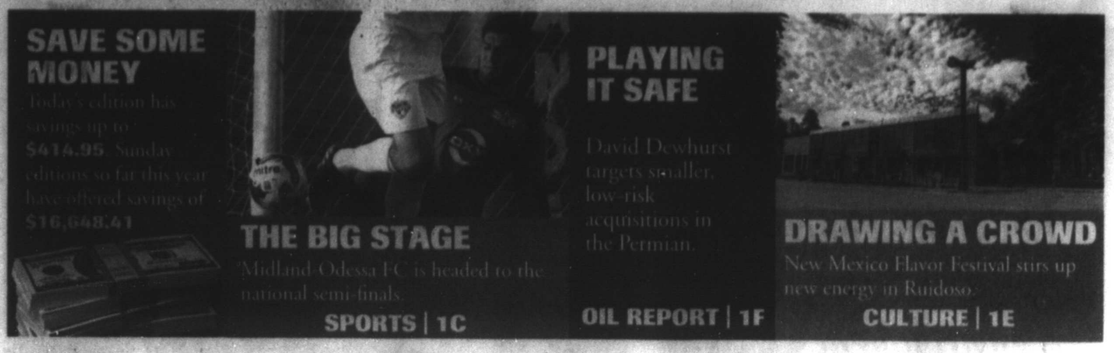

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Financial reality of space business hits XCOR

Consultant: Few people 'have both the technical chops and the financial depth to succeed'

By Samantha Masunaga
Los Angeles Times

A small, Mojave, California, aerospace start-up called XCOR Aerospace burst onto the commercial space scene in 2008 with plans to develop a vehicle that would rocket tourists into suborbital space.

XCOR won a few government and commercial contracts and, for a time, was seen as a rival to British billionaire Richard Branson's space tourism venture, Virgin Galactic.

But then the financial reality of the space business — that it's much more capital- intensive than other start-up ventures, such as building a smartphone app — caught up.

Last year, XCOR announced it would suspend construction of its Lynx suborbital space plane and lay off about half of the company's workforce, which at the time numbered 50 to 60 employees.

In June, the company said "adverse financial conditions" forced XCOR to terminate its remaining employees — 11 in Mojave and 10 in Midland where the company had relocated its headquarters in 2015.

As companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin and small-satellite maker Planet are notching successes and have fueled interest in commercial space, XCOR must now weigh the options for its future.

Those include being acquired by a larger company, finding a financial investor that wants to take on either the company's engine development business or the Lynx, or securing a joint venture partner, especially to resume construction of the space plane.

"Space always has been and will continue to be a deep-pocket game," said Luigi Peluso, a managing director in the aerospace, defense and airlines practice at New York consulting firm AlixPartners. "It's a pretty short list of people that have both the technical chops and the financial depth to succeed."

XCOR had been a subcontractor on a propulsion project and thought it had a commitment for funding through the year and beyond, XCOR's former chief executive, John H. Gibson II, recently told a Senate

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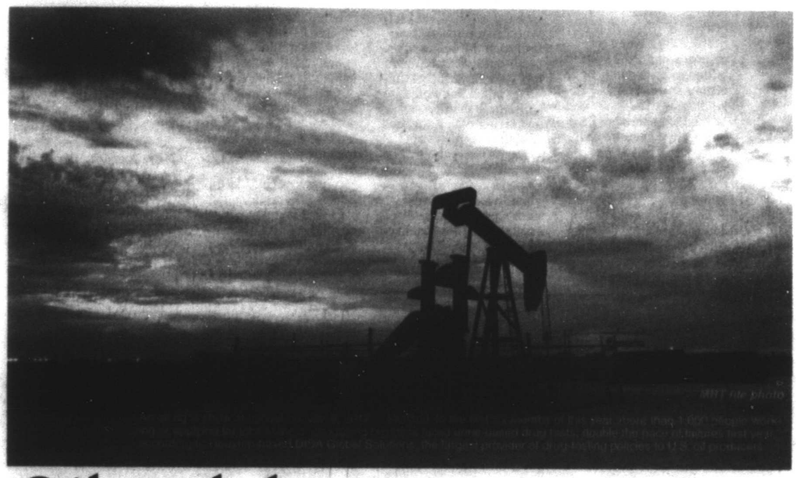

Oil and drugs is a toxic mix

■ As dollars flow into the Permian, substance abuse increases

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Eddy Lozoya never failed a drug test in the three years he hauled water and sand across the West Texas oil patch, even though he used at least $200 a day in cocaine to keep his eyes open on brutally long days behind the wheel of a Kenworth T600 semitruck.

Lozoya, like his fellow truckers, found ways to beat the tests and to keep driving. Earning six-figure salaries, they consumed cocktails of drugs to push themselves to their physical limits on trips between scattered drilling sites that could last 36 to 48 consecutive hours. They would drive their 35-ton vehicles in tight, single-file formations, blowing air horns when the sleepiest among them began drifting off the road.

"We always had cocaine," he said.

Lozoya, a recovering addict at 23, is among the thousands of oil field workers who have succumbed to the mix of money, boredom and drugs that often accompanies energy booms. Drillers of all sizes have poured billions of dollars into the prolific Permian Basin this year, rebuilding operations after a two-year oil downturn that devastated the region. But for all the economic benefits of the industry's high-paying jobs, the oil rush again is bankrolling an expanding market for illegal drugs.

Law enforcement officials say drug trafficking, drug abuse and drug-related crimes have spiked in recent years, evidence that energy's boom-and-bust cycles have had enormous social consequences in West Texas. Inside a small Nazarene church in Midland, converted a decade ago into a drug- and alcohol-addiction treatment center, the number of people seeking help is on track to more than double from last year.

Some 1,200 people have come through the doors of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program in the first six months of the year, 1 in 5 of them under 18.

"We're losing a generation of children to drugs and alcohol," said Michele Savage, the longtime director of the program.

Lozoya knows drugs of all kinds are easy to find here. After an injury left him unable to drive commercial trucks, he found another lucrative trucking route, this time transporting narcotic pain medications and other drugs from his home state of California to West Texas. Here, he said, dealers can sell cocaine, marijuana and opioids for two or three times the price in neighboring states because of the remote location and the river of money flowing from the oil patch.

"There's a lot of profit to be made out here because it's in such high demand," he said. "People want it here, and they'll pay for it."

'METH IS BOOMING'

While the U.S. opioid epidemic has

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Operation brings attention to online solicitation

By Simone Jasper
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Recent arrests for online solicitation have put into the spotlight the shifting nature of law enforcement in the digital age. Laura A. Nodolf, Midland County District Attorney, said agencies have responded because some individuals solicit sexual acts on the internet.

"They've changed their game, so we've changed ours," Nodolf said Friday. "And so we have to do everything that we can to try and keep up with them. But that's always part of law enforcement — law enforcement is ever-changing."

The district attorney's office was one entity that partnered this month for an operation involving potential online solicitation of minors and human trafficking in Midland County.

Nodolf said the operation serves as a way to educate parents about monitoring their children's online activities. She also hopes it is a deterrent for potential offenders.

"We certainly hope that individuals out there in Midland County who think that they want to commit this crime here in this community — we hope this deters them from even contemplating doing this in the future because we are out there," Nodolf said.

The operation involved undercover stings related to online advertisements, according to arrest affidavits provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced Friday the arrests of 37 people as a result of the investigation, according to a press release.

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THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Economies only thrive in a 'win-win' environment

The most fundamental thing that occurs in a market economy, no matter how primitive or how sophisticated, is exchange. Centuries ago, beads, shells, shiny pebbles, or deer skins (from which we get the word "buck" as slang for a dollar) were traded for goods or services.

Even before that, goods or services were bartered for others to the benefit of both parties. In our modern world, digital impulses have replaced the beads, shells, rocks, and skins of days gone by, — and even the more recent precious metals, token coins and fiat paper currency in many cases — but exchange remains the essential element of the economic system.

Every transaction involves some type of bargain in which tangible or intangible things are exchanged.

Consumers use cash or credit to purchase products and services from merchants. Workers provide their labor to employers in exchange for compensation. Borrowers pay interest to lenders in exchange for the use of funds through loans. Investors buy shares or equity in companies and receive dividends or other returns. I could go on and on, but you get the picture.

Even with the enormous diversity of types of transactions, they all have one basic thing in common: for these exchanges to be workable and sustainable, both parties must benefit. Consumers aren't forced to spend their money, but they do so for benefits in the form of products or services they need or want and prices they are willing to pay.

Few employees would continue to show up and do their jobs if they weren't paid a satisfactory amount to do so. Contrary to rumors, banks do indeed lend money (trillions of dollars of it) in a responsible manner at rates that provide an appropriate return, and borrowers agree to terms that are consistent with needs.

Investors provide needed capital resources to companies, who in turn are expected to deploy the funds in a manner that brings appropriate shareholder returns.

Because these exchanges are voluntary, they must be a "win-win." Otherwise, one party or the other will simply choose to opt out the process and it will grind to a halt. If circumstances do not permit that for whatever reason, then the outcomes are inevitably undesirable. Slavery is a primary and unfortunate example from our history.

There are clearly some instances where a win-win is not necessary. Games, meets, matches, and tournaments involve winning and losing, and often lead to one winner. In professional football, for example, that is the Super Bowl Champion, and that is as it should be.

In economies, however, one winner is generally known as an unrestricted monopoly, which is bad. There have been times in history where monopolies were common (such as what Mark Twain famously dubbed "The Gilded Age"), to the detriment of consumers and competition.

Volumes of antitrust legislation, regulations, and case law are now in place (at least in the United States) to protect consumers when one company gets too powerful or there is some intrinsic reason that one firm would have a huge advantage (such as the case with electric power distribution, where the necessary wires are extremely expensive to construct and are built, maintained, and are generally owned by one company). Without such protections, consumer choices are more limited and prices tend to be higher.

Just as one winner is not ideal within an industry, neither is it appropriate to think of a single winning economy. Thus, we should not be talking about the economies of the world as if they were involved in a zero-sum game, with a "win" by America implying or requiring a "lose" by all others. The United States doesn't "win" in the global economy by "beating" other countries. It wins by using its competitive advantages and assets (and there are many) to trade with others who do the same.

When that happens, all parties win and the process is sustainable and leads to ongoing economic growth. There are centuries of evidence to support this premise. The ideal policies not only benefit the United States, but its trading partners and allies as well. If the scales become too tilted, they will seek out other strategic relationships and, over time, all parties will be worse off. We recently saw a concrete example of this phenomenon when the withdrawal of the United States from the Trans Pacific Partnership was quickly followed by a new agreement between Japan and the European Union.

It is sometimes possible to force a "losing" position on one party for some period of time, but this approach is neither wise nor enduring.

Employees who feel they are treated unfairly may stick around for a while, but will leave when an opportunity presents itself. Other countries may bend to the U.S. will for a time if alternatives are few, but they will also be looking for ways to get out of the situation (building relationships with other nations, developing their own industries, or otherwise preparing to be free of a need for a "lose.")

The implications of this basic fact of economic life are not limited to global trade. Whether trade policy, immigration policy, labor-management relations, or any other aspect of business activity, we will never reach sustainable and desirable outcomes through a philosophy of winning at the expense of the other party. If we could just remember this lesson, a lot of economic policy would be much simpler and more effective.

As with most folks, I like winning. In a framework in which exchange is the basis for everything, however, we must remember that winning only works when it cuts both ways. Despite the rhetorical flourishes to the contrary which seem to proliferate these days, it is only when mutual benefits are realized that true progress is sustained.

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FUN WITH FRIENDS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Young adults enjoy trivia night on July 25 at Basin Burger. Watch for an upcoming story on nightlife in Midland in a later edition.

Exxon expanding in Permian

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Exxon Mobil Corp.'s profits doubled in the second quarter on increased energy prices and refining margins compared to last year, the company said Friday.

The Irving-based oil company collected $3.4 billion in net income, or 78 cents a share, from the beginning of April to the end of June, compared to $1.7 billion, or 41 cents a share, in the same period last year. Its revenue climbed from $57.7 billion to $72.9 billion.

The oil giant plans to add another three drilling rigs in the Permian Basin in West Texas, bringing its active fleet there to 19 rigs by the end of August. It has boosted production in the region 20 percent to more than 165,000 barrels a day across its 1.8 million acres.

"The Permian ranks among the top tier investment returns in our global portfolio," said Jeff Woodbury, a spokesman for Exxon Mobil, in a conference call with investors. "We have successfully offset inflationary pressures through efficiencies" and higher output for each well the company drills.

Exxon, recently fined $2 million by the Treasury Department for alleged violations of U.S. sanctions against Russia, cut capital spending 24 percent to $3.9 billion. The company's oil and gas production dipped 1 percent to 3.9 million barrels of oil equivalent a day. It paid shareholders $3.3 billion in dividends.

In the oil-production business, Exxon banked $1.2 billion in profit, up by $890 million compared to this time last year.

In the United States, though, its upstream unit lost $183 million, smaller than its $514 million loss in the second quarter of 2016.

Exxon's refining business made $1.4 billion, up by $560 million on higher margins. In the United States, its downstream earnings sank by $65 million to $347 million. Its chemical segment collected $985 million, down by $232 million on reduced margins.

During the quarter, Exxon approved the first phase of a deep-water project off Guyana, in the Liza field, where one of its new wells recently struck another 197 feet of oil-soaked sandstone reservoir — a basis for a second phase in the project.

In the first phase, the company expects to pump 120,000 barrels of oil a day beginning in 2020.

Exxon also began drilling its first well on the land it purchased for more than $5.6 billion in the Delaware Basin in West Texas and New Mexico. The sideways section of the well ran 2.4 miles. It's also expanding out its pipeline capacity there with a new deal with Summit Midstream Partners.

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Source: City of Midland

Chevron posts fourth straight quarter of profits

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

Chevron Corp. posted on Friday its fourth straight quarter of positive earnings, turning around profits after the oil-price crash brought on several painful quarters.

The California oil major reported a profit of $1.5 billion or 77 cents per share from April to June, compared with a loss of $1.5 billion over the same period last year. Revenues rose $5 billion or almost 20 percent to $35 billion from $29 billion in last year's second quarter.

Costs climbed, too, but by just 4 percent, or $1 billion, to $33 billion from $31 billion.

CEO John Watson called the improvement "substantial."

"We're delivering higher production with lower capital and operating expenditures," he said in a statement.

Oil and gas production was up 10 percent in the second quarter from a year ago, Watson said, while operating and administrative expenses dipped 7 percent.

Watson highlighted the company's Gorgon liquefied natural gas project in Australia, which ran above capacity, and "record production" from Chevron's vast Permian Basin acreage.

U.S. upstream operations still showed a loss of $102 million but far less than the $1.1 billion loss posted a year prior. Chevron attributed the improvement to higher oil and gas prices, asset sales and lower operating expenses.

The company's average sales price per barrel of U.S. crude oil and natural gas liquids was $41 in second quarter 2017, up from $36 a year earlier. The average sales price of natural gas nearly doubled, to $2.32 per thousand cubic feet from $1.21 in last year's second quarter.

U.S. oil and gas production rose 19,000 barrels per day to 701,000.

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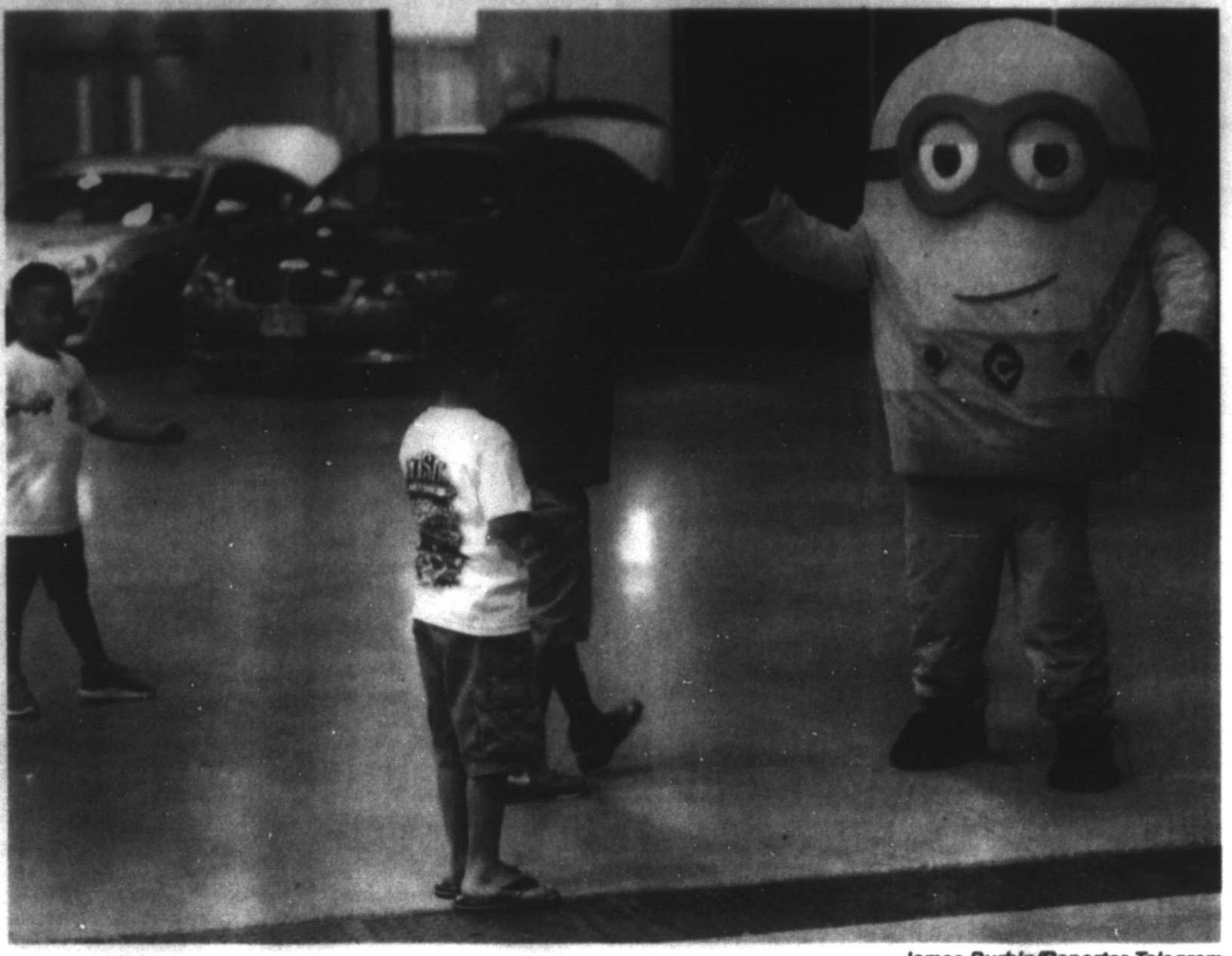

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Youngsters greet "Minion" at West Texas Blvd. Nights custom car show, which was July 8 at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Things to do

■ Ice Cream Festival 2017 with 25 flavors to sample, inflatable water rides and more. 11 a.m., 100 N. Colorado St. $10. doyourcity.us.

■ Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-6595.

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

■ TCM Big Screen Classics: "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" 35th Anniversary Event, 2 and 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. Fathomevents.com.

■ Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Oscar David, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Tuesday

■ Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo play the annual concert for the Ector County ISD Foundation, 8:30 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $49-$65. West-texastix.com.

Wednesday

■ Hideout Theatre Improv Show, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Thursday through Saturday

■ Rock the Desert Festival 2017 at RTD grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30 general admission, $50-$850 VIP packages. rockthedesert.com.

Friday

■ Movies in the Park: "Secret Life of Pets," 8 p.m. (dusk), Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

■ Old 97's, Shooter Jennings, 8 p.m. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Saturday

■ Air Supply, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com

Pools today

Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.
Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1 to 7 p.m.
The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2.

City boards

The Midland City Council soon will be making appointments to city boards and commissions for the new fiscal year.

Terms generally vary from two to four years; most terms begin on Oct. 1.

Applications can be downloaded from the city's website, www.midlandtexas.gov by selecting "Boards and Commissions" under the Government tab. Applications also are available at the City Secretary's Office, Room 330, in City Hall located at 300 N. Loraine St., or by calling 685-7430.

A list of vacancies also is available at the city's website.

The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m, Sept. 1. Council will begin making appointments later that month.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

This date in Texas

One year ago: Sixteen people died when a hot air balloon caught fire and exploded after hitting high-tension power lines before crashing into a pasture near Lockhart, about 60 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Source: Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, July 30, the 211th day of 2017. There are 154 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1945, the Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis, having just delivered components of the atomic bomb to Tinian in the Mariana Islands, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 317 out of nearly 1,200 men survived.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of many, one).

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure creating Medicare, which began operating the following year.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-6-8
Pick 3 day: 7-2-6
Pick 3 evening: 6-6-4
Pick 3 night: 0-2-2
Daily 4 morning: 5-4-2-0
Daily 4 day: 7-7-1-5
Daily 4 evening: 8-0-0-7
Daily 4 night: 7-5-7-7
Cash Five: 1-3-5-10-20
Triple Chance: 3-11-12-13-17-21-32-38-42-44
Texas Two Step: 1-4-17-22 BB: 5
All or Nothing morning: 8-9-11-12-15-16-18-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 4-8-9-10-12-13-14-15-18-19-21-24
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures

High	101
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

July 29's records
High: 105, set in 1960 and repeated in 1995
Low: 63, set in 1987 and repeated in 1988

Precipitation

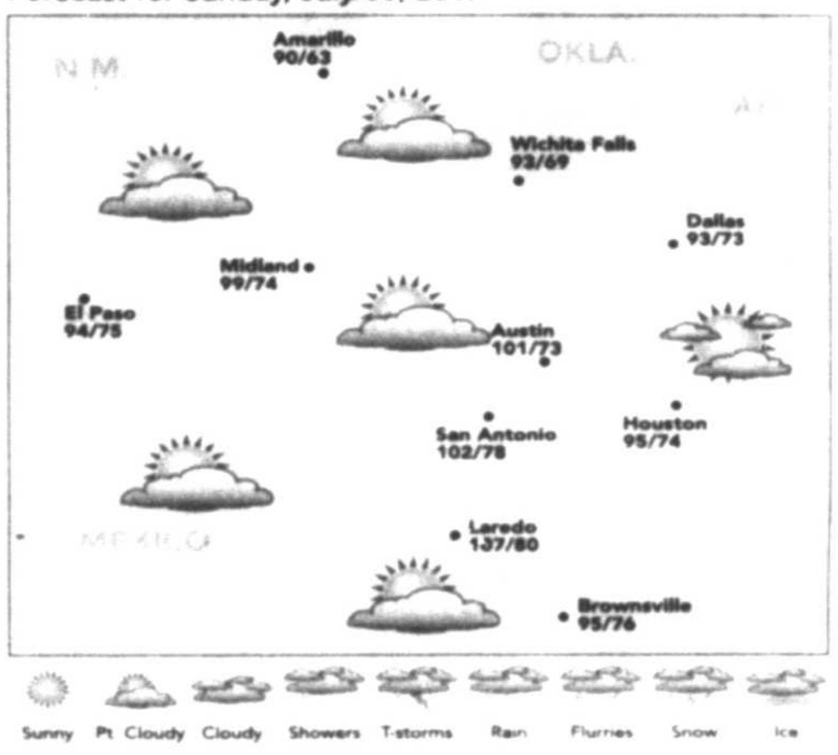
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.48 in.
Year total	10.22 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.77 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 12 mph
Gust speed: 23 mph

Today's forecast
High: 98
Low: 74
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/mostly cloudy tonight
Winds: East 5-10 mph today, east 10-15 mph tonight.
Chance of rain: 30 percent tonight

Sunrise	7:03 a.m.
Sunset	8:47 p.m.

Forecast for Sunday, July 30, 2017



Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 30, 2017:

This year you create a lot of excitement. As a result, you open up emotionally and enjoy yourself more. There also is a side of you that is intense and secretive, which emerges once in a while in social occasions! If you are single, you could attract people who like one aspect of your personality but not the other.

Remember that you need to be accepted as a total person — only then should you consider making a major commitment. If you are attached, the two of you might have a difficult dynamic at times, where you say one thing but do another. Be aware of this tendency. SCORPIO cannot help but be drawn to you, and vice versa.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Relate to others directly, but know that you might have a problem dealing with your temper when speaking with a key family member. Your intuition helps you make a good choice about how to interact with this person. **Tonight:** Why not have a date night with a loved one? **This Week:** Others seem to want to run with the ball. Let them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Defer to others. Ask questions in order to come to a conclusive understanding, if not an agreement. You might not have the same solutions, but you have the same issue. Respect your differences. **Tonight:** Accept an invitation that is sure to add a lively tone to the moment. **This Week:** Listen to what is being shared.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be tired. Take today off for some extra R and R. You need to honor your needs if you want to go full steam ahead more often. A conversation with a friend could become testy for some reason. Pull back before you have an argument. **Tonight:** Get a head start on tomorrow. **This Week:** You will find many distractions around you this week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your imagination comes into play with a loved one. Let go of a problem, and refuse to get into a squabble. Get into the moment. A call or email from someone at a distance makes you smile. You might sense that more is going on than was revealed. **Tonight:** Act like a kid again. **This Week:** Your creativity energizes a project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be in the mood to change direction. Stay close to home, and invite a friend or two over for a late lunch of a game you all enjoy. You might like not being as much on the go as usual. A partner understands how you feel, so you don't need to say much. **Tonight:** Wind down. **This Week:** Handle a personal matter first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but also listen to what a loved one has to say. The more you share, the better your understanding of each other will become. You see a loved one as being nearly perfect. Be careful, as this person could fall off his or her pedestal. Tonight: Order in. **This Week:** You are likely to say a lot, but might wish you had said less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be aware of how possessive you can be. You might want to ask yourself why you are so insecure. On the other hand, this possessiveness also reflects how much you value this person. Open up a discussion, and find your way through this issue. **Tonight:** Splurge a little. **This Week:** Check your budget and expenses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Understand what is happening with a respected associate. Listen carefully and help this person to gain a new perspective. Your ingenuity and creativity come forward to solve a problem and come up with solutions. **Tonight:** All smiles. Act like it is Saturday night! **This Week:** You will be unstoppable Monday and Tuesday!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could feel out of sorts and not understand what needs to happen to change your mood. Perhaps it is your perspective mixed with a little insecurity. Talk to a trusted family member who has known you his or her whole life and get some feedback. **Tonight:** Make it an early night. **This Week:** Your personality commands the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be easily drawn into a happening hosted by some friends. Whether it's a cookout or a softball game, you'll enjoy yourself and let go of stress. Try to keep this attitude going as long as you can. A partner could be argumentative. **Tonight:** Where the action is. **This Week:** The best days of the week will be Monday and Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take charge and help others free themselves up for a fun afternoon out. The more relaxed you are, the better next week will be. Others could be somewhat argumentative. Avoid having an argument or playing into someone's negative mood. **Tonight:** You could go till the wee hours. **This Week:** You succeed in carrying a project to its end.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could be delighted by this person's news. You might not know how to handle the information. Direct some of your frustration into a physical activity. It won't hurt to weed the yard or wash the car. **Tonight:** Off to a movie or concert. **This Week:** Look beyond the obvious.

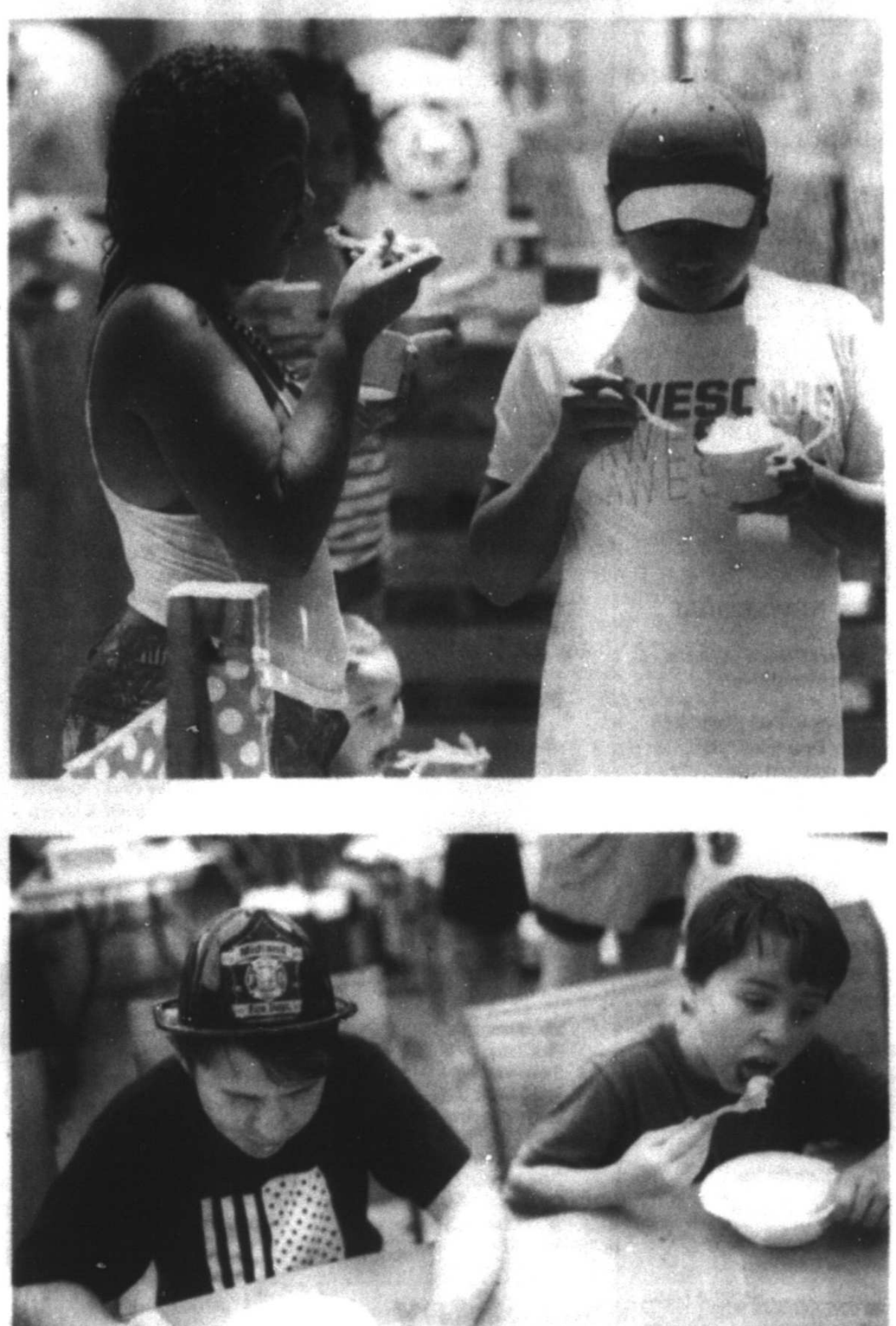
BORN TODAY

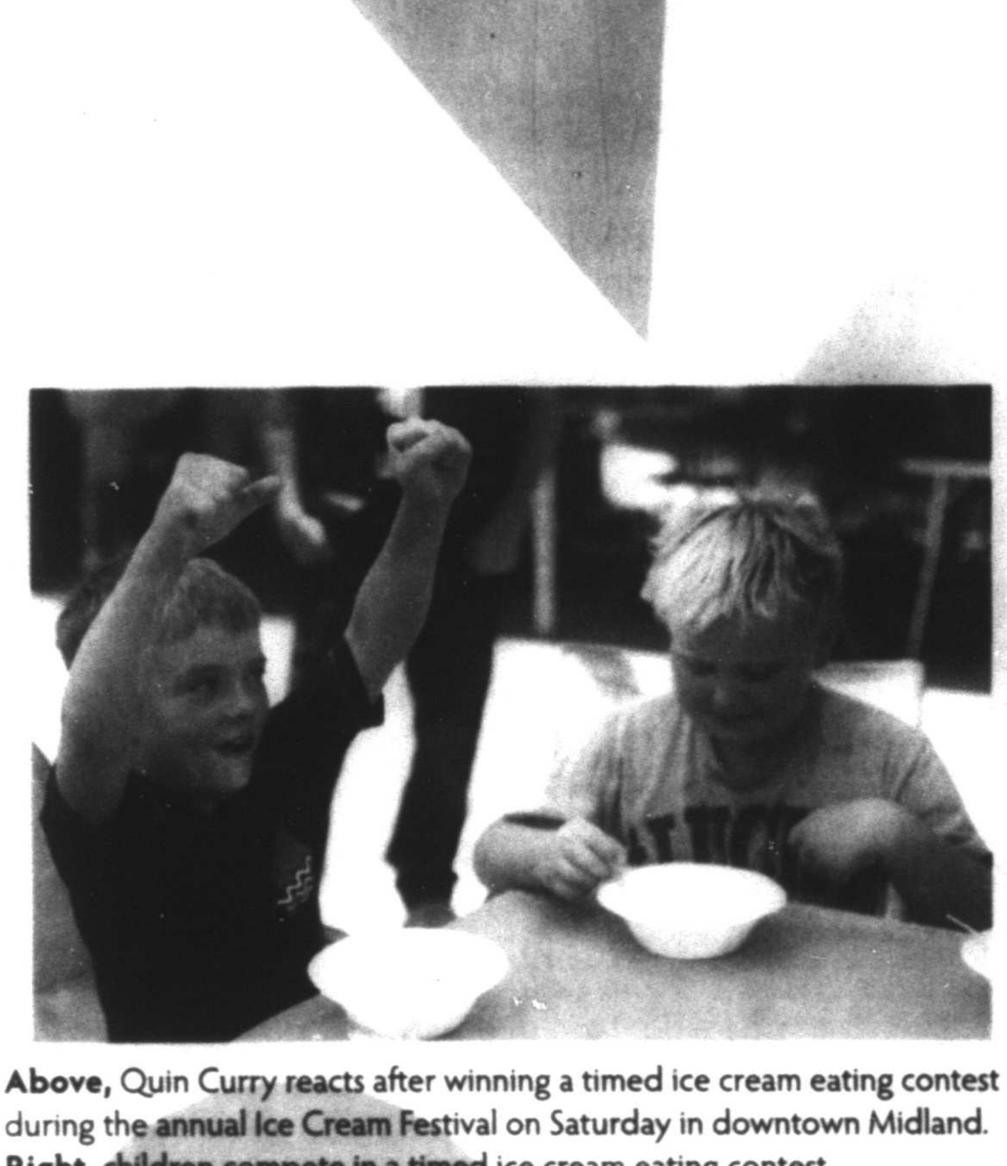
Actress **Hilary Swank** (1974), novelist **Emily Bronte** (1818), actress **Lisa Kudrow** (1963)

Sweet treats at Ice Cream Festival

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Annual Ice Cream Festival on Saturday in downtown Midland.





Above, Quin Curry reacts after winning a timed ice cream eating contest during the annual Ice Cream Festival on Saturday in downtown Midland. **Right,** children compete in a timed ice cream eating contest.

Bi-national team focusing in border archaeological sites

Del Rio News Herald

A new era of discovery and collaboration between the U.S. and Mexico began with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Center for Big Bend Studies of Sul Ross State University and the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, the federal agency that oversees and investigates all anthropological and historical sites in Mexico.

The agreement will initially focus on several U.S.-Mexico frontier projects, with an emphasis on those along the Texas-Coahuila and Texas-Chihuahua border. The first two projects that will take place under the memorandum will focus on two historic cave sites: Mexican Lion, and Spirit Eye. The former is in Coahuila directly on the Rio Grande/Río Bravo, adjacent to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River administered by Big Bend National Park; the latter is on a private ranch on the Texas side of the river in the Big Bend area.

Other proposed projects by INAH and the Center for Big Bend Studies will include:

- Repatriation of over 500 artifacts smuggled out of Coahuila, Mexico, through Big Bend National Park;
- Initiating a comprehensive investigation and registry of Native and Spanish colonial sites on both sides of the Rio Grande/Río Bravo in the Far West Texas-northern Mexico area;
- Investigations and excavations in La Junta de los Rios archaeological district near Presidio, Texas, and Ojinaga, Chihuahua.

"The Center for Big Bend Studies has long been involved in significant research along the border," Dr. Brian McCall, Texas State University System chancellor, said. "Through this agreement, the center will be able to expand these efforts while working hand in hand with researchers in Mexico, providing new opportunities for archaeologists, historians and the general public on both sides of the river."

"INAH is now very interested in the study of the north of Mexico and the Southwest of the United States," stated Diego Prieto Hernandez, Director General of INAH. "The study of our shared borderlands is of enormous importance within the Agreement we just signed with Sul Ross University of the Texas State University System. Along with their department of the Center for Big Bend Studies, we have a large task ahead us regarding the study of geography, archaeology, history, culture and migration patterns along the Rio Grande, on both sides of the river. We have to work together towards the understanding of that area, not only as a border but as an element that unites us. Mexico and the United States have a shared history of population and of migration patterns along the Rio Grande, and it's important that we study and investigate this important region to improve the relationship between our two countries."

Long before the Rio Grande/Río Bravo became an international border, the ancient waterway was a strategic resource for native peoples along both of its banks. The CBBS and INAH have historically worked separately on their respective sides of the river, although there have been instances of cooperation over the last 10 years. Most significant of these was repatriation by CBBS to INAH of a large collection of artifacts—thousands of specimens—from the Alta Vista site in the state of Zacatecas. Importantly, the new agreement will allow CBBS and INAH to work together along the history-rich borderland area.

Researching the past is an integral part of the mission of both organizations, and such studies are limited when constricted geographically. Now, with the MOU in place, research efforts along the border will include a more holistic approach and yield a greater understanding of past cultures under study. In addition, the MOU promotes active collaboration between CBBS and INAH staff, helping each other on a wide range of proposed archaeological and historical projects.

"The Center for Big Bend Studies has long desired to work side by side with INAH historians and archaeologists, and through this agreement that dream will now become a reality," said CBBS director William A. Cloud. "Since both organizations have similar research projects and goals, and our subjects of study are intricately intertwined along the border, this collaboration will reap benefits for years to come."

Representing the CBBS at the signing were Dr. McCall; Dr. Bill Kibler, SRSU president; Cloud; Robert J. Mallouf, former CBBS director; Dr. Manuel Ramos Medina, Friends of the CBBS board member and director of the Centro de Estudios de Historia de México; Dr. Felix D. Almaraz Jr., CBBS Advisory Council member and professor emeritus of borderlands history at The University of Texas at San Antonio; and William E. Millet, CBBS member and director of Millet Films LLC.

"Sul Ross State University is proud to be part of this historic agreement. This agreement and relationship between the Center for Big Bend Studies of Sul Ross State University and the Instituto de Anthropología e Historia opens a new and exciting chapter of cooperative research and shared initiatives between Mexico and Texas," said SRSU president Dr. Bill Kibler. "Sul Ross State University is honored to provide talent and leadership to these exciting collaborative projects."

XCOR

From 1A

committee hearing.

The hearing was to confirm Gibson, who left XCOR in June, as President Trump's nominee to be deputy chief management officer of the Defense Department.

"The technology we had, NASA and the Air Force were very, very high on it,"' he said. "They felt like it was a long-term solution to upper-stage propulsion in a low-cost, high-reusability environment."

But with less than 30 days' notice, XCOR was told the funding was terminated, Gibson said.

He did not name the prime contractor, but XCOR had been working with United Launch Alliance, a joint venture of Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp., on an upper-stage engine for the venture's next-generation launch system.

"You do your best in a small business," Gibson told the committee. "Sometimes external factors are beyond your control."

Founded in Mojave in 1999, XCOR had raised at least $19.2 million over the years.

But companies such as SpaceX and Blue Origin are backed by billionaires who haven't been shy about pouring in their own money. In the case of SpaceX, the Hawthorne firm has also lined up several multimillion dollar contracts to launch national security satellites for the Air Force.

XCOR planned to slowly and incrementally develop the building blocks of cheaper access to space. The company started out by building rocket engines that could be easily reused, then performed flight tests by incorporating them into airplanes.

One of those was the X-Racer prototype, which flew dozens of times, including one instance when it flew seven times in one day.

By 2008, the company unveiled plans for the Lynx, a two-seat, reusable space plane with a composite body that would take off from a spaceport runway. It would eventually carry a single pilot and paying passenger into suborbital space, possibly as frequently as four times a day.

The plane was to use piston pumps in its engines, utilizing a simpler manufacturing process that XCOR said would make them easier to reuse than the more complex turbopumps employed in other rocket engines.

The company said tickets would cost at least $100,000 each.

"It had the promise of reusability, significantly reduced cost than anyone else had ever thought of," said Chad Anderson, chief executive of Space Angels, a network of angel investors focused on early-stage space investments. The network didn't itself provide backing to XCOR, though some of its members were early investors.

"All of this combined to build a lot of buzz," Anderson said.

In 2011, XCOR won a contract from NASA that did not provide funds, but indicated the agency's intent to purchase flights from the company to take experiments into suborbital space once it had built the necessary vehicle.

Over time, though, the company found it had underestimated the complexity of the project and the finances needed to develop the Lynx. XCOR failed to raise further funding.

The space tourism market has taken longer to develop than originally thought, said Peluso of AlixPartners. As a result, players such as Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin have expanded their portfolios to include other, non-tourism revenue streams such as launching commercial satellites.

XCOR had an engine business, but did not have a diverse customer base, he said. Last year, the company suspended construction on the Lynx at its facility in Mojave, and chose to focus on the contract with ULA to develop an upper-stage engine for the venture's next-generation rocket. Executives saw that as the most promising source of near-term revenue.

The ULA contract ended in April. XCOR has suspended development work on that engine.

ULA declined to comment.

XCOR executives and co-founders began to trickle out of the firm two years ago. The most recent exit came last month when Gibson left.

During his Senate committee hearing, Gibson said that although he knew XCOR was "high-risk" he thought it had a "tremendous opportunity" in the market for unique propulsion and launch capabilities.

"I was very happy to take the challenge on," Gibson said. "Many of my friends asked me what the thinking was behind that. They said this thing may not make it six months, but I felt it was certainly worth the effort. We did good things in the company."

A handful of senior XCOR employees and executives have stayed on to create a road map of possible next steps.

Getting the Lynx to flight and into operation would take tens of millions of dollars, said Michael Blum, acting chief executive and a XCOR board member since April.

He said the company is still committed to the rocket ship, and early investors and the board of directors are intent on helping XCOR survive. The company is engaged in five to seven "serious conversations" with possible investors, venture partners or buyers both in the U.S. and abroad, he said.

"We're hopeful that that's going to lead to a success story here," Blum said. "But we have our work cut out for us."

Peluso of AlixPartners said the space industry is in a "renaissance," with many great ideas and a "tremendous amount of innovation emerging."

"But unfortunately,"' he said, "not everybody's going to make it."

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GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed July 27-21 by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilles and Elizabeth B. Leonard:

Jordan Ryan Barrientez, 26, driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for four years probation, 30 days jail, fine, restitution, 250 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days, TAIP, CBT, AA meetings.

Jesse Manuel Castillo, 18, obstruction or retaliation, six years TDCJ; aggravated robbery, six years TDCJ; theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, 15 months state jail, restitution; burglary of a building, 15 months state jail, restitution.

Christopher Michael Cross, 33, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke, seven months state jail.

Terrance Hartley Crump, 19, burglary of a habitation, deferred adjudication, six years community supervision, fine, 300 hours community service.

Albaro Juarez Cruz, 31, theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, 12 months state jail.

Francisco Deleon, 55, retaliation, 10 years TDCJ suspended for four years community supervision, fine, 250 hours community service, AA meetings, anger management, TAIP.

Jonathan Allen Elliott, 22, burglary of a habitation, extend supervision two years, TAIP.

Devin Dondrae Ethridge, 24, tampering with/fabrication evidence with intent to impair, five years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, fine, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Ramon Tavarez Flores, 48, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community service, restitution, 150 hours community service.

Murlin Thomas Frazier, 27, possession of a controlled substance, four years TDCJ.

Gerardo Gonzalez, 32, assault on a public servant, five years TDCJ.

Magdalena Gutierrez, 26, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, extend supervision one year, jail work program 40 hours; assault on a public servant, extend supervision one year, jail work program 40 hours.

Karley Machelle Hollums, 25, burglary of a building, continue supervision, CRTC; fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, continue supervision, CRTC.

Jesus Federico Katajiri, 20, aggravated robbery, deferred adjudication, eight years community supervision, fine, 200 hours community service.

Scott Jeffrey Kearns, 32, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Michael Ray Kirk, 29, lesser included offense of attempted prostitution solicit a person under 18, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 250 hours community supervision, sex offender registration.

Zachary Lee Lopez, 22, burglary of a habitation, deferred adjudication, 10 years community supervision, fine, 300 years community service.

James Anthony Marmolejo, 19, robbery, eight years TDCJ; robbery, eight years TDCJ; robbery, eight years TDCJ.

Adrian Martinez, 51, driving while intoxicated third or more time, 10 years TDCJ; stalking, 10 years TDCJ.

Tyrone Robert Javar McGruder, 24, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, nine months state jail; evading arrest/detention in a motor vehicle, revoke, nine months state jail.

Noah David Moss, 18, robbery, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine restitution, 250 hours community service, ISP.

Joel Reyes Munoz, 23, forgery, three years TDCJ; tampering with physical evidence, three years TDCJ.

Frankie Ray San Miguel, 25, theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, six months state jail.

Santiago Jesus Najera, 39, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication two years community supervision, fine, restitution, 120 hours community service, TAIP.

Damien Dubree Smith, 34, possession of a controlled substance, six months state jail.

Elijah Jerome Sullivan, 26, sexual assault, 15 years TDCJ.

Fabian David Trevino, 25, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, restitution, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Vicent Kealoha-Alili Tio, 25, failure to appear, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 300 hours community service, TAIP, CBT.

Iseida Urias, 19, abandoning/endangering child criminal negligence, revoke, seven months state jail.

Fermin Tarin Vasquez III, 31, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, six months state jail; tampering with/fabricating physical evidence, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Pedro Vega Jr., 29, assault on a public servant, two years TDCJ.

Brandon Keith Watts, 18, criminal mischief more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, restitution, 100 hours community service.

Ukeam Wilburn, 28, failure to comply with sex offender registration, four years TDCJ.

Andrew David Wilkerson, 24, violation of a protective order, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 300 hours community service, mental health treatment.

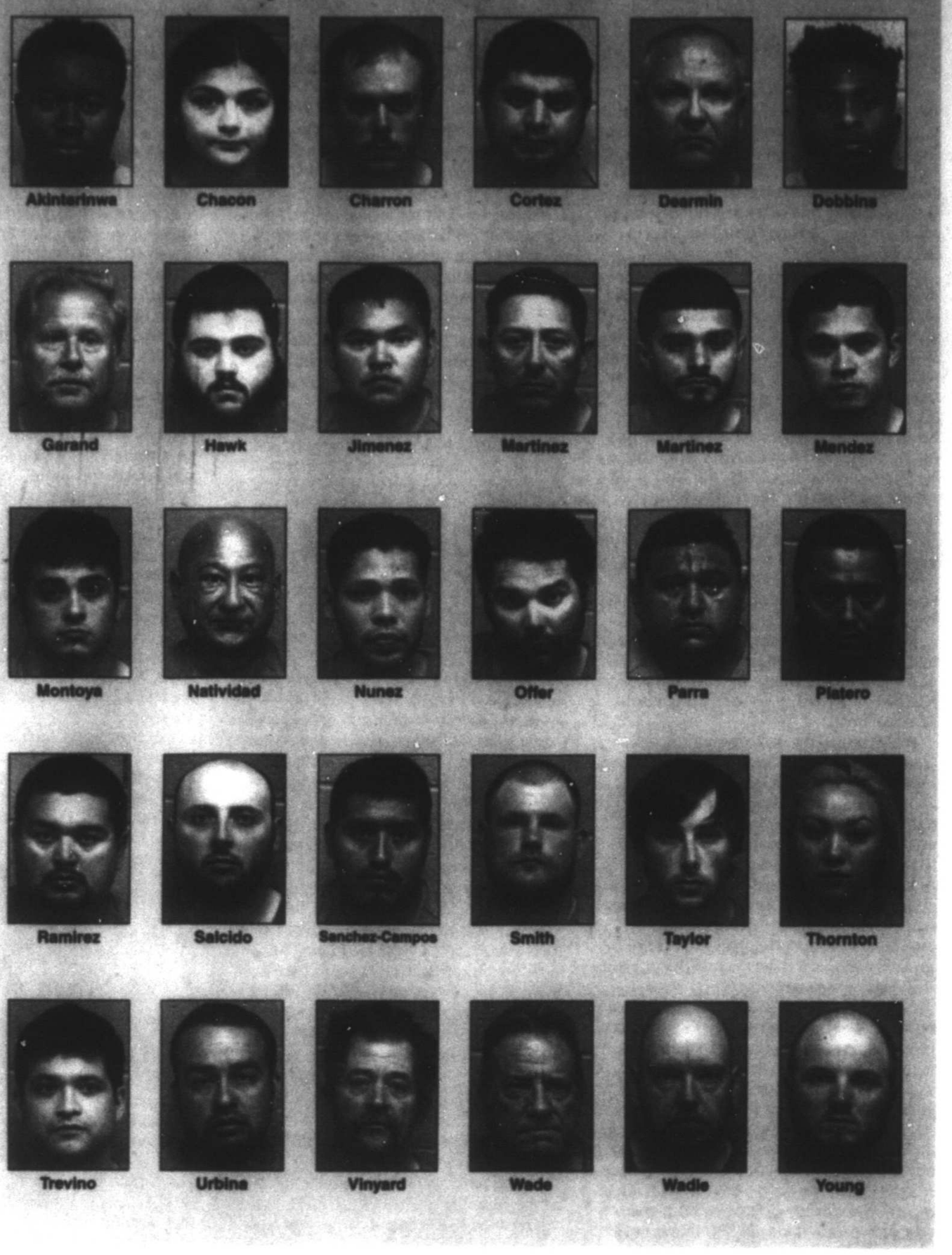
Fernando Zarate-Hernandez, 37, assault by choking, two years TDCJ.

Roberto Zamora, 45, driving while intoxicated third or more time, 10 years TDCJ suspended for six years community supervision, 30 days county jail, fine, restitution, 250 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days, DWI class, TAIP, ISP.

[TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program; CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole; SAFT = substance abuse felony treatment; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy]

Those arrested

Undercover stings related to online solicitation resulted in 37 arrests, the Texas Department of Public Safety said Friday. Seven of those individuals were arrested outside Midland County; therefore, photos are available only of the 30 people arrested locally.



OPERATION

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"It is a significant operation for this area," Nodolf said. "When you look at some of the larger jurisdictions — Dallas, Houston, Austin — they have entire units that are dedicated to do this all day long."

Offenses included online solicitation of a minor, prostitution — solicit person under 18 years of age, prostitution, promotion of prostitution, sexual performance by a minor and distribution of harmful material to a minor, according to a press release.

Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division led the Human Trafficking Operation, which received assistance from the Midland County District Attorney's Office, FBI, Homeland Security Investigations and Midland Police Department. Nodolf said the 10-day investigation required manpower and advanced planning.

"Based on prior operations that we've run, we know that there was a necessity to run a long-term investigation to be able to apprehend these individuals," Nodolf said.

Brendan C. Griffin, supervisory senior resident agent for the FBI El Paso Division in Midland, said the length of the operation made it different than previous collaborations between agencies.

"You had charges for soliciting 13-year-olds to meet them for sex, and then you had the prostitution angle of it," Griffin said. "So I think the fact that this was a ... long investigation speaks volumes of how we can cooperate together because there were no issues."

Future decisions will determine whether cases go to federal or state courts, Nodolf said. During the investigation, she said agencies showed dedication to serving the community.

"We are blessed to have that here in Midland and to be able to have such a collaborative effort on all operations that we do, but especially to see such results as this one," she said.

Those arrested in the operation and their charges are:

■ **Online solicitation of a minor (second-degree felony):**

Jaime Adam Cortez, 27, **Bruce Alan Garand**, 57, **Eduardo Jimenez**, 23, Justin **Ryley Martinez**, 21, **Gabriel C. Natividad**, 63, **Shawn Roy Platero**, 28, **Hugo Cirilo Sanchez Campos**, 27, **Jacob Adam Joseph Smith**, 21, **Glenn Curtis Vinyard Jr**, 57

■ **Prostitution — solicit person under 18 years of age (second-degree felony):**

Christopher Daniel Nunez, 37, **John Edwin Offer Ii**, 33, **Aron James Dobbins**, 20, **Christopher Carl Dearmin**, 50, **Exiquio Ramirez**, 31, **Olukayode Oyewole Akinterinwa**, 21, **Jason Robert Charron**, 36, **Dalton Michael Hawk**, 22, **David Gomez Martinez**, 49, **Sebastian Mendez Jr**, 35, Hector **Javier Montoya**, 20, **Hector Parra**, 36, Colin **Jared Taylor**, 23, **Daniel Trevino Jr**, 28, Oscar **Antonio Urbina**, 32, Earl **Wayne Wade Jr**, 59, **Christopher Allen Wadle**, 40, **Johnathon Lee Young**, 24

■ **Prostitution (class B misdemeanor):**

Adrianna Elena Chacon, 19

■ **Prostitution — enhanced (state jail felony):**

Ashlee Elizabeth Thornton, 25

■ **Promotion of prostitution (class A misdemeanor):** **Dalila Sollano**, 29

■ **Sexual performance by a minor (Second-Degree Felony):** **Aron Olivas** 24, Jesse **Don Crawford**, 40, **Paul E. Mack**, 42, **Javier Saniel Salcido**, 28

■ **Provide harmful material to a juvenile (class A misdemeanor):** **Jesus Cruz**, 19, **Jacob Sanchez Lara**, 33, **Aron Olivas**, 24, **Christian Ray Wilson**, 31

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help locating a suspect involved in a felony theft.

On July 26th between noon and 4 p.m., someone went to 3011 W. Wall St. and stole a golf cart. The golf cart is a burnt orange-colored 2017 Club Car with off-road all-terrain custom black wheels. The cart is valued at $6,500.

If you are the first person to identify the suspects involved and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and NO caller ID is ever used. Call 694-TIPS (8477) or mobile app P3 TIPS.

Like our Midland Crime Stoppers Facebook page or visit our website at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com

How to submit a secure tip

■ **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
■ **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
■ **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
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■ **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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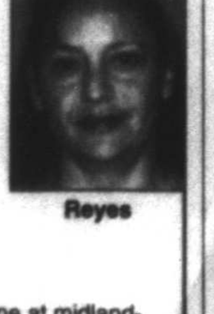

Reyes

DOB: 1-29-1958
Height and weight: 5 feet, 7 inches; 160 pounds
Charge: Theft of Property o/$2,500 u/$30,000 — Grand Jury Indictment

■ Wanted as of 7-28-2017
■ Warrant #CR49336
■ $500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
■ Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
■ As always you will remain anonymous
■ NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Toxic

From 1A

captured national attention, the drug of choice in West Texas is methamphetamine, or crystal meth, a powerful stimulant oil field workers use to cope with long hours in the Texas heat, and one that is increasingly supplied through Mexican drug cartels, according to law enforcement officials. An analysis of data from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Houston oil field services company Baker Hughes found a strong correlation between the rise of drilling activity and the number of crystal meth seizures in the area surrounding the Permian Basin. Between 2009 and 2016, as oil companies dispatched more rigs into West Texas, the number of meth seizures rose sharply.

The rig count's average of 103 in 2009 increased more than fivefold by 2014, the peak of the oil boom. In the same period, Texas state troopers saw meth seizures jump from three to 73, a 4,000 percent increase in the dozens of counties encompassing the Permian Basin.

CRS Diagnostic Service, a drug-testing company in Odessa, found the number of local workers who tested positive for methamphetamine in the first half of this year was more than three times higher than in the first half of 2009, shortly before the so-called shale oil revolution got underway.

"Meth is booming," said Craig Smith, a senior vice president at the company.

For the oil industry, increased drug abuse in West Texas has exacerbated the struggle to find workers as they rebuild labor forces after widespread layoffs during the recent downturn. Patterson-UTI Energy, a Houston drilling and hydraulic fracturing contractor, has hired 4,000 people this year to fill jobs on rigs and fracturing fleets, but more job applicants have failed drug tests this year than in 2014, said Diana Dotolo, the company's vice president of human resources.

Orosco

The Houston firm recruits workers from around the United States, but for local companies without a nationwide reach, the problem is far worse. Dynamic Oilfield Services, an oil-equipment company based in Corpus Christi, has seen roughly half of its job applicants from West Texas fail drug tests this year, and most of its employees in the region are hired from other areas.

Decades ago, biker gangs made meth from pseudoephedrine, a substance used in decongestants that was outlawed in Texas in the 1980s. Now, Mexican drug cartels dominate the commerce of meth, often transporting the substance in liquid form across the U.S.-Mexico border, stored in fake gasoline tanks, iced tea bottles or windshield washer fluid reservoirs, law enforcement officials said.

They take it to stash houses in places like Phoenix and Dallas before it reaches high-demand markets in West Texas, said Will Glaspy, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency's El Paso division.

"Oil field workers are big consumers of methamphetamine," Glaspy said. "The Mexican cartels are the biggest sources of supply."

Across the West Texas and New Mexico counties that encompass the Permian Basin, the DEA has seized 2,200 pounds of meth since October 2015, more than triple the amount confiscated in between October 2011 and September 2013. Last year, the agency seized 66 pounds of methamphetamine in the Midland area, compared with 11 pounds in 2012.

Lozoya

"When the oil price is up, there's more methamphetamine in our entire community," said Steve Thomason, executive director at the Springboard Center, an alcohol and drug treatment facility in Midland. It's not uncommon, he said, to see a young oil field worker "roll up to outpatient treatment in a Corvette."

Failing the test

In the first six months of this year, more than 1,000 people working or applying for jobs in the oil-producing business failed urine-based drug tests, double the pace of failures last year, according to Houston-based DISA Global Solutions, the largest provider of drug-testing policies to U.S. oil producers.

The number of industry workers failing hair follicle tests, which are more effective in detecting longterm drug use, jumped to more than 4,600 over the past 18 months, tripling the number in the two years from 2009 to 2010; the number of people testing positive for methamphetamine jumped five times.

Large oil companies and oil field contractors said they have adopted tougher drug-testing policies in recent years. Houston oil producer Apache Corp., for example, conducts random, pre-employment, post-accident and reasonable-suspicion drug tests. If an employee or contractor fails a test, he could face termination.

"We are vigilant about ensuring a drug-free culture," said Castlen Kennedy, a spokeswoman at Apache.

But substance abuse specialists believe drug-test failure figures grossly underestimate the number of oil field workers who abuse drugs. Traces of methamphetamine, for example, linger in a person's system for only few days, making it harder to catch meth abusers.

Tyson

Several recovering drug addicts said managers in the oil patch tip off crews to a random drug test several days before it takes place, some to dodge fines by regulators, others to avoid having to hire new workers.

"There's a million and one ways to beat the drug tests," said Patrice Owens, director of the Greenhouse Outpatient Center, an Arlington addiction treatment facility. "If people want to use drugs, there's always a way."

Even if they get caught using drugs, oil field workers often find their way back to the oil patch. For the seven years Cody Watson worked as an oil field electrician, using meth and cocaine as he worked nonstop for several days at a time when storms knocked out rig power-lines, it wasn't hard to pass drug tests because managers gave him and his crew plenty of advanced warning.

Once, after Watson smashed his finger with a pipe, a drilling company fired him when he came up positive in a post-accident drug test. He drove 18 hours across Texas for a job interview with another company, purging his system with water to erase any trace of drugs. He passed the pre-employment drug test.

"During the boom times, I could leave my job and there'd be plenty of places to work," said Watson, now a 41-year-old recovering addict. "A lot of these guys hop from one rig to another. It's a never-ending cycle."

Breaking the cycle

Not long ago, drug use on a drilling rig was out in the open, said Kevin Tyson, a 55-year-old recovering addict. He recalled fellow rig workers tying a syringe filled with meth to a machine that pulls pipe out of the earth, then running it up to the derrick hand 90 feet above the rig floor, where the man took a hit.

Meth kept Tyson working and partying for years. They'd go on benders for days and didn't think much of it. Once, he missed a pipe he was supposed to catch. It swung right past him across the rig floor. Another guy smashed a coworker's hand with a sledgehammer. Some would die in oil field accidents, car wrecks or from overdoses. "Oh well," he said, "just keep going."

Doctors told him he weighed 70-something pounds when he arrived at a hospital in Lubbock, where he spent a month in an intensive care unit. He has the paperwork, but he still doesn't know if that is true. One doctor said if he used meth again, he would die. He thought about that for a long time. Four months after his release, he got bored, called his buddy and started shooting meth again.

"I knew I was going to die," said Tyson, who had worked in oil patch for 16 years before he began his recovery in November 2001, at age 39. "But I just figured, let's have a good hard run."

The rules have changed since Tyson began his career, as companies impose stricter testing regimens. But the tough-guy culture still drives roustabouts, mechanics, truckers and rig hands to work long hours under grueling conditions and find ways to beat the tests. And sometimes, it drives them to the breaking point.

In mid-April, around 2 a.m., Robert Orosco Jr. put a gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. The 34-year-old had lost everything to his relapse with Xanax, a highly addictive medication for anxiety, and cocaine. The drugs were so readily available, he could have them delivered. His wife had left him. He lost his house. He lost his job as an oil-equipment salesman. In every scenario he played out in his head, his six children were better off without him. The gun didn't fire.

Orosco checked himself in to a treatment facility the next day. Today, a few months sober, Orosco is building a new company that offers drone imaging to oil companies to identify leaks and assemble 3D maps of the earth's surface.

"The boom brings the good and the bad," Orosco said. "There's so much here."

Last month, Lozoya, the former oil field trucker, found a job at a local department store selling women's shoes for $13 an hour, plus commission. He remembers his days as a 19-year old earning paychecks that were five times larger than the average American his age and how he blew it all to feed a habit that eventually cost $500 to $1,000 a day.

He also remembers a downward spiral that cost him his job and led him to steal RVs, dirt bikes and even copper from the oil field. Several times, he nearly overdosed, and ultimately he sought help at a treatment center after his girlfriend and others persuaded him to get clean.

Today, he likes getting dressed up for work, with a suit, tie and well-groomed hair. He hopes to pursue a college degree and, perhaps one day, have his own clothing brand. And, for at least the next few months, he plans to heed the advice his counselors gave him: Don't go back to the oil patch.

"I don't see myself being able to work 100 hours a week sober," he said. "The oil field is tough."

Century-old battle in Belgium sums up horrors of World War I

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

YPRES, Belgium — Dismembered soldiers sucked into cesspools of mud. Shattered tree trunks and the waft of poison gas hovering over the wounded who were awaiting their fates on the scarred soil of Flanders Fields.

The Third Battle of Ypres, fought in western Belgium a century ago, was as bad as World War I would get. Half a million soldiers were estimated to have been killed or wounded during the 100-day battle and one name keeps coming back: Passchendaele, now as grim a symbol as any field of war ever remembered.

Monday marks the centennial of the start of the Allied offensive, which ended up barely moving the front line. Thus it became a metaphor for the folly of war as soldiers from Australia, Canada and New Zealand joined mostly British forces attempting to break Germany's hold on the Western Front.

"It is the largest massacre ever to have taken place on Belgian soil," said curator Piet Chielens of the In Flanders Fields Museum, which has recorded over 150,000 dead — and still counting — in the months of fighting.

Belgium's King Philippe and Queen Mathilde are expected to join Britain's Prince Charles, Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge over two days of centenary ceremonies, starting with a Last Post at Ypres' Menin Gate on Sunday.

When the Third Battle of Ypres started on July 31, 1917, World War I was entering its fourth year, bogged down in trench warfare. Both sides were desperate for a breakthrough following the hundreds of thousands of casualties the year before at Verdun and the Somme in northern France, two other battles that vie with Passchendaele as the most costly of the Great War.

Britain's Sir Douglas Haig was convinced he could force a breakthrough at Ypres, even though two earlier battles there had failed. The goal was to shut down German submarine operations on the Belgian coast. Haig's plan to take the village of Passchendaele in a few days and move on to the coast turned out to be wildly ambitious.

With rain turning the swampy terrain to mud and the Germans armed with mustard gas, it would take until November for the Allies to capture the village. They never got close to the ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend.British painter Paul Nash was at Passchendaele in November and used the depth of despair he witnessed as inspiration for his painting "The Menin Road."

"The rain drives on, the stinking mud becomes more evilly yellow, the shell holes fill up with green-white water, the roads and tracks are covered in inches of slime, the black dying trees ooze and sweat and the shells never cease," Nash wrote to his wife. "Annihilating, maiming, maddening, they plunge into the grave which is this land."

In the end, the British would argue that even though the advance stalled, the long and costly battle weakened the German enemy. History, however, has highlighted the futility of the exercise, Chielens said, pointing out that Passchendaele could not be held once it was taken.

"Passchendaele was ultimately a small and indefensible salient," Chielens said.

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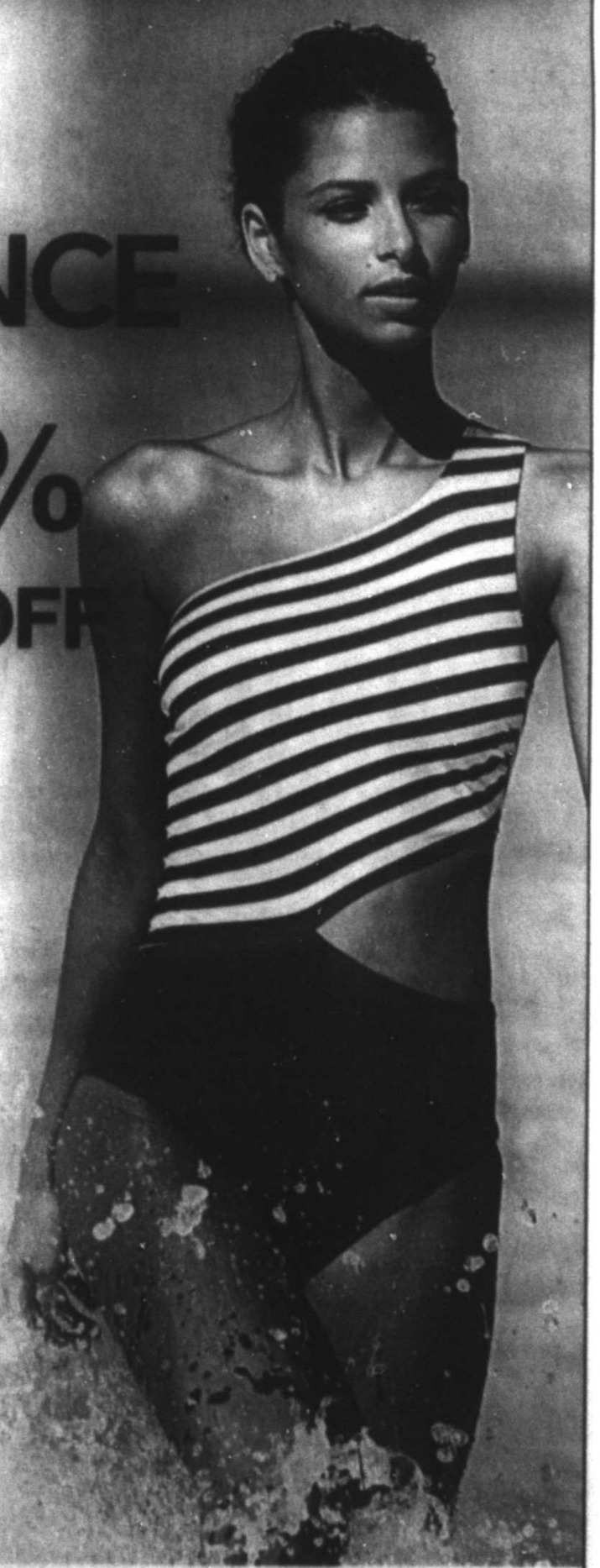

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WEATHERFORD

Authorities allege 14 arrested part of North Texas drug ring

Authorities in North Texas say they have arrested 14 people who were part of a ring that sold drugs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Parker County Sheriff's Office said Friday investigators have seized four pounds of methamphetamine, more than 30 pounds of a date rape drug, $14,000 in cash and four guns.

Officials say the investigation began in March after students in Weatherford told a school resource officer that a Weatherford resident was selling large amounts of drugs. Weatherford is located about 60 miles west of Dallas.

The sheriff's office says all of the seized drugs originated from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

One person is still being sought and more arrests are possible.

LYTLE

3 killed after truck hits group helping fallen motorcyclist

Authorities say three people were killed after a truck hit a group of people who were helping a motorcyclist who had fallen off his bike and landed on a roadway near San Antonio.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the motorcyclist was riding on a frontage road of Interstate 35 near Lytle at around 2 a.m. Saturday when he fell off his bike. Lytle is located about 25 miles southwest of San Antonio.

The man's nephew and two others were trying to help the man get off the road when a truck hit all four individuals.

DPS says the motorcyclist, his nephew and a third person died at the scene. Another person was hurt.

ALBUQUERQUE,

Albuquerque startup developing material for hydrogen cars

A New Mexico startup is betting on automakers to develop hydrogen cars and wants to provide material for them as nations and companies scramble to bring pollution-free vehicles to drivers.

The Albuquerque-based Pajarito Powder is developing material for hydrogen fuel cells that CEO Tom Stephenson hopes will one day aid those concept hydrogen-powered cars, KOB-TV in Albuquerque reported.

"Every fuel cell vehicle is going to need material like what we produce," Stephenson said.

Fuel cell vehicles are zero-emission, running on power produced when hydrogen combines with oxygen in the air to create water.

Stephenson's company of 17 employees is creating a thin film built directly into the hydrogen fuel cells. He dubbed the material Pajarito Powder, which is inspired by Pajarito Mesa — the site of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Japan announced in May that it was backing a push for pollution-free vehicles that run on hydrogen. It is planning to build more hydrogen fueling stations so that fuel-cell vehicles on roads will grow to 40,000 by 2020.

Now, only a handful of such vehicles are on the roads, partly because of the scarcity of hydrogen stations.

Tokyo-based Honda, for instance has delivered only 245 of its latest Clarity fuel-cell vehicles in Japan, and the U.S. Toyota has delivered about 3,000 of its Mirai fuel cell cars.

The need for vehicles equipped with such futuristic technology is expected to grow because of concerns about pollution and global warming.

Automakers and energy companies have been working together on fuel cells, viewing such collaboration on investing in the technology, including the infrastructure of hydrogen stations, and agreeing on standards as crucial for its success.

ALBUQUERQUE,

Family of woman shot by Albuquerque police eye DNA gun test

The family of a woman shot and killed by an Albuquerque police officer is asking a court to force him to take a DNA test.

KOB-TV in Albuquerque reports the family of Mary Hawkes believes former officer Jeremy Dear planted the gun police say Hawkes was holding when Dear shot her.

Lawyers for the family say Hawkes' DNA didn't show up on the gun.

The court is expected to rule in late August on whether Dear will have to take a DNA test or not. The request comes as part of a wrongful death lawsuit the family has filed against Dear and the city of Albuquerque.

SANTE FE

Proposed truck stop near Santa Fe faces setback amid protest

A proposed truck stop near Santa Fe that is drawing opposition from some residents has suffered a setback.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that Santa Fe County rejected the developer's application Friday, finding it incomplete. That means partners in the venture would have to file a new application next month.

County spokeswoman Kristine Mihelcic says the Pilot Flying J Co. application lacked a plan and profile stamped by a New Mexico-registered engineer for site access.

The proposal to construct a 24-hour travel center southwest of the Interstate 25 interchange with New Mexico 14 has inflamed nearby residents.

They have packed meetings held this summer by the national truck stop giant and hope to establish a firewall of community opposition early in the development review process.

ALBUQUERQUE,

Missing 115-year-old tortoise returned to New Mexico owner

A 115-year-old desert tortoise that disappeared from its garden at a New Mexico senior living community was returned.

The Albuquerque Journal reports the tortoise, Diablo, was returned Friday to Manzano del Sol Village. He had ventured to the backyard of a nearby home after a family bought the shell-wearing wanderer from kids at a local park.

Millie Tjeltweed, who owns Diablo, says she doesn't know the circumstances of the tortoise's disappearance.

Tjeltweed says the family that purchased Diablo called the senior living community after seeing a news report on the tortoise's disappearance. Tjeltweed and some administrators from the facility went over to the home, and Tjeltweed was able to verify that it was her pet of 35 years.

NEW MEXICO

Teen girl dies in Las Cruces shooting

LAS CRUCES — Police in Las Cruces are investigating the shooting death of a teenage girl.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports she died after at least one shot was fired from the street toward a home on Monte Vista Street.

The girl was pronounced dead at the scene. Her age and name were not immediately released.

The street was closed for the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

PHOENIX

Infant dies in hot car, the second such death in city

An infant left for about two hours in a hot car has died — the second such death in the past two days in the city, the Phoenix Fire Department said.

Firefighters were called shortly before 3 p.m. Saturday to investigate a report of a 1-year-old boy in a car in the parking lot of the Free Church of God in Christ on the city's south side, authorities said.

The mother found the child, which was pronounced dead the scene, fire Capt. Larry Subervi said in a statement .

Phoenix police are investigating. The incident appears to be an accident, Subervi said.

Zettica Mitchell, who told the Arizona Republic she is a cousin of the baby's father, called the death "shocking, devastating, just sad."

"You feel like it's something that could happen to anybody," she said.

On Friday, authorities say a 7-month-old boy died after being left alone in a hot car in a northeast Phoenix neighborhood in triple-digit conditions.

Emergency personnel were called to the scene about 4 p.m. Friday, fire department officials said. When officers arrived, witnesses reported the baby had been left in the vehicle for an extended period of time. The boy was pronounced dead a short time later, police said.

TUSCON

Slain teen told friend she was 'super scared' of stepfather

A police report states six weeks before her slaying, a 13-year-old Arizona girl told a friend she had discovered something terrifying about her stepfather.

The Arizona Daily Star reported Saturday Jayden Glomb told a friend she was "super scared" after discovering something about her stepfather, Joshua Lelevier.

The report says the friend showed police screenshots of conversations with Glomb, in which Glomb says she was "terrified." Her friend told Jayden what Lelevier was doing was "disgusting."

Glomb's body was found May 12 in a desert area less than two miles from her home, with blood around her nose and mouth and a ligature mark around her throat. Her cause of death was asphyxiation.

Lelevier is facing murder and abandonment of a dead body charges in connection with Glomb's death.

ARIZONA

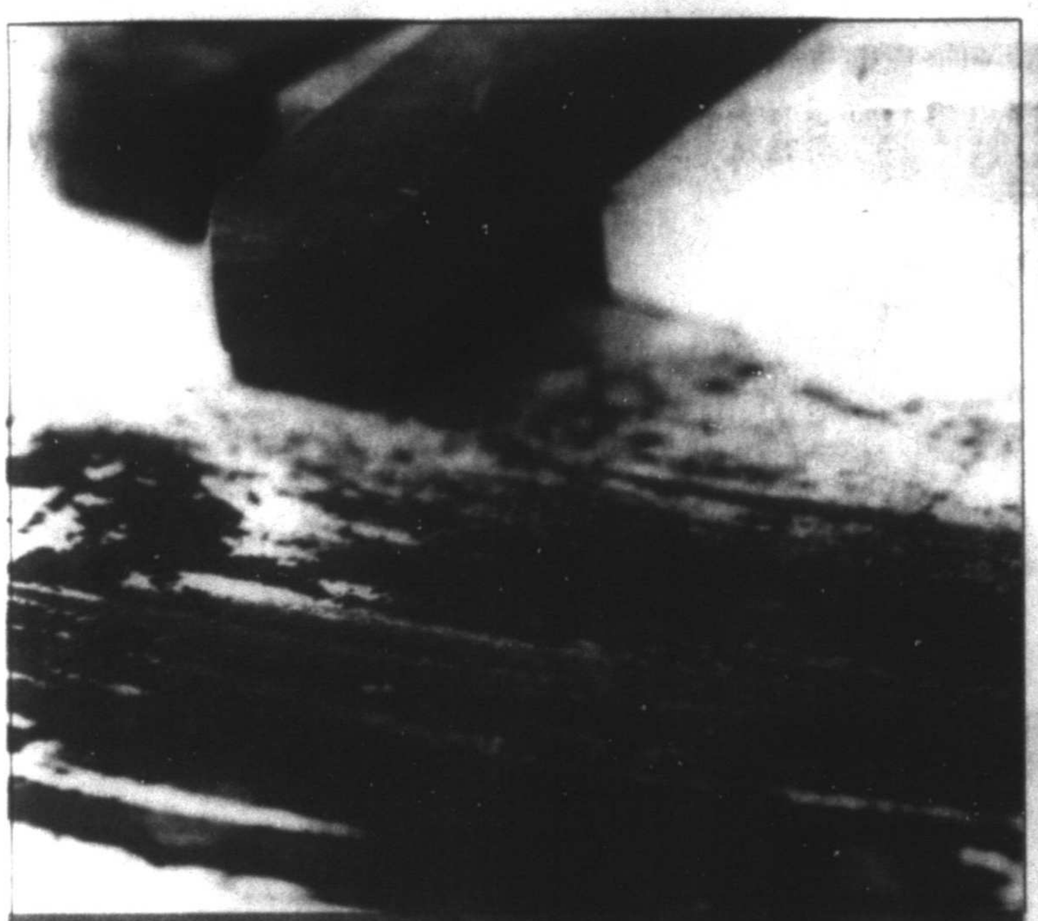
Arizona teen dies after falling down Carr Canyon falls

SIERRA VISTA— Officials say a 16-year-old Arizona boy died after falling several hundred feet down Carr Canyon falls.

The Tucson Daily Star reports medical personnel pronounced Jaidee Austin dead Friday after he slipped and fell down the falls.

Cochise County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Carol Capas says after receiving reports of an incident at the falls, officials located a group of juveniles, which consisted of two 16-year-old girls and a 9-year-old boy. The girls told deputies one of them had slipped near the top of the falls and Austin helped her before slipping himself and falling to his death.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing.



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Sneak Preview

FAVORITE LAW FIRM Borland & Borland

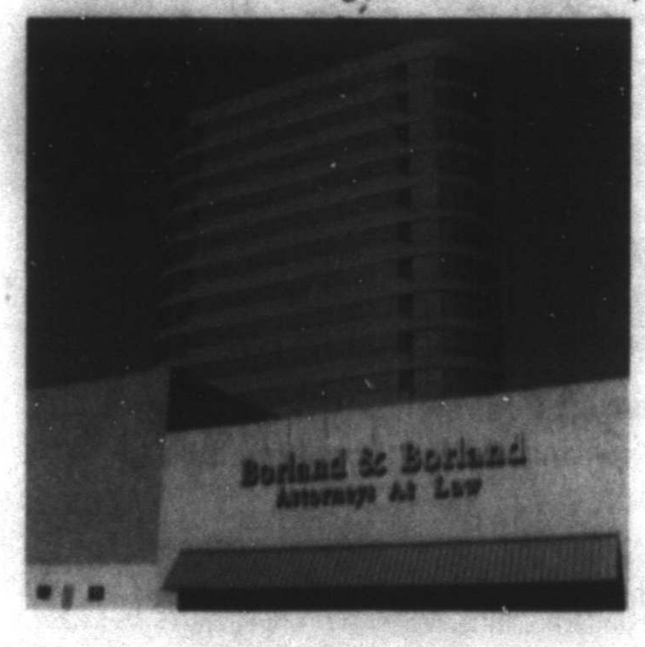
Whether he is discovering the hard-hitting facts behind an oilfield explosion law suit, or giving a citizenship presentation at Casa de Amigos entirely in Spanish, Mike Borland has earned a name for himself in the Midland community with his wife and law partner Vi Lea, at their law firm Borland & Borland.

As Midland High School alums, Mike and Vi Lea Borland first started the firm in 1982 after graduating from Baylor Law School, coming back to their home in West Texas. Since then, they have seen the firm grow to be one of the most trusted and successful firms in the Permian Basin. Borland & Borland specializes in serious personal injury, wrongful death cases and immigration law, and their goal is always to make sure their clients experience the highest quality of service.

"I think the thing that sets us apart is the quality of our client contacts, and the fact that we stay on top of our cases and treat our clients with respect," Borland said. "As a result, a lot of our business is from client referrals. I think that makes a difference and it keeps you in people's minds."

Besides offering some of the highest quality law services within oilfield injury and wrongful death cases, Borland is also one of the few Texas lawyers who took the time and effort to become a board-certified immigration lawyer.

"As far as I know, I'm still the only board-certified immigration attorney between Fort Worth and El Paso and between Lubbock and the border," Borland said. "That's a big area, and I'm certainly the only one in the Permian Basin."



In the entire state of Texas, there are less than 200 board-certified immigration lawyers, and Borland said there are numerous difficult and time-consuming requirements to earn and maintain the certification.

"A substantial portion of your practice has to be dedicated to that area of law for at least five years before you apply, and then you're required to keep up about 20 hours a year of continuing legal education just in that area to maintain specialization," Borland said. "Plus, you have to be recommended by other attorneys and by judges."

Ensuring his position as one of the best in immigration law, Borland is also fluent in Spanish, and he said he believes this is one of the contributing factors to the success of the firm and that he appreciates the bi-cultural aspect of being able to speak a different language.

"I have been living and working with Hispanic people from the time I was a child. I learned to speak Spanish when I was pretty young, and it's always been something I've enjoyed," Borland said. "It's a lot of fun, it's very helpful and the clients appreciate it."

Borland & Borland has been a winner in the Reader's Choice Awards for the last several years, beginning with a Gold Award in 2012, and with their expertise, professionalism and dedication to giving their best for their clients, it's no wonder that they are once again at the top of the list.

"I think that our history of success in personal injury, wrongful death, oilfield cases and immigration speaks for itself," Borland said. "I think we enjoy an excellent reputation as being people who make things happen and get things done for our clients in those areas of law."

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An expanding energy empire

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Energy continues to expand in the energy sector with the development of wind and other renewable sources, natural gas projects and utility company acquisitions.

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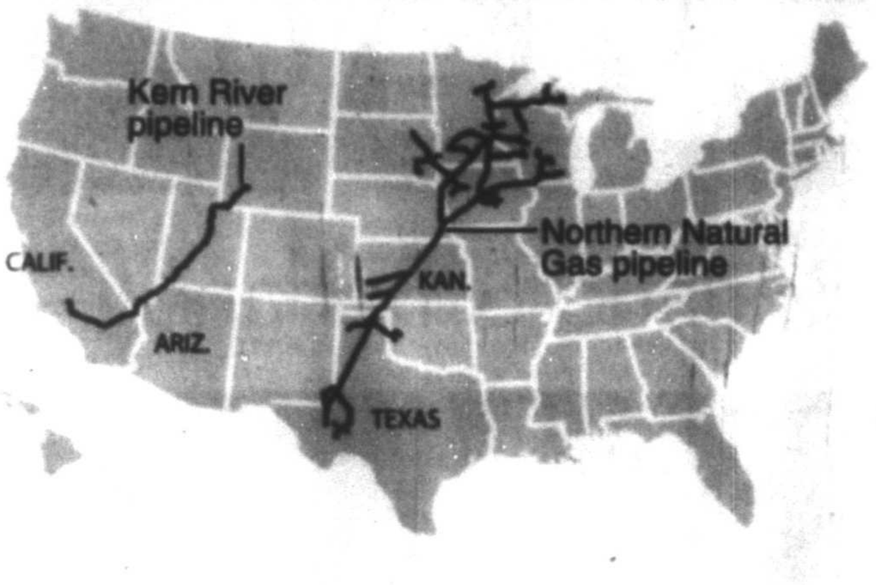

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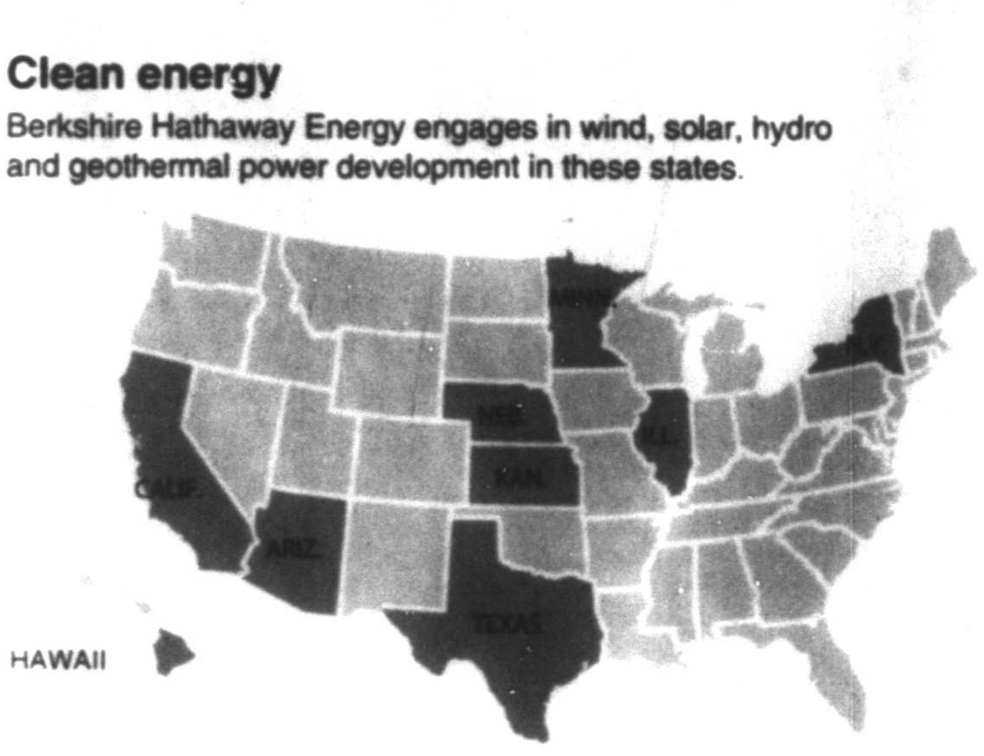

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Berkshire Hathaway Energy serves 4.7 million electricity and natural gas customers across 11 states.

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Warren Buffett makes a power play

By Ivan Penn
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — From California to the Midwest, billionaire investor Warren Buffett is steadily building an energy powerhouse.

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Energy subsidiary has gobbled up utilities and natural gas pipelines and tapped into clean energy production, including from Southern California's abundant geothermal resources.

The latest move by Berkshire Hathaway Energy is the planned $9 billion purchase of Dallas-based Oncor, a regulated electricity service provider with 10 million customers and more than 3,700 employees. It's one of the nation's largest power transmission companies.

"Oncor is an excellent fit for Berkshire Hathaway, and we are pleased to make another long-term investment in Texas," Buffett said in a statement announcing the deal, which is expected to close by the end of the year. "When we invest in Texas, we invest big!"

Buffett's big investment amps up an energy operation that last year contributed nearly 10 percent of Berkshire Hathaway's $24 billion in earnings.

Buffett views utilities and their earnings as "recession resistant," providing "an essential service for which demand is remarkably steady," the so-called Oracle of Omaha told Berkshire Hathaway shareholders in the latest version of his famous annual letter.

Berkshire Hathaway Energy declined to make anyone available to comment for this report.

Jon Wellinghoff, former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said he believes Berkshire Hathaway recognizes that there are many areas of the electrical grid that operate inefficiently and— like any business — it is looking to capitalize on that.

"There are tremendous efficiencies to be squeezed out of the system," said Wellinghoff, a former chief policy officer at SolarCity who is chief executive of consulting firm Policy DER.

"I think Berkshire Hathaway's strategy is to maximize the use of the transmission system," he said. "I also think it can be and ultimately will be a good use of renewable energy."

Berkshire Hathaway appears to be doing all it can to counter a purported death spiral of economic harm that power companies face because of growing energy efficiency regulations, consumers generating their own power with rooftop solar panels and the advent of electricity storage options in homeowners' garages.

At the same time, Berkshire Hathaway is pushing for a regional approach to delivering electricity throughout the West, with the operator of California's electrical grid at the control switch.

The state's grid manager, the California Independent System Operator, has inched ever closer toward making a regional grid a reality, including the expansion of its electricity-trading market.

That market now includes the state's shareholder-owned utilities — Southern California Edison Co., Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and San Diego Gas & Electric Co.— as well as out-of-state entities such as Arizona Public Service. Municipal utilities also have become members — the nation's largest, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, is expected to join in spring 2018 — at least some at the prodding of Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries.

Elliott is said to try Texas charm offensive to outdo Berkshire

By Ryan Collins, Scott Deveau
Bloomberg

While Elliott Management Corp. tries to cobble together enough money to beat Berkshire Hathaway's $9 billion bid to buy one of America's largest transmission operators, it has another problem to deal with: the state of Texas.

The New York hedge fund run by billionaire Paul Singer is trying to convince Texas stakeholders that its deal to buy their biggest power distributor, Oncor Electric Delivery Co., will be superior to Berkshire's. Representatives of Elliott have spent a week and a half in Texas meeting with groups including the state utility commission, people familiar with the situation said, asking not to be identified because the meetings aren't public.

Elliott needs to win over the two sitting members of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, which will probably take a formal recommendation from the agency's staff. And despite meetings with the fund, a state official said the commission remains concerned with Elliott's plan because it lacks detail, including the investors that would ultimately own Oncor. In a letter disclosed earlier this month, the department's executive director went as far as to accuse Elliott of mischaracterizing his staff as being supportive of its plan when the fund still hadn't provided "significant details."

Elliott and Berkshire Hathaway's energy unit declined to comment. Terry Hadley, a spokesman for the utility commission, said "nothing much has changed" since the agency's executive director wrote that letter.

Meanwhile, the takeover of Oncor is key to ending the high-profile bankruptcy of the utility's parent, Energy Future Holdings Corp., which has been working to restructure $50 billion of debt since 2014. And the spat between Elliott and Warren Buffett's Berkshire threatens to keep it in Chapter 11 for longer. Texas regulators have already quashed two bids for Oncor by U.S. utility giant NextEra Energy Inc. and a group led by Hunt Consolidated Inc.

"It's all and well to say, 'We're going to come up with a better proposal,' but there are two masters to serve here," said Paul Patterson, a utilities analyst at Glenrock Associates in New York. "One is the bankruptcy court and the other is the Texas PUC, and the Texas PUC has been the one that has basically knocked down" previous attempts.

Berkshire has meanwhile already laid the groundwork for its case before the Texas utility commission. Hours after announcing its deal to buy Oncor this month, Berkshire committed to more than 40 measures that, it said, would shield Oncor from potential bankruptcy at other units and protect an independent board with sole authority over the company's dividends — two provisions the agency has laid out as conditions for a takeover.

The state utility commission's executive director, Brian Lloyd, issued a statement early this month applauding Berkshire's "productive efforts." The commission's staff, the state's advocate for utility customers, a steering committee of cities served by Oncor and a group of industrial customers have all signed a document laying out the commitments Berkshire made, supporting approval of the deal.

For its part, Elliott has assured Texas stakeholders in meetings that the hedge fund is willing to meet or exceed the commitments Berkshire has made, people familiar with the conversations said. The activist investment firm, the largest creditor to Oncor's bankrupt parent, has also made clear that it isn't just trying to get a better offer out of Berkshire to collect a bigger payout as a debtor. The fund is after an equity stake in Oncor, the people said.

Elliott has been marketing its deal as better than Berkshire's because Oncor would have multiple owners as opposed to just one, offering a checks-and-balances system that would hold the company accountable to more than one stakeholder, according to the people. The fund is looking to pull together a bid that would preserve a 20 percent position held by Borealis Infrastructure Management and GIC Pte Ltd., with the rest of the company proposed to be owned by Elliott and other investors, they said.

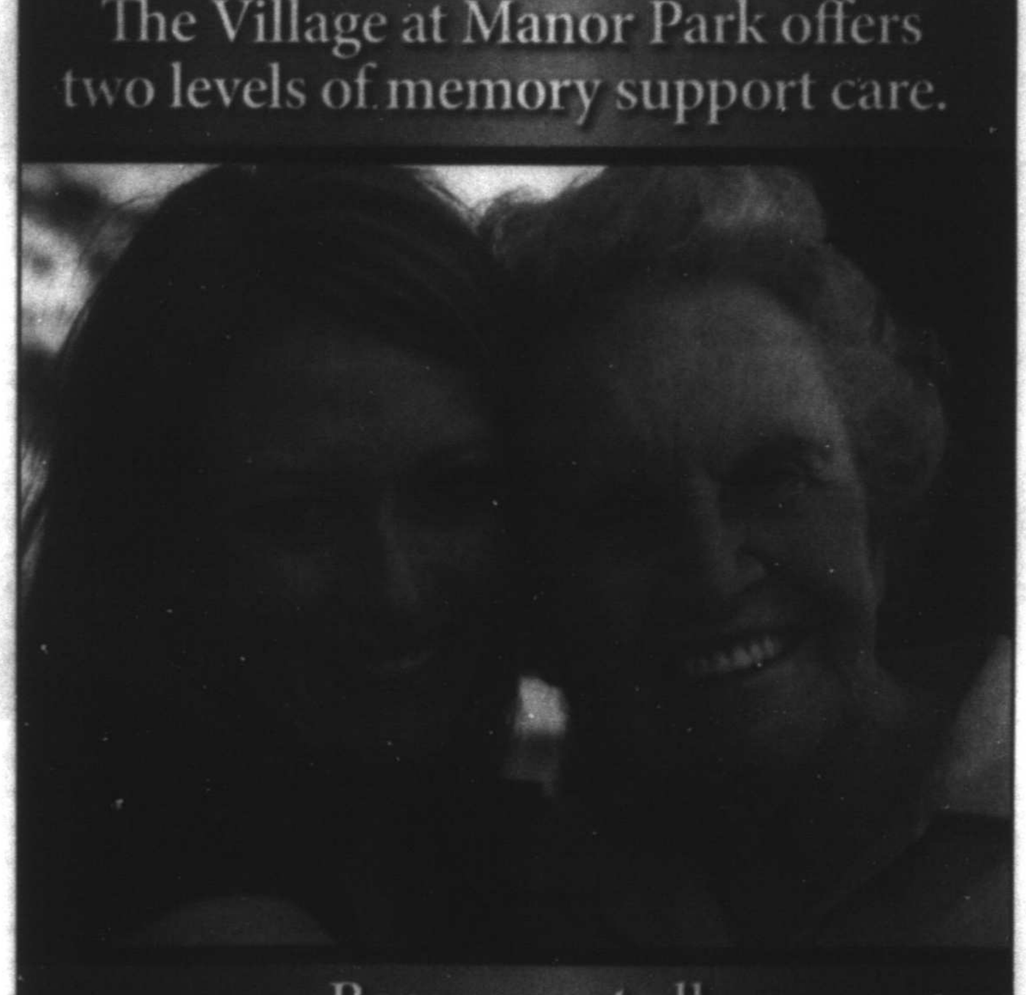
Elliott said in court Wednesday that it's working on rounding up investors who may be willing to help finance a $9.3 billion, competing bid that would include $3.7 billion in debt and $5.6 billion in equity.

The fund has already agreed to provide $1.1 billion and another creditor has pledged $400 million, said Roger Wood, a managing director at Moelis & Co., which is advising the company on its bid. Berkshire has offered an all-cash deal.

Wood said five to 10 investment groups would probably need to participate in Elliott's bid. And to bolster its case with Texas regulators, the fund is looking for investors in the state to back the offer, he said.

Oncor has, meanwhile, maintained that Berkshire's offer is still the best it's seen so far. The company is waiting to see if Elliot is able to pull together a rival deal, Geoff Bailey, director of communications at Oncor, said Thursday.

Without a formal Elliott bid on the table, Patterson said, "It's unclear to me what the reception will be."



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Trump could replace Jeff Sessions in a recess appointment, and how Republicans can prevent it

■ ANALYSIS

By Amber Phillips
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump sounds like he's intent on forcing out his "beleaguered" attorney general, Jeff Sessions, either by firing him or demeaning him until he quits. Firing Sessions might get rid of one of the president's problems, but it could create a whole host of others.

Most urgently, firing Sessions could sever Trump's relationship with Republicans in Congress — you know, the same Republicans he needs to approve his nominees (in the Senate) or pass bills he can sign into law (both the Senate and House).

"If Jeff Sessions is fired," Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., told reporters, "there will be holy hell to pay."

The Washington Post's White House team reports that if Sessions is out soon, Trump is discussing going over indignant Republicans in the Senate and bringing on a new attorney general while the Senate is on break this August.

"So why aren't the Committees and investigators, and of course our beleaguered A.G., looking into Crooked Hillarys crimes & Russia relations?

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It could happen. But it could also backfire bigly. And since Republicans control a majority of Congress, when they're upset at the president, there's a lot they can do to stop him - including preventing a new attorney general from taking office.

Let me explain.

Yes, Trump has the authority for a recess appointment.

There's actually a "Recess Clause" in the Constitution (Article II Sec. 2) that reads: "The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session."

Presidents have used it for everything from relatively obscure labor boards to filling seats on the Supreme Court. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower used that authority to appoint William Brennan to the Supreme Court less than a month before the presidential election. A few years before that, he had appointed Chief Justice Earl Warren to the court when the Senate was in recess. In both cases, the Senate later confirmed those justices.

But the courts have made it more difficult.

Recess appointments can backfire, legally. In 2014, the Supreme Court overturned President Barack Obama's three recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, arguing that the president overstepped his constitutional authority.

The Senate can make recess appointments nearly impossible.

When it overruled Obama, the Supreme Court also gave the Senate a wide latitude to decide when it considers itself to be in recess and when it's out. Today, a recess has to last at least 10 days before the president can legally make an appointment.

The court also OKed a loophole the Senate can use to leave town but still block a president from having free rein.

The Senate can go into "pro forma" sessions, which exist almost entirely to prevent a president from making recess appointments. In a pro forma session, the Senate can gavel into Congress — with no legislative business being conducted — and claim it has been in session. "The whole thing takes 20 seconds," said Cornell Law professor Josh Chafetz. The Senate could theoretically gavel in/gavel out the whole time it's gone in August.

It's up to Republicans to decide - if they want to hold the line against Trump.

If our hypothetical scenario becomes reality, this is where things get really interesting. You need a majority of the Senate to decide to go into a pro forma session. Republicans have the majority. So if Republicans decide to set up pro forma session when they go out of town in August, they'd basically be sticking it to Trump, saying they don't trust the president not to do something ill-advised like fire his attorney general after complaining about said attorney general's recusal from an investigation into Trump's campaign.

Trump has one other legal avenue. If Trump is itching to fire Sessions, Congress be damned, he could simply skip an appointment for good and just name an acting attorney general under the 1998 Federal Vacancies Reform Act. The end result is the same: One official out, another one in.

But, Chafetz notes, the president could only appoint people who have already been confirmed by the Senate for another job, and that's a historically thin list. Plus, there's legal uncertainty on whether the president can use this tool if he fires someone.

"It says death, resignation or unable to perform the duties of the office," Chafetz said. "And there's an argument that 'firing' is left out of that deliberately...."

Checks and balances can be a bother.

New chief of staff takes over at White House come Monday

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Marine Gen. John Kelly is a battle-hardened commander who would bring a background of military discipline and order to President Donald Trump's roiling White House as the new chief of staff.

Kelly's experience as Homeland Security secretary and a veteran of three tours in Iraq — along with a sobering family tragedy — suggests he'll be a loyal manager for Trump when he starts the job Monday.

"He has been a true star of my administration," the president tweeted Friday, announcing that his current secretary of homeland security was in, and White House chief of staff Reince Priebus was out. Trump called Kelly a "great leader" and "great American." He called Priebus, ousted after a tumultuous six months, a "good man."

As Homeland Security secretary, Kelly has taken the lead on some of Trump's most controversial policies, including his executive orders suspending the admission of refugees and temporarily barring visitors from several Muslim-majority nations. Those orders have been stripped down by courts pending a Supreme Court review this fall.

People who know Kelly told The Associated Press that he was not aware of the details of the initial orders until around the time that Trump signed it. Yet, just days after taking office, he had to lead the agency as it dealt with the chaos and confusion that ensued at airports in the U.S. and around the world. He defended the orders to reporters and lawmakers and insisted he indeed had been part of the decision-making process.

Kelly has stood up to Congress, another facet of his history that Trump might find attractive.

In April, Kelly bluntly challenged members of Congress critical of the Trump administration's aggressive approach to immigration enforcement to either change the laws or "shut up."

But Kelly has won bipartisan respect from lawmakers as a result of his distinguished military career. He joined the Marine Corps in 1970, carving out a reputation as a highly respected but often outspoken commander who could roil debate and issue unpopular directives on issues ranging from women in combat to the treatment of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center.

Kelly was the fifth person to lead the Department of Homeland Security, which includes agencies that protect the president, respond to disasters, enforce immigration laws, protect America's coastlines and secure air travel. His selection as secretary bolstered concerns about an increase in military influence in a Trump White House.

Kelly also holds a somber distinction. He was the highest-ranking officer to lose a child in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. Kelly's son, Marine 1st Lt. Robert Kelly, was killed in November 2010 in Afghanistan.

He retired from the military last year, wrapping up a three-year post as head of U.S. Southern Command, which spanned some of the more fractious debate over the Obama administration's ultimately failed attempt to close the detainee facility at Guantanamo.

In his final Pentagon news conference, Kelly spoke about the loss of his son — a topic he didn't often discuss publicly.

White House aide's tirade tests editors and producers

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A presidential aide's explosion of profanity while talking to a reporter about his new White House colleagues tested newsroom leaders Thursday, forcing decisions about whether to use the graphic language or leave much of what he said to the imagination of readers and viewers.

Anthony Scaramucci, the incoming White House communications director, aimed his tirade at chief of staff Reince Priebus and chief strategist Steve Bannon. An account of his conversation late Wednesday with Ryan Lizza of The New Yorker was published in graphic detail Thursday afternoon on the magazine's website, complete with expletives and anatomical references.

Scaramucci used the language in suggesting to Lizza that Priebus had leaked information about him, and that Bannon was more interested in advancing his own agenda than President Donald Trump's.

Following The New Yorker's lead, The New York Times printed all of Scaramucci's words. Times editors, including executive editor Dean Baquet, first discussed whether it was appropriate to do so, Clifford Levy, the newspaper's deputy editor, said on Twitter.

Levy said the Times concluded that it was newsworthy that a top Trump aide would use such language, and its readers shouldn't have to search elsewhere to find out what Scaramucci said.

The Washington Post similarly published the expletives Scaramucci used in reference to Priebus, but avoided the very graphic descriptor of self-love he used in reference to Bannon. Post analyst Aaron Blake called Scaramucci's outburst "vulgar, vindictive and volatile."

Julie Bykowicz and Jonathan Lemire of The Associated Press wrote that Scaramucci was "exposing West Wing backstabbing in language more suitable to a mobster movie than a seat of presidential stability." The service referred to Scaramucci's description of Priebus as a "f------ paranoid schizophrenic," using the dashes instead of spelling out the word. That was the AP's only direct reference to a profanity.

The AP's rules prohibit use of obscenities, racial epithets or other offensive slurs "unless they are part of a direct quotations and there is a compelling reason for them." Scaramucci's words satisfied the first part of that restriction, but editors concluded there wasn't a compelling reason to use the profanity.

Television networks, knowing they would have to say the words out loud, generally stayed away from them

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GOP fears political fallout after health care 'epic fail'

By Steve Peoples and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Weary Republicans in Washington may be ready to move on from health care, but conservatives across the United States are warning the GOP-led Congress not to abandon its pledge to repeal the Obama-era health law — or risk a political nightmare in next year's elections.

The Senate's failure this past week to pass repeal legislation has outraged the Republican base and triggered a new wave of fear. The stunning collapse has exposed a party so paralyzed by ideological division that it could not deliver on its top campaign pledge.

After devoting months to the debate and seven years to promising to kill the Affordable Care Act, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., simply said: "It's time to move on."

But that's simply not an option for a conservative base energized by its opposition to the health law. Local party leaders, activists and political operatives are predicting payback for Republicans lawmakers if they don't revive the fight.

"This is an epic fail for Republicans," said Tim Phillips, president of Americans For Prosperity, the political arm of the conservative Koch Brothers' network. "Their failure to keep their promise will hurt them. It will."

To the American Conservative Union, the three Republican senators who blocked the stripped-down repeal bill that failed in the wee hours Friday are "sellouts." A Trump-sanctioned super political action committee did not rule out running ads against uncooperative Republicans, which it did recently against Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev.

There are limited options for directly punishing the renegade senators — John McCain of Arizona, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine. None of the three is up for re-election next fall. McCain, whose dramatic "no" vote killed the bill, is serving his last term in office, has brain cancer and is hardly moved by electoral threats.

Still, broad disillusionment among conservative voters could have an impact beyond just a few senators. Primary election challenges or a low turnout could mean trouble for all Republicans. Democrats need to flip 24 seats to take control of the House of Representatives, a shift that would dramatically re-shape the last two years of Trump's first term.

"If you look at competitive districts, swing districts, or districts where Republicans could face primary challenges, this is something that will be a potent electoral issue," Republican pollster Chris Wilson said of his party's health care failure. "I don't think this is something voters are going to forget."

One such challenger has emerged. Conservative activist Shak Hill, a former Air Force pilot, plans to run against second-term GOP Rep. Barbara Comstock in a competitive northern Virginia district.

Hill told The Associated Press that Comstock, who voted against a GOP House health care repeal bill in May, "has failed the moral test of her time in Congress."

The leaders of other groups, such as Women Vote Trump, have begun to court primary challengers to punish those members of Congress deemed insufficiently committed to President Donald Trump's agenda.

"I expect that we will get involved in primaries," said the group's co-founder, Amy Kremer. "You cannot continue to elect the same people over and over again and expect different results."

On Capitol Hill, some Republicans insist their health care overhaul could be saved in the short term. Yet party leaders — backed by outside groups — are signaling that they would probably move on to taxes. Republicans hoped the issue would bring some party unity, even as realists in Washington view the a tax overhaul — something that hasn't happened in more than 30 years — as one of the most complex legislative projects possible.

The Trump administration has become engulfed in internal drama over personnel and personalities. Trump on Friday ousted his chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and replacing him with Home Security Secretary John Kelly. The president did not appear to share conservatives' outrage about the Senate's vote, but repeated his promises to remake the health system.

"You can't have everything," Trump said, adding: "We'll get it done. We're going to get it."

Around the country, Republican voters continue to support efforts to repeal former President Barack Obama's health law, even if there is little agreement on an alternative.

A CNN poll released last week found that 83 percent of Republicans favor some form of repeal, while only 11 percent of Republicans want the party to abandon the repeal effort. Among all adults, 52 percent of voters favor some sort of repeal, with 34 percent favored repeal only if replacement could be enacted at the same time.

"The political pressure on something like this is real," said GOP strategist Mike Shields. "I don't think this is over."

Americans dubious of GOP health care reform, poll finds

By Griffin Connolly
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — A new poll found a third of Americans think a GOP health care policy would marginally affect their health care. Just 15 percent think their coverage would improve. So why are Republicans so intent on dismantling the 2010 health care law before the August recess?

Nine out of every 10 respondents to a new Economist/YouGov poll agreed health care is an issue that is at least "somewhat important," with seven out of 10 saying health care was "very important."

Yet just 15 percent of respondents think they would be personally "better off" if President Donald Trump and Congress were to pass health care reform, with 33 percent saying they would be worse off and 35 percent saying they would be "about the same." Eighteen percent said they weren't sure.

From a policy standpoint, most Senate Republicans believe the private market for insurance is on the brink of collapse. That's why they're rushing legislation through Congress with such a short window for review, Josh Holmes, a political strategist and former chief of staff for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said.

Republicans are pushing the message that Obamacare has ushered Americans toward a crisis cliff and that an emergency bill to guide them away from the edge will inevitably have its jags — which is better than nothing.

"In the last 10 years, in all of the sort of crisis moments — when you think of TARP, or you think of the fiscal cliff, or you think of debt ceiling standoffs, things like that — rarely do you get great policy," Holmes said. "Congress needs to act with great haste and little review, and the only goal is to help constituents prevent the pain that people are acutely feeling in a real-time environment."

"They really don't have any choice," Holmes said, "other than to act now or wait until you're in a crisis situation."

Adding to the GOP's urgency are the political ramifications of not being able to pass reform with control of both legislative chambers and the White House.

For Kevin McLaughlin, former deputy executive director of the NRSC, the 15 percent of people who think they'd be better off under a GOP health care reform law represents a crucial part of the Republican base.

"The larger picture with this remains that Republicans have been promising for seven years to do this," said McLaughlin. "We won a lot of elections, a lot of seats, based on that promise. Failing to deliver on this promise would be devastating to our base."

And Republican lawmakers are gambling that galvanizing their base by getting a deal done — any deal — outweighs the drawbacks of voting for an imperfect bill.

Constituents do appear dug in: The results of the most recent Economist/YouGov poll have barely shifted from June, despite momentous decisions on health care made over the last month.

"Anyone who doesn't want the Republicans to vote for health care reform right now probably wasn't going to vote for them before anyway," McLaughlin said.

Lawmakers and political strategists on the Democratic side say the bullish Republican repeal effort could come back to bite the GOP.

They believe overwhelmingly negative polling numbers for the recent renditions of GOP repeal strategy demonstrate that large swaths of the population are paying attention to the issue, which could affect voting patterns.

"I think it's a major miscalculation by Republicans," said Josh Schwerin, former national campaign spokesman to Hillary Clinton. "What they seem to care about is being able to say they kept a promise. What they don't seem to care about is the fact that 20 or 30 million people are going to lose their health care."

The proof that Republicans are shooting themselves in the foot, Schwerin said, lies in bipartisan opposition from governors — including Republican Govs. John Kasich of Ohio and Brian Sandoval of Nevada — who worry cuts to Medicaid in various iterations of the GOP bill would decimate their constituents.

Americans would "come out on the losing end if Senate Republicans try to force through a new health care proposal with no bipartisanship, transparency, or open dialogue," Kasich said ahead of the Senate's Monday vote on the motion to proceed with debate.

He has made multiple appearances in Washington with Democratic governors in recent months to press his case.

"When you have senators who are in Washington not interacting with their constituents every day, they have a very different view of this than governors," Schwerin said. "By keeping senators in Washington away from their constituents, McConnell hopes that he can force something through."

While experts said national polls like the one conducted by The Economist and YouGov can provide a general snapshot of the nation's mood, they cautioned against using them to predict electoral outcomes on a state-by-state — and, in the House, district-by-district — basis.

"I don't know a serious political operative that bases decision-making on national polls," Holmes said. "You've got a ton of data available in a good campaign that you can analyze in much finer detail than you can in a broad-brush, limited-sample national poll."

"If you're making decisions on that," he said, "you're in a bad spot."

The poll surveyed 1,500 American adults from July 23 to 25, 2017 with a margin of error of plus/minus 3.1 percent.

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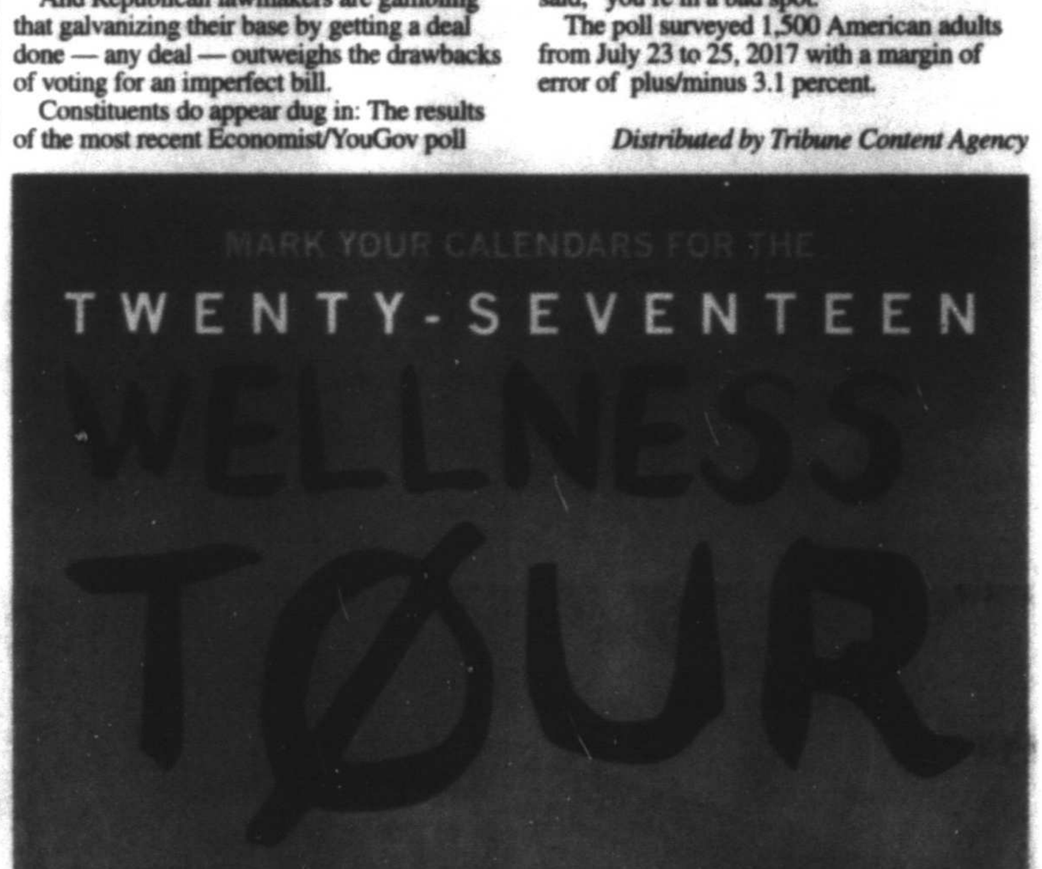

Obamacare 101: Repair instead of repeal? Here's what a smaller fix might look like

By Noam N. Levey
Tribune Washington Bureau

With Senate Republicans struggling to find votes for sweeping legislation to roll back the Affordable Care Act, several GOP lawmakers have raised the prospect of a more limited bill — passed with help from Democrats — to stabilize health insurance markets around the country.

That may be heresy for conservative Republicans who've spent seven years demanding the full repeal of Obamacare, as the law is often called.

But most patient advocates, physician groups, hospitals and even many health insurers say more-targeted fixes to insurance marketplaces make more sense than the kind of far-reaching overhaul of government health programs that Republicans have been discussing.

Could such an approach work? Here's a primer on what such legislation might look like and how it might get done.

Q: Why do a more limited Obamacare "fix"?

A: For one thing, it would be politically easier. More-targeted legislation also wouldn't threaten insurance protections for tens of millions of Americans.

The political debate over the 2010 health care law has focused for years on what has been happening to insurance marketplaces like HealthCare.gov, which were created by the law for Americans who don't get health insurance through work.

For a variety of reasons, the marketplaces' first several years have been rocky.

Insurers in many states struggled to figure out how much to charge for their plans and then raised premiums substantially when customers turned out to be sicker than they expected.

And as uncertainty over the future of the markets has intensified since President Donald Trump's election last year, several leading national insurers have decided to stop selling plans in some states, leaving consumers in some places with few if any health plans to choose from. Trump has called Obamacare a "disaster" and "dead."

But the marketplaces — where about 10 million Americans currently get coverage — represent a very small fraction of the U.S. health care system.

By contrast, more than 70 million Americans rely on Medicaid and the related Children's Health Insurance Plan, the government safety net plans for the poor.

Altering Medicaid, as proposed under the GOP plan, would be far more disruptive. And, as congressional Republicans are learning, it is much more controversial.

Q: But isn't Medicaid a big problem, too?

A: Many conservatives have long argued the federal government can't afford to provide so much health care assistance to the poor.

But Medicaid has become a vital lifeline for tens of millions of Americans. Medicaid provides assistance to more than 1 in 3 U.S. children, protects millions of Americans with disabilities and is the largest funder of nursing home care for elderly Americans, in large part because Medicare does not cover nursing homes.

Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, which made coverage available to working-age adults in many states, is credited with driving down the nation's uninsured rate to the lowest levels ever recorded.

And a growing body of evidence shows it is improving low-income Americans' access to needed medical care, reducing financial strains on families and improving health.

That is why Medicaid has been fiercely defended by patient groups, doctors, nurses, educators and even some Republican governors.

Q: What would it take to stabilize insurance markets?

A: Probably not that much, actually.

There is widespread agreement that the federal government must first continue funding assistance through Obamacare to low-income consumers to help offset their copays and deductibles.

This aid — known as cost-sharing reduction, or CSR, payments — was included in the original law.

But the payments have become a political football as Republicans argued the aid can't be provided without an appropriation by Congress. And Trump administration officials keep threatening to cut off the payments.

Many insurers say that would be devastating, forcing them to raise premiums by double digits.

Congress could simply put an end to that uncertainty by voting to appropriate the CSR money.

Secondly, most insurance industry officials and independent experts say the federal government must create a better system to protect insurers from big losses if they are hit with very costly patients.

Such reinsurance systems are used in other insurance marketplaces such as the Medicare Part D prescription drug program and are seen as critical to stabilizing markets.

Thirdly, current and former marketplace officials say, the federal government should aggressively market and advertise to get younger, healthier people to buy health plans on the marketplaces.

This strategy has helped Covered California, that state's marketplace, which has not been beset by some of the problems in other markets.

Finally, many experts say, federal officials likely will have to come up with additional incentives to convince health insurers to offer plans in remote, rural areas.

Some Republicans have suggested that consumers in these areas could be allowed to buy health plans that don't meet standards set out in the current law.

Q: Would these steps cost more money?

A: Yes.

But both the House and Senate GOP bills to roll back Obamacare included billions of dollars to stabilize markets over the next several years.

Q: So could Congress put that aid in a smaller health care bill?

A: That's still unclear.

Many congressional Republicans are reluctant to spend any more money on health care aid, especially for a law that most have sworn to repeal.

But polls indicate that Americans now hold congressional Republicans and the Trump administration responsible for the fate of the nation's health care system, including the insurance marketplaces.

That suggests that there could be a political price to pay for the GOP if the markets are not stabilized.

At the same time, Senate Democrats have signaled a willingness to work with Republicans on marketplaces fixes if GOP lawmakers agree to drop their repeal campaign.

But major hurdles remain, including demands from many GOP lawmakers that at least some of Obamacare's provisions be repealed, such as the highly unpopular mandate requiring Americans to have health insurance.

Rather than stabilizing markets, however, eliminating the insurance requirement could lead to even more turmoil, experts say.

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Higher prices, fewer options lurk after health bill collapse

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

The health care law of the land has survived for now, but it needs help — and it needs it soon.

Soaring prices and fewer choices may greet customers when they return to the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplaces this fall, in part because insurers are facing deep uncertainty about whether the Trump administration will continue to make key subsidy payments and enforce other parts of the existing law that help control prices.

Assurances don't look to be coming anytime soon. "As I said from the beginning, let ObamaCare implode, then deal. Watch!" President Donald Trump tweeted early Friday, soon after the Senate narrowly rejected the latest push to dismantle the Obama-era health care law.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said in a statement after the Senate vote that the Trump administration would pursue its health care goals through regulation.

That kind of uncertainty rattles insurers, many of whom have already stopped selling policies through public insurance markets established by the health law because they were losing money.

Their main concern now is that the Trump administration will stop paying crucial subsides called for in the law that help reduce costs like deductibles for people with low incomes. The subsidies, estimated at $7 billion a year, have been challenged by Republicans in court, and Trump has only guaranteed them through this month.

If they stop, insurers will have to raise prices for coverage, known as premiums, because by law they must still offer the same reduced deductibles for their low-income customers.

Leerink analyst Ana Gupte surveyed several states and has said that insurers are asking for price hikes of around 36 percent when they assume the subsidies go away, compared with about 18 percent if they stay.

People with low incomes might be shielded from these hikes in part because the law provides tax credits that cover much of the premium.

But those who make too much to qualify for that help — and tend to vote Republican — could get hit hard, noted health care consultant Robert Laszewski, a former insurance executive.

"(Trump's) hurting his own people," Laszewski said.

Of course, all shoppers will be hurt if insurers leave markets, noted Urban Institute health economist Linda Blumberg.

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Mario Henderson leads chants of "save Medicaid," as other social service activists, Medicaid recipients and their supporters stage a protest Thursday outside the building that houses the offices of U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss.

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74 Blighted urban area
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79 "... Like You" Young Rascals hit
80 Baggage-opening org.
82 Exactly right
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85 Semi driver's superstition?
88 Bugs' wealthy heir?
90 Antoinette's head
91 Remove forcefully
93 Apnea-treating doc
94 Come in
95 Like some interviews
97 Note at the office
99 "And step on it!"
100 Sailor
102 Flipped before serving, perhaps
104 Gmail lifesaver
108 Safari runner?
110 Pub fun
111 American assignment
112 John in Wimbledon
113 Photo including six-pack abs?
115 Vocal technique used at seders?
118 Theater section
119 Unlikely to bite
120 Irritated
121 Kindergarten refrain
122 Slaughter of the Cardinals
123 River of Flanders
124 Drops of sorrow
125 Risk taker

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1 Cause a ruckus
2 Like Thor
3 "It's been fun"
4 Kings and bishops
5 Make gradual inroads
6 Number at a doctor's office
7 "Count me out"
8 Lang. where all nouns are capitalized
9 Major route
10 Futuristic arms
11 Cancún cash
12 "Time to start the day!"
13 Brooks of comedy
14 Heckled
15 Sugar Plum Fairy's dress
16 Hours often set by parents
17 O'Connor successor
18 Knock at
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26 Plucked instrument, in Padua
30 Chews (on)
33 Hardly humble
35 Hydrocarbon gas
38 When doubled, fish often grilled
40 Its anthem is "Hallowin'"
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52 Fiesta fare
54 Marge Simpson or June Cleaver
57 Knave of Hearts' tart
61 Score
63 Moved like a kangaroo
65 Universe
66 Dim
67 Auto-painting franchise whose name reverses those letters of a transmission franchise
69 Margarita flavoring
70 Fever and shivering
71 Quasimodo's creator
72 Mark on a base
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75 Going around in circles, say
76 Only state capital without a McDonald's
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83 One may be crumbled on a sundae
84 Albacore and yellowfin
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87 Harold's movie pal
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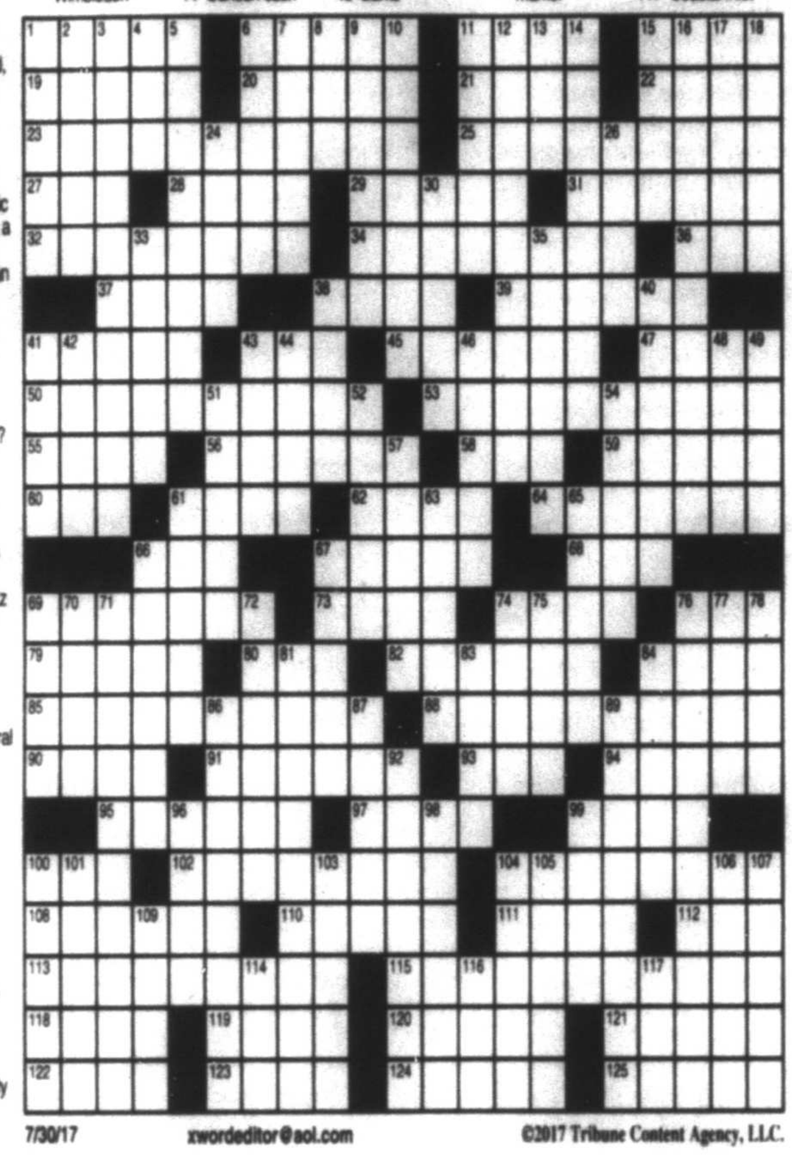

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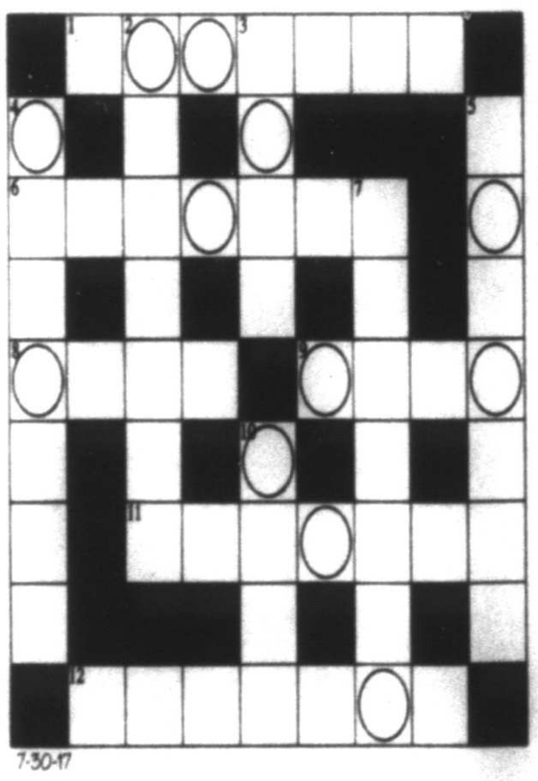

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12. Swift mammal	ZAGLEEL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
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4. Corn ___	WOEHRCD
5. Previously	RAYLEDA
7. Type of alcohol	HETALON
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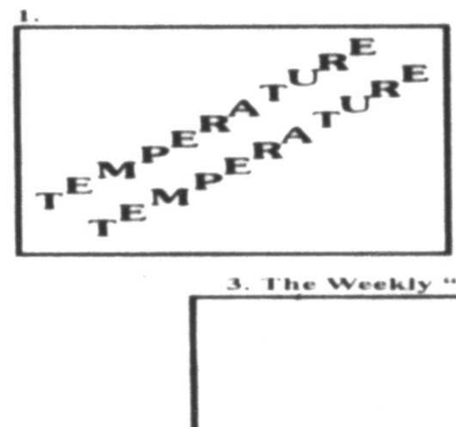

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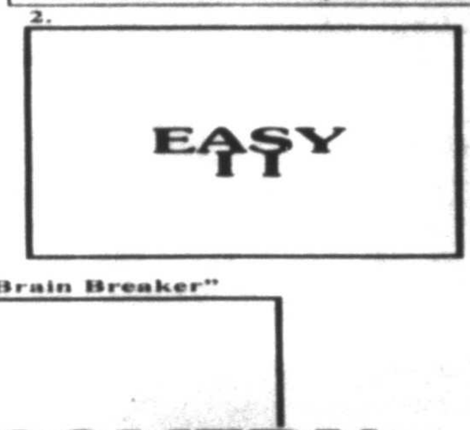

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Q&A: A look at why the Taliban seem to be unstoppable

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — In the last week, the Taliban have overrun two districts in the north and west of the capital Kabul, temporarily cut a key highway linking the city to the north and staged a suicide bombing targeting government workers — many of whom represented the new, educated generation on whom the hopes for Afghanistan's future are pinned.

Here's a look at some of the factors that have strengthened the radical religious movement:

Massoud Hossaini/Associated Press

Municipality workers clean up at the site of a suicide attack Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan. In the last week, the Taliban have overrun two districts in the north and west of Kabul, temporarily cut a key highway linking the capital to the north and staged a suicide bombing in the heart of the capital Kabul.

Where does the war against the Taliban stand?

The U.S. Special Inspector General on Reconstruction in a report earlier this year called the death toll among Afghan National Security Forces in their war against the Taliban "shockingly high." Yet despite the soaring deaths of Afghan soldiers and police, the inspector general said in a separate report that the Taliban now hold sway in nearly 50 percent of the country.

At its peak, the Afghan battlefield involved nearly 150,000 U.S. and NATO soldiers and yet the Taliban remained an undefeated force. Since the drawdown of international troops at the end of 2014, the Afghan military and security forces, with 195,000 soldiers and more than 150,000 police, have struggled to contain the insurgency.

The Taliban have been helped by safe havens in neighboring Pakistan as well as a deeply corrupt government and widespread disillusionment among most Afghans, who have begun to flee the country in unprecedented numbers. Millions live as refugees, mostly in Pakistan and Iran, but they are becoming one of the largest refugee groups seeking safety in Europe.

The war, now in its 16th year, drags on.

Where does the Taliban's strength lie?

The Taliban's strength has traditionally been in the south and the west of the country predominantly, where ethnic Pashtuns, who make up the backbone of the religious movement, dominate. It is a vast area that borders Pakistan's tribal region, also dominated by ethnic Pashtuns, who in many cases share tribal and family links.

But in recent months, the Taliban have waged blistering assaults in the north and the west, with success in Ghor and Faryab provinces. Although pockets of ethnic Pashtuns live in these areas, analysts say their increasing presence and pressure reflects the weakness of the Afghan National Security Forces to repel Taliban assaults. Previously, the Taliban were satisfied to control areas outside the heavily fortified centers, where government administrators operate and rarely venture beyond. But increasingly they are setting their sites on taking over district centers, forcing government and military personnel to withdraw.

In southern Helmand province, the Taliban overran Sangin district, which was defended by Afghan National Security Forces with support from NATO and U.S. forces. Most analysts and residents say 80 percent of Helmand, prized by both the Taliban and corrupt government officials for its vast opium fields, has largely been under Taliban control since 2004. Until now, however, the centers had remained with the government.

What factors in Afghanistan give strength to the Taliban?

After 16 years and billions of dollars in international investment, widespread corruption in the government and its inability to deliver justice, security and services outside of its centers has left the vast majority of Afghans disillusioned, resentful of their government and unwilling to risk Taliban payback by siding with the government or its security forces.

In Pashtun-dominated areas, the Taliban are often seen as a better alternative to corrupt administrators and police. Most turn to the Taliban to settle disputes and avoid paying bribes and payoffs to police and government. The Afghan National Security Forces are poorly trained as the international community rushed to get Afghan troops and police on the ground. A senior police official speaking on condition of anonymity fearing government retaliation said in more remote areas of the country, Afghan troops are poorly supplied, even with basic foodstuff. Their equipment is often second rate and the coordination between Afghan army, national police and local police is non-existent. In many areas, the relationship is hostile.

The police official said corruption has resulted in the large-scale sale of military equipment.

Security analyst Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi, former governor of eastern Kunar province and western Herat province, says "corruption, the lack of leadership, it all creates an easy environment for the Taliban to flourish."

What factors outside of Afghanistan give strength to the Taliban?

Pakistan is blamed for fomenting violence in Afghanistan, giving aid to the Taliban and providing them with safe havens from which they are able to regroup and return to the Afghan battlefield. Pakistan denies the allegations, but even its highest ranking foreign affairs official, Sartaj Aziz, acknowledged Taliban groups have been living in Pakistan on and off for 30 years.

It is their historic links to Pakistan's army and its powerful intelligence agency, the ISI, that both Afghanistan and the United States says gives the Taliban its strength. It is these same links that both Washington and Kabul want Pakistan to use to press the Taliban into peace negotiations.

Pakistan says its influence is overstated, yet its leverage is significant. Taliban leaders live in Pakistan's cities, run businesses and send their children to local schools.

Pakistan has long seen ethnic Pashtuns in Afghanistan as necessary allies because of its own tribal areas and two border provinces dominated by ethnic Pashtuns. But post 9-11, increasingly Pakistan has viewed the Afghan government as an ally of its enemy India, against whom it has fought and lost three wars.

Afghanistan has long demanded Pakistan be punished for harboring and aiding Taliban fighters. Yet the senior police official says Pakistan is no longer its only headache, nor is it the only nation aiding the Taliban. He says the Taliban receive aid from both from Iran and Russia, an allegation both countries also deny.

Political leader and former minister, Anwarul Haq Ahadi said "at one time it was just Pakistan you had to worry about, now it is Iran involved and Russia involved. It is more difficult today. We are in a very difficult situation."

US warns tourists about tainted alcohol at Mexico resorts after blackouts reported

By Raquel Rutledge
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The U.S. State Department is alerting travelers to Mexico about possible tainted or counterfeit alcohol that could cause sickness and blacking out.

The department last week updated its information page specific to Mexico under Safety and Security, cautioning vacationers who choose to drink alcohol to "do so in moderation and to stop and seek medical attention if you begin to feel ill."

"The safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas is one of our highest priorities," a department official said in an email to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The updated warning comes in the wake of a Journal Sentinel investigation surrounding a Wisconsin woman's death that raised questions about drinks being served in all-inclusive resorts in Mexico.

Following the initial report, the Journal Sentinel has received accounts from more than three dozen people reporting similar experiences after drinking limited amounts of alcohol at such resorts.

"Following these reports and in consultation with our Posts in Mexico, we updated our Country Specific Information for Mexico to provide updated safety information regarding potentially tainted alcohol," the department official said in the email.

The blackouts have happened to men and women, young and old, to singles and to couples, according to interviews with travelers and family members whose loved ones died or were injured at the resorts, as well as hospital records, ambulance receipts, hotel correspondence and other documents.

Abbey Connor, a 20-year-old from Pewaukee, died in January after being pulled listless from a pool at the Paraiso del Mar, part of a cluster of Iberostar resorts near Playa del Carmen, Mexico. She was brain dead, and a few days later was flown to Florida, where she was taken off life support.

Her brother, 22-year-old Austin, also reported blacking out. He had a lump on his forehead and a severe concussion. The two had arrived with their mother and stepfather at the resort just hours earlier and had been drinking at a swim-up bar.

Numerous others told the Journal Sentinel of similar experiences, with several couples reporting blacking out at the same time. A woman from Neenah reported being sexually assaulted, while her husband woke with a broken hand.

Blackout incidents have happened at Iberostar's property in Cancun and at the company's cluster of resorts 30 miles to the south in Playa del Carmen. Incidents were also reported at other all-inclusive resorts in the region.

Often the vacationers reported they drank tequila, but in other cases it was rum, beer or another alcohol.

The new State Department travel alert cautions people to drink in moderation, but many told the Journal Sentinel they had only a drink or two before losing consciousness and waking up hours later — with no recollection of how they got back to their rooms or to the hospital, or how they were injured.

An attorney working for the Connor family recently visited the Paraiso del Mar pool area, where the Connors had been swimming, and noted in a report: "They serve alcoholic drinks with alcohol of bad quality and in great amounts, mixing different types of drinks."

A 2015 report from Mexico's Tax Administration Service found that 43 percent of all the alcohol consumed in the nation is illegal, produced under unregulated circumstances resulting in potentially dangerous concoctions.

The national health authority in Mexico has seized more than 1.4 million gallons of adulterated alcohol since 2010 — not just from small local establishments, but from hotels and other entertainment areas, according to a 2017 report by the country's Federal Commission for Protection against Health Risks.

The bootleg liquor could be infused with grain alcohol or dangerous concentrations of methanol, cheaper alternatives to producing ethanol, government reports warn.

In a statement, Spain-based Iberostar said the company adheres to strict regulatory standards and noted they "only purchase sealed bottles (of alcohol) that satisfy all standards required by the designated regulatory authorities."

In addition, a representative for the company said in an email to the Journal Sentinel that resort officials responded appropriately to the discovery of the Conner siblings in the pool.

"From the moment in which the guests were found, IBEROSTAR personnel acted with urgency, following established protocols," the email stated.

"We reiterate that we are deeply saddened by this incident and that we take this matter very seriously — our heart is with the family and has been from the moment the incident occurred several months ago."

Travelers also told the Journal Sentinel they faced difficulties getting help in Mexico, from reluctance by police to take reports to hospitals and clinics demanding cash payments — sometimes of amounts that seemed to involve gouging.

The State Department alert noted:

"U.S. citizens have lodged a large number of complaints about unethical business practices, prices, and collection measures against some of the private hospitals in Cancun, the Maya Riviera, and Cabo San Lucas. Travelers should make efforts to obtain complete information on billing, pricing, and proposed medical procedures before agreeing to any medical care in these locations."

The State Department also said U.S. citizens should contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in Mexico.

"The Embassy stands ready to provide appropriate consular services to any U.S. citizens in need."

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Here is what it will take to rebuild the Iraqi city Islamic State destroyed

By Ann M. Simmons
Los Angeles Times

The nine-month U.S.-backed offensive to expel Islamic State militants from Mosul was a relentless and savage fight. Now that it has been won, another daunting battle has begun: to bring Iraq's second-largest city back from the dead.

Thousands of buildings have been reduced to rubble, more than 120 miles of roadways have been damaged, and the city's airport and railway station and at least one university are wrecked.

As the militants retreated after 2-plus years of occupation, they intentionally targeted infrastructure, demolishing vital bridges, attacking the water and sewage systems and tearing down electricity lines. They also laced neighborhoods with booby traps and homemade bombs.

"The destruction is massive," said Saroj Kumar Jha, who oversees Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon for the World Bank. "It will be a very big reconstruction effort."

He said Iraqi authorities and Mosul residents would have the opportunity to replan the city and improve the quality of life there.

East Mosul, which was recaptured in January, is on the mend. But in the recently reclaimed west of the city, "the picture is very different," said Lise Grande, the United Nations Development Program's resident representative for Iraq.

Of west Mosul's 54 residential districts, the U.N. characterizes 15 as "heavily damaged," meaning the majority of the buildings are uninhabitable. About 32,000 houses have been destroyed in those areas.

"If you were to go into those 15 districts, what you would see is very alarming," Grande said over Skype from the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. "They look like they're flattened."

Additionally, 23 districts are "moderately damaged," meaning possibly up to half of the buildings have been destroyed or are structurally unsound, and 16 districts are "lightly damaged," Grande said. About 16,000 homes have been destroyed in these areas.

The U.N. estimates that repairing Mosul's basic infrastructure will cost more than $1 billion.

So where to begin?

The first step is stabilization, Grande said.

"We start at the bottom of the grid in reestablishing temporary services so that people can start to rebuild their lives."

A "command cell," consisting of community members, tribal leaders and representatives of the security forces, sets the priorities, Grande said.

Then the U.N., humanitarian groups and other international partners help the government meet its goals.

Humanitarian groups have started trucking water into the city while "stabilization teams" work to repair pumping facilities and substations, Grande said.

Massive mobile electrical generators will also be moved in and mounted on concrete slabs and hooked up to individual homes in neighborhoods lacking power.

The World Bank has an ongoing project to help the Iraqi government design and reconstruct several bridges "on a fast-track basis," said Jha, the World Bank official.

"Mosul depends on various supplies coming from different parts of Iraq," he said. "Without access, nothing will happen."

Experts said that restoring the city's pharmaceutical factories and once-thriving industries such as furniture-making is paramount to reviving Mosul.

So is restoring the population.

About 940,000 people fled the city of 2 million after the fighting started in October, according to the U.N.

About 240,000 have returned, while 320,000 have found refuge in emergency camps and the rest shelter with family and friends or in mosques and public buildings, Grande said.

Their return to their homes could take months as unexploded ordnance is identified and cleared and Iraqi forces shore up security.

The government's national operations centers will tell the public when neighborhoods are safe for return, Grande said.

Under a U.N.-supported program, communities would be brought together to decide which houses get repaired, and contractors would hire residents to rebuild the homes.

"The reason that process is so important is that there is a consensus among everybody about which houses get rebuilt and which don't, and that's critical," Grande said. "That helps to mitigate social tension at the neighborhood level."

But rebuilding and reviving Mosul will require more than physical reconstruction, experts said.

"Obviously there's a cosmetic issue, but underpinning that is governance," said Eric Bordenkircher, a researcher at the Center for Middle East Development at UCLA's International Institute. "You can build all these houses, but people may not want to return if they don't trust the Iraqi government."

Such confidence is lacking between the Shiite Muslim-led Iraqi government and predominantly Sunni communities such as Mosul.

Experts say the Shiite monopoly on power has caused Sunnis to feel alienated from the state and the political process.

"The government will need to be more inclusive," Bordenkircher said. "Sewage, running water, electricity are a little more immediate, but the issue of trust, accountability, inclusiveness — those are time-intensive and are going to take not days, not weeks, not months, but years to merge."

Jha, of the World Bank, said creating a mechanism "for people to be at the center of the rebuilding process" was critical.

"Reconstruction is an opportunity for reconciliation," he said.

Hovering over the recovery effort are the threats of corruption and mismanagement.

"In the real world, you can state all kinds of good intentions, but the real question is going to be, very early on, have you appointed people who are willing to work together, who are competent and reasonably honest," said Anthony H. Cordesman, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

Black women picking up firearms for self-defense

By Lisa Marie Pane
Associated Press

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Sitting in a classroom above a gun range, a woman hesitantly says she isn't sure she could ever shoot and kill someone, even to protect herself. Couldn't she just aim for their leg and try to maim them?

Her instructor says self-defense is not about killing someone, but is instead about eliminating a threat.

If the gun gets taken away by a bad guy, the instructor says, "I promise you they're not going to be having any sympathy or going through the thought process you are."

Gently she adds that if the student isn't comfortable with the lethal potential of the gun, buying one might not be for her.

Marchelle Tigner, known to her students and others as "Tig," is on a mission: to train at least 1 million women how to shoot a firearm. She had spent no time around guns before joining the National Guard. Now, as a survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault, she wants to give other women of color the training she hadn't had.

"It's important, especially for black women, to learn how to shoot," Tigner said, noting that black women are more likely to be victims of domestic violence. "We need to learn how to defend ourselves."

It's hard to find definitive statistics on gun ownership, but a study by the Pew Research Center released this month indicated that just 16 percent of "non-white women" identified themselves as gun owners, compared with about 25 percent of white women. Other Pew surveys in recent years have shown a growing acceptance of firearms among African-Americans. In 2012, one found that less than a third of black households viewed gun ownership as positive; three years later, that number had jumped. By then, 59 percent of black families saw owning guns as a necessity.

Few states track gun permits by race or gender. But a recent study by gun-rights advocate and researcher John Lott showed that black women outpaced other races and genders in securing concealed carry permits between 2000 and 2016 in Texas, one of the few states that keep detailed demographic information.

Philip Smith founded the National African American Gun Association in 2012 during Black History Month to spread the word that gun ownership was not something reserved for whites. He figured it would ultimately attract about 300 members, a number achieved in its first month. It now boasts 20,000 members in 30 chapters across the country.

"I thought it would be the brothers joining," Smith said. But instead, he found something surprising — more black women joining, most of them expressing concerns about living either alone or as single parents and wanting to protect themselves and their homes.

In recent months, he said politics also have emerged as a reason why he finds more blacks interested in becoming gun owners.

"Regardless of what side you're on, in the fabric of society right now, there's an undertone, a tension that you see that groups you saw on the fringes 20 years ago are now in the open," he said. "It seems to me it's very cool to be a racist right now, it's in fashion, it's a trend."

On top of that, the shootings of black men and boys around the country have left Smith and others concerned that racism can make a black person a perceived threat, even when carrying a firearm legally. He and his organization take pains to coach members on what to do when stopped by police, but not everyone is comforted.

"It's disheartening to think that you have everything in order: Your license to carry. You comply. You're not breaking the law. You're not doing anything wrong. And there's a possibility you could be shot and killed," said Laura Manning, a 50-year-old payroll specialist for ADP from Atlanta. "I'm not going to lie. I'm just afraid of being stopped whether I have my gun or not."

American black women feel it's time to get a gun

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — A minister posing with a church manual in one hand and a 9 mm handgun in the other. A tax analyst cradling her AR-15 semi-automatic. A flight attendant taking aim, her blue fingernail polish glowing alongside the Glock 40. A banker in a black summer dress checking the chamber.

They are among the American black women now picking up firearms and learning how to shoot. Most say they want to protect their homes, families and themselves.

"What's going to happen if something goes bump in the night?" says Laura Manning, a 50-year-old payroll specialist wearing a pink ruffled blouse. "I need to protect myself."

But some point to worries about today's political climate inspiring violence.

Markysha Carter, a 40-year-old marketing specialist for a bank, wants to make sure she stays safe should she ever be stopped by a police officer.

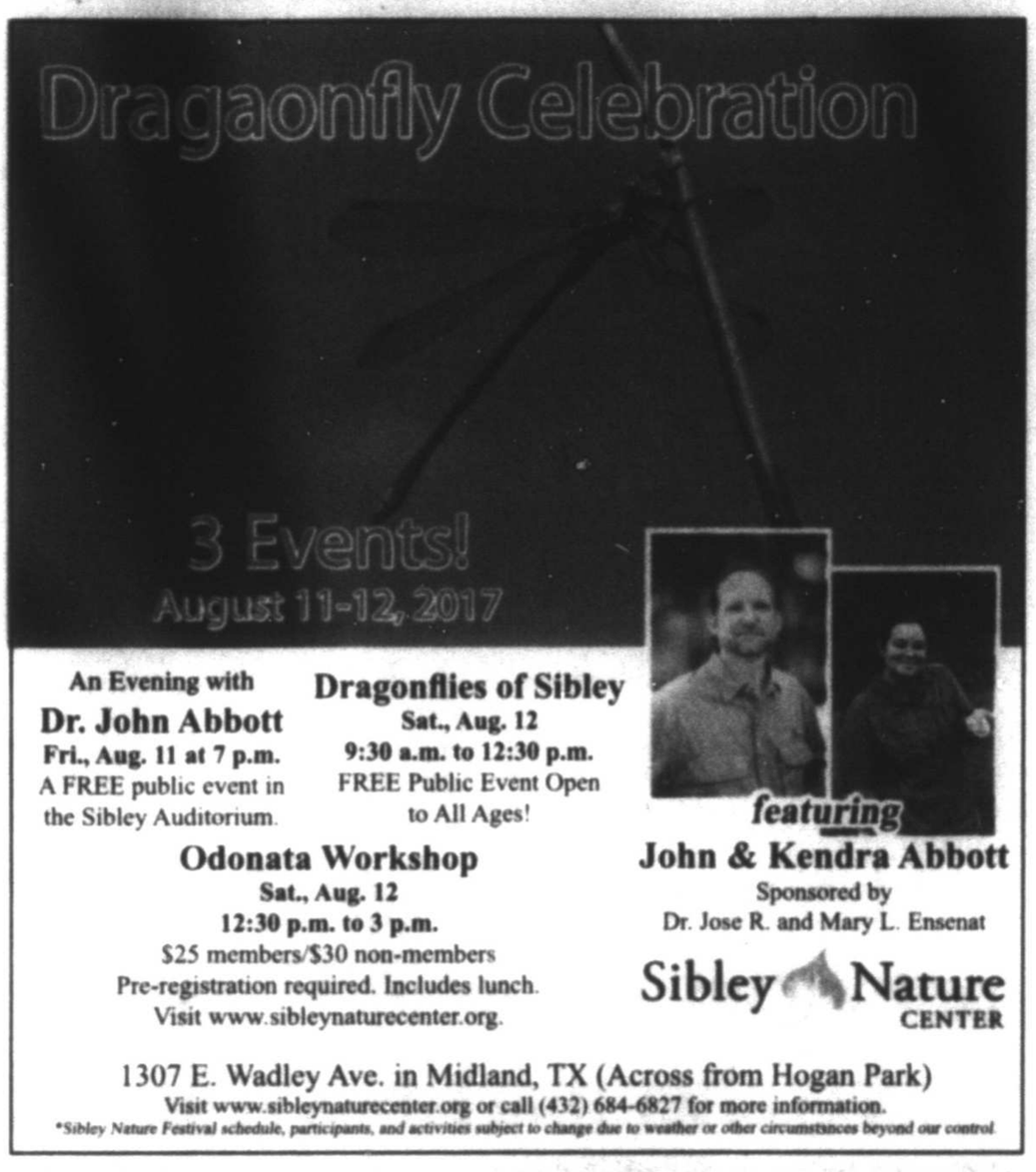
"As a black person in America, this is a major problem," she says. "You hope and pray you're following all the rules and that officer stopping you is following all the rules and doesn't have an agenda."

Dana R. Mitchell, a 47-year-old minister, says she has seen too many news reports of violence,and wants to be prepared.

"I don't want this sweet face to fool you," Mitchell says.

By Lisa Marie Pane
Associated Press

Marchelle Tigner, a firearms instructor, teaches a student how to shoot a gun during a class May 27 in Lawrenceville, Ga. Tigner's goal is to train 1 million women how to shoot a gun in her lifetime. She is among the nation's black women gun owners who say they are picking up firearms for self-protection. *Lisa Marie Pane/Associated Press*



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Midlanders should support efforts to fix roads

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Councilman J.Ross Lacy on Tuesday presented a vision for improving Midland's streets.

It was full of those details Midland residents have wanted. In fact, specificity should no longer be an issue in this debate.

Some people are asking Lacy to bring down the bond to an amount Midland residents will be more receptive to. That seems like a reasonable request.

Still, a need is a need. Anyone who believes roads aren't a problem isn't paying attention. A high price tag didn't seem to matter in 2009 when voters overwhelmingly approved more than $100 million for a new tower at Midland Memorial Hospital. Cost also wasn't an issue when voters overwhelmingly approved a $163 million bond to build Midland ISD elementary schools.

In both cases, Midlanders saw an obvious need and demonstrated the collective wisdom to say approving this referendum is in our community's best interest. We believe the same logic should apply to something everyone uses — city roads. What Lacy is asking for is a real need.

There are those who believe asking for a smaller bond will improve the chances of passage. That may be true. But my question to those people is: "Then what? Will our leaders repeatedly return to the voters for more money?"

The truth is, Lacy has come up with a reasonable plan to fix thoroughfares in our community. The City Council should put it on the ballot and give residents the opportunity to indicate whether they want roads improved. It is that simple.

If our businesses and major employers can't relay to their employees the importance of this bond to Midland's future, so be it.

If those who are not concerned about growth win again at the ballot box, that will be one heck of statement about Midland — but again, so be it.

If those who have complained about the condition of Midland's roads vote no, then again, so be it.

I was listening to KWEL radio when Lacy was taking questions about his road bond. One caller told the councilman the city of Midland should cut back on the amount spent on fire and police if money must be freed up for road improvements. So be warned: There are people who would rather make our community less safe in the name of lower taxes. That is scary, but obviously you can hear their opinions on a daily basis if you choose. My recommendation to those who support this bond — no matter the amount — is don't be silent on this issue. The effort to shout you down is underway, and those people will always tell you what's wrong and how it got that way. They rarely provide a solution.

I have been hoping for real leadership to come forward as it pertains to improving Midland. Our community got that when Wes Perry led the effort for the pipeline connecting Midland with a water source in Winkler County. We got that when Rod Schroder brought his educational leadership to Midland ISD. In both cases, these men didn't blame others for the situation; they focused on the solution.

I believe when it comes to roads, the Midland Development Corp. and Lacy are demonstrating that type of leadership.

This community needs to realize that and should support those efforts.

Editor's note: This point of view is of the editor and not the entire Reporter-Telegram Editorial Board.

FLUSHING CULTURE

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Whole bathroom thing is far more complicated than we thought

While we're talking and legislating about bathrooms, let's do some thinking about bathrooms, which I sometimes fear is not being done while we're talking and legislating about bathrooms. Sometimes it can be difficult to talk and legislate and think simultaneously.

I'm biased on this topic. I'm in favor of bathrooms. Not trying to be boastful here, but I have them in my home. And I've used and enjoyed them in each of the 50 states and on four continents.

In Asia, where bathroom quality varies, you learn the true meaning of American Exceptionalism. We're No. 1 when it comes to doing numbers one and two and any other numbers Americans do in our American bathrooms.

So it comes to pass, oddly enough, that the Texas Legislature is mulling who should use which bathroom in some government-owned buildings, including schools. That got me to thinking. Now, I will do that thinking out loud. As I've noted in the past, that's often a bad idea. Some thoughts never should go extracranial.

Why, I'm hearing in my head, do we have men's bathrooms and women's bathrooms?

It seems like one of the last vestiges of separate but equal, a notion long ago dismissed in other applications. And I'm aware some women think equal has not yet been achieved in all public bathrooms. (Though, I'm told, women sometimes have sofas in their bathrooms. I might enjoy a sofa in the men's room. And a big TV. You could put it where there now are those sinks for which some men haven't found a use.)

Seems there are two reasons we have separate bathrooms. One is equipment, both of the patrons and the bathrooms. Seems reasonable. The other reason is what I'll call modesty, the traditional

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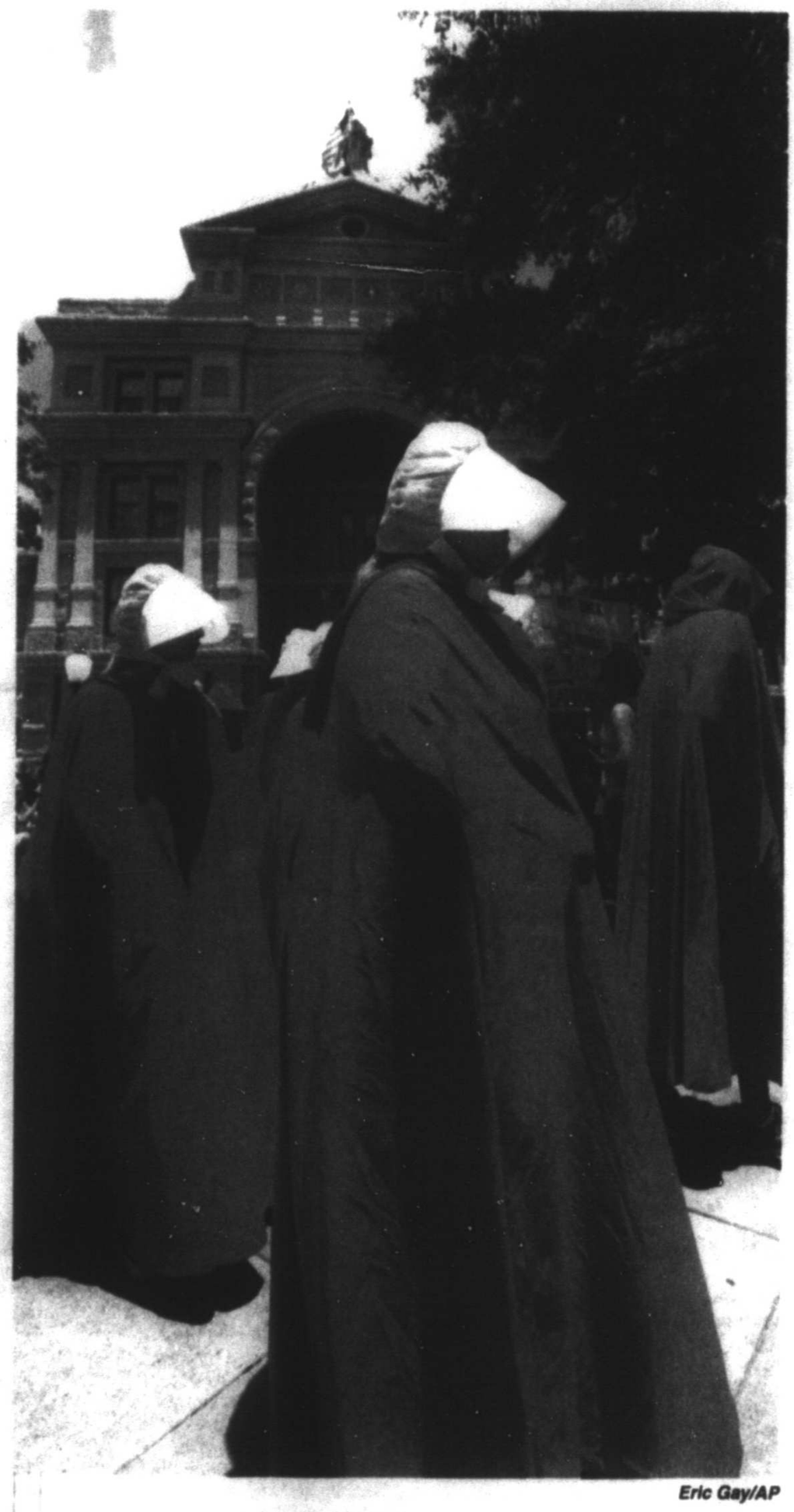

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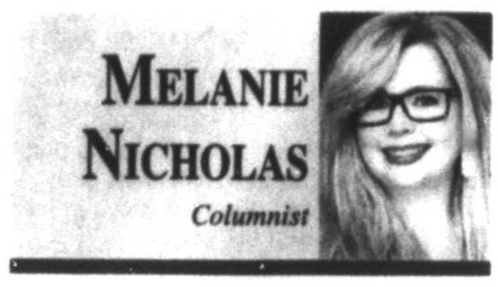
Protesters dressed as characters from "The Handmaid's Tale" take part in a protest at the Texas Capitol on July 18 in Austin. State lawmakers began a special legislative session Republican Gov. Greg Abbott called in order to tackle conservative priorities that stalled previously, chief among them a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people.



MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Goulash may look different, but dish offers sustenance

When I was in high school, my mother started letting me help her cook dinner. Her recipe box was not full, and there were no exotic recipes with curry or bean sprouts. But the things she did make were unprocessed and nutritious, what most of us would call "plain." But they were delicious to me. Beef stew, roast beef, taco meat with Mexican rice. Fried deer meat and gravy. Chocolate pie, brownies and spaghetti. One of my favorites though, was, and still is, her goulash.

My first goulash was more ghoul-ash, though. I didn't know you were supposed to brown the hamburger meat first. After I had added corn, a can of stewed tomatoes, garlic powder and chopped onion to my pound of round, my brother stopped by the stovetop to check on his dinner's savory progress. He pointed out that I was now boiling the ground meat. Even our bird dogs wouldn't eat my mess.

Now, I have a family of my own, and I probably cook five nights a week. I have mastered tacos, chicken with homemade Alfredo sauce, spaghetti, beans and cornbread, flatbread pizzas and quiche. I can't make Mexican rice and am reduced to the Uncle Ben's microwave rice packages. I have been looking for a few easy recipes to add into my rotation because I am tired of hearing "Spaghetti? Againnnnn?" around the dinner table. The Hubs is not a fan of crockpot cooking, so that's out. I am the only one who likes gravy and roast beef, so those are out, too.

I decided to try goulash the way I made it with my mom. I got a large pot of water on the stove to boil elbow macaroni. Elbows are the best; now, some cooks might be tempted to try a hearty egg noodle. Don't. I don't know why it tastes different, it just does. Trust me here. Then, I browned the ground sirloin with salt, pepper, Morten's chili powder and garlic powder in a big cast iron skillet. No fresh garlic here; we'll take our gluten and MSG-laden powders, thank you very much. After the meat is cooked, the art of mixology comes into play. I sautéed in about half of a chopped,

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Media Research Center: Trump forces media out in the open

Dan Gainor, vice president of Business and Culture for the Media Research Center, has decades of experience working in the media.

Gainor

He has appeared on the Fox Business Network and writes for The Fox Forum and previously served as an editor at several newspapers including The Washington Times and The Baltimore News-American.

The media Research Center lists on its website its sole mission "is to expose and neutralize the propaganda arm of the left: the national news media." That commitment, according to the MRC, is to neutralize "left-wing bias in the news media and popular culture that has influenced how millions of Americans perceive so-called objective reporting."

With that in mind, Gainor, who can be heard weekly on radio station KWEL, answered questions from the Reporter-Telegram about today's media culture.

Midland Reporter-Telegram: How has Donald Trump's presidency changed the way the media covers politics?

Dan Gainor: Donald Trump has forced the media out into the open. They actively campaigned against him once it was apparent he could win and have spent all six months trying to overturn the election. Our tally of network coverage of the last 12 weeks before the election was 91 percent negative against Trump. The first 80 days was 89 percent negative, but it's gotten worse since.

MRT: Is it any different than what officials at the Media Research Center witnessed under Obama or Bush presidencies?

Gainor: This coverage is wildly different. Journalists acted more like Obama's press office than investigative reporters. And while they were hard on Bush, it was nothing like this. The big issue for conservatives isn't that they are hard on Bush or insanely antagonistic to Trump. It's consistency. We expect journalists to treat everyone the same. If you want to be a jerk, be a jerk to everyone. Not just to conservatives.

MRT: What do you think of the "fake news" phenomenon?

Gainor: Journalists discovered "fake news" was a double-edged sword. The term was created to target outlets and topics they didn't like. But it was turned against the press because of the many errors and extensive anti-Trump agenda of major media.

MRT: Are we correct in saying that people on the left and right have used the term to discredit not news that is false but news people don't want to hear?

Gainor: Most people like to see things that they agree with, that reinforce their opinions. Reporters from traditional outlets thought this would be a way they could silence content they didn't like. That was naïve. Every outlet makes errors and the internet and groups like ours help point those out.

MRT: It seems middle-of-the-road reporting at the national level is a thing of the past. Is that the case, and if so, how did that happen?

Gainor: Middle-of-the-road reporting has always been a fantasy at the national level. Top news people like Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and Helen Thomas were all strong liberals. It impacted their story choices and what they considered important. They just hid their allegiances better than reporters do today. It was an era before social media.

MRT: Is there any way to correct the situation?

Gainor: People are policy. If news

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HERMAN

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belief that the genders shouldn't mingle where partial disrobing and private activities take place.

Stand by for out-loud thinking about what's in my head about in-private activities. If you don't want to go there I'll remind you we also have a sports section where you can read about some NFL player getting arrested for something.

Have we advanced to a point where separate but equal in bathrooms no longer makes sense? Indeed, with the current legislative debate in mind, have we advanced to a point where separate but equal is nothing but problems?

More out-loud thinking: If the current state of science is that we are post-binary and there are more than two genders, is it possible we need more than two bathrooms? And how would they be labelled? And what would the clever pictures on the doors look like if we extend the practice of sometimes using clever pictures to identify which bathroom is for whom?

See what I mean. The whole bathroom thing is far more complicated than we thought, kind of like our ever-insightful president discovered about health care.

This leads to what some will see as an immodest proposal. As a great leader said in another time in another place in another context, maybe it's time to tear down these walls. Maybe it's time to end separate-but-equal bathrooms.

As is often the case, we must look to where we must always look for guidance: Buc-ee's, that highwayside oasis of blessed excess.

I wrote in 2012 about how the 65,000-square-foot (!) Buc-ee's in New Braunfels was honored in an online poll conducted by Cintas, which sells bathroom supplies and other products, as having America's best bathroom.

In addition to clean and large, the bathrooms at Buc-ee's offer enclosed individual stalls — lots of them and with floor-to-ceiling walls between them and small openings of about 5 inches at the top and bottom of the doors — that are a welcome haven for travelers in need, save possibly for the most claustrophobic ones.

In the men's room, the stalls are in addition to plentiful urinals, a furnishing that will become obsolete in my dream world of liberty and justice and one bathroom for all. On Thursday, I checked out the men's room at the Buc-ee's in Bastrop and saw no reason men and women couldn't share it if the urinals were removed.

Eric Gay/AP

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo and other law enforcement take part in a public safety event where they spoke against a proposed "bathroom bill" July 25 in Austin. The Texas Senate has revived a bill mandating transgender Texans use public restrooms corresponding to their birth-certificate genders.

I was going to shoot some video to make my point but that seemed a little creepy. I didn't want to have to head into a courtroom and enter a plea of journalism.

So here's the question for all among you who use bathrooms: Would you be comfortable with a multioccupancy bathroom open to all? To be more specific (and more indelicate), would you be comfortable with someone of one of the other genders in a stall next to you, even if he's a wide-stance guy?

And does your answer depend on whether there is an enclosed stall, ... la Buc-ee's, versus one that is open on top and bottom on three sides?

I'm guessing women might have more of a problem with this than men would. But that's just a guess. Anticipating a potential concern about personal grooming preferably done in privacy, I'd propose mirrors on the inside of the doors on the stalls. Multitasking, people.

And remember, this proposal differs from Austin's ordinance that requires gender-neutral bathrooms in public places. That restriction applies only to single-occupancy bathrooms. That's easy.

What I'm talking about is more difficult. Revolutionary change often is. And I understand this could be expensive. We'll deal with that later. First, we must ponder the concept.

Can't we all answer nature's call together? Doubtful, but let's discuss.

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NICHOLAS

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sweet, yellow onion and added one can of stewed tomatoes. Next, I dumped in one can of Green Giant, whole-kernel corn. I like the bright, yellow color; it adds a nice hint of sweet and a little bit of texture. I let the goulash simmer for a few minutes, did a few "spoon checks" to make sure all the spices were right.

After the macaroni was done, I drained it and set it to the side. For the final bit of brilliance, I grated about half a block of sharp cheddar cheese and then dumped the meat and cheese on top of the macaroni and stirred with my ancient wooden spoon. I was proud. It was just perfect.

I made a fresh fruit salad and cornbread and there was cold milk. I set out cloth napkins because sometimes I'm fancy like that, and placed forks on the table. I buttered each piece of cornbread and set it next to the bowls of goulash and called everyone in to eat. It looked just like the dinner table of my childhood — but with fruit.

My kids sat down, eyed their dinner, and then refused to eat it. Even one, tiny bite.

"Gross! What. Is. This?" Bodacious demanded to know.

"I am not eating that," Parksalot said, reaching for his milk.

My husband, who is wise and true, kept his mouth empty of words and full of dinner.

I explained to them that this beautiful dish was called goulash, a funny-sounding name for a delicious meal. I told them goulash contained some of their favorite foods and spices, too: hamburger meat and chili powder, like tacos; tomatoes and corn, their favorite vegetables; about $4 worth of cheese; garlic, just like spaghetti and Alfredo sauce; and fat elbow macaroni.

All parts they knew about, just put together a little differently than they were used to.

But it didn't matter. No matter how much my husband ate, nor how much I explained to them that even though it looked differently than their usual dinner, it was still dinner. It did all the things dinner does. It provided nutrition for healthy minds and strong bones, sustenance for a long night of rest and recuperation, carbs for long-term energy and cheese. Because everything is just better with cheese. And all for about $2 a person, much more affordable than dinner out.

In the end, they drank milk, ate their fruit and went to bed. I didn't make them cereal or sandwiches when they came into the kitchen later and were hungry. That'll teach them.

I know that sometimes things that look different are scary. Sometimes even unfathomable. But if my children had taken a little time with their dinner, they would have discovered how good it was, how versatile food can be. That beneath that cheesy sauce was a meal that filled little bellies, provided a basis for conversation and a place to give thanks. They might not have wanted goulash every day or even every month, and that's OK, too. But the fact that they weren't even open to it all, well, that wasn't OK. Because sooner or later, in some mom-and-pop restaurant or hostel dining room, they'll run into goulash again. I just hope that when it occurs, they'll be a little more open to breaking bread over it.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 8, and Bodacious, 6. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook @ MelNicholas13 and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com.

MEDIA

From 1B

outlets want to better cover all of America then they need to hire people who represent all of our nation. Don't just focus on diversity of color or gender, but diversity of opinion. But I don't see any of that happening. Journalists don't want to admit the problem even exists.

MRT: For those interested in conservative or right-of-center news reporting and commentary, what are your go-to sites and news shows?

Gainor: Oh, I have tons. Obviously MRC sites like Newsbusters.org, CNSNews.com and MRCTV.org. I write a lot for Foxnews.com's Opinion section and love both Fox and Fox Business. There are some other good TV outlets: One American News Network, Newsmax, The Blaze, Christian Broadcasting Network and even NRA TV all come to mind. On the web, there are too many I read to say, but a few of my top ones include: Breitbart, Daily Caller, Free Beacon, Independent Journal Review, The Federalist, Twitchy, The Blaze, and, of course, Drudge. I also do tons of radio and I really want to thank Craig Anderson and KWEL for having me on all these years. I felt I knew Midland before I ever came to visit.

MRT: Beyond the Media Research Center, what media critics do you follow/read/watch on a regular basis?

Gainor: I read all the media critics I can. Most are left-wing. On the right, Breitbart, Twitchy and The Daily Caller all do media stuff I care about. That means I follow CNN's very lefty view of media. I read Hadas Gold in Politico. I read HuffPost's Michael Calderone, and I wish Politico's Jack Shafer wrote more. He's liberal but more honest than most. Heck, I even read "Journalism Professor" Jay Rosen, though I think he hates what we do.

MRT: How will journalism/media change in the next five to 10 years?

Gainor: I fear journalism will only get worse. More people have given up on the concept of neutral journalism, so that means no common narrative or even common facts. If we don't agree on what's going on and why, how can we as a nation agree on anything? This is the direct fault of politicized left-wing journalism. For myself, I wish journalism would go back to the center. I'd be thrilled if there was no need for what we do. Again, I wish.

Obituaries

James B. "Rusty" Ratliff, III.

James B. "Rusty" Ratliff, III., otherwise known as "Grandad" to everyone, 75, passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2017 in Corpus Christi. He was born to the late, J. B. Ratliff, Jr. and Mary Katherine Neal Ratliff on Thursday, March 19, 1942 in San Angelo. He was married to the love of his life, Vicki Lynn Bates Ratliff for 49 years at the time of her passing in 2012. Rusty was a graduate of Fort Stockton High School where he played football and raced cars. Ranching and taking care of his sheep as well as fishing were his passion. He was a member of Castle Gap Bass Busters and was an active participant and supporter of the annual livestock show. Rusty served as a Board of Trustees member with the Rankin ISD and was an avid Rankin Red Devil fan and supporter. He was a member and former leader of the Upton County 4-H Club. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor. Rusty was a man of few words, but one that you stopped to listen to when he spoke. His impact on his community, those he spent time with and organizations he supported will be forever changed for the better. Rusty was preceded in death by his parents; wife, and son, Randall Todd Ratliff.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Karrie Ann and Mark Self, and Kimberly Kay and Billy Teague; grandchildren, Kaycie Rae Teague, Kylee Elizabeth Self, Randall Tate Teague, and Ty Austin Self; sister, Clara Jo Huckaby; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

There will be a time of visitation held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2017 in the First United Methodist Church, Rankin. Funeral services will be held at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 with Rev. Leslie Davidson officiating. Interment will follow in the Rankin Cemetery with Billy Teague, Mark Self, Tate Teague, Ty Self, Danny Michum, Dustin Ratliff, Michael Huckaby, and Neal Huckaby serving as pallbearers. Dwayne Lindsey, Tommy Latham, Jim Huckaby, Mike Ratliff, Tom Bloxom, and Tommy Owens will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Rusty's honor to the Rankin High School Scholarship Fund.

Family and friends are encouraged to share photos and memories, as well as send condolences and sign the online guestbook at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Lillian O. Ivy

The morning of July 22, 2017 God finished a special place in Heaven for Lillian O. Ivy and called her home. She left this world at the age of 81 after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by two sons and their families, Floyd, wife Jolinda, and their two children; Dustin, spouse Shae, and their children, Keleigh and Adelyn; Brittany and husband Billy, and their children, Aaron and Mason; Ron, wife Jennifer, and their two children, Kendall and Kolton; four sisters, Dorthy Brown, Wanda Bingham, Margie Thornton, Patsy Lahew; and brother, Jerry Thornton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Hubert Macon (Doc) and Lela Mae Thornton; sisters, Martha Garner, Debbie Hale; and brother, David Thornton.

Lillian was a most wonderful woman that touched the lives of the people she met and the children she cared for at Gingham Day Care. Some of her greatest loves were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, dancing, Lake Brownwood and her garden. She made this world a better place and left it in better shape than when she arrived. *Love you Mom!*

There will be a memorial service for those who wish to pay their last respects to Lillian Ivy held at 1:30 p.m. August 5, 2017 at First Baptist Church, 2104 West Louisiana, Midland, Tx. 79701, in the Chapel (entrance on the East side of the campus). Dr. Darin Wood presiding.

In lieu of florals, please make donations to Hospice of Midland.

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William Wallace Larkin III

William Wallace Larkin III, age 75, died on July 21, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bill, as he was known by family and friends, was born in Fort Worth, Texas on August 14, 1941, and moved to Midland in 1947 with his parents, William Wallace Larkin II and Margaret Waldock Larkin.

He was a graduate of Midland High School and attended Tarleton State College (now Tarleton State University).

A member of the United State Marine Corps, he served in Vietnam from 1964 to 1969. While there, he designed an amphitheater in Da Nang, which was used as a showcase for Bob Hope's USO shows, as well as a movie theater for the troops. He also developed a protocol system for the military. Bill was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Mast, and Combat Aircrew Insignia. He was honorably discharged in 1969 as a corporal. He later returned to Vietnam, where he worked as a civilian.

Bill was a man who was known for his inventive and creative mind. He had an exceptional mechanical and electrical aptitude, which he shared during his employment with Midland Memorial Hospital, the Midland County Sheriff's Department, and various oil field service companies. His curious mind led him to pursue a number of inventions during his lifetime.

Bill's interest in community theater began when he was a teenager. Under the tutelage of the late Art Cole, founding director of Midland Community Theatre, Bill began by building sets for the theater. He worked on dozens of plays through the years for Midland Community Theatre, Summer Mummers and Maverick Players. In fact, the set being used for decades on the Mummers stage was designed and built by Bill.

He took great pleasure in creating special effects for the theater. Among the most memorable were the falling rain in the musical, "Singin' in the Rain," and the wheel, which was designed to fall off a wagon on cue in "Les Miserables." For the Mummers' Moviolas, he built the locomotive, which crashed into the draw by the theater, and also the car, which made a spectacular descent off a bank parking garage.

Bill was the first recipient of the HamHock of the Year award in 1960, which is given annually by HamHocks, auxiliary to Midland Community Theatre. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2000 by the Summer Mummers, Distinguished Arts Volunteer 2002-2003 by the Maverick Players and was named to the Mummers' Mule Train Gallery for his long and faithful service to the organization.

Bill was a proud member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and National Rifle Association. Both his parents, Williams Wallace Larkin II and Margaret Larkin Rhea proceeded him in death. He is survived by his sister, Leah Roppolo of Mesquite, and his niece, Samantha Kelly and her husband, Tim Kelly of Dallas.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date. In Bill's memory, donations may be made to Midland Community Theatre, Maverick Players, American Legion, or a charity of one's choice.

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Death Notices

Francisco Gonzalez

Francisco Gonzalez, 62, of Midland, Texas passed away July 28, 2017.

Viewing will at Community Baptist Church in Midland. A funeral service will be Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Elpidia Rios; four sons, Ray Gonzalez, Antonio Gonzalez, Leonardo Gonzalez and Sergio Gonzales; two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Thomas Eugene Ivy

Thomas Eugene Ivy, 74 of Midland, Texas passed away Friday, July 28, 2017.

Services are pending. He is survived by his three sons, Anthony Ivy, Steven Ivy, and Christopher Ivy.

Funeral Service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net.*

Daughter of comedian Stan Laurel dies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lois Laurel Hawes, the daughter of famed comedian Stan Laurel, has died. She was 89.

A family statement says Hawes died late Friday night at a Los Angeles hospital after a long illness.

Her mother was Laurel's first wife, Lois Neilson.

Laurel and his partner, Oliver Hardy, had decades of success. They wore trademark bowler hats and Laurel played the dim-witted sidekick to the pompous Hardy. They made more than 100 films, but Laurel retired after Hardy died in 1957.

Laurel died in 1965.

Hawes made uncredited appearances in several of their productions.

She was married to "Gone With the Wind" actor Rand Brooks and later to actor Tony Hawes.

She's survived by a daughter, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Texan puts London pub crawlers under his spell

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Columnist

If you haven't seen Don Warren of Weatherford use his hypnotic powers, you're missing something. Although he is two years away from retiring from his pipeline job with Conoco-Phillips, he is becoming known around the country as the Cowboy Hypnotist. A few years ago, he saw a hypnotist in Las Vegas and decided to become one.

Don is the epitome of a cowboy. He wears the traditional outfit: cowboy hat and boots, starched white shirt and jeans. When he's performing at major events, he wears glittery jackets.

He's making good money hypnotizing people at corporate events, resorts, festivals and even high school graduation parties. He is a popular attraction at Fourth of July activities in Fort Davis.

He can take people who think hypnotism is a fake and have them under his power within two minutes. When he's hypnotizing people on stage, some people in the audience become affected, too.

Don attended a hypnotism seminar in November in London. The site of the seminar was about a mile or so from his hotel. He walked it the first couple of days, then found a bus to get him there and take him back to his hotel. Upon returning to his hotel one night, about two dozen people in their 20s and 30s got on his bus. They were on a pub crawl, going to 26 pubs and getting a half pint of beer at each one.

"When they got on, they had been to 13 pubs, so they were halfway through their pub crawl, and were pretty well lit," Don said. "And there I was wearing my cowboy hat and boots, and they immediately started talking to me. When I told them I was from Texas and was in London for a seminar on hypnosis, they immediately wanted me to hypnotize one of their group. So, as the city bus was going down a busy London street. I hypnotized a guy. He was just tipsy, not completely drunk. It's impossible to hypnotize someone who's drunk because they can't concentrate.

"I was afraid this guy might fall down from the movement of the bus, so I made him think his right hand was glued to the pole he was standing by. I don't know whether I should mention this or not, but I made him think he had a severe case of jock itch. And the more he scratched, the more it itched. Well, people on the bus were watching this and laughing so hard when the bus got to their stop, they didn't get off. They stayed on watching this guy with his hand glued to the pole and scratching his crotch. More people came on the bus and didn't know what was happening but soon got involved. We rode for a while and finally got to their stop where the next pub was. Before they got off, I took the glue away and got rid of his jock itch."

Cut it out, Mr. President, this is a nation of laws, not men

KENNETH W. STARR
Special to The Washington Post

Mr. President, please cut it out. Tweet to your heart's content, but stop the wildly inappropriate attacks on the attorney general. An honorable man whom I have known since his days as a U.S. attorney in Alabama, Jeff Sessions has recently become your piñata in one of the most outrageous — and profoundly misguided — courses of presidential conduct I have witnessed in five decades in and around the nation's capital. What you are doing is harmful to your presidency and inimical to our foundational commitment as a free people to the rule of law.

The attorney general is not — and cannot be — the president's "hockey goalie," as new White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci described Sessions' job. In fact, the president isn't even his client. To the contrary, the attorney general's client is ultimately "We the People," and his fidelity has to be not to the president but to the Constitution and other laws of the United States. Indeed, the attorney general's job, at times, is to tell the president "no" because of the supervening demands of the law. When it comes to dealing with the nation's top legal officer, you will do well to check your Twitter weapons at the Oval Office door.

A rich history buttresses my uninvited but from-the-heart advice. In the wake of President Richard Nixon's resignation, the colorful Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C. — a hero of the long Watergate ordeal — held hearings on a newly minted proposal to create an independent Justice Department, along the lines of other independent agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission. The idea was simple: Especially in the wake of the Nixon-era scandals infecting it, the department should, to the fullest extent possible, be insulated from raw political considerations in the enforcement of the nation's laws.

Although nobly intended, Ervin's reform proposal went nowhere. But along the way, a national civics lesson unfolded. One of the "teachers," so to speak, was Ted Sorensen, President John F. Kennedy's legendary speechwriter. In the hearings on the proposal, Sorensen spoke eloquently about the need for the president to have trust in the attorney general but at the same time for the attorney general to remain at arm's length in providing honest legal guidance to the president.

This represents a paradox. As a member of the president's Cabinet, the attorney general needs to be a loyal member of the president's team, yet at the same time, he must have the personal integrity and courage to tell the president what the law demands — and what the law will not permit. That's especially true with respect to enforcing the nation's criminal laws, and why — rightly — the attorney general needs to step aside on matters where his own independence of judgment has potentially been compromised.

That's the key to solving the paradox. Independence of judgment, as opposed to blind loyalty, characterizes great attorneys general. An example from the Reagan years illustrates the point: Attorney General William French Smith sat down one-on-one with President Ronald Reagan and advised him that one of the administration's favorite tools — the legislative veto, which was a congressional contrivance used to strike down agency regulations — violated our system of separation of powers and was thus unconstitutional.

In coming to that wildly unpopular position, Smith (I was his chief of staff at the time) had been persuaded by the department's chief constitutional lawyer, Ted Olson. Having determined that Olson — and the entire Office of Legal Counsel — was spot on in its analysis, Smith outlined the department's thinking in his session with Reagan in the White House residence. Reagan listened intently and immediately accepted his attorney general's advice. No taking the matter "under advisement" or consulting with White House lawyers. As with Kennedy and his younger brother, Bill Smith and the president were close personally and politically. What the attorney general said, the president accepted. It was a matter of trust.

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GOP split could lead to 3-way presidential campaign race in 2020

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Already, there are signs that the opposition to Trump that first surfaced in the 2016 Republican nominating race is persisting and widening. It's been evident in the repeated criticism of Trump's policies from Ohio Gov. John Kasich, whose actions belie his repeated demurrals he plans a second White House run after finishing third in the GOP contest last time.

The reasons for the Republicans' difficulties in redeeming their seven-year promise to repeal Obamacare range from President Donald Trump's erratic leadership and unfocused salesmanship to the unpopular GOP health proposal's inherent problems.

But underlying their problems is a split in the Republican Party that existed before Trump's election and threatens to grow as House and Senate members confront the political fallout that could envelop them in the 2018 and 2020 elections.

The way that the party's conservative majority has been resisting the concerns of more moderate senators and Republican governors raises the question whether this widening split could become a full-fledged rupture, leading to the first real three-way presidential race since Ross Perot's candidacy in 1992.

And rather than hurting Trump's re-election prospects, a three-way race could actually enhance them.

In one sense, the current circumstances mirror the GOP divisions more than a century ago when Theodore Roosevelt's breakaway Progressive party undercut President William Howard Taft and made Woodrow Wilson the first Democratic president in 16 years.

Just as Roosevelt hurt Taft, most third-party candidates have tended to damage the party from which they skimmed off most of their voters (though Democratic President Harry S Truman survived the candidacies of not one but two splinter Democrats in 1948.)

However, the candidate who most benefits from that sort of situation in 2020 may be Trump. A three-way race might be the only way his inability to broaden his 40 percent base would prove an advantage that could win him a second term.

Without any increase in his appeal to independents, the president might struggle to repeat his 2016 victory in a two-way race, since he might have trouble holding voters who backed him out of disdain for both parties and candidates. That's assuming Democrats put up an acceptable alternative.

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Allied with Kasich are some other Republican governors, such as Massachusetts' Charlie Baker and Nevada's Brian Sandoval, who have lobbied against the Senate GOP leadership's health bill because of the Medicaid cuts it would inflict on their states. Unlike the federal government, most states have balanced budget requirements that limit their flexibility to absorb something like a federal Medicaid cutback.

It seems highly unlikely that someone like Kasich, whose term as governor ends in 2019, could wrest the Republican nomination from Trump. But it is easy to see a repetition of the 2016 defections from Trump morphing into some kind of an independent presidential effort, especially if Democrats go too far left in choosing their standard-bearer.

While third-party candidates have failed to win the presidency since the Civil War, many have had far more influence than is generally realized in tipping or coming close to tipping the outcome.

Two recent GOP victories, Trump's in 2016 and George W. Bush's in 2000, were aided by left-wing Green Party nominees who polled only 1 and 2.7 percent nationally but drained off enough Democratic votes to affect the outcome in key states. In 1976, an independent bid by former Democratic Sen. Eugene McCarthy swung four states from Jimmy Carter and might have elected Republican President Gerald Ford had the Democrats not succeeded in keeping him off the ballot in New York.

On the other hand, though Perot polled more than 19 percent in 1992 and polls showed some two-thirds of them had previously voted Republican, post-election analyses also showed he probably didn't alter the outcome. His voters said they would have divided evenly between Democrat Bill Clinton and Republican President George H.W. Bush.

Admittedly, any discussion of a three-way 2020 race at this point is highly speculative, given that it is sometimes difficult in today's confused political climate to predict what will happen next week or next month.

But it may well be the end result of the disdain and mistrust toward Trump among establishment Republicans like Kasich. And it may be a circumstance for which this White House might yearn if Trump is unable to regain his lost support.

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How many times do we see a homeless person on the street and avert our eyes because we don't want to get involved? Last week we received a call from the manager of a local motel asking us to assist in providing shelter for a homeless man who had taken in his girlfriend's two little girls, ages 5 and 7, after she had been arrested and taken to jail. The boyfriend had been at work that day until 7 p.m. and the children had been abandoned at the motel where the mother had been staying. (This was a different motel from the one that called Helping Hands). The girls had been alone from about 2 p.m. until 7 without supervision, food or water. That manager and the people at the motel preferred not to get involved.

The police were called and they released the girls into the custody of the boyfriend. The three of them moved over to the motel, whose manager called us right away. We responded immediately and met with the manager, the man (who we will call John), and the two little girls. After assessing the situation and believing the girls were safe for the time being with John and with the supervision of the concerned motel manager, we provided them food, clothing and payment for the room. CPS was called and picked the girls up the next morning. They were reunited with their mother a few days later.

This story could have had a much different ending than it did if that one person, the motel manager, had not shown compassion and decided to get involved. So many other people had seen the girls, knew their mother was not there, but chose instead to avert their eyes to what was right in front of them. What a joy it was for us to be the Helping Hands to help steer this situation in a positive direction. We could not do it without the compassionate support of all of you who are moved to respond to those in need. Please consider being a volunteer and "get involved" at Helping Hands.

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PRO Should President Donald Trump 'let Obamacare fail'? CON

Yes: There will be few mourners for failed law

By Grace-Marie Turner
Tribune News Service

■ COMMENTARY

Weeks ago, President Donald Trump tweeted, "As I have always said, let ObamaCare fail and then come together and do a great healthcare plan. Stay tuned!"

And indeed, the system established by the Affordable Care Act is collapsing on its own. Average premiums are up 105 percent since the health overhaul law took effect, and premiums will soar again next year, based upon early announcements. That will drive more young and healthy people away, further destabilizing the health insurance markets.

People in 40 percent of U.S. counties risk having only one "choice" of plan next year, and some may have none as insurers flee the market because of heavy losses.

Under Obamacare, millions of people were driven out of health insurance policies they liked and could afford and were forced to buy expensive plans dictated by Washington. Now Obamacare is the only coverage available to them.

Republicans, who control both houses of Congress and the White House, must act so millions of people aren't left without any health plan to choose from next year. They must provide a safety net for the next few years while building a new platform for better coverage going forward.

That is what bills in the House and Senate would do, although you'd never know it from reading headlines that warn "22 million people would lose coverage under Republican bills."

Not true! Virtually all of these 22 million would voluntarily opt-out of health insurance once the Obamacare mandate that forces them to buy expensive policies or pay a fine is repealed.

The Congressional Budget Office says millions of people would simply drop coverage because the individual mandate penalties would be gone — including millions of people on Medicaid who pay nothing for their coverage. The CBO's coverage estimates have been widely discredited.

And those Medicaid "cuts" that television ads say would leave disabled people without care? That wouldn't happen either.

States would have hundreds of billions of dollars and new powers to modernize their Medicaid programs so they could provide better access to care. And in the process, the program could be saved for future generations.

Under Obamacare, Washington gave states a huge incentive to add able-bodied childless adults to Medicaid by paying almost all of the costs for these new enrollees.

But that means many states are leaving traditional Medicaid recipients, who have much greater medical needs and much lower incomes, on waiting lists. The Republican bills would rebalance the spending so Medicaid could focus on providing care for the most needy.

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No: Killing landmark program is wrong

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■ COMMENTARY

After a Republican push to revamp health care came up short of Senate support earlier this month, President Donald Trump announced his new health care strategy. He was going to "let Obamacare fail" and then give us all really great health care.

The second part of this claim is, of course, absurd. The health care Republicans are proposing would be a disaster for tens of millions of people. This is the reason Trump and Republican congressional leadership are having such a hard time getting adequate support.

But the first part of Trump's strategy is also clearly wrong. Obamacare is not failing; if it collapses, it will be because Trump and his Republican allies killed it.

The claim that Obamacare is failing rests largely on the number of insurers that have left the health care exchanges set up under Obamacare. Trump and the Republicans are continually pointing out that more than 1,300 counties only have a single insurer operating in their exchanges, meaning that there is no competition.

While Trump is predicting the situation will continue to deteriorate, with more counties with one or no insurer left in the exchanges, the experts who study the issue actually find the opposite.

The assessment of the Congressional Budget Office, the Kaiser Family Foundation and others is that the health care exchanges have largely stabilized and insurers are now able to operate profitably.

Contrary to the stories of a death spiral, the number of people getting insurance through the exchanges is actually increasing.

It is also important to realize that the lack of competition in the exchanges is primarily a problem for people who live in states controlled by Republicans.

More than 20 percent of the people who live in states with Republican governors only have one insurer in their exchange. Only 2 percent of the people who live in states with Democratic governors live in a county with a single insurer. This figure excludes North Carolina, where a Democratic governor just took over in January.

This gap is due to the fact that most Republican governors did not want Obamacare to succeed, while most Democrats did.

First and foremost, many Republican governors did not expand Medicaid. This expansion helped the exchanges by pulling out many of the less-healthy people from the patient pools in the exchange.

These governors also were not aggressive in promoting the exchanges. As a result, fewer healthy people signed up for insurance, making the exchange population less healthy than in states controlled by Democrats trying to make the ACA work.

In the story of Obamacare dying, Trump apparently plans to build on the success of Republican governors and undermine the exchanges in the states controlled by Democrats. And, he does have tools to do it.

The first tool is the reimbursements the government makes to insurers for covering out-of-pocket costs for low-income people. If insurers did not cover these expenses, insurance would be unaffordable for many low-income people. And, the insurers won't cover the costs if the government is not picking up the tab.

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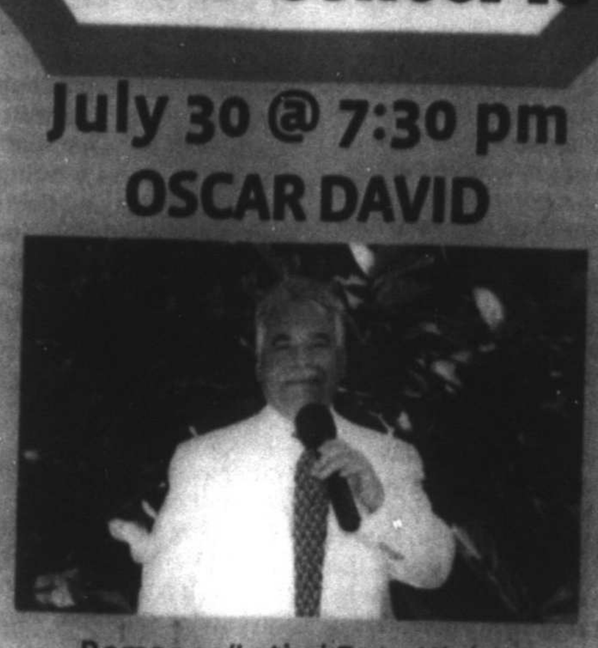

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The quest to prove collusion is crumbling

ED ROGERS
Special To The Washington Post

While everyone is fixated on President Donald Trump's unbecoming and inexplicable assault on Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the media has been trying to sneak away from the "Russian collusion" story.

That's right. For all the breathless hype, the on-air furrowed brows and the not-so-veiled hopes that this could be Watergate, Jared Kushner's statement and testimony before Congress have made Democrats and many in the media come to the realization that the collusion they were counting on just isn't there.

As the date of the Kushner testimony approached, the media thought it was going to advance and refresh the story. But Kushner's clear, precise and convincing account of what really occurred during the campaign and after the election has left many of Trump's loudest enemies trying to quietly back out of the room unnoticed.

Cable news airtime and in-print word count dedicated to the nonexistent collusion story appear to be dwindling. Democrats and their allies in the media seem less eager to talk about it, and when they do, they say something to the effect of "but, but, but ... Kushner didn't answer every question ... He wasn't under oath ... There are still more witnesses ... What about this or that new gadfly?" They are stammering. And it hasn't taken long for news producers and editors to realize that the story is fading.

At last, the story that never was is not happening.

There are a few showstoppers from Kushner's testimony that make it obvious to any fair-minded, thinking person that there was no collusion with Russia. In his own words, Kushner makes it clear that his actions were innocent but, at times, misguided and ill-conceived. He plainly states he had "hardly any" contacts with Russians during the campaign and found his June 2016 meeting with Donald Trump Jr. and the infamous Russian lawyer to be an absolute "waste of time."

Democrats and their allies in the media have exhausted themselves building a scandalous narrative surrounding the Russian lawyer meeting, but according to Kushner, the meeting was so useless that he "actually emailed an assistant from the meeting after (he) had been there for ten or so minutes and wrote 'Can u pls call me on my cell? Need excuse to get out of meeting.'" Maybe the collusion didn't take very long, or maybe he realized what the lawyer had to say was a useless farce, and he wanted to get on with his day.

Much to the dismay of Trump's haters, Kushner's account of events even further proves just how far the media has stretched the collusion story. When the campaign received an official note of congratulations from Russian President Vladimir Putin the day after the election, Kushner had to send Dimitri Simes of the Center for the National Interest an email asking for the name of the Russian ambassador so that he could reach out and confirm the message's authenticity.

So, that's that. If you can't remember your handler's name, you can't be guilty of nefariously colluding with that person. How much collusion could Kushner have possibly done with someone whom he had so little communication with that he could not remember his name and did not know how to contact him?

Sure, there are others still in the crosshairs of the collusion-hunters, but Kushner has been the biggest target if for no other reason than he is the only one serving in the White House. Paul Manafort is a private citizen, and he departed the campaign before the general election campaign really started. Donald Trump Jr. is implicated only in the one ill-advised and now-shown-to-be-pointless encounter with a few gadflies. The media can knock itself out trying to find some left-behind paperwork or some other scrap to hang onto, but the dead end is in sight. The quest for collusion is crumbling.

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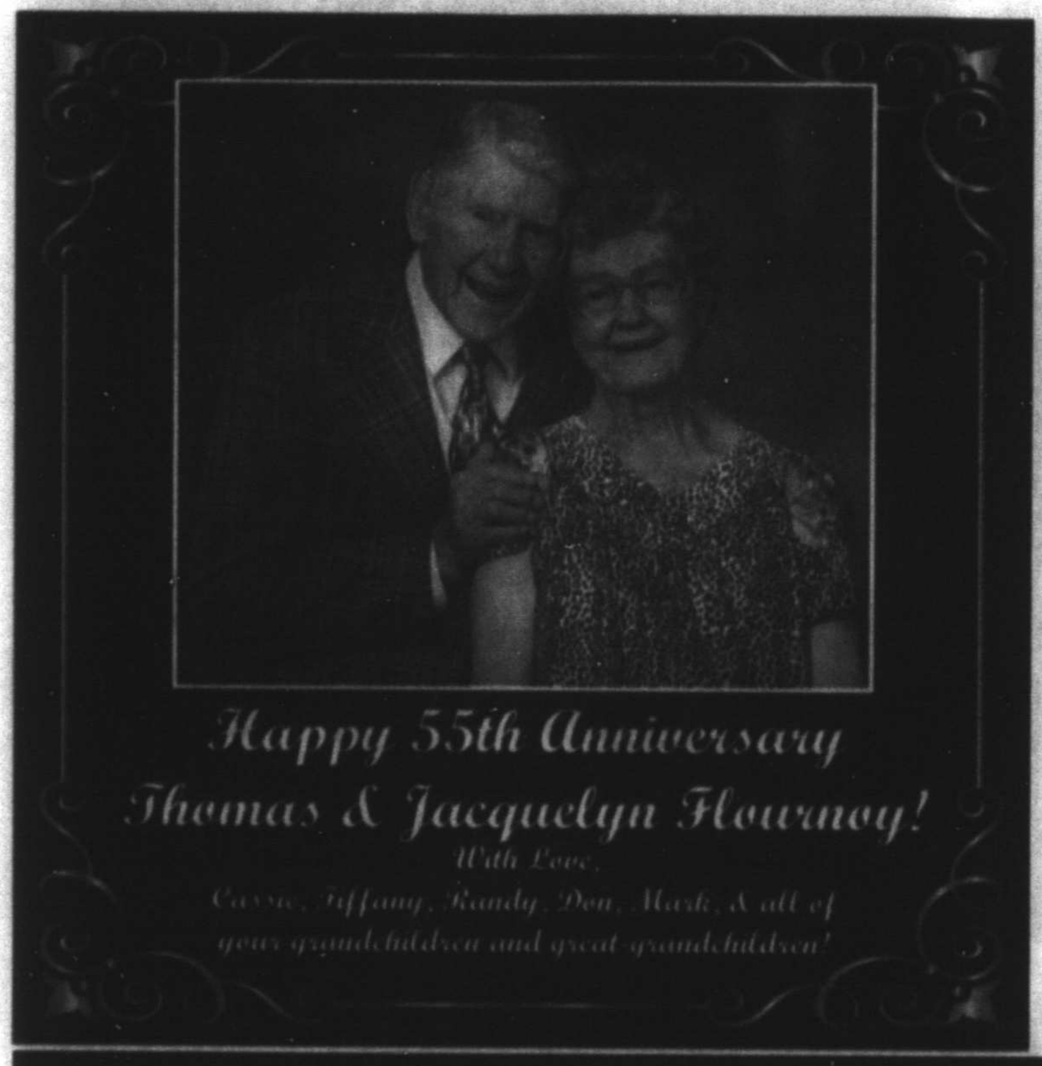

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OPINION

Trump family values is a challenge to GOP

■ The president's treatment of Sessions is unprecedented in the annals of American government

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Jeff Sessions thought he was on the Trump team, but he was sadly mistaken.

For President Donald Trump, the world breaks down into three categories — there's family, who are part of the charmed Trump circle by blood or marriage; there are "winners," who have earned Trump's regard by making lots of money (often at Goldman Sachs); and then there's everyone else, who are adornments to be cast aside as Trump finds convenient.

Sessions is emphatically in the latter category. If the former Alabama senator wanted to be securely ensconced in Trump world, he should have had the foresight to marry Ivanka. Nothing else — not endorsing early, not carrying water in trying circumstances in the campaign — will ever make him anything more than some guy who happens to be attorney general of the United States.

Trump's treatment of Sessions is unprecedented in the annals of American government. Cabinet officials have been hung out to dry before. They have been forced to resign or fired. Never before has a Cabinet secretary been publicly belittled in an ongoing campaign of humiliation by the president who appointed him.

The drama hangs a lantern on Trump's flaws. Trump lacks gratitude, dismissing Sessions' endorsement of him in the primaries as merely the senator's reaction to the size of Trump's crowds. He obviously doesn't feel any respect for someone who, as an honorable person with a long career in public service, deserves it. He doesn't care about propriety, which would dictate dressing down Sessions in private, not flaying him in public. And, finally, he doesn't feel any obligation to Sessions, despite the fact that Sessions gave up a safe Senate seat to serve in his administration.

For Trump, loyalty is unilateral, not reciprocal, and it has a very particular content. It's not loyalty to the agenda or to the party, but to Trump, specifically his personal interests and honor.

Robert Mueller's investigation, at the very least, creates an ongoing cloud over Trump's election victory. Insofar as the president believes that Sessions enabled this assault on his ego, the attorney general is persona non grata. He might as well have told the president that, yes, Barack Obama had a bigger inaugural crowd.

As a result, Trump is demeaning his attorney general and using the same weapons he uses against any of his targets — namely, anything at hand.

Trump hits Sessions for not pursuing Hillary Clinton, when the president himself had called for letting the Clinton scandal go. He criticizes Sessions for not firing FBI official Andrew McCabe, even though the White House reportedly interviewed McCabe to replace James Comey permanently as FBI director. Sessions should consider himself lucky that Trump has not, as of yet, accused any of his family members of being involved in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Of course, Trump is free to fire Sessions whenever he likes. That he is not doing it and prefers to run him down, apparently in hopes that he will quit, speaks to an unwillingness to take responsibility. This is his government; he should either back his appointees or cashier them, not troll them on Twitter.

The episode shows the challenge that Republicans face in Trump. It is not ideological. Substantively, Trump is governing as more or less a conventional Republican. The challenge is characterological. How to work with a president who is key to advancing much of the GOP agenda without endorsing his brazen disregard for institutional and personal norms?

The Sessions imbroglio may blow over, as Trump moves on to the next thing. But it offers a window into how Trump could collapse his own administration — by letting the pressure of criticism and investigation get the best of him, destroying any cohesiveness within his own government and party, and creating an ongoing sense of crisis that eventually spirals out of control.

If this nightmare scenario becomes reality, the bizarre and small-minded campaign against Jeff Sessions will have been a sign of things to come.

OUR VIEW

How MISD handles its budget during ups, downs is critical

What goes around comes around.

Last year, the Midland ISD board felt the sting of a school finance system that can be rough for communities with cyclical economies.

The school finance system forces property-rich school districts, such as MISD, to pay a recapture payment to the state. That money is then distributed to property-poor school districts.

The recapture payment in 2016-17 was $46.234 million, according to the district.

One problem with the school finance system is that it uses property valuations from the previous year to determine the recapture payment. So, the 2016-17 payment was based on the valuations from the previous year.

In a community such as Midland, which can go through pretty severe economic swings, the year lag can be a hardship. As we all remember, 2016 wasn't a great year for the price of oil, and valuations took a hit. Therefore, the money brought in through local taxes nose-dived by nearly $20 million. That hurts.

To make matters worse, the state set MISD's recapture payment based on the valuations from the previous year. The $46 million payment was roughly 20 percent of the district's expenditures.

Fast forward to the present. Midland ISD's budget forecast for 2017-18 calls for $214.8 million to be brought in — an increase of more than $20 million from 2016-17. And this upcoming year, the district's recapture payment will be about $4.6 million less than last year. (Again, the cyclical economy is at work here. MISD this time benefits from the year lag.) The recapture payment will be about 18.3 percent of total expenditures.

Midland ISD might need to save as much money as possible because its budget forecast calls for valuations to increase by another 3 percent, local tax money to rise to $221 million and the school finance payment to balloon to $59.4 million. To put that figure into perspective, the recapture payment will be 23.9 percent of district expenditures. The district expects to face a deficit of $7.8 million in 2018-19.

What is MISD doing to prepare for this? That is the million-dollar question. Raises were given this year (as much as 4 percent in total compensation packages, according to the district). Those raises helped contribute to a $5.7 million increase in payroll in 2017-18. Payroll is expected to be $163.7 million in 2018-19, which is an increase of $3.2 million. Payroll increases beyond that might depend on recapture payments and valuation statements.

And when it comes to the latter, what goes around comes around. MISD knows this all too well.

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Don't be shocked by Alaska threats

■ Every White House has a political operation that reminds policymakers that this state should get better treatment than that state for one political reason or another

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It's a bit of a cliche to quote "Casablanca" when it comes to Washington's gift for manufactured outrage, but the classics are classics for a reason. When Captain Louis Renault orders Rick's saloon shut down, Rick (played by Humphrey Bogart) protests: "How can you close me up? On what grounds?"

Renault (played by Claude Rains) replies, "I am shocked — shocked — to find that gambling is going on in here!"

Then, a croupier walks up to Renault and hands him some money: "Your winnings, sir."

"Oh, thank you very much," Renault says. "Everybody out at once!"

The scene came immediately to mind amidst the instant outrage over reports that the Trump administration was threatening Alaska's senators. On Tuesday, Sen. Lisa Murkowski voted not to move to debate on the Senate health care bill. That angered the president. She "really let the Republicans, and our country, down yesterday. Too bad!" the president complained on Twitter Wednesday morning.

That afternoon, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke called both Murkowski and Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, according to a story first reported by the Alaska Dispatch News. "I'm not going to go into the details," Sullivan told the paper, "but I fear that the strong economic growth, pro-energy, pro-mining, pro-jobs (policies) and personnel from Alaska who are part of those policies are going to stop."

The story sent "shocked — shocked!" shockwaves across Washington. How dare the Trump administration threaten the state of Alaska!

Come now.

Let me say up front that what Zinke did may be politically unwise. It may be unethical. It may be crude.

But it's not illegal. It's normal.

Every administration in American history, and every regime since the first city-states formed in Mesopotamia, has played some version of this game, not merely from time to time, but every single day. Rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies isn't some breach of the established rules of politics; those are the established rules of politics.

Every White House has a political operation that reminds policymakers that this state should get better treatment than that state for one political reason or another. It's the job of the policymakers to know when to listen to that guidance and when to ignore it.

The proper symbol of FDR's imperial presidency wouldn't be a ball and scepter but a carrot and a stick. Roosevelt held his coalition together by awarding massive defense contracts to Southern states whose senators were the barons of the defense and appropriations committees. His freshly minted Social Security Board threatened to withhold funds from states that resisted compliance with the Aid to Families with Dependent Children welfare program. LBJ's Health and Human Services Department threatened to terminate funds for states that didn't enforce civil rights.

Congress is no better. It has used the Highway Trust Fund time and again to force states to comply with its will. In 1974, Congress declared that any state that didn't set its speed limit to 55 mph would see the money spigot turn off. In 1975, Congress did the same to force motorcyclists to wear helmets. In 1984, the same technique was used to raise the legal drinking age.

And now let's discuss the great state of Alaska, a place I love and have spent much time in. (My wife is from Fairbanks, and much of her family is still there.) Alaska fancies itself a land of rugged individualists. Its nickname, emblazoned on its license plates, is "The Last Frontier." A more accurate nickname might be "The New West Virginia" for its addiction to pork. At the height of the earmark era in Congress, Alaska ranked No. 1 on the list of recipients, thanks largely to former Rep. Ted Stevens, the self-styled "Emperor of Earmarks."

No one runs for federal office in Alaska without promising to bring home the bacon from Washington. In fairness to Alaskans, one reason that's seen as necessary is the federal government controls so much of the state (about 60 percent of its land is controlled by Washington).

Murkowski herself lobbied for months for a special Alaska-only carve-out under the Better Care Reconciliation Act — the nearly $2 billion "Kodiak Kickback." It proved to be not enough, but the "for sale" sign had gone up.

Zinke's heavy-handedness will probably backfire because standing up to threats is one of the only things that plays better in Alaska than accepting porcine bribes.

But the outrage is all part of the show. As Hyman Roth says in "The Godfather Part II, "This is the business we've chosen."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council should consider smaller bond

In retrospect, and after many conversations with other citizens, it appears that there is a disconnect between our elected officials and the average voter. The problem seems to be a lack of trust. Voters have seen the way our elected ones have manipulated and sometimes covered information that the voters should know. And the elected ones are seemingly afraid of the voters, perhaps with good reason given the failure of two recent tax elections.

Now comes what seems certain a $195 million bond issue to be voted on in November, all designated for roads, water system expansion and sewer upgrades that have been neglected by the current and past city councils. Reportedly, there is a hard-sell, intense campaign planned. Without trust in the council's plans, I believe this tax election may also fail. With such a big price tag and even a coherent plan, it may fail.

Would the City Council consider a program that is a smaller, say $50 million, with a specific list of projects where they can get it done correctly, transparently, on time and on budget and begin a process of restoring voters' trust in our leaders? Such a plan could then be expanded with another, larger bond issue addressing remaining projects. Give voters a chance to trust the city councils of the future.

Buddy Sipes

Consult BBB for needed services

Avoid engaging the services of Home Advisors and Angie's List. Their advertisements are very attractive and portray the sense of trust, likeability and deliverance of an outstanding final product. This is not the case.

My friend consulted Home Advisors, and hired a moving company to move her belongings. She was quoted a price of $8,500. When the van reached the appointed destination, the moving fee jumped to $20,000 because the company "underestimated the load." My friend contacted Home Advisors, and their response was, "We are really just advertisers — there isn't much we can do." As I write this, all of her belongings, personal mementos and family heirlooms are sitting in a truck outside of her new home. These items will not be released unless she pays the balance of $11,500 to Integrity Van Lines.

My husband and I consulted Angie's List to find a contractor to make some home improvements. We trusted the listing of a contractor who stated that he helped rebuild homes in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, was a devout Christian who would not work on Sundays and had complete knowledge and skills to complete the job. After a $10,000 ride of nothing being completed but a spray-painted bathtub, we fired him. He was later jailed in Midland County for theft of service.

If you are in need of any service, whether it be home, auto, moving needs, or even health care, please consult the Better Business Bureau first. Don't be tempted by Home Advisors, Angie's List or any other "list" that offers a service based on "testimonials."

Never engage the services of someone who knocks on your door. You may be at risk, as I was, with a pest control company for entering into a contract that you cannot cancel without a hefty penalty.

For your service needs, consult the BBB first.

Mary Dowdle

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Capping property tax revenue will harm access to health care

TED SHAW
Texas Hospital Association president/CEO

Lawmakers are back in Austin for a special legislative session. Among the items they are tasked to reconsider are limits on how much revenue local jurisdictions can raise from property taxes. Lawmakers debated property tax revenue limits during the regular legislative session that ended on Memorial Day but were unable to pass legislation on which the House and Senate could agree. The governor has called them back to go at the issue again.

Texas hospitals and anyone who might depend on a hospital for health care services have a lot at stake in this debate.

Local jurisdictions use property tax revenue for a number of vital services in the community — everything from public safety and schools to roads and disaster response.

One of these vital services is health care.

In many areas of the state, public hospitals are special taxing districts. They use their taxing authority to generate revenue that is used to leverage federal dollars on which more than half of all Texas hospitals in all corners of the state rely to provide health care services for low-income and uninsured individuals.

With more than 20 percent of our state's residents lacking health insurance, Texas has the dubious distinction of leading the nation on that indicator. And, the state underfunds the Medicaid program that provides health care services to more than 4 million Texans, primarily low-income children and pregnant women. Underfunding means that the state Medicaid program pays hospitals an average of just 58 cents on the dollar for the cost of an inpatient service.

For hospitals that by law are required provide health care to anyone who seeks it, regardless of their ability to pay, these two forces create substantial financial pressures. So-called uncompensated care costs at Texas hospitals — costs that result from care that is provided to an uninsured or Medicaid-covered patient — exceed $9 billion a year. No business, but particularly one that might be the sole source of life-saving health care in a community, can bear these kind of costs.

Some of these unreimbursed costs are offset by supplemental funding from the federal government. But these payments are not without a catch. A state share is required. In Texas, that state share comes not from state general revenue but from local property tax revenue. Together, local property tax revenue and the federal funds it leverages account for about two-thirds of Texas hospitals' Medicaid-related payments.

Hospitals simply could not sustain their vital services if these payments are curtailed or eliminated. But that's exactly what will happen if lawmakers hamstring local jurisdictions' ability to raise needed revenue to support essential community services. Such an act could cause irreparable damage to health care access across the state.

"First, do no harm" is a guiding principle for health care professionals. It should be one for lawmakers, too.

Bureaucracies can creep into life-or-death medical decisions

MEGAN MCARDLE
Bloomberg View

Everyone who has been touched by the case of Charlie Gard is in a terrible position. This 11-month-old British boy, born with an extremely rare mitochondrial DNA disorder that has damaged his brain and left him unable to move his limbs, has been in a hospital for months. Now it appears he will never go home again, not even to die. His parents lost their fight in the British courts to bring him to the U.S. for an experimental treatment, and now they have been denied their request to let his family have his last hours at home.

It is all too common, and sad, to see desperate patients submitted to agonizing and useless treatments just to grasp some tiny, unlikely hope at life. Yet for adult patients, that is their right — to choose the benefit of tiny hope, even knowing the high cost. It is the right of parents to make that choice for their child, not because the parents will always make the best decision but because no one else cares so passionately for the welfare of a child. Even if you think Charlie's parents would be making a terrible mistake by taking him for experimental treatment, you should be troubled by the implications of government abrogating their right to make that mistake.

As I was pondering this case, another, quite different piece of news came across my desk: The Journal of the American Medical Association published the results of two authors who modeled what would happen if measles vaccination rates dropped by even a small percentage. Their unhappy answer: "A 5 percent decline in MMR vaccine coverage in the United States would result in an estimated 3-fold increase in measles cases for children aged 2 to 11 years nationally every year, with an additional $2.1 million in public sector costs."

This is worrying, because our target number of measles cases in the U.S. should be zero. Measles is a serious disease that can cause fatal complications like encephalitis. It is also preventable.

That's why I support mandatory vaccinations for any child who will go to public spaces like schools and airplanes and amusement parks, allowing exemptions only for medical reasons or a sincere religious belief that can be demonstrated to extend beyond the desire to get your child out of being vaccinated. Otherwise, the temptation to free ride on the parents who do vaccinate their children will become too large, and we will end up with endemic pockets of illness that we should have stamped out.

That seems to be at odds with my position on Charlie Gard. Why am I willing to let parents make one decision, however ill-advised, and not the other?

Because one is a public health issue, and the other isn't. Charlie's condition is not contagious and his parents' medical decisions pose no threat to others. Leaving your children unvaccinated has serious consequences, including death, for others. One group at high risk because of unvaccinated children is infants who aren't yet fully vaccinated themselves.

Infectious disease was the raison d'etre for the field of public health. Winning that battle presented some sacrifice of personal liberty — not just vaccinations, but also bureaucrats deciding how your food had to be cooked and your water piped in and your waste disposed of and your abode ventilated. But the immense collective gains in health and lifespan were well worth it. Taken together, these public health measures were responsible for more improvement in human health than anything else human beings have ever done. No, I'm not talking about the vast government insurance schemes now found in every rich country, nor even antibiotics, just homely old measures like vaccines and water treatment.

Without 'Obamacare,' companies could roll back benefits, raise out-of-pocket costs

MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
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You don't have to use Obamacare to benefit from it.

More than 20 million Americans and about 1 million Texans have insurance through the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare. They, by far, had the most at stake when the Senate considered repealing the law last week — perhaps with a replacement, perhaps not.

But the ACA also includes valuable provisions for workers who get insurance through their employer. Jobs-based health insurance covers over 155 million Americans, including 13 million in Texas.

Some of the most popular ACA benefits would stay in place under the bills being considered by the Senate, including a full repeal.

Young adults up to age 26 could continue to be dependents on your insurance. Preventive services, such as annual physicals and mammograms, would still be covered with no out-of-pocket cost. Exclusions for pre-existing conditions would still be prohibited.

But there's risk of greater financial exposure, especially for employees with chronic health conditions. They could face significant costs if companies roll back the treatments they cover and how the expenses are counted.

Under the ACA, health plans must include coverage for 10 categories of care, including emergency, maternity, prescriptions, hospitalization and mental health. If those so-called essential benefits are in network, patients have the security of a cap on out-of-pocket costs: no more than $7,150 a year for an individual and $14,300 for a family in 2017.

The ACA replacement bills would allow states to issue waivers for those benefits because many state leaders have said they need more flexibility with the health law. If prescription drugs were no longer essential, for example, the expense would no longer count toward the annual maximum. And some patients would rack up big debts.

"Employees of large companies could not count on that protection anymore," said JoAnn Volk, research professor at the Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reforms.

This wouldn't be out of the question. In 2011, before the ACA took effect, most companies had an annual out-of-pocket maximum for health costs. But for 84 percent of covered workers, prescription costs did not count toward the cap, Volk said.

At that time, doctor's visits didn't count toward the cap for most people, either. Even the spending that goes toward the annual deductible was not included in the cap for over 1 in 3 covered workers.

Under the ACA, all out-of-pocket spending counts toward the cap.

"Take away the requirements, and employees have to rely on employers generously applying all that spending toward the maximum," Volk said.

Waivers are expected to be easy to get because one state's approval could be adopted elsewhere, as proposed. Would most companies continue to cover lab work, behavioral therapy and rehab treatment? And would they apply that spending toward the out-of-pocket maximum?

Once more, that would depend on the employer's generosity.

With a low jobless rate and companies competing hard for talented workers, major rollbacks aren't likely, said Marianne Fazen, executive director of the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health. She expects most large employers to continue offering the 10 essential benefits.

"Once you've been offering them, it's hard to take them away," she said. "They're a safety net, and they're working. They help employees stay healthy."

The D-FW business group includes 165 companies with over 238,000 employees in North Texas. In general, she said, they've locked in coverage for next year and won't be changing designs, no matter what happens in Washington.

Employers continue to push wellness programs and shift costs to workers, and adopt more high-deductible plans. That's business as usual on the benefits front.

"Everyone's pretty safe for 2018," Fazen said.

But companies are concerned about collateral damage from repealing the ACA. One Senate bill would cause 22 million Americans to lose health insurance and another would throw 32 million off coverage within a decade, according to projections by the Congressional Budget Office.

Those people would still get sick and go to the hospital. They just wouldn't have insurance to help pay for it, so hospitals would face higher costs for uncompensated care.

"A lot of that is gonna be shifted to employers," Fazen said, and it would trickle down to workers as higher premiums.

She credits Obamacare with spreading the value of prevention. Many companies promoted wellness before the law, but efforts accelerated and became common after patients realized that physicals, flu shots and more were covered — and had no co-pays.

The law also ended some strange rules about breaks in coverage and changing health plans. Before then, older workers were especially vulnerable to being priced out of health insurance if they lost their job. Under the Senate proposal, some of those risks would return because insurers would be allowed to charge higher premiums for older customers and the government would cut subsidies.

While that doesn't affect those who keep their jobs, they may have to study their health plans closely.

One of the best things about the ACA is that it set a floor on benefits and a ceiling on personal exposure. Plans could cover more — and many do — but even the cheapest ACA health plan included good coverage.

"There's a simplicity to it," said Volk of Georgetown. "That makes it easier for consumers to know what their protections are — and not worry about losing them."

That may not be the case for long.

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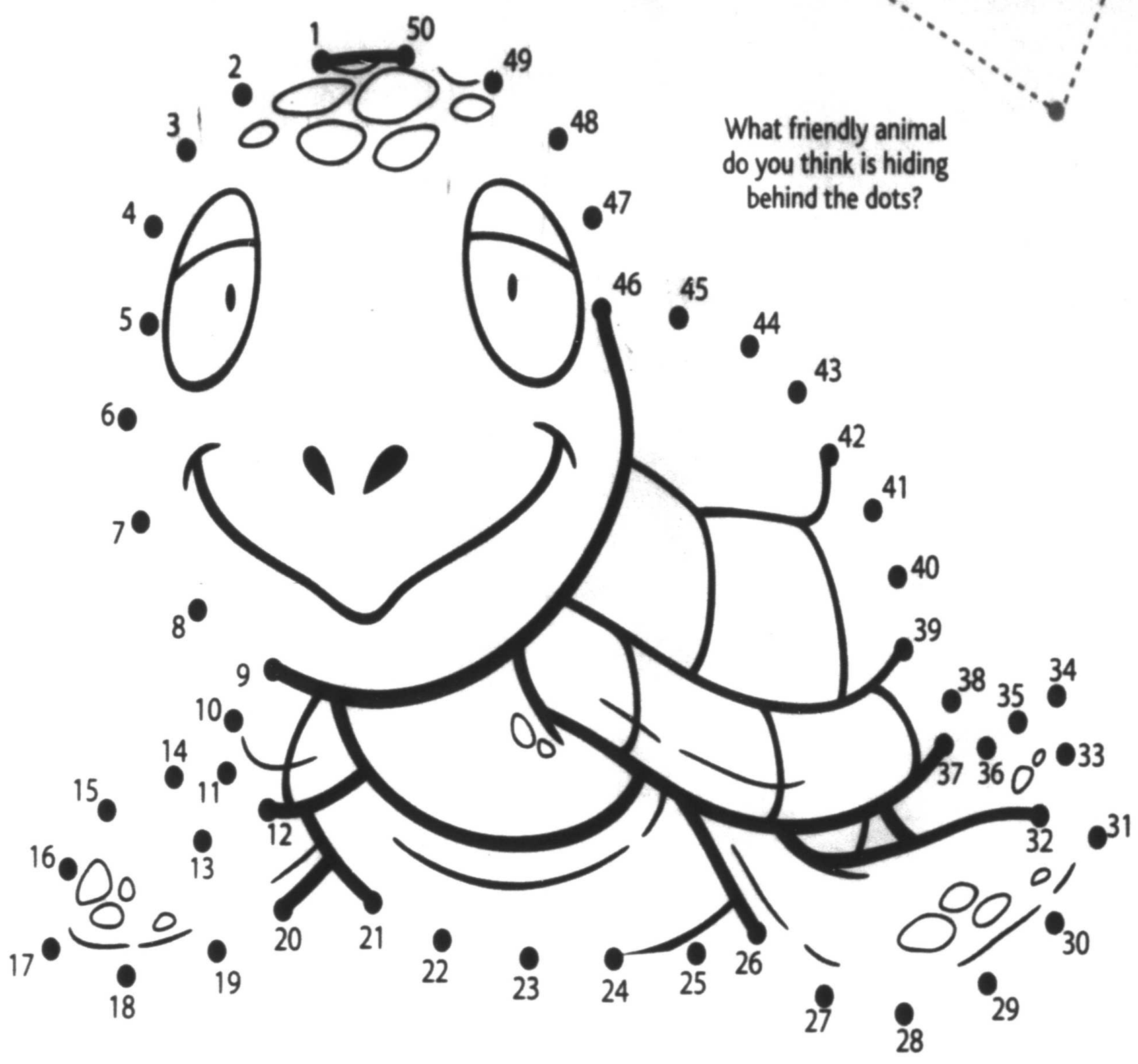

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Beltre at 2,999 hits after Rangers' loss to Orioles

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Adrian Beltre singled to get within one hit of 3,000 for his career in the Texas Rangers' 4-0 loss to the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday night.

Beltre was 1 for 4, grounding a ball through the left side of the infield for a hit leading off the fourth. He had two chances after that to become the 31st major leaguer with 3,000 hits, but grounded out to short in the sixth and was retired on a double play in the ninth when third baseman Manny Machado made a slick snag on a short-hopper before a sidearm sling to second base.

Kevin Gausman (8-7) went 8 2-3 innings to win his fifth consecutive decision over seven starts. He struck out eight and threw 118 pitches.

Zach Britton converted his 56th straight save chance, and seventh this season. He relieved with two on and got Carlos Gomez to ground out, completed the Orioles' sixth shutout this season.

The Rangers, who had scored 28 runs the previous three games, were held scoreless for the fourth time.

Trey Mancini and Caleb Joseph both hit solo homers in the second off Austin Bibens-Dirkx (3-1).

The closest Texas came to scoring was when young slugger Joey Gallo led off the third with a towering shot to straightway center field. Adam Jones got back to the 8-foot wall, leaped and caught the ball that looked like it would be Gallo's 26th homer.

Beltre got loud cheers from the crowd of 44,658, including about 8,000 who bought tickets after he got two hits in Friday night's series opener. The only other active player in the 3,000-hit club is Miami Marlins outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, who is tied for 22nd all-time with Hall of Fame player Craig Biggio at 3,060.

After Orioles shortstop Ruben Tejada made an impressive backhanded stab deep in the hole and then threw him out to end the first, Beltre led off the fourth with his hit. It was another grounder to the left side — that one getting beyond the reach of Tejada and into the outfield.

Beltre, a five-time Gold Glove

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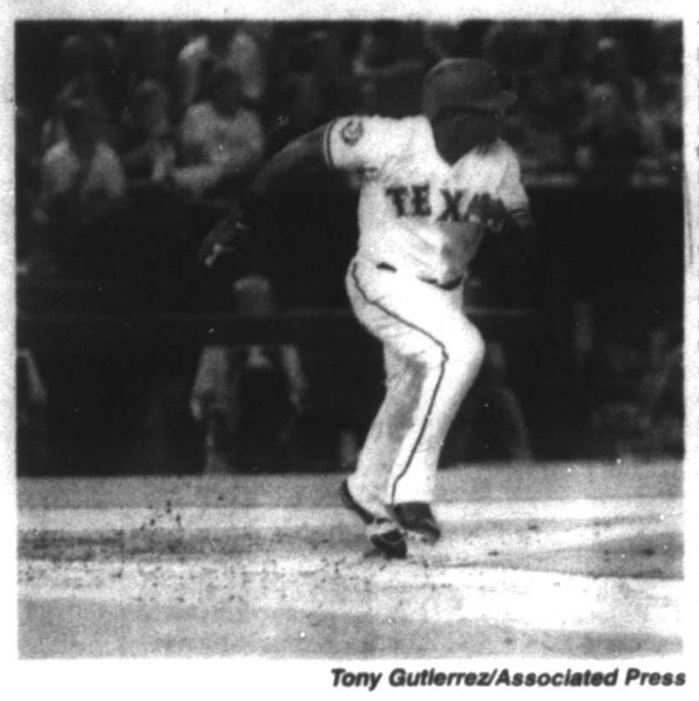

Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre sprints to first after hitting a single off Baltimore Orioles' Kevin Gausman in the fourth inning of a baseball game Saturday in Arlington. The hit was the 2,999th of Beltre's career.

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On to the next round!

MOFC reaches semis thanks to Penner's effort

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland-Odessa FC head coach Matt Barnes had only three bench players at his disposal Saturday night due to injuries and late season departures.

Fortunately for MOFC, one of those bench players was forward Zach Penner, who is developing a reputation for being a clutch scorer.

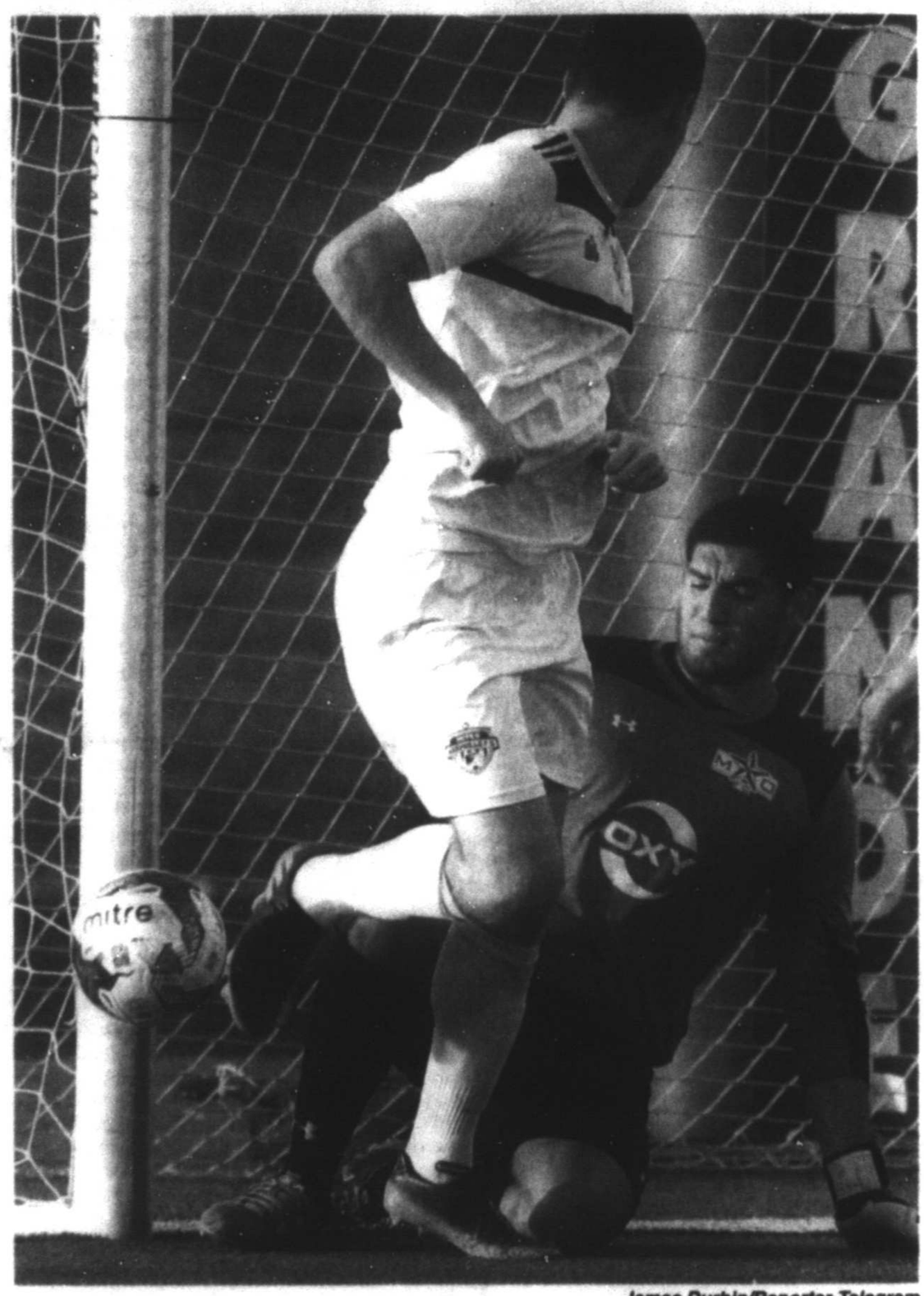
Penner scored in the 71st minute to propel Midland-Odessa FC to a 1-0 victory over visiting Inter Nashville FC in the National Premier Soccer League South Region Final at Grande Communications Stadium. It was the second straight match where Penner scored a second-half goal to lead MOFC to a 1-0 win in a playoff match.

Midland-Odessa FC (11-3) advanced to play Detroit FC, the Midwest Region champion, in the NSPL National Semifinal, Aug. 5 at a time to be determined in Detroit.

Midland-Odessa FC advanced to its second straight national semifinals after achieving the feat in the Premier Development League in 2016.

"We're here to try to chase a national championship every year and now you're starting to see it come to fruition every year," MOFC head coach Matt Barnes said. "I don't think people realize how hard it is to do. We don't get returners ever. It's a new group every year and for us to take a whole new group in a whole new league with no experience back to the Final Four, I'm so proud of these boys. It's really emotional for me."

Inter Nashville FC (10-5-2) gave Midland-Odessa FC all it could handle in the contest, as it compiled seven shots on goal compared to six by MOFC, and also had more corner kicks by a 5-3 margin.



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Midland-Odessa FC goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz blocks a kick from Inter Nashville FC's Andrew Chamberlain during the NPSL South Region Final on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

In a hard-fought defensive affair, Midland-Odessa FC finally broke through when Ricardo Palomino dribbled through the Inter Nashville FC defense, and passed to Penner, who delivered the game-winning score.

"A goal is a goal, it just happened to be the winning goal that sent us through to the final four," Penner said. "That's what we are here for. We're going for number 1, that's the next stop."

In the waning seconds, Penner stole the ball on Inter Nashville FC's final possession and did some nifty dribbling through its defense as time expired.

Midland-Odessa FC goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz recorded his second straight shutout with seven saves, which included an impressive diving stop in the 77th minute to keep MOFC in the lead.

In addition to the heroics of Linares-Ortiz, Barnes also lauded the performance of defenders Antone Jarvis and Alvaro Rubio.

"We start two new center backs in the last two games and we have two shutouts," Barnes said. "For me the prize really goes to those two center backs and our goalkeeping. They were fantastic."

Inter Nashville FC goalkeeper Hayden Coffman registered five saves in a losing cause.

Inter Nashville FC had numerous opportunities to score in both the early part of the first and second halves.

"We came close," Inter Nashville FC coach Richard

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Usain Bolt is down to his last, blazing curtain call

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Muhammad Ali stood alone on many fronts, but Joe Frazier, George Foreman and a few others still stood toe-to-toe with him in the ring. Jack Nicklaus contended with Arnold Palmer on the front end of his career and Tom Watson on the back end.

Bolt

Usain Bolt? Nobody has been a match for him, on or off the track.

The man who reshaped the record book and saved his sport is saying goodbye. His sprints through the 100 meters and Jamaica's 4x100 relay at the world championships, which begin Friday, are expected to produce golds yet again, and leave track with this difficult question: Who can possibly take his place?

"You would have to have someone who's dominating, and no one's doing that," said Michael Johnson, the former world-record holder at 200 and 400 meters and perhaps the sport's brightest star in the 1990s. "You'd have to have someone who has that something special like he has, in terms of personality and presence. You're not going to have that."

Though he will not retire undefeated, Bolt stands in the rarest of company: an athlete who was never beaten when the stakes were greatest. And with a showman's flair as transcendent as his raw speed — Chicken McNuggets for dinner, his fabled "To The World" pose for dessert and dancing away at nightclubs till dawn — he hoisted his entire, troubled sport upon his shoulders and made it watchable and relevant.

Since his era of dominance began in 2008, Bolt went undefeated at the Olympics — 9 for 9 — in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay. (One of those medals was stripped because of doping by a teammate on the 2008 relay team.) He has set, and re-set, the world records in all three events. His marks of 19.30, then 19.19, at 200 meters, were once thought virtually impossible. He set a goal of breaking 19 seconds in Rio de Janeiro last summer, and when he came up short, it became clear the barrier will be safe for years.

At the world championships, Bolt's only "loss" came in 2011, when he was disqualified for a false start in the 100 meters. Jamaican teammate Yohan Blake won the title that year, as well as the Jamaican national championships at 100 and 200 meters leading to the London Olympics. Heading back to London five

Please see **BOLT**/4C

Lots of tickets remain for Mayweather-McGregor at a hefty price

Mayweather

McGregor

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — It's supposed to be the hottest ticket in sports.

So far, though, fans aren't exactly storming the box office to buy tickets for Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s fight next month with Conor McGregor.

A check online Saturday revealed hundreds — even thousands — of seats still available from Ticketmaster at the T-Mobile arena for the Aug. 26 fight. There are so many open seats that fans with enough room left on their credit cards can buy six tickets together in 162 different spots throughout the arena.

That might be because of the astronomical prices set by promoters — the cheapest original tickets on Ticketmaster have a face value of $3,500. Or maybe fans are just waiting for the right time to buy, hoping the price will go down.

Either way, promoter Leonard Ellerbe isn't terribly concerned. He says the fight will not only sell out, but break records for the richest gate.

"We're very excited and very happy with ticket sales so far," Ellerbe told The Associated Press "We're well on our way to smashing our own record which transcended the sport."

That record was a $72,198,500 gate set by Mayweather in his 2015 fight with Manny Pacquiao. That live gate was more than three times bigger than any previous boxing gate.

Still, five days after tickets first went on sale, seats throughout the arena are widely available. They are not, however, for anyone a little light in the wallet.

Prices start at $3,500 — plus another $300 or so for buyer fees — and climb to $10,000 near the ring. There are "platinum" seats that go for as much as $14,995.

The resale market is nearly as pricey. At Seatgeek.com the get-in price is around $2,000 — for one of the few seats that originally sold at $500 — and the median listing price is about $7,000.

There seems to be sticker shock in the marketplace.

"There's fairly little sales going on in general," said Chris Leyden, a content analyst for SeatGeek.com. "I think a lot of it has to do with where prices are now. I think people are a little uncomfortable paying this much or maybe even more."

The situation is much the same at StubHub, where demand for tickets is lower than it was at the same time before Mayweather's fight with Manny Pacquiao two years ago.

"We're not necessarily seeing demand levels for the fight yet," said Johnna Hoff, a StubHub spokeswoman. "The encouraging part is people are buying some tickets."

A UFC spokeswoman did not return calls for comment. Ticketmaster replied to an email by saying it will "decline to comment at this time."

Please see **TICKETS**/4C

'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, Corpus Christi 3

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.

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Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Midland 5, Corpus Christi 3	Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BASEBALL

NYBC: 13U Championship, 10 a.m., CBSSN

NYBC: 12U Championship, 1 p.m., CBSSN

BOXING

Victor Ortiz vs. Saul Corral, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

GOLF

2017 Senior Open Championship, Final Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF

2017 Senior Open Championship, Final Round, 11 a.m., NBC

PGA: RBC Canadian Open, Final Round, Noon, GOLF

PGA: RBC Canadian Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS

LPGA: Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Porsche European Open, Final Round, 1 a.m., GOLF

HORSE RACING

Breeders Cup Challenge Series: Haskell Invitational, 4 p.m., NBC

Saratoga Live, 4 p.m., FS2

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Southwest Regional Elimination Game, 1 p.m., LHN

MLB

Houston at Detroit, Noon, AT&T

2017 National Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, 12:30 p.m., MLB

Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 1 p.m., TBS

Baltimore at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW

San Francisco at LA Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MEN'S SOCCER

Emirates Cup: RB Leipzig vs. Benfica, 7:50 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3

Friendly: FC Schalke 04 vs. SD Eibar, 10:20 a.m., beIN, beIN2

Emirates Cup: Arsenal vs. Sevilla, 10:20 am., ESPNDEP, ESPN3

Liga MX: Toluca vs. Leon, 11:50 a.m., UNIV, UDN

MLS: Toronto FC vs. New York City FC, 1 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Brazil Serie A: SC Corinthians vs. CR Flamengo, 2 p.m., GolTV

ICC: AS Roma vs. Juventus, 3 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NASL: FC Edmonton vs Indy Eleven, 3 p.m., Facebook

Brazil Serie A: Gremio FB Porto Alegrense vs. Santos FC, 5 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX: Santos Laguna vs. Tigres UANL, 6:20 p.m., UDN

MOTORSPORTS

F1: Hungarian Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN, UniMas, UDN

Monster Energy Cup Series: Overton's 400, Qualifying, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN

Monster Energy Cup Series: Overton's 400, 2 p.m., NBCSN

IndyCar: Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, 2 p.m., CNBC

Formula E: Montreal, Race 2, 2:30 p.m., FS2

RUGBY

Super League: Wigan vs. Salford, 8:25 a.m., FSP

League 1: York City vs. Toronto, 9 a.m., ELVN

TENNIS

WTA: Ericsson Open, Final, 7 a.m., beIN, beIN2

ATP: German Tennis Championships, Final, 8 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: BB&T Atlanta Open, Final, 4 p.m., ESPN2

WNBA

Seattle at Minnesota, 6 p.m., NBAtv

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Women's EURO 2017, Quarterfinal: Austria vs. Spain, 11 a.m., ESPN3

UEFA Women's EURO 2017, Quarterfinal: England vs. France, 1:45 p.m., ESPN3

Tournament of Nations: USA vs. Brazil, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Houston at Detroit, Noon, KBYG 106.1 FM (Big Spring), KBYG 1400 AM (Big Spring)

Baltimore at Texas, 2 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM (Lamesa), KPET 690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Midland at Corpus Christi, 6 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

HS VOLLEYBALL

LEE VOLLEYBALL TO HOST MIDNIGHT MILE

The Lee volleyball team will kick off its 2017 season with the inaugural Midnight Mile at midnight Tuesday at the Lee gymnasium.

Parents, fans and community are welcome to attend. There will be a guest speaker at the event and food provided for the athletes afterwards.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Traded LHP Luis Ysla to the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash considerations.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed LHP Robbie Ray on the seven-day concussion DL.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed OF Matt Kemp on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Lane Adams from Gwinnett (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RHP Greg Holland from the paternity list. Recalled OF Raimel Tapia from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned RHP Carlos Estevez to Albuquerque. Designated RHP Jordan Lyles for assignment.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Nate Antone.

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Kevin McNorton.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted Champ Kelly to assistant director of player personnel. Chris White to pro scout. Scott Hamel to area scout and Brendan Rehor to combine scout.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived WR Monty Madaris. Signed WR Levonte Whitfield.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived injured QB Zac Dysert. Signed WR Javontee Herndon and QB Luke McCown. Moved DE Richard Ash off Active/NFI.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated S Malik Hooker from the PUP list. Placed DE Kendall Langford and C-G Brian Schwenke on the PUP list.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Placed WR Mike Williams, CB Jason Verrett and S Darrell Stuckey on the PUP list.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed LB Darnell Sankey. Waived-injured LB Shaan Washington.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed CB Gareon Conley, G-C Jon Feleciano and DL Jihad Ward on the PUP list. DE Mario Edwards Jr. and LB Bruce Irvin on the NFI list, and OT Donald Penn on the reserve/did not report list. Claimed RB George Atkinson III off waivers from the Cleveland Browns.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with WR Corey Davis.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB Jeremiah McKinnon. Waived-injured DB Lou Young III.

COLLEGE

WAKE FOREST — Announced senior F Dinos Mitoglou is leaving the men's basketball program.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	11	3	7	40	37	22
Chicago	11	5	5	38	40	24
New York City FC	11	6	4	37	40	27
New York	11	8	2	35	32	26
Atlanta United FC	10	7	4	34	41	28
Columbus	10	11	2	32	33	37
Orlando City	8	6	6	30	23	31
New England	7	9	5	26	36	34
Philadelphia	7	10	5	26	29	27
Montreal	6	8	6	24	30	36
D.C. United	5	14	3	18	18	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	9	4	9	36	28	17
FC Dallas	9	4	7	34	32	23
Houston	9	7	6	33	39	32
Portland	8	8	7	31	39	38
Seattle	8	7	6	30	32	31
Vancouver	9	8	3	30	30	29
San Jose	8	9	5	29	24	34
Real Salt Lake	7	12	4	25	30	44
Los Angeles	6	10	4	22	31	37
Minnesota United	6	12	4	22	29	45
Colorado	6	12	2	20	20	29

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Orlando City 1, Atlanta United FC 1, tie
New England 3, Philadelphia 0
New York 4, Montreal 0
Columbus 2, Real Salt Lake 2, tie
Minnesota United 4, D.C. United 0
Portland 2, Houston 2, tie
San Jose 1, Colorado 0
Sporting Kansas City 3, Chicago 2
Vancouver 4, FC Dallas 0
Seattle at Los Angeles, late

Today's Game

New York City FC at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At Rabobank Theater, Bakersfield, Calif (FS1), Victor Ortiz vs. Saul Corral, 10, welterweights; Justin DeLoach vs. Fernando Guerrero, 10, junior middleweights.

Aug. 4

At MGM Grand Detroit, Detroit (SHO), Bakhtiyar Eyubov vs. Sonny Fredrickson, 10, super lightweights.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif (ESPN), Mauricio Herrera vs. Jesus Soto Karass, 10, welterweights; Vyacheslav Shabranskyy vs. Todd Unthank-May, 10, for the vacant WBC USNBC light heavyweight title.

Aug. 5

At Microsoft Theater, Los Angeles (ESPN), Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Miguel Marriaga, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO World junior lightweight title; Raymundo Beltran vs. Bryan Vasquez, 10, lightweights; Christopher Diaz vs. Carlos Ruiz, 10, featherweights.

Aug. 15

At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Luis Nery, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title.

Aug. 18

At Ponce, Puerto Rico (ESPN), Alberto Machado vs. Carlos Morales, 10, junior lightweights.

Aug. 19

At Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb. (ESPN2), Terence Crawford vs. Julius Indongo, 12, for Crawford's WBO/WBC and Indongo's IBF/WBA junior welterweight titles; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Craig Baker, 10, light heavyweights; Mike Reed vs. Robert Frankel, 10, welterweights; Nicholas Walters vs. Arturo Santos Reyes, 10, super featherweights; Mike Alvarado vs. Sidney Siqueira, 10, welterweights.

Aug. 25

At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (FS1), Sergiy Derevyanchenko vs. Tureano Johnson, 12, middleweights.

Aug. 26

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO), Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai, 12, for the vacant WBO World junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Ronny Rios, 12, for Vargas' WBC World super bantamweight title.

At Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather vs. Conor McGregor, 12, junior middleweights.

Aug. 27

At Kumamoto, Japan, Tatsuya Fukuhara vs. Ryuya Yamanaka, 12, for Fukuhara's WBO World strawweight title.

There's a double standard when it comes to athlete transgressions

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In a perfect world, all of our favorite athletes would have success and would stay out of trouble off the field.

But that's not always the case. They're human. They make mistakes, just like we all do.

For those of who were not blessed with the same talent and athletic ability, we also tend to put some of these athletes on a pedestal, but when they do make a mistake, we kick them when they do screw up.

It happens all the time in sports.

But is it OK when fans make excuses for a star athlete, while they are willing to throw another average player out to the curb?

Take the case of former Dallas Cowboy Lucky Whitehead for example.

Oh yes, I heard from various media outlets, how the Cowboys screwed the pooch on this one and how they were so cruel in releasing him, even though he did nothing wrong.

But in this bottom line business, Whitehead was likely not going to make the team, so the Cowboys used the allegations against him as an excuse to go ahead and cut him.

If anybody thinks that if Whitehead would have been an impact player that the team would have done the same thing, they are so naïve.

Talking to Cowboys fans, nobody shed a tear on this one. To those who are not and have no rooting interest, they were crying foul and taking up the cause like they were fighting for a health care bill.

If anything, the Cowboys organization looks hypocritical especially after the Greg Hardy fiasco. And then there's the case of Ezequiel Elliott, who all Cowboys' fans should have their fingers crossed that he won't get suspended in the coming weeks.

The difference is those players — although Hardy didn't turn out to be one — either were expected or are difference makers. Whitehead wasn't one.

The Cowboys are not the only sports organization that looks/judges its players like this, but since they're the Cowboys they're going to get the most attention, especially around here.

It sucks for Whitehead but he was quickly claimed by the New York Jets and he still has an opportunity to have a job in the NFL.

The Cowboys will suffer some bad public relations for a little bit (they're kind of used to that) but if fourth round pick Ryan Switzer turns out to be the returner the team has sorely needed, then Cowboys fans will be happy and they'll quickly forget about Whitehead.

It may sound cruel, but what really matters to teams and their fans is winning, like it or not.

■ High school football and the NFL is just around the corner, but so is college football.

It'll be interesting to see if the UTPB football team can improve after a less-than-stellar inaugural season.

It was no surprise that a new program was going to struggle, especially playing against the more established teams in the Lone Star Conference.

This year, the Falcons might struggle again as they are picked to finish in a tie for eighth in the nine-team LSC, although UTPB head coach Justin Carrigan voted for his team to finish first in the preseason poll.

I get the idea of fighting and believing in your team, but you still shouldn't pick your team to finish first in only the second year of building up a program. Third, fourth maybe, but first? Talk about unnecessary expectations.

I'll make you a deal, if UTPB finishes in the top half of the conference standings, I will write an entire column apologizing and saying that I was wrong. Not only that, I'm willing to go to the tallest building in downtown Midland and yell that I was wrong. But if I'm right, it'll just be, "I told you so" and we'll move on in life and UTPB can go on building the program.

■ And finally a big congratulations to Lee baseball legend Ernie Johnson, who was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in Houston this past week.

Johnson, who coached the Rebels for 29 years and has the LHS baseball field named after him, adds to his long list of honors and Hall of Fame inductions over the years.

The induction into the THSCA Hall not only shows how much Johnson meant to fellow baseball coaches but to the high school coaches from across the state.

Midland is honored to call Johnson one of its own.

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Dressel wins record 3 golds at worlds

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Caeleb Dressel knows the comparisons are coming.

After pulling off an unprecedented Triple Crown at swimming's world championships, it's time to take on the legacy of Michael Phelps.

The 20-year-old Dressel established himself as America's newest star of the pool Saturday, becoming the first swimmer to win three gold medals on a single night at either the worlds or the Olympics.

Not even Phelps managed such an audacious feat.

"The comparisons are probably inevitable," Dressel said. "But I'm not the same person as Michael."

Yet it was downright Phelps-like the way he pulled off a remarkable night of swimming at Duna Arena. Dressel raced three times over the course of about two hours — and won every time. Not to mention, he had to find time to warm down and get to three medal ceremonies.

"I think I only had to run twice," Dressel said with a smile.

The University of Florida student — yep, he's got an algebra exam coming up Monday that he'll be taking online — has won six golds medals in Budapest.

That gives him a shot at moving into more rarified territory: Phelps is the only swimmer to win seven golds at a world championships, which he did at Melbourne in 2007 as a prelude to his record eight golds the following year at the Beijing Olympics.

Dressel will be a virtual lock to win his seventh when he competes on the 4x100 medley relay Sunday, the final event of the championships.

Again, those comparisons to Phelps.

"It's a tough question," Dressel said. "I don't know if I welcome them. But I know they're going to come. I don't think it puts any pressure on me. I just want to keep doing my thing at this meet and for the future."

Phelps was certainly impressed.

He texted his congratulations shortly after Dressel led off a world-record performance in the 4x100-meter mixed freestyle relay, capping a night that also included victories in the 50 free and the 100 butterfly.

"This kid is on fire!!" Phelps wrote on Instagram, including a picture of him celebrating with Dressel during a gold medal-winning relay they were both on last summer at the Rio Olympics. "So damn fun to watch buddy!!!!"

Dressel started the night with a furious dash from one end of the pool to the other, adding the 50 free world title to the 100 free he already had. He came back about a half-hour later to nearly break Phelps' world record in the 100 fly, posting a time of 49.86 that was just four-hundredths off the mark set in 2009 at the rubber suit-aided championships in Rome.

The final relay was merely a coronation, the Americans romping to gold in 3 minutes, 19.60 seconds — eclipsing by nearly 3 1/2 seconds the mark they set two years ago at worlds.

"Man, that was a lot of fun," Dressel said.

He even managed to overshadow Katie Ledecky, who won her fifth gold medal of the meet by cruising to victory in the 800 free. Yet Budapest will be remembered as bit of a disappointment for the star of the 2016 Summer Games, who settled for silver in the 200 free and didn't come close to breaking any of her personal bests.

Ledecky won in 8:12.68, which was nearly 8 seconds off her world record at Rio de Janeiro.

"I've never walked away from a season completely satisfied, even last year," she said. "I can really take what I've learned and use it moving forward. It gets me really excited. If that was my bad year for the next four years, then the next couple years are going to be pretty exciting."

Sweden's Sarah Sjostrom was another standout, bouncing back from a disappointing loss the previous night to win gold in the 50 fly and set a world record in the semifinals of 50 free. Her time of 23.67 broke the mark of 23.73, set in 2009 by Britta Steffen.

In the women's 200 backstroke, Emily Seebohm of Australia shrugged off the roaring Hungarian crowd to take gold over home-country favorite Katinka Hosszu.

Sjostrom set her second world record of the meet, having already established a new standard in the 100 free while swimming the leadoff leg of the 4x100 free relay.

But even the Swedish star took note of Dressel's performance.

"I don't even know if he went to the Olympics last year," she said. "He took a really big step this year as we can see. It's really impressive, really cool to see."

Indeed, Dressel has emerged as the breakout performer of these championships, with a bit of help from the relatively new mixed relays. Two of his golds came in events that feature men and women on the same team, races Phelps never competed in at worlds.

MOFC

From 1C

Askey said. "We were mightily disappointed. This is the worst we have played all season to be honest with you. We did create chances, but in the second half, maybe the traveling got to us a little bit and the heat. We just couldn't find that second gear in the second half. It's so unfortunate because we have been brilliant all season long."

MOFC general manager Jeff Von-Holle said his team is the only club in either the NPSL and PDL to reach the national semifinals in both 2016 and 2017.

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8/14 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
8/26 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic (location TBD)
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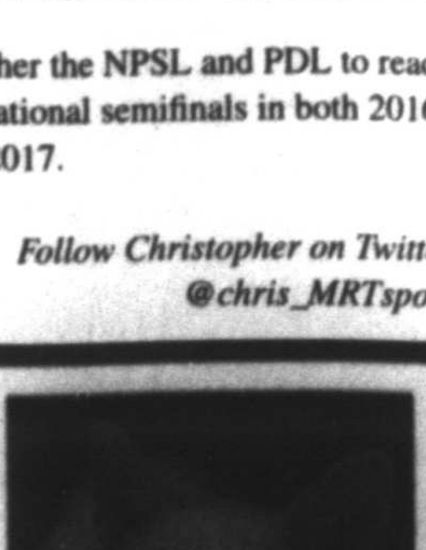
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Detroit Tigers left fielder Justin Upton, left, center fielder Mikie Mahtook, center, and right fielder Jim Adduci greet each other after the Tigers' 5-3 win over the Houston Astros in a baseball game Saturday in Detroit.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

YANKEES 5 RAYS 4

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 on Saturday for their sixth straight victory.

Chase Headley started the New York ninth with a leadoff walk against Brad Boxberger (2-3). Pinch-runner Jacoby Ellsbury stole second and Todd Frazier was hit by a pitch. After Ronald Torreyes' single loaded the bases, Boxberger was replaced by Dan Jennings.

Gardner, who homered in the 11th inning to give the Yankees a 6-5 victory on Thursday, then singled up the middle for his second game-winning hit of the series.

Headley and Gary Sanchez homered for AL East-leading New York. Aroldis Chapman (4-1) worked the ninth for the win.

Lucas Duda, Peter Bourjos and Steven Souza Jr. connected for Tampa Bay. Duda, who was acquired in a trade with the New York Mets on Thursday, also had a sacrifice fly.

INDIANS 5 WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO — Pinch-hitter Brandon Guyer was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth inning for the go-ahead run and the Cleveland Indians won their ninth straight game, beating the Chicago White Sox 5-4 on Saturday night.

Indians starter Corey Kluber struck out 12. The AL Central leaders sent the White Sox to their 14th loss in 15 games.

It was 4-all when Aaron Bummer (0-1) walked Carlos Santana with two outs in the ninth and Austin Jackson singled. Gregory Infante relieved and hit Yan Gomes with a pitch, then plunked Guyer in the shoulder to force in a run.

Andrew Miller (4-3) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win. Cody Allen got three outs for his 19th save.

Jose Abreu homered for Chicago.

Kluber allowed four runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings. He has had double-digit strikeouts in eight of his last nine starts.

ANGELS 6 BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Cliff Pennington hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in Los Angeles' three-run ninth inning, helping the Angels rally for the win.

Ben Revere hit an RBI double off Roberto Osuna (3-1) and advanced to third when pinch-runner Kaleb Cowart scored on a wild pitch. Revere then scampered home on Pennington's fly ball to shallow center.

Los Angeles won for the 13th time in its past 17 games at Rogers Centre.

Troy Scribner (1-0) worked three innings to earn the win in his major league debut and Bud Norris got three outs for his 16th save.

Interleague

MARINERS 3 METS 2

SEATTLE — Yovani Gallardo took a shutout into the sixth inning, helping the Mariners stop Jacob deGrom's eight-start winning streak.

Gallardo (5-7), banished to the bullpen in mid-June, allowed one run and five hits in 5 2/3 innings in his second outing since returning to the rotation. Edwin Diaz allowed Michael Conforto's RBI single in the ninth before finishing for his 19th save.

DeGrom (12-4), bidding to become the first Mets pitcher to win nine consecutive starts in a single season, allowed two earned runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out 10 and walked one in his first loss since June 6.

Jarrod Dyson hit a two-run single in the second for Seattle, and Nelson Cruz added a sacrifice fly in the third.

National League

DODGERS 2 GIANTS 1

LOS ANGELES — Corey Seager had three hits, Cody Bellinger drove in two runs and the Dodgers earned their seventh straight victory.

Rich Hill (8-4) pitched two-hit ball into the sixth inning as the major league-leading Dodgers won for the 38th time in 44 games. At 73-31, they are 42 games over .500 for the first time since finishing 102-60 in 1974.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth for his 26th save in 27 opportunities, striking out Jae-Gyun Hwang with runners on first and second for the final out. The closer also allowed a leadoff single to Miguel Gomez, but he was promptly erased when Hunter Pence bounced into a double play.

Hunter Pence homered for San Francisco, which finished with four hits. Ty Blach (6-7) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

ROCKIES 4 NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — German Marquez is rolling along quite nicely for the Colorado Rockies. Just ask Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals.

Marquez carried a perfect game into the sixth inning, Trevor Story homered and Colorado beat Washington 4-2 on Saturday night in a matchup of playoff contenders.

Marquez (9-4) set down his first 16 batters before allowing three hits in a span of four hitters in the sixth inning. The right-hander struck out a career-high 10 while allowing two runs and three hits over seven innings in his 20th career start.

"That's a really special performance when you take a perfecto into the sixth inning," Colorado manager Bud Black said.

Pat Neshek, who was acquired in a trade with Philadelphia on Wednesday, pitched a perfect eighth in his Rockies debut. Greg Holland, who was activated from the paternity list Saturday, completed a 1-2-3 ninth for his 32nd save in 33 tries.

DIAMONDBACKS 7 CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS — Paul Goldschmidt homered and drove in three runs, Zack Greinke pitched seven strong innings and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-1 on Saturday night.

Greinke (13-4) limited the Cardinals to one run and four hits to improve to 5-0 in his last six starts. He struck out nine and walked one.

Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer, his 22nd, and J.D. Martinez followed with a solo shot, his 21st, to give the Diamondbacks a 3-1 lead in the fourth. It was the eighth time this season Arizona hit back-to-back homers.

Martinez has five home runs and 12 RBIs in eight games since being acquired from Detroit on July 18.

Cardinals starter Mike Leake (7-9), who threw seven shutout innings in a win over Colorado in his last start, allowed three runs and four hits over five innings.

MARLINS 7 REDS 3

MIAMI — Adam Conley gave up a couple of home runs, and nearly got caught on the basepaths by teammate Dee Gordon.

He's rolling otherwise.

Conley pitched 7 2/3 innings and won consecutive starts for the first time this season, Christian Yelich hit a three-run homer and the Miami Marlins beat the reeling Cincinnati Reds 7-3 on Saturday night.

The left-handed Conley (4-3) started the season with Miami, struggled and got sent to the minors, and rejoined the Marlins late this month. His ERA was 7.53 when he was sent down, is now 5.11 and a most tidy 1.74 in his last three starts.

"When I was out there and getting hit around every fifth day, I would really come back into the clubhouse and sit down and say 'Who was that out there?'" Conley said.

No need for that now. Conley allowed two runs and five hits while striking out a season-best seven.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 5, HOOKS 3
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Richie Martin was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored to lead Midland. Fellow RockHounds B.J. Boyd drive in two runs. ... Jon Singleton was 2-for-3 with a walk and a run scored for the Hooks, while teammate Jamie Ritchie was 2-for-4 with a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Corpus Christi starter Alex Winkleman allowed one unearned run on four hits, walked two and struck out five over six innings in a no decision. ... Midland bullpen fired five innings of shutout relief, led by Sam Bragg, who only allowed one hit and struck out three over two innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks took a 3-0 lead with a three-run fourth inning thanks in part to bases-loaded walk and wild pitch by Midland starter A.J. Puk. ... Midland rallied to take the lead with a four-run seventh. Sean Murphy and Martin had RBI hits, Boyd had a bases-loaded walk and Viosergy Rosa added a sacrifice fly. ... Boyd added an insurance run in the ninth with an RBI single.

NOTES: Midland pulled back to within two games of the Hooks for the wild card out of the Texas League South. ... Corpus Christi has taken two out of three games this series and the teams will meet in the final game of the set at 6:05 p.m. ... Midland's Jermaine Curtis now has a 30-game on-base streak after going 1-for-5 on Saturday. ... Midland's Tyler Ramirez saw his 12-game hitting streak end.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Grant Holmes (7-10, 4.54 ERA); Corpus Christi - RHP Akeem Bostick (4-3, 4.76)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	23	13	.639	—
Tulsa	21	14	.600	1½
Arkansas	16	19	.457	6½
Northwest Arkansas	14	22	.389	9

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	20	16	.556	—
Corpus Christi	18	18	.500	2
Frisco	16	20	.444	4
Midland	15	21	.417	5

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 3, Springfield 2
Tulsa 11, Arkansas 3
Frisco 2, San Antonio 1
Midland 5, Corpus Christi 3

Today's Games
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, HOOKS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Tarsovich 3b	3	0	0	0	Laureano rf	4	0	0	0
Boyd cf	4	0	1	2	Tucker cf	5	0	0	0
Curtis dh	5	0	1	0	Ferguson lf	4	0	1	0
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	1	Singleton dh	3	1	2	0
Sportman rf	4	0	1	0	JMartin pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Schrock 2b	4	1	1	0	Ritchie C	4	1	2	0
Ramirez lf	4	1	0	0	Walsh 2b	2	1	1	0
Murphy c	3	1	1	1	McCall 1b	4	0	0	1
RMartin cs	4	2	3	1	Nunez ss	3	0	0	1
					Michelena 3b	3	0	0	0
					Stubbs ph	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	8	5	Totals	33	3	6	2

Midland .... 000 000 401 —5
Corpus Christi .... 000 300 000 —3

E - McCall (1). DP - Midland 1. LOB - Midland 8, Corpus Christi 8. 2B - Murphy (5). SF - Rosa. SB - R. Martin (11). S - Tarsovich. SB - Martin (11). CS - J. Martin (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Puk	4.0	4	3	3	3	7
Navas W, 2-3	2.0	1	0	0	2	0
Bragg	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Sturdevant S, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Winkelman	6.0	4	1	0	2	5
Hernandez L, 0-1	0.0	2	3	2	2	0
Garza	3.0	2	1	1	0	2

Winkleman pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
Hernandez pitched to 5 batters in the 7th
WP - Puk
T - 2:55. A - 6,613

Iglesias, Boyd lead Tigers to 5-3 victory over Astros

By Dave Hogg
Associated Press

DETROIT — Jose Iglesias has won a lot of games for the Detroit Tigers with his glove.

Lately, he's been helping out with his bat as well.

Iglesias had two RBI doubles as the Tigers rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat the Houston Astros 5-3 on Saturday.

Iglesias is hitting .364 with four doubles, a homer and 11 RBI in his last 14 games, raising his batting average from .239 to .261.

"I'm just trying to keep putting the ball in play, and right now, good things are happening," he said. "I can't let myself try to do more than that."

Iglesias' second run-scoring double tied the game at 3 in the seventh. Ian Kinsler then flared a single to center to give Detroit the lead.

Kinsler followed up the single with a spectacular defensive play , racing down the right-field line and leaning into the stands to catch Josh Reddick's pop fly.

"Not only did he cover that much ground, he had keep track of the railing, the fans and the right fielder," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "Even though it is a foul ball, it is huge to eliminate an out when you've got a lead in the eighth."

Victor Martinez made it 5-3 with an RBI single in the eighth to help lock up Detroit's third win in 10 games.

Matt Boyd (5-5) allowed three runs on eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. He struck out five without walking a batter. Justin Wilson, the subject of trade rumors, pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

"Alex (Avila) called a great game, and I thought we did a great job of keeping them off balance," Boyd said. "There were a few bad pitches, but I limited the damage."

Making his second start of the season, Collin McHugh dominated the Tigers, allowing one run on four hits in six innings. He struck out seven.

"I did some things better than I did in my first start," he said.

Jose Altuve went 0-for-4, snapping his 19-game hitting streak and dropping his batting average to .365, which still leads the majors.

Francis Martes (3-1) took the loss after relieving McHugh in the seventh. He was lifted after Iglesias' game-tying double and was charged with three runs on two hits.

Evan Gattis gave the Astros a 2-0 lead with a long homer to left in the first inning. Derek Fisher drove home Houston's third run with a triple in the fourth, but Boyd struck out the next two batters to avoid further damage.

"We really didn't do a lot after the fourth," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's got good stuff and he was able to make some adjustments early in the game."

RANGERS

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winner, had his career-best and franchise-record errorless streak of 62 games at third base end with a throwing error in the seventh.

The error came when Beltre fielded a grounder by Machado and short-hopped the throw to first base. When Machado came back up in the ninth, he hit a foul pop on which Beltre ran a long way to make a highlight catch with his glove extended over his head.

Bibens-Dirkx, the 32-year-old rookie right-hander, started in place of righty Tyson Ross, who went on the 10-day disabled list with a blister on the index finger of his pitching hand after his start last Saturday.

Bibens-Dirkx allowed four runs and six hits in five innings, with one strikeout and three walks.

Trainer's room

Orioles: RHP Jeremy Hellickson's vehicle got rear-ended when he was on the way to the airport to join the Orioles after being traded from Philadelphia late Friday night. Manager Buck Showalter said the pitcher was OK, but his girlfriend had to go to the emergency room. Hellickson will now go to Baltimore, instead of joining the team for the finale in Texas on Sunday. .... Showalter said RHP Chris Tillman had "some all-body cramping" Friday night that probably affected him commanding his pitches.

Up next

Orioles: LHP Wade Miley (4-9) starts as Baltimore tries to close the season series 6-1 against Texas.

Rangers: While Beltre goes for his 3,000th hit, lefty Martin Perez is scheduled to make his 20th start of the season. The Rangers have scored one run total for Perez (5-8, 4.67) in his last two starts.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	46	.549	—
Boston	57	48	.543	½
Tampa Bay	53	52	.505	4½
Baltimore	49	54	.476	7½
Toronto	48	56	.462	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	45	.559	—
Kansas City	54	48	.529	3
Minnesota	50	51	.495	6½
Detroit	46	56	.451	11
Chicago	39	62	.386	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	35	.660	—
Seattle	52	53	.495	17
Los Angeles	51	54	.486	18
Texas	50	53	.485	18
Oakland	44	59	.427	24

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	61	40	.604	—
Miami	49	53	.480	12½
New York	48	54	.471	13½
Atlanta	48	54	.471	13½
Philadelphia	37	64	.366	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	55	48	.534	—
Milwaukee	55	51	.519	1½
St. Louis	51	53	.490	4½
Pittsburgh	50	53	.485	5
Cincinnati	41	63	.394	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	73	31	.702	—
Arizona	60	44	.577	13
Colorado	59	45	.567	14
San Diego	46	57	.447	26½
San Francisco	40	65	.381	33½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4
L.A. Angels 6, Toronto 5
Seattle 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Detroit 5, Houston 3
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Baltimore 4, Texas 0
Boston 9, Kansas City 8, 10 innings
Minnesota at Oakland, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Faria 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 7-5), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Chavez 5-10) at Toronto (Valdez 1-0), 12:07 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 7-2) at Detroit (Verlander 5-7), 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 4-8) at Boston (Pomeranz 10-4), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Miley 4-9) at Texas (Perez 5-8), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Colon 2-9) at Oakland (Cotton 5-8), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-2) at Seattle (Paxton 10-3), 3:10 p.m.

National League
Saturday's Scores
L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1
Seattle 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 4, Washington 2
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 11 innings
Miami 7, Cincinnati 3
Arizona 7, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Brewers 1, 11 innings
Pittsburgh at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Castillo 1-4) at Miami (Straily 7-6), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Dickey 6-7) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-6), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 3-1) at Washington (Fedde 0-0), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 7-9) at Milwaukee (Davies 12-4), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 6-4) at St. Louis (Lynn 8-6), 1:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-2) at Seattle (Paxton 10-3), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 8-7) at San Diego (Richard 5-11), 3:40 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 10-7) at Washington (Jackson 1-1), 8:05 p.m., 2nd game
San Francisco (Cain 3-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-6), 7:05 p.m.

Texas boxes

ORIOLES 4, RANGERS 0

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
A.Jones cf	5	0	1	0	Choo dh	3	0	2	0
M.Mchdo 3b	5	0	1	0	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Schoop 2b	4	1	1	0	Mazara rf	3	0	0	0
C.Davis 1b	1	1	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0
Trumbo dh	4	0	0	0	Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0
Mancini lf	4	1	1	2	Odor 2b	4	0	2	0
S.Smith rf	4	0	1	1	Gomez cf	4	0	1	0
Rickard rf	0	0	0	0	Lucroy c	3	0	0	0
C.Joseph c	4	1	1	1	Gallo lf	3	0	0	0
Tejada ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	4	6	4	Totals	31	0	7	0

Baltimore .... 022 000 000—4
Texas .... 000 000 000—0

E—Beltre (1), Napoli (7), Odor (10). DP—Baltimore 3, Texas 1. LOB—Baltimore 10, Texas 7. 2B—A.Jones (14), Schoop (27). HR—Mancini (17), C.Joseph (5). SB—Gomez (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Gausman W,8-7	8 2-3	7	0	0	3	8
Britton S,7-7	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Bibens-Dirkx L,3-1	5	6	4	4	3	1
Barnette	3	0	0	0	2	6
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Bibens-Dirkx (Davis). WP—Leclerc.
T—3:08. A—44,658 (48,114).

TIGERS 5, ASTROS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Reddick rf	4	1	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	0	1	1
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	Adduci rf	4	0	0	0
Y.Grrel 1b	4	0	0	0	Upton lf	3	1	0	0
Gattis c	4	1	3	2	Mi.Cbrr 1b	4	0	1	0
Ma.Gnza ss	4	0	1	0	Cstlns 3b	3	1	0	0
Beltran dh	4	1	1	0	An.Rmne 3b	0	0	0	0
Fisher lf	3	0	1	1	V.Mrtn dh	4	1	3	1
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0	Avila c	4	0	0	0
Mrsnick cf	3	0	1	0	Mahtook cf	2	1	1	0
					J.Iglss ss	3	1	2	2
Totals	33	3	9	3	Totals	31	5	8	4

Houston .... 200 100 000—3
Detroit .... 000 010 31x—5

DP—Houston 1, Detroit 2. LOB—Houston 3, Detroit 5. 2B—Ma.Gonzalez (17), Mahtook (9), J.Iglesias 2 (21). 3B—Fisher (1). HR—Gattis (11). SB—Kinsler (8), Upton (10). CS—Marisnick (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McHugh	6	4	1	1	1	7
Martes L,3-1	2-3	2	3	3	0	2
Devenski	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Gregerson	1	1	1	1	1	0
Detroit						
Boyd W,5-5	7 1-3	8	3	3	0	5
Greene	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson S,13-15	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Martes (Castellanos). WP—Martes.
T—2:41. A—33,766 (41,681).

Saturday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANGELS 6, BLUE JAYS 5
Los Angeles .... 000 003 003 —6 7 2
Toronto .... 000 122 000 —5 8 1
Petit, Middleton (5), Scribner (6), Norris (9) and Maldonado, Graterol; Liriano, Biagini (7), J.Smith (8), Osuna (9) and Montero. W—Scribner 1-0. L—Osuna 3-1. Sv—Norris (16). HRs—Toronto, Montero.

YANKEES 5, RAYS 4
Tampa Bay .... 101 010 010 —4 8 0
New York .... 010 102 001 —5 9 2
Snell, Romo (6), Cishek (7), Hunter (8), Boxberger (9), Jennings (9) and Sucre, Ramos. C.Smith, Warren (4), Betances (6), Kahnle (7), Robertson (8), Chapman (9) and G.Sanchez. W—Chapman 4-1. L—Boxberger 2-3. HRs—Tampa Bay, Souza Jr., Bourjos, Duda. New York, Sanchez, Headley.

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 4
Cleveland .... 013 000 001 —5 8 1
Chicago .... 003 001 000 —4 10 2
Kluber, A.Miller (7), Allen (9) and Gomes; M.Gonzalez, Clippard (7), Petricka (8), Bummer (8), Infante (9) and Narvaez, K.Smith. W—A.Miller 4-3. L—Bummer 0-1. Sv—Allen (19). HRs—Chicago, Abreu.

INTERLEAGUE

MARINERS 3, METS 2
New York .... 000 001 001 —2 8 1
Seattle .... 021 000 00x —3 9 0
deGrom, Salas (7), Smoker (7), Goeddel (8) and d'Arnaud; Gallardo, Zych (6), Rzepczynski (7), Vincent (8), Diaz (9) and Zunino. W—Gallardo 5-7. L—deGrom 12-4. Sv—Diaz (19).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DODGERS 2, GIANTS 1
San Francisco .... 000 100 000 —1 4 0
Los Angeles .... 101 000 00x —2 8 1
Blach, Gearrin (8) and Posey; Hill, Baez (6), Fields (8), Avilan (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—Hill 8-4. L—Blach 6-7. Sv—Jansen (27). HRs—San Francisco, Pence.

MARLINS 7, REDS 3
Cincinnati .... 100 100 001 —3 6 0
Miami .... 003 030 10x —7 9 0
Adleman, Wojciechowski (5), Shackelford (7) and Mesoraco, S.Turner; Conley, McGowan (8), J.Garcia (9) and Realmuto. W—Conley 4-3. L—Adleman 5-9. HRs—Cincinnati, Duvall, Votto. Miami, Yelich.

ROCKIES 4, NATIONALS 2
Colorado .... 020 020 000 —4 6 0
Washington .... 000 002 000 —2 3 0
Marquez, Neshek (8), Holland (9) and Wolters, Roark, Solis (6), Albers (7), Perez (9) and Wieters. W—Marquez 9-4. L—Roark 8-7. Sv—Holland (32). HRs—Colorado, Story.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, CARDINALS 1
Arizona .... 000 300 040 —7 8 1
St. Louis .... 100 000 000 —1 5 0
Greinke, Barrett (8), Bracho (9) and Mathis; Leake, Brebbia (6), Duke (7), Bowman (7), Siegrist (8), Lyons (8), Cecil (9) and Molina, C.Kelly. W—Greinke 13-4. L—Leake 7-9. HRs—Arizona, Marte, Goldschmidt, Martinez.

PHILLIES 4, BRAVES 3, 11 INNINGS
Atlanta .... 200 010 00000 —3 10 0
Philadelphia .... 000 100 01101 —4 8 1
Newcomb, Jose Ramirez (6), Vizcaino (8), J.Johnson (9), S.Freeman (10), Brothers (11) and Flowers; Eickhoff, Therrien (6), Milner (7), Beato (8), L.Garcia (8), Neris (10) and Rupp. W—Neris 3-4. L—Brothers 1-1. HRs—Philadelphia, Herrera.

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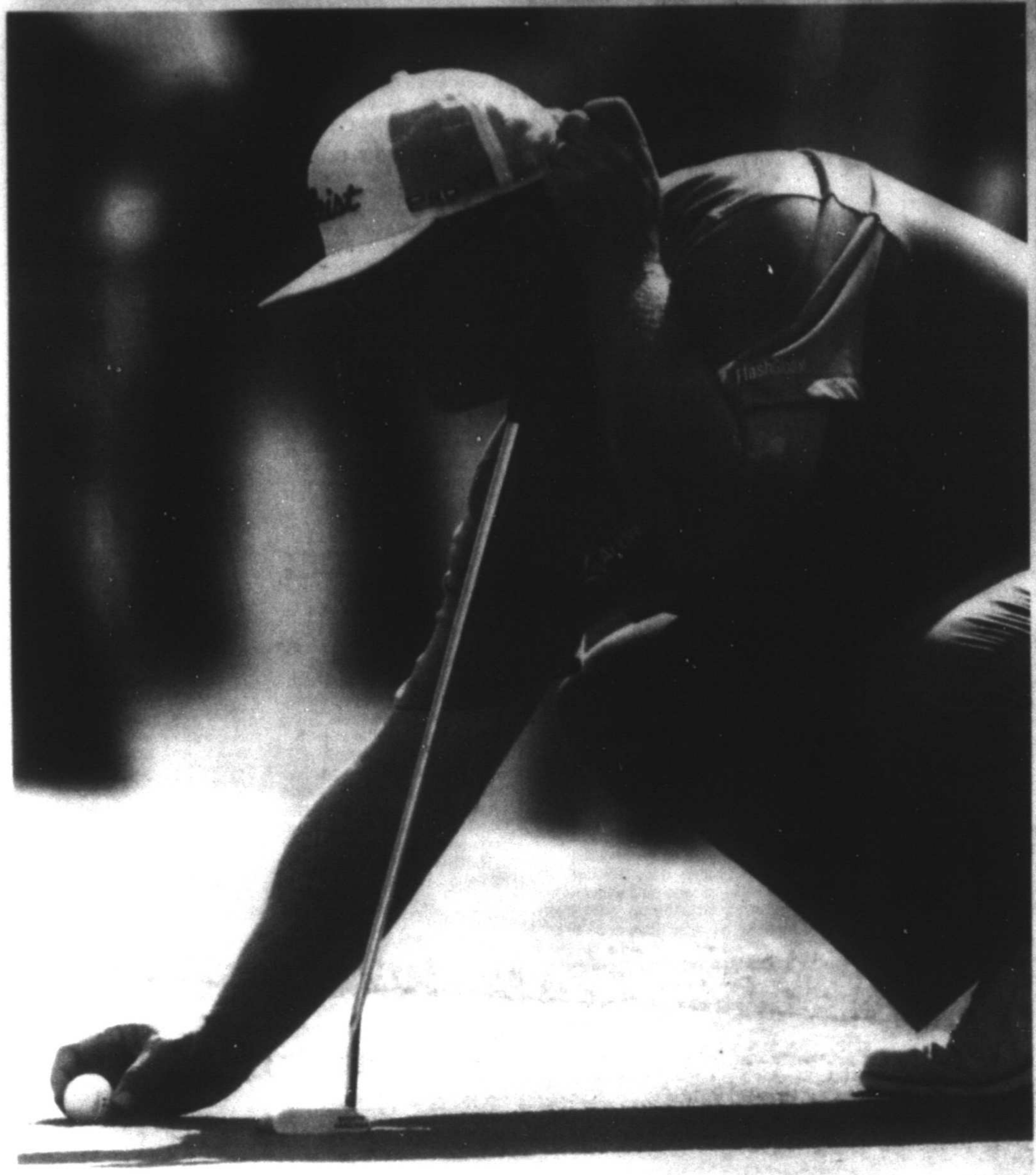

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Charley Hoffman prepares to putt on the 4th green during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship on Saturday at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England.

Charley Hoffman takes 1-shot lead in RBC Canadian Open

Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Charley Hoffman birdied the final hole for a 7-under 65 on Saturday at Glen Abbey to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the RBC Canadian Open.

The 40-year-old Hoffman had six birdies in a seven-hole stretch that ended on No. 15, bogeyed the par-4 17th and rebounded with the two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th.

"When you're playing good, I always say golf is fairly easy," Hoffman said. "It's been a fun run the last month or two months, actually all year, and it's not very stressful, which is good. When you're trying to make cuts, that's when golf is hard. ... Have my family out for the next five weeks. They are off for summer break. It's been fun to hang out and go over to Europe with them and Canada. It's been a good, fun summer vacation."

Hoffman had a 17-under 199 total. He won the Texas Open last year for his fourth PGA Tour title.

"Anything can happen in the last four or five holes," Hoffman said. "Guys can make eagles, birdies, bogeys. Anything can happen. Obviously, want to get off to a good start on the front nine and play the back nine the way I need to and see how it goes."

Kevin Chappell was second. He bogeyed the 18th, hitting his third shot into the water.

Robert Garrigus matched the course record with a 62 to join Gary Woodland at 15 under. Garrigus had two eagles and six birdies to tie the Glen Abbey mark set by Leonard Thompson in 1981 and matched by Andy Bean in 1983, Greg Norman in 1986 and John Merrick in 2013.

"Kind of started off with that eagle on 2," Garrigus said. "Missed the green short, like a 30-footer up the hill, through the rough — through the first cut and rolled on to the green and went in.

"Next hole, I stuffed it in there. I chipped in on the par 3 and stuffed it on the other par 3 and made it and I chipped in on 8, and I'm just thinking, 'Oh, my gosh, what is going on right now. I'm not going to think about anything. I'm just going to keep going.'"

Garrigus finished before Hoffman started play.

"When you look at the board before I even tee off, someone shoots 62, you know the birdies are out there," Hoffman said. "Perfect day here in Toronto to make some birdies and have some fun in front of the fans here."

Woodland followed his second-round 63 with a 68.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas had a 67 to join Sam Saunders (67), Andres Gonzales (66), Tony Finau (66), Ryan Ruffels (68) and Brandon Hagy (69) at 14 under. Saunders is Arnold Palmer's grandson.

Second-round leader Martin Flores had a 72 to drop into a tie for 16th at 12 under.

Top-ranked Dustin Johnson also was 12 under after a 68.

"I feel like the game's starting to come back in good form," Johnson said. "Other than a drive here and there, it was a really good day."

Vijay Singh, at 54 the oldest player in the field, shot a 71 that left him 11 under. He won the 2004 tournament at Glen Abbey, beating Canadian Mike Weir in a playoff.

Matt Kuchar shot a 70, leaving him tied for 41st at 7 under. Coming off a second-place finish in the British Open, he fought dizzy spells in the first round Thursday.

Graham DeLaet and Mackenzie Hughes, the only Canadians to make the cut, dropped out of contention. DeLaet (73) was 7 under, and Hughes (74) was 6 under.

"It's disappointing for sure," DeLaet said. "You want to play well here. Maybe I was trying a little bit too hard. It was still fun. The crowds were awesome and I've still got tomorrow."

Bolt

From 1C

years later, Blake is an afterthought.

And Bolt's mastery of this sport remains unchallenged.

"I'll be sad to see someone like him go," said America's Justin Gatlin, Bolt's longest and sturdiest challenger, who has been disingenuously portrayed as the brooding bad boy set against Bolt's carefree party guy. "He's such a big figure in our sport. Not only is he a big figure, but the kind of guy who always will be a competitor when he steps onto the line."

Though it's tricky to compare dominance in track to that in any other sport, there's an element of Nicklaus in Bolt's dominance. Impressive as his 18 major championships are, Nicklaus' 19 second-place finishes and 73 top-10s spoke to his ability to get into the mix in most of the majors over the quarter-century while he was collecting titles. Nicklaus had to fend off Palmer, Watson, Johnny Miller and a dozen other legitimate contenders at every event. Bolt hasn't faced anything like that.

Yet they shared this important similarity: Often, the contests were over before they even began. Or, as Tom Weiskopf once said: "Jack knew he was going to beat you. You knew Jack was going to beat you. And Jack knew that you knew that he was going to beat you."

At the worlds two years ago, Gatlin had Bolt beaten in the 100 but leaned in at the finish line a microsecond too early. Bolt passed him and won by 0.01 seconds. The American all but admitted he psyched himself out.

Speaking to the pressure of racing someone such as Bolt, the Scottish sports historian and former Olympic coach Tom McNab compared sprinting to running in a tunnel.

"And once you become aware of what's happening outside your tunnel, you're in trouble," he said.

In boxing, Ali wasn't necessarily unbeatable, but he was incomparable as both a sharp-witted showman and an athlete with a social conscience, using his platform to preach tolerance and oppose war.

Bolt hasn't sought that sort of impact, at least not yet, but it's hard to overstate the mark he made on his troubled sport and, thus, the Olympics, which have long featured athletics as the must-see event of the final two weeks.

Over years and decades, the showcase sport of the Olympics has devolved into a sordid litany of doping scandals. The latest concerns widespread corruption and cheating in Russia, and heading into Rio, it undermined not only the sport and its managers, but the Olympics and their leaders' willingness to deal with it.

But when Bolt sauntered onto the track, flashed a peace sign and blew a kiss to the crowd, all was forgotten. Not just for the 9, or 19, seconds while he was running, but for the entire evening and beyond. He made track, and thus, the Olympics, eminently watchable.

He'll do it one more time on a smaller stage — track's world championships — but a stage with plenty of symbolic meaning.

When he headed to London for the Olympics in 2012, Bolt held all the records, but was portrayed as vulnerable, following the false start, a long list of nagging injuries and his losses to Blake.

By the time he left, he had pretty much anointed himself as the greatest. Four years later, he said that was precisely his goal: "To be among Ali and Pele," he said.

He's on that list, but when the lights go out after the relays Aug. 11 — 10 days before his 31st birthday — it will be time to say goodbye.

"Once he's gone," McNab says, "there's no major personality that would make any significant impact at the world level."

Tickets

From 1C

Any sign of slow ticket sales would undercut the argument by promoters that the fight might be the richest of all time, topping the Mayweather-Pacquiao bout that grossed some $600 million.

Joris Drayer, a ticketing expert and professor of sports business at Temple, said high prices are likely limiting the market. Drayer said by the time fans spend money on travel and hotels in Las Vegas they would easily be over $10,000 for two tickets, making the pay-per-view a more attractive option.

Drayer also said some of the smaller resellers who might have bought tickets in the past are likely on the sidelines because the tickets are so expensive that it will be harder to flip them for a profit.

"This is the challenge when pricing a one-of-a-kind type of event. No one knows what the demand will be," Drayer said in an email. "In this case, it seems the promoters overestimated what people would be willing to pay — and how many of those people willing (to) pay thousands would actually attend the event."

The four city promotional tour the two fighters went on attracted large crowds, but fans for the most part got in free. Promoters are also expecting huge pay-per-view sales at $99.95 apiece that could rival the 4.6 million sold for Mayweather-Pacquiao.

The demand for the fight is being driven largely by UFC fans, who tend to be younger than boxing fans and may not have pockets quite as deep.

Another sign that demand may be lacking — hotel prices for the weekend of the fight. There are still plenty of rooms available online in the $300 to $400 range, including several hotels operated by MGM Grand, which owns the T-Mobile arena.

GOLF SCORES

Canadian Open

Saturday
At Glen Abbey Golf Club
Oakville, Ontario
Purse: $6 million
Yardage: 7,253; Par 72
Third Round

Charley Hoffman	68-66-65—199
Kevin Chappell	65-69-66—200
Robert Garrigus	70-69-62—201
Gary Woodland	70-63-68—201
Andres Gonzales	67-69-66—202
Tony Finau	69-67-66—202
Sam Saunders	68-67-67—202
Jhonattan Vegas	66-69-67—202
Ryan Ruffels	67-67-68—202
Brandon Hagy	65-68-69—202
Tyrone Van Aswegen	66-70-67—203
Rory Sabbatini	70-66-67—203
Harold Varner III	69-65-69—203
Chad Campbell	66-69-68—203
Matt Every	65-68-70—203
Ian Poulter	67-69-68—204
Dustin Johnson	67-69-68—204
Martin Flores	66-66-72—204
Kramer Hickok	67-71-67—205
C.T. Pan	72-66-67—205
J.B. Holmes	67-70-68—205
Smylie Kaufman	66-71-68—205
David Lingmerth	67-70-68—205
Nick Watney	68-69-68—205
Chez Reavie	67-69-69—205
Vijay Singh	66-68-71—205
Lee McCoy	68-71-67—206
James Hahn	66-73-67—206
Seamus Power	68-70-68—206
Ollie Schniederjans	65-71-70—206
Luke List	72-68-67—207
Scott Stallings	71-69-67—207
Sam Horsfield	68-70-69—207
Ben Crane	68-70-69—207
Seung-Yul Noh	69-67-71—207
Sean O'Hair	69-68-70—207
K.J. Choi	66-73-69—208
Richy Werenski	67-71-70—208
Hudson Swafford	65-72-71—208
Keegan Bradley	67-69-72—208
J.T. Poston	69-71-69—209
Steven Alker	70-70-69—209
Patrick Cantlay	68-72-69—209
Steve Wheatcroft	72-68-69—209
Matt Kuchar	71-68-70—209
Tom Hoge	71-68-70—209
Chris Kirk	70-69-70—209
Stewart Cink	69-69-71—209
Sebastian Munoz	69-69-71—209
Blayne Barber	69-68-72—209
Daniel Summerhays	67-70-72—209
Tag Ridings	67-69-73—209
Graham DeLaet	68-68-73—209
Morgan Hoffmann	68-67-74—209
Andres Romero	70-70-70—210
Ryan Armour	71-69-70—210
Bryce Molder	71-69-70—210
Danny Lee	72-68-70—210
Bubba Watson	66-73-71—210
Jim Herman	66-73-71—210
Carl Pettersson	68-70-72—210
Kevin Tway	67-71-72—210
Mackenzie Hughes	67-69-74—210
Ken Duke	68-68-74—210
Andrew Loupe	70-70-71—211
Ricky Barnes	70-70-71—211
Jim Furyk	68-72-71—211
Mark Hubbard	67-73-71—211
Miguel Angel Carballo	70-69-72—211
Ryan Blaum	70-70-72—212
Brett Drewitt	68-72-72—212
Chad Collins	70-69-73—212
Cameron Percy	68-71-73—212
Robby Shelton	70-70-73—213
Peter Malnati	66-74-73—213
Camilo Villegas	71-69-74—214

Senior British Open

Saturday
At Royal Porthcawl GC
Bridgend, Wales
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 7,010; Par 71
Third Round
(a-amateur)

Bernhard Langer	69-74-65—208
Corey Pavin	73-74-65—212
Peter Lonard	71-75-67—213
Miguel Angel Jimenez	76-73-65—214
Steve Flesch	72-71-71—214
Billy Mayfair	71-72-71—214
Magnus P Atlevi	77-73-65—215
Scott Dunlap	76-73-66—215
Phillip Price	74-73-68—215
Santiago Luna	77-70-68—215
Fred Couples	75-75-66—216
Tom Watson	72-77-67—216
Brad Faxon	78-71-67—216
Miguel Angel Martin	72-76-68—216
Billy Andrade	71-76-69—216
Clark Dennis	72-72-72—216
Tom Lehman	71-72-73—216
Paul Broadhurst	75-75-67—217
Colin Montgomerie	71-76-70—217
Tom Pernice Jnr	71-76-70—217
David McKenzie	73-73-71—217
Paul Streeter	77-76-65—218
Mike Goodes	74-72-72—218
Joe Daley	78-73-68—219
Jeff Sluman	74-76-69—219
Russ Cochran	77-73-69—219
Jerry Kelly	76-73-70—219
Mark Mouland	73-76-70—219
Roger Chapman	75-72-72—219
David Frost	81-74-65—220
Olin Browne	78-75-67—220
Carlos Franco	74-78-68—220
John Daly	72-80-68—220
Greg Turner	73-78-69—220
Gene Sauers	75-75-70—220
Sandy Lyle	74-76-70—220
Jean-Francois Remesy	71-77-72—220
Peter Fowler	71-76-73—220
Mauricio Molina	70-73-77—220
Duffy Waldorf	73-77-71—221
Scott McCarron	75-74-72—221
Prayad Marksaeng	73-76-72—221
Mark McNulty	75-80-67—222
Jeff Maggert	78-76-68—222
Andre Bossert	77-76-69—222
Larry Mize	76-77-69—222
Willie Wood	75-77-70—222
Woody Austin	75-77-70—222
Paul Wesselingh	74-77-71—222
a-Chip Lutz	77-74-71—222
David Gilford	73-77-72—222
Esteban Toledo	76-78-69—223
Steen Tinning	77-77-69—223
Tim Thelen	76-77-70—223
Skip Kendall	75-77-71—223
Andrew Oldcorn	76-79-69—224
Nick Faldo	79-76-69—224
Jose Maria Olazabal	78-76-70—224
Mike Harwood	72-79-73—224
Chris Williams	71-79-74—224
Ian Woosnam	74-75-75—224
Barry Lane	77-78-70—225
Marco Dawson	79-76-70—225
Pedro Linhart	76-74-75—225
Glen Day	80-75-71—226
Jarmo Sandelin	77-77-72—226
Cesar Monasterio	73-81-72—226
Todd Hamilton	72-82-72—226
Thaworn Wiratchant	78-76-73—227
Gary Orr	75-79-73—227
Stephen Dodd	75-80-73—228
Carl Mason	70-85-73—228
Des Smyth	76-79-73—228
Paul Goydos	79-75-74—228
Gary Wolstenholme	77-78-74—229
Shaun Ball	78-76-76—230
a-Randy Haag	73-82-76—231
Lianwei Zhang	77-78-77—232
John King	77-78-77—232
Terry Price	75-78-79—232
James Kingston	76-77-79—232
Stephen McAllister	78-77-78—233

Ladies Scottish Open

Saturday
At Dundonald Links
Irvine, Scotland
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 6,600; Par: 72
Third Round

Sei Young Kim	69-72-69—210
Karrie Webb	65-75-70—210
Cristie Kerr	66-73-73—212
Carlota Ciganda	71-73-70—214
Sun Young Yoo	72-69-73—214
Mi Hyang Lee	73-75-68—216
Georgia Hall	71-73-72—216
Olafia Kristinsdottir	73-70-73—216
Mi Jung Hur	74-71-72—217
Cydney Clanton	72-73-72—217
Minjee Lee	74-70-73—217
Chella Choi	76-73-69—218
So Yeon Ryu	71-77-70—218
Jacqui Concolino	72-73-73—218
Caroline Masson	70-75-73—218
Michelle Wie	72-73-73—218
Laura Gonzalez Escallon	73-75-71—219
Jessica Karlsson	73-75-71—219
Shanshan Feng	70-75-74—219
Bronte Law	77-72-71—220
In-Kyung Kim	75-71-74—220
Jing Yan	73-73-74—220
Ai Miyazato	73-73-74—220
Paula Creamer	75-70-75—220
Lina Boqvist	69-76-75—220
Carly Booth	75-70-75—220
Wichanee Meechai	71-74-76—221
Haru Nomura	73-72-76—221
Emily Kristine Pedersen	72-73-76—221
Yani Tseng	79-69-74—222
Angela Stanford	71-75-76—222
Amy Boulden	72-74-76—222
Joanna Klatten	76-68-78—222
Pornanong Phatlum	69-73-80—222
Sandra Gal	72-76-75—223
Ariya Jutanugarn	71-77-75—223
Hyo-Joo Kim	76-71-76—223
Katherine Perry	72-74-77—223
Jaye Marie Green	71-75-77—223
Su Oh	73-75-76—224
Catriona Matthew	74-74-76—224
Suzann Pettersen	70-76-78—224
Stephanie Meadow	75-74-76—225
Morgan Pressel	75-74-76—225
Annabel Dimmock	70-79-76—225
Mariajo Uribe	73-76-76—225
Karine Icher	77-72-76—225
Florentyna Parker	73-75-77—225
Stacy Lewis	69-79-77—225
Inci Mehmet	71-77-77—225
Amy Olson	73-74-78—225
Christina Kim	71-74-80—225
Christine Wolf	73-76-77—226
Sally Watson	79-70-77—226
Brittany Lang	74-75-77—226
Jackie Stoelting	74-75-77—226
Klara Spilkova	75-74-77—226
Moriya Jutanugarn	76-73-77—226
Becky Morgan	74-74-78—226
Katie Burnett	71-77-78—226
Vicky Hurst	73-74-79—226
Sarah-Jane Smith	76-71-79—226
Inbee Park	69-78-79—226
Valentine Derrey	75-74-78—227
Ryann O'Toole	75-73-79—227
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	74-74-79—227
Ling Hsu Wei	71-77-79—227
Mo Martin	77-70-80—227
Dori Carter	73-76-79—228
Charley Hull	77-71-80—228
Anne Van Dam	75-71-82—228
Belen Mozo	78-71-80—229

European Open

Saturday
At Green Eagle Golf Course
Hamburg, Germany
Purse: $2.34 million
Yardage: 7,583; Par: 72
Third Round
(a-amateur)

Jordan Smith, England	70-67-67—204
Jens Fahrbring, Sweden	68-68-70—206
Alexander Levy, France	67-70-69—206
Johan Edfors, Sweden	71-67-69—207
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	71-66-70—207
Ashley Chesters, England	68-67-72—207
Richard Sterne, South Africa	70-71-66—207
Ryan McCarthy, Australia	70-69-68—207
Julian Suri, United States	66-72-69—207
Trevor Fisher Jnr, South Africa	70-68-71—209
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	70-68-71—209
Siddikur Rahman, Bangladesh	70-66-73—209
Stuart Manley, Wales	67-71-71—209
Patric Reed, United States	68-71-70—209
Luca Cianchetti, Italy	71-67-71—209

Also

Chase Koepka, United States	69-68-73—210
a-Sean Crocker, United States	69-70-71—210
Jimmy Walker, United States	72-68-75—215

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Ryan Preece wins NASCAR Xfinity race at Iowa Speedway

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

NEWTON, Iowa — Ryan Preece had waited his whole career for a chance to race in a car as strong as the No. 20 Toyota of Joe Gibbs Racing.

Preece then went out and proved what he could do with top-notch equipment.

The 26-year-old Preece survived a green-white-checkered finish to win the NASCAR Xfinity race Saturday at Iowa Speedway for his first career victory.

Preece, running the second of a two-race deal with the powerhouse JGR team, started from the pole and held off Kyle Benjamin on three restarts in the final 17 laps.

Preece, the Connecticut driver who is a regular in the lower-division NASCAR Whelen Modified series, crossed the start-finish line less than a car-length ahead of Benjamin.

"To be honest with you, I believed in myself enough to do it," Preece said of using his Xfinity budget for just two races. "It is very risky. I had multiple people in the business tell me that it was a little (riskier) than they would do."

The 19-year-old Benjamin was a career-best second, followed by Brian Scott, Brennan Poole and rookie Cole Custer.

William Byron, who began a streak of three wins in five races at Iowa last month, finished ninth and Justin Allgaier was 20th after leading 106 laps.

Preece finished 17th in the series a year ago, with only one top-10 in 33 starts.

For this season, Preece went back to the Modified series — where he won a title four years ago — while striking a deal with JGR to run twice in one of the best cars in the series.

Preece was second to Cup star Kyle Busch in New Hampshire in his first shot with the No. 20 car.

On Saturday, he held off Benjamin to make his season-long gamble pay off.

"I knew what I felt like I had to do to get attention, to make noise, and I felt like these two races were my shot," Preece said.

It was an encouraging finish for Benjamin, who started on the front row for the fourth time in as many races but finished above 16th for the first time.

"I'm really happy to finish second — I really needed that," Benjamin said. "But to be as close as we were to winning, it kind of hurts. It makes you think about what you could have done better.

It was another gamble, by Allgaier earlier in the race, which helped put Preece and Benjamin in position for their thrilling finish.

Allgaier won the second stage and was leading when he decided to stay out on a caution about 75 laps from the finish.

The rest of the contenders went in for fresh tires and Allgaier's No. 7 car, on old tires, quickly fell back while Preece grabbed the lead.

The hope for Allgaier was that a caution would allow him to put on a new set of tires, and thus have the advantage for the finish.

The yellow flag came too late though, as Allgaier was forced to pit for fuel just a few laps before Sam Hornish Jr. drew a caution.

Preece, who spent much of the race battling Allgaier for first, led 141 laps.

Saturday
At Iowa Speedway
Newton, Iowa
Lap length: 0.894 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (1) Ryan Preece, Toyota, 254.
2. (2) Kyle Benjamin, Toyota, 254.
3. (11) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 254.
4. (8) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 254.
5. (5) Cole Custer, Ford, 254.
6. (28) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 254.
7. (3) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 254.
8. (7) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 254.
9. (17) William Byron, Chevrolet, 254.
10. (19) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 254.
11. (21) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 254.
12. (6) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 254.
13. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 254.
14. (25) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 254.
15. (26) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 254.
16. (9) Ty Majeski, Ford, 254.
17. (20) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 254.
18. (22) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 254.
19. (10) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 253.
20. (14) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 252.
21. (18) Ryan Reed, Ford, 252.
22. (31) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 252.
23. (13) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 251.
24. (30) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 249.
25. (32) Dylan Lupton, Toyota, 249.
26. (36) David Starr, Chevrolet, 249.
27. (35) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 249.
28. (27) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 249.
29. (38) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 248.
30. (37) Ray Black II, Chevrolet, 247.
31. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 243.
32. (39) Stan Mullis, Chevrolet, 241.
33. (23) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 233.
34. (4) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, Accident, 229.
35. (34) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, Accident, 218.
36. (15) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 218.
37. (12) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, Accident, 170.
38. (33) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, Handling, 46.
39. (29) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Transmission, 9.
40. (24) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, Vibration, 3.

Bell wins Truck Series race at Pocono

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kyle Busch dominated another NASCAR race and was clearly the driver to beat until a late wreck knocked him out of the race.

Kyle Busch Motorsports still took the checkered flag.

Christopher Bell passed John Hunter Nemechek for the lead with six laps left and held on to win the Truck Series race Saturday at Pocono Raceway.

Bell chased down Nemechek and held off Ben Rhodes over the final two laps to win for the fourth time this season. Bell crashed out of one race but hasn't otherwise finished worse than ninth in 12 races this season.

Rhodes, the pole sitter, was second, followed by Ryan Truex, Nemechek and Johnny Sauter.

The 22-year-old Bell leads the series in wins, poles, playoff points, laps led and top-10 finishes in the No. 4 Toyota. He also holds an 18-point lead over Sauter and leads the point standings.

Busch, with two wins this season, led most of the race until he connected Justin Haley and spun into the outside wall. Haley, who won Friday's ARCA race at Pocono, blamed himself for the wreck.

With 48 career Truck victories, Busch was on pace to make it 49 with wins in the first two stages. His departure forced drivers to consider how they would have fared had Busch stayed in the race.

"You don't want to be the guy that wins and people say, 'it's because Kyle Busch wrecked,'" Truex said. "I would have liked to have raced him. I would have liked to beat Kyle Busch. So there's no, what if. You beat the best."

Bell, who won for the sixth time in 42 career races, would like to think he could have held off his boss.

Big expectations in store

Matt Slocum/Associated Press

Kasey Kahne kneels in the garage area during practice for today's NASCAR Cup series auto race Saturday in Long Pond, Pa.

Kahne hopes Brickyard 400 win can save job

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kasey Kahne was busy celebrating his win in the Brickyard 400 and missed his team owner state plans are not set for the No. 5 car next season.

You know, Kahne's ride. The one he's under contract to drive in 2018.

"I didn't hear that until I got home," Kahne said.

But there was little need for a spoiler alert warning on team owner Rick Hendrick's news.

"I pretty much knew it," Kahne said, laughing. "There's not a lot you can do. I'm signed there through 2018 and it's up to him what I do next year and the rest of this year. I want to race and I love racing. There's a lot of people at Hendrick Motorsports that I enjoy and like working with and things. I love racing and hopefully I can win a lot more before it's done."

Kahne's future driving the No. 5 Chevrolet beyond this season remains murky, even with his milestone victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He made the traditional kiss of the bricks and spent the week celebrating with friends and his crew. His team even lined up some bricks back at the team shop and let employees who didn't make the trip pucker up and kiss 'em.

His losing streak was over. Some of the angst over his middling season evaporated, too.

"Yeah, for me," he said. "It's good for our team, as well, and our future. Who knows? It's definitely good for our future."

Is win one at the Brickyard really enough to save his job?

Kahne's fate has been in limbo for most of the season because of run-of-the mill finishes and sponsorship woes. Farmer's Insurance bailed on Kahne and Great Clips also cut ties with the driver. Great Clips was actually signed as the primary sponsor for 10 races annually through the 2018 season. But that deal ended early — and so could Kahne's run with Hendrick.

"There's nothing concrete or done and that hasn't changed," Hendrick said in Indianapolis. "We'll see how things shake out at the end of the year."

William Byron, the 19-year-old sensation and Hendrick prospect, has dominated the Xfinity series and join Jimmie Johnson, Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman in the four-car stable next year.

Without that needed infusion of sponsorship dollars, Kahne could be elsewhere in 2018.

But there are few quality options. Richard Childress Racing saw Paul Menard leave for Wood Brothers Racing and there's no guarantee RCR's third entry will be filled in 2018. Stewart-Haas Racing could have openings if Danica Patrick and Kurt Busch leave. Matt Kenseth, the 2003 champion, also is on the market because Joe Gibbs Racing replaced him in '18 with Erik Jones.

Kenseth said he's had no serious talks with another team.

"Nah, not really," he said.

Kenseth, though, won a combined seven races in 2015 and 2016. Kahne's losing streak stretched 102 races.

"We haven't had wins out of that shop in a while," he said.

Almost three years — a stunning dry spell for once one of the top young drivers in NASCAR.

He won as many as six races in 2006 driving for Ray Evernham and finished as high as fourth in the standings in 2012 driving for Hendrick. He won two races in 2013, won Aug. 31, 2014 at Atlanta Motor Speedway for career victory No. 17 and then — nothing.

Kahne slumped and had back-to-back winless seasons for the first time in his career. He opened this season with a seventh-place finish in the Daytona 500 and was fourth in Atlanta and seemed to show he might have returned to form. But his success was just a flicker and he crashed out of five races and failed to finish better than 15th in the nine races leading into Indianapolis.

Kahne overcame scoring heat, painful muscle cramps and a grueling, crash-marred, six-hour marathon to win at Indy.

"We didn't have the fastest car on Sunday, but we had a really good car and our strategy worked out perfect," he said. "Usually our strategy doesn't work. That strategy worked, so we ended up in victory lane. It's tough."

He has two career wins (2008, 2013) at Pocono Raceway and a third could make a decision for Hendrick that much tougher.

Kahne reveled in the spoils of victory. He'd rather enjoy some job security.

"I had a lot of fun and did some media stuff, TV and also radio and things, things that I hadn't done a lot of lately," he said. "It was good to be part of all that again."

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK-OVERTON'S 150 RESULTS

Saturday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles

1. (3) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 60.
2. (1) Ben Rhodes, Toyota, 60.
3. (4) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 60.
4. (6) John H. Nemechek, Chevrolet, 60.
5. (7) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 60.
6. (9) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 60.
7. (17) Austin Cindric, Ford, 60.
8. (13) Cody Coughlin, Toyota, 60.
9. (5) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 60.
10. (14) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 60.
11. (10) Austin Hill, Ford, 60.
12. (15) Stewart Friesen, Chevrolet, 60.
13. (12) Grant Enfinger, Toyota, 60.
14. (16) TJ Bell, Chevrolet, 60.
15. (30) Justin Fontaine, Toyota, 60.
16. (21) Austin Wayne Self, Chevrolet, 60.
17. (18) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 60.
18. (28) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 60.
19. (20) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, 60.
20. (22) Wendell Chavous, Chevrolet, 59.
21. (24) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 59.
22. (27) Bryan Dauzat, Chevrolet, 56.
23. (11) Kaz Grala, Chevrolet, Accident, 42.
24. (8) Noah Gragson, Toyota, Accident, 39.
25. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Accident, 36.
26. (25) Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, Vibration, 23.
27. (19) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, Rear Gear, 6.
28. (23) Camden Murphy, Chevrolet, Electrical, 4.
29. (26) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, Vibration, 3.
30. (29) Mike Senica, Chevrolet, Steering, 2.

AUTO RACING LINEUPS

Honda Indy 200

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio
Lap length: 2.258 miles

1. (12) Will Power, Chevrolet, 1:04.1720 (126.672 mph)
2. (2) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 1:04.3067 (126.407)
3. (26) Takuma Sato, Honda, 1:04.6792 (125.679)
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13. (83) Charlie Kimball, Honda, 1:04.9930 (125.072)
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Hungarian Grand Prix

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Hungaroring
Budapest, Hungary
Lap length: 2.722 miles
Third Session

1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1 minute, 16.276 seconds.
2. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:16.444.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes GP, 1:16.530.
4. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes GP, 1:16.693.
5. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull, 1:16.797.
6. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:16.818.
7. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren, 1:17.549.
8. Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren, 1:17.894.
9. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Scuderia Toro Rosso, 1:18.311.
10. Jolyon Palmer, Britain, Renault, 1:18.415.

Eliminated after second session

11. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India, 1:18.495.
12. x-Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 1:17.468.
13. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Scuderia Toro Rosso, 1:18.538.
14. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:18.639.
15. Romain Grosjean, France, Haas F1, 1:18.771.

Eliminated after first session

16. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas F1, 1:19.095.
17. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams, 1:19.102.
18. Pascal Wehrlein, Germany, Sauber-Ferrari, 1:19.839.
19. Paul di Resta, Britain, Williams, 1:19.868.
20. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber-Ferrari, 1:19.972.

x-five-place grid penalty from the seventh position, for an unscheduled gearbox change.

Fresh faces: Half of US roster could change for World Cup

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. coach Bruce Arena has used 48 players during a 14-game unbeaten streak since replacing Jurgen Klinsmann last November, including seven who made their national team debuts.

There could be many fresh faces for next year's World Cup, led by teenager star Christian Pulisic. Arena's roster projects to include only about half the players who made the trip to Brazil in 2014.

Arena redefined roles for Clint Dempsey, Michael Bradley and Fabian Johnson, and elevated Jorge Villafana, Kellyn Acosta and Darlington Nagbe on the depth chart. With 10 months left, Arena's process to select his 23 World Cup players has become clear.

"We've made progress, but we have a long way to go," Arena said after the Americans beat Jamaica in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final on Wednesday night. "Doing this well past midstream I found to be a difficult challenge."

Bradley has been dropped into a deeper defensive midfield role, while Johnson has been established in wide midfield instead of his repeated shuttling between there and the back line. Dempsey, back from heart procedures at age 34, has been transitioned from a regular to a spot starter and second-half substitute.

"Clint has been fantastic in the role we gave him the last two games," Arena said.

The coach gave Villafana his international debut, and the 27-year-old has become the first-choice left back. Acosta has seen substantial playing time in defensive midfield. And after getting dropped by Klinsmann, Nagbe has returned and earned Arena's praise for his play on the midfield flanks and in the center.

"He never loses the ball," Arena said. "We want to get him a little bit more assertive in the final third of the field."

Arena used 27 of 29 players on his Gold Cup roster, experimenting in the group stage and using a B-plus team in the last two games, when he started the same lineup for the first time in 11 matches since his return.

"When you play on the international level in big moments like this, you've got to raise your level," forward Jozy Altidore said. "I thought they were exposed to that and I thought a lot of them responded really well. It's not easy your first time around."

After an 0-2 start in the final round of World Cup qualifying, the Americans are third in the six-nation round and appear on track to qualify for an eighth straight World Cup. Qualifying resumes Sept. 1 against Costa Rica at Harrison, New Jersey, and selection of a World Cup roster is about 10 months away.

"I think I know who our top 44 players are," Arena said. "I think I now understand our four teams that we can put together and build a depth chart to take us through this tournament and the rest of the year and, hopefully, position ourselves for a World Cup."

Knowing many changes could take place because of injuries, performance and club playing time, here is a look at the depth chart:

GOALKEEPER: Hoping to start in a third World Cup, 38-year-old Tim Howard is the No. 1 keeper, and Brad Guzan, who turns 33 next month, is No. 2. Ethan Horvath and Jesse Gonzalez (both 22), Bill Hamid (26) and Sean Johnson (28) appear to the top contenders for No. 3.

RIGHT BACK: DeAndre Yedlin has established himself as the starter, and Graham Zusi and Eric Lichaj played well enough in the Gold Cup to compete for the backup job with Timmy Chandler, who repeatedly has been absent from the national team because of injuries.

CENTER BACKS: John Brooks and Geoff Cameron are the first-choice starters, and Omar Gonzalez and Matt Besler established themselves during the Gold Cup as the top reserve choices. Tim Ream and Matt Hedges also are competing for roster sports, and Cameron Carter-Vickers (19) and Matt Miazga (22) could move up if they get regular club playing time.

LEFT BACK: Villafana heads the position with the least depth, and Johnson always could be shifted back again. DaMarcus Beasley, 35 and a veteran of four World Cups, remains an option along with Greg Garza and Lichaj, who is right-footed but could move across.

DEFENSIVE MIDFIELD: Asked to play a mainly defensive role by Arena, Bradley has turned in some of his better performances. Acosta, just 22, has been paired with Bradley in a 4-2-3-1 formation, especially after 35-year-old Jermaine Jones got hurt. Cameron could be moved to the position, and Danny Williams, Dax McCarty, Perry Kitchen and Caleb Stanko are among a half-dozen possibilities.

ATTACKING AND WIDE MIDFIELD: Pulisic, just 18, has become the best American player and often dominates the attack, whether in the center of the field or a flank. Nagbe has joined Johnson, Alejandro Bedoya and Gyasi Zardes as options. Sebastian Lletget was rising in stature before a severe foot injury in March. Paul Arriola, Kelyn Rowe and Joe Corona showed sparks of promise during the Gold Cup. Emerson Hyndman and Lynden Gooch could play themselves into consideration with top club seasons. Sacha Kljestan and Benny Feilhaber appear to be longshots.

FORWARD: Altidore is the clear No. 1 and Bobby Wood No. 2, assuming he recovers from a knee injury that hampered him this spring. Dempsey will try to maintain his form during the next year, and 22-year-old Jordan Morris impressed Arena with his three Gold Cup goals (while also annoying him with a key defensive mistake that led to Jamaica's goal in the final). Aron Johannsson and Rubio Rubin dropped down the chart because of injuries; new U.S. citizen Dom Dwyer gained attention with goals in his first two games or the national team; Juan Agudelo and Terrence Boyd keep struggling to move up the list. Given Dempsey's age, it is hard to see Arena taking Chris Wondolowski, who also will be 35.

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For more info: 682-2551

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For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com, venzanteddie@yahoo.com.

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Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Lee Football Camp
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For whom: Incoming first-sixth graders, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Lee football field; incoming seventh-eighth graders, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Lee football field; incoming ninth graders, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at Lee Freshman School
Cost: $40 (scholarships are available if needed)
For more info: Call Clint Hartman at 830-556-1959

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For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

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What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
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Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 527-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
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What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
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When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
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West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults: 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

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Midland Crusader's Track Club Summer Program
When: May 6-Aug. 6. Practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
Where: Lee High School track
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at (432) 694-2424 or (432) 349-1125, or e-mail crusaderstrackclub@gmail.com

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Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
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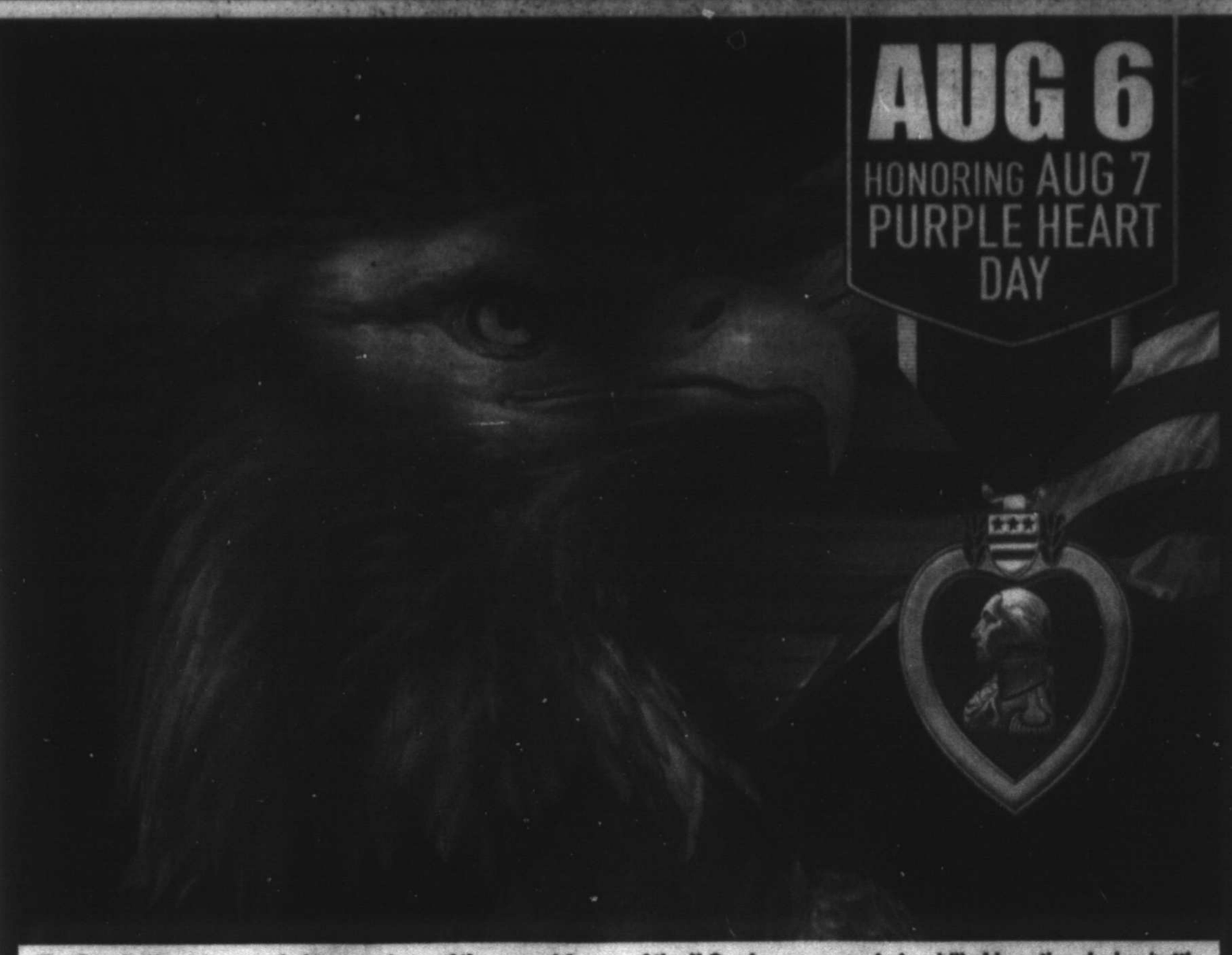

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 220865] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 34, Blk. 41 T4S, T&P RR CO / RANKIN, O G Survey, A-764, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 21.2 miles W direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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Lease/Unit Name :	HOLZGRAF (SA) G		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3974WB		
Lease/Unit Acres :	1218.7		
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease :	513.0		
Lease Lines :	2000.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	
Survey Lines :	2000.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 2000.0 F N L
1797.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 39 Block: 41 T4S Abstract: 481
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F S L
2382.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L
2382.0 F W L

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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Rule 37 Case No. 0305176
Status/Permit No. 826623

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Name	HOLZGRAF (SA) E		
Lease/Unit Well No.	3972WB		
Lease/Unit Acres	1218.7		
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease	513.0		
Lease Lines	2060.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	
Survey Lines	2060.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 2060.0 F N L
1797.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 39 Block: 41 T4S Abstract: 481
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F S L
1356.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L
1356.0 F W L

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Rule 37 Case No. 0305175
Status/Permit No. 826618

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	HOLZGRAF (SA) D		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3971WB		
Lease/Unit Acres :	1218.7		
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease :	513.0		
Lease Lines :	2090.0 F n L.	1797.0 F w L	
Survey Lines :	2090.0 F n L.	1797.0 F w L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 2090.0 F N L
1797.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 39 Block: 41 T4S Abstract: 481
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F S L
843.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L
843.0 F W L

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Rule 37 Case No. 0305177
Status/Permit No. 826625

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Name :	HOLZGRAF (SA) F		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3973WB		
Lease/Unit Acres :	1218.7		
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease :	513.0		
Lease Lines :	2030.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	
Survey Lines :	2030.0 F N L.	1797.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 2030.0 F N L
1797.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 39 Block: 41 T4S Abstract: 481
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F S L
1869.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L
1869.0 F W L

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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0300236
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 14, 2017 — Status/Permit No. 814718
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 18, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. , Bk. , RAYBURN, G T Survey, A-617, SPRARERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6.2 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	RAYBURN-BAUMANN W16P
Lease/Unit Well No	16H
Lease/Unit Acres	1057.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Lease Lines	1297.0 F E (offlease) L. 295.0 F N (offlease) L
Survey Lines	1297.0 F E (offlease) L. 295.0 F N (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines 295.0 F N (OFFLEASE) L
1705.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 13 Block: 38 T2S Abstract: 160
Survey T&P RR CO
Lease Lines 100.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines 100.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0. 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, VANESSA LOPEZ at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications, however, the work items may be generally described as: Construct new asphalt surface course, taxiways, and apron, remove existing pavement, pavement marking, airfield lighting, and electrical.

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

A bid proposal guaranty is to accompany the bid, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the bidder and that bidder will enter into the written contract. The guaranty is to amount to 5 percent of the total bid and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

This project is an AIP Project. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause contained in these specifications. The Bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal form.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities prior to award of the contract and notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement of such a Certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000.00. Samples of the Certification and the Notice to Subcontractors appear in the specifications.

In all areas of employment, women will be afforded equal opportunity for employment. Employment of women shall not diminish standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Minimum wages and labor rates for construction of proposed work have been established by the Secretary of Labor. A schedule of labor classifications and wage rates to be paid are included in the specifications and will be made a part of the contract. Bid form shall contain a statement that prices bid are based on such wage rates.

This project is subject to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Minority Business Enterprise Contract Provisions, Foreign Trade Restrictions, Davis-Bacon, Federal Debarment and Suspension, Drug-free Workplace, and other requirements stated in the Instructions to Bidders and other sections of the project specifications and contract documents.

Policy. It is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT), that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Buy American Provision. Proposed contract is subject to the Buy American Provision under Section 9129 of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. Details of such requirement are contained in the Specifications.

MAF treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of MAF to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 6 percent has been established for this contract. Bidder/Offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in performance of this contract.

Successful bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) names and addresses of DBE firms who will participate in the contract; (2) description of work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) written documentation of bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet contract goal; (5) written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in commitment made under (4); and (6) if contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts. Successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each DBE firm the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. This Bidder or Offeror must submit DBE written confirmation of participation within five days of receiving Owner's notice to successful Bidder.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the offices of Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., (PSC) Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447.

Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC office, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, at $50.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. The cost for the plans and specifications is **NON REFUNDABLE.** Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

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Legal and Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal R18-2017-07-000002, te enhance and maintain the current Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process (http://framework.esc18.net/) for the period of September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Project enhancements will include, but are not limited to adding operating guidelines to the authoring system and public site. Proposal fonns and specifications may be obtained beginning July24, 2017 from Region 18 ESC, by accessing the ESC18 eBid site (https://esc18.ionwave.net). Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Lee Lentz-Edwards at 432-561-4356. Sealed proposals must be submitted via the ESC18 eBid site by 2:00 p.m., August 16, 2017. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Information for:

MedSurg Bed Surfaces with Air Technology
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **Monday, July 24th, 2017.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12 Noon, Tuesday, August 8th, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1222-072417"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **August 8th, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director, Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications; however, work items may be generally described as *construct expanded concourse level including glass wall systems, exit lane breach control system, replace escalators, modify elevator, and upgrade existing Flight Information/Baggage Information Display System and Paging System.*

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

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MAF treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of MAF to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. DBE contract goal of 2.25 percent, has been established for this contract. Bidder/offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to meet contract goal for DBE participation in performance of this contract.

Successful bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in contract; (2) description of work each DBE firm will perform; (3) dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) written documentation of bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation submits to meet contract goal; (5) written confirmation from the DBE of participation in contract as provided in commitment made under (4); and (6) if contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts. Successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each DBE firm the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. This Bidder or Offeror must submit DBE written confirmation of participation within five days of receiving Owner notice to successful Bidder.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the office of the Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas, at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., (PSC), Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447.

Paper copies of plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, at a cost of $250.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. Cost for plans and specifications is refundable. Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

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Passenger Cars

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

On July 13, 2017, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to the transfer of control of Low Power Television Station KEOO-LD, Channel 47, Midland, TX from DTV America Corporation, to DTV Holdings Inc.

Legal and Public Notices

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene an executive Governing Body meeting at 9 a.m., August 10, in Building 502, Conference Room II of Big Spring State Hospital, located at 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432) 268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than Aug. 7. Public comments are limited to three minutes and will begin at 11:30 a.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Claudene Cooper, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to claudene.cooper@dshs.texas.gov

BSSH complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles VI and VII; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the Midland County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The proposals will be oponed and acknowledged at 10:05 a.m., Local Time, August 22, 2017.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 17MCO525 – OIL AND GAS LEASE

Pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Midland County, Texas is accepting proposals for the purpose of entering into a Non Surface Use Oil and Gas Lease for certain designated County owned property.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Monday, July 17, 2017. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

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Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

Licensed Physician Assistant

Licensed Physician Assistant needed Midland-Odessa. Addiction Medicine clinic. 1 day per week each office. 8:00am-5:00pm (days/hours flexible). Patient histories, physical exams. Liability insurance provided. Contract rate offered. Email CV employment@wtcr.org Fax 214-722-1622

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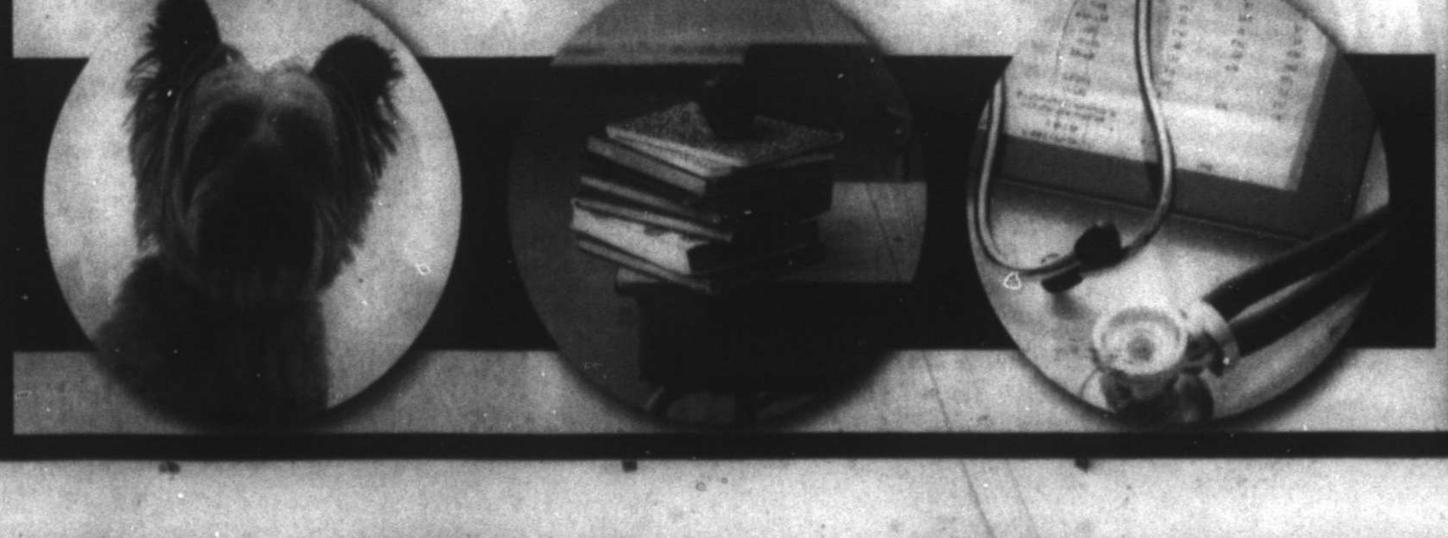

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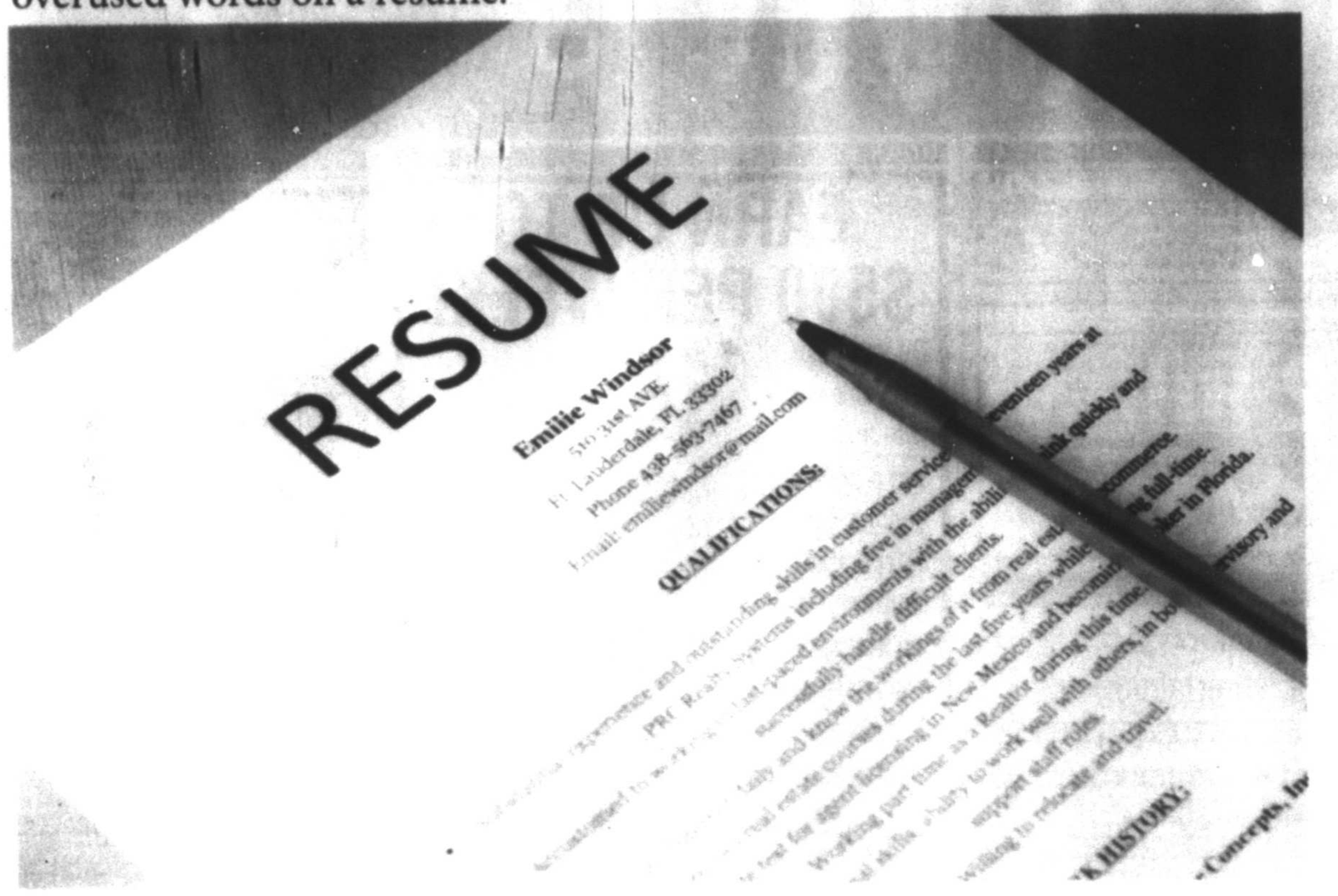
Avoiding Jargon

You might be a seasoned, effective team leader who meets and exceeds goals and is detail-oriented. But it might not be such a good idea to describe yourself with those overused words on a resume.



Resume writing has a tendency to follow a set pattern of narrow, trendy vocabulary, but if you're not careful, your resume can end up using a lot of big words that don't really say anything about you.

To help your message cut through the clutter, here are some tips for avoiding resume writing jargon.

Use natural language

The business world has a habit of overusing some words to the point that they become meaningless.

Instead of filling your résumé with popular buzzwords — "actionable," "outside the box," "synergy" and the like — set yourself apart by writing in a clear, concise, easily understandable tone.

You want to tout your specific accomplishments that will make you stand out from other job applicants. Use exact numbers and figures where possible, and use your resume as a chance to tell brief but engaging stories about what skills you can bring to the organization.

Instead of simply calling yourself "detail-oriented," give a specific example that proves it.

Focus on action

Unless you're applying to be an English professor, your employer probably doesn't care about your vocabulary. Your résumé and job interview should put the spotlight on what you have accomplished, not the big, flowery words you may have learned along the way.

Think about the things you've done in previous jobs. What are you most proud of? Use your resume to tell about things you've actually accomplished, which means going beyond merely describing yourself as the ideal job candidate.

Read it out loud

If you're not sure about the wording on your résumé, try reading it out loud. If it doesn't sound natural when spoken, it's probably not going to leave a good impression with your future boss.

Keep the writing simple and conversational to get your point across clearly. The more awkward, overused words you choose to use, the less likely your resume will stand apart from the others in the pile.

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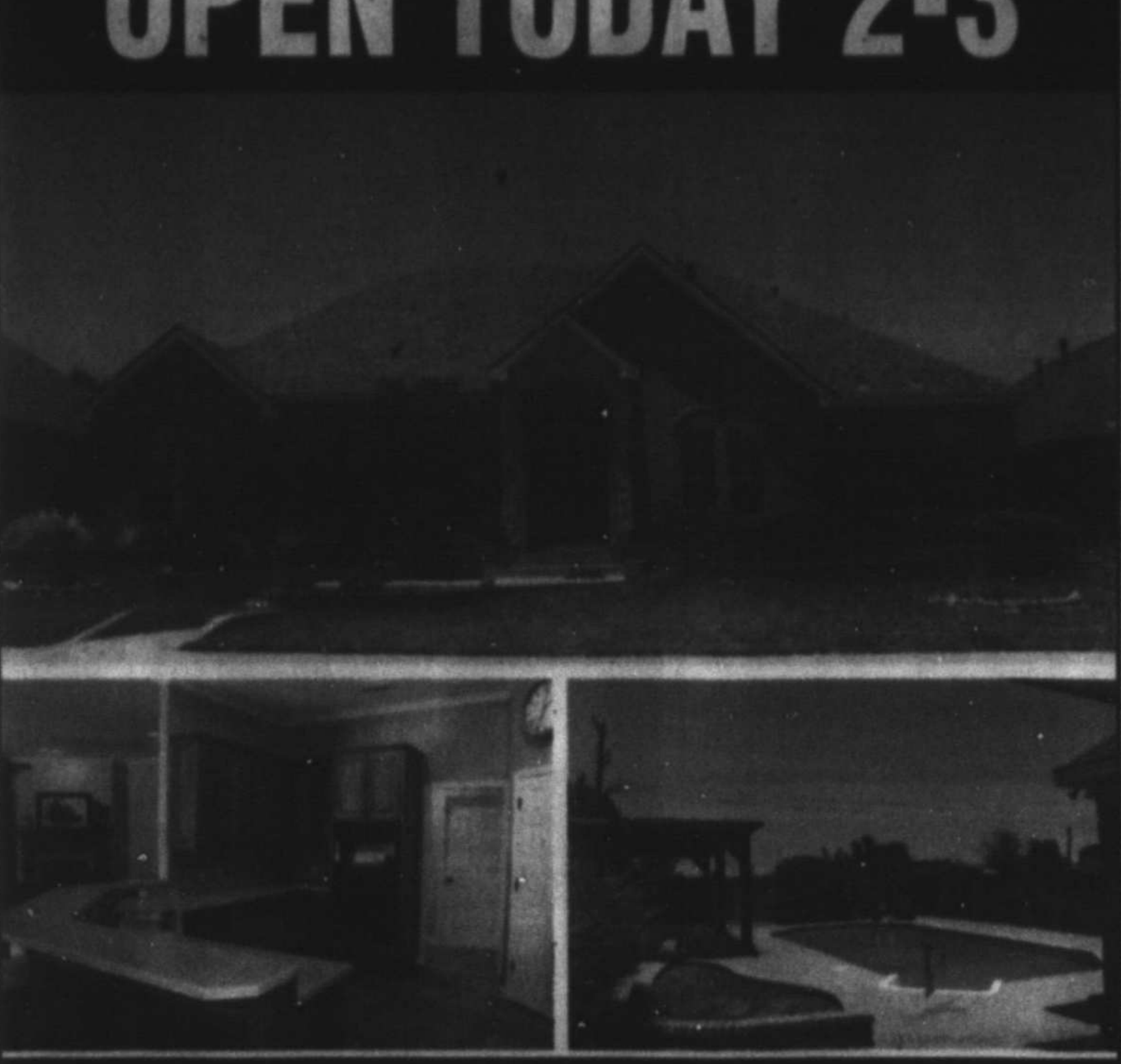

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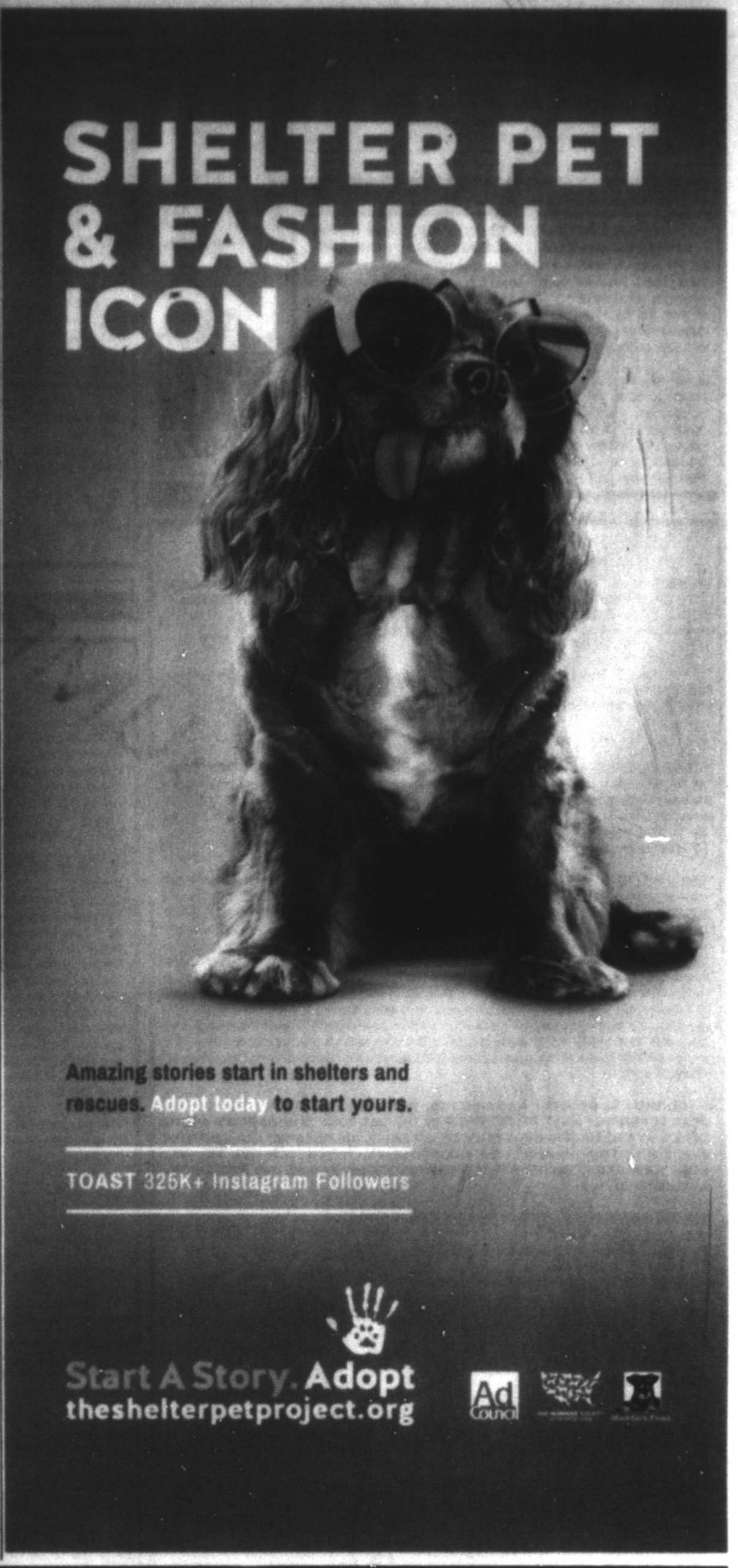

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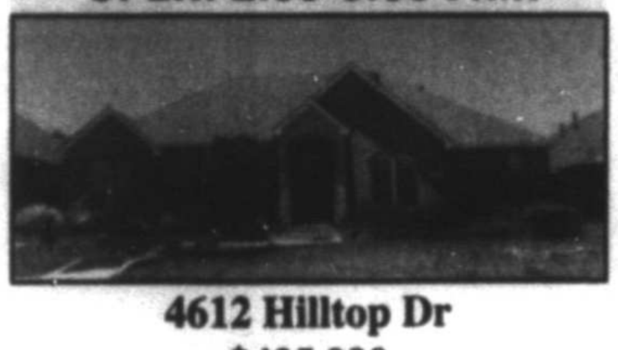

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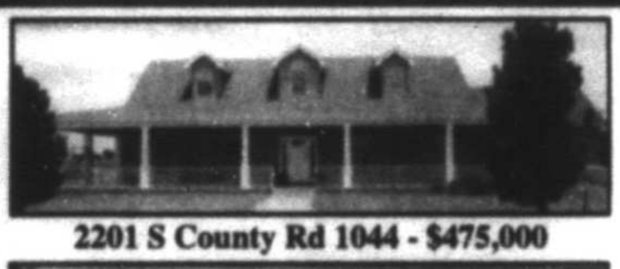

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1301 Lawson Ave - Beautiful Old Midland home! Lots of new including flooring, carpet, kitchen and bathroom updates, and many special features throughout. Exquisite backyard! $479,000
2201 S County Rd 1044-Country living at its finest! 9.11 sought after GREENWOOD acres, custom farmhouse w/open floorplan, wrap around porch & TONS of storage $475,000
2808 Savoy- Absolutely Gorgeous custom Bernal home w/tones of open space! Large Beautiful tile through out this home, stunning granite and in fantastic neighborhood! $415,000
1201 Castleford Rd-Extremely well cared for squeaky clean and neat as a pin! 4/3 with large yard and pretty landscaping! $370,000
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1008 Ranger St-Gently lived in townhouse, open living concept, high ceilings, 7' backyard fence on concrete perimeter, brick and wrought iron gate $257,500
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One Bedrooms

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Three Bedrooms

5310 Quicksand Cove - Beautiful custom Glenn Miller home on cul-de-sac in Greathouse U/C $479,500
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1200 Neely Ave- Another great town house in Wallace townhomes! Recent kitchen remodel! Granite and tile! New cabinets! Great patio! $297,500
2205 Neely Ave-Loved and cared for home in "old Midland". Updated kitchen, spacious bedrooms, large yard plus extra storage! $290,000
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404 Pine Ave-Great rental/investment property. Duplex! Live in one side and rent the other! Each has 3BR/2BA, 2 car garage and lots of storage. Small side yard w/covered patio $275,000

Three Bedrooms

1008 Ranger St-Gently lived in townhouse, open living concept, high ceilings, 7' backyard fence on concrete perimeter, brick and wrought iron gate $257,500
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3811 Boardwalk-Stunning home w/all the bells and whistles! Vaulted ceilings, wide open kitchen w/tons of counter space, an eat in kitchen that every cook will love! U/C $205,000
4504 Cimmaron Ave -Super clean and NICE! A wide open floor plan, beautiful hardwood floors and majestic mature trees! SOLD $199,900
824 E 90th St - Beautiful "like new" home w/spacious rooms & soaring ceilings, in ODESSA U/C $190,000
1804 W Michigan - Squeaky clean move-in ready! 2 or 3 BR/1BA, Hardwood floors, updated Kitchen and, large yard! Great location $180,000
4419 Roosevelt Dr -Spacious 3BR/2BA/2LA(spacious den w/wood borning fireplace), large workshop w/2 garage doors, 1 car attached garage $185,000
1900 Delmar -Beautifully remodeled home centrally located. So much new throughout! U/C $179,000
2100 W Wadley Ave #26-Spacious condo w/3 large bedrooms. Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout $160,900
405 E Space-Cute! Immaculate! Located in a friendly neighborhood! Open concept living and dining area. Very nice cinder block fence w/large backyard and patio! $135,000

Four Bedrooms

6824 Island Circle - Beautiful w/many waterfront views, fabulous Great Room, Sun room with telescoping glass walls that open to patio, Beautiful infinity pool! hardwoods, granite! . You'll love it!!! $995,000
6500 Saddle Horn Ln-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath, 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/ great room and amazing kitchen! $948,000
2513 Regency Oaks Ct - Beautiful MR Lary home on a cul-de-sac in Mockingbird Oaks. Wonderful Great Room, large chef's kitchen. 10' & 12' ceilings + 8' doors! WOW $750,000
4503 Green Tree Blvd - Lovely updated home on the golf course. The view is amazing!! Plus a lovely screened in porch and pool! $600,000
1202 Silverton Dr - Gorgeous detailed home with lots of upgrades! Backyard features a custom outdoor kitchen! hot tub, wine bar U/C $570,000
1800 Huntington Ave -Exquisite 4/3.5 home on one of Midland's beautiful tree-lined streets in the heart of Midland $549,900
5300 Carrington Ct - Fabulous in Green Tree North. Many Recent updates! Open versatile plan and Traditional curb appeal! A Must See! $530,000
5010 Apple Creek Rd-Practically perfect in every way! Great plan, open kitchen, lovely landscaping. One of a Kind U/C $475,000
2802 Chelsea Pl - Beautiful Bernal custom built! Gorgeous rock wall in kitchen and designer paint throughout. Fabulous Pool and enormous patio for entertaining in style! $450,000
4612 Hilltop Dr-This home is wonderful for entertaining inside & out. Living area & kitchen are open plan that faces outside to an inground pool w/patio, outside dining area under pergola... WOW! $435,000
713 Doral Ct -Desirable custom built home in sought after Saddle Club East neighborhood. This spacious, 4/3 w/well laid out floor plan $390,000
5000 Grassland Blvd-Spectacular home w/4BR, (can be 5th or family/media room), 3BA, Beautiful salt water gazd pool, ample yard and dog run U/C $380,000
7600 Keyhaven - Gorgeous custom built home on a quiet Cul-De-Sac, w/Solis custom built kitchen cabinets! Nice spacious rooms. ODESSA $383,000
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1201 Castleford Rd-Extremely well cared for squeaky clean and neat as a pin! 4/3 with large yard and pretty landscaping! $370,000
1211 Shirley - Really nice townhome w/real mother in law house. Brand new roof! All new floors!! $362,500
2004 Indiana-Beautiful remodeled home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood/museum district w/a very unique, mature yard $340,000
4114 Godfrey St -Beautiful, clean, open concept home in a GORGEOUS NEIGHBORHOOD!! Decorator touches and high ceilings, plus large backyard! $295,000
2502 W Cuthbert Ave - Large 4BR/3BA in AWESOME location! Updated master, it is gorgeous!! Plus Bonus rooms and office space $270,000
1219 Golf Course Rd - Truly an "Old Midland" home. Spacious back porch, hardwoods, 3/4 of an acre lot, pretty landscaping, even a basement $265,000

Four Bedrooms

4302 Parkdale- Beautifully remodeled 4BR, 3BA home w/bonus room that can be a home office or 2nd living area. Must see! SOLD $213,900
3300 S. County Rd. 1000-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space. U/C $160,000

Five or More Bedrooms

15 Lakes Dr - Wow! This custom built home in Saddle Club Lakes will truly "wow" you! $794,500
5300 Carrington Ct - Fabulous in Green Tree North. Many Recent updates! Open versatile plan and Traditional curb appeal! A Must See! $529,000
1301 Lawson Ave - Beautiful Old Midland home! Lots of new including flooring, carpet, kitchen and bathroom updates, and many special features throughout. Exquisite backyard! $479,000

For Lease

4301 St Andrews Dr "A" - Pristine well maintained and updated town home in a very central area. For lease monthly $2,200
1702 E. New Jersey Ave.-3,200 sq ft office/warehouse, recently remodeled with water well monthly $1,725
1400 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $2,000,000
6500 Saddle Horn Ln-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath, 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/great room and amazing kitchen! 0.936 acres $995,000
6101 N Hwy 349- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on this 1.99 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club $790,000
1100 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with ±4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $451,120
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,900
2701 S. County Rd. 1118-Prime location 1.336 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1118 or East County Road 95 $87,000

Commercial Investment Property

2150 Oregon St., Odessa, Tx. 79764-Approx. 64,005 sq. ft. on 9.5377 acres, combination of warehouse/shop/office property Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1290, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres. Total of 50,035 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
301 S. Lark Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Includes 3 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 74,562 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
1400 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Craddick Hwy. & 158-205.4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee $3,000,000
2800 W Louisiana Ave -Location. Location. Location this 45 room facility originally built in 1954 w/new additions since $2,900,000
Interstate 20-44.38 acres in Leeco Addition w/city utilities next to GE Oil & Gas. Call Bill or Brandee $2,884,700
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
2900 N. County Rd. 1150-Approx. 11,800 sq. ft.shop or industrial space, a 7,000 sq. ft. shop & 4 - 1,250 sq. ft. leasable spaces. Great man cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll @ 682-1111 $725,000
417 E. Industrial Loop-Midland, TX 11,470 sq. ft. warehouse or distribution center $625,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
1207 S Garfield St - Excellent location!!! Shop and office areas. Could easily be turned to retail. One story office area w/2 story shop/warehouse. Fenced yard $450,000
Foudree Rd.-4.02 acres with city utilities in the Leeco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee $298,475
1730 FM 1936-Odessa, TX Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard, city water, 480 sq. ft. office space $230,000
1410 N. Big Spring-Midland, TX Approximately 3,354 sq. ft. retail building $139,900
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

Out of Town Properties

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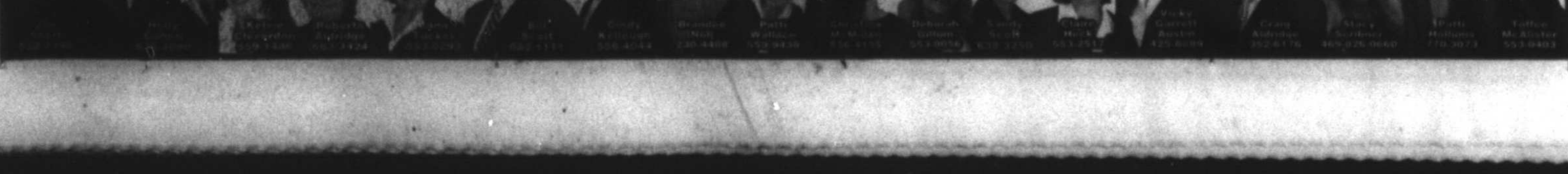
824 E 90th St - Beautiful "like new" home w/spacious rooms & soaring ceilings, in ODESSA. U/C $190,000



Community Events

ALOHA O HAWAII PRESENTS FREE HULA WORKSHOP
Men, women and children are welcome. Saturday, August 5, 2017.
Children 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Adults 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Please join us at Midland Community Theatre,
downstairs, in the Taubman room.
Please call 432-528-1192 for further information.

Legal and Public Notices

2017-18 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

It is the policy of **Midland ISD** not to discrimi-nate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational prorams, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Es norma del distrito de **Midland ISD** no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Emmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

PALOMINO 2009 travel-trailer, bumper pull, 26' with slide, nice inside, fair outside. $7,500. 432-238-1819

2017 38ft. TRAVEL TRAILER. Self contained, 2 A/Cs, 2 slideout rooms, lrg handicap door, hide-a-bed sofa & chair, electric awning, washer/dryer. Queen bed. $31,200 817-408-0376 806-206-1984.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 14, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 18, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0304280
Status/Permit No. 824555

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 19, Bk. 38 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-406, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 4.3 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: SEBASTIAN 19 AND 30A
Lease/Unit Well No: 4415H
Lease/Unit Acres: 1313.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 40.0

Lease Lines: 2180.0 F N L 275.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2180.0 F N L 275.0 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2180.0 F N L
275.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO HALL, J S
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L
473.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L
473.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Johnnethan Washington, at (512)6008855

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0300237
Status/Permit No. 814741

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. , Bk. , RAYBURN, G T Survey, A-617, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6.2 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: RAYBURN-BAUMANN W16R
Lease/Unit Well No: 18H
Lease/Unit Acres: 1057.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 810.0

Lease Lines: 295.0 F N (offlease) L 1257.0 F E (offlease) L
Survey Lines: 295.0 F N (offlease) L 1257.0 F E (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 295.0 F N (OFFLEASE) L
1257.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 13 Block: 38 T2S Abstract: 160
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
691.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1950.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, VANESSA LOPEZ at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

TO: **JEFFREY SCOTT WILSON, Defendant, and to all whom it may concern:**

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorneys do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of WTG FUELS, INC., Plaintiff, was filed against JEFFREY SCOTT WILSON, Defendant, on March 6, 2015, in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas, and is numbered CC-18,139, and entitled *WTG Fuels, Inc. vs. JEFFREY SCOTT WILSON*. This lawsuit is a suit on a sworn account, breach of contract and unjust enrichment for purchases of gasoline and other products in the amount of $40,317.83.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Texas, this 30th day of June 2017.

Ross Bush
Midland County Clerk, Midland, Texas

By: Virginia Pillado, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE

to be published
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER of MOISES ARANDA, Co-Respondent, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioners petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 20 days from the date of issuance of the Citation, before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court of Midland County, at the courthouse in Midland, Texas. Said Petitioner's Petition was filed on the 15th day of April, 2010, in this case, numbered FM50965 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE INTEREST OF MOISES ARANDA, A CHILD. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: MARIA ARANDA and PEDRO ARANDA are the Petitioners. DAISY FLORES ARANDA is the Respondent and UNKNOWN FATHER, is Co-Respondent. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner PRAYS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND NOTICE. THAT THE COURT GRANT PETITIONER'S ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AS REQUESTED AND FOR OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED HEREIN, as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas this the 21st day of July, 2017

Attest: Ross Bush, District Clerk, Midland County, Texas By

Gilda Morales, Deputy

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Rule 37 Case No. 0300191
Status/Permit No. 814739

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit 7330 with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following amended P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (47548) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4301 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47418) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4302 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47420) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4303 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47430) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4304 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47419) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4311 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47417) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4313 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47499) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3201 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47489) Maralo 42-32 Allocation 3202 lease, Spraberyy (Trend Area) field: (47685) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3203 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47685) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3204 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (48249) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3205 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47870) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3206 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47955) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3207 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47878) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3208 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47448) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3211 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47451) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3213 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (48248) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3215 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47953) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3217 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (47166) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3221 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4305 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4306 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4307 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4308 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4315 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4317 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4316 lease, Spraberry(Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4318 lease, Spraberry(Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4312 lease, Spraberry(Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4314 lease, Spraberry(Trend Area) field: (New Lease) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3212 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3214 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3216 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3218 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Darlene Williams, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

79707

5204 GREEN TREE August 4 & 5. Fri 9-3, Sat 8-3. Clothes (Women & Mens) Kitchenware & conventional microwave, golf stuff, some furniture, lawn mower + more.

Merchandise

Free Stuff

FREE Mallard ducks good layers. Directions 432-682-4603

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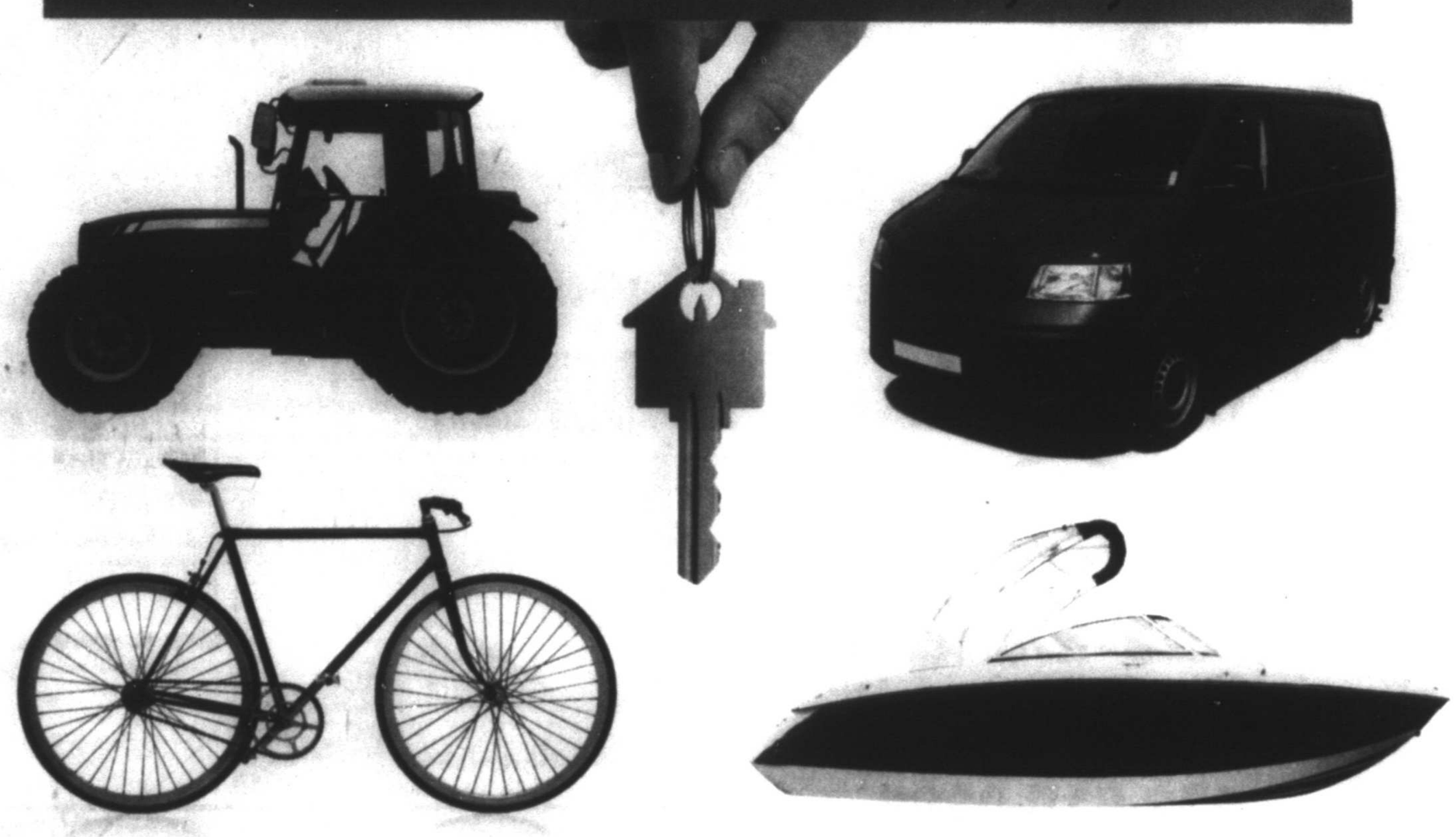

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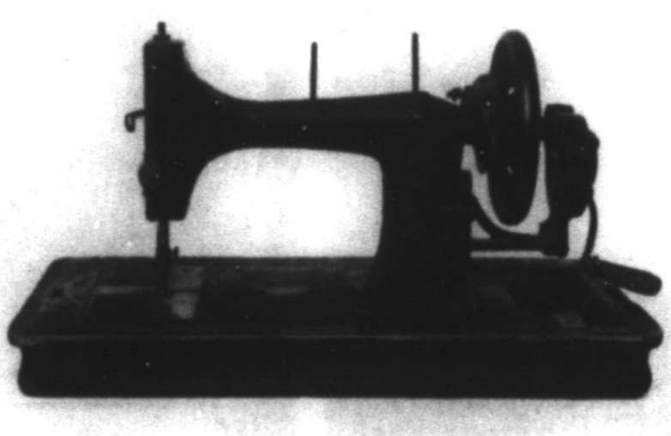

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2623 W. 91st Street	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
2904 Roosevelt Ave.	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$109,000
3320 Providence Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$194,000
3106 Kessler Ave.	4Bdrm/2Ba	$219,000
1117 Carrillos Ave.	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1500 Navajo Drive	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
803 W. Kansas	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$337,000
2400 Dartmouth Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5315 Brown Heart Lane	3Bdrm + study/2.5Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5301 Dunraven Ct	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$519,000
4916 Tottenham Corner	5 Bdrm/5.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$959,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

305 S. Mineola St.	Carrasco Homes/3Bdrm/2Ba/2 Car Garage	$199,900
1303 Torrey Vista	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$327,500
1202 Cornair Ct.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$389,900
7218 E. Co. Rd. 112	Tattwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$514,900
7212 E. Co. Rd. 112	Tattwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5202 Balfour Ct.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$568,500
7206 E. Co. Rd. 112	Tattwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$567,500
7209 E. Co. Rd. 114	Crystal Homes/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$635,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

2372 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$149,900
12005 E. Co. Rd. 89	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/4.72 Acres	$195,000
6311 S. Cr. Rd. 1250	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport	$164,500
2363 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$169,000

12011 W. Co. Rd. 179	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport	$245,000
6800 FM 307	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$312,000
12215 E. Co. Rd. 101	Greenwood/4Bdrm/2.5Ba/3 Car Garage	$405,000
1201 N. Co. Rd. 1084	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

2600 S. Co. Rd. 1089	Greenwood/5.079 Acres	$130,000

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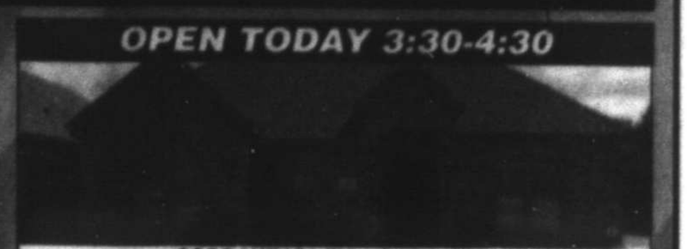

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911 CITATION DR. - $899,900

8101 EDINBURGH DRIVE - $895,000

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5616 GRASSLAND BLVD. - $365,000

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4812 KNIGHTS PLACE - $335,000

3300 STANOLIND CT. - $329,000

3209 MARMON DR. - $325,000

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910 GALLANTRY LANE - $265,000

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SALE PENDING
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SALE PENDING
7001 W COUNTY RD 44 - $475,000

SALE PENDING
911 TRINIDAD PLACE - $387,900

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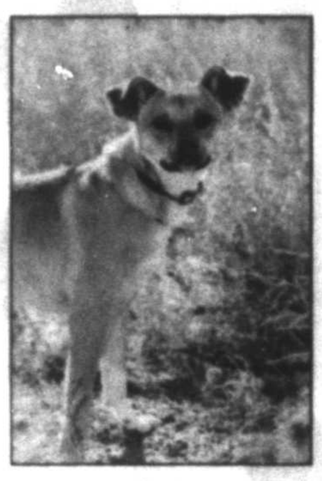

Art
Male - Shepherd Mix
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Batgirl
Female - Lab Mix
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Clementine
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2 years

Grace
Female - DSH
5 years 4 months

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5 years 2 months

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5 years 3 months

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4 years 6 months

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Female - Lab Mix
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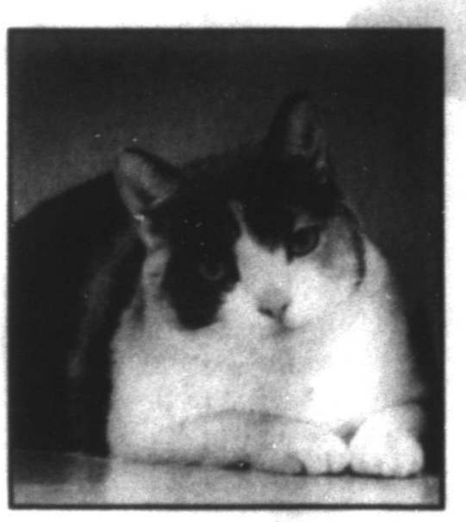
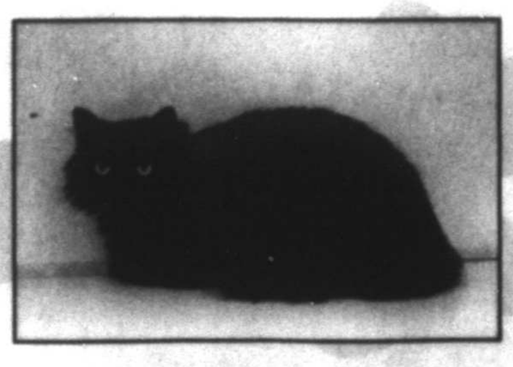


Sopapilla
Female - DSH
2 years 3 months

Stanley
Male - DSH
4 years



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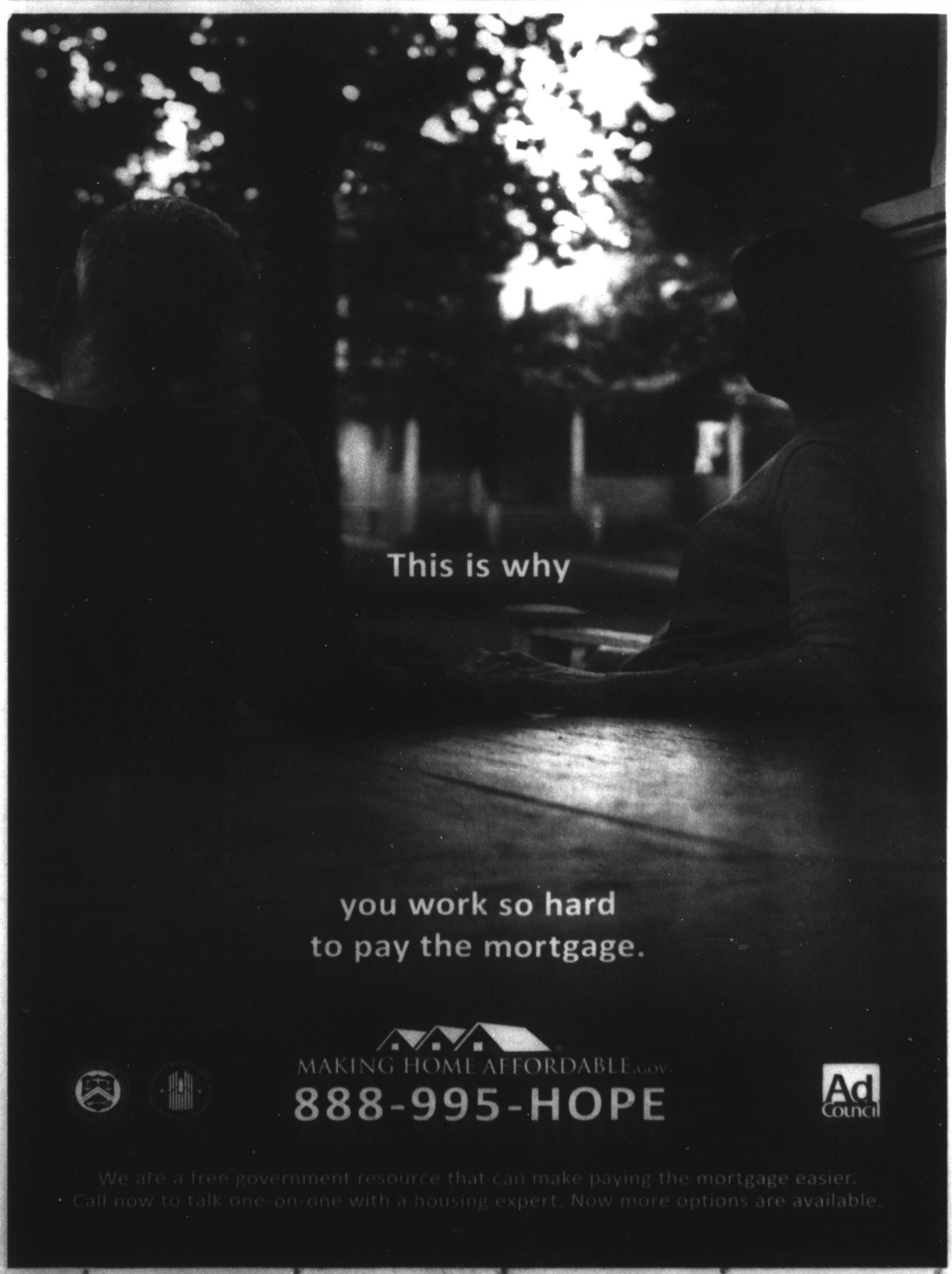

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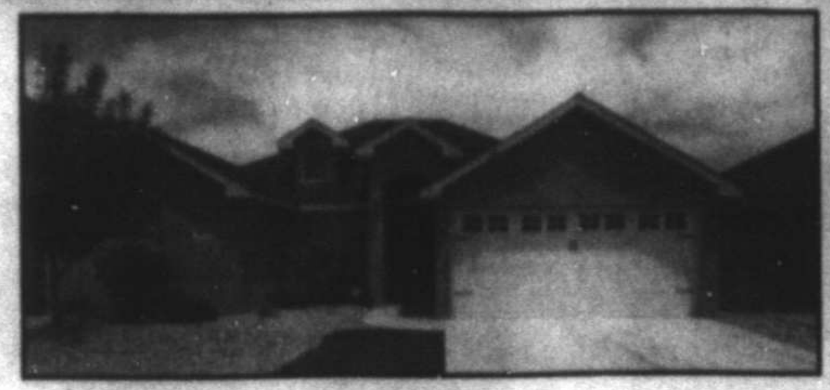

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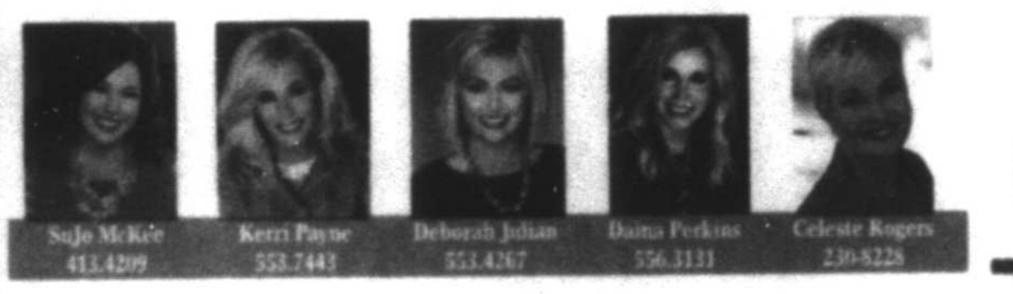

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4+ BEDROOMS

419 Sir Barton Pkwy-Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/5 full+2 half bath/4 living (2 studies-1 w/fireplace, great room, media or game room) area estate w/dazzling pool, cabana & spectacular outside living space w/kitchen & fireplace! Gorgeous granite thru-out! $1,350,000

8312 Edinburgh Drive-Magnificent mansion on 2.5 acres! 7400 sqft - Totally updated! 4 bed/4 full bath+3 half bath/6 living/3 fireplaces & dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & bar on lushly landscaped grounds! No detail left undone! Hardwoods, soaring ceilings & winding staircase! $1,100,000

401 Affirmed-Stunning custom home w/ gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & gorgeous cabinetry! 4 beds (each with private baths)+ 2 half baths! 4 living/2 dining & 3 car garage! Pool & spa on 1 acre lot, water well! $975,000

13201 ECR 110-Stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 living/2 dining/3 gar home w/ workshop on 1.8 acres in gated community! Landscaped grounds w/large patio w/living area & fireplace! $895,000

4310 Coyote Trail-Absolutely fabulous home on 3.33 Acres—country living w/city convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 Bath/2 dining/4 living (great room, media room, formal living, study)/3 car gar+6+parking in workshop (1225 sqft) w/2 gar doors & rv parking! Fantastic swim spa recently added $794,000

7004 Calen Ct.-Spectacular! 5 bed/5.5 bath/5 living (w/sunroom)/2 dining/4 car gar home w/ dazzling pool and spa w/ high brick privacy fence! No carpet- all hardwood & tile! Beautiful landscaped grounds! $699,900

5300 Chesley Court -Spectacular 4 or 5 bed/3 bath/2 or 3 living/3 gar home- gorgeously updated! Hardwood & tile (carpet in 1 bed), soaring ceilings, crown molding, plantation shutters! Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless & granite! Lovely landscaped grounds! $564,900

2810 Chelsea Pl -Stunning! 4 bed/3 bath/2 dining/3 car (extended) gar home on quite lot! Soaring ceilings, crown molding, plantation shutters, beautiful tile flooring (carpet in bed) & fabulous custom cabinetry thru-out! $464,500

5326 Bella Place-Fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/2 living or 2 dining area home in GTN! Luxury abounds thru-out this exquisitely appointed low maint. home! "Hardwood" tile flooring, soaring ceilings, art niche & gourmet kitchen w/ stainless & granite countertops! $439,900

3303 Ma Mar Ct -Fabulous 4 bed/2 ba/2 lg living/2 dining area home in central Midland on tree-lined cul-de-sac! Hardwood & tile flooring, recent paint, updated baths, built-ins, fireplace, high ceilings and walls of windows! $425,000

10113 WCR 150-Absolutely wonderful Kahler custom build on 1.5 acres! Great water well (all irrigated), metal shop (933 sqft per APPR) w/ 3rd garage & extra carport! 4 bed/2.5 bath/3 living with lovely gourmet kitchen w/ granite countertops! $399,900

4207 Greenbriar Dr - Absolutely stunning 4 bed/3.5 Bath/2 living (formal+den)/2 dining/2 car garage home w/remarkable updates! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows & miles of tile thru-out! Kitchen w/cozy fireplace, huge island, stainless new appliances! $395,000

4702 Cindy Place-Cute 4 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 garage home on a landscaped cul-de-sac lot! Cozy home w/ stone wall fireplace, carpeted bedrooms & tile thru-out! Kitchen w/ stainless appliances & abundant storage! Upstairs loft for living or game room & built-ins! Relaxing backyard! $290,000

1123 Porterfield Rd.-Absolutely darling 4 bed/2 bath home w/ stained concrete flooring, high ceilings, 2 inch blinds & personality plus! Lush landscaped grounds w/ pergola & fire pit! $229,900

3344 Providence Drive-Terrific find! Updated 4 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 gar home w/ xeriscaped front & back yard! Recent interior & exterior paint, refinished hardwood floors, many fixture, hardware, fans & lights updated! New fencing! $229,900

1303 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 4 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $229,500

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1313 E. Spruce Ave. -Wow! What a fantastic find at this price! 4 Bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage w/gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave, pantry & tumbled marble backsplash! Custom finishes on cabinets & bronze fixtures! $229,500

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1111 Telluride Ct.-Spectacular! 3 bed/3.5 bath/3 living/2 dining/3 garage home! Lovely cul-de-sac! Versatile plan w/ seq. guest suite w/ kitchenette! Lushly landscaped w/ brick fence! $549,900

1406 Princeton Avenue-Spectacular updated 3 bed/2 bath/3 living (lg den, formal, breakfast nook)/2 gar home on corner lot in the heart of old Midland! Gleaming hardwoods, walls of windows & planation shutters! Gorgeous grounds! Sprinkler sys/water well! $450,000

804 Woodland Park Avenue-Immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 dining or 2 living home w/ soaring ceilings, crown molding, walls of windows w/ plantation shutters & hardwood surface flooring (wood/tile)! Turf grass & low main. landscaping! $379,900

2802 Shandon Avenue - Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 full baths/2 living areas/2 dining & 2 car garage home! Spacious open floor plan w/ windows & plantation shutters! Beautiful back yard with enclosed a/c & heated patio! A 224 sq.foot a/c workshop & storage! $309,900

2203 Sinclair Avenue-Charming home in the making in the heart of old Midland! Fantastic location in a safe, family oriented neighborhood! 3 bed/2 baths/3 lg. living areas! Recent interior paint, hardwood floors & walls of paned windows! Lg. storage shed! $279,900

3233 W Shandon Ave-Super spacious 3 bed (plus study or nursery off master)/3 bath/2 living (den, study)/2 dining home in Fannin Elementary! Mature landscaping! For Sale or Lease for $2400/MO! $269,900

100 W Carpenter (Stanton) - Incredibly spacious! 3 bed/3 bath/2 living areas & bonus room on huge corner lot! Large in-ground pool w/ slide & fabulous patio area w/ mounted tv! Storage shed & workshop! $269,000

4614 Bishop Castle Dr.-Wonderful find! 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 living or 2 dining area & double fireplace! Hardwood & tiling thru-out! Covered patio & lovely pergolas in backyard! HVAC replaced in 2016. Composition roof to be installed prior to closing! $249,900

1407 Boeing Dr.-Super spacious 3 bed/2 bath home w/ 2 lg. living areas/2 dining areas & detached 2 car gar! Lg. workshop (572') off alley! Kitchen w/ fridge, dishwasher, microwave & oven! Low main. backyard w/ deck! $244,900

4517 Spence Dr.-Fantastic 3 bed/2 bath home built 2006 in great condition & fabulous location! Living area w/ wood burning fireplace opens into dining area! Covered porch in private back yard! cement slab ready for pergola & fire pit! $240,000

804 Nolan Ryan Drive-Charming 3 bed/2 full bath/spacious living area/ open kitchen w/ breakfast dining/2 gar home in Legend Park! Welcoming front porch off turf & rock in front yard, large fenced back yard w/ cover patio! Master bed w/ soaking tub & sep. shower! $229,900

2405 Northtown Court - Fantastically unique floor plan in this 3 bed/2 bath home w/ great room (with fireplace), formal dining & great outdoor living space! 2 car garage - 2 carports! Cul-de-sac lot! $219,900

1304 Spruce Ave. -Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $209,900

1306 Spruce Ave. -Wow! what a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $209,900

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1314 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! $209,900

1213 Godfrey - Very cool floor plan! 2 bed/2 bath/3 living (separate study, den, formal sitting room)/1 dining/2 car garage in 2 story townhouse! Low main. front w/ small backyard & patio! $179,900

710 Lanham St.-Charming! 3 bed/2 bath/2 dining home w/ hardwood floors (some under carpet), recent HVAC (2015) & personality plus! Lushly landscaped grounds w/ mature trees! Fridge, wash/dryer to pass w/ property! $149,000

1009 W Michigan Ave. - Cute! 2 bed/1 bath/1 great room/1dining/1 carport home in old Midland! Gleaming hardwood floors (tile in kitchen), walls of windows & crown molding! Great kitchen w/ tile backsplash & abundant cabinetry! Huge backyard! $132,500

600 Liddon #78-Spacious 1 bed/1 bath/1 great room/1 dining/1 carport townhouse in Liddion Townhomes (just under 1000 sqft)! Amazing pool! HOA pays all bills except internet & cable! $80,000

1103 W Kentucky Avenue - Fantastic location! Main house, 648 sqft, 2 bed/1 bath w/ a guest quarters in the back (includes 2 large rooms w/ half bath), 242 sqft. utility room located next to guest quarters! Nice large lot! $60,000

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1414 Tejas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club) $200,000

713 Indiana Avenue-Vacant lot in great downtown location! Approx. acres 0.321 in West End Subdivision! Zoned for commercial or residential (C-1, LR3) $110,000

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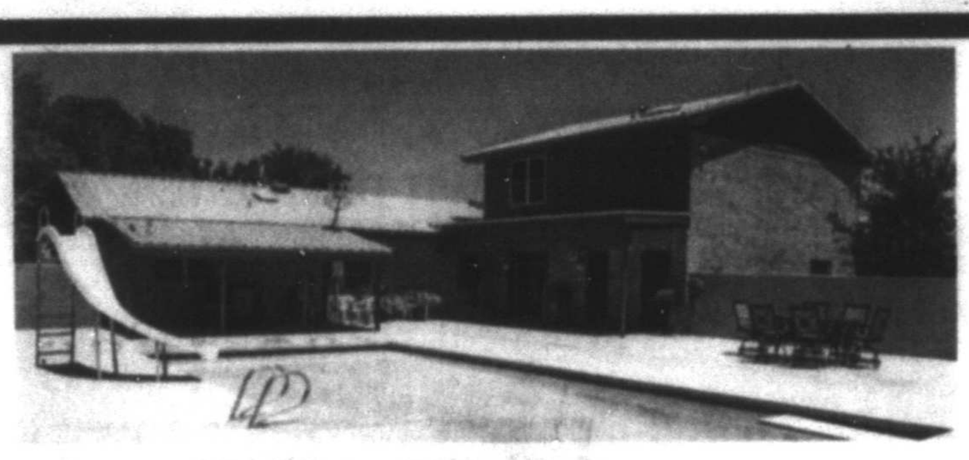
6404 Driftwood - $370,000

Offers three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Beautifully maintained home in coveted neighborhood of Green Tree. Large backyard with pergola, new wood deck walkway, a garden area and dog run. Large kitchen with granite and double ovens. Open today from 1:30-2:30 with Chandler Roberts hosting the open house.



5510 FM 307 - $599,000

AMAZING 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath, 3,697sqft on 4.19 Greenwood ISD acres! Large private in ground pool and peaceful duck pond. Open Floor Plan, Brand New Kitchen! Bonus rooms and so many upgrades, don't miss this one!!

6007 Oak Creek - $424,000

IMMACULATE 4 Bed, 3 Bath, 2 Living, 3 Car, 2,609sqft in Desirable Heritage Oaks. Luxurious Tom Woodruff 2014 Build with Open Floor Plan, Upgrades Galore and Bonus Living/Media Room upstairs! This one will go quick!

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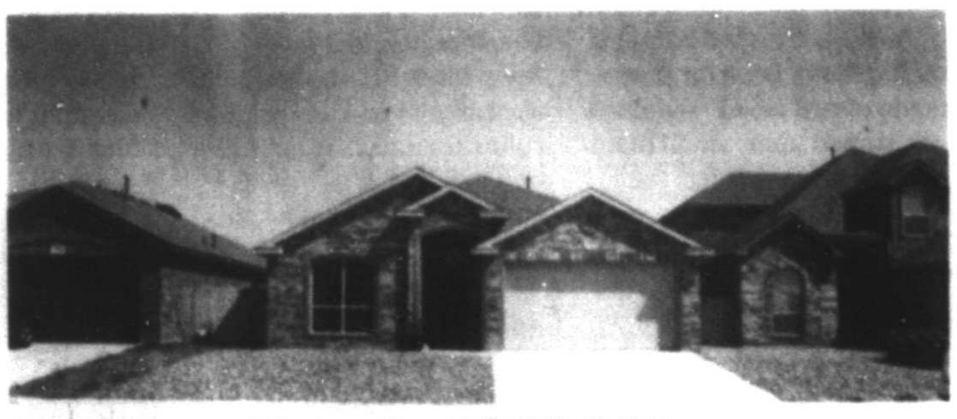
6605 Colony - $300,000

SPACIOUS 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2 Dining, 2 Car, 2 story, 2,637sqft. Legacy Addition! Lots of upgrades! Open Floor plan, Sequestered Master Suite, HOA community Pool, Splash Pad & Playground!!! Schedule your appointment today!



1513 San Miguel - $258,900

BEAUTIFUL 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Dining, 2 Car, 1,853sqft. Adobe Meadows! Tall ceilings, granite throughout, Sequestered Master Suite, plus many more upgrades, HOA community Pool, Splash Pad & Playground!!! A must see!

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7008 E. Co. Rd. 108 - $639,000
4BD/3.5BA/1.96 ACRES
Shown by Michelle Lesikar

OPEN 1:00-2:30
4117 Fox Hollow - $475,000
4BD/3.5BA
Shown by Donna Omar

OPEN 1:00-2:30
2905 Skyline - $279,000
3BD/2BA
Listed by Lydia Scudder

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6404 Driftwood - $370,000
3BD/3BA
Listed by Amanda Gunter
Shown by Chandler Roberts

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6004 Wagner Dr. - $265,000
4BD/2BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Mark Philliber

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6213 Sequoia Dr. - $385,000
3BD/2.5BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Kristi Hendricks

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3300 Wrigley - $475,000
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HOMEWISE

Real Estate Tips and Advice

Furnishing Your First Home

By ANNA CHANG YEN | Green Shoot Media

You've forked over massive sums of cash for the down payment, closing costs and other expenses related to buying a home. It's no wonder you might find yourself needing to furnish it on a budget.

As with most things done on a shoestring, you'll have to get your hands dirty to save some cash.

FURNITURE

If you've suddenly got a lot of space to fill, thrift stores are a great place to find bargains on furniture. Look for pieces made of real wood, and don't get tripped up by small blemishes. A piece that has the right shape and size can probably be easily transformed with paint or refinishing. You can find a treasure for a quarter to half the price of a new item.

If you want to add designer touches to your decor, take a class in furniture refinishing. You can learn to use trendy chalk paint and apply faux finishes that make simple pieces of furniture appear more ornate. If you're oblong together a collection of furniture from multiple sources, consider painting most of them black for a cohesive appearance and use brighter colors for a few accent pieces or details, such as drawer knobs or accent pillow fabrics.

Learn to re-upholster chairs with worn out fabrics to breathe new life into otherwise outdated furniture.

Another great way to save on furniture is to re-purpose pieces you find at thrift stores. For example, a dresser can make a nice TV stand, with plenty of storage for DVDs, CDs and other media. A bookshelf can hold light components, such as speakers, DVD players and gaming systems.

(Just be sure your re-purposed piece can handle the weight it will need to hold and reinforce the shelves, if needed.)

Another budget-friendly option is the scratch-and-dent and clearance section at your local furniture store. Bargains can be had on items with only minor blemishes that make them unsuitable for the regular showroom floor.

INTERIOR DESIGN

If the services of an interior designer are out of your reach while you're rebuilding your savings after a home purchase, there are some resources you can use to put a designer's touch on your decor.

Many big-name paint manufacturers offer online tools to mix and match their colors to achieve a particular aesthetic. For example, Behr's ColorSmart tool offers pre-arranged palettes of paints put together by designers, grouped by color families and by current trends. If you already have a color in mind and would like to build a palette around that shade, ColorSmart can recommend coordinating paint colors.

Sherwin-Williams offers its own paint collections, as well as palettes inspired by home decor retailers Pottery Barn and West Elm and cable network HGTV.

Visit your local paint store for printed color guides that can help you visualize the colors in your space or match an existing paint color.

If you're buying furniture from a local retailer, ask if they offer any complementary design services. Some furniture stores make their showroom merchandiser available to help clients choose pieces that will work in their homes.

REAL ESTATE 101

HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

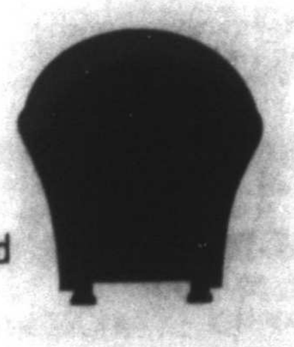
Acceleration clause: part of an agreement that gives a lender permission, under certain conditions, to demand all the money owed on a loan.

Acceptable debt: how much debt a lender thinks a borrower can handle before agreeing to give them a loan.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions

Keeping It Simple (and Inexpensive)

HGTV offers six tips for people furnishing their first homes. The sixth tip suggests ideas for inexpensive updates, such as refinishing outdated kitchen cabinets and adding new hardware, and changing the lighting in a bathroom for a less yellow hue. Read the entire list of tips at **http://bit.ly/1tXF8Ju**.



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6004 WAGNER DR. - $265,000
CUTE 4 BEDROOM 2 BATH SMART HOME IN NEWER NEIGHBORHOOD!
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See all Midland listings on my website at www.delauragammage.com

The Bottom Line

76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

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Residential Rentals

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Vacation Resort

LAKE FRONT home. Lake Spence/ Robert Lee. $140,000. 325-650-9693 Call for pics.

OAK CREEK LAKE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, walk in closets, beautifully remodeled, fireplace, central heat/air, 2 car garage, 2 stall boat house, guest house. Too many amenities to list. $89,500. 325-277-9910.

Lots and Land

Acreage

3 ACRES near Stanton, 10 minutes from Midland. $2000 down. $555/mo. 432-570-1336

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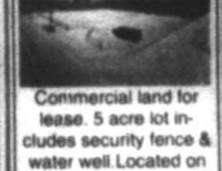

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2020 Mosswood Dr.	5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 living, 4 car garage	MLS #50007631	SOLD	$769,200
7106 ECR 114	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage, New Const... Chaney Ranch	MLS #50009494	NEW LISTING	$589,950
1107 Breckenridge Dr.	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 living, 5 car garage	MLS #50008250	SOLD	$554,990
2940 FM 820	Near Stanton, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 1 half bath, 2 garage, pool	MLS #50006617	NEW PRICE	$550,000
3120 Fairfield Ln.	5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, bonus room, 3 garage	MLS #50008859	SOLD	$449,000
5716 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage	MLS #50009018	NEW LISTING	$445,000
2809 Shanks	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 1.25 Acres	MLS #50007396		$369,000
4705 Spring Meadow Lane #2	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, townhouse	MLS #50008893	SOLD	$279,000
5402 Rio Grande	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living	MLS #50009435	NEW LISTING	$249,900
811 Lawson	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living	MLS #50009661	NEW LISTING	$235,000
604 S. Jackson	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Construction	MLS #50007040	UNDER CONTRACT	$226,000
7301 Alt Ranch Rd.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50008312	UNDER CONTRACT	$225,500
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50006064		$99,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, TX	3.888 acres with Caliche pit on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000

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6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003661		$119,000
6607 WCR 41	Lot 6, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003660		$119,000
6400 WCR 44	Lot 14, Block 8, 3.655 Acres	MLS #50003659		$119,000

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$210,000
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4308 Wood Dr
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$570,000
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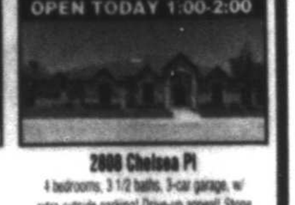

2808 Chelsea Pl
4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3-car garage, w/ extra outside parking! Drive-up appeal! Stone fireplace, 2-step calling treatment in formal dining room! Plantations shutters, beautiful flooring! Outside kitchen w/sink & stove area! Water well for yard only!
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OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
2829 Goddard Pl
Stunning 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with incredible updates! Wood tile flooring, expansive view from living area! Bonus room! Low maintenance backyard! Fabulous kitchen w/updated granite, custom shelving. Fabulous formal dining room!
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7201 E. CO. RD. 96... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #50007398	$440,000
12028 E. NOBLES... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #5000949	$179,400
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6401 W. CO. RD. 44 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50005628	$3,300,000
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1613 SEABOARD AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009787	$675,000
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5312 BELLA PLACE Stephanie Rogers	MLS #50009473	$615,000
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5813 DREXEL CT Karen Foster	MLS #50007749	$519,900
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5006 OAK VALLEY Susan Palmer	MLS #50008914	$499,000
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5707 CROWLEY Stephanie Rogers	MLS #50009500	$459,900
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3602 OAKRIDGE... Kim Merrill	MLS #50008982	$329,500
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2903 PRINCETON Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #50002294	SALE PENDING
6100 KING KELLY CT... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50009403	$315,000
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6213 SEQUOIA DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009481	$380,000
6404 DRIFTWOOD Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #50009958	$370,000
1804 NORTH H Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #50008505	$369,900
5616 GRASSLAND BLVD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$365,000
910 W CUTHBERT Michelle Hofer 238-4572		SALE PENDING
3204 APPERSON DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50008513	$340,000
5815 LLANO Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50009454	SALE PENDING
5503 LA JOLLA CV Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50008419	SALE PENDING
1807 PEUBLO Madison Shaw 528-4640	MLS #50007053	SALE PENDING
5611 CARMEL COURT Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #50005117	$315,000
3108 SOUTHRIDGE CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009776	SALE PENDING
4108 CYNTHIA DR Lisa Russell		$310,000
2406 W DENGAR AVE Kim Merrill	MLS #50008815	$305,000
3009 GODDARD Susan Palmer	MLS #50009678	$300,000
4700 BISHOPS CASTLE Susan Palmer	MLS #50009643	$299,000
2905 DOUGLAS Lydia Scudder		$299,000
5406 SAN SABA CT Gina Reyes	MLS #50008830	$295,000
2821 MOSS AVE Cheryl Parrish	MLS #50009731	$289,900
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2905 SKYLINE Lydia Scudder 853-2200		$279,000
5705 LLANO CT Kaiti Moss 661-904-7715		SALE PENDING
4900 TIMBER CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50008481	SALE PENDING
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3304 ROSEMONT DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50008517	SALE PENDING
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4702 ELMA Stacy Gonzalez	MLS #50008915	$265,000
6969 KING RANCH RD Pam Dodd		$260,000
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5402 RIO GRANDE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50009435	$249,900
4606 BISHOPS CASTLE DR... Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #50003188	$249,900
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513 COLISEUM CT... Tina Atkins 661-0062	MLS #50009916	$238,000
811 LAWSON... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50009981	$235,000
1208 RANDOLPH LN... Amanda Gunter	MLS #50008031	$235,000
5210 CANADIAN... Donna Omar	MLS #50003775	$235,000
2001 DOUGLAS... Pam Dodd		SALE PENDING
3304 CLAREMONT Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #50005493	SALE PENDING
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3203 W. SHANDON... Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001315	$215,000
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4301 NORWOOD... Donna Omar	MLS #50009247	$210,000
4501 W. CUTHBERT... Karen Foster	MLS #50005489	SALE PENDING
3008 VERMONT... Ashley St. John	MLS #50009207	SALE PENDING
506 WAVERLY DR... Skye Farris	MLS #50006416	$200,000
119 S. GLENWOOD DR... Madison Shaw 528-4640	MLS #50007883	$199,900
2506 HOYA DR... Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #50002192	$195,000
307 S. ESINHOWER... Wendy Waddell		$187,000
4405 PARKDALE DR... Cheryl Parrish	MLS #50009781	$179,900
3326 FANNIN AVE... Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #50007360	SALE PENDING
2602 FRONTIER... Karen Foster	MLS #50004099	SALE PENDING
5005 RAINBOW RD... Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #50001365	SALE PENDING
2500 PRINCETON... Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001320	SALE PENDING
3318 STOREY AVE... Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50001776	SALE PENDING
3239 WHITTLE WAY... Leah Watkins 559-2187		$169,000
305 S. DALLAS ST... Darla Davis	MLS #50002162	$167,000
5206 SUNNYSIDE DR... Martha Manulik	MLS #50004108	$165,000
5204 SAN ANTONIO... Danny Norwood	MLS #50004827	$160,000
3105 DELANO AVE... Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #50006353	$159,000
1217 CENTURY... Amanda Gunter	MLS #50009705	$155,000
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3400 W. GOLF COURSE RD... Amanda Gunter	MLS #50002095	SALE PENDING
3008 W. OHIO... Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #50001730	$149,000
1202 E. ESTES... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #50008842	$144,900
4702 COMANCHE... Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50006821	$140,000
420 E. SHANDON... Denise Brasher	MLS #50007936	$139,900
610 W. KANSAS... Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #50008662	$135,000
1009 MOGFORD... Cheryl Parrish	MLS #50009370	$134,900
1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR... Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #50004057	$128,000
4405 PARKDALE... Danny Norwood 413-2764		$124,900
703 RUBY... Donna Omar	MLS #50002293	SALE PENDING
309 E. PINE... Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #50003468	SALE PENDING
308 CEDAR STREET... Karen Foster 559-4086		SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4724-B HARVARD AVE Stephanie Masterson 556-1564		$158,000
104 HOLLY Amanda Gunter	MLS #50004592	$133,500
2510 COLLEGE AVE... Reannah Glover	MLS #50009036	SALE PENDING
4704 HARVARD AVE... DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50008798	$125,000
3330 CALDERA #146... Cheryl Parrish	MLS #50006509	$110,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4409 E CO RD 63 Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #108422	$999,000
5203 S CO RD 1065 Ashley St John	MLS #50009655	$800,000
6704 E CO RD 107 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50008195	SALE PENDING
7008 E CO RD 108 GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #50007715	$639,000
5510 FM 307 GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50008336	$599,000
7106 E CO RD 114 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50009494	$589,950
10310 S CO RD 1210 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50006926	Home w/Hangar/$589,500
12107 W CO RD 52 Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #108236	$484,900
7901 W CO RD 44 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009310	SALE PENDING
1201 SCR 1118 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #R9538A	$450,000
5716 S CO RD 1214 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50009318	$445,000
7314 E. CO. RD. 91, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50008026	$439,900
6908 E CO RD 92 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50009245	SALE PENDING
12119 E CO RD 102 Lana Flores 385-5843	MLS #50001291	$365,000
1902 E. CO. RD 120 Andrea Snell 559-4417	MLS #50008114	$329,900
3700 W. CO. RD 145 Danny Norwood 413-2764		$309,900
3700 W. CO. RD 145 Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50008046	10 Acres/$305,000
10603 FM 307, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50005495	SALE PENDING
4108 N. CO. RD. 1133 Mark Philliber	MLS #50009204	SALE PENDING
10909 E. CO. RD. 108 Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #108961	0.51 Acres/$295,000
4601 S. CO. RD. 1140, GREENWOOD Denise Brasher	MLS #50008871	1.73 Acres/$270,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 160... Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #50001570	$265,000
4610 N. CO. RD. 1278 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #50008485	$249,500
4607 S. CO. RD. 1177 Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #50005740	$249,000
6203 S. CO. RD. 1185 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #50008719	$210,000
10601 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD... Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		SALE PENDING
7606 E. CO. RD. 60 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50009375	$206,000
5201 S. CO. RD. 1160... Stacy Gonzalez	MLS #50008733	$175,000
9801 W. CO. RD. 56... Ashley St. John	MLS #50009197	SALE PENDING
4403 N. CO. RD. 1130... Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

14800 585 N BROWNWOOD TX Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #50008668	$996,500
401 4TH ST STANTON TX Lisa Russell	MLS #50004541	
2940 FM 829 NEAR STANTON Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50006617	$550,000
3016 SAN PEDRO ODESSA Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50005362	$315,000
COLORADO CITY Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50006943	10 Acres/$300,000
7037 KING RANCH ODESSA Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50008852	$289,000
6969 KING RANCH RD ODESSA Pam Dodd 413-0780		$260,000
2201 S. 3RD LAMESA Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50008073	$259,900
503 W 3RD STANTON Lana Flores		$250,000
4610 N CO RD 1278 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #50008485	$249,500
7001 XIT RANCH RD. ODESSA Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50009312	SALE PENDING
6955 XIT, ODESSA Pam Dodd 413-0780		SALE PENDING
6203 SCR 1185 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #50008719	$210,000
1201 OLD COURSE RD Susan Palmer	MLS #104067	$205,000
8725 CORNELL AVE ODESSA Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276	MLS #102876	$204,000
1100 E 44TH, ODESSA Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #50007312	$200,000
604 VASSAR, ODESSA Lana Flores		$198,500
409 OLD COURSE RD Amanda Gunter	MLS #104104	$195,000
409 E. 98TH STREET ODESSA Amanda Gunter 413-7330		$189,900
14241 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE... Leah Watkins	MLS #50002358	$189,000
9421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA... Darla Davis	MLS #105231	$175,000
4008 MAPLE AVE, ODESSA... DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009360	SALE PENDING
812 CORONADO... Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276	MLS #100010	$160,000
8633 NOTRE DAME... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50009540	SALE PENDING
10975 E. EMERSON ST., GARDENDALE... Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #50004438	$133,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106038	$99,400
11070 GRAHAM WAY... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50006064	$99,000
308 N. AVENUE O... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #50007972	$56,900

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10204 FM 307 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #108620	$1,528,000
9708 FM 307 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50005743	$860,000
3100 N. BIG SPRING... Ashley St. John	MLS #50009139	$625,000
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA... Sue Lytle	MLS #107382	$550,500
401 MIDLAND DR... Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000
1200 STOKES... Susan Palmer		SALE PENDING

LAND AND LOTS

9708 FM 307... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50005743	$860,000
3701 CARDINAL LN Pam Dodd		$850,000
4110 E CO RD 130 Kim Merrill	MLS #50007996	40 Acres/$800,000
N CO RD 1250 Reannah Glover	MLS #107925	70.5 Acres/$493,500
1200 STOKES Susan Palmer	MLS #50007917	$425,000
CO RD 1130 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #50007560	29 Acres/$250,000
2900 S CO RD 1208 Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #50001167	2 Acres
CO RD 60 W AND 1283 Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #50007449	3 Acres/$180,000
MARTIN CO... Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #50007174	10 Acres/$125,000
6400 W. CO. RD. 41 LOT 1, BLK 6 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50003663	$119,000
6401 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 1, BLK 8 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50003662	$119,000
6407 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 2, BLK 8 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50003661	$119,000
6607 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 6, BLK 8 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50003660	$119,000
6400 W. CO. RD. 44, LOT 14, BLK 8 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50003659	$119,000
S. CO. RD. 1133, GREENWOOD Lana Flores		2 Acres/$80,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
0 N. CARVER... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #50006096	SALE PENDING
0 N. CARVER... Josie Rendon 889-6394	MLS #50006098	SALE PENDING
0000 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108092	3.888 Acres/$32,000
203 N. CARVER... Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #50007179	$28,000
1209 E. HICKORY... Karen Foster 559-4086		Lot/$18,900
1295 E. HICKORY... Karen Foster 559-4086		Lot/$13,900
1207 E. HICKORY... Karen Foster 559-4086		Lot/$13,900
000 FM 307 (Greenwood) Appx 3.34 acres. Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #106786	SALE PENDING

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

3606 MISSION CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50007305	SALE PENDING
3301 WEDGWOOD COURT Kay Bivens 934-5995		$262,500
720 MELTON ALLEY Reannah Glover	MLS #50009785	SALE PENDING
2817 EMERSON PLACE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50008077	SALE PENDING
3010 MOSS Karen Mason	MLS #50001761	$229,900
2100 W WADLEY #M9 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50009623	$200,000
3102 TEALWOOD Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #50007620	$191,900
2415 IDLEWILDE, UNIT 13... Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #50007200	$125,000
3316 CALDERA BLVD. D-121... Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #50005228	SALE PENDING
600 LIDDON AVE. #52... Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #50006540	SALE PENDING

FOR LEASE

7037 KING RANCH, ODESSA... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50010052	$2,800/MONTH
4311 ST. ANDREWS... Pam Dodd 413-0780		$2,400/MONTH

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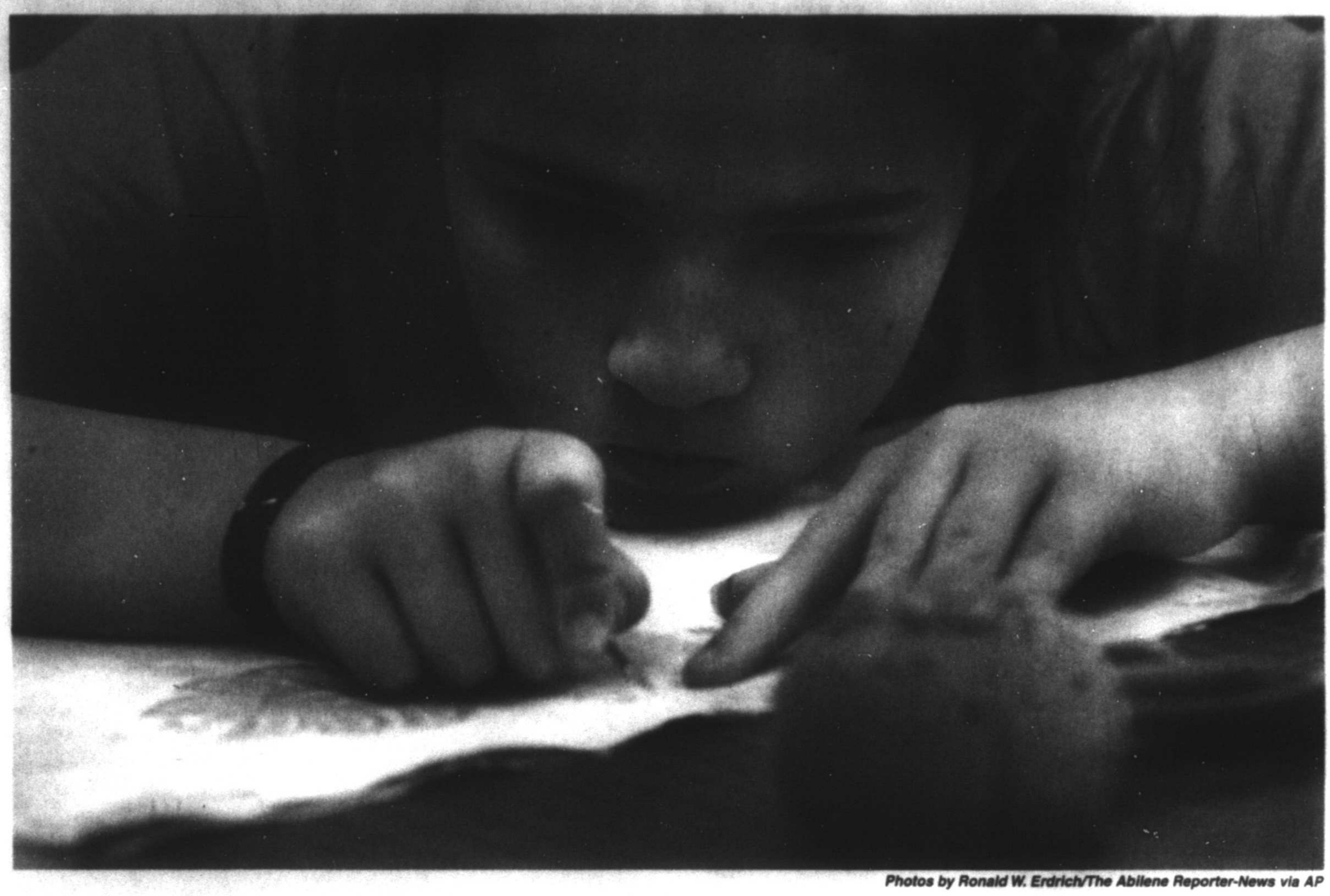

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CJ Chaney, 12, rips out the seam from one of the pajama legs she was making July 13 during the Stitches of Fun program, a 4-H sewing camp at the JT Ranch Quilt Shop in Cisco. Stitches of Fun taught students how make basic stitches and bring home something practical in the bargain. **BELOW:** Andrea Degalia, the Family and Consumer Sciences county agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Eastland County, inspects the cut of fabric for one of her students.

Stitch, sew, there you go at children's camp in West Texas

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

CISCO — Prior to this, Miranda Cochran's sewing skills were limited to home surgery.

"I sewed-up my little sister's pony," she said.

Toy repair aside, tackling pajama bottoms on a sewing machine was a big step for a 7 year old. But at the Stitches of Fun sewing and craft camp, on a recent Thursday, she kept at it.

She had, after all, just made a pillow.

"It was fun," she said. "I liked it."

Miranda bent her head to the machine, keeping a careful eye on the needle as it stitched her seam. Andrea Degelia, who ran the camp held inside the JT Ranch Quilt Shop, watched while lingering nearby.

Degelia is also the Family and Consumer Sciences county agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Eastland County. She had rigged a small book beneath the pedal on Miranda's sewing machine so the girl could reach it and occasionally leaned in to assist when her youngest pupil needed her.

"This is our two-day sewing camp," Degelia explained. "We call it 'Stitches of Fun' because we're learning our basic stitches."

Next to Miranda was her 10-year-old sister, Samantha. The two of them couldn't attend both days; there are lots of summer activities to occupy a child's time. Coming to this camp was especially important for Samantha.

"I just like sewing," she said. "I help my grandma because she loves sewing a bunch."

Their mother, Danielle Cochran, arrived to pick them up.

"Their grandmother is an avid quilter," she said. "So this is fun practice for when they are with her."

Pajama pants weren't the only thing the girls made, however. Samantha's favorite was the pillow they'd put together that morning. An avid reader, she was going to use it when paging through one of the mysteries she loves.

Across the work table, C.J. Chaney was grumpily working a seam ripper through her own pajama project. Beside her, Kourtney Peacock stoically performed the same chore. Both 12 year-olds had more experience than the sisters, but mistakes still happen.

"This is taking way too long," C.J. said.

"It is a little painstaking, but your seam ripper can sometimes be your best friend," Degelia said.

It is not my friend," C.J. said.

Degalia laughed.

Please see SEWING/5E

New Mexico Flavor Festival stirs up new energy in Ruidoso

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

A Ruidoso, New Mexico, businessman is backing a two-day food, wine, music and art festival through his marketing firm, Prolific Circle.

Brett Nichols thinks an event such as New Mexico Flavor Festival, planned for Aug. 19-20, is important for the area.

"I've been wanting to do a wine festival, but with my own three kids as a motivator, I wanted more cool events for families, especially young families like mine here in the cool pines of Ruidoso," he said.

Nichols, 30, former marketing manager of Ski Apache and Inn of the Mountain Gods, said "flavor" may conjure up the notion of just a food festival, but the event will show off flavors of the state.

NMFF will highlight New Mexico cuisine through food trucks and vendors as well as more than 40 selections of beer and wine.

"Sierra Blanca Brewery will be featured, and we're getting beers from around the state as well," he said in a phone interview.

Musicians and bands from New Mexico and Texas will perform throughout the weekend. There also will be body art exhibits, fashion shows, children's recreation and a VIP Village.

He wanted to provide something different from the relaxed vibe of the village.

"We get visitors here, but there wasn't enough happening for the small community who lived here," he said. "Plus, Ruidoso is the perfect venue for it, and we're seeing a lot of people and those young families settling in here."

Although he's presented a smaller festival for the last five years, his no-fear attitude led him to dive head first into an expanded festival.

"Lots of things have changed in the state, and we're such a melting pot here. I want to get involved in building that up to show it off to visitors and resi-

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AP file photo

More information

The New Mexico Flavor Festival is Aug. 19 and 20 at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex, 500 W. New Mexico Road in Ruidoso.

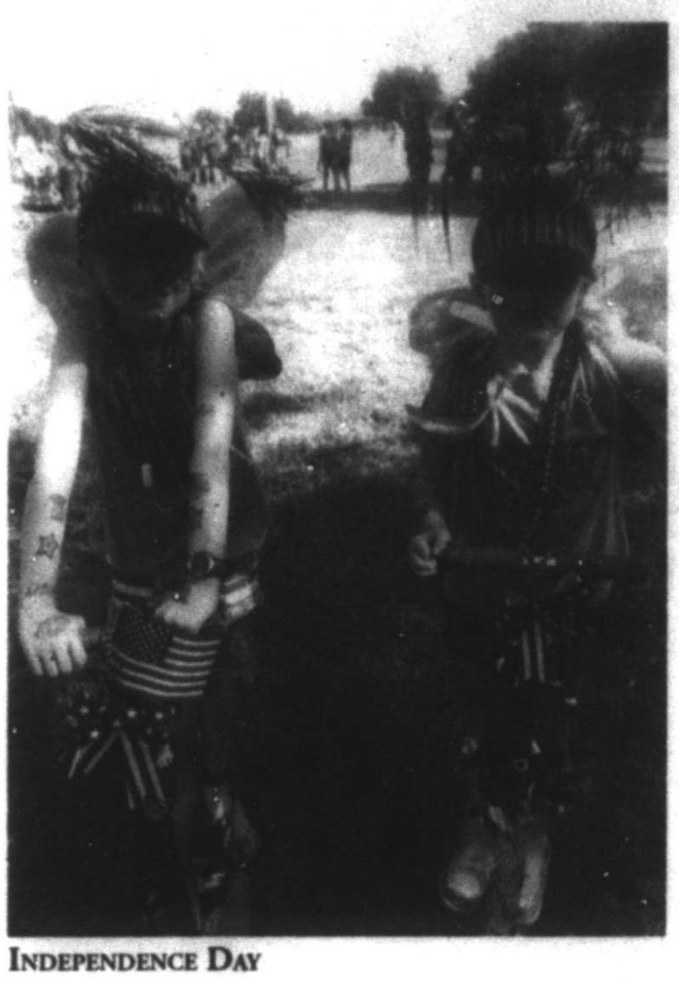
Passes with early-bird pricing are available online through Aug. 11. A one-day pass is $25; a two-day pass is $30. Children 12 and younger are free. VIP pass is $90.

Early-bird pricing for camping is through Aug. 19. Campsites are $40; each additional camper is $10.

Visit nmflavorfest.com for more information or to purchase passes.

OUT&ABOUT

BY JULIE DONNELLY



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lanie Burch, left, and Brynn Burch

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Kenley Green

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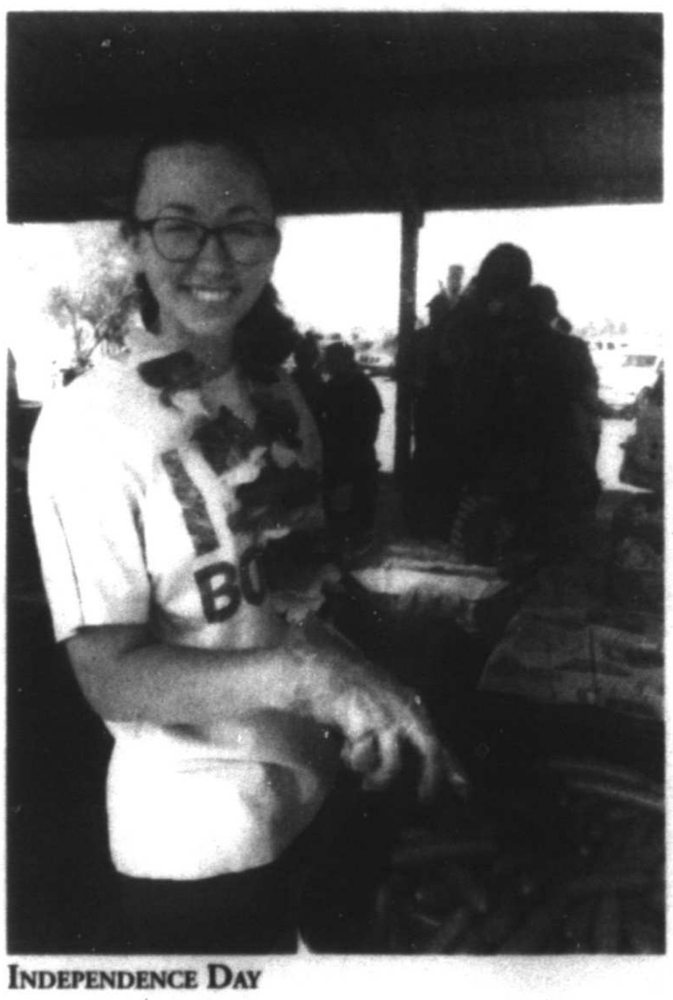
Julien Marquez, left, Jayden Marquez and Jiselle Marquez, front



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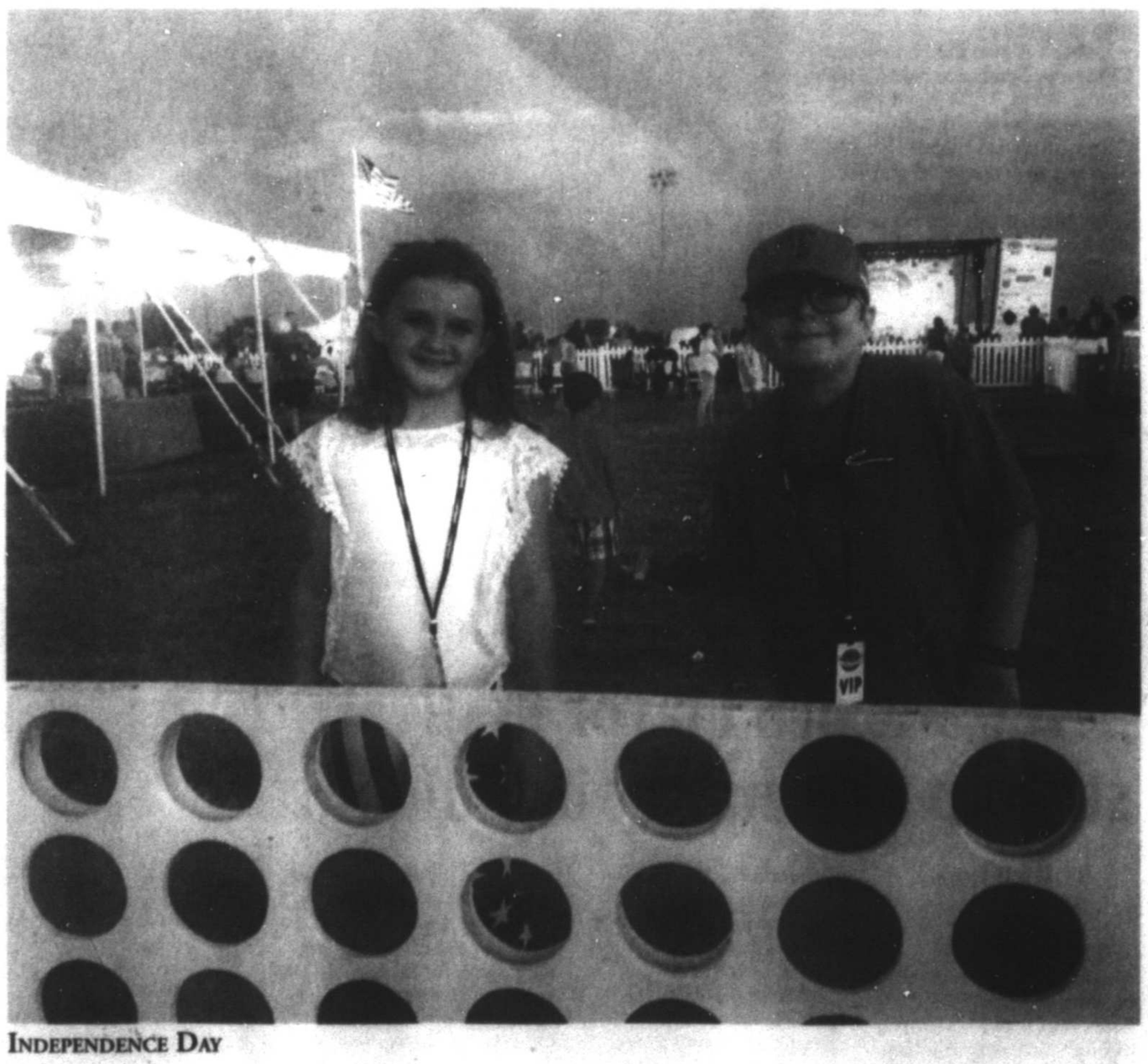
Hannah Wade



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Hailey Barden, left, and Hunter Williamson

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Area kids celebrated Independence Day with parades, fireworks, crafts and a picnic.

Children gathered July 1 at Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park for a picnic and bike parade. This event was sponsored by the Midland County Public Library and was a celebration of Independence Day and the halfway point of the Summer Reading Program. Red, white and blue streamers, stickers and flags were on hand for children to decorate their bikes. Other activities included potato-sack races, arts and crafts and a free hot dog lunch served by the library. The festivities ended with the bike parade around the park.

The Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the 55th annual Children's Parade on July 4 at Hogan Park. Gayle Dodson is chair of the annual event in which children paraded down the street to celebrate America's birthday.

That night, the Midland Chamber of Commerce hosted Star-Spangled Salute. Families enjoyed food trucks, games, a children's fun zone and a spectacular fireworks display.

ROBOTICS CAMP

Building Bots Robotics Camp was an exciting learning experience for kids across the Permian Basin. The camp is part of the Petroleum Museum's summer camp series.

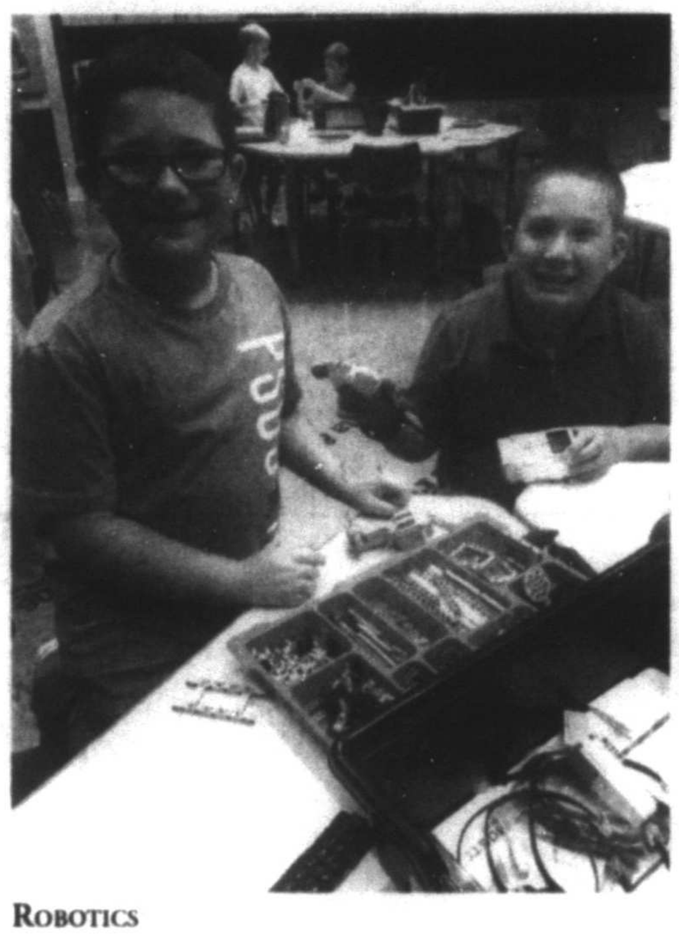
Each day of camp started with warm-up activities, such as using tongue depressors to make catapults, or coming up with creative ways to stack small cups on a single 2-inch cube. Throughout the week, campers designed and built robots ("Bots") and catapults out of the Lego Mindstorm sets provided.

The kids also learned basic programming skills using iPads, which they used to send commands to their robots to travel along the floor. The campers also used the commands to make their catapult launch items through the air.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

ROBOTICS

Kaleb Bernal, clockwise from front, Christian Hill, Colton Meek and William Russell



ROBOTICS

Robert Hidalgo Jr., left, and Auden Renteria

ROBOTICS

Kanishk Yankarla, left, and Carson Webb

ROBOTICS

Dylan Moore, from left, Aaron Stubbs and Luis Athayde

CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE HONORED

Courtesy photo

Judge Sylvia Chavez, third from left in front row, on July 17 administered the oath to a group of court-appointed special advocates: Kathryn Goodman, from left in front row,Tracy Dau, Gabbie Thomas and Jan West; and Lisa Shanks, from left in back row, Dan Pender, Debbie Duncan, Shauna Trela, Rene Molinar and Lee Roy. The volunteers with CASA of West Texas serve as advocates for foster childen in the Child Protective Court system.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Reluctant college student may benefit from taking a gap year

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old daughter has just graduated from high school. She has now informed me that she's not going on to college, like we had previously discussed, and becomes upset when we try to talk to her. My question is, should we let her make her own decision about this — and pay for it for the rest of her life — or continue to push her into some kind of life skill set? — LIFE SKILLS IN MISSOURI

DEAR LIFE SKILLS: Your daughter may be burned out from studying. Rather than "push" her into doing something she is sure to resent, consider allowing her to take a gap year.

This does not mean it should be spent resting on her laurels or her fanny. She might benefit from getting a job and learning what the real world is like. It would give her time to mature and, after spending a year in a lower-paying job, she may begin to appreciate the wisdom of furthering her education for the financial benefit it brings.

DEAR ABBY: I have had a weight problem all my life. What makes it harder is that I have a sister a year younger who can't gain a pound. She has always been the "hot one" and the center of attention. People she has introduced me to have actually said, "I can't believe you're sisters" instead of "Nice to meet you."

Of course, my sister is married, while I am still single. I hate being around her because I feel like a slug. I'm more physically active than she is, and I eat healthier. I'm not ugly, but I feel that way around her. Do you have any advice on handling this? — IN HER SHADOW IN MARYLAND

DEAR IN HER SHADOW: For starters, stop comparing yourself to your sister. You are overdue for reviewing your own assets as an individual.

You may not be as "metabolically blessed" as your slender sister, but that doesn't mean you don't have important qualities that she doesn't share. Figure out what those are, "polish" them, and you will discover you are a successful person in your own right.

If you think your not being married is a drawback, it's time you understood that marriage isn't a goal; it is only a beginning. It's a partnership, hopefully a successful one, but it's not a guarantee of success in any area.

DEAR ABBY: My son volunteers teaching classes at a community center and is generous about assisting anyone with anything he is capable of. But when it comes to helping his wife and family, he never has time because he's always helping strangers. I believe his giving should begin at home. How can we get him to see the light? — DO-GOODER'S MOM

DEAR DO-GOODER'S MOM: While I agree that charity should begin at home, your daughter-in-law should address this with your son, not you. Suggest she begin by asking him why the psychic gratification he receives from helping strangers seems to be greater than what he feels from helping family. His answer should be an interesting jumping-off place for the discussion that ensues. Everybody needs to feel important, and strangers may be more inclined to express their gratitude.

EXCHANGE OF POWER

Courtesy photo

Patty Brady, right, president of the Crime Stoppers of Midland Inc. Board of Directors, recently presented a plaque to the outgoing president, Carolyn Hatcher, in recognition of her leadership and service. Hatcher served as president July 2015 through June 2017.

GORENBRIDGE

FROM BOB JONES

DEAL WITH IT

New players are reluctant to raise partner's one-of-a-major response with only three-card support. A little experience teaches us that it is often the right bid when there is a little distribution in opener's hand. North's raise on this deal was sound. The contract would be a "day at the beach" if the clubs split 3-2, but the opening club lead looked like a singleton and declarer had to decide how best to deal with it. Drawing trumps right away wouldn't work, as there would be no entry back to dummy once the clubs were established. Even two rounds of trumps were too many on this deal. The 4-1 trump split meant that the defense would succeed as long as West was patient and didn't ruff any clubs. This deal was played recently in a team competition, and the declarer at one table found the winning line. He won the opening club lead in his hand, cashed the king of spades, and then led his remaining club toward dummy. West could not profit by ruffing, so he discarded a heart as dummy's ace won the trick. Declarer led a low club and ruffed it with his queen before leading a low spade to dummy's jack. South now cashed dummy's king of clubs and continued running the good clubs. West could ruff whenever he liked, but the ace of spades was still in dummy for an entry as well as to draw the last trump. Well done!

Both vulnerable, North deals

	NORTH ♠ A J 5 ♡ J 5 ◇ 8 4 ♣ A K 8 5 4 2	
WEST ♠ 8 7 6 2 ♡ K 9 7 3 ◇ K 9 7 5 ♣ 3		EAST ♠ 3 ♡ A 10 4 2 ◇ Q J 10 5 ♣ J 10 9 7
	SOUTH ♠ K Q 10 9 4 ♡ Q 8 6 ◇ A 6 2 ♣ Q 6	

The bidding:			
NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣

BRIDGERESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

July 17

Charlie Grimes-Robert Grimes, Don Troy-Belle Harris, Marlene Blumentritt-Audie Brooks, Greg Keys-Linda Scarpelli, Stewart Doreen-Patti Heard, Linda McDonald-Terri Melton

July 18

James Hawkins-Bob Bacon, Jean Pistole-Tommie Strack, Lena Nichols-Blumentritt, Kay Arrell-Heard, Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, A. Brooks-Bill Brooks

July 19

C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Dorothy Brenneman-Paula Baggett-Linda Buzan-Ann Servatius-Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Ann Parish-Harris, Scott Vaughan-Lonnie Yee, Kay Sewell-Keys

July 20

Betty Moore-Buzan, Scarpelli-Servatius, C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Baggett-Brenneman, Sewell-Don Troy, Marty Massie-Sandy Hill

John Seymour-Harris, David Hudson-Keys-A. Brooks-B. Brooks-Georgia Temple-Marilyn Higgins, Linda Farrar-McDonald

Seymour-Harris, Buzan-Moore, Keys-Hudson-A. Brooks-B. Brooks-Temple-Higgins, Scarpelli-Servatius, C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Baggett-Brenneman, Sewell-Troy, Farrar-McDonald

July 21

Bacon-R. Grimes, Janet Stoltz-Baggett, Servatius-Scarpelli, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder, Ricki Perry-Strack, Buzan-Higgins, Blumentritt-Arrell, A. Brooks-B. Brooks

July 23

Deborah Brookins-Marilyn Matthews, Perry-Strack, C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Bacon-Servatius, Arrell-Blumentritt, Nancy Ward-Buzan, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Parish-Edward McPherson, Troy-Yee

Sarah Crowder via AP

Cooking on Deadline: Deviled burgers make for fiery, flavorful treat

By Katie Workman
Associated Press

Some good ground beef, preferably not too lean (when making burgers, fat is our friend), and a generous sprinkling of salt and pepper is all you need to make a fine burger most days. But on some other days, you might want a burger with a bit more zing, more interest, more panache.

Some days might call for a deviled burger.

Shallots, mustard, chili sauce, hot sauce — just a little bit of these ingredients turn plain burgers into "can I get this recipe?" burgers. If you are looking for more heat, just increase the amount of dry mustard and/or chili powder.

Note that this recipe calls for ancho chili powder, a ground spice made of 100 percent ancho peppers. It's available in the spice section of most supermarkets. This is different from a general chili powder, sometimes called chili blend or chili seasoning, which contains a mix of ground chilies, garlic, cumin, oregano and maybe additional spices. But if that blend is what you have on hand, it will still make a burger with portfolio.

These burgers, like all burgers, can easily be made into a cheeseburger, using whatever cheese you like, from cheddar to Emmental to provolone to blue cheese to a good old slice of American cheese. The seasonings in the meat take well to a variety of cheeses, from pungent to mild. It's a question of whether you want to keep pumping up the flavor or just add some meltiness to the equation.

Instead of ketchup on top, you might also try a bit of the chili sauce. A slice of sharp onion keeps the flavor ratcheting upwards.

Bring it, you say? Oh, it's on.

Deviled burgers

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Serving: Makes 6 large burgers or 8 medium burgers

- 2 pounds ground chuck (80/20)
- 2 tablespoons chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons finely minced shallot
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 1 tablespoon jarred horseradish, squeezed well to remove excess liquid
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Sliced or crumbled cheese, if desired
- 6 split burger buns

To Serve:

- Ketchup, mustard, chili sauce
- Lettuce
- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Pickles

Form the patties: Place the chili sauce, shallot, parsley, horseradish, mustard, chili powder, salt and pepper in a bowl and stir to combine. Add the meat. Use your hands to lightly but thoroughly mix the seasonings into the meat. Divide the beef into six or eight even portions, and use your hands to form even, round patties, about 3/4-inch thick. Use your fingers to press a small indentation into the middle of each patty.

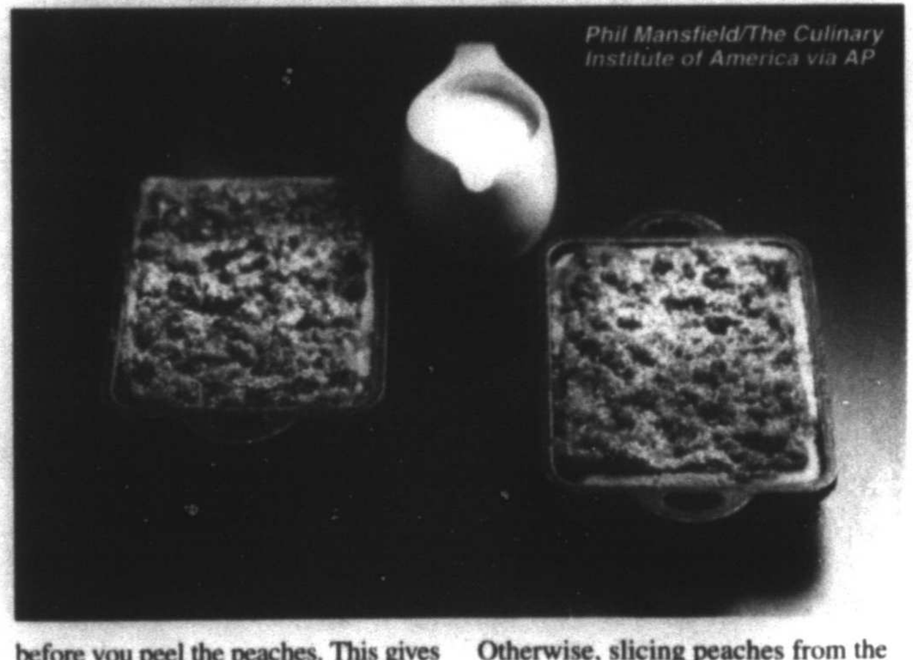
Make the burgers: Place the patties on the grill and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, until they are cooked to your liking. During the last minute of cooking, place the cheese over the burgers, if desired. Also place the buns on the grill and let them toast lightly, if desired.

Place a burger on the bottom of each bun, and top as desired. Place the bun top over the burger and serve.

Nutritional information: 520 calories; 292 calories from fat; 32 g fat (12 g saturated; 2g trans fats); 107 mg cholesterol; 668 mg sodium; 24 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 31 g protein.

Add 'crumb' to a peach pie and pump up excitement level

By The Culinary Institute of America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Peeling peaches is the pits. And if you're like us, you end up eating your weight in fresh peaches (ideally over the sink, with juice running down your arms) before you ever work up the motivation to cook or bake with them.

But also if you're like us, once you go through the effort of boiling the water, blanching your peaches, and peeling them to reveal the jewel-toned flesh, you remember that it really only takes 10 minutes and wasn't so bad after all.

By now, hopefully, you're running out the door to the market to buy more peaches. We'll wait, and when you get back, the perfect summer pie recipe will be waiting for your newly-naked fruit.

Classic peach pies rank high among top summer treats, but in general, the best way to make someone even more excited about a fruit pie is to add the word "crumb" to the name. There's something about those sweet, crunchy-chewy morsels of streusel-y goodness that no one can resist. This version sticks to the classic flavor of cinnamon, but for a subtle, unique variation, try replacing it with ground cardamom.

What's even better is that a crumb topping means only one pie crust to roll out. If you'd like, you can use store-bought, but we like the tender flakiness of a freshly made dough. Whatever you choose, line the pie plate before you peel the peaches. This gives it some time to rest in the refrigerator, which will help prevent shrinking.

When it comes to the peaches, set yourself up for success. You might be tempted to choose a firm peach, to make peeling and slicing easier. But under-ripe peaches are actually a nightmare to peel, and even after boiling, you will struggle to separate the skin from the flesh. Culinary Institute of America chef Genevieve Meli advises you pick fruit with a "sweet, ripe aroma" and it "should be plump and firm but not hard, and free of bruises." Once boiled, the skin will peel off effortlessly.

If you're lucky enough to find ripe freestone peaches, snatch them up. Otherwise, slicing peaches from the pits can be tough. The easiest way to slice a peach and prevent a big bowl of mush is to cut the peach into four segments, around the pit. Then slice those segments. You can use a paring knife to trim any remaining flesh from around the pit, or just gnaw it off like the rest of us.

Working with fresh fruit always means some variability in the consistency of your filling, and peach pies are especially notorious for runny innards. With enough time to cool, this pie should thicken enough to slice and serve. But if your peaches were extra juicy (lucky!), don't be frustrated. Even a runny pie is better than no pie, especially topped with a scoop of ice cream.

Peach crumb pie

Servings: 10 (Makes one 9-inch pie)
Total time: 3 hours 15 minutes (Active time: 30 minutes)

- One single-crust prepared pie dough
- Brown Sugar and Oat Crumble (recipe follows)
- 3 pounds peaches
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 375 F and set the rack in the lowest position.

Line the bottom of a pie pan with pie dough. Refrigerate while you prepare the crumble and filling.

Prepare Brown Sugar and Oat Crumble. Set aside.

Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. In a medium bowl, prepare an ice bath. Lightly cut an X on top of each peach. Gently lower half of the peaches into the boiling water with a slotted spoon and submerge for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove them with a slotted spoon and immediately submerge in the ice bath. Repeat with the remaining peaches. Transfer the blanched peaches to a cutting board. When they are cool enough to handle, remove the skins with a paring knife or peeler. Pit the peaches and cut them into 1/3-inch slices.

In a medium bowl, combine the peaches, sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch, cinnamon, and salt. Toss to combine. Immediately transfer the mixture to the prepared bottom crust. Top with the crumble.

Place the pie on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until the filling is bubbly and thick, 45 to 50 minutes. Remove the pie from the oven and place it on a cooling rack. Let cool for 2 to 3 hours. The filling will continue to thicken and set as the pie cools.

Brown sugar and oat crumble

Servings: Makes about 2 cups

- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, cold, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, oats, sugar, cinnamon, and salt.

Add the butter to the flour mixture, tossing to coat. Cut the fat into the mixture using your fingertips, a pastry blender, or two forks until the mixture looks like coarse irregular crumbs.

Distribute the crumble evenly over the pie or tart and bake as directed. If not using immediately, store the crumble in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Chef's Note: If making the crumble in a food processor, stir in the oats by hand after pulsing in the butter to avoid chopping the oats.

Nutrition information per serving: 340 calories; 80 calories from fat; 10 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 12 mg cholesterol; 171 mg sodium; 61 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 39 g sugar; 4 g protein.

Hints from Heloise

King Features Syndicate

Love of Swedish meatballs prompts recipe retelling

Dear Heloise: My husband loves Swedish meatballs, but I don't have a recipe for them. Do you? — Karen C., Middletown, N.Y.

Dear Karen: In fact I do, and here it is:

- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8 ounces ground beef
- 8 ounces sausage meat (spicy)
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon monosodium glutamate (optional)
- 5-ounce can of sliced water chestnuts, chopped

Mix the breadcrumbs and milk in a large bowl. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Roll the meat mix into 1-1/2-inch balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet with sides, close together (these shrink when cooked). Bake at 350 degrees until well-done and golden brown (about 30 to 40 minutes). Remove from the oven and drain on a paper towel. Serve with spicy jelly sauce. To make the sauce, use equal portions of grape jelly and cocktail (red, shrimp) sauce. Stirring constantly, cook over a low heat until bubbling. Remove from heat and pour over meatballs.

This recipe could become a favorite in your family, and I have many others in my Main Dishes and More pamphlet. To order a copy, go to my website at Heloise.com. Swedish meatballs can be a great appetizer for a party, or are great over noodles as a main dish. — Heloise

Salad greens turning brown

Dear Heloise: I've been a fan of yours since I was a young girl.

My question: I love the convenience of packaged organic salad mixes. However, 95 percent of the time, these go bad before the date listed on the package. Is there a solution to making these last longer? — Camilla G., via email

Dedar Camilla: Line a plastic container with two layers of paper towels. These will absorb moisture from your salad greens. For large bags of greens, use four layers, and make sure the lid fits tightly or that the bag is closed securely. Store your greens in the vegetable bin of your refrigerator. Always buy greens at least five days before the expiration date. — Heloise

Aluminum cookware

Dear Heloise: My son and I are concerned about the possible dangers of cooking with aluminum cookware. Yet our stores continue to sell aluminum items for food preparation. What's the answer? — Fil B., Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Fil: The debate rages on. Nearly all aluminum cookware today is anodized, which means that very little aluminum is leached from the product, especially if it's coated with a nonstick material. However, there are many products that contain aluminum, such as cans for beverages, cake mixes, toothpastes, antacids and baking powder, just to name a few. Some experts feel it's not the aluminum from cookware, but rather the cumulative effects of aluminum in so many products that might cause toxic levels in the body, although ingested aluminum is most often excreted in the urine. — Heloise

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Sewing

From 1E

"Well, it's your friend because now you can put your legs in your pants when we're done with it," she said. "Without that, you wouldn't be able to."

It's a learning process, and that's why C.J. and Kourtney wanted to come in the first place.

"Sewing is just something that we both really like to do," she said, adding that she appreciated the experience gained in this setting.

"We get to make fun projects at the end of the day, and we get to meet new people," Kourtney said.

Kourtney also was a fan of the pillow they made that day. C.J.'s favorite thing so far is something she crafted at last year's camp.

"The really cute skirt that I made out of some fabric," she said. "I think sometime today I'm going to start on a blanket for my grammy and paw-paw, I've got the stuff for it."

As time was running out, it was likely the girls weren't going to finish their projects that day. The following day would have its own work, so they would have to likely finish them at home.

"Overall, we like for them to complete the projects and learn the different techniques that go with it," Degalia said.

"But mostly, we want them to get the love of sewing, that it's possible to make things and that it's fun."

Jerry Choate, the owner of the shop, echoed those sentiments.

"Children are our future, and that's the bottom line," she said. "Sewing builds self-esteem in children, it gives them the confidence to do the things that they don't see a lot of other people doing."

Back with the sisters, Miranda already knows what her next project is going to be.

"A dress," she declared. "A red, fluffy dress. I want to be a dress designer when I grow up."

Her mother said Miranda has already asked for her own sewing machine.

"So, we'll have to see. Maybe Santa Claus?" Danielle Cochran mused. "Miranda is hooked."

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Festival

From 1E

dents," Nichols said.

He's also using this as a moment to give back to the community. NMFF has partnered with Toys for Tots. All of the parking proceeds will go toward the organization that provides Christmas gifts for needy children.

Nichols is hoping West Texans will consider the weekend of the festival a good time to visit..

"We're packing it full to appeal to all types of people," he said. "The buzz has been amazing with Facebook. I haven't seen a post do so well. I think the

Tablescaping: adding some garden beauty to the dining room

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

Tablescaping is an art form that brings nature into the dining room, providing a feast for the eyes. You can cut your own garden flowers and greenery to make a centerpiece for your table — and then keep on getting creative.

"Adding nature to your table will enliven your guests' experience as they take their place for a meal," said Tobey Nelson, owner of Tobey Nelson Events and Design in Clinton, Washington. "A table that is embellished with beautiful natural elements can turn a pleasant dinner into a special occasion."

"Add a few stems of lovely greenery such as ferns or hosta to smaller vases along or around the table," she suggested. "Place a sprig of an herb such as rosemary or a blossom on a napkin or plate to bring your tablescape alive."

Maybe you have small pots of succulents or herbs on your patio? Incorporate them too, Nelson said.

"Sometimes a creative idea for the garden works nicely on a table setting, too. Think sweet little teacups planted with succulents, or small terra cotta pots with little herb plants," she said. "These work well to beautify your table and make cute patio decorations through the summer — or great little gifts for your guests."

No need to relegate cutting flowers to their own patch in the garden, she said.

"Weave them into your landscape. Plant a few cosmos between shrubs," she said. "Peonies, a popular garden plant, are great as cut flowers, and their foliage is beautiful in a vase. Lots of vines are great in arrangements."

Tablescaping with plants from your own garden adds a personal touch to the dining experience.

"A lot of times you can personalize by using native flowers that emphasize the area in which you live," said Kaleb Norman James, who owns a wedding and floral design company in Kirkland, Washington. "Or something that a bride and bridegroom can display at their wedding dinner that they're proud of — flowers that tie in to who they are, where they've been or what they've done."

Even the smallest details count.

"I love to look into the elements that may be overlooked," James said. Rarely does he use a plain white napkin, for instance: "Look for color or patterns or some type of decorative element like a flower."

Tablescaping is more than a floral centerpiece, he said. "It's tying in a lot of different pieces. The flatware, glassware, linens, table numbers and place cards that fit a theme.

"Try to add some additional custom things on top of that," James said. "Fruit or something depicting the season. Little trays with grapes flowing onto the table. Or berries in silver compotes or bowls."

In winter, add candles, geodes and crystals for a glamorous touch, he said.

Online:

For more about keeping cut flowers and flowering plants, see this University of Minnesota Extension Fact Sheet: http://bit.ly/2p7o0VU

On Gardening: Chantilly lace and pinky winky dazzling in blooms, bees, and butterflies

By Norman Winter
Tribune News Service

The Hydrangea paniculatas have to be the showiest plant in the summer garden, and I have an affection for them all. Chantilly lace and pinky winky, however, has captured my heart not only for their beauty but their proclivity to attract pollinators.

Here at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, we have several of the leading varieties of what we call the panicle hydrangeas. With 51 acres and the hydrangeas spread out, I have not paid much attention to any visiting pollinators.

Everyone loves them against a backdrop of deep green garden foliage or combined with cottage garden plants like rudbeckias. Bees, butterflies, wasps, and giant flies, however, will make you want to add a little dazzle like Chantilly lace or pinky winky to the backyard wildlife habitat.

Panicle hydrangea is cold-hardy and recommended from zones 3-8 (9). In Savannah where we push zone 9, they do superbly. This means just about the whole country can grow them.

The Hydrangea paniculata or panicle varieties are different than the mophead or French hydrangea. The leaves are smaller and the number of flowers is incredible. The flowers may be 6- to 15-inches long and most held upright on the plant. You now have a staggering list of choices in the size of your selections from those that are diminutive or dwarf to those reaching 10-feet.

It seems not one nursery or catalog description, however, mentions pollinators in association with the hydrangea paniculata. Perhaps it is because most have sterile flowers. If you look at internet images, you will indeed see selections that do attract pollinators.

This is an important criterion with many gardeners. These selections like chantilly lace or pinky winky seem to have an ample quantity of both sterile and fertile blossoms. Though the fertile blossoms are not near as showy, they make up for it in honeybees and other pollinators.

Ideal growing conditions are fertile, well-drained soil with morning sun and afternoon shade. In the landscape, plant it among other shrubs 72 to 80 inches apart in odd-numbered clusters for a terrific, eye-catching display.

To plant your hydrangea, dig the hole two to three times as wide as the rootball but no deeper so you can plant it at the same depth it is growing in the container. Apply a good layer of mulch to conserve moisture. Once established, you'll find your panicle selection is less dependent on water than its big-leafed cousins.

Soil pH does not affect the color of the flowers like it does with the blue or pink big-leafed hydrangeas. Any flowers left on the plant do provide winter texture and interest. Chantilly lace, pinky winky and the other panicle varieties bloom on new wood, so prune in late fall or early spring. A medium pruning that removes one-third to one-half the plant size gives a better structure for large blossoms and the new season ahead. Feed your hydrangea in early spring as new growth resumes.

Everyone loves hydrangeas, bees and butterflies and now with varieties of hydrangea paniculatas like chantilly lace and pinky winky you can have them all.

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Hummingbirds are full of surprises

CARL WHITE
Permian Basin Master Gardener

To this day, the small hummingbird has researchers puzzled. Even the hummingbird's basic task of drinking water is a mystery. A tongue that extends and retracts about 20 times per second to draw water into its mouth is a baffling exercise in coordination for scientists. Thus extends the appeal of the amazing birds we so enjoy each summer.

The common habitant of the West Texas area is the black-chinned species, which spends its winters in Central America and the Gulf Coast. The greatest traveler is the Rufous, which travels 4,000 miles from Mexico to Alaska. Being well-adapted to cold, this migration begins as early as Februry, and by the time the ruby-throats begin migration, the Rufous is already 1,000 miles farther north.

Hummingbirds have nest-site fidelity. If the nesting was successful and young were raised, they commonly return to the same area. So we just may see in spring, hummingbirds arriving to the feeder served them the year before. In the Permian Basin area, placing your feeders outside by March 20 should catch the early male returnees.

A female will take less than a week to build her nest. Her eggs are the size of peas and are her sole responsbility. If you come across a hummingbird nest, do not disturb and get close to it. The female will often abandon the nest and even young chicks.

The male exists for breeding. Being so territorial, the male furiously defends his territory and food supply, even from the females with whom he breeds.

These birds fly at speeds up to 60 mph for breeding display but normal flying speeds are up to 30 mph. They are solitary birds and migrate alone.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Matter	This Week		Church	J.Jones	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Essentials	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	InSearch	Naturally	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Give	Off-Road	Golf	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Cat/ Hat	Speaks	SplashB.	Sid	Cat	Jet Go!	Wild Kratts		Arthur	Cyberch.	Mind
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Como dice el dicho		Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		(4:00) Jewelry TV		Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		Paid	Xterra
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:40) ★ Rabid		(:10) Crocodile Dundee in L.			(:45) ★★★ Who Framed Roger Rabbit?				★★ The Accidental Spy		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:15) ★★★ Leatherheads George Clooney.				(:15) Real Sports		(:15) ★★★ Selena ('97, Bio) Jennifer Lopez.					Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:25) ★ Straight Outta Compton O'Shea Jackson Jr.					(:55) ★★★★ Suicide Squad Will Smith.				Defiant	Defiant
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★ Powder Mary Steenburgen.				(:40) Diana, Mother:		(:45) ★★★ Erin Brockovich ('00, True) Julia Roberts.				
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) Bachelor P...		(:15) ★★ Eddie the Eagle Taron Egerton.				(:05) ★★ Semi-Pro Will Ferrell.			(:40) Ouija: Origin of Evil		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:35) Morgan Kate Mara.			(:10) ★★ The Astronaut's Wife				★★★★ Capote Philip Seymour Hoffman.			
PLEX			96			(5:25) Baby Boom		(:20) ★★★★ Terms of Endearment Shirley MacLaine.					(:35) ★★★ Steel Magnolias Sally Field.				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	London Town			(:35) Boxing Showtime Championship Site: Barclays Center					(:05) Acc.	(:35) Perfect in '76		Movie
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★★★★ Charade ('63, Susp) Cary Grant.				★★★ Fried Green Tomatoes				(:15) ★★★ To Catch a Thief Cary Grant.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	Breaking Bad "Mas"		(:05) Breaking Bad		(:10) Breaking Bad	
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	IFCJ	Abundant	Joyful Noise (N)		Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	(:05) Martin	(:40) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		A Night	A Night	Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	How Jaws/World		Lair of the Sawfish		African Shark Safari		Shark Planet				Shark Vortex	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	PJ Masks	The Lion	Mickey	Puppy	Elena	Raven's.	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Radio Rebel	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		E:60 (N)		SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Soccer International Champions Cup				SportsCenter		E:60		30 for 30		Battle-Network Stars	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Patricia H	S. Kitchen	Heart	Rules	Big Bite	Cooking	TiaMowry	Giada	Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban Daniel Radcliffe.						(:10) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Daniel Radcliffe.					
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	CBCamp	Houston	Sports	Paid	Paid	MediaDay	MediaDay	Focused	Polaris	MLB Baseball	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	When the Game Stands Tall Jim Caviezel.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	Lucky in Love ('14, Dra) Jessica Szohr.				While You Were Dating Billy Baldwin.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Top Gear "80's Power"		Top Gear		Counting Cars: Drive "Road to Car Week" (N)						Holy Grail	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Date Night Live				A Mother's Nig...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC	Business	PoliticsNation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Pre-race	F1 Auto Racing Hungarian Grand Prix Site: Hungaroring (L)					F1 Extra	NASCAR Auto Race		NASCAR Auto Race		NASCAR
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	P Ranger	Sponge	Turtles	Sponge	★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				Loud H.	Loud H.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Ice Sharks (2016, Sci-Fi)				Sharktopus ('10, Sci-Fi) Eric Roberts.				Atomic Shark	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Money Talks Charlie Sheen.				★★★ Rush Hour	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Maytime		(:15) ★★★ Double Wedding				★★★ Born To Kill Lawrence Tierney.				A Tree Grows I...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Videos
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Trophy"		LawOrder "Custody"		Law&Order "Encore"		Law & Order "Savior"		★ Madea Goes to Jail Tyler Perry.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Suits "Mudmare"		SVU "Design"		SVU "Hothouse"		Law&O: SVU "Sugar"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Paid	Interest "Sotto Voce"		Person of Interest		Interest "Synecdoche"		P. Interest ".EXE"	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

JULY 30, 2017

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	30 for 30 (N)		Sports Shorts (N)		American Ninja War.		News	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Mudder "South" (N)		PGA of America		PGA Golf Canadian Open Site: Glen Abbey Golf Club -- Oakville, Ont. (L)						RawTrav.	News (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Mary	Mary	Rhoda	Rhoda	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat "The Caller"			LoveStyle
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★ AVP: Alien vs. Predator				Paid	Paid	HomeT.	Raceweek	2½Men	2½Men	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Aleph	Creation	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) Golf		Dew Tour		FINA Swimming World Championship (L)				Horse Racing		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Clos.Truth	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Baking "Tudor Week"		News. (N)	W.Week	Wild Alaska Live	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol León at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Recuerda y gana		Aquí y ahora		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Xterra	Bucket List	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	M.Crimes "Jailbait"	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★ The Program ('93, Spt) James Caan.				★★ Miss Potter			(:45) ★★★ Glengarry Glen Ross				Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:30) Keeping U...		(:20) VICE	1stLook	(:10) The Last Witch Hunter Vin Diesel.				★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(11:55) Defiant Ones		The Defiant Ones		(:25) The Defiant Ones			Making /(:40) ★★ Be Kind Rewind				Room104
HBOS	304	552	16	102		LastWeek	(:35) ★★ Mission: Impossible II				(:40) Thrones		Insecure	(:15) Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:20) Domestic Disturbance			(:50) Emelie Sarah Bolger.			(:15) Mad Max 2: The Road...			(:50) ★★ Gods of Egypt		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★★★ Heartbreak Ridge				(:10) ★★★ Fido			(:45) ★★★ The Bone Collector				Movie
PLEX			96			(11:35) ★★ Loser		(:10) According to Greta			(:45) ★★ Heart and Souls				★ Blonde Ambition		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:45) ★★★ The Prestige Christian Bale.				★★ Primal Fear ('96, Susp) Richard Gere.				(:15) ★ Bad Moms ('16, Com) Mila Kunis.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:05) ★★★ A Bronx Tale Robert De Niro.				(:10) ★★★ Cry Freedom ('87, Bio) Denzel Washington, Kevin Kline.						★★ The Yards	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:15) Breaking Bad		(:20) Breaking Bad "Kafkaesque"			(:25) BreakBad "Fly"		BreakBad "Abiquiu"		(:35) Breaking Bad		BreakBad
BET	58	-		40		(:15) Martin	(:50) Martin		(:25) Martin	★★ All About the Benjamins ('02, Act) Ice Cube.					(:25) ★ Lottery Ticket		
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Shahs "OMGG"		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	IndyCar Auto Racing Honda Indy 200 (L)						Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Jaws of the Deep		Sharks Among Us		Bride of Jaws		Shark Exile		Sharks and the City (N)			
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:40) Underc.	Bizaard.	AndiM.	Andi M.	Andi M.	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	(:45) Bunk'd	(:15) Finding Ne...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	E:60		MLS Soccer New York City FC at Toronto FC (L)				Soccer Champions Cup (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Battle-Network Stars		E:60		Drone Racing Lg. (N)		Drone Racing Lg. (N)		ATP Tennis Atlanta Open (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal Editorial R.		America's News HQ		Greg Gutfeld Show		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Network Star	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.								Harry Potter & the Deathly...		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(11:00) MLB Baseball		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Knockout
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Selma ('14, History) Tom Wilkinson, Tim Roth, David Oyelowo.						★★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service Taron Egerton.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Stranded in Paradise Vanessa Marcil.				Birthday Wish ('17, Rom) Jessy Schram.				Love on a Limb Ashley Williams.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip (N)	House (N)	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(11:00) Holy Grail		Quest for the Lost Ark				American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) A Mother's...		Mommy's Secret Charisma Carpenter.				Killer Mom ('17, Thril) Karen Cliche.				The Other Mother	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				(11:30) NASCAR America (L)			Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing Overton's 400 Site: Pocono Raceway -- Pocono, Pa. (L)							PostRace
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Welcome	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	H.Danger	H.Danger
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Beach Rats"	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:00) Atomic S...		Zombie Shark ('15, Sci-Fi) Jason London.				Dam Sharks! ('16, Sci-Fi) Janelle Beaudry.				3-Headed Shar...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) Rush Hour		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers Site: Miller Park (L)						Friends	Friends	★★ Get Hard	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) A Tree Gro...		(:15) ★★★ All That Heaven Allows				★★★ Two for the Road Audrey Hepburn.				Sunday in New ...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		★★★ Babel ('06, Dra) Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt.					Snow White and the Huntsman Kristen Stewart.					Videos	Noticias
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	OutDaughtered		OutDaughtered		OutDaughtered		90 Day Fiancé (N)	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(:15) ★★ Why Did I Get Married?				(:15) ★ I Can Do Bad All by Myself				(:15) ★★★ Django Unchained			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Shadow"		SVU "Shattered"		SVU "Merchandise"		Law&O: SVU "Wet"		SVU "Bombshell"		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Blue Bloods	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud		Steve Harvey's Funderdome (N)		The $100,000 Pyramid (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Extra Weekend		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Candy Crush "Go Big or Go Home" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Old Tricks"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Falcon	(:35) Element.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Agenda for Murder" Columbo solves a murder that looks like a suicide.				Kolchak: Night Stalk "The Energy Eater"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Grit "Shady Grady" (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans 360	Robert Jeffress	Paid Program
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		The Essentials	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Our Messiah
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly (N)		The Wall "Chris and Paris"		American Ninja Warrior "Denver Qualifiers" Denver hosts the final qualifying round.				NewsW-est 9 (N)	County Reporter	The Southern Weekend	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Wild Alaska Live		Wild Alaska Live (L)		Masterpiece "Grantchester" (N)		Remember Me (N)		Front and Center "The Cadillac Three"		To Be Announced	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	100 Mexicanos Dijieron		Festival Humor		Pase VIP		Aquí y ahora		Durmiend o mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		CSI "Dishonor"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Permanent ...		★★★ The Hills Have Eyes			★ Rabid Marilyn Chambers.			★★★ Requiem for a Dream			Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		Almost Christmas ('16, Com) Kimberly Elise.				Game of Thrones (N)		(:05) Ballers	Insecure	LastWeek	(:40) Thrones		Insecure
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Ballers	(:25) Insecure	Thrones "Stormborn"		★★ Sister Act			(:45) Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit				Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:55) Loving ('16, Bio) Joel Edgerton.				★★★ Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts.				(:15) ★★ The Sweetest Thing			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) Gods of Egy...		The Day the Earth Stood Still			(:45) Ouija: Origin of Evil Henry Thomas.				(:25) Domestic Disturbance		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:45) Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials				Morgan ('16, Dra) Kate Mara.			(:35) ★★★ The Terminator				Movie
PLEX			96			(:05) ★★★ Baby Boom Diane Keaton.				★★★ Steel Magnolias Sally Field.				★★★★ Terms of Endearment			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	I'm Dying Up Here		Twin Peaks		Twin Peaks (N)		Dying Up Here (N)		I'm Dying Up Here		Twin Peaks	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) The Yards		★★★ A Bronx Tale Robert De Niro.				(:05) Killing Season			(:40) Assault on Precinct 13		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	(:05) S.Wars	(:35) S.Wars	(:05) S.Wars	(:35) S.Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	BreakBad	(:45) Breaking Bad		(:50) BreakBad "Thirty-Eight Snub"			(:55) Breaking Bad		Talking-Hardwick (N)		Preacher "Sokosha"	
BET	58	-		40		(4:25) Lottery Ticket		★★ Training Day ('01, Thril) Ethan Hawke, Denzel Washington.						Martin	Martin	StopSuff	StopSuff
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Real Housewives		Shahs of Sunset		Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset		Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		The Nineties		The Nineties (N)		History of Comedy		The Nineties		The Nineties	
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Meet the Press		Richard Engel		Dateline NBC		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
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NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Nicky	Dude Per	School	★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
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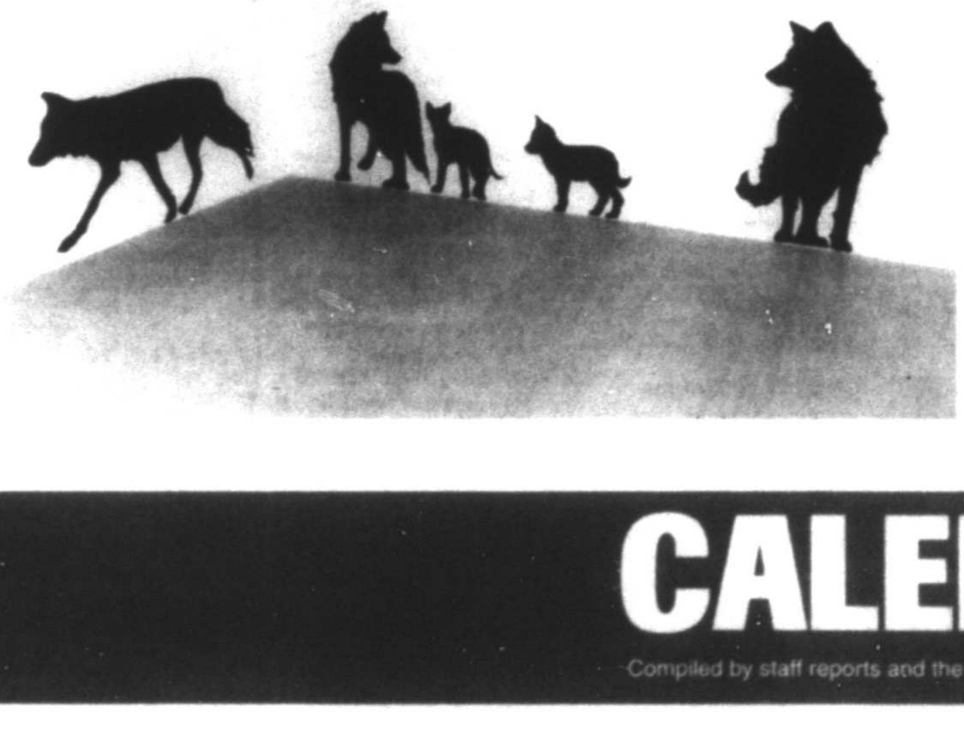

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CALENDAR

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland: acmidland.org

TODAY

Ice Cream Festival 2016 with 25 flavors to sample, inflatable water rides and more. 11 a.m. 100 N. Colorado St. $10. doyourcity.us.

TCM Big Screen Classics: "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" 35th Anniversary Event. 2 and 7 p.m. July 30 and Aug. 2 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Oscar David. This show's theme is Date Night. 7:30 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.

MONDAY

"Super Kids Save the World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

"New Horizons" dome show. noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through August 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The Secret Lives of Star" dome show. 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through August 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Dawn of the Space Age" dome show. 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through August 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWest-Texas.

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo play the annual concert by the Ector County ISD Foundation. 8:30 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $49-$65. westtexastix.com.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time. 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Hideout Theatre Improv Show. 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music. 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

Rock the Desert Festival 2017. Aug. 3-5 at RTD grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30 general admission, $50-$850 VIP packages. rockthedesert.com.

FRIDAY

First Friday: Andrew Lawson. The monthly art show features works by a select artist. Opening reception at 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

Hot Summer Nights: Mark Lyon. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. odessaarts.org.

Movies in the Park: Secret Life of Pets," 8 p.m. (dusk), Aug. 4 at Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. Runs weekends through Sept. 2. MCTmidland.org.

Old 97's, Shooter Jennings. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Traviezoz de la Zierra, Los Huracanes del Norte y Re; 8 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $55. extren.etix.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market: Dog Days of Summer. Dog day at the market will feature a best dressed pup contest. Sara Rachel performs. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland Palette Club: Fused Glass Plates. Led by Leslie Slaughter. 9 a.m.-noon, at 907 W. Wadley Ave. $55. Register by Aug. 2. palette-clubmidland.com.

Sibley Camera Club, 9 a.m. every first Saturday. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Sing a Song for your Supper with singing servers by West Texas Talent. At Dee's Bistro and Grill, 620 N. Lee Ave., Odessa. Reservations can be made by calling 432-978-7405 or visiting westtexastalent.com.

Air Supply, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagner-noel.com.

ON DISPLAY

CLOSING: "Merritt Mauzey: Texas Faces and Texas Places," at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

NEW: Midland Art Association: Works by Kerry McClain throughout the month of August. 9 a.m. Monday-Friday at Community National Bank, 401 W. Teas Ave. midlandartassociation.org.

"Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" features the solo and collaborative work of the Phoenix-based artist. On display through Aug. 6 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame" features original prints, photographs, Polaroids, documentary film and more. On display through Sept. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Ellenoelartmuseum.org.

"Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams. Opening reception and artist talk at 5:30 p.m. today. The exhibition runs through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

Works by Erwin E. Smith features 30 images by the early Texas photographer who documented cowboys and the open range. On display through Sept. 22. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

Works by Ken Rowland. The local artist will display watercolors depicting the Southwest and Big Bend. His works will be on display through Sept. 30. 6 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Art Exhibit at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays-Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

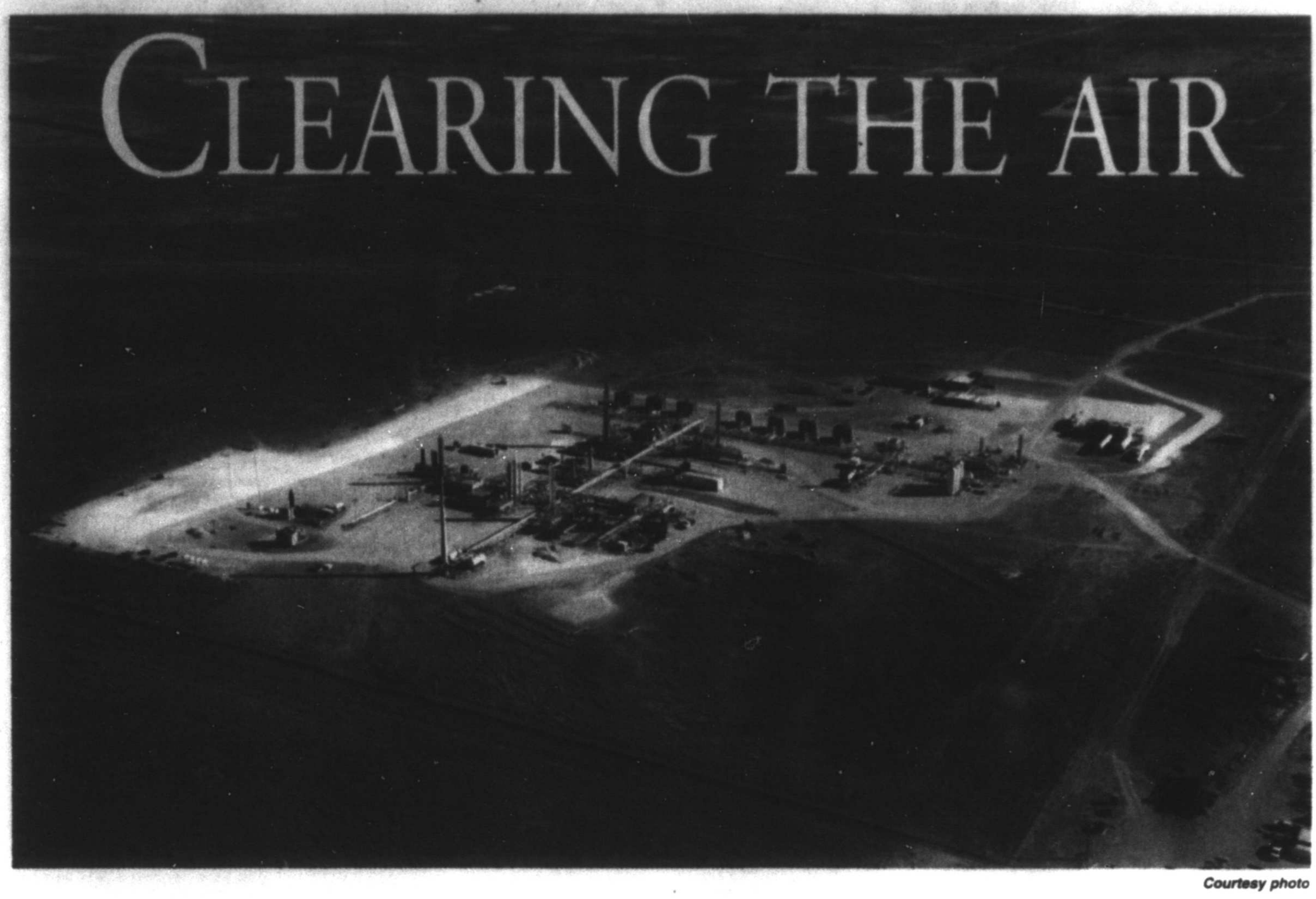
Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7366. midlandtexas.gov.



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The James Lake System covering Ector, Andrews and Winkler counties was developed and is operated by Canyon Midstream Partners. It was cited as a top polluter in the report. Canyon Midstream did not respond to requests for comment.

TCEQ, environmental groups debate report over air pollution enforcement

By Mella McEwen
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Hoping to clear the air about Texas' enforcement of air pollution regulations, the Environmental Integrity Project and Environment Texas teamed up on the report, "Breakdowns in Enforcement."

The Lone Star State imposed penalties on less than 3 percent of illegal air pollution releases during industrial malfunctions and maintenance from 2011 through 2016, even though these incidents led to more than 500 million pounds of pollutants being emitted, according to the report.

West Texas — the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Region 7 — bore the brunt of the incidents in 2016 with 2,004 "upset" incidents because of malfunction or maintenance that released 34 million pounds of pollution: hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds. The TCEQ's Houston region was second with 453 incidents that released 5.2 million pounds of pollution.

"The goal of our report was to push Texas to start more vigorously and consistently penalizing industry for illegal air pollution emissions," Tom Pelton, director of communications for the Environmental Integrity Project, said in an email. "The truth is, many of these industrial accidents can be avoided — as long as industry feels a financial incentive to upgrade its plants. There is no incentive for industry to improve if the state fails to penalize 97 percent of air pollution incidents during malfunctions and maintenance."

Brian McGovern a TCEQ representative, said the commission complies with state requirements as well as requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act.

"As we have stated many times previously, Texas does not allow industries to release excess amounts of air pollution when equipment breaks down and when facilities undergo maintenance work," McGovern said in an email. "Rather, TCEQ is required by law to evaluate emissions events that exceed a reportable quantity and requires facilities to minimize emissions from maintenance activities and upset events (malfunctions). TCEQ consistently pursues administrative, as well as civil enforcement, against non-compliant regulated industries in accordance with a vigorous, clearly articulated regulatory framework."

McGovern said he has reviewed the report and thinks it is misleading.

"The source of the problem appears to be an incomplete understanding of TCEQ's air quality program," he said. "The success of the program is not measured in number of enforcement orders, but rather by the state of air quality in Texas. While Texas continues to grow in terms of population and economic activity, there are many air quality successes which the EIP report does not mention. The goal of the air quality program is protection of air quality, and the goal of the compliance and enforcement program is compliance."

Pelton said the Environmental Integrity Project's "response (to this statement) is that air quality in large parts of Texas, including the El Paso, Houston, and Dallas areas, continues to fail federal health standards for ozone (smog). And so even by TCEQ's own measuring stick, the state needs to do more to reduce air pollution — and stronger enforcement of air pollution violations would certainly accomplish that."

McGovern said the EIP's data is outdated and doesn't account for ongoing investigation and enforcement activities.

"Data is dynamic and changes daily. For example, EIP claims

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Oil companies say they take pollution concerns seriously

Oilfield operations around West Texas received the majority of the blame for pollution-releasing incidents cited in the Environmental Integrity Project and Environment Texas report, "Breakdowns In Enforcement," issued early this month.

Citing state records, the two environmental groups said there were 2,004 "upset" incidents because of equipment malfunctions or maintenance that released 34 million pounds of pollution last year in the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality's Midland District 7.

Three of the companies cited in the report offered their responses.

Hess Corp.'s Amerada Hess Seminole Gas Processing Plant was cited in the report as the top air polluter, responsible for more than 5.8 million pounds of pollution, or about 10 percent of all illegal pollution in Texas last year.

"Hess is aware of the report and takes the issue of managing emissions from plant upsets seriously," Rob Young, senior communications manager, said in an email. "This is why we have been undertaking significant capital upgrades at the Seminole gas plant to enhance reliability and prevent future unplanned shut-downs and operational upsets."

Young said the company's capital improvement program has seen around $20 million in upgrades implemented at the plant, including $4 million on an upgraded control system in 2016. He cited additional incentives, including a plant-wide safety instrumentation system, an upgraded burner management system and upgraded software on the company's compressors.

"We have also implemented an enhanced maintenance program as well as new training programs for our operations staff that focus on preventive measures," he said. "This comes on top of our efforts to implement new procedures for testing critical functions and equipment, and retaining a specialist service company to support our efforts."

Ranked third on the report's list was ConocoPhillips' Howard Glasscock Sour Gas Injection Facility, and incidents at its Chalk Battery North and Chalk Battery South plants were also cited in the report. The report said the company emitted more than 2.1 million pounds of illegal pollution last year.

"ConocoPhillips is continuously looking for ways to operate safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally responsible manner," Romelia Hinojosa, ConocoPhillips spokesperson, said in an email. "We self-report every upset that leads to emissions as required by Texas regulations. The emissions have to be first reported within 24 hours and are often based on conservative assumptions. We believe that our actual emissions are much lower than the reported numbers. We are currently reviewing the numbers and will resubmit corrected totals to the TCEQ, if the numbers differ. While ConocoPhillips has a permit from TCEQ to operate the facility, typically, the permits do not include upset and malfunction emissions.

"The reason for the numbers you see in the report is that we experienced many operational issues when we commissioned the facility in 2015," she said. "When the facility operates without any upsets, the emissions from the facility are very small, as is the case in 2017."

She said that before building and commissioning the plant, the company had Title V air permits from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that allowed it to flare the sour gas at the producing sites.

"Generally, the flaring occurred when third party gas processing facilities were unavailable or had issues," Hinojosa said. "However, we wanted to avoid having to flare sour gas at the producing sites when the third party gas processing facilities were not available. So in 2015, ConocoPhillips spent several million dollars to construct the Howard Glasscock Sour Gas Injection Facility. This injection facility takes the produced gas from the field, removes the sulfur compounds, and sends the sweet or sulfur-free gas to third party processing facilities; the remaining sulfur-rich, sour gas generated during the sweetening process is compressed and injected underground into the formation from where it originated.

"During the commissioning stage of the facility in 2015, we experienced many operational issues, which prevented us from being able to remove the sulfur compounds from the produced gas," she said. "As a result, we had to flare the gas at the facility or at the Chalk North and South producing sites, which are mentioned in the report. In addition, we had some issues with operating the injection well, which resulted in us having to flare the sour gas generated in the sweetening unit."

"As the facility issues were resolved, the emissions due to flaring at the facility and in the field have significantly decreased. The EIP report shows that emissions decreased from 2015 to 2016. Since then, the facility's emissions have continued to decrease and have decreased drastically from 2016 to 2017, when the commissioning was successfully completed," Hinojosa said.

DCP Midstream ranked fourth on the report's list, emitting more than 1.14 million pounds of pollution from its Goldsmith Gas Plant.

"DCP has dramatically reduced its excess emissions in the past two years, and we are strongly focused on continuing to improve our reliability," Roslyn Elliott, DCP Midstream spokesperson, said in an email.

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Falcon Seaboard opens Permian fund to outside investors

■ Former Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst targets smaller, low-risk acquisitions

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Oil and natural gas producers and investors alike see tremendous opportunities in the resources still residing in the Permian Basin.

David Dewhurst, the former lieutenant governor of Texas and chief executive officer and chairman of Falcon Seaboard Diversified Inc., is no exception,.

Dewhurst

"When the U.S. Geological Service says there's 20 billion barrels of oil to be recovered in the Permian Basin, that's a lot of opportunity for a lot of people," he said in a phone interview from his Houston office.

Like those producers and investors, Dewhurst hopes to take advantage of those opportunities, launching the $145 million Falcon Seaboard Permian Fund I LP. He said this is the first time he has accepted outside investments.

Dewhurst said there are two reasons he has ended his long history of self-funding projects.

One is the frequent requests from friends and others for the opportunity to participate. The second reason is that, while he may be known for his height, his pockets are not as tall, and opening the fund to outside investors gives him the capital he needs until he sells his property in Colorado's Piceance Basin.

Acquiring property in Colorado was the long-held dream "of a poor boy whose father was killed by a drunken driver when (I) was 3 years old," he said. As it turns out, his ranch sits atop a prolific coal seam estimated to hold 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, of which about 1.5 trillion is recoverable.

He and his partners have been drilling the property for years and completed a pipeline that can carry 300 million cubic feet per day to the Kern pipeline leading to California, the Ruby pipeline leading to the Pacific Northwest and Kinder Morgan's pipeline leading to the Midwest. He said they are "on the cusp" of receiving an environmental impact study that will allow the drilling of 150 wells on 70,000 acres.

"We realized we've developed that acreage to the point we're looking for buyers, either later this year or early next year," Dewhurst said.

He intends to take what he described as a contrarian position in the Permian. Unlike the majors or large independents who are willing to pay $25,000 to $45,000 per acre for concentrated acreage, he's willing to partner with companies to acquire a section or two here, a half-section there, all with a focus on being a low-cost producer. "We're also not shying away from buying stripper production," Dewhurst said. One partner with 1,100 stripper wells "offered us a good deal on drilling, also workover and other services. We're working those wells and when we have them stabilized at a 2 or 3 percent decline rate, we'll have something more valuable.

"With the number of wells drilled in the Permian Basin, particularly vertical wells, I feel comfortable with the acreage we have acquired and the acreage we're negotiating to buy," he said. "We have adequate well control from these old vertical wells. And I feel comfortable with the technical team we've put together; (they) have drilled hundreds of horizontal wells."

Dewhurst said he thinks they will be successful in recompleting those wells as horizontal producers "and at the right time sell them to offset operators."

His focus is on Reeves, Loving, Ward and Pecos counties in the Delaware subbasin, as well as Midland, Howard, Glasscock and other counties in the Midland subbasin.

"Yours truly has spent more time these past seven months, clad in my jeans and cowboy boots, in single-wides and double-wides to get leases from owners dissatisfied with other operators" who failed to do

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BMC acquires sand reserves near Kermit

From Staff Reports

BERLIN, Wisconsin — Badger Mining Corporation an industrial sand supplier, recently purchased property containing sand reserves located north of Kermit.

The property contains over 35 years of estimated sand reserves, predominately featuring finer grades of sand such as 40/70 and 100 mesh. The reserve will add in-basin Texas sand to BMC's portfolio of Wisconsin Northern White, Atlas resin coated sand, TURBOprop, and extensive North American distribution footprint.

"Badger Mining realizes how important in-basin sands are becoming to the oil and gas industry," said Cody Wickersheim, president and Advisory Team member at BMC. "As the industry continues to make changes, BMC will adapt with it. Our unique location north of Kermit with direct access to Highway 18 places us in an advantageous position to serve some of the best properties in the Permian Basin. We believe Badger's culture, values, history, and commitment to excellence are additional differentiating factors in serving the local industry."

BMC has been mining Northern White industrial sand for more than 60 years in Wisconsin, where it currently has three sand mining facilities and three sand coating plants. Additionally, Badger Mining has nearly 30 distribution sites across North America, eight of which are located in Texas. While the company has supplied the oil and gas industry since 1979, it also serves the foundry, construction, agriculture, recreation, and filter media markets.

"We are looking forward to working with — and becoming a part of — the Kermit community," said Wickersheim. "As a family-owned company, Badger Mining is committed to supporting the communities where our associates live and work, and we excited at the opportunity to help Kermit and Winkler County continue to grow."

Development of the site for a sand mining facility will begin immediately with an anticipated completion date of April 2018. Once complete, the mine will have a capacity of 3 million tons per year and employ approximately 30 full time associates.

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things important to rural Texans, he said. "I've been able to get a lot of leases that surprised people." He said it also didn't hurt that he had spent 12 years in elected office building a reputation as someone who said what he meant, did what he said, and built relationships. Dewhurst has more than 30 years in the industry, and his ties with Falcon go back that far, to his meeting with company founder Ted Law, who formed Falcon Drilling in Tulsa in 1935. Law built the company into one of the nation's largest onshore and offshore drilling and exploration companies, changing it to Falcon Seaboard Drilling when he moved to Houston. He sold the company to Diamond Shamrock, now Valero Energy, in 1979. "Shortly thereafter, we met and, despite our age differences, became good friends," Dewhurst said. The two reacquired the rights to Falcon Seaboard in 1981 and, after Law passed away, Dewhurst put together the effort to buy his stock. Since he joined the company, it has been successful drilling in Texas, the San Juan Basin and Alberta, Canada, he said.

TCEQ

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that TCEQ enforced against 588 out of the 24,839 events reported 2011-2016, for a total of 3 percent." McGovern said. "Our records indicate as of July 12, 2017 26,723 events were reported with a start date within this timeframe, which resulted in 2,580 violations for 1,830 of the incidents for a total of nearly 7 percent. This percentage would only increase when investigations of all the emissions events received in FY2016 are complete."

He provided two examples but said there are other instances of misleading information within the EIP report.

EIP references events at Houston Refining, owned by LyondellBasell. An investigation (No. 1335088) of this incident (No. 232555) was completed on April 19, 2017, and resulted in a Notice of Enforcement (NOE). This was also determined to be an excessive emissions event. The enforcement case is currently pending (Docket 2017-0659-AIR-E).

The second example, at Shell Oil's Deer Park complex, an event that occurred on April 13, 2016, was referenced. An investigation (No. 1381484) of this incident (no. 231417) was completed on March 20, 2017, and referred for enforcement on June 12, 2017.

Pelton said that TCEQ said it prefers to calculate the percentage of illegal air pollution "upset" events for which it issues violation notices, which would be 7 percent of air pollution upset events from 2011-16.

"Our response to this claim is that it is more important to examine the percentage of illegal air pollution incidents that are penalized, rather than just those for which the state issues violation notices — because some notices are just paperwork exercises and do not result in financial penalties, which have more impact," he said.

Pelton said that's why in the report the percentage of incidents that received financial penalties from the state was calculated: 3 percent of 24,839 malfunction and maintenance indents over this time period received fines.

McGovern said the agency does agree with some recommendations contained in the report.

"EIP provided a recommendation that Texas should ensure that malfunctions are not preventable before deciding whether or not to pursue enforcement. TCEQ agrees with this recommendation, and this has been our practice, consistent with state law, for more than a decade. TCEQ is required by statute to evaluate all reportable emissions events (Texas Health & Safety Code Section 382.0215)," he said.

"Another recommendation EIP made was that TCEQ considers repeat violators. Again the TCEQ agrees with this recommendation and has been doing this for over a decade. Here are three examples of mechanisms TCEQ uses for repeat violators of emissions limits.

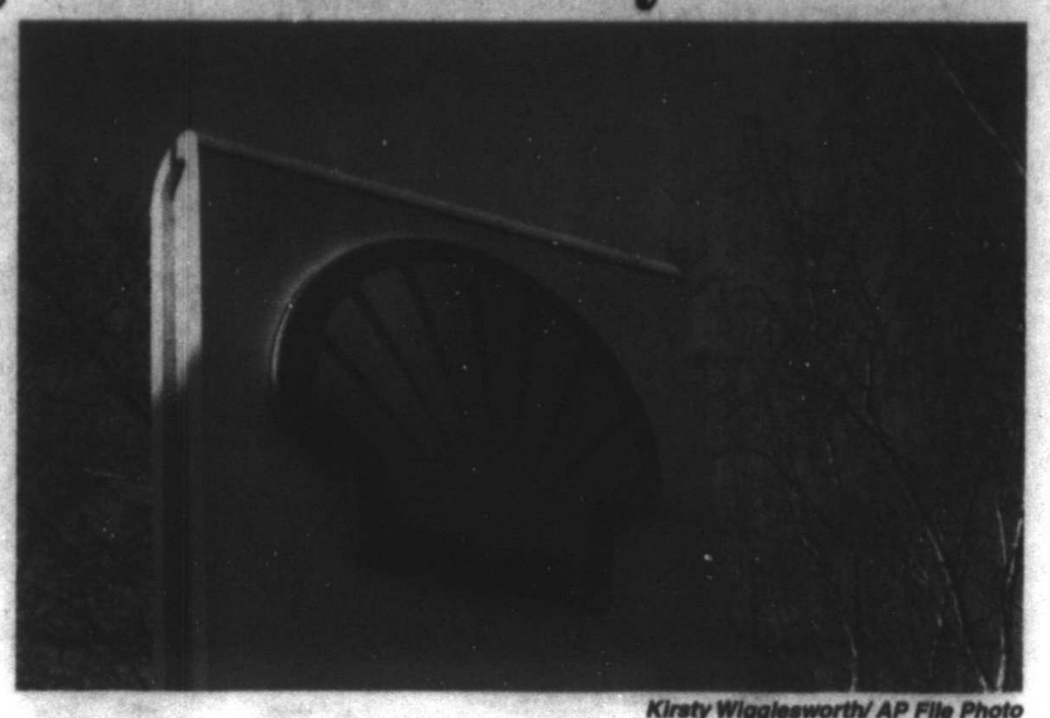
"First, the 'excessive emissions event determinations" in 30 TAC 101.222 list "the frequency of the facility's emissions events'" as the first consideration," McGovern said. "Secondly, the TCEQ's Enforcement Initiation Criteria has specific provisions for repeat violators, and escalating certain repeat violations to enforcement. Thirdly, TCEQ's Penalty Policy includes higher penalties for repeat violators."

Pelton said "for TCEQ to admit that it doesn't even issue violation notices for 93 percent of air pollution 'upset' incidents is clear evidence that the state agency can — and should — do much more to protect air quality and public health in Texas."

McGovern said "TCEQ welcomes EIP to engage the agency to better understand data they are reviewing, TCEQ processes, and programs so as to not mislead the public."

Shell preparing for world economy that shifts away from oil

Associated Press



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This Jan. 20, 2016, photo shows the Shell logo at a petrol station in London. Royal Dutch Shell is planning for the day when demand for oil starts fading as major economies move away from oil and increasingly turn to electric-powered cars.

LONDON — Royal Dutch Shell is planning for the day when demand for oil starts fading as major economies move away from oil and increasingly turn to electric-powered cars, Chief Executive Ben van Beurden said Thursday.

Van Beurden welcomed recent proposals to phase out passenger vehicles powered by fossil fuels in Britain and France, saying they are needed to combat global warming. Shell is looking at "very aggressive scenarios" as it makes plans to remain competitive in a world that gets more of its energy from renewable sources and less from crude oil, or "liquids," he said.

"The most aggressive scenario — much more aggressive than what we are seeing at the moment, by the way — with maximum policy effect, with maximum innovation effect, can see us peaking in liquids consumption somewhere in the early thirties," he said as Shell reported second-quarter earnings. "If there are a lot of biofuels in the mix, that may mean that oil will peak in the late twenties, but then everything has to work up."

Van Beurden's comments come amid increased focus on the future of the industry after the Paris climate agreement saw governments commit to tougher action on emissions and shareholders push for more long-term plans.

Britain this week pledged to ban the sale of new cars and vans using diesel and gasoline starting in 2040 as part of a sweeping plan to tackle air pollution. France announced a similar initiative earlier this month.

Car makers are also moving in this direction. Volvo says that by 2019 all of its cars will be powered by electricity or hybrid engines.

"It's not a surprise that the international super-majors are starting to accept a future with the question of just how much oil and gas is needed," said David Elmes, an energy industry expert at Warwick Business School. "They realize that is now in their planning horizons and therefore needs to be discussed with shareholders because it is influencing the decisions today, and one might argue that has been prompted by shareholder activism."

Shell has already begun to respond to changing energy demand by increasing its focus on natural gas, van Beurden said. But the company also needs to get involved in electricity and renewable energy and expand its petrochemicals business, he said.

Van Beurden also stressed that while developed nations are moving away from gasoline- and diesel-powered passenger vehicles, the world will continue to depend on these fuels for many years.

Developing nations don't yet have the money or electricity networks needed to shift away from fossil fuels, and aviation, shipping and trucking can't easily shift to non-hydrocarbon energy sources, he said.

"As far as oil and gas are concerned, and certainly as far as oil is concerned, you have to bear in mind that if we have a peak and then go into decline, this doesn't mean that it is game over straight away," van Beurden said.

Shell's discussion of the future came as it said second-quarter earnings more than tripled due to cost cuts and recovering oil prices.

The Anglo-Dutch energy giant said profit adjusted for changes in the value of inventories and excluding one-time items rose to $3.60 billion from $1.05 billion in the same period last year. Net income rose 31 percent to $1.55 billion.

The earnings reflect efforts to restructure the business to cope with lower oil prices and the purchase of natural gas producer BG Group. Shell's oil price averaged $45.62 a barrel for the quarter, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Prices were above $100 a barrel as recently as 2014.

"The external price environment and energy sector developments mean we will remain very disciplined, with an absolute focus on the four levers within our control, namely capital efficiency, costs, new project delivery, and divestments," van Beurden said.

Oil and gas efforts to recruit women aren't working

By Lydia DePillis
Houston Chronicle

The tech industry gets a lot of attention these days for being unfriendly to women, with sexual harassment seemingly rampant and the small share of women in computer science declining.

But the oil and gas industry also has a serious — and perhaps worse — gender gap. Women make up only 14.5 percent of the workforce in the industry, according to the Labor Department, compared with 25.5 percent of computer and mathematical occupations and 47 percent of the workforce overall.

The reasons those gender divides exist are different across the two industries. But the remedies, according to a comprehensive study by the consulting firm BCG, are similar: Upper management needs to be dead serious about the problem and convey it's a priority to people doing the hiring.

"It's not going to work its way out," said Andrea Ostby, the head of BCG's Houston office. "Just talking about it is not going to fix the problem. What I think we haven't seen across the board is that rigor and focus."

The study, which was conducted in conjunction with the World Petroleum Congress and included all of the major national and international oil companies, found that the already-small proportion of women in oil and gas worldwide are concentrated in non-technical, non-supervisory positions. That's important, because being promoted through the ranks usually requires field experience, ideally in engineering or operations, and many companies still consider separate facilities for women on well sites a "discretionary expense."

BCG's surveys and interviews also indicate that women and men see obstacles to advancement differently. For example, when asked why women didn't reach upper levels of management, women identified a lack of support and female candidates being overlooked. The top reasons for men: There aren't enough women to choose from, and women tend to be less flexible than men.

"It indicates that the workforce doesn't even really see that there's an issue," Ostby said.

But it's likely to become a bigger problem, as much of the industry's workforce approaches retirement. Even today, companies are scrambling to find workers for active drilling areas like the Permian Basin in West Texas and are still drawing on mostly men.

The Texas Oil and Gas Association, which represents many oil production and services companies in Texas, declined to comment.

Katie Mehnert, who runs Pink Petro, an organization for women in oil and gas, said the way to move the needle is to convey that female representation is a priority, setting baselines for recruiting and evaluating them based on whether they meet their goals.

But, studies show, Americans tend to react negatively to anything seen as a quota. While Europeans respond well to gender ratios, according to forthcoming research from BCG, Americans see them undermining merit-based hiring.

Ostby said that can be dealt with by setting goals that are enforced on a case-by-case basis.

"You don't have to use them in a quota-esque way," she said. "But what you can say is, 'Hey, Mr. Male Manager, you haven't promoted any females in the last five years, why is that, and what are you going to do to address that?'"

Halliburton sand warning is going against the grain

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Texas oil is booming, and so are the sand mines needed for fracking the wells. But hydraulic fracturing leader Halliburton is warning that its surging sand use is finally topping out, and maybe even falling.

Fairmount Santrol, an Ohio company, announced (last) week it will build yet another sand mine in the Permian Basin to churn out more Texas sand, which is mixed with water and chemicals to crack open the shale rock and release the crude oil. With several new mines proposed, frac sand production Texas could more than double within two years, adding about 30 million tons annually.

As drillers have pushed to become more efficient in producing oil, wells have become deeper and longer, and the amount of sand used to frac each well has surged. The largest wells now consume up to 25,000 tons — 50 million pounds — of sand each, up from 1,500 tons, or about 3 million pounds, just a few years ago.

Still, Fairmount Santrol's news comes just as Halliburton said it saw its sand usage per well decline in the second quarter for the first time. With sand costs rising and availability temporarily limited, Halliburton is developing injection chemicals that can help increase the oil flow from wells as opposed to simply blasting more sand.

"Sand is not infinite, and it's not free," Halliburton CEO Jeff Miller said.

Energy analysts, however, said the data still points to the amount of sand used per well growing, even if the pace has slowed. Halliburton buys its sand and produces its own injection chemicals, so the company stands to financially benefit by touting chemicals and downplaying sand, analysts said.

Jamees West, an energy analyst at Evercore ISI in New York, said Halliburton's decline in sand use is more a blip reflected by temporary sand shortages before new mines open up.

"You're still seeing increased amounts of sand being consumed overall," West said.

Raymond James energy analyst Praveen Narra agreed that Halliburton's reduction in sand is more of a hiccup than a trend. While sand usage eventually will peak, the industry is "still a decent ways away from that phenomenon," Narra added.

Still, Miller's comments caused the stock values of sand producers to plummet Monday as concern grows that new sand production is coming online. Fairmount Santrol's stock fell by nearly 15 percent on Monday before rebounding a little on Tuesday.

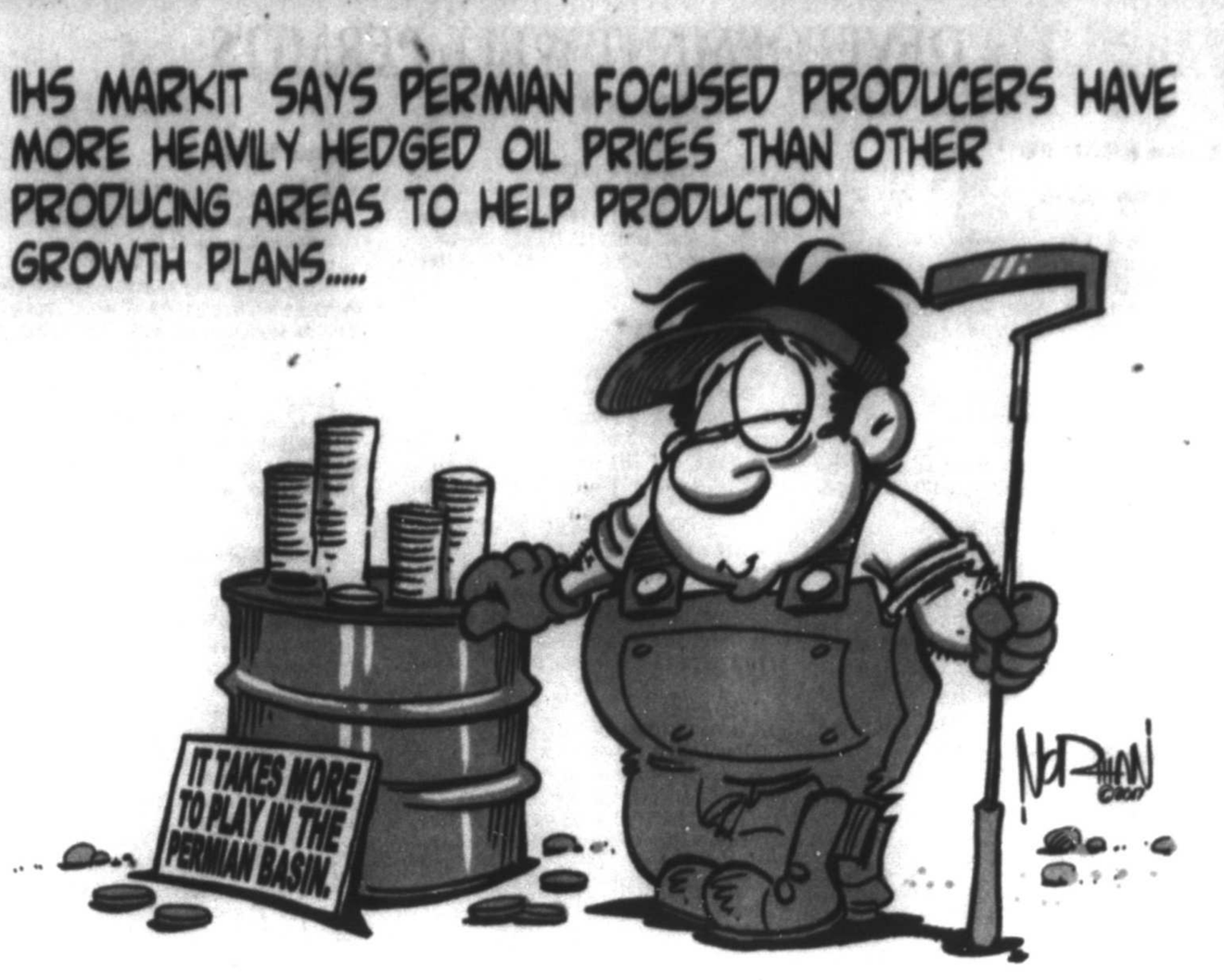
Fairmount's stock has plunged 80 percent from its January peak of nearly $13 a share to a closing price Tuesday of $2.70 per share.

Most frac sand has historically come from the fine-grain "northern white" sand from Wisconsin and Minnesota, but the rapidly growing demand and longer travel distance have pushed companies to build more sand mines in Texas to serve the booming Permian Basin. The Texas brown sand isn't of quite as high a quality, but proponents argue it's not far off. The Texas sand also is cheaper and much closer.

As for Fairmount Santrol's latest project, the company signed a 40-year lease to open a mine on 3,250 acres of sand reserves near Kermit in Winkler County in the Permian Basin. The mine has reserves of about 165 million tons of fine-grade sand. The proposed mine is expected to churn out 3 million tons of sand annually. Fairmount is planning to spend $110 million to build the mine and have it opened by mid-2018.

Texas sand companies are growing as well. Smart Sand, of The Woodlands, recently went public to help fuel its expansions. Houston-based Hi-Crush Partners is building a mine at the former Dunes of Kermit. Emerge Energy Services, a Fort Worth company, bought a recreational mine south of San Antonio that sells sand to golf courses that it will transform into a much larger frac sand mine operation.

A project by Pennsylvania-based Preferred Sands is moving the location of another proposed mine outside of San Antonio because of environmental and truck traffic concerns, but the mine is still moving forward. U.S. Silica, of Maryland, and Unimin Corp., of Connecticut, also are building Permian mines.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$43.60	Shell Trading	$45.40
Energy Transfer Partners*	$45.25		
Flint Hills Resources*	$45.25	Nymex futures	$47.11*
Phillips 66	$45.37	Net price without transportation charge	
Plains*	$45.25	Note: Posted prices as of July 26	

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HOUSTON

Plains All American announces another Permian pipeline expansion

Houston-based Plains All American will continue to grow its pipeline capacity coming out of West Texas' prolific Permian Basin, adding 120,000 barrels a day to a pipeline between Midland and Cushing, Oklahoma.

The company said last week it has sufficient commitment from shippers to expand the Sunrise pipeline by 180 miles between Colorado City and Wichita Falls. The pipeline system connects to terminals in Cushing.

Pending regulatory approval, the planned additions are expected to be in use by mid-2019.

Plains All American announced in January a plan to buy the Alpha Crude Connector pipeline gathering and storage system from Midland-based Concho Resources and Dallas private-equity firm Energy Spectrum Capital. Plains also said it will expand its existing BridgeTex and Cactus pipeline systems that connect West Texas to Houston and Corpus Christi.

HOUSTON

Kinder Morgan raises dividend for first time since December 2015

Houston pipeline giant Kinder Morgan said Wednesday that it will significantly boost its dividend as the energy industry continues to climb back from the downturn, but the payout will still be less than half that of nearly two years ago.

The company also announced that it will spend $2 billion on a stock buyback program.

The company announced the dividend increase as it reported profits of $337 million in the second quarter, up slightly from the $333 million in the same period a year earlier.

Kinder Morgan slashed its dividend by 75 percent at the end of 2015, from 51 cents a share to 12.5 percent. The company said it would raise the dividend to 20 cents a share, a 60 percent increase. The dividend increase will go into effect during the first quarter of 2018.

"This action comes on the heels of our successful initial public offering of our Canadian business, which in combination with the Elba, Utopia and SNG joint ventures drove much of our over $5.8 billion net debt reduction since the end of the third quarter of 2015," said CEO Rich Kinder in a statement.

Pipeline companies like Kinder Morgan are expected to have a steady performance as their business depends on U.S. oil and gas production, which has been on an upswing, said Bill Herbert, an analyst at energy investment bank Simmons & Co. International.

HOUSTON

Anadarko plans to boost well completions in second half of 2017

Anadarko Petroleum plans to bring more oil wells into production over the next few months after leaving scores of them untapped in West Texas and Colorado.

In Colorado's DJ Basin, The Woodlands-based oil company will boost well completions by 50 percent in the second half of the year. And in the Delaware Basin in West Texas, Anadarko has recently contracted six hydraulic fracturing crews to work off much more of its backlog of uncompleted wells.

"We did build some drilled-but-uncompleted wells on the front end (of 2017), but we expect to work those off in the back half of the year," said Brad Holley, an executive vice president of U.S. onshore exploration and production at Anadarko.

In the Permian Basin, the number of untapped wells climbed to 2,244 last month, up from 1,467 in November.

The company on Monday said it would pare back capital spending by $300 million, a small portion of its overall investment budget. But increasing the number of wells it brings into production will boost its oil production. It's a sign the oil industry, which has drilled faster than it completed wells, is getting closer to the payoff of this year's oil boom.

OKLAHOMA

Canyon Creek Energy acquires leasehold in Arkoma Stack

TULSA — Canyon Creek Energy - Arkoma LLC has acquired a core operated leasehold position in more than 30,000 acres in the liquid rich Arkoma Stack play. A great deal of such acreage has been acquired from Arkoma Leasing, LLC. CCEA President and CEO Luke Essman said, "With these acquisitions, Canyon Creek Energy has established itself as a leader in the re-emerging Arkoma Stack liquids play. We are very excited about this opportunity, not only because of our concentrated leasehold position, but due to our preliminary drilling results. These results validate our technical analysis of the play and we intend to continue our current successful leasing and drilling program in the area."

Banks unfazed by languishing oil prices

Bloomberg

Fears of a long spell of low oil prices haven't shaken Wall Street's confidence in the sector.

With the price of crude languishing around $46 a barrel in New York, the industry's bankers remain optimistic about their energy investments, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. That's different from a year earlier, when banks pulled back on loans to energy companies after crude dropped to about $26 a barrel in January 2016. Although prices have fallen about 13 percent since the banks last reported in April, energy portfolios have remained stable. A strong performance by Wells Fargo's oil and gas portfolio in the second quarter helped shrink a $68 million decline in commercial losses, according to their earnings report on Friday. Meanwhile, JPMorgan said it released about $250 million from its reserves in the quarter, after starting the year with $1.5 billion set aside for energy.

"Whatever the price that would make people disturbed, it's a lower price than what you might have thought a couple of years ago," John Shrewsberry, Wells Fargo chief financial officer, said in the company's earnings report. "It doesn't feel like an area of concern." A change in industry fundamentals means that low prices aren't a reason for alarm, despite hopes that an agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut output would raise global prices. "The production has migrated to the most efficient producers," Shrewsberry said.

Marianne Lake, JPMorgan Chase Chief Financial Officer, said she was confident "Oil prices have found a lower but seemingly stable level." When oil prices plummeted last year, JPMorgan and Wells Fargo cut lending to oil and gas companies and set aside more cash to cover potential losses in the sector. U.S. lenders reassessed credit lines for companies in the industry and reduced borrowing limits for those most affected by the downturn, such as those in the oilfield services sector.

Patterson-UTI loses $92 million after write-downs

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Patterson-UTI Energy said it lost $92 million in the second quarter as it paid expenses on a multibillion-dollar acquisition and wrote down the value of some drilling equipment amid upgrades.

The Houston drilling and pressure pumping contractor said its average U.S. rig count rose 23 percent to 100 in the second quarter, and that figure should rise to 159 in July.

Its net loss of $92 million, or 46 cents a share, in the second quarter, was larger than its loss of $86 million, or 58 cents a share, in the same period last year. Revenue increased from $194 million to $579 million.

The company upgraded seven more of its rigs to so-called super-spec status, and it already has contracts for five of those rigs for 18 to 24 months.

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Select Energy buying Houston's Rockwater in water services merger

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Two of the biggest water management companies for the drilling and fracturing industry are merging in a combination of Texas rivals.

Select Energy Services said it will acquire Houston-based Rockwater Energy Solutions in an all-stock deal valued at more than $470 million. Select, which just went public this spring, is headquartered north of Dallas in Gainesville. The companies each employ about 2,000 people.

As oil and gas companies are increasingly drilling deeper wells both vertically and horizontally in shale rock with more hydraulic fracturing stages, so to is the demand growing for water per well. The water is used along with sand and chemicals to unlock and extract the oil and gas from beneath the surface. Wells now routinely use up more than 20 million gallons of water each.

Both Select and Rockwater, which is privately owned, provide water, logistics and chemical services to the energy sector. The merger will take place under the Select name with the Rockwater brand maintained for the chemical services. The merged headquarters will be in Gainesville, but Select already has a Houston office as well.

Rockwater CEO Holli Ladhani will become the new president and CEO of Select, while current CEO John Schmitz will serve as the executive chairman of the merged company. Schmitz founded Select nearly 10 years ago.

"This is a very exciting opportunity to combine two companies that are highly focused on the challenge of providing world-class water-related services to the major shale basins," Schmitz said in a prepared statement. "As we are experiencing a strong recovery in many of our markets, we have the opportunity to combine our equipment, management teams, and over 3,200 field personnel to provide more comprehensive services to our customers."

Both companies are children of private equity firms. Select is backed financially by New York-based Crestview Partners, while Rockwater was created through Houston-based SCF Partners. As such, Crestview and SCF would become Select's two largest shareholders, respectively.

Rockwater was founded in 2011 through the mergers of four companies — Odessa-based Benchmark Performance Group; Canada-based EnerMAX Services; Boyd-based Red Oak Water Transfer; and Midland-based Reef Services Holdings.

Current Select shareholders will own 64.5 percent of the combined company. The two companies are projecting to create a business with $1.3 billion in annual revenues.

The deal is expected to close by the end of September.

PwC: U.S. energy M&A hits eight-year high for first half of 2017

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Deal-making slowed from "red hot" to just "hot" in the second quarter, but the first half of 2017 still saw the U.S. energy sector's most mergers and acquisitions activity in eight years, according to a new report from PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Acquisitions in the Permian Basin and the Northeast's Marcellus and Utica shale plays led the way throughout the year. The first six months counted $110 billion in total U.S. energy deals, but only $37 billion in the second quarter, PwC said. The overall first six months number jumps to $137 billion when including Canada and other global deals, according to Deloitte.

However, Deloitte cautiously warned that lower oil price risks and uncertainty could just as quickly put a lid on transactions in the back half of 2017. The $37 billion in quarterly deal-making is still a 42 percent jump from the same time period last year. "The first half of 2017 set a record for oil and gas M&A despite oil prices declining by 16 percent during the period," said Doug Meier, PwC's U.S. oil and gas sector deals leader. So called mega-deals led the way because the values of the acquisitions increased much more than the quantities of the deals. There were only $54 billion in deals in the first half of 2016, but the second half surged with $148 billion, exceeding $200 billion for the year. Some of the biggest deals in 2017 came from companies paying top dollar for strong positions in the booming Permian Basin. Exxon Mobil, Houston-based Noble Energy, Houston's Marathon Oil and even Austin-based Parsley Energy are all spending billions of dollars each on Permian growth.

Enterprise Products wins appeal in contract dispute between pipeline giants

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

A Dallas appellate court on Wednesday reversed a $535 million judgment against Enterprise Products Partners, which had been sued by Energy Transfer Partners over a 2011 pipeline deal. The decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reverses a 2014 ruling that served as a potential legal precedent for when an agreement between two businesses becomes binding. The judgment, with interest, would have amounted to $620 million. Houston-based Enterprise and Dallas-based Energy Transfer, two of the nation's largest oil and gas pipeline companies, planned in 2011 to partner on an oil pipeline project from Cushing, Oklahoma, to the Houston area. But Enterprise nixed the deal because of a lack of customer support, and instead married up with Calgary-based Enbridge on a more profitable deal for a similar pipeline. Energy Transfer Partners sued in 2012, alleging Enterprise violated a binding deal and won the district court ruling in 2014. "When Enterprise could not persuade Energy Transfer to terminate the joint venture, Enterprise simply pretended that the joint venture never existed, claiming a purported unilateral right to terminate the joint venture at any time," Energy Transfer alleged in court documents. Enterprise argued the agreement was never binding and that disclaimer agreements were signed ensuring nothing was definitive without board approvals or finalized project documents. Enterprise lawyer David Keltner said Wednesday that if the 2014 decision had been upheld it would have been set of the worst legal precedents in Texas business history.

"Sophisticated parties need the right to rely on written contracts," Keltner added in a prepared statement. "Partnership by ambush is a bad public policy and goes against the freedom to contract guaranteed by the Texas Constitution. The business world breathed a sigh of relief today when 'partnership by ambush' was ruled out of bounds in Texas."

DEVELOPMENT WELL PERMITS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4128LH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8226 fsl, 5851 fel, Sec 28, Blk 41, Abst. 348U, ULS, 10.37 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42422 Permit issued 7/21

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 40C #1801WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1957 fsl, 40 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 40, Abst. 308U, ULS, 25.3 n Ozona; TD 8000; API #42-105-42423 Permit issued 7/21

Irion County

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 38-40 #1801WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2057 fnl, 15 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 40, Abst. 23U, ULS, 4 se Barnhart; TD 8000; API #42-235-36187 Permit issued 7/20

Reagan County

Bold Operating LLC
Bold Hartgrove Unit 22A #3HU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2239 fnl, 2324 fel, Sec 22, Blk K, Abst. 4, D&SE RR, 18 nw Big Lake; TD 10300; API #42-383-39949 7/21

Bold Operating LLC
Bold Hartgrove Unit 22A #4HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2239 fnl, 2299 fel, Sec 22, Blk K, Abst. 4, D&SE RR, 18 nw Big Lake; TD 10300; API #42-383-39950 7/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
John Smoltz '30-33' #4403H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 339 fnl, 958 fwl, Sec 30, Blk A, Abst. 239, L&SV RR, 25.4 nw Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-39951 Permit issued 7/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
John Smoltz '30-33' #4405H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 369 fnl, 958 fwl, Sec 30, Blk A, Abst. 239, L&SV RR, 25.4 nw Big Lake; TD 9107; API #42-383-39952 Permit issued 7/21

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Turner Ranch T.D. 26 #6
Jane Ann (Cisco); 1787 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 26, Blk 5, Abst. 8627, H&TC RR, 20 nw San Angelo; TD 9000; API #42-451-32861 Permit issued 7/19

Upton County

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 A #1HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 596 fsl, 771 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.02 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40631 Permit issued 7/19

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 B #2HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 589 fsl, 815 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.03 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40632 Permit issued 7/19

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 B #3HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 860 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.03 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40633 Permit issued 7/19

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 C #4HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 556 fsl, 1981 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.24 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40634 Permit issued 7/19

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 C #5HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 549 fsl, 2026 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.24 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40635 Permit issued 7/19

Apache Corporation
Miller 3748 D #6HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 542 fsl, 2070 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 6.25 sw Midkiff; TD 11000; API #42-461-40635 Permit issued 7/19

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Andrews County

Ajax Resources LLC
UL MS HZ Blk 6 Unit #3107
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 990 fel, 2221 fnl, Sec 31, Blk 6, Abst. 172U, ULS, 21.8 ne Andrews; TD 9000; API #42-003-47602 Permit issued 7/17

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Mason West Unit #10LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 420 fel, 480 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 7, Abst. 195U, ULS, 19.3 ne Andrews; TD 10590; API #42-003-47604 Permit issued 7/21

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Mason West Unit #11LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1450 fel, 480 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 7, Abst. 195U, ULS, 19.3 ne Andrews; TD 10590; API #42-003-47605 Permit issued 7/21

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6054
Means; 15867 fnl, 2052 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-20, Abst. 469, PSL, 10 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47187 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6962
Means; 13866 fnl, 7749 fwl, Sec 4, Blk C-45, Abst. 788, PSL, 10.1 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47182 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6962
Means; 22400 fnl, 7368 fwl, Sec 12, Blk C-35, Abst. 486, H. Dennis, 8.2 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47099 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6958
Means; 22311 fsl, 4696 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-35, Abst. 488, PSL, 7.8 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47141 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #7054
Means; 21098 fsl, 2001 fwl, Sec 13, Blk

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Petroleum Professional Development Center contd.

From 3F

13 - 14, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: September 25-27, 2017 - Monday - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State: $1120

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: September 28 - 29, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $720; Out of State: $745

PetroSkills: Advanced Hydraulic Fracturing - AHF
Start Date: September 25-29, 2017 - Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4200 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PHDWin
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: September 26-27, 2017 -Tuesday - Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

The Art of Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: September 29, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

Geosteering
Instructor: Tom Arnold
Start Date: October 2 - 6, 2017 - Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $2125. $2150 Out of State

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Division Order Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 3, 2017; End Date: October 30, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, October 3, 2017
$612.50; Out of State: $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 8: Introduction to Land Management Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 3, 2017; End Date: October 30, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, October 3, 2017
$612.50; Out of State: $637.50

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: October 9-10, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Well Control Drilling/Workover (Well Sharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: October 9-13, 2017, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Start Date: October 13, 2017 - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $350, Out of State $375

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: October 16 - 17, 2017 - Monday - Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: October 17 - Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contsminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: October 18, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: October 19-20, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

PetroSkills: Surface Production Operations - PO3
Instructor: Cliff Redus
Start Date: October 23-27, 2017 - Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $3900 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pause
Start Date: October 23-26, 2017 - Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1860; Out of State $1835

Polymer Gels for Conformance-Improvement
Instructor: Randy Seright
Date: October 23, 2017 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination, and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: November 3, 2017; End Date: November 29, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, November 3, 2017
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Title: Chaining, Interpreting, and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: November 3, 2017; End Date: November 29, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, November 3, 2017
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

PetroSkills: Oil & Gas Processing Facilities for Operations Managers - OT-1
Instructor: Alan Royer
Start Date: November 6-10, 2017 - Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $3840 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: November 6 -9, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2595; Out of State $2620

PetroSkills: CO2 Surface Facilities - PF81
Instructor: Paul Carmody
Start Date: November 13-16, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $3595 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Land and Leasing
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: December 1, 2017; End Date: December 29, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, December 1, 2017
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: December 1, 2017; End Date: December 29, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, December 1, 2017
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

PetroSkills: Fundamentals of Pump & Compressor Systems - ME- 44
Instructor: Gerald Guidroz
Start Date: December 4-8, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4100 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: December 4 - 8, 2017 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: December 4-5, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

The Art of Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: December 8, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: January 22 -23, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: Jan 4- January 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Law and its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: Jan 4 - Jan 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Title: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil and Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 - Monday - Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $3,975; Out of State: $4,000

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contsminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: April 30, 2018 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

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A-35, Abst. 486, PSL, 7.5 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47143 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #7058
Means; 21168 fsl, 4703 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-35, Abst. 486, PSL, 7.6 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47146 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #1208A
Means; 17980 fnl, 4766 fwl, Sec 23, Blk A-35, Abst. 1228, PSL, 9.4 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47148 Permit issued 7/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #7060A
Means; 21133 fsl, 6069 fwl, Sec 12, Blk A-35, Abst. 486, H. Dennis, 7.7 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47134 Permit issued 7/19

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #2110A
Means; 19836 fsl, 6072 fwl, Sec 12, Blk A-35, Abst. 486, PSL, 7.3 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47136 Permit issued 7/19

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #2166A
Means; 19836 fsl, 6679 fel, Sec 12, Blk A-35, Abst. 486, PSL, 7.6 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47135 Permit issued 7/19

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6956
Means; 22466 fsl, 3345 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-35, Abst. 488, PSL, 7.8 ne Andrews; TD 5900; API #42-003-47154 Permit issued 7/19

Culberson County

Apache Corporation
Redbud Unit #101CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1000 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 58, T-6-S, Abst. 4843, T&P RR, 17.7 nw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-109-33148 Permit issued 7/19

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Bowen 29/32 #0031WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 822 fnl, 1473 fel, Sec 29, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2652, T&P RR, 12.96 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33146 Permit issued 7/19

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Bowen 29/32 #0032WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 822 fnl, 1448 fel, Sec 29, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2652, T&P RR, 12.96 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33147 Permit issued 7/19

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Bowen 29/32 #0033WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 821 fnl, 1423 fel, Sec 29, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2652, T&P RR, 12.96 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33150 Permit issued 7/21

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Bowen 29/32 #0034WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 821 fnl, 1398 fel, Sec 29, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2652, T&P RR, 12.93 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33151 Permit issued 7/21

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Asher #3604H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 52, Abst. 1281, PSL, 26.2 sw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33145 Permit issued 7/17

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Wise West State #2501H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 445 fsl, 210 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 111, Abst. 1985, PSL, 23.4 sw Orla; TD 10600; API #42-109-33149 Permit issued 7/21

Ector County

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Flag Ranch #10
Martin (Consolidated); 455 fel, 1220 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 342, T&P RR, 13 nw Goldsmith; TD 9000; API #42-135-43531 Permit issued 7/17

COG Operating LLC
Ratliff I Unit #4401MH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 1910 fwl, Sec 44, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 478, T&P RR, 6.2 ne Odessa; TD 9000; API #42-135-43532 Permit issued 7/21

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee 'BL' #3401
Lowe West (Strawn); 720 fnl, 3898 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 12, G&MMB&A, 2.6 ne Gardendale; TD 11000; API #42-135-43528 Permit issued 7/19

Glasscock County

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Quahadi B #0314HB
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 497 fsl, 7317 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 34, T-2-S, Abst. 196, T&P RR, 12.4 sw Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-173-37677 Permit issued 7/20

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30X #1HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 543 fnl, 387 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10605; API #42-173-37633 Permit issued 7/17

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30X #2HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 543 fnl, 437 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10505; API #42-173-37634 Permit issued 7/17

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30X #3HF
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 543 fnl, 487 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10605; API #42-173-37635 Permit issued 7/17

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30G #4HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 546 fnl, 862 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10605; API #42-173-37636 Permit issued 7/17

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30G #5HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 546 fnl, 912 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10505; API #42-173-37639 Permit issued 7/19

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Houston 30G #6HF
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 546 fnl, 962 fel, Sec 30, Blk 35, Abst. 1094, T&P RR, 14 nw Garden City; TD 10605; API #42-173-37640 Permit issued 7/19

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Clark 1G #1HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 320 fsl, 341 fel, Sec 48, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 805, T&P RR, 5.6 w Garden City; TD 10000; API #42-173-37642 Permit issued 7/18

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Clark 1X #2HK
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 321 fsl, 291 fel, Sec 48, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 805, T&P RR, 5.6 w Garden City; TD 10000; API #42-173-37643 Permit issued 7/18

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Wrage 28 #3D
Spraberry (Trend Area); 533 fwl, 485 fsl, Sec 28, Blk 36, Abst. 1079, T&P RR, 5.7 se Spraberry; TD 14020; API #42-173-37678 Permit issued 7/19

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Clark 1X #3HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 323 fsl, 241 fel, Sec 48, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 805, T&P RR, 5.6 w Garden City; TD 10000; API #42-173-37645 Permit issued 7/18

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #106HB
Spraborry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1929 fel, 279 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8740; API #42-173-37669 Permit issued 7/19

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #106HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1929 fel, 249 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8500; API #42-173-37668 Permit issued 7/19

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #206HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 219 fnl, 1929 fel, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8150; API #42-173-37670 Permit issued 7/19

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #205HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 515 fnl, 2354 fel, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8150; API #42-173-37671 Permit issued 7/19

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 50 #105HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2294 fel, 515 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8740; API #42-173-37674 Permit issued 7/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Catfish Hunter 12-1 #4401H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 315 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 36, T-5-S, Abst. 1000, T&P RR, 14.3 sw Garden City; TD 9336; API #42-173-37672 Permit issued 7/19

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Catfish Hunter 12-1 #4405H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 285 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 36, T-5-S, Abst. 1000, T&P RR, 14.3 sw Garden City; TD 9336; API #42-173-37673 Permit issued 7/21

Howard County

Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Higgins 1 #4
Petey (Fusselman); 839 fnl, 1815 fel, Sec 1, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 152, T&P RR, 5.3 se Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39194 Permit issued 7/19

Surge Operating LLC
Hamlin-Middleton Unit 16-21 #4SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 526 fnl, 647 fel, Sec 16, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1026, T&P RR, 2.56 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39188 Permit issued 7/18

Surge Operating LLC
Fryar Unit B 13-12 #7SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2937 fsl, 695 fel, Sec 13, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 324, T&P RR, 6 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39190 Permit issued 7/20

Surge Operating LLC
Hamlin Unit 15-22 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 127 fnl, 360 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 325, T&P RR, 3.15 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39192 Permit issued 7/19

Surge Operating LLC
Wolfe-Jones Unit A 04-09 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 100 fnl, 1099 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1086, T&P RR, 3.18 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39193 Permit issued 7/21

Surge Operating LLC
Evans-Antell Unit 'B' 03-46 #6AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1703 fel, Sec 3, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 319, T&P RR, 4.22 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39195 Permit issued 7/21

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #7AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 13 fnl, 990 fel, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.6 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39196 Permit issued 7/21

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Ebony 55-1-40 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 2580 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 108, T&P RR, 17.25 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33468 Permit issued 7/19

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Hawks 55-1-28 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1960 fnl, 2642 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1162, T&P RR, 18.55 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33505 Permit issued 7/21

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Buckeye 55-1-28 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 51 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1162, T&P RR, 18.54 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33506 Permit issued 7/21

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Rainier 55-1-28 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1960 fnl, 2570 fel, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1162, T&P RR, 18.54 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33507 Permit issued 7/21

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Nyquist 55-2-17 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 430 fel, Sec 17, Blk 55, T-2, Abst. 124, T&P RR, 13.85 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33518 Permit issued 7/21

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Big Brown 55-2-29 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 430 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 55, T-2, Abst. 130, T&P RR, 13.31 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33517 Permit issued 7/21

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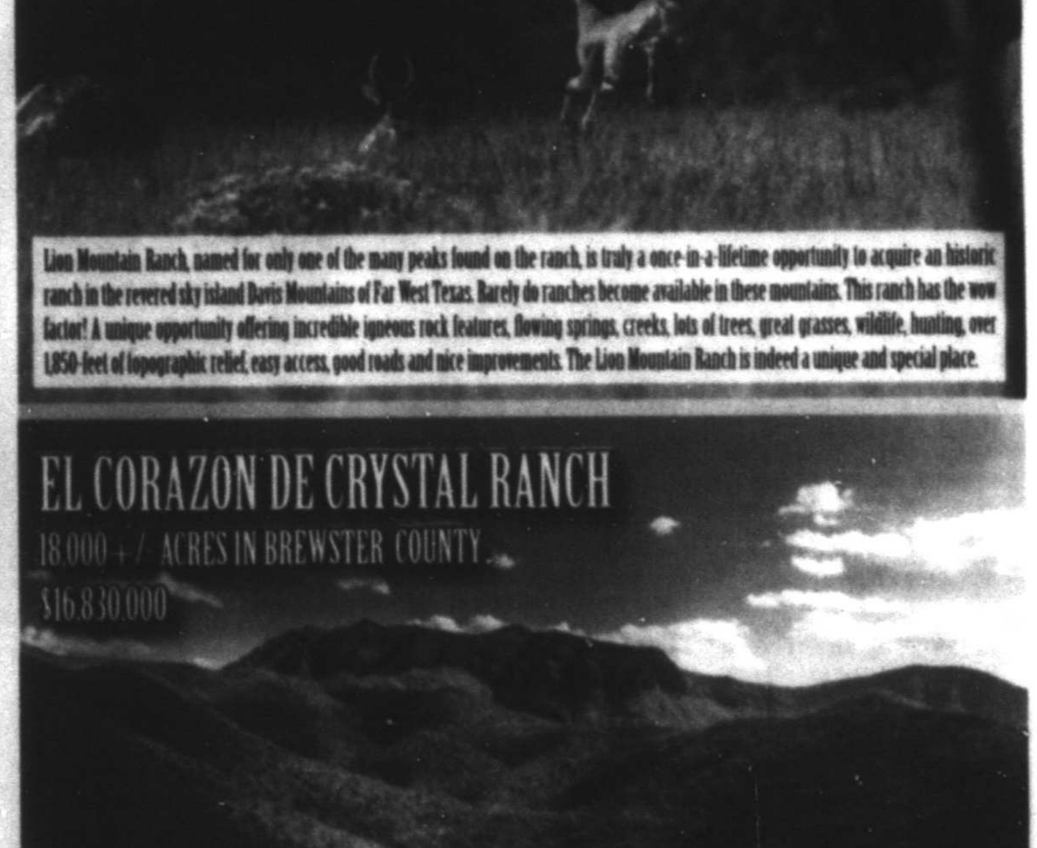

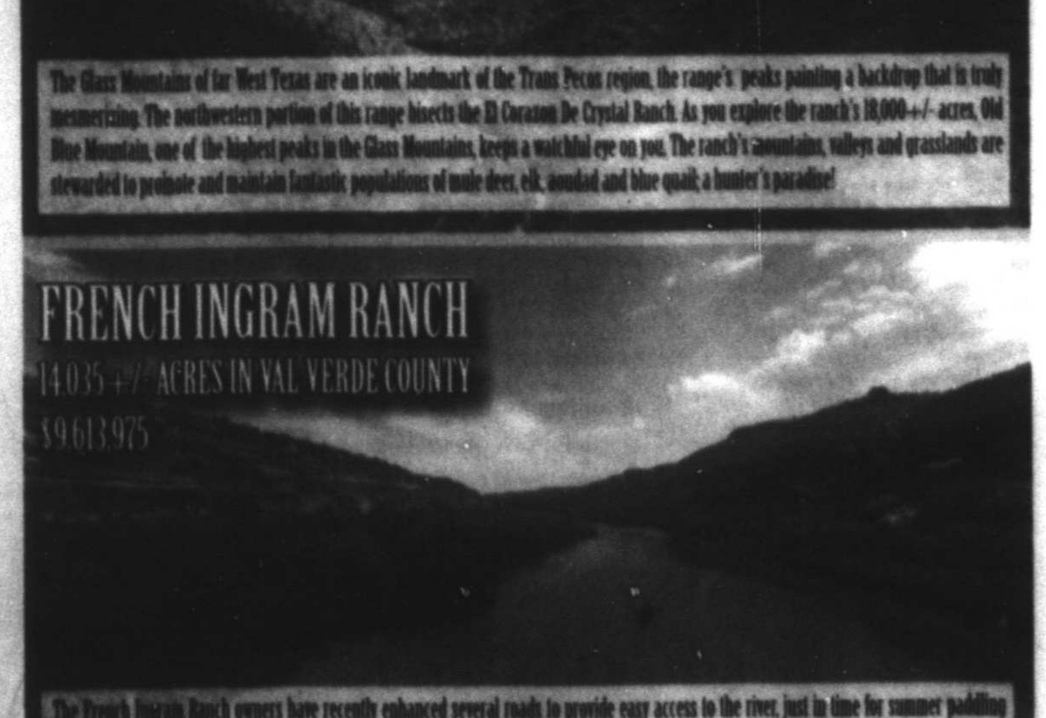

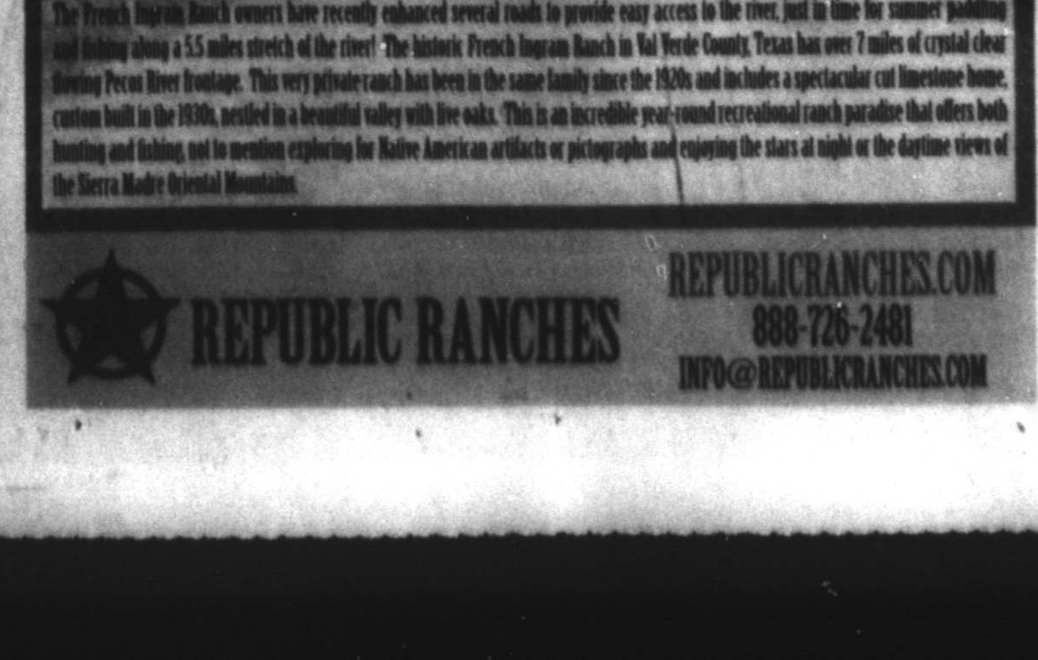

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State Magellan 7 #20H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 123 fsl, 878 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33503 Permit issued 7/19

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #21H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 142 fsl, 908 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33504 Permit issued 7/19

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1104H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1419 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.1 ne Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33514 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1379 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.1 ne Mentone; TD 12200; API #42-301-33510 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1359 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.1 ne Mentone; TD 12200; API #42-301-33509 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1103H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1399 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.1 ne Mentone; TD 12200; API #42-301-33508 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1109H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1437 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33511 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1108H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1467 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33512 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1107H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1497 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33513 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1106H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1527 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33516 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Dakar 53-2 LOV Unit #1105H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1557 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 25, T&P RR, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33515 Permit issued 7/21

Martin County

Chevron USA Inc
J E Mabee 'A' NCT-1 #3108H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9582.8 fsl, 5656.3 fel, Sec 31, Blk 39, T-2-N, Abst 413, T&P RR, 25.5 w Stanton; TD 10200; API #42-317-40925 Permit issued 7/19

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Halsey A #102WA
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 864 fel, 255 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst 654, T&P RR, 4.6 ne Stanton; TD 10500; API #42-317-40922 Permit issued 7/19

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Halsey D #103WD
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 839 fel, 255 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst 654, T&P RR, 4.6 ne Stanton; TD 10500; API #42-317-40923 Permit issued 7/19

Midland County

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc
A Davidson 38B#4HK
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 135 fsl, 1079 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst 310, T&P RR, 23.7 s Midland; TD 10000; API #42-329-41844 Permit issued 7/17

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Marcos 36-45 Unit 1 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 472 fsl, 1175 fel, Sec 33, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 211, T&P RR, 13.8 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41839 Permit issued 7/19

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Marcos 36-45 Unit 1 #221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 472 fsl, 1225 fel, Sec 33, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 211, T&P RR, 13.8 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41840 Permit issued 7/19

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Marcos 36-45 Unit 1 #222
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 472 fsl, 1250 fel, Sec 33, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 211, T&P RR, 13.8 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41841 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Marcos 36-45 Unit 1 #223
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 472 fsl, 1275 fel, Sec 33, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 211, T&P RR, 13.8 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41842 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Marcos 36-45 Unit 1 #224
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 472 fsl, 1300 fel, Sec 33, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 211, T&P RR, 13.8 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41843 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Pedernales 23-34 Unit 2 #272
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2340 fnl, 311 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 98, T&P RR, 12.36 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41848 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Pedernales 23-34 Unit 2 #271
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2340 fnl, 286 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 98, T&P RR, 12.36 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41845 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Pedernales 23-34 Unit 2 #282
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2340 fnl, 236 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 98, T&P RR, 12.36 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41847 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Nueces 37-44 Unit 1 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 468 fsl, 636 fel, Sec 32, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 14.6 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41850 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Nueces 37-44 Unit 1 #212
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 468 fsl, 661 fel, Sec 32, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 14.6 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41851 Permit issued 7/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Nueces 37-44 Unit 1 #221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 468 fsl, 686 fel, Sec 32, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 14.6 sw Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41852 Permit issued 7/21

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Waffle Iron #H120WX
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 632 fsl, 626 fel, Sec 42, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 1124, T&P RR, 2.2 ne Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-41849 Permit issued 7/21

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
OBrien-Brunson 43A #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1109 fel, 535 fsl, Sec 43, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 536, T&P RR, 17.1 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-41767 Permit issued 7/18

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L Hutt C #3674H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1195 fsl, 1431 fel, Sec 36, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 989, T&P RR, 17.2 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41771 Permit issued 7/21

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L Hutt C #3675H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1195 fsl, 1411 fel, Sec 36, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 989, T&P RR, 17.2 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41773 Permit issued 7/21

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L Hutt C #3676H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1195 fsl, 1391 fel, Sec 36, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 989, T&P RR, 17.2 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41774 Permit issued 7/21

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L Hutt C #3677H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1195 fsl, 1371 fel, Sec 36, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 989, T&P RR, 17.2 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41775 Permit issued 7/21

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1M #113H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1691 fnl, 4014 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41827 Permit issued 7/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1N #114H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1711 fnl, 4014 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41828 Permit issued 7/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1O #115H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1731 fnl, 4014 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41829 Permit issued 7/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1S #119H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1691 fnl, 3984 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41830 Permit issued 7/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1T #120H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1711 fnl, 3984 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41831 Permit issued 7/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Midkiff E1U #121H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1731 fnl, 3984 fel, Sec 1, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 121, T&P RR, 26.8 se Midland; TD 11100; API #42-329-41833 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 3 #1504BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2568 fwl, 2155 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 23.5 se Odessa; TD 9980; API #42-329-39615 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 3 #1511AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1119 fwl, 1705 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 18.2 se Odessa; TD 9650; API #42-329-41834 Permit issued 7/21

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 3 #1512AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1169 fwl, 1704 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 18.2 se Odessa; TD 9510; API #42-329-41835 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 3 #1513AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2518 fwl, 2155 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 18.2 se Odessa; TD 9650; API #42-329-41836 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 3 #1514AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2619 fwl, 2155 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 18.2 se Odessa; TD 9510; API #42-329-41837 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 4 #1505BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2303 fel, 2154 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 23.6 se Odessa; TD 9980; API #42-329-41838 Permit issued 7/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 4 #1506BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1651 fel, 2154 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 23.7 se Odessa; TD 9980; API #42-329-40056 Permit issued 7/21

XTO Energy Inc.
Bradford Trust A Unit 4 #1507BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 301 fel, 1815 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 942, T&P RR, 23.8 se Odessa; TD 9980; API #42-329-40065 Permit issued 7/21

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Palm Unit #101CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 400 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 71, Abst. 2396, PSL, 3.4 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36177 Permit issued 7/21

Apache Corporation
Cedar State Unit #101CR
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 344 fnl, 430 fel, Sec 40, Blk 58, T-6-S, Abst. 4412, T&P RRL, 14.8 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36175 Permit issued 7/20

Apache Corporation
Chinook #103AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2338 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 4802, T&P RR, 10.2 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36183 Permit issued 7/21

Apache Corporation
Chinook #104CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2368 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 4802, T&P RR, 10.2 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36184 Permit issued 7/21

Apache Corporation
Chinook #105AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2398 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 4802, T&P RR, 10.2 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36185 Permit issued 7/21

Beacon E&P Resources LLC
Eastway 2221 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 170 fnl, 3282 fwl, Sec 22, Blk C-18, Abst. 3242, PSL, 11.5 nw Pecos; TD 10200; API #42-389-36166 Permit issued 7/17

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Big House C #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnel, 220 fnwl, Sec 57, Blk 4, Abst. 409, H&GN RR, 12.9 2 Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36171 Permit issued 7/21

Chevron USA Inc.
REV GF State T7-50-43 #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 1345 fel, Sec 43, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 708, T&P RR, 17.86 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36180 Permit issued 7/21

Chevron USA Inc.
REV GF State T7-50-43 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 1320 fel, Sec 43, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 708, T&P RR, 17.86 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36181 Permit issued 7/21

Chevron USA Inc.
REV GF State T7-50-43 #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 1295 fel, Sec 43, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 708, T&P RR, 17.86 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36182 Permit issued 7/21

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Richmond 39 220 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 410 fsel, 200 fswl, Sec 39, Blk 4, Abst. 400, H&GN RR, 3.5 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36169 Permit issued 7/20

EOG Resources Inc.
State Apache 57 XL8 #1508H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 7880 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 57, Abst. 2471, PSL, 14.5 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36168 Permit issued 7/17

EOG Resources Inc.
State Apache 57 #103H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 280 fel, Sec 1, Blk 57, Abst. 3965, PSL, 15.7 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36174 Permit issued 7/21

EOG Resources Inc.
State Apache 57 #1611H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 4921 fwl, 4411 fsl, Sec 16, Blk 57, Abst. 2049, PSL, 14.5 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36176 Permit issued 7/21

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
Dorothy Unit 38 #1
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2300 fswl, 330 fnwl, Sec 38, Blk 4, Abst. 2723, H&GN RR, 4.2 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36137 Permit issued 7/19

PDC Permian Inc.
Old Moarch State 12 #B 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 371 fsl, 1405 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 5182, T&P RR, 5.97 sw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-36167 Permit issued 7/17

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
South Elephant Wolfcamp Unit #B307SL
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 425 fswl, 328 fsel, Sec 10, Blk 2, Abst. 4343, H&GN RR, 13.1 se Orla; TD 11700; API #42-389-36172 Permit issued 7/21

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
South Elephant Wolfcamp Unit #C207SL
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 425 fswl, 348 fsel, Sec 10, Blk 2, Abst. 4343, H&GN RR, 13.1 se Orla; TD 11700; API #42-389-36173 Permit issued 7/21

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Wile E. Coyote State 40 #10SL
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1404 fnwl, 298 fswl, Sec 40, Blk 1, Abst. 4280, H&GN RR, 25.7 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-36126 Permit issued 7/21

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Wile E. Coyote State 40 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2713 fnwl, 257 fswl, Sec 40, Blk 1, Abst. 4280, H&GN RR, 25.7 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-36128 Permit issued 7/21

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Wile E. Coyote State 40 #12H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2738 fnwl, 257 fswl, Sec 40, Blk 1, Abst. 4280, H&GN RR, 25.7 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-36122 Permit issued 7/21

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Wile E. Coyote State 40 #13H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2688 fnwl, 257 fswl, Sec 40, Blk 1, Abst. 4280, H&GN RR, 25.7 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-36123 Permit issued 7/21

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Mac State 20 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 615 fsl, 480 fel, Sec 20, Blk 55, Abst. 4643, T&P RR, 18 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-36120 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
Rain City 57-3-7 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 902, T&P RR, 7.83 sw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-36179 Permit issued 7/21

Ward County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Corbets A1 #1LA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 430 fnel, 1027 fnwl, Sec 150, Blk 34, H&TC RR, 7 ne Barstow; TD 11600; API #42-475-37247 Permit issued 7/21

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Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Brushy West #3046C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 841 fnl, 483 fel, Sec 3046, Blk 24, Abst. 904, H&TC RR, 20.7 nw Barnhart; TD 8860; Comp 6/28/2017; producing from 5049-8545, fracture stimulated; pump 109 BO, 219 MCF, 170 BW, 38.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-36123

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Graston #1934O
Spraberry (Trend Area); 835 fsl, 3915 fwl, Sec 1934-1/2, Abst. 51, P.M. Carpenter, 20.6 n Barnhart; TD 8485; Comp 7/10/2017; producing from 4749-8107, fracture stimulated; pump 76 BO, 66 MCF, 126 BW, 37.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-36102

Runnels County

The Windows Operating Company
Colburn #2
Winters North (Gardner Sand); 467 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 88, Blk 64, Abst. 831, H&TB RR, 1.75 n Winters; TD 4591; Comp 7/20/2017; producing from 4483-4487, treated with acid; pump 60 BO, 45 MCF, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-399-35528

Tom Green County

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger B #1809
Spraberry (Trend Area); 5917 fel, 2083 fnl, Sec 18, Blk A, Abst. 8456, GC&SF RR, 42.9 nw San Angelo; TD 7900; Comp 7/7/2017; producing from 6563-7136, fracture stimulated; flow 37 BO, 59 MCF, 80 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 350 psi, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32228

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Andrews County

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7218
Fullerton; 17163 fsl, 11042 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 13, Abst. 398U, ULS, 17.2 nw Andrews; TD 7368; Comp 6/22/2017; producing from 6586-7238, fracture stimulated; pump 202 BO, 161 MCF, 1712 BW, 39.37 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47233

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7620
Fullerton; 9371 fsl, 13671 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 13, Abst. 399U, ULS, 16.4 nw Andrews; TD 7310; Comp 6/28/2017; producing from 6641-7218, fracture stimulated; pump 70 BO, 65 MCF, 928 BW, 39.37 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47446

Ector County

ConocoPhillips Company
Embar #1704H
Andector (Wichita Albany)-Horizontal; 130 fsl, 240 fel, Sec 8, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 611, T&P RR, 23 nw Goldsmith; TD 6633 TVD, 12017 MD; Comp 6/28/2017; producing from 7050-12020, fracture stimulated; pump 117 BO, 9 MCF, 1584 BW, 37.21 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43399

ConocoPhillips Company
Cole #1311H
Andector (Wichita Albany)-Horizontal; 460 fsl, 1853 fel, Sec 12, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 804, T&P RR, 21 sw Andrews; TD 6717 TVD, 122007 MD; Comp 6/25/2017; producing from 7223-12155, fracture stimulated; pump 349 BO, 235 MCF, 1461 BW, 37.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43424

Glasscock County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Terry B #4C
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 756 fnwl, 807 fnel, Sec 4, Abst. 866, EL&RR, 17 se Garden City; TD 9320; Comp 7/1/2017; producing from 5438-8535, fracture stimulated; pump 276 BO, 495 MCF, 235 BW, 38.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37439

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Terry B #3Y
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 947 fsl, 987 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 1144,GC&SF RR, 17.9 se Garden City; TD 9320; Comp 6/23/2017; producing from 5989-9042, fracture stimulated; pump 42 BO, 218 MCF, 27 BW, 38.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37440

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Terry B #4F
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 870 fnl, 1231 fswl, Sec 4, Abst. 866, EL&RR, 17.5 se Garden City; TD 9070; Comp 6/22/2017; producing from 5390-8544, fracture stimulated; pump 46 BO, 30 MCF, 127 BW, 38.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37438

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Rippin Wrangler C26-19 #4HR
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 491 fnwl, 1000 fnel, Sec 2, Blk 29, Abst. 985, PSL, 13 ne Mentone; TD 12400 TVD, 17305 MD; Comp 6/20/2017; producing from 12700-17136, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1316 BO, 755 MCF, 6690 BW, FTP 1575 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-33217

Midland County

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 2O #202HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1242 fwl, 1943 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 946, T&P RR, 18.5 se Midland; TD 8934 TVD, 17232 MD; Comp 6/26/2017; producing from 9639-17049, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 883 BO, 1203 MCF, 1994 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 550 psi, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40688

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 1O #101HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1217 fwl, 1943 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 946, T&P RR, 18.5 se Midland; TD 8784 TVD, 16920 MD; Comp 6/28/2017; producing from 9332-16742, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 1053 BO, 895 MCF, 1900 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTF 530 psi, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40691

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 1O #101HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1167 fwl, 1943 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 946, T&P RR, 18.5 se Midland; TD 8538 TVD, 16861 MD; Comp 6/27/2017; producing from 9454-16674, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; gas lift 900 BO, 895 MCF, 1334 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 400 psi, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40697

Ward County

Sundown Energy LP
Hutchings Stock Association #3077
Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian); 1460 fwl, 7326 fnl, Sec 7, Blk O, Abst. 125, G&MMB&A, 2 se Wickett; TD 10600; Comp 6/24/2017; producing from 8250-10284, fracture stimulated; pump 22 BO, 32 MCF, 295 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36964

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Hockley County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Sundown Unit #106
Slaughter; 3449 fel, 4586 fsl, Sec 40, Abst. 172, Maverick CSL, 2.7 ne Sundown; TD 5044; Comp 6/26/2017; producing from 4853-5044, treated with acid; pump 62 BO, 330 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37397

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Sundown Unit #99
Slaughter; 2818 fwl, 4158 fnl, Sec 40, Abst. 172, Maverick CSL, 2.9 ne Sundown; TD 5029; Comp 6/20/2017; producing from 4820-5029, treated with acid; pump 8 BO, 221 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37374

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #930
Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 100/N & 1070/E. BHL: 231/S & 981/E; EL 3569 GL, TD 9430 MD, 4821 TVD, PBTD 9350; Spud 2-21-17, Comp 4-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 4854-9330. Treat: Acdz w/110,880 gals acid, Frac w/495,642 gals trt wtr, 6,691,482 gals slick wtr. IP: 4-15-17 Pump 24 hrs 258 BO, 1128 BW, 160 MCF, GOR 620, Gty 40.1. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 251 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 880 w/1125 sx, 7 @ 4107 w/800 sx, 5 @ 9430 w/2500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4231; API #30-015-43782

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Derringer 18 B3EH Federal #2
Russell; Sec 18 T20S R29E; 1860/N & 330/W. BHL: 1800/N & 330/E; EL 3261 GL, TD 13100 MD, 8996 TVD, PBTD 13087 MD, 8996 TVD; Spud 2-15-17, Comp 5-22-17; production is through treated perfs: 9156-13060. Treat: 7,688,772 gals slickwater, carrying 5,396,740# 100 mesh sd & 2,529,832# 30/50 white sd. IP: 5-24-17 Pump 24 hrs 411 BO, 2553 BW, 723 MCF, GOR 1759, Gty 45. Csg; 20 @ 375 w/750 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1135 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2975 w/1100 sx, 7 @ 9150 w/9150 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8206-13060 w/300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8188; API #30-015-43578

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Skelton Fee #2
Forehand Ranch; Sec 15 T23S R27E; 280/N & 1845/W. BHL: 355/N & 1675/W; EL 3115 GR, TD 9305 MD, 9301 TVD, PBTD 9247; Spud 12-17-14, Comp 5-28-17; production is through treated perfs: 8794-8936. Treat: 356,760 gals fluid, 243,000# proppant. IP: 6-5-17 Flow 24 hrs 321 BO, 0 BW, 0 MCF, 64/64 Ch, CP 1825, Gty 46. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 400 w/420 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1978 w/750 sx, 7 @ 9305 w/600 sx, 7 @ 7580 w/840 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8772; API #30-015-42411

DC Operating Inc.
Black River 15-10 State Com X #4
Purple Sage; Sec 15 T24S R27E; 240/N & 360/E. BHL: Sec 10 1155/N & 380/E; EL 3221 GL, TD 18,250 MD, 9155 TVD, PBTD 18,188; Spud 1-27-17, Comp 4-17-17; production is through treated perfs: 9592-18,118. Treat: 1,417 bbls acid, 473,239 bbls fluid, 22,684,516# proppant. IP: 5-1-17 Flow 24 hrs 978 BO, 5032 BW, 2365 MCF, 42/64" Ch, TP 1400. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 440 w/370 sx, 9 5/8 2 2356 w/740 sx, 7 @ 9470 w/960 sx, 4 1/2 @ 18,250 w/600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8372; API #30-015-43959

Matador Production Co.

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Chancellor McRaven to address grads at UTPB

UTPB Summer Commencement will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, August 11, 2017. 232 graduates will receive their diplomas in a ceremony that will be held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM1788, Midland, Texas 79707.

William H. McRaven, Chancellor of The University of Texas System will deliver the commencement address. As the chief executive officer of the UT System, Chancellor McRaven oversees the 14 UT System institutions that educate more than 228,000 students and employ approximately 20,000 faculty and 80,000 health care professionals, researchers and staff.

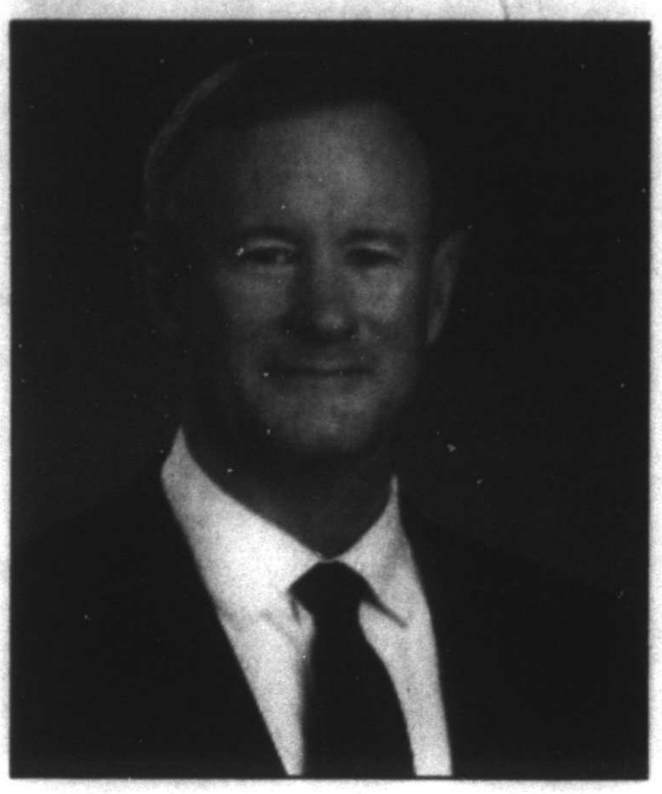
McRaven's tenure as Chancellor has been marked by his dedication to collaborative programs among the institutions, a focus on student success and a commitment to support UT institutions as they educate the leaders of tomorrow and produce research and discoveries that increase knowledge and improve lives in Texas and around the world.

A retired U.S. Navy four-star admiral, prior to becoming chancellor in January 2015, McRaven was the commander of U.S. Special Operations Command during which time he led a force of 69,000 men and women and was responsible for conducting counter-terrorism operations worldwide. He is recognized nationally as an authority on strategic leadership and has been honored by numerous national and international organizations.

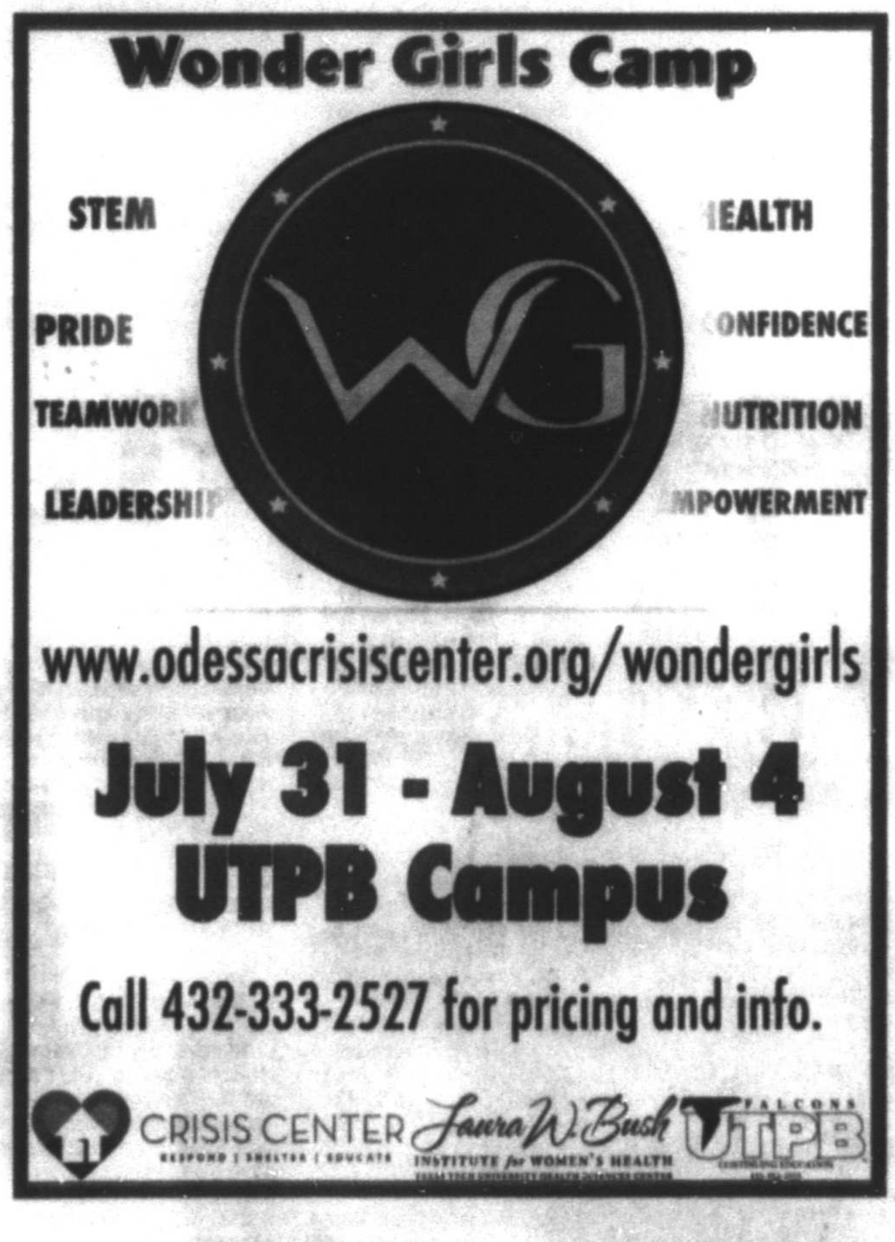
McRaven grew up in San Antonio and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from The University of Texas at Austin in 1977. He received his master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey in 1991.

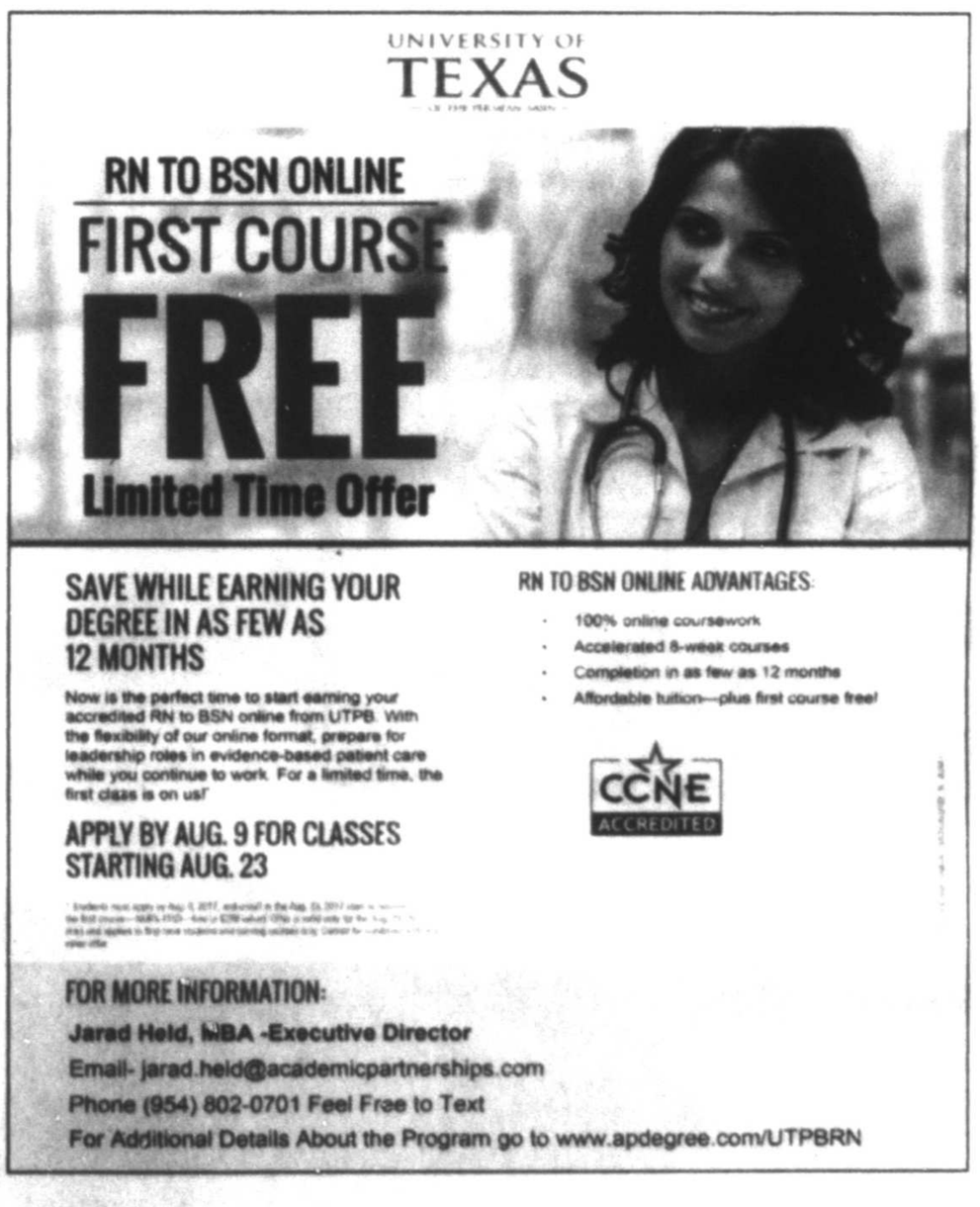
Kevin Slater will give the alumni address. He graduated from UTPB with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1988 while attending night school and working for a small industrial instrument and controls company. In 1994, Slater started his own company, Slater Controls, Inc. Slater Controls now has offices in Phoenix, Albuquerque, Farmington and Amarillo. In 2009, he formed a second company named Autrol U.S. which manufactures engineered industrial pressure and temperature instruments. Slater currently serves on the UTPB Development Board and the UTPB Engineering Advisory Board Committee.

He has been married for 36 years to his high school sweetheart, Marcia. He has two children and four grandchildren.



All parking areas will be available for open parking. Car pooling and early arrival is recommended. Following commencement, a reception will be held in the lobby.





Upcoming Events at UTPB

Summer 2017 Commencement

Plan to attend the UTPB Summer 2017 Commencement ceremony to be held on Friday August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

UT System Chancellor William McRaven will be the commencement speaker. This will be a ticketed event. Graduates will receive seven (7) tickets to distribute to their family and friends. Information on how and when to pick up the tickets will be sent out after the deadline to apply as passed.

All-State Choir Cam p

July 31, August 1-3, Mon-Wed, 9am-4pm
Open to incoming 9-12 grades

Lunch provided - all events will be held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Camp cost is $70. For more information or to register for camp, contact Yvonne Drinkard at 432.552.3288 or music@utpb.edu.

2017 Falcon Football Home Game Schedule

September 2 vs Sul Ross
September 30 vs. Tarleton State
October 14 vs. Texas A&M – Kingsville
October 28 vs. Midwestern State (Midland)
November 11 vs. Angelo State

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#3109
Ward-Estes North (Wichita-Albany)-Directional; 818 fnl, 2924 fwl, Sec 6, Blk O, Abst. 124, G&MMB&A, 0.9 se Wickett; TD 11000; API #42-475-37285 Permit issued 7/17

Sundown Energy LP
Hutchings Stock Association #3110
Ward-Estes North (Wichita-Albany)-Directional; 800 fnl, 3653 fwl, Sec 6, Blk O, Abst. 124, G&MMB&A, 1 se Wickett; TD 11000; API #42-475-37286 Permit issued 7/18

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation 'B' #107
Monahans North (Clearfork); 605 fe, 1100 fnl, Sec 70, Blk A, Abst. 55, G&MMB&A, 9.8 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33868 Permit issued 7/17

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
Booth Falls 2227-27 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnwl, 660 fnel, Sec 22, Blk 27, Abst. 1739, PSL, 9.6 nw Kermit; TD 12000; API #42-495-33854 Permit issued 7/18

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #1007H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1215 fnel, 8358 fnwl, Sec 10, Blk 20, Abst. 11U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 12300; API #42-495-33890 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #1005H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1215 fnel, 8298 fnwl, Sec 10, Blk 20, Abst. 11U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 12300; API #42-495-33889 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #1002H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1215 fnel, 8388 fnwl, Sec 10, Blk 20, Abst. 11U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 12300; API #42-495-33891 Permit issued 7/21

Shell Western E&P
University 20 PW Unit #1003H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1215 fnel, 8418 fnwl, Sec 10, Blk 20, Abst. 11U, ULS, 9.2 sw Wink; TD 12300; API #42-495-33892 Permit issued 7/21

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Phoenix Unit B 35-38 #8AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 321 fnl, 405 fel, Sec 35, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 232, T&P RR, 11 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32431 Permit issued 7/17

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #325-8
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 1916 fsl, 3224 fel, Sec 194, Blk 97, Abst. 1536, H&TC RR, 7.8 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35313 Permit issued 7/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #323-1A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 4360 fsl, 4472 fel, Sec 194, Blk 97, Abst. 2709, H&TC RR, 7.76 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35312 Permit issued 7/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #323-4B
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 4256 fsl, 4470 fel, Sec 194, Blk 97, Abst. 2709, H&TC RR, 7.77 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35314 Permit issued 7/20

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #169-4A
Kelly-Snyder; 17605 fnl, 14188 fwl, Sec 253, Blk 97, Abst. 1883, H&TC RR, 5.75 nw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35315 Permit issued 7/20

Yoakum County

Steward Energy II LLC
Moondance 534 #2H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 223 fnl, 2486 fel, Sec 585, Blk D, Abst. 560, J.H. Gibson, 13.60 sw Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36830 Permit issued 7/21

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #908
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 417/N & 136/E; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9690 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44274

COG Operating LLC
Carmen 3 Federal Com #91
Loco Hills; Sec 3 T17S R30E; 330/N & 150/E; 3 mi N Loco Hills; Rot 9464 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44271

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Nosler 12 Fed MO #8
Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 750/S & 200/E; 4 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 9178 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44276

Cimarex Energy Co.
Parkway 17 State #6
Scanlon Draw; Sec 17 T19S R29E; 920/S & 282/W; 13 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13433 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44275

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Ogden 20509 32 29 Fed #8
Purple Sage; Sec 32 T23S R28E; 2440/S & 360/W; 1 mi SW Loving; Rot 17885 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44270

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 18 Fed #5
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 150/N & 285/E; 14 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 14996 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44272

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 18 Fed #7
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 150/N & 255/E; 14 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 14853 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44273

Lea County

CML Exploration LLC
Raider 9 State #2
Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R33E; 990/S & 800/W; 6 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 11500 Cisco; API #30-025-43874

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bilbrey 34 27 B2MD Fed #1
Salt Lake; Sec 34 T21S R32E; 270/S & 405/W; 9 mi SE Halfway; Rot 20543 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43872

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Guitar 10 24 28 RB #201
Purple Sage; Sec 11 T24S R28E; 933/N & 254/W. BHL: Sec 10 418/N & 217/W; EL 2980 GR, TD 14338, PBTD 14318; Spud 1-16-17, Comp 5-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 9865-14170. Treat: 12,335,870# sd. IP: 5-20-17 Flow 24 hrs 1165 BO, 2955 BW, 2122 MCF, 32/64 Ch, CP 2320 GOR 1821, Gty 46. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 615 w/586 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2703 w/856 sx, 7 5/8 @ 9844 w/796 sx, 7 @ 8740 w/840 sx, 51/2 @ 9844 w/518 sx, 4 1/2 @ 14318 w/518; API #30-015-43940

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jawbone State #2
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 2 T25S R26E; 200/N & 1895/E. BHL: 332/S & 1899/E; EL 3383 GR, TD 11,983; Spud 1-26-17, Comp 4-8-17; production is through treated perfs: 7450-11,945. Treat: 6,682,671# sd. IP: 4-2317 Flow 24 hrs 920 BO, 2299 BW, 2745 MCF, 40/64" Ch, CP 860, GOR 2984, Gty 48.3.

Csg: 13 3/8 @ 299 w/230 sx, 9 5/8 2 1963 w/624 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11961 w/1940 sx; API #30-015-43984

COG Operating LLC
Graham Nash Federal Com #7
Hay Hollow; Sec 21 T26S R28E; 200/S & 1550/W. BHL: 208/S & 1938/W; EL 2989 GL, TD 15208 MD, 7853 TVD, PBTD 15050 MD, 7858 TVD; 8198-15025, 15075-15085. Treat: Acdz w/70,938 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/10,815,683# sd & 6,891,316 gals fluid. IP: 5-19-17 Flow 24 hrs 8 BO, 1290 BW, 0 MCF, TP 225, CP 225. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 340 w/430 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2363 w/875 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15208 w/3045 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8198; API #30-015-43811

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Mas Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 34 T20S R34E; 190/N & 2440/W. BHL: 224/S & 1949/W; EL 3720 GL, TD 15972 MD, 11371 TVD, PBTD 15890 MD, 11371 TVD; Spud 12-1-16, Comp 1-25-17; production is through treated perfs: 11466-15860. Treat: Acdz w/85134 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/6760087# sd & 9170574 gals fluid. IP: 1-30-17 Flow 24 hrs 525 BO, 2852 BW, 464 MCF, TP 1900, CP 1550. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1722 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5788 w/3890 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15962 w/2600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10771; API #30-025-43482

EOG Resources Inc.
Persimmon 24 State Com #201
North Berry; Sec 24 T21S R33E; 2364/S & 330/E. BHL: Sec 25 205/S & 341/E; EL 3756 GR, TD 16,892 MD, 9554 TVD, PBTD 16758; Spud 2-7-17, Comp 4-12-17; production is through treated perfs: 9762-16,758. Treat: Frac w/19,005,760# proppant, 350,599 bbls load fluid. IP: 4-27-17 Flow 24 hrs 2137 BO, 2809 BW, 2764 MCF, 64/64" ch, CP 432, GOR 1293, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 2022 w/1875 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5379 w/2054 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16577 w/2331 sx; API #30-025-43500

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Concho County

Flag Energy LLC
Home Place #1
Wildcat; 1038 fel, 480 fsl, Sec 2055, Blk 72, Abst. 969, C. Wagerman, 2.9 sw Eden; TD 4000; API #42-095-32435 Permit issued 7/19

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Reeves County

Jetta Permian LP
Rincon #1H
Wildcat; 362 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 16, Blk 72, Abst. 2057, PSL, 4.27 ne Toyah; TD 12000; API #42-389-36170 Permit issued 7/19

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Lamb County

M.E. Operating & Services Inc.
Day #2
Wildcat; 470 fnl, 1103 fwl, Sec 673, Abst. 348, SCI, 1 s Littlefield; TD 4200; API #42-279-30418 Permit issued 7/17

New Mexico

Lea County

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Grama 8817 16-9 Fed #3
Wildcat; Sec 16 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1980/W; 14 1/2 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 20337 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43869

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Grama 8817 16-9 Fed #4
Wildcat; Sec 16 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1980/E; 14 1/2 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 20367 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43870

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Grama 8817 16-9 Fed #5
Wildcat; Sec 16 T22S R34E; 200/S & 330/E; 14 1/2 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 20366 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43871

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St Com #707
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 275/S & 2467/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22686 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43857

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St Com #708
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 275/S & 2432/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22571 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43858

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St #709
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 275/S & 2397/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22576 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43859

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St #710
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 300/S & 1273/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22579 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43860

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St #711
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 300/S & 1238/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22571 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43861

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 St #712
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 300/S & 568/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22575 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43862