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Midland has history of providing safe haven

Mayor Morales: Housing would be an issue if Syrians settled in Midland

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Midland is a community that prizes its philanthropic reputation. Numerous nonprofits and churches regularly combat poverty, addiction, homelessness and, not least of all, dispossession. In the last decade, Midland has provided asylum for more than 1,200 refugees from the farthest reaches of the world.

In fiscal year 2014, the city embraced nearly 250 refugees, or about 0.2 percent of the city's overall population, according to data from the International Rescue Committee. Compare that to Houston's refugee intake that same year, when the city welcomed more than 4,000 into the "city of refugees"— about 0.1 percent of the metropolis' population, and about half of Midland's ratio.

Thanks to its job market and its philanthropic foundation, Midland — much like Texas itself — has a history of providing relief to those to exposed to religious or political persecution. The issue has come to a head once again as turmoil in the Middle East has displaced hundreds of thousands of Syrians in the last several years. Confident with the U.S. State Department's vetting and screening process, Obama has vowed to resettle in this country 10,000 Syrian refugees in 2016.

But that goal has now become uncertain. Mounting fears of security threats in the wake of deadly Paris attacks earlier this month have led to a political fallout. Governors from around the country, including Gov. Greg Abbott, rebuked Obama's refugee resettlement plans last week. Congress followed suit just days later passing legislation that would suspend the Syrian refugee program.

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ANOTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

Female vets face unique challenges when they come home

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Though Midlanders Janci Bridges and Tina Sawyers joined the military for different reasons, they both had a common goal: to make a drastic change in their lives and create opportunity for themselves.

Bridges, who served in the Air Force, and Sawyers, who served in the Navy, are among the more than 2 million American female veterans in the United States. Texas is home to the largest population of female veterans: 180,286, according to 2014 Veterans Affairs statistics.

Sawyers thought the military would be a safe haven for her, a place where she could leave behind the sexual abuse she experienced from the age of 4 until she was 18 and the violence she was subjected to by an abusive husband in her early 20s. She joined in 1999, at the age of 24, with the goal of creating an independent life for herself and doing something meaningful — serving her country.

As an air traffic controller, she was one of very few women in her unit. She immediately began to experience sexual harassment from her peers and superiors, she said.

"That's what we face when we're in," Sawyers said. "It shouldn't be going on at all, and at least not as much as it's going on right now. Women don't know what to do. We're scared that they'll blame it on us, that we're somehow causing it."

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Tina Sawyers, Navy veteran

Photos by Erin Stone/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Veteran Tina Sawyers, husband Bill and son William, 4, pose for a photo Friday. **ABOVE:** Janci Bridges smiles with her daughter, Anna, Friday.

IHS: North Midland Basin payout periods are lengthening

■ Firm cautions that steep decline rates heighten relevance of longer-term recovery

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Oil and gas producers like to point to the Permian Basin — and especially the Midland Basin— as still being economic despite low commodity prices.

But the data analysis firm IHS is cautioning that payback periods in the northern Midland Basin are lengthening and that few of the area's plays are currently economic at current cost levels.

Sven Del Pozzo, director, company and transaction research at IHS Energy, and author of the IHS Northern Midland Basin Company Play Analysis, said lengthening payback periods should give investors pause "but for now the Permian remains the darling of the upstream energy sector."

"They're banking on the Permian more than any other basin," he said.

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Terrorist attacks take both an economic and human toll

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

The horrific events in Paris of November 13, 2015 shocked the world. The tragic loss of at least 129 lives is difficult to comprehend, and our hearts go out to those who have been affected. The human cost is beyond quantifying, and is of course the primary concern.

The economic fallout from the attacks is also worthy of comment and very real, adding to the difficulties faced by France and the whole of Europe going forward. At a time when nations of the European Union are struggling with sluggish economic performance and unsustainable debt burdens, the need for heightened security will present a significant challenge. In addition, dealing with refugees from countries associated with terrorist groups will be even more difficult than before.

The Paris attacks are part of a pattern of escalating violence among the Islamic State (IS or ISIS) and associated groups. On November 12, a suicide bomber killed at least 44 people in a Beirut suburb. A group supporting the Islamic State also said it was responsible for downing a Russian Metrojet flight on October 31 which killed 224 people.

Jihadist extremism is an extremely difficult national security problem. One issue is that the recent escalation is occurring in the midst of a refugee crisis in Syria, where civil war has led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. Not only is there fighting among forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and rebels opposed to his rule, but also against jihadist militants from the Islamic State which have expanded their presence. An estimated 11 million Syrians have been displaced by the war, and more than four million have left the country entirely. Dealing with these millions of displaced families presents enormous resource challenges for nations accepting the refugees, particularly in light of strained social networks and limited job opportunities in most of the region. As news has surfaced that one of the terrorists involved in the Paris attacks may have entered Europe as a refugee from Syria, the issue of dealing with this mounting humanitarian crisis has grown even more complicated.

Increased security will be necessary going forward, although many areas have been in a state of alert for months. Analysts are speculating that the Paris attacks would have taken a year to plan and that there are likely other events in the planning stages. From an economic perspective, the potential for attacks raises uncertainty not only for tourism but also for business investment. The travel industry has seen some fallout, with flight cancellations and changing plans.

As noted, the European economy has already been fragile and is particularly vulnerable to the combination of a need for additional spending and potential retrenching as consumers and businesses slow their spending as they wait to see what will happen.

Perhaps a bigger issue over time is the fundamental change in the global risk perspective that events of this nature bring. In effect, in Europe, the United States, and elsewhere there is greater perceived uncertainty associated with all types of activity than was previously observed. As a result, investments across a broad spectrum are viewed more cautiously (the discount rate is raised in financial parlance), and fewer projects are undertaken. This outcome reduces the rate of capital formation and sends ripples through the world business complex, thus dampening long-term growth prospects.

On the other hand, such events can and often do awaken a spirit of determination that can generate entrepreneurial endeavors and public initiatives which spur additional expansion. The phenomenon has occurred on numerous occasions through centuries of history.

The renewed sense of urgency in dealing with Islamic State extremists will likely lead to further military action. An alliance including the U.S. and Russia that seemed highly unlikely before the attacks is now a possibility as world powers join forces to fight ISIS. A major obstacle to a U.S.-Russia joint effort is each nation's relationship with Syria, with the Russians seeing President al-Assad as part of the solution, while the United States sees him as part of the problem. Beyond military action are calls for other strategies such as concerted efforts to answer the social media outpouring from Islamic State-friendly accounts with positive messages in an attempt to make IS recruiting more difficult.

The economic cost of the recent terrorist attacks is very real, though it is of course dwarfed by the human cost. The immediacy will pass, as it has with much larger unexpected tragedies over the years, but the economic effects will linger for quite a while. Now, however, is a time for sympathy and compassion for those directly affected. The rest will come later.

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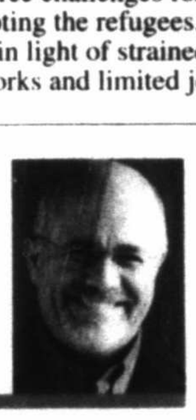

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

Minor car repairs should always be in budget, not in emergency fund

Editor's note: "The Dave Ramsey Show" can be heard from 2-5 p.m. weekdays on KCRS (AM 550).

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are on Baby Step 3 of your plan. When we have standard car repairs, I want to use the emergency fund. She says that kind of thing isn't an emergency and we should just put it off as long as possible while saving up to fix the problem. Who's right? — Ryan

DEAR RYAN: Sorry, you're both wrong. Cars break. And since no one will invent one that lasts forever and doesn't break down, standard car repairs shouldn't be viewed as an emergency. Maintenance and repair of your vehicles are an ongoing expense. It's just part of owning them. That means you should have a category in your monthly budget for this sort of thing.

Now, an engine blowing up or the transmission going out would be an emergency. Hopefully, you're not talking about something of this magnitude. But you've got to rework your budget to where you have something designated each month for car maintenance and repair. That way, you won't be dipping into your emergency fund just to cover the basic wear and tear that comes with owning a car.

Take the next step today, and adequately fund this area so it doesn't continually come back to bite you in the wallet and sabotage your emergency fund!

DEAR DAVE: I've been trying to get control of my money, and the other day I was looking at your plan. Where does buying a house fit into the Baby Steps? — Stacy

DEAR STACY: Let's call it Baby Step 3b. Baby Step 1 is saving up $1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Step 2 is paying off all consumer debt from smallest to largest using the debt snowball. Then, Baby Step 3 is where you top off your emergency fund with three to six months of living expenses.

Once you've done that, it's time to save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent on a house. If you take out a mortgage, make sure it's a 15-year, fixed rate loan, where the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay.

Doing it this way may delay your dream of being a homeowner a little bit. But buying a house when you're broke is the fastest way I know to become a foreclosure statistic!

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Being prepared will keep Black Friday from giving you the blues this year

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The biggest shopping weekend of the year is a week away, and retailers are promising Thanksgiving weekend specials and promotions. Thanksgiving weekend shopping starts on Thursday and ends with online deals on Cyber Monday.

Like last year, more and more retailers are opening their doors to Black Friday shoppers on Thanksgiving Day. According to the National Retail Federation, Black Friday is consistently the most shopped day of the year, with Small Business Saturday close behind. In 2014, 87 million consumers shopped in stores and online on Black Friday, and 33 percent of holiday shoppers said they shopped on Small Business Saturday. Also last year, an estimated 127 million consumers shopped on Cyber Monday.

As retailers gear up for this huge weekend, shoppers are also prepping by making lists and checking them twice. However, before you jump on those advertisements, you may want to double check the fine print.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends keeping these advertising sales terms in mind when shopping the Thanksgiving weekend sales:

■ **All advertisements**

Don't be misled by tricky wording! Read the fine print on all advertised sales to make sure you are truly saving money, and bring the ad with you. Watch for discrepancies in advertised prices and the prices on the shelf. Verify the real price before checking out.

■ **Sales**

The word "sale" should be used only when there is a significant reduction from the advertiser's usual price. The sale must be for a limited time.

■ **Lowest price**

Prices fluctuate rapidly, sellers have a difficult time comparing their lowest price with all competitors. If advertisers claim this, they should have evidence to verify their claim.

■ **Asterisks**

If a deal has asterisks and disclosures, they should be as large as possible, as clear as possible and close to the original claim, not several clicks away on a website.

Your BBB also recommends following these tips for a safe and successful shopping weekend:

■ **Shop with trust**

BBB recommends researching businesses before you shop, especially with online stores. Go to bbb.org/central-texas to find a trustworthy business and read its BBB Business Review. BBB Business Reviews include how long a business has been operation, how it handles complaints, customer reviews and its BBB rating.

■ **Plan ahead**

Take time to print out or clip ads for items you are interested in buying to help outline your shopping day in advance.

■ **Create a budget**

Know who or what you are buying gifts for and how much you are willing to spend. As you buy gifts, keep track of the cost and avoid impulse purchases to prevent over-spending.

■ **Ask about return policies**

Many stores have a 30-day return policy, but it is important to read the terms and conditions associated with each purchase. And remember that the refund policy usually applies to the day you purchase the item not when you give the item as a gift.

■ **Think twice about signing up for a store credit card**

Some retailers will offer additional savings to entice consumers to sign up for their credit card. However, these cards often times carry high interest rates or annual fees. If you do not plan on shopping at a particular retailer very often, the credit card might not be financially beneficial for you.

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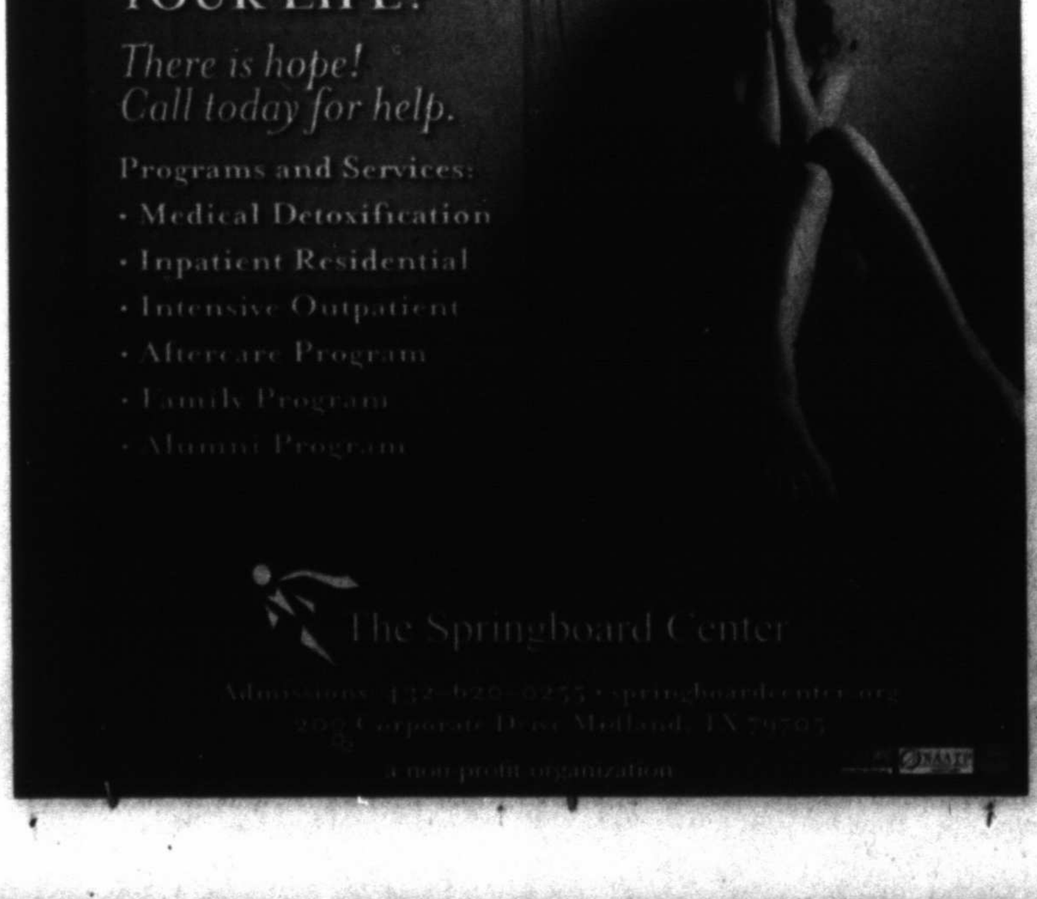

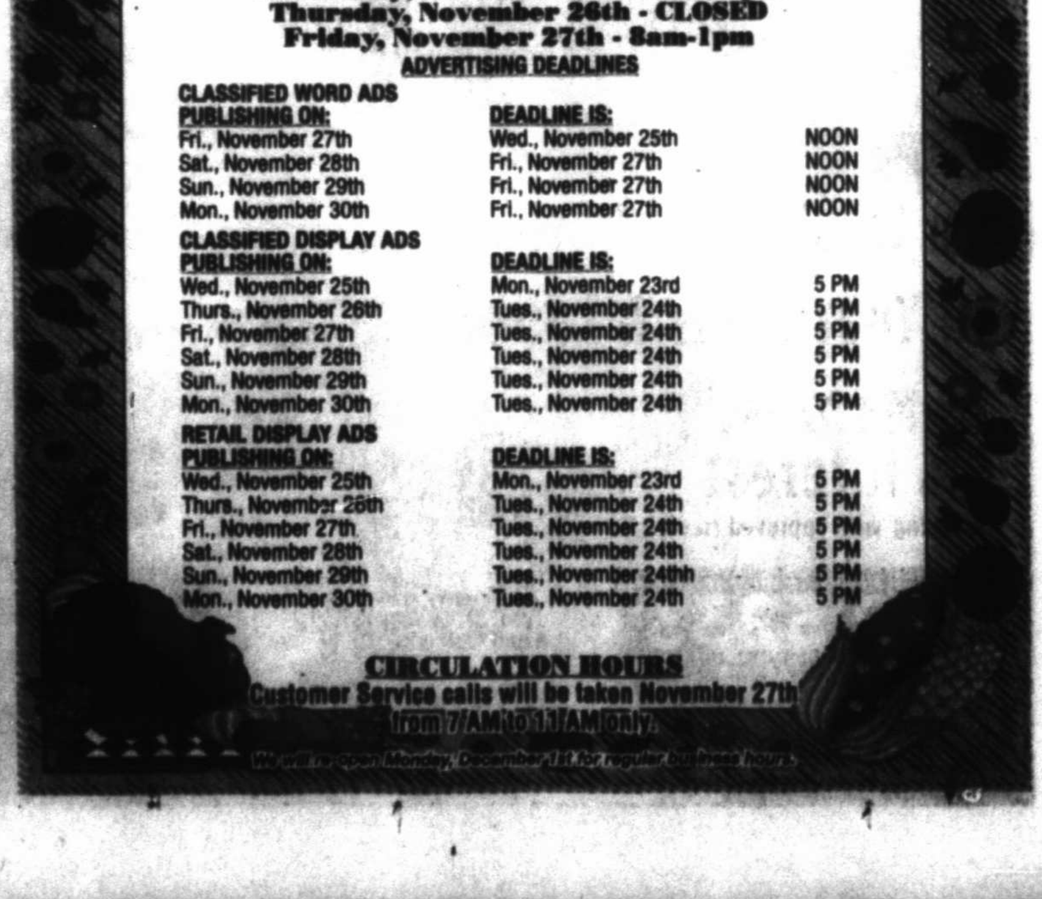

Sugar, corn industries settle sweetener spat

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A bitter billion-dollar battle in the sweetener wars came to an end Friday as sugar processors and the makers of high fructose corn syrup announced a secret out-of-court settlement.

The deal midway through a trial in Los Angeles federal court was announced in a short statement that sugar-coated the hostility that emerged from dueling lawsuits over losses each side blamed on efforts by their rival to win over consumers.

By bringing the case to a close privately, the foes avoided the uncertainty of a jury verdict that could have had broader market implications for products that are ubiquitous on the ingredient labels of countless food items in U.S. stores.

Sugar processors had sought $1.5 billion in a false-advertising claim against corn refiners and agribusinesses giants Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill and other companies after they tried to rebrand their publicity-plagued product as "corn sugar."

Western Sugar Cooperative and other sugar processors said they lost money when corn refiners launched a "sugar is sugar" ad campaign that stated, "Your body can't tell the difference."

Corn refiners and the companies countersued for $530 million, saying they suffered after the sugar industry made false and misleading statements that included a comment that high fructose corn syrup was as addictive as crack cocaine.

They blamed the sugar industry for being behind the "junk science" that associated the product with diabetes and obesity.

Any rancor evident during the four-year legal skirmish wasn't evident in the joint statement that announced commitments to "practices that encourage safe and healthful use of their products, including moderation in the consumption of table sugar, high fructose corn syrup and other sweeteners."

Attorneys on both sides refused to discuss terms of the settlement or whether any money would be exchanged.

Eric Rose, a spokesman for the sugar processors, said they "achieved a satisfactory settlement of the disputes in the lawsuit."

Big Sugar and Big Corn have battled in the marketplace since the 1970s when high fructose corn syrup was introduced as a cheaper alternative to sugar.

The fortunes for corn began slipping when studies in the mid-2000s began connecting the product to health problems such as obesity.

Corn refiners launched the ad campaign to support its bid before the Food and Drug Administration to change the name to "corn sugar."

The FDA rejected the request in 2012, finding that sugar was a solid, dried and crystallized food, not syrup.

Although some consumers passionately favor one product over the other, science has determined they are nearly identical and are metabolized the same way, said Roger A. Clemens, a University of Southern California research professor of pharmacology and pharmaceutical science.

Sugar is sucrose, which is half fructose, half glucose. High fructose corn syrup is typically 55 percent fructose and 45 percent glucose.

The trial had presented a chance for jurors to weigh in on the vexing debate and side with one sweetener after years of dispute in the court of public opinion over the evils of both.

A big win by one side over the other could have had a broader impact on the food industry, the law and advertising.

Attorney Dan Herling, who was not involved in the case but has handled suits alleging false or misleading labeling or advertising of foods, said a jury verdict could have provided a model for lawyers looking to take on foods with genetically modified or non-organic ingredients.

"I would also imagine that people who come up with marketing campaigns would have to take a step back and say if we do this not only how is the market going to react, but is it going to lead to a lawsuit," Herling said.

Attorney Mark Lanier, who represented sugar processors, predicted before the trial that if he prevailed, other companies would the follow the likes of Hunt's ketchup and Capri Sun juices and switch to sugar from high fructose corn syrup.

"I think both sides will get massive PR out of the win or the loss," he said. "Good PR or bad PR. Both sides have a lot hanging on it."

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EPA: VW cheating software is on more vehicles

By Tom Krisher and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Volkswagen's emissions cheating scandal widened Friday after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the German automaker used software to cheat on pollution tests on more six-cylinder diesel vehicles than originally thought.

Volkswagen told the EPA and the California Air Resources Board the software is on about 85,000 Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche vehicles with 3-liter engines going back to the 2009 model year. Earlier this month the regulators accused VW of installing the so-called "defeat device" software on about 10,000 cars from the 2014 through 2016 model years, in violation of the Clean Air Act.

The regulators said in a statement they will investigate and take appropriate action on the software, which they claim allowed the six-cylinder diesels to emit fewer pollutants during tests than in real-world driving.

VW made the disclosure on Thursday, a day before it submitted plans to the EPA to fix a much larger problem — emissions-cheating software on 482,000 four-cylinder diesel cars.

The EPA said in a statement Friday night that VW had turned in its proposed fix, but the agency wouldn't give details. The EPA and CARB now will review the proposal, the statement said. VW said it is cooperating with regulators.

Any fix would almost certainly include a recall, with owners being asked to take their cars to dealers for repairs.

The allegation involving six-cylinder diesels means that more Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche owners could face recalls of their cars to fix the software, and VW could face steeper fines and more intense scrutiny from U.S. regulators and lawmakers.

Audi spokesman Brad Stertz on Friday conceded that VW never told regulators about the software, in violation of U.S. law. He said the company agreed with the agencies to reprogram it "so that the regulators see it, understand it and approve it and feel comfortable with the way it's performing."

The software is on Audi Q7 and Volkswagen Touareg SUVs from the 2009 through 2016 model years, as well as the Porsche Cayenne from 2013 to 2016. Also covered are Audi A6, A7, A8, and Q5s from the 2014 to 2016 model years, according to the EPA.

Stertz said the software is legal in Europe and it's not the same as a device that enabled four-cylinder VW diesel engines to deliberately cheat on emissions tests. VW has told dealers not to sell any of the models until the software is fixed.

U.S. regulators continue to tell owners of all the affected cars they are safe to drive, even as they emit nitrogen oxide, a contributor to smog and respiratory problems, in amounts that exceed EPA standards — up to nine times above accepted levels in the six-cylinder engines and up to 40 times in the four-cylinders.

Stertz said it would cost in the "double-digit" millions of euros to reprogram all the software on the six-cylinder diesels.

The fix for the 2-liter four-cylinder diesels in cars such as the Audi A3 and the VW Beetle, Golf, Jetta and Passat likely will include software changes and in some models, complex and expensive modifications to the exhaust system. One possible fix, a larger trap to catch harmful nitrogen oxide, could hurt the cars' acceleration and fuel mileage. Another wouldn't harm performance but would require a clumsy tank to store the chemical urea, which is used to treat nitrogen oxide in the exhaust system. VW also could buy back some of the older cars, which date to the 2009 model year.

Also Friday, VW said it will cut its spending by $1.07 billion next year and "strictly prioritize" investments as it shores up its finances to deal with its emissions-rigging scandal.

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■ MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet plays the fifth concert of their Late Beethoven Project featuring Beethoven Op. 130 and Shostakovich Op. 118. 3 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. FM 1788. $14. MOSC.org.

■ "Christmas Belles" by the Maverick Players at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10. maverick-players.org.

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

Wednesday

■ Cirque Dreams Holidaze, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

■ La Arolladora, Pepe Tovar, El Coyote, Maximo Norte, 8 p.m., Hacienda Event Center. $50. haci-endamidland.com.

Support groups today

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

■ Bingo, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 682-2926.

Turkey Trot

The fourth annual MCGW Turkey Trot to benefit Midland County Greater Works will begin at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.

There are 1 mile, 5K and 10K races. Registration is at 7 a.m. For more information visit active.com/midland-tx/running/distance-running-races/4th-annual-mcgw-turkey-trot-2015.

Open Thanksgiving

Grocery stores

■ H-E-B: 6 a.m.- 2 p.m. Pharmacy will be closed.

■ Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Drive & 200 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours

Restaurants

■ 117 Eatery (in the DoubleTree by Hilton), 117 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave.: 3 p.m.- 2 a.m. Friday

■ Cracker Barrel, 3100 N. Looop 250 W: 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.

■ Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St.: 24 hours

■ Dos Margaritas, 1501 N. Big Spring St.: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ Furr's, 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

■ Grand Buffet, 2510 N. Louisiana Ave.: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

■ Hacienda Vieja, 515 Andrews Highway: 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.

■ IHOP, 2507 W. 250 & 301 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours

■ Long John Silvers, 900 Andrews Highway: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ McDonald's, 1111 Andrews Highway, 3310 W. Loop 250, 2307 Rankin Highway: midnight Wednesday to 4 p.m.

■ Riley's Bar & Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday

■ Shahi Tandoor, 3400 W. Wall St.: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

■ Torinos, 3303 N. Midkiff Road: 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday

■ Whataburger, 800 Andrews Highway, 1905 N. Big Spring St., 3205 N. Midkiff Road, 2217 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours.

Other stores

■ Midland Park Mall: 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday

■ Best Buy: 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday

■ Toys R Us/Babies R Us: 5 p.m.

Note: For additions to the list, send the information to news@mrt.com.

Community calendar

■ Thanksgiving Camp for ages 3-10 and features swimming, gymnastics, crafts and more. 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St. $50. comaquatics.com.

Freeze data

The National Weather Service predicted a first freeze would take place early this morning. If that holds true, it will result in a growing season of 260 days, which is around a month longer than average (229) and the longest since 2004, when the longest growing season (278 days) took place.

Source: National Weather Service

Christmas Parade

The city's Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting entries for the 2015 Christmas Parade, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in downtown Midland. The theme is "Into the Future: Christmas 2115."

Registration forms are available at the MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butterhut Lane; Parks & Recreation Division office, 2701 W. Elizabeth; or at www.midlandtexas.gov/Christmas. Completed forms may be dropped off or mailed to the MLK Jr. Community Center, emailed to Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov or faxed with the subject line "Christmas Parade" to 685-7380.

For more information, call 685-7379.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-3-0
Pick 3 day: 2-4-0
Pick 3 evening: 3-3-1
Pick 3 night: 8-7-6
Daily 4 morning: 5-3-4-2
Daily 4 day: 1-6-5-6
Daily 4 evening: 1-6-6-0
Daily 4 night: 7-7-7-3
Cash Five: 12-13-17-26-29
Powerball: 37-47-50-52-57 Power Play: 2
Lotto Texas: 7-11-18-44-53-54
Texas Triple Chance: 3-8-12-20-24-27-29-41-51-54
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-9-10-12-13-15-16-17-19-20-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-7-11-12-13-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-7-9-11-12-13-14-15-18-19-20

VETERANS

From 1A

Photos by Erin Stone/Reporter-Telegram

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Janci Bridges, Air Force veteran

"I just pushed it to the side. It took me almost four years after I got out to where I was able to start handling it a lot better than I used to."

Tina Sawyers, Navy veteran

About 1 in 4 of the more than 2 million female veterans suffer from military sexual trauma (MST) as a result of experiencing sexual assault or repeated sexual harassment during their military service. Men also have suffered from this trauma. One in 100 men report it, according to data compiled by the VA from veterans who chose to seek VA health care.

When Sawyers refused the sexual advances of her senior chief multiple times, he soon sought out reasons to write her up, she said.

"You would think, being in the military you would feel more secure, more safe, but you're not," Sawyers said. "There are a lot more men than females, and it's scary. I've had this problem for a long time, and I never dealt with it. But at that point in my life, I'd just gotten out of a bad marriage, and I was tired of people hurting me. But once I'd turned him down enough, he was out to get me. It was an abuse of power."

Many women diagnosed with MST don't report what they're experiencing for exactly that reason: They fear their military career will be jeopardized or they won't be believed.

"A woman already has to prove herself so much in the military in the first place," said Alicia Lovelady, readjustment and MST counselor at the Midland Vet Center. "Some of the obvious reasons we don't report is for the same reasons a lot of sexual assault and abuse is not reported ... period, but there's such a different element to the military piece, which is that often times women are not taken seriously. I've heard stories of them telling someone in their command and that person telling them to never tell another person, or call them names or threaten them. There's that element of fear."

Sawyers was left alone to deal with the impact of rejecting her senior chief's advances.

"I just pushed it to the side," Sawyers said. "It took me almost four years after I got out to where I was able to start handling it a lot better than I used to."

She was diagnosed with MST and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after she left the Navy in 2004. MST can often coincide with PTSD, and though PTSD has become a familiar term to the general population, it is often associated only with combat trauma, and, thus, predominantly men.

However, of the female veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, about 20 percent are estimated to suffer from PTSD, which is the same percentage as their male counterparts.

"A lot of times, people are used to seeing PTSD coming from front-line infantry stuff," Lovelady said. "There's that idea of, 'What did you do, compared to me?' But people think the bigger the trauma appears to them, the bigger the problem: 'Did you have to fire a weapon? No, you didn't, so why are you traumatized?' So I think a lot of times women end up in that group."

Bridges, who is currently the volunteer coordinator at the Military Veteran Peer Network, deployed to Qatar in 2006. Her job while stateside had been a cook, but, when she got to Qatar, she filled the slot for mortuary affairs, preparing the bodies of fallen soldiers before they were sent home. In her six months there, she handled he bodies of 22 military personnel.

"It's difficult. I still have some problems from it; I still deal with my own PTSD," Bridges said.

Bridges said three bodies in particular give her nightmares that wake her in the middle of the night, her heart racing.

"They had been way out of range, so it had taken them a couple days to make their way to me," Bridges said. "The first one came in and it was ... pieces. There wasn't really any form in the body bag. So I did my job, cleaned it up, loaded it back up on the van and the next one came in. And it was a body that had been stuffed into a paper box — just a cardboard box— because there was not enough to put in a body bag."

Bridges again did her job to the best of her ability, providing a clean box for the remains. Then the third body came. That one clings to her mind most of all.

"It was a perfect form, a perfect outline of the person," Bridges said. "You could see where his feet were standing up, where his hands were laid. The bag had kind of conformed over his face, so you could see his nose and the impression of his chin. That's the one that haunts me. When I have nightmares, that's the one I see."

Bridges also experienced an assault by a Pakistani contractor on that deployment. She was able to fight him off, but when she returned home to her husband and children, something came with her that seemed impossible to defeat. She was later diagnosed with PTSD and MST.

"I went into such a dark depression where I couldn't handle it," Bridges said. "I couldn't connect with my children. I couldn't spend time with them. I couldn't tend to them in the way they needed.

"When we come home, we're required to just jump right back into being mom, being in the office, taking care of the household. Moms and wives and females are expected to uphold these standards. When you're not in a good place physically and emotionally, you're not gonna be able to do everything that is expected," Bridges said. "Society-wise, it's not OK for us to have a mental breakdown. It's not OK for my kids to not have clean clothes because I can't gather the emotional strength to wash clothes, because even that is an overwhelming and daunting task."

There are incredible challenges to readjusting to civilian life for any veteran, but the societal expectations of wives and mothers, and the unique pressures placed on women add a different dimension to the experience of female veterans suffering from PTSD and/or MST.

"I think sometimes we as a society are geared toward, if we see a man in pain, we react a little heavier to that, like that must really mean something," Lovelady said. "That must really be pain. Whereas, with women, we think it's maybe dramatic or exaggerated, though there's plenty of research showing that women have a higher pain threshold than men."

Pain, be it psychological or physical or both, that is experienced by women is often treated differently than that experienced by male veterans, Lovelady said.

"Female veterans, we face different problems," Bridges said. "But that doesn't mean that our problems are any less."

REFUGEES

From 1A

In an open letter to the president, Abbott expressed security concerns, citing reports that one of the attackers might have made it to France as a refugee.

"A Syrian 'refugee' appears to have been part of the Paris terror attack," Abbott wrote. "American humanitarian compassion could be exploited to expose Americans to similar deadly danger. ... The threat posed to Texas by ISIS is very real."

But in a stark contrast, Texas' Democratic mayors have taken the opposite stance: Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlins told the Dallas Morning News that it would be "the spirit of Dallas" to help in a crisis; Austin Mayor Steve Adler expressed in an op-ed his support for receiving refugees in the capital city; and Houston Mayor Annise Parker said "it is the only humane thing to do," according to a report on Click2Houston, the website of TV station KRPC 2.

Seeing that, in 2014, Texas received more than 10 percent of refugees who came to America, 10,000 entering the nation in 2016 is not impossible. And some may find safe haven in West Texas. But unlike the mayors of the state's metropolises, Midland's sentiments lean toward trepidation.

"There is no place to put them. I don't know if Midland would be put on the radar as a city to accept any other refugees," said Mayor Jerry Morales. "Because where would we house them? That would be a situation that would make matters worse; housing would be an issue.

"There would probably be challenges after challenges if we were asked," he said.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, coming from a law enforcement and public safety perspective, is less circumspect.

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The displaced in Midland

Burmese refugee Solomon Kham found himself in Midland in 2009 after escaping religious persecution in his home country. He joined bout 50 Chin people already living and working in the city under refugee status. Through help and support of First Presbyterian Church, he learned English, found a job, a home and quickly became a leader within the Chin community.

At the time, the Chin community was centered around the Midland Chin Baptist Church where a network of Chin people provided housing and employment leads. Jobs at the time were plentiful, and by word of mouth, Midland became a destination for displaced Burmese.

"They said, 'Hey, if you want a job, come move to Midland because they have lots of jobs,'" Kham said.

That message continued to be passed to Burmese refugees looking to begin a new life in the U.S., and since Kham arrived in Midland, the Chin Baptist Church has grown into five locations. Membership has increased to about 1,200 refugees by Kham's latest count.

The Burmese comprise about 94 percent of Midland's refugees. Other nationalities that have resettled here include Iraqis and Cubans, according to the International Rescue Committee.

The non-governmental, nonprofit facilitates the resettlement of refugees throughout the country after they are screened by federal agencies. The IRC is one of nine Resettlement Support Centers in the country and is the only RSC resettling refugees in West Texas. In coordination with the state's Health and Human Services Department, the nonprofit operates out of Dallas and Abilene.

But Midland's robust job market attracts nearly half of the refugees who initially settle in Abilene, according to state data.

"We know that families want to resettle with other family members, so Midland has been a place that they've chosen to resettle through the Abilene office," said Donna Duvin, executive director of IRC in Dallas.

Despite Morales' concerns over housing capacity, Midland continues to be a magnet for refugees. And that draw compelled the IRC in 2012 to launch a satellite program in Midland, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Now, because of the continued flow of people from the Abilene office to Midland, that program is expected to expand, according to Duvin.

"We have a lot of conversations with the community in advance to talk about what the community's capacity is. Just because someone can resettle somewhere, if it's going to overwhelm the community, we try to slow that down, because it's a fine balance too. We want to make sure the community can support the number of new arrivals who are coming through and trying to make their home there," Duvin said.

PAYOUTS

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In the analysis, IHS estimated payback periods indicate that, owing to steep decline rates, only a handful of areas can recover half of completed well cost in six months or less under a $50 per barrel well-head price. And even at a $65 per barrel well-head price, IHS said most areas require more than six months to recover half of well cost. After 12 months, nearly one-third of the company sub-plays modeled by IHS recover half of completed well costs.

"Steep production declines for Northern Midland Basin operators greatly increase the economic relevance of maximizing a well's longer-term recovery. This means production performance six to 12 months after coming online, rather than the typical operator emphasis on peak-month production rates that can often be misleading," Del Pozzo wrote in the analysis.

He continued, "After six to 12 months, production is not typically high enough to recover the remainder of completed well costs within a time frame that would satisfy investors. Therefore, today's investment decisions depend more on commodity prices after six to 12 months, optimization of artificial lift and generation of economies of scale."

Del Pozzo said investors and operators are "in denial" about payback periods and are essentially betting on an oil price recovery.

"When prices do come back, they'll have to come back at $65 a barrel to make the play whole," he said.

In the current economic climate, Del Pozzo advised "pausing and getting it right by completing fewer but better wells." He said lower well costs also help boost payouts.

"In my mind, slow down on growth. Forget about growth for the moment; everyone wants to keep production levels flat. You could even have production levels go down some. Doing what's right for the company is, to my mind, being 'smart,'" Del Pozzo said.

He noted that, since oil prices began their 60 percent plunge, operators active in the North Midland Basin have largely ceased horizontal development of deeper targets like the Wolfcamp C and D benches and the Cline Shale in favor of the shallower Wolfcamp benches that originally kicked off the play. More recently, they have begun testing the Spraberry, he said.

IHS calls the Spraberry encouraging, but stacked pays and a steep learning curves indicate more time might be needed to properly risk acreage holdings.

IHS said Pioneer Natural Resources, RSP Permian Inc. and Diamondback Energy are the companies most exposed, in terms of acreage, to Midland County, including its border region with Ector County, where well performance is typically impressive in stacked pay zones.

"This is Pioneer's most prolific county, together with the border region of northwest Glasscock County, and its valuation is critical to our year-end 2014 appraised net worth (ANW). We estimate 60 percent of Pioneer's acreage value, and one-third of the company's total appraised worth, is located in the Northern Midland Basin," Del Pozzo wrote in the analysis.

Pioneer's core acreage is appraised at $32,000 per acre, under a rising price scenario that reaches $85 per barrel flat in 2023, after rising in $5 per barrel

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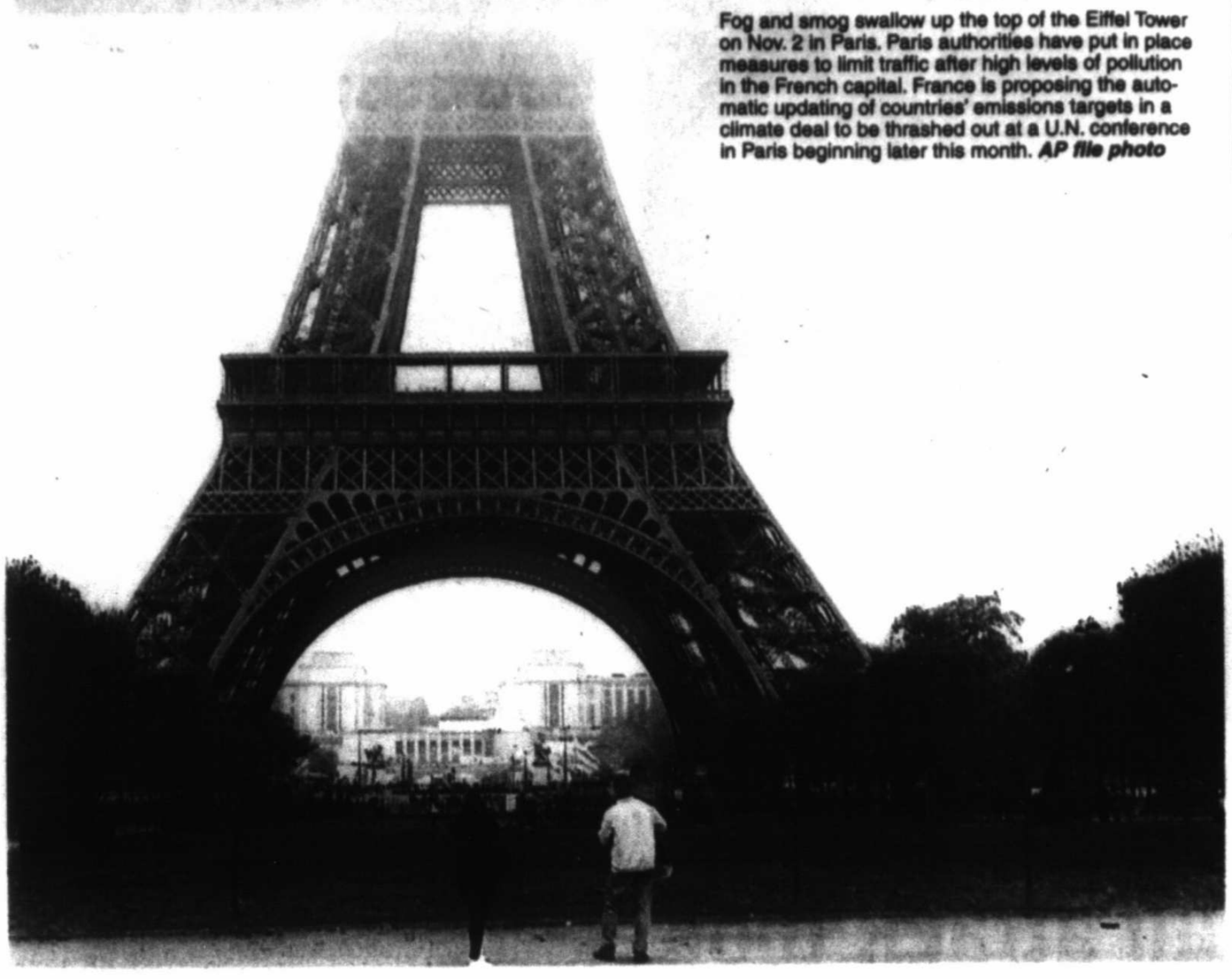

Fog and smog swallow up the top of the Eiffel Tower on Nov. 2 in Paris. Paris authorities have put in place measures to limit traffic after high levels of pollution in the French capital. France is proposing the automatic updating of countries' emissions targets in a climate deal to be thrashed out at a U.N. conference in Paris beginning later this month. *AP file photo*

UN official: More than 120 leaders to attend upcoming Paris climate summit

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The attacks in Paris are affecting crucial climate change talks in the French capital starting later this month, but more than 120 world leaders strongly support the conference and have confirmed they will attend, a senior U.N. official said Friday.

Janos Pasztor, the U.N. assistant secretary-general for climate change, told a news conference that preparations and some activities are affected, including a huge march on Nov. 29 by supporters of an agreement to reduce carbon emissions that has been cancelled by the French government.

However, Pasztor said dozens of leaders still plan to attend.

"They think this is an important event," he said. "So they are putting their travel plans where their mouth is and they will be there to support the climate negotiations."

Pasztor expressed hope that leaders will still heed the voices of the supporters who will now be holding marches in over 2,000 cities and towns around the world during the weekend of Nov. 29.

At the same time, he said, a huge number of climate-related events are being organized in Paris outside the center where the conference will take place.

"Inevitably, where there's a situation where there's a state of emergency, there will be some impacts on those — but still the events are going ahead and there's been a very strong sense both from Paris itself and the eventual participants that people intend to go to those meetings and intend to show solidarity with France and participate," Pasztor said.

"So the conference is going ahead and all the related events are going ahead," he said. "That's the bottom line."

World governments are meeting to craft a new U.N. pact to rein in greenhouse gas emissions.

While it's inevitable that leaders will discuss the coordinated attacks in Paris last Friday claimed by the Islamic State extremist group that killed 130 people, Pasztor said he expects their main focus to be on reaching an agreement, which all governments want.

Pasztor said 171 countries that collectively account for more than 90 percent of emissions — including top polluters China, the United States, the European Union and India — have submitted national climate plans with targets.

"If successfully implemented, these national plans bend the emission curve down to a projected global temperature rise of approximately 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century," he said. "While this is significant progress, it is still not enough."

"The challenge now is to move much further and faster to reduce global emissions so we can keep the global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius," Pasztor said.

He stressed that the Paris conference "must mark the floor, not the ceiling of our ambition."

Pasztor said U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met with leaders from the Group of 20 rich and developing nations last weekend, will meet Southeast Asian leaders this week and heads of state and government from the Commonwealth next week "to help unblock progress on several sticking points" in the hoped-for agreement.

More North American drillers slide into bankruptcy

■ Number of cases reaches 37, with 16 of those in Texas, as the persistent oil price slump takes a rising toll

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

A year after Saudi Arabia and its oil cartel decided to keep their oil wells running and let plunging prices correct a global oversupply, the number of bankruptcy cases among North American oil drillers has risen to 37.

And that figure could double next year if crude stays cheap, as at least as many oil companies appear to be on the precipice of running out of cash or are coming up on deadlines to pay off their debt, attorneys at Dallas-based Haynes & Boone said Friday.

The casualty count could end up larger than in the 2009 financial crisis, when the oil market crashed for a relatively short period and 60 U.S. and Canadian drillers went bankrupt.

"It's harder to withstand low prices for a long time," said Buddy Clark, head of the energy practice group at Haynes & Boone, the law firm that tallied up this year's bankruptcies.

Sixteen of the bankrupt companies were based in Texas. Most of them were small and didn't play a central role in the U.S. energy surge over the last few years. But together they had $13 billion in debt.

Federal regulators have warned banks for months that oil companies could become riskier investments the longer oil prices stay low. The Office of Comptroller of the Currency said this month the amount of oil company bank debt that's considered substandard, doubtful or a loss has climbed fivefold over last year to $34.2 billion. They blamed an aggressive run-up in debt from 2010 to 2014 as companies bought property and drilled costly horizontal wells to capitalize on a new resource, shale oil, which previously had been inaccessible.

High debt levels are "making many borrowers more susceptible to a protracted decline in commodity prices," the comptroller's office said.

Oil prices have collapsed since the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries met in Vienna last Thanksgiving and decided to keep their crude production levels steady despite a global oil glut. Saudi Arabia and Iraq have boosted output while U.S. shale plays have lost hundreds of thousands of barrels of production since April. Swift Worldwide Resources estimates 233,000 oil-industry jobs have been swept away by the downturn. U.S. crude, which reached a 2014 peak of more than $107 a barrel, ended this week's trading at $40.39.

Haynes & Boone bankruptcy attorney Charles Beckham said regulators have told bankers they need to review oil companies based on their ability to repay all their debt, not just the debt they have from the banks, because many drillers took debt from other sources including the riskier side of the debt capital markets. From 2010 to 2015, U.S. oil companies took out $247 billion in risky, high-yield debt to finance their shale work.

Regulators "want the banks to look at the borrowers as a whole, and if the ability to repay all of its debt is suspect," then banks need to assign higher risk to the funds they lend the oil companies

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annual increments starting at $50 per barrel in 2016.

"In Upton County, well performance by the various operators was remarkably consistent in the county, but Pioneer's was the best," Del Pozzo said in his analysis.

The equity market recognizes the outstanding potential of the area, with Diamondback and RSP Permian operating in close proximity, and leading their peers as measured by enterprise value-per-acre, the IHS report said. Diamondback's and RSP Permian's Spraberry play is economic even at current oil prices, superior even to their Wolfcamp development in the same area, Del Pozzo said.

Diamondback has a "monster" Spraberry well in the Gridiron area, with cumulative production of more than 250,000 barrels during a period of about 15 months, and the well also has a stacked Wolfcamp B partner with outstanding results. Several miles away, there is another Gridiron well that is remarkably prolific, IHS said.

RSP Permian's Spraberry performance is impressive. Its Middle Spraberry wells make up a small proportion of its total horizontal well count to date, but the Middle Spraberry peak-month oil production is the company's most prolific, ranging between 20,000 and 25,000 barrels. In addition, RSP Permian's equity financing of its merger and acquisition activity continues to create shareholder value, IHS said.

According to Del Pozzo, the Wolfcamp has been seeing a majority of the activity but the biggest wells have produced from the Spraberry.

"There's only a handful of wells — three or four — but they're monster wells that have pushed valuations of the company higher," he said. Those companies took advantage by issuing stock 'and now they're set and have money in their pocket in this low-price environment," he said.

He said the issue is that there are only three or four wells in the Spraberry so it's not as widespread as the Wolfcamp. "It needs to be widespread and repeatable and the Wolf camp is; the Wolfcamp is well-defined," he said.

"If the oil price stays where it is for another year, definitely. But costs stay where they are and oil prices tick up another $15, we're off to the races again."

Sven Del Pozzo, director, company and transaction research at IHS Energy

Del Pozzo said some operators are performing better than others in the region because they put good geoscience teams in place early "and good management teams execute."

"Do the science and know what you have," he advised. "Slow down and do the science, when prices do come back, you'll know more."

Prices will come back, he said.

"Our view is by early 2020, oil prices will be $80 again," he said.

In the meantime, he said low oil prices could have a long-term impact on payback periods and, thus, activity in the North Midland Basin.

"If the oil price stays where it is for another year, definitely. But costs stay where they are and oil prices tick up another $15, we're off to the races again," Del Pozzo said.

Associated Press

Tight security surrounds Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita as he visits the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako, Mali, on Saturday. Malian security forces were hunting "more than three" suspects after a brazen assault on a luxury hotel in the capital that killed 20 people plus two assailants, an army commander said Saturday.

Well-planned Mali attack took advantage of security lapses

By Baba Ahmed and Robbie Corey-Boulet
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — The heavily armed Islamic extremists who shot up a luxury hotel in Mali's capital, killing 19 people, timed their assault for the moment when guards would be the most lax, allowing them to easily blast their way past a five-man security team before turning their weapons on terrified guests, a security guard and witnesses said Saturday.

The timing suggested a well-planned operation that analysts say could be an attempt by al-Qaida to assert its relevance amid high-profile attacks by the rival Islamic State group.

The attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako began at around 7 a.m. Friday morning when two gunmen, approaching on foot, reached the entrance where five guards who had worked the night shift were waiting to be replaced by a new team, said Cheick Dabo, one of the guards.

The guards had just finished the morning prayer and had put their weapons — a shotgun and two pistols — away in their vehicle when the militants struck.

"We didn't see the jihadists until they started firing on us. We weren't concentrating and we didn't expect it," he said.

Four of the guards were shot, one fatally, while Dabo himself managed to hide under a car.

Government critics have attacked the level of security at the hotel and in the country but Interior Minister Salif Traore said Saturday that there was little to be done in the face of such determined attackers.

"They were ready to die, so the level of security is hardly important," he told reporters. "The Radisson hotel had a level of security that was considered good."

Once inside, at least one of the assailants headed for the kitchen and restaurant, sparking pandemonium, said Mohammed Coulibaly, a cook at the hotel.

"I was busy cooking when a waitress started screaming at the door, 'They are attacking us, they are attacking us!'" Coulibaly said. "I asked everyone to go into the hallway, so everyone headed in that direction. Suddenly we heard the footsteps of the jihadists behind us and there was total panic and people were running in every direction."

Coulibaly said he then hid in a bathroom with one of the guests, but one of the assailants saw him through a window and started firing, prompting him to run to the kitchen where he was nearly overwhelmed by smoke.

"I realized that if I didn't leave the kitchen the smoke would kill me. So I waited until I didn't hear any noise and I ran from the kitchen and escaped the hotel through a window," he said.

By that point, the assailants were heading upstairs where they took dozens of hostages, launching a standoff with Malian security forces that lasted more than seven hours and claimed 19 lives in addition to their own. All but one of the victims were hotel guests.

Speaking to reporters briefly after visiting the hotel on Saturday, Mali President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita said the attack underscored the global threat posed by Islamic extremists, especially coming just one week after teams of attackers from the Islamic State group in Paris killed 130 people while targeting a stadium, a concert hall and cafes and restaurants.

Army Maj. Modibo Nama Traore said earlier Saturday that security forces were hunting "more than three" suspects who may have been involved in the assault. The government on Friday declared a 10-day nationwide state of emergency and three days of national mourning beginning Monday.

The Radisson attack was claimed by Al-Mourabitoun (The Sentinels), an extremist group formed by notorious Algerian militant Moktar Belmoktar, in a statement Friday that said it was carried out in cooperation with al-Qaida's "Sahara Emirate."

Belmoktar, an Algerian militant and former al-Qaida commander who has long been based in the Sahara, shot to prominence after his group carried out a January 2013 attack on an Algerian gas plant that resulted in the death of 39 foreign workers.

Jean-Herve Jezequel, an analyst with the International Crisis Group, said Al-Mourabitoun may be allying with al-Qaida in the face of the losses the extremists have suffered at the hands of French forces that intervened in Mali in 2013 after much of the north fell to radical Islamists.

Glance at the situation

CAIRO — The attack on a Mali hotel claimed by al-Qaida may have been partly aimed at asserting the global terror network's relevance as it faces an unprecedented challenge from the Islamic State group for leadership of the global jihadi movement.

Both groups are at war with the West and committed to the revival of an Islamic caliphate, but they are furiously divided over strategy and leadership, and have battled one another in Syria.

The attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako, which killed 19 people, came exactly a week after the IS group's carnage in Paris, which killed 130 people in the bloodiest attack on France in decades.

The Mali attack, claimed by al-Qaida and a North African outfit known as Al-Mourabitoun (The Sentinels), may have been aimed at disrupting a fragile peace process with armed groups in the country's north that had made progress in recent months.

But experts also suggested it was aimed at reminding the world that the movement founded by Osama bin Laden has not been completely eclipsed by the IS group and its self-styled caliphate.

The following is a look at the rivalry between al-Qaida and the Islamic State group:

Origins

The Islamic State group began as al-Qaida in Iraq, a local affiliate that battled U.S. troops and carried out massive attacks targeting the country's Shiite majority. From the beginning there were tensions between the local group, led by the Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and al-Qaida's central leadership. In a 2005 letter obtained and publicized by U.S. intelligence, bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, objected to al-Zarqawi's brutality toward Shiite civilians, saying it would turn Muslims against the group. Al-Zarqawi was killed in a U.S. airstrike in 2006, but to this day is seen as the founder of the Islamic State group, which has eagerly embraced his brutal tactics.

Rupture

In 2013, Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi renamed his group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, proclaiming his authority in Iraq and neighboring Syria. Abu Mohammed al-Golani, the leader of the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, rejected the move and swore allegiance to al-Zawahri, who ordered al-Baghdadi to confine his operations to Iraq.

Al-Baghdadi refused, and by 2014 the Nusra Front and the Islamic State group were battling each other across northern Syria. The split reverberated across the Muslim world, with al-Qaida affiliates in Yemen and North Africa remaining loyal to al-Zawahri while others pledged allegiance to the IS group.

Differences

Both groups want to end Western influence in the Middle East and unite Muslims under a trananational caliphate governed by a harsh version of Islamic law. But they are bitterly divided over tactics.

Bin Laden believed that attacking the "far enemy" of the United States would weaken its support for the "near enemy" of Arab autocracies and rally Muslims to overthrow them. Under al-Zawahri, local al-Qaida affiliates have sought to exploit post-Arab Spring chaos by allying with other insurgents and tribes, and by cultivating local support in places like Syria and Yemen, where they provide social services. For bin Laden, who was killed in a U.S. raid in Pakistan in 2011, and his successor al-Zawahri, the establishment of a caliphate was a vaguely defined end goal.

The IS group, on the other hand, began by seizing and holding territory in Syria and Iraq and spawning affiliates across the chaos-riddled Middle East. It declared a caliphate in the summer of 2014 and al-Baghdadi now claims to be the leader of the world's 1.6 billion Muslims, the overwhelming majority of whom have rejected his brutal tactics.

For the IS group, al-Qaida is both an anachronism, because the caliphate has already been reborn, and a renegade movement, since it has rejected al-Baghdadi's authority.

Competing on carnage

The assault on Paris was an implicit rebuke of al-Qaida, which hasn't carried off an attack on that scale in several years. If the Mali attack turns out to be a response of some kind, it could herald a new era of global competition between the two groups, each seeking to outdo the other with ever more devastating attacks.

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Post-mortem: Burying the dead in a most violent year

By Juliet Linderman
Associated Press

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On Oct. 16, funeral director John Williams makes a phone call from his office in Baltimore. "You can't be soft in the hood, "Williams said. "You can't be soft as an undertaker, either."

BALTIMORE — In the corner of his office, John Williams set down a gilded headstone that was in the shape of a teddy bear. Williams had just made it to honor an 8-month old child killed by his father — one of the sad tasks he performs as a director of a funeral parlor in a city riddled by violence.

Coming off of the most violent year in Baltimore's recent history, Williams has buried more bodies — many of them young black men, many gunned down in the city's west side — than ever before. In a normal month, he might do three funerals. This past summer, he buried two people a week. Some died naturally, of illness or old age. Most showed up pierced by knives or bullets.

In a city that routinely leads the country in violent crime, Baltimore's murder toll has proved harrowing, even to those in the death business.

"In this city, we think homicide is just another way to die," Williams said. "But to hear a mother's cries when she sees her son for the first time after he's been murdered. To hear brothers and sisters and girlfriends go through that grief. To hear those shrill cries, day in and day out, week in and week out, it does something to you."

"I try never, ever to get numb to this. But you have to shield yourself sometimes. Homicide is becoming my normal."

Violence in the most vulnerable neighborhoods has spiked since April, when Baltimore erupted in rioting and civil unrest following the death of a black man, Freddie Gray, from injuries suffered in a police van.

As of Nov. 20, 308 people have been killed in the city this year, making 2015 the bloodiest year Baltimore has seen since 1999. The pace of killing over the summer surpassed anything the city had seen in four decades, with 45 slayings in a single month.

Williams granted The Associated Press unfettered access to his modest parlor.

Inside Williams' funeral home one warm late August day, soft music played downstairs as friends and relatives of a recent homicide victim visited the viewing area to see the man one last time. A woman wearing a cropped top and denim shorts bounced a 3-month-old baby on her knee as she and a small group waited outside in the parlor. Some laughed and caught up with neighbors. Others shed tears and held each other. The baby quietly cooed.

"Are you ready to go see daddy?" she asked the child. "Are you ready to go see daddy?"

Minutes later, after Williams unlocked the door and the crowd streamed into the viewing area, the woman rushed out of the room wailing and crumpled to the floor.

Burying bodies is what Williams was born to do, he says. It's a passion he inherited from his grandfather. Since he was a child, Williams said he's wanted to be an undertaker, to honor the dead and comfort grieving families. Guiding those who've lost loved ones gives him a sense of purpose.

Since opening his home four years ago, Williams has been committed to the idea of running a tiny operation. Preserving the intimacy that comes with being personally involved in each stage of the process, from picking up the body to lowering it into the ground, presiding over the funeral service and comforting grieving relatives, remains a priority. He has only a few employees who help mostly with office work.

Since the violence began to spike Williams has worked around the clock, preparing bodies late into the night. But that's not why he's had trouble sleeping. Cold sweats, he says, have been waking him from uneasy dreams. He started seeing a therapist to talk about what he's seen.

Over the years some memories have stuck with Williams.

A couple of years ago there was the 21-year-old woman shot in the chest when a man — later declared Baltimore's "enemy No. 1" — rounded the corner as she was arguing with another woman. There was the 18-year-old boy shot dead by gang members after he refused to kill a stranger in an initiation. And this year, in August, there was the 56-year-old man who was beaten, then shot, on his front steps. The man's mother, Williams said, wasn't doing well. She's stopped leaving home.

"My faith in humanity has been challenged, it really has," Williams said.

On the day that man was to be buried, Williams led the procession through northwest Baltimore, driving slowly down its cracked streets and corners littered with trash and overgrown with shrubs. He paused to scatter rose petals on the stoop where the man was killed.

U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, whose district encompasses the west side, has pleaded with the black men of Baltimore to stop killing each other. "No one is benefiting," he said, "except the morticians."

For Williams, it's the opposite. For the first time since opening his doors in 2011, he's considering leaving the city.

He began his work after earning his degree in 1992 as an apprentice at the same Baltimore funeral home where his grandfather learned the trade decades earlier. It was there he came into his own and felt he was giving back to the community that reared him.

Williams was born and raised in Cherry Hill, a predominantly poor, black neighborhood in southwest Baltimore. As a teenager, to keep him out of trouble, Williams' mother moved him outside the city limits to Baltimore County, not far from where he now lives with a 14-year-old son of his own.

He chose the Park Heights neighborhood in northwest Baltimore for his own operation, in part, he said, because "I'm Baltimore born, Baltimore bred, and when I die, I'll be Baltimore dead."

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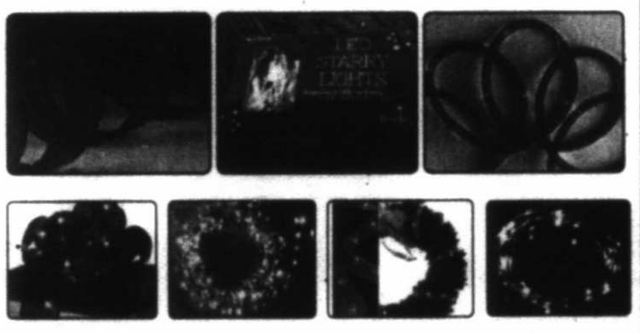

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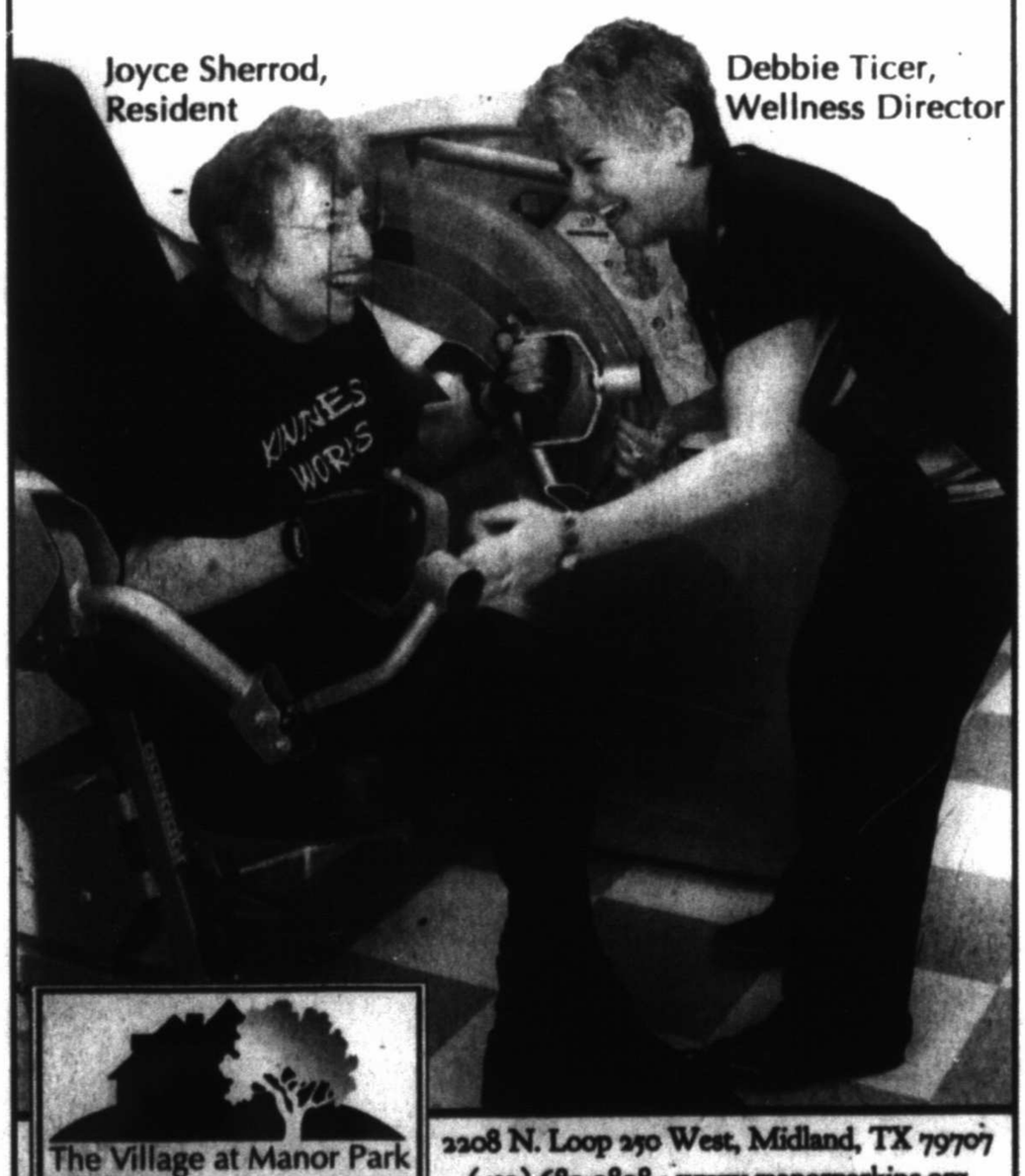

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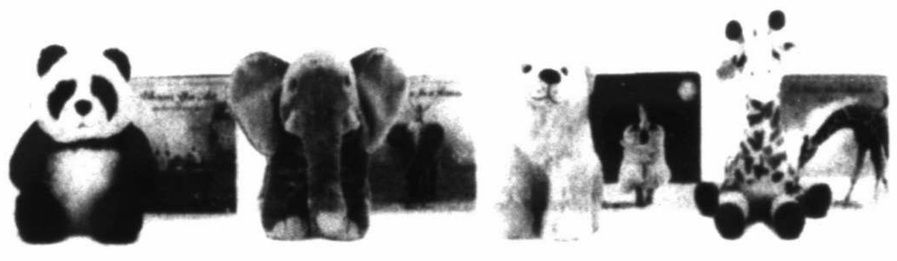

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Refugee refusal today compared, contrasted to that of WWII

By Adam Geller
Associated Press

AP file photos

LEFT: On Sept. 10, Syrian refugees arrive aboard a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to the island of Lesbos, Greece. **RIGHT:** On June 17, 1939, German Jewish refugees return to Antwerp, Belgium, aboard the St. Louis after they had been denied entrance to Cuba and the United States.

Sol Messinger was just 7 when he stood with his father at the rail of the ocean liner St. Louis and stared into the gathering darkness. But nearly eight decades later, Messinger still recalls the lights of Miami glittering off the bow, so near to him and more than 900 fellow Jewish refugees aboard, yet beyond their reach.

Today, "I look out into the ocean, and I get this queasy feeling," says Messinger, whose family escaped Europe for the U.S. three years after American officials turned away the vessel in 1939. Now 83, he is a pathologist in Buffalo, New York. "The Jews did not pose any threat to the U.S. It's really unforgivable."

Now, fresh angst about whether to admit refugees or turn them away has put the spotlight back on the shunning of the St. Louis and other decisions, now widely regretted, by U.S. officials before and during World War II.

A week after the Islamic State terrorist group killed 130 people in Paris, a backlash against the U.S. admitting Syrian refugees — most of them Muslims — has fueled a bitter debate, with politicians, pundits and others drawing lines between present and past.

There are differences between now and then. But disturbing similarities between the rhetoric of today and the attitudes of the U.S. public and officials during World War II make that history worth recalling, scholars say, as the country confronts new fears of terrorism.

"No historical parallel is perfect, obviously," says Allan Lichtman, co-author of "FDR and the Jews" and a professor of history at American University.

But U.S. limits on refugees during World War II, influenced by anti-Semitism, were fed by fears the Nazis "would plant agents, spies and saboteurs among the Jewish refugees and that they would pressure the Jews, particularly those whose families were still in Germany, to act as agents on behalf of the Third Reich," Lichtman said.

"Those arguments are chillingly similar to the arguments being made against the admission of the Syrian refugees."

Lichtman isn't alone in making the comparison.

On Monday, an Ohio professor, Peter Shulman of Case Western Reserve University, used Twitter to post results from a 1938 public opinion poll showing Americans overwhelmingly rejected admission of German Jews in the years leading up to the outbreak of war.

The reaction "was instantaneous and totally overwhelming. It was like nothing I've ever experienced before," said Shulman, who was been posting historical tidbits for about two years. One of his tweets of the decadesold polling data has been relayed 4,600 times, cited by commentators in The Washington Post, Time and other publications.

"When we sent Jews back to Germany and when we sent Japanese to internment camps, we regretted it, and we will regret this, as well," Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Illinois, said before 47 House Democrats and 242 Republicans voted this week for a bill to put new security limits on a plan by President Barack Obama to admit 10,000 Syrian refugees over the next year.

On Wednesday, New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio, criticizing a number of Republican governors for opposing admission of Syrian refugees, cited the 1938 poll — in which 67.4 percent of Americans said the U.S. should try to keep German and Austrian refugees out of the country and 61 percent opposed allowing 10,000 German Jewish children to enter.

"We are not going to make that mistake in our time, and voices of intolerance and voices of division are not going to cause us to do something that is against our values," DeBlasio said.

The comparison has been rejected by some critics.

"This is prima facie nonsense," Ian Tuttle wrote Wednesday in the conservative journal National Review. "The first and most obvious difference: There was no international conspiracy of German Jews in the 1930s attempting to carry out daily attacks on civilians on several continents."

But debate was stoked further when the Democratic mayor of Roanoke, Virginia, David Bowers, noted the U.S. detention of thousands of Japanese-Americans in camps in a call to bar Syrian refugees.

"It appears that the threat of harm to America from ISIS now is just as real and serious as that from our enemies then," Bowers said in a statement issued Wednesday.

Such rhetoric continues a long pattern in U.S. politics of labeling refugees as a threat, whether those fleeing the Nazis, refugees of the Hungarian Revolution or boat people uprooted by the Vietnam War, said Kelly Greenhill, author of "Weapons of Mass Migration: Forced Displacement, Coercion and Foreign Policy."

"Every time this country is confronted with ... a visible influx of people, the issue becomes politicized," said Greenhill, a professor of political science at Tufts University and a research fellow at Harvard University's school of government. "This is a movie we've seen before, and it's sort of unfortunate, but it has a curious sameness across time, which doesn't make it better."

It's easily forgotten now, but the 1930s saw widespread disdain for European Jews, Lichtman said. Opposition to admitting refugees was heightened by the economic worries left by the Great Depression. Those public attitudes were reinforced by the U.S. State Department and other agencies, which worked to limit an influx of Jews whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover labeled as potential infiltrators, he said.

When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt pondered relaxation of refugee quotas, Vice President John Nance Garner counseled that if Congress were allowed to vote in private, the legislators would ban immigration altogether, Lichtman said.

In the years since, the U.S. has become the world's largest recipient of international refugees.

But of the 784,000 refugees resettled in the U.S. since the September 11, 2001, attacks, just three have been arrested for planning terrorist activities, according to the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank. Only one of those, an Uzbeki immigrant, spoke of targeting the U.S. itself, but had no specific plans, the institute said.

While taking in 10,000 Syrian refugees would be a significant increase from the roughly 2,000 admitted since the country's civil war began in 2011, it is a fraction of those going to other countries. About 800,000 people are expected to seek asylum in Germany by the end of this year, according to MPI.

Messinger, whose family found brief refuge in Belgium after both Cuban and American officials turned away the St. Louis, sees some similarities between that experience and the one endured by those fleeing Syria. But it's not the same, he says.

Jews fled Europe because of discrimination and mistreatment based on their religion, he said, recalling that just six weeks after his family won entry to the U.S. in 1942 all the remaining Jews in their village were shipped to a concentration camp.

But the danger Syrians face is less because of their religion than the geopolitics that has put their homes in a war zone. What's more, unlike fears that today's refugees might harbor terrorists, nobody aboard the St. Louis posed a potential threat.

"I understand that Syrians who come here are vetted very carefully, and so the chances of some terrorist getting through are probably small, but they are not nonexistent," he said.

But Robert Krakow, whose SS St. Louis Legacy Project has documented the history of the voyage and successfully pushed for an apology from the U.S. State Department, said he sees more similarities than differences between the refugees of different eras.

In 1939, American officials turned away the ship of Jewish refugees because it was politically expedient, said Krakow, who lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

Although the calculus may be a little different with today's Syrian refugees, "the parallel for me is politics," Krakow says.

"Ultimately, it's all grounded in the human condition. It's grounded in human need and suffering, and here's a case where we can do something. ... It's a practical question, and there's a solution to it, and I find it disturbing the way this hysteria is invoked for political gain."

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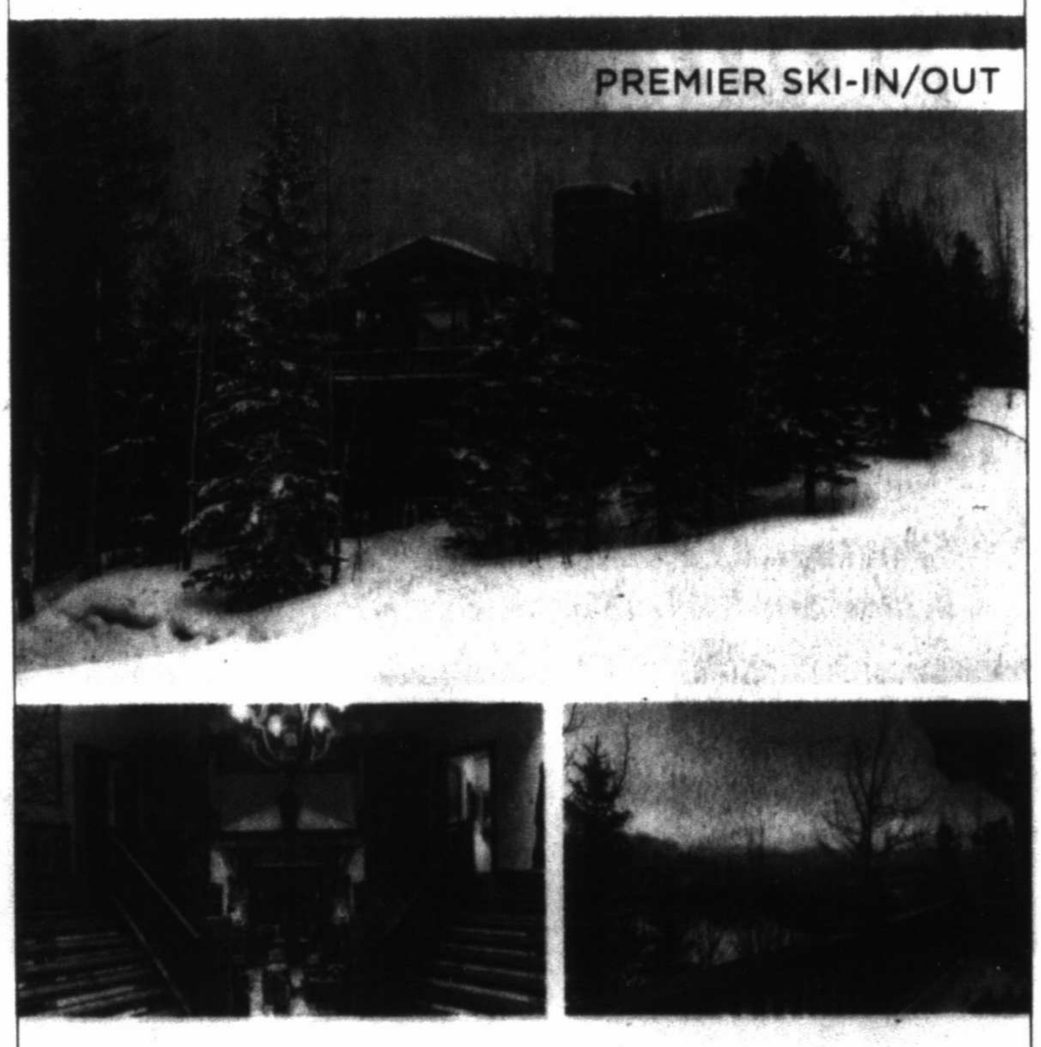

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In America's Little Syria, a divide on accepting refugees

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A few days ago, a pastor asked Syrian-born restaurant owner Marie Jarrah to donate food to a welcoming event for recently arrived Syrian refugees. Jarrah, who said she regularly helps people in need, declined.

Like many of Allentown's establishment Syrians, she doesn't think it's a good idea to bring refugees to the city. She clung to that view even before last week's terrorist attacks in Paris. "Problems are going to happen," said Jarrah, co-owner of Damascus Restaurant in a heavily Syrian enclave.

As debate intensifies nationally over the federal government's plan to accept an additional 10,000 refugees from war-ravaged Syria, a similar argument is taking place in Allentown — one with a sectarian twist.

Pennsylvania's third-largest city is home to one of the nation's largest populations of Syrians. They are mostly Christian and, in no small number, support Syrian President Bashar al-Assad — a dynamic that's prompting some of them to oppose the resettlement of refugees, who are Muslim and say they fled violence perpetrated by the Assad regime.

Aziz Wehbey, an Allentown auto dealer and president of the American Amarian Syrian Charity Society, worries some Syrian refugees might have taken part in the fighting in Syria's civil war and have "blood on their hands."

"We need to know who we are welcoming in our society," said Wehbey, who immigrated to the United States a quarter-century ago and became a citizen.

The Obama administration says refugees must undergo a rigorous screening process that can take years. Nevertheless, the U.S. House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to make it more difficult for Syrian and Iraqi refugees to come to America.

Refugees say that they are aware of the opposition of some of Allentown's Syrians to their presence, but that they have not witnessed overt hostility or discrimination. Three refugees spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they worry the Assad government has informants in the city of about 120,000 — a widely held belief among Syrians here, both Christian and Muslim — and will retaliate against family back home.

The refugees said they're here to make a new life for themselves, not to stir up trouble. They have formed their own miniature support network, with earlier arrivals helping newcomers. Dozens have resettled in Allentown since March, with dozens more slated to come.

"I hope that one day I'm going to be a citizen of this great country," said one man, a married father of four.

The Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley, a mosque and school outside Allentown, has been working with the refugees, integrating them socially, sorting through donations of clothes, appliances and school supplies, and enrolling them in English-language classes.

"There's a lot of rhetoric, but we try not to even acknowledge the rhetoric, because right now there's a crisis," said Sherrine Eid, refugee coordinator at the Muslim Association. "We have much bigger fish to fry."

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MALAYSIA

Rebuffed over refugees, Obama aims to shift focus to visas

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Regrouping from an embarrassing defeat in the House, the White House tried to change the subject away from its Syrian refugee program on Friday, instead calling for changes that could prohibit some people from bypassing the traditional visa system to enter the American homeland.

A day after the House overwhelmingly backed onerous hurdles for Syrian refugees, White House officials said President Barack Obama's intention to veto the bill hadn't wavered, even though it passed with a veto-proof majority — including 47 members of his own party. Although the strong House vote could improve the bill's prospects in the Senate, the White House insisted it was unlikely to arrive on the president's desk.

Instead, the White House said it wanted to work with Congress on potential tweaks to the visa waiver program, calling it a "fruitful area for possible bipartisan discussion." Under the program, foreigners from 38 countries can enter the U.S. without visas for short stays.

Press secretary Josh Earnest said talks were already underway with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, and Sen. Jeff Flake, a Republican.

"This is an area where additional screenings and reforms could be useful in enhancing the national security of the United States," Earnest told reporters aboard Air Force One as Obama flew to Malaysia.

Feinstein and Flake hope to force anyone who has been in Iraq or Syria in the past five years to go through the traditional visa process, including an in-person interview, fingerprinting and tamper-proof passport security. Feinstein has said she plans to introduce the bill after Thanksgiving, calling the visa waiver program "the soft underbelly of our national security policies."

The White House wouldn't say whether Obama supports her proposal in its current form or what other options were under consideration.

WASHINGTON

Trump rivals decry his call for registering US Muslims

Republican presidential rivals rushed Friday to condemn Donald Trump's support for a government database to track Muslims in the United States, drawing a sharp distinction with the Republican frontrunner on a proposal also deemed unconstitutional by legal experts.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush called the prospect of a registry "abhorrent." Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said the idea was "unnecessary" and not something Americans would support. And Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who has largely avoided criticizing Trump throughout the 2016 campaign, said, "I'm not a fan of government registries of American citizens."

"The First Amendment protects religious liberty, and I've spent the past several decades defending the religious liberty of every American," Cruz told reporters in Sioux City, Iowa.

The rebukes came after Trump voiced support for a mandatory database for Muslims in the U.S. while campaigning Thursday in Iowa. The real estate mogul was asked by an NBC News reporter about the prospect of a database and whether Muslims would be required to be registered. In a video posted by the network, Trump said, "They have to be."

Asked whether Muslims would have to register at mosques, Trump said, "Different places. You sign up at different places. But it's all about management."

On Friday, Trump said on Twitter that he didn't suggest creating a database but instead was answering a question from a reporter. However, he did not disavow the prospect of a registry on social media or at an event Friday morning.

Trump has also voiced support for closing certain mosques as a way to contain the terror threat in the U.S.

His comments followed the attacks in Paris that killed 130 people and wounded hundreds more. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility, elevating fears in the U.S. and prompting calls for new restrictions on refugees fleeing war-torn Syria.

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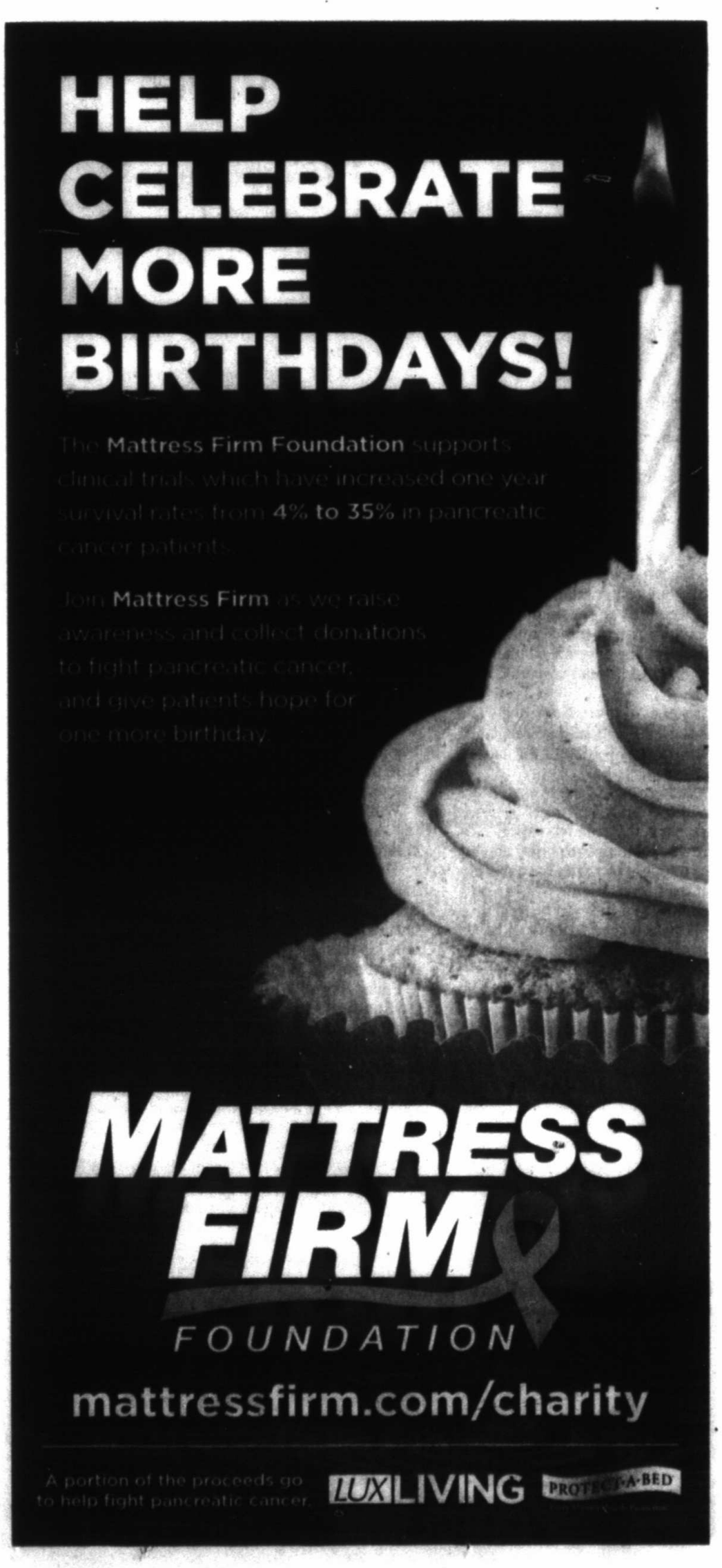

Security debate doesn't need politician-in-chief

■ President's leadership isn't for country's national security but his political agenda

MICHAEL GERSON
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An event that invokes widespread fear and confusion, such as the Paris attacks, is also an occasion for leadership. The resulting intense public focus opens a brief window for explanation and inspiration. In moments of crisis or challenge, a leader can figuratively speak from the ruins.

The president I served, George W. Bush, did so literally after 9/11: "The people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon." At the 2005 Gleneagles G-8 meeting, I saw Prime Minister Tony Blair, ashen and subdued, just after receiving news of the London bombings. Returning to London, his public response was steady and unifying.

So what has been President Obama's response to a series of Islamic State terrorist attacks — a Russian plane in Egypt, suicide bombings in Beirut, the Paris massacre — that demonstrate an uncontained global threat? His Nov. 16 press conference in Antalya, Turkey, provides a full picture of Obama's wartime leadership in its seventh year: petulant, divisive and reluctant.

Under close questioning about the effectiveness and urgency of his strategy to fight the Islamic State, Obama quickly pulled out the big guns — against his American critics. They are "talking as if they're tough" and playing "political games," which would betray "a 25-year-old kid who's paralyzed or has lost his limbs."

It is almost beyond belief: A commander in chief, in a time of national testing, deploying limbless soldiers as a rhetorical trump card against his political opponents. In Turkey, Obama expressed more obvious relish for his own partisan battles than for the nation's military goals. America has a president whose wartime leadership is apparently inspired, not by Winston Churchill or Franklin Roosevelt, but by Rachel Maddow. His military strategy in Iraq and Syria may be questionable, but Obama is the Eisenhower of political polarization, the Napoleon of the partisan low blow.

The president would certainly blame Republicans for starting this undignified fight. Which matters not at all to the wartime rhetorical responsibilities of a president.

Another trump card played by Obama in Turkey against his critics was the approval of the U.S. armed forces. "We have the finest military in the world," he said, "and we have the finest military minds in the world, and I've been meeting with them intensively for years now, and it is not just my view but the view of my closest military and civilian advisers that that [an expanded military role] would be a mistake."

How could anyone argue with that? Except that in 2011, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sent a classified letter to the White House urging the president to keep 16,000 troops in Iraq, which Mullen called "my best military advice." With his re-election coming up, Obama overruled Mullen in favor of a lower number. And then the Obama administration did not really push to retain any troops at all. In a 2014 New Yorker article by Dexter Filkins, we learned: "Ben Rhodes, the U.S. deputy national-security adviser, told me that Obama believes a full withdrawal was the right decision." All of which left Iraq less prepared for the emergence of rise of the Islamic State.

Obama has made a habit of this for years now. He bumped up troop levels in Afghanistan in 2010 under pressure from military leaders, but only as part of a strategy of withdrawal on an announced timetable, which is absurd from a military perspective. As civil unrest in Syria turned into civil war, Obama refused to support American proxies in the conflict — against the advice of his secretary of defense, his secretary of state and his CIA director. Obama has often used military advice as a cafeteria offering, picking elements that are consistent with his political promise of "no boots on the ground" and his reputation as the ender of wars.

A president is free, of course, to disregard the advice of military commanders. But he is not then free to claim their blanket blessing on a policy that has resulted in a strategic and humanitarian nightmare.

In truth, President Obama's public leadership in the war against terrorism, now expressed as the war against the Islamic state, has always been sporadic and halfhearted. The leader who took credit for "responsibly ending" America's wars and who argued it was "time to focus on nation-building here at home" is now peeved by criticism of his wartime leadership.

Obama now speaks, sullen and embittered, from the ruins of our national security debate.

OUR VIEW

Community should step up, not shy away from state's tougher accountability tests

We read that outgoing Texas Commissioner of Education Michael Williams recently encouraged the state of Texas "to maintain a rigorous assessment system and maintain an accountability regime that makes sure that high performers are rewarded and low performers are recognized."

Williams previously announced he would increase the passing difficulty of the state's mandatory statewide exam — the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR. The move, according to a Houston Chronicle report, will be more gradual than previously planned in order to ensure teachers and students could adjust.

We applaud Commissioner Williams, a graduate of Lee High School, for his stand. If you are going to be in the business of holding districts accountable for the education of students — and there has to be some accountability — then there needs to be standards that matter. The state of Texas has been more than lenient with testing. The number of mandatory tests has been cut dramatically. Students don't even have to pass end-of-course tests to graduate. The state, it appears, has erred on the side on being less restrictive, not more.

We have taken the stand that the community should base the success of the school district on more than just how its students perform on one test. We are not naive enough to think that those outside of our community won't hold us to state standards. If someone is considering a move to Midland, they will see those ratings and how well our district and each campus perform. At this point that does not bode well for Midland and its desire to attract top-notch talent.

A search of the Texas Education Agency's 2015 Final Accountability List by District shows Midland had 11 schools with an "improvement required" rating. MISD looks better than Ector County (Odessa), which had 15. MISD is comparable to Beaumont and Corpus Christi (10 each) and Lubbock and Tyler (nine each).

Other West Texas school districts included Abilene and San Angelo (one each). Inside the Metroplex, Lewisville posted three, while McKinney and Carrollton-Farmers Branch didn't have any.

If there is an issue with demographics, El Paso ISD isn't feeling it as much; it has six schools with "improvement required" rating. Ysleta and Soccoro ISDs (in the El Paso area) aren't feeling it at all. Neither of those districts had any. Brownsville ISD had zero, and Harlingen had two.

It is a tough balance when it comes to testing. We also have said before that our leaders should push a curriculum that makes sense for our students and let our teachers teach based on those standards. And if what we are teaching is of any worth, the testing will take care of itself. So, yes, make the testing more difficult. If what we are teaching is worthwhile, our students will pass, and we won't have to have backed into better ratings for our schools.

One last note about education ratings in Midland. While it appears to be a school district problem, it requires a community solution. We believe the school district will do everything in its power to get our schools out of this hole, but we expect it will take more. For all the talk we will hear about 4B, downtown development, economic diversification, even infrastructure improvement, the most important issue facing this community is education (and it's not even close). There is likely so much to add, including how Educate Texas factors into this. We hope to have more information about that to tell you in the near future.

Still, we challenge the state. Stay the course set by Williams. We expect Midland ISD will be up to the challenge. Our community has to be.

'Improvement Required' Campuses

District	Population	Campuses
Ector County ISD	30,857	15
Midland ISD	23,543	11
Corpus Christi ISD	39,414	10
Beaumont ISD	19,875	10
Lubbock ISD	29,287	9
Tyler ISD	18,029	9
Waco ISD	14,894	8
El Paso ISD	61,620	6
Lewisville ISD	52,801	3
Harlingen ISD	18,568	2
Abilene ISD	17,329	1
San Angelo ISD	15,009	1
Amarillo ISD	33,456	1
Ysleta ISD (El Paso)	43,063	0
Socorro ISD (El Paso)	44,517	0
Brownsville ISD	49,370	0
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	26,347	0
Pflugerville ISD	23,543	0
McKinney ISD	24,565	0

Source: TEA, Department of Education

Crazy is as crazy does

■ There is no normal answer to the madness we are seeing; think about it.

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One week, Beirut and Paris; the next week, Mali. The nightmare is young. Where next?

The pace and threat of terror seem to have picked up, each incident feeding on the previous. Fear takes hold, momentum builds. Rhetoric flies in the face of reason, until all reason abandons the field.

But then, how do you solve a problem like crazy? And how do you prevent becoming crazed yourself? It's contagious, you know. Besides, what's more crazy-making than trying to deal rationally with the irrational?

What leverage does an army have against an enemy that welcomes death?

We say: If you don't stop murdering innocent people, we're going to bomb you into oblivion.

They say: Bring it on. No, wait, we'll do it ourselves. *Boom.*

None of our human instruments or moral benchmarks seems to have any effect on such pitiless murderers. We know they're inhumane, but are they even human? What went missing at their creation? The next time we capture one of these empty-eyed killers, we might examine the anterior insular cortex, the activity center of human empathy. Dead space.

We are left, meanwhile, to protect ourselves and to wrestle our own demons — fear, paranoia, and the impulse to do *something* — though we may be no safer.

Shut down the borders; send in the troops; block the refugees; bomb some more; let's roll.

Tugging at our sleeve is the voice of experience — that our previous attempts to bring an end to terrorism, to take the fight to them, have merely increased the threat over time. Blame whom you will, but the fact remains that thousands upon thousands of deaths — Americans and others — have created yet more deaths. The vacuums we created, replacing vicious dictators who kept reasonable if brutal order, have become open houses to migratory coalitions of the willing-to-die.

Our manic stabs at self-protection become their recruitment weapons. Our default partisanship, their propaganda.

Politicians and presidential candidates who race each other to promulgate flimsy fixes amid raging rhetoric — creating Muslim databases, shutting down mosques, even comparing Syrian refugees to rabid dogs — suggest that contagion is in the air.

Whom would young Islamic cultists find more objectionable — their fellow warriors fighting for the End Times and eventual return of the "Prophet Jesus"? Or the Muslim-hating "freedom" lovers who call them dogs?

This isn't to justify such absurd thinking but to highlight the reality of their perceptions. How does sending in thousands of American troops — a Christian invasion by the terrorists' scopes — shift or conquer a dynamic fueled by beliefs that have remained unchanged by centuries of enlightenment, science and knowledge?

How many American lives are we willing to sacrifice this time to accomplish what may not be possible? We may as well be fighting sandworms, which is not an insult but a literary reference to Frank Herbert's "Dune" series — meaning an unstoppable foe that lurks out of sight until it's too late, is virtually indestructible, and has an indefinite lifespan.

The sandworms, called Shai-Hulud, were worshipped by the local "Fremen" and their actions were viewed as the direct actions of God. Herbert, who died in 1986, was eerily prescient when he began the series in the mid-1960s. Too bad he isn't here to advise us. We could do — and have done — worse.

Would turning our backs on people who are being slaughtered make us safer? Or would it merely create more sandworms?

This is a call not to look away but to be solemnly cautious, thoughtful and creative. Is the Islamic State's mission to establish a caliphate, thus to hasten the End Times, a mental disorder? Is it treatable? Is their tactical savagery pathological? Is there a doctor in the White House?

Facts: Those who committed 9/11 were primarily Saudis. One of the Paris terrorists got into Europe with a group of refugees. The woman who self-detonated was Parisian-born and began wearing a Muslim hijab only a month ago. What makes a person subscribe to such a nihilist belief system? What suddenly turns a modern youth into a kamikaze killer? These are the puzzles we must solve.

Winning the war against an ideology that rejects freedom and welcomes death will require something more than bombs and boots. It will require genius.

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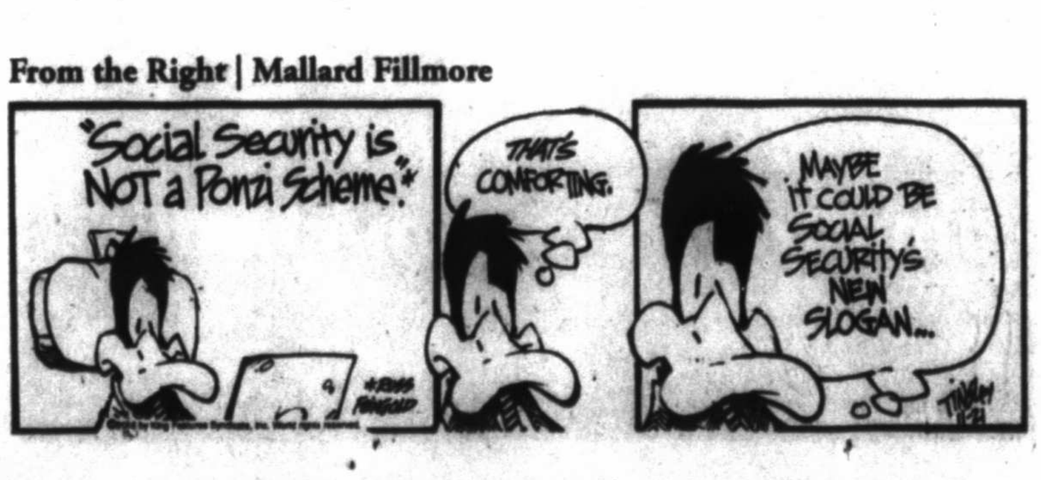

Pay off the 4B debt in March; hold next sales tax election in May

■ 4B tax should continue with a 10-year sunset so progress can be assessed

JEFF SPARKS
District 1 city councilman

The 4B or type-B sales tax is the quarter-cent addition to the city's sales tax used to pay down the debt of the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Its use is restricted to paying off the debt and general maintenance and upgrades of the sports complex.

The current payment schedule will have the facility paid off in 2023. The earliest the debt can be paid off without an early payment penalty is March 2016. This is the date that was previously decided to pay the remaining balance since the funds are available in the 4B account. Paying off this debt in March 2016 instead of riding the schedule to its end in 2023 will save $2.078 million. It also means that the quarter-cent sales tax would end in June 2016.

I believe that we should pay the sports complex off in March 2016, as originally planned, saving the additional interest. I also believe that we should ask the residents of the city of Midland to vote in May 2016 to continue the quarter-cent sales tax for 10 years. Without this sales tax addition the maintenance of the sports complex would become a burden on Midland's property owners.

It is reasonable to assume that the continuation of the 4B sales tax would generate $90 million over the next 10 years. This would be more than what the sports complex needs. With the approval of the voters, the city could repurpose the revenue generated by the sales tax addition for other quality-of-life needs in addition to continued operation and general maintenance on the sports complex.

I propose to appropriate 20 percent or $18 million for the operations and general maintenance of the sports complex and 20 percent (another $18 million) for construction and maintenance of the city streets. The remaining 60 percent or $54 million could be used to upgrade/construct Midland's parks and recreation facilities.

Some on the council believe that we cannot get ready for a May 2016 election even though this discussion started two years ago. I believe the voters of Midland can grasp this concept. We can be ready, and residents deserve to have a voice in their taxation. I am concerned that there will be a movement not to pay off the sports complex until after an election that extends the 4B sales tax has passed. If the debt on the sports complex is not paid-off, the 4B tax continues as it is until 2023. I am also concerned that there will be a movement to pass a 4B tax that will not have a 10-year sunset and will go on indefinitely. Without the sunset the taxpayers would find it difficult to the hold the city leaders accountable for how the money is spent. There is nothing wrong with making your city leaders come back every 10 years to show the results of how the money has been spent and propose a new plan for the next 10 years to justify the need for the continuation of the 4B sales tax.

Some may believe that the taxpayers of Midland will not pass the 10-year extension of the 4B sales tax unless you have a shiny new project to put in front of them. I disagree. I believe the residents of Midland want to know that their dollars are being spent wisely and used where needed. The 4B tax should not be extended if the city council does not allow the residents to vote in May 2016.

Please contact myself and your city council representatives to let us know your thoughts on this subject. All of us on the council are listening and want to do what is best for the residents of Midland.

COMMUNITY EDITORIAL BOARD

MISD needs to take more input from stakeholders when planning for future

This fall, the residents of Midland have read several articles about the internal accountability system that Midland ISD would be adopting to better prepare students for academic success. Also, earlier this month during the State of the Economy event, Cory Edmondson asked Mayor Jerry Morales many questions and if the overall theme seemed to be that the current downturn was an opportunity for Midland to catch its breath and catch up from the past few years of overwhelming growth. For MISD, this can be their time too. If MISD is not going to teach to the test, then more power to it, but we cannot ignore the reality that parents will look at the data and how MISD compares to other districts.

The Texas Superintendent of the Year, Mary Ann Whiteker, was quoted recently as saying her greatest accomplishment as the superintendent in Hudson ISD — located near Lufkin — was changing the culture of the schools. She said they moved away from focusing on testing and developed a strategic plan five years ago that has been successfully implemented. The plan focused on high-quality instruction, higher standards than the state's, and 21st century methodology.

It seems that MISD is looking toward the future, so we ask how will the local accountability system be aligned with the Texas requirements and Educate Texas, the consulting group that local businesses have spent countless hours working with to improve our schools?

One key stakeholder group that we would like to hear more from is the teachers and campus principals in MISD as they are the ones with their boots on the ground every day. Some of that input might come from the newly hired consulting firm, K12 Insight.

MISD's internal targets illustrate to the community where they want to be at the end of this school year; however, where do they want to be next year and the next? As a community editorial board, we look forward to the unveiling of a long-term strategic plan that is being developed by the key stakeholders, including parents, students, teachers, principals, community members, higher education and our business leaders.

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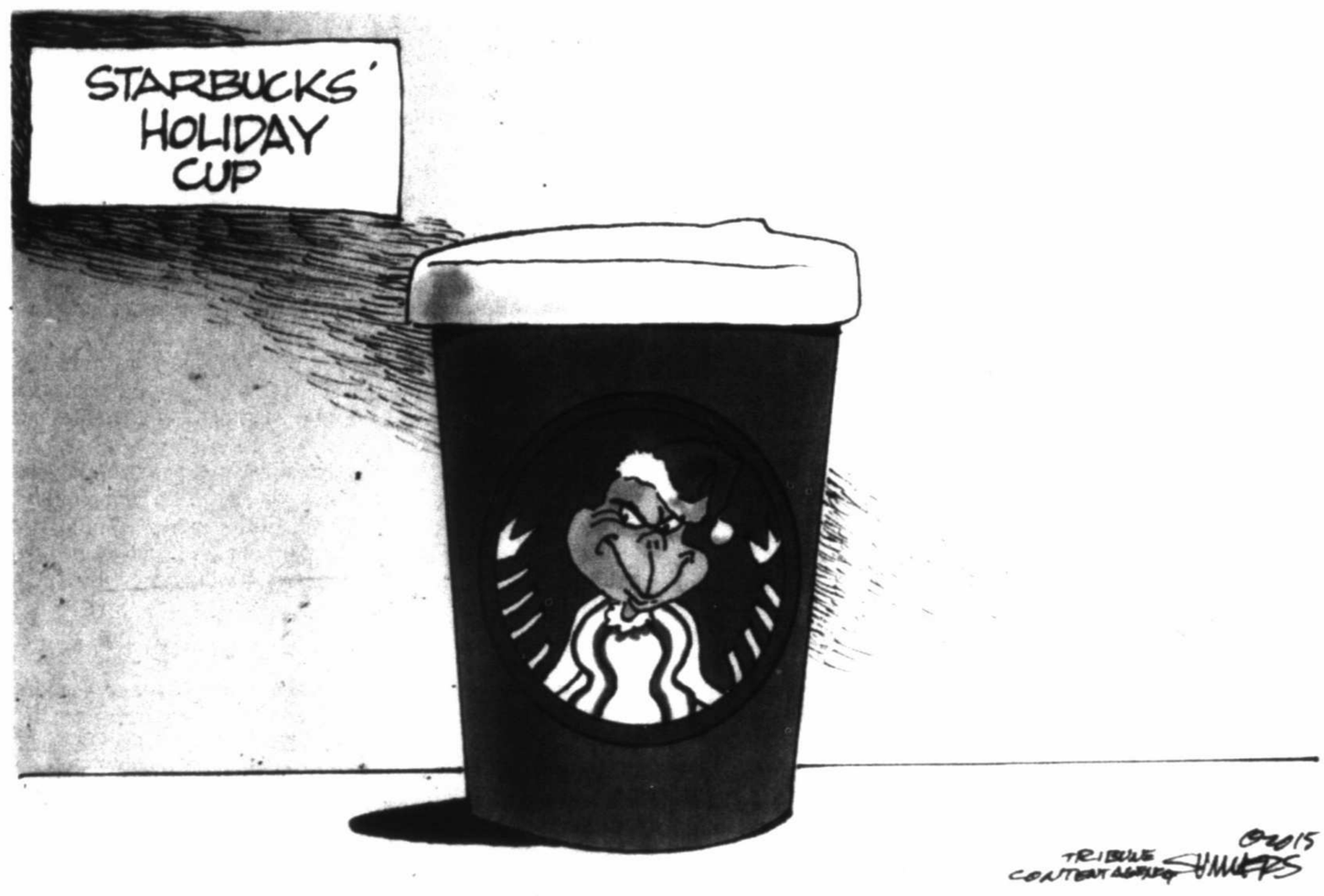

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basin football is no longer state's barometer

In reference to Oscar LeRoy's column about some of the local yokels' "fire the coach" syndrome and based on my 26 years of successful coaching experience, I say, "get a grip." The days of the Permian Basin being the schoolboy football barometer for the rest of the state are long gone. All the jobs and population in West Texas have steadily been migrating east for a good while. It all started with Kermit dropping from 4A to 3A in 1975 and has continued since. Why do you think the local district temporarily lost Abilene Cooper to the Metroplex?

If a coach has violated the terms of his contract and can be released for "just cause," then so be it. But this old practice of being hired for their teaching and fired for their coaching is a dangerous attitude. Every coach would like to have an assistant on his staff who had a mind like a steel trap and could call the right play every time. Unfortunately, he cannot get that individual in row 35 to lay down his hot dog and soda long enough to come down to the sideline and share his time-honored wisdom and advice.

Here is a challenge for you. If you think a coach — any coach — is doing such a poor job then you should do the only honorable and decent thing: file an application to be his replacement.

Drew Matthews

Hall of Legends induction is an honor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Midland and Midland ISD for the honor of being inducted into the Midland ISD Hall of Legends. I feel extremely privileged to be awarded such a prestigious honor. Words cannot express how flattered I was to even be considered for the Hall of Legends, more less being inducted. MISD did an amazing job of making that weekend memorable.

Twenty years ago, I swam at COM Aquatics and for Lee High School and received a huge amount of support from my coaches, my family, my friends and the Midland community. I will always be grateful for that support and encouragement. Receiving the Hall of Legends award brought back many memories of this time in my life. Now as an adult, living in Midland with my husband and daughter, I want to reciprocate that support and encouragement to the Midland community and MISD.

Monica Stroman Tucker

Food pantries in need of donations

The headline of the Nov. 16 paper stated that 12,000 jobs have been lost in the Midland-Odessa area. This is reflected in the number of families seeking help from the various charities of the Permian Basin.

I volunteer at a local food pantry, and we had to close our doors early last week because we ran out of food. The West Texas Food Bank supplies the local food pantries but they can only supply so much.

Food drives are going on all over the area, in schools, churches, etc. Some retiree associations ask that members bring a can of food to the meeting to be given to a food pantry. Grasslands asks for a donation of a can of food when people drive through their Christmas light exhibit.

This is the season of giving and parties. If individuals hosting Christmas parties would ask for a donation of a can of food from their guests, this would truly help those in need.

A few of the organizations in Midland where food can be donated are:

■ Baptist Crisis Center, 806 S. Baird St., 685-1467.
■ St. Ann's St. Vincent de Paul on L Street between Texas and Illinois avenues, 684-3887.
■ Area Missions Outreach Services, 908 S. Loraine St., 687-2667.
■ Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road, 683-6160.
■ Jubilee Center, 3311 Andrews Highway, 520-0671.
■ Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway, 694-5321.

At this time of celebration and giving, please don't forget the hungry of our city.

Shirley Qualia

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Former land commish: Audit not what it seemed

■ A report from the State Auditor's Office details "significant weaknesses" in how the office of former Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson handled contracts

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is blasting the findings of a state audit that found problems with the way the office handled $6 million in contracts.

It's not the audit itself that has Patterson all riled up. He said it's the fact that current land office officials didn't give the auditor all the information. And if they had, Patterson said, the review would have reflected that his people made some smart choices.

"This deal is so bogus, and I don't think it's the state auditor's fault," he said.

On Tuesday, the State Auditor's Office released a report detailing "significant weaknesses" in how the office handled three contracts signed between 2010 and 2015. The audit laid out numerous shortcomings, such as using untrained contract managers, throwing away invoices, underestimating project costs and failing to address conflicts of interest.

But what really stoked Patterson's ire is the suggestion that the agency might have erred when it gave Grant Thornton LLP $1 million to conduct audits of four oil and gas royalty contracts. Patterson said it was the most cost-effective move and that current Land Commissioner George P. Bush's people should have told the auditor that.

Land office spokesman Bryan Preston declined to address Patterson's comments, saying the agency is moving forward with reforms, such as creating a compliance and ethics division. The office now also requires all contract managers to complete the comptroller's contract management training and is updating its contracting processes to comply with new safeguards recently adopted by the Legislature.

Patterson served as land commissioner from 2003 to 2015, leaving the office after deciding not to seek a fourth term and to run for lieutenant governor. He came in fourth of the four candidates in the Republican primary.

The auditor's office — which looked at technology, environmental and audit services contracts — dinged the land office for problems such as sloppy bookkeeping, a lack of accurate records and other mistakes. Patterson said he doesn't have personal knowledge about those issues, but he doesn't deny them either and says audits are helpful as a "management tool" to tackle such problems.

The audit also said the General Land Office failed to properly assess the agency's needs before signing contracts, particularly the $1 million contract with Grant Thornton. The report says the land office could have saved money if it had hired four full-time employees for $426,000.

Patterson said he didn't want to hire four people for a short-term project.

"Is that a good idea to fire people when they're done or to instead find work for them to do when you don't really need them anymore?" he said.

The audit also faults the land office for not properly handling a conflict of interest involving that same contract. The former director of financial subsidiary operations steered a contract to two former land office employees, one of whom she owed money to, the report states. Despite receiving a complaint about it, officials allowed the woman to continue working on the contract for several more months.

Patterson agrees the employee should have disclosed the conflict. But the contract still turned out to be a winner because Grant Thornton identified between $4 million and $5 million of additional royalty income owed to the state, Patterson said.

"I can't speak to the motive of the current commissioner for apparently endeavoring to drop his predecessor in the grease, but I would suggest he put more focus on doing his job and less on covering his derrière," he said.

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Travel expected to be up this holiday

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A stronger economy and lower gas prices mean Thanksgiving travelers can expect more congested highways this year.

During the long holiday weekend, 46.9 million Americans are expected to go 50 miles or more from home, the highest number since 2007, according to travel agency and car lobbying group AAA. That would be a 0.6 percent increase over last year and the seventh straight year of growth.

While promising for the travel industry, the figure is still 7.3 percent short of the 50.6 million high point reached in 2007, just before the recession.

Like on every other holiday, the overwhelming majority of travelers — almost 90 percent — will be driving. And they will be paying much less at the pump.

AAA says the average retail price for gasoline is now $2.15 per gallon, 74 cents cheaper than the same time last year. With the average car getting 18.5 miles per gallon, that means a family driving 300 miles will save $12 in fuel this holiday.

Airlines for America, the lobbying group for several major airlines, forecasts 25.3 million passengers will fly on U.S. airlines, up 3 percent from last year. (AAA's forecast shows fewer numbers of fliers because it looks at a five-day period while the airline group looks at the 12 days surrounding Thanksgiving.)

Airfare is basically flat compared to last year, with a mere 0.3 percent or 69 cent average increase, according to the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and travel agencies.

Traveler counts are little fuzzier when it comes to other forms of transport.

Bus use will continue to grow, according to the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University. The school expects 1.2 million to take buses, up 1 percent to 2 percent from last year. However, AAA says travel by cruises, trains and buses, will decrease 1.4 percent this Thanksgiving, to 1.4 million travelers.

Since flying can often cause the most disruptions and leave travelers feeling helpless, here are some tips to cope with any delays. Flights are packed around the holidays, and if there is any hiccup, the difference between getting home and not can come down to asking the right questions and acting fast.

Delays

■ At the first sign of [illegible]nous mechanical problem, call the airline to have it "protect" you on the next flight out. That way, if the mechanical problem leads to a cancellation, you are already confirmed on a new flight and can just print a new boarding pass.

■ If you miss your flight connection — or bad weather causes delays — get in line to speak to a customer service representative. But also, call the airline directly. If the phone lines are jammed, try the airline's overseas numbers. You'll pay long-distance rates, but might not have to wait. (Add those numbers to your phone now.) Finally, consider sending a tweet to the airline.

■ Consider buying a one-day pass to the airline lounge. For one thing, there are usually free drinks and light snacks. But the real secret to the lounges is that the airline staffs them with some of its best — and friendliest — ticket agents. The lines are shorter and these agents are magically able to find empty seats. One-day passes typically cost $50 but discounts can sometimes be found in advance online.

Thanksgiving travel forecast

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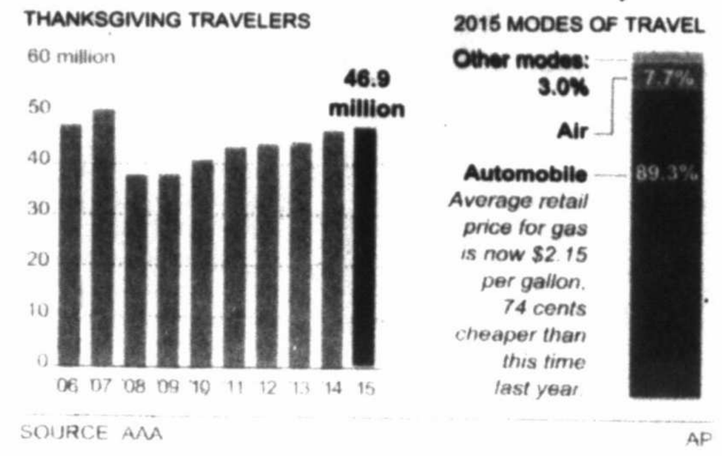


■ If weather causes cancellations, use apps like HotelTonight and Priceline to find last-minute hotel discounts for that night. Warning: Many of the rooms are nonrefundable when booked, so lock in only once stuck.

Luggage

■ Weigh it at home first. Anything over 50 pounds (40 pounds on some airlines like Spirit) will generate a hefty overweight surcharge, in addition to the checked bag fee.

■ Before your bag disappears behind the ticket counter, make sure the airline's tag has your name, flight number and final destination. Save that sticker they give you — it has a bag-tracking number on it.

■ Place a copy of your flight itinerary inside your suitcase with your cellphone number and the name of your hotel in case the tag is ripped off.

■ If you can't live without it, don't check it. It might take days to return a lost bag. Don't pack medication or outfits for tomorrow's meeting or wedding. Never check valuables such as jewelry or electronics.

■ Prepare your carry-on bag as if it will be checked. You might not have planned to check your bag, but given today's crowded overhead bins many fliers don't have a choice. Pack a small canvas bag inside your carry-on so if you are forced to check it, you can at least keep your valuables with you.

Seats

■ Set up alerts for seat openings. ExpertFlyer.com offers free notifications when a window or aisle seat becomes vacant. For 99 cents, it sends an email if two adjacent seats become available. The service is available for Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue Airways, United Airlines and Virgin America but not for Delta Air Lines and some smaller carriers.

■ Check the airline's website five days before the trip. That's when some elite fliers are upgraded to first class, freeing up their coach seats. Another wave of upgrades occurs every 24 to 48 hours.

■ Check in 24 hours in advance when airlines start releasing more seats. If connecting, see if seats have opened up 24 hours before the second flight departs.

■ Keep looking for new seats. Even after checking in, seats can be changed at airport kiosks and on some airlines' mobile applications.

Don't let the airlines lose your suitcase

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heading into winter, fliers should take extra precautions with their checked luggage — December and January are traditionally the worst months for lost bags.

To avoid problems, arrive at the airport early enough to let your bag get to the plane and print out a copy of your itinerary from the airline's website and stick it inside just in case all the tags get ripped off.

In the U.S. during the first nine months of this year, 3.3 bags for every 1,000 passengers didn't make it to their destination on time, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That's not great if you are one of those people whose bag is delayed or lost. But consider this: During the 2007 peak in air travel, airlines were mishandling more than twice as many suitcases — 7.2 bags per 1,000 passengers.

The vast majority of bags — 80 percent — aren't lost but just delayed, according to SITA. And it takes about a day and a half to reunite passengers with their bags. Another 14 percent are damaged or have their contents reported stolen. And nearly 6 percent of bags are lost or stolen completely.

The overall improvements to baggage handling come after carriers spent millions of dollars to upgrade their systems.

Tug drivers now get real-time updates of gate changes so they can change their path and ensure that bags make their connection. Scanners allow bags to be tracked throughout the system, preventing a suitcase bound for Chicago from being loaded onto a plane to Detroit. Gate agents have printers to help tag bags that are checked at the last minute because of full overhead bins. And, overall, fewer bags are being checked because of bag fees.

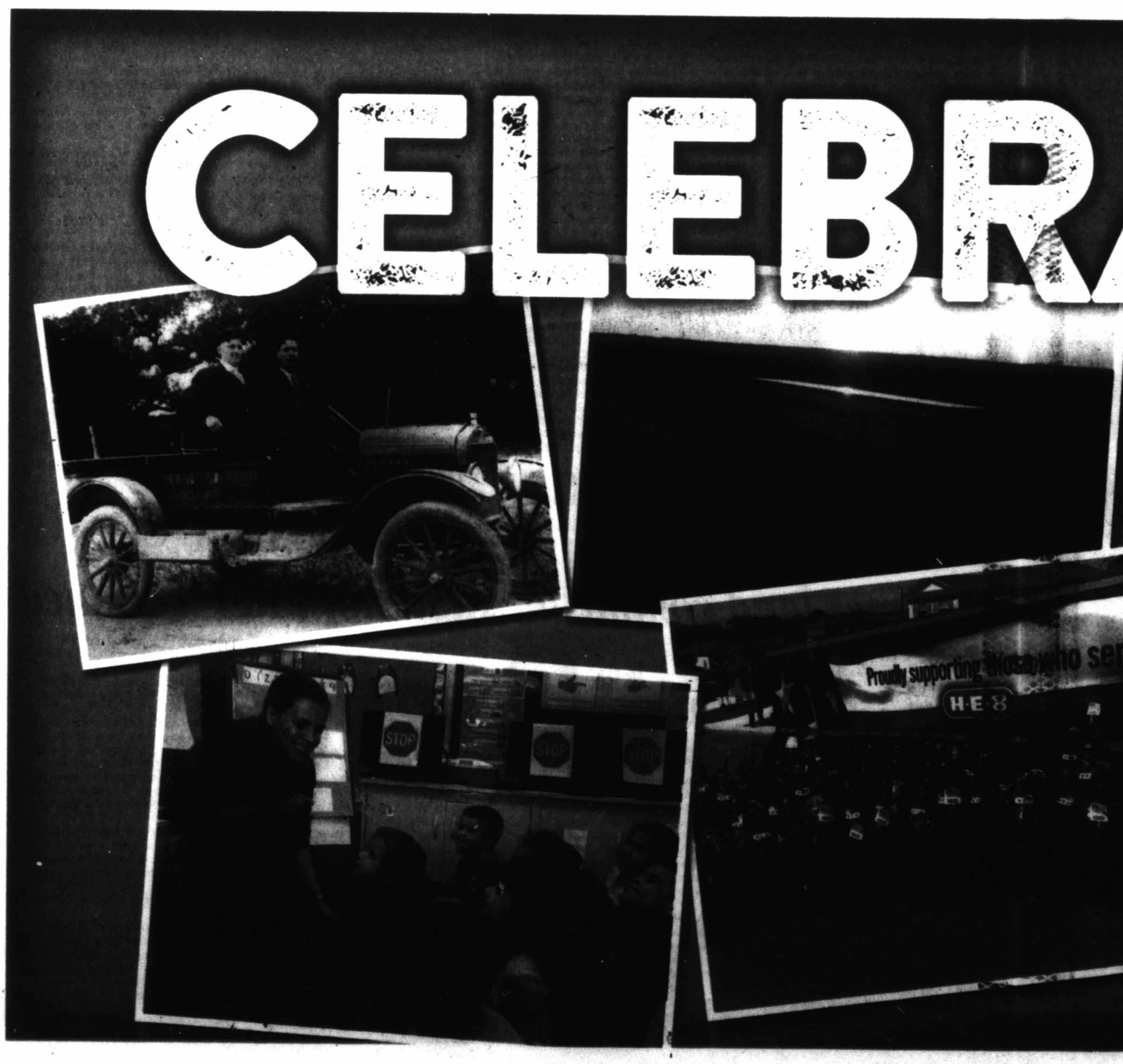
Airlines are also starting to empower passengers — or at least keep them better informed.

Delta was the first airline to allow fliers to track their own checked luggage, first on the airline's website in 2011 and then on its mobile app in 2012. Bag tags are scanned when the suitcase is dropped off, loaded onto a plane, loaded onto a connecting flight and then-again before being placed on the carousel at baggage claim. Passengers can see all those scans.

American Airlines followed suit in August, allowing passengers to see when a suitcase was loaded or unloaded from a plane.

Sitting on a plane ready for takeoff and knowing that your suitcase isn't in the hold below might be frustrating. But airlines say they would rather have passengers know it then and talk immediately to a baggage representative, once on the ground, instead of standing at the carousel waiting for a suitcase that isn't there.

If your bag is late, you might be able to get some bonus frequent flier miles or even a voucher toward a future flight.



Can 'The Force Awakens' become the biggest movie ever?

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Riding galaxy-sized expectations, the new "Star Wars" movie is already setting records for pre-opening ticket sales, with still a month to go. But does that mean the movie's destined to be the biggest of all time?

Though several signs point in that direction, the outcome isn't guaranteed.

The movie is on track to have the biggest December opening ever, topping "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," which took in $85 million in the U.S. and Canada on its opening weekend in December 2012.

Ticket seller Fandango said advance ticket sales for "Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens" has already topped every other movie, though it didn't provide figures. Imax said it has sold $18 million domestically, double the previous record. Imax receipts account for a third of pre-release sales for this movie, putting the domestic total at more than $50 million.

Whether it bests the biggest grosser of all time — "Avatar," with $2.8 billion worldwide — depends on word of mouth and whether fans love it enough to watch it multiple times through the new year.

"Star Wars" will have the advantage of having weak competition for months. Marvel's "Deadpool" doesn't come out until mid-February, while Warner Bros.' "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" isn't out until late March.

"I think it's going to own January," said Erik Davis, managing editor of Fandango, one of the nation's largest online ticket retailers. "I know one guy who has nine tickets to see it in the first week alone. That's what we're talking about."

A single ticket in big cities can cost $25 or more after paying for extras like Imax and 3-D.

Social media activity is also off the charts, according to entertainment news website Moviepilot Inc.

Exactly a month from release, "The Force Awakens" had 405 million trailer and teaser views on Facebook and YouTube. That's 87 percent more than this summer's "Jurassic World," which opened domestically with a record $208.8 million in ticket sales and owns the all-time No. 3 spot with $1.7 billion worldwide. No. 2 is "Titanic," at $2.1 billion.

What's more, the 178,000 weekly searches for the movie on Google is more than three times as high as "Jurassic World," which had 51,800 weekly searches a month from release, according to Moviepilot.

"People are searching and craving and demanding content," Moviepilot CEO Tobi Bauckhage said. "That's a very strong signal."

December releases tend to be smaller than in the summer, so coming out on top may take a marathon rather than a sprint.

As for the all-time high, one thing "Avatar" had going for it: It rode a wave of consumer interest in 3-D, which costs a few dollars more than regular tickets. That frenzy has largely cooled off.

Awakening a force at the box office

The latest movie in the "Star Wars" saga could eclipse its predecessors in worldwide ticket sales. After adjusting for inflation, the first six films in the series match up favorably with some of the biggest-grossing films of all time.

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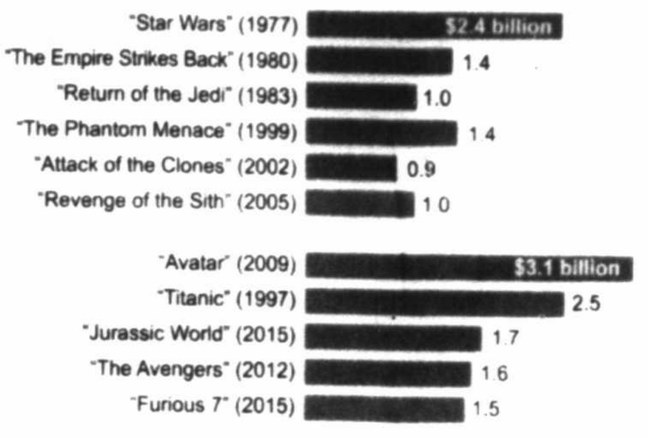


C-3PO actor Anthony Daniels on playing the 'Star Wars' droid

By John Carucci
Associated Press

NEW YORK — While Anthony Daniels might be one of the most unrecognized actors in the "Star Wars" universe, he portrays one of the franchise's most known characters.

His C-3PO droid, along with its R2D2 robot counterpart, have the distinction of being in all seven 'Star Wars' movies, including the upcoming "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which will be in theaters Dec. 18.

But the classically trained actor claims he almost passed up playing the golden droid.

"I didn't want to be in the first one. The job didn't appeal to me, quite frankly," Daniels said at a preview this week for a "Star Wars" costume exhibit in Manhattan.

But eventually, the 69-year old actor admits he developed a connection to the eloquent droid.

"Here I am, on the brink of "Episode VII," and who knows if C-3PO survives, there could be VIII and IX, as well," Daniels said.

Associated Press

In this image taken from video, actor Anthony Daniels, who portrays C-3PO in the "Star Wars" films, appears with his robot counterpart at a preview for the "Star Wars and the Power of Costume" exhibition at Discovery Times Square Museum on Nov. 11. Daniels returns again for "Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens," in U.S. theaters on Dec. 18.

Daniels addressed why the character was so well received, rumors surrounding the film and director J.J. Abrams in an interview with The Associated Press. Responses have been edited for brevity.

AP: What eventually convinced you to do "Star Wars"?

Daniels: This had to be the toughest project I came across. It called on skills I had, like mime and voice and that sort of stuff. But it took me six months as we were making the costume to really get a grip on it. It was the first day of filming out in the desert that 3P0 came together. ... George (Lucas) created a world that was completely believable and 3P0 landed in that world. ... One of the reasons that audiences believe in 3P0 is that Luke Skywalker totally treats him as normal.

AP: What about filming the desert scenes in Tunisia?

Daniels: Tunisia was not the most comfortable place because the sand is very fine and it gets everywhere, and I mean everywhere. Sometimes I was hot, sometimes I was really cold.

AP: Do you have a favorite "Star Wars" film?

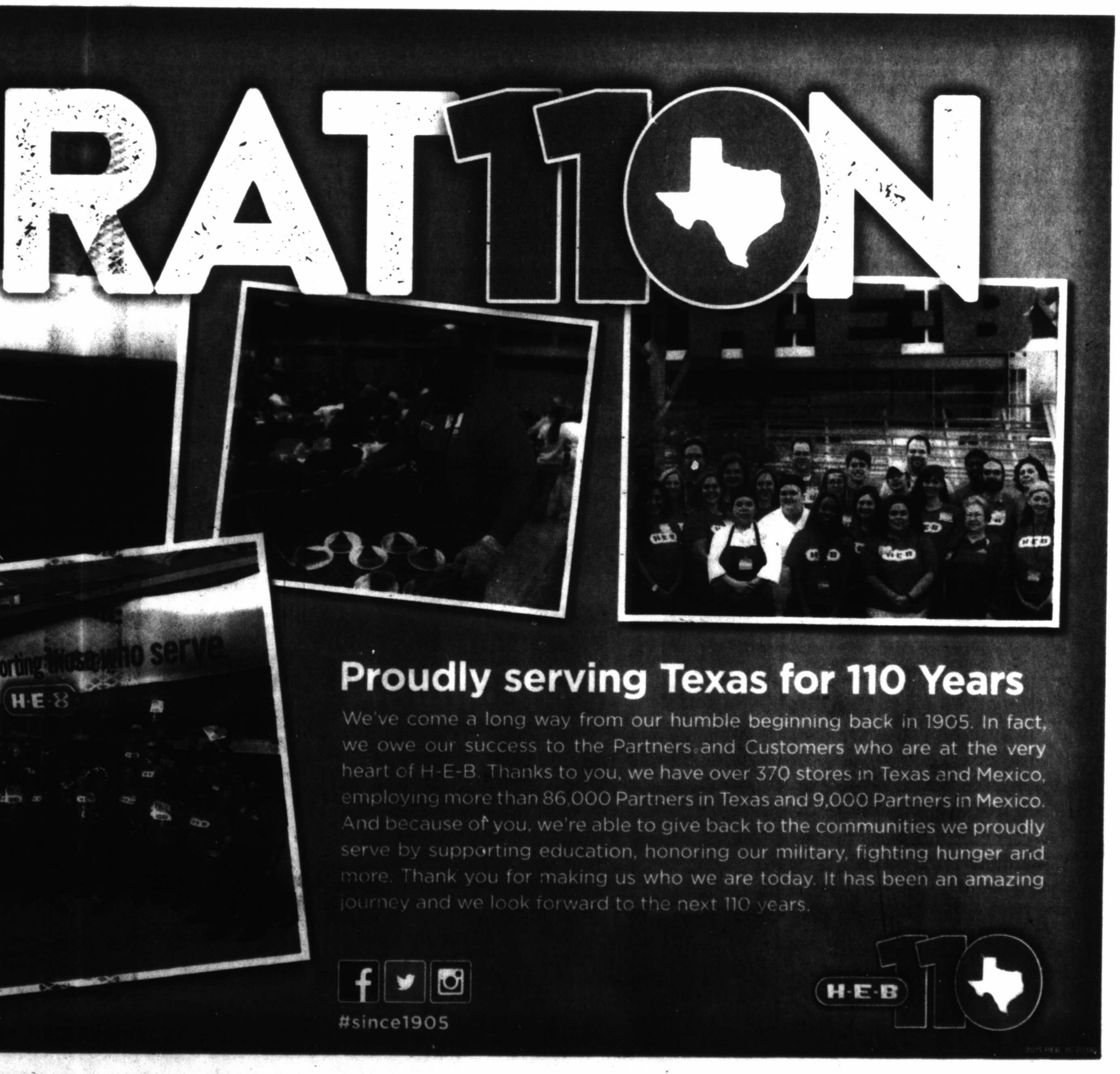
Daniels: A lot of people consider "Empire Strikes Back," the second or number five as it became, to be the best movie for all sorts of reasons. ... I actually like the first one — I thought it had a kind of innocence, a completeness' that would stand on its own.

AP: How did you feel about J.J. Abrams taking over as director?

Daniels: J.J. Abrams saw the original "Star Wars" when he was 11, and I think from that moment he loved it, he loved it. And the courage of him taking over and doing 'Episode VII: The Force Awakens,' I cannot imagine what it is to wake up every morning and think, 'What am my doing? Oh that's what I'm doing today. I'm doing 'Star Wars.' The responsibility is huge. George (Lucas) created everything you see here. J.J. has sort of picked it up. ... (It) leads me to believe that I am going to enjoy this film so much.

AP: What's your take on the speculation flying around Luke Skywalker's absence from the trailers?

Daniels: I'm fascinated by people's desire to learn. ... And you know what? That curiosity shows how much they're affected and how much affection they have for it. They really want to know, except they don't really want to know. All will be revealed in time.



Airstrikes hurt but don't halt IS oil smuggling operations

By Zeina Karam and Susannah George
Associated Press

BEIRUT — The United States and Russia are going after the Islamic State group's oil industry, destroying refineries and hundreds of tanker trucks transporting oil from eastern Syria in a heavy bombardment in recent days aiming to break the extremists' biggest source of income.

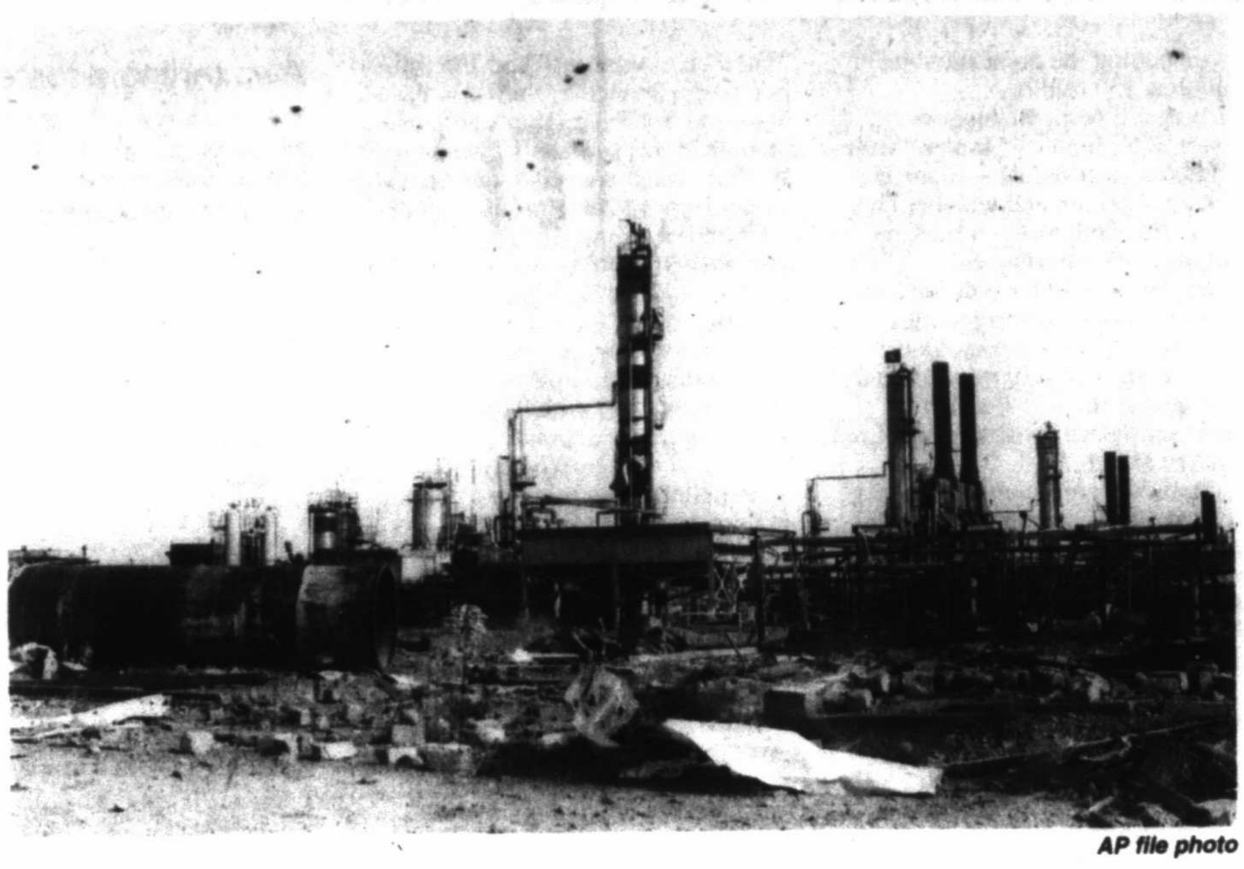
The campaign already appears to be having some effect, with oil prices rising in areas of Syria that rely on crude smuggled out of IS areas. But experts say it will be difficult to cut off the militants' trade completely since they are likely to switch to smaller, more elusive vehicles.

Putting a total end to the industry would mean destroying the oil fields in Syria, but that would also bring hardship to millions in the population under IS rule and others who depend on the group's oil, causing fuel shortages as winter sets in. Otherwise, taking the fields would require ground forces.

Still, the campaign could hit hard on an industry that U.S. officials say generates more than half the revenue the Islamic State group uses to maintain its rule over its swath of territory across Syria and Iraq and pay its fighters.

IS controls almost all of Syria's oil fields, concentrated in the east of the country, producing some 30,000 barrels a day, along with one field in Iraq. It smuggles most abroad, mainly to Turkey, selling at cut-rate prices and generating nearly $50 million a month.

In the wake of the bloody attacks in Paris last week — and the downing of a Russian passenger jet in Egypt's Sinai widely blamed on IS — American and Russian warplanes unleashed a stepped-up wave of strikes on oil infrastructure.



AP file photo

On Oct. 22, destruction is shown at Beiji oil refinery during the military operations about 155 miles north of Baghdad. The United States and Russia are going after the Islamic State group's oil industry, destroying refineries and hundreds of tanker trucks transporting oil from eastern Syria in a heavy bombardment in recent days aiming to break the extremists' biggest source of income.

Russia's bombing blitz this week by warplanes and cruise missiles from navy ships destroyed 15 oil refining and storage facilities in Syria and 525 trucks carrying oil, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Friday. Aerial footage released by the military showed airstrikes hitting a column of oil tankers in the Syrian desert, and sections of a large oil refinery bursting into flames.

On Sunday, U.S. defense officials said warplanes destroyed 116 oil-hauling trucks in eastern Syria, the biggest strikes on the oil trade since the U.S.-led air campaign began more than a year and a half ago. Attack planes and gunships pounded the trucks as they clustered near an oil facility in Abu Kamal, a town close to the Iraqi border. On Nov. 9, a French airstrike hit an oil supply center in the eastern Syrian province of Deir el-Zour.

The U.S.-led coalition has targeted oil infrastructure occasionally in the past, including a heavy attack last month on Syria's Omar field near the town of Deir el-Zour that hit refineries, command and control centers and transportation nodes.

"Degrading this source of revenue will reduce ISIL's ability to fund their military and terrorist operations," said Col. Steven Warren, the spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Baghdad, using another acronym for the group.

"Oil is as important to ISIS as weapons because it needs this to fund its operations. In some cases, I call it the driver of military operations for ISIS," said Ahmed Ali, an Iraq analyst and senior fellow at the Institute of Regional and International Studies at the American University of Iraq.

It is not clear why coalition forces waited this long before going after IS oil infrastructure. U.S. officials previously had said they avoided attacking fuel trucks out of concern for civilian casualties. In Sunday's strikes, warplanes first dropped leaflets telling drivers to flee, reading, "Airstrikes are coming. Oil trucks will be destroyed. Get away from your oil trucks immediately. Do not risk your life."

Combined with recent gains by Kurdish forces and their Arab allies that have cut off some of the main supply routes between IS strongholds in Iraq and Syria, the airstrikes are likely to deal a painful blow to the group.

Last week, Kurdish forces captured the town of Sinjar in northwestern Iraq, severing of a highway serving as a supply route for Islamic State fighters between the northern Iraqi city of Mosul and the militant's self-proclaimed capital of Raqqa in Syria. An Iraqi oil refinery also has been taken from the militants, and Iraqi forces have encircled the western Iraqi city of Ramadi.

It is too soon to tell to the impact of this week's airstrikes on IS operations. But there are signs the campaign is already causing prices to rise.

Rami Abdurrahman, director of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said prices of fuel shot up in some IS-ruled areas by around 80 percent, due to truck drivers refusing to drive to IS oil facilities, fearing their vehicles will be hit.

Oil prices have increased and availability decreased in and around the IS-held Iraqi city of Mosul, said Ben Lando, editor in chief of the Iraq Oil Report, a trade publication that tracks the Iraqi oil industry. He said that is an indicator that airstrikes, as well as the cutting of supply routes, have made a difference.

Many parts of Syria controlled by other rebels —even ones fighting the Islamic State group — rely on IS for oil since they have few other sources. Even the Syrian government is said by Western diplomats and Syrian opposition member to buy oil from IS through middlemen, though Syrian officials deny it— and the main source of oil for government-held parts of the country is shipments from Damascus' top ally Iran.

Democrats push to prevent gun sales to those on terror list

By Michael Biesecker and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list can't board commercial airliners, but they can walk into a gun store and legally buy pistols and powerful military-style rifles.

Sensing a political opening from last week's Paris attacks, Democrats are renewing calls for Congress to pass legislation aimed at preventing terrorists from buying guns. Similar bills — including a post-9/11 measure backed by the Justice Department under Republican President George W. Bush — have been stymied for years, thanks in large part to opposition from gun-rights groups and congressional Republicans.

According to an analysis issued in March by the Government Accountability Office, people on the watch list successfully passed the background check required to purchase firearms more than 90 percent of the time, with more than 2,043 approvals between 2004 and 2014.

The FBI is notified when a background check for the purchase of firearms or explosives generates a match with the watch list, and agents often use that information to step up surveillance on terror suspects. Under current federal law, however, association with a terrorist organization doesn't prohibit a person from possessing firearms or explosives.

More than 1 million people are on the list administered by the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, though only about 25,000 of those are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents legally able to buy guns.

The new Democratic push, which is considered unlikely to succeed in the GOP-controlled Congress, is focused on legislation by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would let the attorney general compile a list of known and suspected terrorists.

Federally licensed gun dealers would be barred from selling firearms to them, just as they are already prohibited from sales to people with felony convictions or serious mental illnesses. The proposed legislation would not prevent transactions that don't involve licensed dealers, such as those between private individuals at gun shows or many sales online, which don't currently involve background checks.

Feinstein introduced her bill in February, well before the mass killings in Paris injected new life into terrorism and public safety as top-tier political issues. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Republicans took advantage of voters' newly aroused security concerns this week, when they easily pushed legislation through the House preventing Syrian and Iraqi refugees from entering the U.S. until the administration tightens restrictions on their entry.

That issue put Democrats on the defensive. Forty-seven of them voted for the bill, ignoring a veto threat by President Barack Obama, who said the current screening system is already strong and accused Republicans of fanning fear among worried voters.

Democrats hope to turn the political tables on Republicans by focusing the debate instead on terrorists' access to guns.

"I think this is a no-brainer," said Feinstein, a longtime gun control supporter. "If you're too dangerous to board a plane, you're too dangerous to buy a gun."

Congress has yet to vote on Feinstein's proposal or on nearly identical ones that have been introduced for years. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has not said whether he would be open to allowing a vote.

The GOP-run House has not held any votes on major gun control measures since the killings of 26 children and adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Pennsylvania, in 2012.

The National Rifle Association signaled this week it will oppose Feinstein's bill, as it did those before it.

NRA spokeswoman Jennifer Baker pointed to past instances where innocent people were added to the watch list either in error or as the result of tenuous ties to others involved in suspicious activities. She stressed that the NRA doesn't oppose denying terrorists firearms, but said the group wants to ensure that Americans who are wrongly on the list are afforded their constitutional right to due process.

"It is appalling that anti-gun politicians are exploiting the Paris terrorist attacks to push their gun-control agenda and distract from President Obama's failed foreign policy," Baker said.

Under current law, people can try persuading the Justice Department to remove their names from a terror list or can file lawsuits challenging their inclusion.

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Local forecast

The National Weather Service is forercasting a low of 32 for tonight. The remainder of the week, expect above-average high and low temperatures. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning Wednesday.

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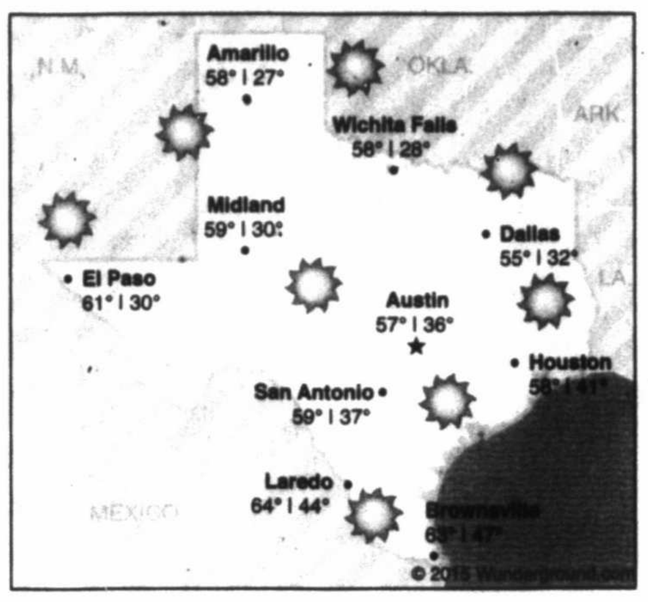

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In this photo taken June 11, a hexacopter drone is flown during a demonstration in Cordova, Md. An aviation industry task force plans to recommend Friday that operators be required to register drones weighing as little as a half of a pound, a threshold that could capture some remote-controlled toys, industry officials said.

Sources: Task force wants small drones registered

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An aviation industry task force is recommending that operators be required to register drones weighing as little as a half a pound, a threshold that could include some remote-controlled toys, industry officials said.

Federal Aviation Administration officials who convened the 25-member task force on drone registration have said they want to avoid requiring the registration of toys. But the consensus of the task force is that the weight threshold that triggers registration should be set at 250 grams or above, which is about a half-pound, said people familiar with its deliberations.

The threshold is based on the potential impact a drone that size would have if it fell from the sky and struck a person or if it collided with a helicopter or plane, they said.

The recommendations were expected to be submitted to the FAA by Saturday. The FAA can then modify them and hopes to issue the rules before Christmas to begin registering some of the thousands of drones expected to be purchased over the holidays. One industry official said the target date is Dec. 21.

Four people familiar with the advisory group's deliberations described the conclusions to The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the FAA asked that the discussions be kept private.

The registration requirement would apply to drone operators rather than individual drones to avoid requiring operators who own multiple drones to register more than once. The operator would receive a single registration number, which would then be affixed to the body of each drone.

People who already own drones weighing more than a half-pound would have to register them.

Registration could be done through an FAA website where an operator can provide name, address, phone number and other contact information and receive a registration number.

The Consumer Technology Association estimates 700,000 drones will be sold in the U.S. this year, including 400,000 in the last quarter.

FAA officials said when they announced the formation of the task force last month that they hoped registration will help create a "culture of accountability" among drone operators and allow owners to be tracked down in the event of an accident.

The FAA now receives about 100 reports a month from pilots who say they've seen drones flying near planes and airports, up dramatically from last year. So far, there've been no accidents, but agency officials have said they're concerned that even a small drone might cause serious damage if it is sucked into an engine, smashes into an airliner's windshield or collides with a helicopter's rotors.

Helicopters are the greatest concern because they frequently fly below 500 feet in the same airspace as small drones, said Jim Williams, the FAA's former top drone official now at an international law firm with drone-industry clients.

Review: Samsung's Gear VR shows the promise of VR — today

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Samsung makes history of a sort Friday by launching the first major consumer-oriented virtual-reality headset. (It comes with an asterisk; prototypes and other not-quite-mass-market versions have been available for a while.) And its Gear VR headset is pretty impressive as first-generation devices go.

The biggest surprise after using the new Gear VR for a few days: There's a lot of stuff to watch and play in the virtual worlds the headset opens up. Granted, some of that material is gimmicky or amateurish. But the best of it hints at some of the mind-expanding experiences VR can make possible.

The Gear VR is relatively cheap, too, at just $100. You do need your own headphones, preferably wireless, plus a recent Samsung phone — the Galaxy S6, S6 Edge, S6 Edge Plus or Note 5. If you don't already have one, the package could set you back nearly $1,000. (Other VR systems will also need companion devices, such as high-end personal computers.)

Samsung developed the Gear VR with the virtual-reality startup Oculus (now part of Facebook). It supplants the $200 "innovator edition" Samsung has sold for a year. That earlier prototype was mainly intended to build enthusiasm for VR and to help developers start producing games and apps for it. Samsung bills the new model as its first consumer VR product, although it still requires some savvy on the consumer's part to use.

About the device

Your phone attaches to the front of the Gear VR headset, just in front of the lens for your eyes. Put the headset on, and your surroundings disappear as the phone screen opens a window into an unreal, three-dimensional world. As you turn your head, the image shifts accordingly to give the sense of being there in real life. You can even turn all the way around to see what's behind you. The screen projects slightly different perspectives to your left and right eyes to give the virtual world depth.

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Probation shifting from punishment to rehabilitation

By Erin Stone
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Seven years ago, Terry Brudos pulled his truck into the probation parking lot in Georgetown. He finished up a final toke of methamphetamines, put down the pipe and walked in to meet with his probation officer.

He'd been on probation non-stop since he was 18.

He'd already had three DWIs, been jailed multiple times and been on everything from misdemeanor probation to felony probation for DWIs and drug offenses. He figured today wouldn't be any different. His urine analysis tested positive, and Brudos was arrested a week later.

"I sat in jail, and the attorneys came to me and said, 'They're offering you treatment,' and I said, 'You got the wrong guy; I don't need to go to treatment,'" said Brudos, who is now seven years sober. He said he's been off probation for the past two years; it's the first time he's been off probation since he was a minor. He's also director of client services at The Springboard Center, a rehabilitation program in Midland. "They said, 'Well, you can go do your time.' So I decided to take the treatment."

With his "feet dug in the ground," Brudos was sent to the Central Texas Treatment Center in Granger.

"Going there changed my life," Brudos said. "I went from being an unemployable person — a complete drug addict — to being where I am now. The thing was that I had a probation officer that cared and did the right thing."

This is not the common description probationers will give of their probation officer.

Probation has traditionally been purely about enforcement, but reforms over the past decade have allowed counties to pursue different tactics that they hope will have more long-term impacts.

"There's been a push in probation over the last 10 years, and it was 'let's get help for these people.' When we started, it was just pure enforcement," said Allen Bell, director of Midland's Community Supervisors and Corrections Department. "We didn't really provide a whole lot of other assistance. But what was still kind of lacking was the research. Over the last 10 years, they've done a lot of studies into what they call 'what works in probation.'

So, basically, how can you change somebody? Whether it has nothing to do with substance abuse or everything to do with substance abuse, how can you really get someone to change?"

Almost three times as many Texans are on probation as are incarcerated — that's nearly 420,000 individuals, according to the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition. However, the state spends only 10 percent of its corrections budget on diversion tactics, according to the coalition.

The over-criminalization of low-level offenses, combined with lack of spending on diversion programs, means that nearly half of Texas' adult prisons and state jails are filled with nonviolent individuals, costing taxpayers billions, according to

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A FOREVER HOME

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Ciria and Pedro Flores smile as the adoption of Allen and Angel is finalized Friday during a ceremony in front of Judge Sylvis Chavez on National Adoption Day.

Six children become part of 'forever homes'

■ Local adoption ceremony marks National Adoption Day

By Cassie Burton
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Four local families have made a pledge: to care for their children, take them to school, stay up all night when they're sick, give them a safe and clean home and, undoubtedly, endure some sassy periods after hitting the teenage years.

Families, CASA of West Texas employees and members of the county legal system celebrated National Adoption Day by witnessing the adoption of six children on Friday at the Midland County Courthouse.

For Mark Cantu, it marked the end of a 10-year journey to officially become a father for the first time. Cantu said he and his partner encountered several roadblocks and obstacles along the way, but it culminated with Cantu's adoption of J.T., a 7-year-old boy who had lived with him most of this year.

"We didn't realize it would be this close to the holidays," Cantu said. "I think that's what is more special than anything. We have a new journey ahead of us. It's very exciting."

Cantu said that adopting two more children from foster care was a possibility for him as it was for two other Midland families.

Pedro Flores said he and his wife, Ciria, adopted two brothers, 3-year-old Angel and 2-year-old Allen, after fostering them for 11 months as part of the adoption process.

"I think it will feel the same because they have been living with us for a few months, but now it is official, and we are excited to have them in our lives," Flores said through a translator.

After a parent from each family took the stand, often holding the hand of a child they had been getting to know for nearly a year, the room erupted into applause and even a couple of cowbells. Several other families who adopted children earlier this year also stood up to be recognized. All children could pick one stuffed animal from a collection provided by Kay Jewelers and Wells Fargo. After the ceremonies, cupcakes and other snacks were provided.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mark and Cara Pruitt smile as their adoption of Braxton is finalized Friday during National Adoption Day celebrations in Midland County Court House.

"It's one of the best days of the year because we get to see the culmination of a lot of really hard work by a lot of people," said Angie Voss, CPS program administrator for Region 9. "Coming to National Adoption Day is the prize we are all working for. It's a gift. Some of the kids come from such awful circumstances but to see them today ... and the kiddos know, as young as they are, they know, 'I'm OK now. I can rest.'"

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2 Midlanders die in collision on S.H. 349

From staff reports

Two Midlanders were killed and two were injured in a head-on collision on State Highway 349 in Martin County about 7:40 a.m. Saturday, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety. A Lamesa man also was injured in the two-vehicle wreck that occurred about 16 miles north of Midland.

Hardis Dale Hayship, 59, and Alyssa Danielle Hudgins, 23, were passengers in a northbound Toyota Sienna driven by a 25-year-old Midland man. A 37-year-old Lamesa man was driving a Chevy Silverado southbound on SH 349 and drifted into the opposite lane and hit the Toyota mini van head-on, according to the release. Hayship and Hudgins died at the scene.

The two drivers and a third passenger in the Toyota — a 55-year-old Midland woman — were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. The drivers were listed in stable condition and the passenger was listed in critical condition, according to the release.

The drivers were wearing seat belts. It has not been determined if the passengers were wearing seat belts.

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Story of Thanksgiving never should be forgotten

The United States and Canada aren't the only countries to celebrate a day of thanksgiving. It's happening all over the globe.

These celebrations aren't always held in November like ours, but it is not unusual for most countries to take time out for a period of thanksgiving.

Our celebration is centered on the annual harvest, giving thanks to God for providing us with life-giving nourishment. Or, at least, that was the intent back in 1651 when the Pilgrims of Plymouth established the model for Thanksgiving Day.

The concept behind Thanksgiving is similar to the August Moon Festival in China, Tet Trung Thu in Vietnam,

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Kwanzaa in Africa, Pongal in India and Chusok in Korea. The list is endless. The only difference in the festivals is date, rituals and customs, but the reason behind it remains the same: to thank God for a huge fruitful harvest.

We never want to forget the fact that by nature, mankind is called to be thankful for all that he has. We see it all across the planet and in all cultures even though they are celebrated differently.

However, the Thanksgiving story of America, I think, is most unique.

It inspires us to get down on our knees and offer prayers of thanksgiving to our great provider. It is truly a story that our kids love and our adults look on in amazement.

Of course, we can argue about the myth of the American Thanksgiving. Without a doubt, the tale of the first thanksgiving has been embellished and romanticized, but the basic story is part of our history at the very beginning of our nation.

The facts stand alone without need of embellishment. The Pilgrims had a rough first year while trying to establish a colony dedicated to religious freedom. They endured a tough voyage, a rough winter and fights with the native Indians, not to mention learning how to survive in a hostile land.

Somehow, they did survive. Somehow, they did produce a harvest. And somehow, they established a new home in a foreign land. In their eyes, it was all a miracle of God's grace and provision.

It could have been a time of despair and anger as the Pilgrims certainly had a case to build upon. Instead, they set aside a day to give praise to God.

But the story didn't stop there. They shared their bounty with their enemy, as Indians were invited to partake. The Indians also had the spirit of thanksgiving as they shared of what they had taken from the land.

That is a most beautiful story and a fitting backdrop to the Thanksgiving Day Americans will celebrate on Thursday. It is my hope that you will once again share this story with your family on this Thanksgiving.

I think it's a story we shouldn't forget. Our children should learn that it is proper to pause and give thanks for all the things we have.

It's part of our American culture and a big part of our American history. I hope this great nation never loses its desire to be thankful for all it has been given. And I hope we never become too ashamed to praise the giver of all things.

Thought for the Week: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." — Oprah Winfrey

Crime of the week

This week, the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Crime Stoppers need help on a theft.

Deputies were called to a theft at the Flying J truck stop, 3302 E. Highway 158 in Midland County on Oct. 16.

A man had dropped a bank envelope, which contained a large sum of money, out of his back pocket during his transaction.

Thirty minutes later a heavy-set Hispanic male entered the store to pay for gas and was seen picking up the envelope and placing it in his pocket.

The suspect signed his fuel ticket as "Joe" and drove truck #138, a tanker truck, for a local company.

He was wearing blue coveralls, an H2S monitor and sunglasses.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to his arrest will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. So call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP and as always you will remain anonymous because no caller ID is ever used.

You may also leave a secure tip online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or download our new crime stopper mobil app P3 tips.

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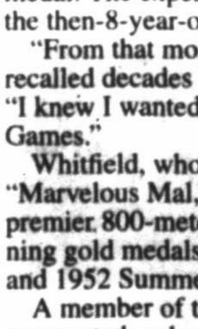

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Obituaries

Brandon Buddy Melendez

Brandon Buddy Melendez, 22, passed away November 20, 2015. He was born to Delia Rodriguez and Buddy Melendez November 15, 1993 in Midland.

He is survived by his parents, Delia Rodriguez and Buddy Melendez; his brother, Eugene Hernandez; sisters, Monica Hernandez and Gabrielle Hernandez; his maternal grandparents, Oralia Onate and Manuel Rodriguez; nine maternal uncles and aunts; and by his paternal grandmother, Virginia Melendez.

Viewing will be at American Heritage on Monday, November 23, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be held that same day starting at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Templo La Hermosa, 1514 W. County Rd. 121 in Midland. Burial will follow at American Heritage Cemetery, 4100 N FM 1788 in Midland.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Charles Joseph "Joe" Conkling

Charles Joseph "Joe" Conkling, 91, passed away at home in Nunn, Colorado on Saturday, November 14, 2015. In 1924, Joe was born to Russell C. and Pauline R. Conkling in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was raised in Midland, Texas.

After graduating from Midland High School in 1941, Joe attended Oklahoma University. He interrupted his studies to join the United States Coast Guard and serve in the South Pacific aboard the USS Cor-Coralis. After the war, Joe graduated from Oklahoma University in 1946 with a degree in Geology and he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

While at the university, he met and married Patricia Haney. Together they moved to Midland, Texas to raise their family. Joe worked as an independent petroleum geologist and as a petroleum consultant with his father, Russell C., and brother, Robert N. Conkling.

Joe loved to travel and explore the country. He would often take off to "see what's around the bend," in his plane, boat, or various RV's. His wit, humor, and great stories won him many friends.

Recently, with the help of Pathway's Hospice, Joe was able to record some of his stories on "Story Corp" of National Public Radio. His interview will be filed in the Library of Congress.

Joe is survived by three of his children, son, Stephen R. Conkling of Fort Collins, Colorado; daughter, Elizabeth "Buff" (Conkling) Peters of Nunn, Colorado; and daughter, Lindley (Conkling) and Mike Terry of Denver, Colorado. He also has six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bob; and by two sons, Carl and Cliff.

The family will hold a private ceremony.

To leave condolences and share memories, please visit www.goesfuneralcare.com.

Maria Elena Briones Sotelo

January, 20, 1946 - November 20, 2015

Maria Elena Briones Sotelo was born on January 20, 1946 in Del Rio, Texas. She entered into eternal rest Friday, November 20, 2015 in Midland, Texas, alongside the ones she cared about the most.

Mrs. Sotelo is preceded by parents, Juan and Filomena Briones; and by her brothers, Ruben Briones and Ricardo Briones.

"Maye" affectionately known by many, always wore a smile, and loved making home-made tortillas for everyone. She was born and raised in Del Rio where she enjoyed helping her mom in the kitchen. Maye later met and married Bernardo Sotelo, Jr. in Del Rio.

Together they moved to Midland, Texas where they called home for over 30 years. Maye gave birth to four children, Sandra, Bernardo, III, Rolando, and Brenda Sotelo, who were the most important things in her life. Mrs. Sotelo was most proud of being a great wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and caretaker to all. She was always willing to put everyone else's needs before her own; making it her mission to visit everyone in Del Rio when she would return.

Her wonderful smile and sense of caring will be missed the most by her husband of 52 years, Bernardo Sotelo, Jr. of Del Rio, Texas; daughters, Sandra Sotelo LeBlanc (husband Stephen) of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Brenda Sotelo Garcia (husband Richard) of Andrews, Texas; sons, Bernardo Sotelo, III (wife Lynette) of Midland, Texas, and Rolando Sotelo of Krum, Texas; grandchildren, Amanda Sotelo, Breanna Sotelo Bartz, Alexis Sotelo, Jacob Sotelo, Lauren Sotelo, Matthew Garcia, and Chloe Sotelo; brothers, Arturo Munoz, Alonzo (Olga) Briones, Raul (Yvette) Briones, and Rogelio (Janet) Briones; and sisters, Anita (Ruben) Castillo and Gloria (Melchor) Galindo.

A visitation will be held Monday, November 23, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with his Most Holy Father Clay officiating.

Interment to follow Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

Please visit our website at *www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com* and sign the online guestbook.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home & Cemetery, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840 (830)778-2020.

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Norma Byars

Norma Byars, 90, of Midland, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2015, at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland.

Norma was born on January 30, 1925, in Cheyenne, Wyoming to Edward and Irene Krumm. After high school graduation, Norma enrolled in nursing school. Norma received a Registered Nurse Certification and moved to Hawaii. While serving as a registered nurse for the military in Hawaii, she met and fell in love with Ted Byars.

Norma called San Antonio her home from 1958 - 2010. She was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in San Antonio, and served with its Braille workers printing Bibles. Norma was very social and never met a stranger. She enjoyed playing golf, bridge, being with her friends, family, and most of all, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include son, Todd Byars and wife, Vicki; daughter-in-law, Sharon Byars; four grandchildren, Brian Byars and wife, Cyndi, Daniel Byars and wife, Sara, Melanie Hall and husband, Mac, and Kelsey Grisham and husband, Jerrad; three great-grandchildren, Cadence Hall, Tyler Hall, and Kyle Byars; one great grandchild on the way, Emma Byars; and by two sisters, Barbara Blackham and Ginger Hutton Lowe and her husband, Bill.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ted Byars; son, Thad Byars; and her parents, Edward and Irene Krumm.

Donations may be made to Aphasia Center of West Texas, 5214 Thomason Dr., Midland, TX, 79703 or The Lutheran Braille Workers, P.O. Box 5000, Yucaipa, CA, 92399.

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

Walter P. Hildreth, Jr.

Walter P. Hildreth, Jr., 87, of Lenorah, went home to be the Lord on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at his residence. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2015 at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Walter was born January 11, 1928 in Big Spring, to Walter, Sr. and Aetna May Hildreth. He married Jean Anderson on November 3, 1952 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was a United States Air Force veteran serving in World War II and was a long-time resident of Lenorah. He worked at the Lenorah gin for 40 years and the Martin County Fresh Water District for 26 years.

Walter is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean Hildreth; one son, Robert P. Hildreth and wife Trisha; two daughters, Debbie McMurry and husband, Teddy, and Kimberly Decker-Welch and husband Cord; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and by one brother and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, *www.hospicemidland.org* or to West Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church, 1507 W. Kentucky Avenue, Midland, TX 79701.

The family would also like to especially thank Teri Sperl, Kellie Craft, and Terri Parker of Hospice of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Death Notices

Janet L. Johnson

Janet Lynn Johnson passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Amy E. Hermanns.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Jaime G. Jaime

Jaime G. Jaime passed away on November 19, 2015.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mal Whitfield, runner who twice won Olympic 800 meters, dies at 91

By Elaine Woo
Los Angeles Times

When Mal Whitfield sneaked into the Los Angeles Coliseum in the summer of 1932, he saw a black sprinter win a gold medal. The experience ignited a dream for the then-8-year-old from Watts.

"From that moment on," Whitfield recalled decades later in Sports Illustrated, "I knew I wanted to run in the Olympic Games."

Whitfield, who earned the moniker "Marvelous Mal," went on to become the premier 800-meter runner of his era, winning gold medals in the event at the 1948 and 1952 Summer Olympics.

A member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the segregated and much-celebrated group of black pilots who fought in World War II, he also earned the distinction as the first American serviceman on active duty to win Olympic gold.

Whitfield, who later spent more than three decades as a sports ambassador for the U.S. State Department, died Thursday in Washington, D.C., his daughter, CNN anchor Fredricka Whitfield, told the Associated Press. He was 91.

Malvin Greston Whitfield was born in Bay City, Texas, on Oct. 11, 1924, and moved to Los Angeles with his family when he was about 4. By the time he turned 12, both his parents had died. He was raised by his sister Betty.

His Olympic dream was sparked by Eddie Tolan, who won the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the 1932 Games.

Whitfield attended Jefferson High School in South Los Angeles, leaving in 1943 to join the Army Air Forces and fly bomber missions during World War II. During the Korean War he was an Air Force tail gunner on 27 missions.

He fit both college and running into his Air Force years.

He prepared for the 1952 Helsinki Olympics while serving in Korea, training on the airstrip between bombing runs. He was a sergeant when he began taking courses at Ohio State University, but he did not earn his bachelor's degree until 1956, at Cal State L.A.

In this Aug. 2, 1948, file photo, Mal Whitfield (136), of the United States, leads runners in the 800-meter final enroute to a gold medal at the XIV Summer Olympic Games at Wembley Stadium in London, England. *AP file photo*

At the 1948 Olympics, he won the 800 meters in 1 minute 49.2 seconds, setting a world record — his first of six.

He won his second gold as a member of the 1,600-meter relay team and also collected a bronze in the 400 meters.

In the 1952 Games, he matched his time from the previous Olympics to win the 800 meters again.

Pushback delays $11M fee hikes on Texas farmers, ranchers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is delaying millions of dollars in regulatory fee hikes following pushback from the powerful ranch and farming lobby, as well as Republican lawmakers who rejected his pleas for more state funding.

The dispute is the latest criticism that Miller has faced since taking over the state's typically quiet agriculture agency in January. He repealed a decade-old ban on deep fryers in public schools in June and, more recently, has refused to apologize for Facebook posts about Muslims and Syrian refugees that critics called xenophobic.

Now, fellow conservatives are accusing Miller of possibly going too far after announcing $11 million in higher fees on the industry he was elected to oversee — increases that would raise levies on everything from seed certification to grain warehouse inspections.

The price hikes had been scheduled to take place in December but now won't go into effect until Jan. 1 following pressure from Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and others, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"The senators and I have more questions than answers," Patrick said earlier this month.

Miller, a former Republican state legislator, has contended the fee increases are necessary to run the agency. He proposed the hikes after the GOP-controlled Legislature declined to restore cuts in 2011 that were made to close a massive budget shortfall — cuts that Miller supported as a member of the Texas House.

Lawmakers left money on the table when writing a new state budget this spring but still refused Miller's requests for more funding.

Nearly half of the 150-member Texas House signed a Nov. 6 letter to Miller, asking him to hold off on the proposed fee increases to ensure the hikes won't cause "potentially catastrophic economic difficulties."

Weather extremes spur farmers' interest in cover crops

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Weather extremes have reignited farmers' interest in planting cover crops, a traditional farming practice that is gaining renewed popularity in Kansas and other states as a way to help combat climate change and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to it.

A New York-based environmental group, the Natural Resources Defense Council, released a report Thursday on the benefits of cover crops — typically non-commodities that protect the soil between harvests of cash crops. The practice not only cuts crop losses but could also save trillions of gallons of water and suck carbon from the air.

"It is actually something old that is all of a sudden new again," said Steve Swaffar, executive director of No Till on The Plains, a Kansas-based producer group that advocates growing crops from year to year without disturbing the soil.

Cover crops were used fairly regularly by farmers in the 1800s and early 1900s, but they fell out of favor. Swaffar said he now sees more farmers every season using them.

In Kansas, cover crop use remains low. The NRDC report cited government statistics showing that in 2012 roughly 322,000 acres of cover crops were planted in Kansas, just 1.5 percent of the state's total cropland.

NRDC examined historical data on crop losses and projected climate change impacts focused on the nation's top 10 agricultural states: California, Iowa, Texas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Indiana.

NRDC concluded that planting cover crops on half of the corn and soybean acres in those 10 states could suck more than 19 million metric tons of carbon from the air annually, a result of biological processes such as photosynthesis. The researchers likened it to taking more than 4 million cars off the road.

Farmers in those 10 states lost more than $25 billion worth of crops over the last five years because of weather extremes including drought, heat, heavy rain and flooding, according to the report. Its authors suggest using cover crops and other soil conservation practices to conserve soil moisture and build soil health, which would reduce crop losses.

Halstead farmer Ryan Speer has been using cover crops since 2007 at his farm in south-central Kansas where he grows corn, soybeans, wheat and sorghum. He put in a blend of triticale, rye and other grains as a cover crop on some 1,700 acres. Come spring, he'll plant the new crop in those same fields without tearing out his cover crop.

"We started out small, but now we are doing it on almost 100 percent of our acres," Speer said. "We wouldn't do it if it wasn't financially helping us."

Cover crops control evaporation during the heat of summer, capture rainfall and control weeds, he said, adding he also uses fewer chemicals and needs to irrigate less.

Kansas is particularly vulnerable to weather extremes, and the state had 661 U.S. Department of Agriculture county disaster declarations between 2012 and 2014 due to drought or flooding. The 2012 drought cost farmers more than $3 billion in crop losses, and the drought in 2011 cost $1.8 million.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

CONROE

State lawmaker convicted of illegally soliciting law clients

A Southeast Texas jury has found a suburban Houston state representative guilty of illegally soliciting clients for his law practice.

The Houston Chronicle reported a Montgomery County jury found State Rep. Ron Reynolds guilty Friday of five misdemeanor barratry counts.

The jury will continue hearing testimony Monday in Conroe on Reynold's punishment. Each count is punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

The Missouri City Democrat, who represented himself during trial, said he plans to appeal.

According to trial testimony, Reynolds paid a man to pull accident victims' names from police reports and persuade them to retain Reynolds as their attorney. State law bars attorneys from soliciting clients for accident or disaster claims for at least 30 days after the incident.

DALLAS

Meth case nets 54 associated with white supremacist groups

An investigation by federal, state and local officials has led to drug charges against 54 people associated with white supremacist organizations.

According to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas, the 54 have been charged with federal crimes arising from their participation in a drug distribution operation in North Texas from January 2013 through this month. Two of the 54 are still fugitives.

A previous phase of the investigation in 2014 led to the arrests of 37 members and associates of white supremacist groups on similar drug charges. All were convicted. One remains a fugitive.

WEST

Czech ambassador, Abbott open new West gymnasium

A gymnasium demolished by a Central Texas fertilizer plant explosion that devastated the surrounding town has been rebuilt.

The Sokol West Gymnasium was a center of the West community until the West Fertilizer Co. plant exploded April 17, 2013. Fifteen people died, and much of West, a town populated mostly by descendants of Czech settlers, was leveled.

On Friday, the Czech Republic's ambassador to the United States, Petr Gandalovic, joined Gov. Greg Abbott at a ribbon-cutting for the rebuilt gym. The $1.2 million gym, which is one-third larger than the old building, is scheduled to reopen in January.

WACO

Central Texas mother gets life sentence for killing toddler

A Central Texas woman has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to murder in the death of her 2-year-old daughter.

Emily Ann Hudson agreed to plead guilty in Waco to murder in a plea deal with prosecutors in return for a charge reduction from capital murder, keeping open the chance for parole. Hudson, who is 21, must serve 30 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

McLennan County sheriff's deputies called to the woman's home on Feb. 4 found Aimee Hudson unresponsive with multiple head injuries and bruises about her body. She died the next morning at the hospital, and her mother admitted under police questioning to have beaten the child.

TEMPLE

15 students hurt in chain collision involving school buses

Four school buses carrying students to a high school football playoff game in Central Texas were involved up in a chain collision, injuring 15 students.

A Temple school district statement said all injuries were minor.

The crash happened at about 6:30 p.m. Friday on Farm Road 485 near Cameron. The buses were carrying Temple High School cheerleaders and members of the school band, drill team and dance squad to Bryan for a playoff game against Houston's Stratford High School. Witnesses said one bus apparently clipped a rear-view mirror on an 18-wheeler approaching from the opposite direction on the two-lane road. When the bus stopped, the other buses failed to stop in time.

The 15 students were treated at Cameron and Temple hospitals and discharged.

1 dead in skydiving accident in Arizona

Associated Press

MARICOPA, Ariz. — A skydiving student died and an instructor was injured in a tandem jump in Arizona, authorities said Saturday.

Pinal County Sheriff's spokesman Mark Clark said a malfunction or failure occurred, leading to a hard-impact landing during the jump in Maricopa. Firefighters were called at about 10:30 a.m. and pronounced the 26-year-old female student dead. The 40-year-old male instructor was hospitalized with two broken legs and was expected to survive.

The instructor works at Skydive Phoenix, which operates a drop zone for skydivers in Maricopa about 34 miles south of Phoenix. They were taking part in a tandem jump in which two people, typically a certified skydiver or instructor and a student, are joined by a harness. The instructor is tied behind the student. According to Skydive Phoenix's website, the harness is attached to a student at four points — two at the shoulders and two at the waist. To participate in a tandem jump, a person must be at least 18 years old and weigh no more than 230 pounds.

In a post on their Facebook page, Skydive Phoenix said the student was conducting her second jump for their Accelerated Skydiving Program and a main parachute did not deploy. A reserve parachute was flying properly but encountered turbulence during the landing. Company officials said turbulence or possibly a dust devil turned the parachute into the ground at the last second.

The student's identity will not be released until next of kin has been notified, Clark said.

The Federal Aviation Administration is conducting its own investigation. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor says the FAA investigates incidents involving civilian jumps to see if a parachute was properly used.

U. of New Mexico grapples with higher costs, no new revenue

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — University of New Mexico officials are looking at ways to bridge a multimillion-dollar gap in the budget.

The university's associate vice president of planning, budget and analysis Andrew Cullen told members of the board of regents Friday that no new revenue is anticipated as fixed costs increase by an expected $3.5 million, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

Utility costs alone are expected to increase by $600,000.

Budget issues are expected to be impacted by falling oil and gas tax revenue, as well. The state draws on those funds for the university's budget.

Regent Jaime Koch and others said the university should operate under the assumption that oil and gas revenue funds will not increase. They said a tuition increase should not be considered.

Falling enrollment is also impacting the budget. Each 1-percent drop in tuition takes about $2 million out of the university's revenue.

A program that encourages students to graduate faster caused revenue to fall by $1.5 million.

"It is the right thing to do for the students, but not so good for our budget," said University President Bob Frank.

Health benefits are expected to cost the university about $4 million more next year.

The university is evaluating about 100 vacant positions. Regents may cut those unfilled roles.

University staff council president Crystal Davis told regents that many staff members are taking up the slack of those vacant roles, doing sometimes three times the work and putting in extra hours.

"This year, the budget will be supplemented by staff positions," she said.

She said morale has been hurt by a proposal to give some professors merit raises, but not staff members.

The university has promised to spend about $1 million on raises and academic affairs expenses.

"We are unsure of the value of the staff as seen through the eyes of regents," she said.

Regents will likely discuss budget options in December.

PROBATION

From 1B

the TCJC.

But officials said, in reality, it's impossible to punish addiction out of someone. Research has shown that focusing on rehabilitation can have major long-term effects.

"Basically, what the studies have come out and said is that people commit thinking errors," said Bell. "So what you've gotta do is change their thinking. One of the phrases that we have started saying around here is 'you change thinking in order to change behavior.' So what that means is,, we go back to the cause, whether it's family, work, life stress ... people are making poor choices, and they get in a cycle and don't know how to break that cycle."

Brudos, who is 39 now, has seen the probation system change since he was younger.

Sitting in jail and doing "thousands" of community service hours didn't make him realize he needed to change his life.

He attributes his ability to turn his life around to when his probation officer finally got "real" with him. Only when he was given the opportunity to go into treatment did he finally start being honest with himself, which allowed for true, long-term change.

"Until it came to the point where my probation officer said, 'I'm not out to get you, I want to help you succeed,' and I finally got to that point where I was tired of doing what I was doing, I was ready for a change," Brudos said. "My probation officer finally told me that one day, and it stuck. I thought probation was always trying to make me fail because they never told me any different, when, in reality, they were trying to help."

It took a patient and caring probation officer for that to happen.

Brudos went through all the state-funded options for those struggling with addiction — he did an intensive outpatient program, a court residential treatment center and finally a substance abuse felony punishment program, which is the last jail diversion option for those with non-violent offenses.

"I think that, when a client comes in here, (he or she) is broken, has broken areas in their life and is given that chance for treatment by someone that also has (his or her) life in their hands and has the power to yank that life from them. But they're given that opportunity of change, and they grab onto it. They leave here with a big sense of gratitude that not only benefits them but everybody else they'll come in contact with," said Charlotte Davis, a licensed substance abuse counselor at The Springboard Center. "It's a ripple effect. I've seen a lot of individuals pay it forward not only by telling their stories but by grabbing someone, knowing the direction they're going in and saying, 'Hey, you don't want to go there, let me tell you what happens.'"

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The impact is not only social but financial.

The average cost of the state to supervise a probationer is $1.56 per day, while a prison bed costs the state $51 per day and a jail bed costs $59 per day, according to the TCJC.

What it really comes down to, though, is the relationship between probation officer and probationer.

"It's one thing being successful coming out of a program, but where we come in as probation officers is to work with the offender to help them apply those things that they've learned," Bell said. "And that's where some of the big changes in probation have come. Our officers get educated in these programs, so when the offender comes out, they can talk to them. The conversation we hope to have in the office is not, 'Did you do this? Did you do pay your fine?' It's more like, let's get that out of the way then talk to them. 'Hey did some stressful events come up this week? Did you feel you had to use?'"

The Community Supervisors and Corrections Department's changes are now showing. In 2010, a total of 214 probationers committed a repeat offense and were sent back to prison.

That number dropped to 198 in 2014, an 8 percent reduction, despite an almost 13 percent increase in the population, according to data from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice cited in a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

"There was a time I was sitting in jail before I went to treatment," Brudos said. "I was waiting on a bed to open up, and I had a feeling that this was gonna be the rest of my life. I was either gonna be in jails or institutions for the rest of my life. I really thought that was what my path looked like. Until somebody else showed me differently."

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jose A. Aranda Jr., 21, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with sexual assault of a child.

Alvin J. Burgess, 55, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with failing to register as a sex offender.

John M. Campos, 41, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with aggravated sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child regarding sexual contact.

Aaron J. Chambers, 21, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Roger L. Cordova, 19, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Jimmy L. Hernandez, 33, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with failing to register as a sex offender.

Rosie F. Johnson, 54, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with failing to register as a sex offender.

Jason J. Loehr, 38, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with failing to register as a sex offender.

Gregory A. Moats Jr., 24, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Garnell L. Moseley, 33, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with violation of probation.

Robinson Pinilla-Bolivar Jr., 24, of Midland was charged Nov. 13 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jennifer E. Portillo, 33, of Odessa was charged Nov. 13 with robbery.

Lloyd W. Swanson, 61, of Odessa was charged Nov. 13 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Randall L. Capps, 60, of Midland was charged Nov. 14 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief.

Adan Chavarria-Salazar, 32, of Midland was charged Nov. 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Haley D. Cotton, 48, of Midland was charged Nov. 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and theft of a firearm.

Brystal D. Scurlock, 25, of Midland was charged Nov. 15 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Alfonso A. Terrazas, 28, of Midland was charged Nov. 15 with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Juan M. Trevino, 21, of Midland was charged Nov. 15 with evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Maria E. Ybarra, 40, of Midland was charged Nov. 15 with theft.

Juan D. Hernandez Jr., 22, of Midland was charged Nov. 16 with two counts of possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Robert F. Rangel Jr., 20, of Midland was charged Nov. 16 with abandonment/endangering a child and burglary.

Roy D. Lovett, 54, of Claude was charged Nov. 17 with deadly conduct discharge of a firearm.

Ramsey E. Mitchell, 32, of Midland was charged Nov. 17 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Michael S. Chavez, 35, of Midland was charged Nov. 18 with stalking.

Airen C. Farnsworth, 17, of Midland was charged Nov. 18 with burglary and escape while arrested/confined.

Cedric T. Hall, 19, of Midland was charged Nov. 18 with evading arrest/detention.

Derrick L. Hudson, 32, of Odessa was charged Nov. 18 with theft under $20,000.

Perla Serrano, 20, of Pecos was charged Nov. 18 with indecency with a child involving sexual contact.

Ramon Bustamante, 28, of Midland was charged Nov. 19 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Robert L. Clay Jr., 40, of Midland was charged Nov. 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Caleb S. Ochoa, 18, of Midland was charged Nov. 19 with possession of a controlled substance and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Ken Quezada, 34, of Midland was charged Nov. 19 with theft under $20,000 and accident involving injury.

Alexander Vasquez, 26, of Stanton was charged Nov. 19 with cruelty to livestock animals.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Nov. 9-13 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Adrian Hugo Bejarano, 26, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, pay restitution, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Chasiti Leigh Cutchall, 27, theft of property more than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, six months state jail.

Augustin Guzman Jr., 23, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, four years deferred adjudication, pay restitution, 250 hours community service.

Dorotello Flores Jr., 40, aggravated assault with a daily weapon, revoke supervision, four years TDCJ.

Freddy Hinojosa, 38, forgery, nine months state jail.

Kevin Floyd Ison, 43, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, extend probation two years.

Jesus Manuel Jurado, 33, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, 30 days county jail, fine, court cost, driver's license suspended for 365 days, TAIP, interlock device, 250 hours community service.

Jose Adolfo Lozano, 34, possession of a controlled substance as a lesser included of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, deferred adjudication three years, fine, pay restitution, 120 hours community service, TAIP.

Isaac Loya, 36, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual, eight years TDCJ probated for four years community supervision, fine, 200 hours community service, anger management, parenting classes, TAIP.

Lorenzo Manuel-Marcos Lucatero, 18, theft of a firearm, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, anger management, 175 hours community service.

Kendrick Ray Luster, 34, evading arrest in a motor vehicle, two years deferred adjudication, court cost, mental health treatment, 12 hours community service; aggravated assault on a public servant, two years deferred adjudication, court cost, mental health treatment, 12 hours community service.

Christina Ruth Masdon, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, continue probation, five hours community service.

Mallory Faye McDow, 30, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 10 days county jail, 150 hours community service.

Pedro Rodriquez Munoz III, 29, prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility, four years TDCJ; assault family violence with previous conviction, four years TDCJ; two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear, four years TDCJ.

Jose Alonso Nunez, 19, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 200 hours community service.

Joshua James Orcutt, 23, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years TDCJ.

Lyndsey E. Peppin, 25, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, nine months state jail, court cost, restitution; failure to appear, two years TDCJ.

Shannon Lee Rainey, 44, tampering with physical evidence, five years deferred adjudication, 30 days county jail, fine, court cost, anger management, 100 hours community service; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, seven years deferred adjudication, 30 days county jail, fine, court cost, anger management, 400 hours community service.

Manuel Robert Ramirez Banks, 20, tampering with physical evidence, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 200 hours community service.

Rene Nicholas Robles, 48, possession of a controlled substance, six months state jail.

Schuyler Romero, 25, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ suspended for eight years probation, fine, court cost, SAFTF, 200 hours community service; possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, court cost; possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, court cost, SAFTF.

Clete Matthew Stone, 32, engaging in organized criminal activity, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years probation, court cost, restitution, 250 hours community service.

Daniel Silvas, 29, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ probated four years community supervision, fine, pay restitution, 120 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 180 days, Turning Point.

Lance Emery Snow, 22, unauthorized use of a vehicle, 18 months state jail; theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, 18 months state jail; assault family violence, adjudicate and revoke, four years TDCJ.

Richard Rodriguez Tagle, 27, assault family violence with previous conviction, three years TDCJ.

Christopher Tommy Talavera, 20, possession of marijuana, adjudicate and revoke, 180 days state jail.

Anita Marie Thompson, 24, engaging in organized criminal activity, extend supervision two years, 30 days jail.

Christopher Allen Tondre, 34, tampering with physical evidence, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, restitution, TAIP, 200 hours community service; burglary of a habitation, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, TAIP, 200 hours community service.

Chandler Roland Trost, 22, burglary of a building, four years deferred adjudication, 30 days jail, pay restitution, 200 hours community service.

Rogelio Abila Valenzuela Jr., 22, driving while intoxicated third or more times, 10 years TDCJ probated for six years community supervision, 75 days jail, CRTC, fine, pay restitution; 250 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Lakesha Williams, 38, aggravated assault, three years TDCJ.

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

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Texas man dies after single vehicle crash

HOBBS — New Mexico State Police say a Texas man is dead after his pickup truck overturned.

State Police said 38-year-old Tracey L. Stockton Jr., of Odessa, was traveling eastbound south of Hobbs near the Texas state line when his vehicle went off the road around 6:30 a.m. Friday.

Authorities said it rolled over several times.

Stockton was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the car.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators say speed an alcohol may have been factors in the crash.

The incident remains under investigation.

NEW MEXICO

Wind farm in Roosevelt County nears completion

PORTALES — A wind farm in Roosevelt County is nearing completion.

The Portales News-Tribune reported about half of the 125 turbines on the Roosevelt Wind Project are producing electricity. All turbines will be commercially operational by the end of 2015.

The second half of the project, called the Milo Wind Project, consists of about 25 wind turbines expected to be operating by the end of January 2016.

About 250 megawatts of power would be produced on the Roosevelt side to be sold to Xcel Energy. The Milo project's 50 megawatts of produced power will be put up for sale in the Southwest Power Pool open market.

One turbine can power 1,000 homes.

Officials expect the last of the turbine parts to be delivered Thursday.

NEW MEXICO

Educator no longer charged with not reporting child abuse

LAS CRUCES — A New Mexico physician and private school operator is no longer facing charges of failing to report child abuse leading up to an infant's death.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported Davis Ruark, the lead prosecutor in the case, filed for dismissal Nov. 13, saying there was a significant change in evidence.

Ann Mercer was charged in 2014 almost two weeks after 35-year-old Annette Smith was arrested in the death of her daughter, 7-month-old Shania Boddie Smith.

Smith's then-13- and 12-year-old daughters had told police they informed Mercer about abuse in the home before their infant sister died.

State law requires school officials to report child abuse.

Mercer's attorney Michael L. Stout of Las Cruces said in a statement Thursday that he and Mercer were pleased with the dismissal.

NEW MEXICO

Armed Albuquerque couple gets upper hand on burglar

ALBUQUERQUE — An Albuquerque couple turned the tables on a burglar caught loading their belongings into his car.

Albuquerque police spokesman Tanner Tixier says officers were called about a possible burglary Thursday.

What they found was a 70-year-old man and his 66-year-old wife both pointing guns at 26-year-old Aaron Lujan.

Tixier said the husband observed Lujan putting a generator, power tools and other items of his into an SUV.

The man said he confronted Lujan but was ignored.

The husband then grabbed his shotgun while his wife took a handgun and both held Lujan at gunpoint until authorities arrived. No one was injured.

Tixier said Lujan had just been released from jail earlier in the day.

Police did not say what charges Lujan will now face or if he has an attorney.

School lets players remain in playoff game after sex charges

Associated Press

SPRINGHILL, La. — Two North Webster High School football players participated in the school's Friday playoff loss to Amite hours after being arrested on misdemeanor charges of having sex with a juvenile.

Multiple media reports say Devin White, 17, and Keuntra Gipson, 18, both of Springhill, were booked into the Springhill City Jail Friday on misdemeanor charges of carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

Both were released from jail after posting bail of $1,000 set by Webster District Judge Charles Jacobs.

Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd said the 14-year-old victim also attends North Webster.

Police began investigating after her parents reported her missing following a pep rally Thursday night.

She was dropped off at the police station later Thursday night, spoke to Lynd, and was taken to Springhill Medical Center.

White and Gipson were arrested Friday morning. The two face a $1,000 fine and up to six months in jail if convicted.

Lynd said police have determined the girl consented to sex.

White is a running back considered a top college recruit, with the University of Alabama and Louisiana State University showing interest. North Webster lost the game 45-42, but White scored three touchdowns, rushing for 150 yards, catching three passes for 51 yards and returning a kickoff 59 yards.

White also plays linebacker, while Gipson plays fullback and linebacker. Both are seniors.

Webster Parish schools Superintendent Dan Rawls told KTBS-TV that he decided not to immediately suspend White and Gipson after "a lot of discussion" among school system administrators and their lawyers.

Rawls said the teens were eligible to play because no school disciplinary action had been taken.

School officials are gathering information about what happened and plan a disciplinary hearing after Thanksgiving.

North Webster coach John Ware refused to discuss the charges after the game.

"I'll talk to you about the football game, but if you ask about anything else, I'm walking off," he told Shreveport's The Times.

Louisiana picks Democrat as next governor, rejecting Vitter

By Melinda Deslatte
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Democrat John Bel Edwards won the runoff election for Louisiana governor Saturday, defeating the once-heavy favorite, Republican David Vitter, and handing the Democrats their first statewide victory since 2008.

Edwards, a state lawmaker, will take over the office from term-limited Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal in January.

Voters' rejection of Vitter was a stunning turn of events for the U.S. senator, who has been a political powerhouse in the state for years and started his campaign nearly two years ago as the race's front-runner.

Edwards painted the race as a referendum on Vitter's character and integrity and suggested the U.S. senator didn't measure up in such a competition.

Edwards focused on his West Point degree and military resume, and he pledged a bipartisan leadership style.

In the final days, Vitter sought to rally Republican voters who stayed home in the primary by drawing policy distinctions with Edwards and making Syrian refugee resettlement an issue in the state campaign. But it apparently didn't work.

Edwards is taking over a state awash in financial problems.

Neither Edwards nor Vitter offered detailed roadmaps for tackling the budget woes, and the general outlines they touted were largely similar in approach.

Rather than a race about the state's deep financial troubles, the contest for governor largely became a referendum on Vitter, who has been in elected office, first as a state lawmaker and then in Congress, for more than 20 years.

Vitter began the election cycle nearly two years ago as the clear favorite, expected to have an easy waltz into the governor's office.

He stockpiled cash for the campaign, dwarfing all competitors with his fundraising acumen.

And with a campaign operation that has helped him and his allies to steamroll opponents over the years, he appeared nearly unbeatable.

But Vitter was hit with repeated attacks for a 2007 prostitution scandal in which he apologized for a "serious sin" after he was linked through phone records to Washington's "D.C. Madam.

He had trouble uniting Republicans after a blistering primary competition in which Vitter trashed two GOP rivals and received heavy criticism for his scorched-earth political style.

And his campaign was accused of ethical improprieties after allegations it secretly recorded political opponents.

Vitter's negatives with voters shot up in the polls.

The U.S. senator also was hampered by high disapproval ratings for his fellow Republican, Jindal, who is blamed for the state's financial problems.

Edwards started his campaign as a little-known lawmaker from rural Tangipahoa Parish, about 75 miles north of New Orleans.

He benefited from a primary in which he largely escaped attacks while the Republicans slammed each other.

He capitalized on voters' apparent unease with Vitter and built a campaign on personal integrity.

With his anti-abortion and pro-gun stances and tenure as an Army Ranger, Edwards downplayed his Democratic roots, positioned himself as a moderate and said he'd govern in a way that unites the state, claiming Vitter would bring his divisive, Washington-style politics to Louisiana.

In speeches, he pledged: "I will be honest with you. I will never embarrass you."

Vitter said Edwards was misrepresenting a record filled with votes supporting teacher unions and trial lawyers and opposing business interests and education reform efforts.

"His campaign is built on a myth that he is some sort of a conservative, that we don't differ on the issues, when we definitely do," Vitter said.

The candidates did little to mask their distaste for each other in the two televised runoff debates, both of which escalated into near shouting matches at various points.

Each runoff contender sought to tie his opponent to an unpopular figure in Louisiana: Edwards claimed Vitter would represent a "Jindal third term," while Vitter tagged Edwards as an "Obama liberal."

Edwards also continued to strike at Vitter for the prostitution scandal, most notably when he ran a TV ad that said Vitter missed a vote to honor soldiers because of a phone call from the prostitution service, choosing "prostitutes over patriots."

Vitter eventually answered the scandal more directly, with a TV spot in which he said he "failed my family" and with an ad featuring Willie Robertson from reality TV show "Duck Dynasty" saying, "I know he's made some mistakes, but who hasn't?"

Even supporters wondered if the effort might have been too late.

At least $30 million was spent in the race, from candidates and outside groups who have played a larger role in this year's competition than in prior state elections.

When the final campaign finance reports are filed, the contest is expected to be the most expensive governor's race in Louisiana history.

Students gather at the cafeteria during lunch time at Ingleside High School in Ingleside on Oct. 13. The school district lost 300 students the first school year after the Naval Station Ingleside shut down. *Corpus Christi Caller-Times via AP*

Corpus Christi suburb reborn after 2010 base closure

By Chris Ramirez
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

INGLESIDE — Word about Pam Sliva's chicken spaghetti has gotten out.

Food orders at the Crazy Monkey Cafe, the tony sandwich shop she co-owns in Ingleside, pile up after 11:45 a.m.

The cheesy delicacy is Thursday's lunch special. It tends to draw all kinds of customers — from businessmen, to soccer and tee-ball moms to blue-collar energy workers with hard hats tucked under their arms.

"We can get slammed some days," Sliva told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

"But it's good to be busy."

The days of businesses like Sliva's turning a profit in this town were supposed to be over after 2010, the year Naval Station Ingleside closed.

Naysayers, including economists and even local business leaders, had verbally written the town's obituary. There was little to save this city of 9,600 that hugs the north side of Corpus Christi Bay, they said.

But they were wrong.

"We got lucky. This was supposed to be a ghost town," said Niki Shugart, president of the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce. "They were all talking gloom and doom. And it was easy to believe."

Key to Ingleside's survival, so far, has been finding new tenants for the naval station property.

Ones with deep pockets.

Two energy companies — Flint Hills Resources and a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum — purchased the former minesweeper base and moved in. They brought thousands of jobs, ideas for massive energy plants and millions of dollars in payrolls with them.

They were the jump-start the city needed.

To get an appreciation for how big a bullet Ingleside has seemingly dodged, consider the economic climate in the Coastal Bend at the time of the base went away: The Great Recession.

Texas survived it better than most states but was not completely unscathed. Unemployment in the area hovered near 8 percent in 2008. By 2010, the Corpus Christi metro area, including Ingleside, had begun to recover, regaining most of the 2,600 jobs it lost the previous year. "A lot of people didn't think we'd ever come back ... after the base closed," Shugart said.

Eagle Ford was still new — the massive energy play's potential hadn't yet been fully realized. Only 26 Eagle Ford drilling permits were issued in 2008, the year exploration there began. Last year, 5,613 Eagle Ford drilling permits were issued, according to the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates in the industry in the state.

The naval station was awarded to Ingleside in 1987. The base became operational in 1992.

Ingleside had been transformed from a small, quiet bayside town into a boomtown.

Quickly.

Its population jumped about 50 percent between 1993 and 2000, and hit a high of 10,561 residents in 1999.

Large apartment complexes and hundreds of single-family homes began to mushroom around town.

They had to. More than 3,000 military personnel and civilians worked at the base in its heyday.

"We had people from all over the world, speaking different languages," said Troy Mircovich, superintendent of Ingleside's school district. "We were growing and becoming a more diverse community, and it was awesome to see."

That changed in 2005, when the Federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission, or BRAC, voted to close it.

Doing so would save the federal government nearly $60 million a year, and relieve duplication of tasks already being performed at other bases, according to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Report. Mine hunter ships were already being decommissioned at the time.

Military families began leaving soon after. Mircovich remembers the images of moving trucks chugging around town, with familiar faces inside them.

"It was a sad time for us all," he said.

At first, departures came in a trickle. But the pace of the exodus picked up.

The school district lost 300 students the first school year after the Ingleside station shut down. District officials eliminated 17 teaching positions that year.

"As our number (of students) dropped, we didn't need as many teachers," Mircovich said. "It was pretty tough on everyone."

The last ship left the Ingleside station in April 2010, and the Port of Corpus Christi took over the property.

Port officials sold its pier to Flint Hills for $8.5 million. The rest of the station was sold to Occidental, an oil and gas exploration and production company based in Houston, in two packages for $82.1 million and $7 million.

None of the experts expected Ingleside to make a comeback.

Not even Jim Lee, the chief economist at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He served on a variety of panels that studied the effects of the base's closure.

"Although we were on the spot in terms of the adverse impacts on the local communities through 2010, we were-way off as to what has happened ever since," Lee said.

About a dozen industrial plants are in various stages of development around the port, and are slated to begin operations in less than three years. Most are slated to be built in San Patricio County.

Port officials said temporarily taking control of the base wasn't a burden.

They said they were always confident someone would buy it, even at a time when Eagle Ford's possibilities were still in question.

"(The base) was never something we thought we were stuck with. We always viewed it as a tremendous asset," said John P. LaRue, the port's executive director.

LaRue said the base's new owners could be well-positioned if the decadesold federal ban on crude exports is lifted.

That's because port officials now feel they are closer than ever to making the Corpus Christi Ship Channel big enough to accommodate larger cargo ships.

The port has gotten authorization to widen the channel to 530 feet from Port Aransas to the Harbor Bridge. It also was approved to deepen the entire channel to 52 feet from 45 feet.

Port officials, however, do not have the estimated $300 million needed to do the work.

"This could be a tremendous advantage for them," said LaRue, referring to Occidental and Flint Hills.

Looking to the future is, perhaps, the best way for a town relying on the military to cushion the blow when it loses its base.

Consider what happened with Fort McPherson.

Built in 1885, the Army base in suburban Atlanta served as the headquarters for the Army Installation Management Command's Southeast Region.

The 2005 BRAC, the commission that ordered Ingleside's closure said the 488-acre base needed to be shut down, too.

The impact, according to the town's local redevelopment authority, was immediate.

More than 7,800 direct and indirect jobs were lost following the base's 2011 closure.

Fort McPherson at the time was Atlanta's seventh-largest employer and was a center for medical treatment for roughly 100,000 retirees.

Filling the void became a priority. The city changed the case's zoning to allow mixed-use development, and actor-producer Tyler Perry agreed to pay $30 million for 330 acres of the property. He plans to build a film and production studio on the land; the rest of the property will be redeveloped into offices, green space and market-rate apartments.

Housing will be the key to managing future growth in Ingleside, Lee said.

Ingleside's population has increased by 2.8 percent since 2010.

That's not much in a lot of places. But in Ingleside, that's enough to touch off a new streak of housing construction.

The question is whether new home building will keep pace with the growth.

Two new apartment complexes are under construction in the city, promising to bring 400 new much-needed rental units to Ingleside by next year. Three RV parks have opened recently — one on Farm-to-Market Road 1069 behind Little Joe's BBQ, another on both sides of State Highway 361 near Kinney Lane, a third on Fourth Street.

The city also has gotten more than 50 applications to build new homes.

"That's highly unusual for us," City Manager Jim Gray said. "In previous years, we'd get more like 15, maybe 20."

Construction of new homes is also underway in nearby Portland and Gregory, both communities that Shugart said may live until homebuilding in Ingleside catches its stride.

In the meantime, Ingleside's school district also preparing for the new growth.

Voters this month approved a $44 million bond to replace Ingleside's lone high school.

It was designed to hold 250-300 students when it opened in 1964. Enrollment today is 630.

That includes 77 students who have transferred from other districts.

"It's crucial," Mircovich said. "We had to make a tough decision to eliminate teachers in the past. And now today, we need every bit of help we can get. Part of that means having the best resources for our students."

Sliva hopes newcomers will make their way to the Crazy Monkey Cafe, the business she and Shelley LaDuque poured a bunch of their savings into opening on Ingleside's Main Street a year after the base closed.

The pair re-purposed a former tattoo parlor into a culinary school for children.

"It was a place where kids could learn a fun skill and stay out of trouble," said LaDuque, who also is an intensive care nurse.

Eventually, the business evolved into a sit-down restaurant that's open Tuesday-Friday.

"We're just glad to be here," Sliva said. "People seem to like what we do ... so we're gonna stay here."

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Some, like Cantu, wait years. Others are at the halfway mark. Mark and Cara Pruitt adopted Braxton, an 11-month-old who came into their home "as a newborn," and hope to soon finalize adopting his older sister, Rylee.

"It's actually a relief," Mark Pruitt said. "You struggle with court cases and what's going to happen, what's going on, that, when it's finally wrapped up, it's a relief. It's like they were ours from right off the bat."

Cara Pruitt said it was a family affair. Their three biological children also were anxious to have Braxton, and perhaps Rylee, officially become a member of the family.

"They've already been ours. But now, knowing they really are ours, has just made it a really big day," she said.

Also participating in the National Adoption Day cerermony were Amber and Preston Locke, who also adopted two young children: Michael and Faith.

The courtroom and hallway leading up to it displayed photos of children still waiting for homes. In a proclamation certifying Nov. 20 as National Adoption Day in the city of Midland, councilman J. Ross Lacy said that more than 3,900 children in the state of Texas are available for adoption. Voss said that about 350 of them are in Region 9.

"This is the best day of my year," said Sylvia Chavez, 14-year associate judge of the Child Protection Court of the Permian Basin. "There are so many children who are in foster care who are in need of forever, permanent, loving homes. The statistics for children who age out are not good."

Cantu and the Pruitts both advocated for adopting as, while it is not easy, it is an important task.

"Every child has that special family out there that (each) can be matched with, but it takes some courage to kind of do what we do," Cantu said. "You definitely have to have a special place in your heart to grow your family. There needs to be more people out there like us to be able to take them in and give them that loving home."

Midland Community Partners, High Sky Children's Ranch, Oil Patch Kids, Midland County Child Service Board, Heart Gallery of the Permian Basin, CASA of West Texas, and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services sponsored the event. Aracely Aranda created gift bags for the families to take home.

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Students often turn to dorm leaders after hints of suicide

By Erin McIntyre
The Daily Sentinel

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Charlie Martinez Kovanda distinctly remembers the pounding on her door at 9 p.m., the night she opened it to find a guy holding onto his girlfriend. She was struggling to escape his grip, screaming, crying and shaking as she tried to get away.

"He started saying, 'You need to take care of her. She just tried to kill herself,'" she said.

She found herself embroiled in a domestic dispute, where the boyfriend tried to break up with the girlfriend, and her reaction was to start hitting him, beating him and saying, "No, you can't."

When he started to walk away, she tried to run into oncoming traffic on 12th Street and he grabbed her, dragging her to safety.

He took her the first place he thought of, a safe place with someone who knew what to do.

It wasn't to the hospital, or the police station.

It was to a 22-year-old mass communications major sitting in her dorm room at Rait Hall, because she was the senior resident assistant.

This scene that happened four years ago illustrates the heavy responsibility that Colorado Mesa University's RAs take on when peers have emotional difficulties navigating adult life. Their role as leaders, confidantes and mentors knows no boundaries during their tenure. They work 24-7, not just to help students have a great time at college but also succeed. And they say 90 percent of the time the conflicts and problems they deal with are minor conduct issues, like beer drinking in dorm rooms, smoking in forbidden places and petty fights with roommates. But the rest of the time, they deal with heavy, adult problems, called "care incidents," like the one that happened with Kovanda, who graduated in 2011.

The whole ordeal took hours to sort out, complicated by the assault, which led police to arrest the girlfriend, Kovanda's resident, for domestic violence. She felt awful for the resident, whom she'd seen every day for the past six months. She helped her move in, she knew her family and the boyfriend, and they'd had classes together.

"I remember after everything was over I went into my room and bawled," she said, noting that it was the most challenging moment she remembers from working in residence life for two years. "It's just a huge, huge responsibility to try to sort through someone's emotional issues that are that vast that they're putting themselves in danger."

A time-consuming responsibility

"RAs really are on the front line for most of it," said Cheyenne Paningsoro, a resident coordinator for Grand Mesa Hall. "Where a professor might see a student Tuesdays and Thursdays, our RAs see them every night."

Paningsoro was an RA for three years before she graduated in May and was hired as a coordinator for Grand Mesa Hall. There, she manages 286 residents, 11 desk attendants and seven resident assistants. When she started the position, she remembers being told it wasn't a job; it was a lifestyle.

She found it to be completely true, in dealing with sexual assaults, drug addiction and peers who think the world would be better off without them at all hours. Being an RA was about being prepared to receive a phone call at 3 a.m. during finals week, being available to talk someone down from an emotional ledge and being trained to deal with those intense situations.

"I've taken those calls for residents who are thinking of suicide, and it can be an eight-hour ordeal," she said, noting that taking the intervention steps, making a safety plan and connecting that student to resources that can help further is a big responsibility. Sometimes it involves Behavioral Counseling Services, the local counseling service, the Grand Junction Police Department or Mind Springs Health. It can be all-consuming, she said.

"The second that they have a student of concern that has said they are looking into self-harm, it is going to take up almost all of their time," she said.

However, that RA is supported by a team that can step in if they need help, and they know they're not in this alone. And they all respect that if someone had a particularly rough care incident, it's important to consider the emotional well-being of the RA.

"We're doing our best, and we really are there to support students, and really it's not about the volume of ideations or attempts but the toll it takes on those surrounded by it," she said. "RAs are the leaders who volunteer to take on that toll."

The coordinators on duty are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. They pass around an iPhone that is the on-call number, sharing the responsibility for any incident that could arise for the 2,270 residents who live on campus in 10 different buildings. There are 71 RAs and six professional staff living in the halls to help support residents, according to Jody Diers, director of Residence Life. That represents 26.3 percent of the current student body, according to CMU.

Making connections important

Alicia Heiney, a 22-year-old counseling psychology major who was an RA for 1 1/2 years, dealt with suicide interventions twice during that time. She's currently an intern for the Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation and said she believes that the connection RAs make with residents is key to noticing when something is wrong and making a difference.

"I think the most important thing is sitting down and talking to your residents, really getting to know them," she said. "Your residents are kind of like your kids. My residents in Garfield (Hall) used to call me mom."

RAs are trained on a variety of skills they need to negotiate situations that involve the health, well-being and positive experience they want students to have at CMU. All of them are also trained in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training — more commonly referred to as ASIST.

Nora Fouquet, 22, was an RA for 1 1/2 years. She was trained in ASIST and put it to use, though she doubted it would be handy when she was in the classes. The techniques seemed a little weird and out of context to her. But later, she was thankful for the process she had learned, because, when it seemed like she wasn't getting anywhere with someone, she'd think back to her training and try something different.

In one incident, she spent hours with a resident who was emotionally distraught after receiving a call from a friend who was concerned that he was going to hurt himself. It was a student they "had inklings about," she said, someone on the radar who was being monitored a little more closely, so it wasn't a complete surprise.

After his suite mates let her in, she convinced him to let her in his room, where he sat, sobbing uncontrollably. She remembered asking him to tell her what was going on and him replying that he was fine. "Well, you're not fine, because we got this call, and you're crying," she told him. The intervention continued with her finally getting him to say that he felt like no one cared about him.

At some point, the question has to be asked — the scary part where it's important to get a straight answer from the person in distress about whether he's contemplating suicide.

"It's a question that you don't necessarily want to hear the answer to," Fouquet said. "If it's no, you're relieved, but if it's yes, you don't want to hear it."

The resident denied it repeatedly, but kept sobbing. Eventually she talked him down and asked him what was in the bag next to him. He replied that it was nothing. But it wasn't true.

"Oh, yeah, you're a culinary major," she said. "Those are your knives, huh?"

Fouquet estimated she spent about four hours with the resident, until he calmed down and agreed to see her the next day. Getting him to commit to being accountable to her, to say he would see her the next day, was key in assuring his safety. But it took hours.

She recalled playing a "little sister" role with this resident, because she knew he had a relationship with his sisters. That contributed to her success with ensuring his safety, as did her knowledge of his studies and what was in the bag. All this came from being an attentive, connected RA.

Kyle Cooper, who was a senior RA for two years at Tolman Hall and graduated in 2012, remembers dealing with students who were homesick, didn't think they could finish college or those who just seemed lost. He considers himself lucky that he never had to directly participate in a suicide intervention, and never had to ask someone if he was contemplating suicide.

He remembers the training, the steps and how to flat-out ask someone if he's thinking of killing himself without offending that person. He's actually used the techniques in his adult life after graduating.

The biggest thing he remembers about being an RA was making himself available, 24-7, to talk.

He never had to ask a resident point-blank, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?" But he distinctly remembers one moment. It was when he returned to his room to find a piece of paper taped to his door. It was a printed-out message from postsecret.com, a website that publishes secrets people anonymously submit.

It said: My RA saved my life.

Sometimes, he still wonders who it was.

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ARIZONA

NAU shooting suspect tells police he acted in self-defense

FLAGSTAFF — A Northern Arizona University freshman charged in the death of another student says he was acting in self-defense.

Steven Jones has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the Oct. 9 death of Colin Brough.

Jones told authorities in documents released Friday that he feared for his life as he was being chased by a group yelling obscenities at him and threatening him, He said he didn't provoke the actions.

Jones said he shot a gun he retrieved from his car somewhat blindly because his glasses had been knocked off his face.

Three other students were injured in the shooting.

Jones told police he felt awful about the shooting and wished he hadn't gone out that night.

According to police reports, multiple people piled on top of Jones before authorities arrived.

ARIZONA

MCSO: Wrong-way driver arrested after Interstate 17 pursuit

PHOENIX — Authorities say they've arrested a wrong-way driver believed have been involved in a vehicle pursuit near Anthem.

Maricopa County Sheriff's officials said 23-year-old Jason Dall has been booked into jail on suspicion of unlawful flight from law enforcement.

Sheriff's deputies received an alert about a driver going the wrong way on Interstate 17 just before 3:30 a.m. Friday.

The driver was reportedly heading northbound, while driving in the southbound lanes.

Sheriff's deputies began searching the area for the car and soon spotted the vehicle.

The vehicle's rear right tire was missing, and the driver was driving on the rim at speeds of up to 65 mph.

Deputies initiated a traffic stop, and a short pursuit followed before Dall was arrested.

It's unclear if he has a lawyer yet.

ARIZONA

Man sentenced to 14 years for child porn

PHOENIX — A suburban Phoenix man has been sentenced for distributing child pornography through the Internet.

The Arizona Attorney General's Office said Friday that 35-year-old Thomas Robert Kernohan was sentenced in Maricopa County Superior Court to 14 years for sexual exploitation of a minor.

Kernohan will also be placed on lifetime probation and have to register as a sex offender.

Homeland Security Investigations said investigators identified Kernohan in 2013 as a frequent online trader in child porn.

They said he used a foreign file-sharing website to receive and disseminate the images.

A search of Kernohan's home led to the discovery of an encrypted external hard drive with hundreds of pictures of suspected child pornography.

Kernohan admitted to collecting the images and knowing it was "obviously wrong."

ARIZONA

Phoenix police investigating death of dog hung from a tree

PHOENIX — Police in Phoenix are investigating the death of a dog that was found hung from a tree by a chain.

Officers were called to a business at about 10 a.m. Friday in response to an animal cruelty call.

Upon arrival, police say they found a chihuahua hanging from a tree by a chain around the animal's neck.

Officers were able to remove the dog from the tree and determined that the animal was dead.

An autopsy will be performed on the dog to determine the exact cause of death and to determine if there are any other unusual circumstances.

It's unclear if the dog had an owner.

Police said they are searching for whoever is responsible for what they are calling a heinous crime.

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Transportation	2 families	$1,632.00
Propane	1 family	$680.00
Misc.	2 families	$1,193.07
Total		$26,119.26

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed
Those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

Statues of Houston founders find place at City Hall

By Mike Morris
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It should come as no surprise in the practical, business-driven city they established that sculptures celebrating Houston's founding Allen brothers would fall victim to municipal budget cuts.

That's exactly what happened as Houston City Hall was nearing completion in fall 1939. As detailed in a November article that year in the Houston Press, a now-defunct afternoon daily newspaper, Mayor Oscar Holcombe said the $8,000 required — about $137,000 in today's dollars — for the bronze statues had been spent on construction.

"It likely will be some time," Holcombe said then, "before the city can commission a sculptor or sculptors to do the work."

It took 76 years, but that time has come.

The statues of Augustus Chapman Allen and John Kirby Allen have been installed at City Hall after they were preserved by Houston history buff and genealogist Lynna Kay Shuffield, who works in the city legal department. Architect Joseph Finger's plans in 1939 called for the statues to be erected on limestone Doric columns on either side of the east entrance doors to City Hall, facing the adjacent park and reflecting pool.

Shuffield came across the newspaper article a year and a half ago while doing other research and presented the idea of completing the City Hall architect's vision to her local United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter.

She raised $70,000 to commission the sculptures from Houston artist Lori Betz, including the nearly $5,000 the city needs to conserve the bronze statues long term.

Houston Chronicle via AP

Becky Grimes works at her desk in front of two statues of the Allen brothers, Augustus Chapman Allen, left, and John Kirby Allen, right, created by artist Lori Betz, at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston on Nov. 12. The city plans to install the statues at the east entrance to City Hall later this month.

Shuffield must raise another $10,000 by Dec. 1 to cover the cost of installing them at their City Hall pedestals.

Shuffield, who laughs as she calls the statues her "babies," said she thought it inadequate that all Houston had to honor its founders was a parkway heading into downtown.

"I guess everybody kind of forgot about the project. I just wanted to see it completed," Shuffield told the Houston Chronicle. "My mother has a rule: If you see something broken or it needs to be fixed, stop and fix it. It hadn't been done; it needed to be done, so I decided to do it."

The brothers, real estate speculators in the tradition of many modern wheeler-dealers, bought a league and a half of land at the confluence of Buffalo and White Oak bayous in 1836, at the dawn of Texas independence. They named the new village Houston and enthusiastically misrepresented the region's climate to help attract settlers, touting "the sea breeze in all its freshness."

Mayor Annise Parker praised City Council's unanimous vote Nov. 4 to accept the figures into the city's art collection.

"I do want to thank all those who came together to underwrite these statues. This allows us to complete the original plan for the exterior of City Hall," she said. "They're very cool statues. I think folks will enjoy them."

To craft the monuments, Betz had only two portraits of the men from the shoulders up, so she researched their personalities.

John Kirby Allen was a "dandy," resplendent in fashionable garb, while Augustus Allen was a surveyor, and is depicted holding the tools of that trade.

She sought details future generations might find of interest, carving the seal of the Republic of Texas into the buttons on the brothers' clothing, and a magnolia into a watch fob.

Betz said she enjoys creating work that will be placed in private homes but said she has a particular affinity for public art.

"We're the fourth largest city in the United States, and these are our founders. I think it's about time they were put there and recognized," Betz said. "The sculptures on either side, especially with the park, I think it's just going to be beautiful. If you see a piece of public art, it can change your whole day. It's uplifting."

The statues, life-size at 5 feet 5 inches, today are on display at the Clayton Library in the Museum District. Parker had wanted the pedestals readied and the sculptures installed by the Dec. 4 holiday celebration at City Hall. That deadline has been met.

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OKLAHOMA

Single-vehicle crash kills 3 people

COPAN — A single-vehicle crash in northern Oklahoma has taken the lives of three people, including two children.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said the crash occurred about 10:30 p.m. Friday on US 75 about two miles north of Copan in Washington County. Troopers say a sport utility vehicle was traveling southbound on US 75 when it veered into the center median, struck the guardrail and then rolled over.

Killed were 27-year-old Brittiany L. Dilley of Independence, Kansas, and two children whose identities were not immediately known. The patrol said the woman and one of the children were ejected and all were pronounced dead at the scene. A 42-year-old man survived the crash and was hospitalized Saturday in stable condition.

OKLAHOMA

Muskogee grandmother charged in 3-year-old's morphine death

MUSKOGEE — The grandmother of a 3-year-old Muskogee boy who died has been charged with second-degree murder after investigators accused her of putting morphine in the toddler's drinking cup.

The Tulsa World reported that 54-year-old Kimberly Morning of Muskogee was charged in connection with the toddler's death on Aug. 21.

Court records allege Morning crushed a morphine tablet into the boy's cup, knowing that he would ingest the opiate. Investigators don't think the act was done with premeditated design to cause the child's death.

A probable cause affidavit says the Medical Examiner's Office attributed morphine intoxication as the cause of death. It says toxicology levels in the 3-year-old's system were three times the limit an adult could tolerate.

OKLAHOMA

Man arrested in connection with Newcastle homicide

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation says a 23-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the shooting death of another man in Newcastle.

The OSBI said Saturday that Stephen Wineland has been booked into the McClain County Jail on a complaint of first-degree murder. Investigators say Wineland was arrested after a brief police chase in southwest Oklahoma City.

Investigators identified the victim of the homicide as Michael Martinez. Martinez' body was discovered Thursday evening in Newcastle with a gunshot wound.

LOUISIANA

Camp Minden burning chamber could be complete in January

MINDEN — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says a chamber for burning 7,800 tons of rocket propellant could arrive at Camp Minden by Dec. 23 and be finished in January.

Multiple media outlets report EPA met with residents Thursday to discuss soil sampling results. EPA coordinator Adam Adams said air and soil samples around the Louisiana National Guard installation came back clean except for two samples from the former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant that showed high levels of dioxin.

Adams said EPA will continue monitoring conditions and releasing information once Explosive Service International begins disposing of the M-6 propellant.

A $35 million disposal effort began after a 2012 explosion rocked storage facilities leased by Explo Systems. Residents objected to burning material openly.

LOUISIANA

Morehouse hospital board considers 3 lease proposals

BASTROP — The directors of Morehouse General Hospital say they will talk to three companies about leasing or managing the hospital.

The move comes as Morehouse Parish voters are asked Saturday to approve a property tax increase to support the hospital. Directors have said they could reduce or suspend the tax, projected to bring in $758,000, if another entity takes over the hospital.

Hospital Board Chairman Mike Wooden tells The News-Star the board will consider:

- IASIS Healthcare of Franklin, Tennessee, which also owns Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe.
- Community Hospital Corporation of Plano, Texas, which owns or manages 17 hospitals including LaSalle General Hospital in Jena.
- Accord Healthcare, which runs Sterlington Rehabilitation Hospital in Bastrop.

Wooden hopes the board will choose a plan by December's end.

Students learn art of screen printing at Loveland museum

By Pamela Johnson
Loveland Reporter-Herald

LOVELAND, Colo. — With a lot of creativity and a few tools, 21 area middle school students became screen printers.

Logan Kilgroe started by printing a green swordfish on paper using a stencil, screen, squeegee and ink, then added an orange sea horse. Pretty soon the eighth grader at Turner Middle School was swirling colors to print an under-the-sea landscape that he drew free hand.

"It's really fun," said Kilgroe, one of nearly two dozen students chosen from middle schools across the Thompson School District to participate in the yearly Shadow in the Arts program.

The cooperative effort between the district and artists provides three levels of students a chance to spend a day at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, learning from a professional artist.

Lauren Kearns, coordinator for the program, selects artists with well-defined programs and skills to enhance education for students with an affinity for art.

Denver printmaker Jennifer Ghromley spent a day with middle school students. Engraving and watercolor artist Karen Dobroth, of Fort Collins, will teach elementary students. The session for high school will occur next semester.

The students started out by printing single images in single colors, some from provided stencils and others that they drew themselves. Soon, they were mixing colors and layering the images to create many different effects.

"Screen printing is a very versatile medium," said Ghromley, noting that once one learns the skill, what they create is limited only by imagination.

"That comes more quickly as they get inky and understand the process."

The screen printing is completed by actually using a screen. The artist will create a stencil on Mylar, and then tape the image to the bottom of a screen. The next step is scooping acrylic ink onto the back side of the screen, laying it down on paper, and spreading the color with a squeegee.

The process sounds simple, but a deft hand is necessary as is a creative vision. Artists can create many different images, patterns and effects on paper, on cloth and even on other materials.

Caitlin Flynn, a student at Loveland Classical Schools, drew a baseball and created a stencil, cutting stitch by stitch with a steady hand, to create a print that contrasted the white paper with bright orange ink.

"I really like playing baseball and watching it," said Caitlin, who is in eighth grade. "I just like the game."

Nearby, Anneliese Metzger printed silver images of Snoopy and gold images of Woodstock onto her paper, and then set out to create a stencil with the words "Peanuts."

The Bill Reed student loves the cartoon and decided to make that her first creation.

"I've done other types of printing, but nothing like this," said Anneliese. "I think it's really cool."

Other students printed flowers and animals, people, cartoons, music notes and designs. The room was near silent as they diligently drew, cut and spread ink to create pieces of diverse art, each unique.

Lawson Dawe started with blue animal tracks, and then moved on to draw and cut out his own stencil of a kangaroo.

From there, he began to mix colors and to offset the images so it appeared as if his orange kangaroo was moving on the page as it turned green.

"It's a great experience," said the sixth-grade student at Turner Middle School. "It's a great thing to learn. Art in general is a great thing to learn.

"I'm loving it."

Document: Homecoming parade crash suspect wasn't intoxicated

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STILLWATER, Okla. — A court document indicates the woman accused of killing four people and injuring dozens of others after driving through Oklahoma State University's homecoming parade last month had a blood-alcohol content lower than the legal intoxication threshold.

The Tulsa World reported Saturday that 25-year-old Adacia Chambers was ordered to submit to a blood alcohol test at Stillwater Medical Center following the Oct. 24 crash.

A document filed Thursday in Payne County District Court by defense attorney Tony Coleman indicates her blood-alcohol content was 0.01. The legal threshold for intoxication is 0.08.

Chambers initially was suspected of driving while under the influence after authorities say she ran a red light and purposely drove around a barricade and over a police motorcycle before crashing into spectators at OSU's homecoming parade. Prosecutors say evidence suggests it was "an intentional act."

Prosecutors have not responded to the latest filing.

Chambers faces four counts of second-degree murder and 46 counts of assault and battery with means likely to produce death.

Killed in the crash were 65-year-old married couple Marvin and Bonnie Stone; 23-year-old University of Central Oklahoma graduate student Nikita Nakal; and 2-year-old Nash Lucas. Chambers is set to reappear in court for a hearing Dec. 10.

Information about Chambers' blood alcohol content is contained in a brief supporting Coleman's request for the court to allocate funds so Chambers can afford an expert witness in psychology and accident reconstruction.

Coleman said his client is considered indigent based on her income and has a "due process right" to confront the evidence and witnesses against her. He said an expert is required to explain the difference between Chambers' state of mind currently and her state of mind at the time of the crash.

An order for competency evaluation states a Payne County Sheriff's Office employee transported Chambers from the county jail to the Oklahoma Forensic Center in Vinita on Tuesday.

Coleman said the results of Chambers' evaluation in Vinita differ from those documented after an evaluation conducted by Edmond-based psychologist Dr. Shawn Roberson at the Payne County Jail on Oct. 26.

Roberson wrote in his evaluation, which was retroactively sealed by Judge Louis A. Duel on Nov. 9, that Chambers seemed to be "acutely psychotic" and appeared to suffer from "severe mental illness" that would affect her ability to stand trial.

Audit says Workers' Comp Commission not tracking payments

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A state audit of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission indicates the agency has not been tracking some mandatory assessments.

A sample test of claims paid from two funds showed roughly half had no supporting documentation to determine the calculation used to make the assessments, the Journal Record reported Saturday. The commission also could not tell Auditor and Inspector Gary Jones' office who actually made payments into the fund.

"Obviously we had some concerns about that," Jones said. "When we addressed that with the management, they were in agreement and started making changes to correct that to make sure something didn't happen that could have happened."

Auditors did not find any wrongdoing, but Jones said the most pressing worry was that payments could have been improperly recorded.

One of the accounts, known as the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund, had almost $1.5 million as of Sept. 1.

Until the account reaches $2 million, or if it falls below $1 million, each private self-insurer and group self-insurance association is assessed 1 percent of actual paid losses over the past year.

Colorado still fertile ground for Peace Corps

By Kevin Simpson
The Denver Post

DENVER — When Anita Annan, a 22-year-old Denver native and daughter of immigrants, arrived in Uganda this month to begin service as a Peace Corps literacy specialist, she joined a historically robust cadre of Colorado volunteers amid a recent national surge in applications.

For years, the state's representation has been disproportionately high within the overseas service organization. With more than 7,000 volunteers since the program's inception, it ranks 12th nationally.

In per capita calculations, Colorado ranks sixth overall — but first among the 12 states claiming the most volunteers. The state ranks 22nd in total population.

Annan, who occasionally visited her parents' homeland of Ghana and attended an international-oriented school whose teachers shared tales of their own Peace Corps experience, has a theory about her home state's standing as a major player: Colorado's folksy, cowboy image belies its role as a multicultural hub.

"There was a large surge of African immigrants in the '80s — my parents were among those," said Annan. "Even if it wasn't a very intentional thing when I was younger, just the fact that my parents were from somewhere else opened my eyes to always realizing that the world was so much bigger than where I was that moment in time."

Nationally, the spike in interest appears to be partly the result of new policies that have streamlined a notoriously long application and given volunteers more choice in their postings.

The Peace Corps, established by executive order in 1961, recently reported a 40-year high of about 23,000 applications for fiscal 2015, up 32 percent from the previous year and the most since 1975.

Paperwork that used to take several hours to complete now can be done online in about an hour. Applicants can request locations and programs they prefer, while previously, the Peace Corps dictated overseas postings.

"I think the electronic version online and the power of choice is important," said Kiiva Williams, spokeswoman for the Peace Corps' Southwest Regional Office, which includes Colorado. "It's part of that modern process where you apply and see where your skills work best. We're excited that people are raising their hands and committed to serving the country this way."

Michelle Jones, 27, who grew up in the town of Pine, attended a returning volunteer's presentation while she was a student majoring in English education and performing arts at Colorado State University. She filed the experience away for future reference.

After a year of teaching at Platte Canyon High School, she felt she could be doing more — and the Peace Corps seemed a potentially fulfilling outlet.

"I woke up one morning and said, 'I gotta do this,'" she says. "I've got to see if there's a way to fulfill the wants I had in my career as well as help countries and people that really truly need the skills I can teach them."

Although the new, streamlined application still seemed difficult, she was accepted for a spot teaching English in Thailand — her second choice of location after Peru.

She'll head overseas in January. Until then, she's continuing her current job performing as a sword fighter in a Renaissance troupe. She hopes eventually to incorporate her theater background into her teaching.

Her decision to join the Peace Corps didn't surprise her close friends.

"They're all a bunch of nonconforming people," she said. "One is teaching in the Marshall Islands. Another is an apprentice saddle maker. Another is a career juggler — I mean, he juggles for money. All idealistic dreamers.

"I'd say I'm motivated by the idealistic, but when I function it's in the realist category. You can't be a dreamer and not know how to get things done."

The state's high volunteer rate, she said, probably owes something to Colorado's highly educated populace. About 90 percent of applicants in the competitive process have at least a bachelor's degree.

"The more educated you are, the more you realize there are bigger problems in the world outside your direct community, and there's something you can offer," she says. "You recognize the inner connectedness."

Education also figures into the equation another way, as Colorado colleges have been major contributors to the Peace Corps.

The University of Colorado Boulder ranks fifth nationally in the number of alumni who have worked overseas since 1961, with over 2,400 volunteers, while other schools across the state have been magnets for individuals interested in combining international service and graduate degrees.

Thirty-year-old Matt Bloise, whose family settled in Colorado Springs when he was 10, attended CU Boulder as an undergrad and credits the school's emphasis on civic engagement as sparking his initial interest in the Peace Corps.

But after graduating at the dawn of the recession with a degree in English, he took a career detour into journalism for a couple of years in California before taking a job at a call center back in Colorado.

"The Peace Corps," he said, "was an opportunity to reinvent myself."

He launched into the famously lengthy application process — his finished product totaled more than 80 pages. After about a year of interviews and follow-ups, he was nominated for a spot and headed to mainland China in 2012 to work as an English teacher until his posting ended last year.

The Denver Post via AP

Michelle Jones, 27, who will soon leave Colorado to join the Peace Corps., poses in Fort Collins, Colo on Oct. 21. Jones will head to Thailand in January to teach English.

Like many returned volunteers, he found Colorado a good landing spot to use his Peace Corps experience as a springboard to graduate school.

Programs at CU, the University of Denver, Colorado State and Western State Colorado University have attracted students from within the state's borders and across the country.

The Peace Corps' Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program draws returned volunteers to graduate school at participating colleges, while its Master's International program prepares students for overseas service.

Bloise became a Coverdell Fellow at DU's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, where he's working on his master's degree in international economics.

At DU, students inclined toward the Peace Corps are "the clientele we want the most," said Brad Miller, the Korbel school's director of graduate admissions.

"It's people who have work experience that we really like to see in our graduate program," he says. "It's people who have language skills. It's people who understand that international relations is not just going to Paris, but going to places like Mozambique and going without warm water for two years. It's that hardship field work that employers like to see. And that's what we like to see in our incoming students."

The draw of the state's graduate programs figures prominently in Colorado's reputation as a national leader in volunteers, says Karen Gardenier, CSU's assistant director of academic programs for the school's Office of International Programs.

"We're really a strong recruiter, so we're getting a lot from those populations," she says. "Then you have this sort of independence and adventurous attitude among Coloradans that makes people open to this kind of experience."

Those Coloradans include a significant number of transplants among the natives — people like Adel Uhlarik, who grew up in Texas, where she got her undergraduate degree in biology and then began teaching high school science in Austin.

But captivated by the possibility of a stint in the Peace Corps and knowing that she wanted to attend graduate school, she felt drawn to CSU's Peace Corps Masters International program.

And after 27 months in Senegal — no electricity, no running water, no English — she returned to Fort Collins to finish the academic portion of her studies, in which her master's thesis was shaped by her overseas experience.

In the process, she became yet another Colorado alumna with ties to the Peace Corps. Uhlarik isn't sure whether the state breeds a call to service or simply attracts an altruistic group. "But it's a lot of people in general who want to do something bigger than themselves," she said.

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Cowboys hope Romo's return will prompt turnaround

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins have lost this year to Blake Bortles, to Ryan Fitzpatrick, and twice to Tyrod Taylor, so maybe they should be relieved not to face Branden Weeden or Matt Cassel.

Except they're getting Tony Romo instead.

Rested but rusty, Romo is expected to start Sunday after missing the last seven games, all losses for the Dallas Cowboys.

While Romo's absence with a collarbone injury sent the Cowboys (2-7) to the NFC East cellar, the Dolphins (4-5) are last in the AFC East, partly because of a defense that has struggled even against middling QBs.

"Every quarterback plays his best against us," cornerback Brice McCain said. "That's just how it goes."

Here are things to know about the matchup between the least of the Easts:

Romo returns

Since Week 2 of 2014, the Cowboys are 15-3 when Romo starts and 0-8 when he doesn't. That gives them hope they can still be a factor in the playoff race, especially with every team in the NFC East at .500 or below.

"No one thought we'd be in this position and, you know, we are," Romo said. "We just have very little room for error."

Dallas went 0-3 with Weeden, who was cut this week and was claimed by the Houston Texans. Cassel replaced Weeden and went 0-4.

With Romo back, coach Jason Garrett said the Cowboys don't need for him to be Superman. Romo said he won't try.

"Usually you just do your job, if you do it well enough, that will take care of the things that come with this game," Romo said. "For me, it's about going out and being yourself."

Romo being himself could be bad for the Dolphins. Despite the many so-so passers they've faced, they're allowing 12.6 yards per completion, fifth worst in the NFL.

And the quarterback competition becomes stiffer in the final seven games, when Miami is likely to face Romo, Tom Brady, Joe Flacco, Eli

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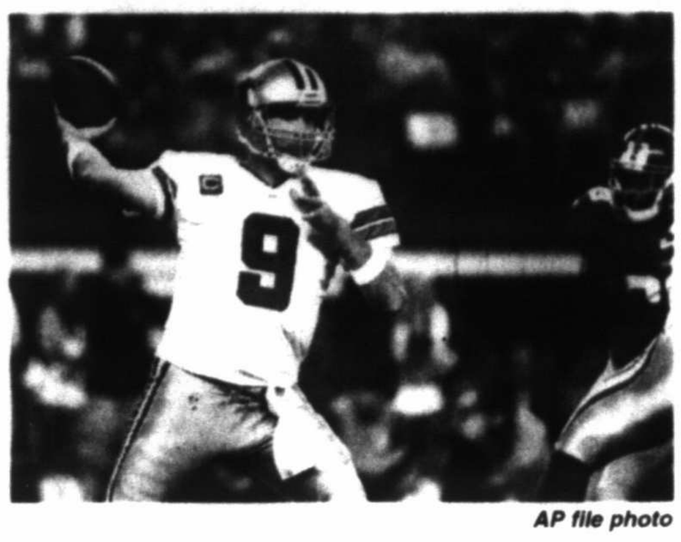

AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) looks to pass against the New York Giants during the first half in Arlington on Sept. 13. Rested but rusty, Romo is expected to start today after missing the seven games, all losses for the Dallas Cowboys

Against tough defense

Lady Chaps fall flat in WNIT final

By Oscar LeRoy
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Walnitia Wright puts a shot up as Salt Lake CC's Monique Mills and Iva Georgieva defend Saturday in the championship game of the 6th annual Women's NIT at MC

Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones refuses to use Friday's double overtime game and the possible fatigue that came against Iowa Western as an excuse with how the Lady Chaparrals played on Saturday.

He said they were just out-competed and out-played by a very good Salt Lake City Community College squad.

The No. 20-ranked Lady Chaparrals shot just 31 percent and were out-hustled and out-rebounded in a 74-54 loss to the No. 7 Salt Lake Community College in the championship of the Midland College Women's National Invitational Tournament at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Chaps (9-2) have yet to win the sixth-annual tournament, featuring some of the best junior college women's basketball teams in the country, and Jones said his team didn't give itself much of a fighting chance on Saturday.

MC fell into a 19-4 hole in the first quarter and trailed 37-17 at the half after shooting just 19.2 percent from the floor.

"That's the first thing that people will want to say, was because we went through that last night (an 80-70 win in double overtime) that we were flat and out of energy. That's just an excuse," Jones said. "If we're going to compete at the regional tournament and national tournament, then you've got to be able to deal with that. We gave ourselves no chance to win when probably half of the possessions, they just out out-competed us for loose balls and they out-rebounded us."

MC didn't score its first point of the game until two free throws by Lisa Kaempf at the 2:47 mark of the first quarter to cut the deficit to 13-2 at the time.

That early surge by the Lady Bruins (7-0) helped them to gain all the momentum they needed.

"We hit a couple of shots early, we hit them first and we hit them hard," Salt Lake CC coach Betsy Specketer said. "(Midland College) is going to play a little bit better. I know they will than what they showed early. There was probably a little fatigue on their part, but we hit some shots early and kind of rode the momentum."

Salt Lake CC was paced by Monique Mills, who had a game-high 23 points, while tournament MVP Tilar Clark added 16 points and nine rebounds.

For MC, Walnatia Wright had 14 points and all-tournament selection Sierra Dixon added 12 points.

Specketer hopes this tournament serves as a springboard for her team the rest of the season.

"Some of the best teams are here and you're not going to see this kind of competition again until you get to the national tournament," Specketer said. "Now every time we play again, we're going to compare it to what we saw here. Hopefully the team understands that this is what you want to get to, you're striving to get to the elite level. It kind of puts a target on your back because we did well and now people are going to come after us a little harder. I think that's a good thing. I'd rather be the one with the target and rather be the hunted than the one doing the chasing."

Jones and the Lady Chaps hopes this tournament also serves them well down the road as well as it exposed some of

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Mustangs fall to St. Pius X in quaterfinal

Panthers	51
Mustangs	35

By Mike Waters
MRT Correspondent

Mannix

FORT WORTH — Midland Christian senior quarterback Westin Elliott passed for 380 yards and four touchdowns, but on a very wintry-like Saturday afternoon in which the wind-chill reached into the low 20s by game's end, it was not enough, as Midland Christian fell to Houston St. Pius X, 51-35, in a TAPPS Division I quarterfinal contest at McNair Stadium.

While both teams dealt surprisingly well with less than ideal weather conditions, it was the turnover battle that doomed Midland Christian (5-7) in the end.

A see-saw first half, in which there were four ties, ended in a 28-28 deadlock at intermission.

Midland Christian jumped out to a 7-0 lead as McLane Mannix culminated a three-play, 75-yard drive on the game's opening possession, with a 29-yard touchdown reception from Elliott.

But St. Pius X (10-2) responded with two straight touchdowns for a 14-7 advantage.

With Pius leading 21-14, Elliott tossed his third scoring strike of the first half, hitting Anderson Needham on a 27-yard pass play to forge a 21-21 tie. Pius regained the lead 28-21 before MCS immediately answered with Mannix scooting in from seven yards out with 1:43 before halftime for the tying score.

Five turnovers in the game proved too much to overcome for Midland Christian, with three leading directly to touchdowns.

Pius defensive back Ayrton Payne, whose interception led to Harris' first quarter, game-tying TD, had another interception and a fumble recovery in the third period with both leading to Pius TDs, and a 42-28 deficit for Midland Christian.

Yet, the Mustangs did not fold. Mannix snared an Elliott pass and raced 80 yards for a TD — on a third-and-20 play — with 1:40 left in the third period, narrowing the gap to 42-35. That would be as close as Midland Christian could manage the rest of the way.

The loss overshadowed outstanding performances by Elliott and Mannix. Mannix, a junior, corralled five passes for 163 yards and two TDs, plus 81 rushing yards on just four attempts and another score. Blake Ray, another junior, added 118 receiving yards on five catches and a score, while Needham, just a sophomore, chipped in with 72 receiving yards and one TD. Elliott, a senior, also had 65 rushing yards to go with his 380 passing yards, to close out his career at Midland Christian.

MCS coach Greg McClendon, completing his 17th season at the helm, was proud of his team's effort in this game, as well as the season.

"We battled and fought hard," he said. "The turnovers were just too much to overcome. But such a great group of young guys. I could not be more proud of a team. Just like we have all season, we did not quit. It was just not enough on this day."

Having won seven Division II state titles from 2000 through 2013 before moving up to Division I in 2014, Midland Christian will be going back to Division II in 2016.

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Baylor upsets previously undefeated OK State

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Associated Press

Baylor running back Shock Linwood (32) scores between Oklahoma State safety Tre Flowers (31) and linebacker Seth Jacobs, right, in the first quarter in Stillwater, Okla., Saturday.

Bears	45
Cowboys	35

STILLWATER, Okla. — Backup quarterback Chris Johnson threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score, and No. 10 Baylor beat previously unbeaten Oklahoma State 45-35 on Saturday night to climb back into the College Football Playoff picture.

Baylor (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 10 CFP) remained in the mix for the conference title, while Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1, No. 6 CFP) likely is out of playoff conversation.

Baylor quarterback Jarrett Stidham took several hard hits in the first half and did not play after the break. Original starter Seth Russell is out for the season after he fractured a bone in his neck.

The Bears still gained 700 yards. KD Cannon caught five passes for 210 yards to help the Bears bounce back from a 44-34 loss to Oklahoma last week.

Mason Rudolph passed for 430 yards and three touchdowns, and James Washington and Jalen McCleskey each caught two touchdown passes for the Cowboys.

Baylor, which entered the game leading the nation in yards per game and points per game, set the tone immediately. Corey Coleman caught a 48-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage, then Shock Linwood's 5-yard touchdown run put the Bears ahead 56 seconds into the game.

Less than a minute later, Oklahoma State got a scare when Brandon Sheperd was ruled to have fumbled and Baylor took it in for a touchdown. The call was reversed.

Baylor eventually scored anyway after Oklahoma State punted. Stidham threw a 59-yard touchdown pass to Cannon to make it 14-0 with 11:56 left in the first quarter.

A 39-yard touchdown pass from Rudolph to Washington tied it 14.

Baylor went ahead on a 1-yard run by Devin Chafin, and a short field goal put the Bears up 24-14 at halftime. Baylor gained 439 yards and ran 61 plays in the first half, but had two critical fumbles that kept Oklahoma State in the game. It was the fifth time the Cowboys trailed at the half in their past eight games.

Stidham completed 12 of 22 passes for 258 yards and a touchdown in the first half. Johnson threw touchdown passes on his first two possessions of the second half to put the Bears in control.

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ON THE AIR

TV

Baseball

Tercer Lugar, Noon, ESPNDEP

Series de las Americas Championship, 6:30 p.m., MLB/ESPNDEP

Canadian Football League

East Final: Hamilton at Ottawa, Noon, ESPNews

College Football

FCS Championship Selection Special, 10 a.m., ESPNU

College Wrestling

Penn State at Stanford, 3 p.m., P12 BAY

Golf

PGA: RSM Classic, Final Round, Noon, GOLF

LPGA: CME Group Tour Championship, Final Round, 1 p.m., ABC

Men's College Basketball

Gardner-Webb at Tennessee, 11 a.m., SEC

Harvard at Boston College, 11:30 a.m., ESPNU

2K Sports Classic, Noon, ESPN

Omaha at Colorado, 1 p.m., P12, P12 Mtn

Puerto Rico Tip-Off, 1:30 p.m., ESPNU

LSU-Shreveport at Stephen F. Austin, 2 p.m., ESPN3

2K Sports Classic, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Akron at Villanova, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Puerto Rico Tip-Off, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU

Yale at SMU, 3:30 p.m., ESPNews

Hall of Fame Championship, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2

Valparaiso at Oregon, 5 p.m., P12, P12 OR

Paradise Jam, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN

Charleston Classic, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Southeastern Louisiana at Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN

Northwestern State at Arizona, 7 p.m., P12, P12 AZ

Paradise Jam, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Charleston Classic, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Stanford at St. Mary's, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer

MLS East Final, Leg 1: NY Red Bulls at Columbus Crew, 3 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

MLS West Final, Leg 1: FC Dallas at Portland Timbers, 6:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

Motorsports

Sprint Cup: Ford Ecoboost 400, 2 p.m., NBC

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m., FSSW

National Football League

NY Jets at Houston, Noon, CBS

Dallas at Miami, Noon, FOX

Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m., FOX

Cincinnati at Arizona, 7:30 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League

NY Islanders at Montreal, 6 p.m., NHL

Tennis

ATP World Tour Finals: Doubles Final, 9:30 a.m., TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals: Singles Final, Noon, ESPN2

Women's College Basketball

Ole Miss at Middle Tennessee, 1 p.m., FSN

WNIT Championship, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Lamar at Northern Arizona, 2 p.m., FCSP

South Carolina at UCLA, 3 p.m., P12 LA

Georgia Tech at Georgia, 3 p.m., SEC

Wake Forest at Missouri, 7 p.m., SEC

Women's College Soccer

Ohio State/Virginia Tech winner vs Boston U/Penn State winner, Noon, BTN

Women's College Volleyball

CAA Final, 11 a.m., SNY

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

C-USA Final, 3 p.m., FSN (FSSW)

Mississippi State at Georgia, 5 p.m, SEC

RADIO

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

National Football League

Dallas at Miami, Noon, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KBAT 99.1 FM, KTXC 104.7 FM (Ods-Mid Esp)

NY Jets at Houston, Noon, KCRS 95.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

NAHL Hockey

Odessa at Amarillo, 7 p.m., KHKX 99.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Palo Duro, 6 p.m. Tuesday
Andrews at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday
San Angelo Central at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday
MHS at Kermit, 8 p.m., Tuesday
Abilene High at Greenwood, 8 p.m. Tuesday
Forsan at Grady 8 p.m., Tuesday

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday
Andrews at Slaton, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Forsan at Grady, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Miles at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Stanton at Kermit, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Greenwood vs. Lubbock Titans, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center

Junior College

MENS BASKETBALL

Midland College at Pima College, Tucson, Ariz., 4 p.m., Wednesday

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Midland College at Wayland Baptist University JV, 5 p.m., Tuesday

LOCAL SPORTS

Midland teams begin TYFA playoffs

The Midland Horned Frogs will begin playoffs in the Texas Youth Football Association today against teams from central Texas and the San Antonio area at Big Spring's Blakenship Field, located at 707 11th St.

The Midland Horned Frogs' flag team will face Southeast Jr. Hornets at 10 a.m., the Horned Frogs midget team will face the Temple Jr. Wildcats at 11:30 a.m., and then the Horned Frogs juniors team will take on STX Beast Bois at 3:30 p.m.

Cost for the games is $4 and kids 5 and under get in for free.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Activated QB Tony Romo from injured reserve-return

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB Akeem Hunt from the practice squad

NEW YORK JETS — Activated WR Quincy Enunwa from the suspended list. Signed DE Mike Catapano from the practice squad. Placed RB Zac Stacy on injured reserve. Waived S Ronald Martin

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed WR Tyrell Williams from the practice squad. Waived TE Sean McGrath

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed QB Colin Kaepernick on injured reserve

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Waived RB Bryce Brown. Signed LB Eric Pinkins from the practice squad

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled D Shane O'Brien from San Diego (AHL).

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled G Marek Langhamer from Rapid City (ECHL)

American Hockey League

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Announced RW Andrew Miller was assigned to the team by Edmonton (NHL)

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Announced D Jesper Pettersson was reassigned to the Lehigh Valley (AHL)

NFL ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN	Sunday TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at CAROLINA	8	7	(44½)	Washington
at DETROIT	+1	1	(50)	Oakland
Dallas	+1	1	(46)	at MIAMI
at ATLANTA	5½	5	(47½)	Indianapolis
at BALTIMORE	+1½	2½	(41½)	St. Louis
NY Jets	2½	3½	(40)	at HOUSTON
at MINNESOTA	+3	1	(44)	Green Bay
at PHILADELPHIA	8	6	(44½)	Tampa Bay
Denver	5½	1	(40½)	at CHICAGO
at ARIZONA	3	4½	(48½)	Cincinnati
at SEATTLE	11	13	(39½)	San Francisco
Kansas City	2½	3	(44½)	at SAN DIEGO
		Monday		
at NEW ENGLAND	9	7	(48)	Buffalo

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Nov. 24

At Chinburi, Thailand, Wanheng Menayothin vs. Young Gil Bae, 12, for Menayothin's WBC minimumweight title.

Nov. 25

At Hialeah (Fla.) Park Racing and Casino (ESPN), Erislandy Lara vs. Jan Zaveck, 12, for Lara's WBA World junior middleweight title; Emmanuel Rodriguez vs. Eliezer Aquino, 10 bantamweights; Yudel Jhonson vs. Daquan Arnett, 10, junior middleweights; John Wesley Nofire vs. Yasmany Consuegra, 10, heavyweights.

Nov. 28

At Sendai, Japan, Pedro Guevara vs. Yu Kimura, 12, for Guevara's WBC junior flyweight title; Carlos Cuadras vs. Koki Eto, 12, for Cuadras' WBC junior bantamweight title; Gamaliel Diaz vs. Takahiro Ao, 10, lightweights.

At Dusseldorf, Germany (HBO), Wladimir Klitschko vs. Tyson Fury, 12, for Klitschko's WBA Super-WBO-IBF heavyweight title.

At the Videotron Centre, Quebec City, Quebec (SHO), Eleider Alvarez vs. Isaac Chilemba, 12, light heavyweights; James DeGale vs. Lucian Bute, 12, for DeGale's IBF super middleweight title.

At The Bomb Factory, Dallas (NBC), Jermall Charlo vs. Wilky Campfort, 12, for Charlo's IBF super welterweight title; Errol Spence Jr. vs. Alejandro Barrera, 12, welterweights; Erickson Lubin vs. Alexis Camacho, 10, super welterweights.

Dec. 5

At Hamburg, Germany, Jack Culcay vs. Dennis Hogan, 12, for the interim WBA World super welterweight title.

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO), Daniel Jacobs vs. Peter Quillin, 12, for Jacobs' WBA World middleweight title; Jesus Cuellar vs. Jonathan Oquendo, 12, for Cuellar's WBA World featherweight title; Denis Shafikov vs. Rances Barthelemy, 12, lightweights; Will Rosinsky vs. Joe Smith Jr., 10, light heavyweights.

Dec. 10

At Chiang Mai, Thailand, Stamp Kiatniwat vs. Gregorio Lebron, 12, for the interim WBA World flyweight title.

UIL realignment could shake things up in Permian Basin

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Come February, Permian Basin football fans will see some changes but maybe not the changes they were looking for.

On Friday, the University Interscholastic League announced the cutoff numbers for each class and division in advance for the 2016-18 reclassification and realignment that will be announced on Feb. 1.

Although all of the teams in the Reporter-Telegram's coverage area will stay put in their respective classes and divisions, they could have some new district partners.

Most notably, District 3-6A has the potential to break up.

Lubbock Coronado, Lubbock Monterey and Amarillo High will be dropping down to Class 5A as they are below the Class 6A cutoff announced of 2,150. That means Wolfforth Frenship and Amarillo Tascosa will be the only 6A schools in Lubbock and Amarillo, respectively.

One would figure and probably the most speculated is that the Midland and Odessa schools will join Frenship and Tascosa to form one district.

That would make the most sense, but then again no one could ever accuse the UIL of always using coming sense.

San Angelo Central and Abilene High could join those six programs to form an eight-team district. But they could also be sent out east, ending for at least two years the rivalry they had with the Midland and Odessa schools.

But then again, the UIL has been known to do stranger things during realignment.

Just ask Andrews, who was forced to go into a district with four schools in far east El Paso County the last two years in 2-4A Division I.

Or Forsan, which had to drive at least 5 hours to Anthony on the Texas-New Mexico border in north El Paso County for a district game. Stanton knows your pain Forsan.

I know that folks around here like to go by the mantra "the sky's the limit," but I think the UIL sometimes takes that literally. They think that it's no problem for schools out here to drive three, or in some cases five to six hours for a district game.

I know that the folks in Austin have some tough decisions to make and we are in a densely populated part of the state, but there are times that schools in West Texas are hosed just because of where they're located.

If people want to start a petition, they should start a petition begging the UIL to use as much common sense as possible and have some consideration for athletic programs out here in West Texas.

I know that's a lot to ask, but that's a cause that all West Texans should unite behind.

■ Only two weeks into the high school football playoffs and there are only a few survivors left from the Permian Basin and only two from the Reporter-Telegram's immediate coverage area.

Not surprisingly, those two teams come from the six-man ranks as Garden City and Trinity have not only survived but have looked impressive.

While overall talent has dissipated from many 11-man programs out here, six-man football continues to thrive.

Garden City faces Crowell in a Class 1A Division I state quarterfinal game at 2 p.m. Friday at McMurry University in Abilene, while Trinity takes on Baytown Christian at 7 p.m. Friday in a TAPPS Six-Man Division I state semifinal game in Cherokee.

Good luck to those teams as they continue their quest for a state title.

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MUSTANGS

From 2C

"The realignment for us has already taken place," McClendon said. "We will be back in Division II for 2016. We have overall a very young team, and we look forward to the challenges for next season."

HOUSTON ST. PIUS X 51, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 35

MCS	14	14	7	0	—35
St. Pius X	14	14	14	9	—51

First Quarter

MCS -- McLane Mannix 29 pass from Westin Elliott (McLane Mannix kick)
SPX -- Alec Harris 22 run (Ryan Buckley kick)
MCS -- Blake Ray 71 pass from Elliott (Mannix kick)
SPX -- Harris 67 run (Buckley kick)

Second Quarter

SPX -- Terrence Franklin 40 pass from Grant Gunnell (Buckley kick)
MCS -- Anderson Needham 27 pass from Elliot (Mannix kick)
SPX -- Franklin 30 pass from Gunnell (Buckley kick)
MCS -- Mannix 7 run (Mannix kick)

Third Quarter

SPX -- Nick Minkoff 30 pass from Gunnell (Buckley kick)
SPX -- Harris 7 run (Buckley kick)
MCS -- Mannix 80 pass from Elliot (Mannix kick)

Fourth Quarter

SPX -- Harris 2 run (kick blocked)
SPX -- FG 46 Buckley

	MCS	St. Pius X
First Downs	17	21
Rushes-yards	23-145	42-263
Passing yards	380	232
Comp.-Att.-Int.	19-42-3	17-30-0
Punts-avg.	3-41.6	5-36.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	12-105	7-68

Individual Statistics

RUSHING -- MCS, McLane Mannix 4-81, Westin Elliott 18-65, Blake Ray 1-(-1). St. Pius X, Alec Harris 22-110, Grant Gunnell 8-30, Robert Ferguson 6-26, Terrence Franklin 2-3, Perry Carter 2-(-4), Team 2-(-2).

PASSING -- MCS, Westin Elliott 19-42-3--380. St. Pius X, Grant Gunnell 15-26-0--200, Robert Ferguson 2-4-0--32.

RECEIVING -- MCS, McLane Mannix 5-163, Blake Ray 5-118, Anderson Needham 5-72, Josh Brown 2-12, Luke Watson 1-12, Luke Sheppard 1-3. St. Pius X, Nick Minkoff 6-121, Terrence Franklin 7-101, Perry Carter 1-5, Alec Harris 1-4, Robert Ferguson 1-3, Jacob Jefferson 1-(-2).

STATEWIDE FOOTBALL SCORES

Saturday Results
CLASS 6A Division I
Region I
Area
Amarillo Tascosa 17, Odessa Permian 10
Region II
Area
Austin Westlake 28, The Woodlands 3
Garland Rowlett 24, Dallas Skyline 21
North Mesquite 14, Killeen Shoemaker 13, 2OT
Region III
Area
Cypress Falls 42, Houston Bellaire 33
Dickinson 26, Pearland 23
Houston Lamar 31, Aldine Eisenhower 17
CLASS 6A Division II
Region II
Area
Hewitt Midway 50, Dallas Highland Park 31
Lake Travis 28, Spring Westfield 21
Region IV
Area
Cibolo Steele 38, SA Northside Brennan 7
Del Rio 33, Weslaco East 21
CLASS 5A Division I
Region I
Area
Canyon Randall 53, EP Chapin 35
Region II
Area
Mansfield Lake Ridge 77, Tyler 51
Mesquite Poteet 46, Wylie East 43
Region IV
Area
Edinburg Vela 42, Victoria East 33
CLASS 5A Division II
Region II
Area
Lancaster 30, Hallsville 23
Marshall 35, Dallas South Oak Cliff 3
Region III
Area
Fort Bend Ridge Point 42, Crosby 14
CLASS 4A Division I
Region IV
Area
China Spring 42, La Feria 21
CLASS 4A Division II
Region II
Area
Atlanta 41, Coldspring-Oakhurst 0
Region IV
Area
Wimberley 21, Orange Grove 7
TAPPS 11 Man
Division I
Second Round
Dallas Bishop Dunne 51, Tomball Concordia 22
Houston St. Pius X 51, Midland Christian 35
Houston St. Thomas 17, FW Nolan 0
Plano Prestonwood 58, SA Central Catholic 20
Division II
Second Round
Fort Worth Christian 41, Austin Regents 30
Grapevine Faith 46, Dallas Parish Episcopal 40
Houston Northland Christian 27, Tyler Grace Community 24
TAPPS 6 Man
Division I
Second Round
Houston Emery/Weiner School 60, Rockwall Heritage 28
Division III
Second Round
Granbury North Central 64, WF Christian 19

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Amarillo Tascosa 17
Odessa Permian 10

LUBBOCK — In what surprisingly turned out to be a defensive battle, Amarillo Tascosa downed Odessa Permian, 17-10 on Saturday in a Class 6A Division I area playoff game at Lowrey Field.

Permian, which was held scoreless in the first half, produced its lowest point total of the season in the defeat. The last time the Panthers failed to score more than 10 points in a game was on Oct. 18, 2013, in a 43-7 loss at San Angelo Central.

Permian running back Brandon Bailey ran picked up 137 yards and a touchdown on just 14 carries, but the Panthers' offense was undone by three lost fumbles and a stingy Rebels defense. Permian's 288 total yards of offense was also a season low by a wide margin.

With the game tied, 10-10 late in the fourth, Tascosa' Brett Russell ran it in from five yards out to give the Rebels a 17-10 lead. On their next possession, the Panthers failed to convert on fourth-and-4 and turned the ball over to seal the loss.

AMARILLO TASCOSA 17, ODESSA PERMIAN 10

Permian	0	0	3	7	—10
Tascosa	0	0	7	10	—17

Third Quarter

Permian — 42 FG Dakota Delao, 7:44
Tascosa — Brett Russell 4 run (Rogelio Loera kick), 0:13

Fourth Quarter

Tascosa — 17 FG Loera, 6:36
Permian — Brandon Bailey 64 run (Delao kick), 5:27
Tascosa — Russell 5 run (Loera kick), 2:17

	Permian	Tascosa
First Downs	16	12
Rushes-yards	29-172	57-217
Passing yards	116	33
Comp.-Att.-Int	12-18-0	2-3-0
Punts-avg	2-42.0	3-43.3
Fumbles-lost	5-3	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-19	4-30

Individual Statistics

RUSHING — Permian, Brandon Bailey 14-137, Trey Potter 7-30, Dexter Neboh 1-7, Kobe Robinson 5-5, Jaime Garza 1-1, Team 1-(-8). Tascosa, Tim Fields 7-64, Brett Russell 13-51, Spencer Isern 18-51, Aundra Fleeks 6-20, Nicholas Biera 1-16, Lamaron Smith 5-10, Zac Zimmer 2-8, Daniel Rubio 1-(-1), Slayde Ortiz 4-(-2).

PASSING — Permian, Trey Potter 11-17-0—88, Kobe Robinson 1-1-0—28. Tascosa, Spencer Isern 1-2-0—23, Brock Mooneyham 1-1-0—10.

RECEIVING — Permian, Jack Fawcett 6-76, Brandon Bailey 2-23, Brother Miller 2-16, Kobe Robinson 2-1. Tascosa, Bert Morris 1-23, Slayde Ortiz 1-10

Friday's late boxes

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 51, EL PASO AMERICAS 27

Central	7	16	14	14	—51
EP Americas	7	14	0	6	—27

First Quarter

Central — Cal Vincent 18 run (Marc Cabrera kick), 6:23
Americas — Joshua Fields 1 run (Adam Cruz kick), 2:17

Second Quarter

Central — Elbert Paulik 6 pass from Will Vincent (Cabrera kick), 7:22
Americas — Nick Carillo 61 pass from Eric Foster (Cruz kick), 5:40
Central — Adam West 21 pass from Brennen Wooten (Cabrera kick), 2:56
Americas — Carillo 6 pass from Foster (Cruz kick), 1:59
Central — Americas safety (quarterback threw ball in end zone to no receiver), 0:34

Third Quarter

Central — Vincent 35 pass from Wooten (Cabrera kick), 8:21
Central — Daven Manning 1 run (Cabrera kick), 5:00

Fourth Quarter

Americas — Jacob Monarez 9 pass from Foster (conversion failed), 8:26
Central — Wooten 78 run (Cabrera kick), 7:42
Central — Manning 1 run (Cabrera kick), 2:50

	Central	Americas
First Downs	20	13
Rushes-yards	29-263	31-162
Passing yards	270	198
Comp.-Att.-Int	21-36-2	11-20-0
Punts-avg	0-0	3-40.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	4-28	7-70

Individual Statistics

RUSHING — Central, Daven Manning 17-114, Brennen Wooten 5-94, Khalil Antoine 2-32, Cal Vincent 2-19, Donovan Moore 1-3, Mike Brown 1-1. Americas, Joshua Fields 19-92, Eric Foster 10-71, Jerry Stapleton 2(-1)

PASSING — Central, Brennen Wooten 20-35-2—264, Will Vincent 1-1-0—6. Americas, Eric Foster 11-20-0—198

RECEIVING — Central, Cal Vincent 6-108, Aaron Wooten 7-81, Adam West 4-42, Khalil Antoine 1-32, Elbert Paulik 1-6. Americas, Jacob Monarez 3-74, Nick Carillo 2-67, Jerry Stapleton 3-19, Joshua Fields 1-18, Nathan Carrasco 1-11

GARDEN CITY 94, HERMLEIGH 44

Garden City	18	48	28	0	—94
Hermleigh	14	18	12	0	—44

First Quarter

Garden City — Ethan Goodwin 5 run (Deyli Cruz kick)
Garden City — Safety
Hermleigh — 19 run (kick good)
Garden City — Goodwin 42 pass from Riley Eggemeyer (Cruz kick)
Hermleigh — 21 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter

Garden City — Eggemeyer 50 run (Cruz kick)
Hermleigh — 39 pass (kick failed)
Hermleigh — 43 run (kick failed)
Garden City — Eggemeyer 17 run (Cruz kick)
Garden City — Tanner Davis 61 pass from Colton Jost (Cruz kick)
Garden City — Eggemeyer 35 run (Cruz kick)
Garden City — Davis 25 pass from Jost (Cruz kick)
Hermleigh — 60 pass (kick failed)
Garden City — Eggemeyer 42 pass from Jost (Cruz kick)

Third Quarter

Garden City — Eggemeyer 34 pass from Jost (Cruz kick)
Hermleigh — 11 run (kick blocked)
Garden City — Eggemeyer 30 run (Cruz kick failed)
Hermleigh — 19 pass (kick failed)
Garden City — Isaiah Enriquez 2 run (Cruz kick)
Garden City — Enriquez 24 run

	Garden City	Hermleigh
First Downs	19	14
Rushes-yards	31-354	21-160
Passing yards	220	327
Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-10-0	19-33-2
Punts-avg.	0-0	1-41.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	2-20	9-105

Individual Statistics

RUSHING — Garden City, Riley Eggemeyer 13-211, Isaiah Enriquez 15-121, Tanner Davis 1-16, Ethan Goodwin 1-6, Rafe Royall 1-0.

PASSING — Garden City, Colton Jost 5-9-0—178, Riley Eggemeyer 1-1-0—42.

RECEIVING — Garden City — Tanner Davis 2-86, Riley Eggemeyer 2-76, Ethan Goodwin 1-42, Rafe Royall 1-16.

*Hermleigh individual statistics were unavailable

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Houston falls 20-17 at UConn for 1st loss of season

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Houston coach Tom Herman worried that his team was stepping into what he saw as a quintessential trap game against UConn.

The undefeated Cougars were coming off a big win over Memphis and looking forward to hosting Navy next week for a spot in the conference championship game.

He was right.

UConn's Noel Thomas caught two touchdown passes, including a 45-yarder on a trick play in the fourth quarter, and the Huskies held on for a 20-17 win on Saturday.

"This one hurts," Herman said. "It hurts really bad, because of where we were in the season and how much these kids have invested."

Houston (10-1, 6-1, No. 19 CFP) was held to just 318 yards in total offense after entering with averages of 43.5 points and 521 yards.

The Cougars played most of the game without Heisman hopeful Greg Ward Jr., who rolled his ankle last Saturday.

Kyle Postma, who engineered the Cougars' comeback against the Tigers, was 16 of 27 for 190 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

"(Greg) was only at about 70 percent, so we felt that Kyle gave us the best opportunity to win the game rather than Greg," Herman said.

Associated Press

Houston quarterback Greg Ward Jr. (1) walks off the field after throwing an interception in the final minutes of the fourth quarter against Connecticut, Saturday in East Hartford, Conn.

Ward played a handful of snaps in the fourth quarter and came in for the final time after Postma was injured during Houston's final drive. But he was intercepted by Jamar Summers with 55 seconds left.

UConn (6-5, 4-3 American Athletic Conference) then ran out the clock, and its fans stormed the field.

"That's a moment I'll probably never forget in my life," senior safety Andrew Adams said.

Next up for Houston is next Saturday against Navy for the conference's Western Division title and a spot in the Dec. 5 AAC championship game.

"It's a real hard pill to swallow," Houston linebacker Steven Taylor said. "But we have other things to focus on."

Thomas, who caught seven passes for 108 yards, put UConn up 7-0 with a 4-yard touchdown catch on the Huskies' opening drive.

His second TD came with just under 10 minutes left. Quarterback-turned-receiver Garrett Anderson got a backward throw from Tim Boyle and found Thomas behind the Houston defense.

The ball almost didn't make it to Anderson after being tipped by Houston's Matthew Adams.

"I thought it was going to be going the other way," Boyle said. "Thank God it didn't. It fell right in Garrett's hand and Garrett did the rest from there."

The Cougars responded immediately, with Brandon Wilson returning the ensuing kickoff 94 yards to make it 20-17.

Houston got the ball back with less than 2 minutes left. Ward was forced into the game when Postma went down after completing a third-down pass. Ward found Demarcus Ayers for 18 yards, but Summers made a nice play to intercept his next pass.

Houston's Kenneth Farrow was held to 46 yards rushing. He left with a leg injury on the last play of the third quarter.

Arkeel Newsome ran for 114 yards on 32 carries for the Huskies, who became bowl eligible for the first time since the 2010 season.

Newsome carried the ball 42 yards straight up the middle on the first play of the game and rushed for 68 yards during the opening drive. Bryant Shirreffs then rolled out and passed to Thomas for the TD with 11:40 left in the first quarter.

It was Shirreffs' only pass of the game. He was injured on the Huskies' next drive when a diving Elandon Roberts hit the quarterback as he was sliding after a run. Roberts, the conference's leading tackler, was hit with a targeting penalty and ejected.

Boyle completed 12 of 22 passes for 110 yards.

Houston got on the board on Ty Cummings' 29-yard field goal after a 72-yard drive stalled in the second quarter.

TOP25CAPSULES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 9 MICHIGAN STATE 17
NO. 2 OHIO STATE 14

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michael Geiger kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired and No. 9 Michigan State, playing without injured quarterback Connor Cook, beat No. 2 Ohio State 17-14 on Saturday to snap the Buckeyes' 23-game winning streak.

The Spartans (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 9 CFP) took control of the Big Ten East, jumped into the thick of the College Football Playoff race and very likely ended the Buckeyes' chances to repeat as national champions.

Ohio State (10-1, 6-1, No. 3 CFP) managed just 132 yards against a rugged defense and lost for the first time to a Big Ten team in the regular season since Urban Meyer became coach four seasons ago. The Rose Bowl might be the best that the Buckeyes can do now.

NO. 1 CLEMSON 33
WAKE FOREST 13

CLEMSON, S.C. — Deshaun Watson threw three touchdown passes and ran for a another score, and Clemson topped 500 yards of offense for the seventh straight game.

Watson started the scoring with a 3-yard run, then connected on TD passes of 44 yards to Charone Peake, 11 yards to Deon Cain and 47 yards to Germone Hopper. The Tigers (11-0, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference. No. 1 CFP) gained 506 yards against a defense that held Notre Dame to 282 yards last season.

Fans rushed the field and fireworks went off as the Tigers finished off their first 8-0 ACC season. It was the Tigers' 14th straight victory, one shy of tying their record run, and the 700th in program history. Clemson will close regular season next week against rival South Carolina.

NO. 3 ALABAMA 56
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 6

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Cyrus Jones returned two punts for touchdowns and Derrick Henry also scored twice in Alabama's romp over Charleston.

The Crimson Tide (10-1, No. 2 CFP) led 49-0 by halftime against the Buccaneers (9-2), who are bound for the FCS playoffs. Alabama is hoping to join them in the FBS version and can clinch an SEC West title with a victory next week at Auburn.

Jones scored on returns of 43 and 72 yards. He's the only Alabama player to score twice on punt returns, according to school records dating to 1944. He's also the first Tide player to have touchdowns on punt returns in consecutive games.

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME 19
BOSTON COLLEGE 16

BOSTON — DeShone Kizer threw for two touchdowns — and three interceptions — and Notre Dame survived five turnovers to beat Boston College at Fenway Park.

Taking over the ballpark of the Boston Red Sox for a far-flung home game, the Fighting Irish (10-1, No. 4 CFP) won their sixth straight game since a two-point loss to top-ranked Clemson.

Kizer completed 20 of 38 passes for 320 yards. Chris Brown caught six passes for 104 yards and Amir Carlisle had seven catches for 97 yards.

Quarterback Jeff Smith ran for 100 yards for Boston College (3-8), breaking free for an 80-yard run to make it 19-9 with about 10 minutes to play. His 3-yard TD pass made it 19-16 with 54 seconds left. The Eagles attempted an onside kick, but Irish safety Matthias Farley fell on the ball.

NO. 6 IOWA 40
PURDUE 20

IOWA CITY, Iowa — C.J. Beathard threw three touchdown passes and Iowa beat Purdue to wrap up the Big Ten West title and a spot in the conference championship game.

LeShun Daniels Jr. ran for two TDs for the Hawkeyes (11-0, 7-0 Big Ten, No. 5 CFP).

Iowa won the outright West title when Northwestern won at Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes will play at Nebraska next week in search of their first 12-0 regular season.

Purdue cut it 20-13 in the third quarter, but Beathard's 22-yard touchdown pass to Henry Krieger-Coble with 3:40 left sealed yet another victory for the Hawkeyes.

NO. 8 FLORIDA 20
FLORIDA ATLANTIC 14, OT

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Treon Harris threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Jake McGee in overtime to lift Florida past Florida Atlantic.

The Gators (10-1, No. 8 CFP) were favored by more than 30 points, but were sluggish the whole game. In overtime, Florida scored on its third play but the extra point attempt was blocked.

Florida Atlantic (2-9) had a first-and-goal at the 9. A sack and three incompletions in the end zone ended the Owls' upset bid.

NO. 12 NORTH CAROLINA 30
VIRGINIA TECH 27, OT

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Marquise Williams hit Quinshad Davis with a 5-yard pass in overtime and No. 12 North Carolina spoiled retiring coach Frank Beamer's final home game at Virginia Tech.

The Tar Heels (10-1, 7-0 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 17 CFP) won their 10th in a row and wrapped up the Coastal Division title after blowing a 14-point lead in the final 3 minutes of regulation.

Virginia Tech (5-6, 3-4) tied it on Michael Brewer's 4-yard, fourth-down pass to Isaiah Ford with 1:07 remaining, but the Hokies had to settle for a field goal to begin the overtime.

NO. 14 MICHIGAN 28
PENN STATE 16

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Jake Rudock threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns for Michigan.

Rudock was 25 of 38 and connected with Jake Butt and Amara Darboh for touchdowns. Sione Houma and De'Veon Smith ran for touchdowns for the Wolverines (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 12 CFP).

Rudock connected with Butt on a 26-yard pass to open the scoring and hit Darboh on an 11-yard route in the second quarter. Christian Hackenberg passed for 137 yards for Penn State (7-4, 4-3).

NO. 16 FLORIDA STATE 52
CHATTANOOGA 13

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Sean Maguire threw two touchdown passes and Dalvin Cook had his seventh 100-yard rushing game and added two more scores for Florida State.

Maguire was 12 of 17 for 152 yards in two-plus quarters, while Cook had 15 carries for 106 yards in a game that was more like a warmup for the Seminoles' game next week against No. 8 Florida.

Florida State (9-2, No. 14 CFP) scored on eight straight drives against Chattanooga (8-3), a team that has clinched a spot in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

NO. 25 MISSISSIPPI 38
NO. 17 LSU 17

OXFORD, Miss. — Chad Kelly threw for 280 yards and two touchdowns and Mississippi beat LSU, giving the Tigers their first three-game losing streak since 1999.

Ole Miss (8-3, 5-2 Southeastern Conference, No. 22 CFP) jumped out to a 24-0 in the second quarter. Kelly completed 19 of 34 passes and also ran for 81 yards and two touchdowns.

LSU (7-3, 4-3, No. 15 CFP) rallied in the third quarter to cut it to 24-17, but the Rebels responded with two quick touchdowns. LSU star running back Leonard Fournette had 108 yards on 25 carries.

UCLA 17
NO. 18 UTAH 9

SALT LAKE CITY — Josh Rosen threw for 220 yards and a touchdown and UCLA beat Utah to move a game closer to the Pac-12 championship game.

The Bruins (8-3, 5-3) can earn a berth in the conference title game for the first time since 2012 with a win over Southern California next week. UCLA hasn't won the Pac-12 since 1998.

Rosen completed 15 of 30 passes, Paul Perkins ran for 98 yards and a touchdown, and Jordan Payton had a 105 yards receiving yards.

Travis Wilson threw for 110 yards and ran for 67 for Utah (8-3, 5-3, No. 13 CFP). Joe Williams ran for 121 yards in place of Devontae Booker, the star running back sidelined by a knee injury.

NO. 19 NAVY 44
TULSA 21

TULSA, Okla. — Quarterback Keenan Reynolds ran for 81 yards and a touchdown while directing a Navy offense that rolled up 512 yards.

Reynolds, who also threw for a touchdown, became Navy's career rushing leader with 4,195 yards, breaking Napoleon McCallum's record of 4,179 yards. He has 82 career touchdowns, one behind the career NCAA touchdown record of 83 set by Wisconsin's Montee Ball.

Navy (9-1, 7-0, No. 16 CFP) will play at Houston (10-1, 6-1) for the American Athletic Conference West Division title Friday and a spot in the league title game. Tulsa (5-6, 2-5) has a final chance to become bowl eligible Friday at Tulane.

NO. 20 NORTHWESTERN 13
NO. 21 WISCONSIN 7

MADISON, Wis. — Justin Jackson ran for 139 yards and a touchdown, and Northwestern used a goal-line stand to hold off Wisconsin.

The Wildcats (9-2, 5-2 Big Ten, No. 20 CFP) moved into a tie for second in the West Division with the Badgers (8-3, 5-2, No. 25 CFP). Wisconsin had won five in a row.

Joel Stave drove the Badgers from the 26 to the Northwestern 1. But Stave was forced to leave before Wisconsin's final play from scrimmage after getting hurt on a sack. Bart Houston's pass to the end zone sailed just out of reach of Tanner McEvoy on fourth-and goal from the 11 with 2 seconds left.

NO. 23 OREGON 48
NO. 22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 28

EUGENE, Ore. — Vernon Adams Jr. threw for 407 yards and six touchdowns and Oregon beat Southern California for its fifth straight victory.

The Ducks (8-3, 6-2 Pac-12, No. 23 CFP) have not dropped a game since Adams returned from a finger injury he sustained in the season opener against Eastern Washington. It was the third game since coming back that he's thrown for 300 or more yards and at least four scores.

TEXASCOLLEGEFOOTBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS A&M 25
VANDERBILT 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Taylor Bertolet tied Southeastern Conference and school records by making six field goals, and Kyle Allen passed for 336 yards and one touchdown, leading Texas A&M to 25-0 a win over Vanderbilt on Saturday night.

Bertolet kicked field goals of 31, 25, 46, 46, 41 and 23 yards. Texas A&M's Alan Smith kicked six field goals in a 1983 win over Arkansas State.

Allen made his first start since a 23-3 loss to Mississippi on Oct. 24. He won the starting job back in practice after freshman Kyler Murray started the previous three games, but threw a total of five interceptions against Western Carolina and Auburn.

Allen, who completed 18 of 36 passes, started the first seven games of the season.

Texas A&M (8-3, 4-3 SEC West) held Vanderbilt (4-7, 2-5 SEC East) to a season-low 148 total yards and 23 passing yards.

MCNEESE STATE 20
LAMAR 14

BEAUMONT — Derrick Milton, Ryan Ross and Daniel Sams all rushed for over 100 yards as McNeese State held on to beat Lamar 20-14 on Saturday night.

Milton had 138 yards, Ross totaled 126 and Sams finished with 104 as McNeese State (10-0, 9-0 Southland Conference) had 406 yards rushing compared to Lamar's 63.

Kade Harrington, who had 2,022 rushing yards this season prior to this game, was held to just 70 yards for Lamar (5-6, 4-5).

The Southland Conference champion Cowboys became only the ninth team in the league's 52 years of football to finish the regular season undefeated. Their first game this season, against LSU, was cancelled because of inclement weather.

All the scoring happened in the first quarter until Jean Breaux booted a 31-yard field goal in the fourth and Lamar's Joe Minden hit Devonn Brown on a 32-yard scoring strike to close to 20-14 with 4:42 left in the game.

UTSA 34
RICE 24

SAN ANTONIO — Jarveon Williams rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns and UTSA beat Rice 34-24 on Saturday night.

Williams exceeded 1,000 yards for the season, a UTSA first, while tying the single-season rushing touchdown record with eight.

Dalton Sturm threw for 189 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another for UTSA (3-8, 3-4 Conference USA). David Morgan II made his school-record fifth TD catch this season.

The Roadrunners won their second straight. The Owls (4-7, 2-5) dropped their fourth straight.

Driphus Jackson was 23 of 40 for 359 yards, two touchdowns plus two interceptions that ended his streak of 145 attempts without a pick. Jackson went over 2,000 yards passing in a season for the second time. Nate German had 138 yards receiving and a TD.

Sturm's TD 23-yard pass to Kerry Thomas Jr., Williams' 78-yard scoring run and Sturm's 1-yard score — all in the second quarter — gave the Roadrunners 28-17 halftime lead.

NW STATE 33
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 17

Natchitoches, La. — Stephen Rivers threw for 302 yards on 20-of-30 passing and Northwestern State had a strong second half to beat Stephen F. Austin 33-17 in Southland Conference play on Saturday.

Ed Eagan caught eight passes for 75 yards and Daniel Taylor rushed for 64 yards and one touchdown for Northwestern State (4-7, 4-5), which closed out the season by winning four of its last six games.

Zach Conque threw for 168 yards and one touchdown for Stephen F. Austin (4-7, 4-5), but suffered two interceptions. Leroy Armstrong grabbed one, returning it 18 yards for a score.

The Lumberjacks scored first when Conque hit Aaron Piper on a 40-yard strike. Northwestern State answered with 17 straight points to take a 17-14 lead at the break. The Demons added 10 more in the third to go into the fourth, leading 27-17.

Incarnate Word rolls over Houston Baptist 30-3

Incarnate Word 30
Houston Baptist 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Trent Brittain ran for two scores and threw for another to lead Incarnate Word to a 30-3 win over Houston Baptist on Saturday.

The victory gave Incarnate Word (6-5, 5-4 Southland Conference) its second winning season and first winning conference season. The Cardinals, who finished fourth in conference standings, are in their third season as a member of NCAA Division I.

The Cardinals were ahead 7-0 when Myke Tavarres forced a fumble and Padyn Giebler grabbed it and ran 47 yards for the score.

Brittain scored on running plays twice in the first half to help Incarnate Word to a 21-3 lead at the break.

Incarnate Word finished with 256 total yards while limiting Houston Baptist (2-9, 0-8) to 154 yards.

Houston Baptist's Max Staver was held to 27 yards passing, completing just 5 of 19 attempts. Larry Day and B.J. Kelly had 59 yards apiece rushing.

NORTHERN COLORADO 40
ABILENE CHRISTIAN 36

GREELEY, Colo. — Jacob Knipp threw for 293 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for another score as Northern Colorado came back in the fourth quarter to beat Abilene Christian 40-36 on Saturday.

Trae Riek rushed for 151 yards for one score and grabbed four passes for 90 yards and another touchdown for Northern Colorado (6-5).

The Bears were leading 33-28 following a Jamie Falloon 44-yard field goal early in the final quarter. Parker McKenzie led Abilene Christian (3-8) on an 83-yard drive, capped by a McKenzie to Cedric Gilbert pass from the 10 to retake the lead 36-33. Knipp answered with a 65-yard drive to claim the lead for good when he hit Stephen Miller on a 13-yard scoring strike.

McKenzie had 330 yards passing and two scores and De'Andre Brown rushed for 176 yards for Abilene Christian.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 41
NORTH TEXAS 7

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Brent Stockstill passed for 322 yards and three touchdowns, and Middle Tennessee overwhelmed North Texas in a 41-7 win on Saturday.

Austin Grammer scored from 19 yards out on Middle Tennessee's opening drive, capping a 10-play, 75-yard effort. The Blue Raiders (6-5, 4-2 Conference USA) scored TDs on each of their first four possessions, totaling 294 yards in the process.

Stockstill, a redshirt freshman, was 27 of 38 and notched his seventh game with at least 300 passing yards of the season, including four in a row.

DaMarcus Smith's 1-yard run put North Texas (1-10, 1-6) on the board midway through the second quarter. But a TD pass from Stockstill and field goal put the Blue Raiders up by 24 at the half.

Middle Tennessee converted 10 of 15 third downs.

The loss gives North Texas only its second season with double-digit losses in the program's 91-year history.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 42
CENTRAL ARKANSAS 13

CONWAY, Ark. — Jared Johnson threw two touchdowns as Sam Houston State rolled over Central Arkansas 42-13 in the regular season finale for both teams Saturday night.

Johnson was 15 of 30 for 279 yards for the Bearkats (8-3, 7-2 Southland Conference) who advance to the FCS playoffs. Corey Avery carried 13 times for 109 yards and two touchdowns. Jalen Overstreet also had two scores and ran for 75 yards.

Overstreet ran for a 13-yard touchdown early in the first quarter and Avery ran for another and the Bearkats led 14-6 with 2:39 left in the period. Sam Houston scored three more times in the second quarter, including a 50-yard touchdown throw to Gerald Thomas and a 3-yard scoring toss to LaDarius Brown for a 35-6 advantage at the break.

Jace Denker kicked a pair of first-quarter field goals for the Bears (7-4, 7-2). Hayden Hildebrand threw for 189 yards and a score.

SMU 49
TULANE 21

DALLAS — Xavier Jones ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns. Matt Davis added 156 yards rushing and a score and SMU beat Tulane 49-21 Saturday night.

SMU had 323 yards on the ground with six touchdowns.

Prescott Line and Braeden West added rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter for SMU (2-9, 1-6 American).

SMU took a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter when Zach Wood blocked a field goal and R.C. Cox returned it 66 yards for his first-career score. Davis had a 13-yard touchdown on a run later in the quarter and SMU scored 21 straight in the second quarter for a 35-7 halftime lead.

Jones had touchdown runs of 1, 5 and 35 yards in the second quarter.

Tanner Lee was 9-of-22 passing for 103 yards and a touchdown for Tulane (3-8, 1-6).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 45, Oklahoma St. 35
Incarnate Word 30, Houston Baptist 3
Louisiana Tech 17, UTEP 15
McNeese St. 20, Lamar 14
Mississippi St. 51, Arkansas 50
Navy 44, Tulsa 21
Oklahoma 30, TCU 29
Prairie View 56, Jackson St. 14
SMU 49, Tulane 21
Sam Houston St. 42, Cent. Arkansas 13
UTSA 34, Rice 24

MIDWEST
Akron 42, Buffalo 21
Drake 27, Dayton 17
E. Illinois 21, E. Kentucky 7
Illinois St. 46, South Dakota 0
Indiana St. 27, Youngstown St. 24
Iowa 40, Purdue 20
Kansas St. 38, Iowa St. 35
Michigan St. 17, Ohio St. 14
Minnesota 32, Illinois 23
N. Dakota St. 55, Missouri St. 0
N. Iowa 49, S. Illinois 28
Northwestern 13, Wisconsin 7
Notre Dame 19, Boston College 16
Tennessee 19, Missouri 8
UT Martin 28, SE Missouri 25
W. Illinois 30, S. Dakota St. 24, 2OT
West Virginia 49, Kansas 0

SOUTH
Alabama 56, Charleston Southern 6
Alabama St. 26, Miles 7
Alcorn St. 44, Alabama A&M 10
Ark.-Pine Bluff 25, MVSU 19, OT
Auburn 56, Idaho 34
Bethune-Cookman 35, Florida A&M 14
Clemson 33, Wake Forest 13
Davidson 20, Stetson 17
Delaware 14, Elon 10
Delaware St. 32, Howard 31
ETSU 42, Kentucky Wesleyan 27
Florida 20, FAU 14, OT
Florida St. 52, Chattanooga 13
Georgia 23, Georgia Southern 17, OT
Georgia St. 24, South Alabama 10
Indiana 47, Maryland 28
Jacksonville 58, Valparaiso 13
Jacksonville St. 42, Murray St. 20
James Madison 38, Villanova 29
Kentucky 58, Charlotte 10
Miami 38, Georgia Tech 21
Middle Tennessee 41, North Texas 7
Mississippi 38, LSU 17
Monmouth (NJ) 23, Gardner-Webb 9
NC Central 21, NC A&T 16
NC State 42, Syracuse 29
New Mexico St. 37, Louisiana-Lafayette 34
Norfolk St. 17, Morgan St. 10
North Carolina 30, Virginia Tech 27, OT
Northwestern St. 33, Stephen F. Austin 17
Presbyterian 14, Kennesaw St. 6
Richmond 20, William & Mary 9
SC State 52, Savannah St. 29
Samford 47, Mercer 21
Southern Miss. 56, Old Dominion 31
Tennessee Tech 30, Tennessee St. 24
Texas A&M 25, Vanderbilt 0
The Citadel 23, South Carolina 22
Virginia 42, Duke 34
W. Carolina 24, VMI 20
W. Kentucky 63, FIU 7
Wofford 38, Furman 28

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 52, Arizona 37
BYU 52, Fresno St. 10
Colorado St. 28, New Mexico 21
Montana 54, Montana St. 35
N. Colorado 40, Abilene Christian 36
North Dakota 45, Cal Poly 21
Oregon 48, Southern Cal 28
Portland St. 34, E. Washington 31
S. Utah 49, N. Arizona 41
San Diego 28, Butler 27
UC Davis 35, Sacramento St. [illegible]
UCLA 17, Utah 9
Utah St. 31, Nevada 27
Washington 52, Oregon St. [illegible]
Weber St. [illegible], Idaho St. 14

EAST
Colgate 14, Bucknell [illegible]
Dartmouth [illegible], Princeton [illegible]
Duquesne 30, St. Francis (Pa.) 20
Harvard 38, Yale 19
Holy Cross 45, Georgetown [illegible]
Lehigh 49, Lafayette 35
Miami (Ohio) 20, UMass 13
Michigan 28, Penn St. 16
Morehead St. 20, Marist 17
New Hampshire 22, Maine 6
Penn 34, Cornell 21
Pittsburgh 45, Louisville 34
Robert Morris 21, Bryant 20
Rutgers 31, Army 21
Sacred Heart 45, Wagner 17
Stony Brook 20, Albany (NY) 2[illegible]
Temple 31, Memphis 12
Towson 38, Rhode Island 21
UConn 20, Houston 17

Fitzpatrick to face former team when Jets visit Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The New York Jets will start Ryan Fitzpatrick on Sunday against the Houston Texans after he had thumb surgery last week.

In Houston the quarterback situation continues to be an issue and the Texans will start their third different player at the position on Sunday with Brian Hoyer out with a concussion.

With Hoyer out, T.J. Yates will get his first start since he was a rookie on Jan. 15, 2012, when the Texans lost 20-13 to the Ravens in the playoffs. The Texans picked up Brandon Weeden off waivers on Wednesday and he'll back up Yates on Sunday.

For Fitzpatrick, it's a chance to face a former team that traded him after last season. He started 12 games for Houston in 2014.

"The fact that they didn't necessarily want me at the end of the year plays into it a little bit for me, just from the personal standpoint," Fitzpatrick said.

"But it's not a big thing, other than we're out there trying to win a game, get back on track. So the personal stuff has to be set aside and I've got to try to win a football game."

The surgery was to repair a torn ligament on the left thumb of the right-handed quarterback. He played two games with the injury before having surgery last Friday. Fitzpatrick said there are factors other than tolerating the pain that he's dealing with in the wake of the surgery.

"If it was that easy, then for sure there wouldn't an issue," he said. "There's just an issue with — fresh off a surgery, just making sure everything stays clean, the incision and all that. There's a couple different factors that are playing into it."

The Jets are coming off a loss to the Bills and Houston has won two straight, capped by Monday night's victory over previously undefeated Cincinnati.

Yates took over after Hoyer was injured in that one and accounted for the only touchdown of the night with a TD pass to DeAndre Hopkins. He expects playing this week to be a bit easier because he got almost all the snaps with the first team in practice.

"Some of those plays I ran in the game were the first time I've ever run them, period, practice or game," he said. "So you feel more comfortable going in, getting more reps during the week."

Some things to know about the Jets-Texans game.

Associated Press

New York Jets quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick talks to the media after practice at the team's training facility, Wednesday in Florham Park, N.J.

Running woes

The Texans are averaging 87.2 yards rushing this season, which ranks 28th in the league. The challenge to improve the running game will be even more difficult when they face a defense that ranks first in the NFL against the run, allowing 88.1 yards a game. Houston has started Alfred Blue in the two games since Arian Foster was lost for the season, but has managed just 61 yards rushing combined in those games. The Texans will also use Chris Polk and Jonathan Grimes to try to jumpstart the running game.

Dynamic duo

Jets wide receivers Eric Decker and Brandon Marshall have touchdown catches in the same game five times this season. Decker has a team-leading seven, while Marshall has six. Both players are in the top five among NFL wide receivers in touchdowns since 2010, with Marshall (46) in third place and Decker (45) tied with Green Bay's Jordy Nelson for fourth.

Hopkins' health

Hopkins has missed practice this week with a knee injury, but said Thursday that he's fine and will play on Sunday. Hopkins is third in the NFL with 927 yards receiving and his seven touchdown receptions are tied for fourth in the league. "DeAndre's played a lot of football for us, so I think he'll remember the plays and I think he'll be ready to go," O'Brien said.

Banged-up

The Jets were unsure whether they'd have defensive lineman Sheldon Richardson (hamstring) on Sunday. Coach Todd Bowles said Richardson would be a game-time decision. Antonio Cromartie (bruised thigh) missed the Jets' previous game against Buffalo after being hurt early against Jacksonville, but is expected to play Sunday. Safety Calvin Pryor is expected to play after missing three games, and backup running back Bilal Powell could return after sitting for four games — both because of high ankle sprains.

Macc's back

The game marks the return to Houston for Jets general manager Mike Maccagnan, who worked in the Texans front office for 15 years before being hired by New York in January. Maccagnan, Houston's director of college scouting the past four years, worked closely with Texans GM Rick Smith during their time together and counts him as one of the biggest influences on his professional life.

NEW YORK JETS (5-4) AT HOUSTON (4-5)
Sunday, 1 p.m. ET, CBS

OPENING LINE — Jets by 2 1/2

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Jets 5-4, Texans 4-5

SERIES RECORD — Jets lead 5-1

LAST MEETING — Texans beat Jets 23-17, Oct. 8, 2012

LAST WEEK — Bills beat Jets 22-17; Texans beat Bengals 10-6

AP PRO32 RANKING — Jets No. 13, Texans No. 22

JETS OFFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (12), PASS (20).

JETS DEFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (1), PASS (9).

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (28), PASS (7).

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (25), PASS (5).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Jets QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, who had surgery on thumb ligament of left hand on Nov. 13, has thrown at least two touchdown passes in seven of last nine games. He started 12 games for Houston last season and is expected to start Sunday. ... RB Chris Ivory has four touchdowns in his last six games combined. ... WR Brandon Marshall has 25 receptions for 293 yards and one touchdown in three meetings with Texans. ... WR Eric Decker has touchdown catch in eight of his last nine games. ... DE Muhammad Wilkerson has seven sacks, including two last week. ... CB Darrelle Revis leads NFL with six takeaways, including three fumble recoveries and three interceptions. ... LB Demario Davis had his first sack this season last week. ... Houston QB Brian Hoyer has concussion and is questionable for game. ... QB T.J. Yates played first game since September 2014 when he took over for Hoyer in third quarter Monday and threw for winning touchdown to DeAndre Hopkins. ... RB Alfred Blue has averaged 105.5 yards of total offense in last two home starts. ... WR Hopkins is third in the NFL with 927 yards receiving and seven touchdowns. ... LB Brian Cushing leads team with 76 tackles. ... OLB Whitney Mercilus has 5 1/2 sacks in last four games. ... DE J.J. Watt is second in NFL with 9 1/2 sacks. ... Fantasy Tip: Texans WR Nate Washington is healthy and could be good fantasy pickup after grabbing three touchdown receptions in last three games.

Cowboys

From 1C

Manning, Philip Rivers and Andrew Luck.

Rematch

Dolphins defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh will play against the Cowboys for the first time since January, when he and the Detroit Lions lost to Dallas in a wild-card playoff game.

"I haven't really looked too much back to that game," Suh said. "It's over and done with."

Last week at Philadelphia, Suh had his best game since signing a $114 million, six-year contract with Miami. He totaled a sack, eight tackles, three tackles for a loss and three quarterback hurries, and the Dolphins allowed only 2.3 yards per rush.

Suh will likely go head to head with Cowboys 2014 All-Pro guard Zack Martin.

Witten

The Dolphins have had trouble with tight ends all year and were burned last week by the Eagles' Brent Celek for 134 yards on four catches. Now they must deal with Jason Witten, who leads the Cowboys with 49 catches and needs eight more to reach the 1,000 career milestone.

"There have been a lot of great players who come through the Dallas Cowboy organization over the years," Garrett said. "He ranks among the best of them that I've ever been around. And he's arguably as good a guy as I've ever been around, as good a teammate as I've ever been around."

Safety streak

When the Dolphins are backed up deep in their territory, they might want to try a quick kick. They've given up a safety in each of the past three games, the longest such streak since 1980, according to STATS.

Offensive coordinator Bill Lazor managed to smile regarding the subject.

"We're looking to start a streak this week of consecutive games without a safety," he said.

DALLAS (2-7) at MIAMI (4-5)
Sunday, 1 p.m. ET, Fox

OPENING LINE — Dolphins by 1

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cowboys 2-7, Dolphins 4-5

SERIES RECORD — Dolphins lead 7-6

LAST MEETING — Cowboys beat Dolphins 20-19, Nov. 24, 2011

LAST WEEK — Dolphins beat Eagles 20-19; Cowboys lost to Buccaneers 10-6

AP PRO32 RANKING — Dolphins No. 21, Cowboys No. 25

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (25), RUSH (9), PASS (26).

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (15T), PASS (14).

DOLPHINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (19), PASS (17).

DOLPHINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (26), RUSH (31), PASS (20).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Dolphins interim coach Dan Campbell started 30 games at tight end for Cowboys in 2003-05. ... With win, Jason Garrett would earn his 44th regular-season victory, tying Jimmy Johnson for second place in Cowboys history behind Tom Landry, who had 250 wins. ... Since Week 2 of 2014, Cowboys are 15-3 when Tony Romo starts and 0-8 when he doesn't. Romo returns from missing seven games with collarbone injury. ... Cowboys' seven-game losing streak is their longest in single season since 1989. ... Cowboys are tied for third worst in NFL with minus-8 turnover differential. They've recovered only one opposing fumble all year. ... Cowboys tied for second worst in points with 166. ... Miami averages 4.8 yards per rush, fourth in NFL. But Dolphins run only 35 percent of time, third lowest in league. ... Dolphins rank next to last in NFL in third-down conversion (29.5 percent) and last in fourth-down conversion (2 for 12). ... Miami rookie Matt Darr leads NFL with punting average of 49.1 yards. ... Dolphins are allowing average of 6.5 yards on first downs, second worst in league. ... Fantasy Tip: Dolphins rookie RB Jay Ajayi, who has 89 yards in 11 carries since returning from chest injury two weeks ago, might be ready for breakout game.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	0	0	1.000	303	169
Buffalo	5	4	0	556	231	207
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	556	217	184
Miami	4	5	0	444	191	225

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	5	0	444	200	227
Houston	4	5	0	444	184	211
Jacksonville	4	6	0	400	211	268
Tennessee	2	8	0	200	182	233

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	1	0	889	235	152
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	600	236	191
Baltimore	2	7	0	222	210	236
Cleveland	2	8	0	200	186	277

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	2	0	778	205	168
Kansas City	4	5	0	444	224	195
Oakland	4	5	0	444	227	241
San Diego	2	7	0	222	210	249

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	500	273	253
Washington	4	5	0	444	205	209
Philadelphia	4	5	0	444	212	184
Dallas	2	7	0	222	166	214

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	9	0	0	1.000	255	175
Atlanta	6	3	0	667	229	190
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	444	191	237
New Orleans	4	6	0	400	255	315

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	2	0	778	198	154
Green Bay	6	3	0	667	219	185
Chicago	4	5	0	444	199	234
Detroit	2	7	0	222	167	261

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	2	0	778	302	185
St. Louis	4	5	0	444	166	183
Seattle	4	5	0	444	199	179
San Francisco	3	6	0	333	126	223

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville 19, Tennessee 13

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets at Houston, noon
Denver at Chicago, noon
Oakland at Detroit, noon
Indianapolis at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, noon
St. Louis at Baltimore, noon
Dallas at Miami, noon
Washington at Carolina, noon
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Cleveland, N.Y. Giants, New Orleans, Pittsburgh

Monday's Game
Buffalo at New England, 7:30 p.m.

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Detroit / Carolina at Dallas
Chicago at Green Bay / NY Giants at Washington
St. Louis at Cincinnati / New Orleans at Houston
Pittsburgh at Seattle / San Diego at Jacksonville
Buffalo at Kansas City / Alabama at Auburn
Oakland at Tennessee / Texas Tech at Texas
Arizona at San Francisco / Notre Dame at Stanford
New England at Denver / Ohio State at Michigan

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Jeff Gordon chases 5th championship before retirement

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — It's a Hall of Fame career that includes four championships, 93 victories and more than $150 million in winnings. He's got a beautiful family, a reputation as one of the good guys and a popularity that transcends NASCAR.

Gordon

Now Jeff Gordon has a chance to write the ultimate Hollywood ending to what's already an illustrious career.

Gordon will retire after Sunday's season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, where he pushed aside a season of mediocrity and clawed his way into the championship picture. A win this month at Martinsville Speedway — the only victory of his 23rd season — put Gordon in the field of four who will race for the Sprint Cup title.

In this winner-take-all format, Gordon simply has to finish higher than reigning champion Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. to capture the fifth title that has eluded him for 14 years. Capturing his first title since 2001 in his final race would put Gordon in an elite group of athletes who went out on top: John Elway, David Robinson, Jerome Bettis and Bill Russell, just to name a few.

Asked where winning the title on his final day of work would rank in career that stamped him on the short list of all-time greats, Gordon was left speechless.

"Is that even a question? That's crazy. I mean, that's life changing," he said. "I'm sure it's been done in some sport, but I don't think it's ever been done in this sport. You know, right now I'm not even thinking and fathoming that. That's too much for me to think about. I have no idea. It would be the best one I ever did, I can tell you that."

Gordon beat long odds just to race for a championship. Last year was the season he could have — maybe even should have — won title number five. But he was eliminated from the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship a week before the finale in a crushing end to his best season in at least seven years.

He announced in January that this year would be his last in the iconic No. 24 Chevrolet, and most everyone believed he'd cap this final ride with another amazing year on the track.

Instead, this farewell tour had been just OK, and when he slipped through to the third round of NASCAR's playoffs, he was winless on the year. Then a feud between Matt Kenseth and Joey Logano handed Gordon the biggest gift in a season in which he's been presented with mementos at nearly every track.

Logano was headed toward a win at Martinsville until Kenseth deliberately wrecked him. It opened the door for Gordon to grab his ninth career Martinsville victory and an automatic berth into Sunday's final four. He celebrated that win as if it was the first victory of his career. Always known for his emotion, Gordon was in tears when he embraced wife, Ingrid, and children Ella and Leo. Most of his career achievements came before he married his wife, and his family has never experienced a championship.

That win turned the final three weeks of his career into a whirlwind of party planning and preparing to host family and friends on Sunday. With anticipation growing, Gordon needed three police escorts to navigate the crowd smothering his Hendrick Motorsports crew and car on Saturday.

Michael Waltrip Racing set for final NASCAR race

By Dan Gelson
Associated Press

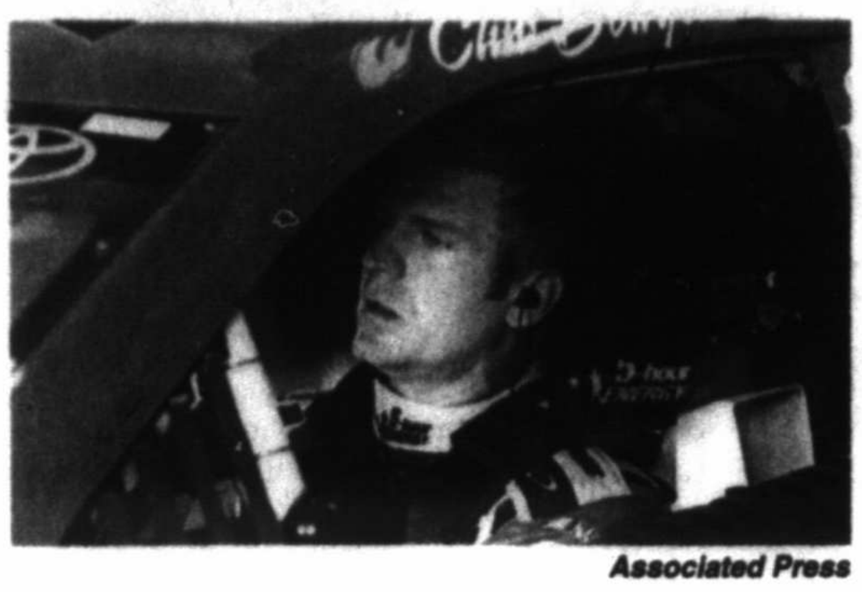
HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Clint Bowyer wanted the epilogue on Michael Waltrip Racing to focus more on the good times and good people than the missteps that affected the organization since its start.

Jet fuel scandal. Race manipulation. Chase probation.

All were part of the fabric of the MWR story.

MWR's rocky nine full years in operation ends Sunday when the organization folds, leaving a checkered past behind as the key players move on from a disheartening final season.

Team co-owner Rob Kauffman has invested in Chip Ganassi Racing beginning next season. Bowyer moves on to a one-year stint at HScott Motorsports before he replaces Tony Stewart in 2017. David Ragan needs a ride. Brian Vickers' career is on hiatus because of blood clots. Waltrip also has a broadcasting career.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Clint Bowyer sits in his car before the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice auto race, Saturday at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

"Sunday it'll be hard, but I'll choose to smile," Waltrip tweeted. "We were underdogs who nearly survived in a grownups world. Ultimately we didn't win it all."

Setting a tone that followed the team for years, MWR found trouble at the start of the 2007 season in the Daytona 500. Waltrip's own car failed inspection when a suspicious substance was found in the Camry's intake manifold. NASCAR determined it was a fuel additive and kicked out competition director Bobby Kennedy and crew chief David Hyder.

In 2013, NASCAR determined that MWR manipulated the outcome of the race at Richmond in a bid to get Martin Truex Jr. into the Chase and slapped it with heavy penalties.

Greenwood, Andrews players take postseason honors

From staff reports

Three Greenwood and Andrews volleyball players received superlative or first team selections on the All-District 4-4A volleyball recently released.

Andrews senior setter Taylor Bailey was named the district's Outstanding Setter. Rangerettes' sophomore outside hitter Caity Payne and Andrews senior middle blocker Sarah Ives earned selections to the first team.

Monahans' Caroline Cutbirth was chosen as the district's Most Valuable Player. Sabrina Williams of Fort Stockton was named the Outstanding Hitter, while Seminole's Lindsey Wimmer was recognized as the district's Outstanding Defensive Player. Taylor Roberts, of Seminole, was picked as the Newcomer of the Year.

Monahans coach Candace Barnett was named the district's Coach of the Year after coaching the Lady Loboes to the District 4-4A title in 2015.

2015 ALL-DISTRICT 4-4A VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Most Valuable Player: Caroline Cutbirth, Jr., Monahans
Outstanding Hitter: Sabrina Williams, Sr., Fort Stockton
Outstanding Setter: Taylor Bailey, Sr., Andrews
Outstanding Defensive Player: Lindsey Wimmer, Sr., Seminole
Newcomer of the Year: Taylor Roberts, So., Seminole
Coach of the Year: Candace Barnett, Monahans

First Team
Brogan Purser, Jr., Seminole; Sarah Ives, Sr., Andrews; Hailey Slade, Sr., Monahans; Amber Corral, Jr., Fort Stockton; Vilarreal, Jr., Fort Stockton; Caity Payne, So., Greenwood; McKylie Irons, Sr., Monahans; Jaylin Burleson, So., Pecos

Second Team
Lexi De La Cruz, Jr., Andrews; Victoria Arriaga, Jr., Fort Stockton; Payslee Sims, So., Greenwood; Mya Fuentes, Jr., Monahans; Shelbi Holly, Sr., Monahans; Jodie Vaughn, So., Seminole; Lexee Shain, Sr., Seminole; Danielle Hernandez, Sr., Pecos

Don't miss today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram to check out the weekly
OIL REPORT
to get your fix of energy news from around the Basin and beyond.

LINEUPS AND RESULTS

NASCAR

Sprint Cup-Ford EcoBoost 400 Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 176.655 mph
2. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 176.263
3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 176.062
4. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 175.347
5. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 175.291
6. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 175.143
7. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 173.063
8. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 175.046
9. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 174.678
10. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 174.633
11. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 174.498
12. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 174.098
13. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 175.444
14. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 175.404
15. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 175.365
16. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 175.279
17. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 175.239
18. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 175.239
19. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 175.211
20. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 174.859
21. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 174.419
22. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 174.34
23. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 174.059
24. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 172.651
25. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 174.848
26. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 174.115
27. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 173.829
28. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 173.723
29. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 173.65
30. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 173.399
31. (26) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 173.199
32. (32) Josh Wise, Ford, 172.833
33. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 172.75
34. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 172.618
35. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 172.463
36. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 172.276
37. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, Owner Points
38. (55) David Ragan, Toyota, Owner Points
39. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points
40. (35) Cole Whitt, Ford, Owner Points
41. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, Owner Points
42. (34) Brett Moffitt, Ford, Owner Points
43. (98) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, Owner Points

Failed to Qualify

44. (23) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 170.084
45. (62) Reed Sorenson, Toyota, 169.545

XFINITY-Ford EcoBoost 300 Results
Saturday
At Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (9) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200 laps, 0 points, $85,343.
2. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 0, $62,858.
3. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 200, 0, $57,863.
4. (4) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 200, 40, $48,941.
5. (5) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 39, $42,390.
6. (2) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 38, $37,076.
7. (10) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 37, $32,254.
8. (13) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 36, $32,524.
9. (14) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 200, 35, $30,930.
10. (21) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 200, 34, $33,365.
11. (11) Chris Buescher, Ford, 200, 33, $29,785.
12. (6) Aric Almirola, Ford, 199, 0, $23,580.
13. (8) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 199, 31, $29,229.
14. (16) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 199, 30, $28,918.
15. (19) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 199, 29, $29,156.
16. (20) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 199, 28, $28,846.
17. (17) Ryan Reed, Ford, 199, 27, $28,459.
18. (25) Blake Koch, Toyota, 199, 26, $28,323.
19. (24) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 199, 25, $28,161.
20. (18) Ben Rhodes, Chevrolet, 198, 24, $28,550.
21. (15) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 198, 23, $27,940.
22. (22) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 198, 22, $27,825.
23. (12) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 198, 21, $27,687.
24. (28) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 197, 20, $27,576.
25. (33) David Starr, Toyota, 197, 19, $27,565.
26. (26) Mason Mingus, Chevrolet, 195, 0, $27,304.
27. (30) Anthony Kumpen, Chevrolet, 193, 17, $21,193.
28. (34) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 192, 0, $21,072.
29. (36) Eric McClure, Toyota, 190, 15, $26,921.
30. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 185, 0, $28,110.
31. (37) Josh Reaume, Chevrolet, 185, 13, $20,679.
32. (29) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, ignition, 180, 12, $26,568.
33. (40) Tim Viens, Dodge, 156, 0, $26,528.
34. (31) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, suspension, 88, 10, $26,466.
35. (39) Derek White, Dodge, engine, 81, 9, $26,416.
36. (38) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, engine, 59, 8, $24,246.
37. (23) Mike Bliss, Toyota, vibration, 44, 8, $23,246.
38. (32) B.J. McLeod, Chevrolet, vibration, 36, 0, $16,246.
39. (35) T.J. Bell, Toyota, vibration, 23, 0, $15,246.
40. (27) Jeff Green, Toyota, transmission, 3, 4, $14,246.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 128.266 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 20 minutes, 20 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.934 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 26 laps.
Lead Changes: 13 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Busch 1-27; M.Bliss 28; K.Busch 29-30; K.Larson 31-33; K.Busch 34-63; K.Larson 64-78; K.Busch 79-81; K.Larson 82-142; E.Jones 143; K.Larson 144-145; K.Busch 146-147; K.Larson 148-179; A.Dillon 180-195; K.Larson 196-200.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 6 times for 118 laps; K.Busch, 5 times for 64 laps; A.Dillon, 1 time for 16 laps; E.Jones, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Bliss, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Buescher, 1,190; 2. C.Elliott, 1,175; 3. T.Dillon, 1,172; 4. R.Smith, 1,168; 5. D.Suarez, 1,078; 6. E.Sadler, 1,075; 7. D.Wallace Jr., 1,071; 8. B.Scott, 1,032; 9. B.Gaughan, 1,012; 10. R.Reed, 902.

Niemi gets 2nd shutout and Stars beat Sabres 3-0

Associated Press

DALLAS — Antti Niemi got his second shutout this season, Jamie Benn scored two third-period goals and the Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 3-0 on Saturday night for their fifth straight win.

Niemi made 22 saves to shut down a Sabres team that has only scored four goals in their last four games.

Benn's first goal was at 7:11 on the power play after the Stars failed to score on their first four power plays. He scored again at 9:04, and Tyler Seguin assisted on both goals.

Antoine Roussel celebrated his 26th birthday by giving Dallas a 1-0 lead 6:22 into the first. All four of his goals this season have come at home.

Buffalo's Chad Johnson made 29 saves, including 15 in the third period. The Sabres are 3-2-2 in their last seven games, with both regulation losses to Dallas.

Benn moved into the NHL lead with 14 goals, and John Klingberg took over the lead with his 19th assist on Roussel's goal. Both passed Chicago's Patrick Kane. He leads the NHL in points and entered a game later Saturday night at Vancouver with 13 goals and 18 assists.

Roussel took a long pass from Klingberg at the red line and skated to the top of the left faceoff circle. From there, he sent a wrist shot off defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen's stick and under the glove of a surprised Johnson.

Dallas failed to score on four power plays, and Buffalo on one during a defensive-minded second, when each team had only five shots on goal.

Buffalo had a 5-on-3 advantage for 54 seconds extending into the second period, but couldn't score. The Stars didn't even have a shot on goal during their first power play 4 minutes into the second. The Sabres' Evander Kane served a double minor for high sticking, but Dallas couldn't score.

Dallas had a 3-on-1 rush on its last power play of the second, but it ended with a shot wide of the net.

The Stars finally connected after Johnson stopped Benn's tip-in attempt, but left the rebound in front. Dallas' captain put the puck on his forehand and put a wrist shot in the net. Benn's second goal came on a pass across the slot from Seguin.

NOTES: After the goal by Roussel, a native of France, the PA system played the opening lines of La Marseillais. His 38 career goals are the most by any French national. ... Dallas entered the game with the NHL's second-best power play at 28 percent, and Buffalo was third at 23 percent. ... Stars D Jordie Benn (illness) missed the game, and D Jason Demers (lower-body injury) didn't play after the second period. .... Niemi has 34 career shutouts.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	21	15	4	2	32	74	48
Ottawa	20	10	5	5	25	61	57
Detroit	21	11	8	2	24	49	52
Tampa Bay	22	10	9	3	23	53	50
Boston	19	10	8	1	21	62	56
Florida	20	8	8	4	20	54	53
Buffalo	20	8	10	2	18	43	55
Toronto	21	7	10	4	18	48	58

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	20	15	3	2	32	63	38
Washington	19	13	5	1	27	61	44
Pittsburgh	20	12	8	0	24	45	46
N.Y. Islanders	20	10	7	3	23	57	49
New Jersey	19	10	8	1	21	47	48
Philadelphia	20	6	9	5	17	35	58
Columbus	21	8	13	0	16	52	66
Carolina	19	6	10	3	15	36	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	17	4	0	34	74	50
St. Louis	21	13	6	2	28	57	52
Minnesota	19	11	5	3	25	57	51
Nashville	19	11	5	3	25	53	48
Chicago	20	11	7	2	24	54	49
Winnipeg	21	10	9	2	22	57	65
Colorado	20	7	12	1	15	56	61

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	19	12	7	0	24	48	41
San Jose	20	12	8	0	24	54	48
Arizona	20	10	9	1	21	55	59
Vancouver	20	7	[illegible]	6	20	58	54
Anaheim	21	7	10	4	18	38	55
Calgary	21	8	12	1	17	50	75
Edmonton	20	7	12	1	15	55	63

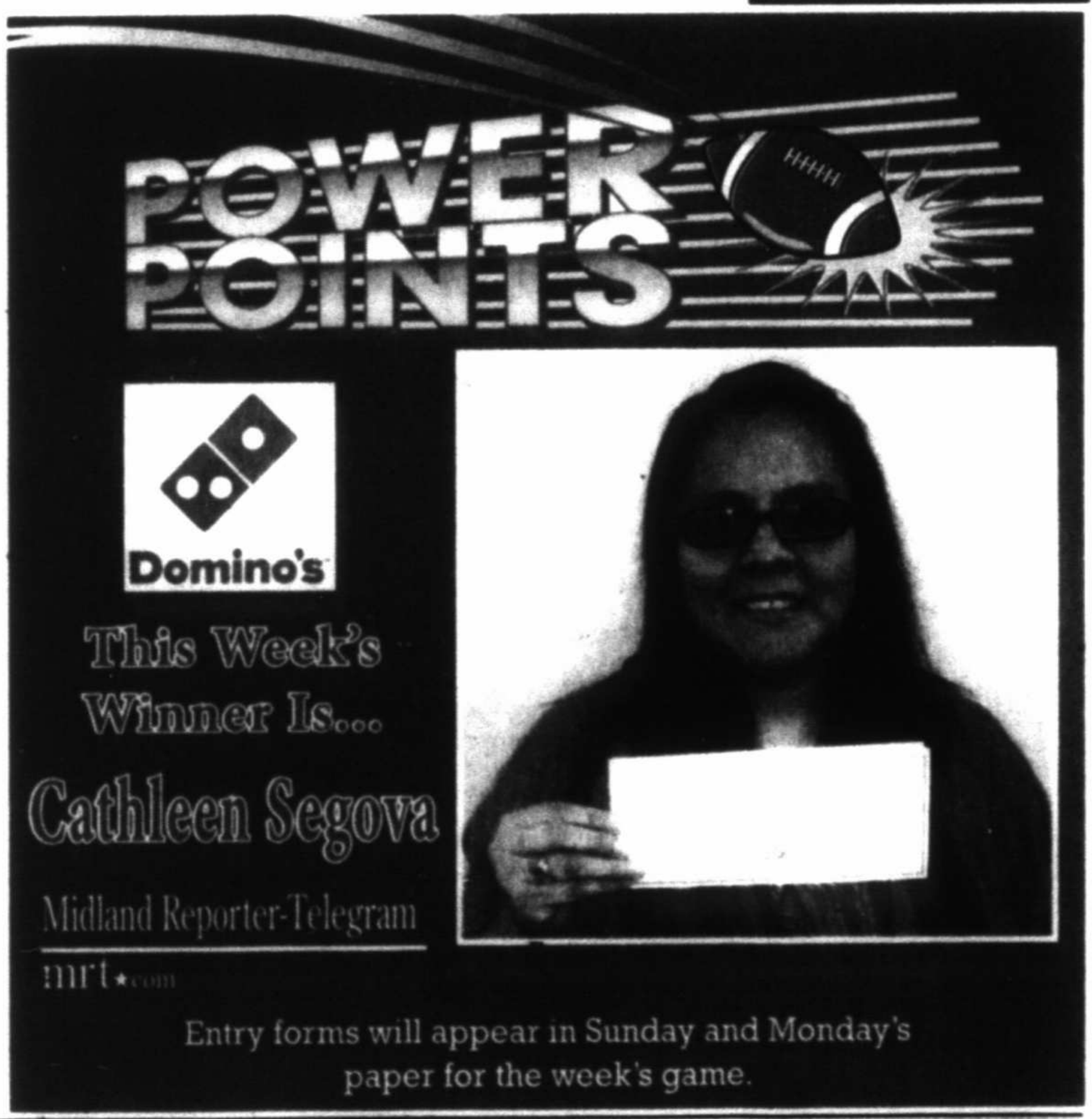
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Toronto 2, Carolina 1, SO
Columbus 4, Nashville 0
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Calgary 2, Chicago 1, OT
Edmonton 5, New Jersey 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Los Angeles at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
St. Louis at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.



NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PELICANS 104, SPURS 90

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 20 points and 18 rebounds in his return from a sore shoulder, and New Orleans beat San Antonio for its second victory of the season.

Ryan Anderson hit six 3-pointers and scored 30 points for the second straight game. Ish Smith had 17 points and 13 assists for New Orleans (2-11), which snapped a five-game skid.

Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points for San Antonio, which lost for only the third time this season and had its six-game winning streak snapped. LaMarcus Aldridge left briefly in the first quarter after twisting his left ankle, but returned and finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

MAVERICKS 102, JAZZ 93

DALLAS — Deron Williams scored a season-high 23 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 19 and Dallas beat Utah for its sixth straight victory.The Mavericks led 92-87 when Williams hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game. He then grabbed a defensive rebound and assisted on a jumper by Nowitzki. Williams, who played his first 5 1/2 NBA seasons with the Jazz, also had eight assists and a season-high six rebounds.

Nowitzki was 8 of 12 from the field and made all three of his 3-point attempts.

Gordon Hayward scored 22 points for Utah.

WARRIORS 106, BULLS 94

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry scored 27 points and the defending champion Golden State Warriors moved within one victory of matching the best start in NBA history, holding off the Chicago Bulls 106-94 on Friday night to improve to 14-0.

The league's last undefeated team ran its franchise-record home winning streak to 26 games by beating a Chicago team that is the last to win at Oracle Arena during the regular season, way back in late January.

Golden State equaled the 1957-58 Celtics as the only defending champions to win their initial 14 games. The Warriors are one of five teams in NBA history to begin 14-0, and will travel to Denver looking to keep it going Sunday.

Harrison Barnes added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Warriors in a game featuring 18 lead changes and 17 ties.

Jimmy Butler had 28 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Bulls.

SUNS 114, NUGGETS 107

DENVER — Brandon Knight scored a career-high 38 points, Eric Bledsoe had 22 and Phoenix overcame a 17-point deficit to beat Denver.

The Suns trailed most of the game but went ahead early in the fourth quarter with an 11-0 run. Jon Leuer's 3-pointer made it 89-88, Knight hit another 3, and Mirza Teletovic's putback made it 94-88.

Teletovic and Knight had consecutive 3-pointers to make it 102-92 with 4:26 remaining.

Knight scored 17 points in the fourth to lead the comeback.

Rookie guard Emmanuel Mudiay led Denver with a career-high 26 points, and Gary Harris also set a career best with 20.

TRAIL BLAZERS 102, CLIPPERS 91

PORTLAND, Ore. — Damian Lillard had 27 points, including three key 3-pointers down the stretch, and Portland beat Los Angeles to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Lillard's 3-pointer with 3 ½ minutes left gave Portland a 90-85 lead. Blake Griffin answered with a basket on the other end, but Lillard made another 3, and added the third with 1:46 remaining.

CJ McCollum added 18 points for the Blazers, and Mason Plumlee added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Griffin led Los Angeles with 21 points. Jamal Crawford made five 3-pointers and finished with 20.

KNICKS 93, THUNDER 90

OKLAHOMA CITY — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and New York beat Oklahoma City for its third straight victory.

The Thunder rallied from a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but Dion Waiters' potential tying shot rattled out at the buzzer.

Arron Afflalo scored 14 points, and Lance Thomas added 12 for the Knicks.

Russell Westbrook led Oklahoma City with 34 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, but the NBA's No. 3 scorer made just 11 of 29 shots and went 2 of 10 on 3-pointers. Oklahoma City fell to 2-3 without Kevin Durant. He sat out with a strained left hamstring.

HORNETS 113, 76ERS 88

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Al Jefferson had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Charlotte beat winless Philadelphia.

The 76ers dropped to 0-13 and haven't won since last March 27. They have dropped 23 in a row overall and are nearing the NBA record for longest losing streak that they already share.

The Hornets improved to 7-6, and are now 5-1 at home after winning their last five home contests.

Point guard Kemba Walker added 20 points and seven assists for Charlotte.

Nerlens Noel led the Sixers with 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting.

GRIZZLIES 96, ROCKETS 84

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley scored 26 points, Marc Gasol had 16 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, and Memphis beat Houston.

Matt Barnes finished with 12 points and Mario Chalmers added 10 to help Memphis won its fourth straight.

James Harden led the Rockets with 22 points, but missed six of his seven shots from beyond the arc. Trevor Ariza had 19 points, and Dwight aHoward had 12 points and 15 rebounds. The Rockets have lost five of their last six, going 1-1 since Kevin McHale was fired and J.B. Bickerstaff took over as interim coach.

RAPTORS 102, LAKERS 91

LOS ANGELES — Kyle Lowry had 25 points, DeMar DeRozan scored seven of his 18 in the final 3:34, and Toronto beat Los Angeles to snap a three-game skid.

Raptors starting center Jonas Valanciunas broke a bone in his left (non-shooting) hand when Kobe Bryant fouled him under the Toronto basket in the final minute of the first half.

Terrence Ross, who signed a three-year, $33 million contract extension with the Raptors on Nov. 2, had eight points in 14 minutes after missing six games because of a sprained ligament in his left thumb.

Julius Randle had 18 points for the Lakers.

PISTONS 96, TIMBERWOLVES 86

MINNEAPOLIS — Andre Drummond had 21 points and 11 rebounds to help lift Detroit past Minnesota.

Marcus Morris had 16 points and 11 rebounds and the scuffling Pistons grinded out a victory after losing four of their previous five games. Reggie Jackson scored 18 points, including two tough drives to the in the final 3 minutes to help hold off a late charge from Minnesota.

Andrew Wiggins scored 21 points and Karl-Anthony Towns had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves. They are 0-6 at home.

CELTICS 120, NETS 95

BOSTON — Avery Bradley scored 21 points and Isaiah Thomas added 18 points and nine assists in Boston's victory over Brooklyn.

The Celtics shot 62 percent in the first half and ran away with the game in the second quarter when they went 18 for 21 from the field (86 percent) and closed with a 26-7 run. Thomas scored all 14 of his first-half points — including four 3-pointers — during that stretch.

WNIT

From 1C

the things they need to work to become one of the elite teams in junior college women's basketball.

"If we learn from that, it would be great," Jones said. "I told (the team) that we have beaten some good teams in the last week but we've done it the wrong way. We're getting outrebounded and we're turning the ball over too much. If we get those things corrected, then there's' really no limit to where we can be."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
At Chaparral Center
Friday's scores
7th Place Game
Mesa CC 71, Garden City CC 68
Consolation Championship
Odessa College 64, McLennan CC 62
Third Place Game
Trinity Valley CC 75, Iowa Western 61
Championship Game
Salt Lake CC 74, Midland College 54
WNIT All-Tournament Team
MVP, Tilar Clark, Salt Lake CC

Sierra Dixon, Midland College; Kayla Bretherton, Midland College; Monique Mills, Salt Lake CC; Iva Georgieva, Salt Lake CC; Shala Dobbins, Garden City CC; Blaire Thomas, Iowa Western CC; Tayla Taylor, McLennan CC; Mesa CC Taylor Reed, Mesa CC; Shelby Richards, Odessa College; Maya Singleton, Trinity Valley CC

SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT BOXES
NO. 7 SALT LAKE CC 74, NO. 20 MIDLAND COLLEGE 54

Salt Lake (7-0) - Sydnee Taylor 3-8 1-1 7, Tianna Dougher 0-1 0-0 0, Monique Mills 8-19 1-2 23, Tilar Clark 6-16 1-1 16, Iva Georgieva 3-8 0-0 9, Dominique Mills 2-4 0-2 4, Shyan Adams 0-0 0-0 0, Karina Brandon 2-3 0-0 4, Elsa Glantz 1-6 0-0 2, Annie Brady 1-3 0-2 2, Ashlynn Smith 1-1 1-2 3, Ma'ata Epenisa 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 29-72 4-10 74.

Midland College (9-2) - Morgan Ashton 2-7 2-2 8, Tae'lor Hodge 1-3 0-0 2, Sierra Dixon 4-15 0-0 12, Toni Taylor 0-1 0-0 0, Tischina Coleman 0-2 0-0 0, Walnatia Wright 7-15 0-4 14, Bayli Bowles 1-3 0-0 2, Kayla Bretherton 1-4 4-6 7, Teneshia Dixon 1-2 1-3 3, Lisa Kaempf 1-6 4-4 6. Totals 18-58 11-19 54.

Salt Lake CC	19	18	24	13	—74
Midland College	4	13	15	22	—54

3-point goals - SLCC 12-32 (M. Mills 6-15, Clark 3-6, Georgieva 3-5, Glantz 0-4, D. Mills 0-1, Taylor 0-1); MC 7-24 (S. Dixon 4-11, Ashton 2-6, Bretherton 1-2, Hodge 0-2, Taylor 0-1, Kaempf 0-1). Total fouls - SLCC 21, MC 12. Fouled out — None. Rebounds - SLCC 52 (Clark 9), MC 37 (S. Dixon 7, Wright 7). Turnovers - SLCC 15, MC 16.

THIRD PLACE GAME
NO. 2 TRINITY VALLEY CC 75, IOWA WESTERN CC 61

Iowa Western (5-2) - Betty Akathiotou 0-3 0-0 0, Tantashea Giger 1-6 0-2 2, Lady Adepoju 0-0 0-0 0, Katie Cunningha 2-8 4-4 9, Alicia Mountain 1-4 0-0 3, Taylah Howard 0-1 0-0 0, Melis Uear 1-1 0-0 3, Chenelle Pelle 5-13 2-4 12, Kendra Hicks 1-6 5-6 8, Citlali Lopez 0-2 0-0 0, Destiny Harris 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 20-66 17-26 61.

Trinity Valley CC (4-1) - Troi Swan 2-5 2-4 7, Christalah Lyons 3-10 3-3 9, Noel Kellets 0-1 0-0 0, Naomi Davenport 4-10 2-4 12, Maya Singleton 7-13 4-4 18, Malaysia McHenry 6-13 1-3 16, Alisa Washington 0-1 0-0 0, Leah Mathis 2-6 0-0 4, Rainey Kuykendall 3-4 3-4 9. Totals 27-63 15-22 76.

Iowa Western	10	20	15	16	—61
Trinity Valley	18	18	19	20	—75

3-point goals - IWCC 4 (Cunningham, Mountain, Uear, Hicks), TVCC 6 (McHenry 3, Davenport 2, Swan). Total fouls - IWCC 18, TVCC 19. Fouled out - None. Rebounds - IWCC 36 (Adepoju 8), TVCC 55 (Davenport 12, McHenry 12).

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP
NO. 23 ODESSA COLLEGE 64, MCLENNAN CC 62

McLennan CC (3-7) - Kiana Martin 1-9 1-4 3, Breana Stoner 0-0 0-0 0, Kyera Coleman 1-7 2-2 5, Daniel Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Victoria Seay 2-5 0-0 5, Diamond Ervin 4-9 2-3 11, Ariana Sanders 3-10 1-1 9, Tayla Taylor 7-13 4-5 18, Tori Thompson 1-2 0-0 2, Caylinne Martin 4-9 1-2 9. Totals 23-64 11-17 62.

Odessa College (8-2) - Jasmine Jones 2-10 0-0 5, Montana Wigfall 0-3 0-0 0, Sadie Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Lauren Newman 1-8 5-6 7, Kristian Dewitt 4-13 2-2 13, Daniela Molinar 0-0 0-0 0, Shelby Richards 5-14 2-2 13, Sam Martin 1-3 0-0 2, Jaqayza Cleveland 4-7 1-1 11, Anna Djedjemel 3-11 0-0 7, Lorena Hubbard 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 23-75 10-11 64.

McLennan CC	9	24	15	14	—62
Odessa College	24	6	20	14	—64

3-point goals - MCC 5 (Sanders 2, Johnson, Seay, Ervin), OC 8 (Dewitt 3, Cleveland 2, Richards, Jones, Djedjemel). Total fouls - MCC 11, OC 14. Fouled out - None. Rebounds - MCC 50 (Stoner 8, Taylor 8), OC 47 (Hubbard 12).

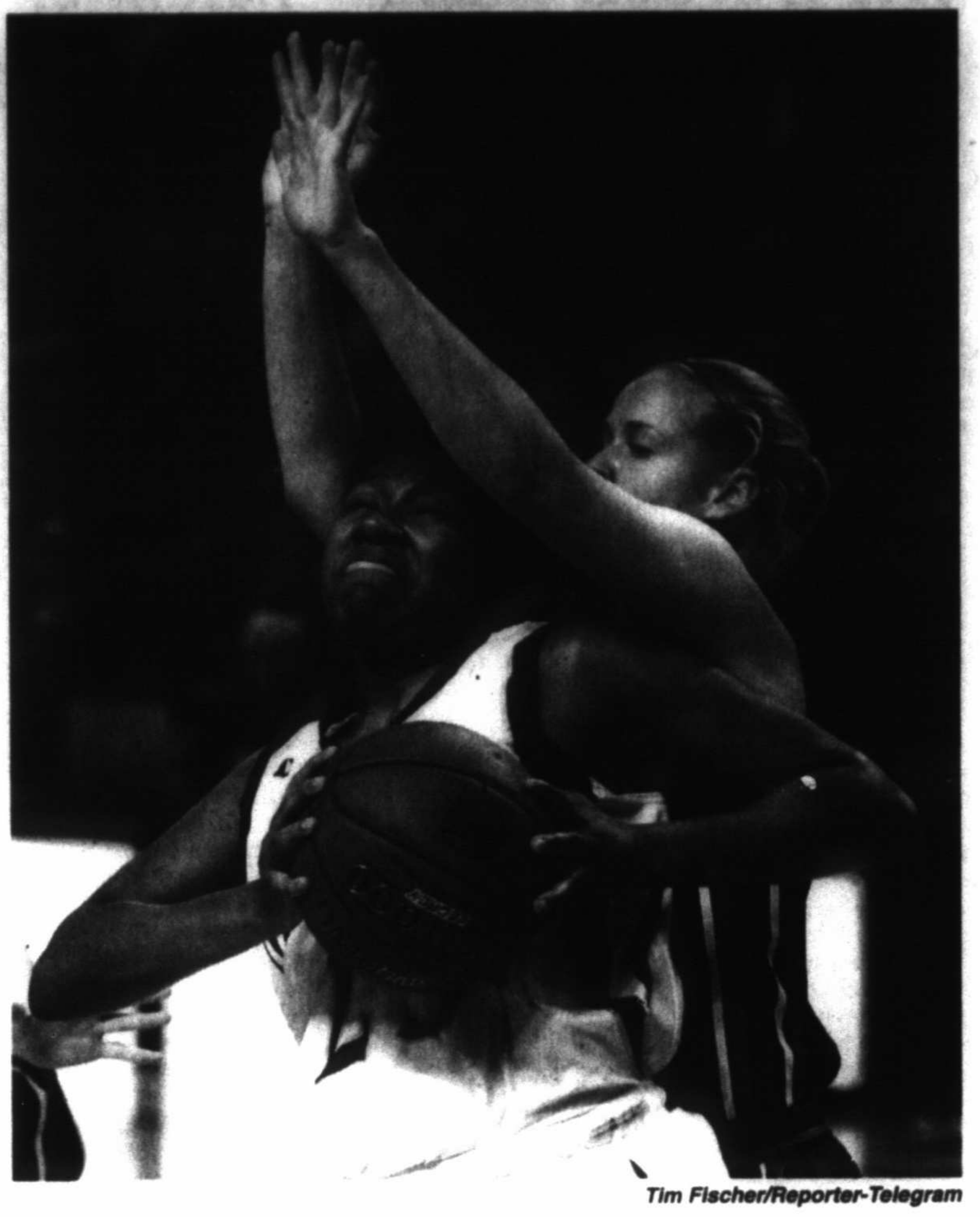
SEVENTH PLACE GAME
MESA CC 71, GARDEN CITY CC 68

Mesa CC (1-4) - Sham Trouple 1-7 2-4 4, Briana Clah 5-8 11-12 22, Ashle Burns 0-1 0-0 0, Natalie Stillwell 3-6 0-0 6, Janessa Aukward 3-9 2-2 9, Taylor Reed 12-16 2-4 26, Rebecca Rudd 0-3 0-0 0, Destinee Wright 1-5 0-0 2, Allies Fuller 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 25-57 19-24 71.

Garden City CC (4-5) - Jenna Clasen 4-8 2-3 13, Leon'Dra Hawkins 0-0 0-0 0, Kavita Akula 1-5 0-0 3, Shela Dobbins 9-20 11-11 29, Jaymie Bernbeck 1-4 2-2 9, Donisja Scott 3-6 2-2 9, Exsence Duhart 1-1 0-0 2, Angel Muir 1-1 0-0 2, Dominique Maxwell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-56 17-23 68.

Mesa CC	17	16	20	18	—71
Garden City CC	16	22	15	15	—68

3-point goals - Mesa 2 (Clah, Aukward), GCCC 5 (Clasen 3, Akula, Scott). Total fouls - Mesa 21, GCCC 20. Fouled out - Bernbeck. Rebounds - Mesa 40 (Clah 6), GCCC 31 (Lewis 8).



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tichina Coleman tries to put a shot up as Salt Lake's Sydnee Taylor defends Saturday in the championship game of the 6th annual Women's NIT at MC.

Chaps notch eighth straight win

From staff reports

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Midland College men's basketball team won its eighth straight game Saturday night with a 93-89 victory over host County Community College at the Days Inn Classic.

The Chaparrals (8-1) took a 54-47 lead at the half and then held on against the Saints.

No statistics were available at press time.

MC next heads to Tucson, Arizona, to play Pima Community College at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

BOYS
TRINITY 44, VERIBEST 43 (OT)

WESTBROOK — The Trinity boys basketball team edged Veribest, 44-43 in overtime on Saturday to conclude their play in the Westbrook Tournament.

Trinity (3-2) freshman Evan Witt scored the game-tying layup at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. The Chargers outscored Veribest 6-2 in the fourth quarter and then 4-3 in overtime.

Benjamin Witt led the Chargers with a game-high 13 points, while Luke Hartzer added 11.

TRINITY 44, VERIBEST 43 (OT)

Trinity (3-2) — Evan Witt 4, Ryan Armendariz 2, Greg Shipkey 8, Luke Hartzer 11, Benjamin Witt 13, Anthony Dragun 6.

Veribest — Briley 4, Barnes 4, Warren 2, Tapia 10, Colt Flavel 2, Colin Flavel 9, Bolen 4, Schaefer 8.

Trinity	9	8	17	6	4 —44
Veribest	7	13	18	2	3 —43

Free throws — Trinity 8-14, Veribest 5-10. 3-point goals — Trinity 0, Veribest 4 (Tapia, Colin Flavel 3). Total fouls — Trinity 20, Veribest 11. Fouled out — Evan Witt.

Next: Trinity vs. TBA at Rankin Tournament Dec. 3.

GIRLS
BIG SPRING 51, ANDREWS 46

ANDREWS — The Andrews girls basketball team was unable to hold a 29-21 hafltime lead as Big Spring charged back to top the Mustangs, 51-46 in non-district action on Saturday.

The Lady Steers used a 13-4 run in the third quarter to get back into the game and then outscored Andrews, 17-13 in the final quarter. The Lady Mustangs finished the night 2-for-8 from the free throw line.

Mikyla Alvidrez led Andrews with 17 points in the loss.

BIG SPRING 51, ANDREWS 46

Big Spring — Ramsey 7, Mays 17, Alexander 17, Edwards 9, Ruiz 1.

Andrews — Myranda Bejarano 8, Taylor Bailey 11, Kataya Baza 2, Rylee Diaz 4, Mikyla Alvidrez 17, Janey Leach 4.

Big Spring	9	12	13	17 —51
Andrews	17	12	4	13 —46

Free throws — Big Spring 12-25, Andrews 2-8. 3-point goals — Big Spring 7 (Alexander 3, Ramsey 2, Edwards 2), Andrews 2 (Bejarano 2). Total fouls — Big Spring 9, Andrews 20. Fouled out — Johnson (Andrews).

Next: Coahoma at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Monday; Andrews at Slaton, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Saturday's games

SOUTHWEST
Houston 97, Florida A&M 52
S. Dakota St. 76, TCU 67
S. Illinois 86, Sam Houston St. 81, OT
Texas 67, Texas A&M-CC 56
Texas A&M 75, UNC Asheville 47
MIDWEST
Albion 86, Berea 84
Aquinas 55, Lourdes 52, OT
Bethel (Minn.) 83, Wis.-La Crosse 76
Cardinal Stritch 63, Viterbo 58
Carroll (Wis.) 65, Wis.-Eau Claire 59
Carthage 59, Northland 56
Central 88, Bethany Lutheran 65
Chattanooga 81, Illinois 77
Chicago St. 81, Trinity (Ill.) 70
Columbia (Mo.) 72, Lyon 42
Concordia (Mich.) 71, Northwestern Ohio 60
Cornerstone 82, Madonna 61
Dayton 69, William & Mary 66
Doane 86, Mount Marty 71
Evansville 93, Belmont 88
FAU 75, Miami (Ohio) 69
Ferris St. 102, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 86
Gustavus 71, Simpson (Iowa) 62
Hope 68, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 56
IPFW 87, SIU-Edwardsville 67
IUPUI 86, Kentucky St. 82
Illinois St. 72, Houston Baptist 56
Indiana-Kokomo 67, Michigan-Dearborn 56
Kent St. 79, Marist 72
Loyola of Chicago 69, Toledo 62
Maranatha Baptist 81, Crown (Minn.) 77
Marian (Wis.) 85, North Central (Minn.) 75
MidAm Nazarene 76, Baker 71
N. Illinois 100, Eureka 52
N. Iowa 71, North Carolina 67
Northeastern 79, Lipscomb 67
Northwestern (Minn.) 83, Concordia (Moor.) 64
Notre Dame 83, Mass.-Lowell 57
Park 90, St. Louis Pharmacy 60
Peru St. 87, Central Methodist 78
Ripon 88, Lawrence 80, OT
Saint Louis 76, St. Francis Brooklyn 60
Siena Heights 87, Marygrove 79
Sioux Falls 80, Waldorf 57
St. Cloud St. 88, Mayville St. 73
St. John's (Minn.) 78, St. Scholastica 59
Truman St. 84, Upper Iowa 80
UMKC 79, Drake 73
Valley City St. 98, Wis.-Superior 73
W. Illinois 83, E. Illinois 63
Wichita St. 76, Emporia St. 54
William Penn 108, Avila 72
Wis.-Parkside 99, Minn. Duluth 81
SOUTH
Ball St. 78, Longwood 67
Barton 94, Virginia St. 89
Bellarmine 68, Christian Brothers 51
Birmingham-Southern 78, Thomas More 75
Bob Jones 83, SC-Upstate 79
Boston U. 78, South Florida 66
Coastal Carolina 116, Piedmont 35
Davidson 82, Coll. of Charleston 81
E. Kentucky 92, SC State 82
FIU 69, UT Martin 62
Florida Gulf Coast 104, Youngstown St. 101, 3OT
Freed-Hardeman 97, Lindenwood (Mo.) 83
High Point 75, W. Carolina 69
Huntingdon 73, Berry 71
Lamar 77, Delaware St. 66
Liberty 86, Cent. Pennsylvania 50
Louisiana Tech 86, Grambling St. 67
Louisville 89, North Florida 61
Loyola NO 83, Faulkner 73
Maryville (Tenn.) 81, Emory & Henry 70
Middle Tennessee 69, Tennessee St. 66
Milligan 79, St. Andrews 78
Morehead St. 64, N. Kentucky 56
Morgan St. 59, Campbell 54
North Dakota 77, Bowling Green 59
Oral Roberts 74, James Madison 64
Presbyterian 95, The Citadel 79
Richmond 89, Bethune-Cookman 64
Samford 77, Kennesaw St. 65
Sewanee 67, Blackburn 50
UCF 65, UNC Greensboro 54
UNC Wilmington 80, W. Michigan 76
Union (Ky.) 81, Alice Lloyd 75
Virginia Tech 76, VMI 52
W. Kentucky 67, Stony Brook 66
Winston-Salem 73, Elizabeth City St. 68
Wofford 73, Md.-Eastern Shore 63
EAST
Albany (NY) 92, Oneonta 49
Brooklyn 80, William Paterson 66
Bucknell 80, Manhattan 67
CCNY 73, Muhlenberg 66
Canisius 87, Cornell 62
Clarion 83, Cheyney 67
Dowling 85, Goldey Beacom 72
Fairfield 83, Sacred Heart 79, OT
Fordham 85, Fairleigh Dickinson 62
Heidelberg 65, Thiel 56
Hobart 79, Scranton 73
Monmouth (NJ) 82, Drexel 74
NJIT 80, Lafayette 66
NYU 104, Moravian 76
Pace 65, LeMoyne 60
Princeton 75, St. Peter's 72
Providence 94, Brown 73
Radford 64, Prairie View 56
Rhode Island 73, Cleveland St. 45
Rutgers 87, Cent. Arkansas 84
Siena 78, Bryant 59
St. Bonaventure 94, Loyola (Md.) 82
St. Francis (Pa.) 68, American U. 48
St. Thomas Aquinas 82, Dominican (NY) 72
Stockton 81, Gwynedd-Mercy 64
Syracuse 66, Elon 55
UConn 83, Furman 58
Utica 76, Chatham 65
Wagner 87, Maine 73
Wilmington (Del.) 85, Mercy 79
FAR WEST
Cal Poly 73, Austin Peay 64
Cal St.-Fullerton 67, San Diego 55
Gonzaga 101, Mount St. Mary's 56
Montana 70, Carroll (Mont.) 61
New Mexico St. 85, MVSU 46
Oregon St. 71, UC Santa Barbara 59
UALR 49, San Diego St. 43
UMBC 81, N. Colorado 72
Washington 104, Penn 67
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GABE MILLER TIP-OFF CLASSIC
Second Round
Davenport 73, Wis.-Platteville 61
HOF Tip-off-Naismith
First Round
Florida 74, Saint Joseph's 63
Purdue 61, Old Dominion 39
HOF Tip-off-Springfield
First Round
Buffalo 86, NC A&T 68
Vermont 85, Niagara 67
EXHIBITION
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Martin Luther 82, Finlandia 65

Sunday's games

No. 5 Duke vs. Georgetown at Madison Square Garden, 2:30 p.m.
No. 6 Virginia vs. George Mason in Gildan Charleston Classic at TD Arena, Charleston, S.C., 8:30 p.m.
No. 11 Villanova vs. Akron, 3:30 p.m.
No. 12 Arizona vs. Northwestern State, 7 p.m.
No. 16 Utah vs. Temple in Puerto Rico Tip-off at Coliseo Roberto Clemente, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 4 p.m.
No. 22 Butler vs. Miami in Puerto Rico Tip-off at Coliseo Roberto Clemente, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 6:30 p.m.
No. 25 Oregon vs. Valparaiso, 5 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	5	583	—
New York	8	6	571	—
Toronto	8	6	571	—
Brooklyn	2	11	154	5½
Philadelphia	0	14	000	8

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	8	4	667	—
Atlanta	9	6	600	½
Washington	6	4	600	1
Charlotte	7	6	538	1½
Orlando	6	7	462	2½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	10	3	769	—
Chicago	8	4	667	1½
Indiana	8	5	615	2
Detroit	7	6	538	3
Milwaukee	5	8	385	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	3	769	—
Dallas	9	4	692	1
Memphis	7	7	500	3½
Houston	5	9	357	5½
New Orleans	2	11	154	8

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	7	6	538	—
Utah	6	6	500	½
Denver	6	7	462	1
Minnesota	5	8	385	2
Portland	5	9	357	2½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	14	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	7	5	583	6
L.A. Clippers	6	6	500	7
Sacramento	5	9	357	9
L.A. Lakers	2	10	167	11

Scores & schedule

Saturday's Games
Charlotte 113, Philadelphia 88
Boston 120, Brooklyn 95
Detroit 96, Minnesota 86
New Orleans 104, San Antonio 90
Memphis 96, Houston 84
New York 93, Oklahoma City 90
Dallas 102, Utah 93
Phoenix 114, Denver 107
Portland 102, L.A. Clippers 91
Golden State 106, Chicago 94
Toronto 102, L.A. Lakers 91
Sunday's Games
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Boston at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTHERN IOWA 71, NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 67

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Wes Washpun scored 21 points and Northern Iowa stunned top-ranked North Carolina 71-67 on Saturday for its first win over the nation's No. 1 team.

The Panthers used a 29-8 run in the second half to turn a 50-34 deficit into a 63-58 lead.

Matt Bohannon added 19 points, and Paul Jesperson had 14 for the Panthers (2-1).

Justin Jackson had 25 points for the Tar Heels (3-1), who scheduled a trip to Cedar Falls so senior Marcus Paige could play in his home state. Paige didn't play because of a broken bone in his right hand.

NO. 9 WICHITA STATE 76, EMPORIA STATE 54

WICHITA, Kan. — Ron Baker scored 23 points and Wichita State routed Emporia State.

Landry Shamet and Ty Taylor had nine points each for the Shockers (2-1). They played without injured senior point guard Fred VanVleet. He has hamstring and ankle injuries.

Joshua Oswald led NCAA Division II Emporia State (0-2) with 16 points.

NO. 10 GONZAGA 101, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 56

SPOKANE, Wash. — Domantas Sabonis had 15 points and 14 rebounds for Gonzaga.

Silas Melson added 15 points for Gonzaga (2-0) in the game that was part of the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament. Gonzaga shot 59 percent, and held Mount St. Mary's to 35 percent.

BK Ashe had 16 points, and Will Miller 13 for Mount St. Mary's (0-4).

NO. 18 NOTRE DAME 83, UMASS LOWELL 57

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Zach Auguste had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Notre Dame.

With no River Hawk taller than 6-foot-8 to challenge him in the post, the 6-10 Auguste found his way to the basket early and often, scoring 15 of his points in the first half on 6-of-8 shooting.

Demetrius Jackson had 15 points and five assists for the Irish (3-0). Matt Harris scored 16 points for UMass Lowell (1-2).

NO. 19 UCONN 83, FURMAN 58

STORRS, Conn. — Shonn Miller had 18 points and seven rebounds for UConn.

Freshman guard Jalen Adams had 14 points and six assists, and Rodney Purvis added 13 points for UConn (3-0). Matt Rafferty had 15 points for Furman (2-2).

NO. 21 PURDUE 61, OLD DOMINION 39

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Center A.J. Hammons scored 12 of his 18 points in the first half for Purdue in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

Kendall Stephens sparked a second-half run with nine of his 12 points for Purdue (4-0). Trey Freeman led Old Dominion (3-1) with 17 points.

Novak Djokovic to face Roger Federer in last match of season

By Chris Lehourites
Associated Press

LONDON — There is one more match to play this season, and there is plenty riding on it for both Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

Djokovic, who has had the best season of his career with three Grand Slam titles, is looking to cap his incredible year by becoming the first man to win four straight titles at the ATP finals. Federer, however, can add to his record six titles on Sunday while also proving he can still beat the top-ranked Serb in big matches.

"When he's on, it's hard to play him," Djokovic said of Federer, who has reached his 10th final at the season-ending tournament for the top eight players in the world. "We always play matches with a lot of tension. There is a lot at stake. I know I have to be on top in order to win against him."

Djokovic reached the final by beating Rafael Nadal 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday. Federer advanced by defeating French Open champion Stan Wawrinka 7-5, 6-3.

Sunday's match at the O2 Arena will be the eighth meeting this season between the two players who hold a combined 27 Grand Slam titles. Djokovic leads 4-3 in 2015, including wins in the Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals, but Federer won in straight sets on Tuesday in the round robin stage.

"It's the same conditions, same court, same place," said Federer, who has handed Djokovic three of his six losses this year. "For me it's an advantage because I guess it gives me a bit of confidence. For him it's an advantage because he gets a second chance, and he's in another final."

Against Nadal on Saturday, Djokovic showed why he is the best player in the world. The 10-time major champion lost only seven points on his serve in the first set and three in the second. On the receiving end, he converted three of his five break points, including in the final game of the match.

"Novak for the moment is almost unbeatable," Nadal said. "What Novak is doing is just amazing."

Nadal tried just about everything to stay in the match, even hitting a "tweener" in the last game. Djokovic lobbed the ball over Nadal's head, but he chased it down and whipped a shot between his legs that made it back over the net. Fortunately for Djokovic, he was there to tap it back over and get the point.

The win evened the head-to-head record between the two players to 23-23, the first time Djokovic has managed to get level since the rivalry started in 2006. Their 46 meetings are the most between two players in the Open era.

McIlroy closes to within 1 shot of lead in Dubai

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Rory McIlroy shot the best round of the day to move within one shot of leader Andy Sullivan after the third round of the World Tour Championship on Saturday, which also puts him closer to the Race to Dubai title.

McIlroy shot a 7-under 65 at Jumeirah Golf Estates to make up three shots on Sullivan (68) and go four strokes clear of Danny Willett, his closest challenger for the season-long Race to Dubai crown. Willett looked set to be even further back but made two birdies and an eagle on his last five holes for a 67.

Sullivan made two birdies on his last four to maintain the lead with a 16-under total of 200.

Associated Press

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland follows his ball on the 14th hole during the third round of DP World Tour Championship golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Saturday.

Despite making eight birdies in the swirling wind, McIlroy was left ruing some the chances he missed.

"I guess you can't really walk off this golf course, especially in these conditions, and shoot 7-under and not feel good about yourself. But at the same time, I feel like it could have been a lot better," McIlroy said. "The good thing is, there's still one round of golf left. If it had been the final day, I'd be kicking myself with some of the chances I missed. I am playing lovely, so bodes well for tomorrow."

American Patrick Reed shot a 68 that gave him sole possession of third place, two shots behind McIlroy, while South Korea's Byeong-hun An (66) and Emiliano Grillo (71) of Argentina were tied for fourth at 204.

Sullivan was 2 under after seven holes, but a string of pars left him slightly frustrated before the two late birdies. He made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, and then saved par from a similar distance on the 18th.

"Felt like the putter really saved me the last few holes," he said. "The way I played, I was quite happy with the 68, really."

GOLF SCORES

PGA

DP World Tour Championship
Saturday
At Jumeirah Golf Estates
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,675; Par: 72
Third Round

Andy Sullivan, England	66-66-68—200
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	68-68-65—201
Patrick Reed, United States	70-65-68—203
Byeong-hun An, Korea	70-68-66—204
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	69-64-71—204
Danny Willett, England	68-70-67—205
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	68-69-68—205
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	69-67-69—205
Branden Grace, South Africa	68-69-69—206
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	71-65-70—206
Francesco Molinari, Italy	67-71-69—207
Chris Wood, England	68-70-69—207
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	71-70-67—208
Victor Dubuisson, France	72-67-69—208
Martin Kaymer, Germany	66-71-71—208
Alex Noren, Sweden	71-66-71—208
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	69-72-68—209
Luke Donald, England	69-72-68—209
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	71-70-68—209
Gary Stal, France	71-70-68—209
Peter Uihlein, United States	71-69-69—209
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	68-71-70—209
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	72-65-72—209
Also	
Ian Poulter, England	66-74-71—211
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	73-68-70—211
Shane Lowry, Ireland	75-70-69—214
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	68-74-72—214
Lee Westwood, England	71-70-74—215
Justin Rose, England	71-66-78—215
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	77-69-72—218

RSM Classic Scores
Saturday
At St. Simons Island, Ga.
s-Sea Island Resort (Seaside): 7,005 yards, par-70
p-Sea Island Resort (Plantation): 7,058 yards, par-72
Purse: $5.7 million
Third Round (Seaside)

Kevin Kisner	65p-67s-64—196
Kevin Chappell	66p-65s-68—199
Graeme McDowell	67s-68p-65—200
Alex Cejka	67s-67p-67—201
Jeff Overton	64s-72p-66—202
Jim Herman	66p-69s-67—202
Jon Curran	67s-70p-66—203
Jason Dufner	67p-70s-66—203
David Hearn	64s-72p-67—203
Ricky Barnes	68p-67s-68—203
Freddie Jacobson	65s-67p-71—203
Smylie Kaufman	68s-70p-66—204
Tyler Aldridge	70p-67s-67—204
Scott Brown	67s-72p-65—204
Jamie Lovemark	69p-68s-67—204
Charles Howell III	67s-70p-67—204
Lucas Glover	66s-71p-67—204
Michael Kim	67s-67p-70—204
Kyle Stanley	66p-67s-71—204
Si Woo Kim	66p-72s-67—205
Tim Herron	69p-70s-66—205
Stewart Cink	67p-70s-68—205
Mark Wilson	72p-67s-66—205
Brendon de Jonge	67p-70s-68—205
Harris English	68p-71s-66—205
Chad Campbell	66s-71p-68—205
Rob Oppenheim	65s-71p-69—205
Cameron Percy	67s-69p-69—205
Robert Streb	70p-66s-69—205
Matt Kuchar	69p-67s-69—205
Scott Stallings	66p-70s-69—205
Trey Mullinax	65s-70p-70—205
D.A. Points	69p-71s-65—205
Brett Stegmaier	68p-70s-68—206
John Huh	69s-69p-68—206
Jonathan Byrd	67p-71s-68—206
Russell Henley	66s-72p-68—206
Sean O'Hair	70s-68p-68—206
Tom Hoge	64s-74p-68—206
Mark Hubbard	68p-69s-69—206
Fabian Gomez	68s-69p-69—206
Thomas Aiken	66s-73p-67—206
Kyle Reifers	70s-69p-67—206
Stuart Appleby	69s-70p-67—206
Matt Atkins	70p-69s-67—206
Jhonattan Vegas	68p-72s-66—206
Hiroshi Iwata	67p-67s-72—206
Andres Gonzales	68s-71p-68—207
Johnson Wagner	65s-72p-70—207
Zac Blair	66s-71p-70—207
Tim Wilkinson	71p-65s-71—207
Jason Gore	65s-69p-73—207
Scott Langley	70p-69s-69—208
Chris Kirk	68p-71s-69—208
David Lingmerth	66s-73p-69—208
K.J. Choi	68s-71p-69—208
Brian Stuard	68p-71s-69—208
Derek Fathauer	67p-70s-71—208
Mark Hensby	68s-69p-71—208
Tim Petrovic	67s-73p-68—208
Rhein Gibson	71p-69s-68—208
Justin Thomas	67s-71p-71—209
Bill Haas	67s-71p-71—209
Vijay Singh	68s-70p-71—209
Patrick Rodgers	71p-67s-71—209
Roberto Castro	68s-70p-71—209
Boo Weekley	72p-66s-71—209
Steve Marino	68p-70s-71—209
Davis Love III	70s-70p-69—209
Lucas Lee	71s-69p-69—209
Chez Reavie	68p-72s-69—209
Scott Pinckney	71p-69s-69—209
Dawie van der Walt	69p-71s-69—209
Harold Varner III	66s-74p-69—209
Sung Kang	69s-70p-71—210
Camilo Villegas	67p-73s-70—210
Bobby Wyatt	67p-73s-70—210
Peter Malnati	69p-71s-70—210
Zach Johnson	70p-70s-70—210
Blayne Barber	70p-70s-70—210
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70p-70s-70—210
Martin Piller	67s-71p-73—211
Brendon Todd	68p-70s-74—212
Eric Axley	69p-71s-72—212
John Merrick	68s-72p-73—213
Alex Prugh	70p-70s-73—213
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What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

BASKETBALL

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

BOWLING

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

CAMPS/CLINICS

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

CYCLING

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

DODGEBALL

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

FLAG FOOTBALL

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football
Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

MARTIAL ARTS

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
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Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

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For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

RUGBY

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

RUNNING

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

SHOOTING

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

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What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
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For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

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Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

SOFTBALL

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will alse be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

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COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

TENNIS

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4), Redball 58 (ages 5-8), Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10), Junior Development (6th-8th grade, freshman-JV), Junior Select (varsity), RSR Adults (adult beginners), Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and/or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
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For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
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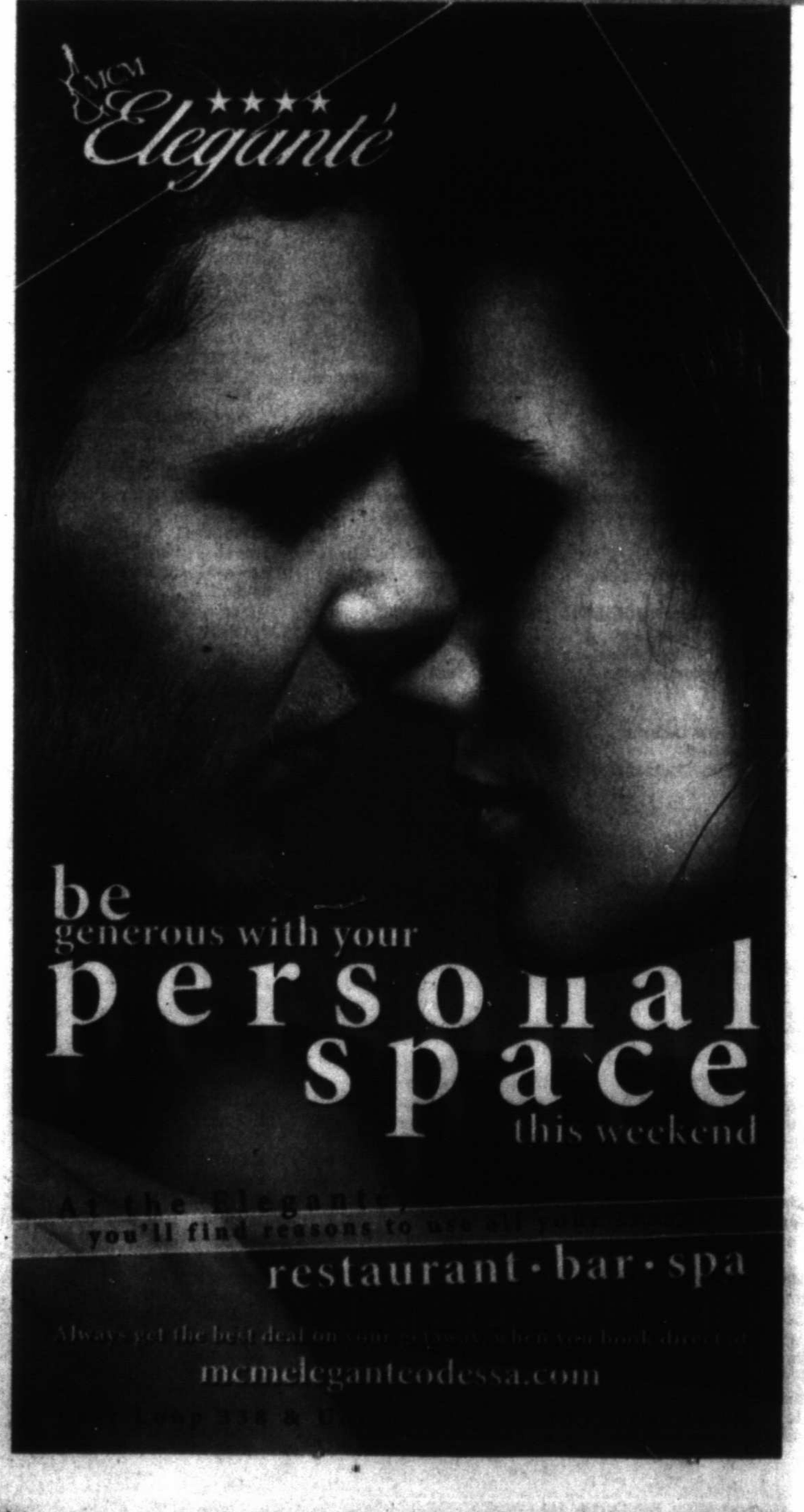

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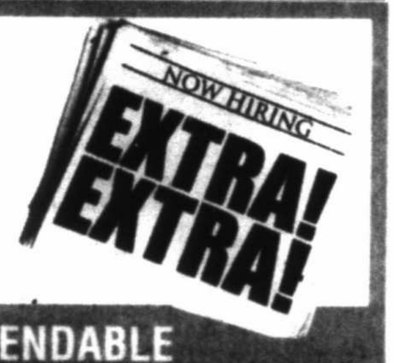

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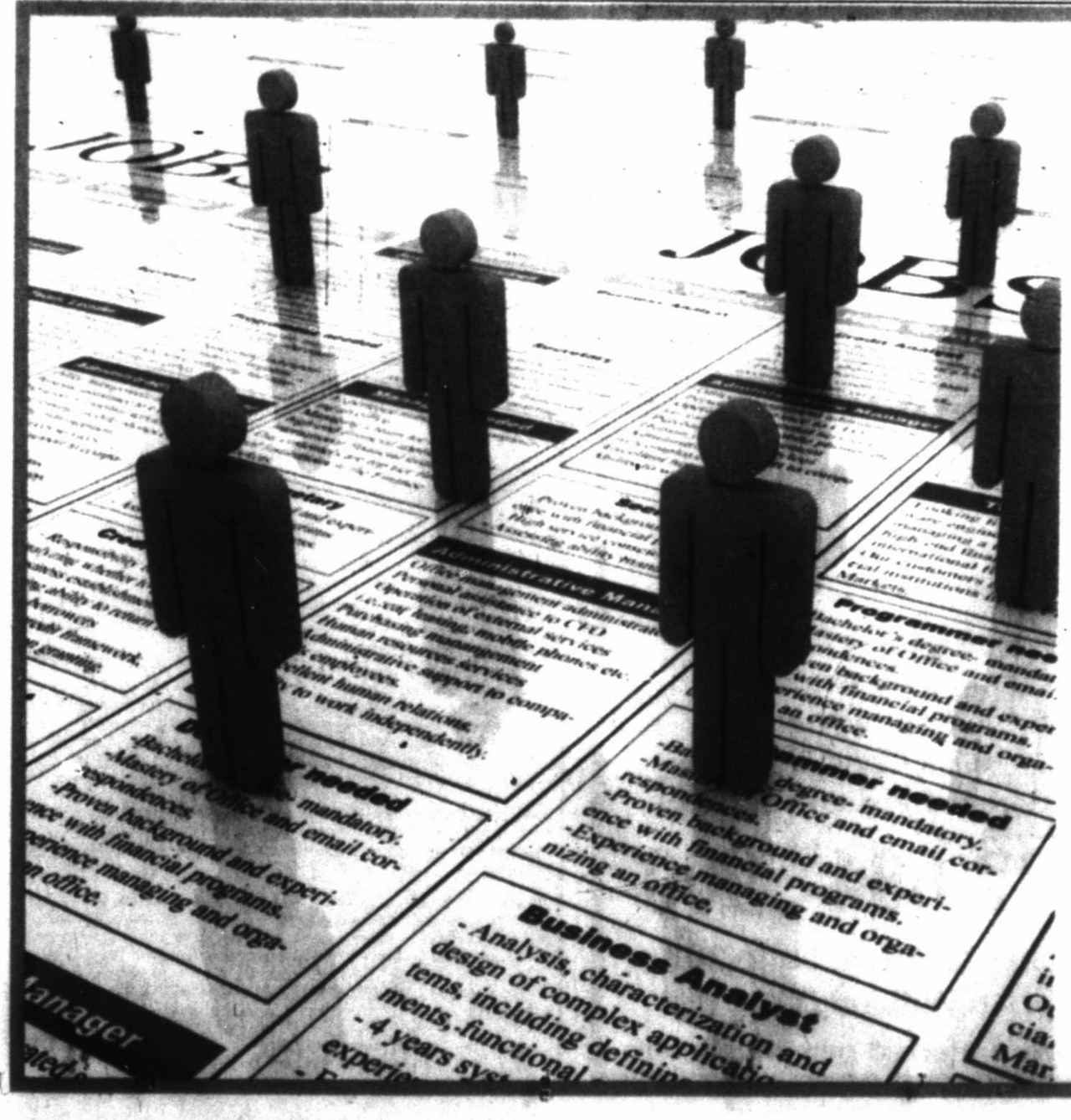

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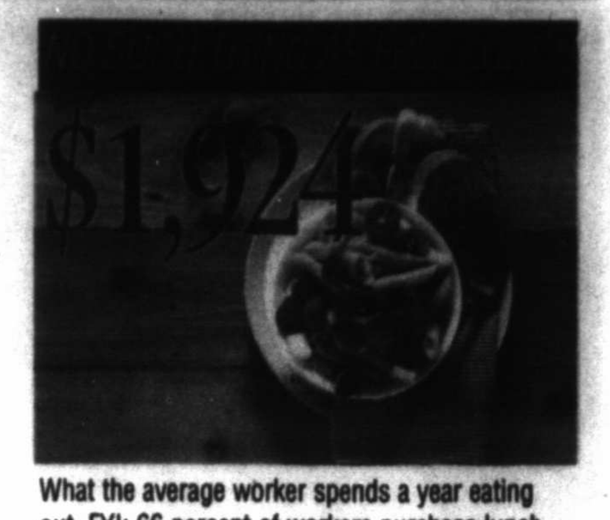

What the average worker spends a year eating out. FYI: 66 percent of workers purchase lunch daily

Source: Greenpath Debt Solutions

WHEN OVERTIME CROSSES THE LINE

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MISS OUT ON OVERTIME PAY

By ALEX BURNHAM
CTW FEATURES

Hourly employees expect to work no more than 40 hours in a week without extra pay. It's the law. And workers who work beyond 40 hours receive one-and-a-half times regular pay for every hour worked past 40. Or, they're supposed to at least.

In August, Bank of America settled with nearly 300 employees who were suing the company for unpaid overtime wages. Employees allege that managers did not approve workers' time stamps of more than 40 hours per week; instead, managers said that "[working extra hours unpaid is] understood and no one can put more [hours] in," according to reports.

To protect themselves from a similar situation, employees should know what overtime rules apply to them.

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 established the laws associated with overtime and overtime pay. Typically, employees who work more than 40 hours in a week receive overtime pay, which is one-and-one-half times the regular rate of pay. However, not all employees qualify. Workers either are classified as not eligible for overtime (exempt) or eligible (non-exempt). Employers are not required to pay overtime to salaried employees unless their income is less than $23,660. Only 12 percent of salaried workers fall beneath this threshold, according to the Department of Labor. (A currently proposed rule hope to change that number to $50,400 starting in 2016.)

Daniel Hamermesh, professor of economics at Royal Holloway University of London and professor emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin, says that the best thing a worker can do is make it clear from the beginning of a new job what his or her regular schedule is. Individuals should determine when and how to record unscheduled hours beyond 40 per week. "Without such provisions, the worker's ability to claim overtime is to some extent left up to the vagaries of an employer's willingness to grant overtime," says Hamermesh, noting that he has seen many legal cases that involved uncertainties about the reporting of hours and the definition of overtime hours.

According to Beth De Lima, president of HRM Consulting, a human resources firm in Murphys, California, the biggest issue is in fact mutual understanding. Both parties must know the parameters of overtime pay and whether or not the employee is exempt. "Make sure it's clear," she says. "It's becoming harder to make non-exempt workers exempt, but if you're a semi-skilled or unskilled worker then you probably get overtime."

Alison Green, a former chief of staff for a lobbying group who now writes on career issues at askamanager.org, says employees must broach this situation carefully. If workers find themselves in a situation where they're not being granted overtime pay, Green suggests framing it from a concerned perspective, saying: "We're actually required to pay non-exempt workers for all hours worked, and we could get into legal trouble otherwise. I can certainly stop working overtime if you need me to, but I don't want us to get into legal trouble."

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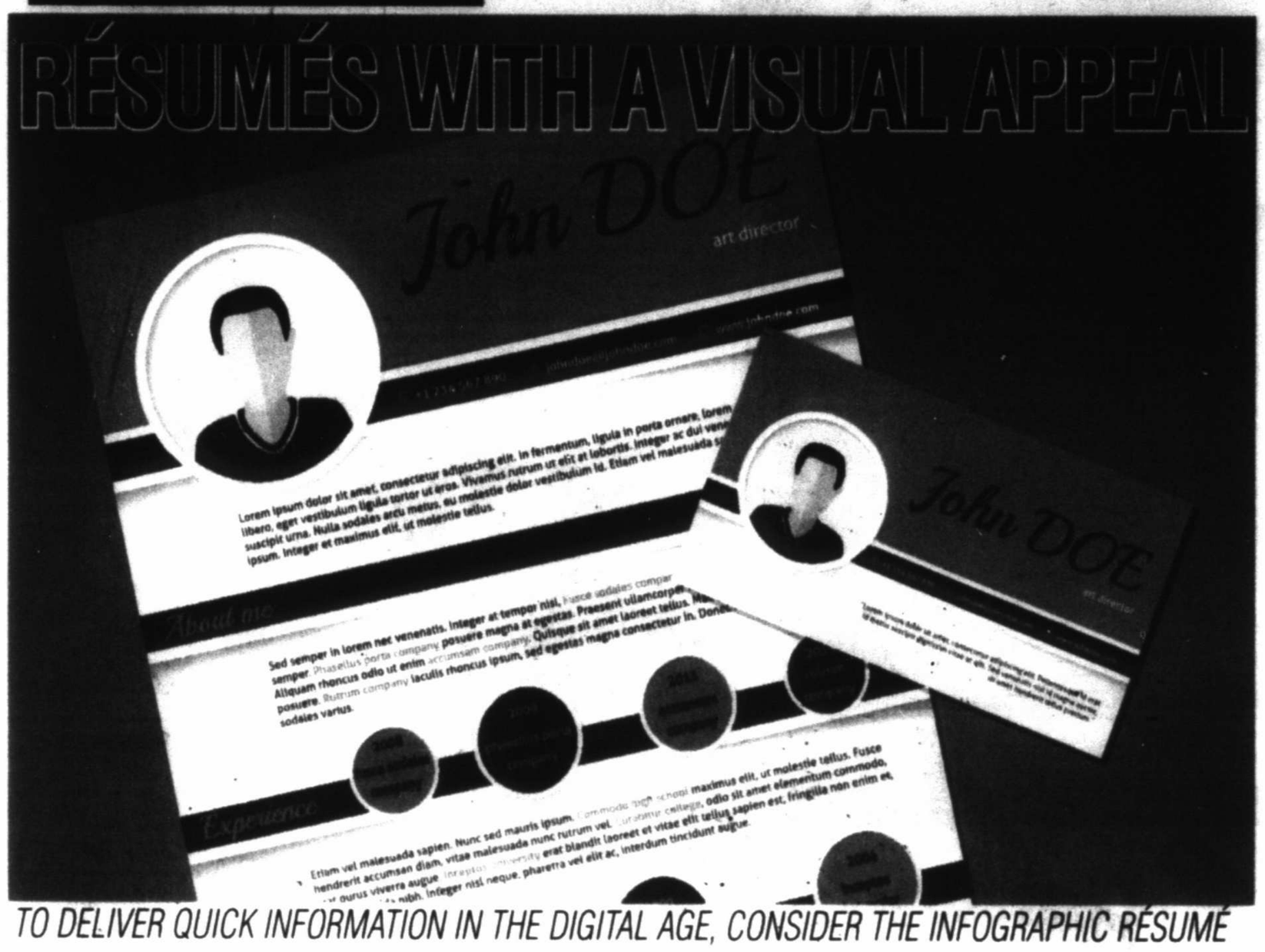
RÉSUMÉS WITH A VISUAL APPEAL



TO DELIVER QUICK INFORMATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE, CONSIDER THE INFOGRAPHIC RÉSUMÉ

By ALEX BURNHAM
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A resume has a difficult task. Make a job candidate stand out among a sea of other candidates. One way to make its task easier is by adding some visual elements to its look.

A recent development, the "infographic" resume uses images and texts to condense large amounts of information, making it easier for potential employers to digest and understand.

According to Hannah Morgan, a career expert and author of "The Infographic Resume: How to Create a Visual Portfolio that Showcases Your Skills and Lands the Job" (McGraw-Hill, 2014), resumes have been changing because employers don't have time to review all of the applications – an average 74 per job posting. And it's estimated that half of applicants are not qualified for a given job. So employers must find faster ways to determine the qualifications of an individual.

"Infographics are used in marketing because they are faster to read than text, easier to understand, engaging and more memorable," Morgan says.

And employers don't always have time to read a 10-point Times New Roman novel-on-a-page.

"A hiring manager has a specified amount of time they can spend on a résumé before they move onto the next one," says Hagan Blount, a social media consultant who showcases infographic résumés on his eponymous website. "You need to grab that hiring manager's attention and convey as much information in as little time as possible."

Websites like kinzaa.com and vizualize.me have templates that jobseekers can use to construct an infographic resume. Individuals sign up for the site, pick a design they like and then fill in their employment information. But for the graphically or DIY-inclined, there are a couple design elements to keep in mind when designing a visual resume.

1. SIMPLICITY

First and foremost, the reader should be able to comprehend the resume. If it has too much going on, whether that be too much color or too many figures or too many graphics, then an employer won't be able to understand the information presented on the resume. His or her eyes may glaze over and not give the applicant appropriate attention.

"The goal is to convey as much information as possible in as little space as possible," Blount says. "I usually stick to two visuals per page; any more than that and it can get a little bit overwhelming."

2. ILLUSTRATION

The second factor refers to storytelling. An infographic resume should tell a story through figures, color and killer design. Applicants should be able to present their experience in a stimulating way. If this goal can't be achieved, then the applicant probably should stick to a classic résumé.

"In every résumé I create, I look to tell an interesting story and make it easier for the hiring manager to find what they're looking for right away," Blount says.

3. RELEVANCE

Lastly, the applicant needs to know his or her audience. An infographic résume lends itself to more creative industries, such as marketing, social media and advertising, though Blount believes they can be used for all industries.

Yet, Jill MacFayden, a Chicago-based career coach who trained at The Coaches Training Institute, argues that infographic résumés are not the most conducive to landing a job.

"I've had three people come to me with infographic résumés and all had no success," she says. "One was an architect with a beautiful résumé that had pictures, but it didn't work."

MacFayden says this is because employers read résumés – not look at them at like a picture book. People – and even sometimes computers – analyze résumés through words, not by images.

Yet there could be a best of both worlds. Hopeful applicants shouldn't forget that they can supplement a traditional résumé with an infographic one. Instead of using something edgy as the main source of background information, job hunters can give the essentials and offer the complementary information if the employer wants to see it.

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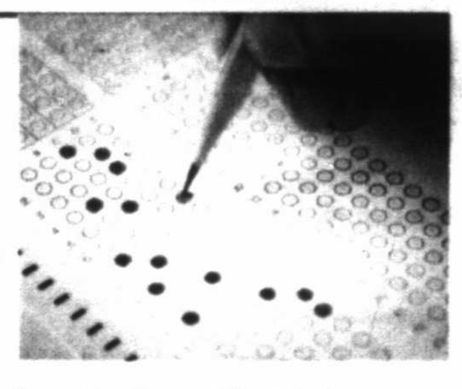
TRENDS

HIRE STANDARD: WHAT PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTS SHOULD MEASURE

Employers have their own set of standards they need to follow when handling applicant assessments



For all who fear and loathe test taking, be aware: Applying for a job is likely to invoke memories of school-day angst.

But misery loves company, and test-phobic job candidates can take comfort in the fact that employers also undergo a test of their own when they administer pre-employment tests, commonly called "assessments," to potential hires.

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission monitors pre-employment assessments to ensure that certain groups, like those of a specific race or gender, don't generally score lower than the overall populace.

For example, the EEOC in August issued a press release about how Target Corp. discontinued the use of three pre-employment assessments. "We applaud Target for taking corrective action to ensure the validity of their hiring practices," the release stated. The Minneapolis-based retailer also is paying $2.8 million, to be distributed by a third-party administrator, to thousands of past applicants who were adversely affected by its past assessments.

However, under EEOC rules, it's permissible for certain groups to score less well – but only if the "assessment actually predicts performance on the job," notes Minneapolis attorney Mark J. Girouard.

To be predictive of success on the job, any assessment "provides useful information about a candidate's knowledge, skills, ability, or other characteristics that are important to the job," Girouard explains. Indeed, human resources experts say a key reason assessments are common is that businesses don't want to make a mistake, resulting in an unhappy worker.

A 2014 survey from the Society for Human Resource Management shows that 41 percent of firms use an online questionnaire to screen candidates, and 45 percent of job candidates recently surveyed by Shaker Consulting Group said they were presented with simulated job tasks.

Additionally, companies use a variety of assessments, from personality profiling to interviews, whereby answer keys evaluate and score candidates' responses.

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Spraberry, Strawn, Mississipian, and Devonian formations, THOMPSON, PAT K. Lease, Well Number 2 and Well Number 3. The injection wells are located 4.0 miles North of Tarzan, in the RK (Devonian) field, in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into a strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,350 feet to 12,200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 27th day of October, 2015, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 27th day of October, 2015, seized, levied upon, and will on the 1st day Tuesday in December, 2015, being the 1st day of December, 2015, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 AM on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the Texas Property Tax Code.

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1	TX13111	Midland Central Appraisal District v Pedro Deleon In the 238th District Court	A Crestridge Manufactured Home, Label #TEX0493335, Serial #CRHTX1299, located at 3512 S. County Road 1307 1/2, Midland County, Texas, Account #M000185470
2	TX13307	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rose Marie Ward In the 385th District Court	Lot 3, Block 38, Moody Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 224, Page 427), 204 S. Carver St., Account #R000032679
3	TX13545	Midland Central Appraisal District v Margaret Kimokeo In the 441st District Court	A Rice Manufactured Home, Label #HWC0277270, Serial #RM173MX, located at 7100 Airline Drive, #430, Midland County, Texas, Account #M000026323
4	TX13565	Midland Central Appraisal District v William Melton Sanchez In the 385th District Court	Lot 4, Block 1, Russell High Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1183, Page 350 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 604 East Cowden Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, Account #R000041898
5	TX13565	Midland Central Appraisal District v William Melton Sanchez In the 385th District Court	Lot 5, Block 1, Russell High Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1183, Page 350 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 602 East Cowden Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, Account #R000041899
6	TX13565	Midland Central Appraisal District v William Melton Sanchez In the 385th District Court	Lot 6, Block 1, Russell High Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1183, Page 350 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 600 East Cowden Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, Account #R000041900
7	TX13566	Midland Central Appraisal District v Manuel Sanchez In the 238th District Court	Lot 1, Block 30, College Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1429, Page 79 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2701 West Kentucky Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-7122, Account #R000014121
8	TX13569	Midland Central Appraisal District v Leonia Turner In the 441st District Court	100 Feet X 82 Feet track of land out of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Block 39, T-1-S, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 136, Page 33 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 104 North Calhoun Street, Midland, Texas, Account #R000004356
9	TX13577	Midland Central Appraisal District v JoAnn Tryon Rice In the 385th District Court	the West 40.33 Feet of Lot 4 and the East 26.67 Feet of Lot 5, Block 3, Barberdale Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 559, Page 705 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 200 East Dengar Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-5605, Account #R000010078
10	TX13625	Midland Central Appraisal District v Louis Weldon Stephens In the 385th District Court	Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 121, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 804, Page 118 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 511 East New York Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-5344, Account #R45449
11	TX13680	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jesse H. Mancha In the 385th District Court	Lot 9, Block 13, Trueland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 633, Page 367 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1508 East Scharbauer Drive, Midland, Texas 79705-7818, Account #R49351
12	TX13681	Midland Central Appraisal District v Tony Belcher In the 441st District Court	Lot 4, Block 8, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 897, Page 566), 306 S. Stonewall Street, Account #R000023379
13	TX13822	Midland Central Appraisal District v Esperanza Maldondo In the 142nd District Court	Lot 10, Block 17, East Midland Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1839, Page 208), 1507 Mulberry Ln, Account #R17004
14	TX13825	Midland Central Appraisal District v Juana Murillo In the 441st District Court	Lot 5, Block 13, Trueland Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2574, Page 802), 1604 E Scharbauer Drive, Account #R49347
15	TX13837	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert H. Bryant In the 238th District Court	Lot 2, Block 1A, Permian Estates Replat, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1367, Page 396 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3408 Thomas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79703-6241, Account #R36952
16	TX13947	Midland Central Appraisal District v Hector Flores In the 142nd District Court	Lot 6 and the West 10 Feet of Lot 5, Block 26, College Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument #2014-24342 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 2309 West Kentucky Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-6869, Account #R14080
17	TX13979	Midland Central Appraisal District v Dorothy Tompkins In the 385th District Court	0.0004880, Royalty Interest, Parks Field Unit, Tract 18, A.B.C. Penn, in 1273.500 Acres out of Section 12, 14 and 15, C.F. O'Neal Survey, OPERATOR: Cog Operating, L.L.C. (RRC-08-4655), Midland County, Texas, Account #N48971
18	TX13979	Midland Central Appraisal District v Dorothy Tompkins In the 385th District Court	0.0004880, Royalty Interest, PARKS FLD UT 2 TR 18 (GAS), XTO ENERGY, T3S BLK 40 SEC 14, C F 08-O'NEAL ACRES:0.000, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, Account #N236639
19	TX13979	Midland Central Appraisal District v Dorothy Tompkins In the 385th District Court	0.0004880, Royalty Interest, PARKS ROY "C" #3, XTO ENERGY, ONEAL C F SUR #12, RRC-08-191117 ACRES:198.000, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, Account #N236918
20	TX13980	Midland Central Appraisal District v Edna Gifford Hudson In the 441st District Court	A 0.0104170 royalty interest in Cowden "G", in Section 40, Block 39, T-4-S, T.J. Barnes Survey, OPERATOR: Endeavor Energy, Midland County, Texas, Account #N000203475
21	TX13985	Midland Central Appraisal District v Aurelio Parra Gonzales In the 385th District Court	3.1 Acres, more or less, out of the west one-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Block 38, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Manufactured Home not included) (Volume 2735, Page 256 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 6801 South County Road 1154, Midland County, Texas, Account #R203928
22	TX14018	Midland Central Appraisal District v Laura Hoten In the 142nd District Court	Lot 12, Block 4, Fairmont Park Addition, Section Two, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2012-22965 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 4507 Fairbanks Drive, Midland, Texas 79707-4315, Account #R18397
23	TX14030	Midland Central Appraisal District v Adan Chacon In the 142nd District Court	Lot 22, Block 1, Sawyer, an unrecorded Subdivision AKA 0.500 Acre, more or less, out of Section 10, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1265, Page 1 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1412 West County Road 116, Midland County, Texas, Account #R42747
24	TX14049	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sergio Javier Gonzalez In the 441st District Court	3.001 Acres, more or less, out of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Block 41, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2310, Page 616 and Volume 2610, Page 50 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 2310, Page 620 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 11501 West County Road 58, Midland County, Texas, Account #R110437
25	TX14058	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jose Hernandez In the 238th District Court	Lot 11, Block 162, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1611, Page 431 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 703 South Terrell Street, Midland, Texas 79701-7463, Account #R45886
26	TX14071	Midland Central Appraisal District v Bradrick L. Cooper In the 238th District Court	Being the East 278.1 feet of the West 378.1 feet of the North 436 feet of Tract 3, City View Acres Addition, Midland County, Texas (Document #2013-21732), 1900 Cloverdale Road, Account #R13488
27	TX14102	Midland Central Appraisal District v Elias Rodriguez In the 142nd District Court	Lot 17, Block 36, South Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2826, Page 273), 1711 Harrison Street, Account #R44989
28	TX14105	Midland Central Appraisal District v Christopher Lee Olgin In the 385th District Court	the South 22.7 Feet of Lot 24 and the North 46.5 Feet of Lot 25, Block 127, Wilshire Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2013-19853 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 114 East Eisenhower, Midland, Texas, Account #R55021
29	TX14118	Midland Central Appraisal District v Abraham Valenzuela Morales In the 441st District Court	3.610 Acres, more or less, out of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Document #2015-169 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), West County Road 130, Midland County, Texas, Account #R5862

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 27th day of October, 2015, at Midland, Texas

GARY PAINTER, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By: ______________________________

KEN COLSTON, Sergeant Investigator

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REWARD!! MISSING blue leopard catahoula female 40# with bright orange collar from Brookdale Ave in Midland since 10-31-2015. Kai is a working dog so may have covered alot of ground. Please call Paula Lockhart 830-234-3592

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals. The Proposal 15-11-0001 is for Monthly Grounds Maintenance Program for the period of January 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning November 12, 2015 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information - Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Arthur Balderrama at 432-567-3264. Address sealed Proposal 15-11-0001 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 2:30 p.m., December 8, 2015. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for TWO (2) CARDIOVASCULAR ULTRASOUND SYSTEMS for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday November 23, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Friday December 11, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1179-112315.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until December 11, 2016

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

RK Petroleum Corp., P. O. Box 8528, Midland, Texas 78708 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an amended permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Spraberry, Strawn, Mississipian, and Devonian formations, POE Lease, Well Number 1. The injection well is located 4.0 miles North of Tarzan, in the RK (Devonian) field, in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into a strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,350 feet to 12,200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box *2967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BARBARA RIPTOE, Deceased, were issued on December 10, 2013 in Docket Number P-17682, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to GEORGE T. RIPTOE, JR. and MYRTLE ANN CHAMBERS, Independent Co-Executors.

The address of record for GEORGE T. RIPTOE, JR. is 206 W. Ohio Ave., Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701 and for MYRTLE ANN CHAMBERS is 1853 W. 88th Place, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 90047.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20th day of November, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
J. Brian Martin
600 North Loraine
P.O. Box 3881
Midland, Texas 79702
Ph. 432-686-7133
Fax 432-683-2217
State Bar # 13084500

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF BARBARA RIPTOE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for TRANSESOPHAGEAL CARDIAC ULTRASOUND SYSTEM for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday November 23, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Friday December 11, 2015.**

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Proposal #2016-016

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the purchase and installation of a digital marquee. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2015** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432) 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal & Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ-Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Musket of Texas, Inc., DBA: Love's Travel Stop #623, to be located at 5200 Cholla Road, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. Officers of said corporation are Douglas J Stussi - President/Treasurer, Shane Wharton - Vice President and Kristine Rogers - Secretary.

Legal & Public Notices

AD33086

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

To Unknown Father, Respondent, and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Monique Macias and Victor Macias, Petitioners, was filed in the Midland Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on November 2, 2015, against Unknown Father, Respondent, numbered AD33086, and entitled "In the Interest of M.A.M., a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, on November 17, 2015.

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
M.A.M.	August 20, 2015	Ector County, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court
of Midland County, Texas

By Denna Valles Deputy

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid 9883-15

Reques' for Bids (RFB 9883-15): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Paving: Alleys, Streets & Sidewalks (COMPASS) Project. The project will include, but is not necessarily limited to, the removal and reinstallation of asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, ramps, driveways, mailbox relocations and associated utility modifications.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midland.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 02, 2015 in the City Hall basement conference rooms, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Interested bidders must submit a bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check for not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid.

The deadline to submit sealed bids will be at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, December 09, 2015, in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Third Floor, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all submitted bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In determining the best value of the submitted bids, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARINA DELEON JOSE ANTONIO CARMONA CARRILLO	§ § § §	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
AND IN THE INTEREST OF JOSE HAZIEL CARMONA DELEON JULIO CARMONA DELEON, CHILDREN	§ § § §	318TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **JOSE ANTONIO CARMONA CARRILLO**, Respondent, and to all whom it may concern.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of **Marina Deleon**, Petitioner, was filed against **Jose Antonio Carmona Carrillo**, Defendant, on **November 9, 2015**, in the 318TH Judicial District Court of 318TH County, Texas, and is numbered FM-59767, and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of **MARINA DELEON, JOSE ANTONIO CARMONA CARRILLO**, and in the interest of **JOSE HAZIEL CARMONA DELEON, JULIO CARMONA DELEON**, Children.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Petitioner's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Midland, Midland County Texas, on this, 12th of November, 2015.

Ross Bush
District Clerk
Midland County, Texas

By: Gilda Morales, Deputy

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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In Observance Of The
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You certainly need good credit to get a mortgage. According to Ellie Mae, in June the typical FICO score for a successful loan application was 727. That compares with 716 in June 2012. So, generally, there has been movement toward lower credit requirements.

In June, the closing rate for all loans was 64.2 percent, according to Ellie Mae. In June 2012 the closing rate was 46.2 percent.

The closing rates show a huge difference, the odds of a successful loan application are vastly better today than in 2012 when mortgage rates reached remarkable lows but many people could not get such financing.

It's important to say that loans are easier to get this year for some people but not for everyone. You have to look at such issues as your credit score, the amount down and the type of financing you seek. FHA, VA, conventional, portfolio, or a "non-QM" loan like a jumbo mortgage.

You also have to shop around. Some lenders "layer" mortgage requirements. For instance, while you can get an FHA loan with 3.5 percent down and a 585 credit score from some lenders, while others might want 620 or 640. Why? Fear of liability when lending to borrowers with weak credit.

Also, let's imagine that you have a loan application that does not go through. You have the documentation and paperwork in hand, so why not try with another lender? After all, if two-thirds of all loan applications are now successful and your application does not pass muster the first time around, maybe you need to work with a different lender who will see your situation in a better light.

Lastly, and for what it's worth, on a personal basis it just seems a lot easier to deal with lenders. I recently modified a mortgage, expecting endless arguments, and it just didn't happen. Instead, I spoke with people who were helpful and in the end got the terms I wanted. The lesson, I think, is that it pays to test the waters.

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FOR SOME BUYERS, ONLY A BRAND-NEW HOME WILL SUFFICE. BUT PURCHASING A NEW-CONSTRUCTION HOME CAN BRING ITS OWN SET OF CHALLENGES. HERE'S WHAT POTENTIAL BUYER SHOULD BE ON THE LOOK FOR

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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So you've decided to move to a new home, a place you can call your own.

Some first-time buyers take this decision literally. They want a newly-constructed home, where everything from light fixtures to the flooring is of their own choosing.

New construction is often more expensive than comparable existing homes, says Steve Melman, director of economic services at the National Association of Home Builders. That's a key reason why first-time purchasers – who don't have cash from the sale of their former home – made up just 13 percent of new-construction buyers between 2007 and 2009, the latest period the NAHB has tracked, Melman adds.

But now, many homebuilders are targeting first-time buyers with features like the chance to customize parts of the home, says Tim Costello, president of Builder Homesite Inc., an Austin, Texas-based group of 32 large home-building companies.

Here, a look at how builders are hoping to lure first-timers, as well as some ways the purchasing process for new homes differs from buying existing homes:

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BHI research shows that buyers choose new construction because they want energy-efficient homes.

"In new homes, EnergyStar is standard," says Patricia Hanchette, division president for homebuilder Lennar Corp.

EnergyStar is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's label for home materials and systems like heating. They are constantly improving standards so new homes can offer significantly lower utility bills than homes built even just ten years ago, explains Paul Foresman of Design Basics, an Omaha, Nebraska, firm that advises home builders.

Ask about utility costs and put that figure into your comparisons between new and existing homes, he says.

Indeed, a study from the NAHB found that operating costs as a fraction of a home's value increase the older the home is. These costs – including utilities, maintenance, property taxes and insurance – account for 5 percent of a home's value for structures built before 1960 to just under 3 percent for homes built after 2008. Another NAHB survey revealed that Energy Star certifications are a priority for homebuyers; 84 percent of millennials say they are willing to pay 2 to 3 percent more for an energy-efficient home as long as they can see a return on their power bills.

FINANCING CHALLENGE

Since the financial crisis a few years ago, getting a mortgage on any home has become more difficult, with lenders scrutinizing a borrower's credit worthiness and financial standing, in addition to the value of the home.

"Work with a mortgage consultant before you sign a contract [with a builder]," says Ron Sozio, vice president, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Buyers will want to ensure they get a loan before putting up a deposit and working with the builder, he explains.

Lenders have unique concerns with new construction, adds Neil Caron, vice president of Freedom Mortgage Corp. in South Windsor, Connecticut. For instance, before a buyer can get a government-insured FHA mortgage on a condominium in a new complex, the whole project must meet government approval.

In many cases, builders team up with mortgage companies, and there can be advantages for both buyers and builders from the partnership, Sozio says. The lender can ensure that a project receives FHA approval, for example, or a buyer could receive guidance to lock in an interest rate on a loan to be issued several months later when the home is expected to be completed, to avoid borrowing at what the rate may be then, Sozio adds.

Still, "buyers are under no obligation to use the partnering lender," he says.

PATIENCE AND PROFITS

In the boom years, buyers often rushed to be the first to purchase in a subdivision to lock in what they considered low prices; the last units in a subdivision typically sell for more. But when the housing bubble burst, property values depreciated and the last, newly constructed units in the subdivision often sold for low prices that competed with home-sellers in the subdivision who were trying to move out.

Home prices have been up in 2015, with the median price increasing 8.2% in the second quarter to $229,400. Subdivision homeowners may be able to breathe a bit easier knowing they can eventually sell their units for a profit without having to compete with low-priced new construction in the same subdivision. But while experts can predict price trends, they "are uncertain for all homes, existing and new," says Ken Wilson, past president for the Appraisal Institute.

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Housing market improves with proximity to city

What does a driver's license have to do with home prices?

Experts think they might be a clue to a mystery, namely why home prices in outlying suburbs have remained depressed, while values in suburbs closer to city centers have largely rebounded from the steep declines sparked by the financial crisis last decade.

Closer-in locations typically enjoy price recovery first, but outlying suburbs are taking longer than expected. "In my 26 years in the business, the price discount available to someone who is willing to commute has never been greater," writes John Burns, in an article posted website of his company, John Burns Real Estate Consulting.

Today, only 78 percent of 20- to 24-year-olds drive, compared to 93 percent in 1978. "I think the delay in getting a driver's license is consistent with many of the trends in delaying other young adult milestones: graduating college, getting a first job, getting married, having a child, buying a home," explains Chris Porter, chief demographer at John Burns Consulting.

Meeting those milestones meant new households started buying homes – and those within their price range were usually in farther flung suburbs. "There is no denying a buyer gets more for their dollar the further out from the city they travel," agrees Joe Castillo, broker/owner, ERA Mi Casa, Chicago.

But it's not just procrastination that's impeding the price recovery. Following the recession, there's been a shift in lifestyle choice, with more opting to live near cities and job centers, notes Porter.

This trend won't last, because young adults will reach the milestones, albeit "at a later age than their parents or grandparents," Porter predicts. Moreover, because outer-ring home prices are so depressed, today's buyers may enjoy more pronounced price appreciation in the future.

During the housing boom early last decade, builders quipped that buyers could "drive until they qualify."

Today, home buying bargain hunters may have to get a car and license first.

— Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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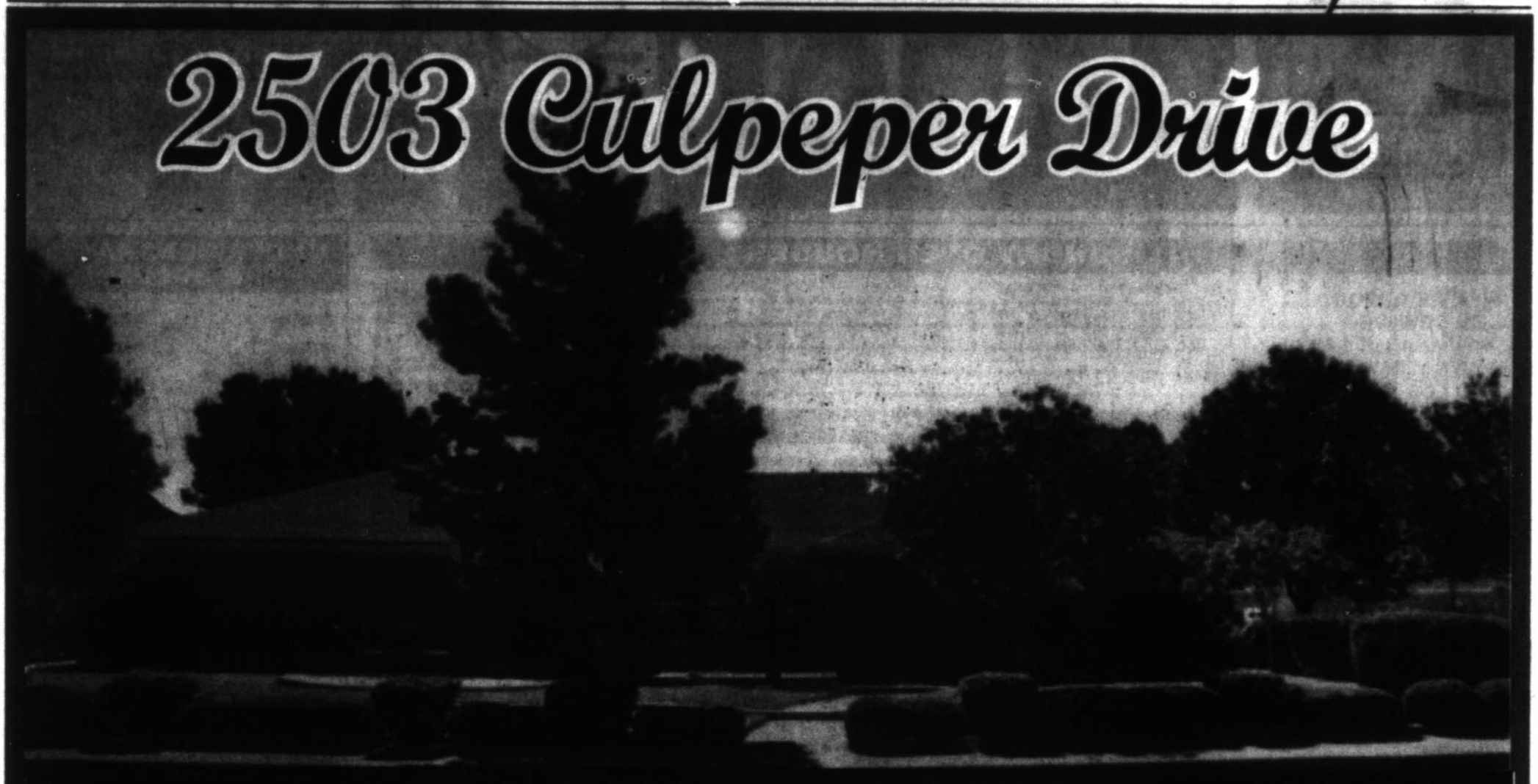

Open House Sunday 2:00-3:00

If you enjoy low maintenance beautiful outdoor living spaces in addition to a house with an immaculate interior and major updates, this is the one for you! Constructed in 1972, 2503 Culpeper Drive has 2,462 square feet (per appraiser) with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two living areas, 15x30 workshop, storage building and a two-car garage. Schools for this area include Emerson Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High. The house is also located on the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac so traffic is at a minimum.

Arriving at the home, you will immediately notice the gorgeous landscaping! Oversized brick has been used to create inviting seating areas in addition to a beautiful front porch space. Once inside, a Terrazzo tile entry leads you to the main living area. Crown molding outlines all the ceilings. Step down to wood flooring and get warm by the fireplace complete with gas logs. A wall of shelves and cabinets create areas for display and organization. Windows surrounding the fireplace provide a view to the back yard.

A hallway from the den leads to the large master bedroom and bathroom. The walk-in closet provides ample space for clothing. Currently, the homeowner uses the attached bedroom as a study, but by closing the door, it becomes a second bedroom with a walk-in closet. Continue down the hall to find three closets for storage in addition to two more bedrooms. All bedrooms have plush carpeting, ceiling fans and walk-in closets. In the hall is an updated full bathroom!

To the right of the entry is the spacious formal dining area or it could also be used as a second living space. Open to the kitchen, you can easily serve meals here if you choose to use it as a dining room. You will love the kitchen with the wood flooring, stainless appliances including a Wolf gas range, granite countertops and skylights. The oak cabinetry has been hand crafted and includes a china cabinet/hutch, large pantry and numerous cabinets with glass inserts. Casual meals may be enjoyed at the breakfast area where you have a view to the landscaping on the side of the house. The laundry room is off the kitchen in addition a door to the two-car garage where there are two storage closets.

Out back, enjoy the relaxing scene- seating areas, a yard with low maintenance care and a space that was meant to be enjoyed! A pathway leads to the "man-cave/shop" outfitted with electricity, an a/c window unit, cement flooring and skylights. In a corner of the yard is a smaller storage building. There is bonus parking space on the side of the house.

Additional amenities to this home include: gorgeous cabinetry, water softener, reverse osmosis, security system, corner lot, workshop, storage building, totally updated kitchen and bathrooms, spacious rooms.

More information may be obtained at the open house today from 2:00-3:00 or by contacting Sandy Scott, ABR, CRS, GRI with Real Estate One, at (432) 683-1377 or (432) 638-3250 or Brandee Noll (432) 230-4488 , Agent for Bill and Sandy Scott. MLS#106881 • $325,000

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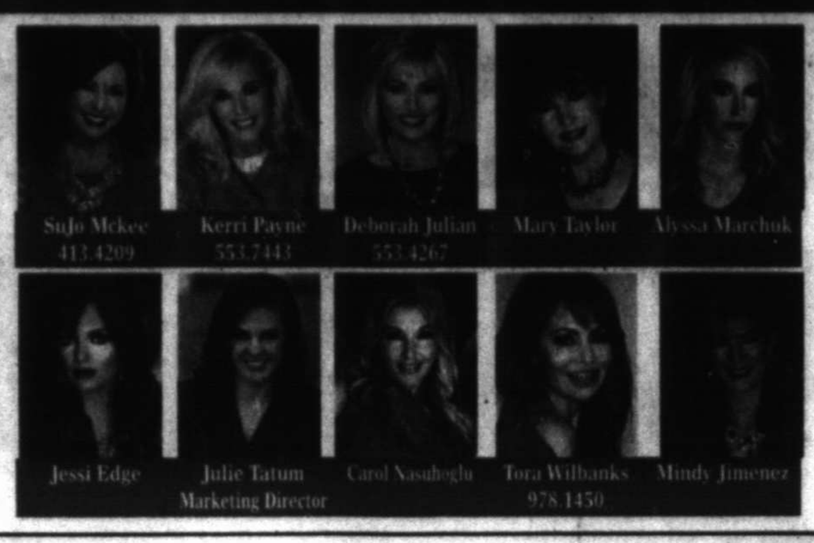

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5610 LOS PATIOS ..... OPEN TODAY 3-4

4+ BEDROOMS

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2109 Deeanna Ln.-Spectacular & totally updated 6 bed/6 full bath+3 half bath/10 living, 2 complete kitchens, soaring ceilings and dazzling pool! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of custom tile!..... $999,000
3291 Elkins-Dream home with guest house - a must see on almost 20 acres! Main house has 6956 sqft -guest house has 1293 sqft! Hardwood, tile, marble & stained concrete flooring, walls of windows, soaring ceiling!..... $875,000
3600 Trinity-4 Bed/3 Full/2 Half Bath Home in Trinity Estates Bright & Dramatic-Beautiful Museum Lighting! 61 windows making it light, bright & dramatic! Oak trees galore provide fantastic shade!..... $749,000
8 Hialeah-Absolutely lovely home in saddle club estates-4 bed/3.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining areas! Circle drive on .616 acre lot w/mature trees! Gorgeous hardwood floors, plantation shutters & updated gourmet kitchen!..... $599,000
2102 Deeanna Ln.-Fabulous home in Grassland Estates 4 Bed /3.5 Baths/3 living areas /2 dining areas & gourmet kitchen! Fresh interior paint & new carpet in bedrooms! Walls of windows!..... $499,000
5308 Bellour Ct-Extraordinary showstopper on quiet cul-de-sac has 4 bed/3 baths/greatroom+study/3 car gar + fabulous outdoor kitchen & 2nd fireplace! Stucco & stone exterior!..... $475,000
97 San Clemente-Simply spectacular! Main house has exquisite master ste w/2 baths, fireplace, lovely study & private patio! Guest house is 871 sq. ft. w/2 bed/2 baths & kitchenette!..... $475,000
4413 Verde Glen Ct-Truly spectacular 5 bed/3.5 Bath/2 living area/2 dining area/4 car gar home on quiet street in gtn with putting green! Walls of windows, crown molding & plantation shutters!..... $435,000
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4306 Downing Ave.-Absolutely lovely 4 bedroom/3 bath/1 or 2 living area or 1 or 2 dining area home in nice area (excellent condition)--lots of mature trees!!..... $245,000
3317 W. Cuthbert-Cute 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living area/2 dining area home on large lot with recent 6 ft cedar fence! Very spacious with versatile plan! Great storage! Nice mature trees!..... $135,000

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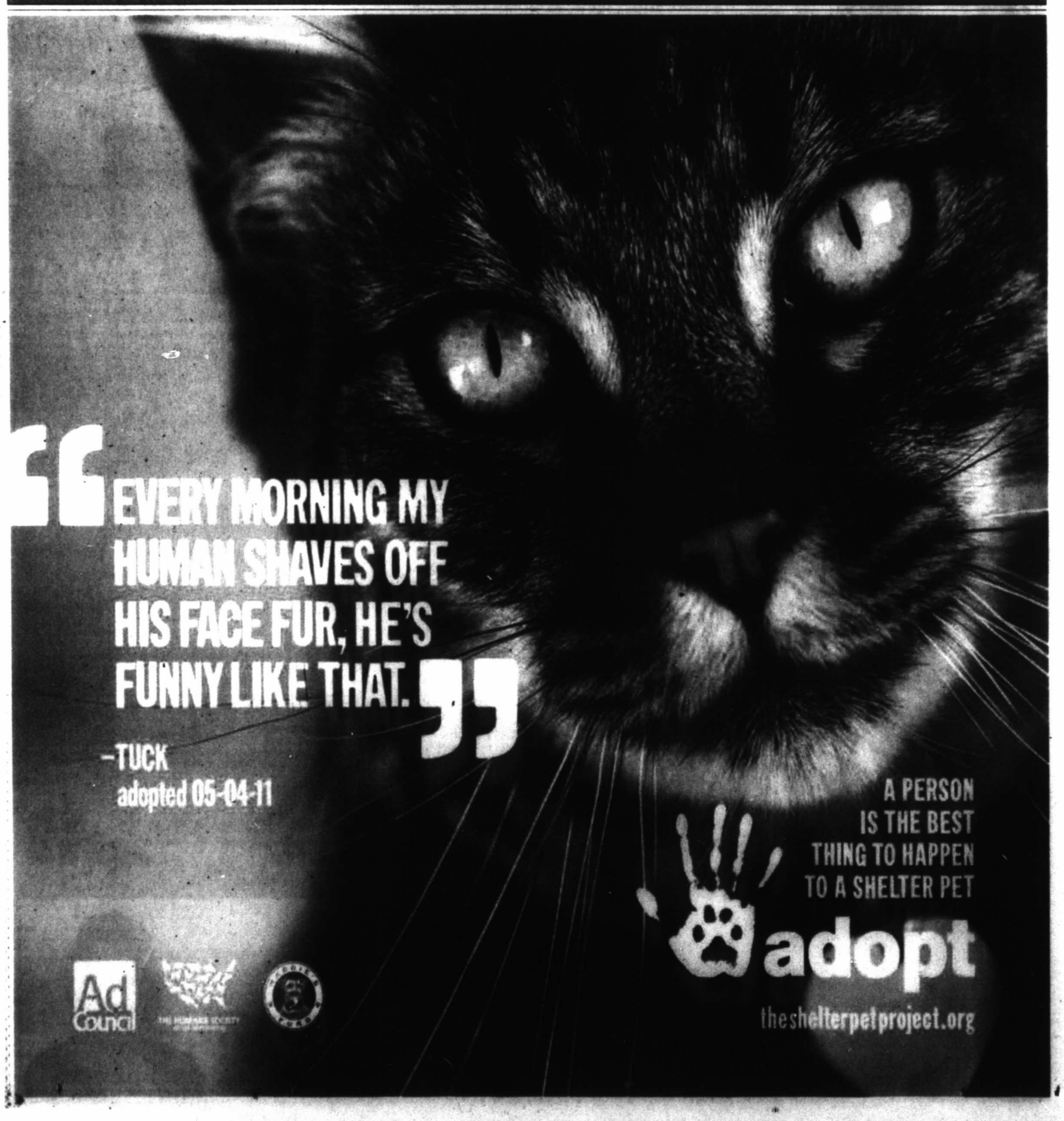

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4517 Hilltop-4 bedroom 3 bath 3 car garage w 2 [illegible] living areas 2 dining areas in Briarwood 2 new HVAC systems. Park like yard. Over 3,300 sq ft. REDUCED $444,900
1404 W. Pine WALLACE TOWNHOME. BIG REDUCTION Over 3,000 sq ft w 3 bedrooms 2 baths and 2 huge living areas. Goodbye yard work $319,900
6701 ECR 55. SHORT SALE [illegible] 4 bedroom 2 bath 1 tan modular home on 2 acres. Great condition. REDUCED AGAIN $224,900
34 Kanai, Odessa [illegible] REDUCED $375,000

Homes for Sale

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GRASSLAND WEST - 4/4 WITH large office. Large Den. Living. Media Room. Nice backyard and prepared for swimming pool. Four car garage, super comfortable and well build Robert Graham. STILL FEELS NEW $799,000

COUNTY ROAD 55 - Less than [illegible] years old! Space to roam and QUIET! 3/2 sitting on 2.3 Acres! Priced to move. modular home (not mobil). REDUCED Quick Sale $165,000

2400 WEST WALL - 1.2 Acre of perfect location. Super close to Chik Fil A. Frontage on Wall Street and side street. Endless possibilities, could make good restaurant location $199,900

5000 ANDREWS HWY - 2 Acres, very High visibility location. Next to loop and 191. With new HEB, this location should have crazy visibility UNDER CONTRACT

NEW OFFICE BUILDING ON WALL ST. - Exam rooms, with nice reception area. 2 years new 2,250 Square Feet $500,000

3805 ST. ANDREWS COURT - 4 bed, 2.5 baths with generous living spaces. Park like backyard is very impressive. Cul de sac for quiet $475,000

Homes for Sale

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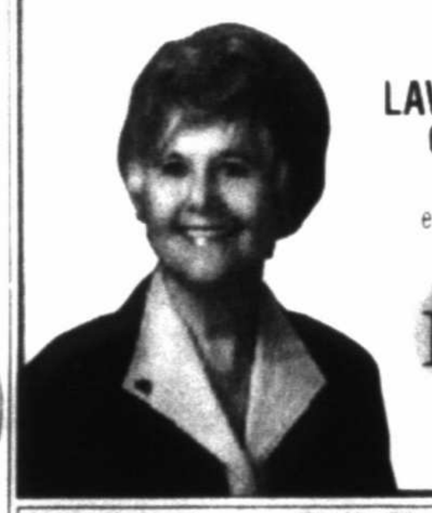

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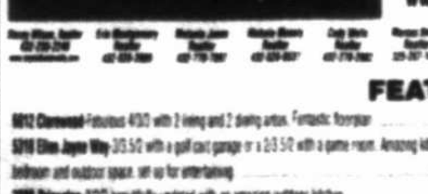
9 CANDLELIGHT LANE - REDUCED
The Estates of Shiloh
(Between Midland and Odessa)
Gorgeous beautifully decorated Home with 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 2 Dining, 3 Car Garage Gourmet Kitchen with an Island. Directions: Andrews Hwy to Hwy 191, take Faudree Road Exit turn North on Faudree Road, turn right into The Estates of Shiloh, turn left on Lamplight Lane right on Royal Manor Dr. left on Candlelight Lane

58 LA PROMESA CIRCLE - REDUCED
Vista Del Norte
(Between Midland and Odessa)
Spectacular Home exquisitely decorated with 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 4 Car Garage Directions: Hwy 191 & Faudree Road, take Faudree Road Exit, turn South on Faudree Road, right on San Machell, right into Vista Del Norte, left on La Promesa Circle

Homes for Sale



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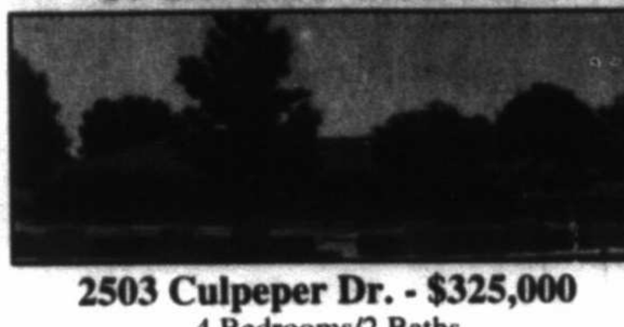


2503 Culpeper Dr. - $325,000
4 Bedrooms/2 Baths
Gorgeous w/updated kitchen & workshop!
Shown by Sandy Scott

Featured Homes

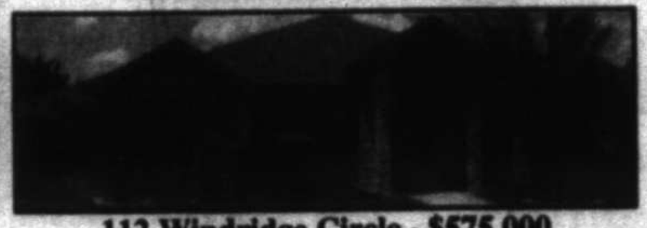
3911 County Rd. 1185 - $279,000

4403 Green Tree Blvd. - $399,900

5132 Ashdown Pl. - $249,900

3609 S. County Rd. 1184 - $299,000

2106 N Street - $775,000



112 Windridge Circle - $575,000

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New and Reduced Listings

- **6418 Saddle Horn Ln.**-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br, 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage — $779,000
- **2106 N. N St.**-Old Midland treasure! 3bdrm/3bth, just amazing! Must see! — $775,000
- **1901 Pagewood Ave.**-Fabulous Graham resale 4BR/3.5BTH with 6 car garage. Beautiful! — $649,500
- **1909 Crescent Pl.** Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place — $599,000
- **3911 County Rd. 1185**-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan — $279,000
- **3605 Roosevelt Ave.** Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage — $220,000

Two Bedrooms

- **2001 E FM 1379**-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! — $559,000
- **1911 Woodlawn Dr.**-Great location! Low maintenance! — U/C $162,000
- **412 E. Wadley Ave.**-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! — U/C $135,000
- **4700 Boulder Dr.**-Move in ready! 2 bdrm/2bth condo. Corner lot with view of POOL! — $78,000

Three Bedrooms

- **2211 N. County Rd. 1120**-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres — $795,000
- **2106 N. N St.**-Old Midland treasure! 3bdrm/3bth, just amazing! Must see! — $775,000
- **1909 Crescent Pl.** Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place — $599,000
- **112 Windridge Circle**-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub — $575,000
- **10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213**-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! — $575,000
- **4419 Tanforan Ave.** Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! — $419,000
- **4403 Green Tree**-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree — $399,900
- **3810 Coyote**-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home — U/C $399,500
- **Lot10Bk3 E. County Rd. 120**-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows — $376,000
- **4910 Kingsboro Ct.**-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! — $350,000
- **2102 Neely Ave.** Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland — $345,000
- **1404 Douglas**-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! — $325,000
- **902 W. Pine Ct.** Lovely townhome in Highland Park — $324,900
- **2200 Neely Ave.**-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths — $299,000
- **3609 S. County Rd. 1184** Spacious 3BR, great country property — $299,000
- **908 Neely Ave.** Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! — $299,000
- **13304 FM 307**-Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions — $285,000
- **3911 County Rd. 1185**-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan — $279,000
- **4205 Nelson** Spacious 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous — U/C $259,900
- **5132 Ashdown Place** Tons of space in this 3bdrm/2bth home in Saddle Club South — $249,900
- **3103 Elma Dr.** Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees — $238,000
- **1508 Douglas Ave.**-Lovely 3 bedrooms/2 bath, great location! — SOLD $238,000
- **700 Nolan Ryan Dr.**-Gorgeous 3 bedroom/2 bath open floor plan, all the amenities, great yard, entertaining pergola — U/C $229,900
- **4717 Boulder Ave.** Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! — $225,000
- **3701 Oakmont Dr.**-Wonderfully kept 3 bedroom/2 bath with some lovely updates! — $205,000
- **9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa!** Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan — U/C $199,000
- **2803 W. Golf Course Rd.** Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage — $199,900
- **2100 Wadley #65**-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/3bths — $149,999

Four Bedrooms

- **519 Sir Barton Pkwy**-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan — $1,175,000
- **6418 Saddle Horn Ln.**-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br, 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage — $779,000
- **2002 Stanolind**-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! — $779,000
- **1901 Pagewood Ave.**-Fabulous Graham resale 4BR/3.5BTH with 6 car garage. Beautiful! — $649,500
- **2105 Co. Rd. 1060**-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! — $455,000
- **Lot11Bk3 E. County Rd. 120**-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc — $449,600
- **811 Trinidad Place** - Woodland Park/Mark Payne 4Bdrm/3Bth Beauty with lush landscaped yard, bricked beds & back courtyard — $449,500
- **6607 E. Co. Rd. 110**-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashingdon home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! — $439,500
- **7200 E. Co. Rd. 112**-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today — $408,320
- **2711 Savoy**-Beautiful 4bdrm/2.5bth custom built home w/fabulous attention to detail — $389,900
- **3806 Wedgwood**-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect kitchen, large living areas — U/C $389,000
- **7208 E. County Rd. 112**-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now — $380,480
- **Lot9Bk3 E. County Rd. 120**-New construction in The Madows. Call Holly to make selections now — $353,760
- **5009 Mount Vernon Ct.**-Fantastic 4bdrm/2.5bth home! Move-in condition! — U/C $349,500
- **2109 Wellington Ct.**-Well cared for, updated countertops and beautiful colors! — SOLD $345,000
- **2701 S. Co. Rd. 1080**-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! — $339,500
- **2302 Seaboard Ave.**-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home — U/C $329,000
- **2503 Culpeper Dr.**-Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 bath, updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop — $325,000
- **5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa!** immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms — U/C $309,900
- **2821 Frontier Dr.**-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath in quiet street in Fannin area — U/C $239,000
- **3605 Roosevelt Ave.** Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage — $220,000
- **5201 Co. Rd. 1157**-4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country — $215,000

Five or More Bedrooms

- **2001 Sinclair Ave.** Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/8fbths/4hbths WOW! — $2,000,000
- **6826 Island Circle**-6/5.5-Exquisite Greentree jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! — $849,900

New Construction

- **Chaney Ranch**-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage — 638-3090

Town Houses and Patio Homes

- **4306 Guadalupe** 3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home — U/C $289,900

For Lease

- **1409 Connell St.** 6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **10601-A W. Murphy, Odessa**-For sublease: 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **2615 Noel**-Freshly updated 3Bdrm/2Bth home w/Versatile floor plan and updated bathrooms and kitchen — For Lease $1,950
- **4315-A W. Dengar**-2 bdrm/1bth immaculate and well maintained duplex! — For Lease $1,250
- **4315-B W. Dengar** 2bdrm/1bth w/private fenced back yard with patio area for grilling — For Lease $1,150

Lots, Land and Acreage

- **Chaney Ranch**-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home — 638-3090
- **S. Co. Rd. 1120**-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood — $2,080,000
- **I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa**-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 — $2,000,000
- **S. Co. Rd. 1040**-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood — $1,303,200
- **2001 E FM 1379**-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. fishing pond! Willing to subdivide — $559,000
- **3810 Jasmine**-Oasis on the Interstate! — $499,000
- **1106 E. Co. Rd. 150**-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 — $451,120
- **800 Neely Ave.**-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales — $399,000
- **5703 E. Co. Rd. 60**-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan — $399,000
- **6703 Desert Wind**-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community — $300,000
- **W. County Rd. 123**-Ready to develop! — $250,000
- **#4 Lincoln Park**-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy — $179,000
- **4405 Green Tree Blvd.**-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres — $125,000
- **11816 W. County Rd. 58 1/2 W** - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood — $114,000
- **2500 Regency Oaks Ct.**-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks — $87,500
- **E. Co. Rd. 120**-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows — U/C $65,000
- **0 N. Weatherford St.**-Residential Lot close to downtown — $28,500

Commercial Investment Property

- **1409 Connell St.**-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **10 Desta Drvie**-For Sublease: approx. 13,599 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **3415 Caldera**-For Lease: beautiful custom office building, approx. 2,132 sq. ft. — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **501 Andrews Hwy.** Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **Centennial Tower**-Downtown Sublease: approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking. — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **4000 N. Big Spring**-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,507 sq. ft. — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **501 Andrews Hwy.**-For lease: approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **7900 Groening**-Industrial sublease: 14,998 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres, In Leeco industrail development w/city utilities — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
- **2211 N. County Rd. 1120**-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres — $795,000
- **901 S. Garfield St.**-Wonderful money making commercial building! — $650,000
- **5000 Block of N. Midkiff**-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott — $575,000
- **1023 N Midkiff**-5,000 sq. ft. Retail space, terrific high traffic location — Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $200,000
- **0 Cotton Flat Rd.**-Zoned Industrial Park — $100,000

Out of Town Properties

- **5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa!** immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms — U/C $309,900
- **51 Ward Rd.**-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away, 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates — $240,000
- **9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa!** Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan — U/C $199,000

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Open Houses Today

5112 Brighton Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $259,900

2012 S. Co. Rd. 1068
Greenwood, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths,
2 car garage,
priced @ $342,000

New Construction

Saenz Signature Homes

4302 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $387,500

Ashingdon Homes

4405 Casa Verde Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $425,000

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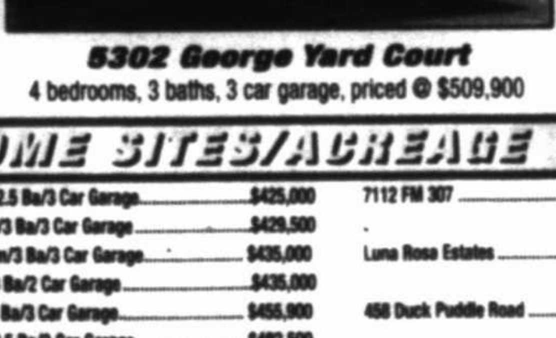
4306 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $435,000

Carrasco Homes

5306 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $482,500

Midland Gallery Homes



5302 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $509,900

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving."

~ W.T. Purkiser

Residential Listings/Home Sites/Acreage

RESIDENTIAL

1904 E. Pine	1 Bdrm/1 Ba/Mobile Home	$39,500
501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,900
3212 Frontier Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas	U/C
2404 Flare Court	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5112 Brighton Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$259,900
4608 Lemonwood Lane	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$319,900
6501 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$439,500
3700 Casady Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$449,900
5314 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$462,999
5317 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 car garage	$469,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,800
1503 S. Mineola St	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$248,500
1505 Mineola St.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5607 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$373,000
4302 Coronado Ct.	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$387,500
7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	$410,700
4405 Casa Verde Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$425,000
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$429,500
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$435,000
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$435,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$455,900
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$482,500
5302 George Yard Ct	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$509,900
5417 Secretariat St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,250,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

14943 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$123,900
6516 Mockingbird Ln	1.007 Acres	$125,000
3406 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$129,900
6007 Dunbarton Oaks	Mockingbird Oaks	$149,000
14941 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	U/C
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$310,000
2012 S. Co. Rd. 1068	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$342,000
9805 FM 307	Greenwood/20.33 Acres	U/C
7112 FM 307	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car garage	U/C

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

458 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$159,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

E. Co. Rd. 140	10.2 Acres	$300,000
1400 Webb Lane	Big Spring/4 Acres	$550,000
3108 W. Co. Rd. 1200	Office building/5 offices/meeting room/3 acres	$875,000
Beal Parkway	3.98 Acres	$1,475,000
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,800,000

RENTAL PROPERTIES

4705 Boulder	2 Bdrm/2 Ba	$1,200
4308 Pasadena	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	$1,500
4613 Aspen	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba	$2,500
605 N. D Street	4 Bdrm/2 Ba	$2,500
5309 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba	$3,500

Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-9682

Featured Properties

6501 Mosswood Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $439,500

3700 Casady Court
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, pool, priced @ $449,900

5317 Half Moon Circle
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,000

4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $310,000

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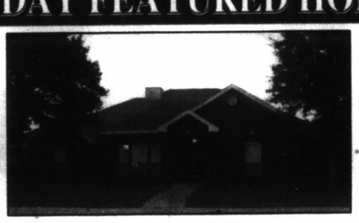
SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

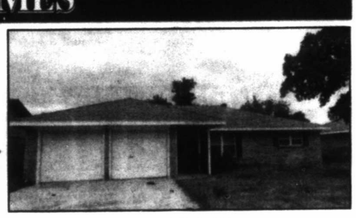
4408 TREVINO ST.
$215,000

This is a wonderful home with large living area, high ceilings, fireplace, open floor plan with bright dining area, kitchen has new sink & faucet, plenty of counter space with good sized pantry, sequestered master with jetted tub and separate shower/tub/closets, good size bedrooms, large corner lot & large yard in nice neighborhood with great school districts. Easy access to Loop 250. Move in ready.
Call Minerva Rodriguez, 432-631-5679



5802 DEVLIN PLACE
$373,900

Wonderful Robert Graham Custom - 4 bed/3 bath PLUS study! In-law plan. Tons of great storage, hardwood floors, plantation shutters throughout! Wonderful open floor plan. Kitchen includes 6+ work areas, flooded w/natural light. Oversized utility w/sink, hang-up area + room for frig/freezer. 3 car gar. Beautiful new Celebration Bermuda Hybrid turf both front and back yards. Immcaulte/move-in condition!
Call Suzi Knight, 432-559-5036



3804 NEELY AVE.
$199,000

Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many updates. Two living areas - one with wood burning fireplace. Kitchen has lovely dark finish cabinets and new tile flooring. Large inside utility/storage is off of kitchen. Nice size bedrooms and two full baths. Large landscaped backyard with storage building. The attic has blown in insulation for more efficient cooling and heating. Carpet allowance.
Call Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

4+ BEDROOM

1705 TEXOMA DR		$540,000
13802 COUNTY RD 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
5802 DEVLIN PLACE		$373,900
5211 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1067	$365,000
307 SKYWORD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1723	0/C
3307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5909 APPLE CREEK ROAD		0/C
3700 ED ROSS DR	FACT ID #1068	0/C
5910 PLUM VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1068	$313,900
804 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1806	$278,000
5615 ROBLE LANE	FACT ID #1805	0/C
5900 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1825	SOLD
3313 CAMARO AVE	FACT ID #1806	$219,000

3 BEDROOM

4109 STRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1097	$418,000
1827 ROSEWOOD		$339,500
4705 W SPRING MEADOW LANE	FACT ID #1038	SOLD
5015 S. CR. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
2516 SEABOARD AVE	FACT ID #1033	0/C
2307 HERMITAGE CT	FACT ID #1057	SOLD
4823 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1025	$278,000
1905 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1038	SOLD
605 MEMORIAL CT	FACT ID #1086	$230,000
3407 PRINCETON AVE	FACT ID #1089	$219,500
5011 JOY DR	FACT ID #2101	$217,000
3408 TREVINO ST	FACT ID #1078	$215,000
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
3803 COUNTY RD 1247		$200,000
2603 NORTHROP	FACT ID #1080	SOLD
717 W PINE	FACT ID #1096	$205,000
3215 ORIENTAL	FACT ID #1215	SOLD
1609 FARRIN AVE	FACT ID #1096	SOLD
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1078	$189,000
424 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1090	$175,000
4518 LEDDY DR	FACT ID #1057	$169,000

3 BEDROOM

1217 E. NOBLES AVE	FACT ID #1053	0/C
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	0/C
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$69,900

2 BEDROOM

1501 E. 12TH		$135,000

COMMERCIAL

6203 E. CR. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000

LAND

13416 W COUNTY RD 180		$198,000
3708 CEDAR SPRING	LOT 0.169 ACRES	$78,000

ODESSA

3048 W VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	$330,000
2416 QUAIL PARK PLACE	FACT ID #1056	0/C
2609 W VEGAS AVE		0/C
1700 E 52ND ST ODESSA	FACT ID #1084	$230,000
3907 HYDE LN DR		0/C
308 99TH STREET	FACT ID #1090	0/C
2441 W 35TH ST	FACT ID #1090 RESIDENTIAL LOT 0.5 ACRES	$25,00

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5104 Brighton Pl. Midland, TX
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1403 Mogford Midland, TX
CUTE! CUTE! CUTE! 3 bedroom home with TONS of space! Very SPACIOUS kitchen! Very quiet and NICE neighborhood!! Call TODAY!!! Call Gene McMahan 432-664-0813
716 Raymond Rd. Midland, TX
Charming 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Home, on a Corner Lot. Close to Elementary School. Stunning floors throughout, separate Utility Room, 2nd Living Area may be used as family room or a bedroom. Landscaped front yard and fenced backyard. CALL TO SEE!!! Call Rosalie Burrola 432-208-9040
3220 Mariana Ave. Midland, TX
Nice starter home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large utility room and a bonus room that could be the formal dining or den. Needs your personal touch to make it home. 1435 square feet-information of gross living area above grade is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832
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Lou Matson REALTOR®, CRS, GRI 432-559-1950
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4812 W. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX
Looking For A House To Put Your Stamp On? THIS IS IT! Four bedrooms, Jack and Jill bath, two living areas, fireplace in second living area. Large kitchen with separate dining area. Easy access to Loop 250 and close to schools. Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832
3018 W. County Rd. 116 Midland, TX
3 Bedroom 2 bath home with LOTS of room to ROAM!! County living without being far from downtown Midland! GREAT space!! Well maintained HOME!! Call Today!! Call Gene McMahan 432-664-0813
4803 Thomason Dr. Midland, TX
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200 E. Spruce St.
$162,500
Cozy. Well Maintained 3 Bedroom. 2 Bath Home. Great Starter Home Plus Great Place To Call Home! Recently Added Workshop w Roll-Up Metal Garage Door and Electrical Plus An Attached Covered Parking Pad

OPEN TODAY 2:30 - 3:30
2405 Maxwell Drive
$259,000
Fantastic updated 4bed/2bath/2garage, move-in ready! Spacious family den w/brick fireplace! Double french doors open to bonus/sun room. Separate formal dining! Spacious kitchen w/recent fridge sink hardware w/seating area/double-oven and plenty of cabinetry storage! Sequestered master bedroom! Spacious guest bedrooms & closets w/access to roomy guest bath/room Landscaping with curb appeal! Sprinkler system!

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
3001 Baybridge Court
$359,900
Perfection plus on this fabulous low maintenance home! Soft colors surround you, open plan for kitchen dining area, plantation shutters throughout. Sunroom, luxurious master suite w/dual sinks & huge walk in closet. Beautiful culdesac. This home offers top of the line amenities and serenity!

Luxury in Los Conchos Estates!
6406 Mockingbird
$1,098,000
Gorgeous French Country design with brand new floor plan by Summit Homes. Impressive front entry with 8FT double iron doors. Hardwood floors in study and formal dining. Upgraded appliance package, granite throughout, 2 fireplaces, patio will be plumbed for outdoor kitchen area. Oversized 3 car garage, all plantation shutters through-out. High end finishes in this home!

NEW LISTING
1905 WCR 137
$499,900
Country Home with plenty of room to roam! Approximately 4.5 Acres, with covered horse stalls, shop, 2 water wells, and RV carport. Home is Handicap accessible. Wood burning fireplace in living room. Open Patio in front as well as enclosed patio in back. Upstairs playroom. Office/ Study right off of living room

NEW LISTING
2109 Wydewood Dr.
$180,000
Great floorplan and area here with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living, 2 dining, 2 car garage, rv pad and carport in wydewood estates in the northwest part of the city inside the loop! Corner lot! High ceilings, fireplace in living area. 2nd dining area could be 2nd living, office or play area! Great sized master! Master bath has dual vanities, dual closets, and sep shower and tub! Great trees!

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2306 HAYNES - $189,900
Great low maintenance home in central Midland. Home features 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths, and 2 dining areas. Master suite with his and hers closets. Great space for entertaining with front and back coutyyard areas.
Shown by Deborah Pierce 432-689-2489

OPEN 3:00-4:00
4505 STILLMEADOW - $299,000
Walk in wow! Soaring ceiling's & windows above covered beams! Wood look tile floors, built-in's, granite, stainless, double oven's! Wet bar w/wine-ing space/mail bath! Den/media room! Master suite down! 2 Beds,bath up w/study & private balcony! Gorgeous grounds/Sprinkler,pergola & privacy fence! Great space to relax & entertain! Exterior walls spray foamed! This is not the same old same old cookie cutter plan!
Shown by Deborah Pierce 432-689-2489

OPEN 3:00-5:00
12808 ALCARIO, ODESSA TX - $215,000
On approx. 1/2 acre. Amazing Brick home Brick fence with wrought iron 2 Story 5+ Bedrooms Amazingly huge Garage covered deck, Grande Master suite 1st floor with walk in closet and master bath separate is enough for work out room too. Recently update so many New! to mention! New roof, septic, well, lighting, carpet, paint, appliances.
Shown by Cassie Pearce 432-763-2545

FEATURED HOME
4416 GUADALUPE - $299,500
Like New! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath Home! Refrigerator, Washer & Dryer Stay!
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Listed by Bill Underwood 432-413-9055

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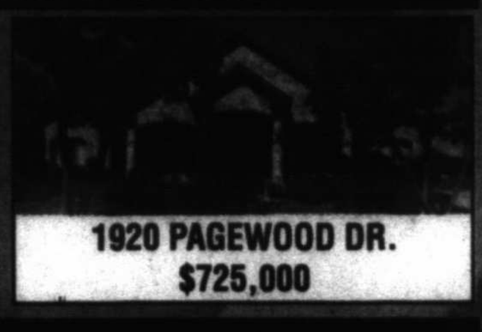
531 SIR BARTON
$2,000,000



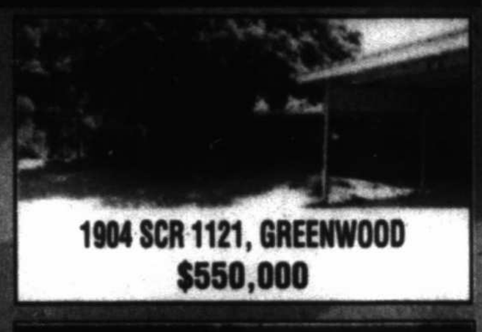
1920 PAGEWOOD DR.
$725,000

ACTIVE LISTINGS

5624 HATHAWAY CT.
$675,000

6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE
$645,000

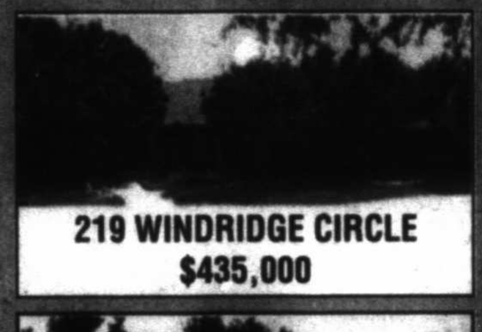
2104 DEEANNA LANE
$600,000



1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$550,000

58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000

4204 BAYBROOK PLACE
$500,000



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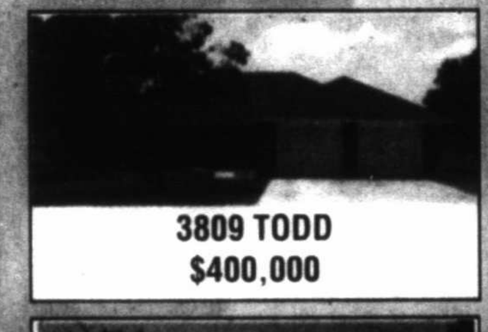
5003 APPLE CREEK RD.
$410,000



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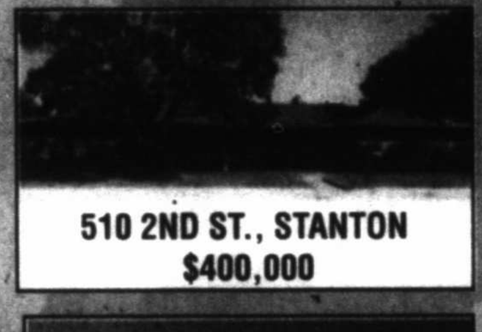
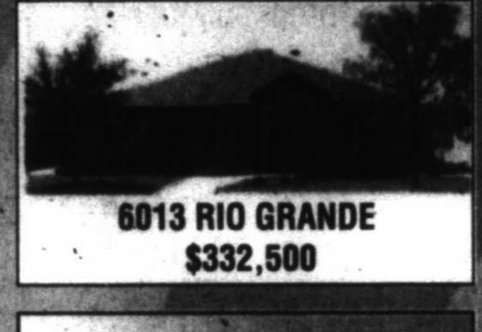


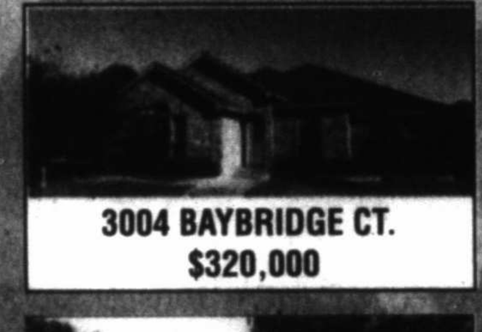
510 2ND ST., STANTON
$400,000

503 SOLOMON LANE
$375,000



6013 RIO GRANDE
$332,500

5012 WHITMAN DR.
$325,000



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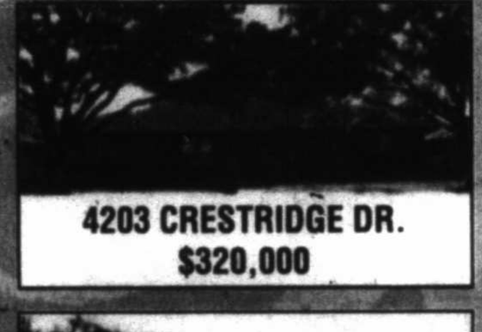

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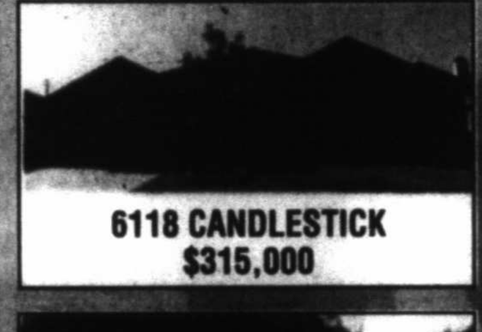

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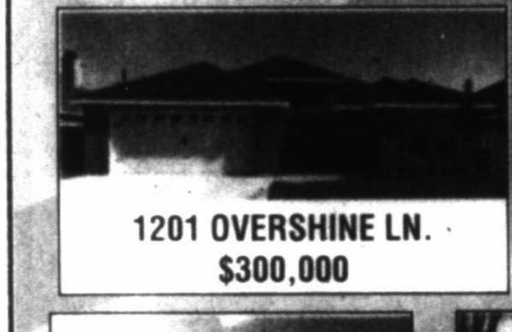

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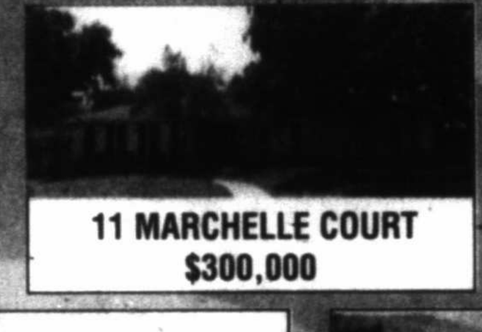

11 MARCHELLE COURT
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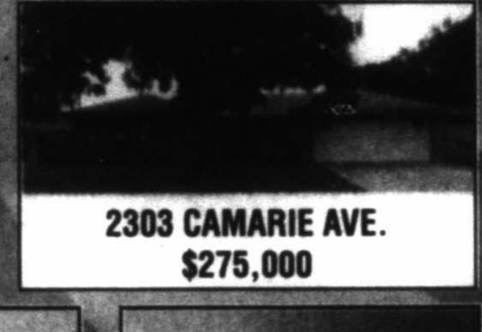
2313 DENGAR AVE.
$280,000



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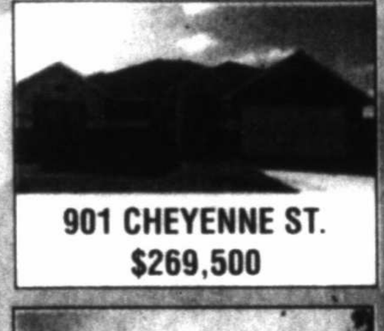

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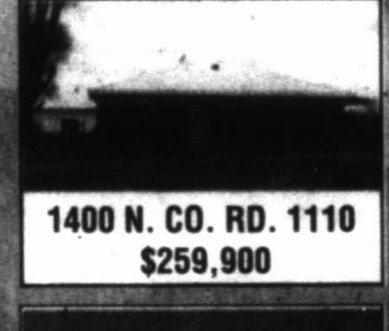

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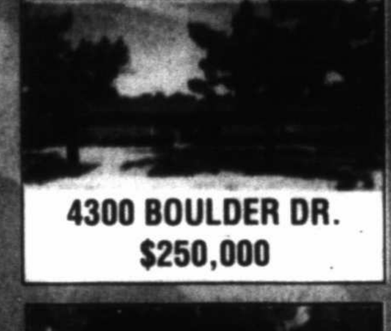

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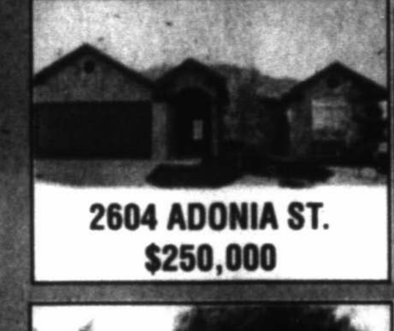

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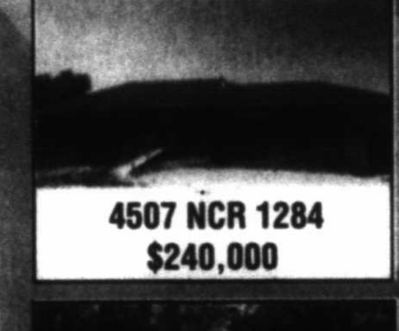


4507 NCR 1284
$240,000

305 S. JEFFERSON ST.
$235,000

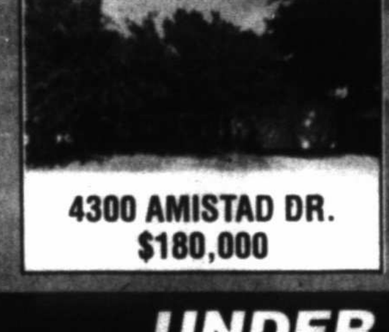
1125 POTTERFIELD RD.
$225,000

2410 CAMARIE AVE.
$217,500

5105 CONCHO DR.
$200,000

3210 WHITTLE WAY
$200,000

805 CHEYENNE ST.
$199,995



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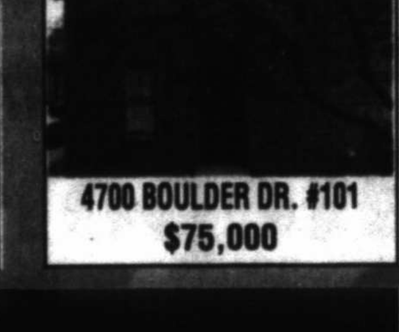

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UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
6506 MOCKINGBIRD LN.
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SALE PENDING
5511 HILLCREST
$500,000

SALE PENDING
1507 DOUGLAS AVE.
$500,000

SALE PENDING
4016 HERITAGE OAKS
$431,500

SALE PENDING
1904 SPARKS ST.
$425,000

SALE PENDING
3501 PRINCETON AVE.
$225,000

SALE PENDING
3909 ELDERICA CT.
$250,000

SALE PENDING
3529 LONOKE AVE.
$235,000

SALE PENDING
2909 SPARTAN DR.
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SALE PENDING
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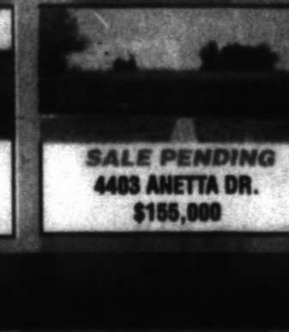

SALE PENDING
4403 ANETTA DR.
$155,000

SALE PENDING
313 20TH ST., CRANE
$120,000

SOLD LISTINGS

★★★★SOLD★★★★
2107 WESTERN DR.
$275,000

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6017 FRIO DR.
$286,000

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Sunday Features!

1920 Pagewood Dr. - $725,000

Spectacular drive-up appeal! Located in the middle of a cul-de-sac, this gorgeous home welcomes you w/a barrel ceiling entry, formal living & dining,brick columns & venetian plastered walls! Gourmet kitchen w/island is open to the family room & breakfast nook! Den/gameroom is the perfect place to hang-out & has a side patio! Amazing sequestered master w/beautiful bath! Sequestered in-law plan! Great patio w/fireplace! 4 Car garage!

6324 Prairie Ridge - $645,000

Incredible custom home w/all the bells & whistles! Formal living w/wonderful wood floors & views of the gorgeous backyard with water feature! Formal dining! Amazing office! Family room is open to the beautiful kitchen with skylight, dark cabinetry, island, granite, pantry & breakfast bar! Amazing sequestered master suite with fantastic bath! Sequestered in-law plan! Every bedroom has its own private bath! Awesome covered patio! 4 Car garage!

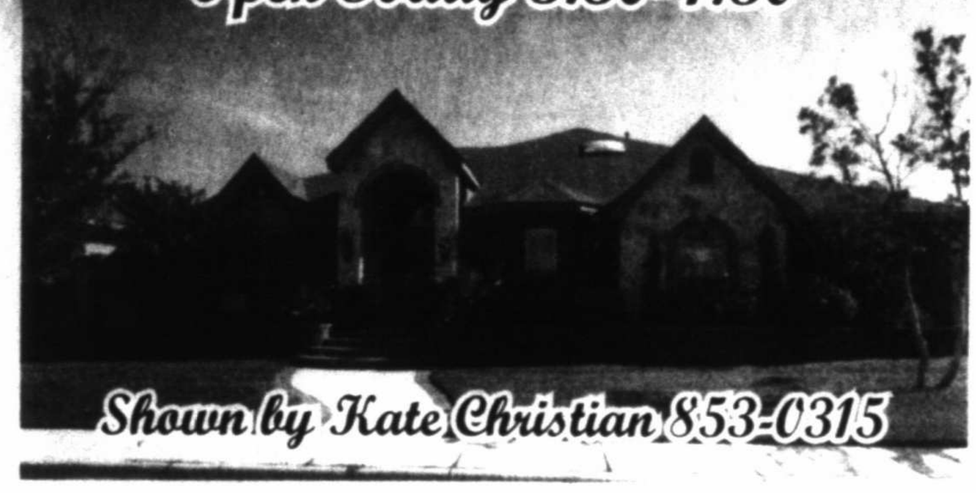
5003 Apple Creek Rd. - $410,000

Beautiful carrasco resale! Open floorplan with tons of tile, high ceilings with pretty features! Formal dining with faux painted walls! Family room with fireplace opens to gourmet kitchen with granite, island & pantry! Sequestered master is spacious & has amazing bathroom & closet! In-law plan has private bath & could be used as a second living! Tons of storage! Park-like back yard! 3 Car garage! Lots of recents! Don't miss it!

2903 Savoy - $385,000

Stunning 4 bedroom home w/gorgeous rock accents! Wonderful open floorplan w/formal dining! Living room offers full rock fireplace, ceiling treatments & big windows! Kitchen w/granite, breakfast bar, island & stainless appliances is open to breakfast nook! Sequestered master with separate shower & tub plus large closet! Custom bathroom vanities! Crown moulding! Arched doorways! Skylight! Covered patio! Nice yard! 3Cg! Water well!

Open Today 3:30-4:30



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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4902 BROOKDALE - $245,000
Wonderful low maintenance 4 bedroom 2 bath built in 2008 with a spacious open floor plan. With a large master suite including dual sinks and a large walk in closet! Abundant storage in kitchen including walk in pantry. Good size guest rooms. His and her garages! Yard with a storage shed.
Shown by Lisa Russell

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4207 VALLEY DRIVE - $225,000
Spacious 3-2-2 house.
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3511 MEADOWRIDGE - $479,900
Recently updated 4 bedroom or 3 bedroom w/LARGE game room on corner lot in desired Trinity Meadows. Large living room with incredible fireplace and built-ins. Gorgeous kitchen with gas cooktop, double ovens, new Bosch dishwasher and tons of storage! Formal dining room with built-in buffet! Granite counters throughout! Over-sized bedrooms with large closets! Large backyard! Car Enthusiast's garage!
Shown by Mark Philliber

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2909 SAVOY - $380,000
4 bdr, 2 1/2 ba, pool.
Shown by Lana Flores

OPEN 2:30-3:30
407 SKYWOOD - $449,900
Wonderful low maintenance 4 bedroom 2 bath built in 2008 with a spacious open floor plan. With a large master suite including dual sinks and a large walk in closet! Abundant storage in kitchen including walk in pantry. Good size guest rooms. His and her garages! Yard with a storage shed.
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:00
6009 MEDINA DR. - $294,900
Adorable 3 bedroom - Hot!
Shown by Jerrilyn Garrison

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2903 SAVOY
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Kate Christian

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What Goes Around Comes Around

Find out how classic furniture pieces that extend back ... Greece, the Roman Empire and beyond ... time

By Christine Bockelman | CTW Features

Mid-century modern has been a popular style for some time, and although America's love affair with clean lines and simple shapes continues, there's another player jockeying for position in the living room: Antiques are making a comeback.

"I think people are finally realizing that antiques possess a charm and a depth of character that mid-century modern will never have," says Jennifer Boles, founder of popular blog The Peak of Chic and author of "In With The Old: Classic Decor from A to Z" (Potter Style, 2013).

The trending pieces aren't necessarily the fussy, oversized armoires and armchairs from your grandma's house, although these can be updated with new upholstery (geometric prints) or finishes (shiny lacquers).

"Some of the traditional lines are back again, but it's a simple, elegant aesthetic and not claw feet," says Mindy Miles Greenberg, owner of interior design firm Encore Interior Design, New York City.

Not convinced? Chances are you already own some furniture with a past and don't know it. Read on for the history of a few styles that are perfectly placed in any modern home.

WINDSOR CHAIR

The Windsor chair hails from the United Kingdom, where it was originally used as a garden chair because they were so light and easy to carry around. Eventually, the chair's comfortable inclined back and solid, durable seat convinced people to bring it indoors, and the chair became common in the pubs, libraries and schools of England. In America, it's said Thomas Jefferson signed the Declaration of Independence sitting in one.

"The same reason that these chairs were popular in the 18th century – they are light and portable – makes them useful today," says Amy Azzarito, author of "Past & Present: 24 Favorite Moments in Decorative Arts History" (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, 2013).

CHAISE LONGUE

Note the spelling here. This is not any pedestrian lounge chair. Instead, the chaise longue – literally long chair in French – was the perch of choice for Cleopatra and it's been in use ever since.

The Romans made theirs of wood covered in animal skins and pillows, and the Victorians and even Modernists were fans.

"It is still the perfect piece for nearly any room of the house, from the bedroom for a little spot for napping to the living room, where it's perfect for stretching out and reading or watching TV," Azzarito says.

TRESTLE TABLE

Trestle tables date back to the Middle Ages. "Medieval castles didn't have a room devoted to dining," Azzarito says. "Instead, eating happened in the great hall or in a formal bedchamber, so it was of the upmost importance that tables could be quickly set up and then taken back down again."

While the modern trestle tables share design elements with their ancestors, they are much more permanent.

"Of course, you could always use a board and two sawhorses for the same medieval effect," Azzarito says.

CURULE STOOL

This stool, with its X-shaped legs, is another piece that originated with the Egyptians – it dates back to at least 494 BC – and later adopted by the Romans. Julius Caesar sat on one, and other kings and dignitaries also used it on battlefields, while driving their chariots and as a camp stool.

It also popped up on the Chinese Silk Road.

"Even after thousands of years of use, the X-stool still looks pretty fantastic in the modern home. It's perfect at a dressing table; or use two at the foot of a bed or in the entryway," Azzarito says.

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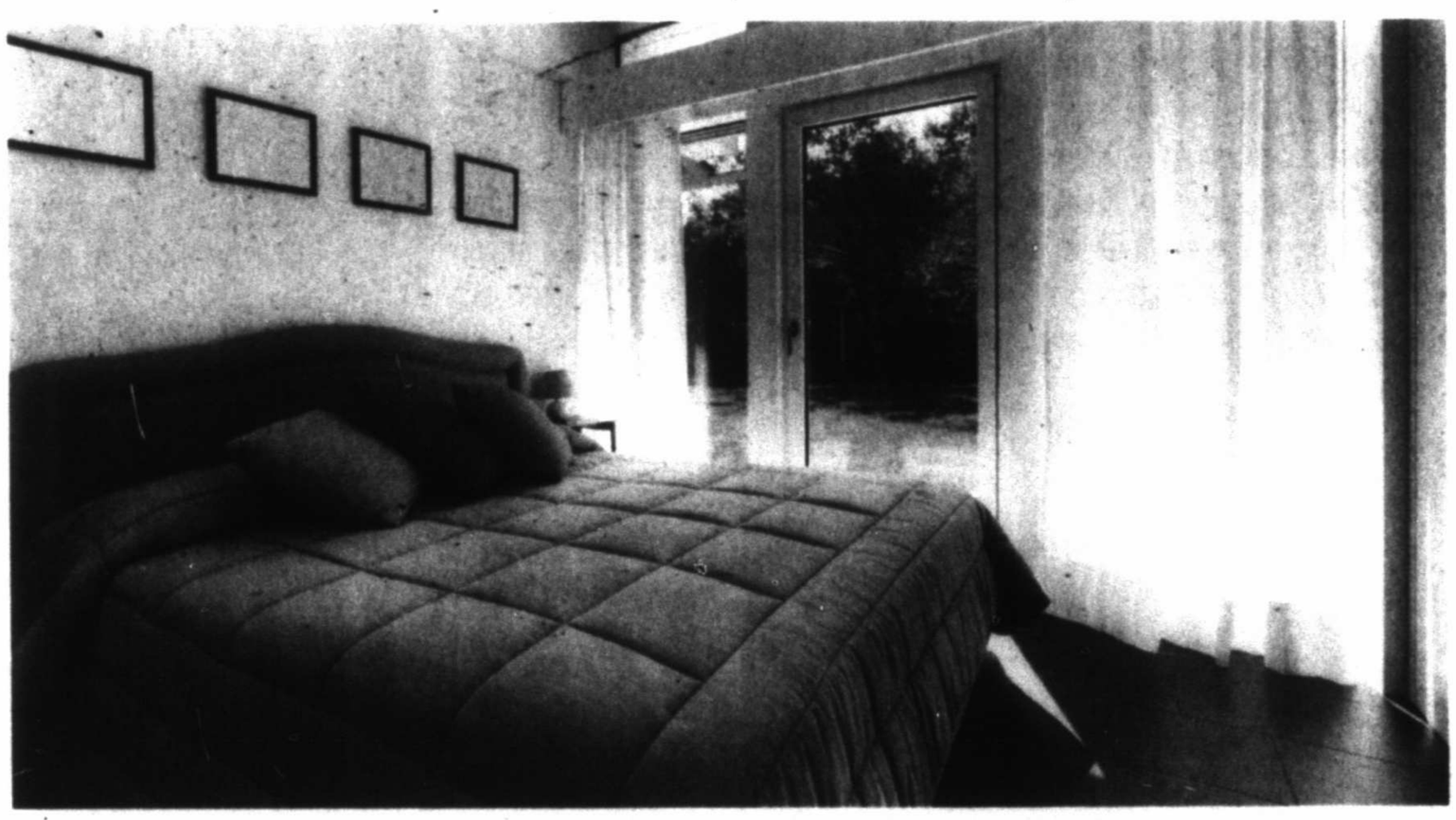
How to Sleep Like Royalty

Why king sized beds are the best choice for your bedroom

By [illegible]



Sometimes bigger really is better – at least when it comes to beds. A king sized bed may just be the key to getting the royally great sleep you've always dreamed of.

One major culprit of poor sleep? Pain, especially in the back, shoulder and leg regions. Twenty four percent of consumers say pain relief is one of the most important features they are looking for in a new sleep set according to consumer research conducted by Furniture Today and its research partner Apartment Therapy.

Approximately one third of your lifetime is spent asleep, so why would you settle for a bed that keeps you up at night tossing and turning and disturbing your partner for hours?

A king sized bed can help by giving couples more room. A standard full size bed (54 in x 75 in) only gives each person a few inches of personal space each. A king sized bed (76 in x 80 in), on the other hand, gives each person the equivalent of their own twin-sized bed.

Those extra inches can make a world of difference. Not only do you not have to worry about tumbling off the edge when your partner turns, but there are countless health benefits for anyone recovering from an injury or suffering from chronic pain.

Some of the other health benefits of a king sized bed include:

- relieves stress on pressure points;
- allows for proper neck alignment, thus reducing vertebrae pressure and nerve contusions;
- alleviates frozen shoulder syndrome; and
- doesn't compress respiratory system, making breathing easier.

This extra room also makes a king sized bed the best choice for families with young kids or pets. In a bigger bed, everyone can snuggle together for a picture-perfect lazy breakfast in bed or movie night in mom and dad's room.

In addition to the numerous health benefits, king sized beds are also a great way to enhance your bedroom's overall look. An upgrade in size doesn't mean that you have to compromise style. The bed is the star of every bedroom, so it should be a showstopper.

King-sized beds come in a variety of designs from modern and sleek to romantic canopies to classically ornate. But they all have one thing in common – they make a bold statement of luxury, comfort and style.

Even if your room isn't the size of a royal bed chamber, a king sized bed can still be seamlessly worked into smaller rooms. In fact, they are the ideal size for under bed storage and many models come with built in drawers.

So if you're lying awake tonight, cramped and uncomfortable next to your partner, perhaps it's time to upgrade to a bed fit a king.

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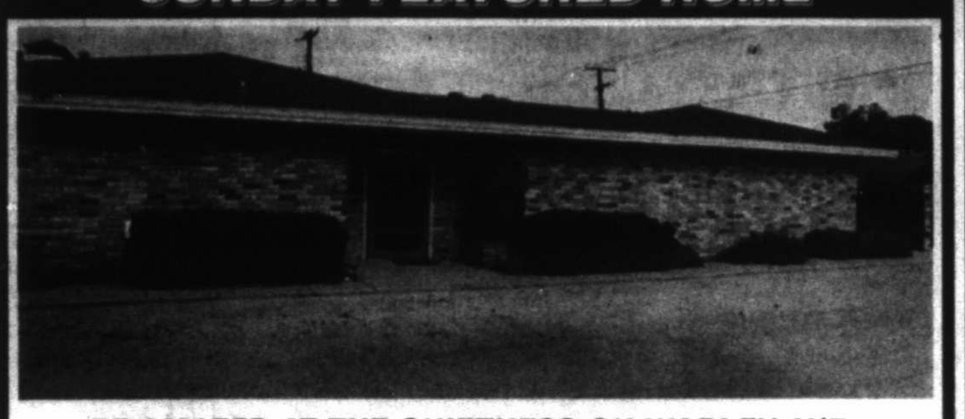

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FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick	3 Bed, 2 Full Bath, 2 Half Bath, 7 Car Garage. Odessa, TX, Carpet Allowance	MLS #104559	UNDER CONTRACT	$550,000
1306 West Co. Rd 130	2 houses, barn with 6 stalls, arena, 2 shops 12.43+/- acres	MLS#106541		$498,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 4.44 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$380,000
7417 ECR 93	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, New Construction. 1.10 Acres	MLS#105214	UNDER CONTRACT	$374,900
3400 Alicia Ct.	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, pool	MLS# 107193		$304,900
3200 W. Wadley Ave	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$272,900
2910 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1 LA, 2 DA's	MLS #107282		$254,000
6109 South Co. Rd. 1178	4 bed, 2 bath, 1 LA1 DA, barns, arena, pens, 11.55 acres	MLS#106219	UNDER CONTRACT	$219,900
2408 Apperson Dr.	3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	MLS#106114	UNDER CONTRACT	$189,000
609 S. Jackson St.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, NEW PRICE	MLS#106569		$173,900
703 Ainslee	3 BED, 1 Bath, lots of space for the price	MLS #106779	UNDER CONTRACT	$104,400
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS#106038		$99,400
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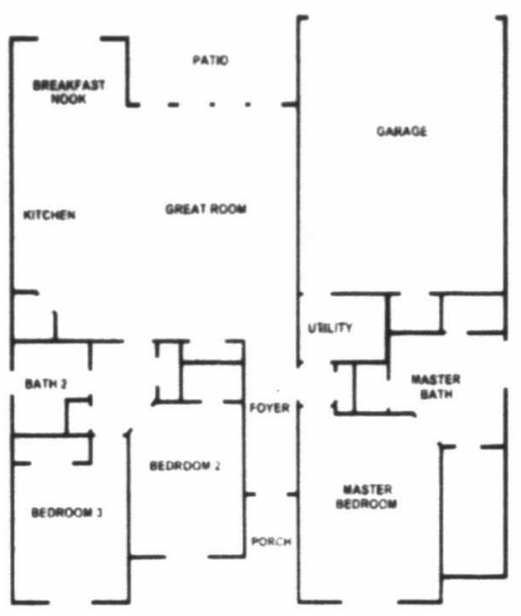
Mark Payne Homes

4011 Navasota
$282,500

Don't miss this beautiful home in Heritage Oaks! It offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an abundance of storage. The open kitchen features granite countertops, custom built cabinetry and stainless steel appliances.



4009 Navasota
$296,500

This versatile 3 bed, 2 bath home has a great flex room off the living that can serve as a study or playroom. Open kitchen with plenty of cabinet & countertop space, and a 2 sided fireplace that is sure to impress.

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

6015 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	U/C
6017 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$364,500
4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car	$478,500
4006 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car	$419,500
4010 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car	U/C

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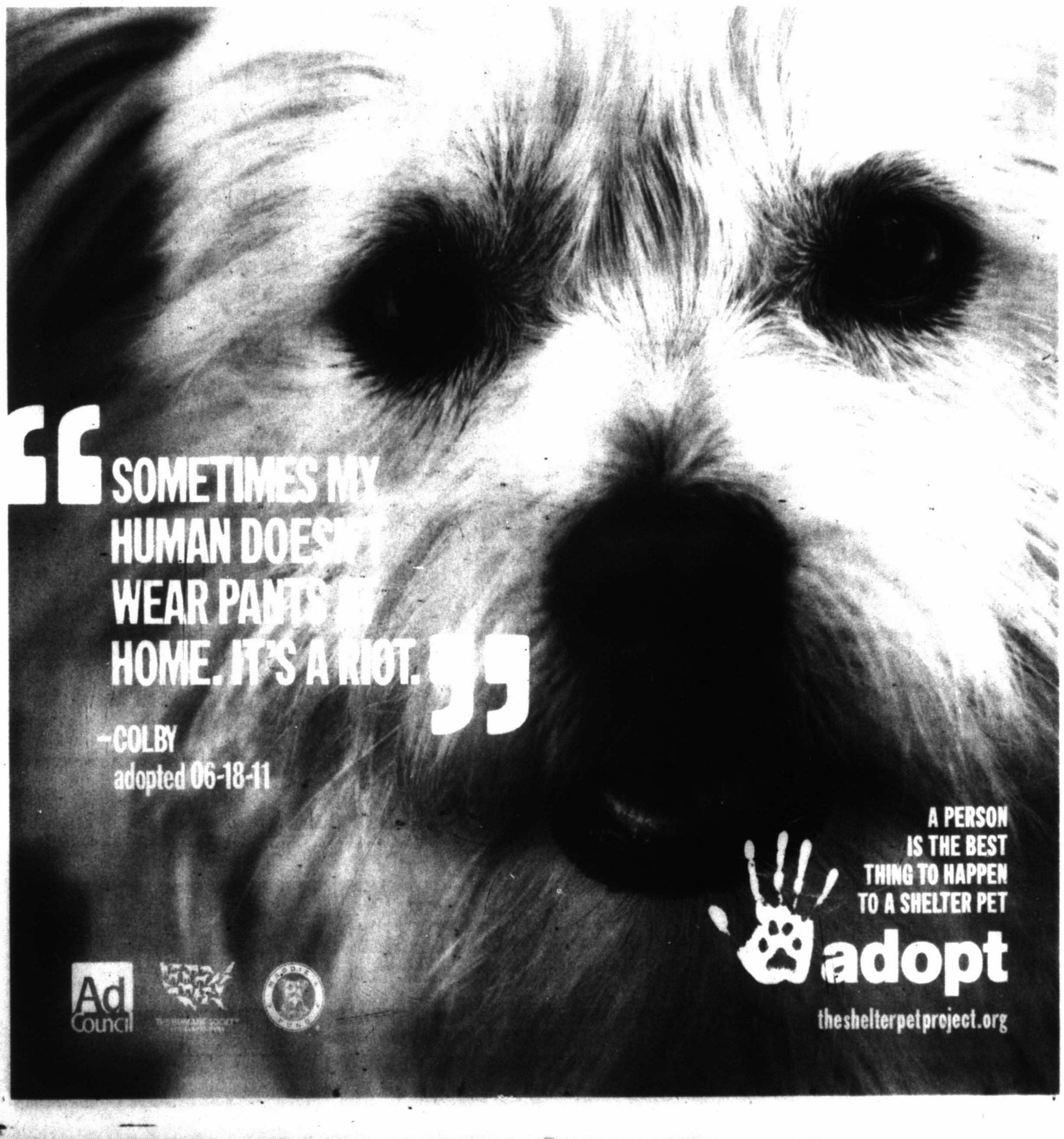

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1920 PAGEWOOD DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #1070844	$725,000
7010 CACTUS TRAIL Nathan Pinkerton		$699,000
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2206 COUNTRY CLUB Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #107175	$379,900
4012 TRINITY COURT Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #104840	$349,900
1910 SPARKS ST Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #105239	SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106395	$320,000
5511 CARMEL CT Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #106054	SALE PENDING
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #107152	$309,900
1201 OVERSHINE LN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105501	$300,000
4304 BOULDER Danny Norwood 413-2764		$299,900
3206 SOUTHRIDGE CT Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #104767	SALE PENDING
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	$299,000
6009 MEDINA Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #107402	$294,900
3100 CHELSEA PLACE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106889	$294,900
3220 CHELSEA PLACE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #106821	$289,900
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	$289,500
2911 CALDERA Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #105666	$285,000
2509 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107134	$279,900
2810 DURANT Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99124	$277,500
2303 CAMARIE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106749	$275,000
2107 WESTERN DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105427	SOLD
1009 VENTURA AVE Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #105820	$274,900
3200 W. WADLEY AVE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #107277	$272,900
1810 WASHITA Madison Shaw 528-4640		SALE PENDING
6009 RIVER FRONT DR Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #106900	SALE PENDING
2516 HUMBLE AVE Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #104009	SALE PENDING
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4300 BOULDER DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106685	$250,000
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2604 ADONIA DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$250,000
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4202 VALLEY DR Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105948	$239,000
3529 LONOKE AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105907	SALE PENDING
2910 SAND HILL CIRCLE Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #107282	$234,000
1414 CERRILLOS AVE Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106221	SALE PENDING
6202 OLYMPIC CT Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #106886	$233,000
2505 NEELY Danny Norwood 413-2764		$229,900
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4607 PINE MEADOW DR Paul Culver 934-1021		$227,000
4701 TIMBER LN Lisa Jansa	MLS #106731	$226,000
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3501 PRINCETON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106775	SALE PENDING
4207 VALLEY DR Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #105776	$225,000
3405 SINCLAIR AVE Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #106570	$225,000
4407 PASADENA DR Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #107148	$225,000
1610 W INDIANA Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #102450	$224,900
3107 BOARDWALK Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #107012	$219,900
2410 CAMARIE AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105951	$217,500
3003 BOARDWALK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107318	$215,000
3311 TERRACE AVE Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #106102	$215,000
5213 ANETTA DR Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #105622	SALE PENDING
1402 VENTNOR AVE Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #105734	SALE PENDING
4504 PATMAN Karen Foster 559-4086		$209,900
1203 NOBLES AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$202,625
3210 WHITTLE WAY DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106803	$200,000
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4512 PALMER Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #106693	$199,900
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4603 W DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106917	SALE PENDING
3329 W. SHANDON Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #106352	$194,500
2408 APPERSON DR Sandy J Hanson	MLS #106114	$189,000
4503 WATSON CT Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #106673	SALE PENDING
1300 CHUKAR LANE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106547	$185,000
2105 NORTHRUP DR Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #10357	$184,000
3600 JORDAN Danny Norwood 432-413-2764	MLS #106965	$181,000
4300 AMISTAD DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107363	$180,000
113 SOUTH TYLER Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106445	$179,500
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313 ROCKY LANE Lavonne Johnson	MLS #104500	SALE PENDING
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1605 W LOUISIANA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #106185	$165,000
4706 COUNTRY CLUB Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105980	$165,000
3804 CEDAR SPRING Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #106066	$164,500
1113 GULF AVE Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105199	$159,900
702 S. MARSHALL Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #107322	$159,200
308 S. DALLAS ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$155,750
4001 MONTY Virginia Elizondo	MLS #107324	$155,000
4403 ANETTA DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106416	SALE PENDING
408 W. COWDEN Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	SALE PENDING
307 S. ADAMS Lana Flores 385-5843		$150,000
5111 W. STOREY Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #105789	$139,900
3213 W. ILLINOIS Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #107188	$135,000
4203 PLEASANT DR Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105487	$129,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105613	$118,000
403 SPRABERRY DR Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #105232	SALE PENDING
4304 THOMASON Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #103796	$106,700
4327 CEDAR SPRING Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #104223	SOLD

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219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105215	$435,000
2510 QUAIL POINT Lisa Russell	MLS #105892	$240,000
2402 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788		
907 VENTURA AVE Danny Norwood 413-2764		$209,900
5105 CONCHO DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106360	$200,000
3208 CAMARIE Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107078	$189,900
1306 COLLEGE AVE Kim Merrill 664-4702		$130,000
4203 PLEASANT DR Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105487	$129,900
2210 COLLEGE AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105098	$124,500
330 E. CLOUD Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102286	$120,000
3330 CALDERA # 248 Cheryl Parrish 432-352-3053	MLS #106220	$109,900
600 LIDDON AVE. #52 Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105729	$99,500
1315 E. COWDEN Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #105398	$94,000
4700 BOULDER #1301 Ashley St. John	MLS #107054	$89,900
311 S. BENTON Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105052	$88,000
3207 DELANO Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105904	$79,500

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

6704 E CO RD 107 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106602	2 Acres/$729,900
801 E CO RD 130 Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104808	$599,000
4303 N CO RD 1284 Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #104991	$575,000
1904 S CO RD 1121 GREENWOOD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107015	$550,000
2101 S CO RD GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107160	SALE PENDING
1306 W CO RD 130 Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106546	$498,000
2007 S CO RD 1063 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105715	SALE PENDING
2024 S CO RD 1063 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106536	7 Acres/$424,900
2025 S CO RD 1066 GREENWOOD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107205	$399,900
12900 FM 307 GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		5 Acres/$399,900
7315 E CO RD 93 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106628	SALE PENDING
801 E CO RD 130 Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106761	$380,000
10111 W CO RD 150 Angie McKay	MLS #106817	$339,900
1106 S CO RD 1118 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$335,500
9103 W CO RD 160 Lisa Russell	MLS #107091	$275,000
1400 N CO RD 1110 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103113	$259,900
1406 W CO RD 143 Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107427	2 Acres/$249,900
10502 FM 307, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		SALE PENDING
4507 N CO. RD. 1284 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106158	$240,000
4401 FM 307 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #107321	$240,000
2714 S. CO. RD. 1052 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107194	$198,000
10407 W. Co. Rd. 145 Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106999	$165,000
5402 E. CO. RD. 136 Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106946	$120,000
6109 S. CO. RD. 1178 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106219	SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116 Mark Philliber	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

8 WARWICK ODESSA Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104602	$550,000
510 2ND ST STANTON DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106606	$400,000
2108 WESTSIDE DR STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105659	$295,000
3909 ELDERICA CT ODESSA DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106602	SALE PENDING
4810 N COUNTY RD 1123 Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105921	$230,000
106 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA TX Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #105898	$205,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105750	SALE PENDING
10977 DRAKE, GARDENDALE Lisa Jansa	MLS #105721	1.6 Acres/$139,900
1221 S. MARY ST, CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	$135,000
404 S. ODESSA ST Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #107041	$105,000
313 20TH ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105709	SALE PENDING
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256 Sandy J Hanson	MLS #106038	$99,400
211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104054	$85,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

3114 SUNBURST Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #102751	$1,900,000
3400 W 7TH ST BIG SPRING Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106813	$1,500,000
5308 WALL ST Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	$799,000
802 E 2ND STREET ODESSA Sue Lytle	MLS 105511	$570,000
1002 MARIENFELD Josie Rendon 889-8394		$489,000
S HWY 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.817 Ac/$337,560
S HWY 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	11.252 Ac/$337,560
S. HWY 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.479 Ac/$284,370
S. HWY 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.296 Ac/$209,160
401 MIDLAND DR Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000

LAND AND LOTS

CO RD 55 Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102675	5 Acres
S HWY 137 STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #103592	363 Acres/$545,895
2415 IDLEWILDE DR Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #102445	SALE PENDING
FM 715 Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
1108 W HWY 80 STANTON Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #107158	0.743 Acre/$320,000
S HWY 137 STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102471	11.25 Acres/$253,170
S HWY 137 STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.47 Acres/$213,300
S HWY 137 STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.29 Acres/$209,160
S HWY 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.8 Acres/$175,882
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
6601 CO. RD 41 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103862	$125,000
7208 E CO RD 111 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103299	$122,000
CO RD C2701, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106784	21.54 Acres/$105,000
CO. RD 54 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #100052	$105,000
7209 E CO RD 112 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103298	$82,500
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106537	$68,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS3 106538	$68,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106544	$68,000
6607 CACTUS TR Denise Brasher	MLS #107064	0.921 Acre Lot/$65,000
3202 S. CO. RD. 1130 Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #107116	5 Acres/$62,500
0000 W. Co. Rd. 35 1.393 Acres Kim Merrill 432-664-4702	MLS #106349	$45,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
813 N. MAIN Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #107210	$20,000

PATIO HOMES

3529 BOYD AVE Lydia Scudder	MLS #103042	SALE PENDING
4700 BOULDER DR. #101 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105377	$75,000

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2401 DARTMOUTH Barnett	MLS #102010	$3,750/MONTH
503 COMISKEY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105891	$3,150/MONTH
4012 TRINITY COURT Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #106704	$3,000/MONTH
6210 MILE HIGH Karen Foster 559-4086		$2,950/MONTH

FOR LEASE

3330 CALDERA #146 Cheryl Parrish 352-3052	MLS #107049	$2,800/MONTH
6903 RANCH HAND Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #107039	$2,350/MONTH
3806 MONTY DR Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #106765	$1,950/MONTH
3410 STOREY AVE Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #107354	$1,550/MONTH
4321 A. STOREY Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #106206	$1,400/MONTH
4303 A DENGAR Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #106657	$1,000/MONTH
6209 CROSLEY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #107358	

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The interior of So Fly is shown Tuesday. *Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram*

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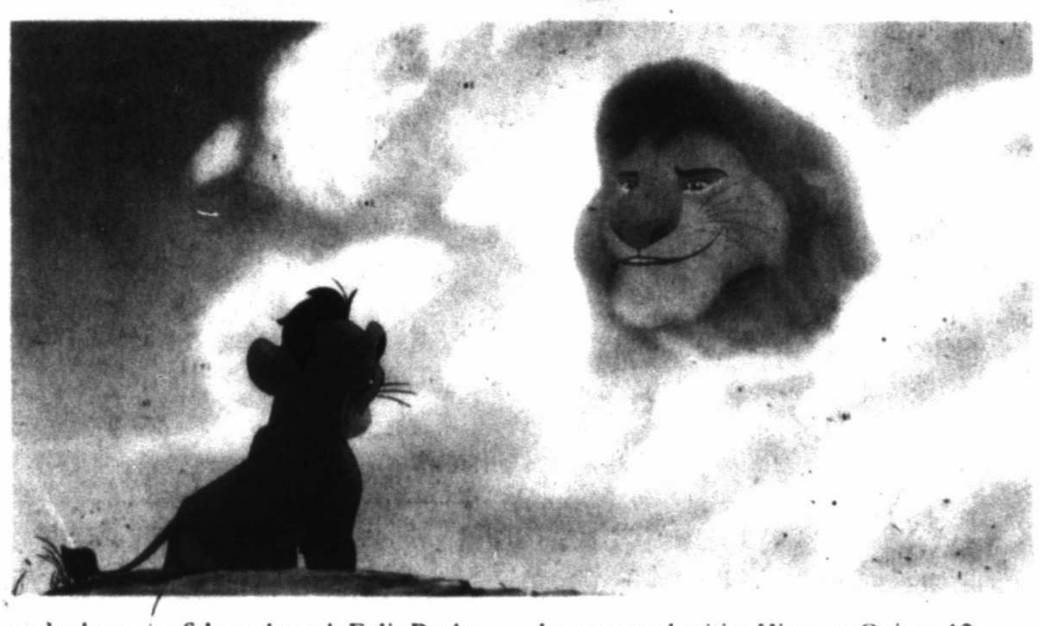
This photo provided by Disney Junior shows Fuli, Kion, Ono, Beshte, and Bunga in a scene from "The Lion Guard: Return of the Roar," a primetime television movie event premieres today at 6 p.m. on the Disney Channel. The movie stars Rob Lowe, Gabrielle Union and James Earl Jones, reprising his iconic role as Mufasa. "The Lion Guard" television series will premiere in 2016 on Disney Channels and Disney Junior channels around the globe. **BELOW:** Kion, left, and Mufasa in a scene from "The Lion Guard: Return of the Roar."

'Lion King' franchise roars again with TV movie, series

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press



LOS ANGELES — When Ford Riley was tasked with adding a new TV project to Disney's treasured — and lucrative — "Lion King" screen and stage franchise, he knew he had to do right by it.

Mulling the original 1994 animated movie and its 1998 home video sequel, Riley decided that creating another offspring for lion king Simba and mate Nala would open up a world of possibilities.

Their first-born, daughter Kiara, was destined to become the lion queen. But if she had a kid brother — a furry version of England's Prince Harry, runner-up to older sibling William in the crown sweepstakes — what would his fate be?

"I've got two kids, and it seems like in storytelling the second-born never gets a really good job. So I was eager to tell his story for the TV series and make him the hero," Riley said.

So Riley created male cub Kion as the star of both a Disney Channel movie, "The Lion Guard: Return of the Roar" airs 6 p.m today (and on Disney on-demand platforms Monday), and the Disney Junior series "The Lion Guard," debuting in January.

The writer-producer hit on an important job for Kion: Protector of his family's African savannah "Pride Lands" and its circle of life (just try not to hum the tune). To build a security force, he turns to his talented best buddies, a varied group who are among nature's fiercest, fastest, strongest and sharpest-eyed.

Meet the gang: Bunga the fearless honey badger; confident cheetah Fuli; Beshte the friendly hippo, and brainy egret Ono.

While honoring the original film's "epic storytelling," Riley said, the new project also carries "a definite message of diversity with these different animals learning how to work together."

The TV movie is aimed at a general family audience, with the upcoming series intended for Disney Junior's target audience of 2- to 7-year-olds.

The movie's voice cast includes James Earl Jones and Ernie Sabella, reprising their original big-screen roles as Mufasa and Pumbaa; Rob Lowe as Simba; Gabrielle Union as Nala; Max Charles as Kion, and Eden Riegel as Kiara.

Before pitching his self-described concept of "'Lion King' meets 'The Avengers'" to Disney executives, Riley ran it by a trusted critic: His son, Quinn, 12, who happens to be the younger sibling of 14-year-old Fiona, and whose own weekly superhero team game with his buddies helped inspire "The Lion Guard" idea.

"'That's cool, dad,'" the then-8-year-old replied to the concept, and headed off to his bedroom — where Riley later found him playing his own version of "Lion Guard" with plastic animals.

"That's when I knew I had a great idea," Riley said.

The new series is part of a vast and lucrative family tree. Besides the theatrical film, it includes the long-running, Tony Award-winning Broadway musical; attractions at the Disneyland and Walt Disney World parks; the 1990s TV series "The Lion King's Timon and Pumbaa," soundtracks and video games.

Disney declined to provide figures for the franchise's financial prowess, which includes a reported worldwide box-office gross of about $1 billion for the original movie and $6.2 billion for the stage show alone. But the company happily acknowledges its value to audiences.

"The story of 'The Lion King' has deeply touched families around the world since its original theatrical release 21 years ago," said Nancy Kanter, general manager for Disney Junior Worldwide.

To connect with the original film in look as well as tone, Riley used the same 2D animation, with images hand-drawn on a computer, instead of the 3D computer-generated animation common on other Disney Junior shows.

Barry Atkinson, an artist who worked on the original "Lion King," was brought in to help with the background and "make it feel lush, like the Pride Lands did in the movie," Riley said.

Actor Jones' famously rich, booming voice was another key touchstone for "The Lion Guard." His involvement also provided a circle-of-life moment for Riley: Jones spoke at his New York University commencement, counseling graduates to embrace technology or get left behind.

"Many, many years later, I'm working with James Earl Jones, and we're connected digitally by a patch and the recording of his voice is all being done by computers. So I said to him, 'Thank you for the advice. That little piece of information made me look at technology as an opportunity.'"

"He laughed and said, 'Really, it was about me trying to figure out how to work my cellphone.'"

Adele's '25' won't be available on Spotify or Apple Music

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fans seeking to listen to Adele's new album won't be able to do so on Spotify or Apple Music.

The streaming sites said Thursday that Adele's "25" will not be available for streaming when it is released on Friday.

"We love and respect Adele, as do her 24 million fans on Spotify," Spotify said in a statement. "We hope that she will give those fans the opportunity to enjoy '25' on Spotify alongside '19' and '21,' very soon."

It's unclear if Adele's album will appear on Spotify or Apple Music in the future. A representative for the British singer declined to comment.

Pulling the highly anticipated album from the streaming platforms will force listeners to buy it digitally and at stores, driving its sales. The album is predicted to push well over 1 million copies in its debut week.

Apple said it was "thrilled" to offer Adele's "25" for purchase on iTunes.

"Her soulful new single, 'Hello,' is available to stream on Apple Music along with her entire catalog and her revealing interview with Zane Lowe on Beats 1," Apple said in a statement.

Adele's last album, "21," has sold more than 11 million copies in the United States since its 2011 release.

Selling the noise: not all ads are the same

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Storyteller

I thought it might be just on my television, but everywhere I go, I see it: an explosion of commercials featuring people yelling at the top of their lungs. Do they think the audience is deaf? And when you mix yelling with the increasing words per second (WPS) the spot, in my humble opinion, loses its effectiveness.

When I taught advertising, I urged my students to talk into the microphone like they were talking to their boyfriend or girlfriend during a romantic time together. In other words, a low voice with feeling. I suggested the two-and-half WPS speed. That would produce about 75 words in a 30-second commercial. Plenty. Some half-minute commercials have more than 120 words.

Ads for automobiles are first rate. They are well-written and well-produced. The audience immediately gets emotionally involved and wants to watch the commercial to its conclusion. The music matches the words and pictures. Most of the award-winning ads have less than 90 words. They do not sound like an announcer at a horse race.

Some ads for car dealers, on the other hand, are mindless, senseless pieces of video trash that feature people pointing at vehicles and yelling about them. Come on. They're not trying to sell you a $12 shirt. They're talking about spending $50,000 with them. It's an insult. Thank goodness for the mute button.

The rude behavior of television pitchmen is not limited to car dealers. Furniture dealers fall into the guilty category, too. And I've even seen people trying to sell eyeglasses by yelling. Leave the screaming for sporting events.

Why don't these guys just tell about the features of their products? You don't hear much about them. All we hear about are the low, low prices. Spots on local television seem to advertise price over quality. And again, we're going to spend a bundle of cash. We want to know more about the products than just the price. We want them to have the things we're looking for in a car, furniture or eyeglasses.

Some lawyers on television scream, too. They talk at their highest volume about how much money they get for their clients who have wrecks. Do those spots make some people want to be in a wreck so they can get a ton of money? Makes you wonder. Lawyers, save your vocal chords for the courtroom.

Advertising is one of the things that make America great. It is the grease that keeps the economic machinery perking along. Advertisers and producers, stop abusing the privilege of selling things in such a cheap and vulgar way. Don't mess up the medium any more than it's already messed up. No wonder so many people record their favorite programs so they can play them back and zoom through the offensive commercials.

The sad thing about all this: Those ads must be working because they're on the air all the time.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and travels the state listening to stories. Contact him at ts@crcom.net.

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With Jamee Higgins | jewelry maker

JOHN TRISCHITTI
Director of the Midland County Public Libraries

The annual holiday book list

The holiday season is upon us! The Midland County Public Libraries would like to invite you to two Christmas open houses that we will host this season. The Centennial Library will have its Christmas Open House on Dec. 8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Downtown Library will have its event on Dec. 10 from 4-6 p.m. Mark your calendar and swing by on your way home from work or while you are out doing your holiday shopping. We hope that you can make one or both of these events.

This year we will be honoring the patrons and community partners that bring success to the library, followed by music, activities and good conversation.

The libraries will also have slightly modified hours during the holidays.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, both locations will close at 6 p.m. For the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, December 21-31, both locations will close at 6 p.m., as well. Please mark your calendars and adjust your schedules, and we hope to see you during the holidays.

I am often asked, 'What is a good book for my father or mother?' or 'My 12 year-old is a reluctant reader; do you know of a good book to get them?'

Books make the perfect stocking suffer or gift for that favorite teacher, boss or aunt you only see once a year. The following are some new book recommendations and reviews that will cover whoever is on your list, either young to old, boy or girl, and meets a diversity of tastes. Here's my annual holiday book list.

Adult non-fiction

■ "Speed Kings, The 1932 Winter Olympics and the Fastest Men in the World" by Andy Bull.

In the 1930s, as countries were moving toward the first World War, speed was in vogue. The faster the better. Bobsledding was the fastest and most watched sport at the 1932 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. "Speed Kings" is the story of a ragtag American team that included an ex-movie start turned playboy, a former boxer and a lawyer. Bull, a sportswriter, captures the time and keeps that book moving at a pace appropriate to the title.

■ "Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything About the World" by Tim Marshall. With up-to-date maps of each region, this title serves as a guide to one of the major factors that determine world affairs, our borders. Marshall, a former foreign correspondent for Britain's Sky News, paints an informed and interesting picture into geopolitics.

Adult fiction

■ "Lawyer for the Dog" by Lee Robinson. Sally is a sharp attorney who can close all her cases except for one, her own divorce. Her ex happens to be the family court judge, and appoints her to be council for Sherman, a miniature schnauzer, caught in a nasty divorce. As Sherman makes his way into Sally's cold heart, she reevaluates all of the relationships in her life.

■ "The Sage of Waterloo" by Leona Francombe. A lively reimaging of a key moment in history, the story is told by William, a resident of Hougoumont, an ancient farmstead a stone throw from Waterloo. William happens to be a white rabbit.

Young adult (grades 6-12)

■ "She is Not Invisible" by Marcus Sedgwick. When Laureth realizes that her father has lost his notebook, she knows her worst fears have been realized and that her father is in trouble. Since her mother doesn't seem concerned, she takes matters into her own hands, and with her younger brother in tow, hops a flight from London to New York City. Oh...and she's blind.

■ "Proxy" by Alex London. For the fans of "The Hunger Games" and "The Maze Runner" comes this next dystopian hit. With the collapse of the world, society is divided between the rich and poor with the poor becoming "proxies" for rich children. If a rich child breaks the law, his/her proxy must endure the punishment. So when Knox kills Marie, his proxy, Syd, is sentenced. But Knox and Syd may have a common goal and only in working together can they both survive.

Young readers (grades 2-6)

■ "The Great American Dust Bowl" written and illustrated by Don Brown. You will be blown away by this graphic novel that portrays one of the most catastrophic natural disasters in American history. Illustrations capture the widespread devastation and raw emotion, while making this event relevant to children. Don Brown revisits where he is strongest, American History, and provides historical background.

■ "Crenshaw" by Katherine Applegate. Fans of Applegate's award-winning bestseller "The One and Only Ivan," will not be disappointed with her follow-up effort. Jackson can't believe it when his imaginary friend rides a wave back into his life after being gone for several years. With his family facing the prospect of homelessness again, Jackson feels completely in over his head with these harsh realities — but maybe the oversized cat named Crenshaw can help right things once again.

Picture book

■ "A Fine Dessert" by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Sophie Blackall. How can a 400 year-old dessert be fine? When it is prepared and shared by four families from four different centuries. Attentive readers will delight in the repeating phrases and illustrations; young chefs will notice changing kitchen techniques. It's a delicious romp through time down to the last lick of the bowl!

■ "The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch" by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate. Texas native Barton creates a wonder narrative of John Roy Lynch, who was born into slavery and freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. John Roy Lynch overcame many obstacles to become a powerful leader in the United States government before the age of 26. While many in the South resisted the changes brought on by the end of the Civil War, John Roy Lynch worked and educated himself to ensure that he could help others in his position to be truly free. This beautifully illustrated biography introduces you to an amazing individual and the amazing age he lived through.

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'It's very weird': Khloe Kardashian balances book push with drama

By Nicole Evatt
Associated Press

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Khloe Kardashian

BURBANK, Calif. — The awkwardness of Khloe Kardashian promoting a book while she's helping estranged husband Lamar Odom recover from a suspected overdose is not lost on the reality star.

"It is very weird to be selling something or telling everybody 'go buy my book' when there's very serious things happening in my life," Kardashian said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "Real life happens and nothing is going to stop. Your work can't just stop. So we have to learn to juggle it all and still make time for yourself."

The book, "Strong Looks Better Naked," is a self-help manual that chronicles her weight loss and her rebound after her marriage to Odom collapsed and left her reeling.

"Everything in the book I am living day by day right now," she said.

Even though they went through divorce proceedings, they are still technically married, and Kardashian rushed to his side after the former NBA star was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel in October. Odom is believed to have overdosed on cocaine and other drugs.

While Kardashian is still very involved in his recovery. She said he's still healing, a process she describes as "day by day."

"Every day like I say 'I'm doing press for the book.' And he'll just look like, 'What? What are you talking about?' And I'll remind him again. So it's constantly reminding him, but that's what we do every day until he gets better. And you know the brain is magical," she said. "It's gonna heal in time."

Kardashian, who also launches a talk show called "Kocktails with Khloe" Jan. 20 on the FYI network, has kept her sense of humor through all the drama. She jokes about being a "polygamist" since she has maintained her relationship with her boyfriend, NBA's James Harden, while caring for Odom.

"It's a very interesting dynamic that I have going on. It is also just crazy at the same time that I have to explain everything that I do and the choices I'm making when I know the choices I'm making, my boyfriend knows the choices, my family knows the choices," she said. "You just have to like kind of laugh at everything because if you don't laugh you're gonna cry. So the answer is start laughing."

She said communication is the key to her relationship with Harden.

"If you make someone feel comfortable, I think any situation you can work through. But I still respect how he feels and what his boundaries are," she said. "I'm sure it's confusing, but we know we're not confused."

Kardashian dedicated the book, which is a New York Times best-seller, to her famous siblings, her mother and her stepparent, Caitlyn Jenner.

Though they had butted heads on their E! reality series "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," she said her relationship with Jenner is now in a good place.

"Things are so much better with Caitlyn and I and I love her," said Kardashian. "I think it's just separating the two identities. They are two different people and that's a beautiful thing. But I think even Bruce, when Bruce was transitioning, I think he thought maybe he would still be Bruce and Caitlyn. ... Letting that go and just being comfortable that Caitlyn is one person and Bruce is another."

WEDDING & ENGAGEMENTS

Holland - Minahan

Chelsea Olivia Holland and Joseph James Minahan, III, of Houston, were united in marriage Saturday, October 3, 2015 at half past six in the evening at First Presbyterian Church of Houston. The double ring ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Michael Homan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Lee Holland of Houston and Ms. Nancy Catherine Holland of Destin, Florida. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlyle Day and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Holland of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Minahan, Jr. of Houston. He is the grandson of Mr. Edward Elmo Murray and the late Beverly Murray, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Minahan of Houston.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a custom couture gown by Ines Di Santo, from the 2015 Fall collection. The strapless mermaid gown was made of delicate English net and lace detail, with Leon Lace appliqués at the torso and laying softly in illusion over the shoulders. It featured a soft cameo pink underlay, a dramatic low back and silk organza and soft tulle cathedral train. She carried a hand-tied cascade bouquet of white roses, white Phaleo orchids, mixed hydrangea, and English ivy.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Lauren Ashley Hussey of Nashville, Tennessee. Bridesmaids were Kathleen Koury Childress and Lesley Catherine O'Connor, of Houston, Megan Kathleen Culver and Jana Floyd Hoisager, of Ft. Worth, sister of the groom Lauren Minahan Furr and Lauren Afghahi Stack, both of Dallas. The bride's House Party included Kristen Henderson Weekley of Philadelphia, Kristi Lynn Bucksbarg and Sarah Scott Vizard, of New Orleans, Elizabeth Graham Jones of Dallas, Jennifer Zoubok and Emilie Ross Beeman, of Houston, and Whitney Blonkvist Gripp of Midland. Carolina Hughes served as the junior attendant, with Anna Hughes and Isabella Leonard, who served as flower girls.

Gregory Nehman Fodell, Jr. and Layne Allen Shuman, both of Houston, served as best men. They were joined by groomsmen Jeffrey Randall Knox, John Franklin Norris, IV and Ameep Saleem Dar, all of Houston, James Travis Furr of Dallas, and Brandon David DeStefano of Conroe. Serving as ushers were Robert Douglas Gwin of Conroe, Jon Nels Nelson, II of McKinney, and Ryan Martin Rudin of San Francisco. The ring bearer was David Brian Hughes of Houston.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at Houston Country Club, where family and friends enjoyed dinner and dancing with music from the 12 piece band In10City. The reception featured Southern fare and seafood. Rob Smith with Events in Bloom of Houston created a dramatic ballroom with earthy green and white florals and low strung lit English Ivy with floating candles, creating a romantic garden feel indoors. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom hosted an evening rehearsal dinner on the top floor of Vic & Anthony's downtown Houston.

The bride, formerly of Midland, is a 2003 graduate of Trinity School, after studying abroad in Biarritz, France. She graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2007, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Consumer Sciences, and a Minor in French, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She is currently a Senior Account Executive for Gulf Coast Entertainment, an entertainment brokerage for large private and corporate events, and is also active in Houston real estate.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Southern Methodist University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with Finance Application, where he was a four-year member and letterman on the SMU golf team. He is currently the U.S. Sales manager for Xtreme Drilling and Coil Services in Houston, and is completing an Executive MBA in Energy at the University of Oklahoma - Price School of Business.

Following a honeymoon in Tucker's Town, Bermuda, the couple lives in Houston.

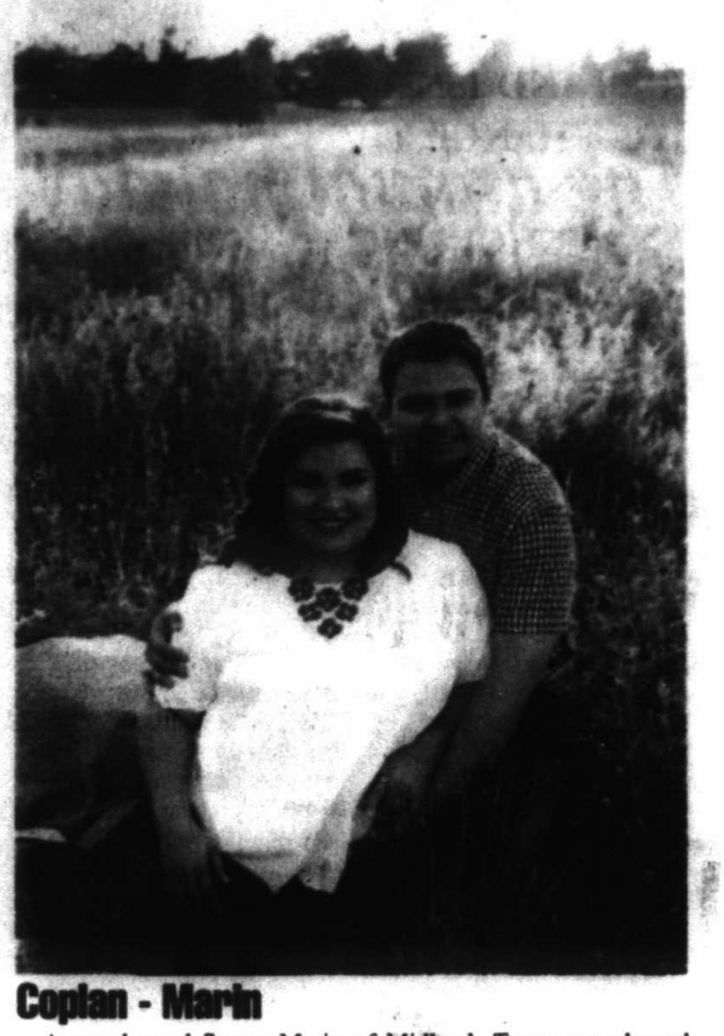
Macke - Smith

Jeff and Rae Smith of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Steven James Smith, to Morie Michelle Macke, daughter of Jim and Michelle Macke of Blanket, Texas.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Lorece Avery and the late Billy Ray Avery of Stanton and the late Sonny and Maxine Smith of San Antonio, Texas. Steven is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School. He graduated from Midland College with an Associate's degree in Biology in 2010 and then from the University of Texas Permian Basin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 2012. Steven will graduate in May of 2016 from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine with a Doctorate of Medicine.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Les and Sue Rush of Early, Texas and the late Bill and Betty Macke of Mullen, Nebraska. Morie is a 2007 graduate of Early High School. She's a 2012 graduate of Texas Tech University Health Science Center, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech, Language, and the Hearing Sciences. She will graduate in May 2016 with a Doctorate of Audiology from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She is currently the intern audiologist at Quail Creek Ear, Nose, and Throat Associates in Amarillo.

The couple will marry on March 5, 2016 in Blanket, Texas.



Coplan - Marin

Armando and Sonya Marin of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael Mason Marin, to Morgan Elizabeth Coplan, the daughter of Roger and Lysa McLaren of Rockwall, Texas, and Bryan Coplan of Tyler Texas.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Pete and Esther Cordova of Midland, Texas, and Carlos and Sylvia Gonzales of Midland, Texas. He is a 2010 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from West Texas A&M, where he was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He is currently employed as an Assistant Band Director with ECISD.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Thomas Haney, Barbara Haney of Hawkins, Texas, and Roger and Patricia McLaren of Tyler, Texas. She is a 2010 graduate of L.V. Berkner High School in Richardson, Texas. She will receive her Bachelor of Music degree in 2016 from West Texas A&M, where she is a member of the West Texas A&M Symphonic Band, West Texas A&M Symphony, and Tau Beta Sigma.

The couple will marry December 28, 2015 in Amarillo, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

A quick lesson about water and trees

NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: I have heard that leaves take in moisture for the trees. At what point in fall do they stop doing this? Have they been able to utilize the rains we've had recently?

Answer: Water exits plants through the leaves. It doesn't enter there. That's the job of the roots for almost all plants. Of course, as with everything in nature, there are exceptions. The vase-type bromeliads are one example. Water is captured in the vases created by their leaves and subsequently taken into the plants. But that's not the case with our Texas trees and shrubs.

Dear Neil: My front lawn is covered with volunteer oak seedlings from a bumper crop of acorns several years ago (photo). I installed St. Augustine sod, only to have it die out. I had bermudagrass planted, but it died out due to water restrictions a year ago. I have checked with the local nursery, and the only thing that seems to work without killing grass is poison ivy killer. What help can you offer?

Answer: This has potential to be an incredibly complex issue. First, you didn't identify the type of oak, but from my 45 years of working in Texas horticulture, I'm willing to bet it's a live oak. And, yes, live oaks certainly do produce abundant crops of acorns every few years (as do other oaks). However, seedlings in turf very rarely have the stamina to survive a couple of mowings, so I'm feeling one wheel coming off already. Here's my assumption. First, as stated, it's probably a live oak, and second, those are probably not seedlings, but root suckers from the mother tree. I'll bet if you dig down into the soil around one of them you'll find that it's attached to an umbilical major root that heads directly back to the mother tree. If so, cutting it off will merely encourage the tree to send up new sprouts from the cut. Please see my photo of a horrific example of a live oak with sprouts. My estimation is that about 10 percent of our live oaks (all grown from acorns) have this genetic predisposition. In those cases, herbicides are risky, because the sprouts are part of the main tree. You may have to do a workaround of some sort, where you get rid of all the sprouts mechanically, then immediately put some type of heavyweight weed-blocking fabric over the area and conceal it with bark mulch. At this point I've done enough assuming. I'm going to refer to a landscape contractor or certified arborist. Oh, but if it does indeed turn out that these have been seedlings of any type of oak, a broadleafed weed-killer (containing 2,4-D) is your best means of controlling them.

Now, as for the grass issues, that's probably all due to excessive shade. It is very difficult to get grass established and happy beneath large trees. You can water and feed to compensate for the competition, but there is no way to make up for the lack of light. It may be time to switch to a shade-tolerant groundcover.

Dear Neil: I planted two "wonderful" pomegranates four years ago. They have grown well, starting at 2 to 3 feet tall and growing to almost 10 feet tall. One has been producing nicely for about three years, the other has produced less. This year I had lots of flowers, but no fruit on either plant. What can I do next year to help with fruit production? Also, can pomegranates be pruned?

Answer: Young fruiting trees and shrubs often remain vegetative for a few years after they're planted, so that may be part of what has happened to the one plant. It's actually slightly more unusual that the one plant started bearing so soon after planting. However, to my real guess: I would suspect that all the rains of late spring took a toll on your pomegranate fruit set. I didn't see a lot of fruit on the plants that I watch each year. So, I see no particular call to action for you to promote better fruiting next year. As for pruning, yes, you can shape the plants, but don't "cut them back" to make them fit into spaces that are too small for their mature size. Anytime we prune plants like figs and pomegranates excessively, we encourage strong vegetative regrowth. As mentioned earlier, that leads to poor flowering and fruiting for one to two years after the trim. Prune only as needed.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Wendell Castle's latest furniture futuristic fusion

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sometimes a chair is not just a chair, but a softly organic, cantilevered form, perhaps sprouting a leaf to one side.

A table can resemble a voluptuous jungle plant brought from an alien planet.

A bench becomes an inviting squid resting on delicately rounded tentacle legs.

Wendell Castle, 83, sometimes dubbed the father — or grandfather — of the American art furniture movement, has, throughout his 57-year career, employed creative new techniques in works that are both sculpture and furniture.

Now, in "Wendell Castle Remastered," the Museum of Arts and Design explores Castle's most recent, digitally crafted pieces. The show will remain on view through Feb. 28.

In what sometimes resembles a forest out of a Dr. Seuss book, Castle's latest works are displayed side-by-side with his earliest ones, which inspired them.

"Even though my work has an element that is a seat or a desk, it also has other elements that have nothing to do with any function. But it's a set. They go together," the artist is quoted as saying in the exhibit catalog.

Said Ronald T. Labaco, who curated the show: "He loves the idea of planting a furniture seed that sprouts into a chair or lamp or table."

Earlier works featured include some of Castle's pieces from the 1950s and '60s, when he was an innovator in the process of stack lamination: He built forms from carefully sized and stacked wood, and then honed them by hand to create eye-popping organic pieces.

Quick tip for fitting more into the dishwasher

Dear Heloise: I noticed my grandson emptying the dishwasher and arranging the silverware into the silverware drawer so it fit better! He would place the spoons and forks going both ways. I have done it that way ever since. I keep 15 place settings in my silverware drawer with no problem overflowing. — Jill E., Vancouver, Wash.

My mother taught me the same hint. You can get a lot of silverware into the holder that way. Give your grandson a Heloise Hug for being smart. — Heloise

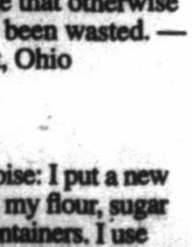
Shortening its departure

Dear Heloise: Back in the '60s, my 4-H leader had an easy way to measure shortening and remove it from the cup. She had us use a glass measuring cup (4-cup size), fill it with 2 cups of cold water and add shortening until the water reached 3 cups. Pour off the water, and you have 1 cup of shortening left. It slides out easily and never fails. — Jody W., via text

Vinegar Soak

Dear Heloise: This is in response to the lady who was using dryer sheets to soften burnt-on food: No matter how burnt-on the stuff is, pour enough hot water to cover it, add some dishwashing detergent and vinegar. Let it soak. In a while, you can swish it around when the gunk is loosened. Then use a scrubbie to finish off any leftover spots. Vinegar: magic in a bottle! — Georgia P., Temple

HINTS FROM HELOISE



King Features Syndicate

Magic in a bottle — a new name for my beloved vinegar! It has so many uses, from removing burnt-on food in pots to removing rust from old tools. Soak rusty screws in vinegar and scrub to make new again. Pat some on your hands after cutting onions, and no more smell. To order one of my Heloise's Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More pamphlets, filled with money-saving hints, go online to Heloise.com. — Heloise

No waste

Dear Heloise: My wife and I often buy wine by the box because it's a good value and reduces heavy waste. I wondered how much wine was left after no more would flow from the plastic tap.

I opened the box at the top, gently pushed the tap back inside and lifted out the bladder. Next, I snipped a top corner of the bladder and, using a measuring cup, poured out a half-cup of wine. I do this every time now. My record? Two full cups of wine that otherwise would have been wasted. — Jay F., Kent, Ohio

Level off

Dear Heloise: I put a new chopstick in my flour, sugar and meal containers. I use them to level off the product in a measuring cup. They are always handy, and I never have to reach for a knife. — R.A.P., Baton Rouge, La.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

MIDLAND ISN'T SHORT ON ORIGINAL RETAILERS, BUT A FLURRY OF BOUTIQUE SHOPS HAVE BEGUN TO CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE FOR HOME DÉCOR SHOPPING. FROM THE QUIRKY TO THE FANCY, THESE NEW STORES ARE PUSHING STYLE IN THEIR OWN SIGNATURE WAYS AND PROVING THAT SHOPPING LOCAL — WHETHER ON SATURDAY OR WHENEVER — IS A GOOD THING.

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ELEMENT 46

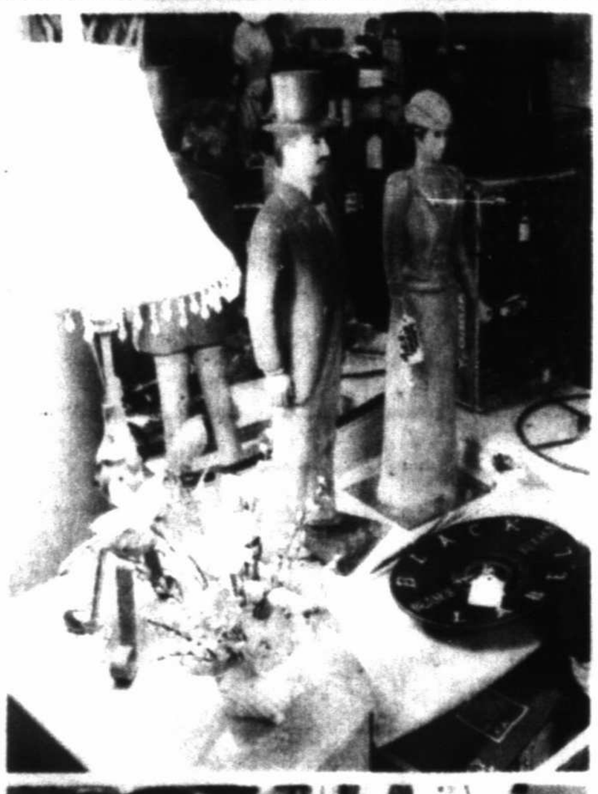
Jonah and Courtney LaMonica transformed a small industrial space next to his Palladium Arts studio into a lush and cozy shop filled with modern and vintage décor. The result was Element 46k, which opened in May. Touted as "uncommon finds for the home," the shop and its online counterpart features a Rifle Table Lamp ($329.99), turquoise glassware ($54.99-$64.99) and custom handmade mirrors ($1,213) by LaMonica himself. Located at 1408 Cotton Flat Road. Open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. element46.com.

HYACINTH

For five years, Hyacinth has brought an upscale shopping experience that is both soothing and invigorating. The boutique is wonderfully serene but boasts a feast for the eyes. Its inventory includes vases, linens, furniture and a surprisingly impressive selection of home and décor books. But everything is in its proper place. Its stock is clearly and carefully curated to match its intentions of offering sophisticated style and luxury. 2200 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 8. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. hyacinthhome.com.

SO FLY

This hip boutique is tucked away in downtown Midland on Ohio Avenue. The shop is a mix of décor, greeting cards, gifts, jewelry and more. But an eclectic collection of inventory keeps the store interesting. The store is big on both charm and cool. The kitty measuring cup set ($44.95) is irresistible while its new faux fur throws ($199) are just in time for cold weather. 301 W. Ohio Ave. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.soflyboutique.com.



REVAMP INTERIORS/ EXTERIORS

The Salazar family who own So Fly also own this quirky retail spot. If you're driving along Front Street, you've likely seen the colorful metal art on display at ReVamp, but inside is a whole different story. Vintage finds, such as blown glass, wooden statues and retro signs, can add whimsy to a home while a large metal pink flamingo could do wonders for a backyard. 501 W. Front St. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. facebook.com/revampofmidland.

FOUND FURNISHINGS

Initially, this hip shop might look like a hipster's paradise, but it's far more. The store has a clear eye for vintage items, but throw in a mix of repurposed furniture and art and it's a whole new ball game. Throwbacks to old school classrooms come in the form of wall maps and globes. But the proprietors love their letter art and old paintings come to new life with clever and comical phrases painted over the image. And this might be the only place to find a card catalog turned into a wine rack. Found also features classes in furniture painting. Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. foundmidland.com.

In caring for sickest infants, doctors tap parents for tough calls

By Jenny Gold
Kaiser Health News

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Dr. William Benitz walked past the rows of clear plastic isolettes in the neonatal intensive care unit at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.

There's little room to navigate — the space is jam-packed with the beeping machines, ventilators and nurses, who can care for as many 70 fragile infants. One tiny pink baby here was born weighing 13 ounces.

"A can of Coke is 12 oz. So imagine a baby who could almost curl up in a fetal position and fit inside a Coke can," explained Benitz, the hospital's chief of neonatology.

For Benitz, who first came to Stanford 42 years ago as a medical student, the ability of doctors today to save babies this small feels like something of a miracle. But as far as medical technology has come, he says, some of the sickest and most premature babies who pass through his NICU won't make it or will go on to suffer severe lifelong disabilities. Just 30 percent of the babies born at 24 weeks gestation, for example, survive without impairments.

One of the most difficult parts of Benitz's job is determining how much treatment to give babies like these and when it is time to let them go. More and more, doctors like Benitz are looking to parents to help make these decisions, based on their own values and preferences.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently advised that parents should be given wide latitude to decide how aggressive doctors should be in cases where their child is at high risk of death or serious disability. In practice, this means parents willing to raise a child with severe disabilities might elect to pursue more aggressive care than those parents who do not want to take on the risk.

That's a big change from the past. When Benitz first started here in 1973, doctors were considered the absolute authorities on life-and-death decisions. They consulted with colleagues, decided how much intensive care to give based on likely outcomes, and often didn't even tell the parents until they'd acted.

"It never occurred to anyone that that might be a reasonable conversation to have," he said. "We were in unexplored territory."

As technology improved, and doctors tried to save sicker and even more premature babies, there were more decisions to make: Should they use a ventilator? Attempt a heart surgery? Those interventions helped many babies survive. Others did not fare, as well.

"A lot of them ended up with significant impairments. In the mid-'80s we began to hear from families that maybe that wasn't consistent with their goals for their children," he recalled.

Packard Children's social worker Jane Zimmerman, who works with Benitz, said many doctors back then were trying to protect parents. "The rationale for it was they didn't want parents to have to take on that lifelong responsibility at having felt they made a decision that resulted in their child's death," she said.

But some parents were angry that doctors had stopped intensive care without consulting them. Others were furious that they had not been given the option to end treatment of babies who ended up with severe cognitive and physical disabilities. Some filed lawsuits accusing doctors of causing their children "wrongful death" or "wrongful life."

Such cases coincided with a larger movement in which patients fought for more say in their own medical care. By the mid-'90s, parents in the NICU had become much more involved in decision-making for their babies.

The choices parents face are often wrenching. In May 2015, Chris and Karin Belluomini had a daughter, Joy, who was born with Down syndrome, multiple heart defects and fluid around her lungs. The doctors at Packard gave them the option of just providing comfort care, treatments that would soothe their daughter and relieve any suffering, but weren't aimed at fixing her heart problems.

On one hand, the Belluominis, whose child was a patient of Benitz and Zimmerman, have a strong faith in God and were more than willing to raise a child with disabilities, even if severe.

On the other hand, they didn't want their daughter to suffer unnecessarily.

They decided to have doctors do everything they could for Joy — up to a point.

"We let them know if her heart stopped, we did not want her to be resuscitated. We just wanted her to be comfortable," Karin Belluomini said in an interview at the family's home in rural Gilroy, Calif.

Joy remained in intensive care for three difficult weeks. By the end, her blood oxygen levels were so low that the doctors said she could die at any time — possibly when her parents weren't there. That's when the Belluominis decided to remove life support, so that Joy could die peacefully in their arms, disconnected from the tubes and needles.

Both parents said it was difficult to even imagine not being a part of such decisions.

"As a parent, you just want to do everything and anything to protect your child, so to be able to really understand her conditions and how it's affecting her and to know that we did have a say in that was extremely important," Karin Belluomini said.

"You kind of don't want that responsibility and would rather have someone say or do it for you, but in the end, I wouldn't want it to have been any other way," Chris said.

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FAMILY BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WISCONSIN

Move over Emma, there's a new most popular baby name

MADISON — Move over, Emma. There's a new most popular baby name in Wisconsin.

After two years as the most popular name for girls, Emma has been replaced by Olivia as the top choice for new parents. The state Department of Health Services reported the annual baby name data on Thursday.

After a one-year absence from the top of the list for boys, Mason once again reigns supreme.

Mason had been most popular between 2010 through 2012, but in 2013 dropped to second place behind Liam.

In 2014, Mason was tops followed by Liam and then William.

For girls it was Olivia, Emma then Ava. Olivia had been the top pick in both 2009 and 2010.

The data comes from birth certificates issued statewide.

NYC sets goal of screening all new mothers for depression

New York City health officials are setting a goal of screening every pregnant woman and new mother for maternal depression.

First lady Chirlane McCray and Deputy Mayor Richard Buery announced the initiative Tuesday.

As a first step, the city's public hospitals and Maimonides Medical Center have set a two-year deadline to screen all new mothers for depression and connect them with mental health treatment, if needed.

The Greater New York Hospital Association also will add mental health services for new mothers at its hospitals.

Man working with wife takes professional attitude too far

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a great relationship. We work in the same school system. He's an administrator; I am a counselor.

We sometimes go to joint meetings, but when we do, he always acts awkward, like he doesn't even know me. I understand we have to behave professionally, but not as if we don't know each other. Recently, we were leaving a meeting and no one was around. I was going to give him a peck on the lips to say goodbye, and he turned away as if he wanted nothing to do with me.

What is the proper etiquette when spouses work together? — MORE THAN A CO-WORKER IN GEORGIA

DEAR MORE: Demonstrations of physical affection are not appropriate in a workplace situation if other people are present. You say you and your husband have a "great" relationship, so I'm advising you to discuss this with him and tell him how it made you feel.

Because no one was around, there should have been no harm in a simple "peck" goodbye. Personally, I think he owes you an apology. What he did wasn't nice.

DEAR ABBY: My calico cat, Rosie, seems to be fixated on my next-door neighbor Ron. Every morning Rosie grooms herself for an hour, then jumps in the window to watch for Ron to go for his morning run. She sits there until Ron comes out of his house. He exercises a lot and has kept himself in shape, while I admit I have let myself go. As soon as she sees him, Rosie starts purring.

I have to say that I resent this. I provide her with room and board and brush her regularly, but while I'm doing it, she watches the window intently and then bolts to her lookout post if Ron appears. I bought new window treatments, which she scratched her way through, damaging the blinds and shades. Filling her food dish strategically before Ron goes out doesn't deter her.

I love my cat, but I feel she is being unfaithful. What should I do?

P.S. I'm happily married (my wife thinks I'm crazy) and Rosie has been fixed. — LARRY IN DELAWARE

DEAR LARRY: What a sad situation. Few things are more painful than feeling rejected by a love object. You didn't mention how sedentary you are, but it's possible that Rosie watches Ron because he is a moving object. Consider joining Ron on his runs and you may find Rosie is watching you, too. However, if that doesn't work, you may have to share the affections of your cat. Accept it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I host many holidays, Thanksgiving, Passover, etc. Invariably, everyone gathers in the family room and several people put their legs up on the ottoman with their shoes on. It drives me crazy! I view it as no different than walking on someone's furniture.

My wife thinks I should say something. I actually have done that in the past, but not for years. When I did, it made me look like the bad guy. Is this a weird fetish of mine or am I right? — PAUL IN BUFFALO GROVE, ILL.

DEAR PAUL: If you prefer that your guests not put their feet on your furniture with their shoes on, speak up and say so. Doing that doesn't make you a bad guy or a fetishist. It's your home, your preference, and it isn't rude to address something that bothers you, especially since it's something that you have mentioned before.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"FORCED RE-ENTRY" By PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

ACROSS

1 Italian seaport
5 Lupone on Broadway
10 Alligator relative
16 Old boomer
19 Conversant with
20 Like most people
21 Shout from Speedy Gonzales
22 "... the native hue of resolution / Is sicklied ... with the pale cast of thought" Hamlet
23 Forgetting to put the milk in the fridge?
26 HDTV brand
27 Flights connect them
28 Country rocker Steve
29 Actress Dash
31 Sail support
32 Blue state
34 Pieces of pizza in Plymouth?
35 Secures, as a package
38 "Arbitrage" star
39 Words from the unconvinced
42 "Catch-22" pal of Yossarian
43 Between, in Bordeaux
46 Religious zeal
49 Omani money
51 Backdrop for a gangster film?
54 __ bran
57 Treat made with ground almonds
59 Succeeds
60 Some PX patrons
61 Braid, e.g.
62 Top (out)
63 Agent
65 Rascally sort
66 Price place
67 Jump in the pool, perhaps?
68 Durable wood
69 Another time
73 "The Beverly Hillbillies" dad
74 Blood-filtering organs
78 Sound of the wind, perhaps
79 Skin blemish
81 Working for Christmas, say
82 NBC weekend fixture
83 Warning sign for an art dealer?
85 In __ unmoved
86 French royalty
88 Auditing giant & Young
90 Delay
91 Credit __ Zurich-based financial group
92 Razor brand
94 Wiesbaden wheels
96 PC key
97 Honeymoon options
101 Islamic branch
103 Mary Hartman portrayer Louise
106 Desi's daughter
107 Players with masks
110 Keats' "__ to Psyche"
111 Well-protected garment room?
115 Flat filler
116 Panini cheese
117 Skateboarding leap
118 Pro foe
119 Round Table knight
120 Trojan War sage
121 Pops, to tots
122 Bread often served with ghee

DOWN

1 Spy's favorite plant?
2 Car loan nos.
3 Cheer
4 It's often personal
5 Métro home
6 So far
7 Spam holders
8 The Wizard of Menlo Park, initially
9 Ready to roll
10 Stone memorial
11 Right __
12 Brest brainstorms
13 Part of many superhero names
14 World Series qualifier: Abbr
15 Hair removal choice
16 A little Egyptian magic?
17 Break away
18 Cube holders
24 Clean the slate
25 Work on the docks
30 Mer shade
32 Come across as
33 Seine sun
35 "It Wasn't All Velvet" memoirist
36 Suffix with Unit
37 Well-designed room for a lot?
38 It might be silly
40 Twain contemporary
41 Disorderly digs
44 Boot camp VIPs
45 Word with turkey or fox
46 "That's disgusting!"
47 Formally turned over, as land
48 Beginning
50 Posse members
52 Periodical with a URL
53 Early rock hom
55 Pro
56 "Four Quartets" monogram
58 Big name in morning talk
60 Leisurely walks
62 Parsons' places
64 Sadie Hawkins Day suitors
66 Supermodel Cheryl
67 Testing stage
69 Meditation sounds
70 Reims rejection
71 Suffolk slammers
72 Matches
73 Something to jump for
74 John in Dublin
75 Protective sports equipment
76 Birth-related
77 Wallops
80 Start to date?
81 Hospital fluids
83 Some NFL ball carriers
84 Towel specification
87 Spa supplies
89 Fabric often decorated with pastoral scenes
91 Arenas
92 "What __?" "I've been had!"
93 Steering apparatus part
95 Pal
96 Potter's made him invisible
98 __ once
99 En __ on a streak, in sports slang
100 One with a part
101 Balkan capital
102 They're loaded
104 "Voice of Israel" author
105 Sly tactic
107 Olympian's prize
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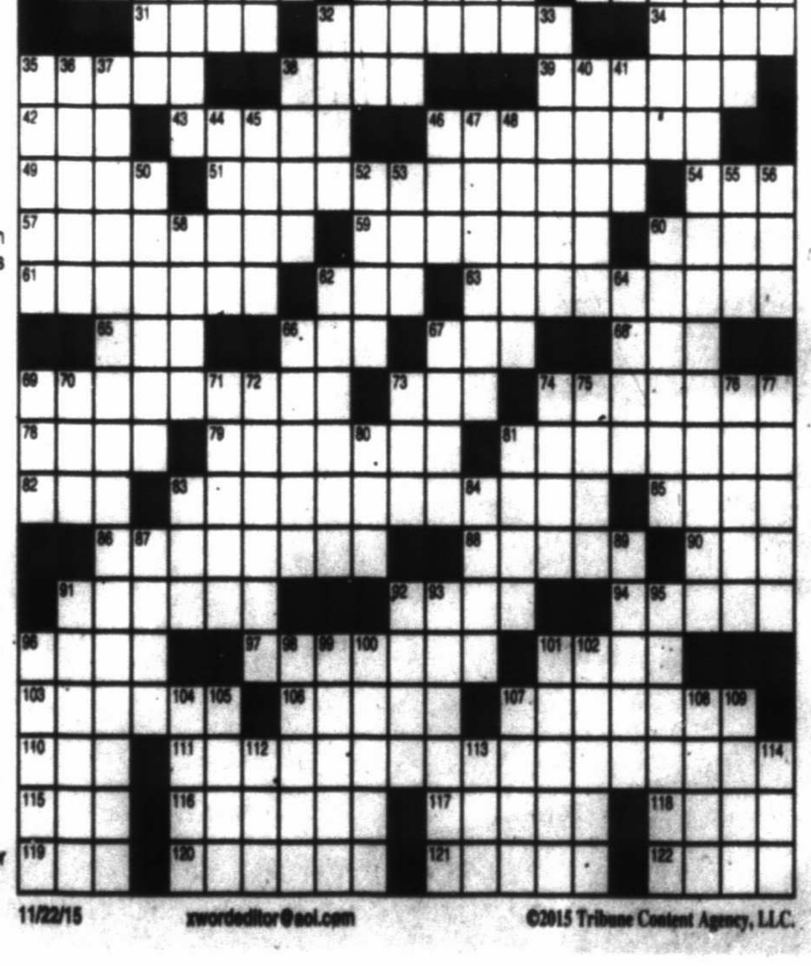

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Plan B

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ 5 4

WEST
♠ K 7 5
♥ Q J 10
♦ K 8 2
♣ J 8 7 3

EAST
♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ A J
♣ 10 6 2

SOUTH
♠ J 10 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ A K Q 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	1	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♥

Declarer should always make a plan. A good declarer will try to have a back-up plan, call it "Plan B," in case something goes amiss with his first plan.

Declarer could always have succeeded by winning the first heart, leading a diamond, winning the second heart and giving up another diamond. The opponents' hearts would have been blocked, and declarer can give up another diamond safely. One diamond trick, along with a successful spade finesse, would have seen him home.

Lacking X-ray vision, South tried a different line. He ducked the opening heart lead, won the heart continuation with his ace, and led a low diamond to dummy's 10. East won this with the jack and continued hearts, knocking out the king. South led another diamond to East's ace, and East cashed his established heart. Declarer, who had discarded both of his remaining diamonds on the hearts, had now lost four tricks and the king of diamonds was still outstanding. He could not continue working on diamonds so it was time for "Plan B."

Declarer won the club shift and took the spade finesse, taking three spade tricks ending in dummy. West, who had discarded a spade on the fourth heart, had to make a discard on the third spade. West could not hold onto all of his clubs and the king of diamonds. Whatever he chose to discard, South had the rest of the tricks. "Plan B" to the rescue!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015:

This year holds unusual potential for you if you can focus on your image and career. You'll want to concentrate on a long-term goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Whatever your plans are, you'll enjoy a friend or loved one to no end. Others will want to hang out with you because of your spontaneity and wild ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You'll find spending quality time with a loved one to be most relaxing. You will find the appropriate time to hang out with each other by yourselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your friends surround you, but they all seem to have very different ideas. A partner will want to claim the moment. You would be wise to adjust your plans to make time for this person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Though you'll want to have control of plans, you won't care as much if events take place close to home. Your home is your castle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Rearrange your plans in order to visit with this person in the near future. You will find a way to do what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ No matter what is going on, you'll find a reason to enjoy the moment. You tend to be self-indulgent, but you also enjoy indulging and doting on others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You sense a change in your energy as well as others'. Communication suddenly seems to flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, and recognize that you have only so many hours in the day. You might want to squeeze more plans into your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could make the next 24 hours close to perfect. You need to be willing to allow your inner child to come out and play. A loved one will respond accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your family expects certain behavior from you. If you nix plans with them, you could be on the receiving end of some uproar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Remain open to others' suggestions and thoughts. You might be invited to join a friend or loved one, though travel could be necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You have a tendency to indulge a loved one or new friend a little too much. This person's reaction could surprise you.

BORN TODAY
Actress Jamie Lee Curtis (1958), actor Mark Ruffalo (1967)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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SUNDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Alaskan Bush People		Bush "Shots Fired"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Miles	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Sofia 1st	Jessie	Girl M.	Austin	Liv/Mad	Friends	Friends	Friends	I Didn't
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL "Sunday Edition"		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(4:00) ATP Tennis World Tour Finals				OLines	Report	SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★ Herbie: Fully Loaded Lindsay Lohan.				★★★★ Pocahontas Irène Bédard.				Home Alone 5: Alone in the Dark			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Giada	Guy's Big Bite		Thanksgiv./ Bobby		Holiday	Pioneer	Heart	Rules
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Diaries	Cowboys	Huddle	Texans	Paid	Paid	NCAA Big 12		Countdown (L)		Game365	Golf Life
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother.	★★★ Here Comes the Boom				Movie
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) Ice Sculptu...		Northpole ('14, Dra) Tiffani Thiessen.				The Most Wonderful Time of the Year				Christmas Inco...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men "Jet Logged"		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) MatchOfWeek		Premier League Match of the Day				Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer West Ham U. vs Tottenham (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	SpongeBob SquarePants			Half-Shell Heroes (N)		ALVINNN	ALVINNN
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	Twilight	★★ Solomon Kane James Purefoy.				★★ Spawn ('97, Act) John Leguizamo.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ She's the Man Amanda Bynes.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) By the Light...		★★ Lady in the Lake				★★★★ Designing Woman				The Moon Is Blue	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol West Ham U. vs Tottenham (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Seer"		Law & Order		Law & Order		LawOrder "Disciple"		LawOrder "Couples"		Law&Order "Smoke"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Miracles	Paid	Chrisley	Donny!	★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2				No Strings Atta...	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	Law&Order "Burden"		LawOrder "Bad Girl"		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	World of X Games		LPGA Golf Group Tour Championship				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football New York Jets at Houston Texans Site: NRG Stadium -- Houston, Texas (L)								(:05) Chef Classic (N)		FaceNtn	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football (L)						NFL Football (L)					
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Sal.	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	FigSkate	NASCAR	Countdown to Green		NASCAR Auto Racing Ford EcoBoost 400 Site: Homestead Miami Speedway (L)							
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	2.Opinion	Yoga	W.L.Yoga	S. Soup	Beads	Sewing	Japan	Travel	Global	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Monterrey at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:30) Nacho Libre		(:05) The Hand That Rocks the Cradle				★★ Arachnophobia			(:50) ★★★★ 12 Monkeys		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:15) Bill Maher		(:15) Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck Kurt Cobain.					U2 Innocence + Experience Live in Paris				
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:15) ★★★ Bad Words			(:45) ★★ Burn After Reading (2008, Comedy) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, John Malkovich.								LastWeek
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(11:10) The Secret ...		(:10) The Leftovers		(:10) Run All Night ('15, Act) Liam Neeson.				(:10) ★★★★ This Is Where I Leave You			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★★ Windtalkers ('02, War) Nicolas Cage.					(:55) ★★★ Breach			(:45) The Knick		Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(11:20) ★★★ The Last Castle			(:35) ★★ The Jacket			(:20) ★★ The Break Up Kiefer Sutherland.				(:10) Smokin' Aces	
PLEX			96			★★★ Pretty in Pink			(:40) The Chosen One Rob Schneider.				(:25) ★★ Price of Glory Jimmy Smits.				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	★★ Out of Sight ('98, Cri) George Clooney.				Rampart Woody Harrelson.			(:20) Prophet's Prey ('15, Doc) Sam Brower.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★★★ The Amityville Horror			★★★ Dragonheart			(:15) ★★★ Good Morning, Vietnam				(:20) The Face of ...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Heartless"		Nightwatch		Nightwatch		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.					★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith.					
BET	58	-		40		(:10) Payne	(:40) Payne	(:15) Payne	(:45) Payne	(:20) Payne	(:50) Payne	(:20) Payne	(:55) House of Payne		(:25) Payne	Payne	Payne
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Homes "Islands"		Homes "Tiny Houses"		Ultimate Homes		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	I Didn't	I Didn't	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	(:05) Bunk'd	(:40) Bunk'd	(:10) ★★★ Toy Story 3 Tom Hanks.			
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball 2K Classic (L)				Champ.Drive (N)		Football Final		MLS Soccer Playoffs New York vs Columbus (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	ATP Tennis World Tour Finals (L)				SportNat	NCAA Basketball 2K Sports Classic (L)				NCAA Basketball		
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★ I'll Be Home for Christmas				★★★ Richie Rich Macaulay Culkin.				★★ The Parent Trap Lindsay Lohan.			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal E.	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Chopped		Chopped		Clash Grandmas		Chopped Junior		Holiday Baking	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Europa Magazine (N)		NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Volleyball C-USA Tournament (L)				Mavricks	Mavs Pre
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★ Identity Thief Jason Bateman.				★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Taylor Kitsch.						Fast & Furious 6	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) Christmas ...		Northpole ('14, Dra) Tiffani Thiessen.				Charming Christmas (2015, Romance)				The Nine Lives ...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★★ Comfort and Joy Nancy McKeon.				Love at the Christmas Table				Jim Henson's Turkey Hollow			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		CaughtCam "Crash"		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				Goal Zone (L)		Premier League (N)		NASCAR Auto Racing Ford EcoBoost 400 Site: Homestead Miami Speedway (L)							
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	GShakers	Thunder	H.Danger	H Danger
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Rapture-Palooza ('13, Com) Craig Robinson.				★★ Aeon Flux ('05, Act) Charlize Theron.				★★ Men in Black II Will Smith			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	★★★ We're the Millers ('13, Com) Jason Sudeikis.					★★ Life as We Know It ('10, Com) Katherine Heigl.					Elf	Grinch
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) The Moon...		★★★ The Pirate ('48, Mus) Judy Garland.				★★ The Incredible Mr. Limpet				Plymouth Adv	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Enfoque	Videos	Merlin						Noticiero	Videos	Alvin y las Ardi	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★ War of the Worlds ('05, Act) Tom Cruise.					★★ Clash of the Titans				(:45) ★★ Wrath of the Titans		
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	(11:00) No Strings ...		★★★ Friday ('95, Com) Ice Cube.				Law&O: SVU "P.C."		Law&O: SVU "Babes"		SVU "Rescue"	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		BlueB. "After Hours"		B. Bloods "Little Fish"	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		The 43rd Annual American Music Awards Honoring the best of the music industry from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. (N)						KMID News	(:35) Basin Gridiron	(:05) Cowboys	(:35) Monopoly
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam Secretary "Lights Out" (N)		The Good Wife "Restraint" (N)		CSI: Cyber "Python" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "The Most Dangerous Match"			M*A*S*H	The Odd Couple	Honeymooners	Cheers	B.Newhart	MaryTylerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	The OT (L)	TheSimpsons (N)	Brooklyn "Ava" (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	To Be Announced		2 Broke Girls	Texans Show	Jack Van Impe	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Lars Enarson	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Arizona Cardinals Site: University of Phoenix Stadium -- Glendale, Ariz. (L)							(:35) News	Country Reporter	Wild America
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	The Great Fire		The Great Fire		Masterpiece Classic "Indian Summers" Aafrin makes two fateful decisions. (N)				Harry Knowles	On Story	Infinity Hall Live! "Women of Song"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		La Banda				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		H.S. Football			
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:50) 12 Monkeys		★★ The Paper ('94, Com) Michael Keaton.				★★★ Tender Mercies			(:35) ★★★ Sea of Love		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:10) ★★★ Field of Dreams Kevin Costner.				The Leftovers (N)		(:05) GetOn	Together	LastWeek	(:35) The Leftovers		(:35) Get On
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Bill Maher		The Leftovers		Unfinished Business			(:35) Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.				
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Wild ('14, Bio) Reese Witherspoon.				★★★★ Lone Survivor Mark Wahlberg.				Run All Night ('15, Act) Liam Neeson.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:45) Just Friends		(:20) ★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.				★★★ Walk of Shame			(:40) Stacked Racks From		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:10) Smokin' Aces		The Knick		★★ Lucy Scarlett Johansson.			Annabelle Annabelle Wallis.			LifeTop	Movie
PLEX			96			(5:25) Harold & M...		★★★ Pretty in Pink			(:40) ★★★ High School High			(:10) ★★ Price of Glory Jimmy Smits.			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland "Oriole"		The Affair		Homeland (N)		The Affair (N)		Homeland		The Affair	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) The Face of ...		★★★★ Schindler's List ('93, True) Ben Kingsley, Liam Neeson.						(:15) Auschwitz		(:05) The Trip	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Walking Dead "Now"		The Walking Dead		Dead "Heads Up" (N)		Badlands (N)		The Talking Dead (N)		Dead-"Heads Up"	
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Being Mary Jane		#TheWestbrooks		P. Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		The Hunting Ground			(:55) CNN Special Report			The Hunting Ground			CNNRep.
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska: Exposed (N)		Alaska/Frontier		Bush "Shots Fired"		Men, Women, Wild		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	The Lion Guard: ...		Liv/Mad	(:25) Austin	Underc.	(:25) Bunk'd	Girl M.	Girl M.	Girl M.	Liv/Mad	Austin	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Soccer	SportsCenter		Poker World Series Site: Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino					SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Basket.	NCAA Basketball Puerto Rico Tip-Off (L)				NCAA Basketball Charleston Classic (L)				NHRA Drag Racing		ESPN FC
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) The Parent ...		★★★ Toy Story ('95, Ani) Tom Hanks.				★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.				J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Fox News Reporting		To Be Announced		Greg Gutfeld Show		Fox News Reporting		To Be Announced	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Holiday Baking (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Holiday Baking	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Dallas vs Oklahoma (L)					Maverick	Sooner Football (N)		Cowboys	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) Fast and Furious 6 Vin Diesel.				★★ 2 Guns ('13, Act) Denzel Washington.					★★ 2 Guns		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) The Nine Li...		Merry Matrimony Jessica Lowndes.				'Tis the Season for Love Garry Chalk.				Snow Bride	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Island	Island	H.Hunt	House	Hawaii	Hawaii
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Ax Men (N)		(:05) TBA		(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★★★★ The Muppet Christmas Carol				★★★ Crazy for Christmas Andrea Roth.				★★★★ The Muppet Christmas Carol			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NASCAR Post Race (L)		Victory Lap (L)		Mecum Auto Auctions "Anaheim"					NASCAR Victory Lap		MatchDay
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				★★ Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Thril) Wesley Snipes.					★★ 1408 John Cusack.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Elf	The Grinch	★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.				(:15) ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.					Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Plymouth A...		★★★★ A Raisin in the Sun				(:15) ★★★ Duel in the Sun ('46, West) Gregory Peck.					Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) Alvin y las ...		Red Dawn ('12, Act) Chris Hemsworth.				Ya era hora		Titulares	Videos	Si Se Puede	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		Sister Wives (N)		(:05) 90 Day Fiancé		(:05) Sister Wives		(:05) Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:45) Wrath of th...		The Librarians (N)		Agent X (N)		The Librarians		Agent X		★★★ Seabiscuit	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU "Snitch"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		BlueB. "Family Ties"		Blue Bloods		BlueB. "Dedication"		Home Videos		Mother	Mother

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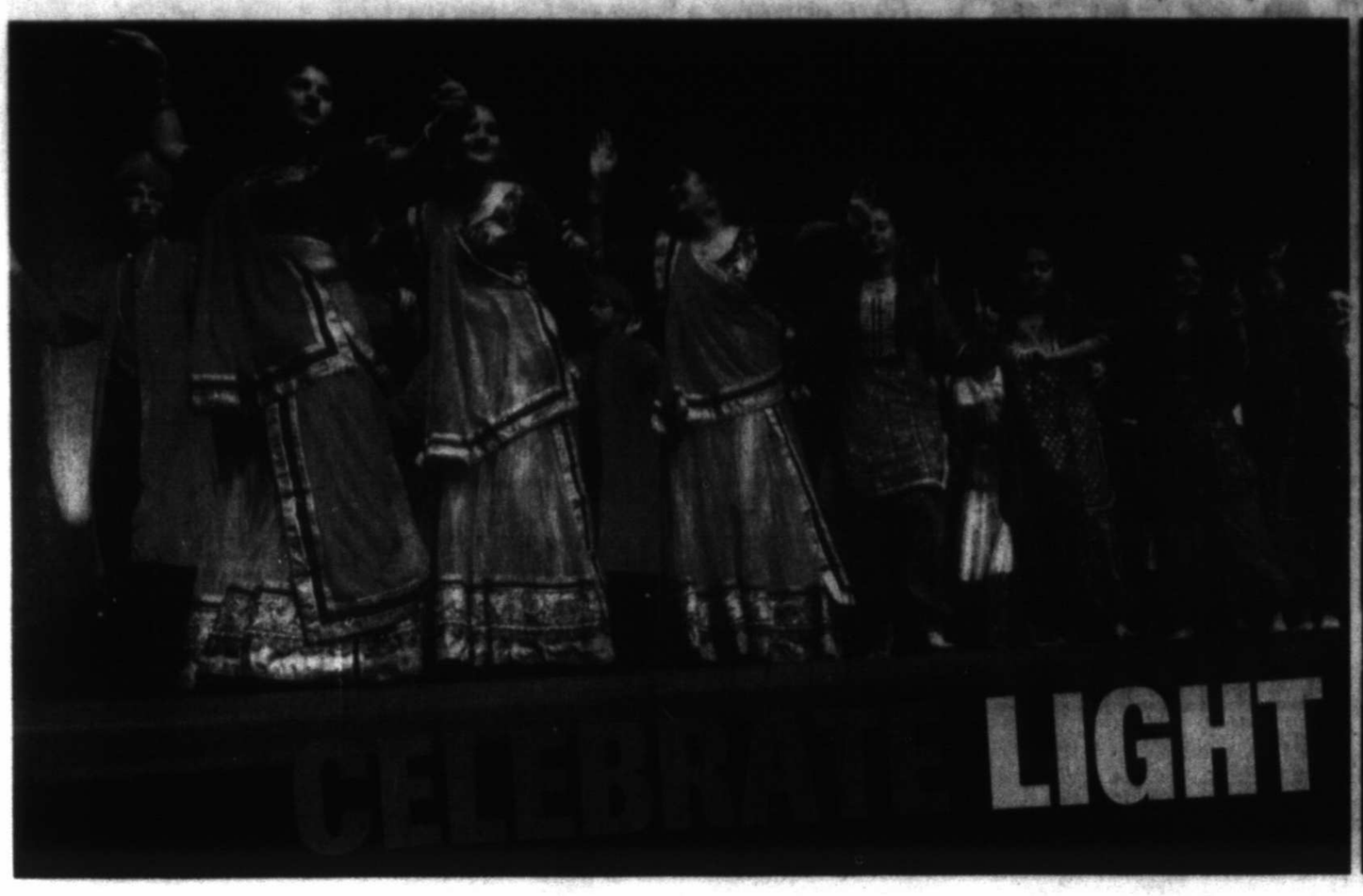

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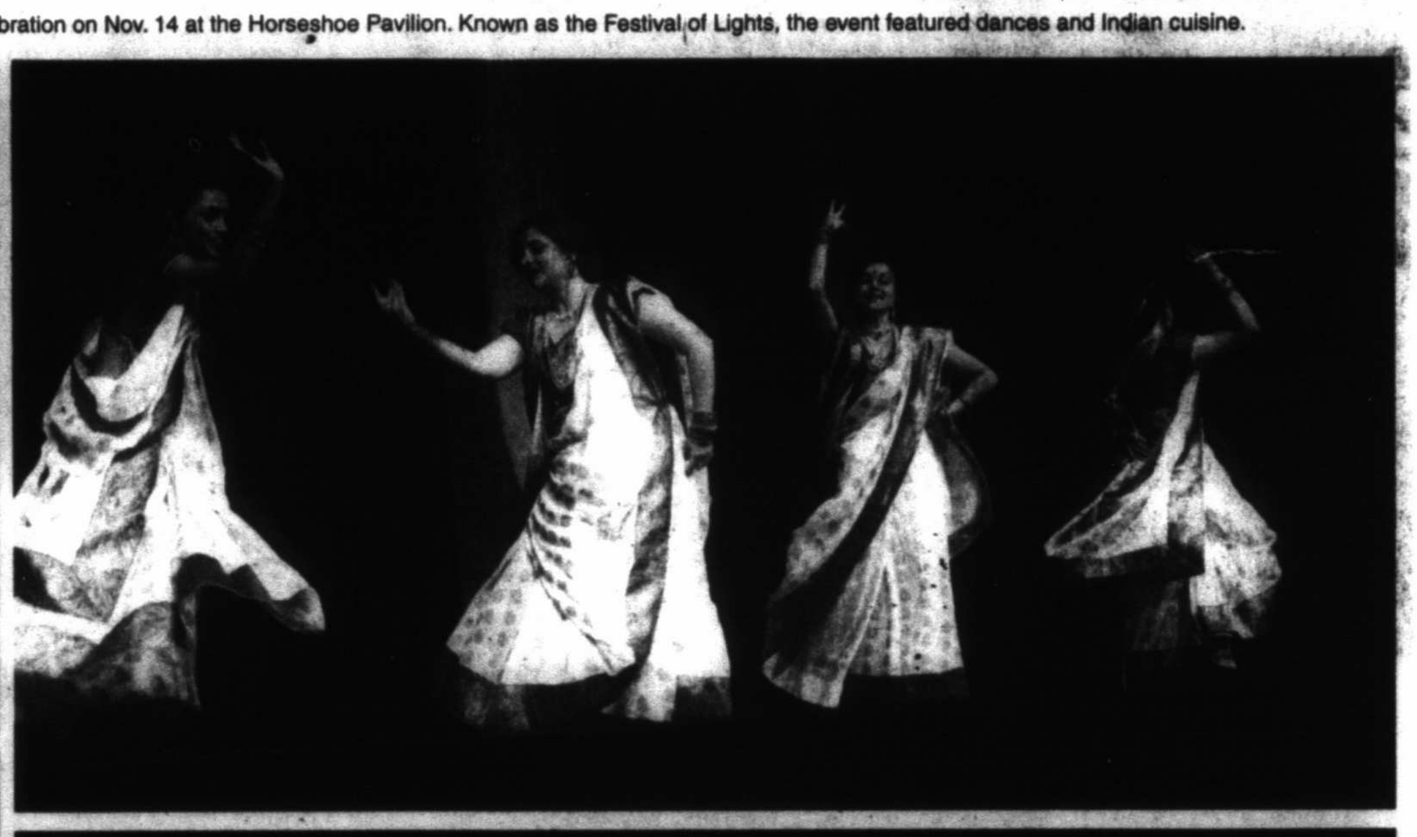
The Hindu Association of West Texas held their annual Diwali celebration on Nov. 14 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Known as the Festival of Lights, the event featured dances and Indian cuisine.



CALENDAR

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TODAY

Santa Claus comes to town, 2-5 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. Visits are free and open to the public. Pictures with Santa are welcomed. caycechristmasstore.com

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet plays the fifth concert of their Late Beethoven Project featuring Beethoven Op. 130 and Shostakovich Op. 118. 3 p.m. Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel. 1310 N. FM 1788. $14. MOSC.org

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday-Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Cirque Dreams Holidaze. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Midland Arts Association Meeting, noon at Midland College, Room 185. midlandartsassociation.org.

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

"Peter Pan" opens Friday and runs through Dec. 19 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28 adults, $20 youth and seniors. mctmidland.org.

"Christmas Belles" by the Maverick Players. Open Friday and runs through today. VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $15. $10 Sunday matinees. maverickplayers.org.

Leftover Stuffing combines hip-hop, art auction and spoken word into one night. The event features performances by Pruven, Don Prada, Rudabaka and more. 8 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $10. BYOB. 21 and up. facebook.com/kamiposi.

SATURDAY

Open House featuring artwork by both students and instructors. 2-5 p.m. at ArtQuest, 700D Andrews Highway. artquesttx.com.

ON DISPLAY

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas special" and more. Through Jan. 31, 2016 at Durham Children's Museum. Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Turner Memorial Art Gallery currently closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woitena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. Admission free throughout December. museumsw.org.

"Charles E. Burchfield: Weather Event" through Nov. 29. "Changing Weather: Works by Judy Youngblood" through Dec. 8. "Rob Vander Zee: Worlds of Present and Future" through Dec. 20. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

The Art of Ana Colomo and SJ Navage through Nov. 30. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Fall Art Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland. Through Dec. 10. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 8500 N. A. St. midlandss.org.

"Some Things Have Meaning, Others Don't." Works by Zipora Fried feature sculptures, drawings and video. Through Jan. 4, 2016 at Marfa Contemporary, 100 E. San Antonio St., Marfa. marfacontemporary.org.

"Apparel" features works by 13 artists. Through Feb. 14, 2016. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. ballroommarfa.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios. 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Current screenings include "Zula Patrol: Under the Weather" at noon, "From Earth to the Univers" at 2 p.m. and "Two Small Pieces of Glass" at 4 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Haley Library and History Center. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Barbara Koch, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during November. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum. 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Midland Shared Spaces Gallery Fall Exhibit with featured artists from ArtQuest, Artizen Outlet, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland through Dec. 10. 685-0400. sharedspaces.org.

Museum of the Southwest. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Turner Memorial Art Gallery currently closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woitena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

Options Gallery at Odessa College. 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House. 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

Sibley Nature Center. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432- 684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

NOVEMBER

Holiday Marketplace will feature live music, refreshments and a selection of vendors. Proceeds benefit local food banks, soup kitchens and veterans support. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane.

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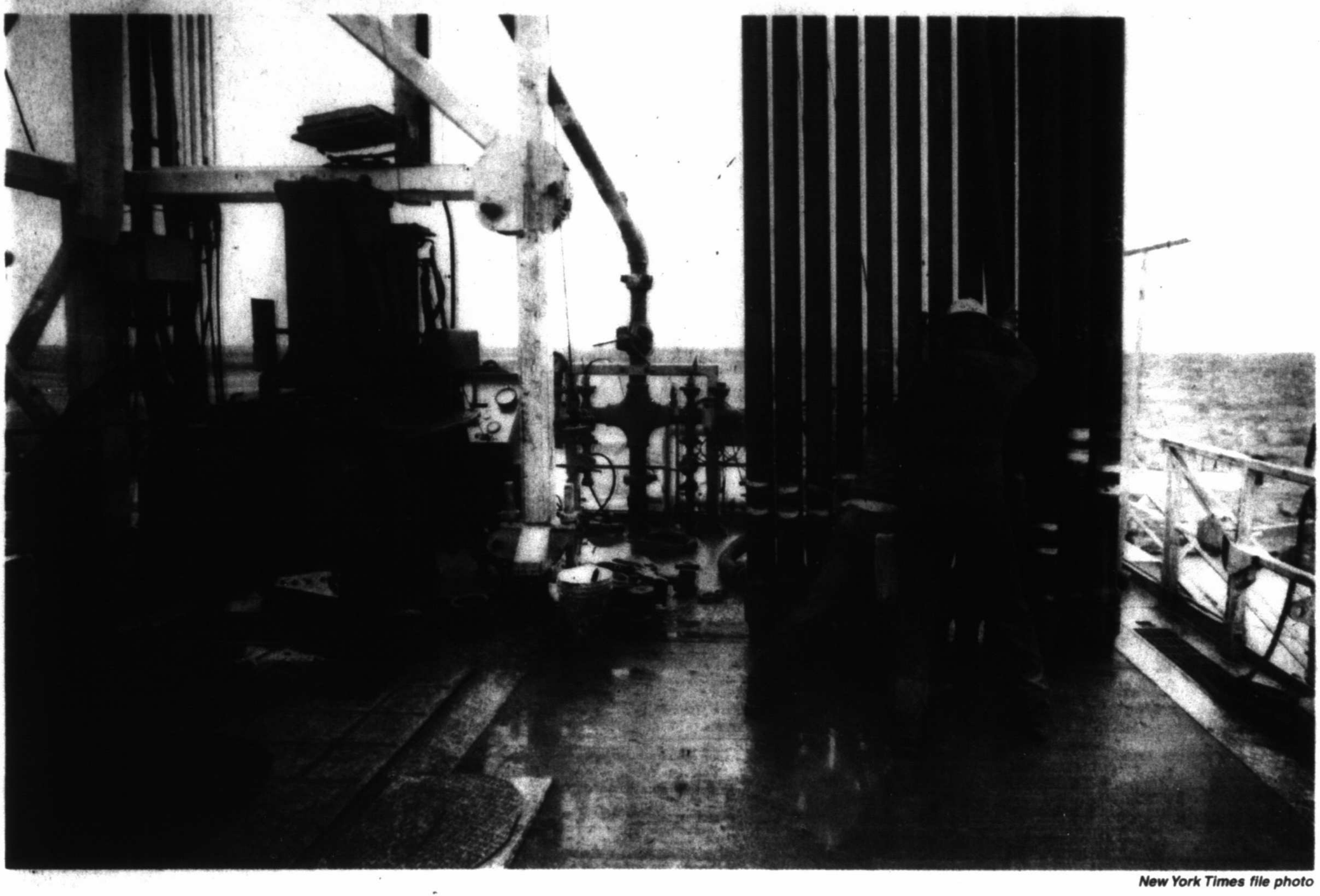

New York Times file photo

Elevation Resources continues to drill for oil in Midland on Jan. 14. With oil prices plummeting by more than 50 percent since June, the gleeful mood of recent years has turned glum here in West Texas as the frenzy of shale oil drilling has come to a screeching halt.

EMPLOYMENT FREEFALLS

Low oil prices continue to hammer Permian oil activity

By Mella McEwen
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Low oil prices continue to hammer the Permian Basin's oil and natural gas economy.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham reports the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index posted its 10th consecutive monthly decline, with the September index 26.6 percent below September 2014. The index peaked last November.

Ingham said a dramatic fall in oil and gas employment — even more dramatic than previously thought — is helping fuel the decline.

Citing data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Ingham said job loss through the second quarter — the most recent QCEW data available — is significantly higher.

"What was previously estimated as year-over-year job loss of just over 1 percent in metro area oil and gas employment is now an estimated 15 to 16 percent loss compared to year-ago levels, reflecting the loss of about 5,500 jobs over the 12 months," Ingham said.

He said estimated oil and gas industry employment peaked in December 2014 and has fallen by about 5,850 jobs since then. "In truth, the numbers may be higher than that, and industry job loss will almost certainly continue in the coming months," Ingham said.

Commodity prices, which had shown some strength in the second quarter, resumed their decline, Ingham said. Crude prices averaged $41.91 per barrel in September, down 53.2 percent from last September's $89.57. For the year, oil prices are averaging $47.59, down 50.5 percent from $96.15 in the first nine months of 2014.

Natural gas prices mirrored crude prices, averaging $2.57 per Mcf, down 34.6 percent from last September's $3.93 per Mcf. Natural gas prices are averaging $2.67 so far this year, down 41 percent from $4.54 a year ago.

Plunging cash flow resulting from low oil prices is finding its way into drilling activity, according to Ingham.

He said the rig count has begun to retreat again as crude prices approach the $40 level. The September rig count averaged 203 rigs, down 56.3 percent from 464 rigs last September. The rig count to date this year is averaging 240 rigs, down 45.7 percent from last year's 442 rigs.

The Railroad Commission issued 434 drilling permits in September, a 69 percent plunge from the record 1,402 issued last September. The agency has issued 3,865 permits so far in 2015, down 57.8 percent from the 9,150 issued in the first three quarters of 2014.

Permian Basin operators reported 627 oil completions in September, down 58.2 percent from 1,500 last September. Operators have completed 8,845 oil wells this year, down 40 percent from 14,741 oil wells last year.

Operators completed 44 natural gas wells, a 144.4 percent jump from 18 last September. Operators have completed 196 natural gas wells so far this year, up 71.9 percent gain from 114 last year.

Although the Permian Basin oil and gas industry has significantly scaled back activity, operators continue to get more oil and natural gas from the ground.

September oil production volumes were 12.1 percent higher than September 2014, and volumes so far this year are 16.7 percent higher than the same period last year.

Similarly, natural gas production volumes in September were 15 percent above last September and so far this year are 17 percent higher than last year.

Site to handle solid waste from oilfield opearations coming to Howard County

By Mella McEwen
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> **George Wommack,** founder of Petro Waste Environmental LP

Just as Permian Basin oil and natural gas operators have sought ways to move their production to end-markets, they've needed ways to dispose of the waste generated by drilling wells.

Just as midstream companies have seen opportunities in expanding takeaway capacity, companies are seeing opportunities in expanding the infrastructure to handle non-hazardous oil and gas waste.

San Antonio's Petro Waste Environmental LP has recently received a permit from the Railroad Commission for such a landfill to be built on 144 acres in Howard County. The company has permits pending in DeWitt, Frio, McMullen and Pecos counties.

Midland native George Wommack, Petro Waste's founder and chief executive, said that with all required permits now in hand, the company will "go build and operate the facility."

He estimated the planning, engineering and design process, along with obtaining bids to construct the landfill will take about a year.

Wommack said it will be a state-of-the-art facility comprised of disposal cells for solid oilfield waste similar to traditional landfills.

Petro Waste's Howard County facility will take non-hazardous waste, including solids such as dirt, soils and rocks that contain hydrocarbons and waste fluids with high solids content such as produced or flowback water, fracturing fluids, oil-based drilling muds and cuttings. After the waste is processed, it will be disposed of in the cells according to state and federal regulations. Solids are pulled from the fluids and allowed to dry before they are placed in a cell and the fluids are placed in disposal wells. An alliance with Pyote Water Systems allows Petro Waste to use Pyote's saltwater disposal facilities and construct landfills adjacent to Pyote facilities.

"This is material that has been produced by oil wells since we began drilling oil wells," said Wommack. "Historically, it has not been handled to the standards (by which it should have been handled)."

He said environmental safety is at the forefront and that the new facility will use a higher level of engineering in its design and operations to ensure the safety of the waste going into the disposal cells and that ground water and soils at the facility are being protected.

To assure residents the facility is safe, the company is putting as much information as possible on its website so the public can understand "what we do and what we're doing to put protections in place," Wommack said. High-tech monitoring automation and monitoring systems will be part of the design.

Oil and gas operators are focusing on water use and working to reduce water use and recycle and reuse water, and a similar focus is turning toward solid waste. Wommack said the problem is technology "is not there yet."

The company wants to be part of the best solution and is working with different recycling technologies, he said.

"We see where regulation is today, and we want to exceed that so we're not just in compliance today, but for generations to come," Wommack said.

Recycling and reuse technology may not yet be in place, but the facility will be of immediate benefit by reducing the need to truck that waste over long distances. That will not only reduce truck traffic and ease road wear, improving traffic safety, but it will reduce costs for operators, dropping break-even well costs even in a low oil price environment, Wommack noted.

He said the goal is to locate a Petro Waste facility within 30 miles of all drilling activity throughout the Permian and Eagle Ford plays. The Howard County facility can service a 60-mile radius or further, depending on infrastructure, he said.

Raymond James: Be well-prepared when seeking capital equity

By Mella McEwen
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The capital fuels industry and the energy sector are among those looking for funds.

Investment bankers from Raymond James Investment Banking Group joined a small group of Midland oilmen at the Petroleum Club recently for a breakfast sponsored by Van Pearcy' Wealth Services Team to offer perspective and advice.

Low oil prices have resulted in a dramatic spike in high-yield defaults. Exploration and production C corp-structured companies have fallen about 36 percent while master limited partnership have fallen 79.1 percent. Raymond James said strategic mergers and acquisitions and financial restructuring should be the theme for next year.

Core oil and gas plays are still robust and Permian Basin companies still trend the best, the investment banking firm said.

Raymond James estimated $45 billion remains from private markets and there is still a lot of capital looking for quality deals.

Private equity firms are looking at "location, location, location" and excellent management, the company said.

Breakfast attendees were advised to take advantage of the markets while they're still wide open, but executives seeking that capital had best come prepared with financial models, economics and all the in-depth information private equity firms will seek, the company advised.

Raymond James said many forces are at work that could move oil markets, from Russia to Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Venezuela to Canada and its oil sands. The company believes the market will turn around and that there's a chance industry executives will see it go up as rapidly as it went down.

Nick Taylor, chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of Mexco Energy, said he took from the presentation that the oil surplus has been overestimated, something supported by a recent report from Morgan Stanley.

"Morgan Stanley said the surplus may actually be 700,000 to 1.1 million barrels a day," Taylor said.

That leads him to join those who think oil prices will start recovering "sooner than later," he said.

Houston Chronicle file photo

Bayport SMR Production Manager Evan DiGregory checks equipment at at Air Liquide's Steam Methane Reformer unit in Pasadena on Oct. 13, 2011. Air Liquide recently struck a deal to purchase rival Airgas for $10 billion.

Air Liquide Americas: $10B for Airgas is 'appropriate'

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The Americas CEO of Air Liquide said the admittedly hefty $10 billion price tag of buying Airgas is worth the cost as the Paris-based industrial gas giant seeks to grow its U.S. presence from its expanded Houston hub.

The French company moved last month into its new Americas headquarters — the two-building Air Liquide Center in Houston's Memorial City. Air Liquide wasted little time in agreeing to buy Pennsylvania-based Airgas on Tuesday at a 35 percent premium in a $10.3 billion deal that jumps to $13.4 billion when debt is included. It's the biggest industrial gas acquisition in nearly a decade.

"We're looking at long-term strategic value," said American Air Liquide Chairman and CEO Michael Graff. "It's the biggest player in the packaged gas business in the U.S. You are going to pay what is appropriate."

Airgas is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases in packaged form, such as cylindrical tanks, and that is specifically an area where Air Liquide was weak in the U.S, Graff said. Airgas has a 25 percent market share on packaged gas in the U.S., he said.

The market quickly responded after the deal was announced and Airgas shares skyrocketed nearly 30 percent Tuesday afternoon, jumping by $31.17 per share, up to a close of $137.35 a share.

"It really fills out our strategic portfolio in the U.S.," Graff said. "We've always seen the U.S. market as a very sound place to invest our business. It's really about long-term growth."

Air Liquide is projecting that up to 25 percent of the increase in global industrial gas demand will come in the U.S., he said.

Graff specifically expects more growth along the Gulf Coast associated with providing industrial gases for the ongoing petrochemical growth surge, as well as for refineries and oil and gas production from the shale boom. Air Liquide also sells gases for pharmaceutical and electronics manufacturing.

The Airgas deal comes after the company fended off takeover bids in recent years from its Pennsylvania rival, Air Products. Both the Air Liquide and Airgas boards have already approved the new deal.

Air Liquide has more than 1,300 employees in the Houston area. Airgas has about 200 employees.

Graff said the move from the Galleria-area to Memorial City has gone well and gives Air Liquide more room to grow.

Regulators approve Schlumberger's bid for Cameron

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Federal regulators have cleared Schlumberger's $12.7 billion bid to buy Houston oil tool maker Cameron International, putting the companies on track to close the deal early next year.

The U.S. Department of Justice found that the transaction did not violate antitrust laws, and cleared the proposed merger without any conditions, the two companies announced late Tuesday.

Cameron shareholders still must sign off on the agreement that would fuse two companies that have been working together for two years on a joint venture called OneSubsea. Stockholders are expected to cast their votes in a special meeting slated for Dec. 17. Approval isn't needed from Schlumberger's shareholders.

Until the transaction is complete, Schlumberger and Cameron plan to continue operating as separate and independent companies, they said in a statement.

Under the terms of the deal announced in late August, Cameron shareholders will get 0.716 shares of Schlumberger stock and $14.44 in cash for every share of Cameron stock.

The per-share cash amount and exchange ratio are fixed regardless of the fluctuations in Schlumberger's stock price, which could change the value of the merger by the time the deal closes, likely in the first quarter of 2016, the companies said in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Joining Piper Jaffray in $139M sale will help Simmons tackle new oil work

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Simmons & Co. International's $139 million sale to Piper Jaffray is expected to rope in several new businesses for the Houston energy investment bank, including a debt advisory group and a restructuring unit, at a time when more oil and gas balance sheets need repairs.

Investment banking firm Piper Jaffray's cash and stock offer for Simmons, announced Tuesday, would fold one of the few private, energy-centric investment banks based in Houston into a Minneapolis-based, publicly traded company that doesn't now have a footprint in the energy business but does have debt advisory and restructuring services.

"That is going to be front and center," said Fred Charlton, a Simmons managing director, who will serve as Piper Jaffray's chairman and co-head of energy investment banking once the deal is closed.

"Being able to come in with a set of experts in debt advisory will be a very important touch point," he said. "It might be unfortunate, but some of those conversations might even lead to the need to restructure."

During the yearlong oil-market slump, energy investment banking has profited in some areas and waned in others. Overnight equity offerings for oil companies covering cash shortfalls surged earlier this year while corporate mergers among oil producers have crawled to a halt, as crude prices have remained too volatile for energy companies to agree on transaction terms.

Now, as low oil prices leave their mark on company balance sheets, there's more work in advising companies on debt capital market strategies and, if it comes to it, going into bankruptcy or liquidating assets.

Oilfield services companies have been hit especially hard as demand for their drilling tools and completion crews has dropped alongside the nation's plunging active rig count.

The 41-year-old Simmons & Co., which has 170 investment bankers, traders, researchers and private equity professionals, will also benefit from Piper Jaffray capability to run equity offerings in overnight transactions that fueled a $14 billion capital market splurge in the energy sector in the spring, when investors expected a quick oil-market recovery.

"The timeliness (of the deal) is clear given the situation in the energy business today," Charlton said.

For Piper Jaffray, the transaction gives it access to one of the two sectors — energy and finance — it has wanted to enter in its efforts to boost its investment banking revenue to $500 million annually.

The companies originally met in 2011 but didn't start official deal talks until a year or two ago, sometime before Simmons' revenue began to take a hit from lower energy-sector activity.

Simmons' revenues were $96 million in the year ended June 30 — down from around $120 million in prior years when the energy sector was more prosperous.

Charlton said Simmons' midstream energy transportation, downstream refining and international advisory businesses have remained active throughout the oil-price downturn, and more work has come from U.S. oil producers undergoing semi-annual bank reviews of their debt.

But he said the most important aspect of the deal is that the firm's senior professionals have signed agreements to stay with the merged company. Piper Jaffray said it's paying $21 million in cash and stock to retain key Simmons personnel.

Dallas Fed CEO says crude glut could persist until 2017

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

The state's economy has remained surprisingly strong despite an energy slump that has forced tens of thousands of Texans out of work in recent months. But the tough times in the oil and gas industry are far from over, the new head of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said Wednesday.

Delivering his first remarks since he was appointed president and CEO, Rob Kaplan said that while the downturn has slowed the rapid clip of Texas' economic expansion in recent years, the state will still see job growth of 1.2 percent this year, despite rampant layoffs across the energy sector.

The state's unemployment rate at 4.3 percent remains well below the 5 percent national average, even as oil and gas companies curtail spending plans and shrink their payrolls, because labor shortages persist in several industries, including construction, nursing, truck driving, retail and restaurants, Kaplan told an audience gathered at the University of Houston on Wednesday.

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Ron Kaplan, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

He credited the solid growth in the service sector for preventing Texas from slipping into an economic recession, noting particular strength in health care and leisure and hospitality. The energy sector remains a key driver of the state's economy, but Texas is a more diverse place than it was in years past, Kaplan said.

"The Texas economy is proving to be highly resilient, and I'm very optimistic about the future of this state," he said.

The state has also benefited from a flurry of construction activity along the Gulf Coast, where a surge of cheap natural gas has fueled a massive expansion of the petrochemical industry. In addition, Texas has attracted an array of new companies that have relocated operations to the state, including some outside of the energy sector, which has added new people to the state's population faster than the national average. That trend will likely continue, even as the energy sector continues to reel from anemic oil prices that will likely remain lower for longer, he said.

Domestic benchmark crude has been pulled down by a glut of oil that has kept prices stuck below $50 per months, a level too low for some shale producers to turn a profit. Oil companies have beat a retreat from the oil patch, laying down rigs and dropping plans for further exploration activity, but production has remained stubbornly high, as crude producers figure out how to wrest more oil and gas from the ground cheaper and faster than before.

Kaplan said he doesn't expect daily oil production and consumption to reach a reasonable degree of balance until late 2016, or early 2017, a lengthy timetable that spells more immediate financial trouble for exploration and production firms and the oil field services companies that need a higher oil price to bolster their balance sheets.

"Anytime you see a market where prices are volatile up and down, it means participants are struggling to get a grip on supply and demand," he said. "They're trying to get a grip in particular on the speed of this balancing process. So while this is going on we expect to see more price volatility and in addition, we expect to see more bankruptcies, mergers and restructurings in the energy industry."

Houston, especially, is feeling the "negative repercussions" of the fallout from the crude slump, posting a 4.4 percent unemployment rate in September, which is higher than the rates in Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.

Kaplan declined to weigh in on the speculation that the Fed could raise interest rates in December, but said U.S. monetary policy will likely remain 'accommodative" for some time, although he emphasized that that doesn't mean keeping interest rates at zero.

Any rise in interest rates will be gradual, which means the Fed will reassess the impact of any rate hike before deciding to boost rates higher, if needed, Kaplan told reporters in a meeting following his speech.

Petroleum Professional Development Center

To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PPDC courses

All classes but the online classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC, 105 W. Illinois Ave.

Well Control-Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
November 30-December 4, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$1,350, Out of State, $1,375

SQL: Application to Oil/ Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Payne
December 1, Tue, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program-Module 3 of 6 Modules
Title: On-Line PLM Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6-Oil and Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: December 1; End Date: December 26-Registration Deadline: Noon, December 26th
Returning Registrants: $612.50 (includes $13.50 Distance Learning Fee) Out of State, $637.50 (includes $25 out of state fee and $13.50 Distance Learning fee); New Registrants: $662.50 ((includes $50 manual. AAPL Land Reference Guide and a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $687.50 (includes $25 out of state fee, a $50 manual AAPL Land Reference Guide, and a $13.50 Distance Learning fee). If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge.

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6 Modules
Title: Land and Leasing
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: December 1; End Date: December 26-Registration Deadline: Noon, December 1st
$612.50 (includes a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $637.50 (includes a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee). The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

Log Analysis of Shaly Sandstones
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
December 14, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$425; Out of State, $450

PetroSkills: Petrophysics of Unconventional Reservoirs
Instructor: Steve Sadoskas
December 14-16, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$3,050, contact www.petroskills.com or call (800) 821-5933. Fee is paid directly to PetroSkills

PetroSkills: Applied Reservoir Engineering
Instructor: Dr. Grant Robertson
December 7-18, Mon-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$7,010, contact www.petroskills.com or call (800) 821-5933. Fee is paid directly to PetroSkills

Quick Guide to Carbonate Well Log Analysis with Flow Chart, Case Studies, and Problems
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
December 15, Tue, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$425; Out of State, $450

Overview of the Energy Business including History, Present, and Future
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
December 15, Tue, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State $375

Log Analysis of Hydrocarbon-Bearing Shales
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
December 16, Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$475; Out of State, $500

Regulatory Commissions, New Legal, Regulatory, and Environmental Concerns
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
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Large oil and natural gas lobbies to merge into single lobbying behemoth

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The American Petroleum Institute and America's Natural Gas Alliance, two of the largest energy lobbying groups, said Wednesday they plan to join into a single voice promoting the industry.

The combined organization will continue under the American Petroleum Institute name as of Jan. 1. It will speak for an industry that has been rocked by low commodity prices and faces resistance to use of fossil fuels because of climate change concerns, even as energy demand grows around the world.

America's Natural Gas Alliance and the American Petroleum Institute have similar agendas, although the alliance focuses mostly on natural gas. It will continue that advocacy under a newly created Market Development Group led by ANGA President Marty Durbin.

"Marty will be essential to our continued, and now combined, efforts to advance natural gas market development," said API CEO Jack Gerard in a written statement. "We welcome ANGA members to full participation in API's industrywide activities," he said.

America's Natural Gas Alliance was founded in 2009 as technological advances prompted a surge in oil and gas production from dense shale. The group, funded by natural gas producers and processors, has pushed lawmakers and regulators to embrace natural gas a cheaper fuel with lower carbon emissions. Like other fossil fuels, however, it emits carbon dioxide during combustion.

Environmentalists and others also note that its main component is methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that can leak during production and processing.

ANGA has had only limited success in resisting tighter federal rules on methane emissions.

But its promotional efforts — greatly helped by low natural gas prices tied to higher supply — have boosted use of natural gas as a power generation fuel since the shale boom. Advocates see it as a relatively cleaner alternative to coal-fired generation, although while many environmentalists object that its use is a half-step that could delay the shift to renewable energy that doesn't emit greenhouse gas.

The American Petroleum Institute, meanwhile, recently has pushed its goal of ending the long-standing U.S. ban on most oil exports, although so far the ban remains in effect.

The API was also suffered a policy defeat earlier this month, when President Barack Obama said he will deny a key permit for the Keystone XL pipeline that would have brought crude from Canada's oil sands into the United States.

The American Petroleum Institute dates back to 1919, according to its website, and its functions include industry advocacy, compilation of statistics and development of standards and best practices.

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Phillips 66	$37.37		
Plains*	$37.25	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$37.40	**Note:** Posted prices as of Nov. 18	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Nov. 18	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.033	$2.347	$4.244
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.970	$1.950	$4.275
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$1.990	$2.053	$4.381
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$1.973	$1.955	$4.273
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.000	$2.025	$4.290
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$1.910	$1.965	$4.316
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$1.955	$1.961	$4.201

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Worldwide oil job losses climb to 233,000, recruiter says

Still nursing deep financial wounds from the oil-market collapse; the petroleum industry has shed roughly 25,000 jobs around the world in the last two months, cutting upstream workers that analysts say will likely be difficult to replace when the downturn ends.

Job losses in recent weeks have increased the industry's losses to more than 233,000 since the slump in crude prices took hold late last year, according to energy recruiter Swift Worldwide Resources. Given the speed at which companies are cutting payrolls — a rate that hasn't slowed down yet — Swift expects layoffs to grow to more than 250,000 this year and to increase again next year if oil prices languish at current levels.

Swift CEO Tobias Read said there's no sign of an immediate turnaround in the oil and gas job market and the situation "is likely to get worse."

Crude prices crumbled this time last year after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries signaled its member countries — which collectively produce about a third of the world's oil — wouldn't give up a drop of oil production to balance the oil market and bring up prices that had plummeted as international markets filled up with an oversupply of crude.

Prices rose somewhat in the spring but the market tumbled again in July and August, with U.S. crude hovering around $45 a barrel in recent months. Analysts had said the recent decline would trigger another wave of job cuts, which had been hefty earlier this year. U.S. crude traded for $40.91 a barrel in mid-day trading Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In the last two months, U.S. oil producers Devon Energy and Marathon Oil Corp. announced a combined 400 job cuts, while U.S. oil service supplier Superior Energy Services said it would shed 4,760 jobs. Canadian oil producer and refiner Husky Energy said it cut 1,400 jobs and Maersk Oil, the oil and gas production arm of Danish shipping conglomerate AP Moller-Maersk Group, is cutting 12 percent of its global headcount, around 1,250 jobs.

Read said the jobs will be hard to replace once the market recovers. He says his company's estimate uses conservative assumptions in tallying job losses, using both publicly available data and keeping an "ear to the ground" in cases where losses are hard to track.

HOUSTON

Moody's: Distressed exchanges becoming more common

Low prices for crude and strained finances are forcing more oil and gas companies into distressed exchanges, according to debt rating service Moody's, which may help struggling companies stave off bankruptcy but don't always help creditors get paid back.

Moody's classifies a distressed exchange as when a company, facing liquidity pressure and an untenable debt structure, offers creditors new debt, securities or other assets that lead to a diminished financial obligation when compared to the first set. Under Moody's rules, the exchange is classified as a default.

Recently, companies such as Venoco, Halcon Resources Corp. and Goodrich Petroleum Corp. have offered creditors distressed exchanges, according to Moody's.

The exchange is intended buy the company more time and delay or avoid bankruptcy until the company's operations or the broader economic environment recover. When all goes well, the move can have benefits for both companies and creditors, Moody's said.

An exchange can keep a company solvent as well as avoid the expenses and the loss of control that comes with filing for bankruptcy. But even if the company still defaults, the exchange can also delay a bankruptcy until market conditions improve.

Distressed exchanges have become increasingly common since 2009. Through the end of October 2015, distressed exchanges represented 21 of 48 or 43.8 percent U.S. corporate defaults, up from 22 percent of total defaults from 1988 through October 31.

In the oil and gas sector, distressed exchanges have caught on as companies struggling amid low oil prices look for alternatives to filing for bankruptcy. Many creditors have been willing to agree to swaps that give them less total money but the security of a lien.

That added protection justifies taking a smaller loss, Moody's said. And on average, distressed exchanges increase the total recovery rate for every tranche of debt in a first-time distressed exchange as opposed to a first-time bankruptcy.

But, the firm noted, if the exchange doesn't solve the company's issues and another default happens, creditor recoveries plunge. And even extra protection in the form of a lien doesn't increase the amount creditors can expect to recover significantly.

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Shell finds 100M barrels of oil in Gulf of Mexico

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Probing one of its recent discoveries in deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Royal Dutch Shell found 100 million barrels of oil equivalent buried at its Kaikias field, nearby three of its massive production facilities and a network of subsea pipes, the company said Wednesday.

The 1-year-old Kaikias discovery, about 60 miles south of the Louisiana coast in the Mars-Ursa basin, is nowhere near the size of the big-ticket deep-water oil fields that Shell uncovered in that region two decades ago.

But its location near existing oil-production infrastructure make it an attractive bounty for an industry that has had to dramatically rein in exploration spending and project costs as oil prices languish under $45 a barrel. The field would be much cheaper to develop than more remote projects, far removed from the Gulf's expansive network of pipelines that help ship crude to land.

A 100-million-barrel find "is not a game-changer in the Shell portfolio," said Rebecca Fitz, senior director at IHS Energy. "But this discovery is completely consistent with what Shell is trying to do from its streamlined exploration program. If you can deliver 100 million barrels of crude oil and have all the infrastructure built, that should be a pretty high value, quick lead-time buyback development."

Fitz said Shell's Kaikias find is a good example of the industry's efforts to retain a place for oil exploration while keeping capital constrained. Shell's $62 billion acquisition of British gas producer BG Group, which has been developing big pre-salt oil formations off the coast of Brazil, has relieved some of the urgency in Shell's international hunt for large crude reserves.

Next year, large oil companies are expected to trim their exploration budgets to $25 billion all told, cut in half from 2013 levels, according to energy investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Big Oil discoveries in recent years have come in at about half of the combined 8 billion barrels they pump each year.

At Kaikias, which is in 4,575 feet of water, Shell found about 300 net feet of oil pay, adding to the bounteous 1 billion barrels trapped under sand and salt formations in the Mars-Ursa basin. Shell has pumped crude from the region since the mid-1990s and expects to produce a peak 100,000 barrels from its relatively new Olympus platform next year.

If Shell decides to develop the Kaikias discovery, it would help refuel production facilities that have seen output decline over the years. The three facilities there, the Mars, the Mars B and the Ursa, have a combined output capacity of about 500,000 barrels a day.

Shell produces the third-largest amount of oil equivalent among the top western publicly traded oil companies, at about 3.08 million barrels a day, and it has the third-largest amount in proved reserves, about 13.1 billion barrels. Exxon Mobil Corp. ranks first and BP second in both measures.

Shell said it was able to keep drilling costs down when it was appraising the Kaikias well, shaving 20 percent off the cost to drill a well last year and completing its appraisal ahead of schedule. It cut costs from both its operations and its supply chain.

The company drilled the well to about 34,500 feet underground, driving its drill bits both vertically and horizontally to avoid some hazardous salt formations. It's the longest well Shell has ever drilled, though not the deepest.

"It's a beautiful discovery with good-quality oil in a good-quality reservoir," said Martijn Dekker, Shell's vice president for appraisal and hydrocarbon maturation.

"There's a lot of concern in the industry on generally how we're going to deal with lower prices, and the way to address that is to reduce our break-even price and reducing our cost basis," he said. "The Kaikias has definitely demonstrated already we can do that on the drilling side. Our engineering studies are looking at if we can significantly reduce our subsea costs, too."

Dekker said Shell geologists are reviewing a stream of data flowing from the well, trying to figure out "the size of the pie," while engineers are trying to figure out ways to reduce subsea infrastructure costs of any future developments in the region.

Earlier this year, the Anglo-Dutch oil major said it has brought down its break-even costs to develop its huge Appomattox field — a project the company sanctioned in July — to $55 a barrel of Brent, the international crude benchmark.

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DENVER

US unveils plan to limit drilling on Colorado plateau

Federal land managers have released a tentative plan to protect most of the wild but energy-rich Roan Plateau in western Colorado.

The Bureau of Land Management unveiled an updated environmental impact statement Tuesday for the plateau, a step toward implementing a landmark compromise between conservationists and the Bill Barrett Corp., an energy company.

Under last year's compromise, Barrett Corp. agreed to give up most of its leases to drill for natural gas on federal land atop the plateau.

The compromise settled a lawsuit filed by environmentalists who want to preserve the plateau's forests, meadows, streams and wildlife.

Attorney Mike Freeman, who represented the environmentalists, said he was still reviewing the BLM's plan but said it was encouraging.

HOUSTON

Study: New England doesn't need more natural gas pipelines

The New England region does not need additional natural gas pipelines to maintain a reliable flow of energy for the next 15 years, according to a study commissioned by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey and released Wednesday.

The report concludes that the region will be able to meet electricity needs through 2030, even on the coldest of winter days, "with or without electric ratepayer investment in new natural gas pipeline capacity."

Authors of the study, conducted by economic and financial consulting company Analysis Group Inc., said they took into consideration the recent announcement by the owners of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth that they planned to close by 2019, resulting in a loss of 680 megawatts of electricity, or enough to power more than 600,000 homes.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of Houston-based Kinder Morgan Inc. which is seeking to bring a $3.3 billion natural gas pipeline into New England through western Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, labeled the study "seriously flawed" and said the recommendations would do nothing to lower the region's high electrical costs.

But Healey, a Democrat, said the report shows how the region can address its energy needs in cheaper and environmentally cleaner ways.

"This study demonstrates that we do not need increased gas capacity to meet electric reliability needs, and that electric ratepayers shouldn't foot the bill for additional pipelines," Healey said in a statement, adding that a more cost efficient solution was to "embrace energy efficiency and demand response programs that protect ratepayers and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

While investing in new pipelines could significantly lower wholesale prices for electricity, the report said, it would also require long-term commitments and up-front costs that pose significant risks for ratepayers.

Increasing natural gas capacity through additional pipeline could also hurt the ability of New England states to meet existing climate change goals, the study concluded.

Healey said she sent a copy of the study to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which is reviewing the Kinder Morgan pipeline proposal.

The company, in its statement, said the report "focused only on the electric power market in Massachusetts and the region, ignoring the need for more natural gas from local gas utilities struggling to meet increased demand from residents and businesses seeking to switch from oil to gas."

ALASKA

ConocoPhillips approves $900M Arctic reserve project

ANCHORAGE — ConocoPhillips has approved funding for a $900 million drilling project on Alaska's North Slope.

When production begins in 2018 at the filed in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska — an Indiana-sized Arctic reserve — the project is expected to yield 30,000 barrels of oil daily at its peak, The Alaska Dispatch News reports.

Production would be the first time oil has flowed from federal lands on the reserve. The Bureau of Land Management oversees the reserve and is working on a broad management plan in the area.

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around the oil patch

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PLSI can save producers 90 percent on lifting costs on wells producing over 1,000 bbl/day

As the oil price squeeze continues, producers are looking more and more for ways to cut production costs. Because it uses the well's downhole pressure instead of huge amounts of electricity to help push fluids to the surface, plunger lift has always been one of the most cost-effective production methods of all. But it historically was limited to small volume wells.

The great news for producers is that, over the last two years, PLSI has modified its plunger lift design to accommodate wells producing 1,000 barrels per day and more – as long as those wells meet certain criteria. In these high liquid volume wells, there must be sufficient downhole pressure for the wells to produce themselves much of the time, and to allow the plunger to lift a fluid slug to the surface.

Many wells today are fracked deep into the formation, allowing them to flow more freely, at least at first, as more gas is released. But after a while flow rates decline, prompting producers to turn to ESP or rod pump to maintain production.

The problems here are several. As some of the frac sand comes loose and flows into the well, it can damage the workings of the pump, necessitating repairs that can run $150,000 or more plus the loss in production time. Also, the high downhole pressure can cause a pump jack to gas lock, requiring the well to be "killed" for repairs, then restarted, all at great cost.

Plunger lift instead uses that pressure to lift fluid to the surface. The well does most of the lifting—the plunger acts as an interface between the fluid above it and gas pressure below it.

Field tests have shown great success in the Southern Delaware Basin in particular, says PLSI President Mike Swihart. One of the early wells produced 700 barrels of liquid per day and the procedure has worked well since then on wells of even higher production rates.

Plunger lift savings start from the top—installation cost is much lower than for an ESP or rod pump. Its savings continue as it uses the well's energy rather than electricity to do the lifting.

Swihart stresses that the wells must meet certain criteria for plunger lift to work. "If they let us help qualify the wells we can have a high success rate." On the other hand, it's very inexpensive to try, so plunger lift is worth at least considering on many wells.

This flies in the face of the textbook application of plunger lift, but PLSI uses a specially-designed two-stage plunger that allows the well to flow on its own most of the time, only shutting the well in for brief periods.

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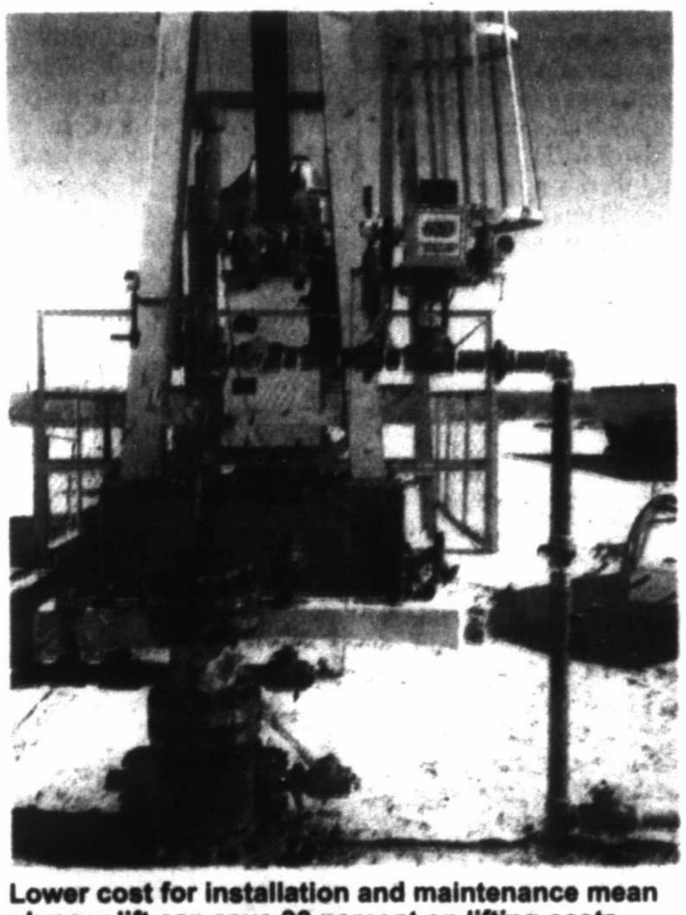
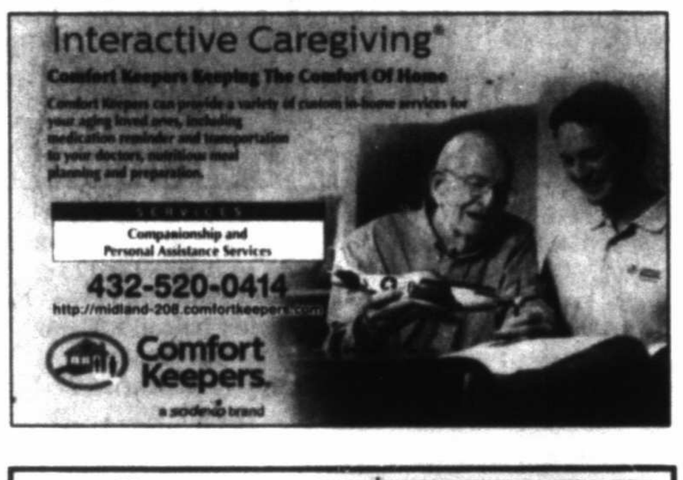


Lower cost for installation and maintenance mean plunger lift can save 90 percent on lifting costs—and its new design works on certain high liquid volume wells that were never candidates before. Call PLSI at 432-699-1200 to learn more.



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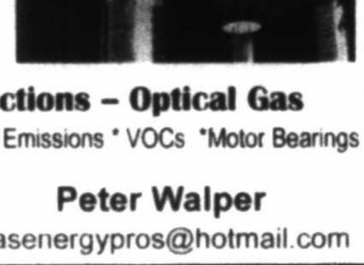
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New Victaulic Style 907 quickly and simply joins HDPE to grooved steel pipe

Style 907 Stands tall in the toughest of environments

Time is always money in the oil patch and the less time spent joining or separating pipe sections, the more efficient your company is. For decades, companies have relied on Victaulic for pipe joints that can be installed quickly with minimal tools, lasting for decades, even in the harshest conditions.

For years the Victaulic Style 905 has provided a secure joining method for HDPE to HDPE pipe connections . Now accompanying the Style 905 is the Style 907 coupling connecting HDPE to grooved steel pipe.

Victaulic's Refuse-To-Fuse™ products, including the 905 and the 907, are capable of withstanding daily temperature swings from 40° F to 110° F without batting an eye. Whether you use SDR 7 or 17, it'll keep the joint together long after the pipe has failed.

And it doesn't take long training and expensive machinery to install the 905 or the 907. Just a wrench and some elbow grease will do for both installation and disconnecting. Applicable in vertical installations, on-site repairs and connections to existing grooved Victaulic systems, the 907 will join HDPE to grooved steel sized piping system components without requiring multiple installation steps. And it gives you access to the entire Victaulic toolbox of grooved components such as valves, strainers and more.

All these are huge advantages over the older system of butt fusing, and here's another advantage: pipe joined with the Refuse-To-Fuse method is ready to use immediately, with no heat-up or cool-down time needed.

This is true wherever pipe comes together—gathering lines, flow lines, water lines, SWD facilities, manifolds, buried services, compressor hookups—it replaces butt fusion just about anywhere.

The Style 907 is made for HDPE to grooved steel joint sizes 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm IPS, HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm IPS grooved steel and 63 mm – 160 mm ISO HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm ISO grooved steel.

Couplings are laboratory and field tested to verify that their working pressure exceeds that of the pipe itself.

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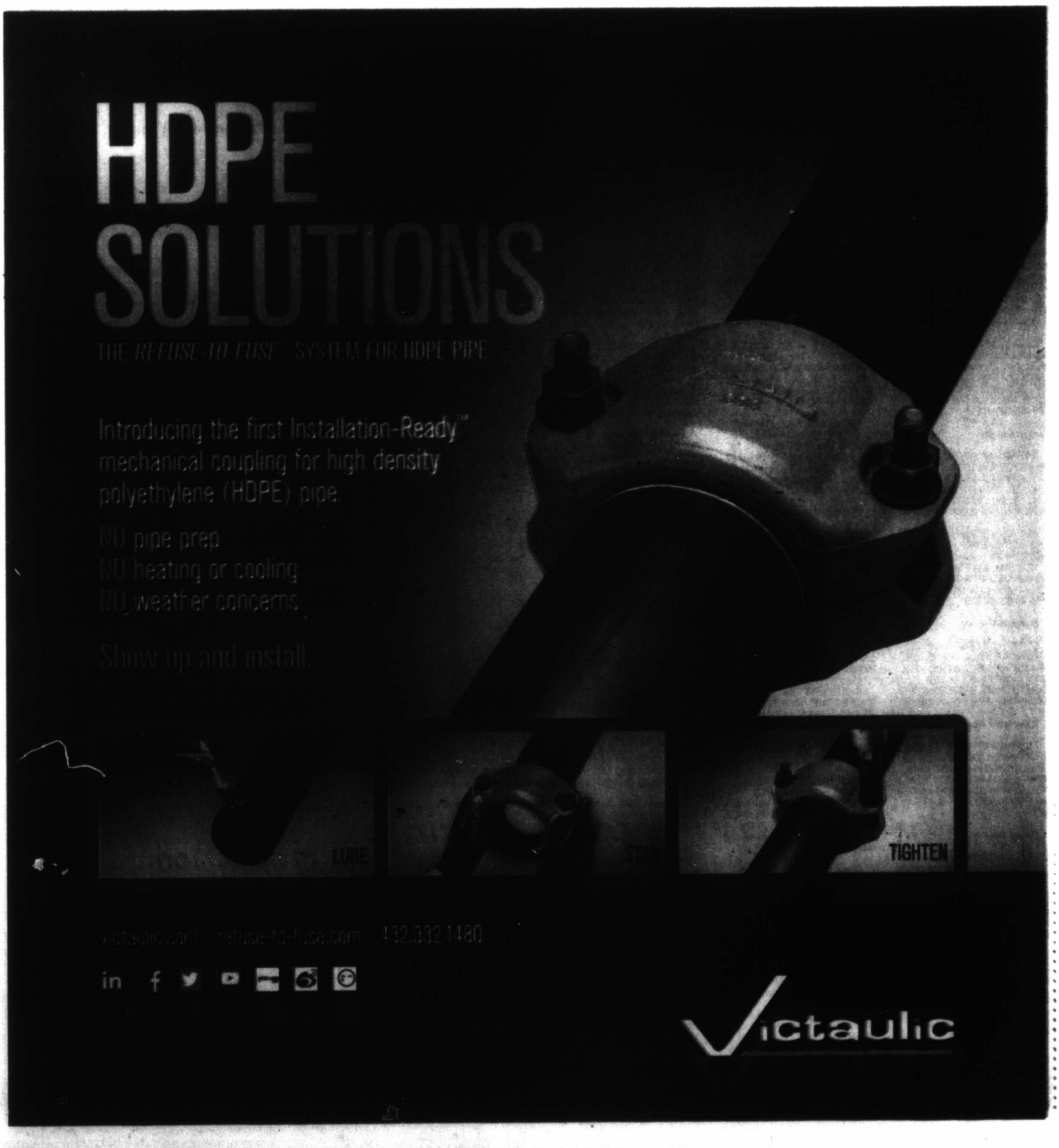

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Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #48
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 1650/S & 800/W; EL 3760 GL, TD 6416, PBTD 6370; Spud 4-18-14, Comp 5-29-14; production is through treated perfs: 4586-5050, 5102-5758, 5856-6276. Treat: 274 bbls 10# gel, 11,514 bbls 20# gel, 413,911# 16/30 Proppant, 321 bbls acid. IP: 6-29-14 Pump 24 hrs 75 BO, 149 BW, 224 MCF, GOR 2987, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 335 w/610 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3508 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6376 w/920 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6348; API #30-015-41980

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #51
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 1340/S & 2220/W. BHL: 990/S & 2210/W; EL 3750 GL, TD 6405 MD, 6392 TVD, PBTD 6373; Spud 4-30-14, Comp 6-17-14; production is through treated perfs: 4596-5054, 5120-6240. Treat: 312 bbls acid, 315 bbls 10% gel, 11,900 bbl 20% gel, 619.820# proppant. IP: 6-29-14 Pump 24 hrs 94 BO, 198 BW, 463 MCF, GOR 4926, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 336 w/824 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3485 w/1370 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6405 w/1010 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6336; API #30-015-41990

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #22
NE Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 790/N & 330/W; EL 3630 GI, TD 4514, PBTD 4500; Spud 7-27-14, Comp 9-25-14; production is through treated perfs: 3218-4322. Treat: 5418 acid, 326,078# sd, 3108 gals 10# gel, 265,230 gals 20#. IP: 10-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 25 BO, 415 BW, 80 MCF, GOR 3200, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 355 w/530 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4514 w/1075 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4383; API #30-015-42335

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #25
NE Red Lake; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2000/S & 1022/W. BHL: 2298/S & 346/W; EL 3578 GL, TD 4855, PBTD 4640; Spud 6-23-14, Comp 10-15-14; production is through treated perfs: 3369-4418. Treat: 3948 gals acid, 319,159# sd, 3360 gals 10# gel, 232,764 gals 20#. IP: 10-26-14 Pump 24 hrs 21 BO, 205 BW, 61 MCF, GOR 2904, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 366 w/880 sx, 8 5/8 @ 417 w/210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4655 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4523; API #30-015-42361

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #173
South Cotton Draw; Sec 1 T25S R31E; 195/S & 1295/E. BHL: 324/N & 675/E; EL 3445.5. GL, TD 12811 MD, 8170.5 TVD, PBTD 12775; Spud 10-25-14, Comp 3-6-15; production is through treated perfs: 8380-12673. Treat: 45,000 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 1,061,660# 100 mesh, 1,056,900# 40/70 white, 448,530# 40/70 SLC. IP: 4-11-15 Pump 24 hrs 670 BO, 1920 BW, 897 MCF, GOR 1338.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 806 w/860 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4408 w/1600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12775 w/2395 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7674; API #30-015-42515

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #221
Paduca; Sec 1 T25S R31E; 170/S & 1460/W. BHL: 339/n & 643/W; EL 3451.8 GL, TD 15030 MD, 10353.9 TVD, PBTD 14889.4; Spud 12-17-14, Comp 4-11-15; production is through treated perfs: 10526-14874. Treat: 64,778 gals 7.5% NEFE Acid, 1,183,236# 100 mesh, 5,344,990# Prem White 40/70. IP: 4-28-15 Flow 24 hrs 1151 BO, 1152 BW, 1608 MCF, TP 1550, CP 2000, GOR 1397. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 781 w/1045 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4465 w/1780 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14940 w2725 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9808; API #30-015-42514

COG Operating LLC
MYOX 8 State #4
North Hay Hollow; Sec 8 T26S R28E; 190/S & 1000/W. BHL: Sec 8, 348/N & 656/W; EL 3114 GR, TD 12909, PBTD 12871; Spud 8-21-14, Comp 10-17-14; production is through treated perfs: 8289-12725. Treat: Acdz w/87665 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6812953# sd & 4066477 gals fluid. IP: 10-31-14 Flow 24 hrs 609 BO, 2016 BW, 2405 MCF, TP 620. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 352 w/340 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2434 w/790 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12875 w/2360 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8274; API #30-015-41924

COG Operating LLC
Graham Cracker 16 State #7
Hay Hollow; Sec 16 T26S R28E; 190/N & 1370/E. BHL: 343/S & 1808/E; EL 3047 GR, TD 13737, PBTD 13680; Spud 5-30-14, Comp 10-21-14; production is through treated perfs: 9360-13640. Treat: Acdz w/93485 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6781204# sd & 412557 gals fluid. IP: 11-10-14 Flow 24 hrs 942 BO, 3861 BW, 2690 MCF, 30/64" Ch, CP 1300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 353 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2528 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13730 w/2275 sx; API #30-015-42332

Lea County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Tucker SRK State #2
Bell Lake; Sec 2 T24S R33E; 575/S & 200/W BHL: 474/S & 352/E; EL 3606 GL, TD 15,652, PBTD 15,637; Spud 8-23-14, Comp 11-26-14; production is through treated perfs: 11358-15637. Treat: Acdz w/67,500 gals 15% HCl acid, Frac w/4,080,410# CRC 20/40, Econoprop 20/40 & Econoprop 30/50 sd. IP: 11-30-14 Flow 24 hrs 273 BO, 714 BW, 12 MCF, 22/64" Ch, CP 1500. Csg: 20 @ 100 w/11.5 yrds, 13 3/8 @ 1342 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5324 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15640 w/2150 sx; API #30-025-41972

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Brininstool 4 State #4
Triple X; Sec 4 T24S R33E; 175/S & 1050/W. BHL: 297/N & 919/W; EL 3534 GR, TD 15,525; Spud 8-26-14, Comp 10-22-14; production is through treated perfs: 11040-15400. Treat: 3,869,044# sd, 79,867 bbls treated wtr & 1,000 bbls acid. IP: 11-1-14 Flow 24 hrs 1213 BO, 1654 BW, 1228 MCF, 38/64" Ch, CP 775, GOR 1012, Gty 43.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1351 w/794 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5143 w/1350 sx, 7 @ 10202 w/1984 sx, 4 1/2 @ 15517; API #30-025-41959

COG Producing LLC
Eata Fajita State #5
West Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 185/S & 1315/E BHL; 338/N & 1328/E; EL 3599 GR, TD 15428, PBTD 15375; Spud 1-6-15, Comp 5-6-15; production is through treated perfs: 11101-15275. Treat; Acdz w/67859 gasl 7.5%, Frac w/3280199# sd & 2796563 gal fluid. IP: 5-31-15 Flow 24 hrs 715 BO, 1062 BW, 864 MCF, 36/64" Ch, TP 600. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1308 w/1100 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5170 w/1650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15428 w/1960 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10270; API #30-025-41997

COG Operating LLC
Sebastian Federal Com #1
North Red Hills; Sec 18 T24S R34E; 190/N & 660/W. BHL; 342/S & 680/W; EL 3599 GL, TD 15427 MD, 10944 TVD, PBTD 15350 MD, 10944 TVD; Spud 2-1-15, Comp 6-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 10974-15270, 15320-15330. Treat: Acdz w/133788 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/689253# & 7038655 gals fluid. IP: 6-19-15 Flow 24 hrs 899 BO, 2128 BW, 1408 MCF, 25/64" Ch, TP 1375. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1390 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5209 w/1650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15417 w/3200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10305; API #30-025-41687

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Resolute BTO Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 12 T25S R32E; 50/N & 440/E. BHL: 332/S & 438/E; EL 3522 GI, TD 15455, PBTD 15452; Spud 3-23-15, Comp 6-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 11082-15350. Treat: 85,500 gals 15% NEFE Hcl acid, Frac w/5,312,625# 20/40 ISP ceramic & 30/50- sd, 4,189.549 gals fluid. IP: 6-11-5 Flow 24 hrs 390 BO, 2480 BW, 653 MCF, 31/64" Ch, CP 80. Csg: 20 @ 80 w/378 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1122 w/575 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4902 w/1265 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15455 w/1810 sx; API #30-025-42214\

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Crockett County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 LAURA HOOVER ESTATE 41C, 661 FSL 661 FEL, SEC 41 BLK MM, T&STL SUR., A-4183 7330', 32 SW OZONA API# 42-105-32197

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 206HC PANGEA WEST AC AW, 2469 FSL 350 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 1, EL&RR/W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4951 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42263

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 815HC UNIVERSITY 45, 2050 FSL 1550 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U412 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42265

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204HA PANGEA WEST AC AW, 2469 FSL 380 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 1, EL&RR/W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4951 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42262

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 811HB UNIVERSITY 45, 2050 FSL 1520 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U407 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42264

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 904BH UNIVERSITY 47-2W, 2470 FWL 1855 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 47, UL SUR., AU466 15500', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42266

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2404BH UNIVERSITY 47-2W, 2370 FWL 1949 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 47, UL SUR., AU466 15500', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42267

Irion County

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# S118HU FARMAR A, 905 FEL 2153 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-236 9000', 11 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36074

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# N044HU LANGE A, 7213 FWL 330 FSL, SEC 4, OG GOULSON/F NOELKE SUR., A-982 9000', 10 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36073

Runnels County

SD ROYALE ENERGY, INC., BALLINGER (PALO PINTO) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ROYALE MOSELY, 1234 FNL 2277 FEL, A LESSASSIER SUR., A-347 5000', 3 N BALLINGER API# 42-399-35479

Schleicher County

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2WC KARI, 863 FSL 5334 FEL, SEC 1, BLK DD, J BURNS SUR., A-26 6100', 8 NW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32966

Upton County

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6328AH LAURAJEAN UNIT, 300 FNL 2320 FEL, SEC 64 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/MRS LA SELF SUR., A-599 10000', 14 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40120

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6328BH LAURAJEAN UNIT, 345 FNL 2320 FEL, SEC 64 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/MRS LA SELF SUR., A-599 10000', 14 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40119

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6002H CORDES, 500 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 60 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/ P HAMILTON SUR., A-813 12500', 17 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40144

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4213H ATKINS 14, 1336 FEL 175 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1414 9300', 27 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40143

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BROOK N-11B, 300 FSL 716 FEL, SEC 11 BLK N, HE&WT SUR., A-242 10900', 20 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40139

SILVER CREEK O&G LLC, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H MUSKETEER 96, 230 FSL 2127 FEL, SEC 89 BLK Y, GC&SF SUR., A-171 3400', 21 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40142

SILVER CREEK O&G LLC, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H GOODBAR 89, 250 FSL 2127 FEL, SEC 89 BLK Y, GC&SF SUR., A-171 3400', 21 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40141

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1123WB MCELROY RANCH B, 2008 FSL 1981 FWL, SEC 111 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-66 11850', 13 E CRANE API# 42-461-39217

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Andrews County

KAISER-FRANCIS OIL CO., FUHRMAN-MASCHO (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 5 LETA JONES, 1320 FSL 2313 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A-42, PSL/ML JONES SUR., A-1960 5750', 8 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-39271

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1274 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2631 FNL 1327 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A35, HD DENNIS SUR. 5500', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-31683

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1472A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 19 FNL 2500 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5500', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-38947

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1372A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1439 FSL 2488 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-376 5500', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-38476

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1474 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 26 FNL 1291 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5500', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-31616

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1374 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1504 FSL 915 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-376 5500', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-30881

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1470 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 493 FNL 1840 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5500', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-30287

Crane County

CHOLLA PETR., INC., E CROSSETT (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SMALL BUMP, 508 FWL 1057 FSL, SEC 43 BLK 35, H&TC SUR., A-92 5999', 2 NE GIRVIN API# 42-103-36534

UNIT PETROLEUM COMPANY, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2030 GARY RANCH, 1985 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ JN PORTER SUR., A-616 10600', 13 S ODESSA API# 42-103-36535

Culberson County

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H PAT FEE 4, 131 FNL 833 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 112, PSL/JM LEDEHAM SUR., A-1570 12000', 47 N KENT API# 42-109-32861

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H W A STATE, 2645 FEL 2652 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 114, PSL/ MRS AJ COOKSEY SUR., A-5102 12000', 46 NW KENT API# 42-109-32862

CARRIZO (PERMIAN) LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H AVENGER STATE UNIT, 300 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 111, PSL/OP JENSON SUR., A-4836 11000', 61 NE VAN HORN API# 42-109-32863

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., PENWELL (WICH ALB) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 MILLARD D, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 16 BLK B15, J ROBERTSON SUR., A-925 8640', 1 N JUDKINS API# 42-135-07267

EOG RESOURCES, INC., TRIPLE-N (PENN U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1201 HOLT, 467 FSL 1120 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 43 T1N, T&P/ HW LENOX SUR., A-597 9500', 6 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-36950

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., N COWDEN (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1603 NORTH COWDEN UNIT, 2550 FSL 2463 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/ CW CROWLEY SUR., A-547 5500', 11 N ODESSA API# 42-135-43355

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2518 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 2578 FNL 603 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/F VEST SUR., A-824 6950', 5 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43365

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2512 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 453 FSL 939 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/WA BEATY SUR., A-687 6760', 3 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43362

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2517 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 37 FSL 129 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-280 6875', 4 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43363

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2516 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 2802 FSL 1866 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-280 6890', 4 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43364

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2519 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 1385 FSL 587 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/F VEST SUR., A-824 7005', 5 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43366

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2514 CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 600 FNL 1282 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JC BEATY SUR., A-683 6700', 3 SE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43361

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 NEAL 47, 1174 FNL 244 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-144 10074', 5 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36180

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2007A POWELL 20, 470 FNL 1080 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 35 T3S, T&P/ WH BRUNSON SUR., A-936 10319', 12 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37188

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D DANIEL 28, 200 FEL 840 FSL, SEC 28 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ JD MCCAMANT SUR., A-889 14000', 15 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37204

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3HB HARRIS-HUTCHISON (PSA) 3, 1349 FEL 1588 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T4S, T&P/ EP TEELE SUR., A-1197 8812', 16 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37201

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HB HARRIS-HUTCHISON (PSA) 4, 1588 FSL 1374 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T4S, T&P/ EP TEELE SUR., A-1197 8810', 16 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37202

Howard County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 177 WR SETTLES A, 1290 FSL 2500 FEL, SEC 135 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-476 3400', 1 SW FORSAN API# 42-227-38556

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 176 WR SETTLES A, 680 FSL 1470 FEL, SEC 135 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-476 3400', 1 S FORSAN API# 42-227-38555

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4SH ELRODANTELL UNIT A 11-02, 450 FSL 1800 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-323 10000', 14 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38549

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4713 TAYLOR, 990 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-426 14000', 11 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38568

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ELKHORN 54-1-40, 330 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 54 T1, T&P/ CF CARMINE SUR., A-1272 13000', 15 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32640

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H STATE MERCURY 7, 300 FNL 2602 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 54 T1, T&P/W HAGEN SUR., A-936 13000', 21 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32637

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H STATE MERCURY 7, 300 FNL 2572 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 54 T1, T&P/W HAGEN SUR., A-936 13000', 21 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32638

RKI E&P, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H CBR 2, 50 FSL 567 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 56 T1, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1124 16000', 6 NE ORLA API# 42-301-32639

Martin County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 6 NAIL RANCH 25, 475 FEL 725 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 38 T1N, T&P SUR., A-281 12000', 12 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40226

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 6 FIVE WAY 15, 475 FEL 2505 FSL, SEC 15 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-158 12000', 4 N LENORAH API# 42-317-40230

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 203H GLASS RANCH D, 2429 FNL 1438 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/ MISS ME WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-855 21500', 16 NW MARTIN API# 42-317-40222

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2362SH SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 2015 FSL 916 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 12500', 10 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-40227

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2368SH SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 2050 FSL 1789 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 12500', 10 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-40229

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H SALE RANCH 14C, 1845 FNL 1350 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ SW HARRINGTON SUR., A-647 10600', 10 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40217

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H SALE RANCH 17H, 270 FSL 954 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-220 10700', 12 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40224

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9H SALE RANCH 17I, 270 FSL 984 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-220 10700', 12 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40225

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 21LD MABEE C, 2655 FSL 120 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-369 8100', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40228

RK PETR CORP., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2R CAROLYN, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 37, T&P SUR. 12000', 2 N TARZAN API# 42-317-31998

Midland County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HU WM SCHROCK 22 WEST, 294 FNL 789 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 37, T&P SUR., A-554 11000', 24 E MIDLAND API# 42-329-40333

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14HS LYNCH A 14HS UNIT, 2390 FNL 1230 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ JT RAGSDALE SUR., A-1140 10000', 13 E ODESSA API# 42-329-40331

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13HS LYNCH A 13HS UNIT, 2240 FNL 442 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ JT RAGSDALE SUR., A-1140 10000', 13 E ODESSA API# 42-329-40330

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17SH KENDRA-ANNIE 8, 1580 FSL 1585 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-346 9400', 11 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40304

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4224H TEXAS TEN 13/16, 330 FSL 1028 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ CL DAVIS SUR., A-773 10500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40323

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 AVOCADO 13, 1816 FWL 2165 FSL, SEC 13, JV STOKES SUR., A-1051 12000', 4 SE GREENWOOD API# 42-329-40252

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 FR TIN 9, 845 FEL 2165 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 37 T3S, T&P SUR., A-132 12000', 3 SW SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40281

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2602P DAVIDSON 26B H2602, 195 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/C PERRY SUR., A-1089 9829', 23 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40315

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 601M TXL N H0601, 330 FWL 588 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ B VAN HUSS/AC FRANCES SUR., A-1399 10373', 19 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40313

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 602M TXL N H0602, 588 FSL 355 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ B VAN HUSS/AC FRANCES SUR., A-1399 9629', 19 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40314

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 FASKEN FOUNDATION 14, 330 FSL 1661 FWL, SEC 14, JV STOKES SUR., A-1093 12500', 3 SE GREENWOOD API# 42-329-40318

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1032LS MASK HZ UNIT, 275 FNL 1190 FEL, SEC 10 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1276 12000', 5 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40332

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1031WA MASK HZ UNIT, 275 FNL 1240 FEL, SEC 10 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1276 12000', 5 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40329

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H ET O'DANIEL 3H, 2356 FWL 888 FSL, SEC 59 BLK 37, JR RAY SUR., A-972 10800', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40249

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9H ET O'DANIEL 3I, 2401 FWL 888 FSL, SEC 59 BLK 37, JR RAY SUR., A-972 10800', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40250

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D DUDNEY, 1659 FEL 1637 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 37 T5S, T&P SUR., A-488 6000', 27 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40328

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3206BH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3206, 1952 FEL 1009 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RE DAMRON SUR., A-879 10000', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40229

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3208BH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3208, 330 FEL 2400 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-118 10000', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40232

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3205BH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3205, 2416 FEL 500 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RE DAMRON SUR., A-879 10000', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40227

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3207BH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3207, 990 FEL 500 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/RE DAMRON SUR., A-879 10000', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40230

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3217AH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3217, 965 FEL 500 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/RE DAMRON SUR., A-879 9600', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40231

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3203BH MARALO 41-32 ALLOCATION 3203, 1905 FWL 500 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RE DAMRON SUR., A-879 10000', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40233

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H WALKING O C3-28, 330 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 28 BLK C3, PSL/JS LIGON SUR., A-1238 13000', 22 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34913

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MELVILLE STATE UNIT 2-6, 330 FSWL 900 FSEL, SEC 6 BLK 2, H&GN/WJ GOSSETT SUR., A-1671 13000', 16 SE ORLA API# 42-389-34910

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SOURDOUGH C21-9 UNIT, 200 FNL 1368 FWL, SEC 9 BLK C21, PSL/JC VICK SUR., A-2510 11700', 12

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UT Permian Basin Recognized for Value and Quality

A new ranking by *The Economist* of all U.S. four-year, non-vocational colleges and universities ranks The University of Texas of the Permian Basin 103rd in the nation for value. The ranking establishes UTPB as the third in Texas out of 42 higher educational institutions and the first in the UT System.

The rankings looked at 1283 colleges. The study found that UTPB degree recipients earn $4,993 more per year, 10 years after graduation, than they would have been expected to earn had they attended another college or university. According to the The Economist release the premise of the ranking was "based on the economic value of a university equal to the gap between how much money a students subsequently earns, and how much they might have made had they studied elsewhere." (http://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicdetail/2015/10/value-university)

"This recognition is based on federal data and provides powerful evidence that it pays to be a Falcon," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "Our students receive an exceptional education at an exceptional value."

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin continues to provide academic excellence at an affordable cost. In addition to the ranking above, UTPB recently received word that it is ranked as the #3 Best Online Bachelor's Degree Program among Texas public universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"I have maintained for a long time that UTPB is an excellent university," said Dennis McEntire, superintendent of Presidio ISD and a partner in Texas' first entirely virtual early college high school. "It is in the best interest of the students of Presidio for our counseling teams to encourage PHS graduates to consider UTPB as their first choice for a four a year academic career and as the finishing university for associates degrees earned at other Texas colleges in any career."

The first school in Texas to offer a $10,000 bachelor's degree in select majors, UTPB has now been recognized as the second least expensive Texas public, four-year institution for all college expenses, including tuition and fees, according to a *College for All Texans*' report.

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UTPB's mechanical and petroleum engineering programs are accredited by ABET. ABET accreditation is the gold standard in the engineering profession. In addition, the College of Business and Engineering is one of less than a third of U.S. business schools to hold AACSB-International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation.

The Bachelor of Social Work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) demonstrating their compliance with rigorous academic standards and having undergone a comprehensive, external review.

The UTPB visual arts program was the sixth program in the state of Texas to be awarded accreditation with NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design).

Finally, UTPB has been recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as having had a greater percentage of students employed or attending graduate school after graduation than other Texas schools. And as *College for All Texans* has pointed out, UTPB graduates exceed the state average for salaries one year after graduation.

"UTPB online and campus offerings are the best. It is wonderful when *The Economist* and *U.S. News and World Report* confirms it," added David Watts.

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EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2801H STATE COMANCHE 55, 256 FNL 980 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 55, T&P SUR. 13500', 16 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34900

JAGGED PEAK ENERGY LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CILANTRO 2524-C3, 291 FEL 453 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 7, H&GN SUR., A-29 12000', 7 N COYANOSA API# 42-389-34912

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17H ROAN STATE 24, 111 FSL 1412 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-693 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34907

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16H ROAN STATE 24, 111 FSL 1452 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-693 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34906

OXY USA, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1014H BETTY LOU, 315 FNL 1873 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/ JA SCOTT SUR., A-2449 12000', 18 S PECOS API# 42-389-34909

OXY USA, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1013H BETTY LOU, 316 FNL 1833 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/ JA SCOTT SUR., A-2449 12000', 18 S PECOS API# 42-389-34908

Ward County

M & W HOT OIL, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 1 BARSTOW NORTH SWD, 1000 FSWL 1504 FSEL, SEC 201 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-274 18660', 2 NW BARSTOW API# 42-475-30343

Winkler County

BOYD & MCWILLIAMS OPER., LLC, MARTIN (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 CAMPBELL, 1430 FNL 1030 FEL, SEC 29 BLK B3, PSL/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1362 7900', 3 NE KERMIT API# 42-495-33681

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Cottle County

GUNN OIL CO., PROTHRO (CANYON) (O) DRILL Well# 2 WESTBROOK N, 3121 FSL 2607 FWL, SEC 4 BLK B, JH STEPHENS SUR., A-721 7000', 3 E NARCISSO API# 42-101-30735

Crosby County

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., ATOLL END (STRWN-B) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WHITE RIVER 11, 4317 FSL 1290 FWL, SEC 11, JH AIRHART SUR., A-1527 9000', 11 SW SPUR API# 42-107-32037

Gaines County

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 674 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 490 FNL 2064 FWL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38320

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 658 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 622 FSL 2641 FWL, SEC 455 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-37 8100', 8 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38319

Garza County

MIRANDA ENERGY CORP, NW ROCKER A (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 CONNELL A, 2066 FSL 1150 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 5, GH&H SUR., A-7 3500', 6 SE POST API# 42-169-34164

Hockley County

CHI OPERATING, INC., LINKER (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5004 POST MONTGOMERY LO CLFK WF UNIT, 592 FEL 911 FSL, SEC HOOD COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SUR. 8300', 2 E LEVELLAND API# 42-219-37353

SILVER CREEK O&G LLC, LEVELLAND (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H DELOACHE, 200 FSL 410 FEL, SEC 81, REEVES CSL SUR., A-203 5000', 12 NW LEVELLAND API# 42-219-37354

Scurry County

THREE SPAN O&G INC., ENTERPRISE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H THUNDER VALLEY 241 UNIT, 1015 FNL 600 FWL, SEC 241 BLK 3, H&TC SUR., A-344 8000', 15 SE SNYDER API# 42-415-35162

New Mexico

Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP Eagle 33 H Federal #30 NE Red Lake; Sec 34 T17S R27E; 1742/N & 140/W; 8 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5155 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43332

COG Operating LLC Hogan State Com #16 East Empire; Sec 2 T17S R29E; 1790/S & 170/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 8924 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43335

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COG Operating LLC Hogan State Com #18 East Empire; Sec 2 T17S R29E; 470/S & 170/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 8919 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43337

COG Operating LLC Hogan State Com #26 East Empire; Sec 2 T17S R29E; 1850/S & 170/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9522 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43338

COG Operating LLC Hogan State Com #27 East Empire; Sec 2 T17S R29E; 990/S & 170/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9517 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43339

COG Operating LLC Hogan State Com #28 East Empire; Sec 2 T17S R29E; 330/S & 170/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9517 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43340

COG Operating LLC Dodd Federal Unit #610 Dodd; Sec 15 T17S R29E; 2310/N & 330/E; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4550 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43329

COG Operating LLC Dodd Federal Unit #643 Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 918/N & 644/E; 5 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4569 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43330

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #50 Fren; Sec 9 T17S R31E; 1100/N & 515/W; 6 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 9555 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43326

Apache Corp. Crow Federal #51 Fren; Sec 9 T17S R31E; 1070/N & 515/W; 6 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10007 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43327

Yates Petroleum Corp. Polo AOP Federal Com #7 North Seven Rivers; Sec 10 T19S R25E; 2240/S & 15/E; 6.5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7465 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43347

Oxy USA Inc. Cedar Canyon 22 Federal #3 East Pierce Crossing; Sec 21 T24S R29E; 2551/N & 902/E; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14392 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43342

Oxy USA Inc. Cedar Canyon 22 Federal #4 East Pierce Crossing; Sec 21 T24S R29E; 230/N & 150/E; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13387 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43328

Oxy USA Inc. Patton 18 Federal #9 Cotton Draw; Sec 7 T24S R31E; 615/S & 907/W; 14 mi NE Malaga; Rot 15436 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43343

Oxy USA Inc. Patton 18 Federal #10 Cotton Draw; Sec 7 T24S R31E; 1464/S & 2204/W; 14 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16242 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43341

Oxy USA Inc. Patton 17 Federal #1 Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 380/S & 880/W; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 15422 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43344

Oxy USA Inc. Patton 17 Federal #2 Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 382/S & 1979/W; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 15508 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43345

Mewbourne Oil Co. Owl Draw 27 22 B2MD Fed #1 Hay Hollow; Sec 27 T26S R27E; 170/S & 330/W) 14 mi SE Black River; Rot 17458 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43331

Lea County

COG Operating LLC Pan Head Fee #23 West Maljamar; Sec 11 T17S R32E; 2485/N & 1910/W; 2 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 12254 Yeso; API #30-025-42756

Occidental Permian Ltd. North Hobbs G/SA Unit #959 Hobbs; Sec 18 T18S R38E; 948/S & 2299/E; 2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4700 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42776

EOG Resources Inc. Andele 16 St Com #702 South Pitchfork Ranch; Sec 16 T25S R34E; 250/S & 330/W; 4.5 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17394 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42755

Devon Energy Production Co. LP Seawolf 12 Federal #1 Red Hills; Sec 13 T26S R33E; 200/N & 575/E; 11 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19703 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42775

Oxy USA Inc. Madera 30 Federal #1 SW Jabalina; Sec 19 T26S R35E; 330/S & 180/W; 13 mi SW Jal; Rot 16597 Delaware; API #30-025-42777

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