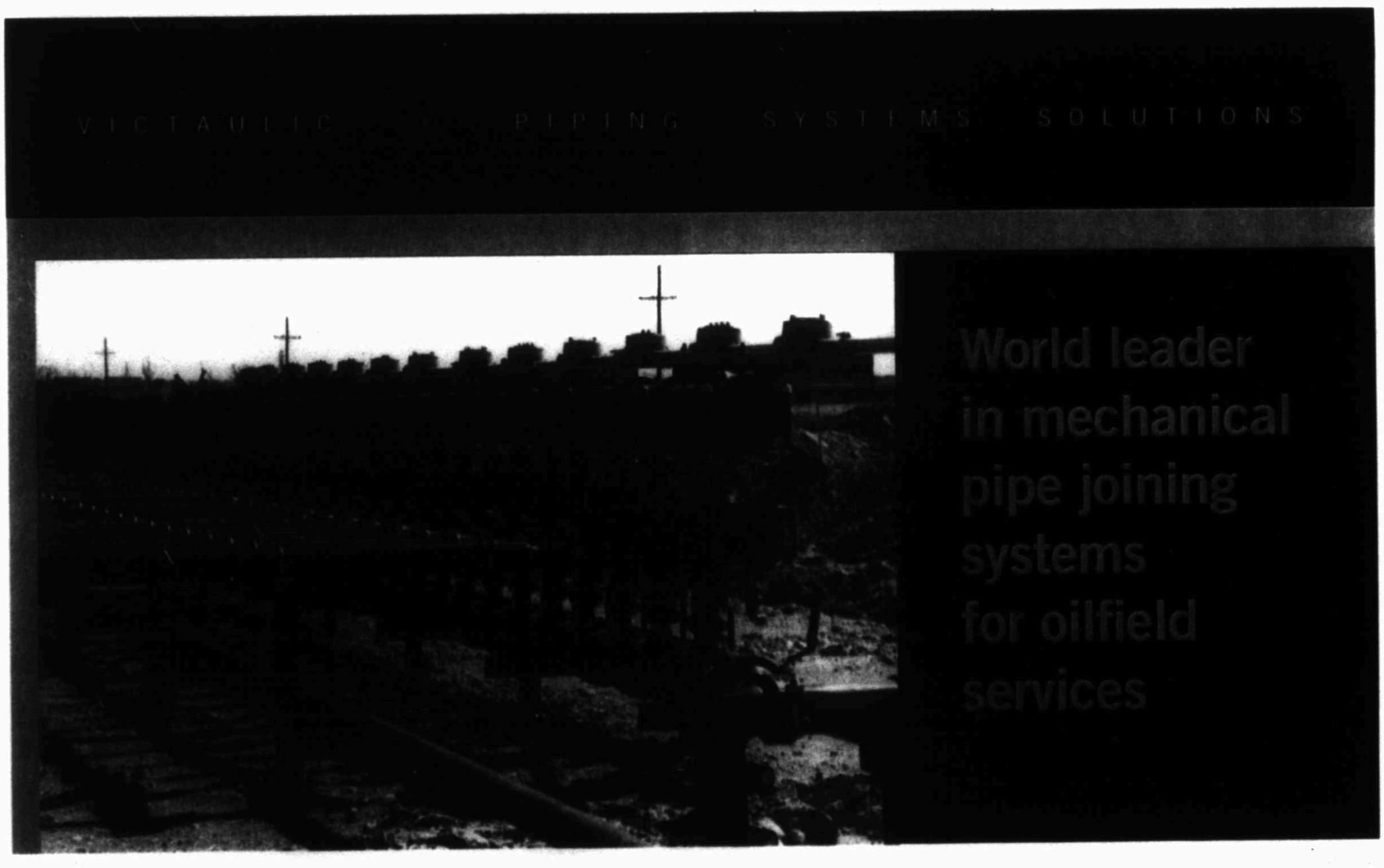

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John Christmann, Apache executive vice president and COO, North America, poses outside of the Apache Corporation in Houston on June 5.

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ON THE REBOUND

A tighter focus and smaller size are engines in Apache's turnaround

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

Just a few years ago, investors were a little surly toward Apache Corp.

The Houston-based oil and gas producer had missed production estimates, and it had a far-flung portfolio of assets that many investors viewed as more suited to an integrated oil major than a midsize exploration and production company.

During a two-year slide beginning in April 2011, the company's stock lost nearly half its value, falling from $133.37 per share to $68.84. In the same period, the S&P 500 rose 14 percent.

"To say sentiment was low would be an understatement," said John Freeman, an analyst at Raymond James & Associates. "There was almost no growth."

But today, Apache is rebounding. Freeman and others are praising a nearly finished series of steps that dramatically changed the shape of its portfolio.

The company is poised to take in more than $10 billion from a series of deals and divestitures that it began announcing in late 2012.

"We've taken some very decisive steps over the last year and a half," said John Christmann, Apache's executive vice president and chief operating officer for North America.

Those moves have put the company's focus on North American onshore production and have helped it return to the good graces of Wall Street.

"We're excited about where we are," Christmann said. "I think we have a strong future ahead of us."

During most of the last decade, Apache focused on growing internationally. Cash flow from U.S. assets provided funding to develop promising international work in Egypt, Australia and the North Sea.

At the same time, in a series of transactions from 2004 to 2010, Apache gradually built up its position in the Permian Basin of West Texas through acquisitions from Exxon Mobil Corp., Amerada Hess, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Marathon Oil Corp., Mariner Energy and BP.

But it also had assets in the Gulf of Mexico at a time when the offshore industry faced uncertainty in the wake of a massive oil spill, and heavy investments in Egypt as political turmoil there heated up.

Financial analysts said Apache lost credibility when it walked back ambitious production growth targets for 2013 just months after issuing them.

"Investors put Apache in the doghouse," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst with Edward Jones.

"Until a few years ago, it always lived within its means, but it invested more to capture growth. That's fine — if you're capturing it."

Freeman said growth is less important to investors in big integrated oil and gas companies like Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell because they pay their shareholders big dividends.

That's not the case with pure-play exploration and production businesses, and Apache's growth became lackluster at a time when rivals, including EOG Resources and Pioneer Natural Resources, were growing more quickly, Freeman said.

Executive pay vote

Investors feared Apache was taking on debt and issuing more shares of stock to fund expansion, thus diluting share value.

The frustration came to a head last year when shareholders voted down a proposal to increase executive pay.

Company leaders knew they needed to do something dramatic.

"We needed to put the whole portfolio in a position to highlight the powerhouse position we had in the North America," Christmann said.

Apache began shrinking its portfolio by divesting assets that weren't part of a North America-focused strategy aimed at producing cash flow or growth potential.

In a conference call with analysts at the end of 2012, Chief Executive G. Steven Farris said divestments would total around $2 billion and explained the tighter-focused strategy.

"We can't be all things to all people," he said, according to a transcript.

Raising the stakes

By the following quarter he had upped the ante, telling investors that asset sales could actually total $4 billion, and the company would use the money to pay down debt and repurchase shares.

"We are cognizant of the frustration our investors feel regarding our stock price performance and current value," Farris said during that early 2013 conference call. "We are shareholders, too."

In February of that year, it completed a deal with Chevron to become a 50-50 owner of Kitimat LNG, a liquefied natural gas project in western Canada.

As part of that deal, it sold a 50 percent stake in 644,000 undeveloped acres of natural gas basins that netted Apache $405 million.

It also announced three separate deals to sell Canadian assets for $326 million. Last September, Apache sold its shallow-water Gulf of Mexico properties to Fieldwood Energy, picking up $3.8 billion.

In November, it sold a one-third minority stake in its Egypt oil and gas business to China's Sinopec for nearly $3 billion.

The company completed the sale of assets in Argentina for $800 million in March.

That sale, Farris said at the time, essentially marked the end of the portfolio rebalancing.

More coming

But it turned out more deals were on the horizon.

A few weeks later Apache said it would sell more Canadian assets for $374 million. And three weeks ago it announced the sale of two development projects and 11 deep-water exploration blocks in the Gulf of Mexico for $1.4 billion.

All told, Apache's spate of divestitures is worth more than $10 billion — far more than any of the company's earlier public forecasts.

"We were putting everything on the table," Christmann said of the sell-off. "There were no sacred cows."

The quick transition impressed analysts.

"I think they were much more aggressive in the divestiture than anyone was expecting," Freeman said.

The moves have helped streamline the portfolio and allowed Apache to take steps to make itself more attractive to investors.

Last year, the company paid down $2.6 billion in debt. As of May, it has purchased $2.1 billion in stock — about 24.3 million shares — and its board has authorized even more buybacks. It's also increased dividends.

"We think management is doing exactly the right things," said Chris Kettenmann, an analyst at Prime Executions. "They've delivered on what they said."

Spending close to home

Today, North American onshore production represents more than 60 percent of Apache's business, up from 34 percent in 2009.

Freeman said the company's position in the Permian as well as in the Central — the term it uses to describe the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas — is large enough that Apache doesn't need to acquire more acreage. It can divert money that would have been spent abroad on accelerating production in those core areas.

If there's any downside to Apache's strategy, Freeman said, it's that the company has more exposure to U.S. oil and natural gas prices, which tend to be lower than those elsewhere.

Those prices could decline further if the government rejects calls to lift a 40-year-old rule banning most exports of U.S. crude oil.

But, Freeman noted, Apache's previous international strategy also exposed it to risks.

"I would think the pros definitely outweigh the cons of being North America-focused," Freeman said.

Today, the company is smaller than it was 18 months ago. The 2013 sales represented about 30 percent of its production assets.

"We believe our current portfolio gives Apache a tremendous foundation, with sustained, predictable, repeatable and profitable growth for the foreseeable future," Farris said during the first-quarter 2014 earnings call, according to a transcript.

1,000 positions gone

Its workforce of about 4,900 is down by more than 1,000 from the end of 2012. Christmann concedes that culturally those changes have been difficult but were necessary for the company to improve its position.

The stock has started to rebound — it ended last week at $94.31 — but it's still not back to its old form. Part of the reason, Freeman said, is that some investors worry that Apache has too big a stake in liquefied natural gas projects, which require years of investment before paying off.

But earlier this year, company officials said they hope to shrink their stake in the Kitimat LNG project further, and they've hinted they might want to reduce their position in Australia's Wheatstone LNG project as well.

"You've got to look at the size of your company, the size of your balance sheet and where you're going to generate the best returns," Christmann said.

Now, analysts and company officials agree, it's time to see whether the moves will pay off.

"They're repositioning their portfolio well," Youngberg said. "They'll need to execute on the strategy and make sure they don't overpromise and underdeliver."

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Chesapeake slashing debt with rig business spin off

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON – Chesapeake Energy will wipe $1.1 billion in debt off its books when it spins off its rig business this month, but it probably won't have any more silver bullets as it works to restore its balance sheet, analysts said Tuesday.

After the spinoff of its U.S. walking rig fleet into publicly traded Seventy Seven Energy later this month, the Oklahoma oil and gas producer may have opportunities for smaller asset sales. But for the most part, Chesapeake has to keep a steady pace to continue to pare down debt by spending within its budget, analysts told FuelFix.

Jason Wangler, an analyst at Wunderlich Securities, said Chesapeake likely didn't find any buyers for the rig fleet, probably because it has been working to get rid of certain assets quickly.

"They probably didn't get an offer they were happy with," Wangler said. "I don't think this is the option they wanted, in a perfect world. They wanted to get it out of the way as fast as possible."

The company's board on Monday officially approved the spin off and it is set to start trading on June 30. In addition to the transfer of $1.1 billion in debt to the younger company, Seventy Seven Energy also will pay Chesapeake a $400 million dividend.

Gordon Pennoyer, a spokesman for Chesapeake, declined to comment on the spin off.

Chesapeake had said its rigs are well suited to the wave of horizontal drilling in the United States, and an efficient"factory-style" drilling that oil and gas producers demand in modern shale operations. Most of the rig business's 16-percent sales growth last year came from its $897.8 million hydraulic fracturing segment and its $740.8 million drilling business.

Shareholders are disappointed the company didn't sell the $2.2 billion rig business for about $4 billion, but the spinoff is still a good deal for investors, Wangler said. He noted that the new company probably will be worth about $2 billion on the market. That's about a tenth of Chesapeake's market value, making the spin off the largest non-core asset the company can spare.

"They certainly haven't indicated they're teeing up" to sell more assets, he said.

But then again, Chesapeake may not have to sell much more. Rising natural gas prices have greatly helped the company's performance, said James Sullivan, an analyst with Alembic Global Advisors.

"They're not as strained as they were two years ago," Sullivan said. "At this point, they probably don't have to sell assets. They will try to make incremental decreases of debt, probably."

Chesapeake has pared down its debt since it peaked at $15.8 billion two years ago under former chairman and CEO Aubrey McClendon, who left last April amid scrutiny over rising debt and perks he had received. It had outspent its cash flow for years, becoming the second-largest natural gas producer in the United States — before natural gas prices plummeted in 2012.

As of March 31, the company has cut its long-term debt 20 percent to $12.7 billion, after laying off 10 percent of its workforce and making asset sales and divestitures it expects will amount to $4 billion this year.

The company's new top executive, CEO Doug Lawler, has taken the opposite approach, demanding that operations teams drilling in various shale plays compete for capital within the company's budget — which will be about $5.5 billion to $6 billion next year. If one segment can't compete on returns, they won't get the capital to grow.

"They'll spend within their cash flow," Sullivan said. "That's the mandate from on high. In terms of corporate management, it's nearly a 180-degree turn."

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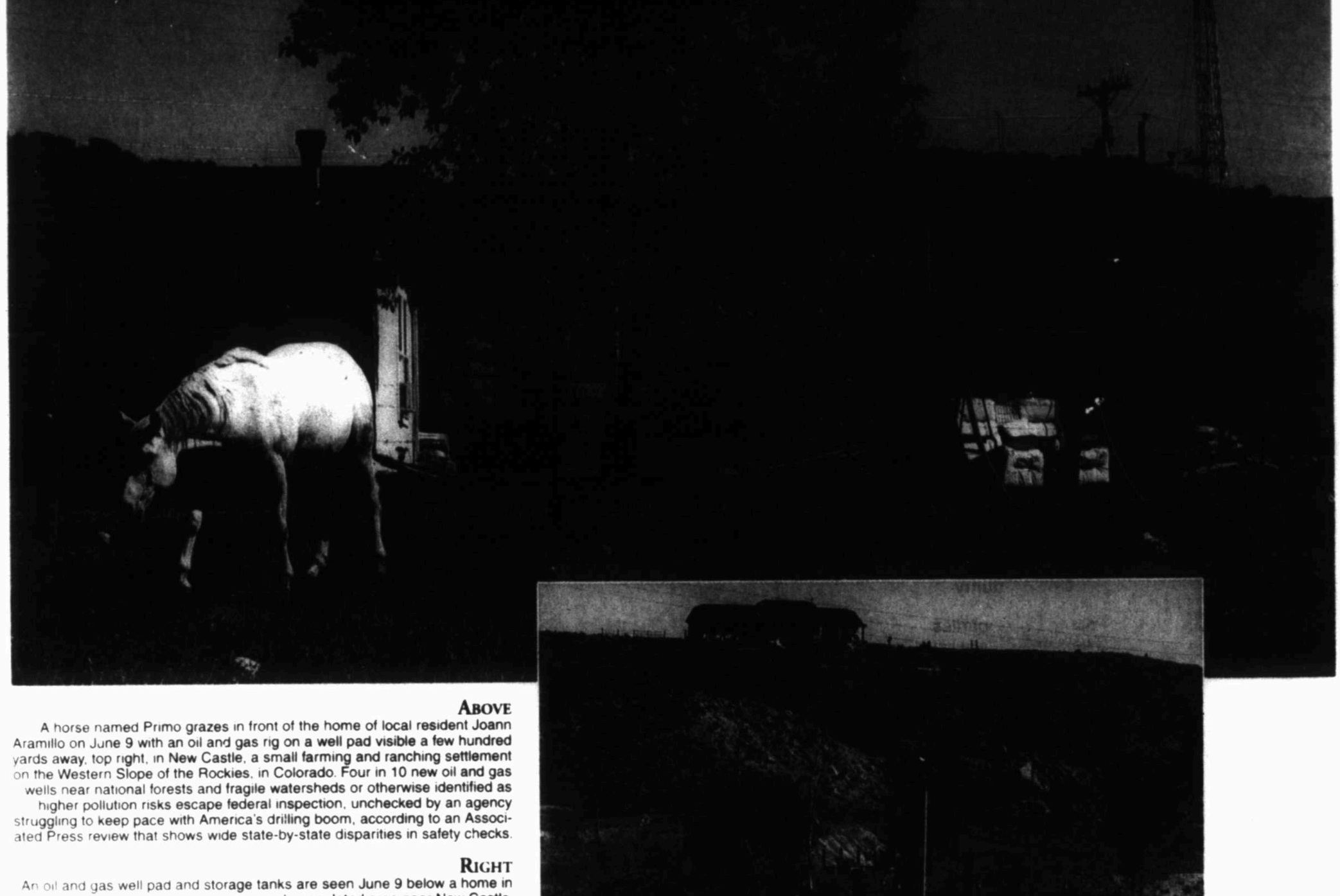

ABOVE

A horse named Primo grazes in front of the home of local resident Joann Aramillo on June 9 with an oil and gas rig on a well pad visible a few hundred yards away, top right, in New Castle, a small farming and ranching settlement on the Western Slope of the Rockies, in Colorado. Four in 10 new oil and gas wells near national forests and fragile watersheds or otherwise identified as higher pollution risks escape federal inspection, unchecked by an agency struggling to keep pace with America's drilling boom, according to an Associated Press review that shows wide state-by-state disparities in safety checks.

RIGHT

An oil and gas well pad and storage tanks are seen June 9 below a home in a sparsely-populated area near New Castle.

Brennan Linsley/AP

4 in 10 higher risk wells aren't inspected by feds

By Hope Yen and Thomas Peipert
Associated Press

NEW CASTLE, Colo. — Four in 10 new oil and gas wells near national forests and fragile watersheds or otherwise identified as higher pollution risks escape federal inspection, unchecked by an agency struggling to keep pace with America's drilling boom, according to an Associated Press review that shows wide state-by-state disparities in safety checks.

Roughly half or more of wells on federal and Indian lands weren't checked in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, despite potential harm that has led to efforts in some communities to ban new drilling.

In New Castle, a tiny Colorado River valley community, homeowners expressed chagrin at the large number of uninspected wells, many on federal land, that dot the steep hillsides and rocky landscape. Like elsewhere in the West, water is a precious commodity in this Colorado town, and some residents worry about the potential health hazards of any leaks from wells and drilling.

"Nobody wants to live by an oil rig. We surely didn't want to," said Joann Jaramillo, 54.

About 250 yards up the hill from Jaramillo's home, on land that was a dormant gravel pit when she bought the house eight years ago, is an active drilling operation that operates every day from 7 a.m. until sometimes 10:30 p.m. Jaramillo said the drilling began about three years ago.

Even if the wells were inspected, she questioned whether that would ensure their safety. She said many view the oil and gas industry as self-policing and nontransparent.

"Who are they going to report to?" she asked.

Government data obtained by the AP point to the Bureau of Land Management as so overwhelmed by a boom in a new drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that it has been unable to keep up with inspections of some of the highest priority wells. That's an agency designation based on a greater need to protect against possible water contamination and other environmental and safety issues.

Factors also include whether the well is near a high-pressure formation or whether the drill operator lacks a clear track record of service.

"No one would have predicted the incredible boom of drilling on federal lands, and the number of wells we've been asked to process," said the BLM's deputy director, Linda Lance. Since fracking reached a height in 2009, about 90 percent of new wells on federal land are drilled by the process, which involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground.

"The current rate of inspections is simply not acceptable to us," she said.

The agency oversees 100,000 oil and gas wells on public lands, 3,486 of which received the high priority designation.

According to BLM records for fiscal years 2009 to 2012, 1,400 of those high priority wells, spread across 13 states, were not federally inspected. Wyoming had the most, 632, or 45 percent. South Dakota had 1 out of 2 wells uninspected, and Pennsylvania had 1 out of 6.

All the higher risk wells were inspected in six states — Alabama, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio and Texas.

Many more wells are located on private lands, where state officials take the lead in ensuring they comply with environmental laws, with mixed results. Nationwide, there were nearly 500,000 producing gas wells in 2012, according to Energy Information Administration data. More than 1,800 new wells were being drilled in March alone.

Dennis Willis, a former BLM field officer in Price, Utah, says he routinely provided input on oil leasing and drilling decisions on federal land before his retirement in 2009. He described a situation of chronic underfunding dating to at least the early 2000s, when BLM management made clear that issuing new permits would be a priority over other tasks, according to a 2002 memorandum from supervisors in Utah to field officers. At the time, fracking was becoming more widely used.

"There certainly wasn't a shortage of spills, leaks, pipeline failures and other problems," said Willis, who now does consulting work for conservation and other groups.

"It's a disaster waiting to happen," he said.

In interviews, BLM officials acknowledged persistent problems in keeping up with inspections, but said they were not aware of any major safety issues to date arising from the uninspected wells.

Lance said BLM field managers are making judgment calls to minimize the risk of potential harm to surrounding communities. The agency also is reviewing whether it needs to slow down the pace of permits to ensure public safety.

Officials noted that money provided by Congress for oil and gas operations has declined since 2007. During that period, the number of wells drilled on federal and Indian lands has increased by roughly one-third.

"We're trying to do the best we can with limited resources," Lance said.

If approved by Congress, the BLM's 2015 budget request of $150 million for oil and gas operations would allow the agency to conduct the bulk of its required inspections over three years, in part by collecting fees from oil and gas companies. Unlike past years, $48 million will be earmarked for inspections. The BLM made similar budget requests the last several years with little success.

The BLM has sought to add inspectors, but that has proved challenging in places such as Utah, where most wells are drilled on federal land. While a petroleum engineer could get a starting salary of $90,000 in the private sector, the BLM typically pays $35,000. This year's appropriations bill would allow the BLM to increase inspector salaries to around $44,000.

The public concern is evident in Colorado, where increased drilling into suburban and rural areas has led community groups to push nearly a dozen oil and gas local control initiatives for the November ballot. Of the wells drilled from 2009-2012, the BLM designated more than 400 on federal and Indian lands in Colorado as high priority, the third highest behind Wyoming and North Dakota. More than 160 of Colorado's uninspected high-priority wells are near New Castle, on the edge of the White River National Forest.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper has been seeking a legislative compromise that could satisfy concerns over health and safety impacts of fracking.

Regulators contend that overall, water and air pollution problems from fracking are rare, but environmental groups and some scientists say there hasn't been enough research on those issues.

Jaramillo said residents in the canyon have mixed feelings about fracking.

"The people that really like it are the people who are getting money out of it," she said. "The people who don't are really worried about — Is it going to ruin the water? Is it going to ruin the land? Is it going to ruin the air?"

A neighbor, Kory Kipferl, owns a 10-acre property adjacent to federal land dotted with active wells on gravel pads. He said he's accepted what he called a need for domestic drilling — but he's concerned about the water table.

"Once we start puncturing the water table, that could cause problems, whether you're drilling for gas, oil, water, whatever," Kipferl said.

The BLM dataset is more extensive than what was reviewed recently by the Government Accountability Office, and filtered to remove duplicate well entries that yielded an overcount. In a recent report, auditors said the BLM needed to do a better job of coordinating with state regulators. In Pennsylvania, for instance, the one well that went uninspected by the BLM had been checked multiple times by the state.

Still, it's not clear how willing states are to take up the federal task.

"To say that we're going to start inspecting federal wells is just above and beyond what we could do," said John Rogers, associate director of Utah's Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, pointing to his small staff. He said companies will inspect their own equipment in order to protect their investment, so it's likely that at least some of Utah's 200-plus wells that weren't inspected by BLM are checked by someone.

"We're certainly not going to second-guess people's inspections," Rogers said of the BLM.

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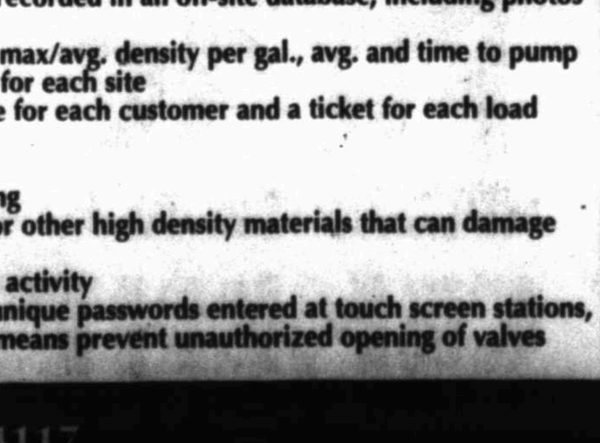

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University of Texas "245" #4
Farmer (San Andres); 350 fel, 1691 fnl, Sec 4, Blk 46, Abst. 438U, ULS, 14 se Big Lake; TD 2377; Comp 5/16/2014; producing from 1943-2186, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 32 BO, 8 BW, 29.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41943

Irion County

EOG Resources Inc.
Munson "B" #1802H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 1063 fel, Sec 18, Abst. 1125, WC RR, 6.5 ne Barnhart; TD 6522 TVD, 16259 MD; Comp 5/13/2014; producing from 6701-16176, fracture stimulated; gas lift 939 BO, 1155 MCF, 1012 BW on open choke, FTP 300 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35579

EOG Resources Inc.
Munson "B" #1801H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 1103 fel, Sec 18, Abst. 1125, WC RR, 6.5 ne Barnhart; TD 6859 TVD, 16925 MD; Comp 5/13/2014; producing from 7076-16846, fracture stimulated; gas flow 931 BW, 1284 MCF, 1023 BW on open choke, FTP 380 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35578

Reagan County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Pettit "14" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 567 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 14, Blk L, Abst. 431, TC RR, 1 w Stiles; TD 11085; Comp 5/16/2014; producing from 7656-10910, fracture stimulated; flow 110 BO, 704 MCF, 186 BW on 21/64 inch choke, FTP 700 psi, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38479

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
E.F. King #31
Fuhrman (Glorieta); 330 fsl, 2629 fwl, Sec 10, Blk A-42, Abst. 1961, PSL, 7.8 sw Andrews; TD 6225; Comp 5/31/2014; producing from 5562-6102, treated with acid; pump 3 BO, 2 MCF, 558 BW, 30.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46067

Capstone Natural Resources LLC
Elizabeth M. Armstrong et al #7
Block A-34 (San Andres); 300 fnl, 400 fel, Sec 18, Blk A-34, PSL, 12 n Andrews; TD 4905; Comp 5/21/2014; producing from 4580-4735, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 174 BO, 43 MCF, 500 BW, 32.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46218

Howard County

Athlon Holdings LP
Wynn Farms "23" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1709 fnl, 1088 fel, Sec 28, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 1019, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Spring; TD 9355; Comp 5/12/2014; producing from 6610-8960; pump 75 BO, 187 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37807

Martin County

Energen Resources Corporation
Ackerly Dyer "19" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 567 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 22, T&P RR, 3.8 sw Ackerly; TD 11214; Comp 5/15/2014; producing from 7406-11053, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 150 BO, 540 BW, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-39169

Midland County

Henry Resources LLC
Gwendolyn #1311D
Parks (Consolidated); 3294 fel, 3994 fnl, Sec 24, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 1114, T&P RR, 8.4 e Odessa; TD 11131 TVD, 11849 MD; Comp 5/21/2014; producing from 8940-11785, fracture stimulated; pump 31 BO, 30 MCF, 306 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-38916

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell Clearfork Unit #536
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 2762 fnel, 9899 fwl, Sec 454, Blk G, Abst. 628, CCSD&RGNG, 6 sw Denver City; TD 7937; Comp 5/19/2014; producing from 6423-7748, treated with acid; pump 142 BO, 10 MCF, 780 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37963

Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties
Swenson #2
Post (Glorieta); 400 fel, 1650 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 8, Abst. 113, H&GN RR, 12 e Post; TD 2770; Comp 5/20/2014; producing from 2559-2622, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 35.5 BO, 45 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34146

Palmer Oil Properties
I.N. McCrary "A" #6
Post (Glorieta); 611 fwl, 1896 fsl, Sec 83, Blk 5, Abst. 44, GH&H RR, 9.5 e Post; TD 3098; Comp 5/18/2014; producing from 2911-2989, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 12.5 BO, 105 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34140

Palmer Oil Properties
I.N. McCrary "A" #5
Post (Glorieta); 611 fwl, 2159 fnl, Sec 83, Blk 5, Abst. 44, GH&H RR, 9.5 e Post; TD 3113; Comp 5/15/2014; producing from 2910-2999, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 11 BO, 110 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34141

New Mexico

Eddy County

RSC Resources LP
Lucky Wolf 30 Fed Com #1
Dog Canyon; Sec 30 T16S R28E; 860/S & 100/W. BHL: 1108/S & 340/W; EL 3504 GL, TD 10980 MD, TVD 6425; Spud 7-10-09, Comp 8-17-09; production is through treated perfs: 6724-10851. Treat: Frac w/1135 bbls 15% HCL, 38492 bbls 20# gel, 510350 lbs 20/40 sd, 733729 lbs 30/50 sd. IP: 9-7-09 Pump 24 hrs 400 BO, 310 BW, 529 MCF, GOR 1322, Gty 44. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 548 w/600 sx, 7 @ 5785 w/1300 sx, 4 1/2 @ 5547-10900, 2 7/8 @ 5346; API #30-015-37105

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #8
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1620/S & 2270/W; EL 3679 GL, TD 4326, PBTD 4288; Spud 11-15-13, Comp 12-20-13; production is through treated perfs: 3443-4098. Treat: 206,472 gals 20#, 264,768# sd, 3750 gals acid, 3318 gals gel. IP: 1-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 76 BO, 483 BW, 97 MCF, GOR 1276, Gty 38. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 420 w/290 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4326 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4131; API #30-015-41492

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #67
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 140/N & 1520/E. BHL: 359/N & 1674/E; EL 3680 GL, TD 4520, PBTD 4467; Spud 11-15-13, Comp 12-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 3459-4137. Treat: 199,836 gals 20#, 237,206# sd, 3678 gals acid, 3318 gals gel. IP: 1-22-13 Pump 24 hrs 62 BO, 451 BW, 112 MCF, GOR 1806, Gty 39.5. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 510 w/370 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4520 w/690 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4258; API #30-015-41680

SM Energy Co.
East Shugart Delaware Unit #35
Shugart; Sec 24 T18S R31E; 150/N & 1625/E; EL 3716 GL, TD 5512, PBTD 5420; Spud 9-20-13, Comp 11-4-13; production is through treated perfs: 5055-5251. Treat: 2014 bbls gelled fluid, 79,920# 16/30 mesh, 30,019# 16/30 SLC. IP: 11-16-13 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 168 BW, 10 MCF, GOR 227, Gty 41.4. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 1027 w/637 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5512 w/810 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5258; API #30-015-41616

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Martha AIK Federal #8
Livingston Ridge; Sec 11 T22S R31E; 430/N & 200/E. BHL: 497/N & 1650/W; EL 3546 GL, TD 11475, PBTD 11445; Spud 10-1-13, Comp 1-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 8543-11420. Treat: Acdz w/33,500 gals 7.5% HCL, Frac w/1,736,721# 20/40 white sd. IP: 1-5-14 Pump 24 hrs 197 BO, 1336 BW, 204 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 714 w/630 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4449 w/1030 sx, 7 @ 7700 w/950 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7481-11470 w/290 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7538; API #30-015-39733

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton 18 Federal #8
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 150/S & 1700/E. BHL: 336/N & 1714/E; EL 3503 GL, TD 14468 MD, 10011 TVD, PBTD 14371 MD, 10016 TVD; Spud 7-22-13, Comp 1-2-14; production is through treated perfs: 10460-14320. IP; 1-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 457 BO, 330 BW, 1218 MCF, 22/64" Ch, TP 1500. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 930 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4207 w/2150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14460 w/2100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9098; API #30-015-41343

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Bellatrix 28 Federal #4
East Hackberry; Sec 29 T19S R31E; 1510/S & 200/E. BHL: 928/S & 348/E; EL 3482 Gl, TD 14354 MD, 9095 TVD, PBTD 14,196; Spud 6-6-13, Comp 10-4-13; production is through treated perfs: 9630-14171. Treat: Acdz w/894,000# 20/40 white sd, 398,800 100 mesh white sd, 267,780# Super LC 40/70. IP: 1-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 934 BO, 919 BW, 789 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 610 w/1045 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2406 w/1685 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4245 w/1437 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14,354 w/2280 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8764; API #30-015-40334

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #387
Poker Lake; Sec 18 T25S R31E; 660/N & 200/W. BHL: 659/N & 2447/E; EL 3353 GL, TD 15602 MD, 7720 TVD; Spud 10-4-13, Comp 12-9-13; production is through treated perfs: 8301-15554. Treat: Frac w/77628 bbls fluid, 311202# propant across 24 stages. IP: 12-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 134 BO, 2247 BW, 235 MCF, GOR 1754, Gty 39.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 936 w/860 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4115 w/1600 sx, 7 @ 8177 w/840 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8057-15610, 2 7/8 @ 7473; API #30-015-41185

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #422
Corral Canyon; Sec 18 T25S R30E; 1980/S & 660/E. BHL: 1885/S & 2493/E; EL 3188 Gl, TD 15868 MD, 7460 TVD; Spud 8-31-13, Comp 12-11-13; production is through perfs: 14283-15811. IP: 12-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 183 BO, 1629 BW, 50 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 978 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3604 w/1200 sx, 7 @ 7583 w/730 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7460-15868; API #30-015-41056

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
East Lusk 15 Federal Com #3
East Lusk; Sec 15 T19S R32E; 2280/N & 330/E. BHL: 1808/S & 323/E; EL 3631 GL, TD 13912 MD, 9457 TVD, PBTD 13909 MD; Spud 6-15-13, Comp 8-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 9540-13880. Treat: 1731179 gals total fluid, 2715462# sd. IP: 9-2-13 Pump 24 hrs 573 BO, 526 BW, 861 MCF, Gty 38.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1178 w/940 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4736 w/1890 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13912 w/2100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9154; API #30-025-41179

Apache Corp.
West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #142
North Eunice; Sec 9 T21S R37E; 205/S & 535/E. BHL: 43/S & 333/E; EL 3466 GL, TD 6856, PBTD 6806; Spud 10-9-13, Comp 11-11-13; production is through perfs: 5616-6639. IP: 11-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 32 BO, 192 BW, 24 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1329 w/505 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6856 w/1320 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6706; API #30-025-41262

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #722
North Eunice; Sec 15 T21S R37E; 40/S & 1865/E. BHL: 40/S & 1980/E; EL 3411 GL, TD 6850, PBTD 6800; Spud 11-1-13, Comp 12-13-13; production is through treated perfs: 5551-5950, 6020-6104, 6595-6661. Treat: 14,226 gals acid, 76,306 gals SS-30, 280,393# sd, 16,002 gals gel. IP: 12-19-13 Pump 24 hrs 38 BO, 349 BW, 102 MCF, GOR 2684, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1263 w/460 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6850 w/1260 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6710; API #30-025-41277

XTO Energy Inc.
Estancia SED #2
West Triple X; Sec 31 T23S R33E; 330/S & 660/W. BHL: 331/N & 620/W; EL 3641 GL, TD 15,403, PBTD 14,146; Spud 3-9-13, Comp 8-13-13; production is through treated perfs: 10098-12813. Treat: Frac w/100,000# 20/50 CRC sd & 68,000 gals FW. IP: 9-7-13 Flow 24 hrs 277 BO, 725 BW, 933 MCF, 17/64" Ch, TP 1700, GOR 3,368.23, Gty 41.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1225 w/985 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5065 w/1688 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14171 w/865 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9605; API #30-025-41002

COG Producing LLC
Bimini 8 Federal Com #2
Mesa Verde; Sec 8 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1655/E. BHL: 301/S & 1694/E; EL 3650 GL, TD 12828 MD, 8573 TVD, PBTD 12797 MD, 8573 TVD; Spud 7-26-13, Comp 10-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 8740-12724, 12760-12770. Treat: 24420 gals 7.5% acid, 2157893# sd, 1797558 gals fluid. IP: 10-9-13 Pump 24 hrs 659 BO, 1584 BW, 900 MCF. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1081 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4683 w/1475 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12800 w/2150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8055; API #30-025-41130

ConocoPhillips Co.
Buck 20 Federal #6
Jennings; Sec20 T26S R32E; 55/N & 2659/E. BHL: 343/S & 2285/W; EL 3177 GL, TD 13470 MD, 8836 TVD, PBTD 13470 MD, 8836 TVD; Spud 2-13-13, Comp 8-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 9178-13411. Treat: 2,614,516# proppants. IP: 10-2-13 Pump 24 hrs 550 BO, 740 BW, 1700 MCF, GOR 3091, Gty 49. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1052 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4480 w/1460 sx, 7 @ 9144 w/440 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8723-13436, 2 7/8 @ 8720; API #30-025-40902

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
HT 18 Federal #4
West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 2410/S & 330/W; EL 3946 GL, TD 7007, PBTD 6963; Spud 9-27-13, Comp 10-31-13; production is through treated perfs: 5300-6708. Treat: 2388016 gals fluid, 950447# sd. IP: 11-8-13 Flow 24 hrs 200 BO, 1125 BW, 287 MCF, 64/64" Ch, CP 90. Gty 36.6. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 721 w/430 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1965 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7007 w/795 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5348; API #30-025-40252

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Chaparral 33 Federal Com #4
Quail Ridge; Sec 33 T19S R34E; 330/N & 2010/E. BHL: 338/S & 2026/E; EL 3691 Gl, TD 15306, PBTD 15303; Spud 7-4-13, Comp 8-24-13; production is through treated perfs: 10620-15773. Treat: 1522397 gals fluid, 2416176# sd. IP: 9-23-13 Flow 24hrs 346 BO, 305 BW, 440 MCF, Open Ch, TP 100, GOR 1271. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1740 w/1450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5480 w/1900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15371 w/2225 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10344; API #30-025-40328

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #429
North Eunice; Sec 10 T21S R37E; 1465/N & 2340/W; EL 3453 GL, TD 6900, PBTD 6858; Spud 10-9-13, Comp 11-8-13; production is through perfs: 5723-6709. IP: 11-20-13 Pump 24 hrs 19 BO, 16 BW, 115 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1336 w/475 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6900 w/1300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6752; API #30-025-41258

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #65
Triple X; Sec 33 T23S R33E; 124/S & 1058/E. BHL: 4962/S & 710/E; EL 3648 GL, TD 15,772 MD, PBTD 15,669; Spud 8-12-13, Comp 9-22-13; production is through treated perfs: 11529-15604. Treat: 10 stage frac: 2,026,665# 30/50 WS, 40,000 gals 15% HCL, 894,681# 100 mesh, 592,254# 20/40 mesh & 1,319,901 gals slick wtr. IP: 10-17-13 Flow 24hrs 808 BO, 568 BW, 734 MCF, TP 700. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1327 w/1180 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5275 w/1669 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15751 w/1960 sx; API #30-025-41303

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Cascade 29 Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 29 T25S R33E; 330/N & 1905/W. BHL: 340/S & 2129/W; EL 3417 GL, TD 14248 MD, 9876 TVD, PBTD 14248 MD; Spud 10-3-13, Comp 11-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 9730-14220. Treat: 6845790 gals fluid, 6850209# sd. IP: 12-18-13 Flow 24 hrs 305 BO, 1080 BW, 627 MCF, 24/64" Ch, TP 775, CP 350, Gty 44.5. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1000 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4918 w/1800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14248 w/2550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9332; API #30-025-41240

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hallertau 4 Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 4 T26S R32E; 330/N & 2180/E. BHL: 285/S & 1679/E; EL 3306 Gl, TD 13948 MD, 9463 TVD, PBTD 13939 MD; Spud 9-10-13, Comp 11-26-13; production is through treated perfs: 12086-13869. Treat: 2688654 gals fluid, 2590900# sd. IP: 12-17-13 Flow 24 hrs 287 BO, 652 BW, 978 MD, 28/64 Ch, TP 659, CP 272, Gty 47.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1255 w/1150 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4555 w/1800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13948 w/1850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8926; API #30-025-40474

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Salado Draw 9 DM Federal Com #1
Red Hills; Sec 9 T26S R33E; 320/N & 330/W BHL: 330/S & 510/W; El 3327 GL, TD 14040 MD, 9857 TVD, PBTD 13975 MD, 9860 TVD; Spud 10-1-13, Comp 12-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 10090-13892 MD, 9817-9864 TVD. Treat: rac w/22,241 gals acid, 5,091,996 gals slickwater carrying 3,794,466# 100 mesh sd & 2859513# 40/70 white sd. IP: 12-3-13 Flow 24 hrs 421 BO, 2483 BW, 622 MCF, CP 530, GOR 1477, Gty 43.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 990 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4905 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14015 w/2350 sx; API #30-025-41142

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APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 255HB BAKER B, 6502 FSL 6010 FWL, SEC 2, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 259HC BAKER B, 6502 FSL 6030 FWL, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 253HC BAKER B, 6502 FSL 5330 FWL, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 705HC UNIVERSITY 45 A, 2350 FSL 1180 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U411 7800', 18 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 715HB UNIVERSITY 45 A, 2350 FSL 1760 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U411 7800', 18 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 713HC UNIVERSITY 45 A, 2350 FSL 1740 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, UNIV LAND SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 709HB UNIVERSITY 45 A, 2350 FSL 1200 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U411 7800', 18 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 50-12, 235 FSL 831 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 50, UL SUR., A-U509 9000', 25 NW OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY 50-12, 235 FSL 791 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 50, UL SUR. 9000', 25 NW OZONA

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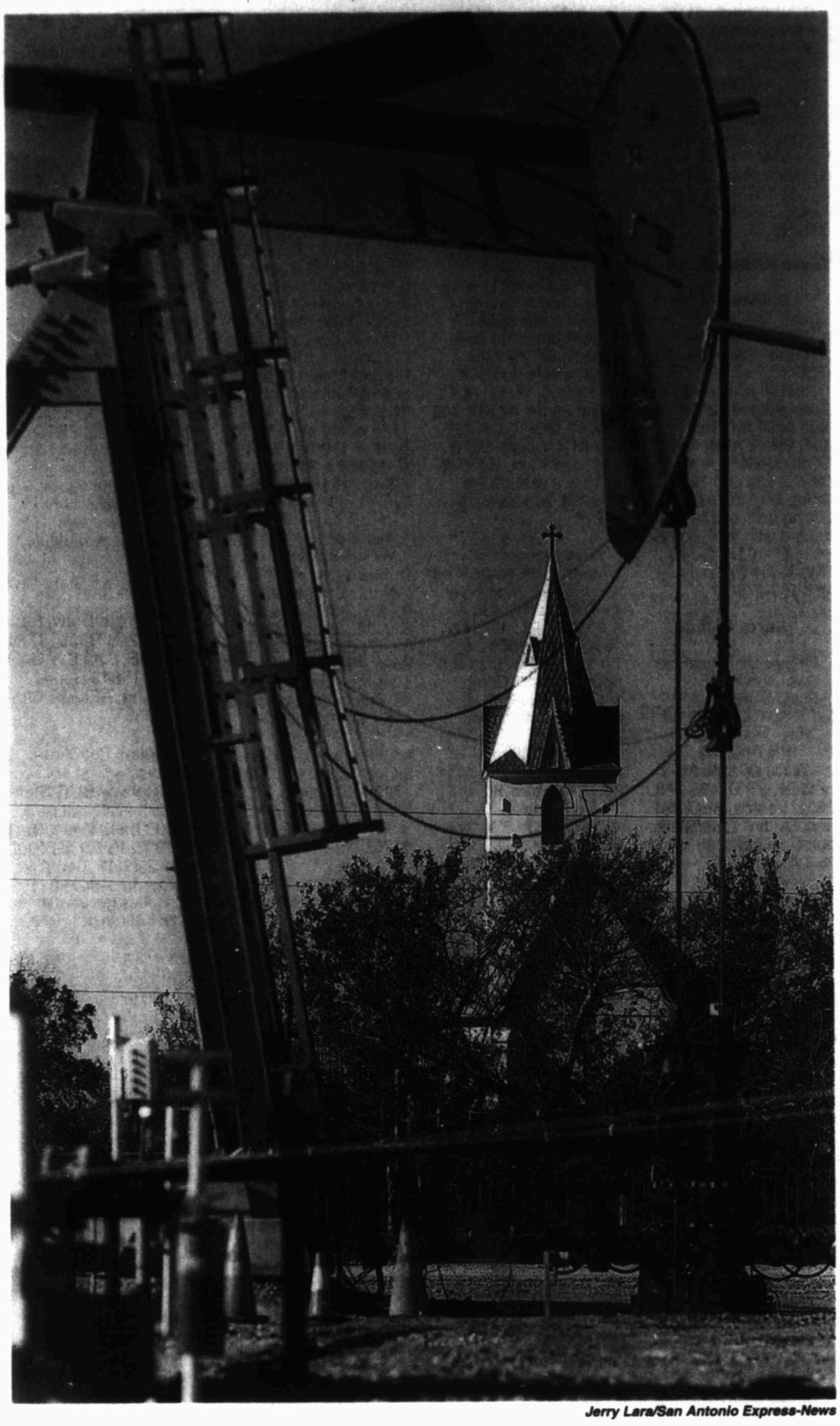
APACHE CORPORATION LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 41U SSH UNIT, 270 FSL 21674 FEL, SEC 2, M CHAMBERLAIN/ WA RATLIFF SUR., A-1232 9999', 7 NE BARNHART

APACHE CORPORATION LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 71U SSH UNIT, 395 FSL 17893 FEL, SEC 2, M CHAMBERLAIN/ WA RATLIFF SUR., A-1232 9999', 8 NE BARNHART



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Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2H SAU 5, 500 FSL 2524 FWL, SEC 5 BLK E, L&SV SUR., A-334 8200', 22 NW BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2D SAU 44, 116 FSL 2582 FEL, SEC 44 BLK B, L&SV/SA INGHAM SUR., A-767 8200', 28 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2E SAU 43, 2540 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 43 BLK B, L&SV SUR., A-304 8300', 24 NW BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1337HL SRH NORTH, 200 FNL 1000 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 8900', 18 N BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2C SAU 18-2, 1300 FSL 1320 FWL, SEC 18 BLK E, HE&WT/JST BAKER SUR., A-6 8125', 31 SW GARDEN CITY

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1822H UNIVERSITY 09, 2455 FNL 1147 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U188 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1826H UNIVERSITY 09, 2254 FEL 2182 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR. 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

Runnels County

DEL MAR ENERGY, INC. COCKATOO (GARDNER) (O) DRILL Well# 3 GALATIAN, 1297 FSL 1085 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 16, H&TC/EL PEARCY SUR., A-841 5000', 5 NE WINTERS

Upton County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CRYSTAL A UNIT, 1355 FWL 300 FSL, SEC 1 BLK BG, GC&SF SUR., A-178 9500', 4 NE RANKIN

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 1 KENNETT 29, 467 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 37 T5S, T&P SUR., A-393 12000', 2 SE MIDKIFF

JAMEX, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 SLATOR, 660 FSL 1971 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ MRS P SLATOR SUR., A-1495 8000', 37 NW RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 RATLIFF 28, 467 FEL 1650 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-1416 11800', 8 SW MIDKIFF

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC JAR (PENNSYLVANIAN (O) DRILL Well# 5 ELWOOD 16, 467 FWL 2200 FSL, SEC 16 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1404 11850', 9 SW MIDKIFF

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Crane County

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 802 EDWARDS, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 43 T4S, T&P/ MRS AG CURTIS SUR., A-498 11500', 17 SE CRANE

Culberson County

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC. (512) 694-5691, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 1H SCOTT FEE 36, 660 FWL 210 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 59 T2S, T&P/AM GLASER SUR., A-1006 9100', 13 SW ORLA

COG OPERATING, LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) (REENTER) Well# 1 CASTILE STATE, 1857 FSL 1871 FWL, SEC 48 BLK 61 T-1, AA SUGG SUR., A-6768 8000', 58 NW PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 404H CAPTAIN CALL, 130 FSL 1028 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 59 T1S, T&P/WE BROWN SUR., A-4770 8500', 19 NW ORLA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DALTEX MUNN 42-43, 2640 FSL 1110 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 45, PSL/ CB DODSON SUR., A-721 11000', 40 NW PECOS

MESQUITE SWD INC. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CL SV 28, 484 FEL 1079 FNL, T&P SUR., A-1758 5700', 70 NE VAN HORN

Glasscock County

ADVENTURE EXPL PRTNRS II, LLC NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1A BRUNSON 30, 660 FWL 1976 FSL, SEC 30 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR. 12000', 12 NW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 APACHE FEE 19 SWD, 575 FSL 980 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-132 6000', 6 W GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H SABINE SN 35-26, 2340 FSL 517 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-282 9500', 12 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 3 WICHITA 41, 1400 FSL 1340 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-189 11000', 13 SE GARDEN CITY

Howard County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PUMA 21, 1813 FWL 2194 FNL, SEC 21 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-138 11000', 5 NE BIG SPRING

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 AUGUSTA 27, 467 FEL 1541 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-315 11000', 2 NE BIG SPRING

. CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 184 WR SETTLES A, 2000 FNL 200 FEL, SEC 135 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-476 3150', 12 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 203 WR SETTLES A, 670 FNL 1370 FWL, SEC 134 BLK 29, W&NW/ WR SETTLES SUR., A-1096 3150', 11 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 84 DORA ROBERTS, 710 FSL 2430 FWL, SEC 136 BLK 29, W&NW/EH NUNN SUR., A-1318 3150', 13 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 188 WR SETTLES A, 356 FNL 2300 FEL, SEC 135 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-476 3150', 1/2 SW FORSAN

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 68 DORA ROBERTS, 2392 FSL 791 FWL, SEC 136 BLK 29, W&NW/ EH NUNN SUR., A-1318 3150', 13 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARK GLASSCOCK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 60 SARAH HYMAN, 1980 FSL 1900 FWL, SEC 113 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-469 9000', 15 SE BIG SPRING

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 184 S WILKINSON, 485 FSL 2103 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1341 12000', 12 SW KNOTT

Martin County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 STRAIN 20, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/H LOVING SUR., A-774 12000', 8 SE

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ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CYPERT 57A, 646 FSL 1975 FEL, SEC 57 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-333 12000', 4 S KNOTT

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 17 JONES-HOLTON, 6540 FNL 4350 FWL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11000', 22 NW STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 5 JONES-HOLTON, 3457 FNL 9601 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11000', 6 NW TARZAN

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 4WS KENDRA, 2400 FNL 2400 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 41 T2S, T&P/ SR MCKINNEY SUR., A-1044 1700', 11 SW MIDLAND

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1WS ANNIE, 445 FSL 812 FWL, SEC 48 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/TB TRIPP SUR., A-1052 1700', 11 SW MIDLAND

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 3WS KENDRA, 620 FSL 620 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-346 1700', 11 SW MIDLAND

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3308M SCHARBAUER C A, 1030 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-268 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3301M SCHARBAUER C A, 467 FNL 2250 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-268 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND

Ward County

ARRINGTON O&G OPER. LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H REEF RUNNER 162, 300 FSWL 1740 FNWL, SEC 162 BLK 34, H&TC/ JE GODDARD SUR., A-1157 11300', 7 NE BARSTOW

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY 24-17, 2340 FNWL 2173 FNEL, SEC 24 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U63 13000', 4 NW PYOTE

JAGGED PEAK ENERGY LLC TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UTL 22-17, 400 FNEL 2010 FNWL, SEC 22 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U61 11500', 3 NW PYOTE

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Borden County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. DUNIGAN (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MATTHEW BAIRD 27, 244 FSL 1931 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 30 T6N, JH GIBSON SUR., A-1 9000', 9 NE GAIL

Cochran County

THE REDMON OIL CO., INC. BONANZA (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 106H BONANZA (SAN ANDRES) UNIT, 1275 FNL 1225 FWL, SHERMAN CSL/LEAGUE 155/ TRACT 5 SUR., A-128 9500', 14 SW MORTON

Dawson County

GEOMARK RESOURCES, L.L.C BRITT (SPRABERRY) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1D WEAVER, 660 FNL 330 FWL, TAYLOR CSL LGE 3 LABOR 28 SUR., A-341 5800', 5 NW LAMESA

MIDLAND ENERGY, INC. SPRABERRY (O) DRILL Well# 2 O'BRIEN 2, 467 FNL 467 FEL, LOVING CSL/LG 272/LB 2 SUR., A-412 12000', 11 NW LAMESA

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 301 BEAUJOLAIS D, 475 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 271, LOVING CSL SUR., A-411 12500', 14 SW LAMESA

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 201 BEAUJOLAIS C, 475 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 271, LOVING CSL SUR., A-411 12500', 14 SW LAMESA

Gaines County

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON (SA) DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 209W NORTH ROBERTSON SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1709 FNL 1083 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A24, PSL/ DS WATROUS SUR., A-655 5100', 8 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 210W NORTH ROBERTSON SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1686 FNL 2320 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A24, PSL/ DS WATROUS SUR., A-655 5100', 8 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 402W NORTH ROBERTSON SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2293 FSL 2318 FWL, SEC 8 BLK A24, PSL/ WT HENDERSON SUR., A-1433 5100', 10 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 404W NORTH ROBERTSON SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2303 FSL 288 FEL, SEC 8 BLK A24, PSL/ LB MCEWING SUR., A-580 5100', 9 SW SEMINOLE

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 633 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1910 FNL 2610 FEL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGN SUR., A-38 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 543 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 2555 FNL 2012 FEL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 11-7A SACROC UNIT, 2005 FSL 759 FWL, SEC 449 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2067 7250', 10 N SNYDER

TRAIL RIDGE ENERGY PRTNS II S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 901H HALE, 270 FNL 2310 FWL, SEC 90 BLK 2, H&TC/SV SUMRULD SUR., A-2856 9000', 7 NE SNYDER

Yoakum County

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Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #69
Cedar Lake; Sec 1 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 380/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42042

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #71
Cedar Lake; Sec 1 T17S R30E; 990/S & 2310/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42044

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler #3
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 645/S & 2505/E; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6126 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42046

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #105
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 2190/N & 1345/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6124 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42047

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #70
Cedar Lake; Sec 24 T17S R30E; 1740/N & 2310/W; 3 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6300 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42043

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #72
Cedar Lake; Sec 24 T17S R30E; 330/N & 2310/W; 3 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6300 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42045

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #19
NE Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2310/N & 2310/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42051

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Windfohr 4 Federal #10
Red Lake; Sec 4 T18S R27E; 2310/S & 330/E; 7 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4713 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42052

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Windfohr 4 Federal #11
Red Lake; Sec 4 T18S R27E; 920/S & 330/E; 7 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4700 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-42038

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Longview 31 Federal #3
S Culebra Bluff; Sec 31 T22S R29E; 370/S & 2080/W; 8 mi E Otis; Rot 12813 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42050

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Longview 31 Federal #1
S Culebra Bluff; Sec 6 T23S R29E; 140/N & 1390/W; 5 mi NE Loving; Rot 13484 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42049

XTO Energy Inc.
Nash Unit #45
Nash Draw; Sec 18 T23S R30E; 550/N & 1250/W; 10 mi NE Loving; Rot 17528 Delaware; API #30-015-42048

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Trojans BQT State #2
Rock Spur; Sec 36 T25S R28E; 1980/S & 200/E; 9 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12928 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42053

Lea County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Sea Snake 35 St #1
Triple X; Sec 26 T23S R33E; 315/S & 1300/W; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16572 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41625

EOG Resources Inc.
Mars 3 State #1
Triple X; Sec 3 T24S R33E; 220/S & 660/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15804 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41632

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Action BTI State Com #2
W Triple X; Sec 16 T24S R33E; 320/N & 1980/W; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15565 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41631

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Caravan State Unit #9
E Triste Draw; Sec 33 T24S R33E; 50/N & 1950/W; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15769 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41641

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Caravan State Unit #11
E Triste Draw; Sec 33 T24S R33E; 15/N & 400/E; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15843 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41638

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Convoy BUC State #2
E Triste Draw; Sec 33 T24S R33E; 100/N & 2200/E; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15811 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41642

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hallertau 4 Fed #6
Jennings; Sec 4 T26S R32E; 330/N & 2260/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15129 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41628

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #2
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 947/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14531 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41635

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #3
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 977/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14204 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41636

ConocoPhillips Company
Ruby Federal #26
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 1480/N & 2250/E; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6998 Yeso; API #30-025-41651

ConocoPhillips Company
Ruby Federal #27
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 1480/N & 2380/E; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7176 Yeso; API #30-025-41652

ConocoPhillips Company
Ruby Federal #47
W Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 965/N & 2350/W; 2 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6920 Yeso; API #30-025-41653

Occidental Permian Ltd.
No Hobbs GB/SA Ut #949
Hobbs; Sec 22 T18S R38E; 2243/N & 2046/W; 1 mi W Hobbs; Rot 5230 GB/SA; API #30-025-41643

Cimarex Energy Co.
Maduro Unit #10
Gem; Sec 29 T19S R33E; 330/N & 1980/W; 6 mi NE Halfway; Rot 17074 Bone Spring; API 30-025-41639

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Nervosa BTT State Com #2
N Berry; Sec 24 T21S R33E; 2440/N & 1880/E; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 18086 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41650

Oxy USA Inc.
Road Runner 7 State #1
E Red Tank; Sec 7 T22S R33E; 1700/S & 165/W; 12 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15165 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41646

EOG Resources Inc.
Cerberus 35 State #2
Triple X; Sec 35 T23S R33E; 230/S & 1700/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41620

Caza Operating LLC
West Copperline 29 Fed/State Com #2
Antelope Ridge; Sec 29 T23S R34E; 330/N & 660/W; 6 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15889 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41640

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Convoy BUC State #1
E Triste Draw; Sec 28 T24S R33E; 15/S & 400/E; 8 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15829 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41647

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EOG Resources Inc.
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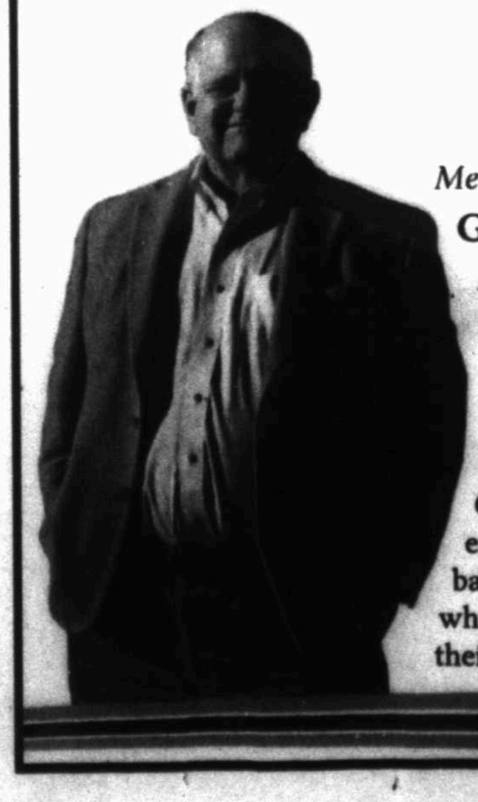

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Trains full of crude boost US share in refiners' mix

By Don Mason
Houston Chronicle

AP photo

HOUSTON — Surging production of domestic oil and growing use of trains to move it have boosted the proportion of U.S. crude feeding East Coast refineries.

Recent Energy Department reports underscore the point:

The Energy Information Administration noted in a report Tuesday that rail transport of crude has grown — especially in North Dakota's Bakken Shale, where outgoing rail capacity at the end of 2013 was 965,000 barrels per day — almost twice the daily pipeline capacity of 515,000 barrels.

Crude oil also is taking the train from other production regions, including the Permian Basin of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

A new terminal in Loving, N.M. is scheduled to begin operating this year, the information agency reported, and eventually will reach 100,000 barrels-per-day capacity. The Permian, a more mature oil region than the Bakken, also is served by more pipeline infrastructure.

Rail transport has been central to moving oil from regions like the Bakken where pipeline is limited, but the rise of rail also has drawn unwelcome attention because of a spate of accidents — most notably a derailment in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, that killed 47 people last July. Other fiery derailments have occurred since then in North Dakota, Alabama, Virginia and in the Canadian province of New Brunswick, leading regulators to examine the tank cars used and the possibility that light, sweet crude from shale plays may be especially flammable.

But the shale boom happened so rapidly that pipelines and other midstream infrastructure haven't kept up, and rail has helped fill the gap.

While refiners are building some facilities to process oil in the Bakken, most of the crude produced there goes elsewhere for refining, the government reported Tuesday.

And East Coast refineries are big beneficiaries.

Domestic crude feeding refineries in that region now almost equals foreign oil, the Energy Information Administration calculated earlier this spring. That's a dramatic rise even from just a year previously, when domestic crude was less than a fifth of the East Coast refinery mix. And in early 2012, it was only a twentieth.

Imports of crude oil to the East Coast averaged 1.1 million barrels per day from 2008 to 2012, but fell to 524,000 barrels in January. The region received 490,000 barrels of domestic crude that month.

That higher ratio of U.S. crude boosts refinery profits, since benchmark domestic crude typically costs less than imported oil.

At least two East Coast refineries receive crude directly by rail, with combined rail unloading capacity of 280,000 barrels per day, according to the government report Tuesday.

Others receive crude by barge, after the vessels pick it up from rail terminals.

North American refiners beating European profits by $6 per barrel

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — North American refiners banked an extra $6 per barrel of oil processed compared to their European counterparts in the first quarter of 2014, continuing a three-year streak of significantly higher profits, according to a U.S. Energy Information Administration analysis of 26 companies.

Refineries in North America have been reaping the rewards of cheaper crude, which they buy and process into gasoline and other fuels. Since January 2011, West Texas Intermediate crude — the U.S. benchmark — has averaged $96.32 per barrel, nearly $14 lower than the average for the global benchmark Brent crude.

The EIA analyzed financial information for 10 companies with refineries largely in North America, 10 with refineries mostly in Europe and six with refineries around the world.

Before 2010, the profitability of North American and European refiners rose and fell largely in sync. Earnings improved between 2004 and 2006 with the rising price of gasoline and diesel, then fell with the global financial financial crisis in 2008 and 2009. At that point, the U.S. shale drilling rush led to a split in their financial stories.

Because U.S. oil largely is restricted from export, its price has been suppressed by a supply glut unleashed in the shale drilling rush. Meanwhile, the price of U.S. refiners' fuels have remained relatively high because foreign sales keep them tied to the higher global oil price.

"The difference between the purchase price of crude oil and the wholesale selling price of refined products on the Gulf Coast increased in late 2013 and have remained high in 2014," the EIA wrote.

While European companies' refinery runs dropped 11 percent from 2010 to 2013, North American companies jumped 27 percent, according to the EIA.

"As U.S. refineries increased runs to produce distillate, they also produced more gasoline and have taken some market share from Europe in Latin American and West African markets," the agency noted.

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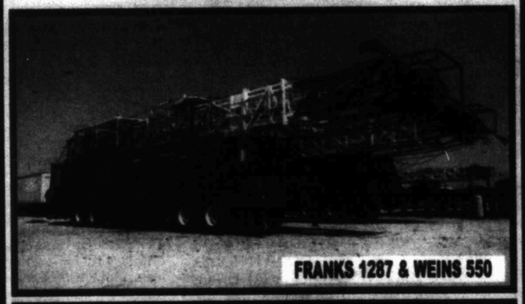
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Agencies looking at Galveston Bay oil spill cost

Associated Press

GALVESTON — Federal and state agencies have started looking at natural resource damage in an effort to come up with a dollar estimate from a March barge and cargo ship collision in the Houston Ship Channel that dumped thousands of gallons of oil into Galveston Bay.

"You've got all kinds of different wildlife that could be impacted," Chip Wood, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, told The Galveston County Daily News.

The assessment could take years and will include developing a plan to restore damaged areas, putting the plan in place and getting the party responsible for the damage to pay for it, Wood said.

No one was hurt in the March 22 accident that still is being examined by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board, but nearly 170,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil spilled into the busy waterway.

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