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Spaceport could limit city's growth options

Future zoning, development in west Midland hinges on spaceflight corridors

By Rachael Gleason
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At an XCOR Aerospace reception last year at Midland Tower, Chief Executive Officer Jeff Greason delivered a line that could shape the future of Midland's west-side development.

"Encroachment is the bane of space flight," he said. "Protect your dirt."

That's a tall task for a city feeling the growing pains of a fast-growing economy. But Midland International Airport — expecting a spaceport license this year — has started laying the foundation for future airport zoning.

Maps of proposed overlay zones to protect from encroaching developments show a big red X over the airport stretching into northwest and southwest Midland.

"We're in the beginning stages of trying to protect this area," said Marv Esterly, city director of airports, at a Spaceport Development Corp. meeting last month. "Unbridled growth isn't helpful."

A risk analysis study shared that day explained why: If Midland's airport becomes the first in the world to offer both commercial and space flights from its runways, it has to be safe for the public.

"If there's any one thing in a licensing application process, the only 'thou shalt' you really have to deal with is making sure you're protecting people on the ground to a standard level," said Stephen Matier, senior engineer and president at Silverwing Enterprises in New Mexico.

Before the federal government issues

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The Bark in the Park fundraising event took place Saturday at the Hogan's Run Dog Park and benefitted the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society. The day included demonstrations, a cutest costume competition and owner lookalike contest. See more photos from this event at mrt.com.

Runoff could impact Sen. Seliger's committee appointments

Expert: Seliger among state senate's most vulnerable leaders

By Tessa Duvall
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State Sen. Kel Seliger may find himself without a leadership role in the Senate next year.

District 31's Seliger — chairman of the Higher Education committee — is one of the most vulnerable Senate Republicans in a leadership role if lieutenant governor front-runner state Sen. Dan Patrick secures the Republican nomination over incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in next week's runoff, said Mark P. Jones, professor and chairman of the Department of Political Science at Rice University.

Patrick carried about 41 percent of the vote in the March primary, compared to Dewhurst's 28 percent.

Early voting is Monday through Friday, with the runoff itself on Tuesday, May 27. The winner will face Democratic nominee state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte in the November general election. Both Patrick and Dewhurst show a lead over Van de Putte by 10 percent or more, according to February polling by the Texas Tribune and the University of Texas at Austin.

"If we had to look at the Senate today and say, 'Who are the Republican senators most likely to be on the outside looking in under the leadership of Dan Patrick?' it would be Robert Duncan (of Lubbock), Kevin Eltife (of Tyler) and Kel Seliger," Jones said. "They are the three that are the most distant ideologically

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How low can Midland's unemployment go?

By Mella McEwen
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On Friday, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Midland established a new record with a 2.3 percent unemployment rate.

The questions now are how low can Midland's jobless rate go and could it fall below 2 percent?

Mark Lavergne, spokesman for the

commission in Austin, said a jobless rate below 2 percent is possible.

"The way the rate has been trending in Midland, consistently the lowest in Texas, and Texas itself where the rate has been trending positively downward, (it is possible)," he said.

Midland appears to be on its way to posting the nation's lowest unemployment rate for the fourth time in five months. The 2.3 rate in April was a

decrease from 2.7 percent in March.

Willie Taylor, executive director of the Permian Basin Workforce Development board, agreed that a jobless rate below 2 percent is possible. He also said it depends on developing a workforce and those already employed keeping up their skills.

"We're continuing to see the

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As I've gotten older, things aren't as clear to me as they once were, and that's a bit disturbing.
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Hands Across the Sand

Steve Vincenti of Miami walks on the beach wearing 500 plastic shopping bags, protesting the use of disposable bags, during a Hands Across the Sand event, part of simultaneous events happening globally to raise awareness of the need to end dependence on fossil fuels and transition to clean energy.

NATION BRIEFS FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA Candidate says Democrats behind most mass shootings

FLORENCE — A Republican businessman running for Arizona's 1st Congressional District says most mass shootings in the U.S. are committed by Democrats. The Arizona Daily Star reported that Gary Kiehne made the remarks at a Republican primary debate Saturday in Florence. Kiehne, a Springerville rancher, told the 60-member audience that "99 percent of (mass shootings) have been by Democrats pulling their guns out and shooting people."

State Rep. Adam Kwasman, also a candidate and was there, said he supports gun rights. House Speaker Andy Tobin, who is also running, did not attend. The debate was put on by the Pinal County Republican Committee.

The Aug. 26 primary election will decide who faces incumbent U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, a Democrat. The mostly rural district is the state's largest district by area.

NEW YORK CDC: MERS virus spread in US, but 2nd man not sick

Health officials reported Saturday what appears to be the first time that a mysterious Middle East virus has spread from one person to another in the United States.

The Illinois man probably picked up an infection from an Indiana man who earlier this month became the first U.S. case of Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS. The Illinois man, however, never needed

medical treatment and is reported to be feeling well, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The two men met twice before the Indiana man fell ill and was hospitalized in Munster, Indiana, shortly after traveling from Saudi Arabia, where he lived and was employed as a health care worker. Health officials said they think the virus spread during a 40-minute business meeting that involved no more contact than a handshake.

"We don't think this changes the risk to the general public," which remains low, said Dr. David Swerdlow of the CDC.

The new report also is not considered evidence that the virus is spreading more easily among people than previously thought, he said. The virus is not considered to be highly contagious, and health officials believe it only spreads from person to person with close contact. Many of those who have gotten sick in the Middle East have been family members or health care workers caring for a MERS patient.

The CDC said tests completed Friday provided evidence that the Illinois man had an infection at some point. Since the first man's diagnosis, health officials have been monitoring and testing anyone who was in close contact with him, including health care workers and household members, but none of the rest of them has tested positive for the virus.

LOS ANGELES 'Girls Gone Wild' founder booked on assault charge

"Girls Gone Wild" creator Joe Francis has been arrested on suspicion of assault after getting into a scuffle, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Los Angeles police Sgt. John Juarez told the Times that the 41-year-old was arrested Friday evening at an office building on Wilshire Boulevard after some "pushing and shoving."

Francis filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last year after years of legal troubles and was issued a "stay away" order by a bankruptcy judge.

Juarez told the newspaper police were investigating whether Francis' presence at the building violated the restraining order.

Online jail records show Francis was released Saturday on \$20,000 bail.

It was not immediately known if Francis has a lawyer. Neither Francis nor a representative for him could be reached for comment Saturday.

CALIFORNIA Ex-defense contractor surrenders to US marshals

POWAY — A former defense contractor convicted of bribing former U.S. Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham of California surrendered to U.S. marshals after exhausting his appeals options.

Brent Wilkes was convicted in 2007 and sentenced to 12 years in prison for bribery and other charges for lavishing Cunningham with more than \$700,000 in cash and gifts in exchange for nearly \$90 million in defense work.

Wilkes surrendered on Friday to federal marshals in San Antonio to serve his sentence. He had been out on bond for most of the past seven years while he appealed, the U-T San Diego reported Saturday.

Wilkes had been living in Texas near his family since 2012, his federal public defender, Shereen Charlick, said.

AT&T said to be near deal to buy DirecTV

New York Times News Service

AT&T is poised to announce a takeover of DirecTV Inc. within days, people briefed on the matter said Saturday, ushering in another sweeping transformation of the telecommunications industry.

Though both sides are putting the finishing touches on an agreement, talks may still fall apart, these people cautioned. The proposed agreement still requires final approval from the boards of both companies.

If completed, the acquisition would be worth more than \$50 billion, people briefed on the matter had said previously. AT&T has anticipated paying between \$92 and \$94 a share in stock and cash.

Representatives for AT&T and DirecTV declined to comment or were not immediately available for comment.

BuzzFeed had earlier reported that a deal could be announced as soon as today.

By buying DirecTV, the country's biggest satellite TV operator, AT&T will make its biggest move in years to grow at home since its failed \$39 billion takeover bid for T-Mobile three years ago.

But such a deal is likely to invite scrutiny from regulators at a time when they are already weighing Comcast's \$45 billion bid for Time Warner Cable, another blockbuster transaction aimed at reshaping the telecommunications industry.

And SoftBank, the Japanese telecom company that controls Sprint, has made no secret of its desire to buy T-Mobile USA, further consolidating the sector.

Several officials at the Federal Communications Commission have already signaled that they would oppose such a transaction, fearing that it would concentrate too much of the wireless industry in three companies.

Acquiring DirecTV would bolster AT&T's relatively small television offerings while potentially freeing up bandwidth for high-speed Internet access. AT&T has about 5.7 million TV customers through its U-verse service, while the satellite TV operator has about 20.3 million customers in the United States.

AT&T would also gain a valuable position in Latin America, where DirecTV has about 18 million subscribers.

Meanwhile, DirecTV would solve one of its most pressing problems: slowing growth of paid TV subscribers in the United States. While cable companies can make up for that issue by expanding their broadband Internet offerings, DirecTV has no such alternative.

Though AT&T had weighed an international expansion campaign over the past year — one that likely would have been anchored by an acquisition of Vodafone, the European telecom giant — it has since trained its sights on growth in the United States.

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From 1A workforce population grow," he said.

The commission said Midland's civilian labor force jumped to 97,219 in April from 96,488 in March and from 94,348 in April 2013. Of that labor force, 94,946 were employed, up from 93,868 in March and 91,481 last April. The number of unemployed fell to 2,273 from 2,620 in March and 2,867 last year.

What the Midland MSA is seeing with March and April results is what has been seen in the past year, which is substantial growth in the mining, logging and construction sector, which includes oil and gas activity, Laverne said.

"That's no surprise, given the ongoing development in the energy industry there," he said. "But what I find encouraging is not just the month-over-month growth, but year-over-year growth, especially in other

industries like education and leisure and hospitality. Midland added 1,500 nonfarm jobs from March to April for a growth rate of 1.7 percent and for the 12 months from April 2013 to April 2014 added 4,000 jobs for a growth rate of 4.7 percent.

"It's similar to what we're seeing for the rest of the state in the sense that it's continued growth and building on where we've been the last couple of years: positive job growth, consistent job growth and a positive downward trend in unemployment." Taylor agreed it was no surprise to see the mining and logging sector "still steamrolling."

"But we continue to diversify with other sectors," he said. From March to April, Midland saw jobs added in five of the industrial sectors — 700 in mining and logging, 100 in trade, transportation and utilities and in financial activi-

ties, 200 in education and health services and 400 in leisure and hospitality. The remaining five sectors were unchanged.

For the 12 months, three of the 10 sectors lost jobs: information, professional and business services and education and health services, which lost 100 jobs each. Mining and logging added 2,800 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities with 700 jobs, leisure and hospitality with 300 jobs, financial activities and other services 200 jobs each and government with 100 new jobs.

"I'd like to see manufacturing grow," said Taylor of the sector, which employed 3,700 in April. "We have to be concerned in this region with the mobile scale of our workforce, who might come in for 28 days and then go back home for a break. They may want an exit strategy."

He said that it is important for the region to grow its own workforce, which

is why his board works with the local colleges, giving funds to help with scholarships and training programs.

"We have to create avenues to expose our students to career needs here," he explained. "There are great opportunities here now."

For example, he said he hopes to encourage local

child care centers to participate in the Texas Rising Star program, offering high quality curriculums and providing continuing education to their staffs.

"We have to take a long-term and short-term approach," Taylor said. "Young people, at some point, will become part of our workforce."

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from Dan Patrick." Patrick and Dewhurst have both said they aren't ready to weigh in on committee appointments at this point. Patrick said under election ethics laws, he can't speculate about specific committee appointments.

Dewhurst, who appointed Seliger in to lead the Higher Education Committee for the 83rd legislature, said Wednesday he won't consider committees until the day after a win.

"I think Sen. Kel Seliger is an outstanding member," he said. "He's worked very, very hard. He and I have a couple of differences on policy. I might be a little more conservative in some areas than he is, but I think he's an excellent conservative member, and I think he's got a great future in the Texas Legislature."

Jones said if Dewhurst is re-elected — which he considers the likelihood "rare" — Texans could expect to see relatively similar committee appointments, but with fewer Democrats serving as chairmen.

Six Democrats held seven committee chairman positions in the 83rd legislature.

Patrick has promised to appoint fewer — maybe even zero — Democrats to leadership roles in the Senate.

"We work too hard to elect Republicans and conservatives to allow the Democrats to have so much power," he said. "Let's just say we're not going to appoint too many Democrats to committee chairman."

Patrick said he wants committee leaders who are free-market-thinkers, conservative and passionate and knowledgeable about their committees.

Seliger told the Report-



Kel Seliger, center, speaks as Tom Craddick, left, and Tryon Lewis listen in 2012 during a roundtable discussion at UTPB.

Our View

No matter who is victorious in the May 27 runoff, Midlanders who believe Seliger has done the job they expect on his Senate committees should be vocal about their support.

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er-Telegram in late March that he hopes to maintain the same committee assignments regardless of who wins the runoff, and that he is "absolutely" the senator best-suited for these positions.

In addition to chairing Higher Education, Seliger sits on the Education Committee, Finance Committee, Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Open Government. Seliger said these appointments are a good fit for this West Texas district and are "fundamental and appropriate" for a senior member of the Senate.

"I think I have made a positive impact on every one of those commit-

tees," he said. "On Natural Resources, which is about oil and gas and water and agriculture, and I think I've had a positive impact unquestionably on Higher Education as the chair, and Education and on the Finance Committee."

Jones said experience is only a minor factor in any committee appointment and that "politics, not policy expertise, is going to decide whether or not (Seliger) retains his Higher Ed Committee chairmanship."

Patrick chairs the Education Committee, of which Seliger is a member, and is member of the Higher Education Committee, which Seliger chairs. Patrick said he enjoyed the benefits of sitting on one another's committees.

"I like that seamless relationship, that Kel knew everything that was happening on Education, and I knew everything that was happening on Higher Education," he said. "But, it's going to be a whole new team next year, a lot of new senators. We'll be starting with a blank state

on Day 1."

Jones said if Patrick wins, Republicans who were influential during Dewhurst's tenure can expect to lose sway in the Senate,

including Seliger. But, Jones said, Patrick will still need the support of most of the Republican delegation if he wants to be effective as lieutenant governor.

"What that means is that Kel Seliger is either going to have to work with Dan Patrick if he wants to retain his committee chairmanship," Jones said. "However, if he is seen by Patrick as an enemy instead of an ally, he is likely to lose it."

Tea party-backed Patrick is endorsed by the fiscal conservative interest group Empower Texans and was ranked as the second-highest scoring senator in its 2013 Senate Fiscal Responsibility Index with a score of 93.9 out of 100, according to the group's website.

Empower Texans backed former Midland mayor Mike Canon in the District 31 primary and has said Seliger is only a conservative in rhetoric. The group ranked Seliger 19th in its Fiscal Responsibility Index out of 31 senators with a

score of 52.3. Similarly, Eltife and Duncan are ranked 14th and 22nd, respectively.

Jones doubts that Patrick will be overly influenced by Empower Texans if elected, and said the two already align on most major issues.

"I suspect that if for strategic reasons, if Dan Patrick chooses to retain Sen. Seliger as the Higher Ed chair, that they will respect that decision," he said. "From a more broad perspective, they will be very supportive of everything Patrick is doing."

Seliger said he's overall not concerned about the influence of interest groups, some of which have "absolutely" misrepresented him.

"It only concerns me if Dan Patrick is elected and doesn't realize what the real truth is about that sort of thing and recognizes what false campaigning looks like," he said. "That's my only concern."

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Man charged with tattooing girl

Associated Press

CENTERVILLE, Pa. — A man has been charged with tattooing a smiley face and a derogatory word on a 12-year-old girl's arm.

State police told the Erie Times-News that Randall Charlton III tattooed the girl's left forearm Wednesday in a Centerville home while she was spending the night.

He faces charges of felony aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, corruption of minors, simple assault and tattooing a minor.

Police said he tattooed the derogatory word above the smiley face.

According to online court records, Charlton was unable to post \$20,000 bail and is confined in Crawford County prison.

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Expect sunny skies today with a high around 97 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 68 and south winds between 20 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 99 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 68 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 98 and a low around 68.

The high on Saturday reached 85, while the low dropped to 62. The record high for May 17 is 103 set in 2013. The record low is 47 set in 1986.

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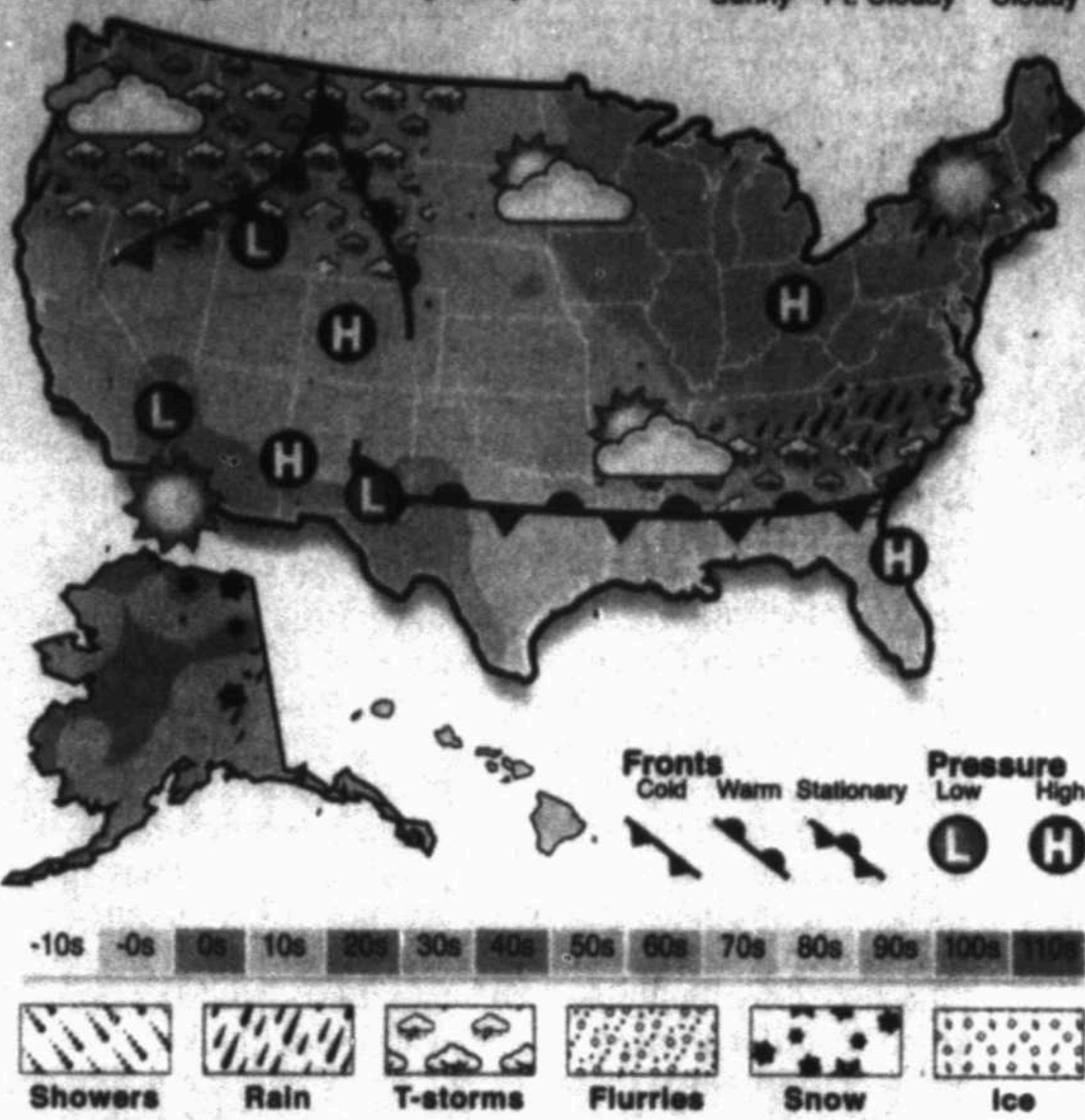
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Forecast highs for Sunday, May 18



National forecast

A wave of energy moving through the Southeast today will bring showers and thunderstorms from Arkansas across Tennessee to the Carolinas and northern Georgia by the afternoon. These storms are not likely to be severe, but could contain gusty winds.

The remainder of the South will be quiet and dry for the second half of the weekend with sunshine spreading across the Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida.

In the Northeast, a weak system will bring showers from southern Canada into New York and Pennsylvania, moving toward the Atlantic coastline for the afternoon. These showers, however, will be very spotty, and nothing in comparison with the heavy rain the area received only a few days ago.

Behind this system, the Midwest and center of the country will be dry with sunshine. However, a low-pressure system will dive southward from Canada into Montana, eventually bringing some thunderstorms

into the western Dakotas for the afternoon and evening. Spotty showers will also dot locations west of the Cascades from Washington to very northern California. However, areas still stricken with severe drought in central California and into Nevada will remain dry with sunshine.

2 small earthquakes recorded in Oklahoma

Two small earthquakes have been recorded in the Stillwater area.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a 3.1-magnitude earthquake was recorded at 5:47 a.m. Saturday about one mile southeast of Perry and 51 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

The second earthquake was recorded at 3:54 p.m. and was a magnitude 3.2. The U.S.G.S. said it occurred less than three miles northwest of Stillwater and 50 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

There were no reports of injuries or damage.

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Brown decision at 60: A look at education inequity

By Kimberly Hefling and Jesse Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saturday marked the 60th anniversary of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. Many inequities in education still exist for black students and for Hispanics, a population that has grown exponentially since the 1954 ruling.

"What we've seen in 60 years is that the courts were able to highlight what was wrong and say stop it, but the courts by themselves do not create the moral authority and the concrete steps to make the promise of public education a reality for all children," said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Here are five things to know about the case:

What is *Brown v. Board of Education*?

Brown v. Board of Education is a landmark case brought before the Supreme Court by the NAACP's legal arm to challenge segregation in public schools. It began after several black families in Topeka, Kansas, were turned down when they tried to enroll their children in white schools near their homes. It was named for Oliver Brown, whose daughter Linda was barred from a white elementary school. The lawsuit was joined with cases from Delaware, South Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that separating black and white

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children was unconstitutional, because it denied black children the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection under the law. "In the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place," Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote. "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

The decision overturned the court's *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision, which on May 18, 1896, established a "separate but equal" doctrine for blacks and whites in public facilities.

Where are they now?

Thurgood Marshall, the head of the NAACP's legal arm who argued part of the case, went on to become the Supreme Court's first African-American justice in 1967. Marshall died in 1993. Chief Justice Earl Warren, a Republican and a former California

governor, had been appointed to the top spot at the Supreme Court the year before *Brown* by President Dwight Eisenhower; he led the court until 1969. He also chaired the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Warren died in 1974.

Oliver Brown, for whom the case was named, became a minister at a church in Springfield, Missouri. He died of a heart attack in 1961. His daughters Linda and Cheryl live in Kansas and helped found the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research.

What have the courts said since *Brown*?

Brown v. Board of Education has never been overruled, and is still in force. The Justice Department currently is a party in court to more than 180 desegre-

gation orders with school districts around the nation.

"The Supreme Court did not immediately order enforcement of its *Brown* decision. In 1955, Chief Justice Earl Warren ordered lower courts to tell states and school districts to admit students "to public schools on a racially nondiscriminatory basis with all deliberate speed."

However, there was resistance in the South. White parents removed their children from public schools and officials resisted letting black children into integrated schools. In 1968, the justices ruled in *Green v. School Board of New Kent County* that states operating segregated schools be ordered to come up with a system that eliminates racial discrimination "root and branch." In *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* in 1971, the Supreme Court endorsed sending students from different neighborhoods to the same school to promote integration, leading to the widespread use of busing to end segregation by federal judges in the South.

Many of the desegrega-

tion and busing orders have been dissolved since these decisions.

Segregation today

The Civil Right Project at UCLA, using Education Department data, has found that segregation has been increasing since 1990, and that black students nationally are substantially more segregated than they were in 1970. Around the country, only 23 percent of black students attended white-majority schools in 2011. That's the lowest number since 1968 and far below the peak of 44 percent in 1988. And segregation is also affecting Latino students, the largest minority group in the public schools. They now are more likely to attend school with other Latinos than black students are with other blacks.

Many advocates blame this on the federal courts for removing school districts from *Brown*-inspired desegregation orders. The changing demographics of the school system — the withdrawal of white students from the public systems and the booming

Latino population — also contribute to the changing colors of the schools.

Disparities in education

Civil rights data recently released by the Education Department showed glaring disparities remain in all aspects of education. Among the findings: minority students are less likely to have access to advanced math and science classes, and to have new teachers. Black students of any age — even preschoolers — are more likely to be suspended. And, there continue to be gaps between the performance on national assessments between whites and black and Hispanic students, with whites scoring higher.

In a recent bit of good news, high school graduation rates increased 15 percentage points for Hispanic students and 9 percentage points for African-American students from 2006 to 2012, according to a recent Grad-Nation Report. Hispanic students graduated at 76 percent and African-American students at 68 percent in 2012, the report said. The national rate is 80 percent.



TO MY FELLOW MIDLAND VOTERS FROM ERNEST ANGELO, JR.

I strongly support Ken Paxton for Texas Attorney General in the May 27 runoff election. I believe Ken has the legal skills for the job and the political philosophy and courage to be an effective advocate for Texas values, following in the tradition established by Greg Abbott.

Ken is being attacked viciously by his opponent, Dan Branch. At least part of the reason is one of desperation since Branch has outspent Paxton and yet trails significantly in the polls. The charges he makes against Ken relative to Ethics Commission filings are a joke. Speaking from personal experience, I know how easy it is to make mistakes in filing those voluminous and often ambiguous forms.

With respect to the Texas Securities Commission filings the explanation is that Ken made several mistakes in that he relied on a business associate to file in one instance and misunderstood the requirements in another. As soon as he learned about the discrepancies Ken made the required filings and paid the appropriate fine for being late in doing so. Branch is attempting to make these mistakes into ethical lapses which the facts don't support.

Dan Branch is a smart and personable guy but he consistently is on the wrong side of important conservative issues. Additionally, his law firm and family members have benefited significantly from his powerful position in the legislature. It also is more than troubling to me that he attained his position of power & influence by virtue of his being part of the small group of GOP House members who joined with the Democrats to defeat Tom Craddick and elect Joe Strauss Speaker.

I urge voters to support the true, constitutional conservative, Ken Paxton, for Texas Attorney General.

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Robyn Ochs, left, and her wife, Peg Preble, talk May 7 in the backyard of their home in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. Preble and Ochs were the first same-sex couple to be married in Brookline, Mass., on May 17, 2004.

Tactics endure after 10 years of same-sex marriage

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — Supporters and activists routinely ask gay couples to meet with reluctant lawmakers to put a human face on same-sex marriage. They use unexpected allies — in some cases, churches — to spread their message.

It's a strategy that has shown results, with state bans falling in courts at a brisk clip, most recently in Idaho and Arkansas. And it was one that was first tried in Massachusetts, where 10 years ago Saturday, gay couples became the first in the nation to legally tie the knot.

"We've really used a spirit of relentlessness," said Marc Solomon, the national campaign director for Freedom to Marry. "That's the way we've approached this entire movement from the get-go in Massachusetts and around the country."

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriage. Judges in seven other states have struck down bans on gay marriage, though officials are appealing.

Opposition remains stiff in many places. Critics point out that most states still do not allow gay marriage and that in most of those that do, it was the work of courts or legislatures, not the will of the people.

Only Washington, Maryland and Maine have approved gay marriage through a public vote, while residents of 30 states have approved constitutional amendments to ban it.

As supporters have racked up victories, opponents have shifted their tactics. They still argue that gay marriage will damage the traditional institution, but they've intensified their arguments on religious freedom and states' rights.

"I think the notion that it is a freight train of momentum has been greatly exaggerated and is just not true," said John Eastman, chairman of the National Organization for Marriage.

What is undeniable, though, is a change in public attitudes.

Recent polls show that a majority of Americans support same-sex marriage; in 2004, only about 30 percent favored it. The U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down a key part of a federal law defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Forty percent of Americans now live in states where gay people can marry.

"What's really interesting here in Massachusetts is that it has really become no big deal," said Robyn Ochs, who married Peg Preble the day same-sex marriage became legal. "When we were fighting to protect marriage equality in Massachusetts, there were all these predictions of doom and destruction, and terrible things would happen. You know, when we got married on May 17, 2004, on May 18, the buses still ran, children still had to go to school and the grocery stores still had food on the shelves."

Preble chimes in: "The sky didn't fall."

Here's how it unfolded: The legal group Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders sued the Massachusetts Department of Health on behalf of seven same-sex couples who

Gay marriage Q&A

The first legal same-sex weddings in the U.S. were held 10 years ago Saturday in Massachusetts. Since then, more than a dozen states and Washington, D.C., have followed suit, though opposition remains stiff in many other places. Some questions and answers about the issue:

How many same-sex couples are there?

Precise numbers are hard to come by because most states that allow same-sex marriages do not legally distinguish between them and heterosexual marriages. The Williams Institute, a national think tank, estimated in 2013 that more than 100,000 gay couples had married in the United States since 2004.

Which states have gay marriage?

Massachusetts, California, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New Mexico, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, Maryland, Washington state and the District of Columbia. Judges in Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas have struck down state bans, but officials are appealing. Judges have ordered Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Which countries allow gay marriage?

Argentina, Belgium, Britain, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Uruguay allow same-sex marriage nationwide. The United States and Mexico allow it in some regions.

Have any predictions come true?

Both sides generally agree that 10 years is not enough time to study any broad effects of same-sex marriage. Opponents say children need a mother and a father, but the American Psychological Association said the majority of studies that have compared gay parents with heterosexual parents show that the children of same-sex couples are just as psychologically healthy as the children of heterosexual couples.

Supporters of gay marriage have claimed they're a financial boon for participating states, but only limited studies have been done of economic effects. A study by the Williams Institute found that during the first five years of same-sex weddings in Massachusetts, the state economy saw a \$111 million boost from spending on weddings and by guests at hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions.

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were denied marriage licenses in 2001.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in November 2003 that barring same-sex couples from marrying violated the state constitution. Weddings began six months later.

Opponents tried to overturn the ruling through a state constitutional amendment. The effort failed after intense lobbying by same-sex marriage supporters, who asked gay couples to meet with their lawmakers and talk about what their marriages meant to them.

Solomon, a leader of the campaign in Massachusetts, and several other veterans of that drive have been working in other states since then.

They've worked to build support among lawmakers, oust others, and recruit business leaders and other prominent people to their side. In Indiana, executives of pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly and engine maker Cummins have argued against a proposed ban, saying it could hinder worker recruitment.

A judge struck down Idaho's ban Tuesday, ruling on a lawsuit brought by two couples legally married in other states and two who were denied marriage licenses in Idaho. An appeal is pending.

Gay marriages resumed in Arkansas on Thursday after a judge there struck down all state laws banning such marriages. He refused to put his decision on hold.

Meanwhile, opponents in Virginia, Indiana, Texas, Utah and many other states are fighting to maintain bans. Lawsuits are pending in about 30 states where gay couples can't marry.

At least one Southern activist is applying lessons learned in Massachusetts.

The Rev. Jasmine Beach-Ferrara said that while she was attending divinity school in Boston from 2007 to 2010, she met with advocates to develop a blueprint for the

Campaign for Southern Equality, of which she is now the executive director.

"One of the key lessons, from having watched Massachusetts in real time and talking with folks in the years afterward, was the role of faith leaders and faith communities," said Beach-Ferrara, a minister in the United Church of Christ.

Southern Equality took that principle and came up with "We Do," a campaign that encourages gay couples to request marriage licenses in their hometowns.

In Utah, the powerful Mormon church has been a leading voice against same-sex marriage. A voter-approved ban there was overturned by a federal judge in December, and a ruling from an appeals court is expected within months.

"While many governments and well-meaning individuals have redefined marriage, the Lord has not," Neil Anderson, one of the church's top leaders, recently told members.

Opponents have argued that laws requiring businesses to work with gay couples could infringe on religion.

Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative Christian group, has worked on cases including a Colorado baker who refused to make a cake, a Washington state florist who wouldn't provide flowers for same-sex weddings, and a New Mexico studio that did not want to photograph a lesbian couple's commitment ceremony.

"People will have to choose between their moral obligations and their religious faith," said Jim Campbell, an attorney for the alliance.

It lost the case in New Mexico when the state's highest court found that the studio's refusal violated the state Human Rights Act "in the same way as if it had refused to photograph a wedding between people of different races."



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Health cost controls get go-ahead from feds

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has given the go-ahead for insurers and employers to use a new cost-control strategy that puts a hard dollar limit on what health plans pay for some expensive procedures, such as knee and hip replacements.

Some experts worry that such a move would surprise patients who pick more expensive hospitals. The cost difference would leave them with big medical bills that they'd have to pay themselves.

That could undercut key financial protections in President Barack Obama's health care law that apply not just to the new health insurance exchanges, but to most job-based coverage as well.

Others say it's a valuable tool to reduce costs and help check premiums.

Some federal regulators appear to be concerned. A recent administration policy ruling went to unusual lengths, acknowledging that the cost-control strategy "may be a subterfuge" for "otherwise prohibited limitations on coverage."

Nonetheless, the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services said the practice — known as reference pricing — could continue. Plans must use a "reasonable method" to ensure "adequate access to quality providers."

Regulators asked for public comment, saying they may publish additional guidance in the future.

HHS spokeswoman Erin Shields Britt said in a statement that the administration is monitoring the effects of reference pricing on access to quality services and will work to ensure that financial protections for consumers are not undermined.

One way the new approach is different is that it sets a dollar limit on what the health plan will pay for



AP file photo

President Barack Obama — flanked by outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, left, and his nominee to replace her, current Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell — speaks April 11 in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. There's a new health insurance term in the glossary, and it could mean thousands of dollars out of your pocket. It's a cost-control strategy called "reference pricing." It puts a hard dollar limit on what health plans pay for certain expensive procedures — such as knee and hip replacements. The Obama administration has given the go-ahead for insurers and employers to use the approach, setting aside some legal concerns.

a given procedure. Most insurance now pays a percentage of costs, and those costs themselves can vary from hospital to hospital. Now if you pick a more expensive hospital, the insurance still pays the same percentage.

The new strategy works like this:

Your health insurance plan slaps a hard limit on what it will pay for certain procedures, for example, hospital charges associated with knee and hip replacement operations. That's called the reference price.

Say the limit is \$30,000.

The plan offers you a choice of hospitals within its provider network. If you pick one that charges \$40,000, you would owe \$10,000 to the hospital plus your regular cost-sharing for the \$30,000 that your plan covers.

The extra \$10,000 is treated like an out-of-network expense, and it doesn't count toward your plan's annual limit on out-of-pocket costs.

That's crucial because under the health care law, most plans have to pick up the entire cost of care

after a patient hits the annual out-of-pocket limit, currently \$6,350 for single coverage and \$12,700 for a family plan. Before the May 2 administration ruling, it was unclear whether reference pricing violated this key financial protection for consumers.

Some experts are concerned.

"The problem ... from the patient's perspective is that at the end of the day, that is who gets left holding the bag," said Karen Pollitz of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Previously she was a top consumer protection regulator in the Obama administration.

The new pricing approach is not yet on consumers' radar, but it's gaining ground. The Mercer benefits consulting firm said 12 percent of the largest employers were using reference pricing last year, nearly double the 7 percent in 2012.

The approach has been pioneered in California by CalPERS, a giant agency that manages health and retirement benefits for public employees, and is the nation's second-largest purchaser of health benefits after the federal government.

CalPERS started with knee and hip replacements in 2011, steering patients to hospitals that had been vetted for quality and charged \$30,000 or less.

Ann Boynton, CalPERS' health benefits director, said the program has been a success, with patients able to choose from about 50 hospitals.

"People do not feel like we went to bargain-basement hospitals where the quality is not good," she said. "The quality is the same, and in some instances, better."

Economist James C. Robinson of the University of California at Berkeley studied the CalPERS exper-

iment and found not only that many patients shifted to lower-cost hospitals, saving money, but that expensive hospitals responded by cutting their prices.

Although insurers don't appear to be using reference pricing on the new health exchanges, Robinson said he thinks it's only a matter of time.

"The vast majority of people buying on the exchanges are price sensitive," he said. "People, when they are spending their own money, tend to go for thinner benefits."

However, the strategy appears to be suitable only for a subset of medical care: procedures and tests that are frequently performed, where the prices charged vary widely, but the quality of results generally does not. In addition to knee and hip replacements, that could include such procedures as MRIs and other imaging tests, cataract surgery and colonoscopies.

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Highway-funding crisis is election-year hot button

By Stewart M. Powell and Slohan O'Grady
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Obama on Wednesday tried to turn up the election-year heat on Republicans by demanding fast-track congressional action to finance multi-year bridge and highway projects that are jeopardized by the looming insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

The president made his partisan pitch on the banks of the Hudson River in Tarrytown, N.Y., with the deteriorating 58-year-old Tappan Zee Bridge as a backdrop to underscore the price of election-year inaction by Congress.

The 4.9-mile bridge north of New York City is being replaced in a \$3.9 billion federal-state project.

Obama said unnamed Republican lawmakers are voting against transportation spending yet willing to take credit at the projects' ribbon-cutting ceremonies. "They are more interested in saying 'no' because they are worried that maybe they'd have to be at a bill signing with me," Obama said.

Without congressional action to beef up the hard-pressed Highway Trust Fund, money for transportation projects will run out by the end of summer, Obama warned. "The cupboard will be bare."

That could imperil 700,000 jobs, potentially risking continuation of 112,000 active road and bridge projects as well as 5,600 transit projects, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has warned.

Texas has a great deal at stake, receiving about \$3.2 billion a year from the federal government for transportation projects. That amounts to roughly 35 percent of the state's annual spending on projects.

A proposed amendment to the Texas state constitution on the ballot in November would shift about \$1.4 billion from the state's so-called rainy-day fund to the state highway fund to help cover part of the estimated \$5 billion needed in additional spending to cover unfunded projects.

"The funding challenge is nothing new and our state has prepared for shortfalls," said Veronica Beyer, director of media relations for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "The bottom line here is TxDOT is committed to improving mobility for all Texans."

Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky responded to Obama by accusing the chief executive of "sitting on the permit for the country's largest shovel-ready infrastructure program — the Keystone XL pipeline — for five years" while fast-tracking some bridge and highway projects.

Obama's public relations onslaught comes at a sensitive moment in deliberations over federal transportation spending as the Highway Trust Fund flirts with theoretical bankruptcy by August and federal transportation authorizing legislation expires Sept. 30.

Obama has proposed \$302 billion in federal spending on transportation infrastructure projects over four years including \$199 billion on highway projects — or nearly \$50 billion a year.

A bipartisan coalition in the Senate has been less generous on highway spending, proposing more than \$630 billion over six years in inflation-adjusted transportation spending including \$242 billion on highway projects — or \$40.4 billion a year.

The GOP-led House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has yet to propose a roadmap.

The debate turns as well on where to get the money. Obama wants to boost the 18.4-cent federal gasoline tax to help replenish the Highway Trust Fund and to obtain \$150 billion from revisions to the corporate tax code that would expose foreign earnings of U.S. corporations to U.S. taxes.

Obama has also raised the possibility of permitting states to impose tolls on portions of the 48,000-mile interstate highway system that began in 1956. If states want to pursue tolling to help finance the state share of highway projects, Foxx said they would apply to the federal government "to have a decision made based on whether they're using that toll revenue to improve the facility that they're using or to relieve congestion," Foxx said. "It's not a free-for-all and it's not a way we pay for our bill."

The bipartisan Senate measure crafted by Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and David Vitter, R-La., leaders of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, does not address potential sources of funding, including tolling.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said the bipartisan Senate measure being marked up on Capitol Hill on Thursday still faces scrutiny and tinkering by other committees with jurisdiction, including the Senate Finance Committee. Cornyn is a member of the 26-member panel that will come up with the funding mechanism for the measure, whether a gas tax hike, corporate tax "reform" or permission for states to impose tolls.

"As a first step, it is my hope that the bill will be improved as it moves through the committee process," said Cornyn, the second in command in the Senate GOP leadership. "Congress must be willing to do the hard work of

reforming our distorted federal aid system and addressing the solvency of the Trust Fund on a long-term basis."

Brian Deese, deputy director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said Texas needs the additional spending outlined in Obama's plan to combat the "looming threat" of the Highway Trust Fund running dry "and therefore turning off the flow of federal funding to projects."

"I think every state around the country has a stake, but particularly those facing challenging fiscal conditions, have a stake in making sure that doesn't happen," Deese said.

Deese said the White House and Congress can "provide more certainty" about annual funding for transportation projects. "What we can do at the federal level... is put in place a multi-year reauthorization bill that would

provide that certainty so that we could avoid this kind of potential destabilization in the future."

Yet prospects for a long-term funding solution appear dim six months before Republicans and Democrats fight for control of the House and Senate.

"We recognize that, in an election year, it is especially challenging to develop a bipartisan transportation bill that balances infrastructure investment needs with the task of raising needed revenues," Patrick Jones, of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association, told The Bond Buyer, a publication serving the municipal bond and public finance industry.

Obama left the ceremony adjacent to the Tappan Zee bridge to attend two Democratic fundraisers in New York City designed to help Democrats win seats in both the House and Senate.

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Women treated unfairly? Let the plotting begin

■ These are not the best times for men to run against women under attack

With The New York Times' sudden dismissal of Executive Editor Jill Abramson and Karl Rove's suggestion that Hillary Clinton might have brain damage, the curtain opened on a new theater in an old war.

The targeting of these two powerful, accomplished women, albeit under different circumstances, may prove more predictive of the presidential election (assuming Clinton runs) than any other single factor. This is because women, who vote in greater numbers than men, have been reminded of how their sex is treated in a world that still favors men.

This is rare currency for me. I wrote a book called "Save the Males," after all. But my argument in the book and elsewhere wasn't about favoring men. It was a case for fairness toward boys and young men lest they grow up to become lesser men. Most mothers of boys know what I mean.

Fairness doesn't always mean absolute equality, nor can it be measured only by numbers. Reality is what it is — finally, a useful application of this annoying expression — and confirms century after century that most men and most women excel at different things. Although, let's be honest, women excel at pretty much everything.

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Washington Post
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Just ask any wise husband.

Certainly, leadership is not the exclusive domain of men. Nevertheless, Abramson, the first woman to lead the masthead of the nation's most prominent newspaper, was ousted amid stories of her "brusque" leadership style and, horrors, her gall in pursuing equal pay to her male predecessor.

We are left to infer two lessons: Women at the top should be sweet and nurturing at all times; and a woman who faints and falls, hitting her head, as Clinton did, can't be trusted to lead the nation. This would be because she is ... a woman and, cut to the chase, she probably has something wrong with her brain.

One can understand why Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger found Abramson a tad too tough. Recall that when he held a newsroom meeting to discuss then-reporter Jayson Blair's serial fabrications, Sulzberger brought along his stuffed moose.

As for Rove, well, he's Bush's brain. (Kidding guys.) But Rove is ruthless and

never without intent. When he protested that he was merely pointing out that Clinton's concussion might have caused brain damage, he might as well have said, "I didn't mean she's demented and this is probably why she can't remember what she did the night four Americans died in Benghazi, including our ambassador. Just sayin' it's possible."

Obviously, Clinton will have to reveal her health record if she intends to seek the presidency. Meanwhile, everyone knows what's up. A woman's "brain damage" is a man's "accused rape." Though cleared of illness or crime, there's always lingering doubt. He might have raped her. She might be ... damaged goods.

A plethora of other connotations and associations attach to the brain-injured woman. Emotionally unstable, mentally incompetent, the fainting woman who can't unscramble her busy little head. Not long ago, women were "put away" for a "nervous breakdown." It's all there but the straitjacket.

Even if one thinks the country doesn't need another Clinton White House, a sentiment shared by many Democrats — or if you're of the BenghaziBenghaziBenghazi persuasion — the overarching impression is that Clinton was attacked unfairly. Ditto Abramson, who was fired effective immediately, which usually means shown the door without so much as a pit stop.

Fairness, in other words, is the whole kit and caboodle, and women are especially sensitive to its applications. Is it fair to suggest that one man's attack on one woman — or one woman's firing for being brusque — somehow reflects poorly on all men? No, it's not fair, but we're talking politics, where perception is reality. Plus, we're talking about a particular woman (Clinton) and a particular man (Rove) with all the attendant history and baggage.

Obviously, all women don't think the same and many will disagree with me here. But there's a commonality among women that defies simple political categorization. Call it secrets of the powder room. You've always wondered what they were doing in there? Plotting.

Finally, a word about brusqueness. Having cut my teeth in the old, male-dominated newsroom, allow me to clue you in. Editors were chain-smoking, ink-stained, fact-obsessed derriere-kickers, to put it politely. They'd chew you up and spit you out over a dangling participle. Three factual errors in a year and you were out.

And Abramson is too "brusque"? These were already tricky times for male candidates running against women. But this latest confluence of events just made them trickier. An impression of unfairness has made an imprint on the collective female brain and, well, you know how women can be.

OUR VIEW

Lieutenant governor runoff result could impact Seliger, Basin

There probably aren't many Republicans straddling the fence when it comes to the runoff election for lieutenant governor. Our guess is that those Republicans are firmly in the camp of either David Dewhurst (the incumbent) or Dan Patrick (the challenger).

And while we are eager to find out the favorite of the most hard-core Republican voters, we would be lying if we didn't say we weren't a little anxious.

Because while the two men on the ballot are Dewhurst and Patrick, we expect state Sen. Kel Seliger — the Permian Basin's representative in the Senate — could be a winner or loser depending on the runoff's outcome.

Here's why.

Under Dewhurst we have seen Seliger take a prominent leadership role in the Senate. He's been the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting. He's also served on the Senate Finance Committee and Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

When it comes to education, Dewhurst appointed Seliger to serve as chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. Seliger also serves on the Senate Education Committee, which is chaired by Patrick.

We don't know if Patrick considers Seliger a Dewhurst lieutenant, but we don't think it would be unreasonable to believe Seliger would be in line for more prime assignments — including chairman of the Senate Education Committee — should Dewhurst win the Republican nomination and post another political victory in November.

Would the same be true if Patrick wins the Republican nomination and breezes to victory in the general election as a Republican is expected to do? We can't say for sure. Patrick said he likes Seliger and has enjoyed working with the Amarillo Republican on Education committees. Even if that is the case, could we really expect Patrick to give Seliger the assignments he enjoys today? Could we expect Patrick's supporters to be comfortable with that? Locally, those who support Patrick likely were among those who questioned Seliger's conservatism. We anticipate that limited government groups — such as Tim Dunn's Empower Texans — will put pressure on Patrick to not reward those Republicans they believe don't measure up well on conservative scorecards.

We think Midlanders should pay attention to this race. We also believe that no matter who is victorious in the May 27 runoff, Midlanders who believe Seliger has done the job we expect on his Senate committees should be vocal about their support. We think the Permian Basin would benefit from Seliger as chair of Higher Ed or as chairman of the Senate Education Committee. And if Patrick takes his cues from Empower Texans when it comes to assigning positions, it could be at the expense of what makes sense for tens of thousands of students in the Permian Basin.

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"I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOUNG GAY MAN WAS DRAFTED INTO THE NFL. HE HAS JUST AS MUCH RIGHT TO A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AS ANYONE ELSE."

Cultural double standard continues

■ Be careful when speaking your mind about LGBT issues. Reaction to the Michael Sam debate taught us that

Once, Social Security was the "third rail" of politics. Touch it and face political death. Now it is homosexuality. Criticize anything gay people do and you risk ostracism, fines, suspension or loss of your livelihood.

Michael Sam, the first openly gay player to be drafted by a National Football League team — the St. Louis Rams picked him 249th in the last round — is being treated by the media and those in the gay rights movement as the equivalent of an early American pioneer.

Miami Dolphins safety Don Jones, apparently, didn't get the memo. Jones tweeted "OMG" and "horrible" after he saw Sam and his boyfriend kiss each other live on ESPN. His tweet was quickly taken down, but the political correctness police swooped in anyway. Jones has been fined and suspended. He's also being forced to attend "educational training" to get his "mind right," to borrow a phrase from the film "Cool Hand Luke." This sounds like the old communist "re-education" camps.

Dolphins Coach Joe Philbin called Jones' comment "inappropriate and unacceptable." Jones issued a statement that read like it had been written by a lawyer, apologizing for his "inappropriate" tweet and taking "full responsibility" for his comment.

How quickly things have changed from the recent experiences of Tim Tebow. When the quarterback heroically led the Denver Broncos to a playoff victory in 2012 and dropped to one knee, as he often did to express gratitude to God (a move that quickly became known as "Tebowing," which spawned countless YouTube parodies), he was widely ridiculed by many of the same entities that now defend Michael Sam, including some NFL players and even "Saturday Night Live," which in a skit had "Jesus" offering Tebow advice while sitting next to him on a locker room bench.

When the Broncos released Tebow, he was mocked again, not only for his faith, but for claiming to be a virgin who wanted to save himself for marriage. In an increasingly secular and licentious culture this sort of thinking and expression, apparently, must be silenced.

CAL THOMAS

Tribune Media Agency



During Tebow's brief professional career, TV ratings spiked, jerseys and other gear with Tebow's name on it sold well and, according to Ad Age, "In terms of influence, Mr. Tebow is now in the top 40 of 3,000 celebs ... on par with Tom Hanks, Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift, Jennifer Aniston and Steven Spielberg."

Yet, Tebow endured a sometimes silent and often shouted campaign to brand him in a negative way. He was called "polarizing." It was said he had "baggage," though his "bags" were considerably lighter than many other professional athletes who have had drug and alcohol problems, incidents with guns at strip clubs and numerous out-of-wedlock children.

The Nation's Dave Zirin revealed the secular left's real problem with Tebow when he wrote, "(Tebow) is a religious figure in a country that is uncomfortable talking (about) religion." Really? I would venture to guess there are probably more people attending church on Sunday mornings than attend NFL football games on Sunday afternoon. Such is the bias of those who hold disdain for people of strong faith because it apparently exposes flaws in themselves they prefer not to see.

After the Broncos cut Tebow, haters took to the comment page of The Huffington Post:

"Awwwww. I bet this makes the Baby Jesus weep. Tim should have prayed more."
"Hey Tim, are you getting the message now? Nothing fails like prayer."
"We're all going to h-I-I and we're excited about it. Don't be jealous."

"Where is your God now, Tebow?"
NFL players who joined in the mockery were not fined, disciplined or forced into education training camp. Such is the cultural double standard between the way Michael Sam is being treated and the experience of Tim Tebow. But what should one expect these days when anything goes, except for free speech critical of the LGBT crowd?

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MEANWHILE... AT THE GOP DRAFT...



GUEST VIEW

With news of Paxton's lawbreaking, Branch is obvious choice

Houston Chronicle

The primary parade to the ideological extreme came to a sudden slowdown last week in the Republican runoff for state attorney general.

A drumbeat of talking points has given way to a clarion call of actual qualifications, with frontrunner Ken Paxton coming under scrutiny for insider dealings and state law violations.

In the wake of these revelations, Paxton, a state senator from McKinney, dropped off the radar and canceled several scheduled appearances, refusing to answer questions about soliciting clients for an investment firm without registering as a representative, as Texas law requires. In response to this silence, law enforcement organizations such as the Allen Police Association and Paxton's hometown McKinney Police Association revoked their prior endorsements.

Candidates make mistakes, and perhaps Paxton could be excused with a mea culpa and explanation — though ignorance of the law isn't exactly an admirable quality in a man who wants to be Texas' top lawyer.

But like so many political scandals: It isn't just the crime — it's the cover up. Weeks have passed since news first broke of Paxton's lawbreaking, and he has yet to fully address the issue. Paxton's stonewalling on his high-pay solicitation reveals a failure of values that voters should want to keep out of office.

Instead, we encourage Republican primary voters to select state Rep. Dan Branch for the November ballot.

An experienced attorney with a résumé that lists time at Baker Botts, a \$5,000 campaign donation from former President George W. Bush and endorsements from several legal advisers to current Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Dallas lawmaker clearly has the credentials to serve as Texas' next attorney general.

Branch, 55, has served 12 years in the Texas House, where he sits as chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. In that position, Branch has worked to help make the University of Houston a top-tier public university, but you're more likely to hear him brag about his bill establishing the right of public schools to hold an in-class moment of silence.

With balancing conservative bonafides with a pragmatic approach to governance, Branch should be the Republican candidate for attorney general.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lady Bulldogs' attitude, courage make them winners

I want to thank the Midland High Lady Bulldogs softball team for a most memorable and exciting season. The pain is still fresh to them for their loss in Lubbock last weekend, but the loss was only on the scoreboard.

I have never seen courage and never-say-die play as was the trademark of this year's team. Yes, there were mistakes made, questionable calls and hard-to-understand decisions made by those in whom they placed their trust. But through it all, their never-say-die attitude was on full display throughout the year.

A loss on the scoreboard will be the statistic, but their courage and never-say-die attitude makes them winners all. Thanks for a great season, Lady Bulldogs.

Mickey Cohlmaia

Petty's riders receive West Texas hospitality

Have you tried to reserve a motel or hotel room for a day, week, or beyond in Midland?

How about acquiring 100 rooms for one given night? Following is an untold story about the recently opened Homewood Suites.

Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Charity Ride stopped over in Midland on the night of May 5. I say "ride" because most all participants, except support staff, were astride various makes and types of motorcycles. The VJ Charity Ride originated in Carlsbad, California, on May 3 en route to Daytona Beach, Florida, for May 10. This was the 20th anniversary of the ride. During that time they have raised more than \$15 million for the VJ Gang Camp charity in Randleman, North Carolina. The camp caters to children with chronic illnesses, but is free for those who attend.

Locals, like myself, had no problem driving over to the hotel to view the proceedings. The news media covered the arrival of the late Monday afternoon VJ Charity Ride quite well in the parking lot at the Homewood Suites, with various welcoming/greeting speeches from mayoral and Chamber of Commerce personnel. There were about 125 riders, who included Herschel Walker, Richard Petty, Harry

Gant and others. Behind the hotel, there was a huge custom cooking trailer, grilling the evening meal for all participants. Even though it was a hot afternoon, I got caught up in the friendliness of all involved, and returned Tuesday morning, when it was much cooler, to see the riders off. Before departure, Kyle Petty jumped up in the back of a pickup to announce that Homewood Suites had donated all the previous night's lodging costs (for 100 rooms) to the VJ Charity. Also, he gracefully thanked Scott Hagee from the heating and A/C firm (carrying the same name in Odessa), for being responsible for the barbecue meal on Monday night at no charge to the participants. Wow.

Also noteworthy was when Petty closed with a prayer for safe journey before departure. Way to go, West Texans.

Mike Houston

Ryan Sitton is most qualified for TRC

As we prepare to vote in the Republican runoff for the Texas railroad commissioner, Gwyn and I encourage you to vote for Ryan Sitton — a man

of faith, husband, father, pro-life leader and committed conservative. All these are good attributes but just as important, he is the most-qualified candidate for this position, which oversees the highly technical oil and gas industry.

He is an engineer graduate from Texas A&M University who has worked within the oil and gas industry. He understands the high level of technology within the industry and the need to upgrade the level of technology within the commission to better handle the administration of data received, along with proper oversight of activity in the field during the present level of activity. He is an entrepreneur, having started his own company that presently has 300 employees. As a successful businessman with engineering attributes, he will help upgrade the commission to bring that agency into the 21st century to allow proper handling of the necessary oversight.

Gwyn and I know him and enthusiastically support him as the best choice for Texas railroad commissioner. Early voting runs May 19-23 for the runoff election on May 27.

Don Sparks

David Dewhurst has no problems in one-man debate

It's the larger race with Dan Patrick that will pose problems for the lieutenant governor

Shortly after the event, some wise-guy jerk asked Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst if he thought he'd won his Monday debate with no-show foe Dan Patrick.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers



Dewhurst, playing along, responded to my question.

"You know," he said, "there were a couple of tough moments. But I think we squeaked this one out, absolutely."

I agree, absolutely. There's no way Dewhurst lost to Patrick, who canceled because his wife, Jan, fell ill en route to the Williamson County Republican Women's meeting at which Dewhurst said all the right-wing things that are right for a right-wing audience.

He's for school vouchers, anti-abortion legislation, tightened border security, keeping government out of your life as much as possible, etc. So's Patrick and, as evidenced by his first-place finish in the March GOP primary for lieutenant governor, something about how he says it scores points with GOP voters.

Dewhurst, who said he showed up Monday "prepared to spar" with Patrick, instead used the one-candidate show to self-tout. Early on, he spoke of his mom's efforts after her husband was killed by a drunk driver when Dewhurst was 3.

"She taught us faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," he told moderator Cari Christman, executive director of Red State Women (that's red as in Republican, not red as in Red China).

When it was over, Dewhurst got a standing ovation for his solo performance. It seemed to be one of those courtesy standing ovations, not one of those spontaneous, wow-he-wowed-us standing ovations. Dewhurst doesn't really do wow.

"We're trying our best to introduce ourselves to people all around the state of Texas," he said after the event.

After three terms as lite gov and one as land commissioner, it seems Dewhurst shouldn't have to be "trying our best to introduce ourselves to people all around the state of Texas." But that's the deal.

Fact is, Dewhurst, by nature, is low passion, at least for public consumption. And when he cranks up the passion, which tends to be when his back's against the wall, he cranks up nasty ad campaigns. He did so in losing the GOP U.S. Senate nomination to Ted Cruz in 2012 and is doing so now against Patrick, a state senator from Houston who is now the favorite in the May 27 runoff and who

has fired back in kind (unkind?).

Save for close family (and perhaps wise-guy jerk columnists who appreciate that he plays along with their dumb questions), I'm not sure anybody really loves Dewhurst. Oh sure, people like him, but scant few passionately love him politically.

Patrick, on the other hand, is the passion in the race — on both sides. Patrick backers are the kind of folks who are passionate, sometimes to a fault, about the things and people they like. They also tend to be the kind of folks who may sometimes be wrong, but never uncertain. The passion of Patrick also cuts the other way, which means some of Dewhurst's support comes from people who passionately dislike Patrick. Dewhurst is counting on that.

In a runoff, you want to be the guy with passionate backers.

Dewhurst tends to be white, as in devoid of color. Patrick, by nature and profession (he's a radio talk show host), can be white hot. He can get a rise out of folks. That's what makes radio talk show hosts radio talk show hosts.

At last week's Dallas debate, Patrick riled Dewhurst into saying, "Do you want snake oil for the hair loss, too, Dan?" Seemed kind of sixth-grade to me. Patrick disagreed. He said seventh grade.

After the Dallas debate, I asked Dewhurst if the line was pre-loaded or just popped into his head.

"It popped into my head," Dewhurst said.

In Round Rock on Monday, Christman ended with the legacy question: "Once you have completed public office one day, what is it you want to leave as a lasting memory for Texans to remember about you?"

"I cared. I cared," he said. "I fought for them. I did everything I could to leave Texas a little bit better after my years in office. ... That I stood for what Texans and I believe is right, that I did the right thing. That's what I hope my legacy is: I've done the right thing."

His fate is now up to GOP runoff voters, many of them passion-driven and many of whom believe the things Dewhurst's done were not far enough right.

GUEST VIEW

David Dewhurst is clearly the top candidate

Houston Chronicle

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram will not endorse in this or any other race of the Republican and Democratic party primaries.

For Texas Republicans, the May 27 runoff vote for lieutenant governor is of existential significance. The choice is between a sitting lieutenant governor with a solid record of achievement in both business and elective office and a Houston state senator who has stirred discord and prompted distrust in various endeavors throughout his life, including his two terms in the Senate. The choice is likely to have a profound effect on the Texas Republican Party, indeed on Texas.

The right choice, we believe, is glaringly obvious.

In the 2012 Republican primary for the U.S. Senate, tea party wunderkind Ted Cruz took advantage of a delay in the runoff election and used that time for several more revolutions around the roller-derby track. Smart, impassioned and opportunistic, Cruz elbowed Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst into the cheap seats, despite Dewhurst's money and name-recognition advantages. The man who has served as the Senate's presiding officer since 2003 has never recovered.

Exposed in his race against Cruz as one of the most maladroit campaigners in recent Texas political history, Dewhurst has run into similar problems with Patrick, a radio talk-show host who is almost as glib and campaign-adept as the man who now serves as the state's junior U.S. senator. Patrick, first elected to the Senate in 2006, whopped Dewhurst in the March primary by 13 percentage points, 41-28.

Despite his campaign disabilities, the three-term lieutenant governor and former land commissioner can point to solid accomplishments that ought to win him favor with Republican voters. In years past he engineered a major property-tax cut that helped resolve a school finance crisis.

More recently he helped secure \$2 billion from the state's rainy day fund to be used for much-needed water projects. Although he takes hard-right positions on the controversial social issues of our time, he also has taken a pragmatic approach to such basic, bread-and-butter issues as transportation, water infrastructure and health care.

He is, in other words, a mainstream conservative and that, in addition to his wood-en campaign persona, is a problem for anyone running in a Republican primary.

Like former U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and House Speaker Joe Straus, both conservative Republicans, the real Dewhurst is not averse to using the resources of government to get things done for the people of Texas. Normally he would wear the mainstream label as a badge of honor, but these days, with the anti-government faction of his party rampant in Texas, he's eager to wash it off as quickly as he would a ketchup stain on one of the immaculate white shirts he favors. Unfortunately for Dewhurst, the label is as hard to eliminate as the stain, despite his desperate protestations that he's the most conservative lieutenant governor in Texas history.

Patrick, a Houston radio-station owner and co-chairman of the Legislature's Tea Party Caucus, will never have to worry about wearing the mainstream-conservative label (although the main stream in Texas has veered so far in one direction it's threatening to break through the distant right bank). He is, to put it bluntly, an ideologue. In the words of Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson — who finished a distant fourth in the lieutenant governor's race — the Houston senator is an unsavory combination of Huey Long, Elmer Gantry and W. Lee "Pass the Biscuits, Pappy" O'Daniel, a broadcast bloviator in the 1930s who rode his Bible-thumping, hillbilly radio persona into the governor's office. Patterson predicted that if Patrick wins in November, senators from both parties will try to limit his power to run the Senate.

Patrick himself has vowed to strip the minority party of its ability to participate in governance. He would junk the so-called two-thirds rule, a mechanism that allows minority party members to forge alliances with the majority and have some say over legislation. Patrick also has vowed not to appoint even one Democrat as committee chair, whatever their experience and expertise. At a time when Texans must work together to meet complicated challenges — water, transportation, education, to name a few — they need leaders who seek to unite, not divide. Patrick thrives on the divisive.

On any number of issues, Patrick and Dewhurst are in nominal agreement. The difference is a matter of character. Patrick's Senate colleagues, Republican as well as Democrat, simply don't trust him to keep his word. A showboat with a tendency toward the messianic, Dan Patrick, they suspect, is in it for himself, not for his constituents. We suspect they're right.

Uneven global economy a test for central banks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The global economy is plodding ahead in fits and starts as the largest countries struggle to achieve consistent growth.

Europe is faltering again. Japan is suddenly surging. China is cooling. The U.S. is strengthening.

In the background, central banks are aiming to administer just the right amount of stimulus — not too much, not too little. Their efforts have yet to benefit many ordinary people facing job shortages and stagnant wages.

The unevenness of the global recovery was thrown into sharp relief Thursday, when the 18 European nations that use the euro reported unexpectedly weak growth for the year's first three months. A separate report said Japan's economy grew in that same quarter at the fastest pace in nearly three years.

Fresh data from the United States was mixed: Factory output declined. But fewer people are seeking unemployment benefits.

In China, weaker trade and manufacturing have reduced growth, and leaders there foresee a further slowdown.

Most economists expect the differing outcomes across the world's major economies to add up to a modest expansion this year.

Key central banks have pursued low-interest rate policies to try to induce companies and businesses to borrow and spend. Their actions have helped lift stock markets in the U.S. and many European countries by inducing investors to shift money out of low-yielding bonds and into stocks.

Yet Japan's Nikkei index and China's Shanghai index have both declined over the past 12 months.

Here's how major economies are shaping up:

Europe

The 18-nation eurozone economy eked out just 0.2 percent growth in the first quarter compared with the previous three months, just half the rate analysts had

expected. The sluggish figure masked significant disparities: While Germany posted a comparatively healthy 0.8 percent gain, the Dutch economy shrank 1.4 percent.

The overall bleak figures raised pressure on Mario Draghi, president of the European Central Bank, to inject more stimulus into Europe's economy. Draghi hinted last week that the ECB could act as soon as next month to try to counter persistently low inflation and strengthen the recovery.

Economist Howard Archer of IHS Global Insight in London expects the ECB to cut its short-term rate to 0.15 percent from 0.25 percent. It could also impose a negative interest rate for money that banks deposit at the ECB, Archer said: The banks would essentially start paying for the privilege of parking their money at the central bank. Such a fee would likely spur the banks to lend more to households and businesses.

Other economists think the ECB could also buy bonds, a move the U.S. Fed-

eral Reserve and the Bank of England have undertaken. This would likely reduce longer-term rates and could encourage borrowing.

A key ECB goal is to lower the value of the euro compared with the dollar and other major currencies. That could boost exports and create more jobs.

It might also raise dangerously low inflation. Prices are rising at just a 0.7 percent annual rate. Inflation that low can stall growth by leading consumers to delay purchases.

Japan

The world's third-largest economy expanded at a 5.9 percent annual rate in the first quarter, the fastest pace in nearly three years.

But much of that gain was fueled by a surge in spending by consumers and businesses aiming to beat a sales tax increase that took effect April 1. As that accelerated spending fades, analysts expect Japan's growth to slow.

Since taking office in late 2012, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has embarked on a plan to spark growth

through high government spending, an ultra-loose monetary policy and reforms to government regulation and labor policy.

So far, "Abenomics" is credited with helping Japan shed a longtime deflationary rut. But two key challenges lie ahead: The implementation of economic reforms could prove politically tough. And the government's debt is now double the size of its economy, a situation that will require tight budgets.

Analysts say Bank of Japan Gov. Haruhiko Kuroda will face pressure to keep rates extremely low to offset those challenges. The central bank has adopted a 2 percent inflation target, up from the latest inflation reading of slightly above 1 percent.

United States

The U.S. economy got off to a listless start this year as a harsh winter depressed growth. But

it's been showing renewed strength. Hiring has picked up. Americans have stepped up spending. Inflation is rising toward 2 percent, the Fed's target. Higher inflation can be a sign of economic health because it usually reflects more spending by consumers and businesses.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in April, the most in 2 1/2 years. That hiring raised the average monthly job gain this year to 214,000 from 194,000 in 2013. More jobs translate into more paychecks that support more spending.

Because of the severe winter, analysts estimate that the U.S. economy shrank in the first three months of 2014 by up to 0.9 percent. They expect growth to rebound in the current quarter to at least a 3.5 percent annual rate.

With the economy picking up, the Fed under Chair Janet Yellen has begun to unwind some of its stimulus. It's cut its monthly

bond purchases, which have been intended to lower long-term rates. The Fed said it will continue to keep short-term rates low to support the economy even after its bond purchases end, likely late this year.

China

Growth has slowed in the world's second-largest economy from the breakneck pace it sustained for over a decade. China's economy expanded 7.4 percent in this year's first quarter from the previous year. That's down from last year's 7.7 percent growth, which tied 2012 for the slowest since 1999.

China's leaders are hardly panicking. President Xi Jinping said China should get used to slower growth. The rulers are trying to transition the economy to one that relies more on domestic consumption and less on exports and investment in buildings, homes and other structures.

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Women starting small businesses at torrid pace

By Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you go to work for a newer business, there's a good chance you'll be working for a woman.

Women are starting companies at a torrid pace. Between 1997 and 2014, the number of women-owned businesses in the U.S. rose by 68 percent, twice the growth rate for men and nearly one and a-half times the rate for all companies, according to an American Express analysis of Census Bureau figures. They are starting an estimated 1,288 companies each day, up from 602 in 2011-12, American Express said.

"Women are becoming more aware of the opportunities for entrepreneurship in their lives. It's becoming more of an option for a career move than it ever has been in the past," said Susan Duffy, executive director of the Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College.

The number of new businesses started by women and men has increased in part because of the difficult job market since the recession. But the numbers of women business owners will keep rising as interest in entrepreneurship grows and younger women look to famous women as their role models, Duffy said.

Some of those inspirations: Oprah Winfrey, designers Tory Burch and Diane Von Furstenberg

and Weili Dai, co-founder of chip maker Marvell Technology. The current head of the Small Business Administration, Maria Contreras-Sweet, and her predecessor, Karen Mills, have both been business owners.

"More women are seeing themselves out there in their heroes in the business world. They're saying, this is fabulous, I want to be like her," Duffy said.

Their role models also include less prominent successful women in business.

One of Summer Scarborough's inspirations has been her mother, Elizabeth, a former executive with a medical devices company. The Scarbroughs own VinniBag, a seller of travel bags for wine and other bottles.

"I knew from a very young age that she was one of the only women in her company at that level," said Scarborough, whose five-year-old company is based in Ventura, California.

Being a woman business owner is no longer as novel or unusual as it was decades ago.

"I know a lot of women who are starting things as well," Scarborough said.

The growing number of resources for women business owners, including the SBA-sponsored Women's Business Centers and women's business organizations are also encouraging women to start companies, according to Duffy.

But women owners

aren't carbon copies of men. They tend to be more optimistic than their male counterparts, according to a survey released this week by Bank of America.

Seventy percent of the women owners surveyed expect their revenue to rise over the next year, compared to 66 percent of men. Fifty-six percent of women plan to hire in the next year, compared to 50 percent of men. And 68 percent of women plan to expand their companies; 63 percent of men have such plans.

The survey also found women owners may face different challenges than men. Twenty-nine percent said they feel they have less access to money than men, and 32 percent said they have less access to new business opportunities.

A woman entrepreneur is most likely to start a company that provides educational services, administrative or waste management services or is involved in the arts, entertainment or recreation, the AmEx survey said. And nearly one in three women-owned companies is owned by a minority. The number of businesses owned by minority women has climbed to 2.9 million this year from just under 930,000 in 1997, a 215 percent increase. During that time, the number of companies owned by minority men has more than doubled to nearly 3.7 million from 1.7 million.



AP file photo

Consuelo Gomez, of the facilities management company Marly K, works in her office April 15, 2013, in Bellevue, Wash. Between 1997 and 2014, the number of women-owned businesses in the U.S. rose by 68 percent, compared to a 47 percent increase for all companies, according to an American Express analysis of Census Bureau figures.

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GM is fined \$35 million over deadly defect

By Joan Lowy and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal safety regulators slapped General Motors with a record \$35 million fine Friday for taking more than a decade to disclose an ignition-switch defect in millions of cars that has been linked to at least 13 deaths.

Under an agreement with the Transportation Department, GM admitted it was slow to inform regulators, promised to report problems faster and submitted to more in-depth government oversight of its safety operations.

The fine was the maximum allowed under the law.

"Literally, silence can kill," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said, adding: "GM did not act and did not alert us in a timely manner. What GM did was break the law."

Safety advocates said the fine, which is less than a day's revenue for GM, is too small to deter bad behavior by automakers.

Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, said the Justice Department — which is conducting a criminal investigation — should fine the company \$1 billion or more and bring charges against GM engineers and their superiors.

"That's the only way you're going to change GM's behavior," he said.

Congress is also investigating GM, and the automaker faces hundreds of lawsuits over deaths and injuries attributed to the bad ignition switch.

The company has acknowledged know-



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General Motors' world headquarters is seen Friday in Detroit. U.S. safety regulators fined General Motors a record \$35 million Friday for taking at least a decade to disclose defects with ignition switches in small cars that are now linked to at least 13 deaths.

ing that the switches in its small cars had problems since at least 2001. But it was not until February that it began recalling 2.6 million of the cars, mainly Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions.

Automakers are required by federal law to report safety defects to the government within five days of discovering them.

When jostled, the ignition switches can

slip out of the "run" position and shut off the engine. That cuts off the power steering and brakes, potentially causing drivers to lose control. It also disables the air bags.

GM said at least 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem. Trial lawyers suing the company say the death toll is at least 53.

The Transportation Department's Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which has been criticized for failing to take action on the switches despite thousands of complaints from car owners, used a news conference to turn the tables on GM, offering some of the most damning evidence yet against the automaker.

Acting NHTSA Administrator David Friedman said a previously undisclosed 2009 memo from a parts supplier to GM stated that the switch problem could disable the cars' air bags. Had the government been told that at the time, it would have sought a recall, Friedman said.

Friedman said that it was clear many GM employees knew about the bad switch years ago, from engineers to investigators to executives. But he said the agency has no records to contradict CEO Mary Barra's claim that she found out about it only recently.

He portrayed the scandal as part of a larger problem with the safety culture at GM, saying the automaker's training materials discouraged employees from using words such as "defect" or "dangerous" when reporting problems up the chain of command.

"The fact that GM took so long to report this defect says there was something very wrong with the company's values," he said.

GM received a \$49.5 billion bailout from Washington during its 2009 bankruptcy, and the government was once the automaker's majority shareholder, but it sold off its last GM shares in December. GM stock dropped just 25 cents to \$34.11 in Friday afternoon trading.

Key events in GM ignition switch recall

2001: A report notes problems with the ignition switches in the Saturn Ion while still in development, but said a design change solved the problems.

February 2002: GM approves the ignition switch design, even though the supplier said the switch doesn't meet GM's specifications.

Late 2004: The Ion's cousin, the 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt, goes on sale.

March 2005: The engineering manager of the Cobalt closes an investigation into ignition switch problems, saying that proposed fixes would take too long and cost too much, and that "none of the solutions represents an acceptable business case."

May 2005: A proposal to change the design of the key so it won't tug the ignition switch downward is initially approved but later cancelled.

July 28, 2005: Amber Marie Rose, 16, dies in a frontal crash in her 2005 Cobalt. A contractor hired by NHTSA found that the Cobalt's ignition had moved out of the "run" position and into the "accessory" position, which cut off power to the power steering the air bags.

December 2005: GM tells dealers to inform owners of Cobalts to take excess items off their key chains. Also, inserts placed on customers' keys can prevent the keys from shifting while in the ignition.

April 2006: A GM engineer signs off on a redesign of the ignition switch.

April 2007: A study of a 2006 Wisconsin crash in which two passengers died finds the ignition in the 2005 Cobalt was in the accessory position and the air bags didn't deploy.

November 2007: A NHTSA panel declines to open a formal investigation into why air bags didn't deploy in some Cobalt and Ion crashes.

December 2007: By year end, GM has data on nine crashes. In four of them, the ignition had moved from the run position to the accessory position.

May 2012: A GM investigation finds that the torque performance in switches from 2003-2007 model year vehicles doesn't match its specifications, but performance in later models does. It doesn't know why. The next year GM learns that the switch was redesigned in 2006.

December 2013: Mary Barra learns about the ignition switch defect.

February 2013: In two separate actions, GM recalls 1.6 million small cars, including Cobalts and Ions, to repair defective ignition switches. The recall later grows to 2.6 million cars.

March 5: NHTSA demands GM documents showing when it found out about the ignition switch problem. Barra promises employees an "unvarnished" investigation into what happened.

March 10: Barra orders an internal investigation.

March 17: GM announces three new recalls of 1.5 million vehicles.

March 18: Barra apologizes for the deaths that occurred. She appoints a new global safety chief.

March 31: GM recalls 1.5 million vehicles, including the 2010 Cobalt and the 2004-2007 Ion, for a power-steering assist problem.

April 1-2: Barra, NHTSA acting chief David Friedman testify before Congressional commit-

tees. Barra said GM has hired compensation expert Kenneth Feinberg to explore ways to compensate victims' families.

April 22: GM asks U.S. bankruptcy court to shield it from lawsuits from owners who claim their cars have lost value because of the recall.

May 2: Feinberg confirms he discussed compensation with a lawyer who represents victims' families.

May 15: GM recalls another 2.7 million cars for various safety issues, bringing the total U.S. recalls to 11.2 million. GM will take a related \$200 million charge.

May 16: The U.S. government fines GM with a record \$35 million fine for failing for more than a decade to disclose problems with the ignition switches. GM agrees to report safety problems faster and consents to government oversight of its safety operations.

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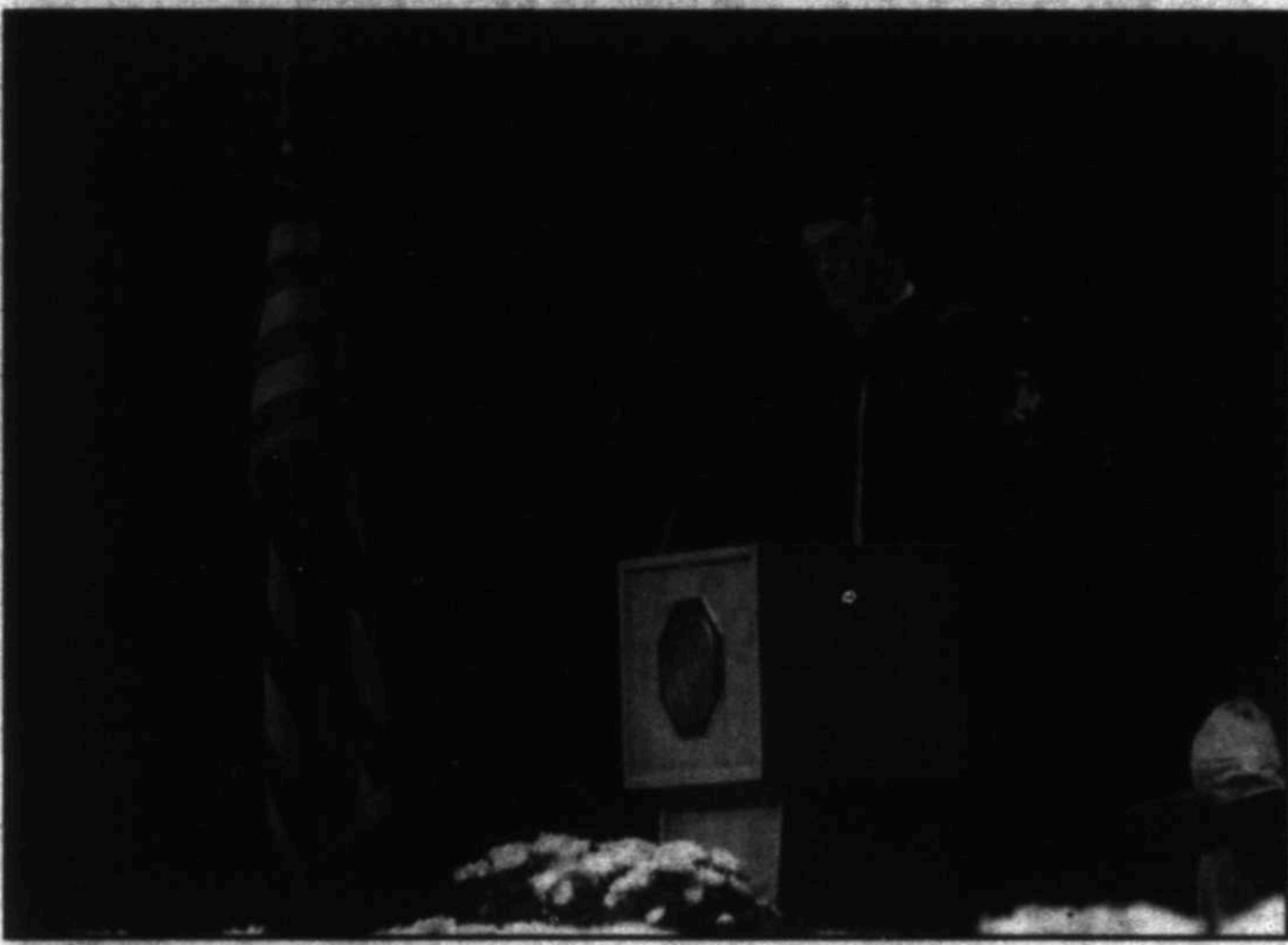
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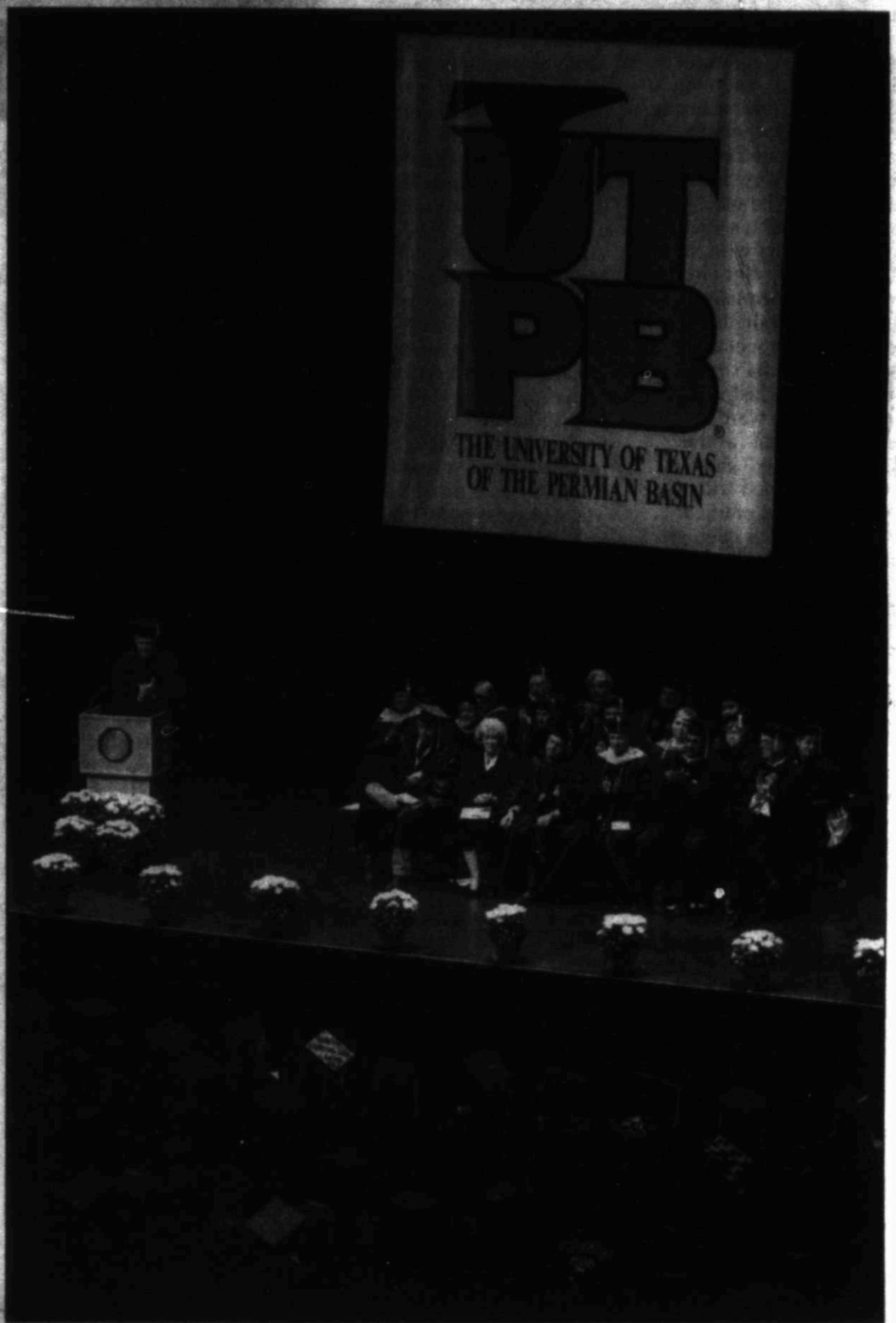
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Provost and Vice President Dr. William Fannin gave the commencement address at the 5 p.m. ceremony. Fannin has held these leadership positions at UTPB since July 1, 1996 and has been responsible for administration, coordination and development of academic activities at UTPB. He will return to the faculty in June, 2014.

In his commencement address, Dr. Fannin congratulated graduates on beating the odds since only 1 in 4 adults over 25 years of age have earned a college degree. "Leave with confidence that you have the knowledge, skills, and perspectives to do great things," Fannin added. "You have an obligation to use what you had learned to make a better Texas. Remember to thank those who had helped you achieve your diplomas and reach your goals."



Retiring Vice President William Fannin gives the commencement address to the College of Business and Engineering.



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Above: Texas State Representative-elect Brooks Landgraf addresses the graduating class. Left: The spring UTPB students wait to begin the processional into the ceremony.

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Indian opposition leader wins in landslide election

By Muneeza Naqvi
and Elizabeth
Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India's opposition leader, Narendra Modi, will become the next prime minister of the world's largest democracy, winning the most decisive election victory the country has seen in three decades and sweeping the long-dominant Congress party from power.

Modi, a career politician whose campaign promised a revival of economic growth, will have a strong mandate to govern at a time of profound changes in Indian society. He also has said he wants to strengthen India's strategic partnership with the United States. But critics worry the ascendance of his Hindu nationalist party could worsen sectarian tensions with India's minority 138 million Muslims.

The results were a crushing defeat for the Congress party, which is deeply entwined with the Nehru-Gandhi political dynasty that has been at the center of Indian politics for most of the country's post-independence history. The party, led by outgoing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, has been plagued by repeated corruption scandals and a poor economy.

As his overwhelming win became clear Friday, Modi appeared before a crowd of cheering supporters and tried to strike a conciliatory note.

"I have always said that to govern the nation it is our responsibility to take everyone with us," Modi said after a lengthy and punishing race. "I want your blessings so that we can run a government that carries everyone with it."

Nevertheless, Modi remains a divisive figure in the country of 1.2 billion people, in large part because he, as chief minister of Gujarat state, was in

command in 2002 when communal rioting there killed more than 1,000 people — most of them Muslims.

Modi was accused of doing little to stop the rampage, though he denies any wrongdoing and has never been charged with a crime. He was denied a U.S. visa in 2005 for alleged complicity in the riots, although as prime minister he would be virtually assured a visa.

On Friday, President Barack Obama called Modi to congratulate him on his victory and invited him "to visit Washington at a mutually agreeable time to further strengthen our bilateral relationship," the White House said in a statement. The U.S. administration had watched Modi's rise carefully, and in February, for the first time in Modi's decade-long tenure as the top official in Gujarat state, the American ambassador met with him.

In India, the question now is whether Modi can be a truly secular leader in a country with many faiths. The Congress party tried to highlight the 2002 riots during the campaign, but Modi's momentum — and laser focus on the ailing economy — carried him to victory.

By Friday night, Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was winning in enough seats in the lower house of Parliament to exceed the 272-seat majority needed to create a government without forming a coalition with smaller parties, the Election Commission said. Of the 483 seats declared the BJP had won 271 and was leading in another 11.

The Congress party had won 42 seats and was leading in another two.

There was a record turnout in the election, with 66.38 percent of India's 814 million eligible voters casting ballots during the six-week contest, which began April 7 and was held



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India's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Narendra Modi greets supporters at the party headquarters in Gandhinagar, in the western Indian state of Gujarat, Friday. Modi will be India's next prime minister, winning the most decisive election victory the country has seen in more than a quarter century and sweeping the long-dominant Congress party from power, partial results showed Friday.

in stages across the country. Turnout in the 2009 general election was 58.13 percent.

The last time any single party won a majority in India was in 1984, when an emotional nation gave the Congress party a staggering victory of more than 400 seats following the assassination of then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

But 30 years later, India is now in the throes of rapid urbanization and globalization just as the youth population is skyrocketing. Many new voters are far less deferential to traditional voting patterns focused on family lineage and caste. For the young Indian voters, the priorities are jobs and development, which Modi put at the forefront of his campaign.

Sreeram Chaulia, a political analyst and dean of the Jindal School of International Affairs, said the BJP's image as a purely capitalist, pro-business party resonated across India. That image contrasts with Congress, which is considered more of a welfare party, mixing capitalist reforms with handouts for the poor.

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RC candidates talk about issues facing agency

Major challenges for railroad commission include water, oil and gas environmental impact

By Mella McEwen
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Two candidates remain in the hunt for a seat on the Railroad Commission, succeeding Barry Smitherman, who sought the nomination for Texas Attorney General.

Running in the May 27 Republican runoff are Wayne Christian, a former state representative, and Ryan Sitton, who founded the engineering firm Pinnacle AIS with wife Jennifer.

The winner faces Democrat Steve Brown in November. The general election selection will join sitting commission-

ers David Porter and Christi Craddick in overseeing an agency that is not only the state's oldest regulatory agency but one tasked with overseeing a booming — and changing — industry facing numerous issues.

The Reporter-Telegram asked Christian and Sitton about some of the challenges facing the Railroad Commission and the three commissioners.

A year ago the commission passed rules designed to encourage water recycling and reuse. Do you see water becoming an increasing important issue for the agency?

Christian: Water is one of the most critical issues facing Texas today, and I

don't see that changing anytime soon. Any simple measures we can enact at the commission that encourage water recycling without placing burdensome regulations on the energy sector should be encouraged.

Sitton: As our population grows, water will continue to be an important issue for the state, and the commission needs to consider what options are available as we strive to produce as much energy as possible in Texas. Industry experts are already looking at ways to conserve, recycle and desalinate water to make sure that we have the water resources we need to maximize production. Ultimately, the commission can serve as a conduit to share those advances across industry and help to

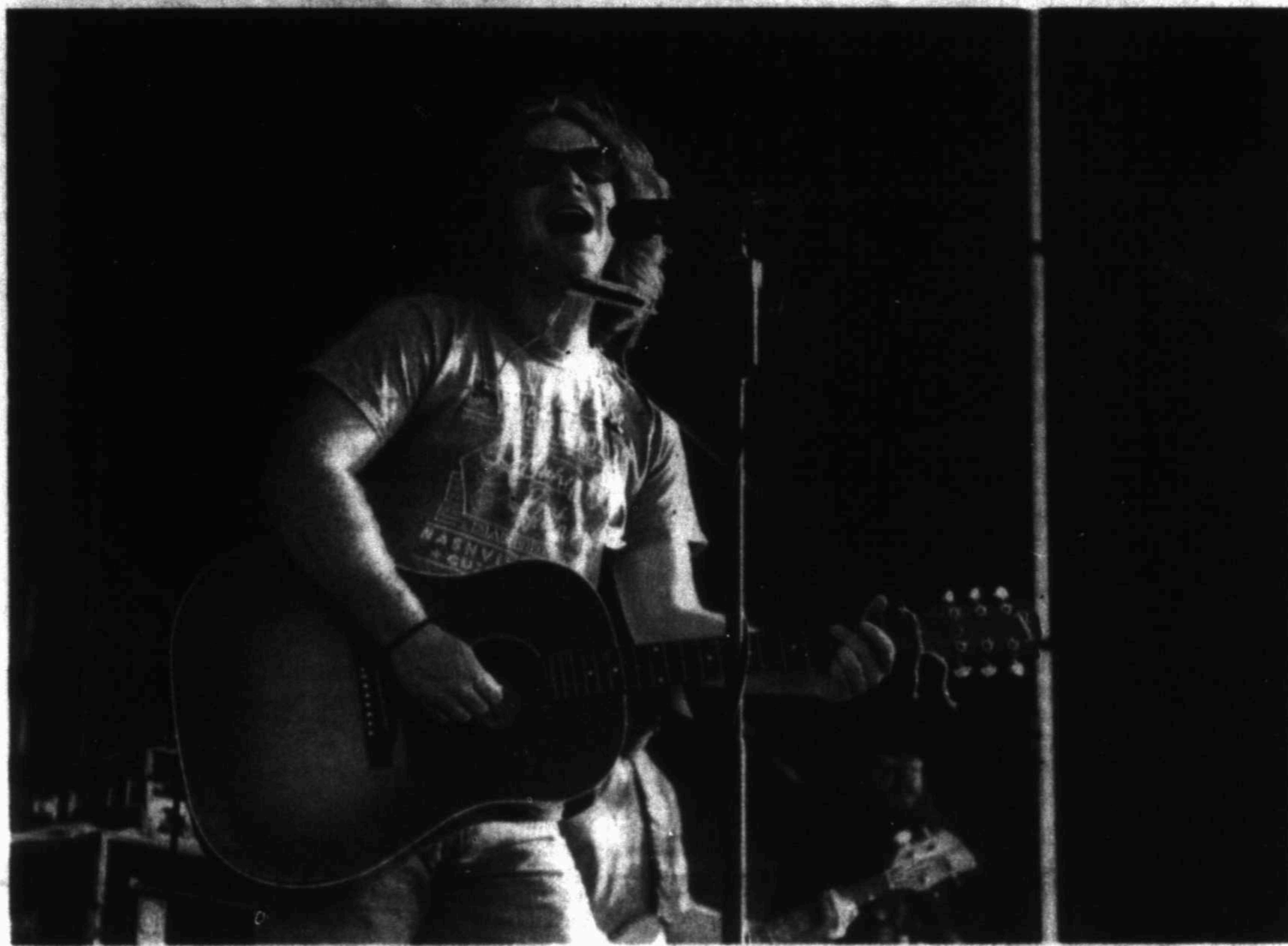
ensure that there is good awareness of the latest technology. The Railroad Commission will have an important role to play as comprehensive water plans are developed for the state of Texas.

Environmental impact is an increasing concern, whether it's water or air. What role do you see the commission and commissioners playing in improving the oil and gas industry's environmental impact?

Christian: The most important role of the Railroad Commission is to protect the public from harm. If there is a legitimate environmental concern, it is the duty of

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BRINGING THE THUNDER



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Whiskey Myers performed a slew of country rock songs Saturday during the 2014 Texas Thunder Country Music Festival.

Texas Supreme Court upholds decision to keep train wreck trial in Midland

By Joseph Basco
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The Texas Supreme Court upheld on Thursday a Court of Appeals' mandate to keep the Nov. 15, 2012, train wreck trial in Midland.

Though it has upheld the mandate, the Texas Supreme Court still has to make a final decision on the proper venue for the trial.

"This wasn't much of a substantive decision," said Kevin Glasheen, an attorney representing the plaintiffs in the case.

Defendant Union Pacific also confirmed that Thursday's upholding of the Court of Appeals mandate is just one of two components of the Texas Supreme Court's business with the case.

"We are pleased with the Texas Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Court of Appeals' mandate to transfer the case to Midland, while we await its final decision on the trial's location," said Elizabeth Hutchison, spokeswoman for Union Pacific.

Glasheen said if the trial is back to Midland, a local judge may be reassigned and then subsequently recuse himself or herself again, just as how 441st District Court Judge Rodney Satterwhite recused himself from the case in March 2013 for unknown reasons.

Satterwhite is longtime Midlander who became the 441st District Court judge in 2009. Before his judgeship, Satterwhite had been an attorney for a local law going back to 1971.

Afterward the recusal, a visiting judge will be assigned and then people will object to the assignment, Glasheen added.

The plaintiffs have been trying to have the case heard in Dallas as a means to consolidate two separate but related lawsuits in the same venue. The defendants have been vying for a Midland venue as it was where the train wreck occurred and also where most of the witnesses reside.

On Nov. 15, 2012, local nonprofit Show of Support's annual Hunt for Heroes parade began making its route from downtown Midland to the Horseshoe on Interstate 20. During the parade, a tractor-trailer doubling as a parade float carrying 12 veterans and 12 spouses collided with a Union Pacific train at the Garfield Street railroad crossing.

The wreck caused four veterans to die and 14 other people to be injured.

The plaintiffs in this case — the veterans, spouses and family members injured or affected by the train crash — are arguing that defendant Union Pacific was negligent in properly operating the train crossing at the intersection of Front Street and Garfield Street because of a short warning signal time before a train crosses.

Meanwhile, Union Pacific is arguing that it has been operating the train crossing properly, meeting federal warning time standards, and other third parties — such as the city of Midland, Midland County and Show of Support — may be responsible for the train wreck.

On Nov. 5, 2013, the National

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Americans should embody spirit of freedom

I understand that old guys like me tend to worry about the state of our nation more than the younger guys. That's understandable. When I was younger, I had the world by the horns. I could take on anything, solve any problem and carried around the righteous stick of truth according to Williamson.

As I've gotten older, things aren't as clear to me as they once were, and that's a bit disturbing. The blur of time has shaken my world and makes my vision unsteady.

Sometimes I wonder about the meaning of this change in my life.

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



There are several ways to look at it. One thought is my youthful exuberance was misguided because of a false confidence. I was too brash and bold to see the world in its true context.

Another view is that I have matured

over the years and am now able to see the whole picture more clearly. The wife tells me this is impossible on my part. She says it could happen to others, but not to me. She can't seem to equate me and maturity in the same sentence.

Also, things change. Things really could have been better in the old days and things are now going down hill. I prefer to follow this path, but it is a dangerous one. With this approach, you fall into the pit that every generation thinks things get worse with time. That

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Little 'softy' does right thing by leaving dog behind

Mack Daddy's observation about his first grandson: "He's tender-hearted, Melanie. He's too tender-hearted."

Sigh. "Well, Pops, he's a Nicholas."

As you know, I am always assigning blame or credit based on genetics. Nicholas are, as a general rule, kind, extremely creative, brilliant, tall, do-gooders.

Maxceys are, as a general rule, very concrete, brilliant, pragmatic, driven, artistic, and ... umm, less than sensitive. We also like to party, fight and gossip. What can I say? We're Irish.

So, recently the kids and I went to Brownwood to spend a few days fishing and hanging out with their grandparents.

MELANIE NICHOLAS
MRT columnist



Mack Daddy and Meemaw are champion fishers, and we thought Parksalot would love to start learning.

Turns out, he is much more interested in worms, getting stuck in mud, splashing around and trying to catch tadpoles. Bodacious declared it too hot and headed for the truck with her water bottle, new sunglasses and some Fritos.

Mack Daddy and I had no luck, but it was an absolutely picture perfect day on the bayou. The grass and all the trees were covered in green, and the light hit the water in that Walden Pond-sparkly way you see in the movies. Slight breeze blowing the leaf canopy. Seriously perfect. Reminding me again that we need to be outside, running and exploring more.

Thou shalt not steal

Mack Daddy's neighborhood is just outside of town, pretty open, semi-rural. Folks across the road have little goats and chickens. They also have a herd of

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Player's mom puts him back on path at Baylor

By Tim Griffin
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Words never have come easily to Javonte Magee.

The mammoth Baylor and former Sam Houston defensive lineman keeps a lifetime of turmoil bottled up, tucking his emotions inside as tightly as a drum.

His uncommon football talents made him one of the most celebrated Greater San Antonio high school football players in recent history, a four-star recruit who was one of the most widely recruited players in the nation when he came out of high school in 2012.

However, he hasn't always been emotionally equipped to handle that acclaim or all of life's challenges.

His navigation has been helped by his adoptive mother, Mary Griffin, who has raised Magee since she rescued him from a New Orleans crack house when he was only 3 weeks old.

On Mother's Day, Magee was in Waco studying for spring final exams, but his thoughts weren't far from the woman he credits with convincing him to return to school after a mysterious disappearance last summer that jeopardized his football career.

His departure came during summer two-a-day practices after he was moved to defensive tackle from defensive end, where he had played most of his career.

"Some people were blaming it on my girl, or that I didn't want to play defensive tackle or this and that," he told the San Antonio Express-News. "But they really didn't know the real reason."

"I blame myself for making it worse because I didn't communicate with anybody."

Whatever concerns might have been bouncing through Magee's head, Griffin knew he needed to go back to school to fulfill the immense promise of his burgeoning career.

"I knew in order for him to do what he needed to, he needed to stay back in Waco," Griffin said. "I prayed about it and I'm glad he's back there."

Griffin, 63, remembers the first time she saw Magee, a malnourished infant who appeared doomed because of his surroundings. Rats were crawling nearby, a memory that still causes her to tear up more than 20 years later.

"If somebody didn't step up, that little boy wasn't going to make it," Griffin said. "I'm glad I could be the one to help out because I love my baby."

She still remembers his big eyes, his soft curly black hair and his swollen belly the first time she saw him. And she can still hear



Bob Owen/San Antonio Express-News

This 2012 photo shows Mary Griffin, left, cradling her adopted son, Sam Houston's standout player Javonte Magee, after he signed with Baylor University, at the high school. He hasn't always been emotionally equipped to handle that acclaim or all of life's challenges. His navigation has been helped by Griffin, who has raised Magee since she rescued him from a New Orleans crack house when he was only 3 weeks old.

his "little whiny voice" that finally subsided when she took him home to eat for the first time.

Because of the circumstances of his birth, there always was concern about the little boy contracting hepatitis. Every time Magee was treated for a childhood illness, Griffin remembers bracing for the worst as a doctor checked his progress before giving him a clean bill of health.

Griffin's support has been critical for him, particularly over the last several months. After finishing his freshman season in 2012, Magee abruptly left school for a few months to return to San Antonio to clear up what he termed "family problems" back home.

"There was just so much stuff happening around him with school and his football and everything," Griffin said. "Javonte said he wanted to come home and rest. He thought we weren't going to make it without him."

"But we were going to be fine. All of us had a bed to sleep in and we had a television to watch. There wasn't anything for him to worry about."

Magee blames his own lack of communication skills as the real reason why he left.

"It was just me stressing," Magee said. "I didn't know how to handle my stress levels. It all got built up inside me. I fault my-

self, it's not my coaches. It was my fault."

"I didn't want to tell them. I felt like they would call me soft or wouldn't be a man if I told them what I was going through. So I just kept it to myself and headed home."

His departure stunned those who had seen him work so hard to qualify academically for college. They couldn't believe he would pass on the opportunity for a college education, and a possible career in the National Football League.

"He was doing well, passing his classes and

projected to be a starter," Sam Houston coach Gary Green said. "When I heard he had come back home, I was dumbfounded and totally in shock."

When Magee returned to his old neighborhood, he avoided all contact with his support system at his old school and at Baylor.

He moved in with a friend and started working part-time at Federal Express, stacking heavy boxes in the warehouse, earning barely \$100 per week after taxes.

Sore and tired after working one night, the realization of what he was giving up back at school finally hit him as he watched the Bears throttle Oklahoma in a nationally televised game last November.

The victory helped catapult his old teammates to the school's first Big 12 football championship. "Watching them that night, I was thinking it could have been me," Magee said. "Why did I do this to myself? What was I doing here? I was just tearing myself down, mad at myself thinking I should have been a starter for that team. It was hard to watch."

Growing up in New Orleans, Magee had to overcome hardships that made the prospect of attending college unfathomable, despite his obvious athletic talent.

He estimates he was involved in more than 50 fights before the sixth grade, battling for respect in the Lower Ninth Ward, perhaps the poorest area of the Crescent City. He was in and out of detention wards across the city as most other students his age were learning to conjugate verbs.

"If you looked at somebody wrong, they were going to fight you," Griffin said about his old neighborhood. "It was like a war zone."

His original family was

torn apart by the violence of the area when Magee was in grammar school.

"My birth mom had a lot of kids and the one I was closest to was my brother DeTwon, who was a kid who lived out on the streets," Magee said. "I looked up to him. But he liked jacking cars and taking stuff from people. Then, one day, some guys just rode up on him and killed him. That could have been me if I stayed there."

Magee and his new family barely made it out after Hurricane Katrina, surviving three days on the roof of St. Mary's of Angels Catholic Church.

They were picked up by U.S. Coast Guard helicopter pilots. Magee remembers holding a sign imploring somebody to rescue him. He was 11 years old.

They were then taken to the Astrodome in Houston, where they lived for about two weeks before accepting a relocation offer to Gardner, Kansas. They stayed there for a year, then came to San Antonio, where Griffin's oldest child had settled after the hurricane.

They arrived in the Alamo City with little more than the clothing they were wearing. But the love that Griffin instilled in Magee and her family kept them together, despite all of the difficulties in their lives.

"That relationship between Javonte and Mrs. Griffin is very, very strong," Baylor defensive line coach Chris Achuff said. "There's a strong pull between them. She calls him every day and wants to know how he's doing and where he is. They are very, very close."

His love for the woman he calls "momma" might be the main reason why Magee didn't give up last year.

"I kept praying that he would go back to school," Griffin said. "I had these

dreams with him covered with blood when he was back here. You never know what could have happened. Now, I sleep a lot better with him back in Waco."

Magee perhaps was the most notable San Antonio defensive prospect in recent seasons, a standout defensive end for the Hurricanes and earning more than 50 scholarship offers from schools across the country.

"His ability is limitless," Green said. "If he keeps progressing at college like he did for us, the sky is the limit for him. He is the most gifted prospect I've ever worked with."

Even after Magee returned to San Antonio, Achuff never gave up on the idea of Magee returning to the Baylor program.

"There wasn't a day that I didn't think about him," Achuff said. "It was hard because I was extremely worried about what he was doing back home. Would he end up being a statistic, or would he be a guy who had the opportunity to come back and do what he's capable of doing? I never gave up on Javonte."

The Baylor coaches still hadn't heard from Magee when the regular season ended.

On the first day he was allowed to speak to Magee — because he was not enrolled in the fall, contact by Baylor was restricted by NCAA recruiting rules — Achuff arrived at 7 a.m. to implore him to come back to Waco.

"I met Mrs. Griffin at the door and told her I wanted to see Javonte," Achuff remembers. "He was still in bed when I went in, banging on the door wanting to talk to him."

The previous day, Magee said he prayed that God would send him a sign to help him map his future.

He now considers Achuff like a guardian angel, arriving to point him back to Baylor.

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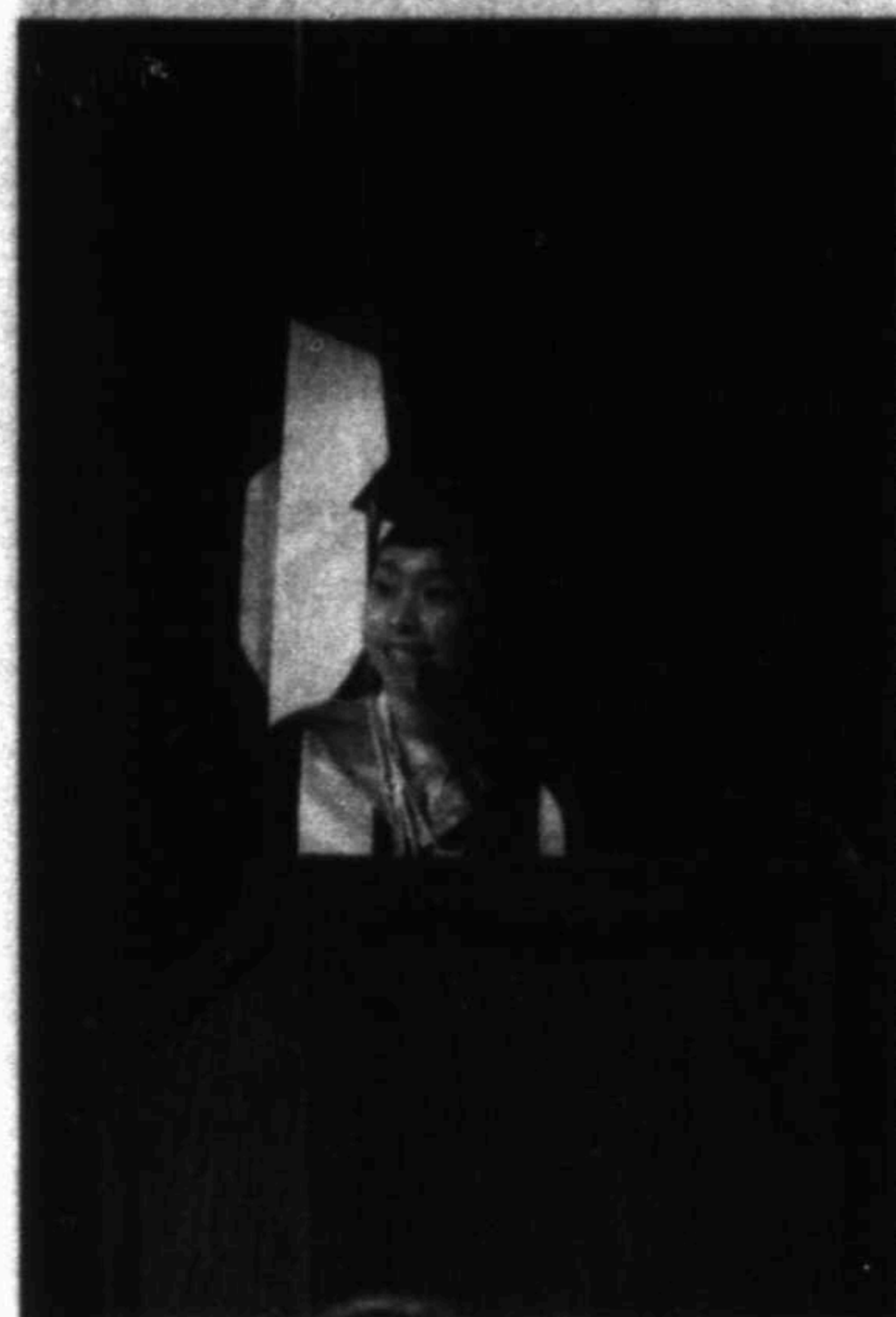
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HILLCREST GRADUATES

The Hillcrest School Class of 2014 graduated Saturday. The graduates are, from left, Noah Seaborn, Gabe Bell, Janie Overall, Tyler Sperl and Rance Taylor. With them are Hillcrest Executive Director Betty Starnes, far left, and Dean of Students Sharel Sims.

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Schools seek upgrades to entice healthy eating

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — Industrial blenders mix up smoothies for students in New York while some schools in California are adding salad bars. In Dallas, campus cafeterias use pass-through coolers and warmers to make sure the food is just right before it's served.

School districts across the country have made such upgrades in recent years as a way to entice children into healthier eating habits amid higher nutrition standards.

But paying for the makeovers poses a challenge for many districts, as heavy demand for a limited amount of federal money means schools must fund the projects on their own. Some have made gradual improvements, while others passed the bulk of the tab to taxpayers through large bond packages.

"We can't do it overnight," said Dora Rivas, who oversees child nutrition for the Dallas Independent School District. "It's very difficult for school districts to do it with their regular operating costs."

The district, which is the 14th largest in the nation, has used a variety of methods — including a \$20 million bond program, a \$372,000 federal grant and about \$5 million from its budget — to improve about 90 kitchens over the last several years. Plus, another 20 schools are in line for upgrades once the money is found.

Federal grants exist but the dollars are scarce and the competition fierce. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered about \$100 million for



Students use the condiment station during lunch at the cafeteria in Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas on April 18. The cafeteria is among those in the Dallas Independent School District that have been upgraded in the last several years.

school kitchen upgrades, and received requests from almost 25,000 schools at a price of \$640 million. Since then, the allotment has shrunk significantly: \$25 million in 2010 and \$11 million last year. In April, \$25 million in grants were announced.

"The need is tremendous that is out there," said Kevin Concannon, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services. "These grants can make a significant dent but they still remain hundreds of millions of dollars in need."

Although the USDA says 90 percent of schools are meeting the updated nutrition standards that were implemented two years ago, a survey of school food service officials by the Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project — a collaboration between the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation — found that 88 percent of districts need at least one more piece of kitchen equipment.

Among the new standards, schools must offer

more whole grains, fruit and vegetables. That means districts are seeking more refrigeration space to store large stocks of produce — such as walk-in refrigerators and freezers — as well as processors that slice and dice large amounts of food more quickly.

Debbi Beauvais, who oversees school nutrition at three school districts in Rochester, New York, said something as simple as offering breakfast smoothies meant purchasing two industrial-grade blenders for about \$1,600 each. Other improvements over the years have included a \$1 million renovation of a high school cafeteria to food court-style service.

Voter-approved bond packages are making up the difference in some districts across the nation. Fort Worth, Texas, approved \$55 million in cafeteria upgrades last fall, and the Oakland, California, district will use a \$40 million bond package to add a central kitchen and additional plumbing for salad bars.

Prom goes on for Texas teens affected by wildfire

Associated Press

FRITCH — Some students in the Texas Panhandle who lost their homes and possessions in last week's wildfire plan to party at prom in donated dresses and tuxedos.

The Sanford-Fritch High School prom will be held Saturday night as scheduled — less than a week after a wildfire burned about 4 square miles near Fritch.

About 225 homes were destroyed in the fire, which broke out last Sunday about 30 miles northeast of Amarillo, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. The fire likely will not be considered controlled or contained until sometime in the next week, forest service spokesman Troy Ducheneaux said.

More than 40 students in the Sanford-Fritch Independent School District lost their residences, including about a dozen youths planning to attend the annual junior-senior prom, Superintendent Jim McClellan said.

Several girls needed prom dresses and the community quickly responded as word

spread mainly through social media, the administrator said.

"The prom dress thing is what's really gone crazy," McClellan said Saturday morning. "We needed four to five prom dresses and we now have a closet with more than 100."

Individuals and businesses also donated tuxedos and flowers for the prom-bound students who lost their homes, he said.

"The uniqueness of kids losing things, that has caused a difference. We're trying to get back to normalcy and business as usual as quickly as possible, from the school's point of view," McClellan said.

No school property was burned; the district has more than 800 students, he said.

A nonprofit organization called Connect Community Services, which was organized well before the wildfire ravaged land near the town with about 2,200 residents, will keep the leftover prom dresses and similar donations, McClellan said.

"Once we get all the prom dresses to the kids that need them, then they're going to set up a prom closet within that service, for future kids in need," McClellan said.

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There is hate for America all across this world. It is such a sad thing to see. There are people who want what we have, but they can never have the real America. They can conquer our land and use our resources, but the American root of

prosperity can only be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

That's why America is the most prosperous land in the history of the world.

America is Christian, or Jewish, or Buddhist or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America people are free to worship however they choose.

Americans are also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

My greatest concern in my old age is that we will one day lose the desire to possess these precious freedoms we now take for granted.

Americans should be the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom.

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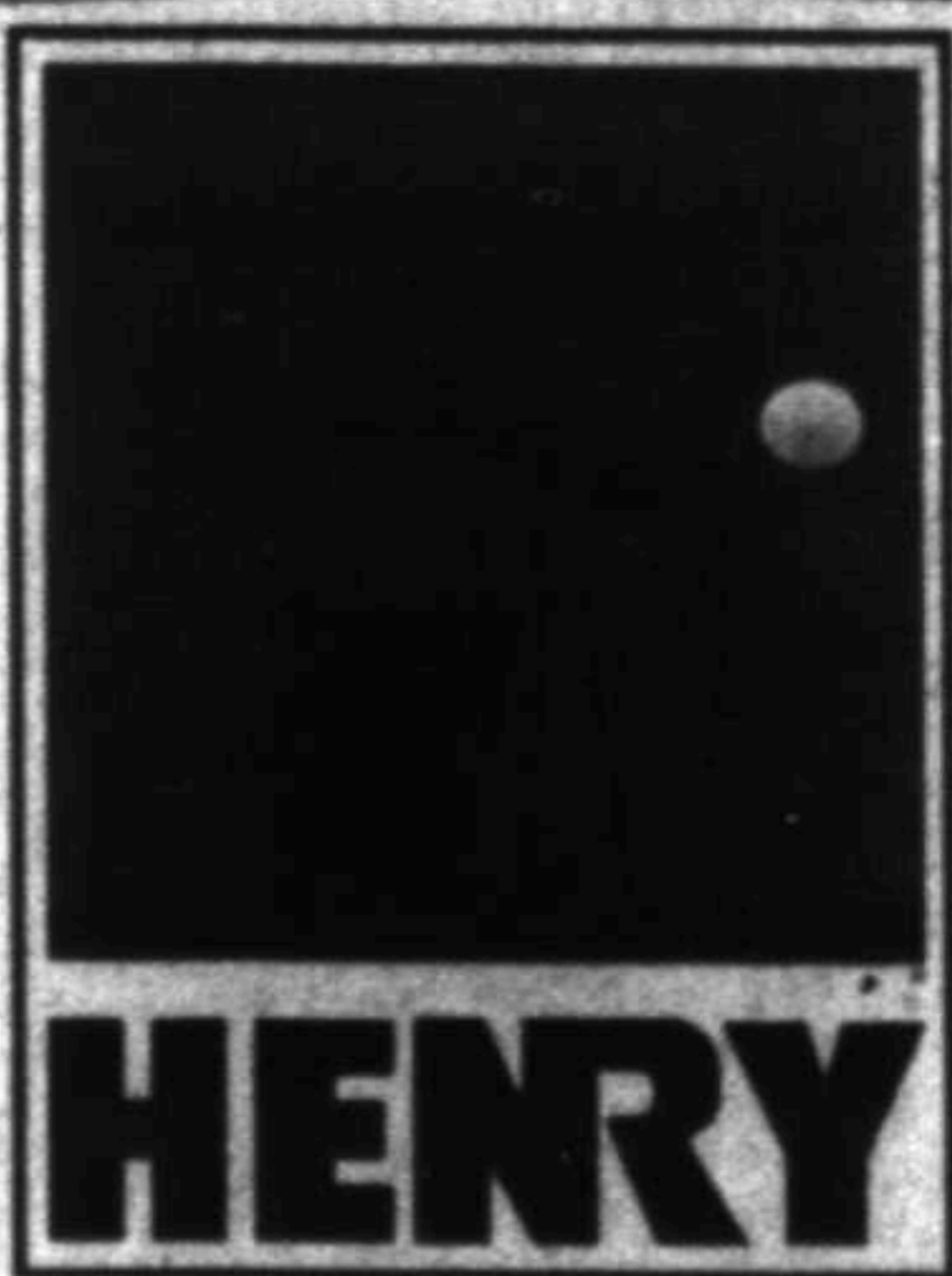
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Water disputes along Brazos River stir emotions

By Christian McPhate and Ashlea Sigman
Denton Record-Chronicle

DENTON — In 1957, John Graves decided to take a canoe trip down the upper mid-section of the Brazos River before a series of dams would turn his favorite stretch of river into a string of lakes. Graves was from river country, and feared that his beloved river would be squeezed dry if five proposed flood-control dams were built in the Upper Brazos.

Starting at Possum Kingdom Lake, the location of the first constructed dam, Graves canoed about 175 miles down the Brazos to bid farewell to the river that had held him in awe in his youth. His emotional journey, which he chronicled in what is now an American classic, "Goodbye to a River," evokes his "enraged awe" over the river that would "shortly not exist" as he had known it.

Today, three dams control the upper reaches of the Brazos, the same stretch of river where Graves paddled his canoe and predicted the dams would transform the river into "bead strings of placid reservoirs behind concrete walls."

"Goodbye to a River" is an elegy to Texas's wild and mighty river before it was lost to modernity, to man's attempts to tame it and control it. Yet it's also prophetic. Today, the river is in a death grip, facing what climatologists fear may become the worst drought in Texas history, even drier than the "Big Dry Up" between 1950 and 1957 that drained the Brazos River and scorched its fertile 42,000 square-mile basin.



Christian McPhate/Denton Record-Chronicle

This undated photo shows the drought affected Lake Granbury in Denton, which feeds several lake systems including Possum Kingdom Lake, Lake Whitney and Lake Granbury. The river is facing what climatologists fear may become the worst drought in Texas history, even drier than the "Big Dry Up" between 1950 and 1957 that drained the Brazos River and scorched its fertile 42,000 square-mile basin.

Across the state, the drought is intensifying. The state's water development board said two thirds of the state is now grappling with severe to moderate drought, and statewide reservoir storage is the lowest it's been since 1990. Lake Arrowhead, for example, a reservoir on the Little Wichita River serving Wichita Falls, is just 25 percent full. Rainfall is so rare in the region that the city is spending more than \$600,000 on "cloud seeding" —

shooting silver iodide into infertile storm clouds overhead, hoping to induce rain.

In parts of the upper Brazos, the river has been reduced to a trickle. And the reservoirs it feeds are steadily evaporating, forcing state water regulators to develop "drought contingency plans" that would require more stringent curtailments if water levels continue to drop.

Yet, even as climatologists forecast that the flow of water in the Brazos will

continue to diminish in coming decades, the state wants to dam up more of the river and its tributaries to create nine more reservoirs to supply water for some 5.4 million people expected to be living in the Brazos Basin in 2060.

A state advisory group, the Brazos River Basin and Bay Expert Science Team, reported last year that building additional reservoirs could irreparably harm the river and its surrounding habitat. In the upper Brazos, thousands of smalleye and sharpnose shiner — a species that exists nowhere else in the world — found themselves stranded in stagnant pools of water. State wildlife officials and volunteers rushed attempted to rescue the shiners with nets and relocate them to the state's fish hatchery near Possum Kingdom Lake.

"Many threatened or endangered species serve as indicator species, that is, as the 'canary in the coal mine,'" said Lesli Gray, an official with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But building new dams and storage reservoirs in the Brazos is just one of the hotbeds of contention. As the drought drags on, labyrinthine laws that allocate increasingly scarce water supplies in Texas are setting farmers against manufacturers, community against community, and state agency against state agency.

Today, there's simply not enough water flowing in the Brazos River to satisfy all the water rights claimed by cities, farmers and industry. "Even in normal to moderately dry times, a lot of junior rights permits will not have enough water to divert," said Brad Brunett, water services manager for the Brazos River Authority.

TRIAL

From 1B

Transportation Safety Board determined that the probable cause of the accident was the failure of the city of Midland and Show of Support to identify and mitigate the risks associated with routing a parade through the railroad crossing, according to the NTSB's final report. In the immediate weeks

after the train wreck, those injured or widowed began filing lawsuits against Union Pacific and Smith Industries, a local trucking company that allowed the use of its own tractor-trailers and drivers for the parade.

The trial was to begin on April 22, but then in August the plaintiffs dismissed their Midland case and transferred venues to Dallas to join another

lawsuit started by other veterans and spouses affected by the wreck. In December, UP successfully requested through the Court of Appeals that the trial take place in Midland.

A new trial date has not been set as of Friday afternoon, Glasheen said.

It is also unknown when the Texas Supreme Court will make its decision on the trial venue location.

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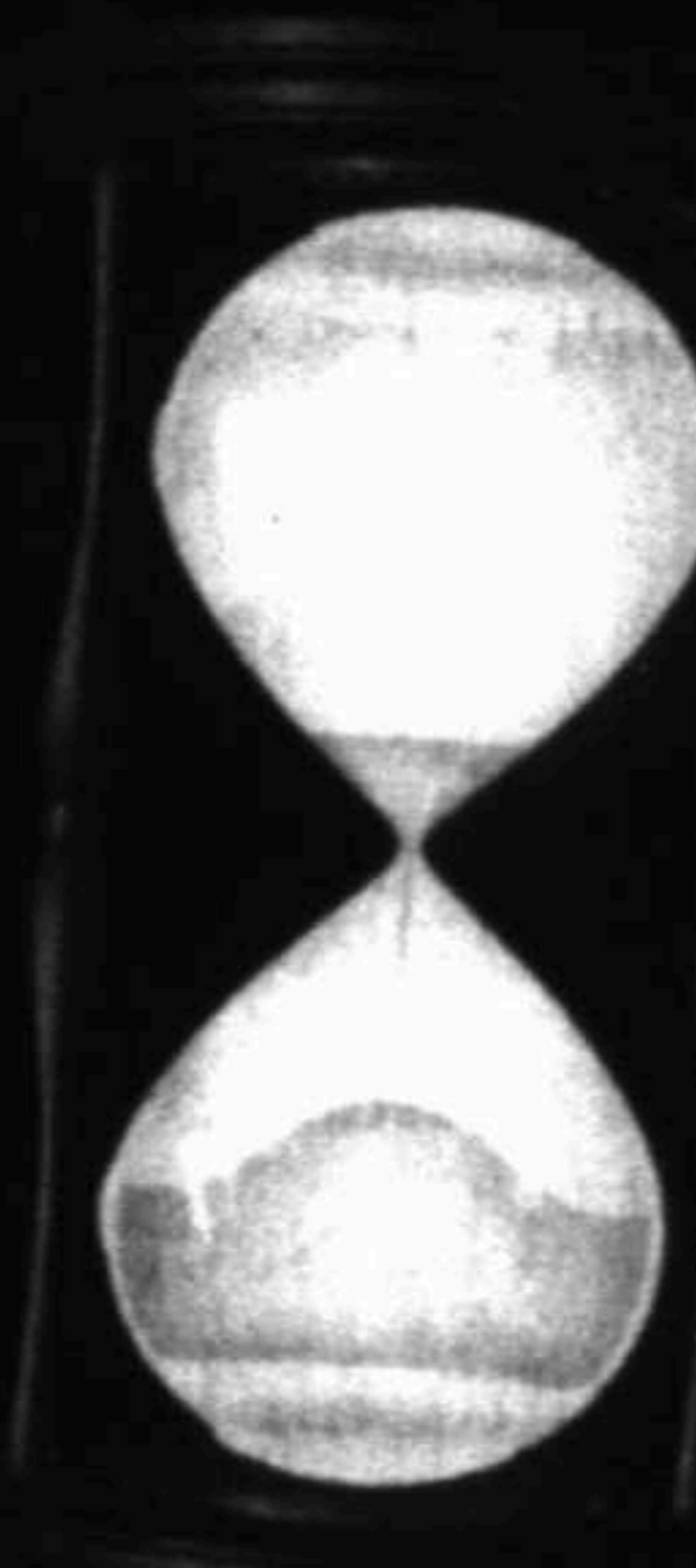


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United Way of Midland

On May 9, 2013, The United Way of Midland announced a \$1 million commitment to establish a transitional housing program in collaboration with Family Promise of Midland for families who are experiencing homelessness. The first of its kind in Midland, that commitment is now a reality. It is called the Families Forward program!

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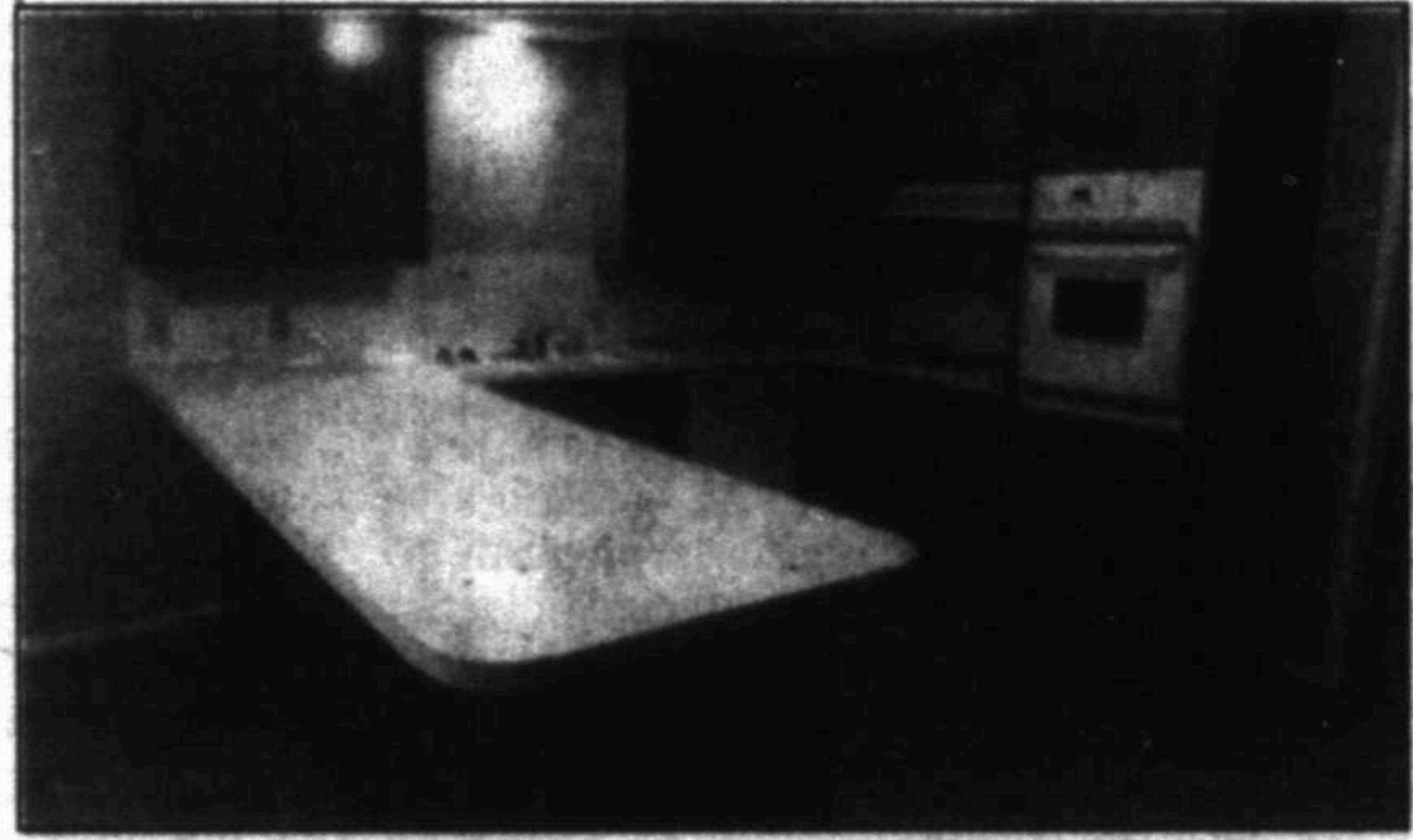
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The United Way of Midland purchased an existing duplex on Haynes in Midland, the first of 4, on December 2, 2013!



A single mother with 2 daughters moved into the 3 bedroom/2 bath unit shortly thereafter on December 20, 2013, ending the family's homelessness.

Living Way Foursquare Church of Midland gifted Family Promise of Midland 2 empty lots located on Alta Ave. in Midland, on January 14, 2014.



Two modular duplexes were purchased by the United Way from Modular Homes of Texas to be placed on the empty lots. One duplex has 3 bedrooms/ 2 baths in each unit. The second duplex has a 2 bedroom/2 bath unit and an ADA friendly 3 bedroom/2 bath unit.

Midland Congregations that formally support Family Promise of Midland:

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- Fannin Terrace Baptist Church
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- True Lite Christian Fellowship



Over the course of the next year, it is the goal of the United Way of Midland and Family Promise of Midland to obtain a 4th duplex in this first phase of transitional housing. That translates to providing transitional housing for a total of 8 families who otherwise would be homeless. Thank you Midland for making this possible! The foundation program of Family Promise will remain intact.

The foundation program of Family Promise will remain intact. It is supported by 17 local congregations of varying faiths.

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Family Promise of Midland serves families experiencing homelessness. In order to qualify, a family must be considered homeless, have at least one child under the age of 17 years, and make the commitment to become self-sufficient and independent.

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SPORTS

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California Chrome wins 2nd leg of Triple Crown

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — California Chrome repelled one challenger and then put away another in the stretch to win the Preakness on Saturday, setting up a Triple Crown try in three weeks.

The chestnut colt with four white feet will attempt to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes, something that hasn't been done since Affirmed in 1978. Since then, 12 horses have won the first two legs and failed to complete the sweep; the last was I'll Have Another, who was scratched on the eve of the Belmont two years ago. Maybe the horse with the modest

pedigree and average Joe owners is the one.

California Chrome defeated Ride On Curlin by 1 1/2 lengths at Pimlico, covering 1 3/16 miles in 1:54.84. He's now won six straight races by a combined 27 1/2 lengths for 77-year-old trainer Art Sherman.

"You have to have a very good horse to win these three races," Sherman said. "I'm hoping I've got one right now."

California Chrome's co-owner Steve Coburn shed tears after his colt crossed the finish line, dabbing them away with a blue-and-white bandanna.

"I don't mean to be bold or cocky or arrogant," Coburn said. "I saw this baby when he was a day old, I told my wife, 'Carolyn, this horse is

going to do something big. I don't know what it is, but we're going to stay in the game to make sure this colt gets to be the best that he can be."

Quite a statement from a guy with a one-horse stable.

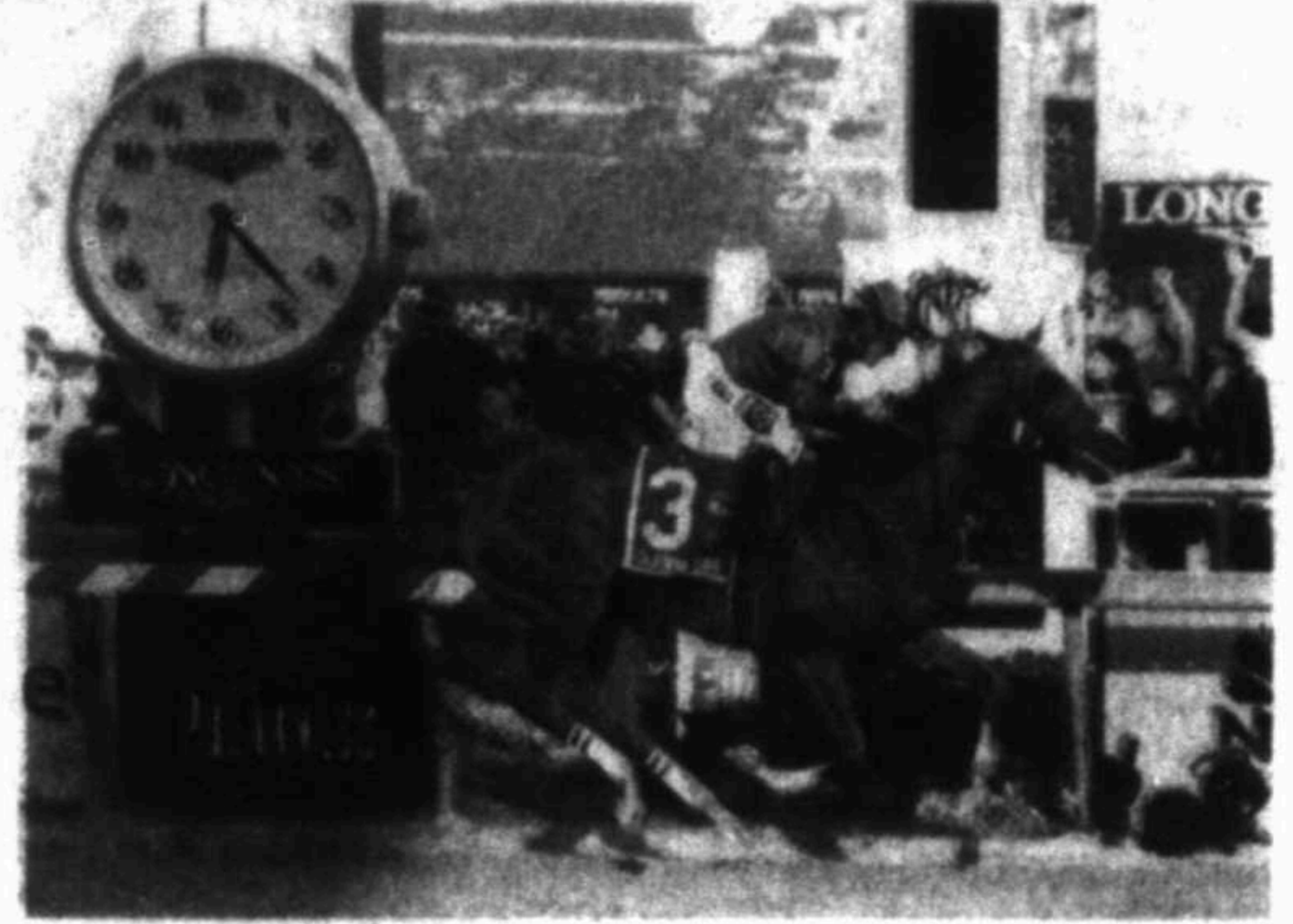
Coburn and partner Perry Martin bred an \$8,000 mare to a \$2,500 stallion to produce California Chrome. Based on the colt's humble breeding, he probably shouldn't be on the verge of making history.

His mother, named Love the Chase, won just one race.

The owners were long shots to get this far, too.

Coburn and Martin named their operation DAP Racing, which stands

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Mike Stewart/AP

California Chrome, ridden by jockey Victor Espinoza, wins the 139th Preakness Stakes on Saturday at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore.

Big play Bulldogs



Gary Rhodes/Special to the MRT

The Midland High baseball team mobs teammate Braden Rushton after his game-winning catch Saturday afternoon at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. Midland High swept Amarillo Tascosa in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal series.

Rushton, Lancaster lift MHS to regional semis

By Oscar LeRoy
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ABILENE — Despite a fabulous outing by Midland High pitcher Jackson Lancaster, the game against Amarillo Tascosa was hanging in the balance with the Rebels having a runner at second base with two outs and MHS leading 2-1.

Midland High was looking to close out the Class 5A regional quarterfinal series, while the Rebels were looking to at least extend it to a deciding game.

But as Isaiah Reyna lifted a fly ball to right field, right fielder Braden Rushton didn't initially get a good jump on the ball, but made a nice recovery and dove

Bulldogs 2
Rebels 1
Midland high wins series, 2-0

to make the catch. That play ended Tascosa's season and sent the Bulldogs into a celebrating frenzy after a nail-biting 2-1 victory Saturday afternoon at Hardin-Simmons University's Hunter Field.

"I knew we had two outs and Jackson was pitching his heart out, so I knew I had to make a play for him to end the game," Rushton said. "I did what I had to do."

The Bulldogs (26-9) advance to play Flower Mound Marcus in a Class 5A regional semifinal in a three-game series

at Concordia University in Austin next weekend. The first game is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, and Game 2 will start at noon.

It was an exciting way to end a game that had a nice pitching duel between Lancaster and Tascosa's Raymond Salazar, a Midland College signee. While Salazar was solid, Lancaster was dazzling as he didn't allow a hit until Cooper Edwards punched a single to center with one out in the seventh inning. He also struck out nine and walked one.

"I knew I had to pitch pretty well to beat these guys 'cause I knew we weren't going to get too many opportunities to

Please see BULLDOGS/2C

Heetland, Drillers look to win first SAFL title

By Len Hayward
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There probably isn't a player that defines the West Texas Drillers as much as Michael Heetland.

Heetland has been with the team since its inception in 2008 and is instrumental in bringing in players and doing what he can to market the team to the community.

On the field, he is the heart of the Drillers' defense as the middle line-backer.

But today when the Drillers take on the West Texas Outlaws at 5 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium in the SAFL Championship game, the 35-year-old Heetland will take the field for the final time.



Heetland

Heetland's football career dates back to his days at Canyon Randall High School in the late 1990s. Since then, he's played for more than a decade for the Drillers and a minor league team in Hobbs, N.M. He said at his age it's time to hang up his helmet.

"I'm definitely going to have to find some more hobbies to do after this," Heetland joked. "But this is it for sure, 100 percent. My wife wouldn't believe me if I told her, but it is it."

Heetland has played in every season since the first in 2009. During that time, he's done a little bit of everything for the team both on and off the

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The game

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Oosthuizen, Todd share Nelson lead after 3 rounds

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Louis Oosthuizen is still looking for a remedy for his recurring back issues.

A victory at the Byron Nelson Championship would sure make him feel much better.

"The last year and a half was really frustrating," he said.

Oosthuizen birdied four of the last five holes for a 6-under 64 on Saturday and a share of the third-round lead with Brendon Todd. The 2010 British Open champion had the low round of the day after recovering

from bogeys on two of the first four holes.

"I made a nice birdie on 5, and just really made some good putts," Oosthuizen said. "Every opportunity I had for birdie I actually made. My eye was good today, and I hit a lot of them really close."

Todd who made 12 consecutive pars before holing a 4-foot birdie at No. 18 for a 68 to match Oosthuizen at 10-under 200.

On the morning of the Nelson's final round last year, Oosthuizen withdrew because of a neck issue. He missed extended time last season, and is still bothered by the back even though he won at home in South

Africa in January.

Mike Weir, James Hahn and Gary Woodland were a stroke back.

"That's what I've been working toward the last few years, to get myself back here in this position, and looking forward to the challenge," said Weir, the 44-year-old left-hander.

Weir, the 2003 Masters champion who hasn't a top-25 finish since 2010 when the Canadian had an elbow injury, shot 67 while missing 4-foot putts on Nos. 15 and 16. Hahn's 65 included five birdies in a row on the back nine, and Woodland shot 66 with a double bogey at No. 7.

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Tony Gutierrez/AP

Brendon Todd chips onto the first green during the third round of the Byron Nelson Championship on Saturday in Irving.

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TODAY SAFL West Texas Outlaws at West Texas Drillers, 5 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

AZTEX SPOIL SOCKERS FC'S SEASON OPENER... The Austin Aztex scored a goal in each half and beat Sockers FC, 2-1, on Saturday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

TRANSACTIONS

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Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA

FIGHT SCHEDULE

May 23 At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), Brandon Adams vs. Willie Monroe Jr., 10, "Boxing" middleweight fight, Petr Petrov vs. Fernando Casarino, 10, "Boxing" lightweight fight.

Sunday Morning Line

This and that as the Triple Crown hype can begin: The Midland College baseball team pulling off what it did last week is nothing short of amazing.

LEN HAYWARD hayward@mrt.com

It's the final week of spring football practice for Midland High and Lee, and on Thursday and Friday we'll know how the progression has been.

It's one of the things that makes the game of baseball so fun because the season is so long, you have time to recover from awful starts to do something miraculous.

BULLDOGS

score many runs," said Lancaster, who delivered the big two-run single in the seventh inning of Friday's 4-2 victory.

District 2-5A baseball this season. I've said it in this column a number of times in that baseball is the one high school boys sport that can consistently win against Metroplex teams deep in the playoffs.

After two rounds of the NBA playoffs, we ended up with the top two seeds in each conference playing each other. Hmm,

what a surprise. And don't be surprised if we see a rematch of the Heat and Spurs in the final. ABC would like to see that because an Oklahoma City-Indiana final doesn't quite do it for the television ratings.

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Midland High pitcher Jackson Lancaster pitches against Amarillo Tascosa in the second game of a playoff series in Abilene.

Lancaster helped his own cause in the fourth inning with a two-out RBI single to score Lance White. Ethan Barker followed it up with a two-out RBI single of his own to score Rushton for a 2-0 lead.

Lancaster's pitch count could have been lower, but errors by the Bulldogs extended some of his innings.

baseball, but you've got to be mentally tough to get past those errors." Lancaster and the Bulldogs were tough enough to get through the miscues, and they were able to ease a lot of those defensive frustrations with Ruston's highlight catch.

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RockHounds lose 9th-inning lead, fall to Hooks

From staff reports
CORPUS CHRISTI — Corpus Christi's Leo Heras hit a single with one-out in the ninth inning to score Andrew Aplin and give the Hooks a 5-4 come-from-behind victory against the Midland RockHounds on Saturday night at Whataburger Field.

Table with Texas League standings: North Division (Tulsa, Midland, Springfield, NW Arkansas), South Division (Frisco, Midland, Corpus Christi, San Antonio), and Saturday's Scores.

The loss, though, didn't hurt the RockHounds in their chase for the Texas League South Division first-half title. Frisco dropped an 8-1 decision to San Antonio on Saturday and Midland remained two games behind the RoughRiders in the South Division standings.

The RockHounds held a slim 4-3 lead heading into the ninth inning as Kent Matthes' three-run home run in the third keyed that charge to the lead.

But in the ninth, RockHounds reliever Ryan Dull ran into trouble early, and couldn't work his way out of the jam.

Nolan Fontana singled to start the inning, and then Aplin drew a walk. One batter later, Matt Duffy hit a sacrifice bunt to advance both runners, and then Preston Tucker took an intentional walk.

Joe Scalfani singled to left to score Fontana to tie the game at 4, and then one batter later Heras hit his game-winning single. Heras was 4-for-5 on the night along with the game-winning RBI.

Dull took the loss after he gave up two runs on three hits in 2/3 of an inning and is now 3-2 this

Hooks 3, RockHounds 4. Game recap table showing innings 1 through 9.

season. Andrew Robinson earned the win in relief as he pitched a pair of scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth. Robinson is now 4-0 this season.

The two teams will continue their four-game series at 1:10 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

Hooks 3, RockHounds 4. Detailed game recap table with statistics for both teams.

Red Raiders finish off Mountaineers with sweep

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — No. 23 Texas Tech finished off a 40-win regular season with its third straight Big 12 series sweep at home with a 4-0 shutout against West Virginia on Saturday afternoon in front of 2,509 fans at Rip Griffin Park.

It marked the Red Raiders' (40-16, 14-10 Big 12) first 40-win season since 2004, while breaking a school record with 14 straight home wins to complete a regular season. Tech also assured itself of at least a share of fourth place in the Big 12 standings, also a first for Tech since 2004.

West Virginia (27-24, 9-14 Big 12) completes its regular season with its seventh straight loss — all coming on the road. Freshman left-handed pitcher Dylan Dusek (6-0)

earned the win pitching 6 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing five hits and three walks with a strikeout.

Mountaineers starting pitcher John Means (6-2) took his second loss of the season, allowing four runs on 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings with two strikeouts and two walks allowed.

Senior outfielder Adam Kirsch led the Red Raiders at the plate going 2-for-3 with three runs scored and hitting his ninth home run of the season. Kirsch hit a solo blast to lead off the second inning for the first run of the game.

The Red Raiders will take on Texas in the first game of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

LITTLE LEAGUE FROM STAFF REPORTS

Extensive Little League schedule table with columns for date, time, and venue.



Toronto's Jose Reyes (7) calls for time after sliding into second base against Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus (1) on his RBI double during the eighth inning Saturday in Arlington. Kevin Pillar scored on the play and the Blue Jays won, 4-2.

MLB ROUNDUP FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 4 RANGERS 2 ARLINGTON — Eighth-inning doubles by Kevin Pillar and Jose Reyes produced the go-ahead run as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 4-2 on Saturday night.

Right-hander Steve Delabar (3-0) retired four straight, including striking out the side in the eighth, to earn the victory. The Blue Jays added an unearned run in the ninth.

ATHLETICS 6 INDIANS 2 CLEVELAND — Brandon Moss hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs and Josh Donaldson also had three RBIs, helping the Oakland Athletics overcome starter Scott Kazmir's ejection in the second inning to beat the Cleveland Indians 6-2 on Saturday night.

Dan Otero (4-0) relieved Kazmir and pitched 3 2-3 scoreless innings to help seal Oakland's eighth win in nine games.

ASTROS 6 WHITE SOX 5 HOUSTON — Jason Castro hit a three-run homer and Dexter Fowler homered and drove in two runs to help the Houston Astros outlast the Chicago White Sox for a 6-5 win Saturday.

Castro's home run came in Houston's four-run first inning. The White Sox scored two in the second and one in the third to cut the lead to one before Fowler's solo shot in the fifth inning. His RBI single in the seventh inning pushed the lead to 6-3.

TIGERS 6 RED SOX 1 BOSTON — Miguel Cabrera hit a solo homer and RBI single. Rick Porcello pitched eight solid innings to win his sixth straight start and the red-hot Detroit Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 Saturday night.

It was the 10th consecutive road win for the Tigers, who are a majors' best 26-12. Detroit won for the 14th time in 17 games.

TWINS 4 MARINERS 3 MINNEAPOLIS — Brian Dozier's three-run homer in the fifth inning put Minnesota ahead for good, and Samuel Deduno tossed six sharp innings for his first win as the Twins beat the Seattle Mariners 4-3 on Saturday night.

With Minnesota trailing 2-1, Dozier followed consecutive singles by Aaron Hicks and Eduardo Escobar by sending

a curveball from Roenis Elias (3-3) into the seats in left field. It was Dozier's 11th homer of the season.

National League

CUBS 3 BREWERS 0 CHICAGO — Edwin Jackson struck out 11 in seven innings and Wellington Castillo hit a two-run double to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 3-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

Starlin Castro also added an RBI double for the last-place Cubs, who won just for the third time in 13 games.

CARDINALS 4 BRAVES 1 ST. LOUIS — Rookie Kolten Wong keyed the St. Louis ofense with his legs and Shelby Miller had his strongest outing of the season.

Wong scored on Yadier Molina's sacrifice fly just beyond the infield to tie it in the fourth. He bunted for a hit and drew a wild throw in St. Louis' go-ahead, two-run rally off Aaron Harang (4-4) in the sixth.

PHILLIES 12 REDS 1 PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels threw seven sharp innings to earn his 100th career win. Domonic Brown had a career-best five RBI and Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak.

METS 5 NATIONALS 2 WASHINGTON — Juan

Lagares drove in three runs with a homer and a single, Bartolo Colon allowed five hits in eight innings and New York snapped a three-game losing streak.

DIAMONDBACKS 18 DODGERS 7 PHOENIX — Paul Goldschmidt homered twice, had a career-high six RBIs and set a team record with five runs scored, helping the Arizona Diamondbacks bash the Los Angeles Dodgers 18-7 on Saturday night.

PADRES 5 ROCKIES 5 DENVER — Seth Smith homered against his former team early, Carlos Quentin added a two-run, pinch-hit home run, and the San Diego Padres hung on to beat the Colorado Rockies 5-5 Saturday night.

MARLINS 5 GIANTS 0 SAN FRANCISCO — Giancarlo Stanton homered and tripled, and the Miami Marlins beat the San Francisco Giants 5-0 on Saturday night.

Interleague

YANKEES 7 PIRATES 1 NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer, Zoilo Almonte connected in his first start of the season and the New York Yankees went deep five times Saturday for a 7-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

Large table containing MLB standings by division and league, followed by box scores for selected games.

LOCAL GOLF FROM STAFF REPORTS

5914 GREENTREE GUSHER Friday-Sunday Green Tree Country Club Saturday's Results Championship Flight 1. (R) Bobby Whittlestein...



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A golfer gets ready to tee off Saturday at the Green Tree Gusher at Green Tree Country Club.

1. Greg Pitts-David Pitts-Alex Bies-Clayton Luttrell 131-143-274; 2. Josh Harrison-Miles Walker-Tim Smith...

NELSON From 1C

Morgan Hoffmann twice fell out of the lead after hitting drives left into the water and making double bogey, at Nos. 11 and 18. He finished with a 68 and was tied for sixth at 11 under...

his bogey at No. 4, when he hit his second and third shots from the rough and then was in a greenside bunker. The South African blasted to about 10 feet and had to make that putt for bogey, then made three birdies in a row.

for his fourth consecutive birdie to get to 10 under. Hoffmann then hit another drive after his penalty and wound up with a double bogey. But Weir missed putts from about 5 feet on both Nos. 15 and 16, the latter lipping the cup.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA Bryon Nelson Scores Saturday AITPC Four Seasons Resort Irving... Pro Golf Scores table listing various tournaments and player scores.

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Rangers rout Canadiens in Game 1

Rangers 7, Canadiens 2 New York leads series, 1-0 Associated Press



Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press

MONTREAL — Martin St. Louis started the scoring and Henrik Lundqvist won for the first time in Montreal in more than two years in the New York Rangers' 7-2 victory over the Canadiens on Saturday in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

New York Rangers right wing Martin St. Louis, center, celebrates with teammates John Moore and Carl Hagelin after scoring against the Montreal Canadiens during the first period in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Saturday in Montreal.

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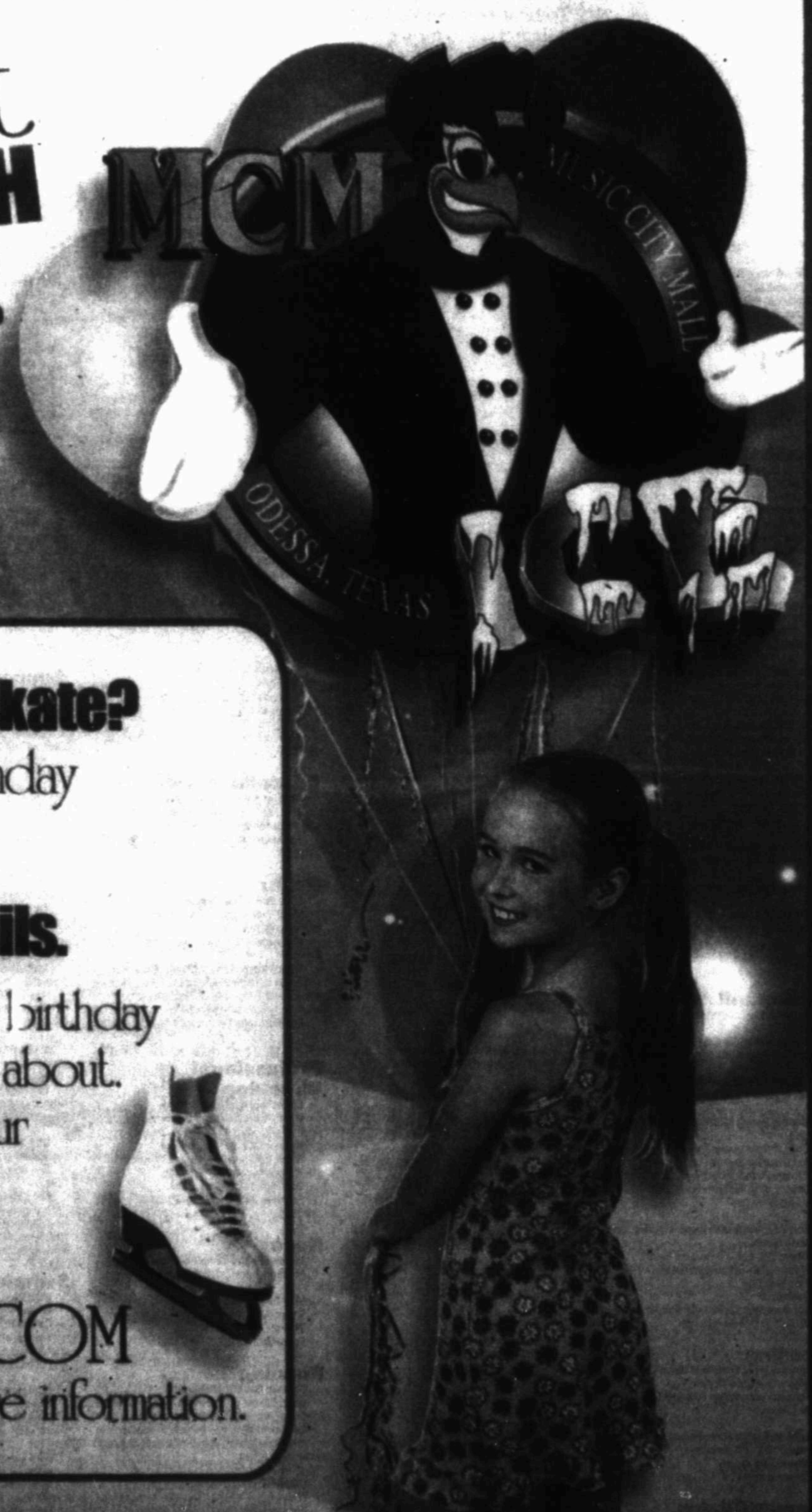
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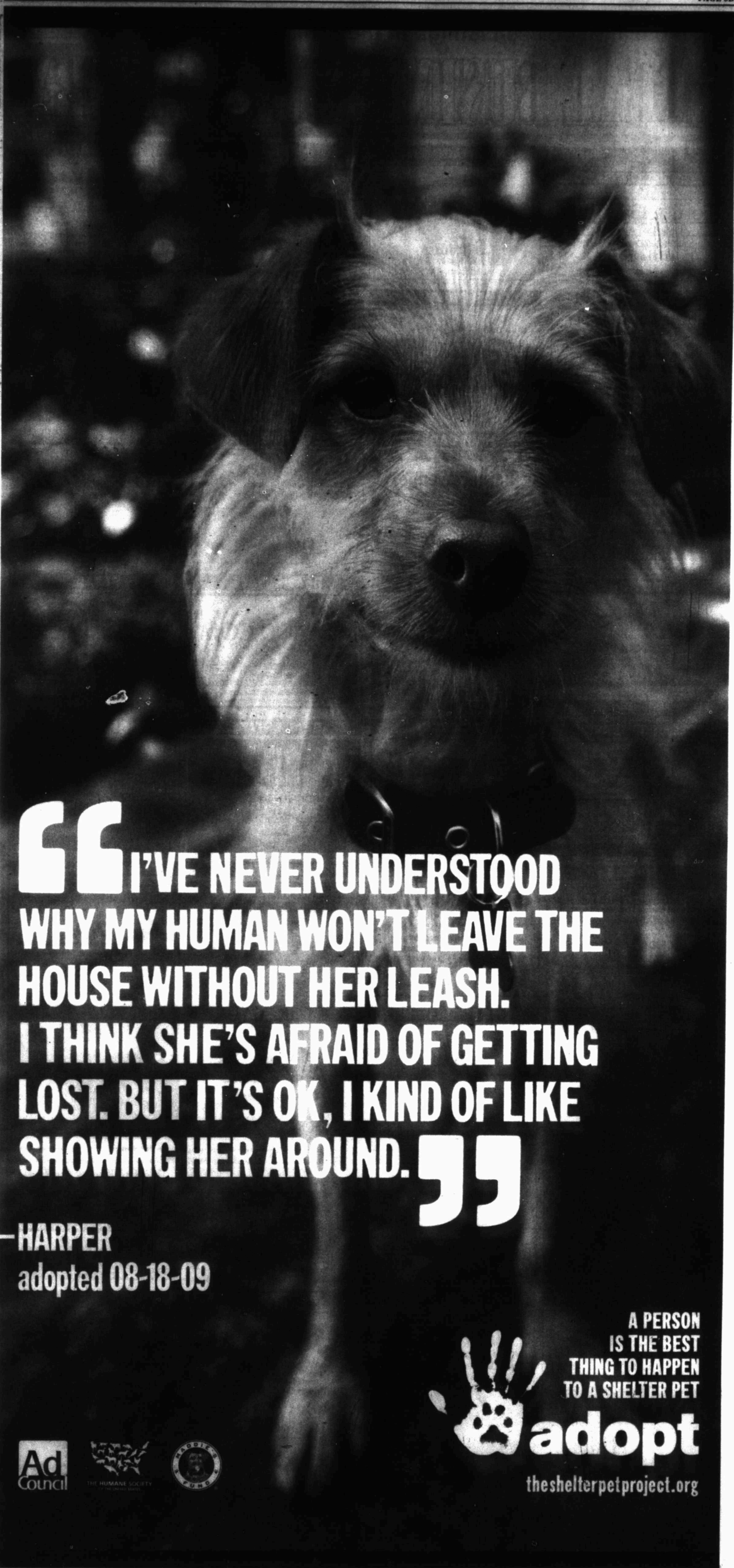
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LITTLE WHITE LIES

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Call it stretching the truth, telling a white lie or simply exaggerating. You don't want to be caught misrepresenting yourself when searching for work. In fact, lying on your resume is the quickest way to get eliminated from the running.

"You always want to operate from a place of honesty. Not being truthful on a resume catches up to you and you end up having nothing to gain and everything to lose," says Dawn Rasmussen, a certified advanced resume writer in Portland, Oregon and author of "Forget Job Security: Build Your Marketability." (Wyeast Career Press, 2012)

Some people tell a lie without even realizing. Rasmussen says it's not unusual for her to see resumes that don't report all jobs held in one company. Instead, applicants capture the higher-level position and make it look longer than it really was. So if they started out as a program manager and five years later landed a position as vice president, that individual might report having been a vice president for five years.

"You haven't held that higher level position for the entire time you have worked at the company," Rasmussen says.

Seems harmless, but the reality is that stretching the truth — and flat out lying — on a resume is a widespread problem.

EmployeeScreenIQ, a provider of national background checks based in Cleveland, Ohio, reported in a survey of 600 hiring managers that half of all respondents reject 90 percent or more candidates when lies are discovered on their resumes. Another 23 percent of respondents estimate they hire candidates only 11 percent to 20 percent of the time when resume distortions are found.

Of course some lies or exaggerations are worse than others. Some 84 percent of respondents said they would not hire a candidate who claimed to have earned a degree that he or she did not earn, followed by 62 percent for making misleading statements about reasons for leaving past employers and 53 percent for fudging employment dates to cover gaps. Less offensive was embellishing salaries and job responsibilities, with 30 percent and 44 percent not hiring for those reasons, respectively.

The bottom line is that employers consider resume distortions as a serious breach of trust and confidence. Rasmussen says lying or stretching the truth not only raises questions about an applicant's ethics, but it misses out on the opportunity to showcase positive attributes. For instance, by showing a succession of jobs in a one company, Rasmussen says you are showing that you are promotable and valuable.

If you have gaps in your resume, describe volunteer activities or entrepreneurial venture that you were involved with. Turn negative scenarios into positive ones — and stick to the truth.

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VOLUNTEERING FOR PROFESSIONALS

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Traditionally, the word "volunteering," makes many people think of activities like licking envelopes or ladling soup. But today, volunteering is being redefined by a growing number of options that emphasize professional development as much as personal fulfillment.

"Thinking about the skills you have and applying them to a nonprofit is a new way of thinking for many professionals," says Hayley Samuelson, storytelling officer for Catchafire, a New York-based business that matches professionals with nonprofit projects that fit their skills and interests. "They don't necessarily think, 'I'm really great at marketing or designing. I should use these skills to help someone.'"

Since these skills can be far more valuable to a nonprofit than just your time, such an approach can be most beneficial for all involved. "I wouldn't recommend volunteering a skill that you don't necessarily want to continue developing," Samuelson says. "It should be one that you're passionate

about and enjoy." For creative professionals, pro bono projects can also be a good way to build a portfolio without resorting to spec work.

Professionals can find volunteer opportunities through a growing variety of online resources, including Catchafire, VolunteerMatch and the LinkedIn Volunteer Marketplace. These include options for short-term, one-off projects with the estimated hours of work detailed so that you can choose well-defined commitments that fit your schedule.

If you're ready for a longer-term commitment, another volunteer option is serving on a nonprofit board. "It's a great way to further your career," says Cynthia Remec, executive director of BoardAssist, a New York-based organization that finds directors for nonprofit boards. "If you're volunteering in any capacity and are also trying to address career goals, board service versus just regular volunteering is going to give you a million more times bang for your buck."

Nonprofit board service can expand your professional

network and give you the chance to work with senior business leaders you would never otherwise meet. It can also make you more attractive for future corporate board opportunities by giving you governance experience and increasing your visibility to headhunters who work with corporate boards.

According to Remec, 1.8 million board nonprofit seats open up in America every year. This creates a great demand for board members — and opportunities for a wide range of professionals. "There are so many really amazing nonprofits doing incredible stuff that are run by people who look just like you, no matter who you are," says Remec. "There really is a board for everyone."

Because of this, and because it can be a big commitment, you should do your research and hold out for the right opportunity. Remec recommends that you:

- Select a nonprofit whose mission resonates with you.
- Pick a board that meets at a location and frequency that fit your schedule. Some boards meet as few as four times a year.
- Read everything available on GuideStar.org about the organization to determine

whether the organization's worth your time.

• Don't accept a board seat without meeting the executive director and board chair first.

• Research your fellow board members. Are they people you want to work with? Do your skills complement theirs?

• Understand the "give get" — the money you'll be expected to personally donate and to fundraise for the organization each year.

• Ask for three examples of things the board has done in the past year other than fundraise. A board that encourages and values engagement will have a good answer.

• Research the board's turnover rate — a high one's a sign of trouble.

Remec also recommends that professionals weigh several options carefully, instead of saying yes to the first opportunity. "Interviewing for a nonprofit board is like looking at puppies at the pet store," she says. "You're going to be so excited about everybody you meet with, because they really love what they're doing. But you want to get this right. Meet with three organizations before you make a commitment."

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DEMAND-BASED COLLEGE COURSES

The question for many college-bound students considering what to study is less "what are you interested in?" and more "what are employers interested in?"

Tuition and student debt have been on the rise for decades, but when the economic downturn several years ago darkened grads' job prospects, "it was the last straw," and forced more attention on how to ensure costly college educations led to good jobs, explains Brian Fitzgerald, chief executive of the Business-Higher Education Forum.

What better way to create a

path from college to job, thought the BHEF, than to have employers help design curriculum that would develop the talent they needed?

Now, some 35 universities — many of which are public systems incorporating campuses — are in collaboration with employers like IBM, Humana and Mattel to develop courses in data science, social media technology, sustainable energy and other fields that are quickly evolving, says Fitzgerald.

It has long been "very common for community colleges to



aid. He points out that some 19,000 job openings in cybersecurity in the state of Maryland prompted that university system to partner to form a course of study in the field.

But could employer-focused curriculum prevent students from a broad-based education that promotes critical thinking in many areas? No, says Fitzgerald. "Students don't have to major [in the employer-designed subjects]. And we need people in all disciplines to understand these subjects."

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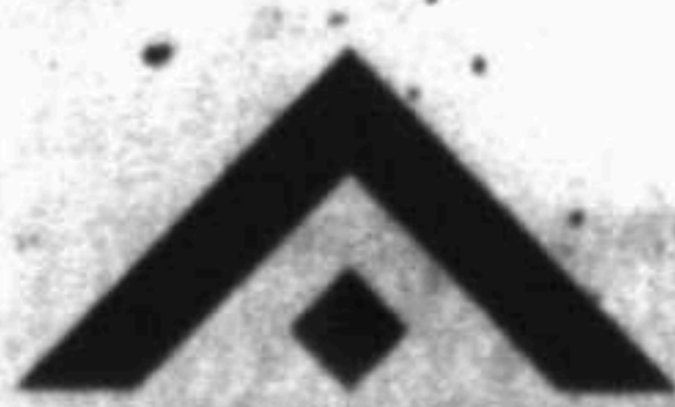
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WHY THE EXTRA INTEREST WITH FHA?

QUESTION:

Why do I have to pay a full month of extra interest when paying off an FHA mortgage?

ANSWER:

The FHA has long had a policy that allowed lenders to charge interest for money homeowners have not borrowed, a policy that is now coming to an end.

To understand what's going on we first need to talk about prepayment penalties. These are charges for borrowers who pay off their loans early. Indeed, under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, lenders can charge prepayment penalties for "qualified mortgages" - but no more than 2 percent of the loan amount the first year, 2 percent the second year, 1 percent in the third year and nothing thereafter. However, since most qualified mortgages are FHA, VA and conventional loans, and since the three aforementioned loans do not allow prepayment penalties, only those borrowers who finance with "portfolio" loans - qualified mortgages kept by the lender - will potentially face such costs.

However, the FHA - and the FHA alone - has something that is called a "post-settlement interest charge." This charge is the outgrowth of a HUD policy that allows lenders to collect interest for the last full month of a loan. If you pay off your loan on the 5th of the month by selling your home or refinancing, you must pay interest as though the loan continues until the last day of the month. Seen another way, you are being forced to pay interest on money that you have paid back.

Is this a big deal? You bet. HUD says that lenders collected \$449 million for post-settlement interest charges in 2012 alone.

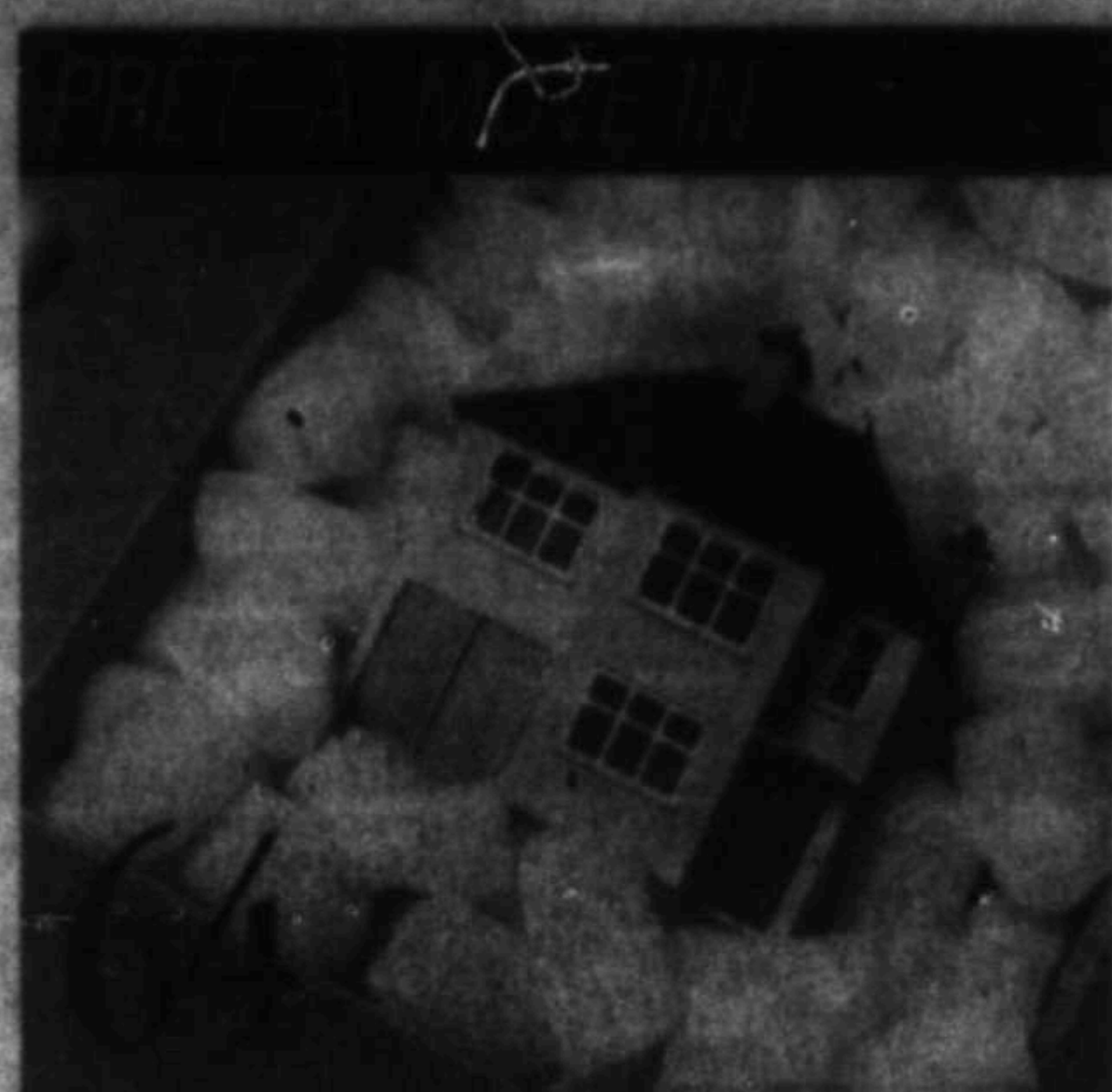
Now, however, HUD is proposing to end the post-settlement interest charge by January of next year and perhaps much sooner. The reason is to conform to the requirements of Wall Street reform.

Lenders should be able to collect interest as long as their principal is outstanding. However, paying interest on money that has been repaid always has been grossly unfair to FHA borrowers. An end to post-settlement interest charges is not only overdue, it's a policy that should never have been started.

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SAVING HABITS & THE HOUSING MARKET

AMERICANS ARE SAVING LESS THAN THEY WERE COMING OUT OF THE RECESSION, WHICH PUTS THEM IN A PRECARIOUS SPOT WHEN COMES TO AFFORDING A HOME

By **MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA**
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What's ahead for housing?

Metrics like the supply of homes listed for sale versus the average number of homes sold monthly in a particular market or the increases or decreases in selling prices in past months are commonly used to predict future price and sales activity.

But other statistics - not as obviously tied to housing - can provide insight into the housing outlook.

Consider, for instance, a recent Bankrate survey that found only 51 percent of Americans have more emergency savings than credit card debt, the lowest percentage since the financial site began tracking this issue in 2011.

Indeed, when the country fell into a deep recession several years ago, shaken Americans began reforming poor savings habits, but that newfound thrift has been slipping of late. A survey released earlier this year from the Consumer Federation of

America and the American Savings Education Council found that 68 percent of Americans are spending less than they earn and saving the difference. While that may seem impressive, that's down from 73 percent in 2010.

SAVINGS MATTER

Especially in the post-financial crisis era of stricter lending rules, too many bills and too little savings will disqualify mortgage applicants.

"There's no question that it's much harder to get a conventional mortgage with a down payment that's less than 5 percent [of the purchase price of the home]," says Barry Zigas, director of housing policy at the CFA.

Saving money is a struggle for many, but research shows that setting a goal to build a down payment fund "facilitates savings, especially when one sets a dedicated account for it," says Meir Statman, a finance professor in the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University.

The U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development lists nonprofit counseling agencies on its website, www.hud.gov, which help would-be homeowners set realistic saving plans, see more on this below ("Homemade Financial Help").

FIRST-TIMERS NEEDED

Like a game of dominoes, the housing market is fueled from the bottom with first-time buyers purchasing from move-uppers, and so on.

Since the recession, the share of first-time buyers has been below its historic average of about 40 percent of all purchasers, according to statistics from the National Association of Realtors. In January of this year, for instance, first-time buyers accounted for 26 percent of all purchases.

Debt - both credit card and student loan - "appear to be contributing factors in suppressed entry-level activity, but it is difficult to discern to what extent," notes Walter Molony, an NAR spokesman.

As the economy improves, adding jobs and boosting incomes, first-time buyers should return, notes Celia Chen, a housing economist for Moody's Analytics.

But the reappearance of first-timers will be slow. "Young adults have had a hard time

striking out on their own. Some 1.5 million millennials were unable to form their own households because of poor job opportunities," Chen says. "With late-starting careers, the path to homeownership will be slower than it was for their parents."

LESSONS LEARNED

Just about everyone - including the professionals who counsel homebuyers and homeowners in financial difficulty - think about savings and debt differently than they did before the recession, says Doug Robinson, a spokesman for NeighborWorks America, a housing and community development organization.

"Two-thirds of the people who faced foreclosure didn't have any emergency savings," Robinson says. "It is clear that a lot of Americans have a tough time saving money, but particularly if you are a homeowner it is important to have some cushion. We really stress that it's important not to buy a home at the top of your budget."

Current homeowners who are baffled by budgeting can tap professional counselors, whose services are often free from HUD-approved agencies, Robinson adds.

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HOMEMADE FINANCIAL HELP

For households struggling to save for a home, consulting with a housing counseling agency could prove helpful

Home sweet home.

Ever since the housing-led financial collapse, this old adage has new meaning: A home that one can comfortably afford underlies a sweet sense of financial security.

Now, several years post-crisis, many Americans still find that either establishing savings or affording a home is impossible, according to several studies.

One of the latest surveys released in early April by the nonprofit group NeighborWorks America found 29 percent of respondents reported no emergency savings.

It's more difficult - but not impossible - for lower-income

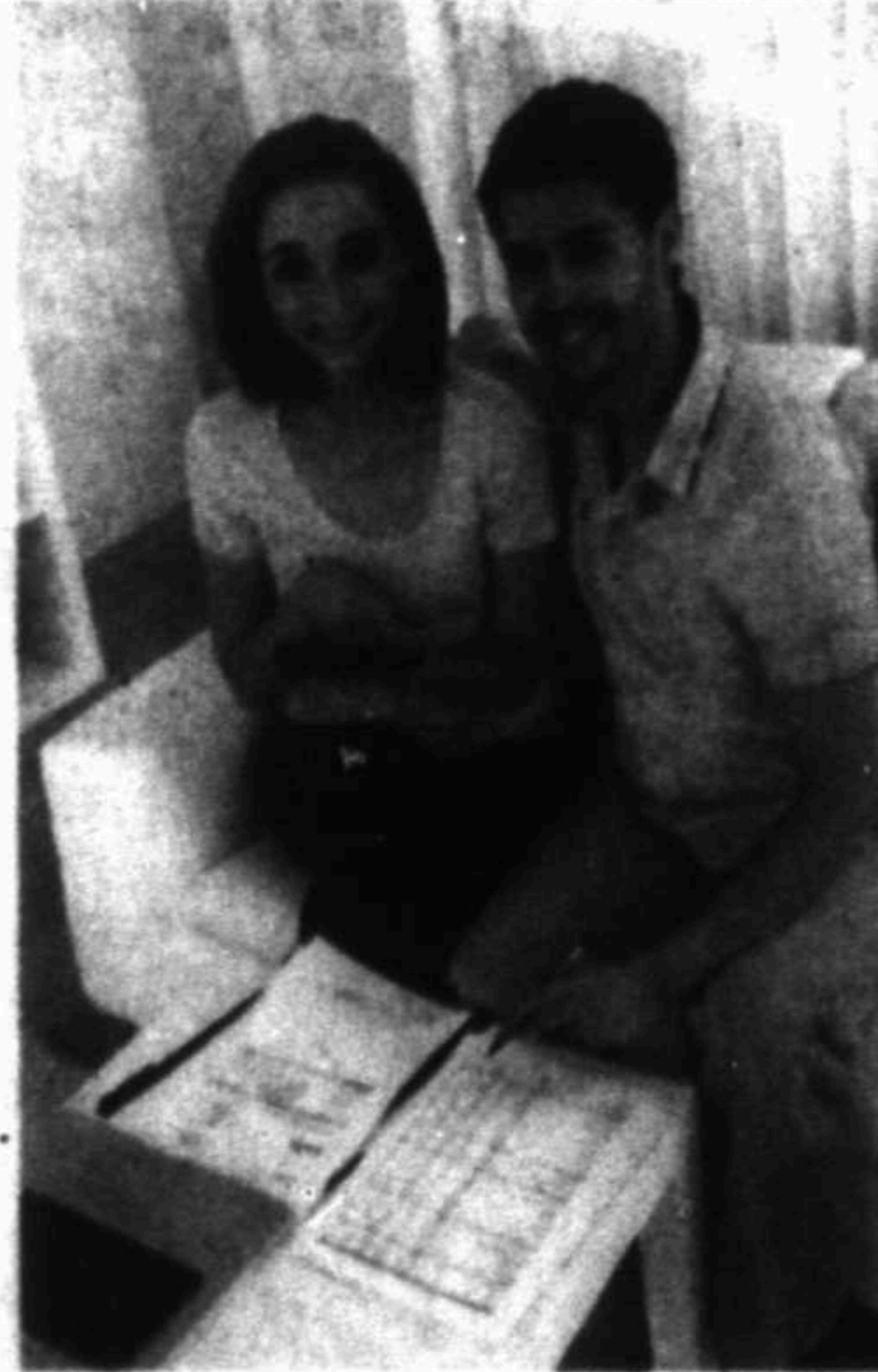
households to save, with 52 percent of respondents earning less than \$40,000 having no reserves. Along with the survey, NeighborWorks America reported that it conducted a "financial capability demonstration project" showing that 57 percent of participants who had no savings were able to establish a fund.

The savings prescription, explains NeighborWorks spokesman Doug Robinson, is for a trained professional to review all of a consumer's spending - major expenses like rent and even minor outlays of just a dollar or two. Then, "a counselor could recommend where savings could be found," Robinson says.

Hundreds of similar nonprofits - listed at www.hud.gov - exist to provide counseling on how to get in position to buy a home. But many of these agencies also will provide counseling on budgeting and saving, whether or not the client hopes to buy, Robinson says.

Housing counseling agencies, whose services are often free, are distinct from credit counseling organizations. The latter, while also often nonprofits, are aimed at helping consumers solve another prevalent obstacle to establishing savings and buying a home, namely credit card debt.

On its website, www.consumerfinance.gov, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has questions under the "Ask CFPB" section dealing with what organi-



zations do to help, in addition to advice on a wide variety of financial topics, says Sam Gilford, a CFPB spokesman.

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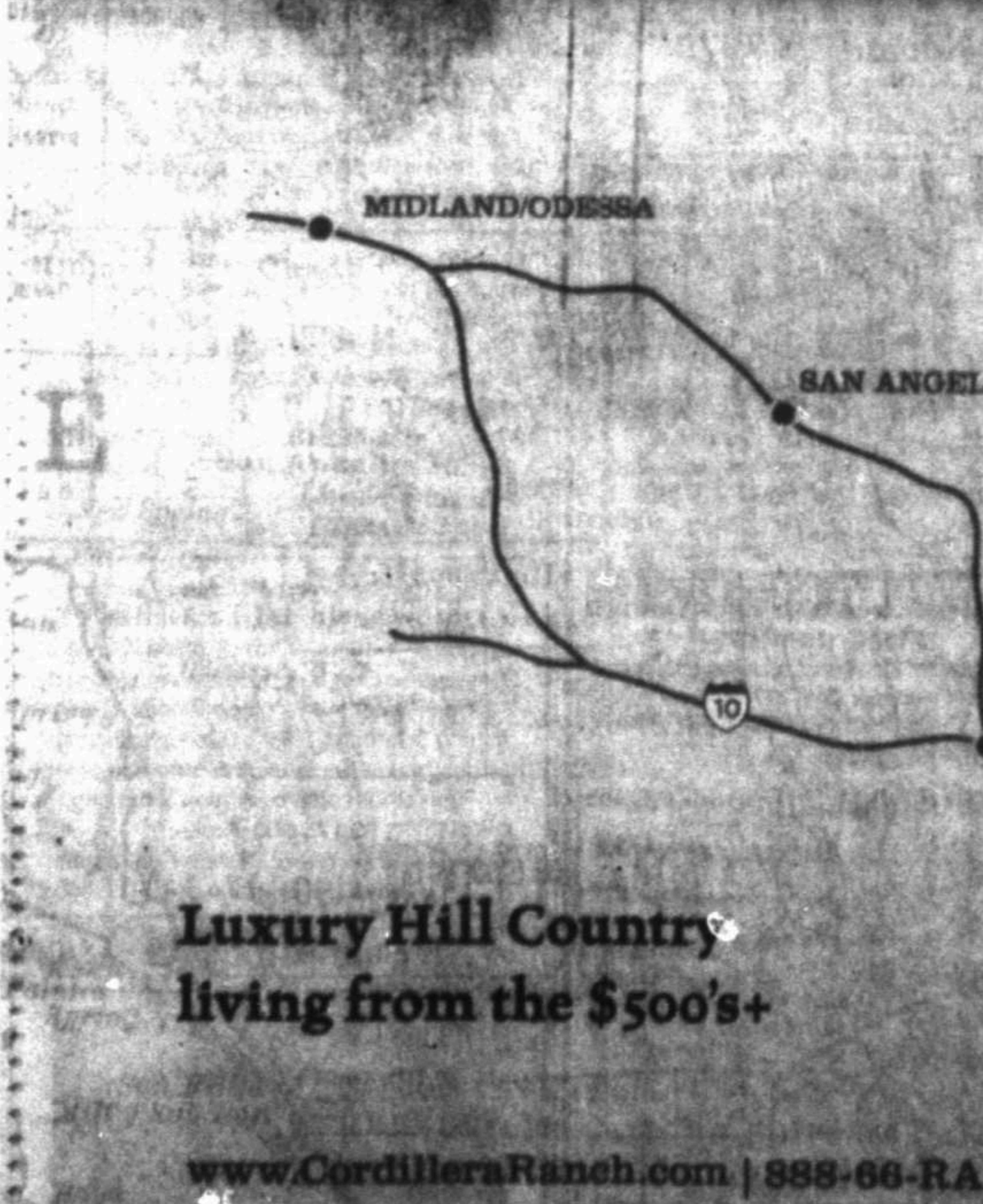
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Mortgage Rates

According to Freddie Mac's latest weekly mortgage survey, rates on home loans hit their lowest levels of the year in the past week. This is good news for potential homebuyers as it has lowered the cost of owning a home. It is also good news for those who are considering refinancing their home loan as well. Those who are considering refinancing can take advantage of lower rates to lower their monthly housing payments. In addition, there are several other benefits that someone who is contemplating refinancing might consider:

- Building equity more quickly. Rates on 15-year loans are significantly lower than 30-year alternatives right now and this financial move will help save a homeowner tens of thousands of dollars in interest costs.
- Lowering consumer debt payments. Using equity to take cash out to pay off consumer debts can have a significant effect upon a homeowner's monthly payments and might allow them to pay off their home loan more quickly as well.
- Eliminate mortgage insurance payments. Rising home values may make it possible for a homeowner to eliminate costly mortgage insurance payments or consolidate a second mortgage into their home loan with a lower overall payment.

• Move to Safety. Lower rates will enable homeowners to move from their adjustable rate loans to the safety of a fixed rate. Others may opt to move to longer-term adjustables such as those fixed for up to ten years.

Whatever the reason for the refinance, it is not known how long rates will stay this low. Therefore, acting quickly makes sense. Contact me to get a free mortgage analysis to see whether you might benefit from today's low rates.

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Easy Ways to Cut Summer Energy Costs

With summer officially upon us, many homeowners will be confronted with rising electric bills as fans and air conditioners kick into high gear in an effort to keep cool. Demand for electricity can also increase if you have house guests or children home for the summer.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have access to lots of great ideas for planning ahead to control energy costs this summer. The following tips are from the experts at Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G):

- Use ceiling fans in the counter-clockwise direction to create a wind-chill effect, making you feel cooler. Also, whole-house fans that bring in cooler night-time air can pre-cool a house and reduce energy use in the daytime if heat is kept out by closing windows and shades.
- Install a programmable thermostat. If health conditions permit, raise the setting from 73 to 78 degrees. You can save 3-5% on your air conditioning costs for each degree you raise the thermostat.
- Close doors leading to uncooled parts of your home. If you have central air conditioning, close off vents to unused rooms and be sure to keep filters clean.
- Plant shade trees close to the house on the South and West sides.
- Seal holes and cracks around doors and windows. Eliminate air leaks between window air conditioners and windows with foam insulation or weatherstripping.
- Turn off power sources. TVs, computers and other electronic devices draw power when they are in standby mode or turned off but still plugged in. Plug electronics into power strips and turn off the power switch when the items are not in use.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), which use 75% less electricity and burn more coolly than incandescent bulbs. Keep in mind that CFLs are especially handy in hard-to-reach fixtures and won't need to be replaced for about five years.
- Use timers and motion detectors on indoor and outdoor lighting.
- Delay heat-producing tasks such as laundry until later in the day. Wash full loads, using cold water whenever possible.
- Run the dishwasher at night, using the shortest cycle that will get the dishes clean. If manufacturers' directions permit, turn the dishwasher off before the dry cycle or use the air dry feature if your machine has one.
- Take short showers as they use less hot water than a bath.
- Replace old appliances with new energy efficient Energy Star appliances.
- Unplug the extra refrigerator in your garage or basement and use it only when necessary. Refrigerators that are only 10 years old can use twice as much electricity as new Energy Star labeled models.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

How to lose thousands of dollars on your home

You may be tempted to determine your property's value by using real estate websites. While these can be fun to look at, here's what you should consider before you base your sales price on what a website tells you.

The information is usually incomplete and inaccurate

There are several houses in my neighborhood on these sites with blank fields—no bedrooms listed, no mention of roof type, etc. It's hard to see how omitting such data can lead to an accurate property valuation.

Check out what these sites say about your house and your friends' houses. I bet you will find plenty of two-bedroom homes listed with three or vice versa. Do you think an extra—or missing—bedroom affects a home's price?

Your home may have been built the same year as three others on your street and may share a similar floor plan. But does a website know that you look out on the greenbelt, while your neighbors see only other backyards?

Why is their data so unreliable?

Some real estate websites cobble together whatever data they can find from whoever is willing to provide it. They don't have real estate professionals in your market—or any presence in your market for that matter. Perhaps their business model prioritizes other goals. Not exactly a recipe for reliable information.

When these sites put incomplete and inaccurate data into a computer algorithm without a local's understanding of your neighborhood, how good do you think those "guesstimates" are?

How you can lose money

These online values may be so far from the realities of your market that they'll cost you money. If the site values your house low, you could sell for less than it is worth. And if the site overvalues your home, it could sit on the market for months, making buyers think there's something wrong with it—which could result in the house selling for less than it's worth.

Not all websites are bad

There's plenty of good real estate information: on the Internet, if you can tell which websites to trust. Look for sites by local REALTORS®; they're the real estate experts in your area.

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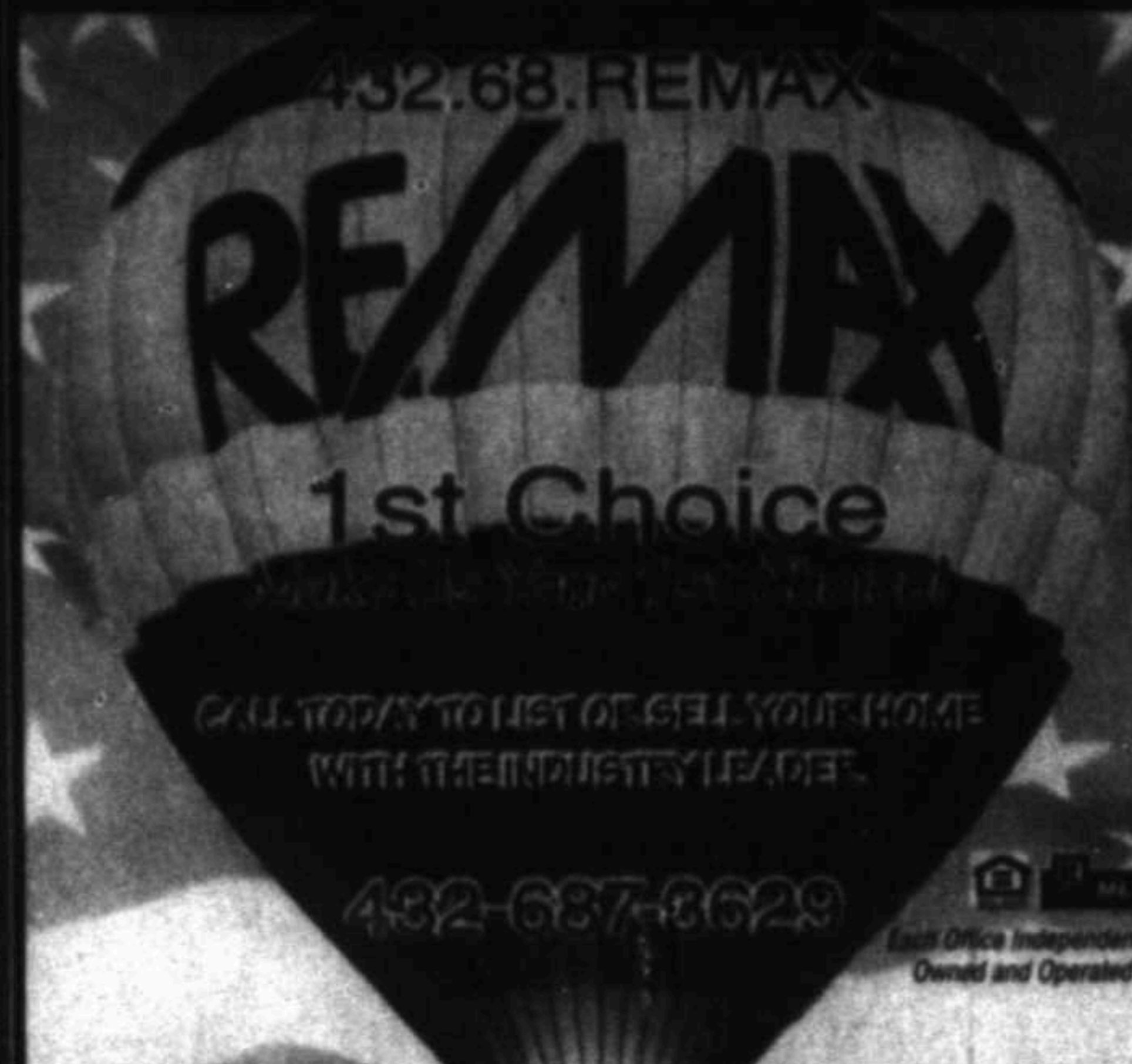
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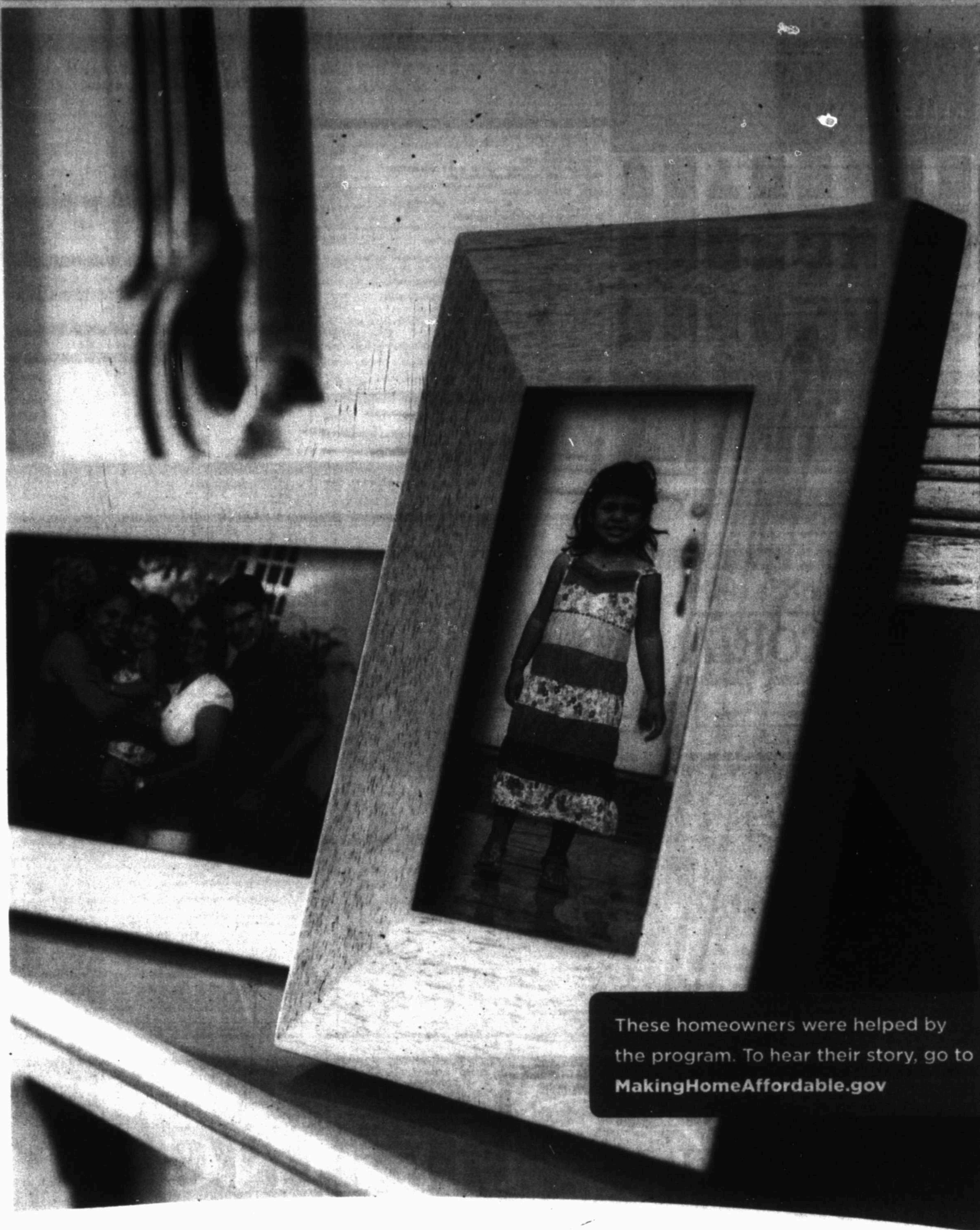
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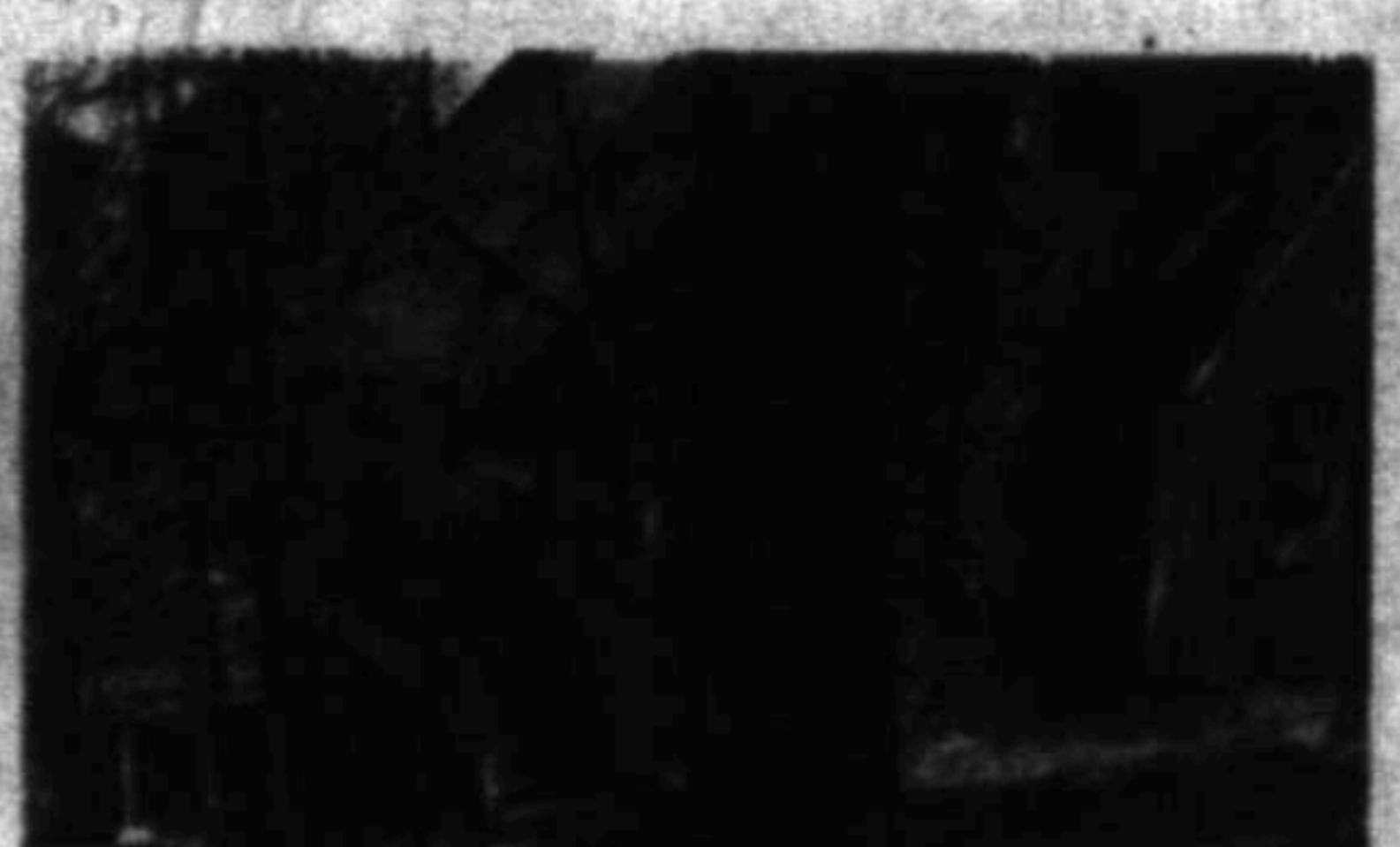
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401 Pecos - Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba - \$200,000	306 S. Tilden - Medagal Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba - SOLD	6500 Saddle Horn - Carrasco Home/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage - U/C
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805 Golden - Odessa/2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage - \$200,000	5015 San Clemente Dr. - Diamond Home/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage - \$395,000	
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917 E. 21st St. - Odessa/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage - U/C	5019 San Clemente Dr. - Diamond Home/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage - \$395,000	2201 W. Co. Rd. 137 - Gardendale/Silver Home - Call Gary
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7681 Trenton Drive - 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage - \$699,000	6907 E. Co. Rd. 110 - Ashingdon Home/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage - \$499,000	
705 Riviera Court - 5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 half Ba/3 Car Garage - \$799,000	6791 E. Co. Rd. 110 - Ashingdon Home/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage - \$499,000	Suburban Home Sites
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6004 Widener Strip - New Price/5 Bdrm/4 Ba/4 Car Garage - U/C	2910 Regency Oaks - Sans Signature Home/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage - U/C	W. Co. Rd. 38/1.5-2 Acres Lot - Call Gary
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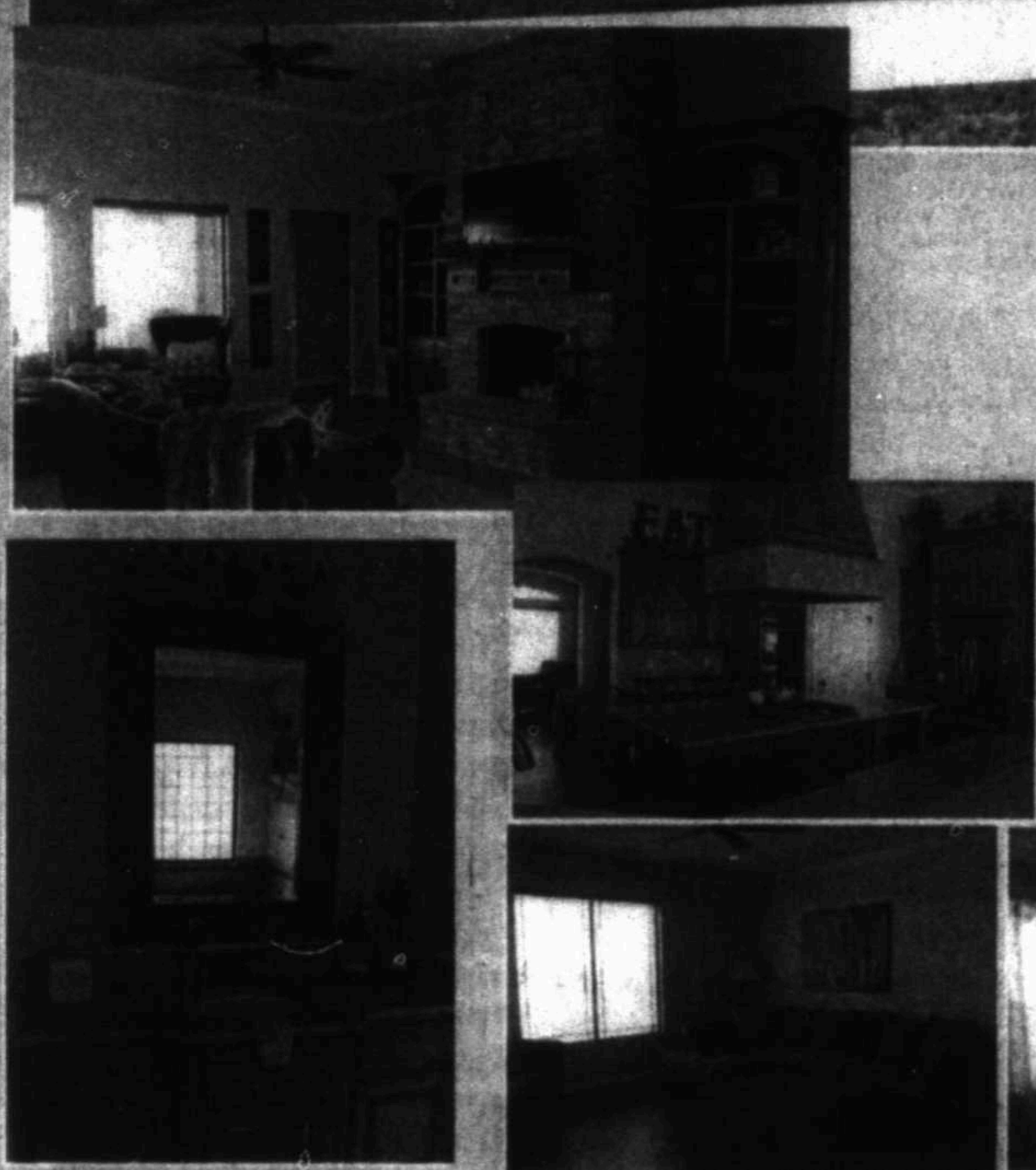
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Gardendale, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,118 sq. ft. priced @ \$214,900

7601 Trenton Drive
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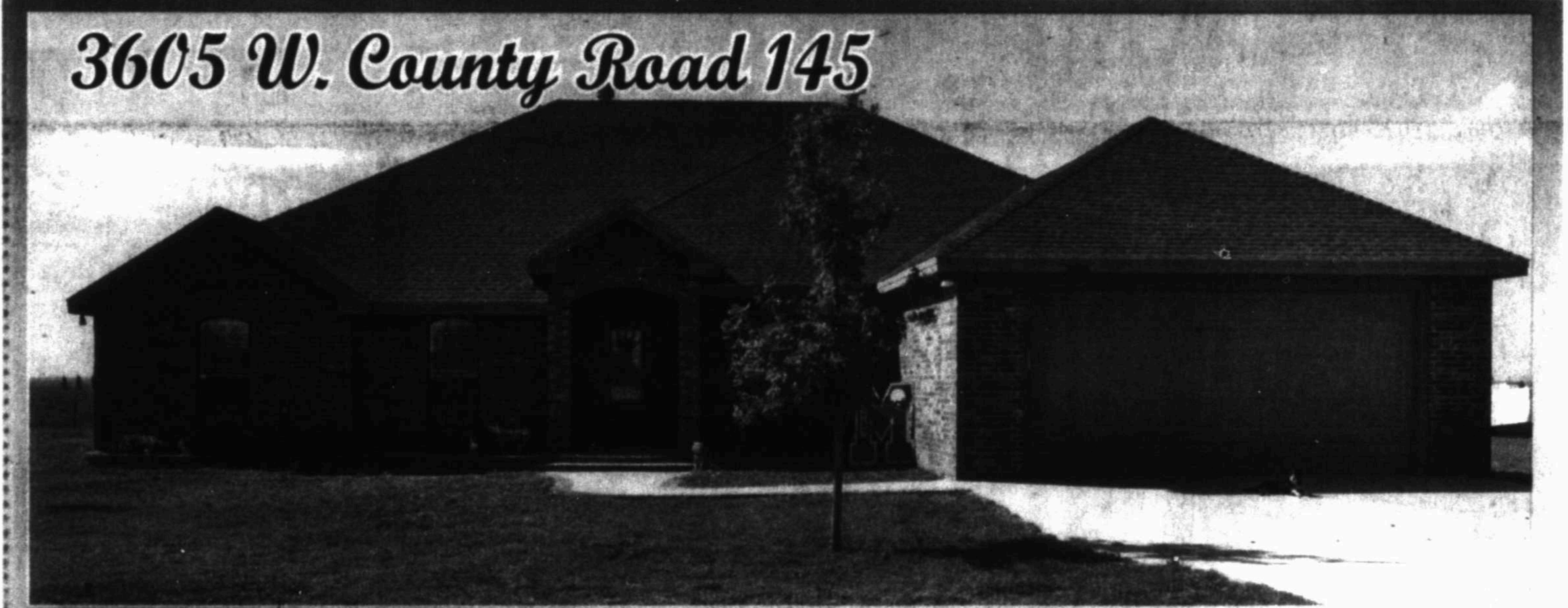
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Shown by Leah Watkins</p> | <p>OPEN 3:00-4:00
2822 MAXWELL - \$269,900
New listing in great neighborhood!!!
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| <p>1000 ALMONT PLACE - \$499,000
Absolutely breathtaking 4bd, 3ba home in woodland park.
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3501 LOCKNEED - \$268,500
Spacious Old Midland Charmer. Stop on by!
Shown by Danny Norwood</p> | <p>OPEN 4:00-5:00
1906 MICHIGAN - \$250,000
Super cute, 4 bed, 2 bath, office, corner lot
Shown by Michelle Kidd</p> |

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The New Counter Culture: Microwave Drawers

No more lurking in the corner or hanging out on rolling carts. Microwaves are on the move

By Maggie Flynn | CTW Features

Microwaves are a staple for workers on the go and college students looking for late-night snacks, but in the home, they're often relegated to a counter or above the stove. However, that might be changing as more and more homeowners customize their kitchens.

Some 420 designers surveyed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association said they expected more requests from their clients this year for a relatively rare culinary apparatus: the microwave drawer.

"It's a very helpful solution for people who are remodeling their kitchen or rebuilding their home because it allows them to put their microwave in a very convenient place," says Tim Kavanaugh, associate vice president of product planning and marketing at Sharp Electronics Corp. "When you have a kitchen island it's not a good place to put a microwave because of the wires. So you can put it right into the cabinetry."

The convenience of microwave heating is frequently undercut by the location of the oven itself. Traditionally, the microwave sits on a countertop near an electrical outlet, or is installed at eye level over the stove, Kavanaugh says. Both locations pose some difficulties for users, despite the microwave's reputation for maximum convenience when it comes to heating food. A countertop microwave takes up

room and results in lost workspace and the wires can clutter the counter. A microwave positioned above the stovetop calls for particular care, since a user must reach up and into it to retrieve super-hot food.

A microwave drawer eliminates both potential drawbacks. As a built-in device, there are no wires to worry about. And the drawer sits waist-high, inside the cabinet; it's easier to lift hot food, with less risk of injury from spilled liquids. The design is also much safer for kids, who won't need to climb on a chair to move dishes down from above their heads.

Microwave drawers are designed as built-in appliances. "So you don't have to worry about installing it in a place that has proper air [flow]," says Chuck Tracy of Kitchen Gallery in Memphis, Tenn., which works with Sharp on kitchen design. Place a regular microwave inside a cabinet, he says, and eventually it'll start smoking... because it can't breathe."

Another attractive aspect of the microwave drawer is the cooking mechanism itself. A standard microwave uses a turntable to rotate a dish while microwaves pass through it and agitate the water molecules in the food. But as anyone in search of hot food can attest, this method doesn't always result in an evenly heated meal. The microwave drawer attempts to combat this through an

Sharp Electronics Corp.



Microwave drawer pros: The lower position is convenient for users of all sizes and the low sides make it easier to stir or remove hot dishes, above. A microwave drawer installed in a kitchen island or a built-in microwave in an under-counter cabinet, below, frees up work space.

internal fan that rotates around the food. Kavanaugh says that this allows for more even distribution of the microwaves that cause the cooking, and thus more evenly heated food.

While most homeowners tend to stick with the old-school microwave they have, Kavanaugh says that Sharp has seen a 20 percent growth in demand for microwave drawers in each of the past three years. He attributes this in part to an uptick in remodeling and rebuilding since the economic slowdown in 2008.

Another reason for slow adaptation: a fairly significant price tag. A microwave drawer can range in price from \$900 to \$1,100, and that's without factoring in cost of installation. As a result, someone who already has a traditional microwave isn't likely to replace an old or broken countertop or stovetop unit with a new microwave drawer.

However, when it comes time for a home-

owner to remodel the kitchen, a microdrawer may find its way onto the shopping list, along with refrigerator drawers and warming drawers that have become hallmarks of luxury kitchen.

"For someone who's remodeling it's fairly simple because they're usually putting in new cabinets anyway," Kavanaugh says. "This is the kind of product that needs a little extra care to install which is why we say it's best to install during a remodeling."

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Diamond microwave cabinet

Outdoors, Under Foot

How to Size All-Weather Rugs

By Yena Lee | CTW Features

The good news about outdoor rugs? They're pretty much foolproof. Thanks to synthetic fibers, such as polypropylene, and acrylic and U.V. inhibitors, they resist moisture, stains and fading. And at a cost of \$100 to \$400, they're less costly than their pampered indoor-only cousins.

With some protection from the elements and a little TLC from you, an outdoor rug can last from 1 to 5 years, according to rug maker Surya.

Choosing one that best complements your style and sets the stage for a great conversational grouping of furniture could be the biggest challenge. Keep in mind these tips:

- Choose a rug that's big enough to accommodate all the pieces of furniture in a conversational group, either on the rug or close to it, according to your preference.

- With a large rug, you can "float" all the furniture in the center. Leave

12 to 18 inches of exposed floor to create a border around the rug, equal on all sides if possible.

- Show off a rug that has a border by leaving some space between the rug and any furniture.

- Place the front legs of the sofa or largest seat on the rug; the back legs can be on or off the rug as you choose. Leave 18 to 24 inches between the wall and rug, creating a border of exposed floor that frames the arrangement - equal on all four sides, if possible.

- Covering an entire outdoor seating area? Allow 18 to 24 inches of floor around the rug.

- Under a round dining table, round rugs look best. Under a rectangular table, go with a rectangle. The rug should be sized about 2 feet wider than the table, so that the chair legs remain on the rug when pulling out a chair to sit down.

- Outdoor rugs are available in all colors, styles and patterns. Take a cue



Surya

Outdoor style: Surya's Hurricane, a bright, handhooked polypropylene rug for outdoor use

from the style of your home or patio to narrow your search, and find the most complementary rug.

- If you're working with solid color outdoor furniture, go for a bold rug design. With patterned furnishings, look for a quieter rug.

- In cold climates, store your rug

during winter.

- Roll it up; never fold an outdoor rug.

Sources: Surya Carpets; wayfair.com; The Carpet and Rug Institute

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WINNING WAYS

Wall Street Bar and Grill stays constant in changing downtown

By Megan Lea Buck
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Wall Street Bar and Grill beat out more than 60 other restaurants to claim the top spot in the Reporter-Telegram's Menu Madness contest. Readers voted for

the downtown staple over Midland eateries such as Brooks BBQ, Osaka and Harvest Caffe.

With construction ongoing on the Wall Street Lofts and the promise of the Energy Towers taking the place of the county courthouse and Midland Center, the 33-year-old restaurant is surrounded by a changing downtown landscape. We caught up

with manager Celinda Knight, who has been at the restaurant for 24 years, to talk about how Wall Street continues to win the hearts and stomachs of Midlanders.

MRT: What kind of changes have you seen in the last few years with Midland booming? How

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Dinner at Wall Street Bar & Grill on Tuesday afternoon.

James Canon
Reporter-Telegram

THE GREAT 8

A look at the top 8 restaurants in Menu Madness

How they got there

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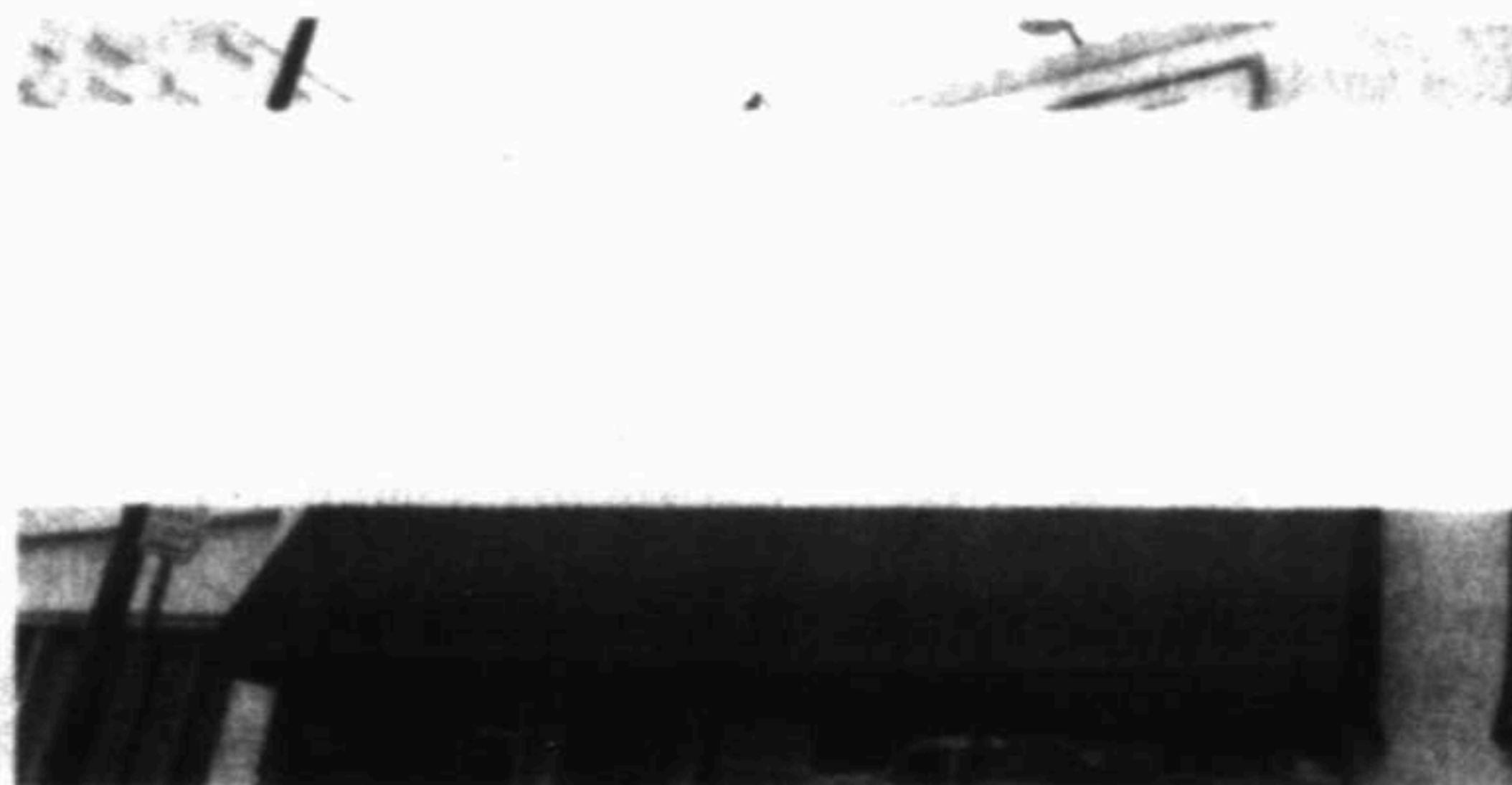
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You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. And, yes, the long line to the counter is worth the wait. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. Or go for the spinach salad. Don't forget a slice of pie for dessert.

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Wall Street Bar and Grill

Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken-fried steak or the dijon chicken. And save room for the gold brick dessert.

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Manny's serves authentic and traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. It's an ideal choice for special occasions or just a special meal.

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KD's serves authentic Texas barbecue with with no pretense. Pick your meat from the grill then add sides such as potato salad, beans and peach cobbler. Try the sausage. Or the brisket. Or the chicken. It's all good.

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Summer baked Alaska is seen April 14 in Concord, N.H.

SUMMER DESSERT

Bringing baked Alaska into a healthier, modern era

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

When it comes to ice cream, I generally feel it's hard to improve on a simple scoop right out of the carton. But this time my mind has turned to baked Alaska. I know... How retro!

Baked Alaska once was the star dessert of cruise ship dining rooms and upscale restaurants. The classic recipe called for vanilla ice cream enrobed in sponge cake, lavishly frosted with meringue, then lightly browned in a high-heat oven. At the last moment, it was doused in alcohol and set on fire. The waiter would emerge from the kitchen and parade around the room holding the star of the evening aloft. Now that's showbiz!

Baked Alaska's enduring appeal — and mystery — is easy to understand. How can you bake ice cream in an oven and not have it melt into a bubbly puddle? The answer? It's doubly insulated by the cake and the meringue. This may seem daunting, but it's not beyond the skills of a home cook.

My version results in mini baked Alaskas: one person, one Alaska. Accordingly, a small brownie stands in for a full cake. Any store-bought brownie (roughly 2 inches square) will do. You cut it in half horizontally (to create two thin halves), then sandwich in the frozen filling. Won't the brownie crumble when you cut it? Not if you freeze it for 30 minutes ahead of time.

The "ice cream" in this recipe is rasp-

SUMMER BAKED ALASKA
Start to finish: 2 hours (15 minutes active)
Servings: 4

4 store-bought brownies, each 2-inches square and 1-inch thick
1 cup raspberry sorbet
3 large egg whites
Table salt
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar or lemon juice
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
Fresh assorted berries, to garnish

Wrap each brownie in plastic wrap and freeze for 30 minutes. After 15 minutes has passed, remove the sorbet from the freezer to soften.

Using a serrated knife, cut the brownies in half crosswise across the middle to form 2 thin brownie squares. Arrange the bottom of each brownie square on a work surface. Scoop 1/4 cup of the sorbet on top of each brownie bottom. Top the sorbet with the brownie top and press gently to form an ice cream sandwich. Wrap the ice cream sandwiches individually in plastic wrap and freeze until the sorbet is very hard, about 1 hour.

When the sandwiches are nearly hard, heat the oven to 450 F. Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment, then mist it with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to whip the egg whites and a pinch of salt until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and continue to beat until the whites hold soft peaks. Add the sugar gradually, beating, and continue beating until the whites hold stiff, glossy peaks.

Remove the ice cream sandwiches from the freezer and place them 3 inches apart on the prepared sheet pan. Frost each with some of the meringue, making sure to cover the sandwich on all sides right down to the parchment. Bake the frosted sandwiches in the center of the oven for 4 minutes, or until lightly browned on top.

Using a metal spatula, transfer them quickly to 4 plates and garnish each with berries.

Nutrition information per serving: 230 calories; 60 calories from fat (26 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 41 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 27 g sugar; 4 g protein; 160 mg sodium.

berry sorbet. It's a slimmer option than full-fat ice cream, a refreshing flavor that nods to the season, and a time-tested and deeply satisfying complement to the dark chocolate.

I wasn't sure that the brownie and the meringue would match up as well, but it turns out that the meringue — basically just a lighter-than-air mixture of beaten egg whites and sugar — somehow transforms our tiny stuffed ice

cream sandwich into something quite substantial. Before you bake it, just be sure to slather every part of this concoction with the meringue. That'll protect the ice cream during its short blast with heat.

Once you pull your baked Alaska out of the oven, top it off with assorted berries. They add color and flavor and — Mom has to say it — they're good for you, too.

HINTS FROM
HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Microwaving retains more of foods' nutrients

Dear Heloise: I have been told by a friend that microwaving food depletes all the nutrients from it and makes food unhealthy. Can you please confirm if this information is accurate? — A reader, via email

Well, it actually is not accurate. Any cooking will remove some of the nutrients from the food being cooked, but microwaving is considered one of the best cooking methods for retaining nutrients. Why? Because microwaving is fast and uses less heat and smaller amounts of liquid.

Here is an easy-to-understand example: cooking vegetables in water on the stovetop. We know, for example, that cooking broccoli in water will result in most antioxidants being pulled out of the broccoli and into the water during the time it takes to heat up and cook completely to the desired doneness.

In the microwave, cooking for less time and using less water means less chance of nutrient loss, making the microwave a much better cooking method, nutritionally. — Heloise

P.S.: Visit my website, www.heloise.com, for links to my Facebook and Twitter pages — hints, fun facts and more! Come see photos and check out what's happening.

BITTER BAKING

Dear Heloise: I've been using the same cornbread recipe for years, but my last batch of cornbread had such a bitter taste that I couldn't eat it. The only thing I had done differently was use a new brand of baking powder.

I did some research and found the culprit was sodium aluminum sulfate in the baking powder. While most people might not notice the flavor at all (my husband didn't), others are more sensitive to the taste of aluminum.

Some baking-powder brands contain sodium aluminum sulfate, and some don't. If your baked goods have an unpleasant metallic tang, check the ingredients list on your baking powder. I'll definitely look more closely the next time I grocery-shop. — L.R., via email

FREEZE FLOUR

Dear Heloise: I wasn't using up my flour quick enough, and it would sit for months. Then, when I was ready to use the flour, it had bugs in it. I would throw it out and go buy new flour as I needed it.

Now, I freeze my flour. I put it in one plastic freezer bag, seal it and then put that in another plastic freezer bag and seal it again. Now when I go for my flour, it is always fresh, dry and, best of all, bug-free. — Rita R. in Pennsylvania

Just remember to warm the flour to room temperature before using. — Heloise

STUCK EGGS

Dear Heloise: I always check egg cartons for broken eggs in the store, but sometimes there is a small crack that is not visible, causing eggs to stick in the carton. I found that pouring some lemon juice in the carton around the stuck eggs loosens them overnight. — David D. in Virginia

This is a good way to loosen them, but know you can even use plain water and they will loosen! — Heloise

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

WINNER

From 1E

has that changed the restaurant, the clientele, the workers?

Knight: It's been harder to employ kitchen staff. Our wait staff pretty much stays the same because they've been here for years, some 20 years or more. Business has just been great. We stay busy all the time.

MRT: Has the restaurant felt any of the competition moving in such as Saltgrass? There haven't been many downtown, but there's supposed to be when Energy Tower opens.

Knight: No, not really. We kind of hold our own. Being an independent restaurant helps us out a little bit. We're not a chain, so people like a kind of homemade family-type restaurant.

MRT: I know that being here so long you probably have a pretty strong group of regulars, but have you seen a lot of new faces in the last few years?

Knight: Yeah, we have. We try to incorporate those into our regular customers now. Some of the old ones have gone off and retired

places. We try to treat everyone like family here, even our new customers. We try to know them by name. We see a lot of repeat customers.

MRT: What are you looking forward to or are worried about with the changes in downtown, specifically your new next-door neighbors, Wall Street Lofts and the Energy Tower?

Knight: Basically it's all about change. It's always hard to adjust to change, especially when big buildings are going up and surrounding you, but I think we'll hold our own. One plus is it will block the wind and dirt once it's all up. The new Energy Tower, I don't know, we'll just have to see when that goes up.

I mean, we're all tired of the dirt and dust and all that stuff. Our water's been shut down during our shifts and the electric power, they had to shut that off, so we had to worry about some of that, but that's all over now.

MRT: What about parking?

Knight: I just feel bad for our elderly guests because they have to walk so far. Most of the time their

husbands or the healthier one will let them out at the front and then go park. I have noticed they're coming in earlier to avoid the traffic and the parking issues. That's just our older people. They usually get here about 5 p.m. or 5:15 p.m. and hold a table until 5:30 p.m. when we start serving. Everybody's kind of working their way around it.

MRT: What's the most popular dish on the menu?

Knight: Our chicken-fried steak is the most popular. I believe that our redfish etouffee is up there and our steak Oscar. There are several. It's hard to say.

MRT: What's your favorite?

Knight: My favorite is probably the chicken-fried steak. It's a staple. But we also have a tomatillo chicken that, it's just such comfort food. But I'm kind of a comfort food girl.

MRT: Any changes on the horizon for the menu or the hours?

Knight: No, we're going to stay the same and try to remain as constant as we can. We just try to stay consistent.

Go For the Food: Taste the Big Easy in St. Louis

By Alan Scherzagier
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Broadway Oyster Bar may be a mere block from the home stadium of the St. Louis Cardinals, but its heart lies in another Mississippi River city nearly 700 miles south.

"We're trying to bridge the connection between St. Louis and New Orleans," said owner John Johnson, a former painting contractor whose annual sojourns to the Big Easy for jazz and food set the stage for his purchase of the oyster bar nearly two decades ago.

Tucked into St. Louis' former French enclave of Soulard, the 1840s-era roadhouse isn't shy about its allegiance to New Orleans. It's decked out for Mardi Gras, sporting everything from those classic beads to purple-and-green Christmas lights and Gulf Coast mollusks.

And then there is the menu — crawfish cakes, alligator sausage and pork boudin sliders as appetizers, with jambalaya, gumbo and crawfish etouffee among the entrees. The shrimp and grits revolves around a firm grit cake made with white cheddar and andouille sausage, providing a sturdier foundation than the more typical, porridge-like version.

Sandwiches include seafood po'boys on bread from New Orleans baker Gambino's, as well as warm muffuletta, which combine salami, ham, cheese and an olive spread on rounded loaves. Grinders are an attempt to pair New Orleans with New England, taking hollowed-out French baguettes and filling the resulting dough

trough with minced garlic, onions, peppers and a choice of seafood.

But as the name suggests, oysters are the star attraction, with near-daily shipments from around the country. Those less enamored with raw shellfish can opt for the chargrilled oysters drenched in garlic, cheese and breadcrumbs, styled after those made by the legendary Drago's Seafood Restaurant down south.

The draft beer selection is ample, dominated by local craft brewers such as Civil Life, Four Hands, O'Fallon and Schlafly that have emerged as more complex alternatives to Budweiser, the city's erstwhile King of Beers brewed just a short walk away.

Broadway Oyster Bar — known as BOB for short — is gloriously downscale. Patrons eat off tin plates while sitting on long wooden benches in an enclosed patio that also doubles as venue for live music — and a home away from home for touring artists from New Orleans, whose concert posters are plastered on the walls.

In addition to blues-lovers and baseball fans, the restaurant draws an eclectic crowd that also includes conventioners and white-shoe lawyers.

This spring, BOB and like-minded neighbors such as The Beale on Broadway and BB's Jazz, Blues and Soups have more competition for Cardinals fans with the opening of Ballpark Village, a Cardinals-approved entertainment district next to Busch Stadium with several themed restaurants and sports bars. But Johnson is unconcerned.

"This is the real ballpark village," he said.

Tips for high yields in a small or thirsty garden

By Jennifer Forker
Associated Press

How can you get the most yield from a garden where space is limited, and water is too?

Plant smart, and pay attention to the soil.

"Your garden is only as good as your soil," said David Salman, chief horticulturist at High Country Gardens, a Santa Fe, N.M., catalog that specializes in native and low-water plants.

Find out what nutrients your soil has — and what it's missing — with a soil test, available through local cooperative extension offices at a nominal fee (home soil-test kits are less reliable, according to the Colorado State University Extension).

Encourage plant health by fertilizing with natural, organic fertilizers, which include fish emulsion and liquid seaweed, said Salman. Limit the use of chemical fertilizers because they don't help build the soil.

"You will have more nutritionally complete vegetables if you have healthy soil," he promises.

One trick Salmon recommends, especially for gardeners living in new housing developments, is adding a soil inoculant called mycorrhiza, a beneficial fungi. It's found naturally in healthy soil, but often needs to be added to a new garden.

"New gardens in new subdivisions, their soil is scraped off as part of construction," said Salman. "You need to put beneficial fungi back in."

Peas, beans and soybeans could benefit from legume inoculants, which are species-specific (a soybean inoculant cannot be used to improve peas' growth). Read product labels carefully or ask your gardening center for assistance.

"Your beans will do OK (without it), but if you really want to crank out the beans, you can do that with the inoculant," said Salman. "It's kind of



AP file photo

A National Park Service worker tends to the White House kitchen garden on the South Lawn of the White House on April 21 in Washington, during a preview for the media of the Spring Garden Tour. Plants that can offer high yields with low watering include leafy vegetables such as kale, lettuce and spinach; beans, snow peas and sugar snap peas; and some varieties of cucumbers and squash.

a 'grandma's secret' to growing great beans."

Plants that can offer high yields with low watering include leafy vegetables such as kale, lettuce and spinach; beans, snow peas and sugar snap peas; and some varieties of cucumbers and squash, he said. Plant vining beans and peas if you have space or can grow them up a fence or trellis; plant bush beans and peas in large pots if space is limited.

Sarah J. Browning, an extension educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, suggests planting radishes, carrots, peppers, zucchini and summer squash for summertime bounty. Peppers grow well in dry

conditions, said Browning, and root crops don't need frequent watering.

"If you watered them well and then mulched them, I think you could get a crop with fairly small amounts of water input," she said.

Plant radishes early in the season or in part shade, and mulch them and other plants to retain moisture and combat weeds.

Browning recommends the cherry tomato cultivar Sun Gold and the slicers Big Beef and Celebrity as great-tasting high producers. Also look for disease-resistant tomato varieties, which are easier to grow. Browning refers tomato lovers to Pennsylvania

State University's College of Agricultural Sciences Extension's "Tomato Report 2011," which lists the best varieties in its tomato trials.

Melissa Ozawa, a features editor for gardening at Martha Stewart Living magazine, recommends growing okra and Swiss chard; both are heat- and drought-tolerant. Melons also can handle less water once established because of their deep root systems, she said.

Not all vegetables grow well in all regions, so read seed packets, matching days to maturation to your region's growing season, Salman advises.

"One of the big prob-

lems with horticulture in this country is everyone tries to be one-size-fits-all, and this is just too big of a continent to do that," he said. "You don't want to grow a 120-day watermelon in Denver. They can grow those in Texas, but the maturation period in Denver is much shorter."

Prolific, water-wise herbs include basil, oregano, parsley, thyme and rosemary, said Browning.

Salman offers space-saving planting tips for herbs: Plant lavender and oregano along the dryer edges of your garden, since they're the most heat-tolerant, and plant Greek oregano and dill, plus annual herbs such as basil and cilantro,

among the root vegetables.

Try growing perennials such as rosemary, English thyme, tarragon and lavender in your ornamental beds. They don't require your vegetable garden's mineral-rich soil, said Salman.

Drought-tolerant flower varieties include coneflowers, hummingbird mint, salvia and blanket flowers, according to Ozawa. Other cutting-garden winners are cosmos, zinnias, sunflowers and larkspur, said Salman. His favorite late-season bloomer is the Mexican sunflower.

"If there's a bee or butterfly in a 10-mile radius, they'll find that Mexican sunflower," he said.

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Trinity School second-graders play in the Arthur's World exhibit at the Centennial branch of Midland County Library on April 8. The library will host an after-school celebration for Arthur's 8th birthday Friday.

MRT file photo

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland

SUNDAY

"Mom's Gift," through May 31 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

MONDAY

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Square-na. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danczfnool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series with speaker Michael Price of I-20 Wildlife Preserve, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136

Martha Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month.

664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. Members \$5, non-members \$6. Alcohol- and smoke-free environment. 520-4343 or 218-8215.

WEDNESDAY

Brit Floyd - The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Reverend Horton Heat, 7 p.m. at Blue Max. 561-8190.

RockHounds game, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

RockHounds game, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

THURSDAY

RockHounds game and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

FRIDAY

"Arthur's World Tour" exhibit after school celebration for Arthur's 8th birthday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

"Shipwrecked! An Entertainment -- The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org.

RockHounds game, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmers-market.com

RockHounds game with fireworks, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer science classes, June 20-Aug. 8 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Register now. petroleummuseum.org

Summer Art Camp, June 16-Aug. 1 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. Register now. noelartmuseum.org

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' reserved studio time, \$35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@

sbcglobal.net, 553-0420, www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky views throughout the week. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum's "56th annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibit" through June 1. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Galactic Golf" through Sept. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-

5785

Midland Arts Association presents watercolor of Katie Heck in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during May.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's children's exhibit "Arthur's World" from Boston Children's Museum, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Exhibition through June 1

and Kathy Sosa's "Identidad" through June 27.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 adults, \$3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Junior/Senior Art Exhibition through May 25. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norms and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- *ADDRESSING THE CROWD* By JOHN LAMPKIN
1 Braying beast
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73 Projecting window
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86 Apt address for photographers?
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91 Kiddle it, redhead

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and numerical indicators. Includes numbers 92, 126, 17, 19, 22, 24, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128.

South deals. Neither vulnerable. NORTH: K 8, A K J 5 2, Q 5 3, Q 10 4. WEST: J 9 7 5, 10 9 6 3, 8 7, 8 7 2. EAST: Q 10 6 4, 8 7 4, 10 6 2, A 6 3. SOUTH: A 3 2, Q, A K J 9 4, K J 9 5.

Grand magic. Oops is right! North-South have had a horrible Blackwood accident and arrived at a grand slam off a cashing ace. This hand really happened. It is from an experts-only team game for high stakes. The experts will not be named. A trump lead is common against a grand slam as it usually gives nothing away. Leading an ace is even better, though you rarely have one, so the trump lead marks East with the ace of clubs. South considered ruffing a spade in dummy, but he would not be able to do this, draw the trumps, unblock the queen of hearts, and still get back to dummy to run the hearts. Was there anything else?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Grand magic

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- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Speak your mind. If you follow your intuition and let your feelings flow, you will land well. Tonight: Out and about. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The cost of proceeding as you have been could be higher than you had anticipated. Tonight: Get into some good music. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Share more of yourself with a loved one. You will enhance the caring between you. Tonight: As you like it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Back out of plans if you need a break. You might feel as if you need to hold back some of what is on your mind. Tonight: Get some R and R. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Before you know it, you could be in the midst of a brainstorming session. Tonight: Add some romance. BORN TODAY Pope John Paul II (1920), baseball player Reggie Jackson (1946), opera singer Ezio Pinza (1892).

'MOM'S GIFT' RECEPTION



Midland Community Theatre hosted a reception for donors May 10 before "Mom's Gift."

PHOTOS BY MARY POWERS



House takes up issue of National Women's History Museum

The Republican-controlled House voted 383-33 just before Mother's Day to create a bipartisan commission to study the feasibility of an estimated \$400 million museum on or near the National Mall and recommend whether it should be part of the Smithsonian. A similar measure is pending in the Senate. The museum's advisory board includes Jenna Bush, Gloria Steinem, Pat Mitchell and other luminaries.

Eighteen years ago, a small group of women on Capitol Hill launched a campaign "Free the Sisters of the Crypt" to move an unfinished 10-ton marble statue of suffrage pioneers from the basement to the rotunda with \$85,000 in private donations. That single act laid the foundation for establishing a national museum in Washington to honor the women who have shaped this nation and changed the world.

On March 25, National Women's History Museum President and CEO Joan Wages joined Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY and Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn. to testify in support of bill HR 863 at a hearing before the House Natural Resources' Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Subcommittee. The House Resources Committee passed HR 863, The National Women's History Museum Commission Act, unanimously April 9. This was the second House committee to take up the bill and the second to pass the legislation unanimously. There were two technical amendments to the bill — one that removes the reference to the building site on the National Mall at Independence Avenue between 14th and 15th streets. This amendment does not limit the commission from looking at that site or any other federally owned sites near the mall. The second amendment added "operations" (establishment and maintenance) to the list of reports that will be submitted by the commission to Congress.

GEORGE JACOB

executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin



The National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a non-partisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. Until legislation passes in Congress designating a permanent museum in Washington, the NWHM promotes women's history through its temporary exhibits, special events, cyber museum and online programming.

Some of the finest museums in the nation are the direct result of women's initiatives, foresight and exemplary cultural leadership. Stellar examples include the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts spearheaded by Emmy Pulitzer, the Crystal Bridges Museum founded by Alice Walton of the Walmart Group, The Menil Collection established in Houston by heiress to the Schlumberger oil-drilling fortune Dominique de Menil, the Figge Art Museum named after the banking baroness Elizabeth Kahl Figge and the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin envisioned by the late Ellen Noel right here in Odessa some 30 years ago, forever changing the quality of life and visibility for generations ahead.

George Jacob is a Canadian Commonwealth Fellow and the executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

PLAYWRIGHT

From 8E

opening night and caught a dress rehearsal. Upon seeing the finished product, director Jena Tumlin and Olson discussed both of their perspectives. Ultimately Olson trusted what Tumlin was doing.

"I was nervous for him to see it. These are his words," Tumlin said. "But he saw where I was coming from, too."

The McClaren adds to the recognition "Mom's

Gift" has received elsewhere. The play won at the TRU New Voices Play Festival in New York, Northern Writes Playwright Festival in Bangor, Maine and was named best stage play at the World Series of Screenwriting in Los Angeles. Even with the accolades, he said there are some tweaks to be made.

"I think I'm going to make a couple of changes, but Samuel French is publishing it so it can be available for theaters

everywhere. And I can put in that it's a McClaren winner," he said.

That it opened on Mother's Day weekend was an added bonus for Olson.

"This play was really for my mom so the emotions were pretty high," he said. "Having it open on this weekend is just so special."

"Mom's Gift" runs through May 31 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Mctmidland.org.

ROBERTSON

From 8E

Elmer Taylor and Jerry Austin of UNT are both incredible ceramists who help me to remember not to make anything they would not be proud of. All of my Texas potter friends (we are a strange breed) including Gary and Daphne Hatcher of Pine Mills Pottery, John Williams and all the staff of Trinity Ceramics. I could not answer this without mentioning my parents who never told me not to pursue an art degree and my husband who has schlepped pots to and from galleries and openings. Oh, and did I mention my museum family at the Museum of the Southwest?

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Robertson: Start with a cheese tray and a nice dry red wine. A meal cooked by my great friend John Rojas who I have known since sixth grade. Certainly it would feature fish, perhaps Chilean Sea Bass, with fresh local vegetables (anything but beets or okra) from the many fantastic growers at the Midland Downtown Farmers' Market. Considering it's my last meal I would have to add a dark Italian espresso and tiramisu. It would all be served on amazing hand-made pottery, each piece by a different potter.

MRT: What's your proudest achievement as an

artist?

Robertson: Having a daytime job at the Museum of the Southwest Children's Museum that enables me to bring art to children of all ages across the Permian Basin and sharing the fact that art is applicable and important to life.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Robertson: Coffee and Amazon.com.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Robertson: I have been on a Pixies kick lately but right now I am listening to "A Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin.

Warhol works sell for more than \$100M at auction

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two works from Andy Warhol's "Death and Disaster" series sold for a combined \$100 million Tuesday and a Barnett Newman painting went for an artist record of \$84.2 million in fierce New York auction bidding.

Warhol's "Race Riot, 1964" — a provocative four-panel painting of unrest in Birmingham, Alabama — went for \$62.9 million at Christie's auction of postwar and contemporary works, far exceeding the estimate of \$45 million.

The work was a direct response to an article Warhol saw in Life magazine that ran with an image by Associated Press photographer Charles Moore.

Warhol's 1962 painting "White Marilyn," completed shortly after Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe took her life, sold for \$41 million, well above its estimate of \$12 million to \$18 million.

Newman's "Black Fire I," a 1961 canvas showing a thick column of black alongside smaller ribbons of white and black, surpassed his auction record set last year when "Onement VI" went for \$43.8 million at Sotheby's.

The New York artist died in 1970 at age 65.

Christie's sold 68 pieces Tuesday, raising more than \$744 million. All prices included the buyer's premium.

Francis Bacon's "Three Studies for a Portrait of John Edwards" sold for \$80.8

million. The price surged quickly from an opening bid of \$50 million.

The 1984 work came onto the market a year after Christie's sold Bacon's 1969 "Three Studies of Lucian Freud" for \$142.4 million, setting a world record for the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction.

Bacon, who died in 1992, named Edwards his sole heir. Edwards oversaw the British artist's archives until his death in 2003. The three-panel work shows him in a relaxed pose sitting on a stool with his right leg crossed over his left knee.

Christie's said it is one of the greatest paintings from the artist's late period.

Mark Rothko's "Untitled," a large abstract oil painting with colors ranging from a silvery mist to a deep violet, fetched \$66.2 million.

Jeff Koons' "Jim Beam J.B. Turner Train," a 9 1/2-foot-long-stainless steel sculpture filled with bourbon, sold for \$33.8 million. His "Balloon Dog (Orange)" sold last spring for \$58.4 million, setting a world auction record for a living artist.

Jean-Michel Basquiat's seminal 1981 painting of a regal warrior figure sold for \$34.9 million. The work, replete with graffiti imagery and text, marked the New York artist's "transcendence from the leading figure on the underground art scene to the established world of international art stardom," Christie's said.

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IDENTIDAD

Celebrating the culture of women

San Antonio artist's celebration of women on display at Museum of the Southwest

By Rich Lopez
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In Kathy Sosa's "Identidad," her women are stoic as they stare back into gazers' eyes and stand proud with their traditional Mexican garb.

From huipiles and headdresses, Sosa fuses contemporary and folk flairs in her exhibition on display now at the Museum of the Southwest. With fabrics, paints and digital prints, Sosa's work is an exercise in rich colors while celebrating the culture of women.

Sosa's headdresses have their own voices. "Animalitos On My Mind" and "Los Angeles On My Mind" from her Trees of Life series feature women with large ornate headdresses. Unlike Frida Kahlo's

abstract "Diego On My Mind," Sosa's works are more direct with realism but magical with patchwork colors in both the women's faces and attire. Her "Rock 'n' Roll On My Mind" and "Mariachis On My Mind" add touches of humor with headdresses that feature guitars and musicians, but are balanced by women's forbearance.

"I explore the territory known as Borderland. It's a colorful, joyous place where the confluence of cultures creates something new. A blended culture, a blended language, a blended cuisine, even a blended sense of self," Sosa said in her artist's statement.

Sosa has adopted the wearing of the huipile, a traditional piece worn by indigenous women of central Mexico. Usually made with intricate designs or patterns, Sosa uses the wear significantly in her works. She extends those intricacies to her paintings but also to some of her backgrounds. Her women are

garbed with the severely colored tunics and then placed in front of deep pools of background color.

"Many women where I live search out and use the textiles, costumes and folk art forms from the regions of their ancestors as a way of celebrating their indigenous roots. Others seek them simply for their beauty. Either way, the relationship of women to culturally rich, meaningful objects is immensely rewarding, and offers a bountiful imagery that I never tire of expressing," Sosa said.

"Identidad" is an invigorating exhibition. Sosa's work with colors is clearly her strength, but she brings out such richness in them. Sosa's pinks and blues and greens are breathtaking. She takes those familiar colors and makes them seem like they haven't been seen before.

"IDENTIDAD" at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through June 27. Museumsw.org.



Meet the Artist

5 questions with
Annelorre Robertson

Annelorre Robertson serves as the director of the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum at the Museum of the Southwest. She's also a potter. People can meet Robertson every other week at the Midland Downtown Farmers' Market where she sells her pottery. Whether as a facilitator or creator, the England native and University of North Texas alum is all about the art.



MRT: Who are your artistic heroes?

Robertson: I could make a long list but will keep it to all the amazing art teachers I've had throughout my life. Huge props to my art teacher in junior high school in England, Barry Knapp. A few years back I was extremely lucky to find him living in the United States and sent him a letter expressing my appreciation and letting him know he is the reason I am a potter today. In high school, I was mentored by my wonderful teachers and artists Larry Millar and Martha Kiel at O.H. Cooper High in Abilene.

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Phil Olson and Jena Tumlin

Playwright visits Midland for show's opening weekend

By Rich Lopez
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In 2013, Phil Olson was announced as the winner of the McLaren Memorial Comedy Playwriting Competition. A year later, he visited Midland from Los Angeles to witness the opening of the show. Midland Community Theatre's production of "Mom's Gift" is only the second time Olson's show was produced, the first being in Los Angeles, which closed recently. But after Saturday's show, he was clearly pleased.

"They've done a wonderful job," he said, beaming. "The director, the cast and crew all did such a wonderful job. It feels really great."

He was also glad his words translated well to the audience.

"I was really pleased. The audience response has been really good," he said.

Olson came to Midland the Thursday before

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BASIN BUSINESS

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TREASURE HUNT



Antique shop to bring first-ever Treasure Hunters Expo to Basin

By Audrie Palmer
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

It might be cliché to say that one man's trash is another one's treasure, but sometimes that statement is simply true.

And in July, one local business will help others connect to their own finds through a new event in Midland. The Wall St. Antiques West Texas

Treasure Hunters Expo will be held Saturday, July 12, at the Midland County Horseshoe and feature booths where treasure hunters can sell, browse, pick, trade, shop and haggle their way through local finds. Applications are available at Wall St. Antiques for those looking to sell their wares.

Wall St. Antiques owner Teresa Newman, who's operated the store for more than a decade, said that their shop is no longer "your grandmother's antique store." Offering finds for everyone from teenagers to seniors, she added that many are having fun shopping, finding bargains and their own personal, one-

of-a-kind items. And through the popularity of reality shows such as "Pawn Stars," "Storage Wars" and "Auction Hunters," treasure hunting is not just a growing trend for the area but becoming more of a hobby for many.

"We have gun shows and craft shows (here) but nothing quite this caliber," she said about the upcoming expo she'll host. "This ought to be fun."

The reality shows have brought the hobby to the forefront, said Pam Christian, who manages the online department for Wall St. Antiques.

For this year's first expo, the event

will host a meet and greet with special guest Allen Haff from Spike TV's "Auction Hunters." Haff, who is a second generation antique dealer with over 20 years of experience in the antique business, started his first antique business in Houston after college and was also one of eBay's earliest sellers of vintage collectibles. A previous host for HGTV's My House Is Worth What? and owner of the resale business Angel City Sales, specializing in estate liquidations, Haff will talk to Wall St. Antiques West Texas Treasure Hunters

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Networking breakfast scheduled

A networking breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 in the Carrasco Room on the Midland College Campus beginning at 8 a.m.

Maria Elena Duron with Buzz To Bucks will speak on growing a small business through successful marketing best practices.

The breakfast is sponsored by Buzz To Bucks, Midland College's Business and Economic Development Center, University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Small Business Development Center, Small Business Administration and Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Cost is \$5. More information is available by calling 684-4309.

Apache appoints new board member

HOUSTON — Apache Corporation has named Annel R. Bay to its board of directors.

Bay recently retired after six years as vice president of Global Exploration at Marathon Oil Co. Prior to joining Marathon, she was vice president of Americas Exploration for Shell Exploration and Production Co. and vice president of Worldwide Exploration at Kerr McGee Oil and Gas Corp. Earlier, Bay held positions of increasing responsibility in oil and gas exploration at Shell, Chevron, Sohio, Oryx Energy and Kerr McGee.

New VP joins Graybar

ST. LOUIS — Danna N. Ellison has joined Graybar, a distributor of electrical, communications and data networking products and provider of related supply chain management and logistics services, that just opened a Permian Basin facility, as vice president, strategic accounts.

In her new role, she will lead Graybar's strategic accounts organization, which focuses on business development, service and support for large, multi-site and global customers.

Ellison has worked in the electrical distribution industry for more than 14 years, most recently as vice president, Supply Chain with Gexpro, a division of Rexel Holdings USA.

Insignia Hospitality building new office to accommodate growth

Corporate growth has prompted Insignia Hospitality Group to build a new corporate office.

Currently leasing space at 4410 N. Midkiff Road, the Midland-based company just broke ground on its new 10,600 square foot location at 401 Tradewinds — the intersection of Champion Drive and Tradewinds, across from EOG Resources.

Rachel Overman, vice president, sales and marketing, said the new building will provide space for Insignia's design and development, sales and operations personnel as well as storage space.

"We have our own development team so this will provide space for them, their samples as well as sales and operating personnel," she said. Completion is expected early in the fourth quarter.

Greenstreet Construction of Lubbock, which also builds Insignia's hotels, is contractor on the office building.

Insignia currently operates 13 hotels across Texas and into eastern New Mexico, partnering with Marriott, Hilton Hotels Worldwide and Intercontinental Hotel Group.

The company owns two hotels in Midland, the Springhill Suites at 5716 Deauville and Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 5309 W. Loop 250 N. A third hotel, a Holiday Inn Express &

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Suites is currently under construction behind the McAlister's Deli and Quality Inn on the north Interstate 20 frontage road just west of south Rankin Highway. Overman said that property is expected to open in August.

The new Midland property is one of nine Overman said is in the pipeline.

Midland's Jared The Galleria of Jewelry at 4515 N. Midkiff Road in front of Midland Park mall will host a Le Vian Fine Jewelry event Thursday, May 29 during normal store hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy refreshments as they shop a selection of naturally-colored diamonds, from Le Vian's exclusive chocolate diamonds to pink orchid, sunny yellow and sky blue diamonds. On display will be trends in fine jewelry design, color gemstones and timepieces from the Le Vian family.

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DAVE SAYS

Make wise decisions to avoid becoming house poor

DEAR DAVE: I know you recommend that no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay should go toward rent or a mortgage payment. Should taxes and insurance be figured into this amount? — Kayla

DEAR KAYLA: Yes, they should. Mortgage companies will qualify you for twice as much house as you can realistically afford. They'll try to put you on a 30-year, adjustable-rate mortgage and leave you in debt up to your eyeballs for half of your life. Payments like that can easily equal 36 percent or more of your take-home pay. That's just nuts!

I see so many people who can't take a decent vacation or save anything for retirement or their kids' college fund because their mortgage payment is through the roof. That's called being "house poor." And I've

DAVE RAMSEY



even seen it push people into debt just to buy groceries. It's fine if you want to follow my guidelines. But what I'm really trying to do is get you to think. Engage in some critical thinking when it comes to your finances. There's so much more to life than that building we call a house. I want you to think about your future and your family's future and make smart money decisions that will change

your family tree for years to come!

DEAR DAVE: Can you have more than one life insurance policy, and is there ever a reason to do this? — Chad

DEAR CHAD: Sure, you can. And there are several different reasons you might choose to do this.

One, like in my case, I have lots of insurance regarding our business, our estate plan and those kinds of things. In some cases, I've reached the limit on the amount of a policy a company will write on me. Most life insurance companies will only write so much in coverage for one person. So when this has happened, I'd go to another carrier for additional coverage.

Another reason people do this is to feel more secure from a company standpoint. If one insurance company goes out of busi-

ness, they'll still have another policy, or policies, in place. Usually, that's not much of an issue. Most insurance companies are financially stable or have insurance to back them up with the state.

The only real problem with having more than one life insurance policy is that it complicates your life a little bit. You'd have two or three premium checks or withdrawals to worry about each month and possibly even additional policy fees. So generally speaking, it's cheaper to have just one policy. And I'd recommend having 10 to 12 times your annual income wrapped up in a good, level term policy.

But no, there aren't any rules against having more than one life insurance policy.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits April 28-May 2

4201 Pasadena Drive	Residential Addition	\$10,000
1106 Porterfield Road	Residence-Detached	\$5,000
4905 Island Drive	Residence-Detached	\$15,172
3309 Maxwell Drive	Fence	\$6,000
8312 Glasgow Drive	Residence-Detached	\$30,000
3303 W. Illinois Ave.	Snow Cone Stand	\$5,000
708 N. Tilden St.	MH-Single Lot	\$80,000
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$121,600
4400 N. Midland Drive	Sign	\$15,000
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2701 Quail Ridge Road	Residence-Detached	\$24,000
5915 Wagner Drive	Residential Addition	\$4,370
5518 San Saba Ave.	Residential Addition	\$24,000
604 W. Cowden Ave.	Residence-Detached	\$1,500
1700 W. Texas Ave.	Fence	\$1,000
3105 W. Illinois Ave.	Residence-Detached	\$9,900
611 S. Fort Worth	MH-Single Lot	\$25,000
812 Keystone Court	Swimming Pool	\$76,000
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$61,600
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$102,400
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$52,800
1516 S. Fort Worth St.	Residential Addition	\$4,200
2013 Mosswood Drive	New Residence	\$399,480
5313 Half Moon Circle	New Residence	\$249,660
8300 Edinburgh Drive	Swimming Pool	\$25,734
4517 Brookdale Drive	Residential Addition	\$20,000
4516 Robin Lane	Residence-Detached	\$20,000
4903 Heather Road	Residence-Detached	\$9,000
802 Ventura Ave.	Commercial Alteration	\$34,000
6004 Sabine	New Residence	\$238,320
1007 College Ave.	Residence-Detached	\$3,494
1501 N. Garfield St.	Residence-Detached	\$10,030
4101 Boulder Drive	Residence-Detached	\$2,440
4204 Lehigh Drive	Residence-Detached	\$2,316
4507 Patman Place	Residence-Detached	\$3,300
102 W. Spruce Ave.	Residential Addition	\$900
5216 Alysheba	Swimming Pool	\$50,000
501 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	\$148,000
503 O'Rourke St.	New Residence	\$145,000
5907 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$159,000
5909 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$148,000
5919 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$159,000
5911 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$145,000
5915 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$145,000
5917 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$158,000
5923 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$148,000
5921 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$145,000
5901 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$195,000
5913 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$159,000
5903 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$182,000
5905 Mile High Lane	New Residence	\$172,000
2021 Evans Lane	New Residence	\$242,820
4210 Downing Ave.	Residential Addition	\$17,000
1906 E. Pecan Ave.	Residential Addition	\$800
515 Mockingbird Lane	New Residence	\$518,780
2719 Deiano Ave.	Residential Alteration	\$3,000
1801 McDonald St.	Residential Addition	\$500
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	Residence-Detached	\$300
1506 W. Francis Ave.	Fence	\$1,600
1419 E. San Francisco	New Residence	\$203,400
1416 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$203,400
1309 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$181,080
1419 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$203,400
1400 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$203,400
1421 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$217,080
1401 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$235,260
1415 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$168,480
500 W. Texas Ave.	Commercial Alteration	\$250,000
1302 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$159,390
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$108,800
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$68,400
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$60,800
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$57,600
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$72,000
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$89,600
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$68,400
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$72,000
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1207 W. Florida Ave.	New Commercial	\$18,000
1504 S. Terrell St.	Residential Addition	\$3,000
203 W. Wall St.	Commercial Addition	\$15,000
5210 Ellen Jayne Way	New Residence	\$204,300
32 Lafayette Place	Residence-Detached	\$8,200
4400 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration	\$220,000
808 S. Terrell St.	Commercial Addition	\$25,000
6413 N. Highway 349	New Commercial	\$76,500
1300 Silverton Drive	New Residence	\$300,240
1609 Hodges St.	Residence-Detached	\$4,000
5823 Rio Grande Ave.	New Residence	\$173,790
800 W. Texas Ave.	Commercial Alteration	\$9,396,000
5317 Half Moon Circle	New Residence	\$245,070
4406 Coyote Trail	Swimming Pool	\$50,000
2908 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign	\$18,776
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2810 W. Loop 250 N.	New Commercial	\$3,211,000
110 W. Louisiana Ave.	Fence	\$4,000
6413 N. Highway 349	Commercial Alteration	\$131,000
4007 S. Andrews Drive	Fence	\$2,000
1104 Lanham St.	Residential Addition	\$4,000
1705 E. Golf Course Road	Residential Addition	\$191,160

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

Economist extended economics into other realms

Some of the most interesting and enlightening discoveries come where disciplines converge. Experts in one field who can see applications in other areas often give us new understanding of complex issues. The work of Dr. Gary S. Becker broke new ground in applying economic tools to other social sciences, generating theories and ideas on topics ranging from family dynamics to discrimination to criminal behavior. I was saddened to learn of his recent death at the age of 83. Our paths only crossed a few times, but I always found him fascinating.

For extending economic analysis "to new areas of human behavior and relations," Dr. Becker received the 1992 Nobel Prize in Economics (formally, the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel). As the Royal Swedish Academy put it, Dr. Becker worked with an "economic approach" centered on the idea that individual behavior follows the same basic principles in various contexts. Specifically, individuals (or households, companies or other organizations) behave purposefully.

Within economics, such purposeful behavior is known as "rational" behavior, meaning that there is a specific goal driving the decision process. For firms, profits are generally seen as the driving objective,

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and the firm's management makes decisions such that profits are maximized. Another objective we talk about in economics is "utility," which is essentially a blend of happiness/contentment and usefulness. People act in certain ways so as to maximize their utility. Of course (as Dr. Becker pointed out), utility is not determined strictly by financial success for individuals.

Four of the major areas Gary Becker concentrated on were human capital, family behavior, crime and punishment, and discrimination. Human capital deals with the returns on investment in human competence (such as education and on-the-job training). His theory of human capital provides a framework for analyzing wage differences and other patterns, and economists have used his work in this area as a basis for theories on topics ranging from immigration to trade.

The family dynamics work of Dr. Becker looked at how a family is similar to a manufacturing firm, using various inputs to produce necessities of life (meals, a place to live, and so on) as well as entertain-

ment. He also looked at what happens when wages rise, changing the incentives to work. Many of the outcomes when nations become increasingly industrialized (more women enticed into the workforce, fewer children and so on) fit well within this framework. He could also be a bit quirky and humorous, including postulating a theory of extra-marital affairs based on the optimal allocation of time (a construct which he used effectively for many other subjects).

He also used economic principles to explain the motivations of some criminals, theorizing that they implicitly analyze the benefits of committing a crime in light of the potential cost of punishment. In the area of discrimination, Dr. Becker published a book in 1957 setting forth his theory that discrimination harms (in economic terms) not only the person discriminated against, but also the one doing the discriminating.

Gary Becker spent most of his career teaching at the University of Chicago, where he influenced his students as well as other professors. His colleagues

use words and phrases such as transformational thinker and intellectually fearless to describe him. Milton Friedman called him the greatest social scientist in half a century. High praise, indeed.

While some of Dr. Becker's ideas seem obvious to us today, many were conceived and written about as far back as the early 1960s. At that point, many economists were skeptical of the value of work dealing with the social sciences, and Gary Becker was blazing a new trail. As recently as earlier this year, he continued to write thought-provoking essays. He wasn't afraid of being controversial, and blogged on a wide range of topics. Through his creative brilliance, he made people think, even if they disagreed with him. Before Becker, economists pretty much stuck to traditional subjects — production, consumption, investment, labor and such. After Becker, we started using our toolkits to venture into other areas. For that alone, many of us are eternally grateful.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is president and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

TREASURE

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Expo attendees about how to find great items in a yard sale.

The event will also raffle off a storage unit stocked with items from donors in the West Texas community. All proceeds from the raffle will go to benefit the Aphasia Center, officials said.

"They ought to come out and have fun and look for a treasure and a great deal," Newman said.

Treasure hunting gives people the opportunity not only to engage in a new hobby but learn about the history behind some of the pieces they find and some help remind them of their family, she added. Upscycling, another growing trend, is also helping to boost the antique business. Those seeking out furniture and pieces to give new life to and make something uniquely theirs is also aiding in customers' hobbies.

The television shows have brought more of these hobbies to the forefront, Newman and Christian said, and for others, it's helping to keep the history alive of these pieces they find.

"If it was made, someone collects it," Christian said.

Another growing area

of the business is in estate sales. Part of the growth, Newman said, comes from those now learning what they are and being aware of the service.

In the past, she said, many might simply give away items to family and friends after a loved one has passed, make a donation to a non-profit or hold their own garage or yard sale. With the help of Wall St. Antiques, hiring someone without a personal

attachment to the family or items helps them to sell more items and make more money for the family.

With a customer following and knowing local collectors, Newman said that she and her team can advertise most items either online through social media and their website or an e-mail list and let their customers pre-shop before attending the sale.

"There's a collector out there for everything and

everything out there for a collector," said Christian.

For more information or to purchase a booth to sell wares at the Wall St. Antiques West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo on July 12, applications can be picked up at the business until space is filled. Wall St. Antiques is located at 3712 W. Wall St. in Midland, or can be reached at 689-8852 or online at www.wallst-antiquesmidland.com.

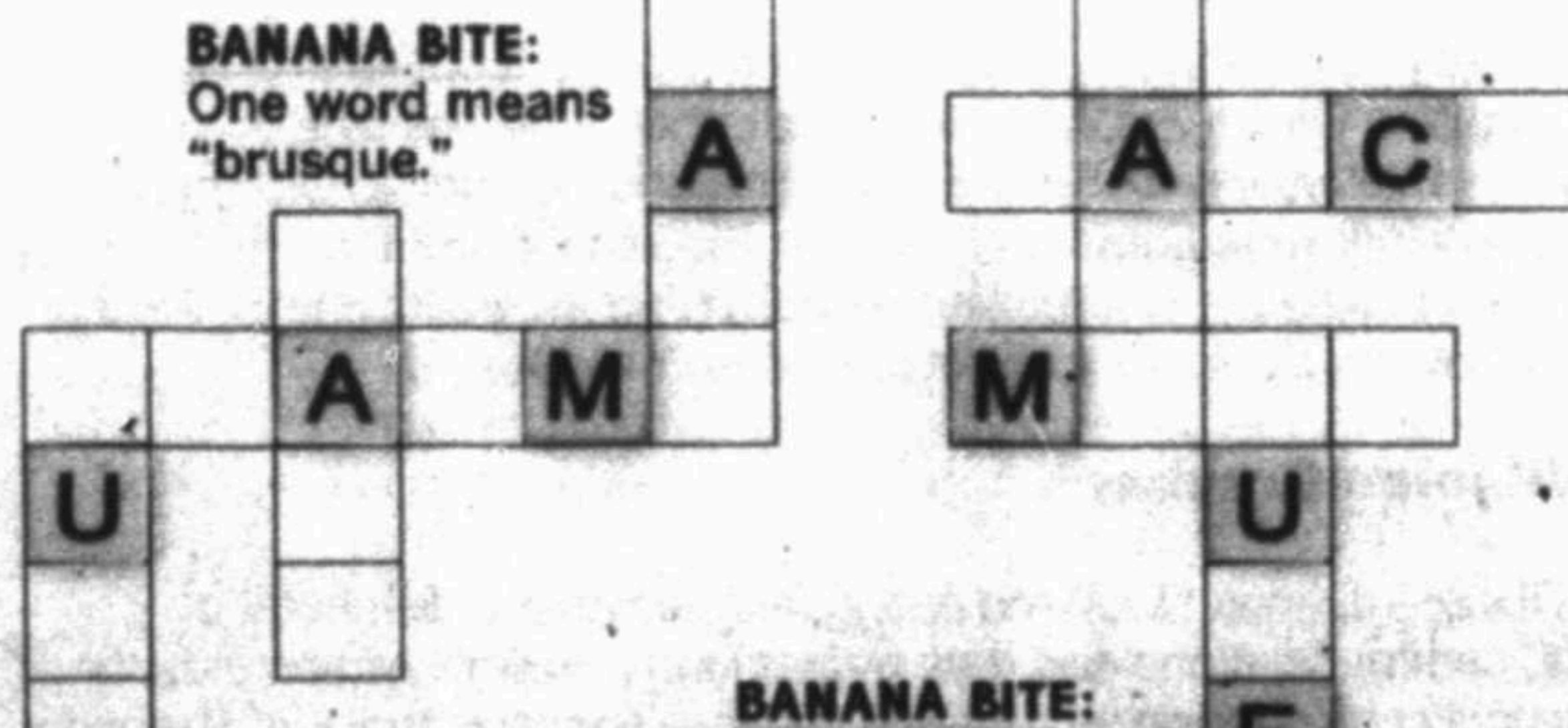
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Jen Collins Moore, owner of Meez Meals, places some of her ready to cook entrées in a delivery container May 7 in her kitchen in Chicago. Her company makes and delivers ingredients for dinner to customers whose busy lifestyles leave little time for meal preparation.

Need a small business idea? Don't pick what's hot

By Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jumping on the latest hot trend seems like a sure-fire way to strike entrepreneurial gold. But while yoga studios and gluten-free bakeries may be popular, investors and business consultants say take a broader view. Trends in society, including changing demographics and technology are the best guide. Instead of joining the pack, would-be small business owners should look for a niche and fill it.

MAKE LIFE EASIER

THE OPPORTUNITY: Products or services that make life easier, particularly for the well-to-do.

Businesses that deliver ready-to-cook dinner ingredients or care for elderly relatives are good bets, said Brian Cohen, chairman of New York Angels, a group of investors that buy stakes in small or young companies.

"Over and over again, the companies that are getting funding are serving upper-income people," Cohen said.

Think about things that are convenient, save time and are fun to use — such as dinner ingredient companies, which deliver to customers all the makings of a dish like stir-fried beef or vegetable lasagna. They offer people who like to cook the satisfaction of making a meal, without having to shop.

Elder care companies, which send aides to care for or do housekeeping for older or sick people, relieve the stress on family members when a parent or other relative needs full- or part-time attention.

WHY NOW? The economy is growing and people have more money to spend on things that aren't necessities. As for elder care, people are living longer and are more likely to need help.

ENTREPRENEUR BEWARE: There's already a lot of competition. Two companies, Blue Apron and Plated, already deliver dinner ingredients to a large part of the country. And home-care businesses abound.

BEEN THERE, DOING THAT: Jen Collins Moore started Chicago-based Meez Meals, which delivers ready-to-cook ingredients to consumers, in 2010. She realized there was a demand for an ingredient delivery service when she worked with focus groups of women at a consumer products company. The women wanted to cook but didn't have time to do all the work. She started her business before Blue Apron and Plated, but isn't worried about the competition; unlike Moore's rivals, Meez Meals delivers food that's already cut up and chopped, saving customers time.

"We do it differently. We do the prep work," Moore said.

STAND OUT FROM THE FOOD CROWD

THE OPPORTUNITY: Organic, natural and gluten-free foods.

The market for gluten-free foods, estimated at \$10.5 billion in 2013, is expected to grow to more than \$15 billion by 2016, according to market research company Mintel. But rather than trying to come up with a product like another gluten-free muffin, consider a business that supports or services the gluten-free industry, said Dwight Richmond, a purchasing executive at Whole Foods, the grocery chain. One example: a company that creates gluten-free ingredients like Penford Corp., based in Centennial Colorado. It makes tapioca and other ingredients used in gluten-free food.

"The people thriving are the ones who find new and better ways to innovate," Richmond said.

A product that gives consumers the information they want about their food may also be a good choice. Investor Alicia Syrett bought a stake in a company that makes high-end muffin and cake mixes, Cisse Trading. She likes that it allows people to go online and research its ingredients and where they come from.

"Consumers want transparency. They want to know, what are we putting in our bodies?" said Syrett. CEO of Pantegriion Capital, an angel investment firm.

WHY NOW? About 3 million people in the U.S. have celiac disease, an intolerance for gluten. Millions of others have food allergies. Many people are concerned about food additives like hormones and chemicals and foods that have been genetically modified. Others want what are called fair trade foods, produced by companies that treat their workers and the environment well.

ENTREPRENEUR BEWARE: By the time many would-be entrepreneurs grab hold of an idea, the field could be packed,

said Dennis Ceru, adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at Babson College and a business consultant. "The most hot trend is probably at least at its midpoint," he says.

"See what other industries, what other business services or products support that trend. That might be an opportunity," he says.

BEEN THERE, DOING THAT: Kelly LeDonni got the idea to sell labels and tags for gluten-free food after she was diagnosed with celiac disease. A tiny amount of gluten can make her very sick. She started Gluten Free Labels in February 2013, selling to consumers online. The Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, company's customers include restaurants, retailers and university cafeterias.

HUNT AND GATHER

THE OPPORTUNITY: Businesses that gather or process information.

Companies that use technology to gather information to use in all sorts of ways are valuable for websites or mobile apps that allow people and businesses to find the information they need, or to navigate daily life. The information can help retailers and other companies find good customers. Think businesses modeled after OpenTable, the online restaurant reservation service or Beauty Booked, a website that allows users to book appointments for hair and nail salons, spas and other personal care businesses.

WHY NOW? Consumers and businesses expect to find answers to their questions online, and to accomplish tasks fast.

ENTREPRENEUR BEWARE: Hackers. They keep finding new ways to infiltrate computer systems and databases. Businesses must comply with laws that aim to protect consumer data.

BEEN THERE, DOING

THAT: Jalem Getz started Wantable, in 2012, selling makeup, accessories and lingerie based on information supplied by customers. Wantable first collects customers' answers to detailed questions about their preferences for makeup, colors and clothes. Then, if they give Wantable access to their Facebook account, the Milwaukee-based company gathers information about their online purchases and searches. The information is used to suggest merchandise for customers to buy.

"We see ourselves as a matchmaker between customers and products," Getz said.

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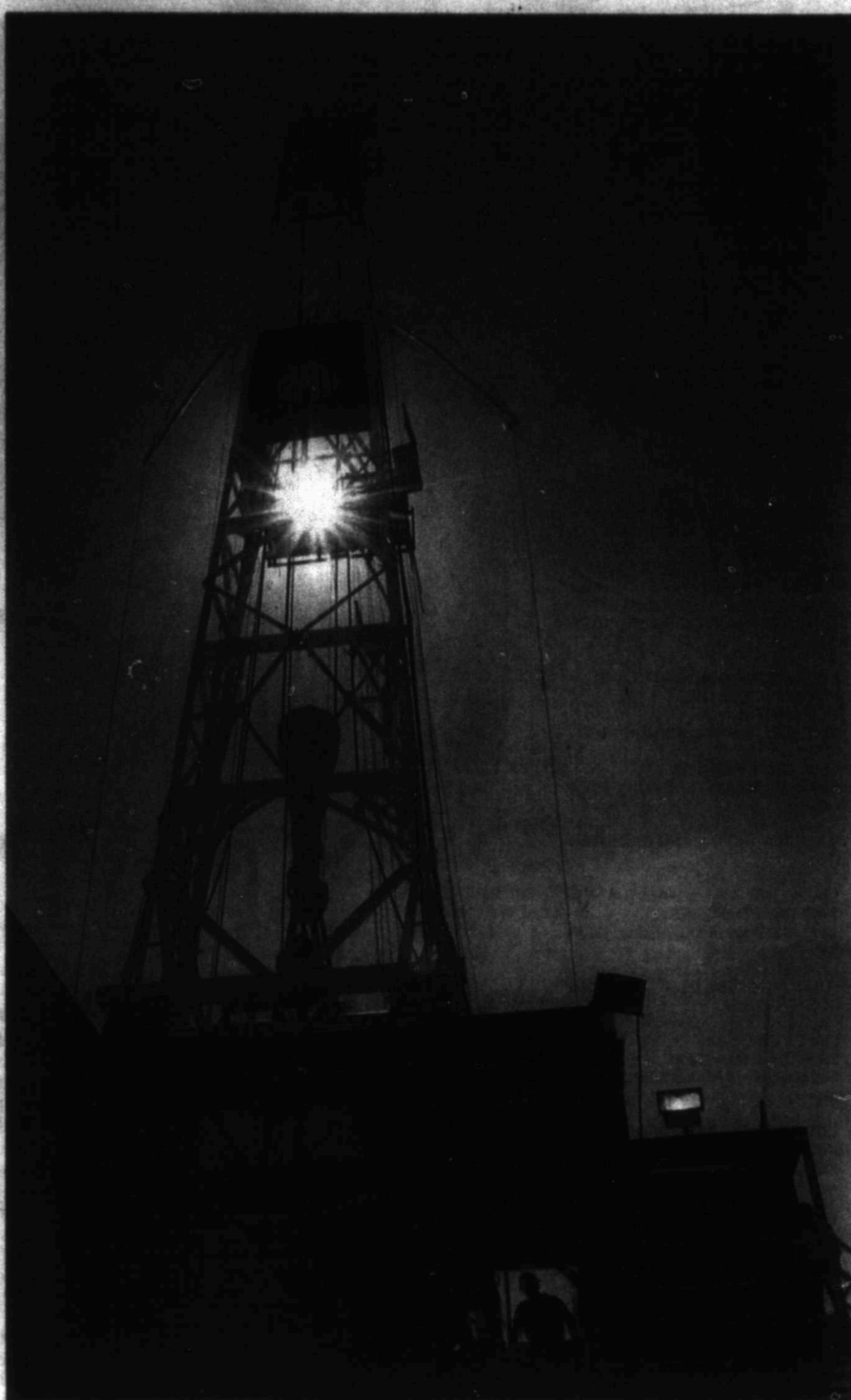
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PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Annual environmental seminar draws national representation

■ Federal agencies, national industry groups to participate

By Mella McEwen
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Environment-related issues between the oil and gas industry and regulatory agencies have shifted in the years since

Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center began sponsoring the Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar.

When the seminars were first held, said Hoxie Smith, the center's executive director, it mainly drew state regulatory agencies. Topping early concerns, he added, were New Mexico's pit lining rules and spill prevention, control and countermeasure plans.

This year's seminar, sponsored by the center along with The Permian Basin section, Society of Petroleum Engineers and Permian Basin Petroleum Association, will be Thursday, May 22 in the Carrasco Room on the Midland College campus.

Today, Smith proudly noted, the annual seminar has begun attracting not only state agencies but federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and industry groups such as the American Petroleum Institute. This year, for the first time, the Independent Petroleum Association of America will be sending

representatives — Lee Fuller and Matt Kellogg will open the daylong seminar.

Smith said this year's top concerns are emissions and the Endangered Species Act.

"One thing that's important to the industry is new emissions laws and what may be coming down the pike," he said.

Joe Shine and David Reyna with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which oversees air emissions in Texas, will speak, as will Donald Smith with the EPA's Dallas regional office. Smith said he

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Frontier Midstream, Concho to partner on northern Delaware Basin transportation system

By Mella McEwen
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With Permian Basin oil and gas producers successfully developing prospects in the Delaware Basin, they are seeking ways to move their production to market.

Concho Resources this week announced plans to partner with Frontier Midstream Solutions LLC of Tulsa on a new transportation system that will connect a substantial portion of the com-

pany's northern Delaware Basin crude production and provide multiple delivery points.

The joint venture, named Alpha Crude Connect LLC, will own operate a system that consists of over 400 miles of crude oil transportation pipeline, multiple truck racks and over 300,000 barrels of storage. It will initially have the capacity to deliver over 100,000 barrels of oil per day to multiple delivery points, including local refineries, rail outlets and major down-

stream pipelines.

Ken Snyder, vice president, business development with Frontier, noted that infrastructure has been constrained in the Delaware Basin. "Most of the crude is trucked, traditionally, and there have been constraints even for trucks."

The venture will have to receive authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission because it plans to operate as a common carrier, a regulated pipeline with open access to

everyone, Snyder said. An open season will begin in June and construction is expected to begin following that open season, with the system coming online early in the second half of 2015.

"Concho is a leader in the Delaware Basin and we're excited to partner with them," Snyder said.

Operators like Concho, he said, have been successful developing more formations efficiently and cost-effectively, resulting in more drilling activity. Pipelines such as the Alpha Crude system

will help move that production while cutting transportation and logistics costs for operators, he added.

In announcing the joint venture, Dave Presley, president of Frontier, commented, "We are excited to be back in the Permian Basin and look forward to serving the producing community in the northern Delaware Basin. ACC will support growing midstream demand from in-

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STAYING PUT

New Chevron VP: Company expects to be very active in basin for long period

By Mella McEwen
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When Chevron enters a producing basin, it has a tendency to stay put. Its involvement in the Permian Basin dates back 90 years through the various corporations it has acquired through the years, such as Gulf Oil and Texaco.

The company's new \$150 million campus currently under construction west of Scharbauer Sports Complex is an illustration, said Bruce Niemeyer, vice president of the company's Mid-Continent business unit.

"We expect to be in the new campus for a long time," he said of the project, comprised of two four-story buildings connected by a walkway, a parking garage and a separate training and conference building.

"We want to be sure the programming and facilities are right for our employees."

He said the campus is in the foundation stages at the moment but there has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work between the contractors and local leadership discussing how the facility will be set up.

"It's designed to house 800 right now, but we want to allow for expansion in the future," Niemeyer said. "We're thinking ahead."

Because the company has such a large population in the Permian Basin, he said the company is active in the community and encourages its employees to be active as well. Recently Chevron was part of a group of companies and foundations that

donated \$6.25 million to the Midland Independent School District for teacher recruitment and retention.

"Education is an issue that is very important," he said. "Teachers trained and ready and capable of educating our students is important. When you go down the street in Midland and Odessa, you can see the impact of growth. MISD recognized its particular challenges and I was pleased some forward-thinking members of the community looked for solutions."

Education and fostering a love of science, technology, engineering and math and protecting the environment are three top issues, Niemeyer said, along with supporting economic development and community assistance programs like Christmas in Action.

"We try to find a place where there is a real community need and where our involvement can have an impact," he said.

Niemeyer, who most recently served as vice president of Chevron's Appalachia business unit, noted that he's been in the business 30 years and has found the Permian Basin is not following the traditional path.

"Typically, what you come to expect from a basin is you have a life cycle: You discover, you produce and then there's a long decline," he said. "The Permian Basin is not exactly following that path. With unconventional resources, it's following a different path."

Though Chevron is a very large company with activity throughout the globe, Niemeyer said the Permian Basin is "especially important."

The company has 1.9 million net acres across the region and 17,000 drilling prospects. "That, combined with the way reservoirs are stacked creates a long-term proposition," he said.

Plans are to drill 330 gross wells in the Midland Basin and another 175 in the Del-

aware Basin for a total of almost 500 wells this year, he noted. "We see the trajectory of activity moving upward."

"The Permian Basin has always been an important area for us; we've been involved in working there a number of years. With the maturation of opportunities, we see growth," he said.

"If we can create efficiencies and cost-effective development, that makes a broader array of well locations available," he said.

Part of those growth opportunities are advances in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies, Niemeyer said. Chevron has horizontal drilling as part of its drilling program for the Permian Basin this year.

As an industry, he said, "we're looking at decades of activity. It's hard to predict how far it will go. When I started 30 years ago, there were many of the places we're operating in now were places you couldn't think of, like the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. We're operating on the east coast of Canada in intervals that we thought couldn't be economic. Its technologies applied together in different ways."

That bodes well for those just entering the industry, he said. "They'll have very bright futures."

As Chevron plans activity moving forward, Niemeyer said one of the things the company will look at is water sources, given concern about the use of fresh water in hydraulic fracturing operations. He said Chevron will look at other sources of water, from municipal gray water to treating and using brackish water to recycling flowback water. The company, he added, also works with its business partners and its scientists and chemists on water strategies.

"It's important for us and everyone in the industry to think about our environmental footprint," he said. "Energy development can be done safely and cleanly, and doing so can be positive."

Exporting crude and technology is natural flow of things

The next big thing for oil and gas drillers will be Mexico. Or maybe China. But then, East Africa is showing some promise. And we can't forget about the Norwegians. They're producing a lot of oil and gas these days from some very old wells.

If you thought the Eagle Ford Shale was the only new oil and gas play in the world, you're not keeping up. Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are opening up previously unreachable petroleum reserves around the globe.

Tapping those reserves will be necessary to meet global demand, which is expected to grow by 41 percent over the next 20 years, according to the BP Energy Outlook 2035, an annual industry forecast watched by analysts.

These drilling techniques offer the United States a chance to produce more energy than it needs by 2035. Meeting global demand offers Texas oil and gas companies enormous opportunities, but only if Congress allows American crude oil and natural gas to be sold freely on the international market, and the industry develops technology that answers the public's concerns about the environmental impact of hydraulic fracturing.

Politicians and pundits are crowing about the chance for "energy independence," a term best used only at political rallies in front of audiences ignorant about how petroleum flows across the globe to find the

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

right market.

The slogan, though, has such nationalistic appeal that Congress is reluctant to touch a law passed during the 1970s oil crisis that effectively bans the large-scale export of crude, and a 1938 law allows government agencies to decide how much natural gas can leave our shores for the international market — where the price can be more than double what U.S. consumers pay.

The U.S. production boom has meant West Texas Intermediate crude is backing up at Texas refineries, and there is a glut of natural gas.

Some American manufacturers oppose exports because inexpensive natural gas means cheap electricity and chemicals. Domestic refiners also profit from refining U.S. crude and then exporting it. This protectionism may seem patriotic, but 11 years as a foreign correspondent reporting on international trade has taught me that such measures never work out as planned.

From natural gas to oil

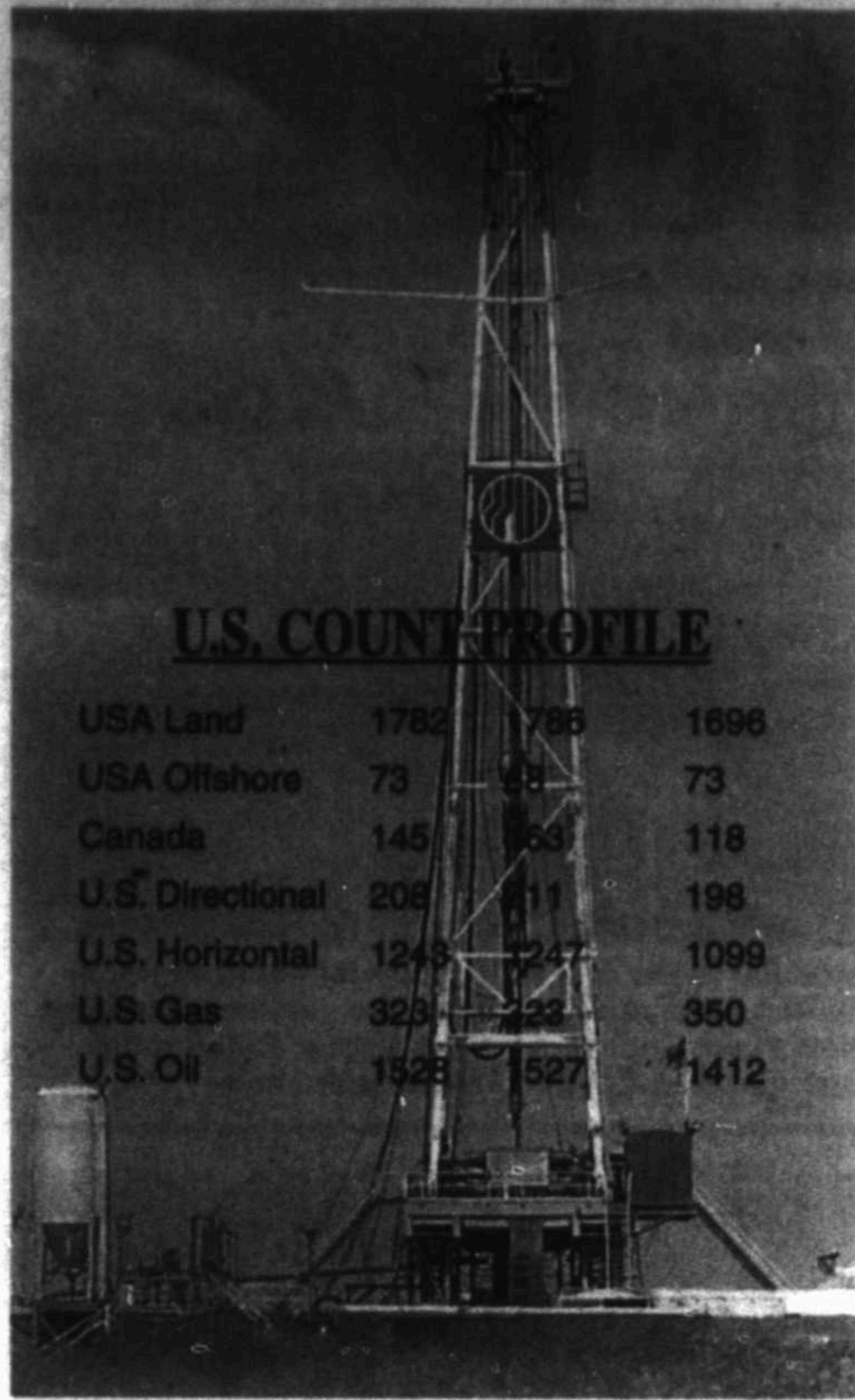
Mark Finley, the top U.S. energy economist at BP, told the oil and gas industry's Offshore Technology Conference in Houston last week that because natural gas prices were high when the shale drilling revolution started, 75 percent of rigs drilled for it. Now the price is so low that 75 percent of rigs are drilling for \$100-a-barrel oil instead. The market will not be manipulated.

Meanwhile, Russia will remain the world's largest energy exporter, supplying 4.2 percent of the world's energy in 2035, according to the BP forecast, and the study assumes Congress will eventually approve U.S. exports. With Russian President Vladimir Putin using his petroleum reserves as a diplomatic sword and shield to do battle with the West, we do ourselves and our allies a disservice by boycotting the global energy market.

Reporting from Africa, the Middle East and Asia, I learned that the poorest places in the world have the fastest-growing populations. The BP forecast confirms that my old stomping grounds will need the most new energy to develop.

India and China will account for 50 percent of the increase in global energy demand between now and 2035. The African Union will remain an energy exporter, primarily from offshore oil and gas fields,

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 was especially pleased the EPA will be attending. "A lot of people think the EPA is stepping out of their bounds," he said. "The Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, were done with good intentions, but where do you draw the line? Especially when we're talking about carbon dioxide (CO2), which is as natural as H2O (water). Plants need CO2 for photosynthesis."
 A second main topic this year will be endangered species in the aftermath of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listing the lesser prairie chicken as threatened. Bill Van Pelt with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies will be discussing the organization's conservation plan for the bird. Smith said he is hoping to have a representative from the Fish and Wildlife Service

Want to attend?
 Where: Carrasco Room, Midland College campus
 When: Thursday, May 21; registration opens at 7:30 a.m.
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 Register: Online at www.midland.edu/ppdc or by calling 683-2832

attend as well.
 Other speakers include Richard Brantley with the University Lands, Santos Gonzales Jr., district director of the Railroad Commission's Midland District, David Herrell and Jim Amos with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Scott Dawson with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Ben Shepperd, president of the PBPA, will provide a Texas regulatory update and Mike Miller with

PBPA will offer a New Mexico regulatory update. Luncheon speaker will be Richard Ranger with the API in Washington, D.C.
 The main goal of the annual seminar, Smith said, has always been to provide a forum for the regulatory agencies, oil and gas operators, and environmental contractors to get updates and have a platform for discussions. Regulators can discuss their regulatory plans and the industry can discuss what they're doing to protect the environment and how regulations or proposed regulations will impact their operations.
 "People get a little overzealous, thinking they have total control over cleaning the environment," Smith observed. "We're all trying to do the right thing. It's a matter of finding that middle road."

TOMLINSON

From 2G
 but the continent's demand will grow by 93 percent. The most sought-after fossil fuel in all cases? Natural gas.
Chances to profit
 These regions will look to meet that demand locally with natural gas production expected to increase in India by 44 percent, in Africa by 109 percent and in China by a staggering 232 percent. Savvy business people will have plenty of opportunities.
 "It's a growing opportunity," Ed Breiner, president and CEO of Pennsylvania-based rig manufacturer Schramm, told me after a tour of a high-tech drilling

rig customized for shale on display at last week's conference. "We have customers in China that are drilling shale wells. Only a few, but it is beginning."
Fracturing questions
 American companies, though, will need to answer nagging questions about their niftiest trick, hydraulic fracturing. At the Offshore Technology Conference, engineers and CEOs said the right things about plugging leaks during production and recycling drilling water, but the industry needs to convince foreign governments and activists that these new techniques are safe by encouraging greater transparency and voluntary regulation.

Breiner said Schramm wants to lessen the drilling equipment's effect on the environment and the community.
 Using digital technology, his engineers took the derrick man off the top of the rig and sat him or her in an air-conditioned cabin to load and connect pipe using joysticks. Automated roughnecks replace humans on the drilling floor, reducing the main risk of injury.
 "We built this equipment for safety, mobility, speed and less community impact," Breiner said.
 The current oil boom could offer more than energy independence, if government and business put strategy over defensiveness.

PARTNER

From 1G
 creased drilling activity in the northern Delaware Basin and is designed to help producers reduce their logistics costs while main-

taining the optionality to reach multiple markets." According to Snyder, Presley is from Monahans and began his career in Midland. The company has constructed several proj-

ects in the Permian Basin. The new project, he said, is expected to create some jobs, both in construction and for a team to manage the system once it comes online.

SEPM members host Fasken geophysicist
 Members of the Permian Basin section, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) will meet Tuesday, May 20 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.
 Glenn Winters, chief geophysicist, Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd. will be presenting a program on "Obstacles and Pitfalls of the Everyday Interpreter."
 Cost is \$15, including lunch. The public is invited. Additional information may be found at <http://www.wtgs.org> under "Events." Reservations can be obtained by calling 683-1573 or by email at wtdgs@wtgs.org

Midland oil and gas attorney to address SIPES
 The Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will meet Wednesday, May 21 at Midland Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m.
 The program will be presented by Michel E. Curry, who will discuss recent revisions to the AAPL Model Form Operating Agreement concerning horizontal wells and related horizontal well issues, as well as recent case law affecting the operating agreement. Curry is a shareholder in Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson PC.
 There is no charge for members, \$20 for guests.

MEETINGS

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)			
	First of the month price	Closing price 5/14/14	Same period one year ago
NYMEX future price	\$4.795	\$4.367	\$3.920
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	\$4.540	\$4.310	\$3.855
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	\$4.423	\$4.305	\$3.760
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	\$4.490	\$4.310	\$3.812
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	\$4.510	\$4.330	\$3.785
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	\$4.445	\$4.290	\$3.790
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	\$4.719	\$4.390	\$3.866

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas	Count	Floyd	Count
DIST. #7C			
Coke	1	Hockley	4
Concho	0	Kent	1
Crockett	8	Martin	46
Irion	19	Midland	39
Kimble	0	Mitchell	1
McCulloch	0	Pecos	7
Menard	0	Presidio	0
Reagan	27	Reeves	55
Runnels	1	Sterling	3
Schleicher	3	Ward	22
Sutton	0	Winkler	6
Terrell	0		
Tom Green	1		
Upton	35		
	DIST. #8A		
	Bailey	0	
	Borden	2	
	Cochran	2	
	Cottle	0	
	Crosby	0	
	Dawson	6	
	Dickens	0	
			TEXAS TOTAL
			449
			New Mexico
		Chaves	1
		Eddy	49
		Lea	34
		Roosevelt	0
		N.M. TOTAL	84

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	\$97.45
Flint Hills	\$98.75
Resources	\$98.99
Phillips 66	\$98.75
Plains	\$98.90
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Parsley Energy launches IPO

Parsley Energy Inc. of Midland has launched an initial public offering of 43,900,000 shares of its Class A common stock at an anticipated initial offering price between \$15 and \$18 per share pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 filed previously with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
 Parsley is offering 36,363,636 shares of its Class A common stock and the selling shareholders named in the registration statement are offering 7,536,364 shares of Parsley's Class A common stock. In addition, Parsley intends to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 6,585,000 shares of its Class A common stock. The Class A common stock has been authorized for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "PE," subject to official notice of issuance.
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Are you serious? Absolutely! Cardinal Surveys president Steve McLaughlin explains how using a TRAC-III Annulus Production Log. First, there must be a dual entry well head. Because the TRAC-III production logging tool has an OD of just 7/8" it fits perfectly between the tubing and the annulus in wells with 5-1/2 inch casing and 2-7/8 inch tubing or even 4 1/2 inch casing and 2-3/8 inch tubing. This allows for real-time logging during production, eliminating the need to shut a well down to run the log. Videos on Cardinal's website show how.



Yes, Cardinal Surveys can log a beam pumped well and locate its production zones! Call them at (432) 580-8061 to learn more.

close to identify production zones to identify the sources of water and of oil.

Two recent case studies targeted unwanted water that resulted in high fluid levels and loss of hydrocarbon. The well was so full of water it couldn't produce anymore, even with the maximum size pump. One well had a hole in the casing

that was not from perforations. The other well had water entries from perforations near the top of the well or shallowest pay zones, including two sets making water from an unsuccessful squeeze.

Cardinal Surveys' TRAC-III Annulus Production Logging can help you see what zones are produc-

ing what in beam-pumped wells, and make adjustments that can improve production and reduce water.

TRAC-III logging is not only useful in new wells, it can help with workovers of depleted wells. Reliable data allows accurate and precise design of remedial workover procedures. Cardinal Surveys has been successfully doing these logs since the 1960s. Many other formations benefit equally from real-time production logging. In fact, case studies prove well performance can be radically improved after workover, including elimination of water and significant increases in hydrocarbon production.

Find out what is actually contributing to production, reduce water flow, establish a baseline for a new well—all these uses and more allow TRAC-III logging from Cardinal Surveys to pay for

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When Big D does your site work, whether it's a pit or any other work, they will coordinate the fence to accommodate load lines or anything else that needs to pass through or around the fence.

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Permian Enterprises offers state of the art inspection for oilfield tubulars

Permian Enterprises' tubing, casing and drill pipe inspection service incorporates eight reclamation processes into its inspections, using the most advanced technology available.

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say, a chain is only as good as its weakest link," says Amador, "and that's just as true for pipe."

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PAID CONTENT

The Victaulic roll grooving system speeds preparation for pipe joining

Joining pipe by traditional methods—welding, threading or flanging—all are challenging methods for rapidly joining pipe. In the field, where pipe must be moved regularly, these problems multiply—especially the time lost factor.

The Victaulic pipe joining system solves all those problems and more, saving time and money.

One problem with typical threading is that the threading process removes a substantial amount of the thickness of the pipe, reducing the wall at the joint. The process is also messy, leaving piles of cuttings to be cleaned up—and it requires copious amounts of messy cutting oils.

Roll grooving is the method of choice for preparing pipe made of standard or light wall carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, PVC, copper and other materials. With more and more companies coating pipe to extend its life in harsh oilfield conditions, it is important to note that the Victaulic system works very well with coated pipe.

When time is of the essence, remember that roll grooving reduces pipe preparation time from minutes down to a few seconds. Roll grooving is much cleaner since it does not involve cutting oils or pipe shavings. It cold-forms the groove, so it



With the Victaulic system's roll grooving tools, preparation time for joining pipe is reduced to just seconds.

does not generate any heat, as would be the case with welding the pipe ends.

Victaulic makes available not only the couplings, but the tools needed to prepare the pipe to joint with those couplings. The system's distinguishing feature is the groove made where the pipe and fitting engage to form a self-restraining joint. The position, depth and cross-section of this groove combine with the coupling housing in an optimal strength-to-weight relationship. The result is a permanent connection capable of withstanding thrust loads up to the maximum rated pressure.

Victaulic roll grooving tools are all designed to rotate the pipe or orbit the pipe as a male grooving roll is impressed into the pipe. The support roll, in

addition to driving the pipe or tool, is the female die inside the pipe. As stated, this process removes no metal—the groove is cold-formed into the pipe wall.

All Victaulic cut groovers are designed to be driven around a stationary pipe to machine away material, providing a groove. The design of the tool assures a groove that is concentric with the pipe's O. D., even if the pipe is out-of-round. Cut grooving is basically designed for standard weight or heavier wall thicknesses of pipe. A square cut groove is used for steel and other metallic IPS pipe. This provides maximum coupling or gripping efficiency and the fullest pipe movement capabilities.

Victaulic offers a variety of pipe preparation tools for the most com-

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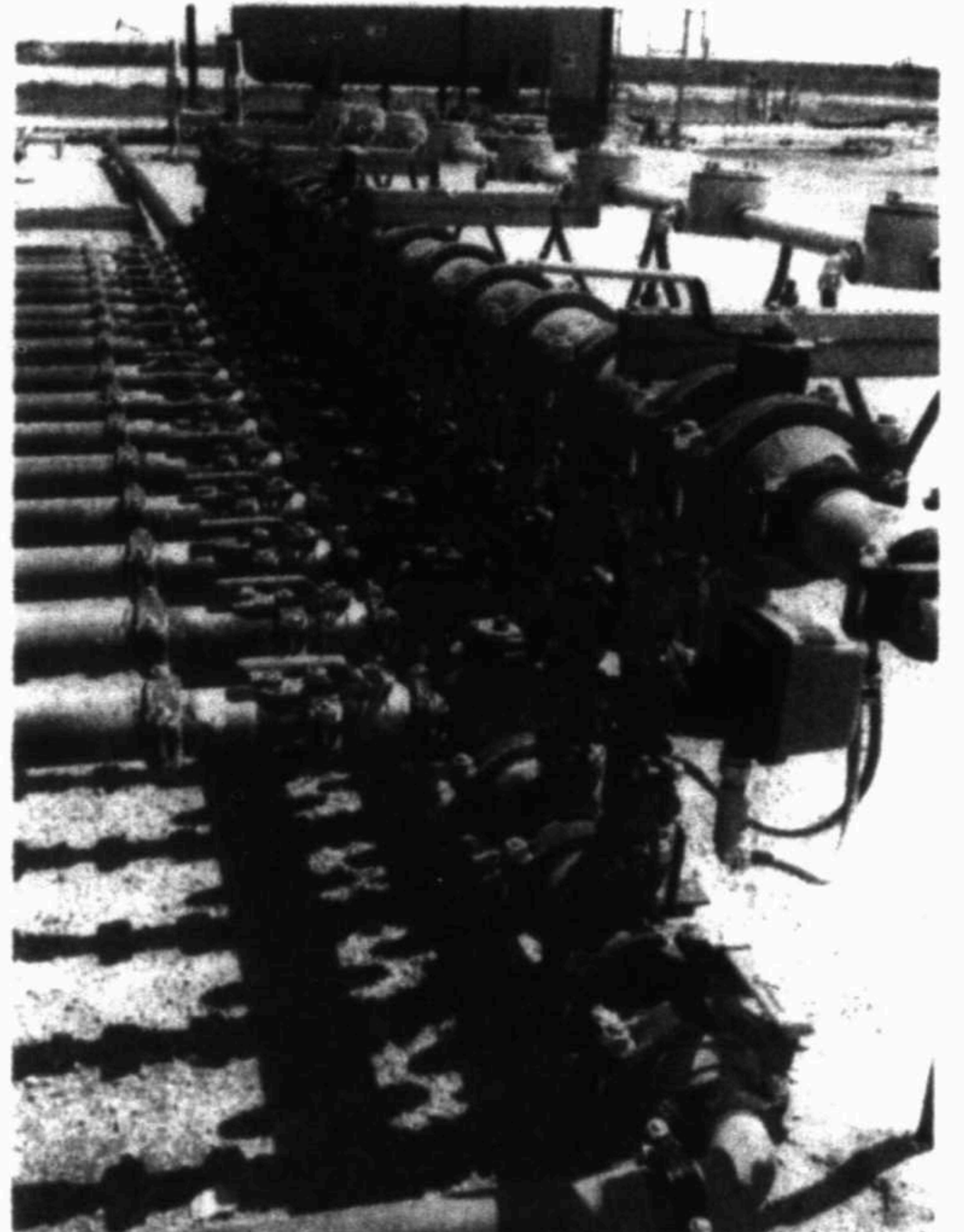
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Texas RRCD 7C

Irion County

Apache Corporation
Scott Sugg #2726#H33M
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Hor-
zontal; 820 fml, 1756 fwl,
Sec 28, Blk 14, Abst. 1034,
H&T RR, 9 ne Barnhart;
TD 6860 TVD, 15320 MD;
Comp 4/24/2014; producing
from 7709-15252, treated
with acid and fracture
stimulated; gas lift 173 BO,
241 MCF, 2627 BW, 41 Oil
Gravity; API #42-235-35372

Runnels County

Eagle Production Inc.
Vancil #1
Winters Southwest
(Gardner Lime); 330 fml,
1263 fsl, Sec 170, Abst.
787, ET RR, 7 nw Ballinger;
TD 4720; Comp 4/18/2014;
producing from 4338-4350;
pump 30 BO, 50 MCF, 170
BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-
399-35417

Hidalgo Oil & Exploration
Corp.
Clara #4
Deanie B. (Jennings
Sand); 467 fml, 467 fsl, Sec
144, Blk 64, Abst. 1287,
ET RR, 6 ne Ballinger;
TD 3980; Comp 5/1/2014;
producing from 3790-3795,
treated with acid and fracture
stimulated; pump 16
BO, 30 MCF, 30 BW, 40 Oil
Gravity; API #42-399-35418

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Capstone Natural Re-
sources LLC
R.K. DeFord "A" #1
Block A-34 (Glorieta); 34
fsl, 1320 fwl, Sec 13, Blk
A-34, Abst. 1837, PSL, 12
n Andrews; TD 6177; Comp
4/18/2014; producing from
5978-5985, treated with
acid; pump 160 BO, 739
BW, 30.6 Oil Gravity; API
#42-003-45933

Ector County

Sheridan Production
Company LLC
Goldsmith Adobe Unit
#2713
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-
Horizontal; 1519 fml, 1835
fsl, Sec 32, Blk 44, T-1-S,
Abst. 1184, T&P RR, 16
nw Odessa; TD 6132 TVD,
6138 MD; Comp 4/23/2014;
producing from 5491-5868,
fracture stimulated; pump
79 BO, 55 MCF, 1502 BW,
32 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-
42881

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al
#2419
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
16077 fml, 4649 fsl, Sec 22,
Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 683,
T&P RR, 3.12 s Goldsmith;
TD 6515; Comp 4/26/2014;
producing from 5364-6302,
treated with acid and fracture
stimulated; pump 257
BO, 462 MCF, 2195 BW,
37.44 Oil Gravity; API #42-
135-42945

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al
#2408
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
6041 fsl, 9646 fwl, Sec 20,
Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 686,
T&P RR, 4.7 se Goldsmith;
TD 6770; Comp 4/16/2014;
producing from 5629-
6518, treated with acid and
fracture stimulated; pump
54 BO, 170 MCF, 2327 BW,
38.56 Oil Gravity; API #42-
135-42855

Sheridan Production
Company LLC
Goldsmith Adobe Unit
#2624
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
2619 fml, 1902 fsl, Sec 32,
Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 1184,
T&P RR, 16 nw Odessa;
TD 6120; Comp 4/18/2014;
producing from 5506-5820;
fracture stimulated; pump

49 BO, 34 MCF, 2414 BW,
32 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-
42880

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al
#2420
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
16070 fml, 3262 fsl, Sec 22,
Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 683,
T&P RR, 3.07 s Goldsmith;
TD 6520; Comp 4/23/2014;
producing from 5412-6283,
treated with acid and fracture
stimulated; pump 290
BO, 468 MCF, 1566 BW,
37.44 Oil Gravity; API #42-
135-42941

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al
#2411
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
3965 fml, 10002 fwl, Sec
5, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 272,
T&P RR, 2.1 sw Goldsmith;
TD 6680; Comp 4/26/2014;
producing from 5581-
6399, treated with acid and
fracture stimulated; pump
160 BO, 220 MCF, 748 BW,
38.06 Oil Gravity; API #42-
135-42923

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al
#2409
Goldsmith (Clearfork);
2709 fsl, 8665 fwl, Sec 29,
Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 284,
T&P RR, 5 s Goldsmith;
TD 6880; Comp 4/22/2014;
producing from 5694-
6642, treated with acid and
fracture stimulated; pump
14 BO, 39 MCF, 1730 BW,
38.06 Oil Gravity; API #42-
135-42856

Fasken Oil and Ranch
Ltd.
Fee "B" #311
Spraberry (Trend Area);
2310 fml, 2640 fsl, Sec 3,
Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 50, T&P
RR, 3 e Gardendale; TD
11326; Comp 4/14/2014;
producing from 8313-
11217; flow 194 BO, 170
MCF, 221 BW on 20/64 inch
choke, FTP 310 psi, 40.9
Oil Gravity; API #42-135-
42828

Martin County
Energen Resources
Corporation
Fryar "9" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area);
467 fml, 1630 fwl, Sec 9,
Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 15, T&P
RR, 4.4 nw Lenora; TD
11809; Comp 4/16/2014;
producing from 7838-
11467, fracture stimulated;
pump 34 BO, 52 MCF, 53
BW, 40.5 Oil Gravity; API
#42-317-39203

Midland County
Endeavor Energy Re-
sources LP
Fasken Foundatio "16-21"
#4
Spraberry (Trend Area);
1264 fml, 1764 fsl, Sec 21,
Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 532,
T&P RR, 6.2 e Green-
wood; TD 10677; Comp
4/23/2014; producing from
7866-10646, fracture stimu-
lated; flow 59 BO, 131 MCF,
48 BW on 10/64 inch choke,
FTP 160 psi, 36.9 Oil Grav-
ity; API #42-329-39116

Legacy Reserves Operat-
ing LP
Dickenson "19 A" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area);
1880 fsl, 467 fsl, Sec 19,
Blk 37, Abst. 184, T&P RR,
9 ne Midland; TD 11425;
Comp 4/16/2014; producing
from 8745-11063, fracture
stimulated; pump 51 BO, 90
MCF, 267 BW, 38 Oil Grav-
ity; API #42-329-38898

Pecos County
Osborn Heirs Company
Billie Hanks #1
Wildcat; 1034 fml, 467
fml, Sec 6, Blk 180, Abst.
6502, TC RR, 23.7 e Fort
Stockton; TD 7470; Comp
4/22/2014; producing from
6776-7160, treated with
acid; pump 30.2 BO, 249

MCF, 62 BW on 14/64 inch
choke, FTP 200 psi, 32 Oil
Gravity; API #42-371-39142

Texas RRCD 8A

Crosby County

Juno Operating Company
II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #133
Hoople (Clearfork);
330 fml, 1800 fwl, Sec 1,
Blk 148, Abst. 1329, W.
Robertson, 8.8 ne Slaton;
TD 4478; Comp 4/23/2014;
producing from 4234-4366,
treated with acid and fracture
stimulated; pump 34
BO, 575 BW, 40 Oil Gravity;
API #42-107-31671

Custer & Wright Operat-
ing Inc.
Phil #319W
Hoople (Clearfork); 1309
fml, 2282 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 1,
Abst. 430, K. Aycock, 17
s Ralls; TD 4110; Comp
4/24/2014; producing from
3680-3700, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 14 BO, 456 BW, 29
Oil Gravity; API #42-107-
31824

Custer & Wright Operat-
ing Inc.
Wheeler Estate #33W
Hoople (Clearfork); 741
fml, 1414 fwl, Sec 1036,
Abst. 1340, CCSD&RGNG,
11 ne Slaton; TD 4446;
Comp 4/30/2014; producing
from 3982-4022, treated
with acid and fracture
stimulated; pump 16 BO,
305 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API
#42-107-31805

Custer & Wright Operat-
ing Inc.
Phil #317W
Hoople (Clearfork); 1309
fml, 1500 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 1,
Abst. 430, K. Aycock, 17
s Ralls; TD 4102; Comp
4/18/2014; producing from
3852-3884, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 11 BO, 488 BW, 40
Oil Gravity; API #42-107-
31814

Juno Operating Company
II LLC
Clark Wold Ranch #1207
Hoople (Clearfork); 2434
fml, 660 fsl, Sec 12, Blk B-9,
Abst. 480, EL&RR, 9.3 ne
Slaton; TD 4258; Comp
4/15/2014; producing from
4019-4150, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 11 BO, 488 BW, 40
Oil Gravity; API #42-107-
31780

Custer & Wright Operat-
ing Inc.
Phil #1222
Hoople (Clearfork); 1307
fml, 460 fml, Sec 12, Blk 2,
Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17
s Ralls; TD 4109; Comp
4/19/2014; producing from
3870-3880, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 9 BO, 477 BW, 29 Oil
Gravity; API #42-107-31816

Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell Clearfork Unit
#535
Russell (Clearfork Con-
solidated); 7258 fml, 5339
fml, Sec 454, Blk G, Abst.
628, CCSD&RGNG, 6.4
sw Denver City; TD 7908;
Comp 4/21/2014; producing

from 6445-7779; pump 40
BO, 10 MCF, 325 BW, 35
Oil Gravity; API #42-165-
37962

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Crow Federal #11
Fren; Sec 10 T17S R31E;
948/S & 250/W. BHL: 946/S
& 331/E; EL 3884 GL, TD
10,262, PBTD 10,262; Spud
6-11-13, Comp 11-4-13;
production is through perfs:
6082-10,162. IP: 12-1-13
Pump 24 hrs 166 BO, 1435
BW, 305 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8
@ 597 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @
3502 w/1610 sx, 5 1/2 @
10262 w/1820 sx, 2 7/8 @
5679; API #30-015-40575

COG Operating LLC
Tex Mack 11 Federal
#116
East Fren; Sec 11 T17S
R31E; 1525/S & 330/W.
BHL: 1717/S & 354/E; EL
3927 GL, TD 10932 MD,
5423 TVD, PBTD 10879
MD; Spud 7-16-13, Comp
9-30-13; production is
through treated perfs:
6710-7028, 7187-7505,
9572-9890, 10049-10367,
10526-10844. Treat: Acdz
w/20,254 gals 15% HCL,
Frac w/870,602 gals gel,
125,506 gals WF, 63,254
gals TW, 1011329# 20/40
brown sd, 209,657# 16/30
CRC, 26,398# 100 mesh.
IP: 10-3-13 Pump 24 hrs 49
BO, 652 BW, 32 MCF, Gly
37.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 656
w/575 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1935
w/575 sx, 7 @ 5888, 5 1/2
@ 5888-10925 w/1350 sx,
2 7/8 @ 5738; API #30-015-
41346

COG Operating LLC
Tex Mack 11 Federal
#118
East Fren; Sec 11 T17S
R31E; 785/S & 290/W. BHL:
380/S & 370/E; EL 3923
GL, TD 10921 MD, 6434
TVD, PBTD 10778; Spud
6-19-13, Comp 10-3-13;
production is through treat-
ed perfs: 6631-6955, 7114-
7438, 9529-9851, 10012-
10334, 10495-10817. Treat:
Acdz w/27,533 gals 15%
HCL, Frac w/1,057,214 gals
gel, 21,463,018 gals WF,
65,165 gals TW, 1,276,388#
20/40 brown sd, 206,392#
16/30 CRC, 26,668# 100
mesh. IP: 10-9-13 Pump
24 hrs 87 BO, 747 BW, 74
MCF, GOR 850, Gly 37.2.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 675 w/650
sx, 9 5/8 @ 1935 w/500 sx,
7 @ 5930, 5 1/2 @ 5930-
10900 w/2000 sx, 2 7/8 @
5882; API #30-025-41272

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zircon 12/7 BC Federal
Com #1
Turkey Track; Sec 12
T19S R29E; 660/N &
2490/W. BHL: 645/N &
2292/W; EL 3396 GL, TD
13150 MD, 8197 TVD,
PBTD 13127 MD, 8197
TVD; Spud 10-1-13,
Comp 11-16-13; produc-
tion is through treated
perfs: 8668-13127 MD,
8145-8197 TVD. Treat: F
w/320,880 gals slickwater,
297,602 gals 210# linear
gel, 795,651 20# x-link gel
carrying 93,252# 100 mesh.
1,655,503# 20/40 sd &
357,905# 20/40 SB excel.

IP: 11-25-13 Pump 24 hrs
344 BO, 473 BW, 198 MCF,
GOR 576, Gly 42. Csg:
13 3/8 @ 315 w/580 sx, 9
5/8 @ 1440 w/600 sx, 7 @
8601 w/1050 sx, 4 1/2 @
8305-13140, 2 7/8 @ 7762;
API #30-015-41717

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ruger 31 MP Federal #1
Winchester; Sec 31 T19S.
R29E; 715/S & 50/W. BHL:
907/S & 337/E; EL 3295
GL, TD 13365 MD, 8899
TVD, PBTD 13300 MD,
8899 TVD; Spud 2-28-13,
Comp 5-8-13; production
is through treated perfs:
9207-13300 MD, 8902-8899
TVD. Treat: Frac w/324,746
gals slickwater, 202,129
gals 20# linear gel, 905,182
gals 20# x-link gel carry-
ing 100,020# 100 mesh,
1,663,820# 20/40 sd,
374,800# 20/40 SB excel
sd. IP: 5-10-13 Pump 24
hrs 440 BO, 1214 BW, 639
MCF, GOR 1452, Gly 55.
Csg: 20 @ 350 w/1080 sx,
13 3/8 @ 1176 w/950 sx, 9
5/8 @ 2608 w/1180 sx, 7 @
9095 w/1200 sx, 4 1/2 @
8883-13315, 2 7/8 @ 8605;
API #30-015-40242

COG Operating LLC
Birdseye 32 State #3
Gatuna Canyon; Sec
32 T19S R31E; 420/S &
1675/W. BHL: 347/N &
1716/W; EL 3455 GL, TD
13117, PBTD 13113; Spud
3-15-13, Comp 5-24-13;
production is through
treated perfs: 9148-13062,
Treat: Acdz w/30378 gals
7.5%, Frac w/2950408# sd
& 1994883 gals fluid. IP:
5-30-13 Pump 24 hrs 542
BO, 1385 BW, 646 MCF.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 585 w/575
sx, 10 ? @ 3171 w/2000 sx,
8 5/8 @ 4066 w/550 sx, 5
1/2 @ 13117 w/2125 sx, 2
7/8 @ 8607; API #30-015-
40891

Devon Energy Production
Co. LP
Aquila 22 Federal #2
West Lusk; Sec 22 T19S
R31E; 1040/N & 50/E. BHL:
1997/N & 383/W; EL 3537
GL, TD 14,120 MD, 9067
TVD, PBTD 14,073; Spud
11-20-12, Comp 2-16-13;
production is through treat-
ed perfs: 9400-14047. Treat:
Frac 8 sages: 2,399,000#
propant. IP: 2-16-13 Pump
24 hrs 472 BO, 1010 BW,
384 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 685
w/1100 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2600
w/1710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4306
w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14120
w/2060 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8834;
API #30-015-40755

Lea County
ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #59
West Maljamar; Sec
18 T17S R32E; 330/S &
1850/W. BHL: 298/S &
1593/W; EL 3949 GL, TD
6911, PBTD 6840; Spud
7-21-13, Comp 9-9-13; pro-
duction is through treated
perfs: 5372-5465, 5800-
6570. Treat: 651,990# prop-
ants. IP: 9-23-13 Pump 24
hrs 111 BO, 322 BW, 234

MCF, Gly 38.2. Csg: 8 5/8
@ 704 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @
6893 w/1140 sx, 2 7/8 @
6673; API #30-025-41020

Mack Energy Corp.
Brook Federal #5
Wildcat; Sec 30 T17S
R32E; 1700/N & 10/E. BHL:
1708/N & 375/E; EI 3922
GL, TD 9770, PBTD 9700;
Spud 6-16-13, Comp 7-29-
13; production is through
treated perfs: 9480-9547.
Treat: 3000 gals 15% acid,
IP: 8-14-13 Pump 24 hrs
250 BO, 400 BW, 490 MCF,
GOR 1960, Gly 37.2. Csg:
13 3/8 @ 739 w/670 sx, 8
5/8 @ 2084 w/1015 sx, 5
1/2 @ 9770 w/1675 sx, 2
7/8 @ 9297; API #30-025-
40357

Mack Energy Corp.
Trigger State #1
Wildcat; Sec 13 T18S
R34E; 330/N & 1650/E;
EL 3982 GL, TD 9825,
PBTD 9779; Spud 11-5-12,
Comp 1-8-13; production
is through treated perfs:
8223-9141. Treat: Acdz
w/230.1 bbbs & 4200 gals
15% HCL, 674 bbbs 20#
linear gel, 5497.4 bbbs 20#
Borate, 234,963# white sd
20/40, 68,162# SLC 20/40.
IP: 2-18-13 Pump 24 hrs
67 BO, 130 BW, 50 MCF,
GOR 746, Gly 32. Csg: 8
5/8 @ 1760 w/880 sx, 5 1/2
@ 9825 w/450 sx, 2 7/8 @
9147; API #30-025-40655

COG Operating LLC
Tres Primos 3 State #1
Scharb; Sec 3 T19S
R34E; 190/N & 1980/W.
BHL: 5088/N & 2022/W; EL
3999 GL, TD 15560, PBTD
15545; Spud 6-29-13,
Comp 9-9-13; production
is through treated perfs:
10966-15380. Treat: Acdz
w/33725 gals 7.5%, Frac
w/3313002# sd & 2495430
gals fluid. IP: 9-19-13 Pump
24 hrs 503 BO, 623 BW,
1221 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @
1850 w/1190 sx, 9 5/8 @
3567 w/950#sx, 5 1/2 @
15550 w/2380 sx, 2 7/8 @
10074; API #30-025-40977

Nearburg Producing Co.
Laguna 23 Federal Com
#1
Lea; Sec 23 T20S R34E;
330/S & 1980/W. BHL:
335/N & 1938/W; EL 3683
GL, TD 15497 MD, 10874
TVD, PBTD 15449 MD;
Spud 8-18-13, Comp 10-
15-13; production is through
treated perfs: 11200-15420.
Treat: 1481323 gals fluid,
2356508# sd. IP: 10-26-13
Pump 24 hrs 793 BO, 1065
BW, 793 MCF, GOR 1343,
Gly 40.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @
1680 w/2050 sx, 9 5/8 @
5522 w/2195 sx, 5 1/2 @
15497 w/2758 sx, 2 7/8 @
10571; API #30-025-40742

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit
#563
North Eunice; Sec 10
T21S R37E; 1380/S &

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15,456 gals gel. IP: 9-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 17 BO, 279 bW, 99 MCF, GOR 5800, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1341 w/475 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6950 w/1520 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6612; API #30-025-41162

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#2 Jennings; Sec 16 T26S R32E; 180/N & 1960/W. BHL: 5004/N & 1739/W; EL 3203 GL, TD 13,400, PBTD 13,400; Spud 12-16-12, Comp 5-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 9334-13,360. Treat: 1,900,655# proppants. IP:

5-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 0 BO, 3300 BW, 1100 MCF, Gty 49. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 903 w/820 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4540 w/1780 sx, 7 @ 9311 w/480 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8886-13,385, 2 7/8 @ 8885; API #30-025-40411

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Buck Federal 20 #1 Wildcat; Sec 17 T26S R32E; 105/S & 397/E. BHL: 4923/N & 329/E; EL 3157 GL, TD 13905 MD, 9220 TVD, PBTD 13840 MD, 9155 TVD; Spud 2-23-12, Comp 12-10-12; production is through treated perfs: 9649-13795. Treat:

Acdz w/4000 gals 15% HCL & 6714 gals NEFE & 2049145# proppant. IP: 10-25-12 Pump 24 hrs 369 BO, 1752 BW, 744 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 894 w/745 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1380 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13884 w/1815 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9333; API #30-025-40431

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Mayors: Texas must act faster on earthquake study

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

More than six months after a series of earthquakes surprised parts of North Texas, the mayors of two shaken-up towns said that the state has moved too slowly in investigating what's behind the phenomenon and whether local oil and gas activities are to blame.

"If I could sum up our experience in one word, it would be frustration," Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett said Monday at the first meeting of the Texas House Subcommittee on Seismic Activity. "While everyone seemed genuinely concerned, there is a disconnect between various stakeholders."

Lynda Stokes, mayor of neighboring Reno, said her town's major concerns are "getting lost in politics."

"The industry's right to profit does not surpass our right as citizens to the quality of life we've come to know," she said.

Led by state Rep. Myra Crowover, R-Denton, the subcommittee is tasked with investigating any possible links between the state's booming oil and gas industry and a recent uptick in earthquakes — particularly in North Texas' Barnett Shale region, which is pockmarked with natural gas wells and injection wells used to dispose of drilling waste injected at high pressure thousands of feet below the surface. The area has seen heavy drilling since the mid-2000s.

Crowover and other lawmakers at the three-hour hearing spent most of their time asking questions. State Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, however, suggested that the Texas Railroad Commission, the state's oil and gas regulator, become a clearinghouse for still-needed information and be "the driving force that pulls everyone together."

Since Nov. 1, according

to U.S. Geological Survey data, at least 27 mild earthquakes have struck near the border of Parker and Tarrant counties in and around Azle and Reno.

The frequency of those earthquakes, whose magnitudes ranged from 2.1 to 3.7, have decreased in recent months, but the mayors said that local residents, including some who blame the tremors for busted water pipes and cracked home foundations, are no less concerned.

Texas lawmakers, regulators and university researchers have helped the mayors gather information on disposal wells and earthquakes, but no one has pulled all the data together, and many pieces are missing.

"We have a state agency that has the authority to regulate those operators, yet we can't get everyone together to share the information we need to address the problem," said Brundrett, whose local school districts now regularly conduct earthquake drills, a practice unheard of in years past. "It's time to step up and confirm — once and for all — whether disposal wells are causing these quakes and why."

The Railroad Commission has not linked the injection wells and earthquakes, saying it says it needs more scientific proof. In April, the commission hired a seismologist to investigate any industry ties. Last week, it sent letters to seven operators of disposal wells near in the affected area asking for daily logs of injection volume and pressure. David Craig Pearson, the commission's new seismologist, testified.

Researchers at Southern Methodist University say they are working to map the tectonic plates deep underground, but they cannot pinpoint how injected waste migrates and interacts with the plates without knowing the volumes and pressures at which it is

injected at each well. Well operators report that data to the Railroad Commission. The data, however, is aggregated on a monthly basis, and the information is not publicly available for months after it is collected.

The most recent available data on pressure and volume dates to October 2013, shortly before the spate of earthquakes began.

"This is a problem that's going to take a number of people to try to bring those people together," Brian Stump, an SMU seismologist, testified.

In December 2013, SMU's research team added 12 seismometers — instruments that detect and measure earthquakes — to the Reno-Azle area to get more accurate readings than the few U.S. Geological Survey monitors can give. The new equipment has detected more than 300 tremors large enough to be recorded, most of them tiny.

Scientists have known for decades that injecting fluid deep underground could trigger earthquakes.

Oklahoma has seen an increase in earthquakes even greater than Texas has. That state saw 183 earthquakes of magnitude 3.0 from October 2013 through April 14, 2014, according to the USGS. That compared with an average of just two per year the previous three decades. The USGS and Oklahoma Geological Survey say wastewater disposal probably contributes to the trend.

Though Texas, home to nearly 3,600 active disposal wells, is four times the size of Oklahoma, it has far fewer seismometers positioned throughout the state. That makes it difficult to estimate the precise size and locations of each quake and, in turn, understand what caused it.

Though rare, North Texas' recent cluster of

earthquakes was not the first to startle the region.

In 2008 and 2009, the Dallas-Fort Worth area was shaken by three series of earthquakes, with magnitudes as high as 3.3. In a study prompted by those concerns, researchers at Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Austin concluded that local disposal wells were a "plausible" cause, though they found it "puzzling" that the tremors were concentrated in just one or two locations in a region that had more than 200 disposal wells. Before 2008, that region had one recorded earthquake above a magnitude of 2.0. Since then, more than 70 such earthquakes have been recorded.

Ohio recently tightened its rules for waste disposal and production wells in an attempt to rein in earthquakes. In March, Ohio regulators shut down waste disposal sites

near Youngstown after a series of quakes, though they said they had ruled out injection wells as the cause. In April, the state's environmental regulators unveiled new policies that require companies to install seismometers when drilling horizontally near faults or in certain seismic areas. If those monitors detect quakes above a 1.0 magnitude, activity must stop while the cause is investigated.

Milton Rister, executive director of the Railroad Commission, said the agency is "definitely paying attention" to the earthquakes, but "we recognize that we have to move cautiously, and a knee-jerk reaction could have a damaging impact on Texas' economy."

Rister said the agency might eventually tweak regulations for disposal wells, but he said he could not provide details on how that might look.

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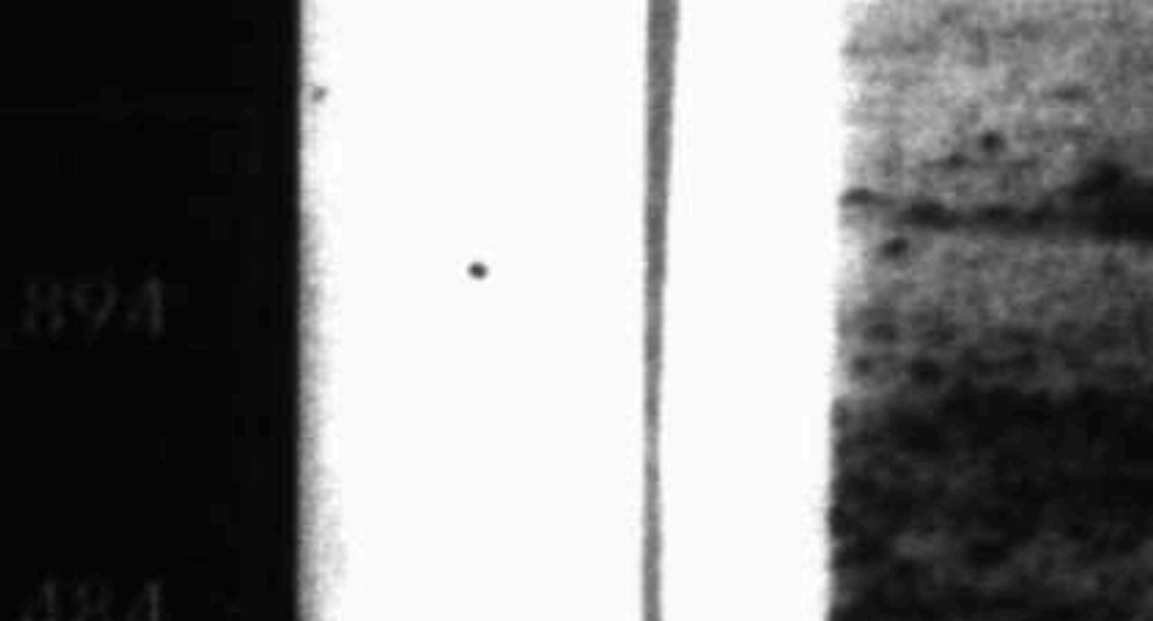
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Conoco reaches deeper into US shale

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

ConocoPhillips could outpace its own three-year plan to double its North American shale output if drilling pilot programs in South Texas and North Dakota turn up deeper hoards of oil and gas, CEO Ryan Lance said Tuesday.

The company is testing whether it can reach oil and gas trapped in different levels of shale reservoirs or can go deeper to find other resources still lurking in the Eagle Ford, Lance said in a discussion with reporters after the company's annual shareholder meeting in Houston on Tuesday.

Houston-based ConocoPhillips, the world's largest independent oil producer, has amassed hundreds of thousands of acres in the Eagle Ford Shale and other North American plays, but it is still refining its technological capabilities, such as its well spacing, completion designs and drilling plans, in an effort to harvest more oil and gas from the continent.

"All that is just continuing to surprise us on the upside," Lance said in a media briefing at the Omni Hotel in West Houston. New developments are "creating more opportunities for the company."

Lance's comments came as ConocoPhillips and some rival independent producers, including Houston-based Apache Corp., sell off international assets to reinvest in high-margin North American shale plays.

ConocoPhillips expects to produce more than 350,000 barrels of oil equivalent from North American unconventional reservoirs in 2017, more than twice its haul last year. After the company trimmed \$12.4 billion in global assets in the past two years, the North American unconventional



business became its biggest segment, expected to drive its total daily production from 1.4 million barrels last year to 1.8 barrels in 2017.

It is planning to spend an average \$5.5 billion of its \$16 billion annual investment budgets on shale and other unconventional plays in North America over the next three years. It's a strategy meant to exploit the most profitable barrels of oil in the company's portfolio. ConocoPhillips can make \$40 per barrel - its highest margins - in North America, while profits in Canadian oil sands

hover around \$30 per barrel, Lance said.

He said the rise of U.S. light-crude resources and Canadian oil sands have acted as a check against spikes in global oil prices even as geopolitical turbulence in the Middle East tightened supplies.

And the emergence of Mexico as a magnet for foreign energy investment under highly anticipated policy overhauls there could further bolster the western hemisphere's power.

"We know that it's having an impact on keeping the world well-supplied

with crude," he said. "I think broadly across North America there's a huge opportunity not only for our country, but for Canada and for Mexico, and there's a huge opportunity for the global oil supply."

In Mexico, he said, government officials and state-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, face the challenge of making investment opportunities there as attractive as other components of ConocoPhillips' portfolio.

Lance acknowledged the company has had conversations with the Mexican government and Pemex officials for years.

He said the company would be equally interested in setting up joint ventures with Pemex or going it alone in Mexico's unconventional and deep-water

reservoirs.

"We're watching the reform activities, and I think it's quite an exciting what's happening down there," he said. "Our message is, we are interested, but only if the terms are competitive with some of the investments we have in our portfolio."

In the Permian Basin in West Texas, the industry has run into difficulties with the complex geology, and most of ConocoPhillips' production success there has been in conventional plays rather than shale or other unconven-

tionals.

Still, the company is trying to figure out what each rock layer holds in terms of oil and gas, Lance said.

"We're pretty active in that testing program, we're ramping up to four rigs," he said. "But the infrastructure hasn't really matured quick enough, and our learning from the Eagle Ford is you better pace the development with the improvements in the infrastructure. It's very opportunity-rich, but you need to science it a bit to make sure we're going about it the right way."

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PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 FRANKLIN 22A, 467 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1408 11900', 14 SW MIDKIFF

SM ENERGY COMPANY SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3131H BRITAIN, 330 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 30 BLK 41 T4S, T&P/J WARDLAW SUR., A-785 9800', 33

NW RANKIN

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1110 PENNY, 467 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 111 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-66 11100', 19 NE RANKIN

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1102 PENNY, 467 FNL 467 FNL, SEC 111 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-66 11000', 19 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 123H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 570 FSL 2200 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U329 7500', 19 SW ANDREWS

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 VINCENT 23, 975 FEL 706 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 3, PSL/MG MCCARLEY SUR., A-2003 11750', 7 SE ANDREWS

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2R STATE FX, 1983 FSL 1983 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 4800', 11 SW ANDREWS

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND S.D. HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 587W WN WADDELL ET AL, 1350 FSL 2600 FEL, SEC 16 BLK B-26, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1263 8385', 18 NW CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SAND HILLS (MCK-NIGHT) (O) RECOMP Well# 65 JB TUBB B, 1320 FNL 2580 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 32, PSL/JB TUBB SUR., A1137 5000', 14 NW CRANE

PPC OPER. CO. LLC ROEPKE (U DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 VAN COURT, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 61 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-44 7000', 7 W CRANE

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H BARBARO 23 UNIT, 260 FNL 2382 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2697 10021', 16 NW ORLA

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BARBARO 23 UNIT, 260 FNL 1130 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2697 9983', 16 NW ORLA

Ector County

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 302 FEE BI, 330 FNL 2640 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-50 12000', 3 E GARDENDALE

Glasscock County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 LOMAX 11, 475 FWL 475 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 36 T2S, WADE SUR., A-527 12000', 15 NW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC NW GARDEN CTY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DEAVENPORT 7, 2165 FNL 2165 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-220 12000', 9 NW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC NW GARDEN CTY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 HOUSTON 25, 475 FSL

1915 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-305 12000', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC NW GARDEN CTY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 NORTON 27, 475 FSL 475 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 34 T2S, T&P SUR., A-208 12000', 12 NW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC NW GARDEN CTY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HOUSTON 25, 475 FWL 1285 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-305 12000', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. ROBLE GRANDE(STRWN) (O/G) DRILL WDFRD Well# 47B BARBEE A, 467 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-192 11000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 FRYAR 26, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/WL TAYLOR SUR., A-1179 10600', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 30 FRANCES GUNN, 1847 FSL 2142 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 27, H&TC/WV RUTLEDGE SUR., A-1351 7300', 14 NW COAHOMA

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BEALL 28, 1999 FWL 561 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/FM COFFEE SUR., A-1119 12000', 12 NW BIG SPRING

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ADAMS WEST 29, 470 FNL 470 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-348 9505', 4 SE ACKERLY

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 11 GO CHALK F, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 140 BLK 29, W&NW/SS MILLSPAUGH SUR., A-1544 4350', 16 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well#

58 GO CHALK G, 660 FSL 1320 FWL, SEC 114 BLK 29, W&NW/TE HARRAL SUR., A-1131 4200', 7 E FORSAN

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 2 REED-MCDONALD 142, 2415 FSL 2250. FWL, SEC 142 BLK 29, W&NW/RC SANDERSON SUR., A-1606 4400', 7 E FORSAN

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H GARRETT-REED UNIT 37-48, 266 FSL 2236 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/A GROVES SUR., A-1127 10000', 10 NW BIG SPRING

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1E WRIGHT 44, 467 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T3N, T&P/ET AKIN SUR., A-1224 11000', 16 NW BIG SPRING

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC. BIG SPRING (FUSSELMAN) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 PRIMERO 42, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 31 T1N, T&P/JR MORGAN SUR., A-1306 10000', 6 SW BIG SPRING

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC MOORE (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2433 GUTHRIE WEST, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/JN CAUBLE SUR., A-1534 10600', 4 W ELBOW

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4532 KING, 1980 FNL 1980 FSL, SEC 45 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-425 10900', 7 SW ELBOW

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC MOORE (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2922 STALLINGS CREIGHTON, 1980 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-316 10700', 4 W BIG SPRING

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H BLACKTIP STATE 42, 500 FSL 710 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 29, PSL/WD NELSON SUR., A-1194 14000', 7 NE MENTONE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H DIMMIT 53-38, 336 FNL 1909 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 53 T2, T&P/JW WADE SUR., A-710 11500', 8 NE MENTONE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H COPPERHEAD 53-14, 200 FNL 1950 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 53 T2, T&P/MH REED SUR., A-1349 11500', 11 NE MENTONE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H DIMMIT 53-38, 356 FNL 1828 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 53 T2, T&P/JW WADE SUR., A-710 11500', 8 NE MENTONE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MERCURY, 215 FNL 694 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-48 9000', 20 N MENTONE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H MERCURY, 200 FNL 1590 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-48 9500', 20 N MENTONE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H MERCURY, 200 FNL 1560 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-48 9000', 20 N MENTONE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MERCURY, 215 FNL 724 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-48 9500', 20 N MENTONE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H MERCURY, 200 FNL 1090 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-48 9000', 20 N MENTONE

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 TARZAN STANDEFER 9, 2173 FNL 1038 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T1N, T&P SUR., A-131 11350', 10 NW STANTON

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 TARZAN STANDEFER 9, 1036 FNL 1038 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T1N, T&P SUR., A-131 11350', 10 NW STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 GLYNN 44, 750 FWL 2165 FSL, SEC 44 BLK 36 T2N, T&P/JJ HOLLEBEKE SUR., A-678 12000', 3 SW LENORAH

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 209H SCHARBAUER RANCH, 400 FNL 900 FEL, SEC 12, LGE 32 LASALEE COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SUR. 10500', 21 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 SMITH 46, 2173 FEL 933 FSL, SEC 46 BLK 36 T1N, T&P/JJ PETERS JR SUR., A-1165 11100', 3 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2 WELLS 35, 2207 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 36 T1S, T&P SUR., A-211 11500', 3 SE STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 DAVIS 42, 660 FNL 1800 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/TO BERRY SUR., A-1195 10750', 22 NE STANTON

RELiance ENERGY, INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 802HA MABEE 138, 350 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-379 12100', 10 SW TARZAN

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC NUGGET (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1441 HALE, 885 FWL 1018 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 36 T3N, T&P/MRS E WARE SUR., A-843 12300', 7 SW FLOWER GROVE

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ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLO PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 DAVIDSON 26C, 467 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/C PERRY SUR., A-1089 11400', 23 S MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4104H ST, 2529 FWL 292 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/W LARGENT SUR., A-800 11000', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4103H ST, 2558 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/W LARGENT SUR., A-800 11000', 4 SW MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D ET O'DANIEL, 2043 FSL 1610 FEL, SEC 1, S WRIGHT SUR., A-1009 5300', 15 SE MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 TEXAS TEN ZZ, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/ES WALCOTT SUR., A-846 11970', 9 S MIDLAND

Pecos County

FINLEY OPERATIONS, INC. TAYLOR LINK (O) DRILL Well# 9R UNIVERSITY BX, 990 FSL 2370 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 16, UL SUR., A-U31 1800', 1/4 S BAKERSFIELD

NATIVE OPER. CO. LLC W APCO-WARNER (WICH) (O/G) DRILL (ALB) Well# 2 PRITCHETT STATE 30, 467 FNWL 1325 FSWL, SEC 30 BLK 2, H&TC/F GIBSON/M ADAMS SUR., A-7809 4800', 9 SE IMPERIAL

NATIVE OPER. CO. LLC HILLAW (TUBB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H PRITCHETT STATE, 467 FNWL 520 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 2, H&TC/F GIBSON/M ADAMS SUR., A-7809 4800', 29 NE FORT STOCKTON

Reeves County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H RUBY 1-39, 200 FSWL 500 FNWL, SEC 39 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-361 10665', 12 SE ORLA

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 CLEVELAND 57-23, 1650 FNL 1490 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 57, PSL/WJ SWEENEY SUR., A-2490 11300', 16 SW MENTONE

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. AYLESWORTH DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 SILVER RUN 57-36 WD, 1500 FSL 800 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 57, PSL/CF BARNETT SUR., A-1906 4825', 20 SE ORLA

COG OPERATING, LLC WOLFSTONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H RAIL SPLITTER, 250 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 1 BLK C7, PSL/KL VAUGHAN SUR., A-5186 10719', 11 SE PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1003H OLD HICKORY STATE, 350 FNL 852 FWL, SEC 14 BLK C-7, PSL SUR.

10620', 8 SE PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFSTONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H OKAPI STATE UNIT A35, 285 FNL 740 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 50 T8S, T&P/EG BOWLES SUR., A-4369 13000', 35 SE PECOS

OXY USA, INC. COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 35 COLLIE B, 7094 FSWL 1221 FNWL, SEC 2 BLK 5, H&GN/VD HAVIS SUR., A-5608 15000', 2 E PECOS

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP WOLFSTONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ROY BEAN 42, 570 FNL 860 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 6, H&GN SUR., A-41 11600', 7 S PECOS

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP WOLFSTONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2 JA WHEELER A, 1854 FWL 700 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 2, D&S/JH WHEELER SUR., A-920 3925', 3 S CAPROCK

Sterling County

PPC OPER. CO. LLC N ROSE CREEK (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 CLARK, 1818 FSL 688 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-103 8500', 13 N STERLING CITY

PPC OPER. CO. LLC N ROSE CREEK (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 CLARK, 1147 FSL, 1909 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 2, H&TC/JK THOMAS SUR., A-1229 8500', 13 N STERLING CITY

Ward County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H GADDIE 1-31 UNIT, 500 FWL 1571 FNL, SEC 32 BLK 1, W&NW/WT DYER SUR., A-1212 14000', 10 SE MENTONE

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GADDIE 1-31 UNIT, 500 FWL 1410 FNL, SEC 32 BLK 1, W&NW/JT & JPF FINN SUR., A-1248 14000', 10 SE MENTONE

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HR HILL 34-171 UNIT, 421 FWL 1369 FNWL, SEC 170 BLK 34, H&TC/EJ HAYES SUR., A-1310 14000', 10 NE PECOS

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GADDIE 1-31 UNIT, 300 FWL 2185 FNL, SEC 32 BLK 1, W&NW/JT & JPF FINN SUR., A-1248 14000', 10 SE MENTONE

SHELL WESTERN E&P PHANTOM (WOLF-CAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H MONROE 33-60 WRD UNIT, 630 FNWL 4751 FNL, SEC 60 BLK 33, H&TC/JJ DAVIS SUR., A-605 12000', 10 NW BARSTOW

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC CAPRITO (DELA MID) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 UNIVERSITY 17-17, 1864 FNL 704 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 17, UNIV LAND SUR., A-56 7600', 3 NW PYOTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC CAPRITO (DELA MID) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 UNIVERSITY 17-17, 500 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 17, UNIV LAND SUR., A-U56 7600', 3 NW PYOTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC CAPRITO (DELA MID) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 UNIVERSITY 17-17, 500 FNL 500 FNL, SEC 17 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U56 7600', 3 NW PYOTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC CAPRITO (DELA MID) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 UNIVERSITY 17-17, 500 FNL 470 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U56 7600', 3 NW PYOTE

Well# 11 UNIVERSITY 17-17, 500 FNL 470 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U56 7600', 3 NW PYOTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC (CAPRITO (DELA MID) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 17-24, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U63 7600', 4 NW PYOTE

SUNDOWN ENERGY LP WAGON WHEEL (PENN) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3053 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1925 FSL 1243 FEL, SEC 4 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-104 11000', 3 NE WICKETT

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Crosby County

B & S SALVAGE HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2 JA WHEELER A, 1854 FWL 700 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 2, D&S/JH WHEELER SUR., A-920 3925', 3 S CAPROCK

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC. HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 318 PHIL, 280 FEL 1975 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 1, K AYCOCK SUR., A-430 5000', 17 S RALLS

Dawson County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1401H KENT CSL A, 650 FWL 350 FSL, KENT CSL/ LEAGUE 265/LABOR 14 SUR., A-405 11000', 19 SW LAMESA

Gaines County

THREE SPAN O&G INC. ADAIR (O) DRILL Well# 58 ADAIR SE (SAN ANDRES) UNIT, 145 FEL 1490 FSL, SEC 16 BLK C31, PSL/A GROVES SUR., A-1588 5000', 27 NE SEMINOLE

THREE SPAN O&G INC. ADAIR (O) DRILL Well# 50R ADAIR SE (SAN ANDRES) UNIT, 1025 FNL 310 FEL, SEC 4 BLK C31, PSL/A GRAVES SUR., A-1074 5000', 26 NE SEMINOLE

THREE SPAN O&G INC. ADAIR (O) DRILL Well# 1 ASHMORE, 1670 FEL 2310 FSL, SEC 4 BLK C31, PSL/A GRAVES SUR., A-1074 5000', 26 NE SEMINOLE

Garza County

J V A OPER. CO., INC. TUFLOW (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CONNELL 8, 800 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 6, H&GN/WA CHAPMAN SUR., A-864 8600', 5 NE JUSTICEBURG

Kent County

OXY USA WTP LP SALT CREEK (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# C358W SALT CREEK FIELD UNIT, 1531 FWL 1004 FNL, SEC 133 BLK G, W&NW SUR., A-400 7200', 7 W CLAIREMONT

OXY USA WTP LP SALT CREEK (O) DRILL Well# N414W SALT CREEK FIELD UNIT, 1552 FWL 1717 FSL, SEC 194 BLK G, W&NW/B BROWN SUR., A-1204 7200', 10 NW CLAIREMONT

OXY USA WTP LP SALT CREEK (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# C650AW SALT CREEK FIELD UNIT, 258 FNL 523 FWL, SEC 145 BLK G, W&NW SUR., A-406 7200', 8 W CLAIREMONT

King County

HUNT OIL COMPANY BIG N (TANNEHILL) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# N 8 SB BURNETT ESTATE N, 655 FNL 1795 FNWL, SEC 1 BLK X, RM THOMSON SUR., A-641 5860', 17 SE GUTHRIE

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 26-18 SACROC UNIT, 690 FNL 222 FEL, SEC 394 BLK 97, H&TC/TP MARTIN SUR., A-1765 7250', 9 NW SNYDER

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) DRILL Well# 4 STROM C, 1038 FNL 1660 FWL, SEC 199 BLK 97, H&TC/JD SEARS SUR., A-2164 7500', 11 W SNYDER

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) DRILL Well# E 10A LION DIAMOND M UNIT, 1377 FSL 2412 FWL, SEC 183 BLK 97, H&TC/ RW SCOTT SUR., A-2178 7500', 9 SW SNYDER

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) DRILL Well# 1 A STROM C, 2280 FNL 1232 FWL, SEC 199 BLK 97, H&TC/JD SEARS SUR., A-2164 7500', 11 W SNYDER

TRAIL RIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS II S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JK&L 181 POOLED UNIT, 270 FNL 2300 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 3, H&TC/TW CRENSHAW SUR., A-2289 9000', 7 NE SNYDER

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2919 DENVER UNIT, 1686 FSL 1657 FWL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2858 DENVER UNIT, 1651 FNL 92 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2963 DENVER UNIT, 649 FSL 2513 FWL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2939 DENVER UNIT, 1000 FSL 705 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2937 DENVER UNIT, 2493 FSL 1616 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2842 DENVER UNIT, 1309 FNL 2590 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2820 DENVER UNIT, 1600 FNL 1602 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #21 Fren : Sec 10 T17S R31E; 2340/S & 370/W; 5 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10743 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41911

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #25 Fren; Sec 10 T17S R31E; 1680/N & 330/E; 5 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 9817 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41944

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #26 Fren; Sec 10 T17S R31E; 1650/N & 330/E; 5 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10276 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41942

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #27 Fren; Sec 10 T17S R31E; 1620/N & 330/E; 9 mi SE Loco Hills; Rot 10787 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41943

Mewbourne Oil Co. Tamano 15 HE Federal Com #1 Tamano; Sec 15 T18S R31E; 2150/N & 150/E; 9 mi SE Loco Hills; Rot 13174 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41939

Mewbourne Oil Co. Ruger 31 DA Federal Com #1 Winchester; Sec 31 T19S R29E; 990/N & 170/W; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11978 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41952

Mewbourne Oil Co. Long Draw 10 DM

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From 11G

Federal Com #1
N Seven Rivers; Sec 3 T20S R25E; 150/S & 940/W; 6 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7703 Glo/Yesso; API #30-015-41953

Mewbourne Oil Co. Long Draw 10 DM Federal Com #2
N Seven Rivers; Sec 3 T20S R25E; 150/S & 450/W; 6 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7468 Glo/Yesso; API #30-015-41954

Mewbourne Oil Co. Henry 8 PM Federal Com #1
Winchester; Sec 8 T20S R29E; 550/S & 150/E; 13 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12570 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41955

Mewbourne Oil Co. Derringer 18 LI Federal #1
Russell; Sec 18 T20S R29E; 1800/S & 150/W; 9 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12025 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41951

COG Operating LLC Coinflip State #2
Parkway; Sec 18 T20S R30E; 580/N & 570/W; 16 mi NW Halfway; Rot 12572 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41937

COG Operating LLC Coinflip State #3
Parkway; Sec 18 T20S R30E; 1310/N & 660/W; 16 mi NW Halfway; Rot 12651 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41938

Devon Energy Production Co. LP Cotton Draw Unit #211
Paduca; Sec 34 T24S R31E; 185/S & 990/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14872 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41941

COG Operating LLC MYOX 32 Fee #5
Delaware River; Sec 32 T25S R28E; 190/N & 2080/W; 10 mi SW Malaga; Rot 10452 Bone

Spring; API #30-015-41936

COG Operating LLC SRO State #28
Delaware River; Sec 5 T26S R28E; 190/N & 660/W; 11 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12460 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41934

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #35
Delaware River; Sec 33 T25S R28E; 380/S & 1980/W; 10 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12341 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41925

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #36
Delaware River; Sec 33 T25S R28E; 380/S & 1980/W; 10 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12365 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41926

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #37
Delaware River; Sec 33 T25S R28E; 380/S & 1980/E; 10 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12374 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41927

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #38
Red Bluff; Sec 34 T25S R28E; 190/S & 1980/E; 9 mi S Malaga; Rot 12702 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41928

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #40
Red Bluff; Sec 34 T25S R28E; 190/S & 400/E; 9 mi S Malaga; Rot 12722 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41929

Devon Energy Produc-

tion Company LP
Big Sinks Draw 25 Federal Com #3
W Jennings; Sec 25 T25S R31E; 2440/N & 1980/E; 18 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17492 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41940

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #58
S Red Bluff; Sec 2 T26S R28E; 210/S & 1935/W; 10 mi S Malaga; Rot 12818 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41930

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #59
S Red Bluff; Sec 2 T26S R28E; 210/S & 940/W; 10 mi S Malaga; Rot 12735 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41931

COG Operating LLC MYOX 8 State #4

N Hay Hollow; Sec 8 T26S R28E; 190/S & 1000/W; 11 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12585 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41924

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #25
Hay Hollow; Sec 8 T26S R28E; 190/S & 660/E; 11 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12554 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41932

COG Operating LLC SRO State Com #26
Hay Hollow; Sec 8 T26S R28E; 190/S & 1980/E; 11 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12542 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41933

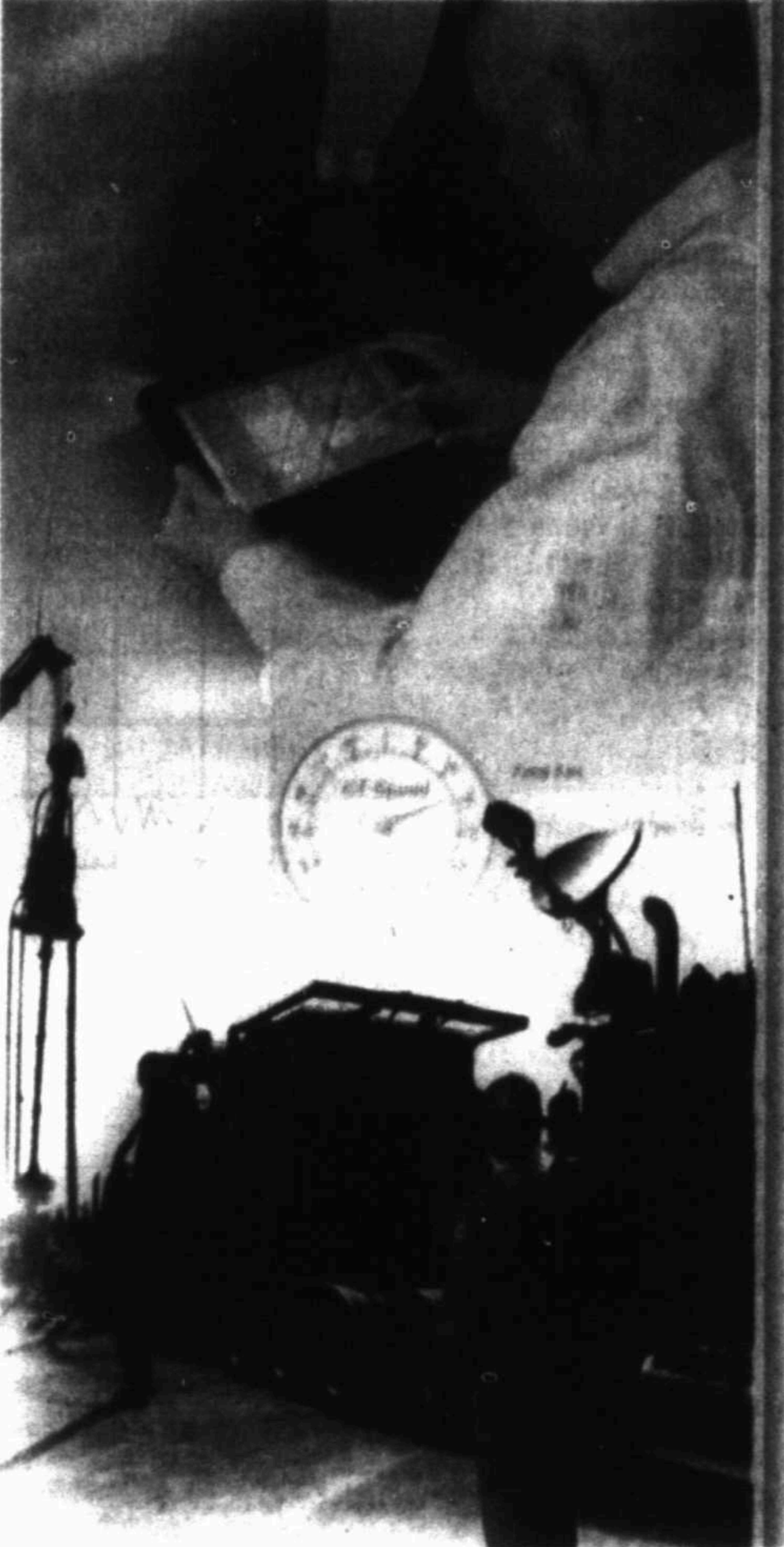
COG Operating LLC Graham Cracker 16 St #1

Hay Hollow; Sec 16 T26S R28E; 190/N & 800/W; 12 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12605 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41935

Lea County

Apache Corp. Werta Federal #4
House; Sec 35 T19S R38E; 1650/S & 990/E; 1/2 mi S Nadine; Rot 7400 Blinbry; API #30-025-41593

Chevron USA Inc. J Keats 1-24-32 #40
W Triple X; Sec 1 T24S R32E; 11 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; 330/S & 400/E; Rot 15540 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41582



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