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Couple finds relief in SCOTUS marriage ruling

By Rich Lopez
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On the day of the Supreme Court's ruling that legalized same-sex marriage across the nation, emotions weren't just mixed across the country or on Facebook, but also for one local couple.

Micheal Willhelm-Waid, 37, costume designer at Midland Community Theatre and James Willhelm-Waid, 36, a nurse at Medical Center Hospital Odessa, met in 2011. Soon after, they cemented their relationship and were married in New Mexico in 2014. A two-hour drive to Lovington last May was the start of the couple's life together despite the fact that, once returning to Texas, none of it would matter — until Friday's decision.

The two discussed their feelings about Friday's decision.

MRT: Starting with the obvious, how did you react upon hearing Friday's news?

Micheal: I think it was almost a little relief. Even though we were already legally married, Texas didn't recognize that. Anything we had in New Mexico didn't translate here, and now no hassle or confusion about our marriage.

James: I was in middle of mowing the yard when I found out. I came in and checked the news and Facebook and that's when I went into a frenzied excitement. Then it became overwhelming to see the different people congratulating us who we didn't realize were even supportive. When I heard that county clerks were being flooded, I started crying. This was our time now.

MRT: Were you optimistic about your marriage ever being legal in Texas or across the country?

Micheal: I did because so many states already allowed it. I did think the remaining states wouldn't go without a fight, but I knew it was a matter of time.

James: I didn't. I felt the court would leave it to the states, and I knew Texas on its own would never do it.

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Micheal and James Willhelm-Waid pose for a photo Saturday in their home. The two sat with the Reporter-Telegram to answer questions about the recent SCOTUS decision.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders wait in line to enter Doug Russell Pool on Saturday.

Doug Russell transformation makes big impact on community

■ Up to 1,000 people a day are using the aquatic center after $3.25 million upgrade

By Stewart Doreen
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What a difference a year makes.

One year ago, the pool at Doug Russell offered a place to swim, but, for the average Midlander, not much else.

This year, the Doug Russell Aquatic Center offers so much more. It now includes a pool, lazy river, splash pad for toddlers and rock climbing wall. There are, of course, the slides that are the signature of the $3.25 million facelift. They have replaced the aged diving area from Doug Russell past as the things to do for those wanting an adrenaline rush to go with their fun in the sun.

To say the community has reacted positively to the pool would be a major understatement. Last year, Doug Russell could attract a decent crowd on a good day, but nothing like this year. The line to get in forms well before the pool opens. And the pool is consistently filled to capacity (between 400 and 450 depending on the number of life guards, according to officials). In fact, anyone driving by the aquatic center on Midland Drive

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Publisher Distelhorst to leave Reporter-Telegram

From staff reports

Hearst Newspapers announced last week that Publisher Michael Distelhorst will be leaving Midland to take a similar position with a newspaper group in North Carolina.

Distelhorst is the fifth publisher since Hearst acquired the Reporter-Telegram in January of 1979. Previous publishers were William C. "Bill" Thomas, George B. Irish, Charles A. Spence and Dave Wedel. Distelhorst will assume a similar position with a trio of Gatehouse Newspapers — The Daily News in Jacksonville, the Free Press in Kinston and the Sun Journal in New Bern.

Distelhorst

Distelhorst's last day at the Reporter-Telegram is scheduled for July 8. He came to Midland in February 2013 from Amarillo, where he served as vice president of advertising and revenue development for the Amarillo Globe-News.

Distelhorst has responsibility for the business and operating performance of Hearst's West Texas Community Newspapers — the Reporter-Telegram, Plainview Herald, Muleshoe Journal and Canyon News.

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Your face on your espresso? Highlights from tech show

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Imagine staring deep into the foam of your favorite espresso drink and seeing a face looking back at you. Or how about using the charge in your fingers to clean your teeth?

At the CE Week gadget show in New York this week, there were several standouts amid the sea of smartphone chargers and 3-D printers. Some are set to hit stores near you in the not-too-distant future.

Here's a look at some of the more fun and fabulous items on display:

Lufthansa lattes

Ripples combines 3-D and ink-jet printer technologies to paint a picture on top of any foam-covered drink using coffee extract. Baristas can choose a pre-loaded design or upload their own over Wi-Fi, such as a picture of the person receiving the drink, corporate logos or even jokes.

The Israeli company behind it, Stream CC, said it has a deal to introduce the machines in Lufthansa's first and business-class lounges this year.

The $999 machine will be available to commercial establishments that serve coffee. Service plans start at $75 per month.

Beer Fizzics

For the beer aficionado who wants to experience the frothy head of a properly poured draft beer at home, there is Fizzics.

The personal beer dispenser takes beer from any store-bought can, bottle or growler and applies some magic to give it the bubbles and taste of something straight from the tap.

All styles of beer, from pilsners to stouts, work with the machine.

The invention was funded by an Indiegogo campaign that raised about $148,000, nearly triple its goal. Commercial sales are expected to start in September, with the machines retailing for nearly $200.

A T-Rex that plays fetch

If you think a puppy is too much responsibility for your child, how about a mini robot Tyrannosaurus Rex?

Using location technology, the MiPosaur can chase after a matching ball, go for a walk with its owner and even dance and make happy sounds. The exceptionally cute robots will go on sale in August at major retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart and Toys R Us. The combination of a MiPosaur and a ball will cost about $120.

WowWee, the MiPosaur's parent company, also showed off its REV battle cars. For $100, you can get a pair of race cars controlled by a smartphone or tablet app. Players use the cars to chase and shoot at each other. Lights and sounds signal a hit. Those who can't find a partner can choose a computerized bad guy to play against.

Coding for kids

Given the job possibilities down the road, it's never too early to start teaching your kids how to code.

Ozobot aims to do just that. By drawing lines in various colors, kids as young as 7 can tell the pingpong-ball-sized robot to do things like go forward, backward or spin around.

While the original Ozobot has been around for a while, an updated version is geared at older children. Rather than draw colored lines, kids program their Ozobot on a computer.

The new Ozobots sell for $60 on Amazon. Older models, which sell for about $50, can be upgraded to add the coding software for $10.

Battery booster

There's a lot of power in your little finger.

The Ionic ProClean toothbrush generates millions of ions negative by creating a circuit involving the moistened toothbrush and a person's palm or finger. According to the company, the completion of the circuit gets the ions flowing. The ions then polarize plaque fluid, causing a person's tooth enamel to repel it. This loosens and removes the plaque.

A small light on the brush indicates when this is happening. The brushes sell for about $10.

Photos from Associated Press

TOP: The MiPosaur, from Wowwee, go through their paces Wednesday during the CE Week show, in New York. Through the use of a form of GPS technology, the mini robots can chase after a matching ball, go for a walk with its owner and even dance and make happy sounds. **ABOVE, CLOCKWISE:** Israel-based Steam CC demonstrates its $999 Ripples machines. The machines combine 3D and ink-jet printer technologies to paint a picture on top of any foam-covered drink using coffee extract. Ripples has inked a deal with Lufthansa to introduce the machines in the airline's first and business-class lounges later this year. The Ionic Proclean toothbrush is demonstrated. The device generates negative ions by completing a circuit formed with the toothbrush, some water and a person's palm or finger. According to the company, the ions polarize plaque fluid to loosen and remove plaque. A Fizzics personal beer dispenser is demonstrated. The device, funded by an Indiegogo campaign, takes beer from any store-bought can, bottle or growler and enhances it with a patent-pending fluid and gas technology to give it the bubbles and taste of something straight from the tap.

Audio overkill? Some question benefits of 'high-res' music

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Its backers say it does for music lovers what ultra high-definition television has done for couch potatoes.

It's a digital format that packs nearly seven times the data found on CDs, touted as producing crystal-clear sounds with a sharpness that'll blow consumers away. Advocates like Neil Young and major record labels say the format that's the high end of what's known as "high-resolution" audio restores textures, nuances and tones that listeners sacrifice when opting for the convenience of music compressed into formats like MP3s or Apple's AAC.

But some recording-technology experts say this super high-res format — known by its 192 kHz, 24-bit technical specs — is pricy digital overkill, an oversized "bit bucket" that contains sounds only dogs or dolphins can truly enjoy.

Some cynics say the push to high-res audio is just another attempt to get consumers to rebuy music they already own.

Marc de Oliveira did just that in February when he bought Bob Dylan's latest album, "Shadows In The Night" from the Young-backed PonoMusic store. Already having bought the CD from a physical record store, the Copenhagen-based 49-year-old IT consultant splurged on a 24-bit version, hoping to feel more present in the room where Dylan recorded.

Instead, he stumbled on a blog that analyzed the file and found no more than 16 of the 24 bits were used, the same as on the CD. After months of de Oliveira trying to get a refund, Pono's Vice President of Content Acquisition Bruce Botnick replied to his posts saying that Dylan himself liked sample CDs cut in the studio. Engineers mastered the album from those discs, forever locking this particular release at the lower specs.

Still, that hasn't changed what Pono is charging for the file, $17.99, versus the physical CD, which costs $9.70 on Amazon.

"They should have probably been more active about not accepting that as a real 24-bit file," de Oliveira said.

More than 90 percent of the PonoMusic store is represented essentially by digital copies, or rips, of CDs, Botnick acknowledged to The Associated Press in an interview at his Ojai, California-based studio. To be fair, they're labeled as such. And those files are still in a higher category than AAC files or MP3s, which eliminate some sounds in the compression process.

But of the other albums on PonoMusic labeled higher-than-CD quality, Botnick said about 70 to 75 percent "we know are real," meaning they've researched the recording history to verify the file has more information than just a CD rip or has some other quirk in the original recording justifying a mixed or lower resolution.

He said efforts are being made to further assure consumers of the "provenance," or origins of recordings, and how they got to be labeled high-resolution.

"It's a real fact-finding job" and "it's going to take some time" to handle the thousands of albums in question, he said. Until then, it's a case of "buyer beware," he said.

And while audiophiles may be aware of the rarified, often hard-to-detect benefits of the high-resolution files, average music lovers can easily over-value the claims made by backers, according to Mark Waldrep, a recording engineer, college professor and writer of the "Real HD-Audio" blog.

Studios are re-releasing older recordings in giant data containers that are sometimes barely merited, he said.

That conclusion was reinforced when he analyzed high-res Warner Music re-releases of Joni Mitchell's "All I Want" from the 1971 album "Blue" and "Ain't No Way" from Aretha Franklin's 1968 album "Lady Soul," which The Associated Press bought from the PonoMusic store.

"You're buying a container that's really 50-60 or even 70 percent zeroes. It's all empty information," he said. "The frequencies you're buying up here are either all zeroes, or hiss,

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Energy sector slowdown affects Texas metros in varying ways

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

The outlook for Texas' metropolitan areas is positive, although the slowdown in the energy sector is affecting them to varying degrees. The Perryman Group recently updated the short-term forecast through 2019 in light of changing oil prices.

The Austin-Round Rock MSA continues to be among the strongest performers in the nation and the state, remaining the top market in the nation in numerous rankings. Austin is poised for expansion in most private sector industries, with enough gains to offset weakness in the government sector. Through 2019, the Austin area is forecast to see gains in output (real gross product or RGP) at a 4.27 percent yearly rate, for an overall increase of almost $25.3 billion. Nearly 110,851 net new jobs are projected to be added (2.25 percent per annum growth) to bring wage and salary employment to more than a million jobs over the next five years.

The Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division has been generating more jobs than almost any other of the United States' largest metropolitan divisions. While the area has been affected by the oil price decline, the effect is much less than in other oil-driven areas such as Houston, and the area will be a growth leader among major metropolitan areas in Texas. The Perryman Group's most recent forecast indicates output (RGP) expansion at a 4.06 percent pace, for a gain of more than $73.1 billion through 2019. Wage and salary employment is likely to expand by 259,377 jobs over the period as well (a 2.11 percent yearly pace).

The Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Division is growing faster than the nation as a whole, led by gains in personal services and construction. Although the area has shed jobs recently, the unemployment rate in the area remains a healthy 3.8 percent (as of April). The Perryman Group's forecast indicates expansion at a rate outpacing much of the United States, with RGP forecast to increase at a 4.01 percent annual rate through 2019 for a gain of almost $25.4 billion. Over the same 2014-2019 period, wage and salary employment is likely to grow by 103,362 jobs, a 1.97 percent per annum gain.

The large military presence in the El Paso area continues to constitute a base for the local economy. Total employment has fluctuated recently, but last month saw gains of 2,300 jobs in the region. The area is projected to see modest growth over the next five years, with output (RGP) expected to grow at 3.28 percent annually for a gain of close to $4.7 billion through 2019. Employment is forecast to increase by nearly 29,000, a 1.68 percent yearly growth rate.

As anticipated, the slowdown in the oil industry is affecting the Houston-area economy. Energy had been a key reason for the economic strength of the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA, and businesses engaged in oil and gas exploration and production have begun to shed jobs. Despite that weakness and the ripple effects through the economy, expansion in other sectors is expected to moderate the overall negative impact of the end of the most recent oil surge. Over the next five years, output in the area is projected to expand at a 4.10 percent annual rate, leading to an increase of more than $109.7 billion. Wage and salary employment is forecast to grow by 307,115 jobs (1.96 percent per year). Much of this growth is concentrated in the latter part of the forecast horizon.

The San Antonio-New Braunfels area economy has also seen some fallout from the slowing in activity related to the nearby Eagle Ford Shale, with total employment remaining steady after declining slightly in March. Even so, the economy has accelerated in recent months and is on track to outpace the national average. The MSA is expected to experience relatively healthy growth in output (RGP) at a 3.67 percent yearly pace and a gain of $18.8 billion through 2019. Wage and salary employment will grow by an estimated 1.90 percent per annum over the next five years with the addition of almost 99,000 net new jobs.

While the oil price decline is affecting economic growth in most parts of the state, the diversification of the state's business complex leaves Texas far less vulnerable to fluctuations in the energy sector than in the past. My latest forecast indicates that the worst of the slowing will be relatively short lived, with the pace of hiring and other business activity picking up after 2015. Over the five-year forecast horizon, all of the state's metropolitan areas are forecast to see overall growth.

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BBB warns consumers to beware of 'Section 8' scam

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Better Business Bureau recently discovered an online scam targeting buyers searching for affordable housing, sometimes called "Section 8" housing. With this particular scam, scammers have created fake websites that look like registration sites for "Section 8" waiting list lotteries.

This scam leads potential homebuyers to fake websites created by con artists in an attempt to collect fees and personal information from unsuspecting victims. The sites appear legitimate, with an Equal Housing Opportunity logo and a way to sign up for a voucher wait list. BBB warns consumers not to sign up for the wait list, enter in personal information or pay a registration fee, if the site asks for one. The fee goes straight to the scammers' bank accounts and the online form gives them access to your identity.

In a similar version of this scam, fake websites list "Section 8" properties available for rent if you pay the first month via wire transfer or a prepaid card. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), people have lost money and personal information to scammers — but they've also lost the chance to be in the actual lottery. Most people don't realize they've been scammed until after the waiting list is closed.

To avoid this "Section 8" scam, BBB offers the following tips:

■ Contact your local housing authority. To register for the Section 8 waiting list lottery, you need to go through your local housing authority. You'll find their email and phone number with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

■ Housing authorities don't charge fees. HUD's "Section 8" program gives funding to local government housing authorities who then issue housing choice vouchers to help people find housing in privately-owned rental units. On the real "Section 8" waiting list, there is no fee to sign up or register.

■ Don't wire money or use a prepaid debit card: Scammers often pressure people into wiring money or putting cash on a prepaid debit card. They use this payment method because it's like sending cash and once it's gone, it's nearly impossible to trace it or get it back. A housing authority will never ask you to wire money or pay with a prepaid card.

■ Shop smart online. Just because something appears high in search engine results does not necessarily mean it's legitimate. Be sure to double check the website or type it in directly. Treat your Social Security and credit card numbers like cash and don't give them out on a website you find through search.

Although this scam focuses on affordable housing in the U.S., residents of Canada and other countries should be on the lookout for similar scams that take advantage of people looking for help through government housing programs. To find out more about other scams or to file a complaint, visit your BBB at bbb.org/central-texas.

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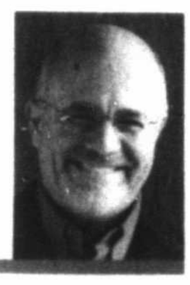
Three major traps lay in wait for graduates

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert



DEAR DAVE: I'm currently a senior in college. I'm completely debt-free right now, and I am wondering what I should do to stay this way after graduation. — Cary

DEAR CARY: You're already primed for a great start. Doesn't it feel great to know you won't have a bunch of payments hanging over your head when you walk out into the world? I'm really proud of you!

There are three major traps I tell all new graduates to avoid. One, don't buy or lease a new car. Save up and pay cash for your cars for the rest of your life. If you saved the amount of an average car payment — about $485 a month — and put it into a good mutual fund from age 25 to 65, you could easily retire a millionaire. Now that's something to look forward to!

The second trap to avoid is rushing in to buy a house. The first few years after college will be some of the most volatile in your life in terms of career and relationships. Save up a big pile of cash and be patient. Too many young people today go crazy and buy houses they can't afford just because their friends bought one, or everyone is telling them it's what they should do.

Last, don't ever get caught up in the credit card trap. Your income is your greatest wealth-building tool, so why would you want to take a chance on wrecking your future by sending everything you make to some bank? Live on less than you make, and live by a written monthly budget.

I think you've got a really bright future ahead, Cary. Just remember to have a plan, pile up some cash and stay away from debt!

DEAR DAVE: Can you explain interest-only mortgages? Are they a good idea? — Dale

DEAR DALE: An interest-only mortgage is just what it sounds like. You're paying only the interest on the loan, and none of what you actually owe. It's a good way to stay in debt for the rest of your life, so they're not a good idea.

Lots of people look at this product and say, "Wow, I'll get a lower monthly payment, and then I can throw tons of cash at the principal." Guess what, in most cases, it doesn't work out that way. Why not take out a good 15-year fixed rate mortgage and put a bunch of money toward the principal? Everyone thinks they have a great idea for tricking the system. But the only system that really works is to pay off debt as quickly as you can.

Interest-only mortgages are like adjustable rate mortgages and high fixed rate mortgages — they're good things to stay away from completely!

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HIGH RES

From 2A

which contributes nothing to the enjoyment of the music, unless you're into hiss."

And very few, if any new albums, are being made in the super-high resolution specs that Pono is touting.

Giles Martin, the Grammy-winning producer of the "Love" soundtrack for The Beatles-Cirque du Soleil show in Las Vegas, said the highest fidelity he records at is 96 kHz, 24 bits, after which there's no benefit in boosting the playback specs. "You can't upscale audio," he said. "There's a compromise in having huge high-res files that don't sound any different than other ones."

From the record labels' point of view, part of the re-mastering process is simply to preserve aging analog tapes at the highest practical digital format.

George Lydecker, a vice president of engineering and archiving at Warner Music, said a CD-specification release of Franklin's "Lady Soul" wouldn't have been as accurate a reproduction partly because placing a necessary filter at the lower frequency required by CDs creates some distortion. Instead, the 192 kHz, 24-bit file that was released "is like standing in the studio live and hearing Aretha belt it out."

The album goes for $17.99 on the Pono-Music store. A CD can be had for $4.99 on Amazon.

While not all people will be able to hear a difference, some will.

"For the first time, you can get the file (that was) approved by the mastering engineer in the studio," said Jim Belcher, Universal Music's vice president of technology and production. "And for a lot of people, that doesn't make sense. For a segment of the market that really cares about audio quality, they want that."

And that's the other thing. Even with a $400 PonoPlayer or some other high-end playback device like a Sony Hi-Res Walkman or Astell and Kern AK100II, or even the latest smartphones from Samsung and Apple, audiophiles who want to hear the true benefits of high-resolution audio should also have headphones or speakers capable of playing back those high frequencies that only few humans can hear.

High-resolution audio explained

LOS ANGELES — In recent times, musicians like Neil Young and James Taylor have come out to tell you that the quality of music you've been listening to for the last 20 years is dreck.

The cutoff they usually point to is around the turn of the millennium, when the iPod and ubiquitous MP3 standard took off, followed by Apple's AAC. These file formats, while conveniently small, trimmed sound for space, which critics say gutted the soul out of the art.

The digital alternative being offered is what's broadly known as "high-resolution" audio. Here's a primer on two hi-res providers:

Tidal and Deezer Elite

Both Tidal and Deezer Elite offer CD-quality streaming for a premium price, $20 per month versus $10 a month for standard on-demand listening. The format is known as "lossless" because no sounds are lost to data compression.

Tidal even offers a video that demonstrates the sounds you are missing when you use a compressed audio format like an MP3.

But we don't actually hear a lot of sounds that have been removed. There are two kinds of "masking" that occur with all sounds, "spectral masking" in which a louder sound can cover up a quieter sound that is nearby in frequency, or pitch; and "temporal masking," which means big sounds muffle sounds that come before and after it. In other words, if a bird tweets right before or after a cannon blast, you're probably not going to hear the bird. Removing it doesn't affect our perception of it.

And 24 writers and editors of The Associated Press across a range of listening equipment couldn't tell the difference between CD-quality files and compressed files on the Tidal website.

The journalists picked the high-fidelity choice a measly 2.2 out of 5 times on average. Two people got zero correct, and no one got them all.

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5107 Wadley Ave.	New Commercial
3200 Kessler Ave.	New Commercial
3201 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration
7101 Big Blue Ave.	Commercial Addition
600 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration
3415 N. Loop 250 W.	Commercial Alteration
6101 Andrews Highway	New Commercial
2210 N. Big Spring St.	Commercial Alteration
3208 W. Interstate 20	New Commercial
5315 Quicksand Cove	Swimming Pool
3007 Meadowbrook Drive	Swimming Pool
2500 Briaroaks Drive	Swimming Pool
2700 Parton Way	Swimming Pool
2300 S. Lamesa Road	Swimming Pool
6004 Pedernales Drive	Swimming Pool
2820 Fannin Ave.	Swimming Pool
5700 Llano Court	Swimming Pool
1208 Porterfield Road	New Residence
4013 Heritage Oaks Drive	New Residence
1210 Porterfield Road	New Residence
25 Oaklawn Park	Residential Alteration
4700 Country Club Drive	Residence-Detached
4003 Avondale Drive	Residence-Detached
513 Wagner Drive	Residence-Detached
6413 Saddle Horn Lane	Residence-Detached
6724 Cowboy Drive	New Residence
1604 S. Colorado St.	Residential Addition
2101 Evans Lane	Residence-Detached
1213 Red River Lane	New Residence
1224 Maverick Lane	New Residence
6726 Cowboy Drive	New Residence
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Koya Con 2 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club ARRL Annual Field Day, 1 p.m., National Weather Service. w5qgg.org.

■ Pray for America: A Patriotic Celebration, 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church sanctuary. fbc-midland.org.

■ Unsweet Ts at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Tuesday

■ Summer Movie Camp "Planes: Fire & Rescue," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Thursday

■ Summer Picnic hosted by Midland County Public Library, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Friday

■ "Nacho Libre" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight, RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Saturday

■ Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m., Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

■ 53rd Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m., Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

■ Star Spangled Salute, 5 p.m., Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

Community calendar

■ New Beginnings cancer support group will meet for six sessions beginning Thursday at Allision Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway. Topics include nutrition, mental and financial well-being, spiritual comfort and relaxation techniques.

For more information, contact Fatima at 218-8714 or fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Salvation Army is taking donations to provide fans to those in need.

Monetary donations can be made through July 12 at Westlake Ace Hardware, 1004 Andrews Highway. Westlake is kicking off the effort with the donation of 50 fans.

The Salvation Army will distribute the fans.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, 1-7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1-7 p.m.

Hotel Business in April

(Taxable receipts)

April 2015

Midland	$8,022,907
Lubbock	$7,358,652
Odessa	$5,683,874
Abilene	$3,490,420
San Angelo	$2,595,892

Midland in April 2014
$8,870,401

Midland in April 2013
$7,390,654

Midland in April 2012
$6,099,893

Midland in April 2011
$3,761,809

Midland in April 2010
$2,460,365

Midland in April 2009
$3,096,656

Midland in April 2008
$3,290,761

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DoubleTree by Hilton	$881,586
MCM Fundome (O)	$709,218
Hilton Garden Inn	$603,966
MCM Elegante (O)	$536,632
Homewood Suites	$504,064

Lake Levels

(Colorado River Muncipal Water District lakes)

Content	Acre-feet	Percent Full
Thomas	151,609	75.58
Ivie	82,301	14.85
Spence	30,273	5.85
Totals	264,183	20.77

Source: CRMWD

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 washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-9-4
Pick 3 day: 0-1-7
Pick 3 evening: 1-5-5
Pick 3 night: 0-6-6
Daily 4 morning: 8-5-2-6
Daily 4 day: 0-9-0-9
Daily 4 evening: 9-4-7-4
Daily 4 night: 6-2-8-4
Cash Five: 14-24-27-33-35
Lotto Texas: 6-15-31-33-43-47
Powerball: 18-28-35-46-49 PB: 27
Power Play: 5
All or Nothing morning: 2-9-11-12-13-15-16-17-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-7-8-9-12-13-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-7-8-10-14-15-16-17-18-22-24
All or Nothing night: 3-6-8-9-10-15-16-17-18-20-22-24

Q&A

From 1A

MRT: What's it like being a same-sex couple in West Texas?

James: I've never felt threatened here. Every so often, you see people showing their roots, but I've never felt different. There's nothing to advertise with us, but we don't hide either. And we don't put ourselves in situations where we would come in contact with people who might be aggressive about it. Our neighbors know us and treat us simply like neighbors. It would be nice to get to a point where people just didn't care, but the older I get, the less I care what other people think.

Micheal: There are people who are not OK with a lot of this, but you have to live life for yourself. I'm not going to let what other people think dictate my life for me.

MRT: Politicians were swift to respond in opposition. Being that you were just given this good news and then to be faced with attempts to delay or even squash marriage certificates like in Ector County where you live, how did that make you feel?

James: I think it's a smokescreen because what are they fighting against now? There are other social issues to focus on, so I think it's just posturing to their people. And when you have people throwing out their rhetoric of hate and ignorance, I think it's more of the way they are in life. Anything that's different or disagreeable, that becomes a focus of hate.

Micheal: Most opposition comes from belief systems, but I'm not religious at all, so I don't view it that way. We had to go to courthouse to get paperwork signed by a county clerk and judge. You have to go through government to get it. I don't understand why people are so opposed to something that doesn't affect them.

MRT: (to James) Are you religious?

James: I grew up in faith-based home, and I was ostracized by my church. But in the last couple of years, I've sort of come to my own belief system. I have a hard time when people throw dogma or verses around, and I could do it right back, but what does that gain?

MRT: You sought legal protection for your relationship because of the rights you didn't have before Friday. What all did you do?

James: We had wills made, a medical power of attorney and the right to control disposition, which is a big issue in case of death. I used to be a funeral director and saw many times when couples who weren't married had nothing legal to stand. Families would push them out. So with disposition, we were in charge of funeral arrangements.

MRT: How is your relationship with your families?

Micheal: Outside my immediate family, I'm not too close to any extended family. We moved around a lot with my dad in the military. Also, I don't have family that lives here. My mother came to our wedding celebration, and so did my brother, who I hadn't seen in a long time.

James: Both families are respectful to us. I wasn't sure if my mother would come because she had a difficult time with it, but she and my sister and her husband and my aunt came. My dad flat out told me he wouldn't be there, and that's his choice to make. But it was a nice day.

MRT: Why did you agree to talk to the paper about your marriage?

Micheal: Really to point out that we're just like everyone else. We go to work, come home, clean up after pets, make dinner and go to bed. It's important for people who may not knowingly know a gay person to recognize that we're here but we're also just ourselves and not all the stereotypes they're thinking of.

James: You know I'd see these comments about "let them get married and be miserable like the rest of us." If you feel like marriage is such a miserable institution, why did you fight so hard to protect it? For me, this has been the best part of my life. We laugh together. We have a good time. It has been nothing but enrichment to my life. You can be happy and be married. We're just building a life together like any other couple.

MRT: Did you feel a little different waking up the next day after the announcement?

Micheal: A little bit. I think if we weren't already married, I would have made him come to Midland on Friday, and we would have got a license.

James: In an odd way, yes. That next morning, the words of encouragement were still coming through. I woke up, watched the sunrise and realized something has changed, and it's a beautiful change.

Courtesy Photo

"That next morning, the words of encouragement were still coming through. I woke up, watched the sunrise and realized something has changed, and it's a beautiful change.

James Willhelm-Waid

MRT file photo

POOL

From 1A

will see people standing in line, typically waiting for people in the park to leave so they can enter.

Caleb Jackson is working his third summer at Doug Russell. On Saturday, he greeted those entering the aquatic center and said he easily sees why people are "much more excited to come to this pool."

"They are genuinely glad to be here," Jackson said. "They are genuinely glad to know something like this is in our town and at their disposal."

The sentiment Jackson expressed is often seen on any Midland community wish list made. One official with the MidlandFirst "quality of place" campaign, created to identify Midland's needs, once told the Reporter-Telegram the item on top of the list of things Midlanders want is a water park. Midland's climate is semi-arid, and the closest lake isn't exactly a short car ride away. The idea of water entertainment was the reason Mode Entertainment brought the Tiki Island inflatable water park to the Scharbauer Sports Complex. A water feature also was the inspiration for the city of Midland spending $400,000 on a splash pad at Security Bank Ballpark.

"People want things for the kids and people of all ages," said Laurie Williams, Parks and Recreation manager for the city of Midland. "Often a water park or splash pad has been brought up. We hope the city council will want to more these type projects."

Williams said the success of the Doug Russell has not gone unnoticed inside city hall. She said the success — as many as 1,000 people a day at Doug Russell, according to Jackson — has been a "little overwhelming" but also will serve as a reminder of how much residents will respond when the time comes to remodel Washington Aquatic Center in southeast Midland.

Williams said that transformation isn't likely to happen overnight. She said the timeline for Doug Russell from conception to funding and through construction was 2 1/2 years. She said 2017 could be the earliest for Washington, which was resurfaced and remodeled around five to seven years ago.

DISTELHORST

From 1A

"While I'm excited about my new opportunity and chapter in Eastern North Carolina, I'll miss the many people that made Midland such a great place to call home," hesaid. "From the people that I'm lucky enough to work with every day to the community leaders that I've served on boards and committees with, this has been a very special place for me.

"Thanks for making me feel so welcome."

Distelhorst was responsible for the creation of the MRT Media Group, which includes the Reporter-Telegram newspaper, mrt.com and the custom publications he initiated during his time in Midland. MRT Business Insider, Discover Midland and Readers' Choice have helped lay the foundation for the media group's launch into custom publishing. Later this year, MRT Media has plans for the first edition of a quarterly lifestyle magazine.

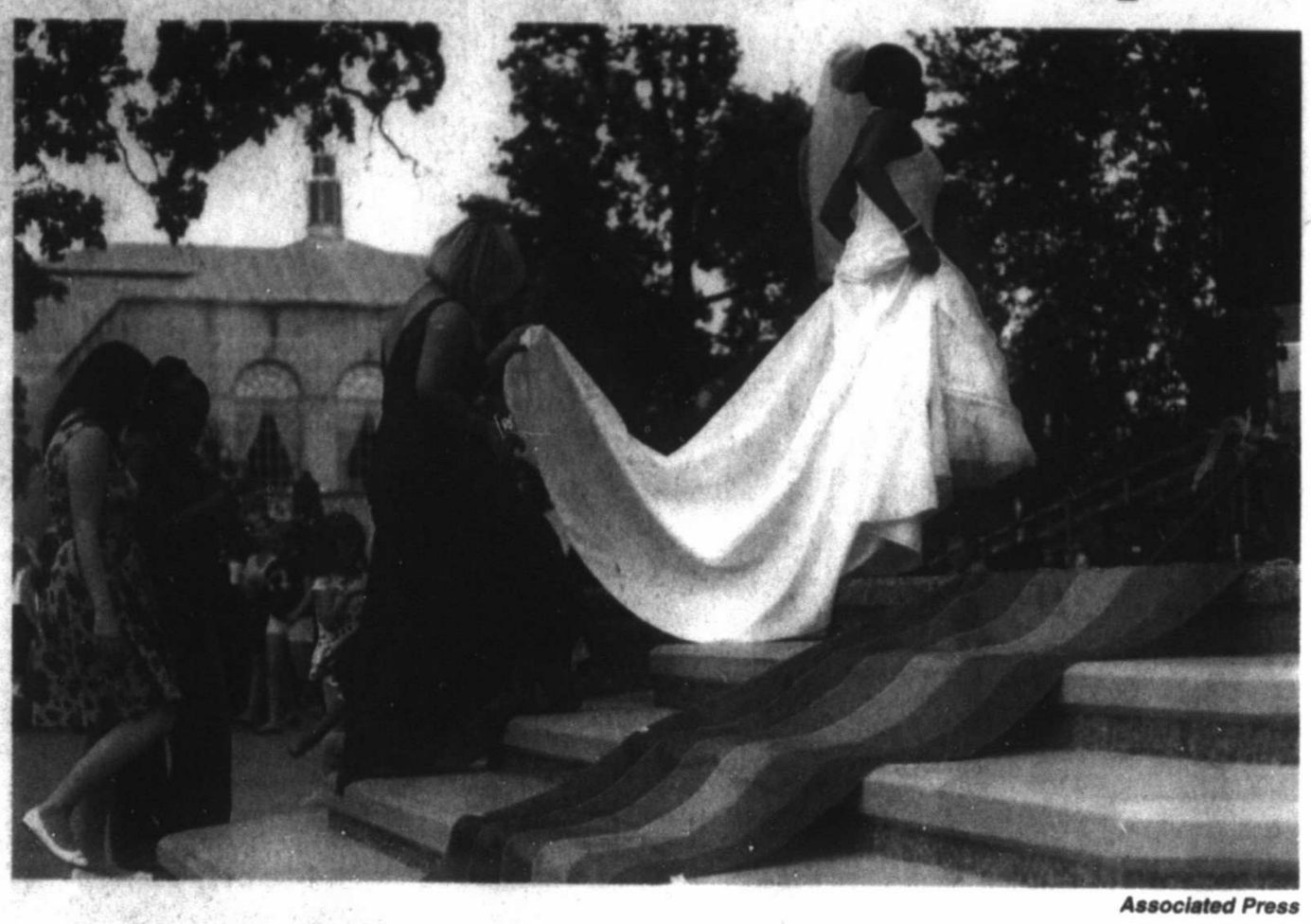
"I'm really proud of the MRT's success and focus on digital audience and revenue growth during my tenure here," Distelhorst said. "We've more than doubled our digital audience page views, and our digital ad revenues have shown dramatic double-digit growth. I'm surrounded by a great leadership team here in Midland that has embraced the change occurring in the media industry. We have more readers interacting with us today, on a variety of platforms, than ever in the long history of our media company."

Distelhorst also initiated Reporter-Telegram feature opportunities, including "52 Faces of the Community," a weekly partnership with Chevron that spotlights a person who makes a difference. Another project is scheduled to begin in August as the Reporter-Telegram and Midland Memorial Hospital will bring a more local version of the Wednesday Health and Wellness section. There are also plans to create student-of-the-week ("Students of Distinction") and athlete-of-the-week features, beginning this fall.

"We've made great strides introducing custom publishing to the region — yet, another way to deliver a targeted message or topic to a targeted audience or event," Distelhorst said. "Our partnerships with local organizations and events continue to grow at a rapid pace."

Other past publishers of the Reporter-Telegram include T. Paul Barron (1929-40). From 1940-1979, the Allison family, specifically James N. Allison and James N. Allison Jr., assumed the leadrole of Midland's newspaper.

Some gay marriage opponents balk, while couples rush to wed



Associated Press

Catrina Burks is assisted up the steps Friday in Bronson Park before the Rev. Nathan Dannison unites her and her wife Marashette Burks in marriage in Kalamazoo, Mich. Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizes gay marriage nationwide.

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With the mayor of Dayton declaring "you are now husband and husband," the wait for Ohio to allow same-sex marriage ended for a gay couple in the city just as it is ending for couples across the last states with bans on such unions — even if the opposition isn't over.

Some couples rushed to marriage license bureaus and even wed Friday within hours of the Supreme Court ruling that said gay couples can marry anywhere in the country including in the 14 remaining states with bans. Steadfast activists who say traditional marriage is defined as a man and a woman vowed to defend rights of religious objectors and to try to battle back politically.

There were also scattered holdouts, with some officials in those states contending they needed more time and legal direction before complying with the 5-4 ruling.

"Texans' fundamental right to religious liberty remains protected," Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said. "No Texan is required by the Supreme Court's decision to act contrary to his or her religious beliefs regarding marriage."

His office later clarified a directive to state agencies telling them to preserve religious liberties, saying the order didn't allow them to discriminate against employees in same-sex couples. Same-sex couples got marriage licenses Friday in Dallas, Austin and the state's other big cities, but many counties were holding off after the Texas attorney general urged them not to rush. A couple counties claimed technical glitches prevented them from processing licenses for gay couples.

Governors in Louisiana and Mississippi also railed against the ruling.

"This has always been about our religious freedoms and the persecution of those who believe same-sex unions are wrong," said Phil Burress, longtime leader of the Citizens for Community Values in suburban Cincinnati. "Now the persecutions will begin."

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Cincinnati said the high court disregarded the will of voters in Ohio and other states, besides disregarding an understanding of marriage shared by virtually all cultures until recently.

"Every nation has laws limiting who and under what circumstances people can be married," Archbishop Dennis Schnurr said in a statement.

Religious organizations are exempt from the ruling, and churches including Southern Baptists, Mormons and others that oppose same-sex marriages can still make their own decisions about whether clergy will conduct gay marriages in their places of worship.

The high court gave the losing side some three weeks to ask for reconsideration. The 14 states that had banned gay marriage are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, most of Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

Meanwhile, in Kansas, where some counties have continued to refuse to comply with federal rulings that gay couples could marry, the attorney general and Gov. Sam Brownback said they would study the Supreme Court ruling further before making any moves in a lawsuit over the state's voter-passed ban. An ACLU official said the state leaders should "admit defeat."

Officials at the county courthouse in Toledo, Ohio, called in another minister to perform same-sex marriages Friday because the rotating minister on duty wouldn't marry gay couples, said the Rev. Sandra Frost, who married the first couple around noon.

Some county clerks in other states refused gay couples, citing a three-week grace period allowed by the Supreme Court or forms now out of date that specify "bride" and "groom."

Carl Tobias, a University of Richmond (Virginia) law professor, said political opponents of same-sex marriage will likely push legislation to expand religious freedom and to aim at protecting those who don't want to participate in actions that facilitate same-sex marriage.

Arkansas state Sen. Jason Rapert said lawmakers should push for a U.S. constitutional amendment on marriage under a provision that would trigger a constitutional convention if 34 states apply for it. The Republican said the Supreme Court "has brought us to the brink of real crisis in our country" by ruling against the will of the people.

Burress pledged to go after politicians who have supported same-sex marriage, predicting outrage over the decision will bring out a wave of new voters.

Among those who have drawn his ire is Ohio's Republican U.S. senator, Rob Portman, who switched his position to support same-sex marriage after his son Will came out to him and his wife Jane as gay.

Portman, who is seeking re-election in 2016, said Friday he welcomed the ruling "as a father," although he would have preferred that the issue be resolved by the democratic process because that builds a lasting consensus. He said he hopes the ruling means "we can move past the division and polarization the issue has caused."

Valeria Tanco and Sophy Jesty, a couple who sued Tennessee to gain recognition for their out-of-state marriage, were jubilant.

"I just feel free, like a burden or a weight has been lifted," Jesty said.

Q&A: Where Texas stands after same-sex marriage legalized

AUSTIN — How same-sex marriage is reverberating across Texas after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that gays and lesbians have the right to wed:

Where are Texans marrying?

Mostly in urban and liberal pockets of Texas — or, in other words, the biggest cities. Dallas, Austin and San Antonio began handing out marriage licenses to same-sex couples within hours of the court's ruling on Friday, and hundreds have already been issued. Couples in Houston are also getting licenses after the Harris County clerk, an elected Republican, gave up on waiting for an OK from the state.

What's the holdup everywhere else?

A number of Texas' 254 counties are standing pat until hearing from Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, who had urged local officials not to rush into giving same-sex couples marriage licenses. Paxton said Friday that his office would "shortly" address how counties should handle the decision but set no timetable. Some district attorneys defended their inaction by pointing to how the Supreme Court gives the losing side roughly three weeks to ask for reconsideration.

Others claimed technical glitches: officials in Denton and Williamson counties said their license software isn't designed to process gay couples just yet.

What are state leaders doing in repsonse?

That largely remains to be seen. Aside from Paxton leaving counties in limbo, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott sent a two-page order to agency leaders telling them that the government cannot pressure people to violate their religious beliefs or discriminate against businesses that raise religious objections. The ACLU of Texas says it will now watch to see whether state agencies use Abbott's order as a way to avoid complying with the Supreme Court ruling.

Can gay or lesbian state employees now put their spouses on their health plans?

Probably not immediately. University of Texas at Austin President Greg Fenves tweeted that the state's largest public university would have more information about benefits next week. And although Abbott's order says it applies to "granting or denying benefits," his office later clarified that does not mean denying benefits to same-sex couples. Rebecca Robertson, the legal and policy director of the ACLU of Texas, said it may take state officials a little time to figure this out but said she was optimistic that Texas will soon recognize that a state employee can't be discriminated against because of their same-sex marriage.

Can anyone deny a same-sex couple over religious objections?

The Supreme Court decision does not extend to the church, and the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature — in anticipation of Friday's ruling — passed a law earlier this year that reaffirmed the right for clergy members to refuse marrying same-couples on religious grounds. Gay rights groups backed the law, saying they also support religious freedom, but they're now watching closely for county clerks who might cite religious objections and refuse to give same-sex couples marriage licenses. A government employee who does so would deny a protection the Supreme Court has now granted.

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

What's happinging in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

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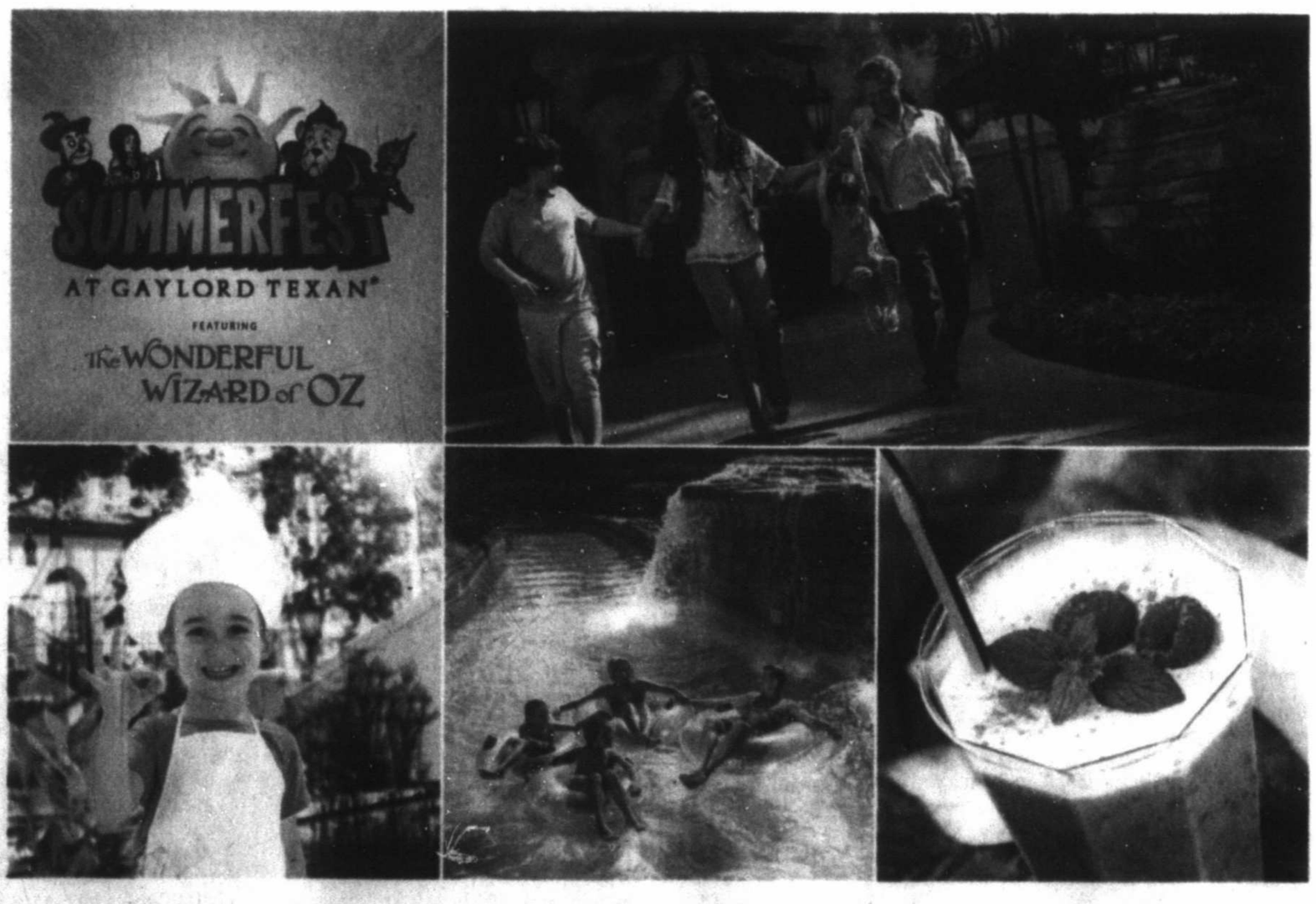

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Liberal justices prevail in high-profile Supreme Court cases

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court term that is nearing its end shows how silence can signal success.

With a notable paucity of dissents and not a single word to say about same-sex marriage, health care or housing discrimination, the court's liberal justices prevailed in almost every important case in recent months.

"It looks like the ground under First Street is slightly tilted to the left," said Carrie Severino, a former law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas and a conservative commentator, referring to the court's address.

The four liberal justices — Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor — were content to sign on to Chief Justice John Roberts' opinion that preserved a key piece of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

They similarly joined Justice Anthony Kennedy in his clarion-call opinion that gave same-sex couples the right to marry across the country and in another 5-4 ruling that upheld an important tool used by the Obama administration to win hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements of claims of housing discrimination.

Their conservative colleagues criticized each other — Scalia even asserted in his same-sex marriage dissent that California native Kennedy is not a true Westerner — and thundered on about the unchecked power of unelected, life-tenured judges. But the liberals spoke not a word.

And there were more victories in cases divided mainly along ideological lines.

The justices sided with a woman who claimed her employer discriminated against her because she was pregnant. They struck down a provision that would have allowed Americans born in Jerusalem to list Israel as the country of birth on their U.S. passports. They upheld regulations limiting the ability of candidates for elected judgeships to personally solicit campaign contributions. They tossed out a Los Angeles ordinance giving police the right to inspect hotel guest registries at a moment's notice.

Early in Roberts' tenure as chief justice, Breyer let his frustrations show at the end of a conservative-dominated term when he said "so few have so quickly changed so much."

This year, Breyer did not dissent from any opinion until mid-June and has so far disagreed with the outcome in only a handful of cases.

Three cases remain undecided with the court scheduled to meet Monday for the final time until the fall.

It's possible that those cases — involving lethal injection, congressional redistricting and environmental regulations — could produce conservative majorities, but that would not alter the overall view of the term.

Jim DeMint, the president of the Heritage Foundation and a former Republican senator from South Carolina, said in an email to supporters, "Even the Supreme Court, which like the president and the Congress is obliged to uphold the Constitution, has in the span of two days issued rulings on marriage and Obamacare that undermine the rule of law and ignore the Constitution."

There's a game Supreme Court observers play that is best described as, "Whose court is it, anyway?" The answer in recent years: either Roberts' or Kennedy's.

It may be more accurate to say that it's virtually impossible to get anything done at the Supreme Court without either of those justices on your side.

It happened just once this term, when Justice Clarence Thomas and the liberal four sustained Texas' refusal to issue a license plate bearing the Confederate battle flag.

At least since Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement in 2006, Kennedy often has been the decisive vote in closely contested cases. In addition to cementing his legacy, 20 years in the making, as the court's champion of gay rights, Kennedy has sided with the liberals in limiting the application of death sentences and affirming the right of Guantanamo detainees to court hearings.

His opinion in the housing discrimination case aside, he more typically votes with the conservatives in civil rights cases involving race. Kennedy also was part of conservative majorities in landmark cases in favor of gun rights and striking down campaign finance restrictions.

Roberts has been on the same side in all these cases, but his single, momentous vote in 2012 to uphold the health care overhaul has altered perceptions of him. That was the first time that Roberts joined with the four liberals in a 5-4 ruling.

He did so again in the case about judges and campaign contributions. On Thursday, Roberts and Kennedy voted in favor of the nationwide tax-credit subsidies that underpin the health care law.

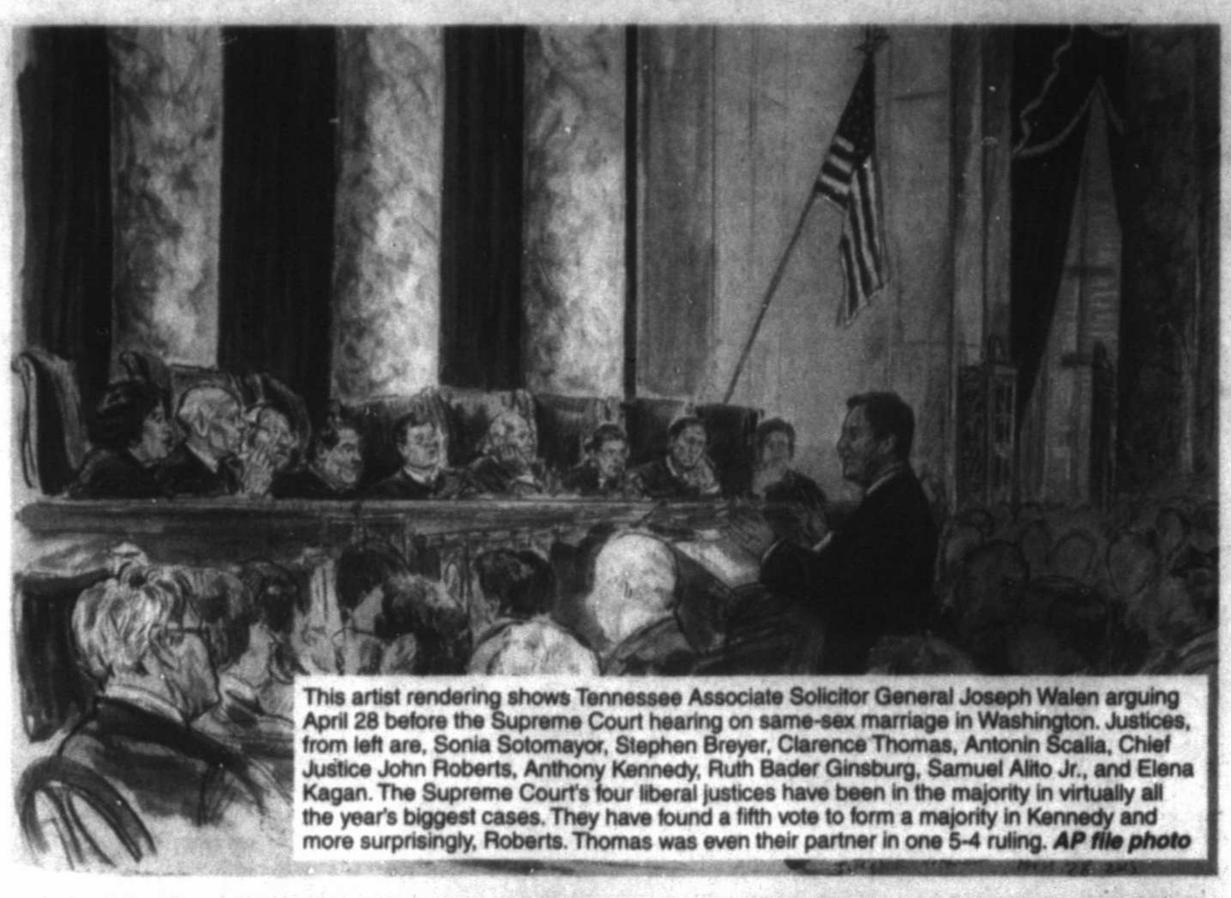
"One thing that's clear about Roberts is that he is very concerned about the court as an institution, its perception and its institutional legitimacy," said Brianne Gorod, appellate counsel at the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center.

Roberts, though, was in dissent in the same-sex marriage case and chastised Kennedy for overstepping judicial authority.

Severino was struck by Roberts' language. "I found it a little ironic to read some of his criticism in dissent about the court overstepping its authority when I feel like that's exactly what he was doing the day before," in the health care case, Severino said.

Most court watchers are unwilling to read too much into the results of one term because they are so dependent on the mix of cases that are before the justices.

"It seems fair to say that the court tilted in a more liberal direction this term," said veteran Supreme Court lawyer Carter Phillips. "Whether that reflects a real shift or just a blip is anybody's guess."



This artist rendering shows Tennessee Associate Solicitor General Joseph Walen arguing April 28 before the Supreme Court hearing on same-sex marriage in Washington. Justices, from left are, Sonia Sotomayor, Stephen Breyer, Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, Chief Justice John Roberts, Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Samuel Alito Jr., and Elena Kagan. The Supreme Court's four liberal justices have been in the majority in virtually all the year's biggest cases. They have found a fifth vote to form a majority in Kennedy and more surprisingly, Roberts. Thomas was even their partner in one 5-4 ruling. ***AP file photo***

Same-sex marriage among last 5 Supreme Court cases

The right of same-sex couples to marry is the biggest of five cases still to be decided by the Supreme Court.

The justices gave the Obama administration big victories Thursday, in upholding a key part of the health care overhaul and the use of a potent tool to fight housing discrimination. The justices will take the bench again Friday to hand down more opinions. They should finish their work by early next week.

In rare instances, the court will put off decisions and order a case to be argued again in the next term.

This is also the time of the year when a justice could announce a retirement. But no justice, including 82-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has given any hint that retirement is imminent.

A look at the cases that remain:

■ Gay marriage: Same-sex couples want the court to declare that gay and lesbian couples can marry anywhere in the United States. Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee are asking the court to uphold bans on same-sex marriage and allow the political process, not the courts, to handle major societal changes. Same-sex couples can marry in 36 states.

■ Lethal injection: Death-row inmates in Oklahoma are objecting to the use of the sedative midazolam in lethal-injection executions after the drug was implicated in several botched executions. Their argument is that the drug does not reliably induce a coma-like sleep that would prevent them from experiencing the searing pain of the paralytic and heart-stopping drugs that follow sedation.

■ Independent redistricting commissions: Roughly a dozen states have adopted independent commissions to reduce partisan politics in drawing congressional districts. The case from Arizona involves a challenge from Republican state lawmakers who complain that they can't be completely cut out of the process without violating the Constitution.

■ Mercury emissions: Industry groups and Republican-led states assert that environmental regulators overstepped their bounds by coming up with expensive limits on the emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants from power plants without taking account of the cost of regulation at the start of the process. The first-ever limits on mercury emissions, more than a decade in the making, began to take effect in April.

■ Repeat offenders: The court is considering whether a catchall provision of the Armed Career Criminal Act, which gives longer prison terms to people with at least three prior violent felony convictions, is so vague that it sweeps in relatively minor crimes.

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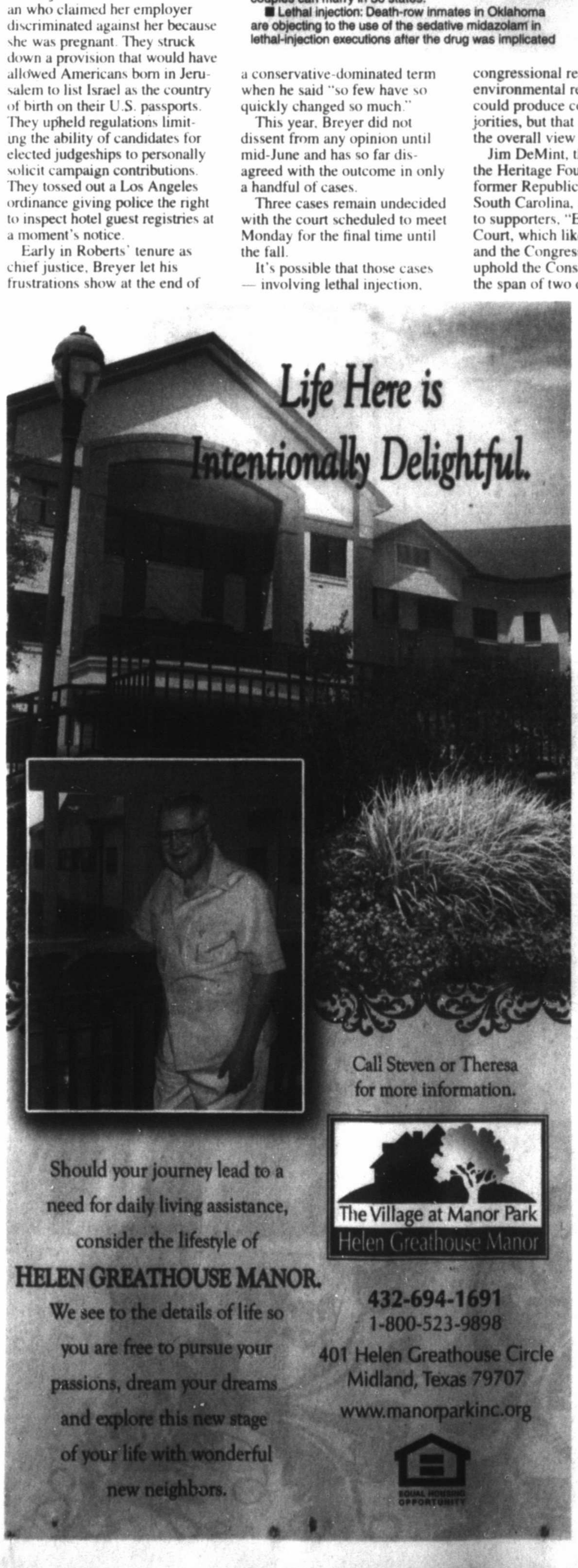

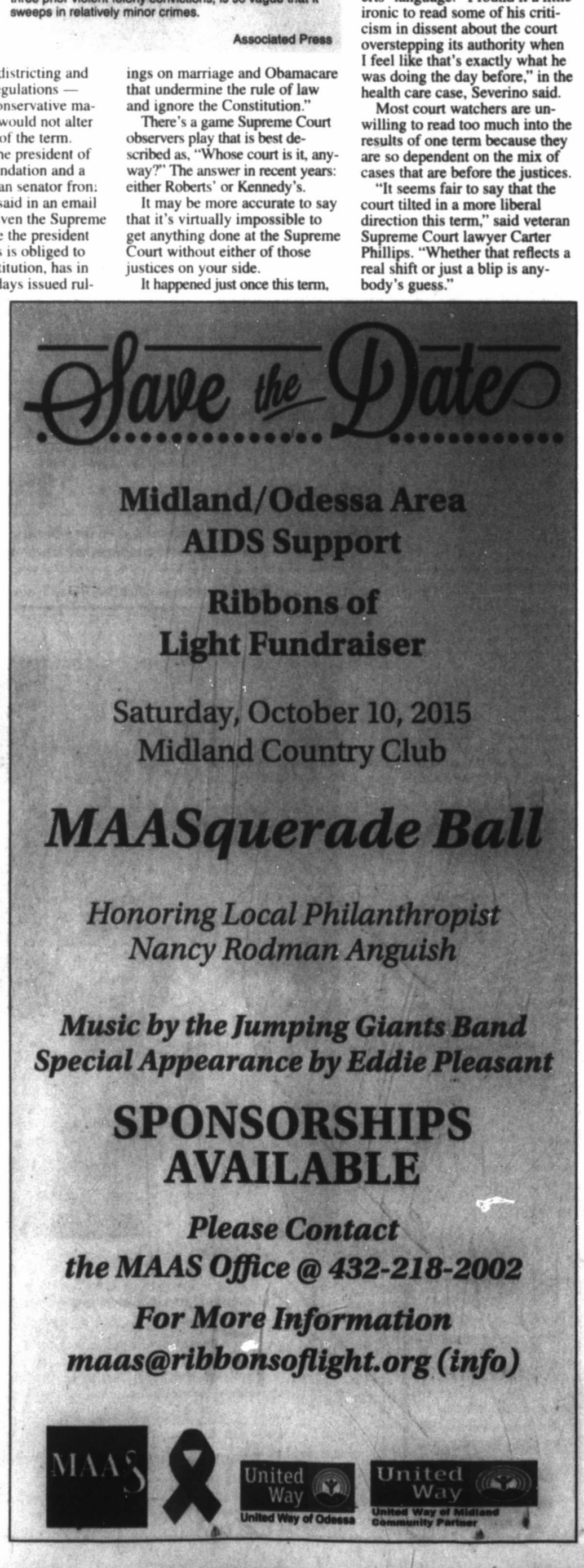

For Obama and Clinton, twisty paths to 'yes' on gay marriage

By Jim Kuhnhenn and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President Barack Obama praised the Supreme Court's watershed same-sex marriage ruling, he held it up as evidence that a "shift in hearts and minds is possible."

Obama may well have been describing his own public trajectory on gay unions — a complicated path that took him through opposition and ambivalence to enthusiastic embrace.

His journey is not unlike the rest of America. But over the years he has worn his uncertainty on his sleeve, publicly musing about his stance before becoming a full-throated advocate for marriage and other aspects of gay rights.

"When all Americans are treated as equal, we are all more free," Obama declared Friday.

As far as political figures go, Obama's road to "yes" is hardly unique.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign jumped on the Supreme Court decision, changing its red campaign logo to a rainbow colored H, releasing a gauzy video of gay wedding ceremonies, and blasting out supportive tweets aimed at building its campaign list.

In a fiery speech Friday night to Democratic activists in Northern Virginia, Clinton said that "love triumphed in the highest court" and declared: "We can sum up the message from the court and the American people in just two words: Move on."

But like Obama, such expressions of support mark a remarkable shift for Clinton, who opposed gay marriage for more than two decades as a first lady, a U.S. senator and a presidential candidate. Just three months ago, Clinton's position was that while she personally supported gay marriage the issue was best left for individual states to decide — a policy stance held by most of the Republican presidential field.

"It has been an evolutionary process," said Fred Sainz of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights group. But he said Obama now stands as one of the great champions of gay rights, up there with the likes of Harvey Milk. As for Clinton, he said, "she connects with gay people on a level that is beyond explanation."

Obama has carefully staked out his position on same-sex marriage throughout his political career. During his 1996 Illinois state Senate race, he replied to a questionnaire from a gay newspaper in Chicago: "I favor legalizing same-sex marriages, and would fight efforts to prohibit such marriages." Two years later, he declared himself undecided.

By 2004, as he ran for the U.S. Senate, he said he opposed gay marriage for politically strategic reasons, saying Republicans would exploit the issue, and he advocated instead for gay civil unions. In his 2006 book, "The Audacity of Hope," he cited his own faith as a reason to oppose same-sex marriage, though he also wondered whether "in years hence I may be seen as someone who was on the wrong side of history."

He came out firmly for same-sex marriage in 2012 and called for it in his second inaugural address. But earlier this year, his former top strategist, David Axelrod, wrote that Obama had feigned opposition to gay marriage for most of his political career, grudgingly taking Axelrod's advice that African-American religious leaders and others would oppose him if he let it be known he supported gay marriage.

"If Obama's views were 'evolving' publicly, they were fully evolved behind closed doors," Axelrod wrote.

Obama disputed the account, telling BuzzFeed News that he thought civil unions were "a sufficient way of squaring the circle," but that "the pain and the sense of stigma that was being placed on same-sex couples who are friends of mine" changed his mind.

"I think the notion that somehow I was always in favor of marriage per se isn't quite accurate," Obama told BuzzFeed.

But even after he endorsed gay marriage, he took his time embracing other aspects of the gay community's agenda.

It wasn't until July 2014 that Obama gave employment protection to gay and transgender workers in the federal government and its contracting agencies.

Still, gay rights advocates hold him up as one of their biggest political advocates.

"It's absolutely right to note that this administration did not get off to a good start with LGBT advocates," Sainz said. "But the sheer volume of what he has done will be hard for another president to replicate, simply because so much of what he has done has been so incredibly powerful, momentous and life changing for LGBT people."

Clinton's path into the embrace of the gay community has been similar. She backed her husband's Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, described marriage between a man and a woman as a "fundamental bedrock principle" in a 2004 Senate floor speech, and dodged the question when asked in 2007 whether she agreed with Gen. Peter Pace, then the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, that homosexuality was immoral.

But as secretary of state, Clinton emerged as a champion of gay rights, declaring that "gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights," at a 2011 conference in Geneva.

Sainz said that in Clinton, the LGBT community sees a kindred spirit. "It's in our DNA to support her," he said. "We have been forced to deal with some of lives greatest indignities and have come out on the other side."

Cruz book says his dad asked to fight alongside Fidel Castro

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz's father was a 1950s Cuban revolutionary who longed to slip into the island's eastern mountains and join Fidel Castro's guerrilla army.

At 17, Rafael Cruz led a group of insurgents staging urban sabotage against Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. Cruz was eventually jailed and tortured, and upon his release wanted the underground to help him personally reach Castro's camp in the Sierra Maestra highlands.

"My dad asked if he could join Castro in the mountains and keep fighting," the firebrand Republican presidential candidate writes in his book, "A Time For Truth," which is will be released Tuesday. "But he was told there was no way to get to the rebels."

Instead, the elder Cruz bribed his way to a Cuban exit visa and headed to the University of Texas.

He returned home shortly after Castro seized power in 1959 but, Ted Cruz writes, was appalled to see Castro had "declared to the world that he was a communist." Castro didn't formally call his revolution socialist until the eve of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

The Cruzes have long admitted that Rafael was an early Castro sympathizer. But Ted Cruz's memoir — a copy of which The Associated Press purchased — provides new details about his desire personally fight alongside the guerrilla leader.

The Cuban government hasn't commented about Rafael Cruz, making the anecdotes difficult to confirm. But Ted Cruz also writes that his father had planned to join Castro and help attack an army barracks in the city of Santiago in 1956, but didn't because Castro was delayed in returning to Cuba from Mexico.

Today, the 76-year-old Rafael Cruz is a pastor who frequently quotes scripture in anti-government speeches to grassroots groups. He's compared Barack Obama to a young Castro.

Ted Cruz writes that his father didn't open up about being tortured in Cuban jails until the future senator was a teenager, when the pair went to See "Rambo." The movie features scenes where the title character is tortured.

The son describes how his father says he was beaten with clubs and kicked in the head. That's also difficult to confirm, but the book includes a Rafael Cruz mug shot where his nose appears to be broken.

In the book, Cruz briefly tells how his elder half-sister, Miriam, died of a drug overdose in 2011. He discusses his wife, Heidi's, bouts of depression in 2005, which he chalks up to her having trouble adjusting to Texas life after the couple moved to Austin from Washington.

Ted Cruz also recalls heading to Maine in 2009 to meet former President George H.W. Bush — whose son Jeb is now one of Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign rivals. Cruz was invited to go sailing but was wearing a suit, so Bush loaned him clothes, including a "President of the United States" belt buckle.

Cruz writes that the borrowed duds felt "surreal."

Bush: New gun limits not way to prevent shooting tragedies

By Kimberly Pierceall
Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. — New gun control measures are not the way to prevent mass killings such as the shooting deaths of nine people in a South Carolina church, Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush said Saturday.

Bush, who plans to meet with black ministers in Charleston, South Carolina, on Monday, said identifying potentially violent people before they commit such crimes is a better approach than further restrictions on gun ownership.

"We as a society better figure out how we identify these folks long before they feel compelled to take up a gun and kill innocent people," the former Florida governor said at a town hall meeting.

Afterward, he told reporters gun control was an issue that should be sorted out at the state level.

"Rural areas are very different than big, teeming urban areas," he said.

The comments came less than a day after President Barack Obama eulogized one of the nine people shot to death June 17 at Emmanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston. During his remarks, Obama recalled episodes in Aurora, Colorado, and Newtown Connecticut, to again, suggest Americans seek tighter restrictions.

"For too long, we've been blind to the unique mayhem that gun violence inflicts upon this nation. Sporadically, our eyes are open," Obama said. "But I hope we also see the 30 precious lives cut short by gun violence in this country every single day."

Bush also told reporters that he was disappointed in both Supreme Court rulings from the last week that upheld President Obama's health care overhaul and legalized gay marriage nationwide.

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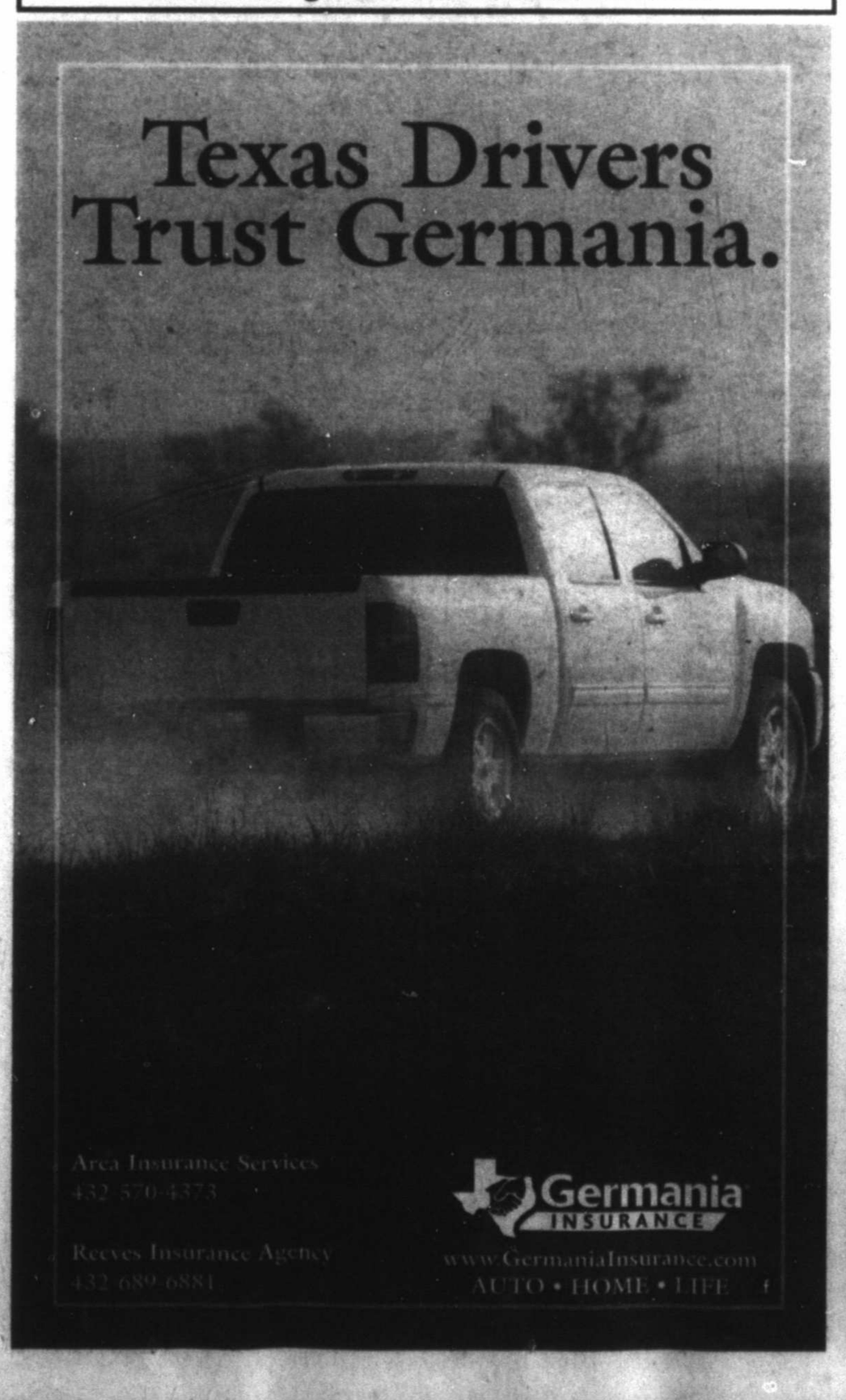

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Local forecast

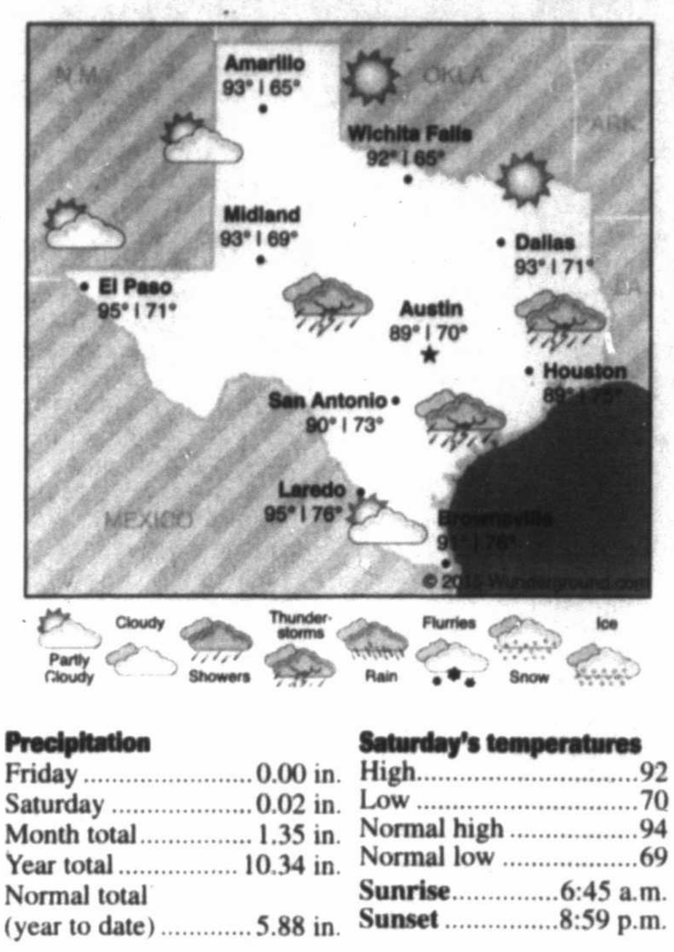
Other than a 20 percent chance of showers on Monday night, the National Weather Service is calling for a dry week ahead. Expect temperatures at or a little below normal for this time of year.

The record high for June 27 is 116 set in 1994. The record low is 59 set in 2006. The high on June 27 last year was 98. The low was 73.

National forecast

A storm system will move through New England today. Rainfall will be heavy, especially across northern New England, where rainfall could exceed 4 inches. Heavy rain in the morning across southern New England will taper off to widely separated afternoon showers. Urban and small stream flooding is likely.

A cold front stretching southward in New England will extend into the Southeast and Gulf Coast, sparking heavy, gusty thunderstorms. Thunderstorms will produce locally heavy rainfall and damaging winds from southern South Carolina to northeastern Texas. Behind the cold front it will turn breezy and less humid across the Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley.



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Friday	0.00 in.
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Saturday's temperatures

High	92
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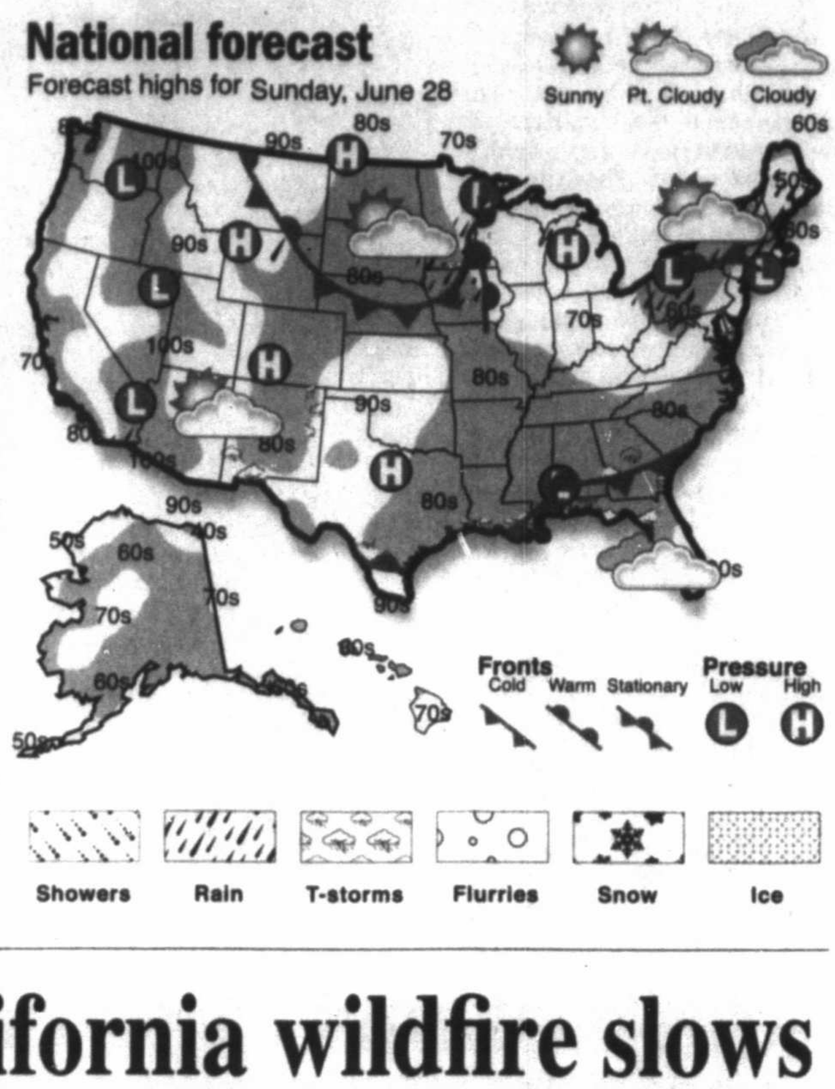
Forecast highs for Sunday, June 28



Most evacuations lifted as California wildfire slows

Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Most evacuations were lifted Saturday near a Southern California wildfire that threatened more than 7,000 buildings as firefighters caught a break in the weather and redoubled efforts to surround it.

At the same time, impending thunderstorms carried the threat of lightning and gusty winds that could spark new fires in the California mountains.

The blaze that erupted on June 17 in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles was reduced to "a lot of creeping and smoldering" after higher humidity and cloudy weather moved in, said Lee Beyer of the U.S. Forest Service.

More than 2,000 firefighters made progress on the active northeast corner of the blaze. The fire was now 40 percent surrounded after scorching more than 47 square miles of desert brush and forest timber.

Authorities reopened Highway 38 and ended mandatory evacuations for most of the areas that were threatened. Only the Burns Canyon area remained under the order.

"We're probably down to just a few hundred" threatened homes, Beyer said. "The sticky, humid weather of yesterday really lowered the fire behavior."

The most active area was in the high, steep, remote San Gorgonio Wilderness Area, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles. It has no roads, so crews were forced to hike in and work with hand tools, he said.

However, because of the chance of thunderstorms, authorities planned to fly about 120 firefighters out of the region by evening and keep them out until the danger passes.

"They don't want them out there on those exposed ridges and stuff with lightning," Beyer said.

The chance of weekend thunderstorms brought the danger of new wildfires erupting. State fire officials announced they were increasing staffing in both Northern and Southern California mountain areas, adding fire crews, engines and bulldozers.

It also created the potential for heavy rains and flooding in the burned areas, authorities said.

Meanwhile, a 100-acre fire outside the city of San Bernardino was 95 percent contained.

A fire in Alpine County south of Lake Tahoe was 29 percent surrounded after burning about 27 square miles. The contained section was near the town of Markleeville. But much of the fire was in steep terrain, and firefighters were struggling to surround it, officials said.

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A tree frames the smoke as it billows in the back ground from a fire Thursday in Pioneertown, Calif. Most evacuations were lifted Saturday near a Southern California wildfire that threatened more than 7,000 buildings as firefighters caught a break in the weather and redoubled efforts to surround it.

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Once unheard of, US-Iran talks become the new normal

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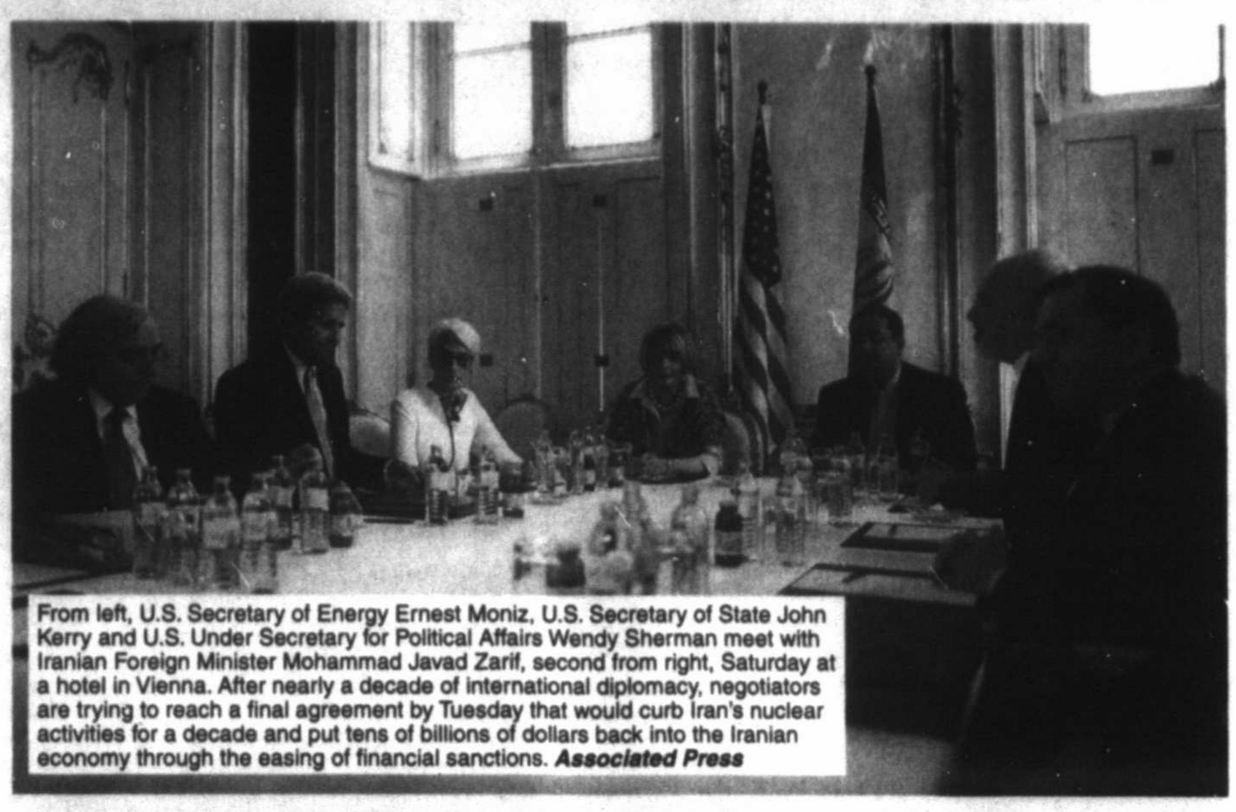

From left, U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and U.S. Under Secretary for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman meet with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, second from right, Saturday at a hotel in Vienna. After nearly a decade of international diplomacy, negotiators are trying to reach a final agreement by Tuesday that would curb Iran's nuclear activities for a decade and put tens of billions of dollars back into the Iranian economy through the easing of financial sanctions. ***Associated Press***

VIENNA — The top American and Iranian diplomats faced each other across a square table in a 19th century Viennese palace, the room austerely decorated and the atmosphere calm as they started the final push for a generation-defining nuclear agreement on Saturday.

Running up against a Tuesday deadline for a deal, their declarations of optimism and pledges of diligence sounded routine.

After two years of high-pressure gatherings, a sense of predictability has emerged in the negotiations between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

Neither is letting the pressure show even as they and other global powers are at the cusp of an agreement that could redefine security in the Middle East and beyond for decades to come.

Just a short while ago, a snapshot alone of these two enemies engaged in discussions on nuclear and other matters would have been a bombshell felt in capitals around the world. Now, whether or not the U.S. and its negotiating powers can clinch a pact in Austria's capital over the next several days, it's hard to imagine the tentative U.S.-Iranian rapprochement ending anytime soon.

It's become the new normal.

The U.S. and Iran are locked in ideological conflict and regional wars, from Syria's seemingly intractable cycle of violence and instability in Lebanon and Yemen to Iran's support for enemies of Israel. But the U.S. and Iran also have found common cause: aiding Iraq's government and Kurdish militia against the Islamic State group, and committing, at least publicly, to an accord that would remove the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran while ending the Islamic Republic's international isolation.

"I think it's fair to say that we're hopeful," Kerry said as talks began at Vienna's Palais Coburg. "We've a lot of hard work to do. There are some very tough issues and I think we all look forward to getting down to the final efforts here to see whether or not a deal is possible. I think everybody would like to see an agreement. But we have to work through some difficult issues."

Zarif said he agreed. "We need to work really hard in order to be able to make progress and move forward. We are determined to do everything we can to be able to make this effort possible. Of course, that depends on a lot of things and we're going to work on it."

For a relationship that was frozen after the 1979 Islamic revolution and subsequent U.S. Embassy hostage crisis, the long hours spent in nuclear negotiations clearly have helped each side build a grudging understanding of one another. Although neither will use the word trust, for the first time in decades, U.S.-Iranian ties have in some ways "normalized."

The official goal of the nuclear talks is an exchange of decade-long curbs on Iran's nuclear program for tens of billions of dollars in relief from international economic sanctions. Participants say the talks could well drag on past Tuesday's deadline.

Iran says its activity is solely designed for energy, medical and research purposes; much of the world fears it harbors nuclear weapons ambitions.

The U.S.-Iranian engagement started a couple of years ago in much more tentative fashion, with lower-level negotiators meeting in secret in the Gulf kingdom of Oman and elsewhere amid mutual suspicion.

The discussions gained steam after Hassan Rouhani's election as Iran's president behind promises to take his country on a more moderate course and end its isolation. But the outreach in each direction grew slowly, and both sides closely guarded preparations for a historic telephone call in September 2013 between Rouhani and President Barack Obama. Two months later, world powers and Iran reached the first of two interim nuclear agreements.

Since then, the interactions between Kerry and Zarif, and the two countries' other negotiators, have expanded dramatically. They regularly chat in hotel breakfast halls before their daily discussions, hold regular calls and coordinate schedules.

Beyond nuclear matters, the top officials have included in their discussions matters related to Syria, Iraq, Yemen and other regional hot spots. The status of Americans detained or missing in Iran is another frequent topic of conversation.

At their previous meeting in May, Kerry and Zarif even bantered in front of reporters about democratic progress in Nigeria, another country engulfed by insurgency but one far removed from the battlegrounds of the Middle East.

Kerry, having just arrived in Geneva from the African nation, called the inauguration of a popularly elected president in Nigeria "very good historically for democracy." Zarif, whose government is routinely criticized by other countries and human rights groups for its democracy failings, offered his verdict: "They have serious difficulties."

But the limited snippets of public conversation often have been more personal in nature.

In March, Kerry began a meeting by offering condolences to Rouhani after his mother died and wished the Iranians a happy Persian New Year with the traditional declaration of "Nowruz Mubarak." Later, he approached Rouhani's brother, a member of the Iranian negotiating team in Lausanne, Switzerland, and hugged him.

On some occasions, the perceived coziness that has emerged has had repercussions for the Iranians.

When Zarif was photographed walking across a Geneva bridge with Kerry, hard-liners accused him of catering to the enemy. Shortly afterward, stories appeared in Iran's press with anonymous officials talking about Zarif losing his temper with Kerry in private meetings, as if to make amends.

They also have spoken about bike riding — a regular pursuit of Kerry's during the nuclear talks until a crash last month in France that broke his leg. Zarif, who was then dealing with a recurring back issue, called Kerry to commiserate.

And the good will has spread to others in the negotiating team.

For example, U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Iran's atomic energy chief Ali Akbar Salehi, both MIT-trained physicists, have struck up their own understanding and, by all accounts, a well-functioning relationship. Salehi isn't in Vienna because of illness.

U.S. allies also aren't entirely pleased as the warming to Iran has coincided with a fraying of some of America's long-standing partnerships in the region. Washington clearly remains light years closer to Middle East allies such as Saudi Arabia and Israel, but their coolness or outright hostility to the Iran talks has taken a toll. For the Obama administration, it has created the strange dynamic of sometimes finding it easier to discuss nuclear matters with Tehran.

Diplomats: Iran considers shipping, selling enriched uranium

VIENNA — Nuclear negotiators for Iran, obligated to dispose tons of enriched uranium under an approaching deal, are focusing on a U.S.-backed plan for Iran to send the material to another country for sale as reactor fuel, diplomats told The Associated Press on Saturday.

While Iran says it does not want nuclear arms, it has more than 8 tons that could be turned into the fissile core of a dozen or more atomic bombs if the material was further enriched to weapons-grade levels.

The export-and-sell option has been floated before, and the diplomats emphasized that the sides have not agreed on that solution in the search for what to do with the low-enriched uranium stockpile.

But negotiators have little time left to make a decision on the issue with a Tuesday target date looming for a deal.

Senior Iranian officials publicly rejected shipping out the material in preliminary negotiations, so Tehran's renewed interest is significant.

The goal of the talks involving the U.S., Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia is a comprehensive deal that would crimp Tehran's capacity to make nuclear weapons in exchange for sanctions relief.

Other options discussed would mean changing the enriched uranium into a form that cannot be used for weapons or shipping it abroad for storage, probably in Russia.

One of the diplomats said Russia was a key candidate in the idea being floated that Moscow would convert the low-enriched material and Iran would get a large share of the profits from any sale.

Iran says it is enriching only to make reactor fuel and for other nonmilitary purposes.

Under the preliminary deal that led to the current negotiations, Iran has eliminated almost all uranium enriched to levels only a technical step from weapons grade. That leaves it with a stockpile enriched to levels much lower than what would be needed to make the core of an atomic bomb.

Still, the fact that the stockpile could be enriched further to the level needed for bombs makes rendering it harmless a chief priority for the U.S. and the other countries.

The two diplomats are familiar with the talks but spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the confidential talks.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif began meeting Saturday in the Austrian capital in an attempt to advance the negotiations.

Zarif said earlier that a deal was in reach unless the other side presented "excessive demands."

He said U.N. sanctions must be lifted immediately after an agreement, and all other penalties also must be removed. The U.S. and its allies say those conditions are unacceptable.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said France wants "an accord that is robust that recognizes in Iran the right to civil nuclear but that guarantees that Iran effectively and definitively renounces nuclear arms."

He said Iran has not "completely" accepted France's conditions: long-term limitations on Iran's nuclear research and development; rigorous verification of the deal with few limitations; and "an automatic return of sanctions in case of violations."

Kerry and Zarif spoke of tough negotiations ahead, in comments that added to the likelihood that the talks will slide into early July.

"We need to work really hard in order to be able to make progress," Zarif said.

Kerry spoke of "some very tough issues" in the way of a deal, adding: "We have a lot of hard work to do."

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Mexico's 2018 presidential campaign already underway

By Tim Johnson
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MEXICO CITY — Think the U.S. presidential campaign is long? Look at Mexico. The next presidential election isn't until 2018, and candidates already are lining up.

President Enrique Pena Nieto isn't even halfway through his six-year term.

Recent midterm elections displayed the weakness of several major opposition parties and opened the door to independents. As a result, several high-profile politicians have announced that they will seek the presidency in 2018.

Mexicans seem to be heading to a new normal: the permanent campaign.

The wife of former President Felipe Calderon, Margarita Zavala, was first out of the starting gate. She posted a two-minute video June 14 on YouTube saying that she would seek the presidency — with or without the center-right National Action Party, or PAN, that backed her husband in 2006.

Zavala, a lawyer and former legislator, said that among those she would court are "those who no longer believe in the parties as instruments of our democracy."

Her announcement was the latest salvo in a bruising battle roiling the PAN, which has suffered erosion in support, garnering only 21 percent in the June 7 vote.

"This year was the worst electoral result the PAN has had since the 1991 midterm election," said Carlos Petersen, a political analyst with the Eurasia Group, a global political risk consultancy.

Party leaders earlier this year denied Zavala a place on the ballot as one of the party's plank candidates for the lower house of Congress, embittering her and supporters of Calderon's faction of the party.

Mexico City Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera also has raised his hand for the 2018 race. Mancera, a silver-haired lawyer, came to office in late 2012, like Pena Nieto. He governs one of the world's biggest metropolises, a longtime bastion of the center-left Party of the Democratic Revolution, or PRD.

The timing might seem odd, given that the PRD suffered setbacks in the vote earlier this month as well. But in reality, Mancera's relations with the PRD leadership have been tense.

By declaring early for the presidency, political analyst Carlos Bravo Regidor said, Mancera hopes "people might start speculating about that instead of talking about how poor the results were in the election."

"Yes, I want to be president," Mancera said simply in response to a television interviewer's question. He followed up over several days with affirmations of his potential electability.

In a note to clients, Nomura Securities analyst Benito Berber said the man to watch is two-time leftist presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, whose new party, known as Morena, rose from scratch to gather a stunning 35 seats in the 500-seat lower house this month.

Lopez Obrador has not openly declared for 2018, but all experts say he expects to make a third consecutive run following failed bids in 2006 and 2012.

Lopez Obrador "will begin campaigning now and his speech will likely start out very radical. But if he gains traction, he will likely moderate his speech and move toward the center of the political spectrum just before the election to maximize his chances of winning," Berber wrote.

"It's going to be three years of campaigning," said Soledad Loaeza, a political scientist at the Colegio de Mexico, a prominent academic institution. "We'll see who lasts."

Pena Nieto, seeking to avoid prolonged lame-duck status, since there is no presidential re-election in Mexico, will attempt to keep a lid on presidential ambitions among those in his own Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

In the past, the party, which ruled Mexico for an uninterrupted seven decades in the last century, shunned transparency and named its presidential nominee in an unveiling known in Spanish as the "dedazo," or tap of the finger. The person tapped would inevitably go on to win the presidency.

But conditions have changed. Economic growth is lackluster, and Pena Nieto influences only one wing of the party. Even within his own Cabinet, Finance Secretary Luis Videgaray and Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong are known to want to succeed him.

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OPINION

Lowering the Confederate flag is a good thing

■ In dealing with America's past, knee-jerk reaction may cause nation to overshoot in eliminating relics of Confederacy

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After a massacre like the one at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, our immediate reaction is to do something. Something, for politicians, means legislation. And for Democratic politicians, this means gun control.

It's the all-purpose, go-to, knee-jerk solution. Within hours of the massacre, President Obama was lamenting the absence of progress on gun control. A particular Democratic (and media) lament was Congress' failure to pass anything after Sandy Hook.

But the unfortunate fact is that the post-Sandy Hook legislation would have had zero effect on the events in Charleston. Its main provisions had to do with assault weapons; Dylann Roof was using a semi-automatic pistol.

You can pass any gun law you want. The 1994 assault weapons ban was allowed to expire after 10 years because, as a Justice Department study showed, it had no effect. There's only one gun law that would make a difference: confiscation. Everything else is for show.

And in this country, confiscation is impossible. Constitutionally, because of the Second Amendment. Politically, because doing so would cause something of an insurrection. And culturally, because Americans cherish — cling to, as Obama once had it — their guns as a symbol of freedom. You can largely ban guns in Canada where the founding document gives the purpose of confederation as the achievement of "peace, order and good government." Harder to disarm a nation whose founding purpose is "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

With gun control going nowhere, the psychic national need post-Charleston to nonetheless do something took a remarkable direction: banishment of the Confederate flag, starting with the one flying on the grounds of the statehouse in Columbia, then spreading like wildfire to consume Confederate flags, symbols, statues and even memorabilia everywhere — from the Alabama state capitol to eBay and Amazon.

Logically, the connection is tenuous. Yes, Roof does pose with the Confederate flag, among other symbols of racism, on his website. But does anyone imagine that if the South Carolina flag had been relegated to a museum, the massacre would not have occurred?

Politically, the murders created a unique moment. Gov. Nikki Haley was surely sincere in calling for the Confederate flag's removal. But she also understood that the massacre had created a moment when the usual pro-Confederate flag feeling — and, surely, expressions of it — would be largely suppressed, presenting the opportunity to achieve something otherwise politically unachievable.

But there's a deeper reason for this rush to banish Confederate symbols, to move them from the public square to the museum. The trigger was not just the massacre itself, but even more tellingly, the breathtaking display of nobility and spiritual generosity by the victims' relatives. Within 48 hours of the murder of their loved ones, they spoke of redemption and reconciliation and even forgiveness of the killer himself. It was an astonishingly moving expression of Christian charity.

Such grace demands a response. In a fascinating dynamic, it created a feeling of moral obligation to reciprocate in some way. The flag was not material to the crime itself, but its connection to the underlying race history behind the crime suggested that its removal from the statehouse grounds — whatever the endlessly debated merits of the case — could serve as a reciprocal gesture of reconciliation.

The result was a microcosm of — and a historical lesson in — the moral force of the original civil rights movement, whose genius was to understand the effect that combating evil with good, violence with grace would have on a fundamentally decent American nation.

America was indeed moved. The result was the civil rights acts. The issue today is no longer legal equality. It is more a matter of sorting through historical memory.

The Confederate flags would ultimately have come down. That is a good thing. They are now coming down in a rush. The haste may turn out to be problematic.

We will probably overshoot, as we are wont to do, in the stampede to eliminate every relic of the Confederacy. Not every statue has to be smashed, not every memory banished. Perhaps we can learn a lesson from Arlington National Cemetery, founded by the victorious Union to bury its dead. There you will find Section 16. It contains the remains of hundreds of Confederate soldiers grouped around a modest, moving monument to their devotion to "duty as they understood it" — a gesture by the Union of soldierly respect, without any concession regarding the taintedness of their cause.

Or shall we uproot them as well?

OUR VIEW

Republicans have time to develop plan for changes to ACA

The Supreme Court has ruled on the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. And for the second time, a majority of the justices favored saving the president's signature law.

The Obama administration has spiked its political football. The ACA wing of his presidential library can be built as planned. Don't know if all Republicans will choose not to visit since not one Republican voted for the bill that made it reality.

Now, Republicans are mad. Congressman Mike Conaway actually sent out a press release, saying he is outraged. This was expected, but we won't look back, including to the ridiculously partisan effort to create the ACA or Supreme Court case rulings that were more about justifying the law, not determining its constitutionality. We choose to look forward.

Republicans may find this hard to believe, but Thursday's ruling provides an opportunity — a political opportunity to use the Supreme Court decision to the party's benefit in 2016.

There's also a silver lining in that the Supreme Court gave Republicans more time to come up with a solution. Had the Supreme Court done a 180 and drove a death knell to Obamacare, then there would have been millions of people without health care going into an election year, hundreds of stories told by a media more than willing to put a microphone in front of those stripped of their coverage, and a Democratic candidate ready to swoop in and come to the rescue.

For Republicans, big government can still be the battle cry and the party's nominee can hold up ACA as an example. Obamacare still is not supported by a majority of Americans, and we find it hard to believe that will change the more we find out about the trouble it will bring.

Republicans now have time — specifically, 19 months until the next president is sworn in — to develop a plan for the changes they will make to the health care law. They have 17 months before the election to convince Americans that repeal can be followed by a real solution. This is important. Republicans have to do more than identify what's wrong. They must show how they can make it right.

The president had zero GOP support for this legislation. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid allowed zero Republican amendments to be voted on during the process and Nancy Pelosi likely will go down in partisan infamy the most for her "we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it" comment.

Republicans can do better, right? They have to.

But first things first. Republicans must look forward. They must turn out an electable candidate who can win in 2016. If that doesn't happen, all the repeal and replace plans won't matter one iota. Republican voters must take the presidential election more seriously than they did in 2008 and 2012. For all the bustle that the lack of a conservative candidate convinced voters to stay home, we offer the following. If that is true, it is the voters who stayed home who gave America a president willing to change the country with the Affordable Care Act. It was those voters who made it easier for a president who put two liberal Supreme Court justices on the bench.

It was those voters who made it impossible to do anything about Obamacare until a president takes the oath in January 2017.

If the ACA is that broken, Republicans must do more than talk the big talk. People need to see leadership. It is time to move forward to 2016.

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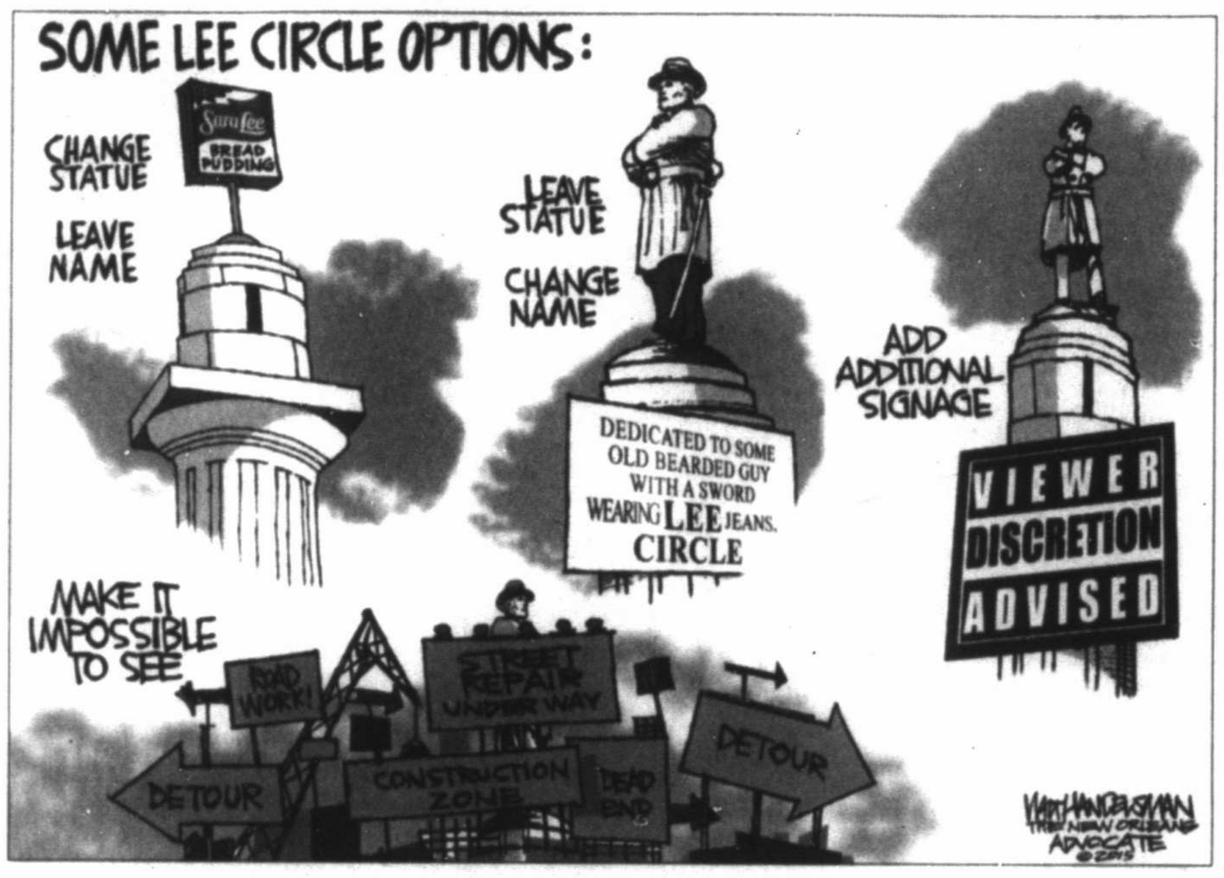

Forget the lies about the South

■ Region has been transformed to the extent that African-Americans are moving there from other parts of the country

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It is telling that the South Carolina governor who called for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the grounds of the state Capitol is a woman, an Indian-American — and a Republican.

The rush to efface the Confederate symbol from the South in the wake of the Charleston shootings, with Gov. Nikki Haley among the leaders, is a lagging indicator. The region has been transformed over the past 50 years, from an institutionally racist backwater to a part of the American mainstream more alluring to African-Americans than less dynamic parts of the country.

Dylann Roof is many things: a racist and a terrorist, pathetic and hellishly cruel. But he is not a representative Son of the South.

The left has nonetheless been channeling a less tasteful version of former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel's old dictum: Never let a hideous massacre go to waste. It has pointed fingers at the GOP's Southern strategy and at the South more generally, distorting the partisan history of the region and ignoring changes there since the 1950s.

Gerard Alexander of the University of Virginia, Sean Trende of RealClearPolitics and Jay Cost of The Weekly Standard all have written against the idea that the Southern strategy was racism incarnate. There was undoubtedly a racial component to the region's partisan shift, but among other things, the South simply got richer. It's amazing what earning enough money to have a substantial tax bite will do to your politics.

The father of the Republican Southern strategy was that racist old coot Dwight Eisenhower, who — is it possible to wrap your head around the enormity? — wanted to begin to win some Southern electoral votes. Ike won four Southern states in 1952 and five in 1956, when he won the popular vote in the region. And he did it while supporting civil rights.

How was this possible? The GOP had begun picking off the less uniformly Democratic areas of the New South. As Alexander writes, the GOP's Southern electorate "was disproportionately suburban, middle-class, educated, younger, non-native-Southern, and concentrated in the growth-points that were, so to speak, the least 'Southern' parts of the South."

So 1964, when Barry Goldwater opposed the Civil Rights Act, wasn't a point of radical departure. The Republicans steadily gained strength as the Old South figuratively and literally died off. Republicans didn't take a majority of Southern congressional seats until 1994. Not until 2010 did they gain unified control of the Alabama state Legislature.

The left doesn't expend much energy complaining about the South's contribution to the most important progressive electoral victories of the 20th century — the elections of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt — but obsesses over Republican strength in a region that, morally and politically, is light-years from the Solid Democratic South of yore.

Of course, the South still lags in many ways, and there are parts of Southern exceptionalism that are distasteful. Consider one key indicator, though: Blacks are voting in favor of the South with their feet by migrating from elsewhere in the country, in a reversal of the Great Migration of the 20th century.

The region is no longer characterized by its system of vicious racism but its diversity. According to the Population Reference Bureau, "Among large metropolitan areas with a total population of 500,000 or more, the least segregated metros were located in the faster-growing South and West."

It no longer deliberately blights the prospects of blacks but affords them opportunities not available elsewhere. The urban expert Joel Kotkin ranked metropolitan areas by homeownership, entrepreneurship and median household income and concluded: "Today, Dixie has emerged, in many ways, as the new promised land for African-Americans."

This is an American triumph. One of the most extraordinary things about the reaction to the horror of Charleston on the ground was the unity and civility that characterized it — another wonder of a transformed South that, in many ways, is better than its hidebound and blinkered critics.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

What were Jefferson Davis' ties to Texas?

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Seeking to add fuel to the firestorm over whether the Jefferson Davis statue should be removed from the University of Texas campus, I offer this excerpt from the Texas State Historical Association's Handbook of Texas:

"After Reconstruction, a movement was launched in Dallas to purchase a homestead for Davis and invite him to move to Texas. On June 14, 1875, he was offered the presidency of the newly established Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. When he declined the appointment on July 8, 1875, he wrote of his hopes of revisiting Texas."

This recollection is backed by the July 1945-April 1846 edition of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, in which an entry by Charles F. Arrowood says a "little pamphlet entitled 'Laws Relating to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and Proceedings of the Board of Directors of Said College' confirms the Aggies' offer to Davis indeed was made by Gov. Richard Coke.

"The effort to bring Davis to this state seems to have had considerable popular backing, for, about this time, a movement was launched in Dallas to raise a fund to purchase a homestead for him and to invite him to make his home here," Arrowood wrote. "The Dallas Daily Herald reports these efforts, but it is not clear how far the movement went."

If the Aggies had hired Davis to be their president, they would have picked someone who was not eligible to be the president of the United States. The U.S. Constitution's 14th amendment, ratified in 1868, barred from elected or military office anyone who served in official capacity or the military of an entity that "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against (the U.S.), or (had) given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof."

In October 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a congressional resolution restoring full citizenship rights to Davis. Carter, optimistically overstating the impact of the resolution, said it "officially completes the long process of reconciliation that has reunited our people following the tragic conflict between the states."

"Earlier, (Davis) was specifically exempted from resolutions restoring the rights of other officials in the Confederacy," Carter said in a statement listing Davis' service as a U.S. soldier, lawmaker and secretary of war. "Gen. Robert E. Lee's citizenship was restored in 1976. It is fitting that Jefferson Davis should no longer be singled out for punishment."

Bygones, Carter said, should be bygones. "Our nation needs to clear away the guilts and enmities and recriminations of the past, to finally set at rest the divisions that threatened to destroy our nation and to discredit the principles on which it was founded. Our people need to turn their attention to the important tasks that still lie before us in establishing these principles for all people."

Davis' Texas ties are many. He was president of the Confederate States of America when Texas was a Confederate state. As a U.S. House member, he supported the U.S. annexation of Texas, a place he first visited in 1846 as commander of a Mississippi volunteer regiment in Zachary Taylor's forces on the Rio Grande.

After the Civil War, Davis fled from Richmond, Va., and headed to Texas but was captured in Georgia and indicted for treason, a charge on which he was never tried. He spent most of the rest of his life in Mississippi. He died in New Orleans in 1889, two years after Jeff Davis County in West Texas was formed and named in his honor.

Davis holds a place of honor in the Texas Senate chamber, where a portrait of him hangs prominently next to the platform from which the lieutenant governor presides. The portrait was painted in 1890 by H.A. McArdle and presented to the state by "the citizens of Brenham." It's been in the chamber since 1891, attracting little attention amid the others in the room.

John Sneed, executive director of the State Preservation Board, said records show then-Sen. George Tyler of Belton authored a resolution thanking the folks who donated the Davis portrait. Tyler later served as a UT regent from 1925-27.

I can find no obvious link between Davis and Brenham. Right about here, you're thinking about an ice cream quip. But think about it.

If anything, Davis would have been a fan of "Gray Bell Ice Cream."

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Time to embrace Obamacare, make it stronger

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Can we finally stop fighting over Obamacare and focus on making it better?

The congressional votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act were cute and the legal challenges were interesting, but seriously, Thursday's Supreme Court ruling needs to be the last word. The partisan posturing is bad for business, treacherous for Republicans and most of all hurtful to the millions who rely on the program for health care.

The health care industry, which contributed $2.9 trillion to the economy last year, doesn't need any more regulatory uncertainty. The rally in health and insurance stocks on Thursday demonstrated the importance of the Affordable Care Act to the industry's profitability. Health care companies also employ more people in the Houston area than any other sector of the economy, so we need the industry to thrive.

So consider for a moment if the ruling had gone the other way.

If the court had declared that federal subsidies provided to the uninsured could only be paid through a Texas-run insurance exchange — which the Legislature rejected — then 832,000 Texans would have lost $4.4 billion in federal subsidies. The rate of uninsured would have spiked and all of our premiums and hospital district taxes would have followed along with it.

Health care providers would have seen patients with good insurance become charity cases. Hospitals already suffering financially from treating too many uninsured patients would have taken a big hit.

"Texas still leads the nation in the number of uninsured and we have significant work to do to increase access to coverage," Texas Hospital Association President Ted Shaw said in a statement on Thursday. "But there is little doubt that hospitals' financial challenges would be even greater if more than 1 million Texans were added to the rolls of uninsured."

Providing subsidized insurance to people rather than leaving them to their own devices will always be cheaper than providing charity care in the emergency room. Insurance is not socialism, it's common sense.

Fortunately, we get to keep the law that has dramatically slowed health care inflation, and therefore limited the rise in private health insurance premiums. The average family is paying $1,800 less a year because of the act, according to the non-partisan Kaiser Family Foundation, and that means the average employer is saving money too.

Republicans, meanwhile, should breathe a sigh of relief that the court didn't throw the law out.

GOP primary voters may love a politician that bashes President Barack Obama and his health care law, but general election voters would have punished the party if 6 million people had lost their health insurance and lawmakers hadn't done anything to stop it.

Demagogues like Sen. Ted Cruz may still want to repeal "every last word" of the Affordable Care Act, but wiser leaders understood the danger. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, asked his team to develop a back-up plan to keep the subsidies going for at least two years if the decision had gone the other way.

Boehner repeated stock talking points on Thursday about repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. But hopefully after the sting of the court's decision fades away and reality sets in, Republican leaders will focus their attention on realistic goals.

Popular policies

While the word Obamacare generates antipathy, the policies are popular. No

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What does changing our currency accomplish?

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

We should have left the historical figures on our money alone. Let Alexander Hamilton and the other Founding Fathers on our currency rest in peace.

One need not be pro-man or anti-woman to believe that diminishing the men on our paper bills in order to elevate a female, by 2020, as recently decreed by Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, is pure folly.

What's truly fallacious is the idea, as voiced by the people over at womenon20s.org, the grassroots organization that helped propel the effort through social media to get a woman on our currency, that doing so will "compel historic change."

Really?

Putting any one of the number of extremely brave, talented or stereotype-busting women on paper money will ... what? Break glass ceilings? Get more women into power positions in Silicon Valley? Up the number of women in science and engineering? Make the case for an excellent president who happens to be female rather than hoping for the first female president at any cost?

First just ask yourself: When was the last time you had a stack of paper money in your hands?

Tipping in cabs, restaurants, hair salons and nearly everywhere else is easy to add onto a debit or credit card purchase. The Salvation Army uses phone apps to collect donations at Christmastime. My own children get their allowance direct deposited into their junior checking and savings accounts, which they manage via an iPhone app.

Cash will probably never become extinct or obsolete, as so many futurists have predicted. But we're coming really close, really soon.

Second, women have been on money already, and those efforts elicited collective yawns. Who but hard-core coin collectors have a stash of Sacagawea or Susan B. Anthony coins?

Third, and most important: Is this who we really want to be? A society in which we have major systemic issues that keep us from fulfilling the promise of equal opportunity, but instead of focusing on those, our government officials bow to the social-media campaign du jour?

This is as much of a disgrace as the diminution of the man who, according to historian Richard Brookhiser, author of "Alexander Hamilton: American," not only saved President George Washington and our new country from its first debt crisis and established our central bank, but also established the New York Manumission Society to work for black liberty in 1785, prompting persistent rumors that he had African-American blood.

Many outraged history buffs have responded to the widespread amnesia about why Hamilton made it onto the 10-spot in the first place with a call to instead yank Andrew Jackson off the $20 bill as was first posited by womenon20s.org.

Jackson was many things — some of them terrible — but he earned his place

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Banning firearms is not the answer

The naysayers and deniers are already dancing in the blood of the innocent victims of Charleston, South Carolina. Most notably, President Obama and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. We need to ban guns. We can't have concealed carry or open carry on college campuses or in churches. We need to be able to get the medical records of individuals to see if they are qualified to own a firearm.

Several major fallacies are presented by the aforementioned statements, or arguments against concealed and open carry of firearms across the country. To begin with, these horrific shootings occur in places where concealed and open carry of firearms are prohibited. Churches, schools, college campuses and theaters. These dearanged, homicidal killers do like to commit their heinous acts in a safe working environment for themselves. So banning firearms in more places is not the answer.

This latest, alleged skinhead, segregationist was under felony indictment, which bars him from having any firearms at all. At the very least, his father should be charged with a straw purchase or even as an accessory to nine counts of murder. Even this disturbed individual's mother knew he shouldn't have a gun and took it away from him. It wasn't enough. He stole it back.

HIPPA laws prohibit the release of any medical records for a variety of reasons. That's federal law. Change it if you don't like it.

Quite a few of these mass shootings have been stopped by individuals with carry permits being in the right place at the right time. A grandmother told her granddaughter to play dead. I would rather have shot back.

Finally, please say a prayer for the victims, their families and friends, and yes, even the mass murderer.

Dennis Walker

Use of fracturing should be 'celebrated'

Thank you for publishing the article "Hydraulic fracturing isn't the root of all evil after all" on June 14. The article was well-done and very informative.

The findings of the EPA report deliver a devastating blow to the anti-fracking crowd who have used the misinformation in the movie "Gasland" to fight oil and gas development. Thankfully, science has weighed in, and the results are overwhelmingly good for the environment and our economy.

We need oil and natural gas to maintain the standard of living we have, and the fact that we can access these resources safely through fracking should be celebrated, not condemned.

Isaac Orr
Waupaca, Wisconsin

Editor's note: The article referred to was a column by Ben Shepperd, Permian Basin Petroleum Assocation president.

We shouldn't change history

I normally don't say anything about news stories, but this one has me saying "enough is enough."

I'm sorry that our nation is coming to this. The Confederacy and its flag are a part of United States history. Because someone didn't like it, we will change history?

I wasn't old enough to voice my dislike when one person took prayer out of schools. And look at the problems we are having with school. But now I am old enough to voice my opinion. Do not change our history.

I know my great-, great-, great-grandfather had slaves on his plantation in Virginia, and he treated them with respect. He also gave them their freedom but they stayed on his ranch to work. And they died there and I have seen their graves.

I went to Lee High School, and I will proudly fly the Confederate flag and am proud to be a Rebel from this school.

We should not change history just because someone doesn't like what went on back then. What is this world becoming?

Barbara Longanecker
Kerrville

Group help amputees deal with loss

I want to thank Marie Almond for writing about her experience with loss after amputation and for being so honest about how incredibly difficult it can be.

I am a certified peer visitor with the Amputee Coalition and am involved with the West Texas Amputee Support Group. We meet once a month and are one of about 300 such groups across the U.S. These groups are an important part of the recovery process and provide a great opportunity for new amputees and their families to connect with others who have overcome similar challenges. As Marie said in her article, "it is OK to talk and express your feelings."

The West Texas Amputee Support Group is registered with the Amputee Coalition. Both organizations were created to help people with full and partial limb loss make the most of their changed lives. The mission of the Amputee Coalition is to reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential through education, support and advocacy and to promote limb-loss prevention. As part of that mission, they offer a program for people to receive peer visits. To learn more about it, call the Amputee Coalition at 888-AMP-KNOW or go to their website, www.amputee-coalition.org/support-groups-peer-support.

I thank Marie for raising awareness about amputations and would be interested in talking to her and others in the Permian Basin who have undergone amputation surgery. They can contact me at 683-3788.

Kim Doolan

Hope is what our country needs; real action can do wonders in urban communities

JAMES GERETY
Local business owner

Part of the illness of our society is the lack of hope. Young people who act out in violent ways want to blame others for their unhappiness and use violence to express that hopelessness. Innocent people — men, women and children — have lost their lives due to the low level of moral values and hopelessness in our society. It is not just the hateful actions of a thug in South Carolina, or a demented young man walking into a school shooting children in Connecticut. These actions are borne out of a bigger problem. It is called hopelessness.

There is hopelessness today in many corners of America. Young men in urban communities are killing their peers over drugs, a need for money and other assorted criminal actions. That issue doesn't get any time in D.C. or locally. Republican candidates share their sadness and condolences over this shooting but duck the fact that racism still exists. This is not Selma; this is not Birmingham. Our country was divided by racism in the 1960s. Does racism exist? Damn right it does. But it is not driving our country in any way, shape or form as back then. It is more isolated and situational. This idiot who pulled the trigger is not the spearhead of a rejuvenated racist movement, he's merely an idiot. He is symptomatic of a larger issue — hopelessness.

The press wants to point to the Confederate battle flag at a Civil War monument as a symbol of hate and a symptom of racism in South Carolina. That may be, but it is a distraction to what the real problem is. Remove this symbol and racism will go on. Bigotry is a sad human behavior that will never be erased. Hopelessness is a correctable symptom.

Our president rails about guns, again, without addressing the bigger issue of hopelessness in the poor rural and urban areas. Lack of jobs and investment are big problems. Giving poor people real hope through actions to rejuvenate inner cities and dying small towns by providing job opportunities should be his goal and

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Charleston, our nation, must prepare for 'the mourning after'

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Croup

CHARLESTON, S.C. —

By all appearances Friday morning, as thousands lined the street waiting (and wilting) for hours in 90-degree heat to enter the funeral arena where President Obama was to deliver a eulogy for state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, racial unity seemed a comfortable fact of life.

For many, no doubt, it is. And numerous conversations the past few days with residents confirmed at least the aspirational consistency of this observation. But — and there's always a "but" — there's more work to be done. Hovering over this beautiful city in the wake of the hideous murders last week of Pinckney and eight parishioners at Mother Emanuel Church is a puzzle for the good-hearted: Now what?

How do Charleston and South Carolina — and the nation — proceed from here? Once the eulogies have ended and life, indeed, goes on, what precisely can one, or many, of us do to resolve the problem of race?

Reconciliation is the word of the day, but how, practically speaking, does one get there? From leaders in Washington, we often hear of the need for a "national conversation about race." Again, how? And what does this really mean?

I asked Dr. Susan Glisson, executive director of the William Winter Institute of Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. She and Associate Director Charles Tucker gave me a three-hour tutorial in my Washington living room about how people can have the necessary conversation and work toward true reconciliation.

First, said Glisson, it can't be a national conversation. "The best conversations are the most local," she said.

To this end, the institute created a portable template for conversation called "The Welcome Table," a physical table where up to 25 people of all races sit and talk. Really talk. As moderator, Glisson or Tucker might ask participants to speak for three minutes about when he or she first noticed the elephant of race in the room?

Honesty is crucial, even if it smarts. Sometimes people's stories lead to tears. Other times, to laughter. People often laugh over what Tucker calls their "nervous stories."

Tucker, who is African-American and grew up on a cotton plantation in the Mississippi Delta, releases a rolling, baritone laugh from deep within his 6-foot-3 frame at my own nervous story. He has had plenty of personal encounters with racism yet seems to have a considerable well of compassion for the most foolish among us. This is in part because he has listened to other people's stories and really heard them. Something about the telling of stories draws out our more human selves. Empathy displaces cynicism and guardedness.

Glisson, a font of knowledge and wisdom, paraphrases Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, saying, "My enemy is someone whose stories I don't know."

Though most Americans of various races don't see each other as enemies, the sentiment is clear. When you put yourself in others' shoes, it's harder to think of them as "other." The rare and inexplicable exception is the young man who murdered nine people in the Mother Emanuel Church — even after, as he put it, they were so nice to him.

This is reconciliation: Acknowledging that bad things have happened, that misunderstandings persist, that we are sorry, that we forgive.

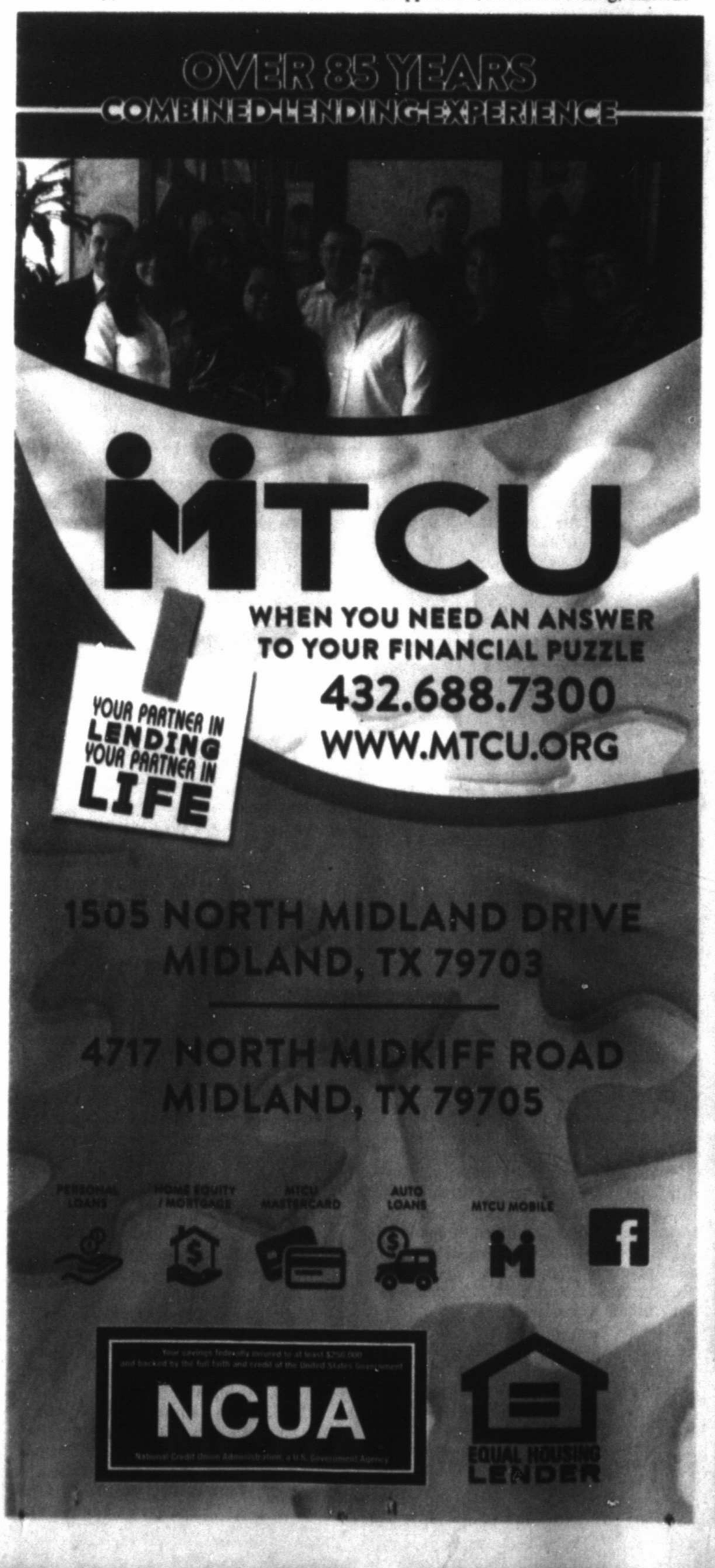
This is what Americans witnessed in Charleston as black and white residents embraced each other. This is what was happening when residents walked from opposite sides of the Arthur Ravenel Bridge to meet halfway.

At its most profound, this is what we witnessed when family members of the victims spoke to the accused, Dylann Roof, and, expressing their authentic Christian faith, forgave him.

But reconciliation isn't a one-act play. Every community, not just in the South, has work to do, though Glisson believes Southern cities and states have an extra duty to lead the way. She is also keen on the conversation culminating in social justice policy. "Person-to-person leads to group-to-group," she says. "And groups create policy."

Of like mind is native Charlestonian Charles T. "Bud" Ferillo, creator and director of the documentary film, "Corridor of Shame." Ferillo has been working to create a sister reconciliation institute in Charleston, perhaps in conjunction with the College of Charleston. His new film, "A Seat at the Table," about the welcome table, is coincidentally almost ready for public release.

The terrible event that brought these projects to my attention will remain heavy on our hearts. But welcome tables are a welcome idea as we search for solutions and create a new story with a happier ending.



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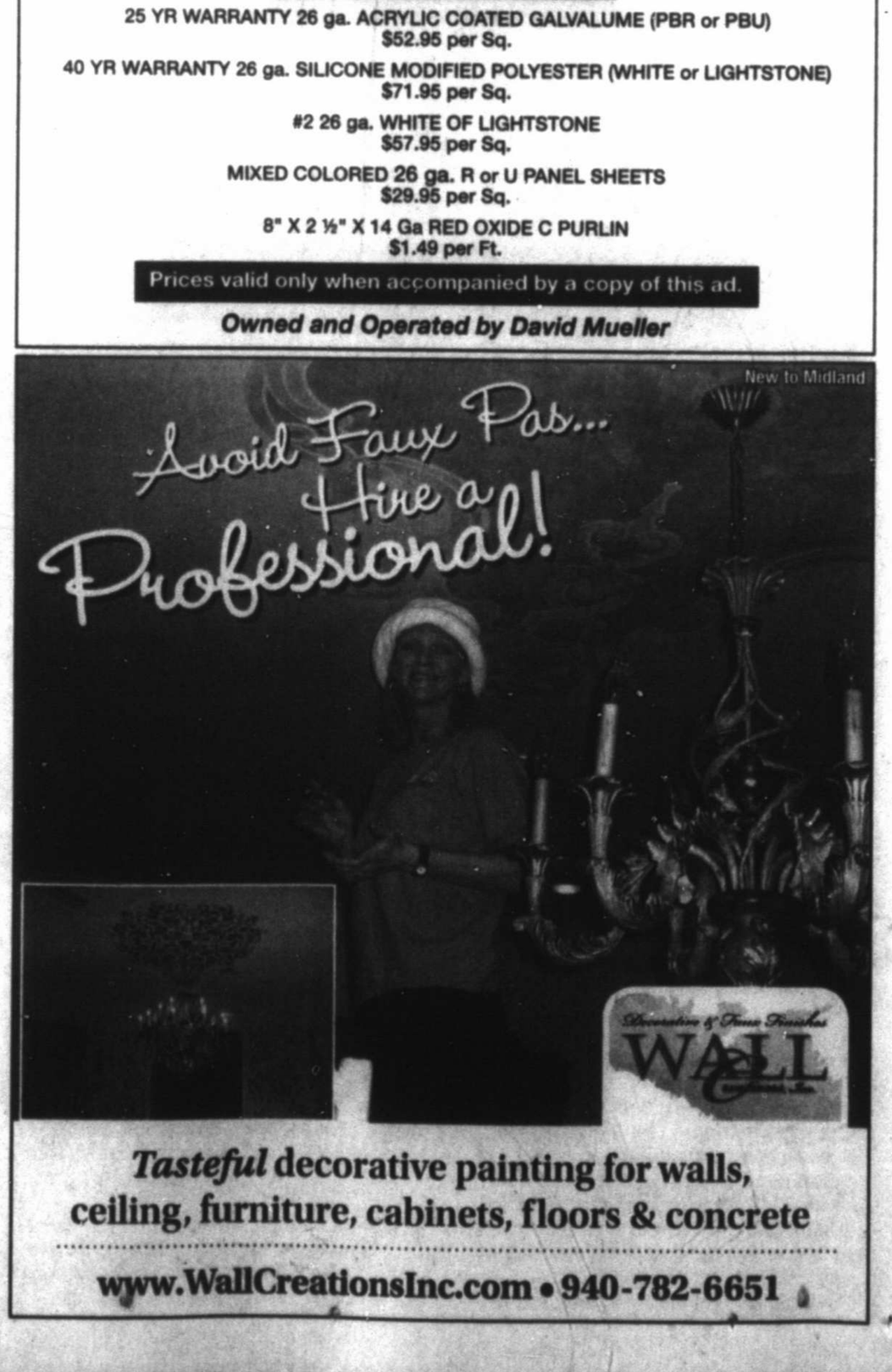

Alexander Hamilton fans are upset about his demotion on $10 bill

By Jim Puzzanghera
Los Angeles Times

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A $10 bill, featuring a likeness of Andrew Hamilton, the first U.S. Treasury secretary, is displayed at the National Archives gift shop, in Washington in this 2006 file photo. Former Federal Reserve chief-turned blogger Ben Bernanke on Monday called for the U.S. Treasury to abandon plans to drop Hamilton from his featured spot on the $10 bill and to dump Andrew Jackson from the $20 bill instead.

WASHINGTON — The gain for women in landing a promised spot on U.S. paper currency stands to be a big loss for one founding father — and his supporters aren't pleased.

The announcement that a woman would appear on U.S. currency for the first time in more than a century has been widely applauded. But the decision by Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew to place the yet-unnamed female on the $10 bill, which for more than eight decades has featured Alexander Hamilton, is drawing a sharp backlash.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said he was "appalled" that Hamilton — the first Treasury secretary and, "without doubt, the best and most foresighted economic policymaker in U.S. history" — was being demoted.

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman also urged Lew publicly to "honor Hamilton by leaving him where he is."

Columnists and editorial boards have made similar pleas. Hamilton fans have established #SaveHamilton on Twitter. And two petitions have been launched on the White House website urging President Barack Obama to keep Hamilton as the face of the $10 bill.

Even the head of the organization that has been pushing for a woman's image to be placed on paper currency — it preferred the more ubiquitous $20 bill — said she didn't want the victory to come at Hamilton's expense.

"We certainly had not set out to displace one of our great founders and architects of our country," said Barbara Ortiz Howard, founder of Women on 20s. "That wasn't our intention."

Lew said that Hamilton's image still will be on the $10 bill in some way and that the decision about which denomination would feature a woman was made based on the next bill scheduled for an update.

Howard said her group wouldn't be pleased if a woman has to share the $10 bill with a man.

And Hamilton's supporters said he is too important in American history to be relegated to a secondary position. Some have wondered if Hamilton's image could be reduced to a security watermark that could be seen only by holding up the bill to a light, said Rand Scholet, a Florida businessman who founded the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society in 2011 to promote his life and legacy.

"It is hard to understand that the current secretary of the Treasury would diminish the first secretary of the Treasury," he said. "It's really baffling."

Hamilton's supporters admit he's not the most well-known founding father. He never was elected president and died relatively young, before he turned 50 after a duel with then-Vice President Aaron Burr.

"I think Hamilton has historically been under-appreciated, and because he's a non-president, he might have been seen as somewhat of an easy target," said Pooja Nair, a Los Angeles lawyer and president of the society's California chapter.

What really frustrates Hamilton backers is that he has a strong claim to a spot on paper money because he's widely viewed as the father of the nation's financial system.

After arriving in America as a poor orphan from the West Indies, Hamilton rose to become a trusted aide to George Washington during the American Revolution and a major force in ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

As Treasury secretary, Hamilton consolidated the war's debts, set up a tax-collection system and introduced plans for the U.S. Mint.

Bernanke pointed out in a post on his blog this week that Hamilton founded the nation's first major private bank and also oversaw the controversial chartering of the First Bank of the United States, a precursor to the Federal Reserve.

On the other hand, Andrew Jackson, whose image is on the $20 bill, was an outspoken opponent of a central bank and paper currency.

On top of that, there's the character issue: Jackson has been vilified for his poor treatment of Native Americans, while Hamilton has been held up as an early abolitionist.

To Bernanke and others, the solution is clear: keep Hamilton on the $10 bill and let a woman replace Jackson on the $20 bill.

But it's not that simple.

Two years ago, the Treasury's Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence program recommended that the $10 bill be the next denomination redesigned. The new bill will be unveiled in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the Constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote, Lew said. If a woman were to be put on the $20 bill instead, the wait would be longer.

In addition to anti-forgery protections, the $10 bill is slated to get a new tactile feature to allow blind and visually impaired people to distinguish it from other denominations, the Treasury said. Because there are fewer $10 bills in circulation than $20 bills, it's a better denomination to test the new feature.

"The reason that the ... Treasury Department has selected the $10 bill is the $10 bill is currently the one that is under review by the appropriate authorities for upgraded redesign for security purposes," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said this week when asked if Obama had a view on the controversy. "And that is why the discussion is happening in the context of the $10 bill."

Scholet said he'd be happy if Treasury decided to produce two versions of the $10 bill — one with Hamilton and the other with a woman. Howard said that would be OK with her, too. And Lew hasn't ruled out that possibility.

"We have to find a way to continue to honor Hamilton, but at the same time start recognizing that women are fundamental in our society," she said.

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GERETY

From 12A

would be a testament to his legacy. His Brothers Keepers program is a nice program that the president started but has been put on a shelf that gets dusted from time to time. If he was to use his bully pulpit to address hopelessness in these areas of the country he could affect real change. The audacity of Hope could become bringing hope to reality.

Provide the opportunity for American business to invest in these areas. Provide incentives for them to build. Require a commitment to produce jobs and financial help to the public schools and communities in return for tax incentives. Give people in the inner cities and small rural towns real hope.

Bring discipline back into the schools. Require children to exercise for all 12 years of their education. Quit teaching children to a test. Rather, teach them to be articulate, knowledgeable and presentable. We have examples of that scattered around the country. The goal should be in all schools across America. Allow school choice so parents in poor communities can help their children get the best education possible. Quit discriminating against poor ethnic kids from getting the best education possible. Give people hope.

I challenge fathers to spend more quality time with their kids. I challenge you to go outside and throw a baseball, football or shoot baskets with your kids. I challenge fathers to sit down and study and do homework together. It is easy to make children. It's harder to raise them. Invest 18 years in making these girls and boys the best humans they can be. Give your children hope.

And for those dads who do these things already, I say "thank you." You bring hope into the lives of your children.

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CEPEDA

From 11A

in history (more so than Grover Cleveland, whom he replaced on the $20 bill) by being someone who actually came from humble beginnings, became president and played a major role in advocating for wider participation of non-landed gentry in democracy.

We used to revere our country's early leaders, warts and all, but it appears that's now too politically incorrect for a time in which those who rule the social mediasphere seem to believe that one gender must be torn down in order to uplift another.

Let's face it: Whoever gets to share the $10 bill with the man venerated historian Ron Chernow called "the most important person in American history who never reached the White House," will be no more important to the advancement of women than Diane Sawyer finally getting the ABC anchor chair after most people stopped watching the nightly news or Marissa Mayer taking the reins of Yahoo only after it had been left for dead by several other executives — and perhaps less so than the first female Dr. Who.

This country needs smart, strong women in positions of leadership across all sectors of industry and government. Instead we get the token of being added on to the design of a dying form of currency.

Worse, the $10 bill "victory" will provide vindication to all the narrow-minded jerks who already believe that women and minorities seek their own advancement less than they do the oppression of white males.

In a true gender-neutral world, the feds would ignore social media and put their attention and effort into finally ditching the money-losing penny and offering further details on how the new $10 bills will better serve those with visual impairments. But we're clearly not there yet.

OBAMACARE

From 11A

compassionate person thinks insurance companies should exclude people with pre-existing conditions or place life-time limits on benefits. Parents enjoy keeping their children on their plans until age 26. Few people think access to health care should be determined by personal income rather than need.

Consider a minimum wage worker for a small business that is not required to provide insurance. Working 2,000 hours a year, he or she will earn $14,500. Without the Affordable Care Act, his or her insurance premium would not be based on income, and in 2014 the average individual premium was $6,025.

Advice to Republicans

Rather than keep fighting Obamacare, Republicans should make it better.

First, expand Texas Medicaid and close the coverage gap. The minimum wage worker previously mentioned is the classic case. A single working person making minimum wage is not eligible for Medicaid in Texas but doesn't make enough to qualify for subsidies on HealthCare.gov. Expanding Medicaid would make sure this worker got health care to keep working and build a better life.

Second, raise the penalty for not buying health insurance above the current $695, or 2.5 percent of personal income. If the government is going to offer subsidies, then individuals who don't sign up should pay a price at least equal to the cost of health insurance. As a carrot, change health care premiums from a tax deduction to a tax credit that will put more many in all Americans' pockets.

The Affordable Care Act should also end state regulation of insurance and allow competition across state lines. Allowing 50 states to regulate the industry on top of federal regulations wastes time and money on red tape. Streamline and standardize the regulatory system and allow more competition, and premiums will go down.

Lastly, require transparent pricing for routine medical procedures and end fee-for-service. Providers should publish a set price for procedures such as setting a simple fracture or removing an appendix. Patients should be able to shop around.

Conservatives can make important contributions to improving the ACA for everyone. Hopefully the *King v. Burwell* decision will clear the way for them to do so.

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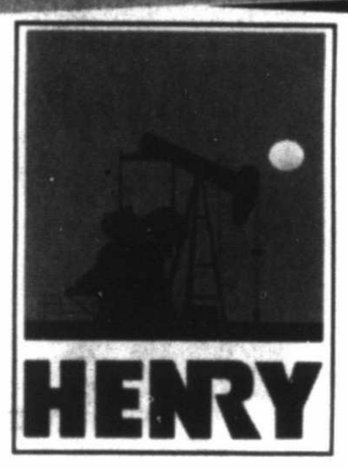

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Review: Apple has best smartwatch, but the rivals have their strengths

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As much as I wish the Apple Watch could do more, I find it the best smartwatch available, given its polished design and wide range of apps.

But there may be reasons to consider something else. For one thing, Apple Watch requires an iPhone. Pebble Time, in particular, works with both iPhones and Android devices and excels at battery life. But it falls short elsewhere.

Whether you need a smartwatch at all is another matter. Many people are happy having one, but others won't need one yet. If you need to stay connected continually and find that pulling out a phone is inconvenient, you might be in the market for a smartwatch. The watch will give you regular updates, replicating notifications on your phone. You'll also get apps like navigation and fitness.

Here's a look at some of the alternatives to Apple Watch and how they compare:

AP file photo

In this May 28 photo, an Android Wear smartwatch is on display at Google I/O 2015 in San Francisco. Android Wear puts the "smart" in smartwatches by anticipating your needs — weather, travel times and appointment reminders, based on what Google learns about you.

PEBBLE TIME ($199; iOS, Android)

The original Pebble, the product of a public fundraising campaign through Kickstarter, reigned as a leading smartwatch until Samsung, Google and Apple came along. Orders began this week for a new model, Pebble Time.

What's good: I can go about five days between charges, while rivals smartwatches max out at a day or two (Apple Watch is officially at 18 hours, though I typically get several hours more). In addition, the display is always on, so you can use a watch as, well, a watch all day. With some smartwatches, the screen goes dark to save battery.

Compromises: Pebble Time achieves amazing battery life by using a paper-like display that makes graphics and text look dull and fuzzy, as though generated by a dot-matrix printer from the 1980s. On a pedometer app, I couldn't tell whether I ran 6,350 or 8,350 steps. Unlike most other smartwatches, Pebble Time lacks a touch screen and a heart-rate monitor. Outside parties can make watch bands with heart rate and other sensors, but nothing's available yet.

The bottom line: The no-frills smartwatch feels like a toy, but it's also much cheaper than a $349-and-up Apple Watch. Pebble's silicone band feels flimsy, though you can buy better ones from outside parties. Pebble Time supports both iPhones and Android; some apps and features work with just one or the other.

ANDROID WEAR ($200 to $350, depending on the model; Android only)

Any manufacturer can make watches based on Android Wear. If Pebble's or Apple's rectangular designs aren't for you, you can get a round watch like Motorola's $250 Moto 360 or LG's $350 Watch Urbane.

What's good: Android Wear puts the "smart" in smartwatches by anticipating your needs — weather, travel times and appointment reminders, based on what Google learns about you. Creepy, but useful — at least during the occasional times when Google anticipates correctly.

Compromises: Android Wear is highly dependent on voice commands. I get self-conscious speaking to a watch in public, and it doesn't work well in noisy environments. Apple Watch does require voice for extensive message replies, but there's a lot you can do through its touch screen and dial. A recent Android update makes it easier to launch apps and reach frequent contacts using the touch screen, but with more scrolling and tapping compared with Apple Watch.

The bottom line: It's getting there. The year-old Android Wear app store and user interface are just starting to catch up to what Apple Watch had in its first week.

SAMSUNG GEAR S ($300 to $384, plus $5 or $10 monthly service fee, depending on carrier; Android phones from Samsung only)

Samsung's latest smartwatch has a slick user interface and a vivid, curved screen. It's also huge.

What's good: Gear S stands out in having its own cellular connectivity, so you can do more when you leave your phone at home. It has built-in GPS, too, which makes tracking runs and bike rides more accurate. (Android Wear just started letting users get notifications over known Wi-Fi networks, but it's not as ubiquitous as cellular. Apple Watch also uses Wi-Fi, but only when it's on the same network as the phone.)

Compromises: Samsung shuns Android Wear, so apps need to be designed specifically for the watch. Many developers haven't bothered.

The bottom line: The Gear S is a third-generation smartwatch from Samsung. By now, I expect a robust app store. The hardware may be stunning, but that matters little without good apps to use it.

Apple's about-face reveals cracks in music industry

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Apple's abrupt about-face on paying royalties for songs during a three-month free-trial period for its new music service was a symbolic victory for superstar Taylor Swift and other artists, and a shrewd business move by Apple, at a time when the streaming phenomenon is causing major changes in the music industry.

The olive branch extended by Apple comes as music is increasingly being consumed on streaming services like Spotify and Deezer — to the detriment of album sales and iTunes downloads — heightening tensions between artists, labels and service providers over who gets paid and how much.

Apple had already agreed to share revenue from the new Apple Music service once users start paying a $10-a-month subscription fee for the service, which it plans to launch Tuesday. But the technology giant wasn't planning to pay artists and labels directly for the use of their music during the free, 90-day trial period that it's offering to get fans to try the service.

That changed quickly after Swift posted an open letter to Apple opposing the lack of royalties during the free period, and declaring she'd be withholding her latest album "1989" from Apple Music because of it. Apple Senior Vice President Eddy Cue reversed the company's trial-period terms, which had gone out to thousands of independent labels, including Swift's Big Machine Label Group, after the technology giant reached a deal with major label groups Universal, Sony and Warner in early June.

The company needed to avoid a "PR nightmare" and quickly extinguish the firestorm that Swift had created, said Daniel Ives, tech stocks analyst with FBR Capital Markets.

Apple hasn't publicly revealed how much it will pay in royalties for the free streaming period. Cue declined to offer financial details in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, but he said the payments will be based on a different formula than the company had already negotiated for sharing subscription revenue, since Apple won't be collecting any revenue from the 90 days of free streaming. Instead, Cue said, royalties for the free streaming will be based on a standard amount for each time a song is streamed.

Jeff Price, the CEO and founder of royalty collection firm Audiam, said the free-period royalties could amount to about $25 million per month in the U.S. alone if Apple Music pays the same as Spotify did in December 2014, according to publishers' data. Ives noted the cost to Apple is "not even a rounding error" for a company that made $39.5 billion in profit and $182.8 billion in revenue for its last fiscal year.

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Counting by the billion, Hollywood's summer is definitely starting to sizzle

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

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NEW YORK — "A million dollars isn't cool," said Justin Timberlake as Sean Parker in "The Social Network." "You know what's cool? A billion dollars."

He was talking about Silicon Valley, but he might as well have meant today's Hollywood. And lately, the movie business has been hot enough to be very cool.

When "Jurassic World" crossed $1 billion globally on Monday after just 13 days of release, it did it faster than any movie before. And it wasn't just the first film this year, or even this season, to reach that mark. "Jurassic World" is the third billion-dollar movie this summer following "Furious 7" ($1.5 billion) and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" ($1.4 billion).

Those two films already rank among the five highest grossing films ever, and "Jurassic World" is certain to join them. A billion dollars is starting to look easy.

The summer box office got off to a so-so start, but, suddenly, business is booming at the multiplex. After "Jurassic World" set an opening record two weeks ago, almost doubling expectations, Pixar's "Inside Out" followed up with a forecast-busting debut of its own, with $90.4 million.

An industry where the sky is often rumored to be falling, for the moment, is roaring.

"Audiences love to go to the movie theater," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office data firm Rentrak. "I don't want to hear any more that people don't want to go to the movie theater and they just want to sit on their couch. They want to do both. That outside-of-the-home experience is essential and these two weekends prove it."

The twin hits couldn't be more different. One is an Earth-stomping franchise entry that cynically alludes to its own corporate profit-driven existence; the other is a rainbow-colored burst of originality.

"Jurassic World," both a sequel and a reboot, is directed by Colin Trevorrow but also came, importantly, with Steven Spielberg's name attached (as executive producer). The fourth "Jurassic Park" film has essentially proven, without a doubt, the new math of Hollywood: The money (especially in billion-form) is in franchises.

Author and journalist Mark Harris on Grantland mourned the success of "Jurassic World" as the death of something else: "what used to be the backbone of Hollywood moviemaking, namely self-contained, non-repeatable scripts, now threatens to become an anomaly, a charity act, a niche, a tithe to awards season, or a skippable option."

What's striking about this new wave of franchise frenzy is that it's not even taking Hollywood's A-game. "Jurassic World" was virtually assured of making gobs of money, but few expected it be the biggest summer hit of all time. "As disposable as used Kleenex," is how movie blogger David Poland of Movie City News described it, echoing the sentiments of most critics.

The "Fast & Furious" franchise also looks odd ranked just below "Titanic." Yet, propelled by "Furious 7" and "Jurassic World," Universal Pictures, which distributed both, has already had the biggest year ($3.8 billion) in its 103-year history.

Pixar, which is owned by Disney, has its own plans for more sequels ("Finding Dory," "Toy Story 4," "The Incredibles 2"), but the large opening of "Inside Out" — the largest opening weekend by a wholly original property, surpassing "Avatar" — proves that a good idea, well told, can still drive enormous audiences.

"The solution or the antidote to that historical challenge was putting out something great," says Dave Hollis, distribution head at Disney. "This business really does respond to great big events, to great storytelling, to great character development. And Pixar is known for those emotions and relatability and sophistication. As a result, we're seeing something that is not just good for this movie but is really good for the business."

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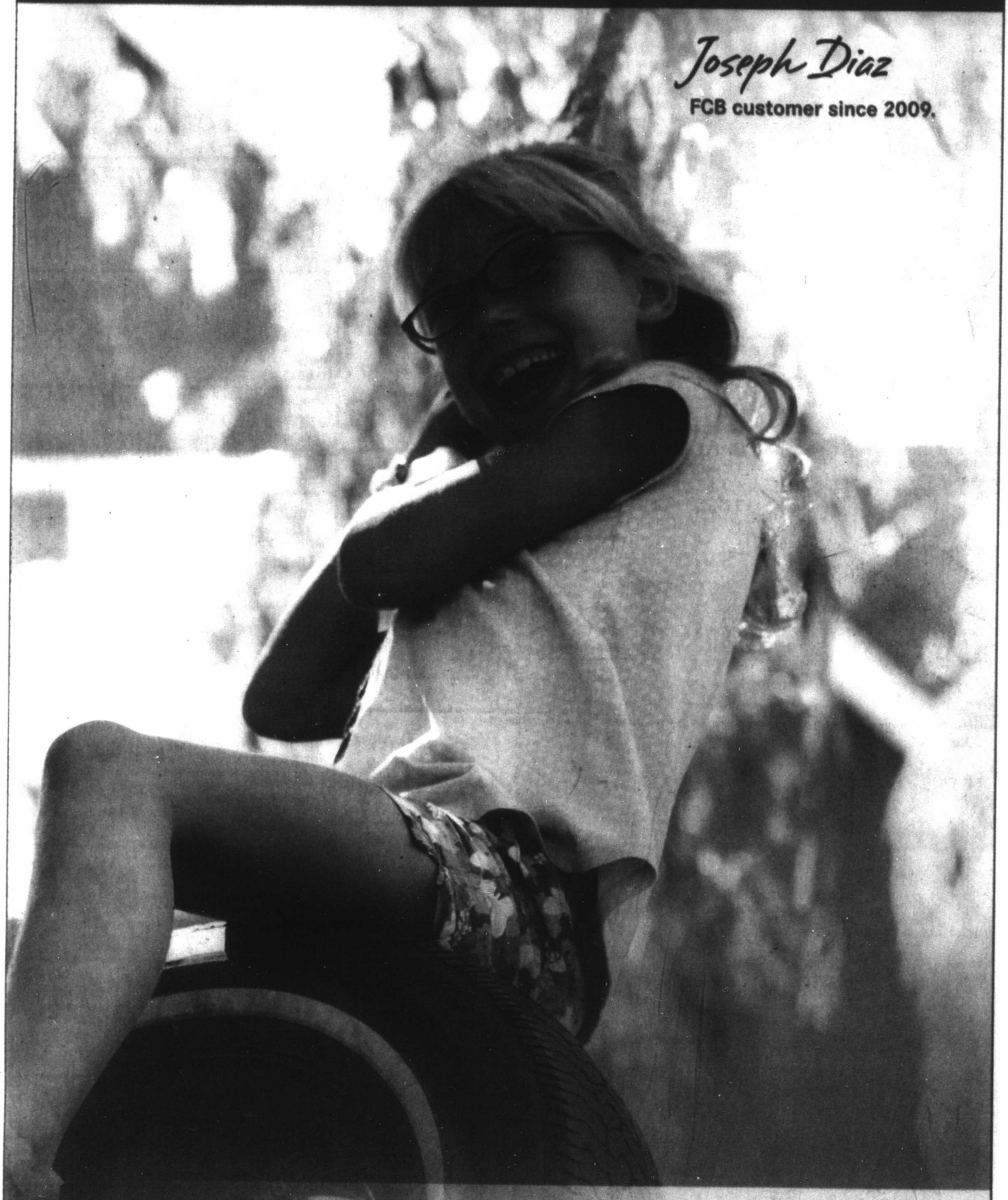

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Networks for women in energy complement each other

By Rye Druzin
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Two groups for women in the energy industry recently have made networking inroads in the Permian Basin. The Houston-based Women's Energy Network (WEN) hosted a meeting for a potential Permian Basin chapter in May, while Pink Petro's CEO Katie Mehnert pitched her Halliburton- and Shell-backed social networking site to women in mid-June.

While both groups aim to improve the social networking capabilities for the oil and gas industry's slowly growing female cohort, both organizations approach women's challenges in the industry from different directions.

WEN is a 20-year-old nonprofit grassroots organization that has grown from a single chapter in Houston to seven chapters spread across the country. With more than 3,000 members, according to its website, the organization looks to bring itself into the heart of America's most prolific oil fields.

"We should be getting approval in the next few weeks, and we're actually going to be hosting our first informal social event in the next month or six weeks," said Meredith Morgan Tipton, future president of WEN's Permian Basin chapter.

At the other end of the spectrum, Pink Petro is a for-profit social media networking organization started by Mehnert, who has formerly worked with BP and Shell. Pink Petro uses social media to engage with women in energy across the globe and is supported by corporate sponsors Halliburton and Shell.

"We're in the business of results for women. We're in the business of helping women succeed," Mehnert said of Pink Petro.

The event in mid-June drew more than 100 women, many of whom came from Halliburton. Pink Petro's CEO is a member of WEN, but she said she created Pink Petro to hasten the expansion of networks for women in the energy industry.

"Women's Energy Network was started here in the U.S. It's in seven cities, 20 years, 3,000 members," Mehnert said. "I felt like 'Wow, this is a great start.' We need to accelerate this. We need to be connecting all of these groups, because if I move from Houston, and I want

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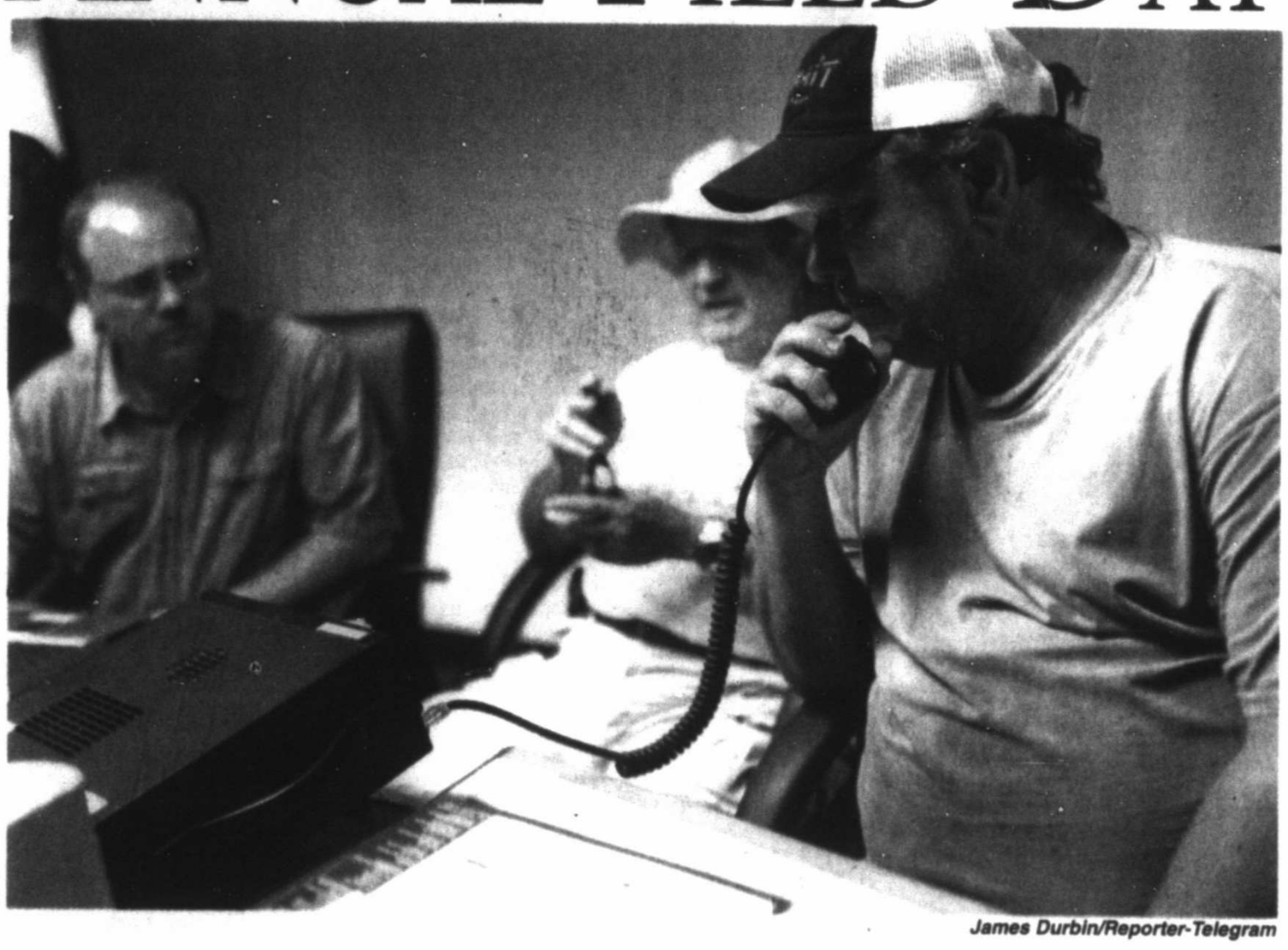

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The Midland Amateur Radio Club hosted its annual Field Day at the National Weather Service facility near Midland International Air and Space Port on Saturday. Patrick Guidry is pictured at right communicating with radio operators in Vermont during the exercise.

MDC closes in on $100,000 deal with local company

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Development Corp. could soon provide a $100,000 incentive to a longtime Midland company expanding its operations.

Teraco, according to its website moved its operations to Midland in 1970, will use the incentive to move equipment from an Illinois facility and expand its Midland operations, according to Robert Rendall, a member of the MDC board.

The board gave approval to MDC board Chairman Brent Hilliard to complete an agreement with Teraco, according to its website operates in the plastic card industry. Examples of plastic cards include gift cards and hotel keys.

About Teraco

Founded in 1962 in Minneapolis.
Moved to Midland in 1970.
Corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility address: 2080 Commerce Drive.
President/CEO: Casey Campbell.

Source: www.teraco.com

The incentive, when completed, will go to the Midland City Council for its approval at a later date.

"The incentive is to get equipment here so they can hire those additional people they would need," Rendall said after the MDC's monthly meeting.

Rendall said the MDC talked to Teraco officials as the company was determining how to move forward in consolidating its manufacturing business.

"It started out as a retention thing," he said.

At the time, the company was deciding on a location for manufacturing consolidation, according to the MDC. Midland ultimately became that place.

Teraco, on its website, indicated the move to Midland "is taking place in order to respond to changing market conditions and in an effort to create a larger and more capable manufacturing facility. We believe having the manu-

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Chancellor's moves blazing a trail to A&M

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — John Sharp talks about Michael Young with all the pride of a rancher praising a prized piece of livestock.

"I have got a hooking bull on that A&M campus now, and all I have to do is keep him fed," Sharp said of Young, the new Texas A&M University president.

Sharp, the A&M chancellor, shocked many across the nation when he announced he had stolen away the president of one of the country's top public research institutions, the University of Washington.

"I sure did have a lot of people saying, 'How the hell did this happen?' " Sharp recalled.

Sharp and Young have acknowledged that the answer, at least in part, was money. Washington was squeezing higher education funding, and, while Texas spending on colleges and universities has remained relatively flat in recent years, Sharp has had the money flowing at A&M.

Young isn't the only person to have noticed. By redirecting more than $150 million in state funding toward research endeavors and launching a program aimed at bringing the nation's top minds to campus, A&M has joined the nation's top 20 universities in research spending and has lured four members of the prestigious National Academies. A&M's progress caught the eye of Gov. Greg Abbott, who wants to elevate Texas universities to compete nationally. Abbott modeled the new statewide Governor's University Research Initiative, aimed in large part at recruiting top researchers, after Sharp's work at A&M.

"The trail for this game-changing success is already being blazed" in College Station, Abbott said in his state of the state address earlier this year.

'THROUGH A GLASS, DARKLY'

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Independence Day should be celebrated with 'Pomp and Parade'

The nation's July 4 celebration has grown into a day of patriotic fervor that is surely appropriate for celebrating our national day of independence. The celebration started even before we had won the right to fly our flag over a free land.

It was interesting to me to learn that the Continental Congress voted in favor of the resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote on July 2. The New York delegation had abstained, but later voted in the affirmative.

On July 4, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2, July 4 became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

John Adams, the nation's second president, wrote to his wife, Abigail, that the date "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade — Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

That proves Adams was a great visionary because that sounds a lot like the same celebration many Americans will see Saturday when we once again pay homage to the birth of our nation.

There was just one setback in Adams' vision, however. When he wrote those words to Abigail, he was referring to July 2. He assumed that July 2, 1776, would be counted as Independence Day because that is when the actual vote took place. He also didn't foresee a movie with aliens in it.

George Washington was one of the first to encourage July 4 celebration by offering double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778. He did it again in 1781, just months before the key American victory at Yorktown.

Washington, however, changed his celebration tradition. After he became president, he offered his guests on July 4 ice cream made from ice carved out of frozen winter water near his home at Mount Vernon.

Thomas Jefferson was also known to carve out ice from frozen over rivers. The colonists of the revolution celebrated a little differently than the way Adams envisioned. It was common custom in the pre-Revolutionary years for the colonists to hold annual celebrations of King George III's birthday with the "ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking."

However, after America's decision to make a break with England, some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of

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resources in the UK, or Siberia or wherever I go, it doesn't matter if I'm urban or rural, I have a way to plug in, and these groups don't have that component."

Pink Petro works to bridge the gap, allowing women to connect with each other through social media and web forums on the company's website and social media outlets.

Mehnert doesn't think the networking groups are in competition.

"One of the things we do is bring all that information together. We don't compete, so to speak, with associations or charities that are in this space."

Cindy Bigner, who is the senior director of Corporate Affairs & Diversity Initiatives for Halliburton and an adviser for both WEN and Pink Petro, reiterated the importance of having such groups to create different angles for women in energy to network.

"You can never have too many networks and connections of people. Women's Energy Network, it connects women through ... seminars, lunch-and-learns, breakfast meetings with women in the industry to talk about different topics," she said. "The approach that Women's Energy Network uses complements Pink Petro. Pink Petro is strictly social media/online. There are no Pink Petro lunch-and-learns, or meetings like such, seminars. There may be some web casting ... but it's strictly social media, if you will. That's not what Women's Energy Network is about."

Pink Petro and WEN are "not the same thing," Morgan said. "They both are targeted for women, but they don't really have the same platform. They are different, so absolutely I think there's room for both of them in the area."

Morgan said the main difference between the two is that WEN is a nonprofit organization, while Pink Petro is for-profit. She also highlighted similar points to Bigner's argument of the two group's differences. She did see the two organizations working together at some point.

"There might be (collaboration) in the future, yeah, absolutely. I wouldn't say no," Morgan said. "Right now, we don't really have our calendar for the year finalized yet, but I would never say never. I'm sure we can (work together)."

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symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

We don't think much of King George III these days, and I dare say none of us give him the time of day on July 4. We are brothers with England once again, but our nation's building efforts do not stand forgotten.

We still proudly celebrate with proper pomp and circumstance every July 4. The holiday is so ingrained in our national conscience that I'm reminded of the guy who took a trip to Paris on July 4. When he returned home, he said, "France doesn't care much for July 4 celebrations. They did light up the Eiffel Tower at night, but as far as I could tell, that was about it."

Well, my July 4 celebration consists of Wimbledon in the morning and a nap in the afternoon. I'm still in reconciliation mode with the Brits.

Thought for the Week: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." — Thomas Paine, revolutionary patriot.

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facturing, personalization and packaging redundancy under one roof will make us more efficient and ultimately improve our overall service level."

In the past, Teraco's employment numbers varied from 40 to 60, depending on how many people they could keep employed. The final agreement likely will call for the addition of 20 jobs, but Rendall said if the company could maintain 100 to 120 moving forward, "that would be great. ... We need to retain some of those jobs (manufacturing) in the community."

The Midland Development Corp. is funded by a quarter-cent addition to the sales tax inside the city of Midland. In fiscal year 2014, that tax raised more than $10.8 million for economic development efforts. The tax has collected 7.27 percent more (year to date) than last year. There are three months left in the fiscal year.

Texas A&M donates $1M to ease College Station traffic woes

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M University System donated $1 million to College Station to help ease traffic congestion even when it's not football season.

School officials announced Friday the funding to support upgrades for traffic signals and technology improvements. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute will assist with the municipal project as College Station seeks to modernize its traffic management system.

The growing area has mobility problems even without football games, Chancellor John Sharp said.

"On game days, we become a major urban center," Sharp said, referencing Kyle Field's seating capacity of more than 106,000 fans. "But with a growing population we have mobility issues every day of the week. The improvements initiated by the City of College Station will go a long way toward helping us address the challenges that come with the growth we are seeing every day."

College Station has about 100,000 residents, according to census officials. Spring enrollment at A&M topped 58,000 students.

The school unveiled a smartphone app last August to help with game day traffic at Kyle Field. And some of the new transit-improvement equipment has already been installed, College Station City Manager Kelly Templin told The Eagle (http://bit.ly/1IjS18k).

By the fall, the city will be able to control signals at critical intersections before and after football games. Additional installations of signals and controls will stretch into 2016.

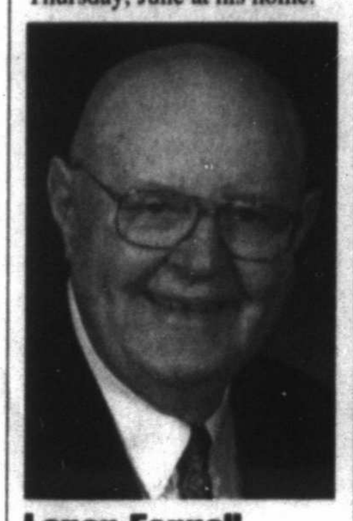
The College Station City Council approved the funds from the A&M System at its Thursday night meeting. The $1 million will not be a part of the $4.75 million installation and project, but will go toward maintaining and updating the system, according to Templin.

"It's growing the program faster than the city could have done it," Templin said. "It's a tremendous benefit to us."

Obituaries

Bobby Glenn Faglie

Funeral services for Bobby Glenn Faglie, age 74, of Blanket will be held Monday, June 29, 2015 at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church in Blanket. Burial will follow at Blanket Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 2-4 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Mr. Faglie died at Thursday, June at his home.



Loren Ferrell Roberts

Loren Ferrell Roberts, 81, of Abilene, Texas passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in Abilene.

Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 29, at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church with Dr. Jeff Reid officiating.

Loren Roberts was born in Midland, Texas to Ferrell Stewart and Estalee Cook on November 17, 1933. He graduated from Midland High School in 1952. Loren married Bobbie Sue Shelton on June 4, 1955 in Midland. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1958. He worked in corporate real estate for many years.

Loren was preceded in death by his mother and father; stepfather J. C. (Jake) Roberts; and brother M. P. (Snookie) Roberts.

Loren is survived by his wife of 60 years, Bobbie; daughters Susan Miller and Shannon Roberts; son Phillip Roberts and wife Sue; grandchildren Richard and Richelle Miller and their father, Phil Miller, and Rebecca, James and Tori Roberts. Survivors also include his sister-in-law, Chris Roberts, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be given to Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, 701 So. Pioneer Drive, Abilene, TX 79605; Hardin-Simmons University Alumni Association, HSU Station, Box 16100, Abilene TX. 79698; or a charity of the donor's choice.

The family of Loren Roberts wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all of the doctors, nurses and staff at Hendrick Medical Center.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Robert Joseph Leonard

Robert Joseph Leonard -A reception celebrating Robert "Joe" Leonard's life will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at The Liberty, 312 North Virginia, Roswell, New Mexico. A private family graveside service will be held later this summer.

Robert Joseph Leonard ("Joe"), 90, of Roswell, NM passed away at his home on May 5, 2015 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Los Angeles, California on May 25, 1924, the eldest child of Harry and Mable Leonard. Raised in Roswell, Joe attended high school at New Mexico Military Institute. Following graduation in 1942, he attended one year of junior college at NMMI before the vast majority of his class was inducted into the US Army. He enrolled in Office Candidate School in 1943 at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. After graduating from OCS, he was called to active duty in 1944 and served in the Philippines as a First Lieutenant in the military police. On August 26, 1944, prior to going overseas, he married his childhood sweetheart, Marion Madison, in Ft. Riley, Kansas. Joe was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946 and served in the Air Force Reserves from 1950 - 1955. He, along with his NMMI classmates, were honored at a special ceremony in 1984 during which they received their Junior College degrees.

Following his Army discharge, Joe attended Colorado School of Mines studying geology and engineering. Never a fan of cold weather, Joe transferred to The University of New Mexico and graduated with a degree in geology in 1950. After graduation, he and Marion returned to Roswell to raise their four children. Joe became President of Leonard Oil Company and pursued an active career as an independent oil and gas operator in Southeast New Mexico.

While pursuing his career in the oil and gas business, he became involved in golf, flying, bird hunting with his sons and traveling with Marion. Joe also got involved in politics, was elected as a Republican Representative to the New Mexico Legislature in 1962 and launched an unsuccessful bid for Lieutenant Governor during the Goldwater debacle of 1964.

He was very active in civic and professional organizations, having served as President and Director of The Roswell Chamber of Commerce, Charter Director of The Security National Bank of Roswell, Director of The Independent Petroleum Association of America and President of the New Mexico Landmen's Association. He was also very involved with St. Andrews Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry and teaching Sunday School.

Joe and his two brothers, Pat and Tim, sold Leonard Oil Company to Tenneco in 1965, and Joe continued in the oil business until the time of his death.

In the mid-1960's Joe and Marion moved to La Jolla, California and then to Tucson, Arizona to address Marion's health issues. For many years he devoted himself to her care and comfort. They returned to Roswell in the late 1980's. Marion passed away on October 29, 1999 after a long struggle with rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer's disease and cancer.

Joe married Jody Smith in 2006. They enjoyed their time together immensely. They also enjoyed time spent with family and friends and taking wonderful trips around Canada, the United States and abroad.

Joe was a wonderful husband and father who set a fine example for his children and all who knew him with his honesty, integrity, kindness and generosity. He was a talented conversationalist and story teller with a warm smile and wonderful sense of humor. He possessed a great deal of gratitude for his life and all he had, especially his family and friends, and he exhibited a great deal of generosity and compassion for those less fortunate.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Marion; his son, Steve and his brothers, Pat and Tim. He is survived by his wife, Jody; his son Kelly and wife, Kathy of Midland; his son, Dan and wife, Elizabeth of Midland and his daughter, Lisa of Boulder, Colorado. Papa Joe, as he was affectionately known, is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express special thanks to Jody for her outstanding and loving care of Joe during his last years. We extend thanks to his caregivers, Lupe Portillo and Maria Palida; Hospice nurses, Quita Murrajo and Glen Shelton; and the entire Hospice staff for the wonderful care they provided to make Joe's last years comfortable. We also thank Julie Adams for her assistance and constant support for Joe.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Assurance Home of Roswell, 1000 East 18th Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201; Gentiva Hospice, 400 N. Pennsylvania, Suite 500, Roswell, New Mexico 88201; or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the personal care of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Online condolences may be made at www.lagrone funeral chapel.com.

Death Notices

Willis V. "Paw Paw" Hart

Graveside services for Willis V. "Paw Paw" Hart, 89, of Denver City, Texas will be Monday, June 29, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. in the Denver City Memorial Park Cemetery with services under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City. He went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

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Alan Needleman's perception of A&M, as he says it, was "through a glass, darkly."

"It was sort of fuzzy," said Needleman, a member of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering who spent much of his career at MIT and Brown University — until he won a sort of lottery he didn't know he had entered.

Needleman was offered a fellowship through A&M's new Institute for Advanced Study. For a year, the program pays participants a salary, covers living and lab costs and offers doctoral students to help the nation's best researchers.

Needleman's work with younger "rising stars" — as the program's creator, John Junkins, calls them — was enough to convince him to stay at A&M.

The institute has become a powerful faculty recruiting tool in its four years of existence. With funding from the $100 million chancellor's research initiative, A&M has permanently lured four of the 22 faculty who have visited under the institute, including Christodoulos Floudas, another member of the National Academies, from Princeton. Floudas will lead a new Energy Institute at A&M.

"It's the mother of all sabbaticals," said Junkins, a professor of aerospace engineering who launched the institute. "We make it downright irresistible, frankly."

The institute was a costly investment that Junkins had been unable to sell to past A&M leaders. Then Sharp came along and the two went to lunch — a lunch that, as Sharp tells it, Junkins wasn't going to conclude until Sharp wrote a check for $5 million. Sharp bit, kicking in $5.2 million. Junkins was able to match it with funding from the flagship and donations from A&M faculty — some of whom donated their life savings — to build enough seed funding for a five-year trial run, now in its fourth year.

Gary Coronado/Houston Chronicle

Left to right, Lee Jackson, University of North Texas, John Sharp, Texas A&M University, and Robert Duncan, Texas Tech, all Texas State University chancellors of Texas' public university systems meet with the Chronicle's editorial board at the Houston Chronicle on Jan. 12 in Houston.

Sharp created the chancellor's research initiative by redirecting $100 million in state funds from 2013 to 2015. This year, Sharp kicked in another $52 million. It's the model Abbott's new statewide initiative is based on.

The pool Sharp pulled from, the Permanent University Fund, is a state-owned investment fund that funnels billions to A&M and UT exclusively.

Such spending is, at least in part, what attracted Young to College Station. Sharp flew to Seattle to pitch A&M's opportunities to Young and weeks later, in February, A&M announced that Young would be the flagship campus' next president. Young's discussions with Sharp convinced him that while many universities are talking about the importance of research, Texas A&M understood the true importance of such work.

"Here at A&M you have this visionary chancellor who actually gets that point ... who really sees that point — that the future of Texas and the future of the U.S. and the world depends on this research," Young said.

Sharp knows it was the research funding that attracted Young, and he plans to keep it flowing, even if it means getting creative — and at times controversial. One of Sharp's most contentious decisions came in 2012 when he outsourced the jobs of more than 1,000 landscaping, building maintenance and custodial employees. Hundreds of workers protested in the system offices, but the chancellor persisted. It's a move UT has explored as well.

The savings at A&M, Sharp says, will amount to more than $200 million over a few years.

ASTRONAUT FOOD

In a spare lab smothered by the smell of an elementary school cafeteria, a small, green plastic pouch is labeled "Crawfish Etouffe." It's Cajun fare to be consumed in space and it's prepared at A&M — one of a few locations in the country making the astronaut food.

Researchers in the lab make the food last with an electron beam — a stream of hyperactive electrons shot through food and other products to kill bacteria. This is A&M's National Center for Electron Beam Research, the world's leading academic and research organization focused on the technology.

This type of research

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isn't new at A&M.

Like the electron beam lab, where food from fruit to hamburger patties is cleaned with this form of radiation, A&M's medical school has been around for years. But according to Sharp, a recent poll showed that fewer than half of the residents of Brazos County, where A&M is located, knew about the school.

BRANDING MOVE

So Sharp pulled the Health Science Center from under the system and rolled it into the flagship university. It was a branding move that also brought all of the center's research funding with it, helping to catapult A&M five spots in one year to 19th in research spending, according to an annual ranking by the National Science Foundation.

Medical research makes up much of the work done at many U.S. universities, and National Institutes of Health financing is a sought-after resource that A&M wants to tap further. In one of his first big moves as president, Young abruptly forced the head of the Health Science Center, Brett Giroir, to resign earlier this month. According to Giroir, Young told him that he wanted to take the center in a different direction, after even more NIH money. Giroir wasn't satisfied with the reasoning. Under his watch, Giroir says the center brought in 68 percent more federal funding in one year, though A&M officials dispute that figure, arguing the bulk of the medical school's new funding that year came from its merger with the flagship.

Young said he wants to expand the medical school, ideally bringing in more research funding in the process, and push it to collaborate with other parts of the university, like the agriculture school. Many infectious diseases begin in animals before they spread to humans, and A&M can be at the forefront of research to prevent that, Young said.

'WE JUST DOMINATE'

A&M's progress can be seen on the science foundation ranking, where it passed UT Austin, which ranked 31st. Bolstered in large part by expanded agriculture and engineering research, but also by the addition of the medical school, A&M was the only school in Texas to make the top 20. It spent $820 million on research in 2013 — nearly $350 million more than a decade before.

"I think in research, our competition's not in Texas anymore. There's just nobody who can stay in the same room," said Sharp. "They're all nice people, but they ain't in our class. We just dominate."

That may be supported by NSF's list of spending, but Austin still outpaces A&M on many measures, including the number of National Academies members it has counted among its faculty. UT has had more than 70, compared to the 40 that have worked in College Station. The research spending race will likely get tighter soon, too, as UT plans to open the Dell Medical School in Austin next year.

But the competition between Texas' top two schools matters less than the race between Texas and states like California, many believe.

"We've got two great public research universities in the state and they're big and they're growing and attracting a lot of attention and a lot of jobs," said Gerry Griffin, an A&M alumnus who worked as director of the NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston and is a former member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "I don't think it makes much difference between UT and A&M. I think it does make a difference between Texas and the rest of the U.S."

'GIG 'EM AGGIES!'

When A&M announced it had snagged Young from the University of Washington, its success in luring the leader of one of the nation's top research universities was widely praised — but one voice stood out.

Billionaire businessman B.J. "Red" McCombs — a Longhorn diehard whose $50 million donation to the University of Texas planted his name on Austin's topnotch business school — uttered some words considered heresy by the burnt-orange crowd: "Gig 'em Aggies!"

"Congratulations on snatching the best President you could possibly ever find," McCombs said in a statement at the time. "The Longhorns have really got their work cut out for them now."

But to many, A&M's reputation — likely more associated with football than with lab work among the general public — has yet to catch up. That's where football comes in — at least symbolically. The school's multimillion-dollar renovation of Kyle Field and jump to the SEC will help put A&M on the nation's radar, Sharp says.

"That stadium to me is not a football stadium, that is a big megaphone that speaks to the rest of the country, gets their attention and then they look at A&M and see all of the rest of the stuff here," Sharp said. "Here's one thing that is darn true about A&M: Every single time I have asked someone to come here and look at A&M for a partnership or to recruit them ... they come here and spend a couple days and go, 'My God. I had no earthly idea this stuff was here.' "

When wildfires drew national attention to Texas in 2011, A&M's Texas Forest Service was a main force fighting the blazes. But not enough people knew it was Aggies fighting the flames, Sharp said.

The system has worked to re-brand its various arms, like the forest service, "back to the mothership," Sharp said. That mother-ship is also being more closely tied to the flagship. Earlier this spring, the system changed its logo from a 'T' with a star to the more recognizable 'ATM' logo more closely associated with the flagship school and its football team.

The move caused some controversy; more than 15,000 people have signed a petition online calling for the system to switch back to the traditional logo.

But Sharp said the move is looking to A&M's future.

"The brands have to speak as one," Sharp said.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed June 15-19 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Jamie Lee Aguirre, 32, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 10 years deferred adjudication, fine, pay restitution, 300 hours community service, anger management classes.

Daniel Ray Allred, 24, theft of property more than $20,000 but less than $100,000, eight years TDCJ.

Damien Daniel Barrereas, 24, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ.

William Harley Callaway, 25, two counts burglary of a habitation, revoke, four years TDCJ.

Clete Bradley Carrillo, 33, felony driving while intoxicated, six years TDCJ suspended six years probation, 30 days jail, $1,000 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Becky Roche Cleaver, 49, theft by repetition, two years state jail suspended five years probation, $1,000 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Aaron Alesi Esparza, 19, credit card or debit card abuse, revoked and sentenced to 18 months state jail; two counts of robbery, revoked and sentenced to six years TDJC.

Anthony Lee Evans, 35, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, nine months state jail; forgery, nine months state jail.

Richard Lee Gann, 40, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, revoke, defer and adjudicate guilt, two years state jail suspended three years probation, court cost; theft more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke, defer and adjudicate guilt, two years state jail suspended three years probation, court cost.

Rahsheeta Quativia Green, 23, robbery, deferred adjudication 10 years, fine, 300 hours community service.

Robert Allen Gillespie II, 43, possession of controlled substance, eight months state jail; possession of controlled substance, two years TDCJ.

Juan Gonzalez Jr., 43, criminal trespass lesser included offense of burglary of a building, criminal trespass as a lesser offense of burglary of a building, court cost, $35 restitution, five days jail.

Cynthia Gayle Hatch, 27, possession of a controlled substance, revoked and sentenced to six months state jail.

Joe Hernandez, 22, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, two years deferred adjudication, $750 fine, 150 hours community service.

Jessika Monique Hilario, 23, assault on a public servant, seven years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost, 250 hours community service, treatment at MHMR; evading in a motor vehicle, seven years deferred, court cost, 250 hours community service, treatment at MHMR.

Castella Metoyer Lee, 20, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, three years TDCJ; tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, revoke, three years TDCJ; tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, revoke, three years TDCJ; failure to appear, revoke, three years TDCJ.

Joseph Martin Martinez, 26, obstruction or retaliation, revoked, sentenced three years TDCJ.

Ryan Moreno, 25, assault on a public servant, 25, three years deferred adjudication, $750 fine, 160 hours community service.

Melvin Perez-Lorenzo, 34, injury to a child, four years TDCJ.

Joe Edward Rivas, 26, credit card or debit card abuse, two years state jail suspended for three years community supervision, $750 fine, 200 hours community service.

Marco Antonio Sanchez, 19, aggravated robbery, revoke, two years TDCJ; tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Javier Sanjuan, 25, assault on a public servant, three years TDCJ.

Freddie Earl Stricklin Jr., 40, possession of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ, court cost, $1,600 restitution, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Felix Tagle Jr., 29, evading arrest or detention with a motor vehicle, two years TDCJ.

Linda F. Thomas, 58, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, deferred adjudication three years, fine, 200 hours community service.

Ellis Edward Warren III, 52, aggravated robbery, five years TDCJ.

Jason Ray Watters, 36, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoked and sentenced to nine months state jail.

Aaron Mychael Wilkerson, 21, evading arrest or detention in a motor vehicle, revoke, three years TDCJ.

(TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program, CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole)

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Adrian Z. Anaya, 37, of Midland was charged June 19 with possession of a prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Michael A. George, 23, of Midland was charged June 19 with assault of a family or house member by impeding breath.

Cassandra M. Parkins, 32, of Midland was charged June 19 with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Rudy Ramos, 31, of Odessa was charged June 19 with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Raymond R. Andrease, 37, of Midland was charged June 19 with evading arrest or detention and unlicensed carry of a weapon.

Amy D. Robinson, 39, of Odessa was charged June 19 with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Joel T. Smith, 26, of Midland was charged June 19 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and harassment of a public servant.

Greg A. Coleman, 32, of Waco was charged June 20 with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Roy Deleon, 50, of Midland was charged June 20 with a third count of driving while intoxicated.

Rafael J. Provencio, 30, of Midland was charged June 20 with possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Kiko F. Segura, 33, of Lubbock was charged June 20 with possession of a controlled substance under one gram in a drug-free zone and possession of a prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Roy H. Urias, 38, of Midland was charged June 20 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Rebekah M. Cavitt, 49, of Odessa was charged June 21 with possession of a prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

James C. Hardin, 29, of Midland was charged June 21 with intoxication manslaughter.

Derrick C. Landers, 23, of Midland was charged June 21 with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Zachoree T. Shafer, 22, of Amarillo was charged June 21 with theft of a firearm.

Anthony M. Sherrell, 31, of Midland was charged June 21 with aggravated assault against a public servant.

Alejandro M. Zaragoza, 17, of Midland was charged June 21 with fraudulent use or possession of identification information.

Tremon Collins, 20, of Midland was charged Tuesday with assault on a family or house member impeding breathing.

Steve Molina, 18, of Midland was charged Tuesday with assault on a family or house member with previous conviction, assault on a family or house member impeding breathing, and injury to a child with intent to cause bodily injury.

Marvin Morris, 67, of Midland was charged Tuesday with a third offense of driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Naylor, 37, of Midland was charged Tuesday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Lance Snow, 21, of Midland was charged Tuesday with theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Waymond Goodley, 24, of Midland was charged Wednesday for possession of a controlled substance between one and four grams.

Justin Morris, 28, of Midland was charged Wednesday for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance of less than 400 grams.

Buster Shuler, 51, of Kermit was charged Wednesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Sherra Wiltfong, 28, of Midland was charged Wednesday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jennifer Arant, 33, of Azle was charged Thursday with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

George Bautista, 37, of Midland was charged Thursday with a third offense of driving while intoxicated.

Thalia Delgado, 19, of Midland was charged Thursday with aggravated assault on a date, family, or house member with a weapon.

Anthony Dunn, 32, of Midland was charged Thursday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Brandon Hampton, 22, of Canandaigua, New York, was charged Thursday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

Tracy Lujan, 33, of Odessa was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Christina Melvin, 29, of Midland was charged Thursday with injury to a child causing bodily injury.

Maria Preciado, 31, of Midland was charged Thursday with forgery of a financial instrument, theft of less than $1,500 with two previous convictions for theft, and fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Tramehl Pride, 36, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance between four and 200 grams and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Lance Snow, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Iselda Urias, 17, of Midland was charged Thursday with abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence.

Jerred Williams, 27, of Midland was charged Thursday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

4 hurt in fiery gas line rupture in White Deer

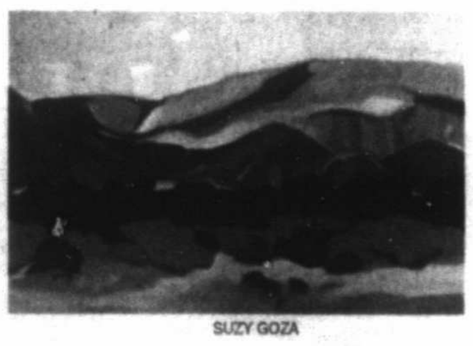
Associated Press

WHITE DEER — A natural gas pipeline explosion and fire in a Panhandle town has left four workers hurt, including two in critical condition.

The Carson County Sheriff's Office said the accident happened Thursday night in White Deer, about 35 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Two men remained in critical condition Saturday at University Medical Center in Lubbock. A hospital spokesman says two other men were satisfactory.

The White Deer Volunteer Fire Department says the explosion occurred at a gas booster station as crews worked on a 4-inch gas line.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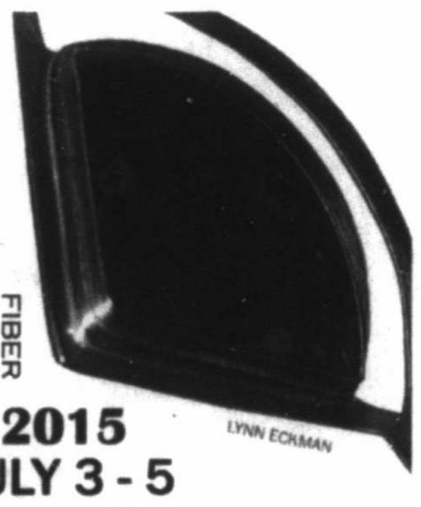
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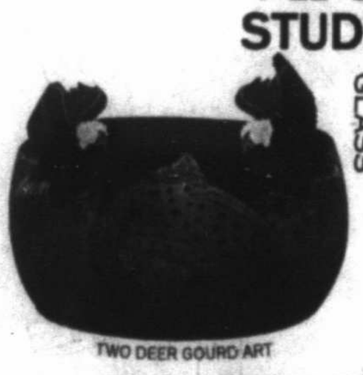
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Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying two theft suspects.

A man and a woman entered DXL Men's Apparel Store, 2810 West Loop 250, on June 20 and took merchandise valued at more than $1,000. The woman concealed the items in her purse when they left the store.

The man is described as Hispanic with short dark hair and slender build. At the time of the incident he was wearing a blue muscle shirt and shorts.

The female is described as white and appears to have light brown hair and medium build. At the time of the incident she was wearing a black- and-white dress.

Both appear to be in their 20s.

(Surveillance video can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com)

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Editor's note: Jeremiah Roberts is a former Midland Reporter-Telegram employee.

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Dallas schools superintendent who resigned to get $275K

Associated Press

DALLAS — A former superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District who resigned to return to Colorado will receive $275,000.

DISD trustees voted Friday to pay Mike Miles in a separation deal. Board members decided to bring back ex-Superintendent Michael Hinojosa at $25,000 per month, as interim superintendent.

Miles on Tuesday announced his resignation after nearly three years at DISD, where he made about $300,000 annually. He had two years left on his contract. Miles formerly worked for the Harrison School District in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and said he wanted to rejoin his family.

Hinojosa was superintendent of DISD for six years before leaving in 2011 and working for the Cobb County School District near Atlanta. He resigned in 2014 and left Georgia, returning to Dallas and working as an educational consultant.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

American finished repainting about half of its fleet

American Airlines has updated about half of its old American and US Airways airplanes with a new paint job and livery but a busy summer schedule will delay some work.

The Fort Worth-based company's "Arrivals" employee newsletter said American expects the last of its mainline fleet will be repainted by late 2017, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday.

The carriers finished their merger in December 2013. The paint scheme, including a U.S. flag-type design on the tail, was adopted earlier that year. Any American or US Airways planes to be retired by the fourth quarter of 2017 will not be repainted.

American's count indicates that 312 of 626 mainline airplanes have been repainted, the newspaper reported.

Contractors in Amarillo, Roswell, New Mexico, and Peru, Indiana, are operating a total of eight paint lines to redo the fleet. Each paint job has five coats — a primer, the main paint, a mica coat and two clear coats.

A narrow-body airplane like the Boeing 737 takes about 10 days to paint. Painting has been suspended until August because American needs all airplanes to operate its summer schedule.

About half the regional fleet has been repainted, including 85 percent of Envoy Air's jets. Envoy was renamed from American Eagle Airlines Inc. in April 2014.

HOUSTON

Environmental agency paid millions for smog research

Texas environmental officials are paying consulting firms more than $2.6 million for research that supports the claim that tightening the ozone standard would cost Texans billions and have little to no impact on public health.

The Houston Chronicle reported that records show that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality officials hired the Massachusetts-based environmental consulting firm Gradient two years ago to "critically review" the science underpinning the EPA's proposal to further restrict the federal smog standard.

The company found no measurable health benefit in tightening the standard below 75 parts per billion, contrary to the findings of an EPA scientific panel that recommended more stringent standards.

Medical and public health groups — including the American Heart Association — support a standard even more stringent than the levels EPA is considering.

BANKERSMITH

Privately owned town drops 'Bikinis' name

Bikinis is no more. The privately owned town in rural Gillespie County has reverted to Bankersmith, the name it had before it was bought by an Austin restaurateur whose chain requires waitresses to wear bikinis.

Doug Guller bought the ghost town in 2012 and renamed it after his Bikinis Sports Bar and Grill chain. The town, about 75 miles northwest of San Antonio, was intended to become a tourist attraction tied to the chain.

Since acquiring the 1.6-acre property, Guller has built a hall with a bar and sound and light system for weddings and corporate events.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the name change is meant to appease neighbors, who have complained about rowdiness at events.

Guller said the entire property can hold about 3,000 people.

Lubbock police chief demoted days after federal hiring probe

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The police chief in Lubbock was demoted to captain just a day after an assistant police chief overseeing a murder investigation was reassigned, according to a newspaper report.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, citing a news release from the city, reported that Police Chief Roger Ellis was demoted Friday by City Manager James Loomis in accordance with civil service laws.

Assistant Chief Jerry Brewer will serve as acting chief until a search for a new chief is finished.

Days before Ellis was demoted, the U.S. Justice Department accused the Lubbock Police Department of discriminating against women and Hispanics in hiring probationary police officers. After examining multiple hiring cycles, the department's civil rights division charged the Police Department with violating the 1964 Civil Rights Act through its written and physical exam standards.

In a letter sent to the city, the Justice Department stated that a lawsuit resulting from the federal investigation is expected to be filed no later than August, but it encouraged the city to participate in settlement negotiations to resolve the matter without litigation.

Lubbock has "engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination against Hispanics on the basis of their national origin and against women on the basis of their sex," the letter said.

In another shake-up, James Shavers, a Lubbock assistant chief of police, was moved from investigations to patrol on Thursday.

Shavers had overseen an investigation into the killing of 15-year-old Mark Anthony Ysasaga, whose remains were found earlier this month with help from a tipster. The investigation has come under public scrutiny as questions arise over the possibility that the tipster was involved in the killing.

Man arrested for marijuana possession

From staff reports

A 28-year-old Midland man was arrested Wednesday evening after allegedly being discovered with nearly 1,000 ounces of marijuana.

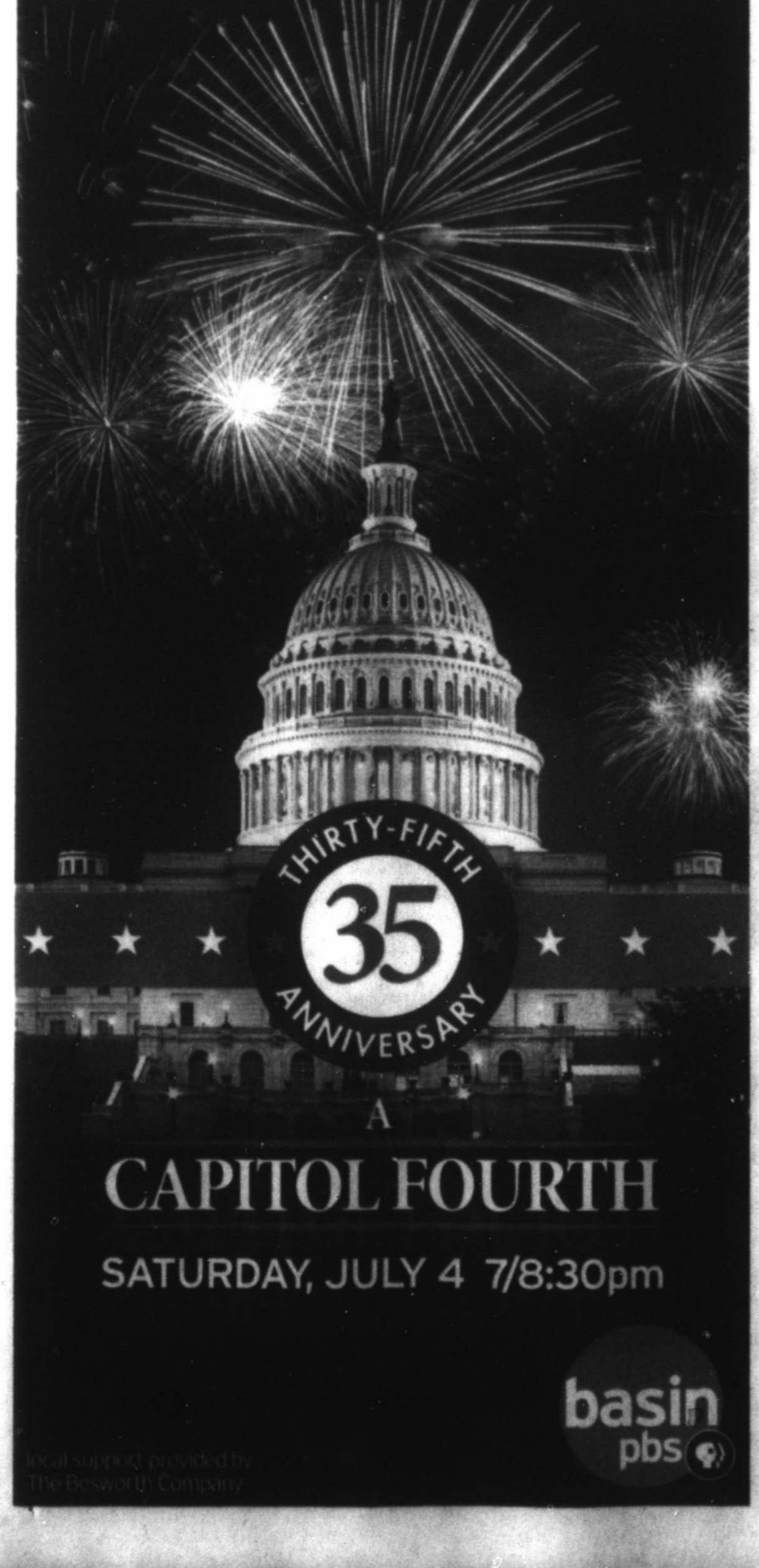
Justin E. Morris was being held Friday on a $100,000 bond for the first-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance, according to court documents.

Detectives with the Midland Police Department and Drug Enforcement Agency agents executed a search warrant Feb. 6 at a residence on Storey Avenue, according to police records. Detectives allegedly found 944 ounces of marijuana in a safe and 360 grams of what was believed to be THC inside a refrigerator.

Morris said that he purchases his product from an Odessan woman and sells it, according to his arrest affidavit. He said his supplier makes "several trips to Colorado to pick up marijuana," according to his arrest affidavit

Morris also admitted to using THC butter to bake about a dozen muffins, two of which he ate the previous night, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Morris could face up to 99 years in prison.



Fort Hood pushes jobs for soldiers easing into civilian life

By Dan Zehr
Austin American-Statesman

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Instructor Mike Schafer, center, talks with students, from left, Spc. Tyler Sonsoucie, Spc. Ian Sokol, Sgt. Garret Baganz and Sgt. Andrew Clark as they look over an ecotech engine during a class at Fort Hood. The men are participants in Shifting Gears, a program sponsored by General Motors that teaches automotive skills and tries to match participants with dealerships around the country. Fort Hood is now offering four workforce-training programs designed to help transitioning soldiers get the skills and the connections they need to find permanent, full-time employment in civilian jobs.

FORT HOOD — Each year about 11,000 soldiers depart the post at Fort Hood, stepping back into the civilian life and the private workforce.

Some have little trouble transitioning into jobs. Others tap their GI Bill benefits, head to college and pursue a degree.

Yet many of them stumble over the first few steps off-post. The skills they picked up in the military often don't translate well to corporate America, and many return to hometowns with few opportunities.

So Col. Matt Elledge has set himself a lofty goal: to help every one of Fort Hood's transitioning soldiers line up a job or a slot in school before they leave the Army. It's an impossible target, he admits, but that hasn't stopped him from trying.

Elledge, the garrison commander, has launched four new initiatives to help smooth the path between military service and the civilian workforce. Last month, he met with members of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce to pitch one of those efforts — a program that will place soldiers, mostly officers, with local companies for intensive, 13-week fellowship programs.

"It's kind of like test-driving a new car," Elledge said of the Heroes Corporate Fellowship Academy. "If we can get the transitioning soldier into a company . they'll like what that soldier brings to the table."

The program asks that companies give the soldiers legitimate projects to manage — to help them absorb the requirements of the business world, but also to give them a chance to prove their mettle in a live scenario. The hope is that participating companies hire the soldiers after their fellowships.

"Quite frankly," Elledge told the Austin American-Statesman (http://atxne.ws/1Coupcc), "we just want them to allow access into their companies, because we believe our soldiers will sell themselves."

The fellowship program is one of four new career-training programs Elledge and his colleagues at Fort Hood have created — all part of the Army's broader Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, which aims to "facilitate successful reintegration" of soldiers and their families into the civilian community.

In partnership with private companies, the programs provide job training in several careers. The courses are timed to coincide with a soldier's transition back to civilian life, and each offers a high likelihood of job placement.

The Shifting Gears program sponsored by General Motors teaches automotive skills and tries to match participants with dealerships around the country. SAP provides a software training program. Veterans in Piping teaches key pipe-fitting and welding skills.

These and similar programs have popped up at Army posts around the country, said Martin Traylor, transition services manager at Fort Hood, which has about 41,000 soldiers.

"This is kind of the direction that transition is going within the Army, because there's more of a tie directly to employment with it," Traylor said.

For now, the programs are limited, especially when compared with the volume of soldiers who cycle out of the military through Fort Hood each year. Even when up to speed, Traylor said, these four programs combined will have room for about 400 participants a year.

"When you compare what we're pushing through career skills to what's actually coming out, there's a significant (gap) there," Traylor said. "That's the reason we believe there's so much room for expansion in this career skills area."

The key to expanding these career-training programs lies outside the fences that surround Fort Hood. Without enough space or resources to expand on post, Fort Hood leaders have forged partnerships with Central Texas College in Killeen and have looked to build deeper ties with the vibrant business community in Austin.

"There's not a lack of interest," Traylor said, "quite the inverse from the private sector."

But for all the efforts by the military and the private sector, these and other job-training efforts miss thousands of soldiers. And that number is growing as the thousands of veterans from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan cycle out of the military.

"It's just a shotgun effect right now," said Mike Starich, the Austin-based president of Orion International, a recruiting and job placement firm that works with military professionals. "It's frustrating to veterans."

Soldiers with technical and management skills tend to fare best as they enter the private workforce, Starich said. But soldiers with fewer key skills might attend multiple job fairs on base and find few, good-paying options available to them.

"Salary expectations are higher than many companies are willing to pay," he said. "Sometimes military individuals see these jobs at the Wal-Marts of the world or retail jobs as lower paying and they say, 'I'm better off taking the GI Bill and going to school or taking unemployment.'"

Even for soldiers who received technical training, translating their military-based skills into the private world can prove difficult. The military and corporate America speak different languages, and many business managers don't have a clear understanding of the skills a veteran can bring to a firm.

"I think we needed to do a better job from the military's standpoint to make sure the corporate world understands what soldiers bring to the table," Elledge said. "We're getting better at telling that story."

More Central Texas companies are hearing that story, too.

Given the Austin area's growing economy and its rapid job and population growth, Elledge and others at Fort Hood see the metro area as a prime landing spot for transitioning veterans. They established joint programs with the Austin chamber, work with several job-training organizations and bring local business leaders on post for job fairs and "a day in the life of a soldier" events.

Leaders from eight local businesses met with Elledge last month for a primer on the new fellowship program. Fort Hood is gathering candidates now, and as many as 30 officers could be working at Austin-area companies by the end of the summer.

One likely will end up working for Shaun Cranston, senior vice president at Brookfield Residential, which has three developments in the metro area. About 10 percent of Brookfield's local employees are veterans, Cranston said.

"I feel we, as a civilian world, have a moral obligation," he said. "These are people who put their life on line to serve our country to take care of us while we were living our lives here locally . We have an obligation to make sure they're productive beyond their military life."

For Brookfield, the specific hard skills a veteran brings to the company don't matter. Give Cranston a candidate with a solid set of soft skills — the sort of work ethic, adaptability and commitment the military instills in most soldiers — and he'll fill in the missing pieces.

Yet for many employers, particularly in manufacturing, high-tech and other middle- to upper-wage job providers, a set of specific hard skills are prerequisites. As a Boeing executive once put it: "We hire for hard skills. We fire for soft skills."

For most of its positions, Austin-based Blackbaud requires deep coding and software-development expertise, a specific skill set that few veterans possess when they leave the military. But soft skills still matter, said Kathy Marshall, even at a company that specializes in developing software for nonprofits.

Marshall, one of Blackbaud's human resources managers, hopes to find fellowship program participants who can work in the firm's customer support and sales operations. Soft skills still matter, she said, sometimes more than hard skills.

"The military are getting really, really bright at teaching their transitioning personnel on how to write their resume the right way, to get on LinkedIn and start building their network and using the startup vernacular when they talk to employers," she said. "The only thing that would inhibit any employer is a skill gap."

Elledge and his colleagues at Fort Hood and throughout the armed forces hope to start filling that gap. But in the meantime, a range of private organizations and schools have zeroed in on providing technical and other hard skills.

Austin Community College, for example, offers a training program in 14 high-demand technology fields, including network administration, information security and mobile application development. It's free for veterans, funded by a $1.1 million grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.

And then there's Skillpoint Alliance, which picks up the slack where many of the military and private sector efforts end. Skillpoint offers job training courses for virtually anyone, including dishonorably discharged soldiers and veterans convicted of crimes — people who no longer qualify for most military benefits and aid.

"There's a broad spectrum of support out there," said Orion International's Starich. "But it all boils down to giving the person the skill sets to get a decent-paying job they'll be motivated to take instead of just accepting."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Space scholarship foundation looks past astronauts' fame

As space age icons grow older, a foundation to support would-be astronauts looks beyond their fame for financial support.

In 1984, six surviving Mercury 7 astronauts — Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Walter Schirra, Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton — each pitched in $1,000 to start a scholarship foundation, the Houston Chronicle reported.

That project has grown from seven to 36 scholarships a year, valued at $10,000 each. Money from book sales and speaking engagements has kept the foundation alive, even as some of the founders have passed away.

"As we look to the future, as we are losing our legends, we're not able to keep moving in that same direction," said Tammy Knowles, the Florida-based foundation's executive director.

The foundation is pivoting toward corporations that want to invest in science and mathematics education, Knowles said, adding that she wants to expand the number of scholarships to 60 by 2017. While astronauts will remain critical, financial support will more likely come from boardroom appearances than proceeds from their fame.

An astronaut scholarship in 2000 and 2001 allowed Christina Hammock to focus on her studies in science without having to worry about how to pay for it. In June 2013, Hammock was selected as one of eight members of NASA's 21st astronaut class, marking the first time a scholarship recipient became an astronaut.

Hammock's success was a validation for the foundation, said Walt Cunningham, the lunar module pilot in the Apollo 7 mission and a board member.

"Today, there are a lot of programs where they want to treat everyone equally," he said. "I want people to earn and deserve and move up. That means some people aren't going to make it. But we aren't looking for commodity students, just the innovators."

COLLEGE STATION

Texas A&M launches engineering academies at 4 schools

Texas A&M University has partnered with an energy company to try to get more students at two-year colleges to study engineering.

The Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academies will be at Houston Community College, Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, the Alamo Colleges in San Antonio and El Centro College in Dallas.

Those schools are the first partners in the program supported by a $5 million gift from California-based Chevron Corp.

Qualified students will be admitted to the Texas A&M Dwight Look College of Engineering. They must do the first two years at the community college level, then finish their engineering degrees at A&M in College Station.

WACO

Body recovered after homeless man swept away in creek

Police say a body has been recovered after a homeless man was swept away by a rain-swollen creek in Central Texas.

Waco police said a body located Saturday morning appears to be a man who was sleeping in a tent near the creek during overnight storms.

Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said two homeless men were in separate tents when the creek began rising.

Swanton said the survivor heard the victim screaming for help when his tent ended up in the water, but couldn't save him. The survivor contacted police.

The victim's body was located in the creek behind Baylor University's Floyd Casey Stadium.

The name of the man who died wasn't immediately released. Police believed he's from the San Antonio area.

HUNTSVILLE

Fugitive found in Venezuela back in Texas over 2008 slaying

A Houston man sought after his pregnant girlfriend was found slain in 2008 has been arrested in Venezuela and returned to Texas.

Walker County jail records show Neriah Louis Roberts was being held without bond Saturday on a murder charge.

Tierra Adams of Houston was reported missing in February 2008. Her body was found weeks later in a field about 75 miles north of Houston.

Authorities have said Adams was last seen on Jan. 29, 2008, following an argument with her boyfriend over her smoking during pregnancy.

Investigators in Walker County tracked Roberts, who was wanted on a warrant, to Venezuela.

GREENVILLE

Delta flight from La Guardia to DFW diverts, low fuel

A Delta Air Lines regional jet flying from La Guardia Airport to Dallas-Fort Worth during storms had to divert to a small North Texas airport to refuel.

WFAA-TV reported Flight 7306 safely landed at Greenville Municipal Airport-Majors Field on Thursday night, refueled and continued on to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Nobody was hurt. The plane, operated by Shuttle America, was at Majors Field in Greenville, 60 miles northeast of DFW airport, for about two hours.

Delta on Saturday referred questions to Shuttle America, which didn't immediately return a message. Airport officials in Greenville, which does not have commercial service, also did not immediately comment.

Passenger Jeanette Jones told WFAA that the crew handed out snacks to passengers, who remained on board during refueling, until the flight resumed.

IRVING

Police warn of man pretending to be cop

A suspicious traffic stop near Dallas has led police to warn about a man in a uniform pretending to be an officer.

Irving police on Friday released details of a traffic stop in which a man wearing what appeared to be a Rowlett police uniform stopped a female driver.

She became wary as the officer pulled her over Tuesday and told her she faced arrest warrants. She refused to get out of her car and called Irving police.

The fake officer jumped into his black and white Dodge Charger, which had emergency lights and the word "Rowlett" on the side, and drove away.

Rowlett police said the man does not work for the department.

The suspect has a tattoo on his right index finger with the word "Savior."

KYLE

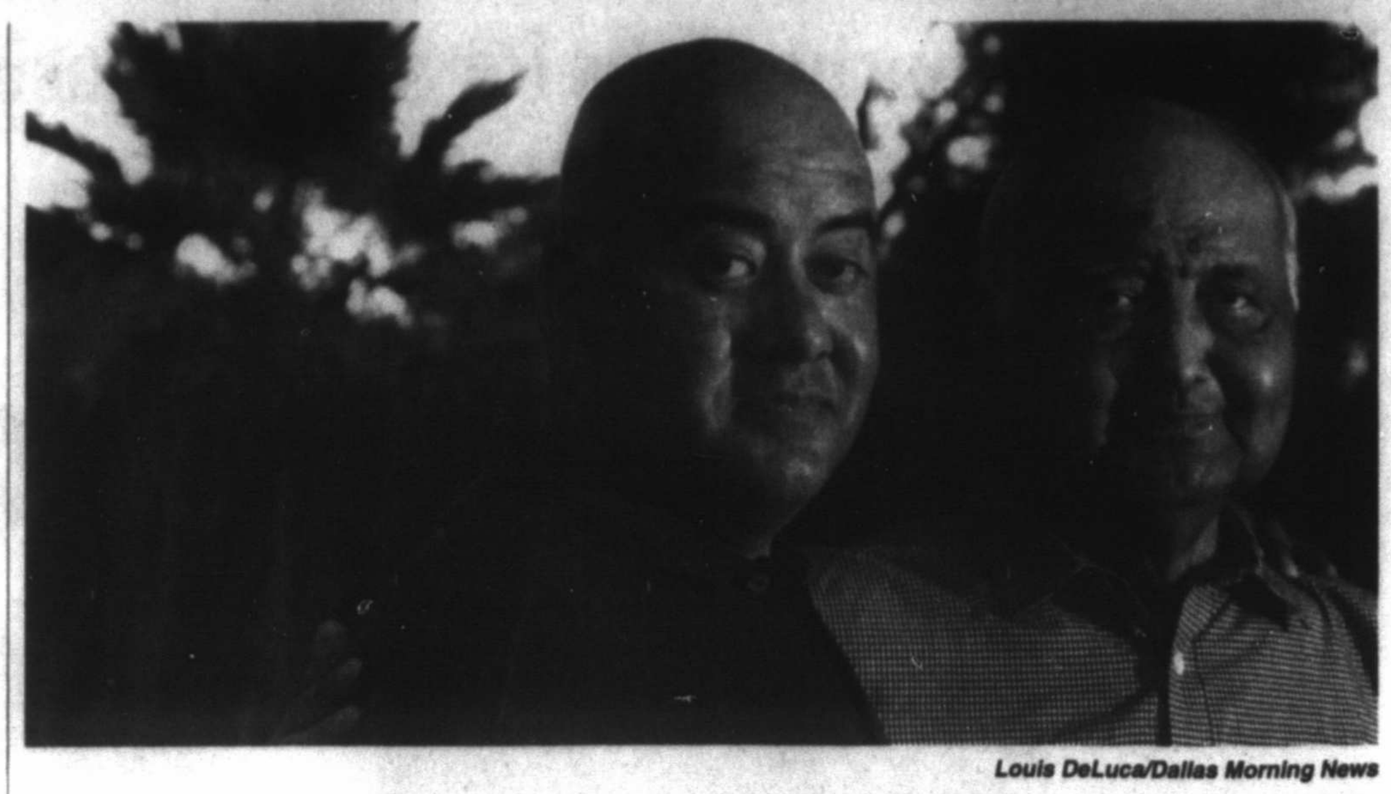
2 bodies found at home; deaths considered suspicious

Police say they are treating as homicides the deaths of a man and a woman whose bodies were found in a Central Texas home.

Kyle police on Friday are awaiting the results of autopsies on 44-year-old Tina Combs of Arlington and 45-year-old James Wright of Kyle before commenting on causes of their deaths. Police did not say whether anyone was being sought in connection with the deaths.

The bodies were discovered after a relative called Kyle police overnight asking that officers check on the welfare of the pair.

Kyle is 15 miles south of Austin.



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In this June 18 photo, Moses Cabrera, right, who had polycystic kidney disease (PKD), poses for photo with his son Moses Jr. outside his home in Arlington. PKD is a hereditary condition that eventually destroys the organ if left untreated. In the late 1980s, Moses Cabrera underwent a kidney transplant and it's been smooth going since — an experience that has helped him guide son, a Grapevine police office who was also diagnosed with PKD.

Shared kidney ailment brings Arlington dad, son closer

By Marc Tamirez
Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON — They share the name Moses, and from there the similarities just keep going: They dress alike, have similar parenting styles and when prompted by a memory, they'll both break into song.

They're men of few words and great faith. And a quarter-century apart, Moses Cabrera and son Moses Cabrera Jr. both had kidney transplants, performed by the same surgeon.

This Father's Day, the two toasted each other's health — and recalled the health scares that brought them closer together.

"It's just amazing that we both had to go through this," the elder Cabrera, a retired postal carrier, told The Dallas Morning News. "But God has been good to us."

Both have been separately diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, a mostly hereditary condition that causes cysts to form around the kidney, limiting and eventually destroying its function. It affects about 500,000 people nationwide.

The two Cabreras, like gym partners, encourage each other to pursue healthy habits, take their medications and stay the course.

"Not a day goes by that it's not in my head," Cabrera Jr. said. "We ask each other, 'How you feeling?' Or 'Are you drinking plenty of water?'"

The experience has given them even more in common, a relationship that amazes Cabrera's wife, Mary Ann.

"I always tell Moses — that's not his son, that's his clone."

In the mid-1950s, Cabrera's own father died of kidney failure at age 43, but little was known about the disease, known as PKD, and its genetic nature.

As a result, Cabrera, now 70, said he lived carelessly, even as his brother and sister succumbed to the disease.

He rarely checked his blood pressure. At work, he started blacking out for a split second — and then he'd gather himself.

When the dizzy spells started, wife Mary Ann made him go to the doctor. Blood tests told the story: He had PKD.

Most discover they have the condition as young adults — typically after they've started having children — but it's not until decades later that they begin losing enough function to require dialysis.

Cabrera's condition had gotten so bad that cysts had also developed in his liver. That, too, would require a transplant.

"I didn't pay attention to anything," he said. "It was just inevitable that it would come to kidney failure."

Eventually, it did. After an attempt to find an available kidney fell through in Fort Worth, the Cabreras learned about the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, available through Methodist Health System Dallas.

They prayed for guidance and eventually decided Methodist surgeon Richard Dickerman was Moses' best choice, even turning down the Fort Worth-based program when it came calling again.

It would be eight anxious months before Moses' turn came up at Methodist.

That was 1987. And while his replacement kidney was projected to last a decade, it's still going strong, 28 years later.

By the 1980s, Cabrera realized that diagnosis meant that his son and daughter would be susceptible to the disease. Moses Jr., then in his late teens, figured he'd cross that bridge when he came to it.

"I was working out, running 5 miles a day," said Cabrera Jr., now 47. "I felt great. I was thinking, like, I might not get it at all."

But in his late 20s, Cabrera Jr., who had joined the Grapevine Police Department, developed kidney stones. He had them removed, but blood tests showed he had the condition.

As years went by, his test results worsened, and he was eventually put on dialysis. He learned how to put a 15-gauge needle in his arm. It was a depressing, faith-testing way to live.

Eventually, he decided to take up a half-brother's offer to donate a kidney. The firefighter had made the offer earlier, before things got so serious, but Cabrera Jr. didn't feel right accepting.

Then time went by. "I didn't want to say, 'Hey, remember that kidney you said you'd give me?' But then he offered again."

This time, Cabrera Jr. accepted. He went to his father for advice.

"I wanted to reflect everything my dad did," Cabrera Jr. said. "We're so alike, people give us a hard time, like we're clones."

The elder Cabrera recalled: "He said, 'Dad, where do I go?' I said, 'You go to Methodist, and you get Dr. Dickerman.'"

Dickerman was flattered that the younger Cabrera chose to have him do the surgery, but unusual as it may seem, it wasn't the first time he'd done transplants for both parent and child.

"I've done about 3,000 kidney transplants," he said. "It happens."

Still, he knows that the experience can bring family members closer.

"They have a bond that goes beyond father and son," Dickerman said. "They have a disease they've both struggled with."

Cabrera Jr. agreed.

"With anything like that, you do feel more of a bond," he said. "You have that much more in common."

What really helped, he said was to have someone to talk to who'd already gone through what he was going to experience.

"He'd already been down that road," Cabrera Jr. said. "Obviously the unknown is always scary. But if you have someone who knows, it's comforting."

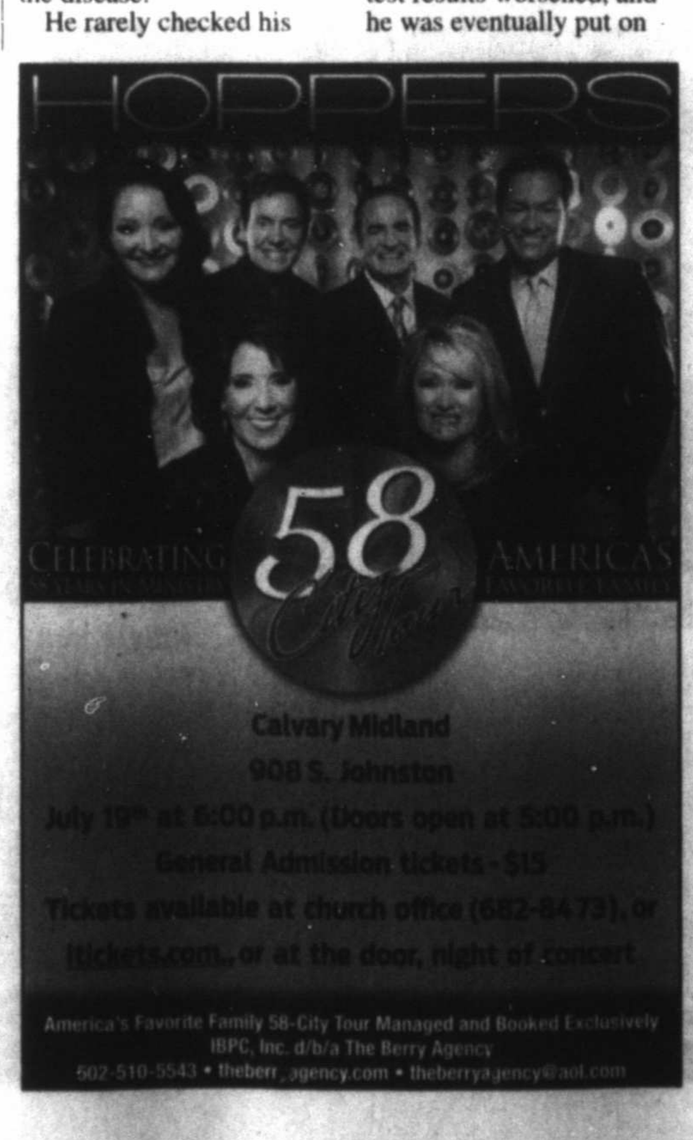
The elder Cabrera said he learned to take responsibility for his health.

"I found out that if you talk about whatever problems you have, it's easier to live with," Cabrera said. "Before, I had my head under the ground, like an ostrich."

At the clinic where he goes for periodic checkups, they know him as "the guy who's had his new kidney for 28 years." That's what a success his surgery has been, he said.

But it's more than that, he said; it's been the vigilance with which he — and now Moses Jr. — have taken care of themselves since.

Like father, like son.



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She told me that she, her husband and her 21-year-old son, Antonio, had moved here from Mexico over a year ago. Both men immediately found jobs working for an oil company, and they each made $12/hour. They found a duplex to rent for $800/month. Rafaela said each night the family would sit at the dinner table and thank God for their good fortune and their blessed lives in their new home in this wonderful country.

Not long ago Antonio became ill. He was diagnosed with lymphoma and was admitted to the hospital. Each morning her husband drops Rafaela off at the hospital on his way to work and she stays with her son until her husband comes to pick her up in the evening. With Antonio's hospitalization the family's income was cut in half, and bills for medical expenses are just beginning to come in. I assured them we would help with their rent to make up for the lost income.

Still, despite her difficulties there was a happiness about Rafaela that I found hard to understand. I asked her how she could be so calm and cheerful. She took my hand, and with her radiant smile said that God was watching out for them. Her Antonio would be made well soon by these wonderful doctors and when he was released she would be sure to bring him with her to again sweep our floors. "Just look at how good our God is," she exclaimed. "He is taking care of my family right now! He brought us to you!" Rafaela's faith, her joy and her total trust in God is something we do not see enough of these days.

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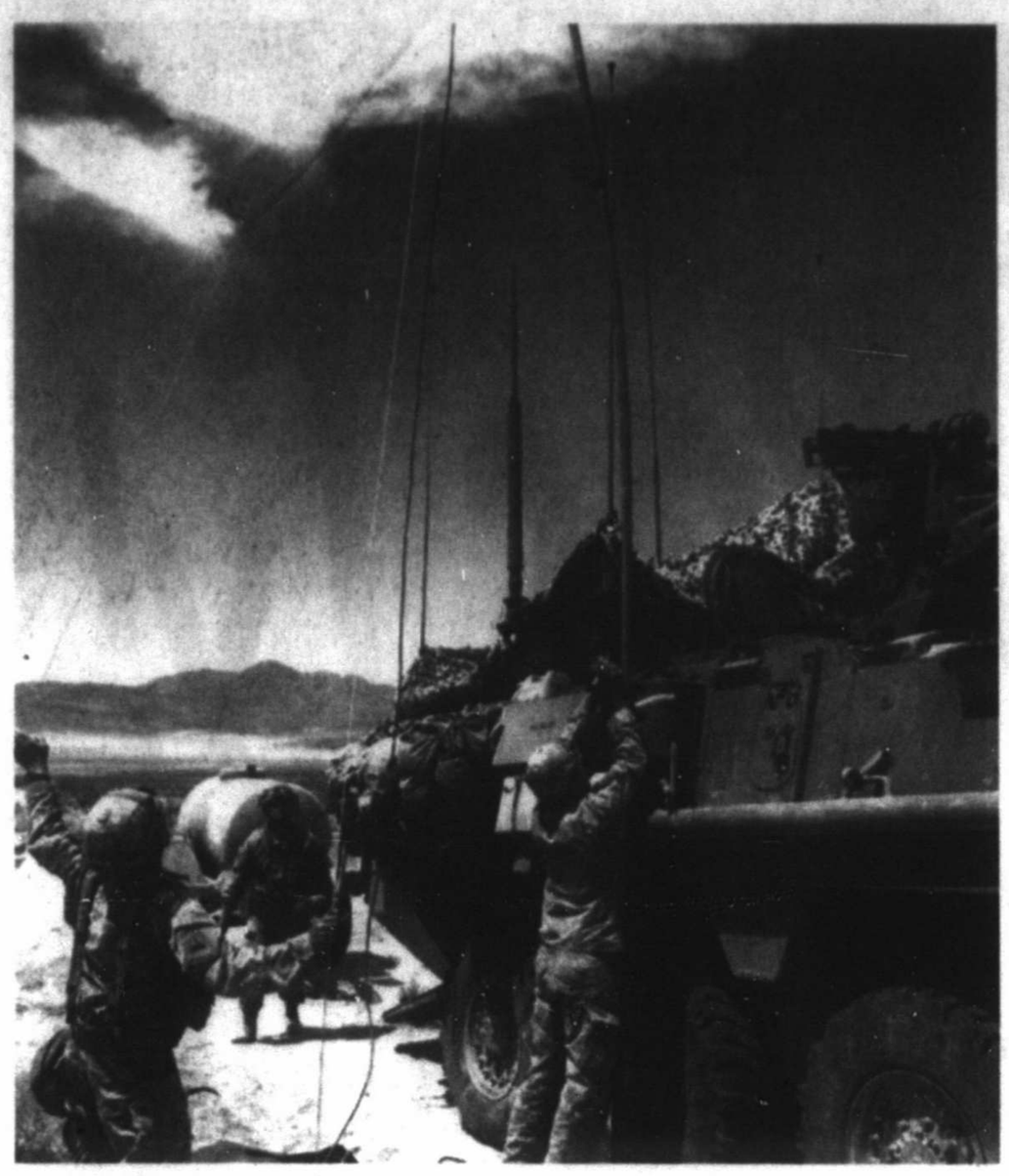

Dave Burge/ El Paso Times

Members of the Comanche Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment put up the radio for their mobile command post at Fort Irwin. The role of cavalry scouts hasn't changed all that much since the days when they rode horses. Cavalry scouts find the location of the enemy, relay that information to their higher headquarters and provide security so the rest of their brigade can maneuver.

As centuries pass, only equipment changes for US cavalry scouts

By David Burge
El Paso Times

EL PASO — The role of cavalry scouts hasn't changed all that much since the days when they rode horses.

They may be using armored vehicles like Strykers now, but they are still usually the soldiers who are the farthest forward during a mission. They serve as the "eyes and ears" of the brigade they fall under, doing the same role they did during the Civil War and the days of the Wild West.

"The role hasn't changed that much, but technology has," said Lt. Col. Mark Hoovestol, commander of the 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. "It's the same type of role and mission we filled during the Civil War, service on the frontiers and even throughout World War II. They did it with different equipment. The equipment will change but the mission remains the same."

Scouts find the location of the enemy, relay that information to their higher headquarters and provide security so the rest of their brigade can maneuver.

Hoovestol's squadron — the equivalent of an infantry battalion — has about 450 soldiers and was among the 3,400 soldiers from Fort Bliss' 1st Brigade which recently did a monthlong rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

During the past decade-plus of war, cavalry scouts have been pressed into duty as infantry in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hoovestol told the El Paso Times (http://bit.ly/1FC0cXj).

But now is the time to get back to the basics of being scouts, he said. And that's exactly what his squadron has been focusing on during its six-month-long train-up leading to its rotation at NTC and during its visit to NTC itself.

"Over the past two years, the Army has really gotten back into how to use a cavalry squadron and getting back into the traditional roles I described — reconnaissance and security operations," Hoovestol said. "We are learning as we go, which is what this place is all about."

Scouts can often make a difference between victory and defeat, Hoovestol added.

Being a cavalry scout entails being patient, smart and adaptable to change, said Capt. Dean Marshall, commander of Comanche Troop with the 6-1 Cav.

"You have to be flexible," said Marshall, a native of Houston. "If you are not comfortable with change, this isn't the job for you. Things change at the last minute. If you let that get you down, on top of the sleep deprivation and long hours, it will drive you crazy."

Even when they spend an entire night out on a mission and cannot find the enemy, the failure to locate can still serve as valuable information for the brigade to use, Marshall said.

"We set the conditions for the rest of the brigade," he said. "It's an important job, but I would say the majority of the work is done by the infantry battalions. We just help and enable their success."

Cavalry scouts have been playing this role since the days of the Wild West, he added.

"The job hasn't changed all that much," Marshall said. "Technology has changed; vehicles have changed. You have to change with the times, but our role has been important for a long time and will continue to be important."

1st Sgt. Matthew Decker, the senior enlisted leader for Comanche Troop, said the radio serves as a cavalry scout's "primary weapon."

They use the radio to call in information on where the enemy is, or isn't, to higher headquarters, said Decker from Lawrence, Kan. They also use the radio to call in for artillery, mortar and even air support if needed, he said.

Sgt. 1st Class David Pena, platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon, Comanche Troop, said their job as scouts is to feed information to the squadron and brigade commanders so they can make the best possible decisions.

"We influence the commander in his decision making," said Pena, from Grand Junction, Colo. "We have to find where the bad guys are, where we think they're coming from. We have to feed all that back to the commander so he can maneuver the actual attack forces. We're not really made to stand and fight. We go find the bad guys so the commander can then put effective force on them."

Federal legislation takes aim at Mexican gray wolf program

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Two congressmen from the Southwest have introduced legislation that they say would protect farmers, ranchers and rural communities in Arizona and New Mexico from economic losses stemming from the reintroduction of Mexican gray wolves.

Environmentalists argue, however, that the legislation would be a death sentence for the endangered predators.

U.S. Reps. Steve Pearce of New Mexico and Paul Gosar of Arizona introduced the bill this week. The two Republicans said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has ignored public safety concerns and has failed to establish recovery goals for the wolves. They also criticized a recent decision to expand the wolf-reintroduction area in the two states.

Pearce said the current reintroduction program isn't effective and doesn't provide the kind of accountability that residents deserve. "Congress must intervene by delisting the Mexican wolf, eliminating this inadequate 'recovery' program and transferring species protection back to the state of New Mexico," he said.

Gosar said the experiment to return wolves to the wild in the Southwest is flawed and should be ended.

A subspecies of the gray wolf, the Mexican wolf was added to the federal endangered species list in 1976.

Reintroduction started in 1998, but the effort has been hampered over the years by politics, illegal killings and other factors. Disputes over the program's management have spurred numerous legal actions by environmentalists who want more wolves released and by ranchers concerned about their livelihoods and safety in rural communities.

There are now at least 109 wolves in the wild in the two states. That's more than at any time since the reintroduction started.

Changes announced by the Fish and Wildlife Service earlier this year would allow up to 325 wolves to roam a larger area.

Environmentalists said the legislation threatens to remove endangered-species protections for the wolves.

"We need to stop playing politics and focus on saving this imperiled species," said Eva Sargent with the group Defenders of Wildlife. "It is shameful that these members of Congress from the Southwest are leading the charge to cause the extinction of a species that is so much a part of the history and heritage of the American West."

AP file photo

This April 18, 2008, file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife shows a gray wolf. Two congressmen from the Southwest have introduced legislation that they say would protect farmers, ranchers and rural communities in Arizona and New Mexico from economic losses stemming from the reintroduction of Mexican gray wolves.

Under the legislation, the recent changes to the program would not be enforceable, nor would the determination by federal officials to list the subspecies as endangered.

If Mexican wolves were to be delisted and come under state management, Michael Robinson with the Center for Biological Diversity said that would "almost certainly lead to extinction."

Several agriculture groups are voicing support for the bill, including the 18,000-member New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association and the Public Lands Council.

New Mexico business boss 'optimistic' about boost in funding

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and the Legislature decided this year to pour tens of millions of dollars more into wooing businesses and spurring job creation, an infusion that New Mexico's top economic development official said Friday will help make the state even more competitive.

"It's an arms race in economic development. Everybody is chasing that bright shiny ball out there," Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela told lawmakers during a Legislative Finance Committee meeting in Albuquerque.

The key, he said, is balancing the incentives offered to private companies with the revenues and jobs those businesses promise to create.

New Mexico already spends close to $470 million annually on tax incentives and other programs aimed at boosting economic development. While the economy is growing faster than in recent years, legislative analysts said the state has seen little growth in jobs despite the "full toolbox" of incentives provided by lawmakers.

New Mexico has had 33 straight months of job growth, but the rate of that growth continues to lag behind neighboring states and the nation as a whole, according to labor statistics.

Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela, D-Santa Fe, said he's disappointed in the numbers, particular for rural areas in northern New Mexico.

The fight over incentives, taxes and job creation will only become more politicized in the coming election year, Varela said.

"I don't have high expectations that we'll do better in New Mexico," he said.

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Sockers rebound to top Brilla behind Boyle's heroics

By Will Korn
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The Sockers grabbed an early 1-0 lead and even added to it right before halftime. But in the end, the Sockers needed every ounce of goalkeeper Sean Boyle's heroic efforts to hold on for an important 2-1 victory over the Mississippi Brilla, Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Boyle

With the win, the Sockers (5-2-1) moved back into first place by two points in the Mid South Division.

Next up for the Sockers is a pair of road matches against the Brilla (4-2-2) on Friday and Sunday.

Sockers head coach Matt Barnes was particularly impressed with Boyle's showing in the final few minutes. He said his team was getting fatigued at the end, especially with having to deal with six minutes of stoppage time, but that Boyle was able to compensate by coming up with some monumental saves.

"I really thought Sean was the man of the match," Barnes said. "To make those saves, he was critical. For a guy who made his third start in the PDL this year, I was just super impressed with the kid. He comes and does extra work before and after practice every day and I think you saw right there the potential that kid has got."

Boyle credited his teammates for helping him clear threatening balls late in the match.

"We played well," Boyle said. "The team was strong, we were solid."

He added that he started to get on a bit of an emotional roll after making the first couple of big saves.

"If your adrenaline is going, you make some of those saves, then they just come easier and easier," Boyle said. "You just react. That's just how it is."

Boyle and his team got on the board first in the eighth minute, courtesy of a low Beto Garcia cross into the box to Tucker Hume, who finished on the touch.

The Sockers tallied again in the 45th minute when the ball rolled right into Jesus Cortes' wheelhouse. From the far edge of the box, he ripped a shot past the Brilla goalkeeper into the top left corner to give the Sockers a 2-0 lead. It was Cortes' first goal with the Sockers this season.

The Brilla mounted a few decent attacks in the first half, but to no avail. After the game, Barnes said he thought his team played a quality first 45 minutes.

"That was probably the best first half we've played all year," Barnes said. "We had a high pass count, great possession, we just did everything right. It was just one of those nights where what you draw up, it all comes together."

The Brilla answered in the 71st minute when Logan Mendez took advantage of a scuffle in front of the Sockers net and cashed in.

For the love of the game

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Guillaume Gauthier is an instructor at Bush Tennis Center.

Gauthier brings passion for sport to Bush Tennis Center

By Christopher Hadorn
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The goal for Bush Tennis Center director of tennis Luis Valdez is to introduce the game to new players, especially youth.

Through his outreach efforts, Valdez estimates that 80-90 percent of Bush Tennis Center's clientele are non-traditional players that are new to the sport.

In the past, Valdez used to spend most of his time teaching the game on the court, but nowadays he devotes time to building relationships with youth organizations.

As a result, Valdez needed a tennis pro to handle the on-court operation and he has found an accomplished instructor in the recently hired Guillaume Gauthier, a one-time director of tennis at Green Tree Country Club from 2002-05.

Gauthier is a passionate French Canadian who has been engaged in tennis instruction since the mid-1990s. He has never lost his hunger for competing either.

Gauthier is a two-time USPTA National Men's Open Player of the Year and served as the team captain on the 2014 USTA Men's 40 and Over National Team.

Valdez said Gauthier was hired to help Permian Basin youth reach the next level of competition with the hopes of guiding players towards college scholarships.

"My job is to try to get them here," Valdez said. "His job is to try to keep them here and train them to use tennis as a form of education and work with those guys. I think it's going to be a helluva partnership and I think it's going to be an awesome adventure as we move forward."

Gauthier can relate to the challenge that the Permian Basin tennis player faces when competing against the tougher Metroplex and Houston area opponents in their tournaments.

Gauthier hails from the Quebec lumber town of Chicoutimi, located about 130 miles north of Quebec City.

As a youth, Gauthier's parents used to take him out of grade school 15 minutes before class was dismissed and drive him an hour away to receive tennis instruction for two hours.

In addition, Gauthier used to spend weekends at a tennis coach's home to gain further instruction.

"I was the first-ever junior in 13 and under to actually represent the county at a national event," Gauthier said.

"When I started competing, I would compete against those kids from Montreal and those kids from Quebec City and those kids from British Columbia," Gauthier added. "My dad was like, 'they have 10 fingers like you. They have 10 toes just like you. It doesn't matter where they're from. Do you maximize your resources? Yes you do. Maybe they

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US women confident ahead of World Cup semifinals

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Megan Rapinoe is so done with her exile to the spectators' seats at the Women's World Cup.

Bring on Germany, said the U.S. midfielder, who had to sit out the 1-0 victory over China in the quarterfinals of soccer's biggest tournament. The confidence-boosting win sent the second-ranked Americans on to a semifinal match against the top-ranked Germans on Tuesday in Montreal.

"Huge match," Rapinoe said. "No. 1 against No. 2 in the world. They've had a great tournament so far, but hopefully they're a little tired."

Rapinoe was referring to Germany's quarterfinal, an extra time penalty-kick victory over France on Friday.

Rapinoe watched the U.S. quarterfinal from the stands at Ottawa's Lansdowne Stadium with teammate Lauren Holiday. They were suspended for the match because of yellow card accumulation — both had received their second yellows in the knockout-round opener against Colombia. Both will be back for Germany.

The Germans trailed third-ranked France 1-0 until Celia Sasic's equalizing penalty kick in the 84th minute, then goalkeeper Nadine Angerer stopped Claire Lavogez in the final attempt of a shootout as Germany prevailed 5-4 on penalty kicks.

"It was a very intense game, I was extremely elated along with the team," Angerer said afterward. "Honestly, I felt completely empty because the match was finally over and it ended well for us. It will take a day to process all the impressions and then we can prepare for the next match."

The 21-year-old Lavogez, France's third-youngest player, ran up to the spot and kicked the ball to Angerer's left. The 2013 FIFA Women's Player of the Year — the first goalkeeper male or female to win the honor — dove and blocked the ball with her left knee.

German coach Silvia Neid sighed heavily after the match: "Such a game as this, which was so tough, when you win it that makes you very confident. But we had to play for 120 minutes, we have some injured players we have to rest."

Like the Americans, Germany has two World Cup titles, in 2003 and '07. The United States is seeking its first championship since 1999.

The two teams have met three times in the World Cup, with the United States winning twice. But Germany claimed the last meeting, a 3-0 victory in 2003. Overall the Americans are 18-4-7 against the Germans.

The United States has made it to the semifinals in every World Cup since the first in 1991.

The Americans made it this year because of Carli Lloyd, who scored the lone goal against China. The 32-year-old midfielder was able to roam more freely, because of tweaks to the lineup, for another big moment.

Lloyd scored the winning goal in overtime to beat Brazil for the gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and scored both U.S. goals in the 2012 Olympics London final win against Japan.

The U.S. team was also boosted by its defense — which has been the team's biggest asset throughout the tournament while the offense has sputtered at times.

The United States has not conceded a goal in 423 minutes, with the lone goal against the Americans coming in the tournament opener against Australia. Goalkeeper Hope Solo, who set a record for a U.S. goalkeeper with her 134th win against No. 16 China, has put up four straight shutouts.

Kelley O'Hara and Morgan Brian were called upon to replace Rapinoe and Holiday, who had been among the most effective players for the United States to that point in the tournament. Brian, the youngest U.S. player at 22, sat back in the pocket, allowing Lloyd to be more

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WIMBLEDON 2015: Serena Williams halfway to true Grand Slam

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

AP file photo

At left, in a June 6 photo, Serena Williams holds the trophy after winning the women's singles final of the French Open tennis tournament against Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic in Paris, France. At center, in this Jan. 31 file photo, Serena Williams holds the trophy after defeating Maria Sharapova of Russia in the women's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia. At right, in this Sept. 7, 2014, file photo, Serena Williams hugs the championship trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, in the women's singles final of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York.

Serena Williams heads to Wimbledon halfway to a Grand Slam.

If it were up to her, no one would notice.

Williams prefers to downplay her chances of becoming the first tennis player in more than a quarter-century to win all four major tournaments — Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, U.S. Open — in the same season.

"I haven't done well at Wimbledon recently, so that's the only one that's kind of eluding me," Williams said, managing to keep a straight face and perhaps hoping to convince herself as much as anyone who might be listening. "So I'm trying to get to that one, at least make it deep in the second week of that tournament."

When play begins at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament Monday, Williams will be ranked No. 1, and seeded No. 1, and there is zero doubt that she is far and away the best tennis player on the planet at the moment. Indeed, she might very well be the best in history, a debate that can never be settled on a court, of course.

Already the Year of the Triple Crown in horse racing, 2015 could wind up being the Year of the Grand Slam in tennis and golf, with Jordan Spieth halfway to a 4-for-4 calendar year at his sport's major championships.

In tennis, only two men and three women have ever done it.

The last man was Rod Laver in 1969. The last woman was Steffi Graf in 1988.

"Why not?" said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "That's probably the most difficult thing to do in tennis. But it's possible."

There are others who could win Wimbledon, of course, challengers such as 2004 champion Maria Sharapova, two-time winner Petra Kvitova or 2013 runner-up Sabine Lisicki.

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'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
RockHounds 6,
San Antonio 3

TODAY'S GAME
RockHounds at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
At Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium

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RECORDS
Midland 35-35,
San Antonio 31-39

Friday	Saturday	Today	Tuesday	Thursday
Midland 6, San Antonio 2	Midland 8, San Antonio 3	Midland at San Antonio	North vs South All-Star game	Midland vs Arkansas

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

Golf
European PGA: BMW International Open, Final Round, 5:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Travelers Championship, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
US Senior Open Championship, Final Round, 1 p.m. FOX
PGA: Travelers Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m. CBS
PGA Professional National Championship, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Walmart Northwest Arkansas Championship, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Texas at Toronto, Noon, FSSW
NY Yankees at Houston, 1 p.m., ROOT
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 1 p.m. MLB
Chic. Cubs at St. Louis, 7 p.m., ESPN
ESPNDEP

Major League Lacrosse
Ohio Machine at Rochester Rattlers, Noon FSSW+

Men's Soccer
Brazil: Palmeiras vs. Sao Paulo, 2 p.m. GolTV
MLS: New York Red Bulls at New York City FC, 4 p.m. ESPN/ESPNDEP
Brazil: Vasco vs. Flamengo, 4:30 p.m., GolTV
MLS: Seattle Sounders at Portland Timbers, 6 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

Motorsports
United Sportscar: Watkins Glen International, 9 a.m, FS1
ARCA: Winchester Speedway, 1 p.m., CBSSN
United Sportscar: Watkins Glen International, 1 p.m., FS2
Sprint Cup: Toyota-Save Mart 350, 2 p.m FS1/FOXDEP

Rugby
Rugby League Challenge: St. Helens vs Widnes, 10 a.m., FOXSOC+
NRL: Canterbury Bulldogs vs. Melbourne Storm, 4 a.m., FS2

Track and Field
US Outdoor Championships, 3 p.m. NBC

WNBA
Los Angeles at New York, 2 p.m. NBAtv

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Toronto, Noon, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at San Antonio, 2 p.m, KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Matt Barnes from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned INF Travis Shaw to Pawtucket.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed RHP Williams Perez on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Jake Brigham from Gwinnett (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Signed RHP Austin Smith. RHP Jacob Nix, C Austin Allen, CF Josh Magee. RHP Jordan Guerrero, RHP Trevor Megill, CF Aldemar Burgos, LHP Jerry Keel, CF Justin Pacchiok, RHP Brett Kennedy, SS Peter Van Gansen, RHP William Haseltein, C Kyle Overstreet, RHP Elliot Ashbeck, RHP Trey Wingenter, RHP Phil Maton, RHP Nick Monroe, LHP Christian Cecilio, SS Kodie Tidwell, LHP Corey Hale, 2B Tyler Moore, C A.J. Kennedy, RHP Louis Dialasio, RHP Braulton Lorenzini, 3B Ty France, LHP Nathan Forrest and RHP Blake Rogers to minor league contracts.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Sold the contract of OF Drew Head to Philadelphia (NL).
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF Frazier Hall.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released RHP Rob Nixon. Signed INF Omar Aitken.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Jerome Duchesneau.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Kyle Vazquez.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Luis Munoz.
Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Max Duvall.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed INF Seth Heck.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed OF Brian Poertsch.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Announced F Paul Pierce is opting out of the final year of his contract and will become a free agent.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Acquired G Anton Khudobin from Carolina for D James Wisniewski.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Acquired D Nicklas Grossmann and D Chris Pronger from Philadelphia for F Sam Gagner and a conditional 2016 fourth-round pick or 2017 third-round draft pick. Acquired two 2015 third-round (No. 76 and No. 83) draft picks from Calgary for a 2015 second-round (No. 60) draft pick.
BOSTON BRUINS — Traded a 2015 fifth-round (No. 135) draft pick to Minnesota for a 2016 fifth-round draft pick.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Traded a 2015 second-round (No. 31) draft pick to San Jose for their 2015 second- (No. 39), 2016 second- and a 2017 sixth-round draft picks.
DALLAS STARS — Acquired G Antti Niemi from San Jose for a 2015 seventh-round (No. 193) draft pick.
EDMONTON OILERS — Acquired G Cam Talbot and a 2015 seventh-round (No. 209) draft pick from the New York Rangers for their 2015 second- (No. 57), third- (No. 79) and seventh-round (No. 184) draft picks.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Traded a 2015 fifth-round (No. 147) pick to the N.Y. Islanders for a 2016 fifth-round draft pick.
MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with G Devan Dubnyk on a six-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Acquired F Kyle Palmieri from Anaheim for a 2015 second-round (No. 41) draft pick and a 2016 third-round draft pick. Traded a 2015 second-round (No. 36) draft pick to Ottawa for their second-round (No. 42) draft pick and a 2016 third-round draft pick.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded F Carl Hagelin and the 2015 second- (No. 59) and fourth-round (No. 179) draft picks to Anaheim for F Emerson Etem and a 2015 second-round (No. 41) draft pick. Acquired G Antti Raanta from Chicago for F Ryan Haggerty. Traded a 2015 second-round (No. 57) to Washington for their 2015 third- (No. 62) and fourth-round (No. 113) draft picks.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Acquired C Travis Ewanyk and a 2015 fourth-round (No. 107) draft pick from Edmonton for D Eric Gryba.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded a 2015 fourth-round (No. 99) draft pick to Los Angeles for a 2015 fourth-round (No. 104) draft pick and a 2016 sixth-round draft pick.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Acquired a 2015 third-round (No. 86) draft pick from Edmonton as compensation for the Oilers' hiring of coach Todd McLellan.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Traded a 2015 seventh-round (No. 208) draft pick to Edmonton for a 2016 seventh-round draft pick.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Acquired D Martin Marincin from Edmonton for F Brad Ross and a 2015 fourth-round (No. 107) draft pick.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Traded G Eddie Lack to Carolina for a 2015 third-round (No. 66) and a 2016 seventh-round draft pick. Traded D Patrick McNally to San Jose for a 2015 seventh-round (No. 210) draft pick.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Added F Andy Craven to the roster.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	1	.875	—
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Washington	5	3	.625	2
New York	4	4	.500	3
Atlanta	4	6	.400	4
Indiana	3	6	.333	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tulsa	7	1	.875	—
Minnesota	7	2	.778	½
Phoenix	3	5	.375	4
San Antonio	2	6	.250	5
Seattle	2	6	.250	5
Los Angeles	0	6	.000	6

Friday's Games
Chicago 83, Indiana 77
Connecticut 80, Los Angeles 76, OT
Atlanta 72, Washington 69
Tulsa 71, New York 62

Saturday's Games
San Antonio 73, Seattle 71
Minnesota 71, Phoenix 56

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles at New York, 2 p.m
Chicago at Washington, 3 p.m
Seattle at Tulsa, 6 p.m

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	10	5	5	35	23	17
New England	6	6	4	24	25	26
Toronto FC	7	6	2	23	22	19
Orlando City	6	6	5	23	22	21
Columbus	5	6	5	20	23	23
New York	5	5	5	20	19	19
Philadelphia	5	10	4	19	22	32
Montreal	5	6	3	18	19	23
New York City FC	4	5	7	17	17	19
Chicago	4	9	2	14	17	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	6	2	32	22	17
Seattle	9	6	2	29	23	14
Los Angeles	7	5	7	28	26	20
Sporting Kansas City	3	6	27	25	17	
FC Dallas	7	5	5	26	21	23
Portland	7	6	4	25	17	19
San Jose	6	5	4	22	16	15
Real Salt Lake	5	6	6	21	15	20
Houston	5	7	5	20	21	23
Colorado	2	6	9	15	12	17

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Friday's Games
FC Dallas 2, Houston 0

Saturday's Games
Toronto FC 0, D.C. United 0, tie
Philadelphia 2, Montreal 2, tie
Vancouver 2, New England 1
Sporting Kansas City 2, Colorado 0
Columbus at Real Salt Lake, late
Los Angeles at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games
New York at New York City FC, 4 p.m
Seattle at Portland, 6 p.m

Friday, July 3
Chicago at Houston, 8 p.m
D.C. United at Seattle, 10 p.m

Saturday, July 4
New York at Columbus, 6:30 p.m
New York City FC at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New England at FC Dallas, 8 p.m
Vancouver at Colorado, 8 p.m
Orlando City at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m
Toronto FC at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 5
San Jose at Portland, 4 p.m

BOSING FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 26
At Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (CBSSN), Dennis Hogan vs. Kenny Abiri, 10, super welterweights; Tony Luis vs. Edward Valdez, 10, lightweights.
At State Farm Arena, Hidalgo, Texas (truTV), Gilberto Ramirez vs. Derek Edwards, 10, super middleweights.
At Little Creek Casino Resort, Shelton, Wash. (SHO), Dominic Wade vs. Sam Soliman, 10, middleweights.
At Salinas (Calif.) Storm House (FS1), Alan Sanchez vs. Carlos Lozano, 10, welterweights; Paul Mendez vs. David Lopez, 10, middleweights.

June 27
At Bangkok, Thailand, Amnat Ruenroeng vs. John Riel Casimero, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title.
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO), Timothy Bradley Jr. vs. Jessie Vargas, 12, welterweights; Oscar Valdez vs. Ruben Tamayo, 10, featherweights.

July 4
At Mazatlan, Mexico, Pedro Guevara vs. Ganigan Lopez, 12, for Guevara's WBC World light flyweight title.

July 11
At Magdeburg, Germany, Ruslan Chagaev vs. Francesco Pianeta, 12, for Chagaev's WBA World heavyweight title.
At USF Sundome, Tampa, Fla. (ESPN2), Keith Thurman vs. Luis Collazo, 12, for Thurman's WBA World welterweight title; Tony Harrison vs. Willie Nelson, 10, middleweights.
At Memorial Sports Arena, Los Angeles, Mauricio Herrera vs. Hank Lundy, 10, for the vacant NABF super lightweight title; Michael Perez vs. Sharif Bogere, 10, lightweights.

July 17
At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. (SHO), Antoine Douglas vs. Istvan Szili, 10, middleweights; Arif Magomedov vs. Derrick Webster, 10, middleweights.

July 18
At Macau, Ik Yang vs. Cesar Rene Cuenca, 12, for the vacant IBF super lightweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Anthony Settoul, 10, junior featherweights; Mickey Bey vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Bey's IBF lightweight title.
At Manchester (England) Arena, Scott Quigg vs. Kiko Martinez, 12, for Quigg's WBA World junior featherweight title; Darleys Perez vs. Anthony Crolla, 12, for Perez's WBA World lightweight title; Chris Jenkins vs. Tyrone Nurse, 12, for vacant British junior welterweight title; Sam Eggington vs. Glenn Foot, 12, for vacant British welterweight title; Sam Eggington vs. Glenn Foot, 12 rounds, for vacant British welterweight title.
At Don Haskins Convention Center, El Paso, Texas (CBS), Carl Frampton vs. Alejandro Gonzalez Jr., 12, for Frampton's IBF junior featherweight title.
At Don Haskins Convention Center, El Paso, Texas (SHO), Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs. Marcos Reyes, 10, super middleweights; Miguel Arroyo vs. Arthur Villanueva, 12, for the vacant IBF bantamweight title.
At Las Vegas, Juan Carlos Payano vs. Rashiem Warren, 12, for Payano's WBA Super World bantamweight title and the vacant IBO World bantamweight title.

July 25
At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Nadjib Mohammed, 12, for Kovalev's WBA Super World-IBF-WBO light heavyweight titles; Jean Pascal vs. Cuban Yunieski Gonzalez, 10, light heavyweights; Sullivan Barrera vs. Vasily Lepikhin, 12, light heavyweights.

LEROY: Hooker a good hire for MHS boys hoops

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When Charles Tatum announced that he was leaving Midland High to be the head boys basketball coach at Weatherford last month, the program was left with a huge void and several question marks.

Here was a homegrown basketball star, who had led his alma mater to the district title (thanks to Odessa Permian's forfeiture) and led the Bulldogs to the area round of the Class 6A playoffs in only second year at the helm. Now he was gone. Who was going to replace him?

On Thursday, it was announced that Shannon Hooker, who has was at Corpus Christi Carroll the past five seasons and had coached at Rankin for eight years, was the man to lead the Bulldogs.

Hooker brings an impressive record of 397-146 and is a well respected coach.

He is also very familiar with the Permian Basin, having not only coached at Rankin from 1990 to 1998, but was a Denver City High School graduate and also has a son who is a petroleum engineer in Midland.

It seemed like Hooker really wanted to return to the area after having applied for the head boys basketball job at Odessa Permian, according to the Odessa American. Also having coached at Rankin, Hooker was very familiar with the Bulldog program and knew what kind of athletes he would have at MHS.

This was the first major hire for MISD Executive Director of Athletics Randy Rowe after only a couple of months on the job. And from the initial looks of it, he made the right choice.

"We got a winner," Rowe told the Reporter-Telegram. "He's a man of integrity, he stresses character and that's what we wanted here. We wanted a man who is a winner in basketball, certainly, but a man who is going to help young our young men be the men they're supposed to be."

Hopefully Hooker brings stability and consistency to a program that needs some.

■ Dez Bryant not participating in the recent Dallas Cowboys' mandatory minicamp makes me nervous.

In the grand scheme of things, a minicamp may not mean much but it shows that Bryant is serious about sitting out to start the regular season if the Cowboys don't give him a long-term contract for more guaranteed money.

As the team's most dynamic receiver, he certainly deserves that contract, but questions of him off the field have given the Cowboys some pause.

Both sides have only until July 15 to agree to a long-term deal and Bryant has yet to sign his $12.8 million franchise tag tender.

Reports says Bryant's agents and the Cowboys had their first face-to-face meeting in a few months on Friday, so there may be a light at the end of the holdout tunnel.

Personally, I thought the Cowboys were smart in not re-signing DeMarco Murray to a long-term big, money contract because of his injury history, and believe it or not, he is replaceable. I don't think Bryant would be easily replaced as he is one of those special receivers in the NFL.

We'll find out soon enough who wins in this battle.

■ And finally, I find it tougher and tougher every year to be interested in the NBA Draft.

I'm old school and I remember when NBA teams could find immediate impact players. Nowadays, the draft's top players are either 19-year-olds who played only one season of college ball (usually at Kentucky) or European players I never heard of with names I can't pronounce.

It could be at least of couple of years before you hear from these players on a regular basis.

I guess that's still better than the MLB Draft where some players might not make the big leagues until four or five years down the road, if ever.

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Sharks still searching for starting goalie following draft

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks ended the NHL draft with one of the biggest needs they had entering the weekend: finding a starting goaltender.

Instead of acquiring one of the several goalies who changed teams this weekend, the Sharks instead traded the negotiating rights to their former starter Antti Niemi to Dallas for a seventh-round pick Saturday.

Niemi was set to become an unrestricted free agent July 1 and was not expected to re-sign with San Jose. He had been the starter the past five seasons in San Jose but is coming off his worst season as a Shark in terms of goals against. Niemi was 31-23-7 last season with a 2.59 goals against average and .914 save percentage as San Jose's 10-year playoff run ended.

Among the other goalies dealt over the weekend were Cam Talbot of the New York Rangers, Los Angeles' Martin Jones, Vancouver's Eddie Lack, Ottawa's Robin Lehner, Carolina's Anton Khudobin and Chicago backup Antti Raanta.

The Sharks will now turn their attention to other goalies on the trade and free-agent market to add to a group that features Alex Stalock and Troy Grosenick.

"There are several goalies still out there that are potentially available," general manager Doug Wilson said.

Stalock struggled in intermittent playing time last year with an 8-9-2 record and 2.62 goals against average. He showed promise the previous year with a 1.87 goals against average in 24 appearances.

Grosenick had a shutout in one of his two appearances last season but spent most of the year in the minors or recovering from a concussion. He signed a two-year contract Saturday instead of becoming a restricted free agent.

The Sharks also signed potential restricted free agent forward Melker Karlsson to a two-year deal. Karlsson had 13 goals and 11 assists in 53 games last season when he was picked as the team's top rookie.

San Jose also reached one-year deals with defenseman Karl Stollery, forward Jeremy Langlois, and forward Peter Emanuelsson.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 3

At Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: RockHounds third baseman Renato Nunez led all batters with three hits. Nunez drove home a run and scored a run. ... Midland second baseman Colin Walsh reached base safely in four of five plate appearances with two hits and two walks. Walsh has reached base in 18 straight games. ... San Antonio's Hunter Renfroe, a 2013 first round pick of the San Diego Padres, socked a two-run homer in the fifth inning.

TOP PITCHERS: The RockHounds relief corps of Chris Lamb, Ryan Doolittle and Omar Duran combined to pitch four perfect innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Trailing 1-0, Midland sent nine batters to the plate during a five-run fourth inning to take a 5-1 lead. Carson Blair and Chad Oberacker both contributed with RBI doubles during the frame. Matt Olson and Ryon Healy provided run-scoring singles, while Matt Angle hit a sacrifice fly.

NOTES: The RockHounds won their fourth straight game and have claimed the first three of their four-game series versus San Antonio. ... Midland right-handed pitcher Jonathan Joseph won his first game since being moved to the starting rotation on June 13. ... Today the RockHounds conclude their 12-game road trip. Midland will be idle between Monday and Wednesday because of the Texas League All-Star break.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland—RHP Chris Jensen (5-6, 5.13). San Antonio—RHP Colin Rea (2-2, 1.06).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	3	0	1.000	—
Tulsa	3	0	1.000	—
x-Northwest Arkansas	0	3	.000	3
Springfield	0	3	.000	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Corpus Christi	2	1	.667	—
Midland	2	1	.667	—
Frisco	1	2	.333	1
San Antonio	1	2	.333	1

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Scores
Springfield 8, Arkansas 3, 1st game
Northwest Arkansas 2, Tulsa 1, 11 innings
Frisco 2, Corpus Christi 1
Midland 8, San Antonio 3
Springfield 6, Arkansas 1, 2nd game

Today's Games
Midland at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 6:00 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	5	0	1	1	Jankowski cf	4	0	1	0
Walsh 2b	3	1	2	0	Rondon ss	4	0	1	0
Whitaker rf	5	0	1	2	Martinez dh	4	2	2	0
Nunez 1b	5	1	3	1	Renfroe rf	4	1	2	2
Pinder ss	5	1	0	0	Asencio lf	4	0	1	1
Olson dh	5	1	2	1	Jones 3b	3	0	0	0
R. Healy 3b	5	1	1	1	Lindsey 2b	3	0	0	0
Blair c	3	2	1	1	Reina c	4	0	0	0
Angle lf	2	1	1	1	Domoromo 1b	4	0	1	0
Totals	**38**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**Totals**	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**

Midland ..... 000 500 030 —8
San Antonio ..... 001 020 000 —3

E—Asencio (5). LOB—Midland 9, San Antonio 6. 2B—Blair (15), Oberacker (17), Asencio (13). HR—Renfroe (7). CS—Jankowski (7). SH—Angle. SF—Angle.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Joseph W, 4-3	5.0	8	3	3	2	2
Lamb	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Doolittle	1.2	0	0	0	0	1
Duran 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	
San Antonio						
Kelly L, 1-5	4.0	7	5	4	1	3
Kohlscheen	2.2	2	0	0	1	2
Alger	1.0	1	3	3	2	1
Dimock	1.1	2	0	0	0	0

WP—Joseph.
T—2:44. A—5,584.

MIDLAND BASEBALL PLAYER UPDATE

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball

Through June 28
Pitchers

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Seattle Mariners

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
32	30.1	1-2	5	17	5	6	36	1.48

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Colorado Springs Sky Sox (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
15	15.2	0-1	0	19	9	9	13	15	5.17

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
22	43.2	0-1	1	46	20	18	16	33	3.71

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), RHP, Northwest Arkansas (Kansas City Royals Double-A), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
9	17.1	0-0	1	17	8	7	1	14	3.63

Jason Zgardowski (Midland College), RHP, Williamsports Crosscutters (Philadelphia Phillies Short-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
3	3.0	0-0	2	2	1	1	2	3	3.00

Lakewood BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies Single A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	23.2	1-1	0	18	11	11	10	20	4.18

Position Players

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 2B, Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
89	6	14	2	0	2	4	5	0	.157

Hunter Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), C, Ogden Raptors (L.A. Dodgers Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333

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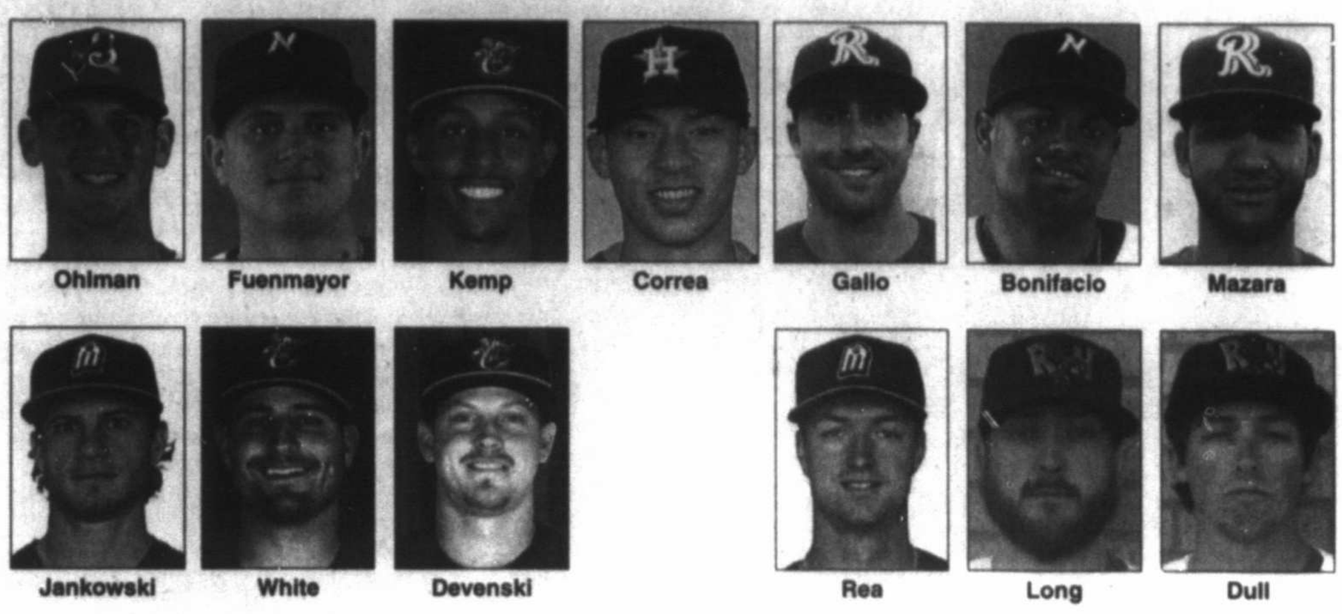

Ohlman Fuenmayor Kemp Correa Gallo Bonifacio Mazara

Jankowski White Devenski Rea Long Dull

Catcher
Mike Ohlman
Springfield
.294, 6 HR, 38 RBI

This wasn't an easy choice considering that Midland's Carson Blair is currently sporting a .509 slugging percentage that ranks second in the TL. Blair's OPS of .898 also ranks third in the league and these are numbers that are outstanding for a catcher. But Ohlman gets the nod here. His batting average of .294 is 22 points higher than that of Blair and he's driven in 10 more runs on the season.

Others considered: Carson Blair, Midland

1B
Balbino Fuenmayor
Northwest Arkansas
.344, 15HR, 48 RBI

This selection wasn't as close. Fuenmayor is leading the TL with 15 home runs and is leading the league in slugging percentage (.586) by a wide margin. Among active TL players, Fuenmayor also has the highest batting average in the league and is second in runs batted in. First base is historically a power-hitting position and Fuenmayor has proven to be one of the best in the TL — if not in all of the minor leagues.

Others considered: Matt Olson, Midland; Conrad Gregor, Corpus Christi

2B
Tony Kemp
Corpus Christi
.358, 0 HR, 19 RBI

Although Kemp was promoted to Triple-A Fresno last month, he was still easily the TL's top second baseman before his promotion. He was tearing up TL pitching and though he isn't a power threat, he has line drive ability and is a threat on the base paths, as he stole 15 bases with Corpus. He left with an on-base percentage of .457 and that is still tops in the TL. His ratio of 35 walks to 28 strikeouts prove his status as one of the most patient and disciplined hitters in the minors.

Others considered: Colin Walsh, Midland; Angel Franco, Northwest Arkansas

SS
Carlos Correa
Corpus Christi
.385, 7 HR, 32 RBI

Even with just 29 games played with Corpus, this is a no-brainer pick. Correa was far and away the best player in the TL over the first month of the season. Since then, he's been promoted to Fresno and to the Houston Astros, where he's currently hitting .301 with five homers and 15 RBI. Not much else to say here. This guy is special.

Others considered: Trea Turner, San Antonio; Chad Pinder, Midland; Raul Mondesi, Northwest Arkansas

3B
Joey Gallo
Frisco
.314, 9 HR, 31 RBI

Perhaps no one in all of baseball — and that includes the Major Leagues — has more raw power than Gallo. He launched nine balls into the seats in just 34 games with Frisco, despite missing the first three weeks of the season with an ankle injury. He jumped Triple-A and went straight to the Texas Rangers when Adrian Beltre went down with a thumb injury last month. This is another case of the argument that there just wasn't a better TL player at the position in the first half.

Others considered: Ryon Healy, Midland; Brian Hernandez, Arkansas

OF
Jorge Bonifacio
Northwest Arkansas
.247, 13 HR, 42 RBI

The TL has several talented and deserving outfielders. But with three open spots, Bonifacio has to be one of them. With 13 home runs in 667 games, he's on pace for a potential 30-home run season. He's the Royals' No. 9 prospect according to Baseball America, but in a season with these kinds of power numbers, he could be making his way up that list pretty soon.

OF
Nomar Mazara
Frisco
.285, 9 HR, 38 RBI

Mazara, who just turned 20 on April 26, is the third-youngest player in the TL. Coming into the year, he was the Rangers' No. 4 prospect according to BA and he's certainly playing like it. There are many other outfielders who were in consideration here, but given Mazara's young age for his production, he is deserving of one of the spots.

OF
Travis Jankowski
San Antonio
.310, 1 HR, 13 RBI

Jankowski has been a fantastic all-around player as San Antonio's leadoff hitter this season. He won't hit for power, but he does everything else exceptionally well. He's tied for third in the TL in batting average, fifth in on-base percentage (.392) and he's only made one error in 56 games in center field. Add in 23 stolen bases, which is second most in the league and you've got an All-Star.

Others considered: Josh Whitaker, Midland; Nick Williams, Frisco; Jon Kemmer, Corpus Christ; Chad Oberacker, Midland; Charlie Tilson, Springfield

DH
Tyler White
Corpus Christi
.278, 6 HR, 38 RBI

This was one of the tougher calls to make at any position. Northwest Arkansas' Mike Bianucci would be our pick, but he was recently suspended 80 games for violating Minor League Baseball's substance abuse policy. So White gets our vote. His batting average has dipped a bit over the last few weeks and he isn't quite the power hitter you might want in this spot. But he's got the best combination of a good average and serviceable pop.

Others considered: Matt Olson, Midland; Mike Bianucci, Northwest Arkansas; Drew Robinson, Frisco

SP
Colin Rea
San Antonio
2-2, 1.06 ERA

He only has 68 innings on the year, but inning-for-inning, Rea has been the TL's most dominant pitcher this season. He's given up just 44 hits in that span and has a 55:11 strikeout-to-walk ratio, showing off his impeccable control. His WHIP (Walks plus hits per inning pitched) of 0.81 is on another planet, so his 2-2 record indicates that he just doesn't get a lot of run support. Regardless, he's a sure fire All-Star.

SP
Chris Devenski
Corpus Christi
7-1, 1.23 ERA

A goofy guy in the clubhouse, but fierce and determined on the mound, Devenski also has a claim as the TL's top pitcher over the first half of the season. His 7-1 record is tops in the league and he is the only other pitcher besides Rea with a WHIP under one. He's only made nine starts so far, which could be a knock on him in the minds of some. Still though, he's been too good to be left off this list.

SP
Nate Long
Midland
5-5, 3.38 ERA

The elder statesman and stabilizing force of a struggling Midland rotation, Long's ERA is currently third-best in the TL. He's far better than a hit-per-inning pitcher and he's got a healthy number of innings (88) to solidify that status. With a 73:32 strikeout-to-walk ratio, he isn't the flashiest guy around. But he helps his team win games and gets the job done almost every time out.

Others considered: Justin Hancock, San Antonio; Nate Smith, Arkansas; Jake Thompson, Frisco; Chris Anderson, Tulsa

RP
Ryan Dull
Midland
3-0, 0.25 ERA

Another no-brainer here. Dull has allowed just one run in 36 innings so far this season. He's given up just 23 hits and opposing batters are hitting .180 off him. There isn't a more dominant reliever in the TL right now.

Others considered: Jandel Gustave, Corpus Christi; Chris Thomas, Springfield

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	42	34	.553	—
New York	41	34	.547	½
Baltimore	39	34	.534	1½
Toronto	40	36	.526	2
Boston	33	43	.434	9
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	43	29	.606	—
Minnesota	40	34	.541	4½
Detroit	38	36	.514	6½
Cleveland	33	39	.458	10½
Chicago	32	41	.438	12
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	34	.558	—
Los Angeles	38	37	.507	4
Texas	38	37	.507	4
Seattle	34	41	.453	8
Oakland	34	43	.442	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	41	33	.554	—
New York	38	37	.507	3½
Atlanta	35	40	.467	6½
Miami	31	45	.408	11
Philadelphia	26	49	.347	15½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	50	24	.676	—
Pittsburgh	42	32	.568	8
Chicago	39	34	.534	10½
Cincinnati	34	38	.472	15
Milwaukee	28	48	.368	23
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	34	.553	—
San Francisco	41	35	.539	1
Arizona	35	38	.479	5½
San Diego	36	40	.474	6
Colorado	33	41	.446	8

Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas 4, Toronto 0
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 2
Kansas City 3, Oakland 2
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, ppd., rain
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Houston 6
L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 2
Cleveland at Baltimore, ppd., rain

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 2
Washington at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 8, Atlanta 4
San Francisco 7, Colorado 5
Miami 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
N.Y. Mets 1, Cincinnati 1, tie, 7 innings, susp., rain
St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona at San Diego, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 2-2) at Toronto (Hutchison 7-1), 12:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 5-4) at Detroit (Price 7-2), 12:08 p.m.
Boston (Masterson 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Archer 9-4), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 8-4) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 6-3), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
Cleveland (Murata 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 5-7), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Milone 4-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-7), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-6) at Houston (McHugh 8-3), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-4) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 4-4), 2:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 5-5) at Oakland (Chavez 4-6), 4:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington (Strasburg 4-5) at Philadelphia (Correia 0-1), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Jos.Smith 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 5-2) at Miami (Urena 1-3), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3), 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 4-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-7), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (K.Kendrick 3-9) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-4), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ch.Anderson 3-2) at San Diego (Despaigne 3-5), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (Undecided) at Philadelphia (Undecided), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-2) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 8-3), 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
Colorado at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	0	0	0	Reyes ss	4	0	0	0
Rua lf	3	0	0	0	Drideon 3b	4	0	1	0
LMartn cf	2	0	1	0	Bautista rf	3	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	2	0	Encarnc 1b	3	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	2	0	DNavrr c	3	0	0	0
Morind 1b	4	1	1	1	RuMrtn dh	2	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	0	Colabll lf	3	0	0	0
Gallo cf-lf	4	0	1	0	Pillar cf	3	0	1	0
Odor 2b	3	1	2	2	Travis 2b	3	0	0	0
Chirins c	4	1	1	1					
Totals	37	4	11	4	Totals	28	0	3	0

Texas.....010 110 100—4
Toronto.....000 000 000—0

E_Encarnacion (2). DP_Texas 2. LOB_Texas 7, Toronto 3. HR_Moreland (10), Odor (3), Chirinos (7). SB_Odor (4). SF_Odor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Gallardo W,7-8	8 1-3	3	0	0	2	4
Sh.Tolleson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Boyd L,0-1	6 2-3	9	4	4	0	7
Redmond	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	3
Loup	2-3	0	0	0	0	2

WP_Boyd.
T_2:24. A_37,167 (49,282).

YANKEES 9, ASTROS 6

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf	5	3	3	0	Springr cf	3	1	1	1
C'Young lf	3	3	1	2	Correa ss	5	1	3	2
ARdrgz dh	3	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	1
Teixeir 1b	5	0	1	2	Valuvn 3b	5	0	1	0
BMcCn c	4	1	2	4	Gattis lf	3	0	0	0
Beltran rf	2	0	0	0	Tucker pr-lf	1	0	0	0
Headly 3b	5	1	1	1	Singhtn dh	4	0	0	0
Gregrs ss	5	0	2	0	DoBrch rf	4	1	1	0
Pinela 2b	3	0	0	0	Carter 1b	4	2	2	2
GJonas ph	1	0	0	0	JCastro c	4	0	0	0
Drew 2b	1	0	0	0					

Totals 37 9 10 9 Totals 37 6 10 6

New York.....420 000 021—9
Houston.....020 130 000—6

E_Valbuena (4). Altuve (2). DP_Houston 1. LOB_New York 10, Houston 8. 2B_Gardner 2 (19), Teixeira (15), Correa (7), Valbuena (7), Do.Santana (2), Carter (11). HR_C.Young (10), B.McCann (12), Headley (8), Correa (5), Altuve (6), Carter (13). SB_Pinela (1). S_C.Young

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Tanaka	5	7	6	6	2	5
Mitchell	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	3
Shreve W,5-1	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Ju.Wilson H,13	1	1	0	0	0	2
Betances S,6-7	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Oberholtzer	1 1-3	4	6	6	3	1
R.Hernandez	3 2-3	1	0	0	3	2
J.Fields	2	2	0	0	0	1
Neshek L,3-1	1	2	2	1	1	0
Sipp	1	1	1	1	0	0

HBP_by J.Fields (Beltran).
T_3:39. A_41,133 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ROYALS 3, ATHLETICS 2
Kansas City.....001 002 000—3 8 2
Oakland.....100 010 000—2 4 0
C.Young, Madison (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. Kazmir, Pomeranz (8), Scribner (8) and Pregley, W.C.Young 7-3. L_Kazmir 4-5. Sv_G.Holland (16).

RAYS 4, RED SOX 1
Boston.....000 000 010—1 3 0
Tampa Bay.....000 020 11x—4 7 0
Miley, M.Barnes (7) and S.Leon; Andriese, McGee (7), Jepsen (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera. W_Andriese 3-2. L_Miley 7-7. Sv_Boxberger (20). HRs_Boston, De Aza (5). Tampa Bay, Elmore (2), Rivera (4), Longoria (8).

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 2
Seattle.....000 001 010—2 8 0
Los Angeles.....200 000 20x—4 6 1
Happ, Lowe (8) and Zunino; Richards, J.Smith (8), Street (9) and C.Perez. W_Richards 8-5. L_Happ 3-5. Sv_Street (21). HRs_Seattle, Zunino (8). Los Angeles, Calhoun (7).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 5
Colorado.....300 200 000—5 8 1
San Francisco.....003 010 30x—7 12 0
Rusin, Betancourt (7), Logan (7), Friedrich (8) and McKenry; Lincecum, Y.Petit (6), Kontos (7), Romo (8), Casilla (9) and Susac. W_Kontos 2-0. L_Betancourt 2-3. Sv_Casilla (20). HRs_San Francisco, M.Duffy (7).

PIRATES 8, BRAVES 4
Atlanta.....001 000 300—4 11 2
Pittsburgh.....500 010 20x—8 13 1
Teheran, Masset (7), Marimon (8) and Pierzynski; Morton, Caminero (7), Bastardo (7), D.Guerra (9) and Cervelli. W_Morton 6-1. L_Teheran 5-4.

MARLINS 3, DODGERS 2
Los Angeles.....100 100 000—2 6 2
Miami.....210 000 00x—3 8 0
Kershaw, Howell (8), Y.Garcia (8) and Grandal; Koehler, Capps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W_Koehler 6-4. L_Kershaw 5-8. Sv_A.Ramos (10). HRs_Los Angeles, Ju.Turner (11).

REDS 1, METS 1 (7 INNINGS)
Cincinnati.....000 010 0—1 5 0
New York.....001 000 x—1 6 0
Lorenzen, M.Parra (6) and Zamhart; Harvey, C.Torres (7) and Plawecki. HRs_New York, Granderson (13).

CARDINALS 8, CUBS 1
Chicago.....010 000 000—1 7 0
St. Louis.....000 440 00x—8 13 0
Roach, T.Wood (4), E.Jackson (7) and M.Montero; Wacha, Villanueva (7) and Molina. T.Cruz. W_Wacha 10-3. L_Roach 0-1. Sv_Villanueva (1).

INTERLEAGUE
TWINS 5, BREWERS 2
Minnesota.....000 031 001—5 7 1
Milwaukee.....000 100 100—2 7 0
Gibson, Boyer (7), Fien (8), Perkins (9) and Herrmann; Garza, Blazek (7), Jeffress (8), Knebel (9) and Lucroy. W_Gibson 5-6. L_Garza 4-10. Sv_Perkins (24). HRs_Minnesota, Edu.Escobar (4). Tor.Hunter 2 (10).

Friday's late linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ROYALS 5, ATHLETICS 2
Kansas City.....013 001 000—5 11 1
Oakland.....001 000 001—2 4 1
Volquez, K.Herrera (8), F.Morales (9), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; Hahn, Scribner (7), O'Flaherty (8), Fe.Rodriguez (8) and Vogt. W_Volquez 8-4. L_Hahn 5-6. Sv_G.Holland (15). HRs_Kansas City, K.Morales (9). A.Gordon (9).

MARINERS 3, ANGELS 1
Seattle.....000 011 010—3 9 0
Los Angeles.....100 000 000—1 9 0
T.Walker, Furbush (8), Ca.Smith (8), Rodney (9) and Zunino; Shoemaker, C.Ramos (7), Salas (7), J.Alvarez (9) and Iannetta. W_T.Walker 6-6. L_Shoemaker 4-6. Sv_Rodney (15). HRs_Seattle, Cano (4). Los Angeles, Trout (19).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PADRES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 2
Arizona.....002 000 000—2 2 3
San Diego.....101 010 01x—4 8 0
Ray, Burgos (7), D.Hernandez (8) and W.Castillo; T.Ross, Maurer (7), Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and De.Norris. W_T.Ross 5-7. L_Ray 2-3. Sv_Kimbrel (19).

ROCKIES 6, GIANTS 0
Colorado.....000 003 302—8 17 0
San Francisco.....000 012 003—6 9 0
Bettis, Betancourt (7), Oberg (8), Logan (8), Kahnle (9) and Hundley; T.Hudson, Lopez (7), Kontos (7), Broadway (8), Machi (9) and Susac. W_Bettis 4-2. L_T.Hudson 5-7. HRs_Colorado, Arenado 2 (22). San Francisco, Susac (2).

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CARDINALS 7, CUBS 1

ST. LOUIS — Michael Wacha pitched six solid innings, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 8-1 on Saturday night to become the first major league team with 50 wins.

Jason Heyward reached four times in St. Louis' fifth straight victory. The major league-best Cardinals (50-24) have five winning streaks of five games or more this season.

Wacha (10-3) allowed one run and six hits, bouncing back from a rough start at Philadelphia. The right-hander was tagged for five runs and eight hits against the Phillies in his worst start of the season last Sunday.

Donn Roach (0-1) took the loss in his season debut for Chicago, which has dropped four in a row after a four-game winning streak.

RANGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 0

TORONTO — Yovani Gallardo extended his scoreless streak to a career-high 23 innings by pitching three-hit ball into the ninth, and the Texas Rangers snapped a season-worst six-game skid with a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Mitch Moreland, Robinson Chirinos and Rougned Odor all hit solo home runs for the Rangers, who won for the first time since beating the White Sox on June 19.

Gallardo (7-6) fell two-outs shy of his first shutout and first complete game since 2011. He won his fourth straight decision.

Promoted from Triple-A Buffalo to make his major league debut, Blue Jays left-hander Matt Boyd (0-1) allowed four runs and nine hits, including three homers, in 6 2-3 innings.

PIRATES 8, BRAVES 4

PITTSBURGH — Pirates star center fielder Andrew McCutchen was hit in the left elbow by a pitch and exited during a five-run first inning as Pittsburgh sent the Braves to their fifth straight loss.

McCutchen took a fastball from Julio Teheran (5-4). X-rays were negative and the 2013 NL MVP will be reevaluated on Sunday.

Starling Marte got three hits and scored three times for the Pirates.

Jordy Mercer, Francisco Cervelli and Pedro Alvarez drove in two runs each for Pittsburgh. Charlie Morton (6-1) pitched into the seventh to bounce back from a rough start in Washington last weekend.

Jace Peterson had two hits and drove in three runs for Atlanta. Teheran gave up six runs in six innings, the fifth time this season he's given up at least six runs in a start.

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Seattle Mariners star Robinson Cano was hit in the head by a stray ball while the Angels were warming up in between innings and exited early in Los Angeles' win.

Cano had a sizable welt near his left temple after being struck in the dugout when an errant throw got past Angels first baseman Albert Pujols before the seventh inning. Cano felt dizzy and was taken to the clubhouse, where the Mariners' medical staff checked the second baseman for a concussion. No signs of one were found.

Garrett Richards (8-5) pitched into the eighth inning, Kole Calhoun hit a two-run homer and third baseman David Freese made a couple of key defensive plays. J.A. Happ (3-5) took the loss.

YANKEES 9, ASTROS 6

HOUSTON — Brian McCann hit a grand slam and Chris Young homered to give New York an early lead, and Mark Teixeira had a tiebreaking two-run double in the eighth after the Yankees squandered that cushion in a win over Houston.

McCann's slam came in the first. A two-run shot by Young off Brett Oberholtzer put the Yankees up 6-0.

Oberholtzer was ejected with one out in the second inning for throwing at Alex Rodriguez.

Rookie Carlos Correa hit a two-run homer in the fifth and Jose Altuve connected on the next at-bat to tie it up.

Teixeira doubled off Pat Neshek (3-1).

Chasen Shreve (5-1) got the last two outs of the seventh inning for the win .

MARLINS 3, DODGERS 2

MIAMI — Tom Koehler pitched seven innings, and Miami beat Clayton Kershaw and the Dodgers in the Marlins' first game since Giancarlo Stanton was sidelined by a hand injury.

Christian Yelich tied a career high with four hits for the Marlins, who snapped a five-game losing streak. Koehler (6-4) allowed two runs and six hits.

Stanton broke his left hand during Friday night's 7-1 loss to Los Angeles. The slugger is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Kershaw (5-6) allowed three runs, one earned, and seven hits in seven innings. The left-hander struck out nine and walked none.

TWINS 5, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE — Torii Hunter homered twice and doubled. Eduardo Escobar hit a three-run homer and the Twins beat the Brewers.

Kyle Gibson (5-6) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. He had lost a career-worst three straight decisions after starting June with a no-decision in the Twins' 10-5 loss to Milwaukee at Target Field.

Hunter homered in the sixth off Matt Garza (4-10) and in the ninth against Corey Knebel.

RAYS 4, RED SOX 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Andriese and three relievers combined on a three-hitter. Jake Elmore hit a two-run homer and the Rays beat the Red Sox.

Andriese (3-2) retired his first 11 batters before allowing his lone baserunner, coming on a two-out single in the fourth by Xander Bogaerts. The rookie struck out five in a career-high six innings.

Wade Miley (7-7) gave up two runs, five hits, two walks and struck out eight over 6 1-3 innings for Boston.

After Jake McGee threw a perfect seventh, Kevin Jepsen gave up a solo homer in the eighth to Alejandro De Aza.

REDS 1, METS 1, 6 INNINGS, SUSPENDED

NEW YORK — Matt Harvey stayed steady in the rain and Curtis Granderson homered again for the Mets before their game against the Reds was suspended after six innings with the score tied 1-all.

Brandon Phillips had an RBI double for the Reds, giving him a hit in all 31 road games he's played against the Mets.

Rookie right-hander Michael Lorenzen matched Harvey most of the way and received relief help from Manny Parra, who retired Granderson on a 3-1 pitch with the bases loaded to end the sixth.

With the rain getting heavier, umpires stopped play and signaled for the tarp. More showers were in the forecast at night, and the game was called following a 53-minute delay. All statistics will count.

The game will resume Sunday at 1:10 p.m. with the top of the seventh inning before the teams play their previously scheduled series finale.

ROYALS 3, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Young bounced back from his worst start of the season to pitch six innings and the Royals beat the Athletics.

Kendrys Morales hit a two-run single in the sixth off Scott Kazmir (4-5) that erased a 2-1 deficit. The Royals won for the fourth time in five games on their road trip.

Young (7-3) allowed four hits and two runs. He walked one and struck out four.

GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Buster Posey drove in two runs, and Andrew Susac had a three-run double in the seventh inning to rally the Giants to a victory over the Rockies.

Matt Duffy added three hits, including a home run, for the Giants, who won three games in a homestand for the first time since sweeping the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 19-21.

Nolan Arenado extended his hitting streak to 14 games with an RBI double for the Rockies, who had won five of six.

George Kontos (2-0) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win. Santiago Casilla pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Rafael Betancourt (2-3), making his second appearance since being activated from the disabled list, gave up Susac's hit.

MLB CALENDAR

July 14 — All-Star game, Cincinnati.
July 17 — Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline
July 26 — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers
Aug. 13-13 — Owners meeting, Chicago.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.
Nov. 9-12 — General managers' meetings, Boca Raton, Fla.
Dec. 2 — Last day for teams to offer 2016 contracts to unsigned players on their 40-man rosters.
Dec. 7-10 — Winter meetings, Nashville, Tenn.
Dec. 7 — Hall of Fame pre-integration era committee (through 1946) vote announced, Nashville, Tenn.

2016

Jan. 12 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 15 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings.
Feb. 18 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.
Feb. 23 — Voluntary reporting date for other team's other players.
March 1 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 18 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 30 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2016 salary.
April 3 — Opening day. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.
July 12 — All-Star game, San Diego.
July 15 — Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline.

England eliminates host Canada in World Cup Q-final, 2-1

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Jodie Taylor and Lucy Bronze scored in the shocking first 14 minutes, and England eliminated Canada from its home World Cup with a 2-1 victory in the quarterfinals Saturday.

The Lionesses overcame a frenzied Canadian crowd at BC Place and a second-half goalkeeper change to secure their nation's first trip to the semifinals.

England crushed the hopes of a host nation hoping to celebrate Canada's first World Cup title on this same field next month.

Instead, England will face defending champion Japan in the semifinals in Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday — which also happens to be Canada Day.

Christine Sinclair scored in the 42nd minute for Canada, which had given up just one goal in the entire World Cup before giving up two more just three minutes apart.

After Taylor scored the opener on a horrible turnover by Lauren Sesselmann, Bronze added an impressive long header to build a lead that England never relinquished.

Although Sinclair got one back before halftime, Canada struggled to generate many good chances in the waning minutes of the scoreless second half. The drought slowly crushed the crowd of 54,027, most wearing red and supporting their plucky, defense-minded team.

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England's Jodie Taylor, left, and Jill Scott celebrate Taylor's goal against Canada during the first half in a quarterfinal of the Women's World Cup soccer tournament on Saturday in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Siobhan Chamberlain replaced England goalie Karen Bardsley early in the second half when Bardsley complained about a problem with her right eye. Chamberlain is on her third World Cup team, but got about 30 seconds to warm up for her first appearance.

England's surge into the quarterfinals has raised attention to the perpetually overlooked Lionesses, and the strong backing of Prince William further increased the spotlight. Now they're two wins away from their first World Cup — something their male counterparts haven't won since 1966.

The sellout crowd banged drums and sang as it welcomed Canada back to Vancouver, where it beat Switzerland 1-0 last weekend to reach its first quarterfinal since 2003.

Sinclair got the crowd on its feet in the eighth minute with a tremendous rush down the sideline, nutmegging two players before making a tremendous sweeping pass that left Melissa Tancredi one-on-one with the goalie — but Canada's oldest starter missed the net badly.

And in the 11th minute, Taylor pounced when the ball got away from a falling Sesselman, dodged another defender and tucked a shot past Erin McLeod for her first goal of the tournament.

With the crowd still in disbelief, Bronze doubled the Lionesses' lead in the 14th minute by heading Fara Williams' long pass off the crossbar and in for her second goal of the World Cup. England's bench players leaped onto the field in elation, joined by the small English contingent in the vast crowd.

Canada might have been shocked, but Sinclair wasn't shaken.

The British Columbia player in her fourth World Cup had scored just once in the first four games, and that on a penalty. When Bardsley, a Cal State Fullerton product, lost the ball on a save in the 42nd minute, Sinclair tucked it home for her 155th international goal, and BC Place roared to life again.

England controlled long stretches of play after Chamberlain came on, but Canada eventually pushed.

Sophie Schmidt had perhaps Canada's best late chance in the 83rd minute, but put a low pass high over England's net. Sinclair put a header well wide off a corner kick in the 90th minute, and England ran out the clock on a dramatic victory.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP GLANCE

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Canada	1	0	2	2	1	5
x-China	1	1	1	3	3	4
Netherlands	1	1	1	2	2	4
New Zealand	0	1	2	2	3	2

x-advanced to second round

Saturday, June 6
At Edmonton, Alberta
Canada 1. China 0
Netherlands 1. New Zealand 0

Thursday, June 11
At Edmonton, Alberta
China 1. Netherlands 0
Canada 0. New Zealand 0

Monday, June 15
At Montreal
Canada 1. Netherlands 1

At Winnipeg, Manitoba
China 2. New Zealand 2

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Germany	2	0	1	15	1	7
x-Norway	2	0	1	8	2	7
Thailand	1	2	0	3	10	3
Ivory Coast	0	3	0	3	16	0

x-advanced to second round

Sunday, June 7
At Ottawa, Ontario
Norway 4. Thailand 0
Germany 10. Ivory Coast 0

Thursday, June 11
At Ottawa, Ontario
Germany 1. Norway 1
Thailand 3. Ivory Coast 2

Monday, June 15
At Winnipeg, Manitoba
Germany 4. Thailand 0
At Moncton, New Brunswick
Norway 3. Ivory Coast 1

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Japan	3	0	0	4	1	9
x-Cameroon	2	1	0	9	3	6
Switzerland	1	2	0	11	4	3
Ecuador	0	3	0	1	17	0

x-advanced to the second round

Monday, June 8
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Cameroon 6. Equador 0
Japan 1. Switzerland 0

Friday, June 12
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Switzerland 10. Ecuador 1
Japan 2. Cameroon 1

Tuesday, June 16
At Winnipeg, Manitoba
Japan 1. Ecuador 0

At Edmonton, Alberta
Cameroon 2. Switzerland 1

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-United States	2	0	1	4	1	7
x-Australia	1	1	1	4	4	4
Sweden	0	0	3	4	4	3
Nigeria	0	2	1	3	6	1

x-advanced to the second round

Monday, June 8
At Winnipeg, Manitoba
Sweden 3. Nigeria 3. tie
United States 3. Australia 1

Friday, June 12
At Winnipeg, Manitoba
Australia 2. Nigeria 0
United States 0. Sweden 0

Tuesday, June 16
At Vancouver, British Columbia
United States 1. Nigeria 0

At Edmonton, Alberta
Australia 1. Sweden 1

GROUP E

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	3	0	0	4	0	9
x-South Korea	1	1	1	4	5	4
Costa Rica	0	1	2	3	6	2
Spain	0	2	1	2	4	1

x-advanced to the second round

Tuesday, June 9
At Montreal
Spain 1. Costa Rica 1. tie
Brazil 2. South Korea 0

Saturday, June 13
At Montreal
Brazil 1. Spain 0
South Korea 2. Costa Rica 2

Wednesday, June 17
At Moncton, New Brunswick
Brazil 1. Costa Rica 0

At Ottawa, Ontario
South Korea 2. Spain 1

GROUP F

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-France	2	1	0	6	2	6
x-England	2	1	0	4	3	6
Colombia	1	1	1	4	3	4
Mexico	0	2	1	2	8	1

x-advanced to the second round

Tuesday, June 9
At Moncton, New Brunswick
France 1. England 0
Colombia 1. Mexico 1. tie

Saturday, June 13
At Moncton, New Brunswick
Colombia 2. France 0
England 2. Mexico 1

Wednesday, June 17
At Montreal
England 2. Colombia 1

At Ottawa, Ontario
France 5. Mexico 0

SECOND ROUND
Saturday, June 20
At Ottawa, Ontario
Germany 4. Sweden 1

At Edmonton, Alberta
China 1. Cameroon 0

Sunday, June 21
At Moncton, New Brunswick
Brazil 0. Australia 1

At Montreal
France 3. South Korea 0

At Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada 1. Switzerland 0

Monday, June 22
At Ottawa, Ontario
England 2, Norway 1

At Edmonton, Alberta
United States 2, Colombia 0

Tuesday, June 23
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Japan 2. Netherlands 1

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, June 26
At Montreal
Germany 1. France 1. Germany won 5-4 on penalty kicks

At Ottawa, Ontario
United States 1, China 0

Saturday, June 27
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan 1. Australia 0

At Vancouver, British Columbia
England 2. Canada 1

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, June 30
At Montreal
United States vs. Germany, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan vs. England, 6 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 4
At Edmonton, Alberta
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 5
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

Iwabuchi lifts Japan to semis with 1-0 win over Australia

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Japanese coach Norio Sasaki couldn't resist making a joke at Mana Iwabuchi's expense when explaining his decision to substitute the forward in during the second half against Australia on Saturday.

Iwabuchi, Sasaki said with a laugh, went from "not yet" to right now.

Some 15 minutes after entering the game, Iwabuchi scored during a scramble in front in the 87th minute to secure a 1-0 victory in the Women's World Cup quarterfinals Saturday.

"Her first name is Mana. And in Japanese, 'Not yet, not yet,' would be 'mada,' so (the words) are very close," Sasaki said through a translator. "And it didn't take her too long as far as she's concerned."

The fourth-ranked Japanese will stay in Edmonton, where they will play England in the semifinals Wednesday. England beat Canada 2-1 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Patience and fresh legs paid off for the defending champions, as their ball-controlling style combined with the 90-degree temperatures gradually wore down the 10th-ranked Australians.

Iwabuchi had nearly scored a minute earlier, but her shot was blocked by Elise Kellond-Knight, which led to a corner kick.

Though Aya Miyama's corner kick was headed out of the penalty area, the ball bounced directly to Rumi Utsugi, who immediately sent it back toward the goal. Azusa Iwashimizu had her shot stopped by Lydia Williams, but the goalkeeper was unable to control the rebound.

The ball squirted to the left, where Iwabuchi knocked it the open side.

"The difficulty was the heat," said Utsugi, who was named player of the match for setting up the goal. "However, throughout the game, the resolve of all members to keep it up to the end was the challenge. However, we did manage to do that."

Japan is a perfect 5-0 in Canada, and has won eight straight since winning the 2011 tournament in Germany, when it beat the United Stated 2-2 in penalty kicks in the championship game. The Nedeshiko are now two victories from becoming the second nation to win consecutive tournaments after Germany won in 2003 and '07.

The Matildas go home after making their deepest run in tournament history. The 10th-ranked team won its first elimination game by upsetting seventh-ranked Brazil in the round of 16.

"Obviously disappointed at the result, but when you look at the big scheme of things, we lost 1-0," coach Alen Stajcic said. "It was 1-0 in the 88th minute off a scrappy corner. It's not as if we were humiliated."

They were, however, beaten by a team that showed more composure and patience.

The Matildas exerted too much energy chasing the ball in the first 20 minutes. And when they finally got possession, the Australians too often gave the ball right back to Japan.

"Certainly (the Japanese) were a lot more composed throughout the 90 minutes," Stajcic said. "It's a heart-breaking experience for all of us. But sometimes you learn the most from these experiences."

Japan has gone 4-0-1 in its past five meetings against its Asian regional rival, and is 8-1-1 in its past 10 games.

The Australians did a better job than Japan's previous tournament opponents in bottling up the middle and pressuring the ball carrier to disrupt the Nadeshiko's crisp, short-passing style.

But the Japanese attack finally wore down Australia in the second half.

In the 77th minute, Saori Ariyoshi broke free up the middle only to have her shot blocked by Kellond-Knight.

Japan had the best scoring opportunity of the first half. It happened in the 22nd minute off an Australian turnover.

Nahomi Kawasumi burst free up the right wing and threaded a perfect pass into the penalty area, where Shinobu Ohno punched the ball just over the open right side of the goal.

Some four minutes later, the Australians responded off a great run by Samantha Kerr, who was bowled over by Iwashimizu, who was issued a yellow card. That set up a free kick from 25 yards out. Alanna Kennedy took the kick, but curled her shot well wide of the right post.

Sasaki was pleased with how his team didn't let down following several missed scoring chances.

"I was thinking that even if we didn't have a goal in 90 minutes, we would certainly do that by 120 minutes," Sasaki said. "While we do recognize the big growth of the Australian team in this World Cup, I think the result of this match has given confidence to the Japanese players."

WORLD CUP

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creative.

The Americans had a 17-6 advantage in shots and 56 percent possession, creating more chances than in the 2-0 round-of-16 win over Colombia. The team looked more organized and pressed China.

"This game was huge for our confidence going into that semifinal match," Lloyd said. "Even players who were pressuring and taking risks, if it didn't work out, we tried again. And I think that's what we need to do to be successful."

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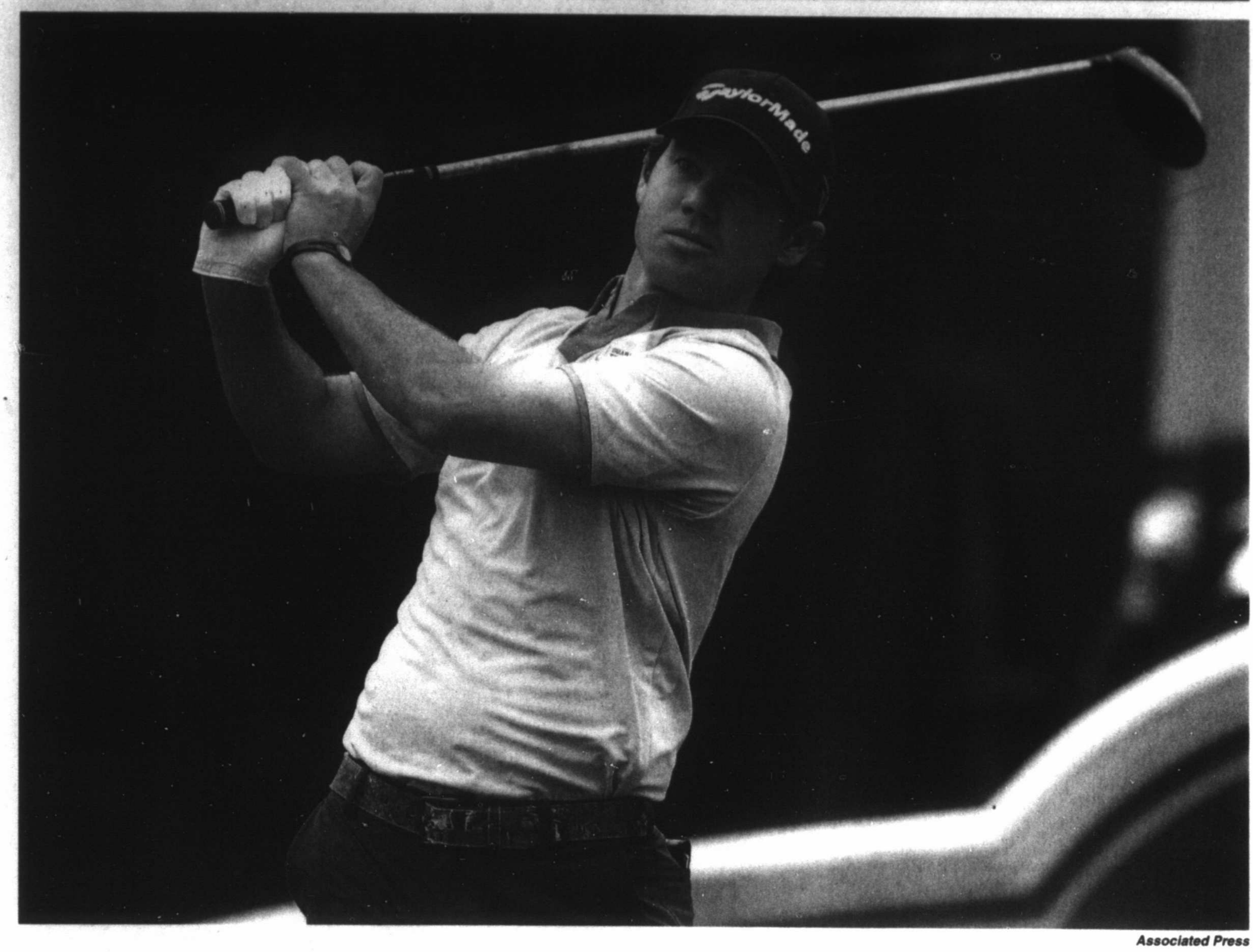

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Brian Harman tees off on the 18th hole during the third round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament on Saturday in Cromwell, Conn.

Brian Harman takes Travelers Championship lead

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Brian Harman has always looked up to Bubba Watson, who preceded him as a standout left-hander for the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

On Sunday, Watson will begin the day looking up the leaderboard at Harmon as the two begin play in the final round of the Travelers Championship.

Harman birdied the 18th hole for his second consecutive 5-under 65 and a one-stroke lead over Watson and Canadian Graham DeLaet on Saturday in the Travelers Championship.

Looking for his second PGA Tour victory, Harman had a bogey-free round to take a 14-under 196 total into the final round at TPC River Highlands.

Harman hit a 149-yard wedge to 4 feet on the par-4 18th. He sank the putt after Watson, who led by two strokes after the each of the first two rounds, missed a 17-footer.

"Bubba's a lot of fun to play golf with," Harman said. "He was a little before me at Georgia, so I always looked up to him, was always really proud of the way he was doing and we were always rooting for him at Georgia."

This is the second 54-hole lead for Harmon, who won the 2014 John Deere Classic from the front on the final day.

"He's a solid player," Watson said. "It sounds funny saying this, but he's like a little bulldog."

Watson shot a 68 in a light rain after opening with a tournament-best 62 on Thursday and adding a 67 in the second round.

He needed a bit of luck Saturday after his tee shot on the par-4 15th hole went left and into the woods. He got a fortuitous bounce high off a tree trunk and the ball dropped back over the gallery and into the fairway bunker. He was able to save par from there.

"It hit the tree and everybody roared," he said. "I had to ask the camera guy, and he said it was in the bunker."

DeLaet, playing on wife Ruby's birthday, had five birdies and grabbed a share of the lead with an eagle on the 15th, putting his drive within 6 feet of the pin.

He had a chance to move to 14 under, but left an 18-foot birdie putt on 18th just short.

DeLaet was in a three-way tie for first place with Watson entering the final round two years ago before finishing third. He has never won on the PGA Tour, and had back surgery for a pinched nerve in 2011, a problem that he says still bothers him.

He and his wife also are expecting their first children, twins, in December.

Brandt Snedeker, Paul Casey and Zach Johnson were 11 under. Snedeker had a 63 to match the best round of the day, and Casey and Johnson shot 64.

Snedeker's round began with a par before reeling off three straight birdies and then chipping in from a green-side bunker on the par-3 eighth.

He finished before the rain picked up with three more birdies on the final six holes. He almost holed out on the par-4 17th, hitting his second shot across the course's signature lake where it rolled back within a foot.

He finished a stroke ahead of Chris Stroud, who shot a 68. Seven players were tied for eighth, including former Stanford star Patrick Rodgers.

Rodgers, who was in the first pair of the day after just making the cut Friday, also shot 63 with a career-best round that included seven birdies Saturday including five on the back nine, and two in row to finish.

Rodgers, who won 11 tournaments at Stanford to tie Tiger Woods' school record, played his first tour event here as an amateur in 2012, then made his professional debut at the Travelers a year ago.

"There's really not too many venues where I show up and I feel like I know what I'm doing," he said. "So, it's really nice to be back here."

Sergio Garcia also was in that group at 9 under after shooting a 66. He had a chance to go lower, but put a tee shot in the water at 13 and ended up shooting a seven on the par-5 hole.

With a storm moving into to Connecticut, officials said Sunday's round will be played in threesomes, going off the first and 10th tees beginning at 11:30 a.m.

"I've never played particularly well in the rain," Harman said. But I try to look at today and we got a break. The weather was not as bad as I thought it was going to be."

PRO GOLF SCORES

Travelers Championship

Saturday
At TPC River Highlands
Cromwell, Conn.
Purse: $6.4 million
Yardage: 6,841; Par 70
Second Round
a-amateur

Brian Harman	66-65-65—196
Graham DeLaet	67-66-64—197
Bubba Watson	62-67-68—197
Brandt Snedeker	68-68-63—199
Paul Casey	67-68-64—199
Zach Johnson	65-70-64—199
Chris Stroud	65-67-68—200
Patrick Rodgers	68-70-63—201
Sergio Garcia	67-68-66—201
Brice Garnett	66-69-66—201
Jon Curran	67-67-67—201
Mark Wilson	66-68-67—201
Jason Gore	64-68-69—201
Carl Pettersson	65-69-70—204
Billy Horschel	67-69-66—202
David Toms	69-67-66—202
William McGirt	67-69-66—202
Jhonattan Vegas	66-69-67—202
Harris English	64-71-67—202
Derek Ernst	68-67-67—202
Francesco Molinari	67-68-68—203
Aaron Raddeley	68-68-68—202
Danny Lee	66-67-69—202
Brian Stuard	64-67-71—202
Mark Anderson	67-71-65—203
Bo Van Pelt	70-68-65—203
Tony Finau	68-69-66—203
Luke Donald	68-68-67—203
Spencer Levin	68-68-67—203
Kyle Stanley	67-68-68—203
Gary Woodland	65-69-69—203
Nick Watney	69-64-70—203
Nicholas Thompson	66-67-70—203
Martin Laird	70-67-67—204
Brendon Todd	67-70-67—204
Ken Duke	69-68-67—204
Jason Kokrak	69-68-69—204
Seung-Yul Noh	64-69-71—204
Keegan Bradley	64-69-71—204
Scott Pinckney	67-71-67—205
Morgan Hoffmann	67-71-67—205
Marc Leishman	70-67-68—205
Alexandre Rocha	66-70-69—205
John Peterson	70-68-69—206
Byron Smith	69-67-69—205
Steven Bowditch	68-68-69—205
Jim Renner	67-68-70—205
Scott Brown	65-67-73—205
Steven Alker	70-68-68—206
Cameron Percy	69-69-68—206
Cameron Smith	73-65-68—206
Brendan Steele	67-71-68—206
Chad Collins	70-67-69—206
Colt Knost	67-70-69—206
a-Jon Rahm	68-69-69—206
Tyrone Van Aswegen	68-69-69—206
Mark Hubbard	69-68-70—206
Cheng Tsung Pan	67-68-71—206
Chez Reavie	70-65-71—206
Will MacKenzie	65-69-72—206
Scott Langley	65-68-73—206
Chad Campbell	69-70-69—207
Robert Garrigus	65-72-70—207
Bryce Molder	66-71-70—207
Jonathan Randolph	67-69-71—207
J.J. Henry	68-67-72—207
Eric Axley	68-70-70—208
Jim Herman	67-71-70—208
David Lingmerth	68-69-71—208
Jeff Overton	69-69-71—209
Tors Gillis	65-71-74—210
Tom Hoge	69-70-73—211

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Saturday
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First Round
a-amateur

Mi Jung Hur	33-30—63
Brittany Lincicome	33-32—65
Azahara Munoz	33-32—65
Anna Nordqvist	33-32—65
Lizette Salas	32-33—65
Amy Yang	33-32—65
Marina Alex	34-32—66
Na Yeon Choi	34-32—66
Mirim Lee	34-32—66
Mika Miyazato	32-34—66
Pyann O'Toole	33-33—66
Gerina Piller	35-31—66
Mariajo Uribe	35-31—66
Chie Arimura	34-33—67
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Sandra Gal	32-35—67
Jennifer Johnson	35-32—67
Katherine Kirk	33-34—67
Brooke Pancake	34-33—67
Morgan Pressel	34-33—67
Sandra Changkija	35-33—68
Julieta Granada	32-36—68
Joanna Klatten	34-34—68
Min Seo Kwak	35-33—68
Brittany Lang	35-33—68
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Kristy McPherson	39-38—77
Garrett Phillips	37-41—78
Dani Claire Schneider	39-39—78
Jennifer Kirby	37-42—79
Sadena A Parks	41-38—79
Candy Hannemann	38-43—81
Lisa Ferraro	WD
Lisa McCloskey	WD

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At Del Paso Country Club
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Yardage: 6,994; Par: 70
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Jeff Maggert	70-65-70—205
Kenny Perry	70-72-64—206
Fred Funk	70-68-68—206
Scott Dunlap	68-70-68—206
Grant Waite	69-68-69—206
Woody Austin	67-70-69—206
Jimmy Carter	67-69-70—206
Colin Montgomerie	68-68-70—206
Tom Watson	66-69-71—206
Miguel Angel Jimenez	72-68-67—207
Duffy Waldorf	72-67-68—207
Barry Lane	68-70-69—207
Kevin Sutherland	68-69-70—207
Bart Bryant	71-65-71—207
Peter Fowler	69-66-72—207
Rocco Mediate	72-66-70—208
Jay Haas	71-69-69—209
John Riegger	70-71-68—209
Paula Reto	72-67-70—209
Tom Lehman	71-69-70—210
Ian Woosnam	70-70-70—210
Jeff Hart	67-72-71—210
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Billy Andrade	69-71-71—211
Marco Dawson	71-69-71—211
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Paul Wesselingh	69-68-74—211
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Michael Allen	67-71-74—212
Corey Pavin	70-68-74—212
Olin Browne	73-69-71—213
Joel Edwards	70-70-73—213
Brad Lardon	73-69-71—213
a-Michael McCoy	70-72-71—213
Philip Golding	69-74-70—213
Kohki Idoki	70-71-73—214
Brad Bryant	70-70-74—214
Masahiro Kuramoto	71-68-75—214
Tom Byrum	71-72-71—214
Geoffrey Sak	74-69-71—214
David Frost	73-70-71—214
Jerry Smith	72-73-69—214
Jon Levitt	72-69-74—215
PH Horgan	67-74-74—215
Gene Sauers	69-70-76—215
Stephen Ames	72-71-72—215
Steve Jones	76-69-70—215
Mike Mitchell	71-71-74—216
Tommy Armour III	73-69-74—216
Mark Wiebe	74-69-73—216
Scott Simpson	72-73-71—216
Neal Lancaster	74-71-71—216
Kirk Triplett	69-73-75—217
Willie Wood	71-72-74—217
Paul Goydos	71-74-72—217
Jay Delsing	74-71-72—217
Greg Bruckner	71-73-74—218
Hale Irwin	70-73-76—219
a-Dave Ryan	73-72-74—219
Stephen Schneiter	69-75-76—220
Marion Dantzler	72-73-75—220
Chien Soon Lu	74-71-75—220
Mark Brooks	70-75-76—221
Mark Mielke	73-72-77—222
Brian Wilson	70-75-77—222
a-Mike Finster	76-69-79—224

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Allmendinger wins pole for road course race at Sonoma

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — AJ Allmendinger, developing as the top driver on road courses, won the pole for Sunday's race at winding Sonoma Raceway.

Allmendinger earned the top starting spot during Saturday's knockout qualifying with a lap 96.310 mph around the 10-turn, 1.99-mile course. It's the first pole for JTG Daugherty Racing, which earned its first berth in NASCAR's championship race last year when Allmendinger won on the Watkins Glen road course.

That puts the pressure on Allmendinger, who knows the races at Sonoma and in August at Watkins Glen are likely his best chances to earn a spot in the 16-driver Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field.

The native of Las Gatos, a little over an hour away from the Sonoma track, wasn't sure how he'd feel heading into Sunday's race.

"I haven't grown up very well on not putting a lot of pressure on myself," Allmendinger said. "We knew that if we go do our job and if I do my job (Sunday), and we have solid pit stops, and we just take care of business, at the end we should give ourselves a chance. That's all we can ask for."

Associated Press

A.J. Allmendinger poses by his car after winning the pole position qualifying for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race on Saturday in Sonoma, Calif.

Kurt Busch will start second after his qualifying lap was interrupted when younger brother, Kyle, spun in Turn 10 to bring out a red flag with 7:03 left in the final 10-minute session. The spin also interrupted the lap for Kyle Larson, who was fastest on the day in the first round of qualifying.

Matt Kenseth qualified third and was surprised with the result after a long day of practice Friday. Kenseth has just six career top-10 finishes in 30 starts on NASCAR's road courses.

"Yeah, we kind of over-achieved," Kenseth said about qualifying.

Kenseth was followed by Larson and five-time Sonoma winner Jeff Gordon.

Gordon, who began his racing career in Northern California, has been feted the past week in his final race at his home track. The four-time champion is retiring at the end of the year.

He spent last Saturday visiting the first track he ever raced at in Rio Linda, then returned to his middle school in Vallejo for a question and answer session with students. When he arrived at the track on Friday, Sonoma President Steve Page presented him with a Melchior — an 18-liter bottle of wine — engraved with "Hometown Hero," his car and the dates of his five wins.

"I love coming out here, not just because it's home. It is just so many things — the weather, the wine country, family and I love this racetrack," Gordon said. "I'm thrilled that I've had the opportunity to win here five times. I'm thrilled to be here this weekend for the final time behind the wheel.

"It has already been a very special, memorable one."

Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart, Casey Mears, David Ragan and Brad Keselowski rounded out the top 10.

For Stewart, a seven-time winner on NASCAR's two road courses, the qualifying effort was a vast improvement from his struggles a day earlier in a pair of practice sessions. And, he felt he could have gotten more out of his qualifying lap.

"It was good, it wasn't as good as our second run was," he said. "I was really happy with our second run. I just over drove a couple of the corners trying to make up time to try to make a pole run out of it. Compared to where we were (Friday) I was really happy with where we ended up."

MAVTV 500 RESULTS

Saturday
At Auto Club Speedway
Fontana, Calif.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1 (19) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
2 (6) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
3 (3) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
4 (5) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
5 (10) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
6 (7) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
7 (23) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
8 (13) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
9 (1) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
10 (17) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
11 (11) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
12 (21) Stefano Coletti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
13 (22) Pippa Mann, Dallara-Honda, 250 Running
14 (15) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 250 Running
15 (14) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 249 Contact
16 (16) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Honda, 249 Contact
17 (20) Tristan Vautier, Dallara-Honda, 246 Running
18 (9) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 241 Contact
19 (8) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 241 Contact
20 (18) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Honda, 237 Running
21 (12) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 161 Contact
22 (4) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 157 Contact
23 (2) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 136 Contact

Race Statistics

Winners average speed: 168.846
Time of Race: 2:57:40.6179
Margin of Victory: Under Caution
Cautions: 6 for 46 laps
Lead Changes: 80 among 14 drivers
Lap Leaders: Castroneves 1-2, Montoya 3, Castroneves 4-7, Andretti 8-14, Kanaan 15, Andretti 16-21, Kanaan 22-23, Karam 24, Kanaan 25, Karam 26-29, Kanaan 30-33, Andretti 34-35, Power 36, Sato 37-38, Kanaan 39-40, Andretti 41-43, Montoya 44-46, Sato 47-51, Dixon 52-54, Sato 55-69, Kanaan 70, Sato 71-72, Dixon 73, Power 74-76, Castroneves 77-79, Power 80, Castroneves 81-83, Power 84-85, Castroneves 86-94, Power 95, Castroneves 96, Power 97-98, Kanaan 99, Power 100-101, Kanaan 102-105, Sato 106, Power 107, Sato 108-109, Carpenter 110, Dixon 111-112, Power 113, Castroneves 114-116, Briscoe 117, Castroneves 118-135, Rahal 136-138, Power 139-153, Pagenaud 154-156, Munoz 157-169, Power 170-172, Munoz 173, Sato 174, Power 175, Sato 176-178, Kanaan 179-182, Rahal 183, Kanaan 184-185, Andretti 186-187, Montoya 188, Power 189-194, Andretti 195-200, Power 201, Dixon 202, Hunter-Reay 203-205, Briscoe 206, Kanaan 207, Briscoe 208, Power 209-212, Andretti 213, Power 214, Andretti 215, Power 216-217, Andretti 218, Power 219-220
Points: Montoya 407, Power 361, Dixon 358, Rahal 334, Castroneves 330, Andretti 308, Bourdais 290, Kanaan 285, Newgarden 277, Pagenaud 256

Rahal survives pack racing of Fontana for second career win

By John Marshall
Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Graham Rahal held onto the lead out of a caution with three laps left to earn his second IndyCar win, closing out a wild, record-setting day at Auto Club Speedway on Saturday.

A sparse crowd showed up to Auto Club Speedway, but the few fans got to see quite a show as cars slingshotted past each other at an average of 205 mph and raced up to five-wide around the 2-mile oval.

The 500-mile race eclipsed the season high for lead changes — 37 at Indianapolis — by the midpoint and had 80 overall, topping the IndyCar record of 73 set at Auto Club Speedway in 2001.

Rahal went in front late and stayed there after a late red flag, winning under caution after Ryan Briscoe went airborne in a collision with Ryan Hunter-Reay. Rahal's first victory was at St. Petersburg in 2008.

Tony Kanaan finished second, Marco Andretti was third and series points leader Juan Pablo Montoya fourth.

After three years serving as the season finale under the lights, the Fontana race was moved to June with a daytime start. The heat of inland Southern California — it was close to 90 degrees at the green flag — made it tougher on teams to get the right setup and put a premium on drivers finding the right racing grooves on seam-filled Auto Club Speedway.

Associated Press

Takuma Sato (14), from Japan, leads during the early laps on Saturday during the IndyCar auto race at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif.

Adding another dimension, IndyCar has a new aero kit configuration for this season, putting much more downforce on the cars than a year ago at Fontana.

Some drivers, including Montoya, were concerned the extra downforce would lead to pack racing at Fontana, which is entertaining for the fans, but dangerous for the drivers.

That's what happened — at least the entertaining part — in a frenetic day of racing.

Drivers began swapping spots from the drop of the green flag, sometimes going four-wide around the corners. Much of the action was up front, with 32 lead changes in the opening 100 laps.

Despite the chaos, the first caution didn't come until the lap 136, when Helio Castroneves went into the wall after being squeezed between Will Power and Briscoe.

Castroneves, who entered the race fourth in points, led the most laps to that point (43), but was unable to return after the crew tried to fix his car.

"They just closed it up; Briscoe didn't have to do that," Castroneves said.

The chaos continued.

Cars darted and dashed around each other at more than 200 mph, occasionally touching tires in what looked like video-game racing at times. The cars went five wide with less than 50 laps left and there were two rows of four-wide racing a few minutes after that.

Power took the lead after a caution with 30 laps left, but Briscoe went around him. Rahal managed to squeeze past Briscoe by inches just before Power and Sato came together with nine laps left, bringing out a red flag.

Several drivers made a run at Rahal, but the third-generation driver held them off to earn the checkers.

TOYOTA/SAVE MART 350 LINEUP

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Sonoma Raceway
Sonoma, Calif.
Lap length: 1.99 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 96.31
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 96.095
3. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 96.001
4. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 95.932
5. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 95.905
6. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 95.884
7. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 95.663
8. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 95.583
9. (55) David Ragan, Toyota, 95.497
10. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 95.298
11. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 95.293
12. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 95.177
13. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 95.756
14. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 95.733
15. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 95.554
16. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 95.531
17. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95.477
18. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 95.436
19. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 95.417
20. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 95.39
21. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 95.366
22. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95.345
23. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 95.336
24. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 95.208
25. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 95.084
26. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 95.006
27. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 94.92
28. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 94.841
29. (35) Cole Whitt, Ford, 94.805
30. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 94.714
31. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 94.534
32. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 94.527
33. (32) Boris Said, Ford, 94.477
34. (23) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 94.441
35. (34) Justin Marks, Ford, 94.32
36. (33) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 94.132
37. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
38. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
39. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
40. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Owner Points.
41. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
42. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
43. (26) Jeb Burton, Toyota, Owner Points.

Failed to Qualify

44. (62) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 91.927

NASCAR chairman wants Confederate flag eliminated at races

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Calling the Confederate flag an "insensitive symbol" he personally finds offensive, NASCAR chairman Brian France said the sport will be aggressive in disassociating the symbol from its events.

"We want to go as far as we can to eliminate the presence of that flag," France told The Associated Press on Saturday. "I personally find it an offensive symbol, so there is no daylight how we feel about it and our sensitivity to others who feel the same way.

"We're working with the industry to see how far we can go to get that flag to be disassociated entirely from our events."

Earlier this week, NASCAR said it backed South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley's call to remove the Confederate flag from state capitol grounds, and noted that it bars the flag symbol in any official NASCAR capacity.

But banning it on race track property is a much larger task for NASCAR, which began as a Southern sport and many of its fans still embrace the flag. It flies atop campers and at camp sites at many races as fans spend entire weekends in either the infield or surrounding areas of track property.

The size of the crowd, and NASCAR's own acknowledgment that fans have a right to freedom of expression, would make it difficult to police the presence of the flag.

But France insisted NASCAR is exploring its options.

"That's what we're working on — working on how far can we go," he said. "If there's more we can do to disassociate ourselves with that flag at our events than we've already done, then we want to do it. We are going to be as aggressive as we can to disassociate ourselves with that flag."

The flag issue was heightened last week after nine black churchgoers were slain in Charleston, South Carolina. The suspect in the case, Dylann Roof, embraced Confederate symbols before the attack, posing with the rebel battle flag. That revelation prompted a reappraisal of the role such symbols play in the South.

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WIMBLEDON 2015: Federer's 'big goal,' other things to know

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Minutes after his quarterfinal exit at the French Open, Roger Federer was asked whether it was too early to look ahead to Wimbledon.

"No," Federer replied, "it's never too early."

"I'm already thinking what I'm going to do the next few days, because Wimbledon is going to be a big goal for the season," he continued. "That's where I want to play my best."

Usually does.

Federer has won a record-tying seven titles on the grass of the All England Club, part of his overall haul of 17 Grand Slam trophies. He hasn't won a major championship in three years, though, since Wimbledon in 2012.

Federer, who turns 34 in August, lost in last year's final to Novak Djokovic and knows full well that the best and most likely place for him to add to his Grand Slam collection is Wimbledon. He is capable of being nearly as dangerous as ever, especially with a more aggressive, net-charging approach under coach Stefan Edberg.

A handful of men can be considered true title contenders — No. 1-ranked Djokovic, of course, along with 2013 champion Andy Murray — and Federer puts himself in that group.

"I want to win it," Federer said about Wimbledon, "and I feel like my game is good. It's been solid. It's been positive, and I have just got to keep it up now."

Here are other things to know about Wimbledon, the grass-court Grand Slam tournament that begins Monday:

Nadal not 'quite right'

For a guy who's won Wimbledon twice and 14 major trophies in all, Rafael Nadal does not appear ready to make a deep run. His ranking of No. 10 is his worst in a decade, and he lost his opening match at the Queen's Club warmup event. "There's something that doesn't seem quite right," said John McEnroe, a seven-time major champion and ESPN analyst, "but I couldn't pinpoint it."

Here come the kids

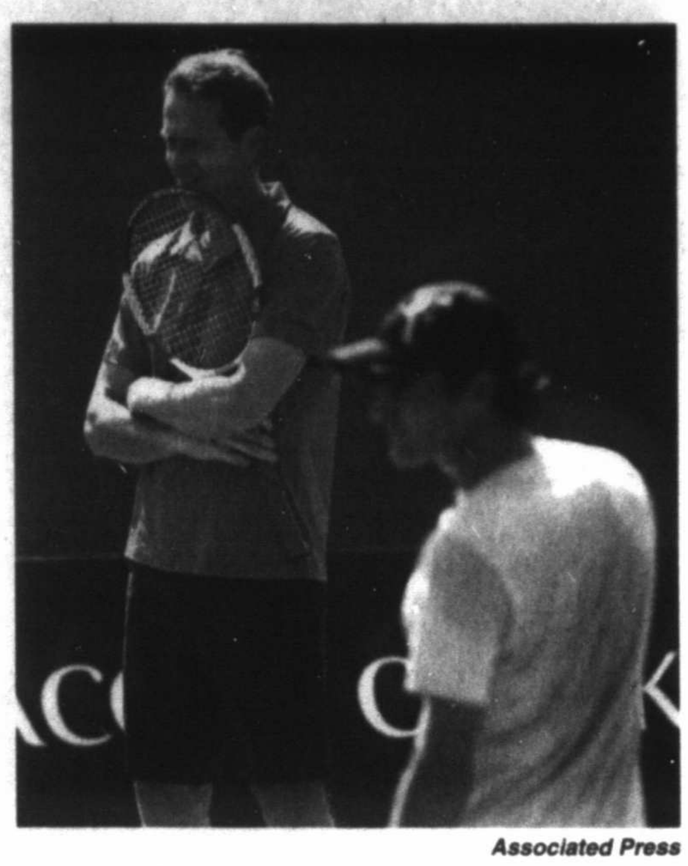
At Wimbledon a year ago, Grigor Dimitrov and Milos Raonic made their Grand Slam semifinal debuts. Which of the younger set in men's tennis might make a statement this fortnight? There's a trio of talented Australians, all 22 or under — Nick Kyrgios (who beat Rafael Nadal at the All England Club in 2014), Bernard Tomic (a quarterfinalist in 2011), and Thanasi Kokkinakis — and others such as Jack Sock of the U.S., Dominic Thiem of Austria, and Borna Coric of Croatia.

Who can stop Serena?

Serena Williams will be aiming for her fourth consecutive major title and the third leg of a true Grand Slam. Can anyone stop her? She hasn't made it past the fourth round at the All England Club since 2012, so other contenders can take hope from that. Maria Sharapova, whose first major title came at Wimbledon in 2004, knows she can succeed on grass, but it's sure been a while. Sabine Lisicki is dangerous as can be on grass — she hit a record 27 aces in a recent match — but doesn't have much in the way of second-week Grand Slam experience. Petra Kvitova won her second Wimbledon championship last year, but she pulled out of her usual warmup tournament because of illness.

Bouchard's struggles

Last year, Canada's Eugenie Bouchard appeared to be on her way to becoming tennis' next big thing, reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open and French Open, then the final at Wimbledon. Nothing's come easily in 2015, however, including a stretch where she lost 10 of 11 matches, and she pulled out of a warmup tournament Thursday, citing a stomach muscle injury.



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Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, practices along with his coach and former Grand Slam champion Stefan Edberg at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia on Jan. 23, 2014. Federer, who turns 34 in August, lost in last year's final to Novak Djokovic and knows full well that the best and most likely place for him to add to his Grand Slam collection is Wimbledon. He is capable of being nearly as dangerous as ever, especially with a more-aggressive, net-charging approach under coach Stefan Edberg.

WIMBLEDON

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But as 18-time major champion and ESPN analyst Chris Evert put it when discussing Williams: "I mean, it's all up to her. When she is at her best, she is better than anybody else."

With a versatile and dangerous serve, and powerful groundstrokes, Williams' game translates quite well to the slick surface at the All England Club, where she has won the championship five times: 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010 and 2012. She also was the runner-up twice.

And yet, here is what Williams had to say shortly after winning the French Open for her 20th Grand Slam trophy and third in a row: "To be perfectly honest, I've never really liked grass, and I just don't know how I've done so well on it."

On her past two trips to Wimbledon, Williams bowed out in the fourth round in 2013, and the third round in 2014.

Seems safe to say, actually, the speed doesn't matter.

Nor does the opponent.

What's really important when it comes to the 33-year-old Williams is how she's playing and if she is motivated to win.

As she showed during her comeback-filled run at Roland Garros, she can summon the skill and the will to turn any match in her favor, even on her worst days.

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don't. Go and get them.'

"In a way, I grew up knowing exactly what some of those kids out here in Midland feel. Yeah, you're far. Yeah, it's not convenient. ... But if you're hungry for it, it doesn't matter where you live."

Gauthier's persistence would eventually pay off as he earned scholarships to play at Tyler Junior College and later the University of Texas at Tyler.

After graduating in 1995, Gauthier worked for his father in Chicoutimi for a short period of time, but soon discovered his passion was teaching tennis.

"One of the tennis clubs in town offered me an opportunity to start teaching adult beginners in mid-evening and I started doing that," Gauthier said. "I was like, this is it. I'm hitting. I'm playing tennis and I'm loving it. I'm getting compensated for it and they're having fun. Nobody is out on the court wishing they weren't there, wishing the hour was over."

Gauthier has been teaching tennis in the United States ever since accepting a position in Tyler in 1997. The French Canadian said he was drawn to the Bush Tennis Center because it was a state of the art facility on the cutting edge, and he was enthralled by Valdez's enthusiasm for tennis.

Gauthier says the sport can be a life changer regardless if one plays high level tennis or not.

"This sport opens so many doors," Gauthier said. "...You could be just an average tennis player that uses this sport as a vehicle to go ahead and enhance their personal life and make their professional life blossom on many levels."

Follow Christopher on Twitter: @chris_MRTsports

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

1st Hub Fire Cracker Blowout
For: 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls with $500 purse, but JV and varsity divisions with medals only
When: July 3-4
Where: Premier Sportsplex, Lubbock
Entry fee: $225
For more info: Contact Mo Ontiveros at 806-239-4097 or email moreffo7@gmail.com

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
For: Boys and girls 3rd through 8th grades, JV, varsity players. Also will have a men's open division
When: June 18-20
Where: Midland Christian's McGraw Events Center
Cost: $180 for men's division, $125 if registered by June 15. In youth division, $150 per team, $125 per team for groups bringing two teams, $100 per team for groups bringing three or more teams. Three-game guarantee.
For mor info: Please contact Coach Davis at 432-349-8052 or Coach Sam at 432-634-3631

Bowling

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

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland College 2015 Girls Basketball Camps
Session I: Beginners Fundamental Camp for grades K-4th, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., July 13-16. Session II: Fundamental and Competition Camp for grades 5th-10th, 1-5 p.m. July 13-16
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $60 for Session I, $100 for Session II, includes camp T-shirt
To reserve you spot or for more info: Call MC women's basketball coach Ron Jones at 432-685-4581 or email rjones@midland.edu

UTPB Falcon Football Camps
Falcon Youth Camp for ages 7-12
When: June 22-24, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Check in: June 22, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Where: UTPB Gym/Football practice fields
Cost: $100 and registration includes insurance, souvenir t-shirt, Gatorade and camp photo.
For more information and to register: Please visit abcsportscamps.com/utpb or call the UTPB football offices at 432-552-268.

Falcon Skills Camp
When: June 23-24, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Check in: June 22, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Where: UTPB Gym/Football practice fields
Cost: $100 and registration includes insurance, souvenir t-shirt, Gatorade and camp photo.
For more information or to register: Please visit abcsportscamps.com/utpb or call the UTPB football offices at 432-552-268.

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-August 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 6-13: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic.
For more information: Visit our website www.westtexaslacrosse.org, e-mail info@westtexaslacrosse.org or follow us on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse.

Athletes Edge Strength and Agility training
When/where: June 8-July 16 (Monday through Thursday), 8 a.m.-9:45 a.m. (for boys entering grades 9-12); 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (for girls entering 9-12), 9:45-11:30 a.m. (for junior high boys entering grades 6-8), MCS Field House
Cost: $150 per session
For more info: email Greg McClendon at mcmclendon@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ignier for clinics and lessons at jianier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Basin Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbmb.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 Don Orren at 631-2395

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse — Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m (boys ages 8-13); 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center. 1307 E. Wadley Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse; go to website at www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 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
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

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

Motosports

West Texas BMX Race for Life & State Qualifier Event
When: July 17-19
Where: 2101 East Cuthbert
Entry fees: $10 (Race for Life-Leukemia Fund Raiser at 7:30 p.m. July 17) $20 (Earned Double Points at 7:30 p.m. July 18), $25 (State Race Double Points at noon July 19)
For more info: Contact Travis Bingham at 432-816-1727, email at trvsbingham@yahoo.com, or go on Facebook West Texas BMX

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3065

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

Coolest 5K in Texas
What: There will be both a 5k and 1k fun run/walk and there will be $100 prizes for 1st overall male and female. T-shirts will be given to all entrants
When: 8:30 a.m., July 5, Jeff Davis County Park, Fort Davis
Entry fee: $15 for 5k and 1k
For more info or to register: Go to permianbasinevents.com, download entry at www.fortdavis.com, email seasterling6427@gmail.com, or call 325-207-6427

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.) A*hp shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
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 to 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 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wpfastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandwupitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Concho Valley Summer Blast
For: Divisions 12-under, 14-under, 18-under
When: July 11-12
Where: Central High School softball field, Rio Concho Complex, San Angelo
Entry fee: $250 per team (three pool games, top two teams per pool go to single elimination bracket)
Deadline: July 7
To enter call: Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
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
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
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COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
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COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
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
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

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 and/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
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: July 18, July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Cavern City Tennis Tournament
What: A Level II USTA Southwest Tournament
When: July 3-5, Carlsbad, N.M.
Age groups: Open to 80
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OTHER JOBS

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Division Order Analyst III

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Responsibilities

- Create and maintain record title ownership of producing properties and calculate ownership divisions of interest.
- Analyze and interpret title documents affecting record title ownership of mineral and leasehold rights.
- Retain and supervise outside title attorneys for completions of division order title opinions and coordinate the curative of the applicable title requirements.
- Collaborate with landmen on working interests and title issues.
- Resolve working and royalty interest owner division of interest and/or payment problems.
- Special land administration projects as assigned.

Requirements

- Legally authorized to work in the U.S. without restrictions
- Excellent Microsoft Excel and Word skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with Horizon a plus
- Bachelors' degree in Law, Energy Management or Business related field recommended, or equivalent and a minimum of five (5) or more years of relevant experience with an active oil and gas exploration company

All resumes should be sent confidentially to: **employment@parsleyenergy.com**

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Surface Land Administrator/Assistant/Tech

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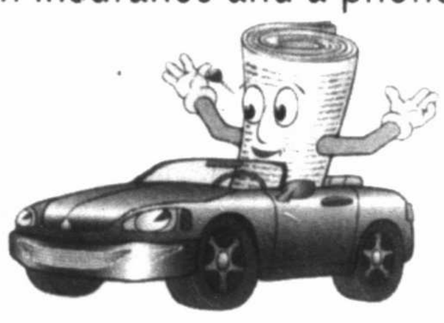

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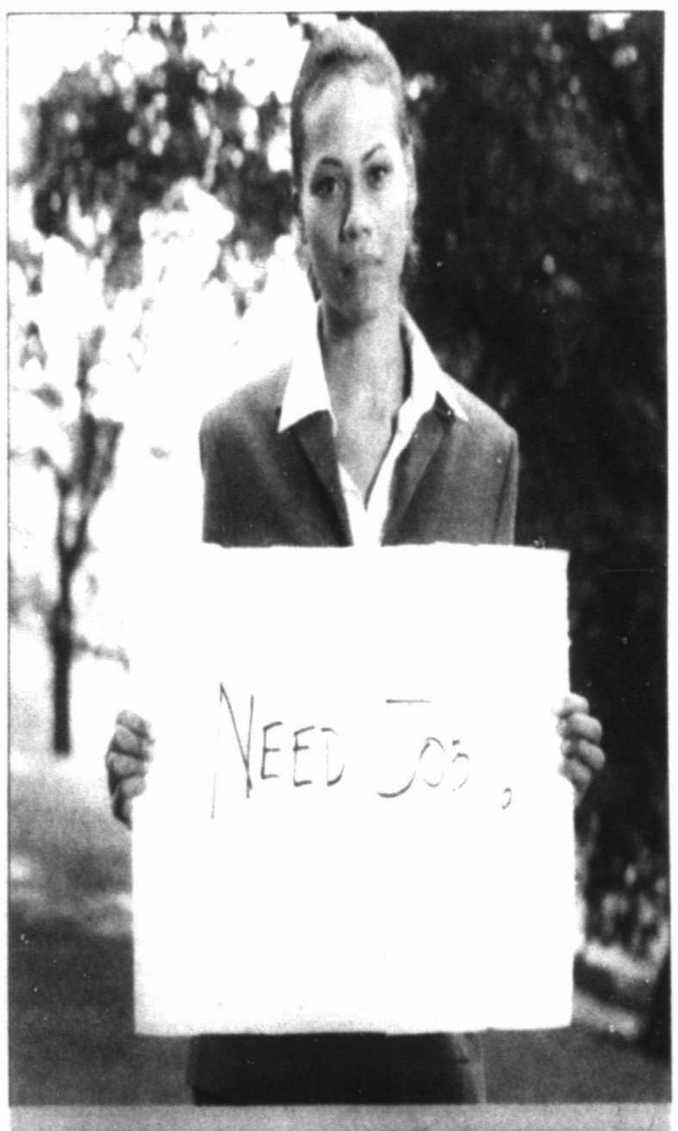

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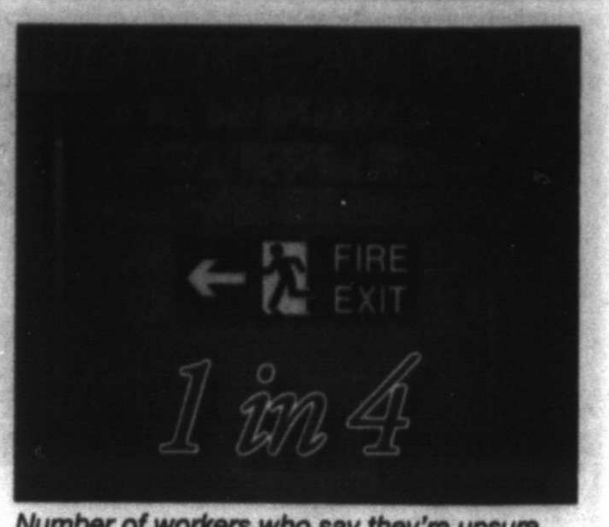

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HOW TO TEXT FOR WORK

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Forget voicemail. Why bother leaving a message that may not be checked for days when you can reach someone instantly with a text or instant message?

That seems to be the increasingly dominant perspective, anyway. NPR reported recently that more companies are doing away with voicemail as a cost measure. About one-third of businesses were reported to have voicemail compared with 80 percent before the digital era.

As you move toward texting and instant messaging for business needs, keep in mind some tips from workplace and career experts.

Marla Harr, a business etiquette consultant and trainer in Phoenix, says that when relying on texting and messaging for work, you should ensure that the person you want to send a text message wants to receive and communicate in that way.

"If it's confidential or important to the project, I wouldn't text as you may not have the legal paper trail required," Harr notes.

Jessica Shin, of the Dania Beach, Florida mobile app company PortNexus, says that there are legal ramifications to texting.

"Don't text when you know the other person is driving, because you might be legally liable if the driver gets in an accident," Shin says. She noted that in a distracted driver lawsuit in New Jersey two years ago, the judge ruled that a person sending text messages has a duty not to text someone who is driving if the texter knows, or has special reason to know, the recipient will view the text while driving.

Many organizations have a policy for how employees are supposed to use mobile devices on the road and elsewhere. Some are even asking their employees to take pledges and use apps from technology firms such as PortNexus to curb the use of smartphones while driving.

As for social media sites, Harr and others agree that "caution" is the word since you have no control as to where your message will end up.

Roy Cohen, New York City career coach, says it's also good to keep in mind basic business communication guidelines.

"Although texting is intended to promote efficiency you still need to show that you are capable of forming a complete sentence and constructing a paragraph," Cohen says, offering the following tips:

- Understand that typos and grammatical errors are still unacceptable. The standard disclaimer on many texts to excuse them doesn't give you free rein to be sloppy or lazy.
- Refrain from using emojis or emoticons for business correspondence. Although a picture may be worth a thousand words, these images appear a bit juvenile. Save them for family and friends.
- Use acronyms sparingly. And if they are sprinkled in your text, they must be clear in meaning as well as appropriate. Some are common enough but not suitable for business, such as "WTH" and "LMAO." Limit acronyms to those common and familiar to your company and industry.

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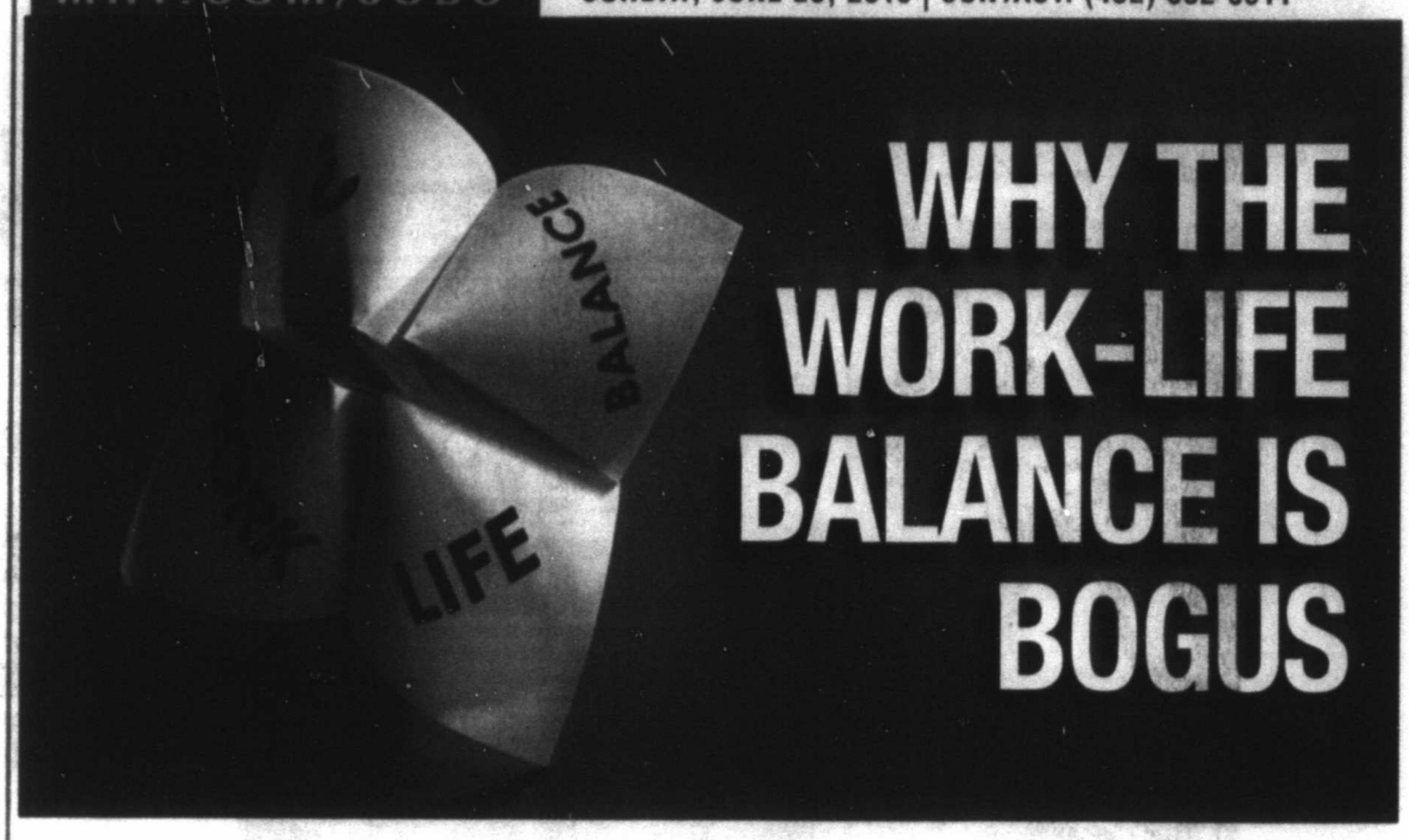

WHY THE WORK-LIFE BALANCE IS BOGUS

THE CONCEPT OF "HAVING IT ALL" THROWS PEOPLE OFF, SO WHY NOT STRIVE FOR BLISSFUL IMBALANCE?

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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There's a reason so few people achieve work-life balance: It doesn't exist.

That's according to business consultant Deirdre Maloney, who says the term creates a false dichotomy by holding work separate from life. Interviewing satisfied people for her book, "Bogus Balance: Your Journey to Real Work/Life Bliss" (Business Solutions Press, 2015), she found that they not only saw work as a part of life, but also considered it an essential and enriching part.

Moreover, the term doesn't even begin to cover all the areas of people's lives that they struggle in vain to keep in balance. Work may suffer during a family member's illness; a personal training session may be cancelled to comfort a friend; a mother may miss her kid's recital while traveling for work. All too frequently, some aspect of life becomes the big kid on the teeter-totter, throwing things off balance.

Instead of striving for perfect balance, Maloney recommends working to achieve and maintain a pervasive bliss that extends to every area of our lives. In this Q&A, she addressed many of the things that prevent us from doing so.

Q: Was the concept of work-life balance valid to begin with?

A: The first written reference I found to it was in the 1970s in the UK. I think it did have validity in the culture and society in which it was used. The technology was different, so people could leave work behind at the office. Work was not seen as a part of life. For most people, it was this thing they had to do to pay for all the good stuff outside of work. Times have changed.

Q: Has the concept evolved to mean something different today?

A: At some point, work-life balance came to mean having it all, which translated into doing more and being everything to everyone, which of course is impossible.

Q: Is setting boundaries part of the "building bliss" process covered in your book?

A: I do talk about setting boundaries, but it doesn't create for people this neatly separated TV dinner tray where no one aspect of life spills over into another. You can shut the office door behind you but your phone is still going to ring. Your email alerts will still go off. So it's about making firm resolutions about what you will and will not do and then making good decisions in the moment, because the calls and other impositions will come in anyway.

Q: In the book you compare life to "one big, messy stew." What are the ingredients of a satisfying stew?

A: It's different for every person, but I broke the components down into career or business; life partner; family; and interests and self-care, which includes hobbies, spirituality, exercise and all of that. I keep partner separate from family because if we lump it all together, the partnership becomes all about the kids at the expense of the relationship.

Q: If a person's job starts poisoning the stew, what are the signs that it's time to give notice?

A: Ask yourself how you feel on Sunday or the day before you start your workweek. That's usually a pretty good indication. If you see every other part of life as an escape from work instead of seeing work as a part of life, it may be time to start looking.

Q: What would you tell people who put self-care at the bottom of their list of priorities?

A: Self-care is not a selfish act. It helps you feel and perform better in all your roles in life. It replenishes you, so you can fully give of yourself to the rest of your stew.

Q: In the book you describe envy as a tool. How can it bring people closer to bliss?

A: Envy can help you figure out what you might want in your life. It involves looking at people you admire, and it involves understanding what you envy about them and other people – the things they have in their lives that you want in yours. It's not about resentment or comparing yourself to others in a deadly sin kind of way.

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How many people know your salary? How about your blood pressure or your weight?

Of course, your boss knows your pay number. But should your employer also be privy to metrics on your personal health?

It's a tough question to answer, since many employers pay a portion of their workers' health insurance coverage, and are increasingly offering wellness programs to help keep down employee medical costs. Many programs measure workers' key health factors, and then tailor plans to help workers improve threatening metrics, like high cholesterol or blood pressure.

But there are federal protections, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which dictate that it must be voluntary on the part of an employee to answer questions about his or her health, or have any type of health screening.

Consequently, participation in wellness programs that take any health information from workers must be voluntary. To spur employees to participate, many companies offer incentives, like a discount to workers for part of their health insurance costs.

But if incentives are too great, like covering the total cost of health insurance for participants, that could mean employees are essentially forced to join the wellness program, explains Steve Wojcik, vice president of the National Business Group on Health.

Recently, the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued a proposed rule limiting incentives to 30 percent of the cost of employee-only coverage – the 30 percent threshold would also include any rewards wellness participants receive for improving health metrics, like weight.

The NGBH commended the proposed rule, and employers want clarity, notes Wojcik. The NGBH is advocating for some changes for the final rule, like limiting incentives to 30 percent of the worker cost of family coverage.

Job applicants often hear about wellness programs during the interview process, and they are usually viewed as a perk, adds Wojcik.

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Pre-Bid conferences will be held Tuesday, June 30, 2015 and Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 1 p.m., in the Human Resources Department of Midland Memorial Hospital, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas. A tour of the proposed construction area will follow this conference. All interested Sub-Contractors are encouraged to attend.

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Three (3) hard sealed copies and **One (1) electronic copy** of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701 by **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2015.**
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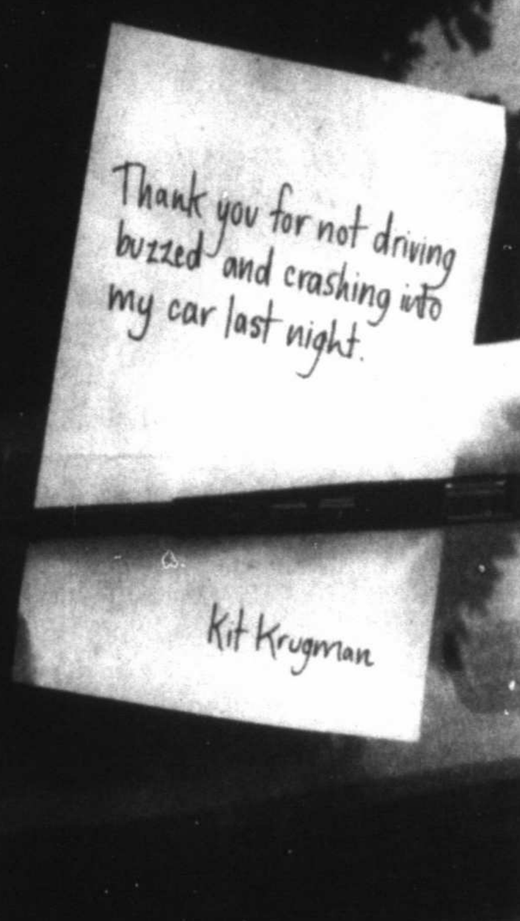

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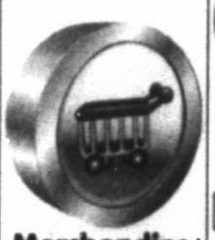

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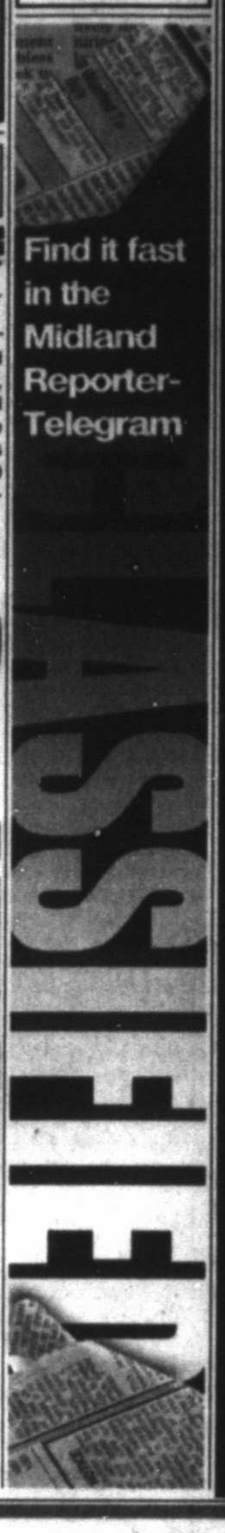

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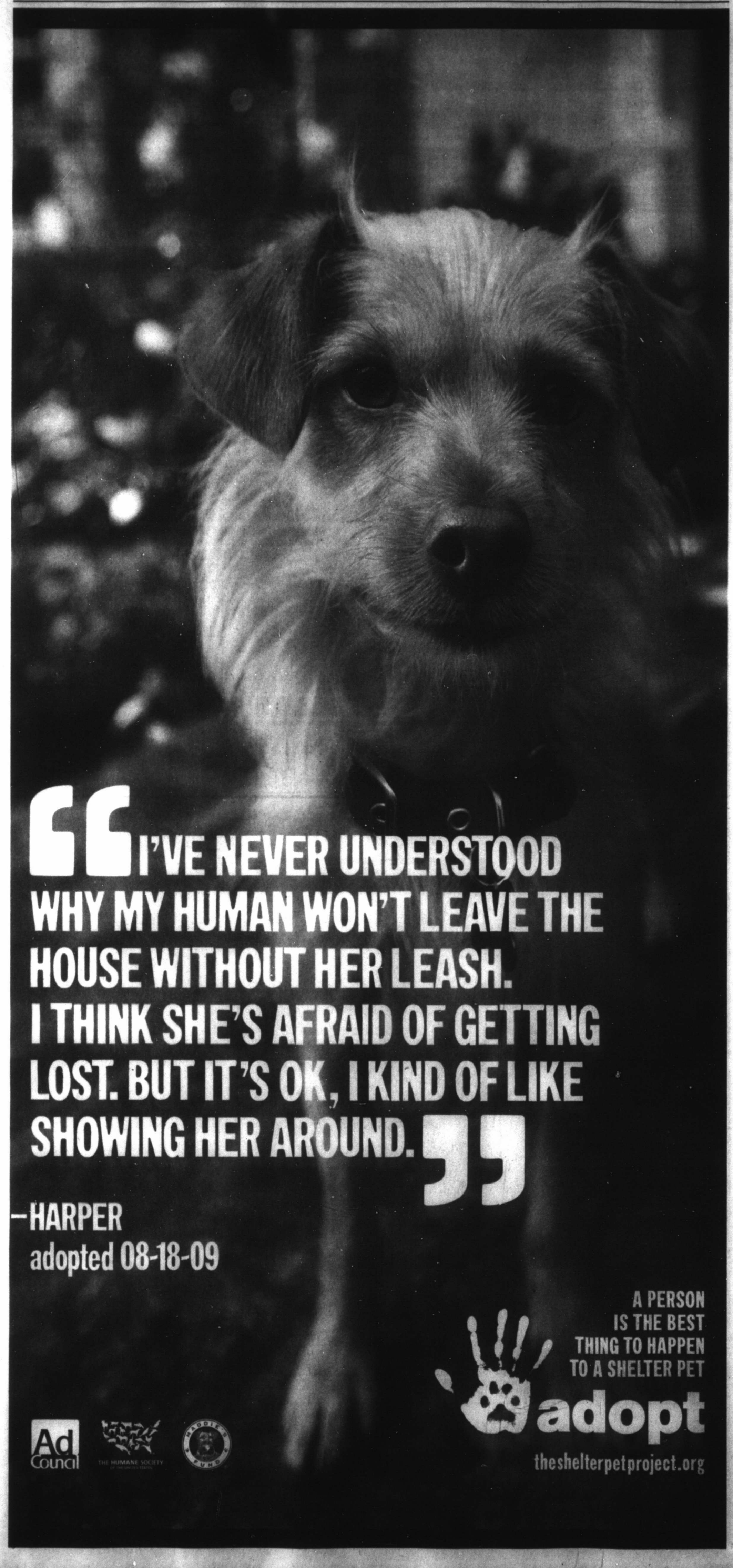
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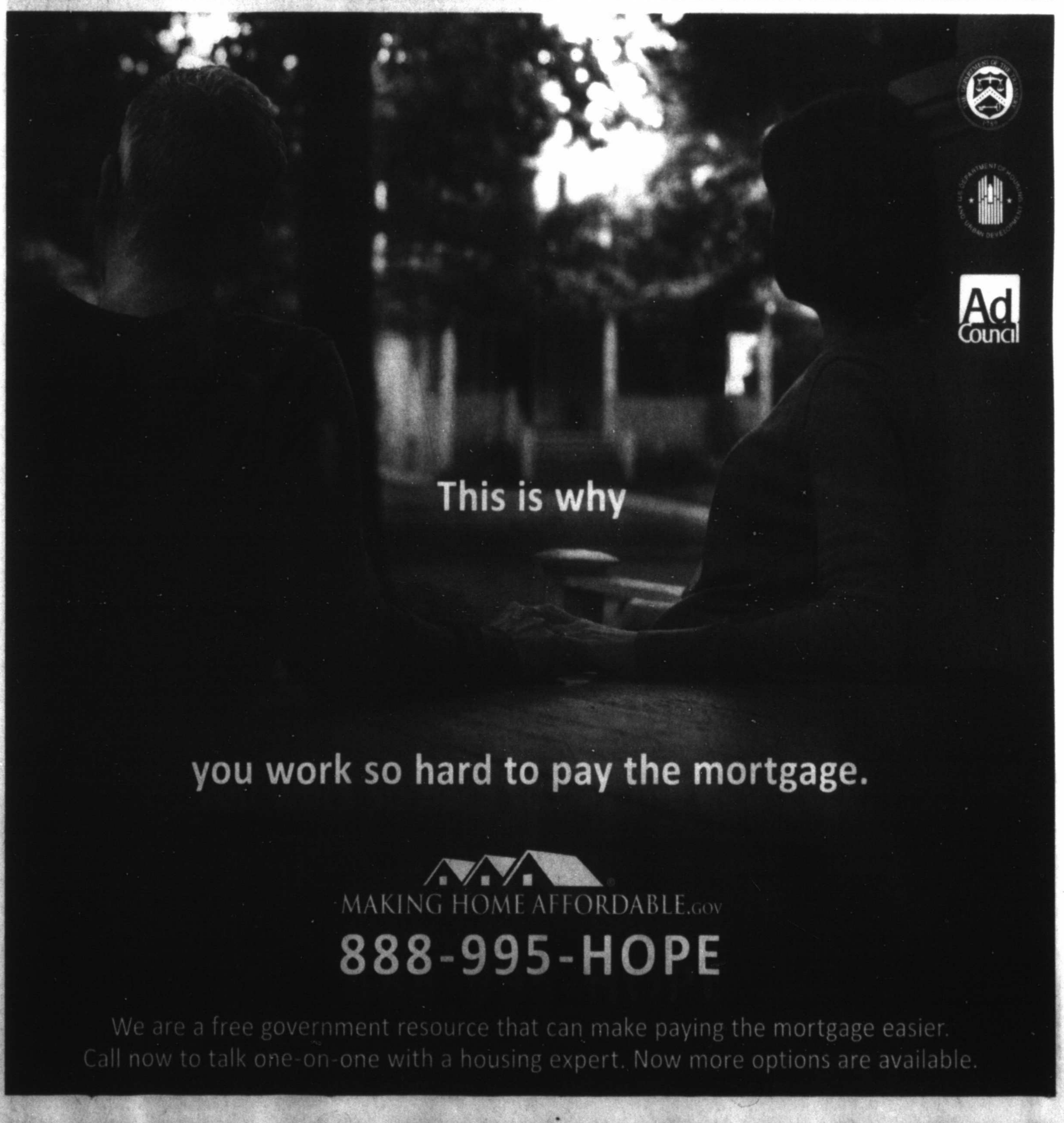

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Savvy readers will notice an obvious shortcoming with the language above: The mortgage relief protections ended in 2014, and it is now 2015.

What really happened was that the 2007 legislation had a five-year term. It ended in 2012 but was extended in 2013 and 2014. In 2014, the mortgage-relief extension was not actually passed until late December 2014, meaning total uncertainty until the last possible moment.

Now, in 2015, we once again have the same situation. Will Congress again extend the bill? Will it extend it permanently, so that the annual ritual of a last-minute extension can be ended?

We don't know. However, at this moment two bills to resolve the issue have been introduced in Congress: H.R.1002, sponsored by Rep. Tom Reed (R – New York) in the House and S.608 sponsored by Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D – Michigan) in the Senate. If passed as written, both bills will extend mortgage-debt relief through 2016.

Right now, as of this moment, there is no mortgage debt relief legislation in place, but the situation could change – hopefully before the end of the year. For updates and specifics, speak with a tax professional.

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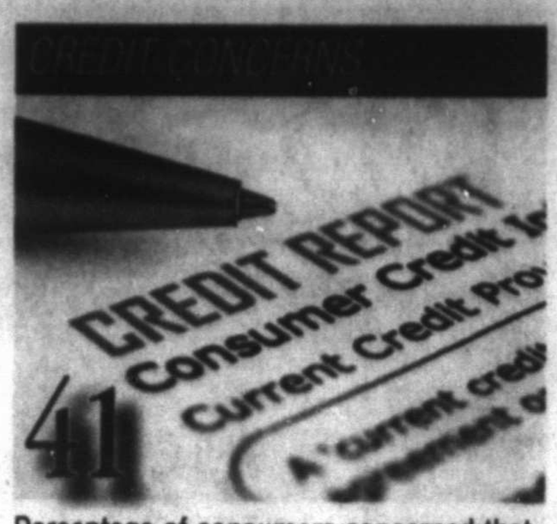

Percentage of consumers concerned that their credit score won't qualify the best mortgage rates

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THE LONGER YOU WAIT TO BUY A HOME, THE MORE IT CAN COST YOU. HERE'S WHAT POTENTIAL BUYERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ACTING NOW TO GET IN THE MARKET

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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Many a fisherman has a story about the big one that got away. But years from now many a would-be homeowner could have a tale about the dream home that got away because they didn't reel in the big catch in time, say the experts.

A recent report published by Realtor.com indicates that the financial consequences of postponing or passing on a home purchase in the current market could prove to be quite costly. The report suggests that, on average nationally, the penalty of waiting to buy for one year is almost $19,000 and nearly $54,000 for a three-year delay. The estimated wealth that a person would garner over 30 years of homeownership, meanwhile, is over $217,000.

Jonathan Smoke, chief economist for the San Jose, California-based website, says the steep penalty in waiting just one year to buy shows how small timing decisions can have large financial repercussions.

"Current market conditions give buyers the opportunity to build substantial wealth in the long-term, compared with renters and later buyers," Smoke says. "Affordability is essentially at its peak now as both interest rates and prices will be increasing over the medium and long-term horizon. This relatively strong level of current affordability will last at least another year before both price appreciation and rate increases begin to take their toll. Since both prices and mortgage rates are on the rise, and purchasing enables a buyer to avoid high and escalating rents, the smarter strategy is to buy as soon as possible."

Bernard Klein, an agent with Halstead Feathered Nest in New York, says attributes for the ideal candidate for jumping into the market sooner rather than later has little to no outstanding debt, steady income, liquid reserves and a credit score above 700.

"Keep in mind that financing may get much more difficult in a higher interest-rate environment," Klein says. "Lenders may become more selective, and someone's ability to save over the year in which they (delay a purchase) may not be enough to match both increased interest rates and housing prices. So the danger of not acting now isn't just a more expensive mortgage payment—it could mean not being able to buy anything at all."

Conversely, it could be smarter to hold off if your expected amount of time to remain in the home doesn't cover the transaction costs of buying and selling, Smoke adds.

Brian Koss, executive vice president of the Mortgage Network in Danvers, Mass., agrees.

"The best reason to delay a purchase is if you are personally not ready, not in good financial shape to buy, or emotionally chasing a home that's exploding with multiple bids over asking price," Koss says.

Additionally, if job relocation is probable based on your employer or profession, putting a home purchase on hold is advisable.

"Having to recoup your investment in a short-term period is much harder than when you have the luxury of time," says Raymond Brousseau, executive vice president of Carrington Mortgage Services in Anaheim, Calif.

Ultimately, the decision to buy or rent a home – and when – is a deeply personal one that depends on individual circumstances.

"Aside from financial considerations, one must consider other factors such as upcoming life events, job security, and family. These can all have significant impacts on ownership," Smoke says. "It would follow that potential buyers who are confident in long-term stability of their families, jobs and hometowns, would be wise to buy now, while those who anticipate a move or a larger family in the future might be wise to wait."

Koss recommends doing your homework on particular neighborhoods of interest and the unique markets in those communities so that you know the values and where you can afford to buy.

"Decide on a timeframe, and don't get caught up in the madness and be forced to do something you're not comfortable doing," he says.

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THE MARKET

HOME SALES REBOUNDING DESPITE AFFORDABILITY ISSUES

Sales have picked up during the first half of 2015, but a lack of new housing supply may slow sales moving forward

Home sales are expected to finish 2015 at their highest pace since 2006, but quickly rising prices and mortgage rates may potentially slow sales, according to an economic forecast forum at the recent 2015 Realtors Legislative Meetings and Trade Expo.

In the forum, Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, presented his midyear economic and housing forecast while Robert Dietz, vice president of tax and market analysis at the National Association of Home Builders, shared the building industry's perspective on the housing market.

Existing home sales are higher than last year, and sales strengthened in March because more buyers entered the market as the spring buying season got underway, said Yun. The main factors driving home sales are job growth and interest rates below 4 percent, resulting in regions with strong job gains and economic activity – particularly in states like Utah and Florida and cities like Denver – outpacing the rest of the nation in terms of demand, added Yun.

Yun and Dietz both focused on housing supply in the forum. Yun said new-home construction continues to underperform and is hindering housing sales from being higher. Increasing demand on limited supply leads to unhealthy price growth and negatively affects affordability, Yun added.

Dietz does not expect building activity to return to "normal" levels till 2017, pointing to NAHB data on townhome construction as an indicator to watch. "A gradual uptick in the building of townhomes would lead me to believe that young buyer demand is finally on the rise," Dietz said.

Yun forecasts housing supply to be below 1.5 million new starts – the number needed to meet demand – for time being, with 1.1 million in 2015 and 1.4 million in 2016. On top of that, he expects interest rates will rise, with the Federal Reserve increasing short-term rates in September and mortgage interest rates moving upward over the next year.

"The impact of rising rates on affordability will greatly depend on two things: housing supply keeping up with demand and the strong pace of job creation eventually leading to meaningful wage gains," added Yun.

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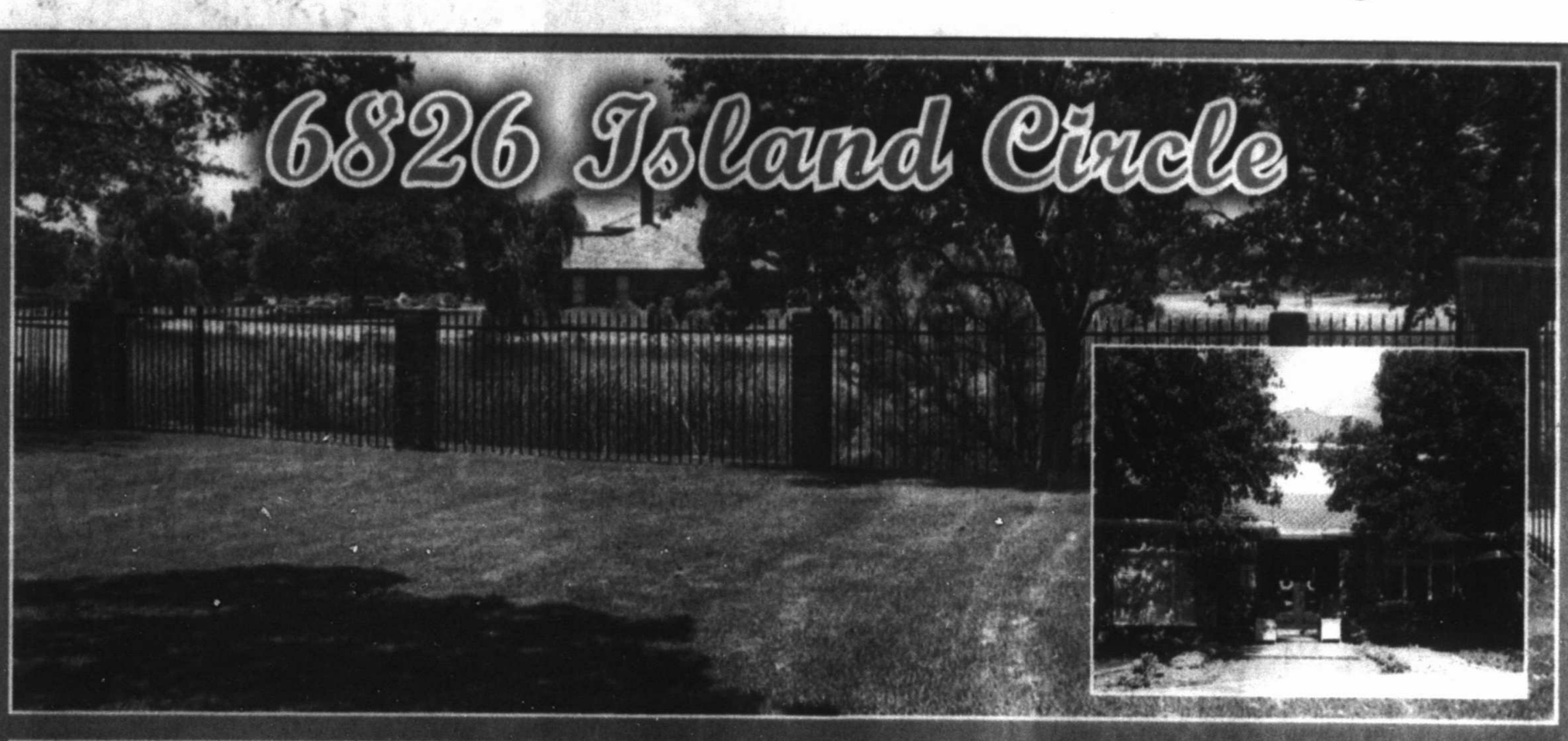

Estate on the Lake!

An amazing opportunity awaits in Green Tree North! If you have been searching for an exclusive home with upscale amenities, the wait is over! Located on the lake, you can enjoy gorgeous views and spacious surroundings. 6826 Island Circle recently underwent an extensive remodel including adding bedrooms, kitchen updates, totally new master bath, flooring, new plumbing, all new electrical receptacles and more! Originally constructed in 1990, there are now six bedrooms, five full baths, one half bath, two living areas, two dining areas, three car garage and pool. It is in the Lee High School district with the other schools to be determined due to new schools being built.

Situated on a corner, the two-story house has a circular drive and spectacular landscaping. As the doors open, your eyes are immediately drawn to the wall of windows and glass doors which provide a view of the backyard and lake. Architectural details including a tray ceiling, pillar and arched windows add to the elegant feel. Tall ceilings, oversized crown and floor molding, recessed lighting, Plantation shutters and hand scraped wood flooring also add to the ambiance.

The formal dining room is to the right of the entry with a view to the front yard. It is open to the formal living room where a marble fireplace is surrounded by windows looking out to the yard. The kitchen is close by- it truly feels like a French country kitchen as there is a two sided fireplace in the informal dining area. Granite countertops, stainless appliances, a built in desk, brick backsplash, skylight, island, under counter lighting and walls of cabinets makes cooking easy and keeps you organized.

Enjoy the other side of the fireplace in the den! A wall of built-ins provides areas for display as well as a large television. Two walls of windows keep the gorgeous views available of the yard, pool and lake.

A hallway from the kitchen leads to the spacious laundry room where you have a sink surrounded by a granite countertop, a fold down ironing board, cabinets and room to work! A full bathroom is also on this hall as well as access to the three car garage. There is a door leading to the pool from the garage so those swimming can easily use this restroom/shower.

On the other side of the formal living area is the sequestered master suite. Wood flooring continues in this large bedroom. The bathroom has been totally remodeled! Reconstructed shower, two walk-in closets, vanities, custom cabinets, Arabescato marble and new fixtures make this the ultimate master retreat!

Towards the front of the house are two bedrooms with large closets, which share a Jack and Jill bathroom. A stairway from the kitchen leads up to a landing leading to three more bedrooms. The room on the right has a full bathroom and large closet. The remaining two share a spacious Jack and Jill bathroom.

The backyard has a stone porch and pool surround. An iron fence separates the pool from the yard and has been constructed to be easily removed when needed. Soak in the hot tub or swim in the pool and then cook meals in the outdoor kitchen! Under a pergola, you will find a grill, fireplace and space for a television.

This house has beautiful landscaping and priceless views from almost every window. The quiet neighborhood contributes to the elegant surroundings. Additional amenities include: reverse osmosis system, water softener, built-ins, gourmet kitchen, amazing sequestered master suite, hot tub, pool, and sprinkler system. For more information, contact Jana Tucker, Co-Owner/Broker, Real Estate One, (432) 553-0293.

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3 tips to prepare your house for selling

While you don't have to do a complete overhaul to get your house market-ready, you do need to make an effort. Your REALTOR® can suggest some ways to make your home appealing to buyers, but here are three ways you can prep your house for selling.

Don't ignore fixable problems
Maybe you're used to living with the dripping kitchen faucet, but a potential homebuyer may not be able to ignore it during a showing. Sure, it might be an easy fix for a new homebuyer, but it might be easy fix for you, too.

If there are repairs that you've been putting off, it's time to consider which ones are worth making. You can also ask for some advice from your REALTOR about which home repairs should be on the top of your to-do list. Some may be too large to tackle at this stage in your sale, like a major renovation. Others, like a leaky faucet, can probably be fixed for less money and in a short amount of time.

Remember, while you may be willing to lower the asking price because you're not interested in remodeling your outdated bathrooms, you can get a can of paint to freshen up the walls.

Keep your clutter to a minimum
If you are living in your house while you're waiting for it to sell, it's going to look like someone lives in it. Buyers expect occupied properties to look, well, occupied. But that doesn't mean that they need to see your dirty laundry pile on the bathroom floor.

Although REALTORs encourage their buyer clients to look past those small things, many buyers have a hard time with it. If it's not difficult for you to put a hamper in the bathroom to store your dirty towels, you might as well give it a try. If you're having trouble deciding how much de-cluttering to do, ask your REALTOR for some guidance.

Make sure the price is right
You made a lot of memories in your home, and maybe you even invested your time and money into improving it, but the fact is that the market is what dictates the sales price.

If you price your property based on sentimental value or the remodeling costs you hope to recoup, you're probably not pricing it properly. When a property is priced too high, it doesn't sell quickly. In fact, it might not sell at all. Your REALTOR will be able to help you come up with the right asking price. He'll even take into account those updates you made, but he'll do so with accurate market information.

If the price seems lower than you want, don't be afraid to ask why. But don't forget that you might be accounting for emotions more than a buyer would.

Get more advice on preparing your home for sale, plus other tips for buying and selling real estate in Texas, at PBBOR.ORG.

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TIPS...(FOR THE PARENT) AT NEW LOCATIONS

* Be positive about your new environment. Children pick up parent's attitudes.
* Try to keep the family schedule as normal as possible. Stress often comes with changes, but maintaining structure will help give your child the extra security needed in the new surrounding.
* Take your child with you when you call on new neighbors. This is a good way to meet new peers.
* Check out child care (day care) organization thoroughly. Make impromptu visits, check references and talk to parents who currently have children enrolled.
* Ask if your school (school system) has a Lunch Key Program. This arrangement allows your child to come to school earlier than the normal starting time or stay later and be supervised until you arrive. There may be a nominal fee.
* Take your child to visit the school, meet the principal, secretary, counselor and teachers. There should be a familiar person for the child to seek out in case of a problem. Make sure that all school records have been transferred correctly. Any errors could cause serious problems and should be corrected immediately.
* Be willing to seek academic tutoring for your child immediately if the new school subjects are dramatically different. It is difficult on the child's morale to be behind the peer group and additional encouragement and praise is needed.
* Ask school personnel and/or neighbors about the availability of car pools or public transportation for your child's activities.
* Ask open-ended questions and then be available to listen to your child either after school, at mealtime or bedtime. Children need to be able to share what they are experiencing in the new environment.
* Attend school functions. It is very important to your child and helps you get acquainted with staff and other parents.
* Sign your child up for one or two activities, sports, or lessons so that new peer relationships can be fostered.
* Encourage your child to invite new acquaintances to your home when you are there. It will provide you with an opportunity to meet and observe new friends.
* Try to meet the parents of your child's friends. You will get a better perspective and know if you want your child in that parent's home.
* Allow your child a certain amount of "quiet time" with no commitments. Relocating takes a lot of energy and children need time to internalize the changes.
* Plan mini adventures in the new city to discover parks, ice cream shops, the library, theaters, and whatever else your child may be interest in. A feeling of familiarity will bring confidence and eventually foster independence.
* Allow your child to buy some of the things common to the area such as a skate board, special bike or clothing items that may not have been "necessities" in your previous home, if possible.
* Encourage old friends to visit and let your child return to your previous home when invited. Children need to visit and talk to friends and relatives from the past to maintain their roots.
* Be patient. Roots grow slowly.

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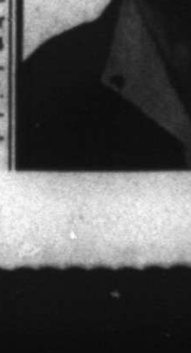

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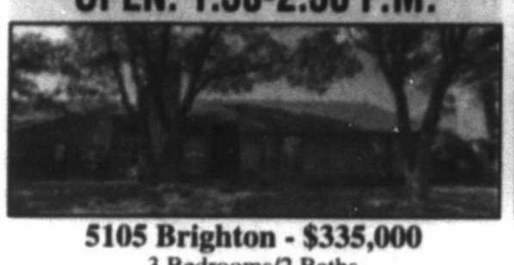

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2608 Glenview Dr.-Immaculate, well cared for home w/3BR/2 baths and many updates $275,000
5000 S. County Rd. 1130-Large, spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath manufactured home on 1 acre $129,000

TWO BEDROOMS

4107 S. County Rd. 184-Kahler built 2 bdrm/2 bth home on 10.5 acres with restrictions, and is a very nice neighborhood $245,000
4725 49 Spring Meadow Ln-Spacious 2br, 2 1/2 bath, gorgeous fireplace, walls of windows, great kitchen, formal dining, garage $175,000
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths, Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! ..... U/C $280,000
600 Liddon-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo ..... U/C $119,000

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1209 W. Cuthbert-updated in the heart of Old Midland, wonderful pool! $237,000
2007 Seaborn Ave.-Wonderful 3 bdr/3 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her bathroom, patio and backyard! $345,000
1000B S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $349,000
4410 Tanforan Ave.-Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! $407,500
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3br/bth/2.5 bath home in Green Tree $449,900
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2918 Sinclair Ave.-Beautiful "Old Midland" charmer! Lots of new. Great price! $264,000
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1604 Wofford-Old Midland, lots of new! Lots of space and beautiful backyard! ..... SOLD $235,000
3225 Patricia-Lovely 3br/2bth with many extras. Open floor plan, lovely kitchen w/granite & spacious rooms $282,500
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5011 San Saba-3br/2.5ba, Payne resale, 2 living areas! $324,900
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4307 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 car patio home ..... SOLD $189,000
4304 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 car patio home ..... U/C $299,900
4306 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 car patio home ..... U/C $299,900
2304 Stanolind Ave-3 bedroom/2 bath home. Great block in Old Midland $274,000
4200 Belmont-Spacious 3br/2 bath home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous inground pool, sprinkler, dining board and pool house ..... U/C $299,900
1700 Cedarwood Rd.-Gorgeous 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas, formal dining, hardwoods, shutters, low maintenance yard ..... U/C $249,900
4420 Glenoaks-Spectacular 3br/2bth, formal dining, den, sunroom, 2 car garage, hardwoods $249,900
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates. Public dock for residents only $249,000
24 E. Harvard Circle, Odessa-Upgraded in a grand way. This 3 bdrm/2 bth home is a must see! ..... U/C $239,000
2102 Elma Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees and easy access to shopping and restaurants $239,000
2600 Glenview Dr.-Immaculate, well cared for home w/3BR/2 baths and many updates $275,000
2603 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout; some updates; abundant storage and ready to move-in! $219,900

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4412 Commanche Dr.-Beautiful recently built 3br/2bth home with all the bells and whistles! ..... U/C $215,000
2224 Fannin Ave.-Charming home curbside to Fannin! Lots of updates, move-in condition! Open & bright! ..... U/C $209,900
2403 Cassaria Ave.-Wonderful, updated 3/2/2 home in Fannin Terrace. A must see ..... U/C $204,500
701 W. Pine-Beautifully maintained 3/2/2 home. Lots of updating ..... U/C $199,500
2403 Hogan Dr.-Adorable 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in quiet neighborhood! ..... SOLD $190,000
2717 Lockhart Dr.-Charming 3 bdrm/2bth home with great floor plan & location! Investors welcome! $180,000
3510 Bessman Ave.-Can you say right place at right time? Open kitchen/den concept and garage enclosed for second living area ..... U/C $125,000

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2002 Stanford-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move-in ready! $499,900
2005 Wofford-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities ..... U/C $449,900
2000 Fairwood Ct.-Updated in Mockingbird Heights. 3 story, granite, and full guest house! ..... U/C $399,900
18 Saddle Club Dr.-4 bd/3.5 ba, detailed game room and workshop ..... U/C $379,000
1017 Glenwood-Magnificent 4 bdr/3 bth Home w/12' ceilings and unmatched storage! Gourmet kitchen and butlers pantry, enclosed pool w/spa/hot tub! $734,900
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Lot10bb4 E. County Rd. 129-New construction 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc $399,000
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/3bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living wall the bells & whistles! $449,000
2501 Culpepper-Large remodeled 4br/3ba/3 living plus study on quiet cul-de-sac $439,900
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2402 Hamlin-Absolutely stunning 4 bedroom/3bath home with major renovations throughout! ..... U/C $425,000
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2411 Cuthbert-Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in Suffolk Place $379,000
1402 Bedford Dr.-Fantastic Old Midland home w/wonderful updating! 4BR/2BA, terrific versatile plan plus, pool and guest quarters ..... SOLD $369,900
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803 Boyd Ave.-Large, wonderful 4 bedroom, 4 full bath home, under 300k on oversized lot, great for large family! $299,900
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6111 San Saba-The Mirella plan by Permian Homes in Daybreak Estates, has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths & 2 car garage, plus community playground with a splash pad! ..... U/C $279,900
4024 Timber Ct.-Spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath home in Crestgate ..... U/C $279,900
5201 Co. Rd. 1107-4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country ..... U/C $249,900
2503 Rainbow Ct.-Very nice 4 bedrooms on quiet cul-de-sac in Arbor Park ..... U/C $229,900
2309 Whitney Dr.-Spacious 4 bdrm/2.5 bth with large kitchen, utility room, bonus room and 2 living and dining area ..... U/C $225,000
2800 Fairview Dr.-Open living and dining, great location! ..... U/C $219,900
5000 S. Co. Rd. 1130-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $129,000

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2002 Sinclair Ave-Fabulous 5 bedroom in Warwick. 4.5 baths, 2 living, pool, spa, game room, beautifully updated! $849,000
1601 Golf Ave.-A spacious 5 bedroom/3 full, 2 half bath ..... U/C $799,900
4010 W. Co. Rd. 41-Charming country living on 3.3 acres ..... U/C $375,000
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4306 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home $299,900
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E. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,300,200
1100 E. Co. Rd. 100-56.59 acres with a 4,000 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Nail 682-1111 ..... $481,129
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5702 E. Co. Rd. 90-2.29 acres $179,000
6703 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $300,000
W. County Rd. 120-Ready to develop! $250,000
44 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house. Lake Nasworthy $170,000
4400 Green Tree-Lot 6 Green Tree North 1.18 acres $125,000
11016 W. County Rd. 34-1/2 W - 6 acres in a great residential neighborhood $119,000
2500 Regency Oaks-C-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks $67,500
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3407 Caldera-Approximately 2,478 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Caldera Plaza Complex. Convenient access to Midkiff & Loop 250 ..... U/C $388,000
6 Cedar Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $125,000
12929 West I-20-For Lease, Approx. 4,080 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 ..... $4,000/Month

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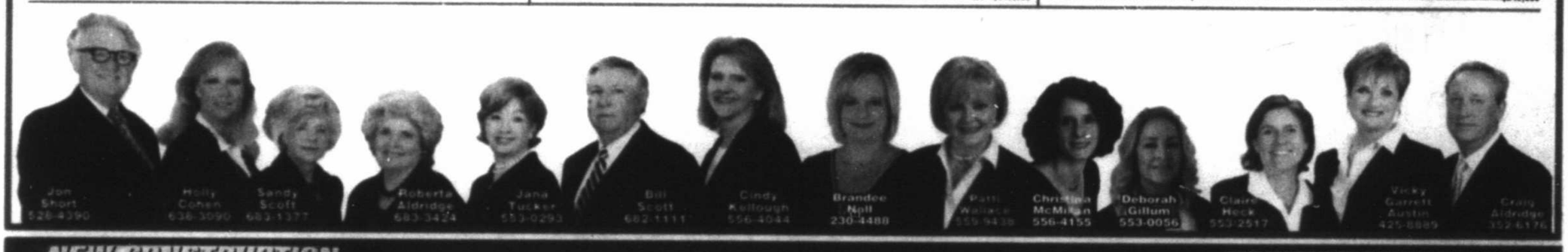

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4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $388,500

ASHINGDON HOMES

5309 Brown Heart Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $439,900

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4306 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $446,900

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OPEN HOUSES TODAY

6413 Mosswood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, spectacular pool, priced @ $599,900

2512 Legacy Oaks
Ashingdon Homes, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $759,500

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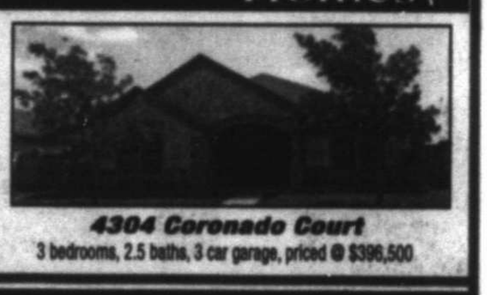
~ Christopher Reeve

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland Gallery Homes

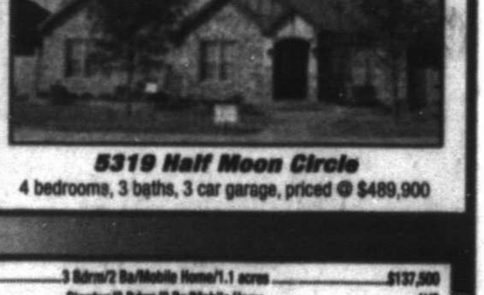
5304 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $498,000

Saenz Signature Homes



4304 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $396,500

Carrasco Homes



5319 Half Moon Circle
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1320 N. Fairgrounds Rd	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$84,900
501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,900
607 S. Jackson	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$97,000
100 N. Madison	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$97,000
2607 W. Cuthbert Ave	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Carport	$174,900
709 Boyd Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
3809 Candy Lane	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	$212,500
5004 Rainbow Road	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$234,900
2905 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$250,000
5010 Brunswick Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	U/C
3100 Bristol Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$275,000
4805 Knights Pl	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5717 Highland Blvd	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$332,500
5021 Lee Pollins	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$343,300
5011 Lee Pollins	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage	$349,900
5001 Llano Ct	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4301 Mockingbird Ln	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5313 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$519,900
6413 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/3 Car Garage/Spectacular Pool	$599,900
6401 Los Conchas Lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,000
3210 Bessman Ave	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$289,900
24140 S. Co. Rd. 1000	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$375,000
5607 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$378,000
4304 Saltillo Ct	Zielmann Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$388,500
4304 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$396,500
4400 Casa Verde Ct	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$439,900
7407 E. Co. Rd. 90	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$441,500
4300 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$446,900
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Star Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$499,900
5304 Brown Heart Ln	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$499,900
5309 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$492,900
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5319 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
5307 Donovan Ct	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$526,000
2512 Legacy Oaks	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$759,500
5417 Boardwalk St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,300,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

7205 Co.Rd. 80	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$119,000
3400 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$137,500
2170 Bonham St.	Sheridan/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	U/C
4309 W. Co. Rd. 110	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$144,500
6510 Mockingbird Ln	1.007 Acres	$149,000
2175 Bowie St	Sheridan/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	SOLD
Lone Rose Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1107	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$297,500
4910 N. Co. Rd. 1123	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/2.2 Acres	$299,500
24140 S. Co. Rd. 1000	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$375,000
10810 FM 307	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/16.18	$750,000
6401 Los Conchas Lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	U/C
7000 E. Co. Rd. 110	5 Bdrm/4 Ba/5 Car Garage/5.18 Acres	$1,750,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

408 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$199,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

3020 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,000,000

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705 Old Course Rd.
3/2.5/2 Townhome

3303 Michigan
3/2 Spacious!

3234 Cimmaron
Huge Master w/updated bath

FEATURED LISTINGS

1100 Glenview - $3,500 ..... Sold
4004 Cimmaron-Outdoor's personal home. Dream kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 4 bathroom, 3 car garage, office, media room. Call for more details! ..... Under Contract
4012 Cimmaron-Fabulous 4/3/3 with 2 living and 2 dining areas. Fantastic floorplan! $269,900
3214 Allen Agee Way-$9,000 with a golf cart garage or a 2.5/2 with a game room. Amazing kitchen, master bedroom and outdoor space, set up for entertaining! $406,000
705 Old Course Rd-Practically new 3/2.5/2 townhome. Downstairs master. No neighbors in front or back $227,500
1309 E Pine, Bond area-3/2/1 will be ready just in time for summer. A bargain for new construction at $119,000
3234 Cimmaron-Super spacious, huge master tub walk in closet and completely remodeled bathroom $199,500
4404 Cimmaron-Huge 3/2/2 living areas. Tile throughout. Priced to sell! $185,000
2303 Cimmaron-Immaculately maintained 3/2/2. All you have to do is move in ..... Under Contract
1020 E Hay, 87 in Colonial-2/2/1 with 10 acres, barn and a guest house $180,000

325 Rusty Lane-No-3/2/2 ..... Under Contract
402 Golf, Bond-3/2/2 carport with loads of space and storage ..... Under Contract
3306 Boyd-3/2/2 if you want vacation and space, this is the home for you. Large recent, updated master bath, water well and 2 nice living areas. Priced to move. Don't wait too long! 2% today! $175,000
2303 Michigan-Super spacious living $185,000
1320 N Fairgrounds, - Immaculate 4/2 modular home with tools brand new. Gorgeous kitchen and huge master. In Stonegate Addition $132,000
411 Woodcrest-Unbeatable price for this home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 living areas. Move in ready ..... Under Contract
2909 Montana-Absolute deal house. 3/2 with formal dining, huge laundry, sequestered master or in law pan $136,500
3400 N Hangdog, Odessa-3/1/1 ..... Under Contract
702 Bentley, Cole cottage. Vaulted ceilings throughout. 2/1/2 ..... Under Contract
10 acres in Greenwood on E County Rd. 81. No restrictions! $120,000
1627 W. 20th-Enjoy entertaining with 2 large living areas. Recent paint and carpet. Loads of space in this 3/1, on a double lot ..... Under Contract

7100 Bellwood Ln. 3/1 updated dollhouse with good size bedrooms with hardwood flooring. Tile in the kitchen and bath $84,900
3000 Pleasant-3/1 ..... Under Contract
1912 Florida, Odessa- 2/1/1 with large backyard enclosed with a cedar stock fence. Great space for the money $84,500
We have 6 lots available in Green Tree North on Elles Joyce Way for ..... $15,000 per lot or builder will partner build
3206 S. Noble-Location, location, location. Just down the way from the property store and minutes from the mall. New carpet and paint. Nicely sized. 3/1 with sunroom, laundry and storm shelter $74,900
2310 W 14th in Odessa. 2/1/1 carport with a workshop, carport water well and storm cellar. Priced to move at $55,000
4501 Lancaster in Odessa. Beautiful stone accents and arch over the front entry. 2/1/1 carport ..... Under Contract
4411 Beaufort. Handyman special ..... Under Contract
5 acres in Greenwood on E County Rd. 81. No restrictions! $60,000
610 Howard-3/2/1 handyman's special ..... Under Contract
LEASE: 4011 W Illinois B-3/2/1 new carpet throughout ..... $1,750 per month with a $1,750 deposit.
LEASE: 300 E Edgewood-2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely remodeled and beautiful. $1,400 deposit, 12 month lease. Utilities paid by lessee $1,200
3204 Chase, Immaculate 3/2/2/2 townhome ..... Under Contract
1305 E Fernwell-Must see to believe. Move in ready-4/2/2 ..... $224,000

INVESTMENT PACKAGE
Midland homes: 2711 W Washington, 1113 E Estes, 3606 Amelia... $270,000
Odessa homes: 2413 W 10th, 2745 Keystone, 610 Honeysuckle, 3101 W 16th... $370,000

INVESTMENT PACKAGE
4 single family homes for sale as an investment package for... $319,900
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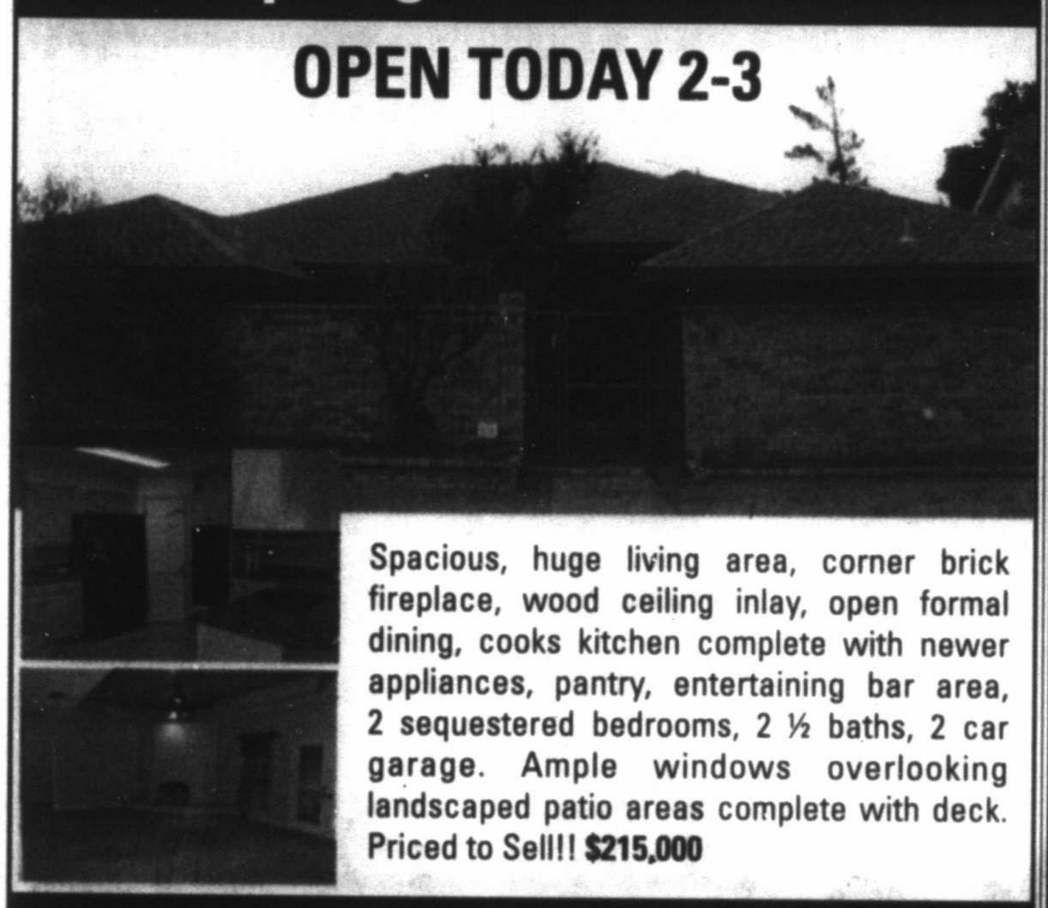

Spacious, huge living area, corner brick fireplace, wood ceiling inlay, open formal dining, cooks kitchen complete with newer appliances, pantry, entertaining bar area, 2 sequestered bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 2 car garage. Ample windows overlooking landscaped patio areas complete with deck. Priced to Sell!! **$215,000**

4420 Gleneagles

Spectacular, spacious, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, formal dining, lovely den with fireplace, plus a heated/cooled sunroom/office; eat-in-kitchen, 2 car garage, dog run, and storage shed. Hardwoods, tile, newer HVAC, ducting and roof shingles. Loved, upgraded, and cared for the last 25 years by the same owners. Hurry! **$246,500**

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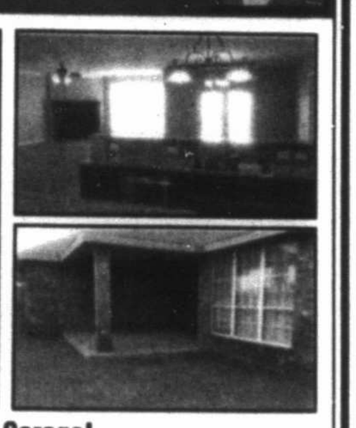
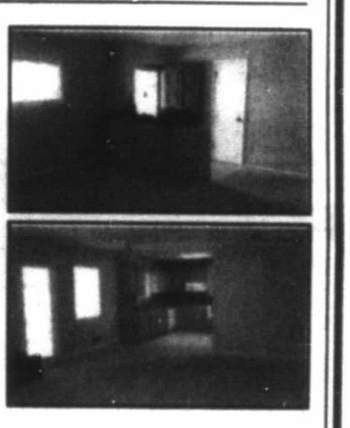


4305 Llano Ct. - $379,000 - Don't Miss the 4 Car Garage!

Beautiful custom home finished in 2015 and located on a cul-de-sac! This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2,601 sq. ft., which provides very spacious rooms throughout. The 4th bedroom has double doors, wood floors and a closet so it can serve as a wonderful flex room – whether you need an office, playroom, or a second living. Large chef's kitchen with island, extra storage, walk-in pantry and double ovens provides everything needed for preparing large or small meals. The breakfast bar can easily accommodate 4 bar stools plus there is an oversized dining area that allows for plenty of dining space. Also, the dining area and living room have an abundance of windows that provides great natural light and overlook your covered patio & side yard - great for entertaining or watching the kiddos. The master is sequestered with a large walk-in closet, dual sinks, separate soaking tub and walk-in shower. For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432) 556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432) 556-4155.



2803 W. Golf Course - $219,900

Seller offering $5,000 in closing costs

Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home with 1,902 sq. ft. The updated kitchen with skylight opens to the dining and den. The home's recent updates include fresh neutral paint throughout, tile surround in both bathrooms, tile in the kitchen and sunroom, appliances and 2" wood blinds. Also, the home offers abundant storage including pantry, extra linen closets, dual closets in the master and extra cabinetry in the laundry room. There is a circle drive that allows for easy entrance on to Golf Course Rd., large backyard with cinder block fence and large finished sunroom on the back of the house that is not included in the square footage! For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432) 556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432) 556-4155.

2306 Sinclair Ave. • $175,000

Wonderful, old Midland corner lot. Around the corner from Faskin Park – cleared and ready for construction! Almost a 1/3 of an acre with mature trees and wonderful neighbors. Close to Midland Christian and access to Fannin, San Jacinto and Midland High. For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432) 556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432) 556-4155.

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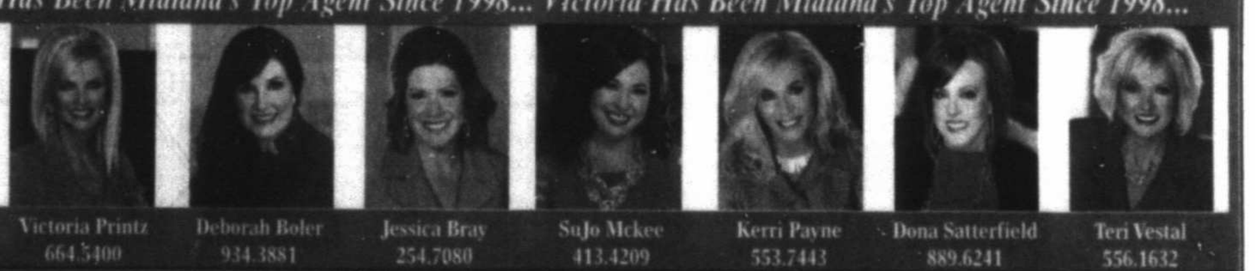

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 2:30 TO 3:30 — **3206 Rea Drive**
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 TO 4:00 — **5432 BASSWOOD**

4+ BEDROOMS

2100 Deanna Ln. - Spectacular & totally updated 4 bed/1 full bath/1 half bath/1 living (studio, theatre, formal, great room, game room, gym)/2 complete kitchens! $1,100,000
3201 Elkins - Want something unique & wonderful? Unbelievable showplace w/, almost 20 acres with guest house! $995,000
4916 Tallahassee Corner - Absolutely spectacular castle in style dream home on 3.43 Acres complete w/barn (4-horse stalls & tack room)/workshop (70x32 w/5 additional garages)/5 carport/walk room & dazzling pool! $899,000
3002 Trinity - Trendy easy w/mature fruit trees, 1/2 acre lot (.501) w/pool, sport court, gazebo & large yard areas! $10K decorating allowance! $695,000
4402 Tanforan - Fantastic 4 bed/1 bath/3 gar. Custom on 2 irrigated acres with Workshop and Barn! $650,000
2102 Deanna Ln. - This fabulous home is coming to the market soon! Seller is moving out & home will have fresh interior paint & new carpet in bedrooms! $549,900
4020 Hunt Tree Trail - Spectacular country views! 4 Bed/3 bath/2 dining/2 living/3 car garage home in green tree north! $539,900
5711 Heartland - Absolutely spectacular w/phenomenal updates! 4 Bed/3.5 Bath/2 dining/3 living/3 car gar home w/mature trees & lovely curb appeal! $499,900
4433 Verde Glen Court - Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/3 living/formal, game, sunroom/2 dining/3 garage+parking pad! $479,900
5101 Castleford - Spacious & open floor plan! 4 Bed/3.5 Bath/2 car garage! Wonderful outdoor living area! $499,900
5432 Glenwood Circle - Absolutely spectacular & totally updated! 4 bed/3 bath/3 car gar home w/stunner view! $450,000
5001 Drexel - Spacious & elegant! 4 bed/3.5 Bath/3 garage w/detached game room used as additional bedroom w/wet bar & half bath! $399,900
4021 Highland - Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 Bath/2 living/2 dining/4 car gar home w/45 ft. rv parking pad w/hook up on cul-de-sac! $389,900
2503 Shell Avenue - Absolutely lovely & totally updated (since 2012)! 3 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 car gar w/all hard-surface flooring $369,900
1004 Castlewood - Must see this large 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining home in prestigious golfa park close to swimming pool, club house & courts $349,900

4+ BEDROOMS

3206 Rea - Fabulous & super spacious 4 bed/3 bath/4 living area (greatroom, formal, game room & study)+could be 5 bedrooms; updated home w/dazzling pool! $299,900
2000 S CR 1120 - Great investment property - live in the 1 bedroom brick family home and collect $1,000 per month from 8 lease spaces for mobile homes! $279,900
1903 Mayfield St. - Fabulous,4 bedroom 3 bath 2 living home in wonderful old midland area! Total remodel in process! $259,000
2602 Cumuela - Fantastic 4 bed/2.5 Bath/2 garage with curb appeal! Called front courtyard! $235,000
5210 Blue Haven Drive - Spectacular mark payne resale 4 bedroom/2 bath home w/ 2 car garage located on a large corner lot! $299,900
1008 La Caverna Vun Horn - Fantastic 5 bed home w/2 living areas, formal dining & breakfast area on huge corner lot! $197,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5200 Green Tree Blvd. - Spectacular 3 bed/3 bath townhome w/3-car garage and sweeping views of golf course! $399,900
400 Pinewood Court- One of midland's most fabulous homes will surprise & delight! 3 (Huge) bed/3.5 Bath/2 living/3 car garage! $375,000
5700 Wyoming - Beautiful & spacious home w/4 car garage. Now gorgeous wood-like tile (carpet in bedrooms)! $300,500
5210 Quicksand Drive - Fabulous & gorgeous 3 bedroom/2.5 Bath/ 2 dining/ gourmet kitchen home on a corner lot in Greenhollow! $317,000
6000 S S FM 1788 - Beautiful like new home on acreage with 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths and large shop (40x40)/2 car garage! $275,000
5100 Rio Grande - Fantastic floor design! Open concept kitchen, dining and living room combine to make a great room! $250,000
2300 Regal - Darling home on quiet cul-de-sac in great location has 3 bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage $189,900
3605 Gillespie Lane - Fabulous 2010 2 bed/2bath/2 garage-low maintenance home with granite in kitchen & bathrooms! $184,000
400 S Calhoun St. - Absolutely spectacular new construction from g. O. Homes! Very large backyard with cinder block fence and oversized covered patio! $175,000
701 S. Lincoln - Absolutely spectacular new construction from g. O. Homes! Fabulous kitchen with granite, tons of cabinets! $175,000
2012 W Michigan - Cute 3 bedrooms/2 bath/2 car garage home w/fresh exterior & interior paint! $149,000
4000 Avondale - Beautiful cottage with wrap around porch & large yard! Decorator touches throughout this well taken care of home. $117,000
1315 East 30th - Charming brick/siding house w/hardwood gas range & fireplace! Spacious den open to dining area & kitchen! In Odessa $99,900

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

4107 N County Rd. 1247 - RV PARK with clubhouse and 2 cabins! 26 RV spaces rent for $575 a month! 2 cabins rent for a $1,000 a month! $1,000,000
2000 S CR 1120 - Great investment property - live in the 1 bedroom brick family home and collect $1,000 per month from 8 lease spaces for mobile homes! $279,900
3010 E FM 1212 - Fabulous country property on 12.000 acres, all fenced with 2 water wells, 60x25 workshop, 3 storage buildings, over 100 trees $225,000
4021 North County Road 1142 - Looking for a place to build with acreage & privacy? Fantastic location for luxury home site! 8.681 Acres! $140,000
7013 CR 52 - Ideal 4.51 acre investment property for building a spectacular home with a grand southern view of downtown Midland! $135,300
4100 County Rd. 81 - 2 acre building site in established north east Midland residential subdivision! $80,000
2221 Timber Wolf Lane - Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000
1975 Timber Wolf Lane - Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $62,400
Colter Estates - Build in Gardendale's newest subdivision, Colter Estates! Approximately .75 acre lots! $35,500 per lot! 16 LOTS! $30,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

5000 Cristo Lane	UNDER CONTRACT!	4005 Woodhollow	SOLD!
2113 Marcie Lane	UNDER CONTRACT!	4007 W. County Rd. 44	SOLD!
3306 Sentinel	UNDER CONTRACT!	2105 Hughes	SOLD!
4011-A BCR 1172	UNDER CONTRACT!	4016 Roosevelt Drive	SOLD!
2014 Purple Sage	UNDER CONTRACT!	1007 Apple Creek	SOLD!
3026 Maxwell Drive	UNDER CONTRACT!	5306 Canadian	SOLD!
5701 Hillcrest Place	UNDER CONTRACT!	4012 Quicksnow	SOLD!
2500 W McCormick Odessa	UNDER CONTRACT!	3311 Marble	SOLD!
4101 BCR 1184	UNDER CONTRACT!	1204 Sparks	SOLD!
4011 B Co Rd. 1172	UNDER CONTRACT!	5210 Breeze	SOLD!
		5902 Sterling Place	SOLD!
		5701 Hillcrest Place	SOLD!
		6206 Mile High	SOLD!

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OPEN 1:30-3:00 ★ 4801 KNIGHTS PL. $324,900
Fantastic floor plan in Polo Park.
Shown by Deborah Pierce 889-2469

OPEN 3:00-4:00 ★ 709 MOGFORD - $199,900
3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, workshop and water well.
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NEW & ACTIVE LISTINGS

30 Ac. Mockingbird Lane-11 platted lots, 2+ acres each **$1,900,000**
4200 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar, 2 AC **$737,900**
5150 E. Hwy 158-Gardendale Residential + Commercial **$695,000**
Dove Acres FM 1213-115 AC. 2006 Lone star land steward award - set up for 10-20 guns **$599,000**
4116 Baybrook-5bd, 3 1/2ba, Mockingbird Heights, pool, cabana **$599,000**
4209 Wood-Gorgeous like new 4bd, 3.5ba, 2la, 3 car in Mockingbird Hts **$519,000**
South CR 1140 - 24 Acres more or less **$496,000**
6702 Mosswood-New construction 4br, 3ba, 4 car garage, Robert Graham **$486,458**
6704 Mosswood-4br, 3 ba, new construction **$486,458**
6606 Mosswood-New construction 4bd, 3ba, 4 car, 2 liv **$469,792**
6409 Sequoia-4bd, 31/2 ba w/Pool -Green Tree low maint. Updated throughout **$450,000**
4122 Fox Hollow-Immaculate 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 liv, 3 car garage in Trinity West **$415,000**
3102 Stanolind-MaMar Terrace 4 bd, 3½ ba, 2 liv, 2 din, huge addition sunroom w walls of windows **$399,000**
FM 715 - 28 AC MORE OR LESS LAND! ..... ***REDUCED* $395,000**
2912 Shanks-3bd, 2½ ba on 1.3 acres, 2 water wells. Nicely updated **$335,000**
4801 Knights Pl.-Updated and granite, 3br, 2.5ba, 2 living in Polo Park! **$324,900**
2804 Caldera Blvd - 4bd, 3ba, in law plan **$299,900**
2307 Shell-Great location, 3 bd, 3 ba, huge corner lot **$285,000**
4209 Irvin Dr.-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, pipe fence for horses **$279,900**
3206 Haynes-3 br, 2.5 ba, indoor pool **$270,000**
1802 E. Pecan St.-New construction, 3 or 4bd, 2ba, 2car, 2 story **$259,000**
1303 McDonald-Attractive & spacious 3bd, 2 ba, 2LA, 2 car gar **$242,900**
1601 Ventura-3 br, 2 ba, 2 LA, great location **$239,000**
3336 Providence-Nicely updated 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage **$219,000**
4702 Bedford St.-Pretty home, updated! 3 bed, 2 ba, 2LA's, 2 car carport **$199,900**
709 Mogford-Adorable 3bd, 2ba, 2 living, 2 garage w/water well **$199,900**
Commerical Lots - 10 Lots on Front St **$199,000**
5304 Canadian-3 bed, 2 ba, fireplace ..... ***REDUCED* $184,900**
503 Brooks Dr.-3 bed, 1 ba, 2 LA, recent windows ..... ***REDUCED* $135,000**
111 Blue Dr., Odessa-4 bed, 2 ba **$129,900**
4209 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
4001 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
1410 Lamesa-2bd, 1ba, 641 acres, commercial **$99,000**
4201 ECR 61-2 AC, Bonito Estates **$89,000**
407 N. Fort Worth-2 bed, 1 ba **$85,000**
Bonito Estates - MISD New Home Lots $89,000-$104,000
Champion's Run - GISD - New home lots, gated community, 1.5-2 AC. **$61,750-$95,000**

SUNDAY FEATURED HOME

6702 MOSSWOOD - $486,458
Robert Graham Co., 4 bd, 3 ba, Move-in ready!

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OPEN TODAY 4:00 - 5:00 — 3105 Haynes - $219,000 — 3 bd, 2.5 bath, Great location right by the park, low maintenance front courtyard, oversized rooms and front entry garage. Shown by Chris Beckett - 349-7000
OPEN TODAY 1:00 - 2:00 — 1705 N. Garfield - $179,000 — 4 bed, 2.5 bath split floor plan, lots of space, 2 Dining, Beautiful updated kitchen and low interior maintenance on a huge lot. Shown by Dakota Boulevard 580-2010
OPEN TODAY 2:30 - 3:30 — 1006 Shirley Lane - $262,000 — 3 bed, 2 bath, High, Low Maintenance landscape on oversized lot, 2 living areas, vaulted ceilings. Shown by Chris Beckett 349-7000
OPEN TODAY 1:00 - 3:00 — 5012 Casa Grande - $417,000 — 4 bed, 3 Bath, Est. Completion 8/2015, Stubbing about purchase. Shown by Ron Crow 349-0140
OPEN TODAY 1:00 - 3:00 — 5014 Casa Grande - $427,000 — 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Stunning new AGA Home, Huge Open Floor plan, Beautiful brick home on quiet cul-de-sac. Shown by Ron Crow 350-0140
OPEN TODAY 1:00 - 3:00 — 4307 Saltillo - $269,000 — 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Beautiful new home with Image, open floor plan, on a quiet cul-de-sac in Los Patios.
NEW LISTING — 3406 W. Golf Course Rd - $209,000 — 3 bed, 2.5 Bath, Built in the 40's, wood moldings, enormous windows, updated kitchen & baths, unfinished guest quarters, on a HUGE lot.
NEW LISTING. — 1410 Tulane - $209,000 — 4 bed, 2 bath on over a half acre, wrap around porch, open living area, country kitchen, in-door Hunter Bath w/ Aqua-massage tub, huge home main upstairs.

4+ BEDROOMS
5 Le Premeux, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan w/Double Master Bedrooms, Full Outdoor Kitchen & Fireplace! ..... New Construction! $1,100,000
5400 Mockingbird - 5 Bedroom, 5 Bath, 2 Story Home in Los Conchos! Brand New Plan by Summit Homes! ..... New Construction! $1,200,000
7504 Tanland - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Outdoor Kitchen, Pool/Hot Tub, Almost 5,000sqft Barn! Call for more details! ..... SALE PENDING! $1,075,000
5300 Dustdown - 5 bed 4 bath, Incredible price on this luxurious estate, perfect for entertaining! ..... New Price! $895,000
5017 Mire Vista - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Designer's Choice Here! Outdoor Kitchen, Guest House, Pool, & More! ..... New Price! $899,000
501 Ridge Line, Alpine - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Large enough to be corporate retreat! 77+ Acres in the Mountains!, Guest House, Barn! ..... New Price! $899,000
2501 Homestead - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Coveted Grassland West! This Gives LOADED! Still Time to Make Selections! Est. Completion July 201 ..... New Construction! $817,000
4701 E Co Rd 40 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Country Living w/MISD Schools! Stone Floors, Cedar Beams! ..... New Listing! $684,000
2012 Frisgewood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Beauty w/Gourmet Kitchen, Media Room & Walls of Windows! $58,01 $660,000
4601 Mosswood - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, New Floor Plan Almand Construction! Easy Patio Style Home! $3,500 Buyer's Incentive! ..... SALE PENDING! $469,000
4100 Dustdown - Beautiful brick home on quiet cul-de-sac! ..... New Price! $464,000
3913 Edgebrook - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, Open Plan, HUGE Home w/Fabulous Party Pool Room!!! Gorgeous Pool w/3 Water Falls & Hot Tub! $58,01 $449,000
73 Dunlap, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Gorgeous NEW Rosas Home! Custom Accents, Expo Texture Treatments! ..... SALE PENDING! $427,000
5014 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning New AGA Home! Energy Efficient, High End Finishes! ..... OPEN TODAY!...New Price! $427,000
16 Marsville Odessa TX - Huge rooms, custom cabinets, granite throughout, pick your colors! $58,01 $424,000
5012 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, AGA Home Est. Completion 8/15, Huge Pantry, Stainless Appliance Package ..... OPEN TODAY!...New Price! $417,000
5407 Hillcrest - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, Designer's Choice in Grassland Estates! Ultra Rich Design, Granite, Stone Accents, Deco Lighting! Don't Miss This Jewel!!! Seller will pay up to $1,000 of buyer's closing costs! ..... New Price! $399,000
2205 Fairfield - Builder's personal home w/lots of high end upgrades. ..... New Listing! $385,000
5004 Hidgewood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Grassland Estates Beauty w/Sequestered Master, Dream Bath & Custom Granite Kitchen ..... SALE PENDING! $369,000
5306 Madina - 4 bed, 3 bath, Fabulous home with soaring ceilings, ceramic tile, sequestered Master...A Must See. $369,000
4413 Guadalupe - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Brand NEW Construction in Los Patios! Still Time to Make Selections. Est. Completion May 2015 ..... New Construction! $379,000
5314 Mattie - 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Beautifully landscaped Branson Home on quiet cul/desac, amazing detail and oversized rooms ..... SALE PENDING! $359,000
5405 Hidgewood Ct. - 4 bed, 3 bath, sequestered master, updated kitchen, brazilian hardwood floors ..... SALE PENDING! $339,000
12701 E Co Rd. 81 - Tons of upgrades, 2 living areas, sequestered master, spa room w/hot tub. On 5 Acres! $58,01 $329,000
4800 Austin Trail - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath plus Bonus Room! Open Floor Plan! In Green Tree North. $58,01 $299,000
1410 Tulane - 4 Bed, 2 Bath on over a half acre, wrap around porch, open living area, country kitchen, in-door Master Bath w/Japanese soaking tub,huge bonus room upstairs. ..... New Listing $299,000
3110 Chelsea Place-loaded with options, Plantation shutters, open living area with oversized kitchen $299,000
4812 Harwood St.-4 bed, 2 bath in desirable area, oversized lot and tons of space. ..... SALE PENDING! $254,000
3302 E Co Rd 144 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Story Home on 3 Acres! Main House 3BR, 2BA, Guest House 1BR, 1BA, Great Investment Home! ..... New Price! $247,000
1705 N. Garfield-Great Stucco home with circular drive on large lot ..... OPEN TODAY!...New Price! $179,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS
1006 Shirley - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fantastic Low Maintenance Town Home! ALL BRICK! Very Tasteful Trendy & Fun! ..... New Price! $352,000
4307 Saltillo - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Beautiful New AGA Home, Huge Open Plan w/High Ceilings! Located on a Quiet Cul-de-sac in Los Patios. ..... OPEN TODAY!...New Price! $309,000
3406 W. Golf Course Rd - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Built in the 40's, wood moldings, enormous windows, updated kitchen & baths, unfinished guest quarters, on a HUGE lot. ..... New Listing! $299,000
3116 Chelsea Place - The cutest home on the market, in this price range! ..... New Price! $299,000
4670 Austin Trail - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2,200+sq. ft. Spectacular Updates!!! Green Tree North! ..... SALE PENDING! $274,000
2911 Exeter - Townhome w/Solarium, Fabulous Patio, Party Patio & Hot Tub! ..... SALE PENDING! $235,000
3105 Haynes, - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Great location right by the park, low maintenance front courtyard, oversized rooms and front entry garage ..... OPEN TODAY!...New Listing! $219,000
4624 Leisure Dr - Updated top to bottom, Nothing left to do! ..... SALE PENDING! $214,000
5308 Cosmo Ct. - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Low Maintenance Northgate Townhouse! $58,01 $209,000
2103 Regal Pl - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Light & Bright in Wyldwood! Skylights and Great Back Patio! $58,01 $195,000
2101 N "O" St. - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Totally Redone in the Heart of Midland! Custom Granite Kitchen, Awesome Baths! ..... SALE PENDING! $185,000
2001 Camarie - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Hyde Park! Lots of Updates!!! 18" Tile! ..... New Price! $185,000
800 W Michigan - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Spacious 2 Living, 2 Dining, over 2,300 sq.ft.! Close to Downtown! AS IS SALE. Renovation Ready! ..... New Price! $180,000
1009 Cuthbert - Great home in Old Midland at unbelievable price! ..... SALE PENDING! $155,000
5411 FM 715 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Clean Country Property w/Horse Stalls! ..... New Listing! $150,000
1408 W 3rd St., Odessa - Big home, small price. 2 living areas, and tons of space. ..... New Listing! $140,000
4708 Boulder #307 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Fairmont Condominium, Ground Level w/Enclosed Patio! ..... New Price! $62,000

LOTS & ACREAGE
3501 Eastridge, Odessa - 1.03 Acre, Seller will finance, appraised at $500,000! $399,000
Hwy 158, Gaine - 300 Acres in Deer Canyon Ranch $300,000
100 Dalcrest - Build Your Dream Home! 2.02 Acres $89,000
1301 N Co Rd. 1081, Greenwood - 3.8 Acres to Build a Dream Home! $75,000
1351-1357 Tuckahoe Dr. - 4 Commercial Lots $65,000
1103 E Golf Course - Commercial Lot, Zoned LB-2 ..... $60,000
2804 N Lamesa - Residential Lot, Build to Suite! $20,000
400 & 407 Wadley - Prime Spot to Build! Residential Lots! ..... New Price! $25,000
E Co Rd. 80 - Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed ..... Call Now! 349-0140

COMMERCIAL
305 Sunset-Day care building for sale! $800,000
903 W Industrial - 4 Buildings o.n 1.5 Acres. Negotiable! $684,000
1211 N Lamesa - Commercial Building, Zoned LR-2 ..... $65,000

FOR LEASE
3001 Camarie-3 bed, 2 bath in Hyde Park ..... For Lease $1,500
502 E Broadway - 3 BD, 1.5 BA, 600 Minimum Credit Score ..... Now Price! $1,450
3010 Amelia - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Clean & Cute, No Pets, No Smoking, 600 Min Credit Score ..... New Price! $1,000

HOT NEW PRICES
4300 Dunbarton $875,000
3217 Bible $599,000
201 Ridge Line, Alpine $549,000
4520 Basil Trail $449,000
4100 Dustdown Ct. $429,000
5014 Casa Grande $427,000
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5407 Hillcrest $399,000
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800 W Michigan $180,000
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FEATURED LISTINGS
5101 TEAKWOOD TRACE $449,000 — Gorgeous 4 Bed/3.5 Ba/2 Gar In Green Tree! Gourmet Kitchen W/Granite, 3 Patios Perfect For Entertaining!
6207 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD. $999,000 — Spectacular New construction by Troy Hunt Homes 5 bed, 5 bath, 4 car garage w/a Gameroom in Blackgold Oaks!
5024 RIO GRANDE AVE. $279,900 — Super cute 3/2/2 Mark Payne Resale in Holiday Hill!
5205 HILLTOP $625,000 — Spacious 4000 sq. ft. home w/giant gourmet kitchen.
4514 PARKDALE $199,000 — 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, natural light. Covered patio.
6009 QUEENS CT. $309,900 — Lovely 4 bed/3 bath on cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen w/granite!
3306 HAYNES $315,000 — Immaculate 3 Bed/2.5/Living + Study! Designer Paint, Crown Moulding & Granite Throughout! Beautiful Courtyard!
4908 RIO GRANDE $235,000 — Spacious 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage in Greenhouse school district!
4509 LA SALLE CIRCLE $209,900 — Spacious 3 Bed/2 Bath/2 garage on quite cul-de-sac!
4426 ROOSEVELT $160,000 — Spacious 3 bedroom home on corner lot w/carport, workshop & water well!
1103 CASTLE ROCK COURT $585,000 — Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 Bath/ 2 living in Woodland Park!
12101 E. CO. RD. 102 $464,900 — Fabulous 4 Bed, 2 ba, 2 car on 1.75 acres w/a dazzling pool, pergola, workshop & storage bldg.
4906 WOODHOLLOW $315,000 — Fabulous move in ready 3 bed/ 2 bath/2 car house in Greenhouse!
UNDER CONTRACT — 5609 LLANO CT $299,900 — Nice & Clean! Low Maintenance 4 Bed/2 Bath Mark Payne Resale in Holiday Hill!
UNDER CONTRACT — 3104 BOARDWALK $215,000 — 1634 sq.ft. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths!
UNDER CONTRACT — 2310 ABEY PL. $245,000 — Nice 4 bed/2 bath/2 car on a quite cul-de-sac
UNDER CONTRACT — 2409 W. SHANNON $280,000 — 2051 sq.ft. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths!
UNDER CONTRACT — 4002 NEELY $205,000 — Adorable three bedroom/2 bath/2 garage built in 2007!
UNDER CONTRACT — 5107 ANETTA $219,900 — Well maintained 3 bed/2 bath home w/easy access to Real Park & Loop 250!
UNDER CONTRACT — 1001 MANOR $200,000 — Lovely 3 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 garage on pretty corner lot!
UNDER CONTRACT — 2004 CO. RD. 1050 $200,000 — Nice 4bed/2bath/2car michael davis resale on 1 acre in Greenwood.
UNDER CONTRACT — 1109 MILLTOWN $225,000 — Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom 2 bath Mark Payne Resale in Stonebridge!
UNDER CONTRACT — 717 SINCLAIR $205,000 — Super cute 3 bedroom 2.5 Bath with updates plus large game room!

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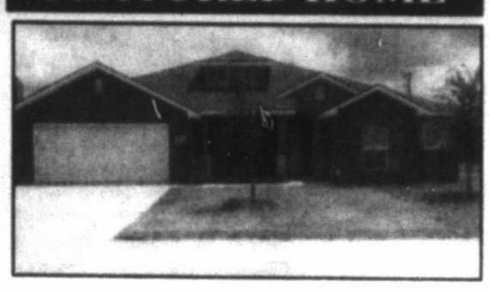
4710 YEARWOOD - $317,000
Beautiful Carrasco resale that you won't want to miss! 3 bedroom, 2 bath with open floor plan, high ceilings, granite and tons of windows for natural light. Seq. master bedroom with dual sinks, closets, tub and shower in the master bath. Office nook for home office. Beautifully landscaped front and back yard and a 3 car garage. Bring your picky buyers to see this move in ready home.
Shown by Sharon Horton 853-7875

OPEN 2:00-3:30
1210 W. MISSOURI - $299,500
Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 3 bath on a huge corner lot in historical/museum district. New wood floors, stunning kitchen with tons of granite, marble tile backsplash, 10 ft. serving buffet & Jenn-Air grill. Mounted 52 inch t.v. stays with property. Master suite is very large with jacuzzi tub and new custom tile shower & dual sinks. Huge corner lot with workshop.
Shown by Allyson Lovstuen 254-7855

OPEN 2:00-4:00
3508 IMPERIAL AVE. - $242,900
Wonderful, spacious 3 bed, 2.5 bath, beautiful living area w/fireplace, dining area with breakfast bar, 2 car garage! Updates include: hardwood & tile flooring, bathrooms, granite in kitchen counter tops/ back splash & recent interior/exterior paint! Large master suite w/updated shower, his & hers closet/ vanities! Over sized bedrooms, covered patio, well maintained landscaping!
Shown by Minerva Rodriguez 631-5679

SUNDAY FEATURED HOME



506 NOLAN RYAN DR.
$310,000
4 bedroom, 3 bath home with lots of the upgrades in Legends Park! Built in 2012. The high ceilings are topped with crown molding and the windows that allow for plenty of natural light. The kitchen features stainless appliances and granite countertops. the master bath has marble countertops and a incredibly large closet. Spacious bedroom top this house off. This is a must see!! Don't wait.
Call Dana Tatum-Major 488-7741

4+ BEDROOM		
2701 PARTON WAY	FACT ID #1005	$465,000
5302 HILLTOP DR	FACT ID #1077	$420,008
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	$369,900
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5006 APPLE CREEK ROAD		$341,000
800 WOODLAND PARK	FACT ID #1072	U/C
3204 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1033	$324,500
506 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1089	$310,000
5908 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1025	U/C
3204 MAXWELL DR	FACT ID #1082	SOLD
6 AUBURN CT	FACT ID #1067	U/C
4732 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1030	SOLD
4801 YEARWOOD	FACT ID# 1024	SOLD
2397 HERMITAGE COURT		$284,900
3 BEDROOM		
12810 E. CO. RD. 103	FACT ID #1046	U/C
908 TRINIDAD PLACE	FACT ID #1019	$389,900
9040 W VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	$378,500
5910 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1012	$323,950

3 BEDROOM		
36 LAFAYETTE	FACT ID #1036	SOLD
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
5205 TEAKWOOD	FACT ID #1040	U/C
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
6008 FRIO	FACT ID #1077	SOLD
2307 HERMITAGE CT	FACT ID #1057	$284,000
4823 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1025	$278,000
2 LINDA COURT	FACT ID #1018	$250,000
4003 COUNTY RD. 1247		$235,000
715 NOLAN RYAN DR	FACT ID #1067	$230,000
2603 NORTHRUP	FACT ID # 1080	$225,000
3809 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1006	$200,000
3804 NEELY	FACT ID #1046	$199,000
4500 GLENEAGLES	FACT ID #1221	U/C
2508 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1056	U/C
1305 PACIFIC AVE	FACT ID #1094	SOLD
107 N BENTWOOD	FACT ID #1089	SOLD
211 WALKER CT	FACT ID #1097	$185,000
211 WALKER COURT		$185,000
424 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1090	$175,000
511 BROWNWOOD	FACT ID #1038	U/C

3 BEDROOM		
4603 ANETTA	FACT ID #1037	U/C
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
2702 MICHIGAN AVE	FACT ID #1078	U/C
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$75,000
7100 AIRLINE	FACT ID #1088	PRICE REDUCTION $43,000
2 BEDROOM		
701 W. SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1661	U/C
1210 N. CO. RD. 1081	FACT ID #1029	$169,900
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
3307 HILL AVE	FACT ID #0851	SOLD
COMMERCIAL		
6203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000
LAND		
13416 W COUNTY RD. 100		$200,000
ODESSA		
2443 W. 15TH ST.	FACT ID #1061 (RESIDENTIAL LOT 0.19 ACRES)	PRICE REDUCTION $27,000
1708 E 53RD ST. ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
ODESSA LEASE		
2519 JUDY #13		$1,800/MONTH
2519 JUDY #12		$1,600/MONTH

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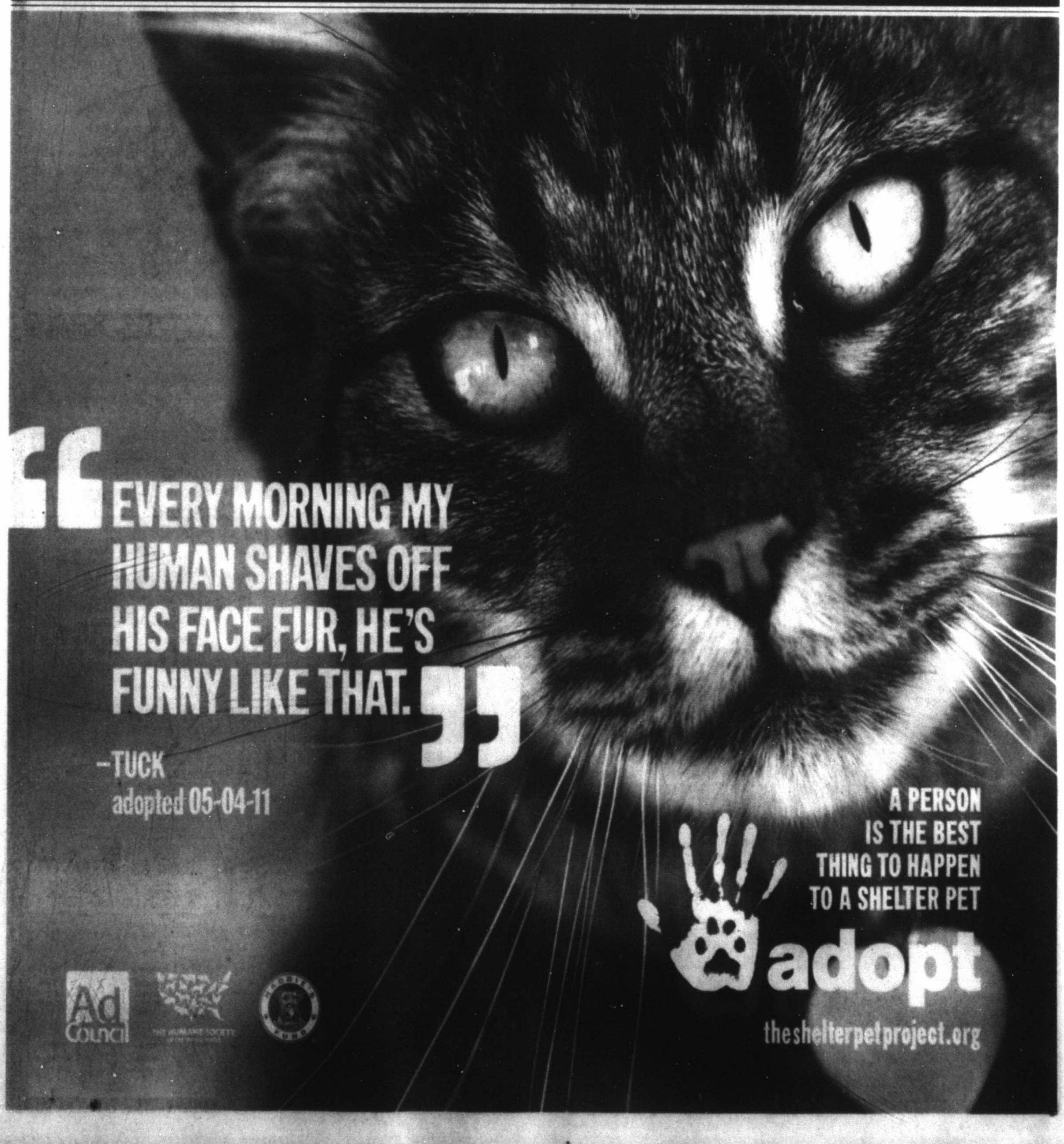

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1306 VENTNOR - $200,000

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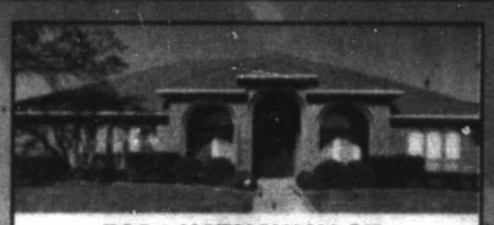
6118 CANDLESTICK - $350,000

ACTIVE LISTINGS

349 BARTLETT RD., CRANE
$747,000



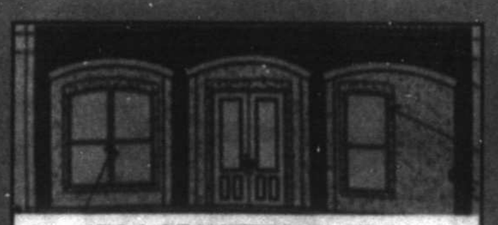
5624 HATHAWAY CT.
$695,000

6506 MOCKINGBIRD LN.
$675,000

4013 BAYBROOK CT.
$625,000

5312 CHESLEY CT.
$600,000

11509 W. CO. RD. 58
$600,000



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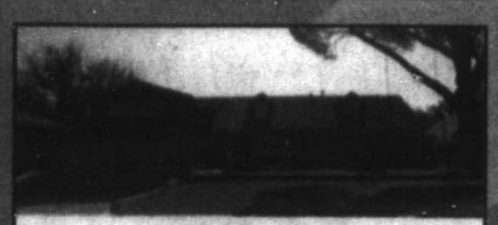

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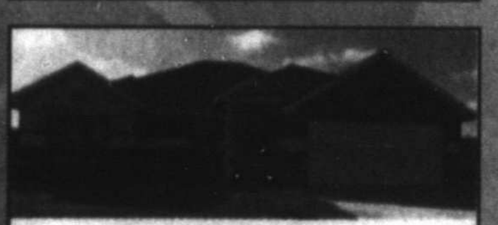

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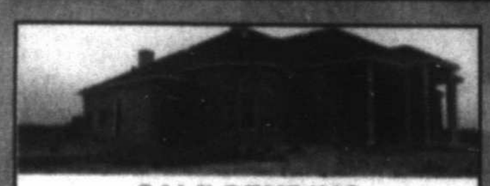

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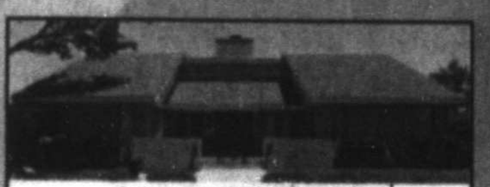

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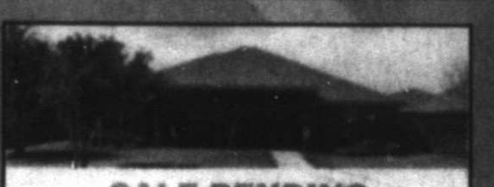

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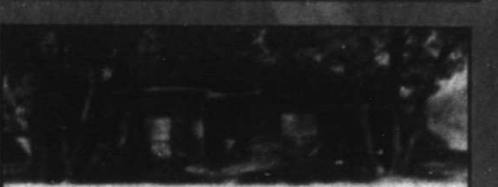

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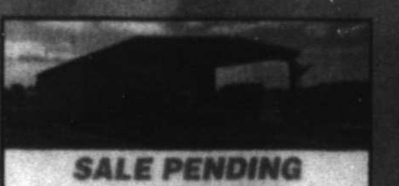

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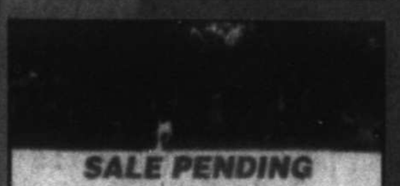

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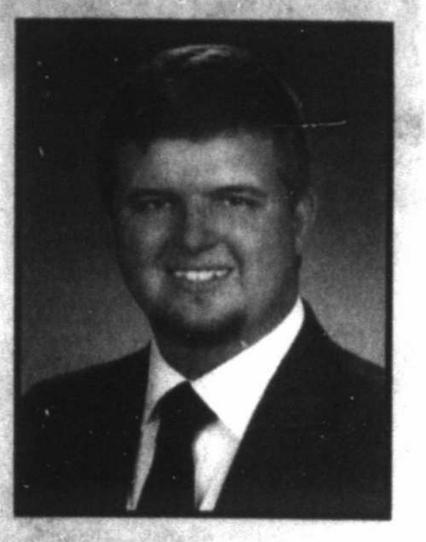

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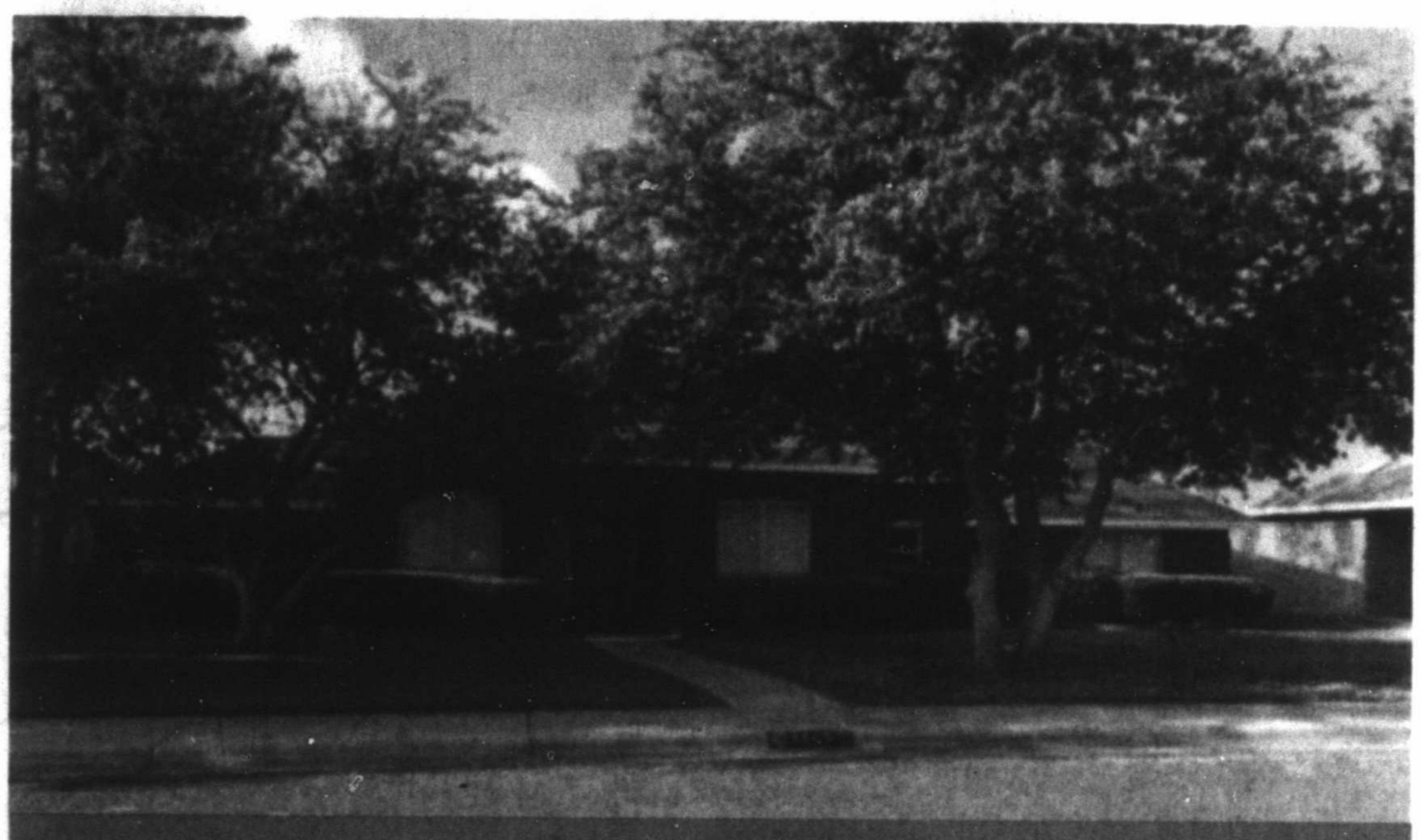

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Madison Shaw
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2205 Wellington Court - $399,500

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind, move-in-ready, 4 bedroom/3 bath home perfect for any family! Located at the end of a quite cul-de-sac in Polo Park. The kitchen is stunning with beautiful granite countertops that open into a large family room. Other bonuses include a great In-law plan, sequestered master with very large closet, 3-car garage, beautifully landscaped back and front yard, and a short walk from the community pool. I'm telling you, this one has it all! Come see for yourself at the Open House this SUNDAY 12:00-1:00.

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

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2205 WELLINGTON
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OPEN 12:00-1:00
1802 MCDONALD - $149,900
Come see this wonderful 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, freshly painted home with new hardwood laminate flooring.
Listed by Ashley St John, Shown by Reece Bivens

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4902 BROOKDALE - $249,900
What a find! Wonderful 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with open floor plan. Great size bedrooms with good storage!
Listed by Ashley St John, Shown by Sky Farris

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4207 VALLEY DR.
Spacious 3/2/2 home, centrally located with fresh paint and carpet!
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4306 MERRILL CT.
Shown by Betty Hicks

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3809 TODD
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2402 CAMARIE - $232,000
4 bedroom, 2 bath.
Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3503 DOUGLAS AVE
Updated home in a great area!
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OPEN 2:00-3:00
5100 CASTLEFORD - $319,900
Great 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, 3 car garage.
Shown by Virlinia Elizondo

OPEN 2:00-3:00
700 AUSTIN - $219,900
4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, open and spacious.
Shown by Tina Atkins

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4300 RUSSELL CT
Beautiful Updates
Shown by Amanda Gunter

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4610 ST ANDREWS - $308,000
Come and see this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Kitchen has been updated with granie and new backsplash!
Listed by Ashley St John, Shown by Sky Farris

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4909 LEARMONT
Super nice 3/2 patio-style with beautiful backyard, circular drive, really nice living space, large master suite, central patio with gazebo. Must see!
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It's Gotta Be Big

Want a bigger kitchen and bathroom in your home? Here's what it takes to grow a room

By Marla R. Miller | CTW Features

Embarking on a kitchen or bath remodel or expansion isn't for the DIY weekend warrior.

As two of the most important rooms in a house or condo, designers agree a well-done remodel will always add value to a home. But homeowners should carefully consider what they hope to accomplish with a remodel or expansion – more room, better flow, a place for the family to gather, indoor-outdoor access, a bathroom-bedroom suite or spa-like retreat – and whether it's a starter home they plan to resell, grow in, or live in retirement.

A kitchen or bath expansion involves commitment, planning and budget and product considerations before the work ever begins. It often requires obtaining various permits and hiring a variety of professionals – designer, architect, contractor, carpenter, electrician, and plumber – along with having your two most used rooms in disarray or out of commission for up to several months.

"It's important for homeowners to remember a kitchen or bathroom is one of the most important things they'll do and they will get their money back on it," says Jonathan Legate, an internationally published interior consultant and designer from Halifax, Nova Scotia and 2015 High Point Market Style Spotter. "It makes the biggest different. If they can find a little extra in their budget, it won't go unnoticed."

Many homeowners think they can do the work themselves to save money, but they may not have the time or skill. It's best to be realistic and it's worth hiring a professional designer to oversee the process, or work alongside the general contractor to make sure a homeowner's vision for the space comes together, says designer Vanessa Deleon of Vanessa Deleon Associates in New York.

It also can save time and money in the long run by avoiding change orders, product delays and other setbacks.

"Hiring a designer first is super imperative because it's really important to know a little bit of everything in design and construction," she says. "Even with the array of different brands and products, a designer knows the pros and cons of all those elements."

Good planning goes a long way in making the project go smoothly, says Jason Hebert, lead designer and architect for luxury home builder Jenkins Custom Homes in Austin, Texas.

Serving as both architect and builder, Jenkins uses a Lifestyle Analysis and Design Proposal system to determine the things most important to each client and how they live. It also takes into account site variables such as views, prevailing winds, deed and permitting restrictions, and topography.

"Everything is according to budget, obviously," Hebert says. "Get a good handle on the timeframe, cost, probably the biggest thing is having everything selected so everything goes smoother. You have to work everything out in the beginning so you're not changing all the time. It's a process to make changes and there has to be some kind of stopping point to move forward."

Homeowners have to be realistic about physical space constraints, both exterior and interior, if they want to expand a room. Taking out a load-bearing wall often poses problems, along with the added expense and hassle of architectural drawings, building inspector approval and other structural issues.

Condo dwellers are often restricted by the overall layout of a building and what is hiding behind walls. Some provide structural support for the entire building. Others conceal piping and wiring that often feed other condos and cannot be changed, Deleon says.

Hebert says people should focus more on how they want to live in the space and quality over quantity.

"Sometimes bigger isn't better," Hebert says. "I figure out their needs and likes and typically I can work from those ideas and give them a proposal of the concept design work from there. If you make it too big and counters are too far apart, it's hard to function in the space. Utilize the space you have and add as much as you need to make those functions work or aesthetically make the design work."

It's also important to add elements that are unique or special to the people who will live there – maybe it's a place for a family to gather and play a game, a spa-like bathroom with a custom shower, or easy access to the outdoors with doors that open onto a patio or deck off a bedroom-bath suite or the kitchen, Hebert says.

"Overall, keep it clean and simple and try to do less with more," he recommends. "Stick to some of the more classical, simpler designs that aren't too edgy. Better quality, better lights are definitely part of making them places you want to be in."

Image courtesy Master Brand Cabinets

Adding onto the exterior of a home will take space away from the yard and involve a lot of demolition, permits, construction and finishing work, which also increases the cost of the project.

If expanding is not an option, the dilemma becomes how to reconfigure an existing space to create the desired floor plan. It usually means giving up a closet, hallway or spare room or encroaching into an existing bedroom or dining room, says Stephanie Pierce, senior design studio manager at MasterBrand Cabinets.

Pierce agrees a lifestyle analysis is a critical first step. It's also important to plan for lost elements such as pantry or wall space.

"Really asses your lifestyle and what you want to get out of that space and come up with the plan," she says. "If you're giving up space to make a bigger floor plan, you want to maximize the storage or function in the new space."

A lot can be done with cabinetry during a kitchen remodel to make the most of space, including cabinets to the ceiling and adding oversized or pantry-sized cabinets for extra storage.

"People want a beautiful façade, but they really want those storage solutions," she says. "There are storage skews that give the interior of the cabinets a specific purpose and adaptability for individual use; wider doors and pullouts maximize those interiors."

Plumbing and wiring can be another challenge in bathroom and kitchen remodels and should be factored into the redesign. It's important to consider the placement of the sink, stove and fridge for prepping and cooking food. Moving the sink may also involve moving the plumbing and windows.

"I always say follow the triangle method," Deleon says. "You want the stovetop centered to the triangle and you don't want the refrigerator on the opposite side of the room."

Islands continue to be a popular way to create a more open-concept floor plan that connects to a living or dining room and utilizes what would be dead space. Islands also offer additional prep or cooking space, extra cabinet storage and an informal eating area.

"I love islands and the versatility of islands," Deleon says. "The bigger the island, the better. The kitchen is always the heart of the house."

If you do tear out a wall but still need the structural support, you can build an island around support posts or columns, Legate says.

"People do still seem to want an open kitchen design," he says. "People are using specific rooms less and they like one larger room."

Legate says small kitchens can often be more functional than large kitchens. He recommends a galley layout for small homes and condos.

"Sometimes, making the best of what you have can work well," he says. "Reconfigure it so you have the kitchen sink on one wall and stove on other wall so one person can do the prep and one can do cooking. Just make sure to not put them directly back to back because it makes it impossible for two people."

Another feature both Legate and Deleon are seeing in the kitchen is a dedicated area for seating or a small workspace so children can do homework or a spouse or guest can sit and chat with the cook.

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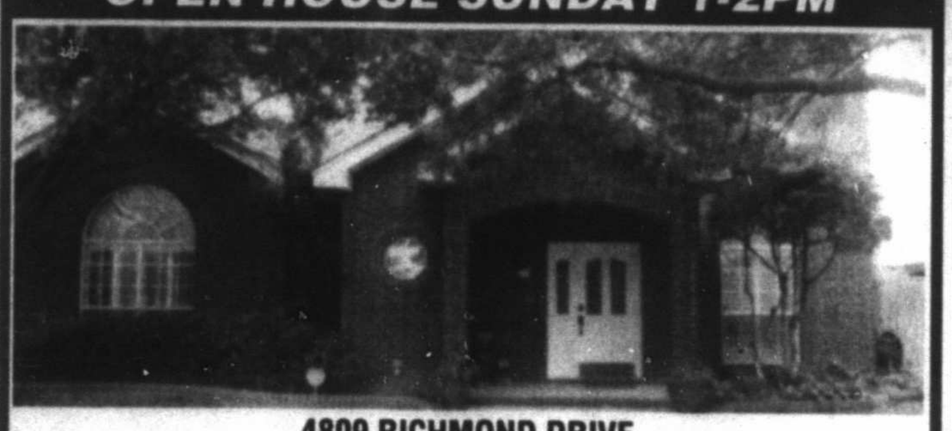

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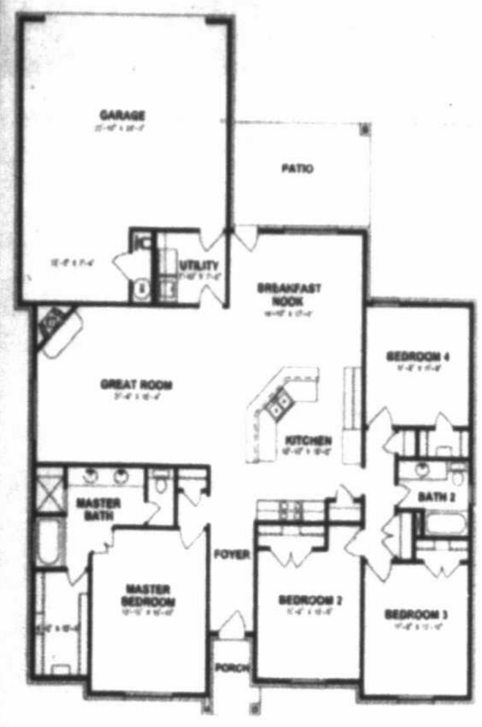

6006 Rio Grande
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Don't miss this beautiful home in Heritage Oaks! It offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths & an abundance of storage. The kitchen features granite countertops, custom cabinets and stainless steel appliances.

5909 Frio Drive
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This home in Heritage Oaks has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a flex room to be used as a study or formal dining. You will love the open kitchen with custom cabinets, a gas cooktop and granite countertops.

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2503 SHELL AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #103191 ..... $440,000
3606 WEDGWOOD CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #104604 ..... $429,750
4212 BAYBROOK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #104045 ..... $429,500
503 SOLOMON...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104825 ..... $400,000
5707 CROWLEY...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103040 ..... SALE PENDING
4406 KERI CT...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104445 ..... SALE PENDING
1008 BEDFORD DR...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #104109 ..... $399,750
3104 PATRICK...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 ..... SALE PENDING
2205 WELLINGTON COURT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #104717 ..... $390,500
5208 MATHIS...Larry Hatfield 349-4790 ..... SALE PENDING

5616 CYPRESS CT...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #104462 ..... $375,000
4901 LANCASHIRE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #102776 ..... $375,000
3101 FAIRFIELD...Mark Phillibar 232-5071 ..... MLS #101944 ..... $365,000
1713 COVENTRY LN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104480 ..... $365,000
6110 CANDLESTICK...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104691 ..... $360,000
4914 LANCASHIRE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104541 ..... $350,000
3103 SEABOARD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #104090 ..... $349,000
2905 WINDCRIFT...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103876 ..... SALE PENDING
12207 E. CO. RD. 111...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #103215 ..... $345,000
4003 NAVASOTA...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... SALE PENDING
1605 CASTLEFORD...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #104543 ..... $329,900
5733 GRASSLAND BLVD...Peggy Spence ..... MLS #103094 ..... $329,000
3603 WOODHAVEN...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103943 ..... $325,000
5109 CASTLEFORD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103629 ..... $324,000
3204 DURANT DR...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ..... MLS #104534 ..... $320,000
3101 CREST WOOD AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9795 ..... MLS #105018 ..... $315,000
4809 RICHMOND DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104925 ..... $300,000
2600 CALDERA...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103924 ..... $299,900
3911 WHITTLE WAY...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #104417 ..... $299,900
3602 MILE HIGH...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103995 ..... $299,900
5007 CHAPEL HILL...Larry Hatfield 349-4790 ..... MLS #103623 ..... $294,900
2212 SINCLAIR AVE...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ..... MLS #101519 ..... $290,000
715 WINCHESTER...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #102049 ..... $290,000
3202 MAXWELL...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #104631 ..... $290,000
2013 CAMARIE AVE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104702 ..... $280,000
2820 MAXWELL...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104271 ..... SALE PENDING

2804 EMERSON LANE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #104145 ..... SALE PENDING
4007 LEHIGH...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #103498 ..... SALE PENDING
2300 CHAMARON AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103435 ..... $274,000
617 DINAGGIO CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104177 ..... $265,000
2917 GODDARD PL...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #103424 ..... $265,000
2012 HAYNES AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #104833 ..... SALE PENDING
1121 PORTERFIELD RD...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104647 ..... $250,000
2101 HUGHES...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #103348 ..... $249,000
3100 BARNWELL...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... SALE PENDING
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 432-413-0780 ..... $245,000
4011 FAIRBANKS DR...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104077 ..... SALE PENDING
2905 S. MIDKIFF RD...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104100 ..... SALE PENDING
2609 HAYNES DR...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #104718 ..... SALE PENDING
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $232,000
3502 CAMARIE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104805 ..... $225,000
4306 HEC HILL...Betty Hicks 553-9136 ..... MLS #104749 ..... $220,000
709 AUSTIN...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #103009 ..... $219,000
1419 SPARKS...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #103539 ..... $209,900
3600 SHELL AVE...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #103565 ..... $200,000
3301 CORD...Elisa Flatt 557-7159 ..... MLS #104916 ..... $187,000
4730 COUNTRY CLUB...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104278 ..... $185,000
2400 NEELY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #102414 ..... $180,000
3216 KESSLER...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #104353 ..... SALE PENDING
4802 W. ILLINOIS AVE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS#104488 ..... $175,000
4413 PARSDALE DR...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103551 ..... $165,000
205 S. CRESTVIEW DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #104743 ..... $84,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5015 ECR 100...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104230 ..... $1,000,000
2900 STANLINO...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104494 ..... SALE PENDING
4075 RUSTIC TRAIL...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #103213 ..... SALE PENDING
5400 CACTUS TRAIL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #104987 ..... $545,000
3800 TODD...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #100017 ..... $435,000
1102 CASTLEFORD RD...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #103413 ..... $389,900
5311 WIMBERLY SPRINGS...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103737 ..... $380,000
4000 GREEN TREE BLVD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #104388 ..... $370,000
5600 LLANO CT...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103845 ..... $365,000
4012 TRINITY COURT...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #104840 ..... SALE PENDING
3402 FELDSPAR LANE...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #101330 ..... $349,900
2525 QUAIL POINT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103709 ..... $340,000
5604 LOS PATIOS DR...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #103376 ..... $333,000
3200 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104767 ..... $194,900
3403 LIMESTONE LN...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103695 ..... SALE PENDING
5408 RIO GRANDE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103508 ..... $305,000
3101 BAYBRIDGE CT...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104727 ..... SALE PENDING
3213 HIGHSKY DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #105045 ..... $299,900
4805 SPRING MEADOW LN. #4...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104189 ..... $299,500
4207 VALLEY DR...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #104061 ..... $299,000
1009 SHIRLEY LANE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #104440 ..... $294,000
5410 LA JOLLA...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103572 ..... $289,900
4005 CREST WOOD...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103325 ..... $289,500
2604 CIMMARON AVE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103708 ..... $280,000
2604 ADDINA ST...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101146 ..... $279,500
901 CHEYENNE ST...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101251 ..... $279,500
2810 DURANT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #99124 ..... $277,500
5707 CHAMPIONS DR...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103614 ..... SALE PENDING
4000 LEARNER DR...Donna Crisp 557-1458 ..... MLS #104004 ..... $275,000
2516 HUMBLE AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ..... MLS #104009 ..... SALE PENDING
4723 SPRING MEADOW LANE, #2...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #102669 ..... SALE PENDING
3301 BLUEBIRD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #102624 ..... SALE PENDING
1806 MISSOURI...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #103530 ..... $209,900
3610 HYDE PARK...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... $208,000
3600 JAMISON CT...Sucah Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #102577 ..... $200,000

1607 W. MICHIGAN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104515 ..... $260,000
1107 W. INDIANA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104450 ..... $257,500
3303 MARBLE LANE...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #105040 ..... $254,900
936 EDWARDS...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103556 ..... $250,000
2401 GODDARD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103692 ..... $250,000
4300 RUSSELL CT...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #105064 ..... $250,000
3503 DOUGLAS Ave...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #105059 ..... $237,000
3403 FREDMA...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #102618 ..... $235,000
2907 W. DENGAR AVE...Jo Keller 269-6319 ..... MLS #103625 ..... $234,900
2410 NORTHTOWN CT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #102782 ..... SALE PENDING
4103 DYER...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #102538 ..... SALE PENDING
3623 W. WADLEY...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ..... MLS #104263 ..... SALE PENDING
807 CHEYENNE ST...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... $240,000
1211 W. TEXAS AVE...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #105106 ..... SALE PENDING
3504 MCDONALD...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #103809 ..... SALE PENDING
409 HOGAN...Peggy Spence 684-3011 ..... MLS #103702 ..... $234,900
1609 CLEMENT CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #104807 ..... $232,000
2905 SUNBURST DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104829 ..... $232,000
3220 APPERSON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #104468 ..... SALE PENDING
1000 BOYD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... $229,900
3705 MARK LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #104590 ..... $229,900
3604 GULF...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103833 ..... $229,000
2502 SINCLAIR...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101836 ..... SALE PENDING
3800 CULVER...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #104291 ..... SALE PENDING
606 NOLAN RYAN DRIVE...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #103588 ..... SALE PENDING
1000 BOYD...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... $219,900
1610 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104708 ..... $210,000
3208 ORIENTAL...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ..... MLS #104560 ..... SALE PENDING
1609 CLEMENTS COURT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... SALE PENDING
3709 NEELY...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103402 ..... $210,000
202 MITCHELL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103049 ..... SALE PENDING
3217 W. SHANDON AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103232 ..... $200,000
2105 MARCIE CT...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #102852 ..... $200,000
602 WAGNER...Peggy Spence 684-3011 ..... MLS #103716 ..... $200,000
1603 MCDONALD...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #104878 ..... $200,000

5105 LAVACA AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #103282 ..... $200,000
3210 FRONTIER...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103193 ..... $203,000
2829 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #103900 ..... SALE PENDING
2609 COUNTRY CLUB...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102727 ..... $201,000
800 GULF AVE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS # 104341 ..... $200,000
1401 MURRAY ST...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103786 ..... $200,000
1306 VENTHOR...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104992 ..... $200,000
3401 S. CO. RD. 1070, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS#104539 ..... SALE PENDING
3606 SINCLAIR AVE...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #104517 ..... $195,000
1010 GULF...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #104240 ..... $199,900
805 DELA LANE...Peggy Spence 684-3011 ..... MLS #102844 ..... $199,000
3605 SHELL AVE...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #104653 ..... $195,000
2217 CIMMARON...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #104273 ..... $195,000
5106 LAVACA AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #103282 ..... $194,000
613 W SPRUCE...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #105066 ..... $194,000
3317 CIMMARON AVE...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #104834 ..... SALE PENDING
4601 PALMER...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS#103993 ..... SALE PENDING
4829 BROOKDALE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS # 102807 ..... SALE PENDING
708 ALPINE ST...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #101390 ..... $176,500
221 N. EISENHOWER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103862 ..... $167,000
3317 W. DENGAR AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #104154 ..... $165,000
419 IDLEWILDE DR...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ..... MLS #104737 ..... $165,000
4412 STOREY AVE...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104392 ..... $160,000
4728 PRINCETON...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #103210 ..... SALE PENDING
4610 SOWE DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS # 104713 ..... $155,000
4723 RIC...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ..... $154,000
307 S. ADAMS AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #104051 ..... $150,000
4305 HARVARD...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #104563 ..... $148,500
4400 ERIE...Pam Messer 349-8573 ..... MLS #100066 ..... SALE PENDING
1017 A NAVAJO...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103997 ..... SALE PENDING
1901 N. BENTON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #104609 ..... SALE PENDING
4327 CEDAR SPRING...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #104223 ..... $110,000
4304 THOMASON...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #103795 ..... $108,700
1604 W. WASHINGTON...Darla Davis 432-260-8077 ..... MLS #100398 ..... $100,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

1407 W TEXAS AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #101991 ..... $239,900
3646 SHELL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103714 ..... SALE PENDING
3526 SHELL AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #105022 ..... $184,900
1102 LANHAM ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #102359 ..... $163,000

4021 LIVINGSTON ST...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #103302 ..... $194,900
2903 MICHIGAN...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #104673 ..... SALE PENDING
715 MELTON ALLEY...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104560 ..... SALE PENDING
330 E. CLOUD...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #102286 ..... $120,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

3629 BOYD AVE...Lydia Scudder ..... MLS #103042 ..... $249,000
2506 WADLEY...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103146 ..... $229,900
715 MELTON ALLEY ..... MLS #104056 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

1309 S. CO. RD. 1130...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# 102406 ..... 72 Acres/$2,000,000
5015 E. CO. RD. 190...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104230 ..... $1,000,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #104991 ..... $625,000
11509 W. CO. RD. 34...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104295 ..... $600,000
601 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104808 ..... $599,000
4010 E. CO. RD. 91...Elisa Flatt 557-7159 ..... SALE PENDING
5709 E. CO. RD. 97, GREENWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #104555 ..... $529,000
5104 S. CO. RD. 1150...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102429 ..... $499,900
7308 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... SALE PENDING
5104 N. CO. RD. 1150...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102429 ..... $479,000
2112 S. CO. RD. 1128...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #104872 ..... $410,000
14640 W. CO. RD. 124...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103799 ..... $375,000
7218 E. CO. RD. 91...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104435 ..... $360,000

10002 E. CO. RD. 109...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #105019 ..... $300,000
2411 S. CO. RD. 1119...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103974 ..... SALE PENDING
600 E. CO. RD. 140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104750 ..... SALE PENDING
1811 CO. RD. 1089...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #104043 ..... $329,000
4201 S. CO. RD. 1165...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ..... MLS #100444 ..... $325,000
3001 S. CO. RD. 1068...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103274 ..... $314,000
5300 S. CO. RD. 1128...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... SALE PENDING
10003 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #104057O ..... SALE PENDING
10200 CO. RD. 86, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS #104688 ..... 10 Acres/$290,000
3911 SCD. RD. 1185...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104679 ..... $285,000
1400 N. CO. RD. 1118...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103113 ..... $275,000
10502 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... $249,000
6007 E. CO. RD. 130...Reannah Wyatt 275-9015 ..... MLS #103511 ..... $240,000

6307 S. CO. RD. 1280...Jo Keller 269-6319 ..... MLS #104643 ..... $239,000
2300 S. CO. RD. 1129...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103811 ..... SALE PENDING
10007 S. CO. RD. 104...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103794 ..... $229,000
1300 W. CO. RD. 86...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #104209 ..... $215,000
3415 S. CO. RD. 1130...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104706 ..... SALE PENDING
10002 E. CO. RD. 104...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# 102274 ..... $184,900
7209 E. CO. RD. 97...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS# 102274 ..... SALE PENDING
10705 E. CO. RD. 105...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103832 ..... SALE PENDING
104 E. CO. RD. 120...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS#102185A ..... SALE PENDING
1210 N. CO. RD. 1081...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ..... MLS# 101074 ..... 260/$174,000
3004 S. CO. RD. 141...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ..... MLS #105043 ..... 1/2 Acre/$60,000
1617 A NAVAJO...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103997 ..... SALE PENDING
2011 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Phillber ..... MLS #93898 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104091 ..... $747,000
8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104602 ..... $575,000
1600 NE 1001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker ..... MLS# 100455 ..... $525,000
14600 N. DOGWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104548 ..... 5 Acres/$435,000
7001 SKYHAVEN, ODESSA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #97695 ..... SALE PENDING
11402 W. CO. RD. 40, GARDENDALE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... 3 Acres/$395,000
325 PECAN, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... 6.4 Acres/$275,000

10967 N. ASTER DR., GARDENDALE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104602 ..... $240,000
101 CONLEY PL., ODESSA...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103711 ..... $200,000
1402 W. 22ND ST., ODESSA...Mark Phillber 232-5071 ..... MLS #104499 ..... $194,000
212 WASHINGTON AVE, BIG SPRING...Reannah Wyatt 275-9015 ..... $100,000
1410 SPUR, ODESSA...Sue Lytle 432-661-5338 ..... SALE PENDING
13615 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104033 ..... $187,500

4010 CANDY LANE, ODESSA...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102799 ..... SALE PENDING
5327 LONGSHORE RD., BIG SPRING...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #101735 ..... 380/$169,000
400 1ST, STANTON...Michelle Kidd ..... MLS #101475 ..... $160,000
1003 3RD, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker ..... MLS #101790 ..... $146,500
211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaurra Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104054 ..... $85,000
1013 STADIUM, BIG SPRING...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #101629 ..... $50,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10204 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103036 10.11 Ac/$2,100,000
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #102751 ..... $1,000,000
5308 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #99121 ..... $799,000
331 TANNY DR, ODESSA...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102144 ..... $695,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #101869 ..... $580,000
810 W. KENTUCKY...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #104257 ..... $475,000
2207 W. FRONT ST...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #102671 ..... $385,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..... 7.817 Ac/$337,560
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..... 11.252 Ac/$485,580
E. CO. RD. 140-LOT 11...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103744 ..... 5 Acres/$300,000
S. LAMESA RD...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103878 ..... 10 Acre Tract/$300,000

CO. RD. 140-LOT 10...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102240 ..... 9.7 Acres/$291,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102472 ..... 6.470 Ac/$294,370
1811 ORCHARD DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #104252 ..... $250,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102473 ..... 6.296 Ac/$286,180
CO. RD. 140-LOT 6...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102244 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 7...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102245 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 8...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102246 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 4...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102243 ..... 5.6 Acres/$168,000
7951 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #101887 ..... $162,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 13...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102251 ..... $160,000
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CO. RD. 140-LOT 14...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102254 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 19...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102252 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100230 ..... 2 Lots/$120,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #103887 ..... $90,000

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W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... North Ridge Dev., RV Park,
Storage Complex $20,000,000
CO. RD. 1005...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97403
CLEAN Land; Will Split, 505+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 100...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97409
IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,000,000
3202 S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #101019 ..... 99.61 Acres/$1,543,955
5015 E. Co. Rd...190 Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104230
155.7 Acres/$1,500,000
000 FM 1213...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #101072 ..... $1,362,000
CO. RD. 1110...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #96969 ..... SALE PENDING
N. Co. Rd. 1100...Caleb Mattott 349-3330 ..... MLS # 104231
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CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 694-1253 ..... MLS #94070 ..... 185 Acres/$925,000

FM 1212, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102847 ..... 336.08 Acres/$840,000
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1209 STOKES...Jane Wolf 352-4008 ..... MLS #103781 ..... 10+ Acres/$475,000
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CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5012 ..... MLS #99518 ..... 20.1 Acres/$271,450
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WEST TEXAS PITMASTER

Midlander brings home 'tips and tricks' from competitive barbecue reality show

By Megan Lea Buck
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Junior Urias sits at his kitchen table on a Monday afternoon, happy to share stories from the celebratory party he and his family hosted the Thursday before. Placed on the kitchen counter, waiting to be framed, is the official declaration from Mayor Jerry Morales proclaiming June 11, 2015 as "Junior Urias Day." It's the air date for Urias' first appearance on this season's "BBQ Pitmasters" reality show on Destination America.

After winning the title of Texas champion last season, Urias and other winners returned to compete in the show's all-stars season. He won the first episode to continue on to the semifinal round.

When asked what he's gained from competing in the show, Urias talked about the friendships he's made with the other contestants.

"What I've learned is, you meet good people in the barbecue business and you become good friends with them," he said. "You just build an awesome connection with them like you've known them forever."

Another perk: You share recipes.

"Robby (Royal) — he's one of the competitors — he lives in Georgia and they do a lot of whole hogs and things like that. I'm going to get some tips and tricks from him on that, so when I do go into other regions I'll be able to compete with the people in that area. In return, I'm going to help him out with briskets and stuff like that that they're not used to," he said.

Urias served a whole hog at his party and he plans to incorporate it into his catering menu for private parties. His Up In Smoke BBQ & Co. offers to-go foods and catering services along with rubs and seasonings.

With new players coming onto the growing food scene in Midland, Urias stressed the need for good barbecue. Citing Austin and the Hill Country as the areas of Texas most well-known for barbecue, he said he hopes to put the Permian Basin on the map.

"I'm going to provide good, quality food and I think that's super important for the Midland community," he said.

Midlanders craving some of Urias' award-winning barbecue will soon be able to stop by for lunch next to Midland Power Sports.

"I'll have a couple of picnic tables and hopefully an awning and just good food — that's it," he said. Lunch service will be available three or four days a week, leaving time for Urias to continue his catering business.

Though Up in Smoke slowed down a little during the downturn, Urias said his loyal customers and publicity from being on "BBQ Pitmasters" has helped keep the

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Junior Urias of Up In Smoke barbecue is appearing on the All Stars season of "BBQ Pitmasters" on the Destination America network. Urias won the Texas edition of the competitive reality show last year and was asked to return to compete against other winners. Urias hosted a viewing party June 11 at his home. Urias used tips from another contestant for his whole hog recipe that he served at the party.

James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

5 QUESTIONS

Erika Berry | owner of Blue Max

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

'Triple-washed' spinach safe to eat from bag

Dear Heloise: I would like to know how safe it is to eat spinach from the bag. We get organic baby spinach that is triple-washed. My daughter says it is already washed, so we do not have to wash it. I disagree. Please clear this up. — Sheela M. in Texas

Oh, I don't want to get between a mother and daughter over spinach! However, most food-safety experts agree if the bag says "triple washed, ready to eat, and no need for washing," then you should be safe, all things considered.

Triple-washed means it also goes through a chlorine-and-water rinse, too. This rinse kills somewhere between 90-99 percent of bacteria, which probably is a higher kill rate than you would get at home. Don't most of us just rinse under water? How long? Probably not long enough to really get rid of many germs.

That said if you want to rinse, then do so if it makes you feel better. — Heloise

P.S.: I don't.

Salt-free seasoning

Dear Heloise: I've used a salt-free steak seasoning that is no longer available locally. I can get it from the manufacturer if I buy four bottles at a price higher than the grocery store's and pay shipping and handling. Do you have a recipe I could make at home? — Pat S., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sure do! Heloise's Salt Substitute recipe is just what you are looking for. Here it is:

5 teaspoons onion powder
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon white pepper (black, if preferred)
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds

Mix all the ingredients thoroughly, then store in an old spice jar, labeled, with all your other spices. For more seasoning recipes (and sauces), order one of my Heloise's Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes pamphlets. Go online to www.Heloise.com, or send $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Seasonings, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. This original Heloise recipe is one of the most asked for, so please keep a copy of this column. — Heloise

Remove tomato stem

Dear Heloise: I read your column daily in the Orange County (California) Register. I use a strawberry huller to remove the stems from strawberries. It also removes the stem from tomatoes without having to cut off the end piece. This also removes some of the bitter white part of the tomato. — Mnelson, via email

Olive slicer

Dear Heloise: Because of the cost of buying sliced olives, I buy whole, pitted olives and slice them myself. What a slow job! Then I had a light bulb go off: Why not try my egg slicer? Worked like a gem! Perhaps the slices were not as perfect as the canned form, but they were much less expensive! — Jeanine T., Columbus, Neb.

Hey, to save money, especially on something that is going down the gullet, is good in my book. — Heloise

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From 1E

family-run business going.

His wife, Jennifer, manages the company and kept everything running in February when he was filming in Tampa, Florida, and in Austin.

When Urias returned to Midland, he had to keep the results of the competition a secret until the shows aired.

"They tell you that you can tell your immediate family, but it's hard," he said. "A lot of people ask, 'Where did you go?' I just said, 'We went and competed somewhere,' and we left it at that."

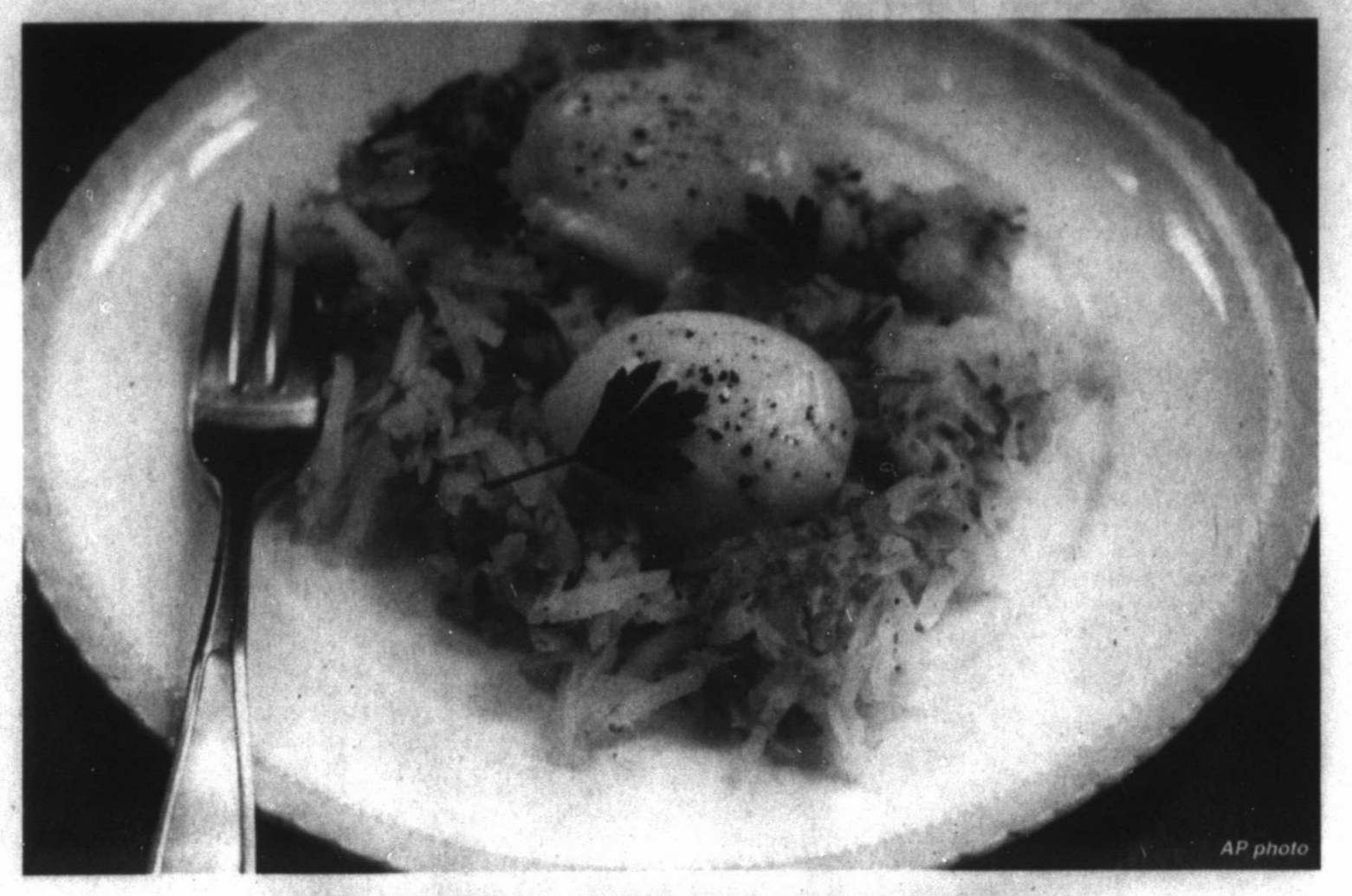
While Urias is used to cooking under the pressure of competition, the reality show brings an obstacle not found at other cookoffs: the process required to make entertaining TV.

"The difference is, they're right there with you. You don't get to just open up the pit and inject or anything real quick," he said. "They want to get in and get a shot of that. You open it two or three times in the process, so the cooking that will usually take eight hours to do will probably take about 15 hours between filming."

The timing difference results in some contestants not finishing their meats, but Urias said his catering business has helped him learn to work with whatever time frame he's given.

Urias hopes to pass on some of his barbecue know-how through cooking classes he's looking into offering.

"That's another thing I'm going to bring to Midland — barbecue classes, steak classes, just the simplicity of starting up the grill, how to start it, from that to how to cook an entire steak from start to finish," he said. "I see it as Midlanders helping Midlanders. That's what I want to do."



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CULINARY GAME CHANGER

The secret to the perfect poached egg

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — It took nearly 20,000 miles to discover this secret, but cracking the code of the perfect poached egg made every one of them worth it. And I'll save you the travel trouble.

I was on the tail end of a culinary circumnavigation of the globe. I was hungry and jetlagged and slowly eating my way through Copenhagen, home to some of the most innovative chefs in the world. Lunch on my second day in this almost painfully romantic and beautiful city was at Relae, a casual restaurant — and one of the world's top 50 — that specializes in no-fuss, organic food with big, bold flavors and beautiful (but unpretentious) platings.

The meal included a bend-the-mind sort of dessert — fantastically tart lemon sorbet topped with a warm poached egg. It sounds crazy, but it was right in every possible way.

Yet it wasn't the unusual combination that caught my attention (though I highly recommend you try that, too). It was the egg itself. From my seat at the bar overlooking the kitchen, I watched as the chefs cracked my poached egg onto the icy sorbet directly from the shell. Which is to say, the egg had been perfectly poached in the shell.

The soothing runniness of a warm poached egg is just this side of heaven, and it is something I have long worked to perfect. Yet despite my struggles, the crack-the-egg-into-simmering-water method — no matter how many tricks and tips I've employed — has never produced that Platonic ideal of a sumptuously smooth poached egg I desired.

This egg in this restaurant in this Danish city was that egg. And the chefs were kind enough to explain to me their trick.

And then I went to dinner at Amass, Matt Orlando's brilliant take on Nordic cuisine. And he served me yet another perfectly poached egg cracked directly from the shell, this time onto fermented grains. And like the folks at Relae, he and his team were happy to share their technique.

Frustratingly, it's a method that is hard to replicate at home. These folks use sous vide cookers (heaters that maintain set temperatures in bins of water to gently, slowly and uniformly cook food to within tenths of a degree). The technique actually was simple. Whole eggs get submerged in 145.5 F water for between 45 minutes to an hour. That's it.

Under these conditions, the whites are delicately cooked, while the yolks remain lusciously supple and runny.

Sadly, most of us don't have sous vide cookers at home. So I decided to hack the system for a home solution. And while this can be a bit fussy and certainly takes longer than traditional poaching methods, the result is vastly better than any poached egg you've ever made.

Also, these eggs are easily prepped ahead of time, then reheated when you wish to eat them. Simply follow the recipe, then plunge the poached eggs (in the shell) into a bowl of ice and water. When the eggs are cool, refrigerate for up to three days. When you want to serve the eggs, set them in a bowl of hot water for about 5 minutes to warm.

PERFECTLY POACHED EGGS

You will need a digital thermometer for this recipe. They are inexpensive and widely available. This recipe produces a very delicate poached egg. For a firmer egg, increase cooking time to 45 to 50 minutes.

Start to finish: 45 minutes
Servings: 6
6 eggs

In a medium saucepan over the lowest possible heat, bring 6 cups of water to 145 F. On a gas stove, this should take 8 to 10 minutes. Lift the saucepan off the heat, then set a large skillet on the burner. Set the saucepan into the skillet. The skillet diffuses the direct heat of the burner, making it easier to maintain a consistent water temperature.

Carefully set the eggs into the water. Check the temperature. It should drop down to between 135 F to 138 F. Let the eggs cook in this manner for 40 minutes, checking the water temperature about every 5 to 10 minutes. The water temperature should slowly increase. If it gets above 145 F, add cool water 1/4 cup at a time to maintain 145 F.

After 40 to 45 minutes, use a slotted spoon to remove the eggs from the hot water. Run under cool water until easily handled. To serve, gently crack the shells and set the poached egg onto your desired dish.

Summer means time for lemon with lager

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Don't let life's lemons sour your summer. Use them to sour your beer, instead.

It's what's called a shandy, a refreshing drink that classically is beer mixed with lemonade, though other flavors can be used. It has been a seasonal staple in Europe since at least the mid-1800s when British drinkers ordered their "shandygaff," often beer mixed with ginger ale.

But lately it's been showing up on American cocktail menus and supermarket shelves, with new bottled and canned varieties on the market and bartenders experimenting with their own fruity beer combos.

"Shandies have gained tremendous momentum the past several years, and we don't see this slowing down anytime soon," says Danelle Kosmal, vice president, alcoholic beverages, for market research firm Nielsen.

In fact, while shandy sales remain a tiny niche of the overall multibillion dollar beer market, sales have grown 15 percent by volume and 18 percent by value over the past 52 weeks, Nielsen data show.

Brands on the market include MillerCoors' Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy and Samuel Adams Porch Rocker from Boston Beer Co., as well as Shock Top Lemon Shandy from Anheuser-Busch. Also in stores, Narragansett Del's Shandy, made in collaboration with Del's Lemonade, a Rhode Island institution, and Curious Traveler Lemon Shandy from The Traveler Beer Co., part of Boston Beer Co.'s Vermont-based Alchemy & Science subsidiary.

Lemon mixes are a zesty classic, but shandies aren't always made with lemonade, and they aren't always called shandy.

In Germany, the drink is known as radler, or bicyclist, because the fruity, lower-alcohol drink was considered just the thing to refresh a weary cyclist, said Armin Buehler, senior market manager for Radeberger Gruppe USA, which introduced Schofferhofer Grapefruit Hefeweizen (wheat beer) in 2013.

It sounds a little out there. Grapefruit? Beer? But in the case of Schofferhofer, the grapefruit shandy is refreshing with a strong but not overpowering taste of citrus harmonizing with the yeasty beer. And grapefruit turns out to be a trend within a trend. Other recent releases include Leinenkugel Grapefruit Shandy and Illusive Traveler Grapefruit Ale.

Buehler likes Schofferhofer Grapefruit as an outdoor drink. "I envision myself being on a rooftop seeing the sun go down, drinking that," he said.

Fresh fruits no more expensive than junk food

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One of the more common reasons parents give for choosing to buy snacks that would qualify as junk foods instead of fresh fruits is the belief fresh produce is too expensive. But is that really true?

While it is true fruits can be very expensive if purchased out of season, they can be found for low prices if they are in season. All it takes is a little research and smart shopping. A quick comparison of prices for junk foods and fresh fruits reveals that fruits are either comparably priced or less expensive than junk foods. Consider that a recent ad for a local supermarket advertised a 10-ounce bag of donuts for $2. The same store also advertised red seedless grapes for $1 per pound.

The bag of donuts contains around 18 donuts, 360 calories per serving (6 donuts), and 20 grams of fat. For the same money, two pounds of grapes will yield more food to eat, 3 calories per grape and .01 grams of fat. Another store ad promoted a one-pound bag of cookies for a sale price of $1.67. The same ad listed fresh peaches at 79 cents per pound. Again, the price is comparable but the health benefits of the fruit far outweigh those of the cookies and similar snack foods.

Fresh fruits also can be found in local farmers markets, often for less money than the same items at the supermarket. Another way to decrease the cost of eating fresh fruits is to grow your own. A home garden can be a great way to enjoy the fruits you love while also getting in some physical activity. A garden can also be a great way to enjoy family time and introduce children to a variety of fruits and vegetables. Research has shown children are often more willing to eat things they've had a hand in producing, so involving your children in age-appropriate garden activities can help motivate them to make healthier eating choices while saving you money.

The answer to the question of whether it is more expensive to eat healthy foods than junk foods is a resounding "no." To find fresh fruits at good prices:

- Purchase fruits that are in season;
- Check your local supermarket for sale prices on fruits;
- Check out your local farmer's market; and
- Plant a home garden.

ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

From: recipefinder.nal.usda.gov

4 cups pasta, cooked
2 cups blanched broccoli pieces
1 cup cooked carrot slices
1/2 cup red pepper strips
1/4 cup sliced green onions
1/2 to 3/4 cup Italian dressing

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate for about 30 minutes before serving. Makes 8 servings.

Cost per recipe: $2.67; Cost per serving: 33 cents

GLEN AARON

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Novel co-authored by Odessan will keep readers engaged in other world

Kristene Perrone and Joshua Simpson have written "Warp World," an epic science fiction adventure. Perrone lives in British Columbia and Simpson is a muscular-skeletal therapist in Odessa.

Sci-fi has been around a long time and is a well-accepted genre, particularly since "Star Wars." It does require going up a learning curve of nomenclature — just as "Star Wars" did — and every novel is different. The new words and names are part of the intrigue of story. Elements like interstellar travel, culture clashes, secret missions and interspecies love are the meat and potatoes, while unanticipated deviations, danger and themes of good versus evil keep the reader turning pages.

This is the story of two worlds of two different types of people. Seg comes from a world where the people are cultural theorists, and he has traveled as a scout to this other world. He is searching for "Vita," an undetectable-to-the-human-eye energy imbued on anything of cultural or spiritual importance. His people are dying because they are running out of Vita. Therefore, Seg must find other worlds where Vita exists, take it and transport it back to his world.

In this foreign world, Seg meets Ama and hires her to assist him in his scouting efforts. Seg and Ama have a tenuous relationship as Ama comes to realize that to continue on she must turn on her own people, or at least turn on the sect that controls her people. Nevertheless, she helps Seg locate the palace of the powerful ruling sect. Upon arriving at the palace and passing themselves off in disguise in order to enter, they are discovered and have to join together to fight their way out. They each come to realize Ama's people must escape their tyrannical overlords, and Seg comes to realize his world has political powers that would destroy him and Ama's world. They must team together not only to survive but to free Ama's people.

This is a 500-page novel that, once you become comfortable with it, will keep you reading until the end. For the readers not used to the genre, it will open up a whole new world of enjoyable reading. For sci-fi readers, it will leave you screaming for a sequel.

"Warp World" can be ordered online at Amazon.com or through your favorite bookstore.

JOHN TRISCHITTI III

Midland County Public Library

Both library locations bustling with summer programs, exhibits

Summer is approaching the half-way point and programs and activities are in full swing at the Midland County Public Libraries. Thanks to the support and strong usage of the community, we continue to set new benchmarks at both the Centennial and downtown locations. So far this summer, we are serving on average more than 1,500 people a day between the two libraries.

As we make our way through July, don't miss out on some of these exciting happenings.

The month of July is your last scheduled opportunity to experience the "Permian Monsters" exhibit. This collaboration between the Midland County Public Libraries and the Museum of the Southwest has been met with phenomenal success. If you have been putting off seeing this world-class exhibit with its American premiere here in Midland, now is the time. Come and see what your friends and neighbors have been talking about.

On display at the downtown library this summer is "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island." This exhibit is based on the major exhibition of the same name developed by the Bullock Texas State History Museum. As a major gateway for immigration, Galveston Island was the port of entry for thousands of people coming to America from 1845 to 1924. "Forgotten Gateway" considers the importance of place in the immigrant experience — tracing the history of Galveston Island as it changed from a small harborage for sailing vessels to a major cosmopolitan steamship and railroad hub, and back to a nearly abandoned immigrant station — and explores universal themes of immigration including leaving home, encountering danger, confronting discrimination and navigating bureaucracy.

The Children's Summer Reading program continues to be a tremendous success. If you have not signed up your children or grandchildren, there is still time to get in on the action and for them to earn rewards for reading. The last day to sign up for summer reading is July 6 and the program will end July 18. Studies show that those students who participate in summer reading programs retain more from the previous school year and do better the following school year than students who do not read over the summer.

We stay committed to looking for innovative and creative programming that will appeal to all users. If you have a suggestion or any questions, please feel free to stop by either of our locations and visit with one of our friendly staff. These continue to be times of growth and enthusiasm at the Midland County Public Libraries and if you have never been in or if it has been a while, we encourage you to come back and experience all the libraries have to offer.

Keep up with library happenings at www.co.midland.tx.us/lib and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MidlandCountyPLTX.

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Author completes trilogy with story of colonel convicted of spying

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Five years after completing two nonfiction books on his experience in prison, Midland author Glen Aaron has finished his "Observer" trilogy with "The Colonel George Trofimoff Story, The Tale of America's Highest-Ranking Military Officer Convicted of Spying."

Aaron, a retired attorney, was Trofimoff's cellmate at Butner Federal Prison in North Carolina, a medical facility that houses inmates with a variety of convictions and sentences.

While Aaron was serving a two-year sentence for a white-collar crime, Trofimoff, a retired U.S. military intelligence officer, was serving life for an espionage conviction.

During their 13 months together, Trofimoff shared stories of his childhood and career — fleeing Nazi Germany during World War II and serving in the U.S. Army as an intelligence officer until retirement. Trofimoff asked Aaron to write his appeal and later to write his life story, a task that's taken Aaron 10 years. Trofimoff died last year.

The Trofimoff story is the second book in the "Observer" trilogy. The first is "The Ronnie Lee and Jackie Bancroft Spencer Morgan Story," which explains how Aaron ended up in prison; the third book is "The Prison People; The Prison Experience."

Aaron wrote the Trofimoff book in three parts: Trofimoff's life, the FBI sting and the trial. He had Trofimoff's first-person accounts and the trial transcript for source material.

"My primary source for George's life is I took notes for a year," Aaron said. "We didn't have anything to do except sit there, and in his life experience, which is where the book begins, he's escaping as a 14-year-old boy — a Brownshirt under Nazi rule — and they're about to send him to fight the Russians, and he's Russian."

Along with the details of Trofimoff's past, Aaron includes the process through which the FBI gathered information to prosecute the retired colonel.

Trofimoff's story paints a broader picture of the system that prosecuted and convicted him, Aaron said.

"The American judicial system is broken on all levels," Aaron said. "This book is about the criminal law and the extent to which the Department of Justice and the FBI will go to get a conviction, the breakdown of the defense bar, the imbalance of the law in favor of the prosecution and the inability of the judges to bring back balance."

And while it's a story of a high-ranking military officer accused and convicted of providing information to the Soviet Union in the 1970s and 1980s, Aaron said it's not a book that will be of interest to all readers.

"It's not a book for everybody because it's an expose in real life and a document of the failure of a federal judge to be a good judge, of a defense lawyer who — like most defense lawyers — were beaten before they ever walked into the courthouse to defend the case and federal prosecutors who would go to no end ethically or otherwise to put another notch in their gun," Aaron said. "This is a book that every criminal defense lawyer should read. This is a book that I would hope every judge would read and this is a book that anyone who would be interested in the injustice of the criminal justice system would want to read."

All of the books in the "Observer" trilogy are available at amazon.com. Glen Aaron writes about West Texas writers on his blog and for the Reporter-Telegram. For more information, go to glenaaron.com.

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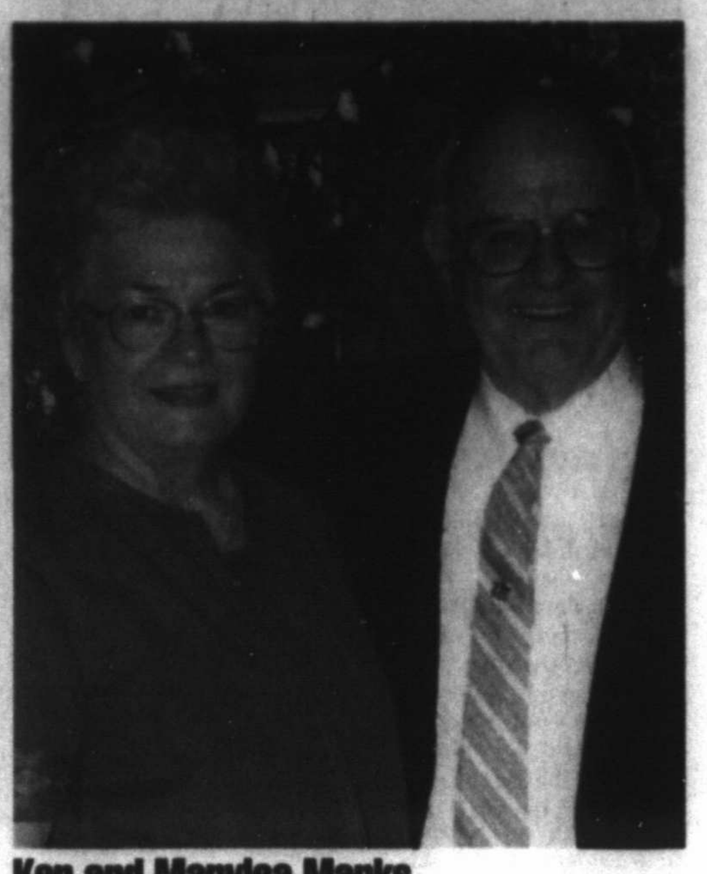

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By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Ah, summer — the season when oranges are transformed into ice pops, limes add zing to slushies, peaches become pies and berries take over nearly every dessert from June to September.

Citrus and other fruity hues look fresh and energetic in summer decor, and there's no need to remove them once fall approaches. Their upbeat nature makes them a smart choice all year round.

"Citrus hues are lemon sorbet for your eyes. Everybody's home could benefit from a little extra zest, and bright juicy colors are the ultimate palate cleanser. A taste of lemon yellow, tangerine orange or lime green adds sunny optimism," said designer Jonathan Adler.

Adler's Brigitte chair, one of his favorite designs, resembles a big comfy hand. You can have it in a spectrum of tasty hues including a Creamsicle-like orange and a navy as rich and dark as a blueberry. Lime-green upholstery brings extra drama to Adler's modernist Peking sofa. (www.jonathanadler.com)

Faith Phillips, design and trends expert for La-Z-Boy, likes the fresh pop of mango for an interior accent hue as the temperatures start rising.

"For those of us who love a touch of 'sunset' in our home, this color's for us," she said. "It's a bold color that can take natural hues like linen and sand and make them look richer."

It's also lovely paired with any shade of gray. For a playful, beachy vibe, consider mixing mango with strawberry.

La-Z-Boy's Nightlife sofa, part of the Urban Attitudes collection, is available in tangelo or berry, among other colors. (www.la-z-boy.com)

At Homegoods, look for an accent chair upholstered in deep raspberry, an ottoman clad in grape, and some happy-go-lucky orange table lamps. (www.homegoods.com)

CB2 has found a fantastic lemony yellow that's available in accent pieces like a high-gloss serve tray, a fun little teapot, a knitted pouf and a quilted pillow. There's a bar stool, patio umbrella and bookshelf, too. (www.cb2.com)

If the crisp tang of apple red appeals to you, consider Target's turned-leg accent table or Windham bookcase, both from the Threshold collection. There's an upholstered headboard in the hue, and a well-priced tub chair too. (www.target.com)

Maine Cottage has built its business on color, and the extensive furniture collection, which includes beds, tables, bookcases, dressers and chairs, is available in an extensive palette of both intense and quieter shades. Consider a dresser or bookcase in a grapey blue, bunk beds in apple green, a hutch in banana or a dining table in apricot. (www.mainecottage.com)

Fruity hues look fresh and lighthearted against neutrals, so consider white, gray or ivory walls and large furniture pieces, with your color as punctuation. Decorative accents like pillows, art, vases or rugs are inexpensive ways to add impact.

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Not all mulches are equal: Organic, other materials have pros and cons

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Mulching can be one of the best things you do for your trees and shrubs. It also can be one of the worst things you do for your trees and shrubs. First, let's get our definitions in order.

"Mulch" is anything with which you blanket the ground, be it straw, black plastic, pebbles, even the marbles I once saw blanketing a portion of ground in a contemporary California landscape. Any of these materials, when spread beneath a tree or shrub, will keep lawn and, hence, lawnmowers at bay. Mulches also help conserve water by slowing evaporation from the soil surface. But that's about where the similarity among mulches ends.

Many mulches can enhance water use, for instance, by softening the impact of raindrops, so the soil surface stays loose, open and ready to absorb water. Rule out black plastic for this purpose, however. Another downside to black plastic is it can leave roots gasping for oxygen.

More benefits of mulch

Mulches can contribute directly to a tree or shrub's nutrition and health. As any organic material (wood chips, straw or leaves) decomposes, it releases nutrients and also helps make plant foodstuffs already in the soil more accessible to roots. Rule out pebbles, marbles or black plastic for this.

As far as a tree or shrub is concerned, organic materials are obviously the best mulch.

And besides their benefits for plants and the soil, they are usually inexpensive or free.

Still, mulching even with an organic material can be one of the worst things you do for your tree or shrubs.

Possible dark sides

Potential problem No. 1 is mice simply love the cushiony, moist environment created by organic mulches. Furthermore, mice like to gnaw on the bark of living trees and shrubs, so a thick mulch piled up against woody plant stems provides these furry creatures with both food and lodging.

Because plants transport minerals and sugars through the bark, mouse feeding can kill a tree or shrub. An obvious route around this mouse problem is to keep organic mulches away from the bases of plants. A ring of bare soil a few inches in diameter around the base of a tree or shrub is sufficient to cause Stuart Little to think twice about scurrying out, exposed to the searching eyes of hawks and other predators, for a bite to eat. A cylinder of hardware cloth there provides further insurance. Potential problem No. 2 with using an organic mulch is it can bring on rot if piled up against trunks and stems. Again, bypass this problem by keeping the mulch a few inches away from trunks and stems.

Aesthetics

One last quality of mulches is their contribution to the appearance of a landscape or planting. Again, rule out black plastic for this purpose.

True, plastic can be covered with something like wood chips, but coverings eventually slide off to expose the plastic.

Other mulches each have a place in helping to complete a picture: wood chips or leaves in a woodland setting, cocoa bean hulls in formal shrubbery, marbles in ... where?

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By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

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Copeland, 32, earned loud ovations after her every solo in the dual role of Odette/Odile, one of the most challenging roles in ballet and one considered an essential part of a star ballerina's repertoire.

The dancer, who has become a leading voice for diversity in her art form and amassed a following inside the dance world and out, had performed the role with ABT on tour in Australia, and as a guest with the Washington Ballet. But Wednesday's performance was considered huge because it was at ABT's home, and signaled a clear step on the path to her stated goal: making history as a principal dancer.

The fact that this was no simple "Swan Lake" was clear at the curtain calls, with Copeland greeted onstage by two fellow black dancers who've made their own history.

First came Lauren Anderson, a retired dancer with Houston Ballet, who became the first black principal there in 1990. After Anderson, 50, had lifted Copeland off her feet in a hug, out came Raven Wilkinson, who danced with the famed touring company Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo in the 1950s and later joined the Dutch National Ballet. Wilkinson, 80, curtseyed to Copeland, who returned the gesture.

Wendy Perron, author and former editor of Dance Magazine, said she felt Copeland more than delivered under great pressure.

"I was especially impressed by her Odette," Perron said, referring to the delicate, frightened swan dressed in white who entrances the prince in the first act. "She completely inhabited the role. She was able to show that vulnerability."

The Missouri-born Copeland's recent rise to fame includes being named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People this year. The magazine put her on the cover and called her "ballet's breakout star."

She also came out last year with a best-selling memoir, "Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina," in which she recounted the challenges she faced on the road to her hard-won perch in ballet, and which has been optioned for a movie. She also was the subject of a documentary at this year's Tribeca Film Festival.

She's been featured in a popular ad for Under Armour sportswear that shows her leaping and spinning in a studio, while a narrator recounts some of the negative feedback she received as a youngster, when she was told she had the wrong body for ballet and had started too late (she was 13).

Copeland also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show "So You Think You Can Dance" and was a presenter at this year's Tony awards.

'True Detective' puts actor Colin Farrell on duty

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The second season of "True Detective" kicked off last week, and it got right down to business: The bizarre murder of a city boss in the wicked wasteland of Vinci, California, has put responding law officers in a turf war escalated by their shared antipathy.

Prime among them is Vinci Police Detective Ray Velcoro (played by Colin Farrell, who co-stars with Rachel McAdams and Taylor Kitsch, plus Vince Vaughn as the city's reigning mobster). Ray is a lawman who has lost his moral compass, his marriage and his son. He hasn't signaled defeat, but seems close, the kind of guy who responds to the taunt, "You used to be a hard man," by growling, "I'm tired."

With the season's second episode premiering today at 9 p.m. EDT on HBO, Farrell, sporting his Dublin-born bonhomie, is game to talk about the series and being a true actor.

"Ray is not the kind of guy I would find myself wanting to spend too much time with," he said. "But I had a fairly deep sympathy for him from the first time I met him. He can't find his way back to that place where life still held some potential to be noble."

As before, this season's "True Detective" springs from a homicide that mainly serves as a narrative hook, says Farrell, "to draw viewers in, and to force the characters into each other's lives in ways they never imagined at the outset."

At 39, Farrell has had a freewheeling film career that includes the smash thriller "Minority Report," the buddy hit-men masterpiece "In Bruges," the edgy "Phone Booth," and "Pride and Glory," "Cassandra's Dream" and "Alexander." But when "True Detective" beckoned, he detected risk in following last season's dream team of Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, who rocketed their show into the stratosphere.

"Still, I read the script and loved it," says Farrell. "I couldn't pass on it out of a fear of comparison."

At the same time, he dismisses any idea that he imagined this new round of "True Detective" might ignite a second act for his career, such as how Season 1 blessed its pair of leading men (inspiring the term "McConaissance").

"I'd be a fool if I thought that," Farrell laughs.

Simply put, his decision to say yes is due to Nic Pizzolatto, who created "True Detective" and has written every episode. Pizzolatto — not the cast or any overarching premise — is the series' sole throughline.

"He's the showrunner as well as the writer," said Farrell. "He's an animal! He's so ambitious, so driven, and willing to go to a dark place, I think, to render these characters."

From that dark place, Pizzolatto introduced Ray Velcoro (along with his fellow characters) to the page. Then it was up to Farrell to bring Ray to life.

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WISCONSIN

Dustin Diamond gets 4-month sentence for stabbing

PORT WASHINGTON — Dustin Diamond, who played Screech on the 1990s TV show "Saved by the Bell," was sentenced Thursday to four months in jail for a stabbing in a Wisconsin bar.

Judge Paul Malloy also sentenced Diamond to 15 months' probation. Diamond was convicted earlier this month on two misdemeanor counts that stemmed from a Christmas Day barroom fight.

Diamond, appearing misty-eyed, left the courtroom without commenting.

The 38-year-old actor was cleared of a felony charge last month after a three-day jury trial. The jury found him guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct.

ATLANTA

District attorney gets police file on Bobbi Kristina Brown

Police in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell say they've turned over their investigative file on Bobbi Kristina Brown to the district attorney, who will determine whether any charges will be filed.

The 22-year-old Brown was found face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub in her home Jan. 31.

Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said Thursday in a statement to The Associated Press that his office will be "reviewing the case with greater interest" in light of new circumstances regarding her health.

Brown, the daughter of Whitney Houston, was recently moved into hospice care after months in the hospital. In a statement Wednesday, her aunt, Pat Houston, said that her condition has worsened.

Howard said an announcement on charges, if any, would be made at "the appropriate time."

NEW YORK

MacFarlane: Some media exaggerate political correctness

"Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane dismisses the notion that comedy has become more politically correct these days.

Instead, he blames some members of the press for exaggerating the situation.

"They are screaming that everyone else is angry when they're not," MacFarlane said. "I don't buy it. I don't think it's real."

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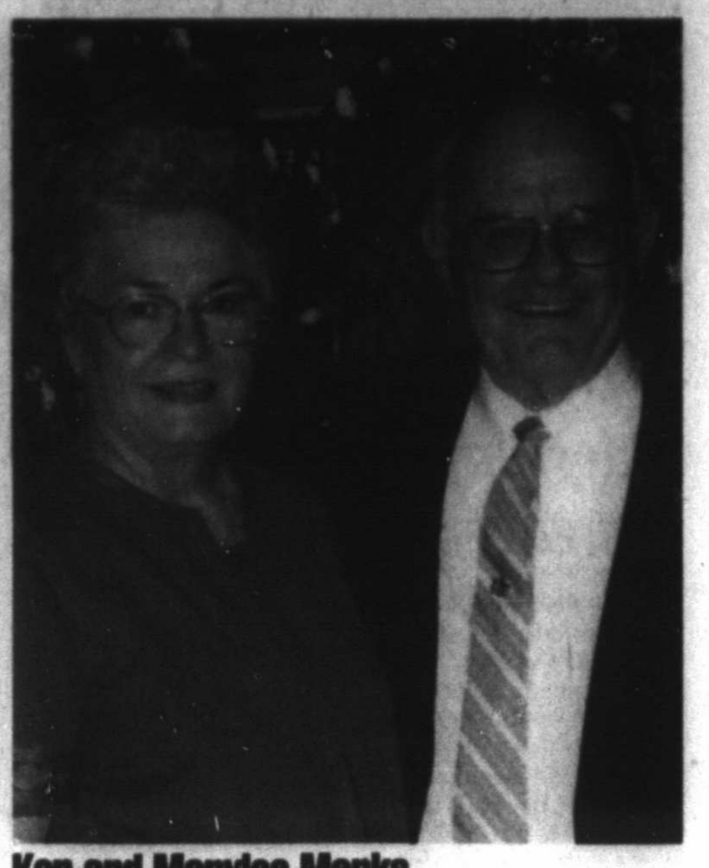

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Fruity, summery colors perk up decor all year

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Ah, summer — the season when oranges are transformed into ice pops, limes add zing to slushies, peaches become pies and berries take over nearly every dessert from June to September.

Citrus and other fruity hues look fresh and energetic in summer decor, and there's no need to remove them once fall approaches. Their upbeat nature makes them a smart choice all year round.

"Citrus hues are lemon sorbet for your eyes. Everybody's home could benefit from a little extra zest, and bright juicy colors are the ultimate palate cleanser. A taste of lemon yellow, tangerine orange or lime green adds sunny optimism," said designer Jonathan Adler.

Adler's Brigitte chair, one of his favorite designs, resembles a big comfy hand. You can have it in a spectrum of tasty hues including a Creamsicle-like orange and a navy as rich and dark as a blueberry. Lime-green upholstery brings extra drama to Adler's modernist Peking sofa. (www.jonathanadler.com)

Faith Phillips, design and trends expert for La-Z-Boy, likes the fresh pop of mango for an interior accent hue as the temperatures start rising.

"For those of us who love a touch of 'sunset' in our home, this color's for us," she said. "It's a bold color that can take natural hues like linen and sand and make them look richer."

It's also lovely paired with any shade of gray. For a playful, beachy vibe, consider mixing mango with strawberry.

La-Z-Boy's Nightlife sofa, part of the Urban Attitudes collection, is available in tangelo or berry, among other colors. (www.la-z-boy.com)

At Homegoods, look for an accent chair upholstered in deep raspberry, an ottoman clad in grape, and some happy-go-lucky orange table lamps. (www.homegoods.com)

CB2 has found a fantastic lemony yellow that's available in accent pieces like a high-gloss serve tray, a fun little teapot, a knitted pouf and a quilted pillow. There's a bar stool, patio umbrella and bookshelf, too. (www.cb2.com)

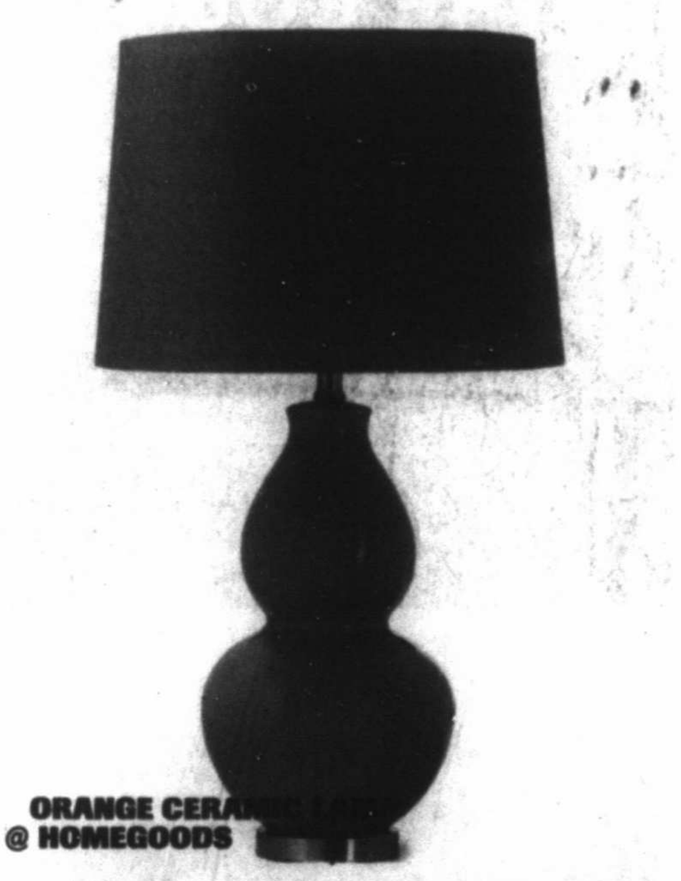
If the crisp tang of apple red appeals to you, consider Target's turned-leg accent table or Windham bookcase, both from the Threshold collection. There's an upholstered headboard in the hue, and a well-priced tub chair too. (www.target.com)

Maine Cottage has built its business on color, and the extensive furniture collection, which includes beds, tables, bookcases, dressers and chairs, is available in an extensive palette of both intense and quieter shades. Consider a dresser or bookcase in a grapey blue, bunk beds in apple green, a hutch in banana or a dining table in apricot. (www.mainecottage.com)

Fruity hues look fresh and lighthearted against neutrals, so consider white, gray or ivory walls and large furniture pieces, with your color as punctuation. Decorative accents like pillows, art, vases or rugs are inexpensive ways to add impact.

APPLE-RED SIDE TABLE @ TARGET

LIZZY TEAPOT @ CB2



ORANGE CERAMIC LAMP @ HOMEGOODS

Not all mulches are equal: Organic, other materials have pros and cons

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Mulching can be one of the best things you do for your trees and shrubs. It also can be one of the worst things you do for your trees and shrubs. First, let's get our definitions in order.

"Mulch" is anything with which you blanket the ground, be it straw, black plastic, pebbles, even the marbles I once saw blanketing a portion of ground in a contemporary California landscape. Any of these materials, when spread beneath a tree or shrub, will keep lawn and, hence, lawnmowers at bay. Mulches also help conserve water by slowing evaporation from the soil surface. But that's about where the similarity among mulches ends.

Many mulches can enhance water use, for instance, by softening the impact of raindrops, so the soil surface stays loose, open and ready to absorb water. Rule out black plastic for this purpose, however. Another downside to black plastic is it can leave roots gasping for oxygen.

More benefits of mulch

Mulches can contribute directly to a tree or shrub's nutrition and health. As any organic material (wood chips, straw or leaves) decomposes, it releases nutrients and also helps make plant foodstuffs already in the soil more accessible to roots. Rule out pebbles, marbles or black plastic for this.

As far as a tree or shrub is concerned, organic materials are obviously the best mulch.

And besides their benefits for plants and the soil, they are usually inexpensive or free.

Still, mulching even with an organic material can be one of the worst things you do for your tree or shrubs.

Possible dark sides

Potential problem No. 1 is mice simply love the cushiony, moist environment created by organic mulches. Furthermore, mice like to gnaw on the bark of living trees and shrubs, so a thick mulch piled up against woody plant stems provides these furry creatures with both food and lodging.

Because plants transport minerals and sugars through the bark, mouse feeding can kill a tree or shrub. An obvious route around this mouse problem is to keep organic mulches away from the bases of plants. A ring of bare soil a few inches in diameter around the base of a tree or shrub is sufficient to cause Stuart Little to think twice about scurrying out, exposed to the searching eyes of hawks and other predators, for a bite to eat. A cylinder of hardware cloth there provides further insurance. Potential problem No. 2 with using an organic mulch is it can bring on rot if piled up against trunks and stems. Again, bypass this problem by keeping the mulch a few inches away from trunks and stems.

Aesthetics

One last quality of mulches is their contribution to the appearance of a landscape or planting. Again, rule out black plastic for this purpose.

True, plastic can be covered with something like wood chips, but coverings eventually slide off to expose the plastic.

Other mulches each have a place in helping to complete a picture: wood chips or leaves in a woodland setting, cocoa bean hulls in formal shrubbery, marbles in ... where?

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Cheers for Misty Copeland at 'Swan Lake' debut

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Swan Lake" is always one of the most popular ballets for dance fans. But the whoops and cheers from a packed crowd at the Metropolitan Opera House signaled something more this time.

There was palpable emotion and a clear sense of history in the air as Misty Copeland made her New York debut Wednesday in the lead role, a key moment for the popular ballerina who many hope will soon become American Ballet Theater's first black principal dancer.

Copeland, 32, earned loud ovations after her every solo in the dual role of Odette/Odile, one of the most challenging roles in ballet and one considered an essential part of a star ballerina's repertoire.

The dancer, who has become a leading voice for diversity in her art form and amassed a following inside the dance world and out, had performed the role with ABT on tour in Australia, and as a guest with the Washington Ballet. But Wednesday's performance was considered huge because it was at ABT's home, and signaled a clear step on the path to her stated goal: making history as a principal dancer.

The fact that this was no simple "Swan Lake" was clear at the curtain calls, with Copeland greeted onstage by two fellow black dancers who've made their own history.

First came Lauren Anderson, a retired dancer with Houston Ballet, who became the first black principal there in 1990. After Anderson, 50, had lifted Copeland off her feet in a hug, out came Raven Wilkinson, who danced with the famed touring company Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo in the 1950s and later joined the Dutch National Ballet. Wilkinson, 80, curtseyed to Copeland, who returned the gesture.

Wendy Perron, author and former editor of Dance Magazine, said she felt Copeland more than delivered under great pressure.

"I was especially impressed by her Odette," Perron said, referring to the delicate, frightened swan dressed in white who entrances the prince in the first act. "She completely inhabited the role. She was able to show that vulnerability."

The Missouri-born Copeland's recent rise to fame includes being named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People this year. The magazine put her on the cover and called her "ballet's breakout star."

She also came out last year with a best-selling memoir, "Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina," in which she recounted the challenges she faced on the road to her hard-won perch in ballet, and which has been optioned for a movie. She also was the subject of a documentary at this year's Tribeca Film Festival.

She's been featured in a popular ad for Under Armour sportswear that shows her leaping and spinning in a studio, while a narrator recounts some of the negative feedback she received as a youngster, when she was told she had the wrong body for ballet and had started too late (she was 13).

Copeland also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show "So You Think You Can Dance" and was a presenter at this year's Tony awards.

'True Detective' puts actor Colin Farrell on duty

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The second season of "True Detective" kicked off last week, and it got right down to business: The bizarre murder of a city boss in the wicked wasteland of Vinci, California, has put responding law officers in a turf war escalated by their shared antipathy.

Prime among them is Vinci Police Detective Ray Velcoro (played by Colin Farrell, who co-stars with Rachel McAdams and Taylor Kitsch, plus Vince Vaughn as the city's reigning mobster). Ray is a lawman who has lost his moral compass, his marriage and his son. He hasn't signaled defeat, but seems close, the kind of guy who responds to the taunt, "You used to be a hard man," by growling, "I'm tired."

With the season's second episode premiering today at 9 p.m. EDT on HBO, Farrell, sporting his Dublin-born bonhomie, is game to talk about the series and being a true actor.

"Ray is not the kind of guy I would find myself wanting to spend too much time with," he said. "But I had a fairly deep sympathy for him from the first time I met him. He can't find his way back to that place where life still held some potential to be noble."

As before, this season's "True Detective" springs from a homicide that mainly serves as a narrative hook, says Farrell, "to draw viewers in, and to force the characters into each other's lives in ways they never imagined at the outset."

At 39, Farrell has had a freewheeling film career that includes the smash thriller "Minority Report," the buddy hit-men masterpiece "In Bruges," the edgy "Phone Booth," and "Pride and Glory," "Cassandra's Dream" and "Alexander." But when "True Detective" beckoned, he detected risk in following last season's dream team of Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, who rocketed their show into the stratosphere.

"Still, I read the script and loved it," says Farrell. "I couldn't pass on it out of a fear of comparison."

At the same time, he dismisses any idea that he imagined this new round of "True Detective" might ignite a second act for his career, such as how Season 1 blessed its pair of leading men (inspiring the term "McConaissance").

"I'd be a fool if I thought that," Farrell laughs.

Simply put, his decision to say yes is due to Nic Pizzolatto, who created "True Detective" and has written every episode. Pizzolatto — not the cast or any overarching premise — is the series' sole throughline.

"He's the showrunner as well as the writer," said Farrell. "He's an animal! He's so ambitious, so driven, and willing to go to a dark place, I think, to render these characters."

From that dark place, Pizzolatto introduced Ray Velcoro (along with his fellow characters) to the page. Then it was up to Farrell to bring Ray to life.

CELEBRITYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WISCONSIN

Dustin Diamond gets 4-month sentence for stabbing

PORT WASHINGTON — Dustin Diamond, who played Screech on the 1990s TV show "Saved by the Bell," was sentenced Thursday to four months in jail for a stabbing in a Wisconsin bar.

Judge Paul Malloy also sentenced Diamond to 15 months' probation. Diamond was convicted earlier this month on two misdemeanor counts that stemmed from a Christmas Day barroom fight.

Diamond, appearing misty-eyed, left the courtroom without commenting.

The 38-year-old actor was cleared of a felony charge last month after a three-day jury trial. The jury found him guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct.

ATLANTA

District attorney gets police file on Bobbi Kristina Brown

Police in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell say they've turned over their investigative file on Bobbi Kristina Brown to the district attorney, who will determine whether any charges will be filed.

The 22-year-old Brown was found face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub in her home Jan. 31.

Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said Thursday in a statement to The Associated Press that his office will be "reviewing the case with greater interest" in light of new circumstances regarding her health.

Brown, the daughter of Whitney Houston, was recently moved into hospice care after months in the hospital. In a statement Wednesday, her aunt, Pat Houston, said that her condition has worsened.

Howard said an announcement on charges, if any, would be made at "the appropriate time."

NEW YORK

MacFarlane: Some media exaggerate political correctness

"Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane dismisses the notion that comedy has become more politically correct these days.

Instead, he blames some members of the press for exaggerating the situation.

"They are screaming that everyone else is angry when they're not," MacFarlane said. "I don't buy it. I don't think it's real."

"This is the only thing I agree with my Republican friends on," he added.

MacFarlane feels there's a disconnect between the perception that the media creates and the way people actually think.

The writer-actor has amassed a large fan base for "Family Guy" and his film comedies.

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From 1E

hero.

Berry: My real life is simple. That would be my dad! He beat a heart attack and cancer all in one year. Not to mention, he taught me to be the independent, hard-working woman that I am today.

I'm not so much into fictional but I would have to say Batman. He's a superhero without super powers and relies on his own human capabilities to survive.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Berry: Going to every Clutch show that comes to Texas.

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Setting boundaries with adult children helps them to gain independence

For some parents it is difficult to set boundaries with their adult children. They feel responsible for the poor decisions and choices their adult child has made so they do not set healthy boundaries out of a misplaced sense of guilt. This keeps adult children from learning how to be independent, and they continue to look to their parents to resolve problems for them. If you find yourself burdened by your adult child going from one crisis to another, you are probably taking on their problems as your own.

Present a united front

Parents need to be on the same page with rules and boundaries they are setting for their adult child, making decisions together behind the scenes before presenting them to their child. Both parents need to back each other up. When parents are not in agreement, marriages suffer and adult children will attempt to manipulate. Develop responses for various situations that you can be prepared to give when your child is asking for something.

Stop enabling

We do not help adult children by rescuing them from every hardship. Often the empty nest results in parents wanting to be needed so they mistakenly take on the role of an enabler. This fosters a continuing dependency on parents. There is a difference between being supportive and taking on adult children's responsibilities. Providing things for adult children with little or no effort on their part will keep them reliant on parents. This can result in an adult child having unhealthy expectations. Are you sacrificing at the same time your child is enjoying the fruits of your labor without any work on their part?

Work toward a healthy relationship

Sometimes parents fear their relationship with their adult child will be severed or damaged if they do not continue providing and enabling as in the past, but keeping the relationship the same is very unhealthy.

Set a financial limit

Quit giving your adult child money indiscriminately and paying their rent, car payments and other expenses with each excuse or problem they offer. Offer good advice to your young adult, such as taking on another part-time job, looking for a better paying job in their field, going back to school to better their earning power, downsizing to a smaller apartment or getting a roommate and buying a cheaper vehicle. For any monies they owe you, make a written contract that includes a due date, terms of payment and consequences for non-payment.

Be consistent

You must be consistent in whatever boundaries, rules and parameters you have set. Don't accept excuses and don't back down. When your adult child sees you are standing firm, he or she will have to start making choices and being responsible.

Provide encouragement

Look at your adult child's gifts, talents and abilities and encourage those to help build self-esteem. Sometimes adult children have a fear of failure so they keep relying on parents and blaming parents for any problems or setbacks.

Setting healthy boundaries with an adult child is important. You cannot change your adult child, but you can change how you respond to him or her.

Elizabeth Buchanan is a licensed professional counselor at Centers for Children and Families.

Retirees decide if new lifestyle will include pets

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Denise and John Stevens have had pets their whole lives — then they retired.

"After our last dog passed away, we decided not to get another one. We like the freedom from worrying about her," Denise Stevens, 63, said of the Long Island, New York, couple whose Jack Russell terrier died last year. "We tend to treat these dogs like children."

Baby boomers are retiring in record numbers, and many wonder whether a dog or cat belongs in their golden years. Some seniors want the companionship, but others worry about declining health, failing to outlive a new pet, moving to a facility that doesn't allow animals and tighter budgets. Some, like the Stevenses, just want a break from the responsibility of owning a pet.

For retirees who want a dog or cat — at least sometimes — there are unique programs to help connect older people and pets, said Kristen Levine, a pet living and lifestyle expert who works with those over 50.

Organizations are toying with pet rentals, having senior citizens foster animals, arranging for several families to share a pet or bringing therapy dogs to homes instead of just hospitals.

A nonprofit program in Colorado helps low-income elderly and disabled people in Larimer County keep their pets as long as possible. Pets Forever is sponsored by Colorado State University and partners with local companies and organizations to provide in-home animal care and dog walking, said Lori Kogan, program director and founder.

While retirees are making decisions about their lifestyles, rest homes, assisted living centers and retirement communities are looking at how to accommodate seniors over the next two decades, Levine said.

Officials at A Place for Mom, the nation's largest senior living referral service, which is based in Washington state, say more than 40 percent of those seeking a housing referral ask whether pets are permitted.

"The aging industry is receptive to working with the pet industry," Levine said. Both will make money, "but ultimately the pet lover is the winner."

Even those who have spent their lives working with animals have to decide whether their future will include pets.

"I'm edging up to that moment — I'm just about 60 and retired. We lost our dog of 15 years last year. We are thinking about what to do next," said Stephen Zawistowski, who was a science adviser for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Daughter doesn't want to celebrate dad's new child

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My father is expecting his seventh child with his current fiancee. I am the oldest of six girls; this child is expected to be a son. His fiancee is 11 years my junior — 33 years younger than my father.

I recently started a family and have two children under the age of 2. For various reasons, I am fed up with playing nice regarding my father's relationships and irresponsible behavior.

They are having a baby shower for the expectant parents, and I don't want to attend. My husband thinks I am wrong because I can't muster up the spirit that a baby shower is supposed to evoke. I think I'm being smart for not bringing my funky attitude. Should I attend? — OLDEST CHILD

DEAR OLDEST: I don't know how your siblings feel about this impending birth, but try to remember showers are intended to celebrate the new life that's coming into the world. This isn't about whether you approve of your father's behavior or his choice of women. If he is as irresponsible as you say, that poor little boy will need all the help and emotional support he can get in the future.

If you opt not to attend, it may drive a wedge between you and your father, so I'm voting with your husband. Go with your siblings, be pleasant and leave your funky attitude at home, because if you don't, the person you will be isolating is yourself.

DEAR ABBY: What is it with people? My mother-in-law, "Ellen," passed away last Thursday. Even before her viewing a neighbor informed us — through Ellen's attorney — that Ellen had given her a wicker patio set that the neighbor hadn't taken, but had told Ellen to use as long as she wanted. Then at the church, before the funeral service, another friend told us Ellen had intended to donate some used items to a charity, implying we are obligated to do the same.

Don't people have manners any more? — OFFENDED IN OHIO

DEAR OFFENDED: Your letter illustrates why it is so important for everyone to put their wishes in writing before departing. While I agree with you that the timing was insensitive, the people involved may have wanted to be sure you were aware of Ellen's intentions before you disposed of the items.

Before distributing any of your mother-in-law's effects, this is something you should first discuss with her lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: As a young adult in my early 20s, I've been experiencing some pretty big changes in my life, including (after some major research and internal debate) the decision to convert to a different religion. However, something is preventing me from following through: I have an anxiety disorder that makes being in new situations and places I'm unfamiliar with extremely daunting. I'm not having second thoughts about my choice by any means. I am just at a loss about where I should start and what I need to do. Any advice is welcomed. — ANXIOUS CONVERT IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Visit the church, temple or mosque you wish to join and share your concerns with the priest, minister, rabbi or imam. If you do, that person can see you are introduced around and ease your way into the religious community.

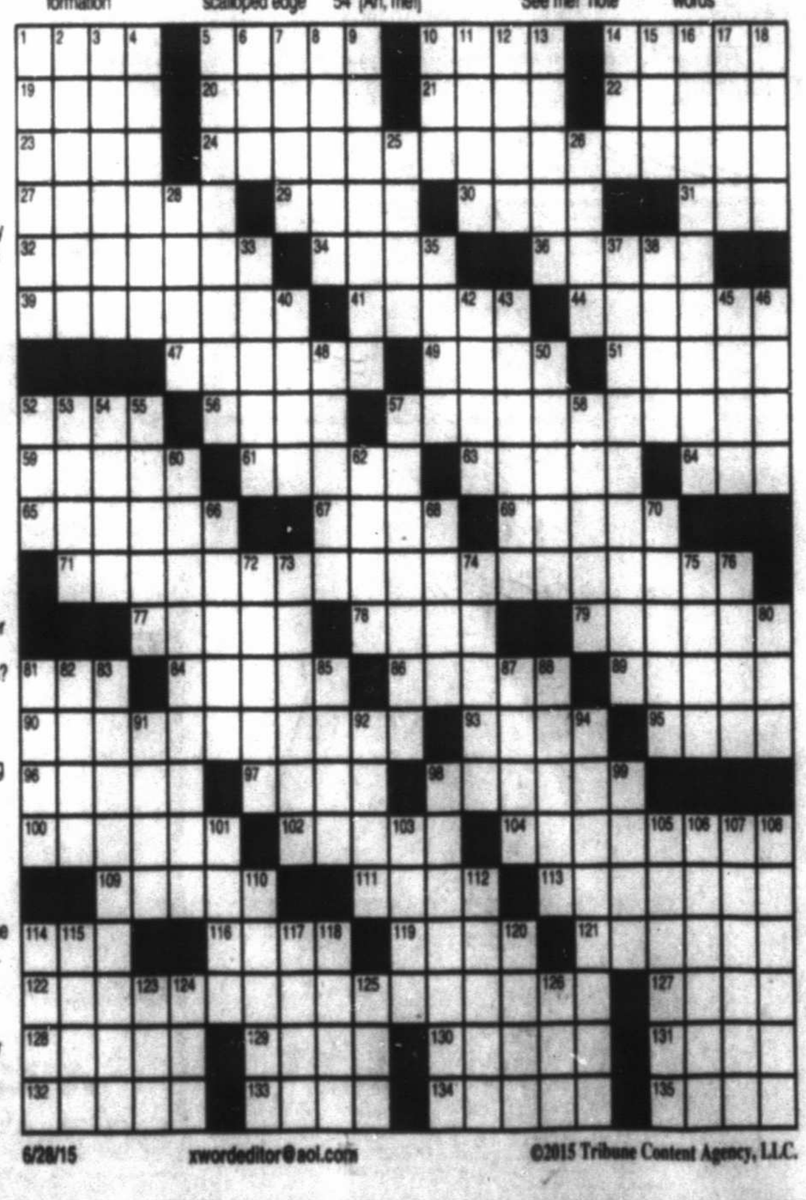
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"SLIGHTLY-OFF BROADWAY" By JIM QUINLAN

ACROSS
1 Performs like Drake
5 Holy struggle
10 Seek guidance, in a way
14 Start of a waste line?
19 Like zero
20 Speak
21 Madden
22 Toss out
23 Man, for instance
24 Show about shoeless Shem?
27 Indigenous Alaskans
29 Tropicana option
30 Baked __
31 Ruler divs.
32 Hole in the head
34 Sound often prohibited?
36 "A Delicate Balance" playwright
39 Show about auto club service?
41 Hoarse condition
44 Snuck by
47 Word after top or trade
49 Southern stew thickener
51 Greeted the day
52 One of 256 in a gal.
56 Hide
57 Show about an unusual car?
59 Common default font
61 Speak
63 Camper's utensil
64 "Falling Skies" airer
65 VIP
67 Chinese-born poker star Johnny
69 Curved fastener
71 Show about sorry predators?
77 Sink hole
78 One of three squares
79 Modern reading
81 Place to check your balance
84 Stop by
86 Bronze place
89 Expensive
90 Show about inventions in the military?
93 Mustard weapon, possibly
95 Good name for a Whirlpool spokesman?
96 Buff
97 Turn at the tables
98 Satisfied comment
100 Man cave setup
102 Close in films
104 Show about baseball's Hodges as the life of the party?
109 Weight watcher's concerns
111 Bee's knees
113 Elton John's "__ Saved My Life Tonight"
114 National Humor Mo.
116 Idina Menzel voiced her in "Frozen"
119 One may be taken in desperation
121 Give in
122 Show about a pageant contestant with rhythm?
127 Exam for jrs.
128 Fab
129 Hedge formation
130 Enterprise competitor
131 Rock follower?
132 Composer Bruckner
133 Went 76 on Route 66, say
134 Possessive type?
135 Slacker's opposite

DOWN
1 Pizzeria shaker contents
2 Arthurian isle
3 Most susceptible to burning
4 Clue seeker
5 Contractors' destinations
6 "This American Life" host Glass
7 Only nonvocal instrument in Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols"
8 Really enjoyed
9 Ricochet
10 Ace
11 Cracker with a scalloped edge
12 Et __
13 Gossip
14 Laugh syllable
15 83-Down tool
16 In la-la land
17 Academic period
18 Chicago-based order
25 TUV neighbor on some phones
26 Game piece
28 "__ chic!"
33 Hair
35 "Hunny" lover
37 Golden relatives?
38 Cannes coin
40 Legal document
42 Lute family members
43 Support
45 British Open network
46 Anti-bug compound
48 Pass
50 PDF creator
52 PC key with two arrows
53 Brolly carrier
54 [Ah, me!]
55 Poked, puma-style
57 Dollhouse staples
58 Remotely piloted craft
60 Many a deaf person
62 Foes of us
66 __ squid
68 First name in lexicography
70 Govt. security
72 Shotgun caller
73 Two-handed, perhaps
74 Try a new line, say
75 Like Vassar since 1969
76 Scratched (out)
80 Binoculars user
81 Flats, in the U.S.
82 Home run pace
83 Video game involving breaking and placing blocks
85 Cash box
87 Massage deeply
88 Mark above a "See me!" note
91 __ Bradley handbags
92 Sch. level
94 Sitcom sewer worker
98 As an option
99 Complimentary words from a bartender
101 Get in line
103 Munch
105 Cried out, as in pain
106 Attends
107 Not learned
108 Varsity athlete's honor
110 Poetry contests
112 Put aside
114 Palindromic pop group
115 Lowly worker
117 [Just like that!]
118 Carving tool
120 Show elation
123 Supposed abduction vehicle
124 Whole bunch
125 Stevens of Alaska
126 "Yo te __": Spanish lover's words



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Another perfect count

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 5 4 2
♡ 10 4 3
♢ A 10 6
♣ A 7 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 8 3
♡ 8 7 5
♢ J 9 8 7 5 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ K Q J 9 7 6
♡ 6 2
♢ 2
♣ J 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A
♡ A K Q J 9
♢ K Q 3
♣ K Q 9 8

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♣*	Dbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
7♡	All pass		

*Weak, 6 spades, 6-11 points

Opening lead: Three of ♣

South won the opening spade lead with the ace and drew trumps in three rounds. He tackled the clubs by cashing the king first, in case either opponent had a singleton jack or 10, then leading a club to the ace. There was an inescapable club loser and declarer drifted one down, bemoaning his poor luck.

Many players would duplicate this result, but all that is required for success is a little technique. Before starting on clubs, it costs nothing to cash the king and queen of diamonds first. When East shows out on the second diamond, declarer has a perfect count on his hand — 6-2-1-4. South could then start clubs with a low club to the ace and a low club back toward his hand, covering whatever club East plays. Seven hearts, bid and made!

Should East follow to the second diamond, the only opponent who might have started with four clubs is West. Declarer would then start clubs by cashing the king, succeeding whenever the clubs split 3-2 or when East started with a singleton jack or 10.

Should you play a hand carelessly, do so in a two diamond contract or the like. Be on full alert at the game level or higher.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 28, 2015:
This year you are quite content with your life. However, you need to realize that change is inevitable. Allow yourself to go with the flow. Be present in the here and now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ The wise Ram will defer to others as plans start to develop. You could be uncomfortable with a question that involves a friend or parent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Others let you know what they expect from you. Whether plans are set or are just being made, the situation remains the same: The person with you wants to be leader.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Your plate is always full, and today will be no different. The manner in which you handle overwhelming demands is likely to vary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your delightful imagination draws others toward you, and it makes you more memorable to a loved one. Don't hesitate to express your inner child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Know what is expected of you. A loved one could come forward and share more of him- or herself with you. You are a very social sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Catch up on a friend's gossip — even if you don't want to, you might not have a choice. Get together with a loved one for brunch and maybe a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be aware of the pros and cons of a major purchase. You might find this item to be necessary for promoting your business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might be more determined and less flexible than you realize. You want what you want, but so do others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You have the ability to let go of problems easily. Acting in this manner will allow you to take a break from chaos.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Go along with someone else's decision. You could find that your ability to persuade others emerges. People will find you more intriguing than ever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You will want to consider an option more carefully. Someone's invitation could be intriguing. You might not understand what this person wants.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your romantic nature will prevent a loved one from losing interest. Sometimes acting on wild ideas only adds to the moment.

BORN TODAY
Film director Mel Brooks (1926), football player John Elway (1960)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Medita	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Abbott	Abbott	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8.	Brady8.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumr	W.Minist	Insight	Consumr	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Reporter	Secrets	Havas	Havas	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		Havas	Havas
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	Dinosaur	Train	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Sqd	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Programa pagado		Al punto		Tras la Verdad		Durmiendo mi jefe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	★★★★ Straight Talk			(:05) ★★★ God Said 'Ha!'		(:35) ★★★★ Cool Runnings				(:15) ★ Promised ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★ Ice Age: Th...		Real Sports		Boxing World Championship				Making	Rock and Roll Hall of Fame		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:05) ★★★ Dolphin Tale Morgan Freeman.				★ Dolphin Tale 2				(:50) ★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.			Movie
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★★ Contact ('97, Sci-Fi) Jodie Foster.					(:20) ★★ That Awkward Moment				True Detective	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ The Dream ...	(:10) ★★ The Cure					(:50) ★★ Dreamgirls ('06, Mus) Jamie Foxx.				★★ RoboCop	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:35) ★ Beer for M...	(:10) ★ Jackie Chan's First Stri...			(:35) ★★ The Internship Vince Vaughn.				(:40) ★ As Above, So Below			
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ The Secret...	(:05) ★ MacShayne: Winner T...			(:40) ★ MacShayne: The Final ...		(:20) ★★★ Clue ('85, Myst) Tim Curry.					
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★ Will ('11, Fam) Damian Lewis.			(:15) ★★ The Watcher Keanu Reeves.				★★★ The Butler Forest Whitaker.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	G'Ferraro	(:35) Billy Joel: Trust			(:50) ★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.				(:40) ★★★ Hotel Rwanda Don Cheadle.			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Crim. Minds "Hope"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ The Adjustment Bureau		★★ Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life						★★★ Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				★ Madea's Tough Love				★★ Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins			
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives	Wives "Riad Divided"			Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Wives "Slutty Island"		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Shark tacular		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		N.Afraid "E.J. Snyder"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Austin	Girl	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Dog Blog	Dog Blog
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Poker 2010 World Series			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★★ Rio ('11, Ani) Jesse Eisenberg.				★★ Dr. Dolittle ('98, Com) Eddie Murphy.				★★ Casper ('95, Com) Christina Ricci.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Pioneer	Pioneer	Southern	Dinner (N)	Gilada	Brunch	Daphne	Heart	Rules
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Paid	Golf Life	Swing	Paid	Paid	Legends HS Football		Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Ellen	M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★ Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted				Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Love, Again ('15, Rom) Tori Poh.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Extreme Marksmen				Sniper "Inside the Crosshairs"				Sniper "Deadliest Missions"			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Unsolved Mysteries		★ And Baby Will Fall Anastasia Griffith.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Offense	Offense	BASS Bass Fishing		Fishing	Bass 2	Salt. Fish	Salt. Fish	Fishing	Offense	Skyline	Skyline
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	100Thing	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	Parents	Movie
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	The Twilight Zone			★★★ Saw ('04, Hor) Cary Elwes, Leigh Whannell.				★ The Dead 2: India	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Married	Friends	Friends	Friends		★★ The House Bunny Anna Faris.			★★★ She's the Man		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Dodsworth		★★★ Best Foot Forward Lucille Ball.				★★★ Fanny ('61, Rom) Leslie Caron.				Movie	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		LawOrder "Prejudice"		★★★ Total Recall Arnold Schwarzenegger.					Last Ship
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	(:05) G.Girls	(:45) G.Girls	(:20) Funniest Home Videos			Videos
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Complica "Onset"		Chrisley	Robot "eps1.0_hellofriend.mov"			★ Jurassic Park	
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 28, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	SEC "Shaq & Dale"		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Forces River Parade		Movies	Pursuit	PGA Golf Travelers Championship Site: TPC River Highlands (L)						FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		The Mod Squad		Hawaii Five-O	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	2½Men	Two 1/2...	USGA Golf U.S. Senior Open Final Round Site: Del Paso Country Club -- Sacramento, Calif. (L)									
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Biblical	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Havas	Red Bull Signature Series Simple Session				USATF Track U.S. Outdoor Championships (L)				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Knitting	Beads	Sewing	Africa	E.Smith	America	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Casate conmigo... mi amor				Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:15) ★ Promised ...		★ Things to Do in Denver When You're ...				★★ The Crossing Guard Jack Nicholson.			(:55) ★ Manhunter		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(10:30) Rock&Roll Hall Fame		FirstLook /Bill Maher		(:45) Requiem for the Dead				★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Idris Elba.			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:30) ★★ The Heat			WBC Boxing			1stLook		The Brink	(:45) Vice		LastWeek
HBO3	304	70	16	102		LastWeek	Tapia			(:25) Ballers	★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.			★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Breakdown			(:20) ★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90, Epic) Mary McDonnell, Kevin Costner.							Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:20) ★★ Escape From L.A. Kurt Russell.				(:05) ★ The Big Bounce				(:40) ★★★ V for Vendetta ('06, Act) Natalie Portman.			
PLEX			96			★ Neil Simon's London Suite			(:35) ★★ The Mothman Prophecies					(:40) ★★ Private Valentine		(:20) ★★★ Clue	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★★★★ Begin Again Keira Knightley.				HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish	HAPPYish
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:45) ★ Need for Speed Aaron Paul.				(:55) ★★★ Walking Tall				(:25) ★★ Last Holiday		(:20) ★ Hellion	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		American Takedown		Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★ Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer					★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith.				★ Independence D...	
BET	58	26		40		★★ Life ('99, Com) Martin Lawrence, Eddie Murphy.						★★ White Chicks ('04, Com) Shawn Wayans.				Awards Pre-Show	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Wives "Overboard"		Real Housewives		Wives "Shunburn"		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Girl	Girl	I Didn't	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Dog With a Blog		KC Under	KC Under	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	The Fab Five				30/30 "I Hate Christian Laettner"				MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls at New York City FC (L)			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Poker 2011 World Series				Poker 2012 World Series				MLS Soccer New York vs New York City (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★★ Mulan ('98, Ani) Ming-Na Wen.						★★★ Tarzan ('99, Ani) Tony Goldwyn.			★★★ Kung Fu Panda Jack Black.		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	Housecall	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Diners...	Revival	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food "Trendy Dinner"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays Site: Rogers Centre (L)						Rangers	Preview	Game365	Polaris	Sports Unlimited (N)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★ The Lorax ('12, Ani) Zac Efron.				★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Tom Cruise,					★★ Identity Thief		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ A Country Wedding Jesse Metcalfe.				★ For Better or for Worse Kim Fields.					★★★ Father of the Bride Steve Martin.		
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Sniper "Bulletproof"				Mountain Men		Alone		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★ Deadly Sibling Rivalry Charisma Carpenter.				★ Sole Custody ('14, Thril) Julie Benz.				★ Killer Crush ('15, Thril) Daveigh Chase.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				TourdeFrancePreview		Dog Challenge (N)		OceanXe	/Drive	Racer TV	Motorsport Hour (N)		Motorsport Hour (N)	/Drive	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	(11:30) ★ A Fairly Od...		100Thing	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder	H.Danger	H.Danger	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue				Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ The Dead ...		★ Gallowwalkers Wesley Snipes.				★★ Ultraviolet ('06, Act) Nick Chinlund.				★ Terminator 2: J...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★★ 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.					★★★ Alice in Wonderland ('10, Adv) Johnny Depp.				★ Bedtime Stories	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:30) ★ Viva Las V...	★★★ Dial M for Murder Grace Kelly.					★★★★ The Birds ('63, Hor) Rod Taylor.				(:15) ★ The Gazebo	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:30) ★★ Rapido y Furioso		★ Captain America: The First Avenger Chris Evans.						Noticiero	Conducta	★ Toy Story 2	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Return to Amish		Return to Amish	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LastShip	The Last Ship			★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						★★★ The Dark Knight Rises	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Videos	(:40) Home Videos	(:50) Funniest Home Videos				Reba	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Reba	(:25) Reba	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(11:00) ★★★★ Jurassic Park Sam Neill.				★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						★ Jurassic Park III	
WGN	19	18				Parks/Rec	★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian Ben Barnes.							★★★ Backdraft ('91, Act) Kurt Russell.			

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		BattleBots (N)		Castle "Kill Switch"		KMID News	(:35) Monopoly Millionaires' Club		(:35) W.Collar
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Madam Secretary "Need to Know"		CSI: Crime Scene "Rubbery Homicide"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Blck Sheep Squadron "The Meatball Circus"		Columbo "Negative Reaction" Photographer to kill wife.				Man U.N.C.L.E. "The Adriatic Express Affair"		Mission: Impossible "Execution"		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burgers	Bobb "The Friend Files"	The Simpsons	Brooklyn 99	FamilyG-uy "JOLO"	Golan (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	All About Us	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC (N)		I Can Do That!		American Odyssey "Real World" (N)		NewsWe-ek 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Puerto Rico"		Last Tango in Halifax (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Poldark" (N)		The Crimson Field (N)		Film School	On Story	Front and Center	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Me Pongo de Pie				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal			The Closer	Anger M.	M&M	Office	N'Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:55) ★ Manhunter		★★ Aeon Flux			(:35) ★★★ Monster Charlize Theron.				★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin'		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) ★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.				True Detective (N)		Ballers	TheBrink	LastWeek	True Detective		The Brink
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		True Detective		★ Get on Up ('14, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.				(:20) ★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(:05) ★★ The Other Woman Cameron Diaz.				★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ Jarhead ('05, Act) Jake Gyllenhaal.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:25) ★ Veronica ...		(:15) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy Frank Grillo.				★★ Dreamgirls ('06, Mus) Jamie Foxx.				Lingerie	Lingerie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:05) ★ Rush ('13, Act) Daniel Brühl.				★★★ Prisoners ('13, Thril) Hugh Jackman.				(:35) Zane	(:10) ★★ 28 Days		
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★★★ Clue		★★★ The Secret of My Success				(:55) ★★ The Mothman Prophecies				★ Neil Simon's Lo...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	HAPPYish	Nurse J.	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful (N)		HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Hellion		★ Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.				(:15) ★★★ Walking Tall		(:45) ★ Byzantium Saoirse Ronan.			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck D.	Duck Dyn.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Independence Day Will Smith.		HUMANS (N)				Hall "Infiltrator" (N)		HUMANS		Hall "Infiltrator"	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) Awards Pre		BET Awards The BET Awards celebrate their 15th anniversary. (L)							Post Show		Awards
BRAVO	65	63		41		Orange County (N)		Summer Bravo "First Looks" (N)		Wives	Flipping /(:10) Wives			(:05) Housewives		(:05) MarriedMed	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Greed	Money	Marijuana Country		Cocaine Cowboys II		Secrets of Mexico's		America's Gun		Cocaine Cowboys II	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	A. Bourdain "Hawaii"		Anthony Bourdain		Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me (N)		(:45) Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me					Seventies
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	KC Under	Friends	★ Teen Beach Movie 2 Ross Lynch.				Jessie	KC Under	I Didn't	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Poker 2013 World Series				Poker 2014 World Series Final Table						ESPN FC	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell.				★★ Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!				Melissa	Melissa	J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Stossel		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays Site: Rogers Centre						Mavricks	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Identity Thief		★★★★ Ted ('12, Com) Mila Kunis, Mark Wahlberg.						★★★ Ted ('12, Com) Mila Kunis, Mark Wahlberg.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★★★ Father of the Bride: Part II		★ A Country Wedding Jesse Metcalfe.						G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Bargain	Bargain	Life	Life	Island	Island	H.Hunt	House (N)	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		Pickers "Rocket Man"		American Pickers		(:05) The Woodsmen		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	To Be Announced				★ Perfect High ('15, Dra) Bella Thorne.				★ To Be Announced			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				Mecum Auctions: Collector Cars and More						Mecum Auctions: Collector Cars and More				IndyCar Auto Racing	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Harvey	Sponge	★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Catch a Contractor		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Terminator 2: Judgement Day				★★★ Terminator 2: Judgement Day Arnold Schwarzenegger.						Kill'oys "Bangarang"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ Bedtime Sto...		★★★ Shrek 2 ('04, Ani) Mike Myers.				★★ The Pacifier ('05, Com) Vin Diesel.				★★★ Shrek 2	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ The Gazebo		★★ Godzilla vs. Mothra Zero				★★ Godzilla, King of the Monsters				★ The Passion of J...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) ★ Toy Story 2		★ El Sorprendente Hombre-Araña (12, Act) Andrew Garfield.						Titulares	Conducta	★ Skyline	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Return to Amish		Return to Amish (N)		Return to Amish		Gypsy Sisters (N)		Return to Amish		Gypsy Sisters	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(4:30) ★★★ The Dark Knight Rises				The Last Ship (N)		Falling Skies (N)		The Last Ship		Falling Skies	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Reba 2/2	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "The Article"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(5:00) ★ Jurassic Pa...		★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						Modern	Modern	Royal Pains	
WGN	19	18				Movie	★★★ The Sixth Sense (99, Thril) Bruce Willis.							Salem (N)		Salem	

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Community partners play important role in museum experience

WENDY EARLE

Curator of collections and exhibitions at Museum of the Southwest

Community engagement is an important role for many nonprofits. There are many different types of communities an organization can work with in addition to visitors and neighbors, so it's important to create a variety of relationships. Making partnerships and strengthening local ties is not a one-time action; it's a constant process that always has room for improvement.

At the Museum of the Southwest, summer is a great time to experience many kinds of communities and the ways they interact. Each day of the week can illustrate a different facet of those relationships. While the museum is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays through Thursdays are days when many groups come to visit. Scheduling a tour of the children's museum or planetarium can allow day camps, summer schools and even adult groups to visit for the first time or as part of a long-standing tradition. These are great opportunities for groups to spend time on campus exploring exhibitions, watching dome shows and having lunch on the grounds.

Fridays the museum celebrates families because Family Fridays happen in June and July, each day with a different theme. In its third year, each Friday (except Fourth of July weekend) allows families to come in and create or experiment with a variety of activities. Free with admission, these come-and-go sessions last from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with food trucks on campus allowing for a whole day of fun. Some exciting upcoming activities include fossil imprints, creating your own oral history, making a community quilt and a community solar system. Families and children of all ages can explore throughout the summer, with something new to do every time.

The other important component in Family Fridays is the various community partners that come in each week to run different tables of activities. Our partners this year include Basin PBS, Sibley Nature Center, I-20 Wildlife Preserve, Midland Community Theatre, Midland County Public Library, George Bush Childhood Home and West Texas Astronomers.

On Saturdays, the Midland Downtown Farmers Market sets up vendors on the museum's front lawn, a great new collaboration that came about several months ago. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the MDFM's location allows more socializing on the grass and concerts on the stage, with a pleasant atmosphere resulting in increased attendance. Information about growers and vendors can be found on the market's Facebook or Twitter pages.

Finally, the free Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts welcome hundreds and sometimes more than a 1,000 concertgoers to enjoy music and company. The museum has a membership tent every concert with cold water, fans, a free raffle and information for anyone interested in learning more about the museum or becoming a member. Concerts feature local musicians generously donating a few hours of their time to play for the crowd. In the next month I will write a separate article about the lawn concerts and all of the community partners who make it possible. Our members, friends and neighbors can be our greatest allies, and ensure the success and growth of any institution.

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

TODAY

Koya Con 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com

Unsweet Ts at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

TUESDAY

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Summer Movie Camp "Planes: Fire & Rescue," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Camp Tiki: Back to the Future, Tuesday through Thursday at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting from 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. 432-260-7136.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

THURSDAY

Summer Picnic hosted by Midland County Public Library, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Lowdown, 6:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

West Texas Dance Club at Dancing at 301 E. 61st St., Odessa with live country music from 7:30-10 p.m. Members $5. Non-members and guests $6. Alcohol and smoke free environment. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

"Nacho Libre" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

First Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Annie Get Your Gun," through July 19 at Theatre of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/tobb

Summer Mummers: Masked Mummers of Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" on Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.org.

SATURDAY

Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m. at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

53rd Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m. at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

Star Spangled Salute, 5 p.m. at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

ON DISPLAY

"A Look Through Time" by Diane K. Browne through Aug. 28. ArtQuest Studios. Reserved Studio Time is $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net. 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum. "Mediterranea: American Art from the Graham D. Williford Collection" through Aug. 23. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

McCormick Gallery at Midland College. 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

Midland Arts Association presents photography of H.A. Tuck in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during June.

Midland County Historical Museum's permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Scharbauer Hotel, Midland school memorabilia, the door from the Pliska Blacksmith shop containing many historic brands and First National and Midland National bank items. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26. co.midland.tx.us

Museum of the Southwest. Turner Memorial Art Gallery closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

RTD Skatepark hosts art exhibits from internationally known pro-skaters and is open to submissions of local artists to sell and display their work. Rock the Desert grounds. rtdskatepark.com.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Sibley Nature Center, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. 684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

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OIL REPORT

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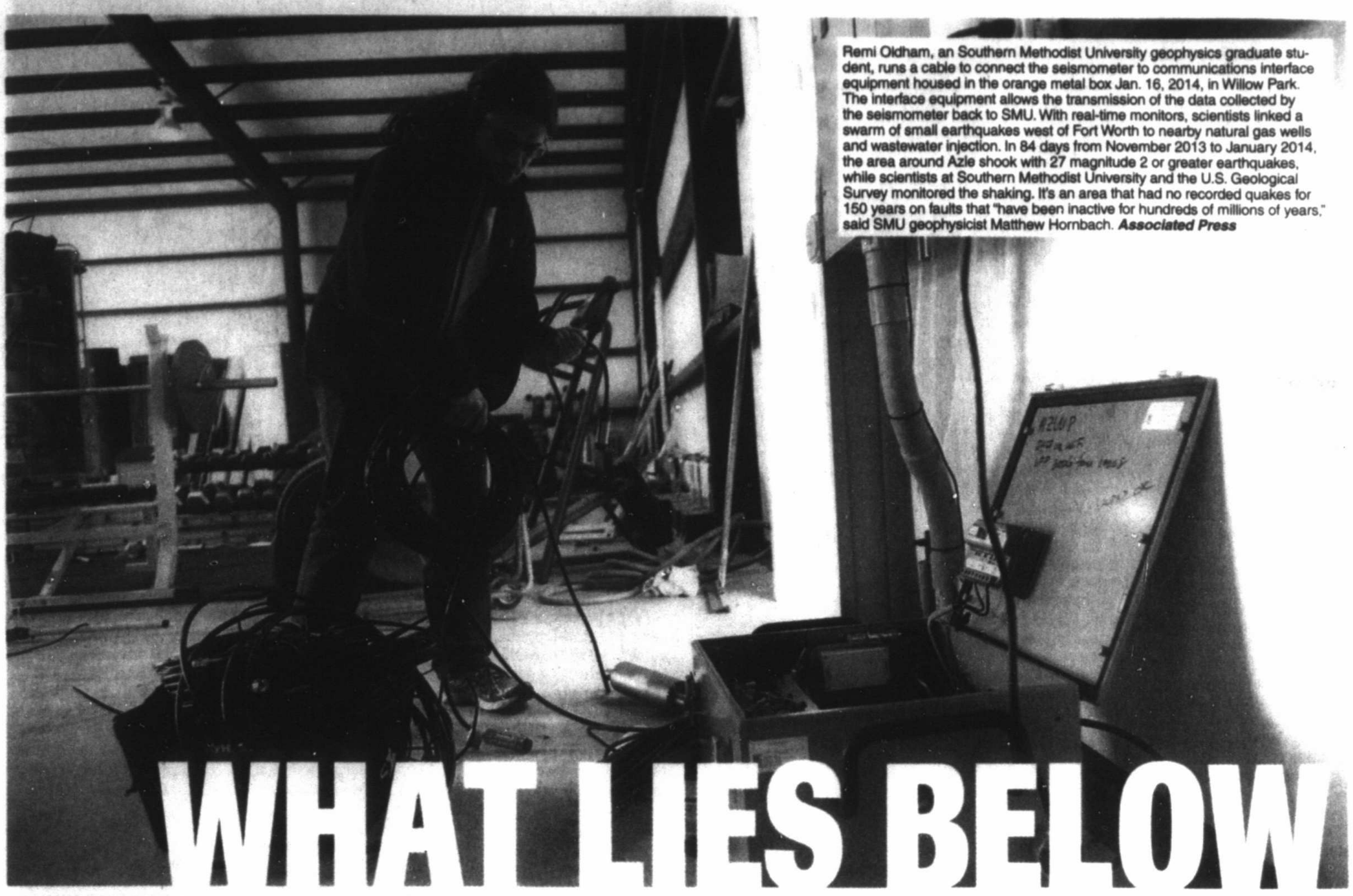

Remi Oldham, an Southern Methodist University geophysics graduate student, runs a cable to connect the seismometer to communications interface equipment housed in the orange metal box Jan. 16, 2014, in Willow Park. The interface equipment allows the transmission of the data collected by the seismometer back to SMU. With real-time monitors, scientists linked a swarm of small earthquakes west of Fort Worth to nearby natural gas wells and wastewater injection. In 84 days from November 2013 to January 2014, the area around Azle shook with 27 magnitude 2 or greater earthquakes, while scientists at Southern Methodist University and the U.S. Geological Survey monitored the shaking. It's an area that had no recorded quakes for 150 years on faults that "have been inactive for hundreds of millions of years," said SMU geophysicist Matthew Hornbach. ***Associated Press***

WHAT LIES BELOW

Permian Basin expected to host array of seismonitors

■ Portable sensors could be stored at Bureau of Economic Geology's Midland core research center for rapid deployment

By Mella McEwen
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A rise in seismic events, especially in oil-producing areas, has shaken up the nation's energy industry, especially as studies seem to indicate the growing use of disposal wells as a cause.

That concern prompted the Railroad Commission to hire a seismologist last year, and, earlier this month, the agency held two show-cause hearings with two companies operating disposal wells possibly linked to earthquakes in North Texas.

But even the authors of the various studies, including those issued by Southern Methodist University and the U.S. Geologial Survey, agree they can't definitively point to disposal wells as the cause of the rise in seismic activity.

Expansion of the state's TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program will be an opportunity to bring together all stakeholders — government regulators, the industry and academics — and increase and improve the data needed, said Scott Tinker, state geologist and director of the Bureau of Economic Geology.

The BEG is leading the TexNet initiative, which just received $4.47 million that will allow it to increase from 16 to 22 the number of permanent seismonitors and equipment installed across the state. The funding will also be used to purchase 36 portable seismonitors that Tinker said can be deployed to areas "where there are instances of seismicity that are hard to explain."

Most likely some of those seismonitors will be stored in the bureau's core research centers in Midland, Houston and Austin, Tinker said.

The improved data will lead to a better understanding of the impact of waste isolation, even sink holes, he said. "We will have a better understanding of the base line of seismicity," he said.

Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said he is pleased the Legislature appropriated the additional funding.

"We're interested in good, solid facts to guide decisions," he said.

Tinker said he has seen great support from the state's energy industry.

"There are 7,000-plus disposal wells in Texas that are active but only a few are potentially associated with seismic activity. The percentage is low, but the industry

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BLS says oil job loss tends to lag behind price declines

By Mella McEwen
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Falling oil prices don't immediately lead to similar job losses in the oil and gas industry, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The bureau report found that declines in industry employment tend to lag behind price declines. The report noted employment in the nation's oil and natural gas extraction and support activities approached 538,000 in October 2014, as the decline in commodity prices was beginning to accelerate. By April 2015, the industry had lost about 35,000 jobs or 6.5 percent. The nation's rig count, as measured by Baker Hughes, is at a six-year low. The count has fallen 54 percent from June 2014 to a total of 857 for the week ending June 19, the BLS said.

A similar trend was observed in the last significant price decline in 2008, the BLS said. In July 2008, Brent crude oil reached a record-high monthly spot price of $133 per barrel, before falling to $43 per barrel by February 2009. Oil and gas production jobs reached a high of 391,000 in September 2008, two months after the oil prices had started declining. Employment in drilling, extraction, and support activities then continued to decline for 13 months, when the number of production jobs dropped by more than 51,000. Eighty-two percent of the decline in these jobs occurred after oil prices reached their lowest monthly level and were on the rise, the report said.

The bureau said that although unemployment rates in states heavily dependent on resource production remain well below the national average, the impact of low oil prices and job loss is not evenly distributed.

For example, in North Dakota, home to the Bakken Shale, the unemployment rate slightly increased from 2.8 percent

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IHS analysis: 'Adolescent' Wolfcamp Development holds tremendous promise

By Mella McEwen
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An oil-and-gas producing basin that has yielded oil and natural gas for about 90 years could hardly be considered an adolescent.

But one Permian Basin play, like most adolescents, holds promise and potential yet to be tested.

IHS, a global analytical firm, said in its "IHS Energy Wolfcamp Delaware Review" that the play — which straddles the Texas-New Mexico border — has the economic potential to sustain select operators through "this period of distressed oil prices."

"We look at production per lateral foot. In the Eagle Ford and the Bakken, production per lateral foot eventually plateaus. In the Wolfcamp Delaware, that peak rate is still increasing," said Reed Olmstead, manager, North America Supply Analytics, Upstream Strategy and Competition with IHS Energy.

That means the limits of the play have not yet been fully delineated, and operators are still learning how to best produce from this reservoir, he said.

The Wolfcamp Delaware has some of the best normalized peak production of any onshore play with average peak production rates of approximately 120 barrels of oil equivalent per day per 1,000 feet of lateral well drill, according to the analysis. That is nearly double the Wolfcamp Midland Basin average of 63 BOE per day per 1,000 feet of lateral well drilled.

Operators are still finding where the sweet spots are, determining where to land laterals and how long those lateral lengths should grow, Olmstead said.

He said the Wolfcamp Delaware is not seen as a new play as much as a rebirth of the formation. Having written about the formation a few years ago, IHS thinks "it's still in that rebirth stage," he said.

As of May, there were more than 3,200 wells producing in the Wolfcamp Delaware, with nearly 75 percent of those drilled as horizontals, the IHS review said. Of these 3,200 wells producing in the Wolfcamp Delaware, more than 475 had begun production since January 2014.

About 150 operators have produced from the play to date, compared to fewer than 90 in the Eagle Ford, according to the review. Despite that high number, just two operators currently are dominant in the play — Concho Resources and Cimarex Energy, Olmstead said.

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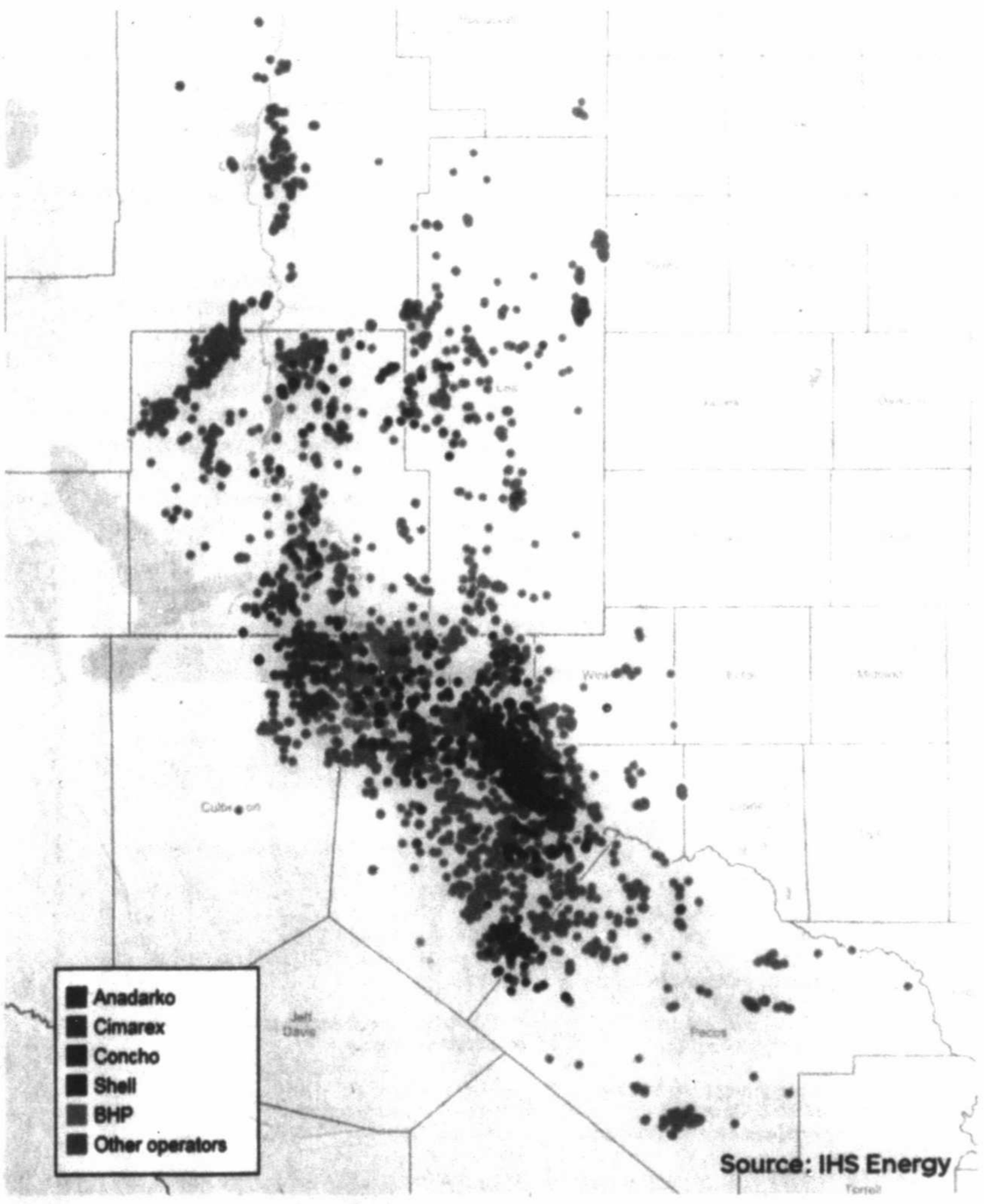
Permian's Wolfcamp Delaware Activity, by Major Operators



Oil export boosters have votes to prevail on Capitol Hill, industry leader boasts

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

There is enough support in the House and Senate to overturn the nation's longstanding ban on crude exports, a top oil industry leader predicted last week.

"There is a growing consensus this is a relic of the past, that it needs to be repealed, it needs to be changed," said American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard. "Right now, it's just a question of finding the right vehicle and moving it forward."

Lawmakers recently have eyed unrelated legislation — including a recent Defense Department authorization bill — as a possible avenue for lifting the oil export restrictions imposed in the wake of the 1973 OPEC oil embargo.

Although votes were abandoned as part of the defense bill, export advocates say they are looking for other opportunities to advance the change.

"I believe the votes are there, both in the House and the Senate," Gerard said. "And I believe those votes are actually growing over time."

"It's just a question of time and vehicle," he added.

Gerard's comments came hours before a 26-year Navy veteran warned a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee that any changes are premature, given continued U.S. reliance on foreign oil.

Despite a recent surge in domestic production, "we still import a staggering amount of oil," said Retired U.S. Navy Commander Kirk Lippold. "Lifting export regulations may have the unintended consequence of undermining our national security goal of energy independence."

Lippold argued that if Congress or the Obama administration opened the door to wider oil exports, it could make the U.S. even more dependent on foreign crude supplies. Under Lippold's analysis, domestic refiners, who have been enticed by discounts to consume more light, sweet U.S. crude will return to foreign alternatives if exports are allowed and U.S. oil prices climb.

Oil export advocates have advanced several arguments in their campaign for changes, with assertions it would yield both economic and geopolitical benefits to the U.S.

Oil industry launches 2016 campaign

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

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WASHINGTON — The oil industry's leading trade group kicked off its 2016 political campaigning last week, with plans to air issue advertising and hold events in battleground states.

The American Petroleum Institute launched its "Vote 4 Energy" with a pledge to stay above the partisan fray while ensuring that energy policy is part of the political discussion leading up to the November 2016 elections.

The group released a Wood Mackenzie study that it said illustrated the stark choice facing voters, by modeling how two different regulatory approaches to oil and gas would affect domestic production of those fossil fuels and economic activity related to them.

Under a relatively hands-off scenario with "pro-development" policies, the United States would gain 2.3 million U.S. jobs and $443 billion in economic activity by 2035, according to the API-commissioned analysis. Oil and natural gas production, meanwhile, would jump by 8 million barrels of oil equivalent per day, the study predicted.

A scenario heavy with regulatory constraints, including looming ozone standards, newly imposed rules for hydraulic fracturing on federal lands and proposed requirements meant to boost the safety of offshore wells, generates a different outcome, with Wood Mackenzie predicting a loss of 830,000 jobs and $133 billion in gross domestic product.

The pro-development scenario wraps in policies that have long been on the oil and gas industry's wish list, with some requiring radical changes in the nation's capital and statehouses nationwide. It includes oil and gas development in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as well as the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, where a statute bars the activity until 2022. A repeal of crude export restrictions and the ban on hydraulic fracturing in New York state also are folded into the pro-development model.

Gerard said the analysis, similar to a study conducted for API in 2011, should frame the political debate around energy.

The United States needs "policymakers willing to partner with the oil and gas industry" to realize its tremendous energy potential, he said. "We must demand that those who represent us reject ... a regressive energy policy that keeps fossil fuels in the ground and demands and expects our society to accept and embrace a lower standard of living."

Gerard said the Vote 4 Energy campaign would not target specific candidates but would encourage "a productive, fact-based energy policy discussion."

Digital advertisements will be used to engage voters, especially in such potential swing states as Ohio and Pennsylvania, whose votes could help determine who takes over the White House in January 2017.

QUAKES

From 1F

wants to make sure it understands all aspects of operations," he said.

The oil and gas industry tends to get blamed for everything, "and I'm certain the folks reviewing the data will help better determine that most likely the majority of tremors are natural phenomena and will help clear the air of confusion about why they happen. We don't know all the reasons Mother Earth moves," Shepperd said.

The operators of TexNet expect to work in cooperation not only with the industry but with the U.S. Geological Survey and the Railroad Commission and its seismologist, Craig Pearson, Tinker said.

"It is the highest priority of the Railroad Commission to protect public safety and our natural resources, so the agency takes the issue of seismicity very seriously," the agency said in a statement. "That's why the commission hired Dr. Pearson to analyze and evaluate data and information regarding seismic events and any possible relationship to oil and gas activity, as well as to help write rules addressing seismicity. ...

"The commission looks forward to the implementation of TexNet and continued collaboration with seismic researchers and industry to gather more data and information on seismic activity in Texas," the statement concluded.

TexNet has two primary goals: to monitor, locate and catalog seismic activity with magnitudes of 2.0 and larger, and to improve the state's ability to rapidly investigate ongoing earthquake sequences in Texas. Of particular importance are those earthquakes larger than magnitude 3.0 in or near urban areas, or in locations where ongoing human activities might be influencing earthquake activity.

Now that the funding has been approved, Tinker said the type of sensor will be chosen and bids sought, with one or two vendors selected. Then permission will have to be sought from landowners to install the sensors. He estimated the new permanent sensors will be available by late fall, which is when the portable sensors will be purchased.

Six facts about induced earthquakes

Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey scientists recently published an article that explains what is causing the dramatic increase in seismicity in the central United States over the last six years and have attempted to address common misunderstandings.

■ **Fact 1**

In the United States, hydraulic fracturing is not causing most of the induced earthquakes. Wastewater disposal is the primary cause of the recent increase in earthquakes in the central United States.

Wastewater disposal wells typically operate for longer durations and inject much more fluid than hydraulic fracturing, making them more likely to induce earthquakes. Enhanced oil recovery injects fluid into rock layers where oil and gas have already been extracted, while wastewater injection often occurs in never-before-touched rocks. Therefore, wastewater injection can raise pressure levels more than enhanced oil recovery, and thus increases the likelihood of induced earthquakes.

■ **Fact 2**

Not all wastewater injection wells induce felt earthquakes.

Most injection wells do not trigger felt earthquakes. A combination of many factors is necessary for injection to induce felt earthquakes. These include the injection rate and total volume injected; the presence of faults that are large enough to produce felt earthquakes; stresses that are large enough to produce earthquakes; and the presence of pathways for the fluid pressure to travel from the injection point to faults.

■ **Fact 3**

Wastewater is produced at nearly every oil and gas well, not just hydraulic fracturing sites.

Most wastewater currently disposed of across the nation is saltwater that is a byproduct of the oil and gas extraction process. Saltwater is found in nearly every oil and gas production well, regardless of whether the well has been hydraulically fractured.

■ **Fact 4**

The content of the wastewater injected in disposal wells is highly variable.

In many locations, wastewater has little or nothing to do with hydraulic fracturing. In Oklahoma, less than 10 percent of the water injected into wastewater disposal wells is used hydraulic fracturing fluid. In some parts of Oklahoma where very high volumes of wastewater are injected, no hydraulic fracturing is occurring at all, so the wastewater is purely saltwater that comes up with oil in the extraction process.

In contrast, the fluid disposed of near earthquake sequences that occurred in Youngstown, Ohio and Guy, Arkansas, consisted largely of spent hydraulic fracturing fluid.

■ **Fact 5**

Induced seismicity can occur at significant distances from injection wells and at different depths.

Earthquakes can be induced at distances of 10 miles or more away from the injection point and at significantly greater depths than the injection point.

■ **Fact 6**

Wells not requiring surface pressure to inject wastewater can still induce earthquakes.

In operations where engineers pour fluid down the well without added pressure at the wellhead still increase the fluid pressure within the formation and thus can induce earthquakes.

UNEMPLOYMENT

From 1F

in October 2014 to 3.1 percent in May 2015, and Nebraska has replaced North Dakota as the state with the lowest unemployment rate. Oklahoma's unemployment rate also increased slightly from 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent in that period.

But in Texas, where many reported reductions in oil and natural gas jobs occurred, the unemployment rate actually decreased from 4.7 percent in October 2014 to 4.1 percent in May 2015 because of offsetting growth in other areas of its more diverse economy.

A survey just released by Rigzone finds that employment opportunities are expected to remain soft amid continued market uncertainty.

Of the 209 hiring managers and recruiters surveyed by Rigzone between May 26 and June 4, a majority are still decreasing hiring efforts. Approximately 51 percent said they had decreased hiring over the last three months and an additional 13 percent have frozen recruitment plans.

Rigzone said that, even though commodity prices have risen during the second quarter, most hiring managers remain reluctant to expand hiring efforts over the next six months. Approximately 65 percent reported they have decreased plans for the next six months. In addition, Rigzone said 54 percent of respondents believe job cuts are likely over the next six months and 65 percent anticipate less funding for approved head count for the year.

Rigzone said that 81 percent of respondents reported that their candidate pool has grown over the last three months, and 34 percent said it has taken less time to fill open positions. In addition, 70 percent said job candidates are not asking for more compensation as compared to three months ago.

WOLFCAMP

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Concho has been active in the Southern Liquids sub-play, while Cimarex has been active in the Central Gas sub-play, Olmstead said. ConocoPhillips and Mewbourne are also reporting success in the Wolfcamp Delaware, he said.

IHS said normalized productivity in the Southern Liquids and Central Gas sub-plays has increased by more than 40 percent since the first quarter of 2013.

The review predicts more operators will enter the play, but expects those "who lack quality assets, the financial stamina to wait for better break-even prices, or those who don't consider the play core to their strategy, to exit."

"There is still a lot of opportunity to test acreage," Olmstead said.

As operators have succeeded in driving down production costs, improved efficiencies have driven development, he said. And as costs fall further, producers will continue to delineate the Wolfcamp Delaware, he said.

Olmstead said that is true throughout the country, not just the Permian Basin. A well that once needed $50 oil to break even now has a $42 break-even price, he said.

The world may be awash in oil, which has driven down oil prices significantly. But the company sees an uptick in domestic demand and opportunities, in some circumstances, to export domestic crude, Olmstead said.

"With our outlook, the industry will have to turn to the Permian Basin because it's the only region with the opportunity to turn up production enough to meet demand. The Eagle Ford, the Bakken can increase production but not in the same quantities as the Permian Basin," he said.

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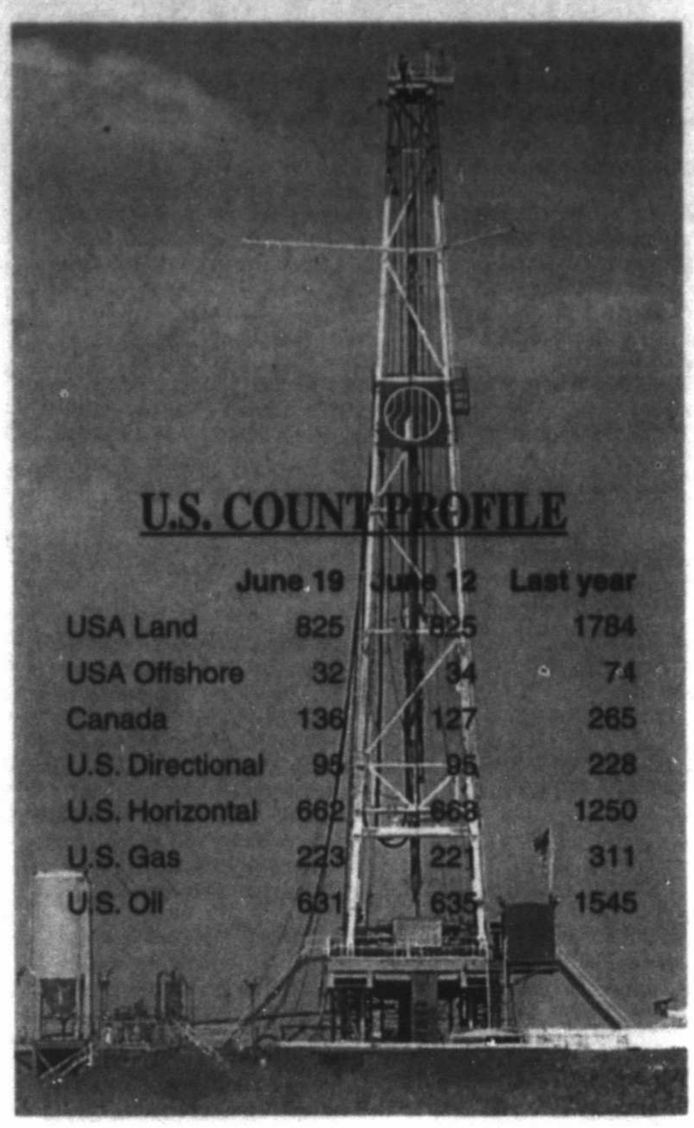

U.S. COUNT PROFILE

	June 19	June 12	Last year
USA Land	825	825	1784
USA Offshore	32	34	74
Canada	136	127	265
U.S. Directional	95	95	228
U.S. Horizontal	662	663	1250
U.S. Gas	223	22	311
U.S. Oil	631	635	1545

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DISTRICT 7B	
Coleman	0
Fisher	0
Jones	0
Nolan	1
Taylor	0
DISTRICT 7C	
Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	3
Irion	2
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	13
Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	13
DISTRICT 8	
Andrews	10
Brewster	0
Crane	5
Culberson	6
Ector	2
Glasscock	5
Howard	10
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	21
Martin	22
Midland	28
Mitchell	1
Pecos	4
Presidio	0
Reeves	24
Sterling	2
Ward	4
Winkler	5
DISTRICT 8A	
Bailey	0
Borden	0
Cochran	0
Cottle	1
Crosby	0
Dawson	3
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	1
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	0
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	4
Terry	0
Yoakum	1
TEXAS TOTAL	**192**

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	17
Lea	24
Roosevelt	0
NEW MEXICO TOTAL	**41**

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$56.70**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$56.75**
Phillips 66	**$56.89**
Plains*	**$56.75**
Shell Trading	**$56.90**
Sun*	**$56.75**
Nymex futures	**$60.20***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of June 24

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price June 24	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$2.815**	**$2.759**	**$4.535**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$2.650**	**$2.720**	**$4.450**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$2.570**	**$2.655**	**$4.351**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$2.607**	**$2.735**	**$4.458**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$2.590**	**$2.730**	**$4.460**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$2.585**	**$2.645**	**$4.311**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$2.758**	**$2.769**	**$4.429**

Companies testify quakes occurred far below disposal wells

ALEX MILLS

President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

The mystery surrounding the cause of earthquakes in Texas continues, but scientists and policymakers are finding more clues following two hearings before the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), recently.

Some scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Austin had said publicly that oil and gas disposal wells were likely causes of earthquakes in Texas. Several months ago SMU released a paper that said oil and gas activity in North Texas most likely caused a series of earthquakes near Azle, which is about 30 miles north of Fort Worth. The release of the paper received a lot of attention from the news media, creating calls from the public to cease all operations of disposal wells in the area.

The RRC called a "show cause" hearing against XTO Energy and EnerVest Operating, two companies that operated production and disposal wells in the area.

At their separate hearings, both companies challenged the SMU paper's conclusion, testifying under oath that the seismic activity began at 22,000 feet, and was naturally occurring.

"The only thing you can conclude is that frankly there is little or no support for the SMU conclusions in that paper," attorney Brian Sullivan, a partner with McElroy, Sullivan, Miller, Weber & Olmstead LLP in Austin, said during his concluding statements on behalf of EnerVest.

"SMU's conclusions are just subject to a huge margin of error," he added.

"They are attempting to say that they can measure one tenth of one percent change in reservoir pressure in the Ellenberger (formation). Anybody who went to engineering school knows that is beyond ludicrous. It is beyond ridiculous," he said.

Sullivan attacked the scientific work on a number of points, starting with the "unproven hypothesis" that "we are in a near failure state of equilibrium."

He said SMU's team modeled the wrong fault, and used a groundwater model of a closed system that did not account for dual porosity and permeability in the Ellenberger formation, where EnerVest injected wastewater.

SMU researchers measured pressure changes in an antithetic fault closer to the surface, which the companies said amounts to a pressure relief fault for a larger "main" fault.

"The actual event occurred at 22,000 feet. Nothing in that paper ties injection in the Ellenberger to a pressure change at 22,000 feet," Sullivan said.

Andree Griffin, XTO's Vice President of Geology and Gephysics, said that "it looks to me like we're in a period of natural tectonism."

XTO said all the earthquake clusters in the area started in the granite "basement," which is thousands of feet below the Ellenberger formation. XTO's tests showed there was no pressure change in the Ellenberger formation.

Griffin said that indicates all the earthquakes in the area — including those in Irving and others in 1950 and 1985 — have been caused by natural tectonic activity along the deep faults.

Hearing examiners will now review the evidence presented by XTO and EnerVest, alongside the SMU study, before making a recommendation to the RRC's three elected commissioners.

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Ring Energy completes public offering

MIDLAND — Ring Energy Inc. has completed the sale of 4.5 million shares of its common stock resulting in gross proceeds of $51.75 million and estimated net proceeds of approximately $49 million, after deducting underwriting commissions and offering expenses payable by the company.

Ring intends to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund a portion of the previously announced acquisition of producing wells and leaseholds in Culberson and Reeves counties and for general corporate purposes.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. proposes Cushing to Longview pipeline

HOUSTON — Plains All American Pipeline L.P. is conducting an open season for committed capacity on a proposed new crude oil pipeline from Cushing, Oklahoma to Longview. The open season process provides an opportunity for potential shippers to offer long-term volume commitments for service from Cushing to Longview in exchange for a discounted rate.

The proposed pipeline would originate at the Plains Cushing, Oklahoma Terminal and provide an initial capacity of approximately 120,000 barrels per day of light sweet crude to Longview, Texas.

The open season began June 23 and will end at 5 p.m. on July 23.

Howard Energy Partners proposes natural gas pipeline from Webb County, Texas to Monterrey, Mexico

SAN ANTONIO — Howard Midstream Energy Partners LLC plans to develop the Nueva Era Pipeline, an approximately 200-mile, 30-inch natural gas pipeline connecting its existing Webb County Hub in Webb County to Escobedo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and the Mexican National Pipeline System (Sistema Nacional de Gasoductos) in Monterrey. HEP is accepting non-binding indications of interest for hub and transportation services on the Nueva Era system until July 17 at.

Expected to be in-service in July 2017, the Nueva Era pipeline, which will be developed in conjunction with HEP's Mexican partner, will provide seamless transportation service for up to 600 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from South Texas to Escobedo, Nuevo Leon, near Monterrey. It will connect producers in South Texas directly with end-users in Mexico, creating access to multiple growing markets. The new pipeline is in response to customer demand during HEP's previously announced period of solicitation of interest for transportation and export of natural gas to Mexico.

HEP expects transportation service rates from the U.S.-Mexico border to Escobedo to be between US $0.13 and US $0.20 per thousand cubic feet, subject to the shipper's required term, level of service, and volume commitment, and pursuant to all Mexican legal requirements including a Comisisn Reguladora de Energma transportation permit.

Energen taps capital markets for $405 million to boost drilling

HOUSTON — Energen Corp. said Wednesday it's planning to raise $405 million to boost drilling in West Texas, becoming the latest in a string of U.S. oil producers to tap capital markets for cash this year.

The Alabama-based oil producer's public offering of 5.7 million shares makes it the 30th North American oil company to raise funds from the public equity markets in 2015, bringing the oil-exploration sector's take to about $13.7 billion so far this year. The offering is expected to close next Monday.

Oil producers' easy access to capital markets this year is one reason investment bankers and analysts say there hasn't been more financial pain, mergers and acquisitions and debt defaults during the current oil slump. Unlike past oil downturns, financial markets are healthy, and investors have been spurred on because the petroleum industry is the one of the very few facing any widespread financial distress.

"There has been a lot of money on the sidelines wanting to invest in energy," said Dean Burke, vice president of capital markets at Houston investment banking firm Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

But Energen's capital raise is more evidence that oil producers are beginning to call on investors not to fix their balance sheets, but to help them ramp up drilling activity.

The firm, with its oil fields in the Permian Basin and the San Juan Basin in New Mexico and Colorado, said it will use proceeds from the stock sale to increase drilling in the Midland Basin in the second half of this year. It had 373 million barrels of oil equivalent in proved reserves at the end of last year, it said.

And it said it will "begin a multi-year acceleration of development activities in the Permian Basin in 2016, with capital investment in 2016 at $1 billion or more." Any proceeds leftover, it added, could be used to repay its revolving credit facility, which is a type of corporate loan from which a company can borrow, repay and borrow again.

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Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY OPAL, 131 FSL 148 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 15, UL SUR., A-U118 10000', 6 SW RANKIN API# 42-461-40020

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #5
Wildcat; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 150/S & 990/W; 3 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7686 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43004

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #5
Wildcat; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 150/S & 990/W; 3 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7686 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-43004

BC Operating INc.
Rock Tank 9-4 State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 16 T23S R25E; 240/N & 930/E; 8 1/2 mi NW White City; Rot 19061 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43019

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Cougar 22 B3PM Fee #1
Wildcat; Sec 23 T23S R26E; 500/S & 360/W; 6 mi N Black River; Rot 13900 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43022

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Brushy Draw 1 W2CN Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 1 T26S R29E; 235/N & 1980/W; 13 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15904 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43017

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 2 State #9
Wildcat; Sec 2 T26S R31E; 200/N & 880/W; 22 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14781 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43023

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 2 State #10
Wildcat; Sec 2 T26S R31E; 200/N & 930/W; 22 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14796 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43024

Lea County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Juice BUD State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 19 T21S R34E; 200/S & 660/E; 15 mi SE Halfway; Rot 12874 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42498

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Juice Bud State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 19 T21S R34E; 200/S & 1980/E; 15 mi SE Halfway; Rot 12897 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42504

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
University "27-34" #1LH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 345 fsl, 2367 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 2, Abst. 58U, ULS, 15.9 nw Big Lake; TD 17000 MD; Comp 5/24/2015; producing from 9449-16929, fracture stimulated, gas lift 1,000 BO, 787 MCF, 834 BW, FTP 450 psi, 44.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38966

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Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C A Goldsmith et al #2426
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-Horizontal; 10317 fsl, 8230 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 44, T-I- S, Abst. 686, T&P RR, 3.9 sw Goldsmith; PBTD 6674 TVD, 6737 MD; Comp 5/30/2015; producing from 5550-6447, fracture stimulated; pump 215 BO, 38 MCF, 1253 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43167

New Mexico

Chaves County

Rock Creek Resources LLC
White #4
Race Track; Sec 13 T10S R27E; 2540/N & 1220/E; EL 3787 GL, TD 6758, PBTD 6751; Spud 12-11-14, Comp 3-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 6593-6638, 6646-6666. Treat: 2200 gals 15% HCL. IP: 3-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 116 BO, 14 BW, 30 MCF, GOR 258.1, Gty 43. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 403 w/379 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1604 w/390 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6753 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6536; API #30-005-64213

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #578
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 142/S & 2280/E. BHL: 330/S & 2310/E; EL 3590 GL, TD 4420, PBTD 4364; Spud 2-4-15, Comp 2-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 4010-4265. Treat: Acdz w/1072 gals acid. Frac w/52,581 gals gel, 49,050# 16/30 brady sd, 17,801# 16/30 SLC. IP: 3-4-15 Pump 24 hrs 84 BO, 159 BW, 97 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 268 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 920 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4407 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4322; API #30-015-40751

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #624
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 1650/S & 2310/W; EL 3620 GL, TD 4577, PBTD 4532; Spud 1-27-14, Comp 2-18-15; production is through treated perfs: 4082-4382. Treat: Acdz w/1123 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/204,923 gals gel, 225,994# 16/30 brady, 29,566# 16/30 SLC. IP: 2-26-15 Pump 24 hrs 144 BO, 255 BW, 38 MCF, GOR 264, Gty 39.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 297 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 991 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4577 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4487; API #30-015-40457

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #633
Dodd; Sec 15 T17S R29E; 370/S & 175/E; EL 3582 GL, TD 4477, PBTD 4417; Spud 1-28-14, Comp 2-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 4070-4350. Treat: Acdz w/1562 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/205,820 gals gel, 227,635# 16/30 brady, 29,521# 16/30 SLC. IP: 2-27-15 Pump 24 hrs 132 BO, 332 BW, 166 MCF, GOR 1257, Gty 40.1 Csg: 13 3/8 @ 264 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 962 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4461 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4388; API #30-015-40605

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #932
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 1864/N & 323/W. BHL: 1665/N & 349/W; EL 3639 GL, TD 10048 MD, 4867 TVD, PBTD 9980; production is through treated perfs: 5450-9960. Treat: Acdz w/57,148 gals acid, Frac w/1,663,861 gals gel, 229,525 gals trt wtr, 199,740 gals wtr frac, 3,546,359# 20/40 brown, 669,226# 20/40 CRC. IP: 2-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 317 BO, 878 BW, 427 MCF, GOR 1347, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 315 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1193 w/550 sx, 7 @ 4323, 5 1/2 @ 4323-10044 w/1500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4233; API #30-015-42186

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #80
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 1550/S & 1080/W; EL 3636 GL, TD 6406, PBTD 6375; Spud 9-17-14, Comp 11-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 4690-5232, 5295-5863, 5922-6320. Treat: 502,824 gals 20#, 616,057# sd, 13,124 gals acid, 13,020# gals gel. 2-11-15 Pump 24 hrs 74 BO, 241 BW, 101 MCF, GOR 1365, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 334 w/410 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3400 w/1120 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6406 w/930 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6326; API #30-015-42402

COG Operating LLC
Pilam 15 Fee #1
Atoka; Sec 16 T18S R26E; 2485/S & 425/E. BHL: 333/S & 1681/E; EL 3352 GL, TD 6535 MD, 2649 TVD, PBTD 6512; Spud 12-20-14, Comp 2-4-15; production is through treated perfs: 3244-6492. Treat: Acdz 10 stages w/38,660 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,368,066 gals gel, 83,748 gals wtr frac, 121,002 gals trt wtr, 2,970,185# 20/40 brown sd, 466,878# 20/40 CRC. IP: 2-26-15 Pump 24 hrs 61 BO, 1547 BW, 141 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1260 w/817 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6535 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2272; API #30-015-42644

COG Operating LLC
Falabella 31 Fee #2
Penasco; Sec 31 T18S R26E; 150/S & 1700/W. BHL: 394/N & 1504/W; EL 3432 GL, TD 7261 MD, 2562 TVD, PBTD 7191; Spud 12-9-14, Comp 2-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 2991-7171. Treat: Acdz 13 stages w/50,382 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,760,955 gals gel, 40,667 gals wtr frac R3, 69,370 gals wtr frac R9, 173,018 gals trt wtr, 3,860,461# 20/40 brown sd, 561,210# 20/40 CRC. IP: 2-18-15 Pump 24 hrs 337 BO, 1394 BW, 111 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1240 w/700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7261 w/1500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2283; API #30-015-40262

XTO Energy Inc.
Avalon Delaware Unit #239
Avalon; Sec 30 T20S R28E; 2440/S & 2158/W; EL 3290 GL, TD 3850, PBTD 3804; Spud 6-6-14, Comp 11-21-14; production is through treated perfs: 2617-2884, 3295-3446, 3466-3616. Treat: Acdz w/8000 gals 15%, Frac w/140,027# 16/30 sd. IP: 2-14-15 Pump 24 hrs 11 BO, 486 BW, 23 MCF, GOR 2090.31, Gty 41.59. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 498 w/220 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2500 w/715 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3850 w/510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3723; API #30-015-42329

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Wolf AJA Federal #18
Lost Tank; Sec 25 T21S R31E; 2010/N & 330/E. BHL: 1987/S & 337/W; EL 3666 GL, TD 11826, PBTD 11752; Spud 7-26-14, Comp 3-5-15; production is through treated perfs: 7548-11801. Treat: Acdz w/24,250 gals 7.5% KCL acid, Frac w/4,099,963# 20/40 RCS & 20/40 white sd IP: 3-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 147 BO, 1625 BW, 112 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 80 w/243 sx, 13 3/8 @ 925 w/770 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4620 w/1180 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11801 w/1675 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6785; API #30-015-39830

COG Producing LLC
Diamondback 22 State Com #5
Hay Hollow; Sec 22 T26S R28E; 170/N & 990/E. BHL: 356/S & 498/E; EL 2984 GL, TD 12495, PBTD 12435; Spud 12-29-14, Comp 3-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 8355-12395. Treat: Acdz w/85901 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/6249260# sd & 5133951 gals fluid. IP: 3-16-15 Flow 24 hrs 755 BO, 2015 BW, 755 MCF, TP 580. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 462 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2575 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12490 w/2350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8335; API #30-015-42432

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Federal 22 #3
South Corral Canyon; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 50/S & 530/W. BHL: 333/N & 322/W; EL 2876.1 GL, TD 13072 MD, 8570 TVD, PBTD 13034 MD, 8569 TVD; Spud 11-10-14, Comp 1-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 8866-12986. Treat: 15% HCL, linear gel, crosslink, 20/40 white, 20/40 SLC/L trt =50,021 bbls/ prop=3,083,770. IP: 2-2-15 Flow 24 hrs 371 BO, 1166 BW, 1333 MCF, 48/64" Ch, CP 370, GOR 3592, Gty 46.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 401 w/1100 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2822 w/1500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13121 w/2140 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8435; API #30-015-42285

COG Operating LLC
Parliament 1 Federal Com UBB #4
East Empire; Sec 1 T17S R29E; 2310/N & 150/E. BHL: 2299/N & 372/W; EL 3684 GL, TD 9504 MD, 4920 TVD; Spud 10-14-14, Comp 12-23-14; production is through perfs: 5293-9360. IP: 1-3-15 Pump 24 hrs 347 BO, 1343 BW, 223 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 438 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1152 w/500 sx, 7 @ 4385 w/1950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9488, 2 7/8 @ 4372; API #30-015-42647

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #639
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 990/S & 2310/E; EL 3616 GL, TD 4551, PBTD 4506; Spud 12-23-14, Comp 1-15-15; production is through treated perfs: 4100-4397. Treat: Acdz w/1026 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/202,391 gals gel, 219,890# 16/30 brady, 26,072# 16/30 SLC. IP: 1-26-15 Pump 24 hrs 41 BO, 235 BW, 74 MCF, GOR 1805, Gty 39.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 300 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 986 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4551 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4464; API #30-015-40458

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #683
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 830/S & 1730/W; EL 3604 GL, TD 4575, PBTD 4506; Spud 11-20-14, Comp 12-8-14; production is through perfs: 4075-4375. IP: 12-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 98 BO, 285 BW, 155 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 319 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 975 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4574 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4459; API #30-015-40475

Apache Corp.
Barnsdall Federal #20
East Empire; Sec 27 T17S R29E; 715/N & 900/E. BHL: 357/N & 967/E; EL 2588 GL, TD 6120, PBTD 6074; Spud 8-12-14, Comp 10-11-14; production is through perfs: 4149-5762. IP: 1-30-15 Pump 24 hrs 43 BO, 150 BW, 72 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 202 w/260 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3393 w/1280 sx, 5 ? @ 6120 w/970 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5888; API #30-015-42364

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
BELLATRIX 28 Federal Com #7
East Hackberry; Sec 29 T19S R31E; 1710/S & 160/E. BHL: 2200/S & 460/E; EL 3483 GL, TD 13160 MD, 8272 TVD, PBTD 13119; Spud 9-14-14, Comp 1-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 8553-13109. Treat: 49,391 gals 15% NEFE acid, 13,632,675# Prem White 20/40. IP: 1-23-15 Flow 24 hrs 142 BO, 1106 BW, 347 MCF, TP 368, CP 158, GOR 2443.6. Csg: 20 @ 555 w/1250 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2370 w/1767 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4200 w/1643 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13160 w/2030 sx, 2 7/8 @ 13314; API #30-015-42370

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hasta La Vista 1 Federal Com #1
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 6 T20S R31E; 330/N & 2280/W. BHL: 657/N & 546/W; EL 3439 GL, TD 15760 MD, 8699 TVD, PBTD 15734; Spud 9-18-14, Comp 10-26-14; production is through perfs: 6650-15710. IP: 2-7-15 Pump 24 hrs 545 BO, 1077 BW, 1164 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 470 w/1150 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2237 w/1710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4085 w/1470 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15760 w/2080; API #30-015-42533

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Boss Hogg 15 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 15 T23S R26E; 100/N & 1650/E. BHL: 325/N & 1975/E; EL 3306 GL, TD 11557 MD, 6728 TVD; Spud 8-31-14, Comp 1-12-15; production is through treated perfs: 6915-11463. Treat: Frac w/29,994 gals 15% HCL acid, 4,863,130# 30/50 white, 1,996,589# 20/40 SLC. IP: 2-3-15 Pump 24 hrs 175 BO, 2200 BW, 551 MCF, GOR 3148.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 657 w/1420 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1864 w/680 sx, Cmt plug @ 9031 w/1335 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11523 w/2160 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6544; API #30-015-41837

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sandy Federal #23
Wildcat; Sec 23 T23S R30E; 165/S & 250/E. BHL: 330/S & 2267/E; EL 3294 GL, TD 16505 MD, 9865 TVD, PBTD 16457; Spud 7-9-14, Comp 9-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 10700-16432. Treat: 2348064 gals fluid, 3348619# sd. IP: 10-7-14 Flow 24 hrs 284 BO, 736 BW, 557 MCF, 8/64" Ch TP 1300, Gty 43.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 372 w/390 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3855 w/510 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16505 w/3340 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9240; API #30-015-41793

COG Operating LLC
Craig State #5
Wildcat; Sec 36 T25S R26E: 190/N & 660/E. BHL: 330/S & 688/E; EL 3265 GL, TD 11874, PBTD 11871; Spud 10-12-14, Comp 1-11-15; production is through perfs: 7574-11785. IP: 1-30-15 Flow 24 hrs 860 BO, 2694 BW, 1244 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 438 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1978 w/700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11874 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7545; API #30-015-42497

Cimarex Energy Co.
Scoter 6 Federal #4
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 6 T25S R27E; 330/S & 1900/W. BHL: 332/N & 198/W; EL 3299 GL, TD 11740 MD, 7307 TVD, PBTD 11727; Spud 10-20-14, Comp 12-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 7093-11710. Treat: Frac w/3,589,362 gals fluid, 5,039,775# sd. IP: 12-16-14 Flow 24 hrs 806 BO, 1115 BW, 1616 MCF, 30/64" Ch, TP 600, CP 200, GOR 2005, Gty 45.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 397 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2083 w/830 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11740 w/3330 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6678; API #30-015-42260

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #216-Y
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 200/S & 1475/E. BHL: 326/N & 2096/E; EL 3426 GL, TD 14870 MD, 10332 TVD, PBTD 14823; Spud 9-28-14, Comp 1-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 10550-14760. Treat: 45222 gals 7.5% NEFE acid, 1,204,519# 100 mesh, 3,138,896# Premium white 40/70, 1,620,144# CRC 40/70. IP: 2-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 631 BO, 868 BW, 1074 MCF, CP 1860, GOR 1702.06. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 644 w/2278 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4316 w/1630 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14871 w/2530 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9812; API #30-015-42648

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #225
Paduca; Sec 11 T25S R31E; 200/N & 1115/W. BHL: 340/S & 675/W; EL 3416.9 GL, TD 14848 MD, 10420 TVD, PBTD 14761; Spud 9-20-14, Comp 1-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 10652-14745. Treat: 49082 gals 7.5% NEFE acid, 1,351,836# 100 mesh, 3,522,370# 40/70 sd, 1,649,113# CRC 30/50. IP: 2-12-15 Flow 24 hrs 586 BO, 1418 BW, 1634 MCF, CP 1688 GOR 1908.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 689 w/114 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4316 w/1645 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14809 w/2920 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9675; API #30-015-42414

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #226
Paduca; Sec 11 T25S R31E; 200/N & 1165/W. BHL: 352/S & 1938/W; EL 3417 GL, TD 14885, PBTD 14827; Spud 10-25-14, Comp 1-21-15; production is through perfs: 10611-14812. IP: 2-16-15 Pump 24 hrs 797 BW, 904 BW, 1731 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 684 w/885 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4339 w/1640 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14875 w/3050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9686; API #30 -015-42415

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By Paul Wiseman
FYI Expert

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Apache Corp.
Warn State AC 2 #27
Vacuum; Sec 6 T18S R35E; 330/N & 2310/W. BHL: 277/N & 1902/W; EL 3972 GL, TD 10,531, PBTD 10,517; Spud 12-16-14, Comp 2-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 10,018-10,352. Treat: 20,000 gals 15% peen blend. IP: 3-6-15 Pump 24 hrs 19 BO, 167 BW, 105 MCF, GOR 5526. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1450 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5536 w/1845 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10517 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10436; API #30-025-42055

COG Operating LLC
Prickly Pear 6 Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 6 T20S R35E; 190/N & 2000/W. BHL: 353/S & 1989/W; EL 3700 GL, TD 15771 MD, 11116 TVD, PBTD 15735 MD, 11116 TVD; Spud 9-12-14, Comp 12-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 11203-15710. Treat: Acdz w/69540 gals 7 1/2% acid, Frac w/3601917# sd & 3101026 gals fluid. IP: 12-23-14 Flow 24 hrs 703 BO, 690 BW, 505 MCF, TP 150. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1875 w/1450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4048 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15760 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10550; API #30-025-41529

ConocoPhillips Co.
SEMU #244
Skaggs; Sec 10 T20S R38E; 155/S & 1473/E; EL 3534 GL, TD 4207; Spud 8-30-14, Comp 11-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 3845-3980. Treat: 2000 gals acid, 42,000# Proppants. IP: 11-21-14 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 376 BW, 24 MCF, Gty 36.1. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1397 w/827 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4179 w/793 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4072; API #30-025-42016

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #51
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 200/N & 430/W. BHL: 330/S & 660/W; EL 3683 GL, TD 15636 MD, 11189 TVD, PBTD 15590; Spud 9-13-14, Comp 1-26-15; production is through treated perfs: 11289-15559. Treat: 35,149 gals 15% HCL acid, 1,284,672# 100 mesh, 4,778,177# white 30/50, 744,451# Econoprop 20/40. IP: 2-12-15 Pump 24 hrs 895 BO, 1897 BW, 976 MCF, GOR 1091. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1437 w/1005 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5157 w/2640 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15628 w/1750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10500; API #30-025-41896

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #52
Triple X; Sec 28 T23S R33E; 180/N & 1795/W. BHL: 330/S & 1980/W; EL 3687.7 GL, TD 15720 MD, 11229 TVD, PBTD 15669; Spud 10-17-14, Comp 1-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 11278-15547. Treat: 37,454 gals 15% acid, 2,570,367# 100 mesh, 8,673,660# white 30/50, 1,623,720# SLC 20/40. IP: 2-23-15 Pump 24 hrs 716 BO, 1545 BW, 733 MCF, TP 1990, CP 128, GOR 1024. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1431 w/1415 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5208 w/1870 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15720 w/1705 sx; API #30-025-41897

Oxy USA Inc.
Foxglove 29 Federal #7
Triple X; Sec 29 T23S R33E; 340/N & 660/E. BHL: 180/S & 376/E; EL 3685.8 GL, TD 15735 MD, 11159 TVD, PBTD 15536 MD, 11159 TVD; Spud 10-16-14, Comp 1-17-15; production is through treated perfs: 11229-15537. Treat: 23774 gals 15% HCL acid + 2874759 gasl 15# linear gel w/4080480# sd. IP: 2-9-15 Flow 24 hrs 171 BO, 890 BW, 0 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 150. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1399 w/1390 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5195 w/1500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15735 w/1820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10470; API #30-025-41851

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Caravan State Unit #10
East Triste Draw; Sec 33 T24S R33E; 15/N & 2150/E. BHL: 266/S & 2152/E; EL 3479 GL, TD 15,890, PBTD 15,832; Spud 7-2-14, Comp 12-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 11333-15820. Treat: Acdz w/73,000 gals 15% HCL NEFE, Frac w/4,296,682# 20/40 CRC double coated resin & econoprop sd. IP: 12-23-14 Flow 24 hrs 109 BO, 1300 BW, 96 MCF, 16/64" Ch, CP 1950. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1216 w/895 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5192 w/1280 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15880 w/2360 sx; API #30-025-41744

EOG Resources Inc.
Jolly Roger 16 State #502
North Red Hills; Sec 16 T24S R34E; 150/N & 1046/W. BHL: 233/S & 1644/W; EL 3557 GL, TD 15790 MD, 10935 TVD, PBTD 15668; Spud 12-1-14, Comp 2-12-15; production is through perfs: 11077-15668. IP: 2-26-15 Flow 24 hrs 1126 BO, 2183 BW, 1013 MCF, 64/64" ch, CP 900. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1277 w/790 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5197 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15790 w/1285 sx; API #30-025-42158

Chevron USA Inc.
Red Hills 2 25 33 #3
Red Hills; Sec 2 T25S R33E; 215/S & 2260/E. BHL: 284/N & 2253/E; EL 3427 GL, TD 14,105, PBTD 13,960; Spud 7-18-14, Comp 9-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 9825-13771. Treat: Frac w/7,428,909# proppant, 40/70 prem white, 5,803,650# 100 mesh, 634,925# acid, 27,000 gals slickwtr 114,944 bbls. IP: 10-13-14 Flow 24 hrs 50 BO, 2277 BW, 600 MCF, GOR 1091. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1259 w/1070 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5072 w/1570 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14083 w/1940 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8968; API #30-025-41907

ConocoPhillips Co.
Wilder Federal 28 AC Com #8.
Jennings; Sec 28 T26S R32E; 280/N & 330/W. BHL: 1869/N & 1002/W; EL 3155 GI, TD 15925, PBTD 15893; Spud 7-11-14, Comp 12-5-14; production is through treated perfs: 9556-15662. Treat: Acdz w/29,363 gals acid, 10,298,490# proppants. IP: 1-24-14 Pump 24 hrs 0 BO, 606 BW, 76 MCF, Gty 48. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 959 w/611 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4469 w/1310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15893 w/1968 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8844; API #30-025-41692

COG Operating LLC
Tusk Federal #5
Lea; Sec 25 T19S R34E; 190/S & 330/E, BHL: 352/N & 404/E; EL 3735 GL, TD 15361 MD, 10872 TVD, PBTD 15285 MD, 10870 TVD; Spud 9-13-14, Comp 12-17-14; production is through treated perfs: 11209-15235. Treat: Acdz w/63544 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/3263661# sd & 2890612 gals fluid. IP: 12-28-14 Flow 24 hrs 386 BO, 1098 BW, 207 MCF, TP 110. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1894 w/1090 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3768 w/1070 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15339 w/2110 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10440; API #30-025-41574

Endurance Resources LLC
Jaguar 18 State #2
Cruz; Sec 18 T23S R33E; 223/N & 1726/W. BHL: 344/N & 1660/W; EL 3718 GL, TD 16456, PBTD 16,444; Spud 10-8-14, Comp 12-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 12,580-16,356. Treat: 51500 gals 15% HCL, 787,510# 40/80 carbo prop, 1,963,943# 70# carbolite, 37500# 30/50 sd, 1,327,689# 30/50 carbolite total 4,116,642#. IP: 1-1-5 Flow 24 hrs 598 BO, 2731 BW, 1035 MCF, 44/64" Ch, CP 1178, GOR 1730, Gty 43.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1333 w/1220 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5253 w/1375 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16456 w/2200 sx; API #30-025-41428

Cimarex Energy Co.
Dos Equis 11 Federal Com #2
Triste Draw; Sec 11 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1650/E. BHL: 332/S & 1978/E; EL 3608 GL, TD 15244 MD, 10893 TVD, PBTD 15220; Spud 8-31-14, Comp 11-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 10800-15208. Treat: Frac w/3,662,405 gals total fluid, 4,912,393 # sd. IP: 12-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 905 BO, 1034 BW, 1410 MCF, 23 Ch, TP 1250, CP 575, GOR 1558, Gty 45.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1224 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4921 w/1140 sx, 3 1/2 @ 15233 w/675 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10311; API #30-025-41470

Cimarex Energy Co.
Dos Equis 13 Federal Com #2
Triple X; Sec 13 T24S R32E; 280/N & 2080/E. BHL: 343/S & 1934/E; EL 3597 GL, TD 15311 MD, 10937 TVD, PBTD 15308; Spud 10-9-14, Comp 12-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 11020-15280. Treat: Frac w/3290138 gals total fluid, 4986940# sd. IP: 12-25-14 Flow 24 hrs 547 BO, 1002 BW, 991 MCF, 24/64" Ch, TP 775, CP 80, GOR 1812. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1275 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4970 w/1430 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15311 w/2420 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10515; API #30-025-4180

COG Producing LLC
Windward Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 430/W. BHL: 342/S & 412/W; EL 3539.1 GL, TD 14872 MD, 10507 TVD, PBTD 14770 MD, 10505 TVD; Spud 8-19-14, Comp 11-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 10563-14743. Treat: Acdz w/64002 gals 7 1/2% acid, Frac w/6630696# sd & 4782099 gals fluid. IP: 11-25-14 Flow 24 hrs 485 BO, 2003 BW, 1077 MCF, 28/64" Ch, TP 1180. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 770 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4569 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14872 w/2350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9825; API #30-025-41414

COG Producing LLC
Windward Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 2100/E BHL: 330/S & 1685/E; EL 3551.9 GL, TD 20386 MD, 10579 TVD, PBTD 20386 MD, 10579 TVD; Spud 9-17-14, Comp 12-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 10837-20250. Treat: Acdz w/142002 gals 7 1/2% acid, Frac w/14353262# sd & 9981972 gal fluid. IP: 12-30-14 Flow 24 hrs 1325 BO, 4150 BW, 2250 MCF, TP 1150. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 814 w/650 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4649 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 20366 w/3650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9977; API #30-025-41413

Cimarex Energy Co.
Cascade 29 Federal #5
Wildcat; Sec 29 T25S R33E; 330/N & 500/W. BHL: 330/S & 1187/W; EL 3423 GL, TD 14373 MD, 9874 TVD, PBTD 14285; Spud 6-14-14, Comp 12-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 9370-14260. Treat: 7135538 gals fluid, 6833930# sd. IP: 1-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 358 BO, 832 BW, 424 MCF, 24/64" Ch, TP 110, CP 750, GOR 1184, Gty 49.5. Csg: 13 @ 1046 w/945 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4900 w/1525 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14373 w/2355 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8950; API #30-025-41243

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hallertau 4 Federal #5
Wildcat; Sec 4 T26S R32E; 330/N & 710/W. BHL: 343/S & 963/W; EL 3310 GL, TD 13804 MD, 9399 TVD, PBTD 13801; Spud 5-21-14, Comp 11-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 9710-13775. Treat: 6732642 gals fluid, 6569156# sd. IP: 12-28-14 Flow 24 hrs 620 BO, 840 BW, 1477 MCF, 34/84" Ch, TP 900, CP 840, Gty 46.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1212 w/1015 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4504 w/1320 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13804 w/1850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8730; API #30-025-41062

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mean Green 23 Federal #1
SW Jabalina; Sec 23 T26S R34E; 25/S & 330/E. BHL: 391/N & 427/E; EL 3223 GL, TD 14000 MD, 9116 TVD, PBTD 13949; Spud 8-11-14, Comp 1-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 9418-13866. Treat: 21,332 gals 15% HCL acid, 1,625,661# 100 mesh, 9,516,809# 30/50 white, 1,650,484# 20/40 SLC. IP: 2-11-15 Pump 24 hrs 223 BO, 2611 BW, 271 MCF, GOR 1215. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1060 w/1005 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5280 w/1680 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13996 w/2185 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8732; API #30-025-41292

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Crockett County

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4102H UNIVERSITY SALT DRAW, 2559 FSL 1617 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 41, UL/A-U322 SUR., A-322 8999', 7 SE BARNHART API# 42-105-42210

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4102LH UNIVERSITY SALT DRAW, 2559 FSL 20 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 41, UNIV LAND SUR. 8999', 7 SE BARNHART API# 42-105-42213

Reagan County

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4NC LANE TR E 43-42 (ALLOC-D), 235 FNL 2615 FWL, SEC 4 BLK A, EL&RR/EL MCMASTER SUR., A-377 12000', 31 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39315

Terrell County

MLC OPER., LP, COATES (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 16E UNIVERSITY LANDS 3716, 1890 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 37, UNIV LANDS SUR. 11000', 26 SW IRAAN API# 42-443-31351

Upton County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 POWELL 35, 2062 FWL 1709 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-469 11480', 23 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40011

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4502 NEAL 45, 1709 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-474 11480', 21 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40010

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 POWELL RANCH 26, 1709 FNL 2062 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 41 T5S, T&P/ RO ROSS SUR., A-1276 11040', 25 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40012

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Andrews County

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 6 SAMSON UNIVERSITY 7, 1581 FWL 2100 FNL, SEC 7 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U54 12700', 5 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45642

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ELK, 1787 FWL 1787 FSL, SEC 3 BLK A36, PSL/N FISHER SUR., A-1924 5000', 11 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-34357

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6034 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2633 FNL 2041 FWL, SEC 8 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-590 7500', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47054

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6030 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2618 FNL 220 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-591 7700', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-

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XTO ENERGY INC., THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2107H JE PARKER, 1725 FEL 898 FNL, SEC 21 BLK A54, PSL/JE PARKER SUR., A-2069 7270', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47048

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7444 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 78 FSL 1543 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U395 7350', 14 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47058

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5440 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 223 FNL 697 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A32, PSL/ODESSA RANCH CO SUR., A-2024 7500', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47052

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7334 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1431 FSL 2004 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U396 7250', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47056

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5734 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1403 FSL 2218 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-589 7500', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47053

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7824 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 110 FSL 562 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U400 7450', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47059

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7342 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1316 FSL 2007 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U395 7350', 15 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47057

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7818 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 14 FNL 2000 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 13, UL/DC SNODGRASS SUR., A-U410 7450', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47050

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6434 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2639 FNL 1939 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A32, PSL/BM IRWIN SUR., A-613 7500', 17 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47055

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (CLR FRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1268 WN WADDELL ET AL, 2625 FSL 5 FEL, SEC 20 BLK B26, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1267 4800', 18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-33039

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 958 WN WADDELL ET AL, 480 FSL 2070 FWL, SEC 14 BLK B-21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1246 4950', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-10987

Culberson County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H OATMAN UNIT 7, 250 FNL 517 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 53, PSL/JA MCDONALD SUR., A-6871 11000', 38 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32814

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., ADDIS (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 KINCHLOE, 840 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-141 10600', 7 S ODESSA API# 42-135-41939

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 847 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 1996 FSL 2006 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ WA BEATY SUR., A-687 8015', 3 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-01218

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 MACK 8 UNIT, 1112 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/JG CARTER SUR., A-705 10600', 8 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37074

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 1210 CLARK 1, 2330 FWL 4682 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ S CALVERLEY JR SUR., A-946 10520', 6 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37127

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SW CONGER (WLFCMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 13 GLASSCOCK W FEE, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 32 T5S, T&P SUR., A-97 8580', 15 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-32406

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1WD LLANO 8A, 200 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/R DUNBAR SUR., A-969 15000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37110

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1604CL ABEL UNIT, 2300 FWL 2240 FSL, SEC 16 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ JR SALE SUR., A-852 17000', 10 SE STANTON API# 42-173-37000

Howard County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 252 TUBB A, 1915 FWL 475 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-370 12000', 3 NE ELBOW API# 42-227-38470

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, SALE RANCH (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 QUIRK 41, 1489 FEL 1128 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 32 T1S, T&P SUR., A-172 12000', 5 SE ELBOW API# 42-227-38467

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 STALLINGS 30, 660 FWL 475 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/ EF BURLESON SUR., A-1463 12000', 10 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-38468

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 STRIPLING 48, 475 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/ WW ARNETT SUR., A-1239 12000', 11 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-38469

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GUITAR GALUSHA, 1650 FWL 200 FSL, SEC 20 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-569 9600', 8 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38474

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GARRETT-SNELL UNIT A 36-25, 266 FNL 1234 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-336 10000', 10 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38472

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., VAN GRIS (WOLFCAMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 WILDHORSE, 1160 FWL 83 FSL, SEC 17 BLK 25, H&TC SUR., A-22 8500', 21 NE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-35971

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3907WA WHITAKER, 1000 FEL 325 FNL, SEC 39 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-353 17000', 7 NE KNOTT API# 42-227-38471

Loving County

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H RAMSLAND 1-61-LOV, 2030 FNWL 390 FSWL, SEC 61 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-185 12000', 6 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32504

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H RAMSLAND 1-61 LOV, 2030 FNWL 410 FSWL, SEC 61 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-185 12000', 6 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32505

Martin County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1504H JE MABEE NCT-2, 450 FSL 952 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-382 11500', 25 SE STANTON API# 42-317-40120

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1505H JE MABEE NCT-2, 977 FWL 450 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-382 11500', 25 SE STANTON API# 42-317-40121

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 351H WILKINSON RANCH, 250 FNL 1120 FEL, SEC 35 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-320 9600', 10 E LENORAH API# 42-317-40118

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 S SWINSON UNIT 36, 475 FWL 475 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/ SB AUSTIN SUR., A-1013 12000', 9 NE STANTON API# 42-317-40114

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 58 CAMPBELL, 1755 FSL 2120 FWL, SEC 131 BLK A, RE MONTGOMERY SUR., A-444 13000', 4 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40068

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 202H KITTA BELLE, 5310 FSL 1414 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40129

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H KITTA BELLE, 5310 FSL 1768 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40128

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204H KITTA BELLE, 5310 FSL 706 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40131

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 103H KITTA BELLE, 5310 FSL 1060 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40130

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 105H KITTA BELLE, 5310 FSL 350 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40132

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SALE RANCH 21A, 872 FWL 461 FSL, SEC 21 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-222 10600', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40123

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 17SS MABEE C, 132 FNL 1413 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-370 10200', 13 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40117

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 16SS MABEE C, 132 FNL 1438 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-370 10200', 13 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40116

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8HW MABEE OH, 4250 FNL 50 FWL, SEC 2 BLK O H, OH BENNETT/ WR ALLRED SUR., A-1071 13000', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40066

Midland County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 TXL N 39-3, 660 FWL 1305 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-214 11300', 16 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40079

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 TXL N 39-4, 660 FWL 1355 FNL, SEC 39 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-214 11300', 15 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40078

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4717WA SPANISH TRAIL, 956 FNL 258 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-183 12000', 5 NE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40069

Mitchell County

L.C.S. PRODUCTION COMPANY, BEALS CRK (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 241 GLASS C, 523 FNL 1623 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 17, SP SUR., A-236 4500', 23 SW COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-35930

Pecos County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 22D23 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1629 FSL 911 FEL, SEC 103 BLK 194, TC SUR., A-4715 1999', 2 W IRAAN API# 42-371-33782

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 20A23 YATES FIELD UNIT, 4900 FEL 357 FNL, SEC 34 1/2 BLK 194, IG YATES SUR., A-8196 1999', 3 W IRAAN API# 42-371-33785

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 51B38 YATES FIELD UNIT, 2313 FNL 1194 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 194, GC&SF SUR., A-4838 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-33500

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 214EB4 YATES FIELD UNIT, 869 FSL 13216 FWL, SEC 3, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2169 1999', 3 W IRAAN API# 42-371-35457

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 49I95 YATES FIELD UNIT, 451 FENL 510 FSEL, IG YATES SUR., A-8195 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-34176

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 40E53 YATES FIELD UNIT, 566 FNL 8505 FWL, SEC 61 BLK 1, I&GN SUR., A-727 1999', 1 S IRAAN API# 42-371-33885

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 36A37 YATES FIELD UNIT, 873 FNL 2133 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 194, GC&SF SUR., A-4561 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-34274

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 25C12 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1280 FSL 450 FWL, SEC 101 BLK 194, TC SUR., A-4716 1999', 5 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-34201

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 22C26 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1243 FSL 2151 FWL, SEC 103 BLK 194, TC SUR., A-4715 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-34412

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 51F40 YATES FIELD UNIT, 250 FNL 989 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 194, GC&SF SUR., A-4838 1999', 3 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-33655

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 49D40 YATES FIELD UNIT, 478 FWSL 429 FWL, IG YATES/SF 12341 SUR., A-8195 1999', 3 S IRAAN API# 42-371-07179

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KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 25A17 YATES FIELD UNIT, 619 FWL 636 FNL, SEC 101 BLK 194, TC SUR., A-4716 1999', 5 W IRAAN API# 42-371-34733

PT PETROLEUM, LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1901 CUNNING WOLF UL, 1000 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 23, UL SUR., A-U182 11000', 12 SE FT. STOCKTON API# 42-371-39301

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H WALKING O C3-28, 330 FSL 1925 FWL, SEC 28 BLK C3, PSL/JS LIGON SUR., A-1238 13000', 22 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34764

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1801H HEAD HONCHO WC, 2608 FSL 641 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 57 T1S, T&P/ CA EZELL SUR., A-2106 11100', 11 NW ORLA API# 42-389-34730

MANHATTAN PETROLEUM INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 FM 1450 NORTH SWD, 238 FNL 3205 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 6, H&GN/R HOWARD SUR., A-5671 8000', 4 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34761

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 803H CAMPBELL, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 54 T7S, T&P/EW CHAMBERS SUR., A-1999 12000', 15 S PECOS API# 42-389-34762

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1902H SHIFFLETT STATE, 467 FNL 2229 FWL, SEC 18 BLK C10, PSL/WB THORP SUR., A-3796 12000', 18 S PECOS API# 42-389-34763

Ward County

BLACKBEARD OPER., LLC, SE JANELLE (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 EDWARD TEACH, 1650 FWL 2310 FSL, SEC 26 BLK B18, PSL/ C & J EDWARDS SUR., A-1218 7000', 6 SE MONAHANS API# 42-475-36972

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CONSTANTAN 34-174 (N), 225 FSL 293 FWL, JT ADAMS SUR., A-376 12000', 1 SW BARSTOW API# 42-475-36925

WALSH & WATTS, INC., SHIPLEY (GLOR-CLR-FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 102 WRISTEN BROTHERS, 1480 FSWL 1200 FSEL, SEC 18 BLK 5, H&TC/ W WRISTEN SUR., A-1288 4300', 2 NE GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-36973

Winkler County

CAVALCADE OPER. CO. LLC, KERMIT (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 FRENCH, 330 FSL 760 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 26, PSL/JD TUCKER SUR., A-1231 3300', 4 SW KERMIT API# 42-495-33666

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Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F524 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 1640 FNL 2400 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32030

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F535 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 2396 FNL 1738 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32032

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F544 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 2298 FSL 2321 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32031

Hockley County

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UTPB Football Ready for First Fall

With less than two months until UTPB Football's first roster comes together for the first time, the Falcon coaching staff is hard at work on the finishing touches after six months of preparations.

Head coach Justin Carrigan and his three assistants held a pair of tryout camps in May for current UTPB students and the general public. Along with the over 30 student-athletes signed this spring, the team will have a nearly full squad for fall practices.

"Right now we have about 80 guys slated to come in in August," said Carrigan. "The open tryouts went really well for us; we were able to pull a bunch of good guys from that who were quality athletes. Everything now is finalizing the administrative side. Making sure guys are registered for classes and their NCAA eligibility is decided so when August 21 is here we have no headaches and are ready to go."

Assistant coaches Chris Mineo, Jacob Martin and Scott Preston spent most of the month of May on the road, meeting with various coaches at high schools all across the state.

"The most important thing they were doing was getting the word out about UTPB and starting football out in West Texas," Carrigan noted. "They were continuing to build and cultivate relationships with high school coaches around the state."

Once the team gets on campus this August, there'll be a little bit of a learning adjustment for everyone involved. Practice and preparation will be similar to any other team despite not having games on Saturdays to work towards.

"The fall is going to be a challenge for everyone involved. None of the coaches or players have ever built a program. It's going to be a little different and unique to keep them focused on the big picture and involved in the program. It'll be like any other week of practice like anywhere else I've been. We're going to go in the mornings around 5:45-6 a.m., Monday through Friday.

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New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Stonewall 9 Fee #7
Atoka; Sec 9 T19S R26E; 150/S & 1650/E; 2 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7849 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43006

BC Operating Inc.
Cavegirl 31 State #2
East Crooked Creek; Sec 6 T24S R25E; 240/N & 1680/E; 11 mi NW White City; Rot 13681 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43000

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BC Operating Inc.
Cavegirl 31 State #4
East Crooked Creek; Sec 6 T24S R25E; 240/N & 889/W; 11 mi NW White City; Rot 13645 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43002

Matador Production Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E #124
Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 475/S & 254/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12850 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43012

Matador Production Co.
Paul 25 24S 28E RB #121
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Goldenchild 6 State #1
North Cotton Draw; Sec 6 T25S R29E; 200/S & 750/E; 5 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43003

COG Operating LLC
Graham Cracker 16 State #9
Hay Hollow; Sec 16 T26S R28E; 250/N & 380/W; 12 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 13697 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43005

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Fuller 14 W2PA Fed #1
Brushy Draw; Sec 14 T26S R29E; 15/S & 330/E; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16081 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43007

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Brushy Draw; Sec 24 T26S R29E; 185/S & 330/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18531 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43008

COG Operating LLC
CTA State Com #6
Santo Nino; Sec 32 T18S R30E; 315/S & 150/E; 8 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12900 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43026

Oxy USA WTP LP
OXY Bulldog State #2
Old Millman Ranch; Sec 16 T20S R28E; 510/S & 330/E; 9 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12313 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43020

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Oxy Bulldog State #3
Old Millman Ranch; Sec 16 T20S R28E; 1510/S & 330/E; 9 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12262 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43021

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Dunn 25 W2DM Fee #1
East Carlsbad; Sec 24 T22S R27E; 336/S & 330/W; 3 1/2 mi NW Otis; Rot 15000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43025

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ark 35 St #2
Livingston Ridge; Sec 36 T22S R31E; 171/S & 1353/W; 14 mi S Halfway; Rot 16257 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43027

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ark 35 St #3
Livingston Ridge; Sec 36 T22S R31E; 176/S & 1403/W; 14 mi S Halfway; Rot 16257 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43028

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Mariner Fee #1
East Black River; Sec 19 T23S R28E; 250/N & 1650/E; 1 mi W Loving; Rot 15550 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43016

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zeppelin 5 W2HE Fee #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 5 T24S R28E; 2310/N & 185/E; 2 mi S Loving; Rot 1500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43030

Matador Producing Co.
Paul 25 24 28 RB #221
NW Pierce Crossing; Sec 25 T24S R28E; 359/N & 217/W; 3 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43018

COG Producing LLC
Cottonmouth 23 Fed Com #2
Hay Hollow; Sec 22 T26S R28E; 190/N & 330/E; 12 mi S Malaga; Rot 12835 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43015

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #58
East Ross Draw; Sec 27 T26S R30E; 840/S & 230/W; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-43014

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 28 #14
West Ross Draw; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 1060/N & 1050/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7423 Delaware; API #30-015-43013

Lea County

Nadel & Gussman Heyco LLC
Wizard 34 Fed #1
Querecho Plains; Sec 34 T18S R32E; 510/S & 150/W; 10 1/2 mi N Halfway; Rot 13920 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42497

Matador Production Co.
Pickard 20 18 34 RN St #124
Mescalero Escarpe; Sec 20 T18S R34E; 249/S & 350/E; 6 1/2 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 14400 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42499

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #954
Hobbs; Sec 18 T18S R38E; 826/S & 2282/W; 2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 5100 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42490

Oxy USA WTP LP
Anderson 35 #6
Red Tank; Sec 35 T21S R32E; 330/S & 100/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15457 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42492

Apache Corp.
West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #192
North Eunice; Sec 8 T21S R37E; 1865/S & 1985/E; 4 1/2 mi SE Oil Center; Rot 7200 Blinebry Tubb Drinkard; API #30-025-42494

Apache Corp.
West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #130
North Eunice; Sec 17 T21S R37E; 780/N & 540/E; 2 1/2 mi NW Eunice; Rot 7200 Blinebry Tubb Drinkard; API #30-025-42495

Apache Corp.
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North Eunice; Sec 17 T21S R37E; 2300/S & 500/E; 2 1/2 mi SE Oil Center; Rot 7200 Blinebry Tubb Drinkard; API #30-025-42496

COG Producing LLC
Macho Nacho State Com #6
West Triple X; Sec 7 T24S R33E; 190/S & 2155/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42488

COG Producing LLC
Macho Nacho State Com #7
West Triple X; Sec 7 T24S R33E; 190/S & 2255/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14588 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42489

COG Producing LLC
Eata Fajita State #13
West Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 180/S & 1650/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14250 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42487

EOG Resources Inc.
Dragon 36 State #501
Red Hills; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 555/N & 1115/E; 5 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16015 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42500

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Red Hills; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 555/N & 1145/E; 5 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15977 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42501

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Matador Production Co.
Hibiscus 5 19 35 St Com #124
Scharb; Sec 5 T19S R35E; 200/S & 352/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 14560 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42502

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Wilson; Sec 19 T21S R35E; 200/S & 660/W; 8 1/2 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 14627 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42503

COG Producing LLC
Eata Fajita State #11
West Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 174/S & 225/W; 9 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14637 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42505

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