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PBPA recap: Discussion, little certainty about ban

Industry leaders, officials talk history, perspective, legislature—and the future

By Trevor Hawes
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The crude oil export ban has beleaguered Permian Basin producers in the months since oil prices started their sharp decline in November 2014. And even though the likelihood of the ban being lifted this year is low, it was on the minds and out the mouths of politicians and Permian Basin Petroleum Association members alike this past week at the organization's 53rd annual meeting at the Petroleum Club.

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American Petroleum Institute says the goal of lifting the export ban is "to have a true, free market" to allow oil producers to compete not only today but in the long term.

To state Sen. Kel Seliger, who represents Midland, the ban made sense when President Gerald Ford signed Senate Bill 622 on Dec. 22, 1975. The Arab oil embargo was in full swing, gasoline prices were high and lines at the pump were long.

"If you go back 40 years, (the export ban) was viewed as a strategic move, a national strategy," Seliger said during a panel discussion of state legislators. "That was then, and this is now.

"You've got one of the most productive industries, (and) the international situation has changed. So all we are doing, essentially, is denying ourselves access to world markets."

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NEW TRICK IN HEALING

Therapy dogs provide healing presence at MRCCAC

By Erin Stone
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"Sneeze, Marley!" Carol Hall instructed her and her husband Gary's 8-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, who sat on the floor of a waiting room at Midland's Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center. Sneezing on command is just one of the many talents of Marley, a Children's Advocacy Center (and hospital and hospice) therapy dog. But his greatest gift is his ability to provide comfort at times no human can.

The Children's Advocacy Center, established in Midland County in 1996, conducts forensic interviews for Child Protective Services and law enforcement of children ages 3-17 alleging sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or bearing witness to violent crimes. The goal of the CAC is to limit the number of times a child is interviewed to prevent further traumatization and suffering.

The CAC's therapy dog program — Pawz for Kids — was developed to help create a more positive and comforting environment at MRCCAC for those children coming in at a crisis point in their lives and often sharing about their abuse for the first time.

"When the kids come into the center, they're already scared, and they have

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RYDER WARREN
MISD superintendent



New projects will tell community more than any one test

Our kids and our staff members have completed the first six weeks grading period, and no one can believe how fast the first part of our school year is going. Please be very proud of our students and our faculty, because both groups are doing amazing work. To everyone's disbelief, MISD is continuing to grow in regards to student enrollment. As of last Friday, we have 24,544 students enrolled in our 38 schools. This is 250 more students than we had at our peak last year, before the downturn in our economy, and it is 1,010 students more than we had at the end of May.

To be clear, having more students show up to our schools this year is an absolute blessing. We would much rather make decisions as a school district and as a community on where we are going to put these new faces rather than deciding what programs we have to cut because of declining enrollment. School districts in West Texas have been dealing with declining enrollments for decades, so this is a trend we do not mind at all — it just presents very specific challenges on our campuses, on our staffing needs and on our budget.

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Nobel Prize winners thinking small on big problems

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman



For his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare," Angus Deaton has been awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Economics (or, more formally, "The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel"). Every year, the Nobel Prize is awarded to someone whose ideas and research have increased our understanding of important issues in economics and related areas, and Dr. Deaton certainly meets and exceeds these criteria.

The Nobel Prize in Economics was created by the central bank of Sweden in 1968, and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences decides on the recipients. Every year, the almost $1.5 million award is given for groundbreaking work in economics; areas of study include general equilibrium theory, traditional micro and macroeconomics, bargaining theory, and economic history. Sometimes, awards have gone to individuals who have explored the linkages between economics and other arenas (political science, psychology, sociology, law, mathematics, and others).

Selection criteria used by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences include the originality of the contribution, its scientific and practical importance, and its impact on scientific progress. The effects of the work on society and public policy may also factor into the process.

Dr. Angus Deaton is the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professor of Economics and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Economics Department at Princeton University. He holds American and British citizenship, and in Britain taught at Cambridge University and the University of Bristol.

The core of his work deals with poverty, and how it is crucial to understand individual consumption choices if we ever hope to make progress in reducing poverty. Dr. Deaton went beyond study of overall outcomes, looking instead at the detailed individual information. At the individual level, it is possible to see patterns that get lost in the summary form, and his work has transformed several areas of economics.

As explained by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the work for which Deaton is being honored revolves around three central questions. First, how do consumers distribute their spending among different goods? Second, how much of society's income is spent and how much is saved? Finally, how do we best measure and analyze welfare and poverty?

The more accurately and completely we can answer the question of how consumers distribute their spending, the better we can explain and forecast actual consumption patterns. Armed with that understanding, it is possible to evaluate policy reforms (such as consumption taxes) and how they affect the welfare of different groups. Dr. Deaton's "Almost Ideal Demand System" provides a way to estimate how demand for each good depends on the prices of all goods and on individual incomes. Developed some 35 years ago, the approach and subsequent refinements by Dr. Deaton and others are widely used both in academic settings and in public policy debate.

After noting some 25 years ago that the most widely used consumption theory at the time was flawed, Dr. Deaton set forth the idea that instead of looking at aggregate income and consumption, we should actually be looking at how individuals adapt their own consumption to their individual income. More recently, Dr. Deaton has been focusing on how individual household consumption patterns can be used to explain economic development. He not only furthered our understanding of problems in the way we often look at poverty (particularly comparing poverty rates over time or in different areas), but also pointed out how household data can help explain other variables ranging from food consumption to gender discrimination.

By taking a different stance and focusing on data at the individual (rather than aggregate) level, Dr. Deaton has helped shift economics toward a more empirical basis. When we look at the many different decisions driving overall changes, we can better understand the patterns which emerge.

Although others don't necessarily share my view, I have always thought of his work as having parallels to theoretical physics. Those who study the universe see broad patterns that fit together elegantly; those who study the tiniest particles see different and far more detailed things. The current discussion of income inequality in the United States is a case in point. While overall consumption patterns at the national level are relatively smooth and predictably based on income, below the surface the buying habits and income patterns of individuals are changing as wealth distribution becomes more concentrated. It is only by looking below the aggregate numbers that you can see the true picture.

Dr. Deaton's main current research areas are in health, wellbeing, and economic development. He's looking at the determinants of health in rich and poor countries, as well as on the measurement of poverty in India and around the world. These are weighty problems indeed, and I'm glad that his work is focusing in these areas. Congratulations, Dr. Deaton, and keep up the good work.

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BUSINESSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BERLIN

Former VW boss Winterkorn quits as head of holding company

Former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn is stepping down as head of a holding company that technically controls a majority in the German automaker, weeks after his resignation in the wake of the emissions-rigging scandal.

Porsche Automobil Holding SE, via which the Piech and Porsche families own more than 50 percent of Volkswagen, said in a brief statement Saturday that it "reached an agreement with Prof. Dr. Martin Winterkorn that he ceases his function as member and chairman of the executive board of Porsche SE by the end of Oct. 31."

Winterkorn will be replaced as the holding company's CEO Nov. 1 by Volkswagen's new supervisory board chairman, Hans Dieter Poetsch.

Winterkorn's departure as head of the holding company was expected after he quit last month as CEO of the automaker, a few days after news broke of the scandal over software built into diesel engines that disabled emissions controls except when they were being tested.

Winterkorn resigned as VW CEO on Sept. 23, saying he was acting in the interests of the company "even though I am not aware of any wrongdoing on my part." He was succeeded in that job by former Porsche CEO Matthias Mueller.

NEW YORK

Hyundai recalls 27,700 2011 Sonatas and Elantras

Hyundai is recalling 27,700 midsize and compact cars in the U.S. because salt damage could cause the cars' front coil springs to fracture.

The recall covers some Elantras and Sonatas, which are among Hyundai's most popular models.

The affected cars include Elantras made from November 2010 through March 2011 and Sonatas made from December 2009 through February 2010 that were sold or are currently registered in the so-called salt belt: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Washington, D.C.

In documents on the recall posted Friday on the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website, Hyundai said if road salt — which is sprinkled on roads to combat ice — corrodes the front coil springs of the cars, they could fracture and that might cause a tire puncture, increasing the risk of a crash.

Hyundai said it will notify owners and dealers, and they will replace the front coil springs for free. The recall is expected to begin Nov. 30.

No injuries or accidents related to the issue have been reported.

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302 S. Lee St.	Residence-Detached
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1508 Butternut Lane	Residence-Detached
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6708 Cattleman Drive	New Residence
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414 Alta Ave.	Residence-Detached
6400 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
805 Trinidad Place	Residence-Detached
4201 Roadrunner Trail	Residence-Detached
61 Lafayette Place	New Residence
1308 Harvest Rain Court	New Residence
1214 Randolph Lane	Residence-Detached
2001 Huntington St.	Residential Addition
5603 Champions Drive	Residential Alteration
5605 Champions Drive	Residential Alteration
1803 Pueblo	Residential Addition
908 N. Weatherford St.	Residential Addition
6212 Olympic Court	Residence-Detached
2111 W. Wall St.	Sign
900 S. Big Spring St.	Sign
2301 W. Wadley Ave.	Sign
3110 Garden City Highway	Sign
3110 Garden City Highway	Sign
6101 Andrews Highway	Sign
1500 Interstate 20	Sign

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Celebrate Cyber Security Awareness Month by keeping identity safe

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, which recognizes the importance of cybersecurity. Because of recent cybercrime activity — including those massive data breaches that compromised millions of consumers' personal information — it is important to know how to protect yourself against identity theft and other cybercrimes.

Cybercrime is just like it sounds: crime that targets consumers online. Criminals take advantage of the speed, convenience and anonymity that the Internet provides for them.

Cybercrime comes in many forms — online identity theft, financial fraud, hacking, email spoofing, information forgery, and intellectual property crime. It can wreak havoc on victims' lives and at its worst, cybercrime can lead to financial ruin. For the 15th consecutive year, identity theft has topped the Federal Trade Commission's national ranking of consumer complaints.

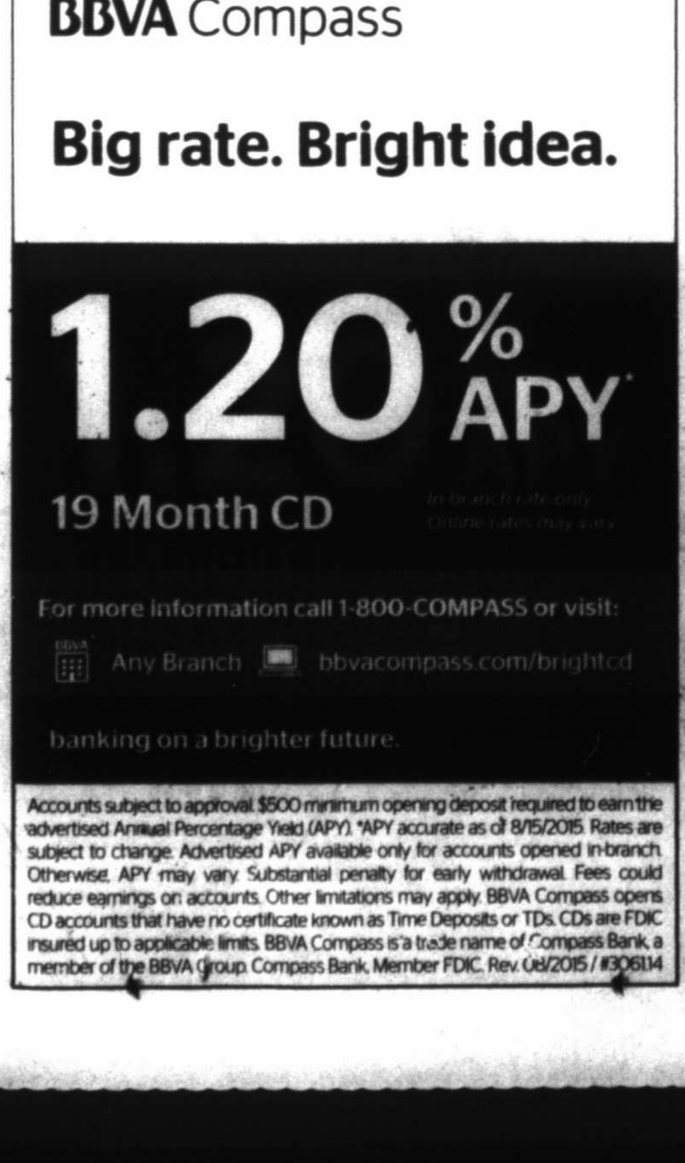
Every year, Better Business Bureau partakes in STOP. THINK. CONNECT., a global cybersecurity awareness campaign led by the National Cyber Security Alliance and The Anti-Phishing Working Group. STOP. THINK. CONNECT. aims to "help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online."

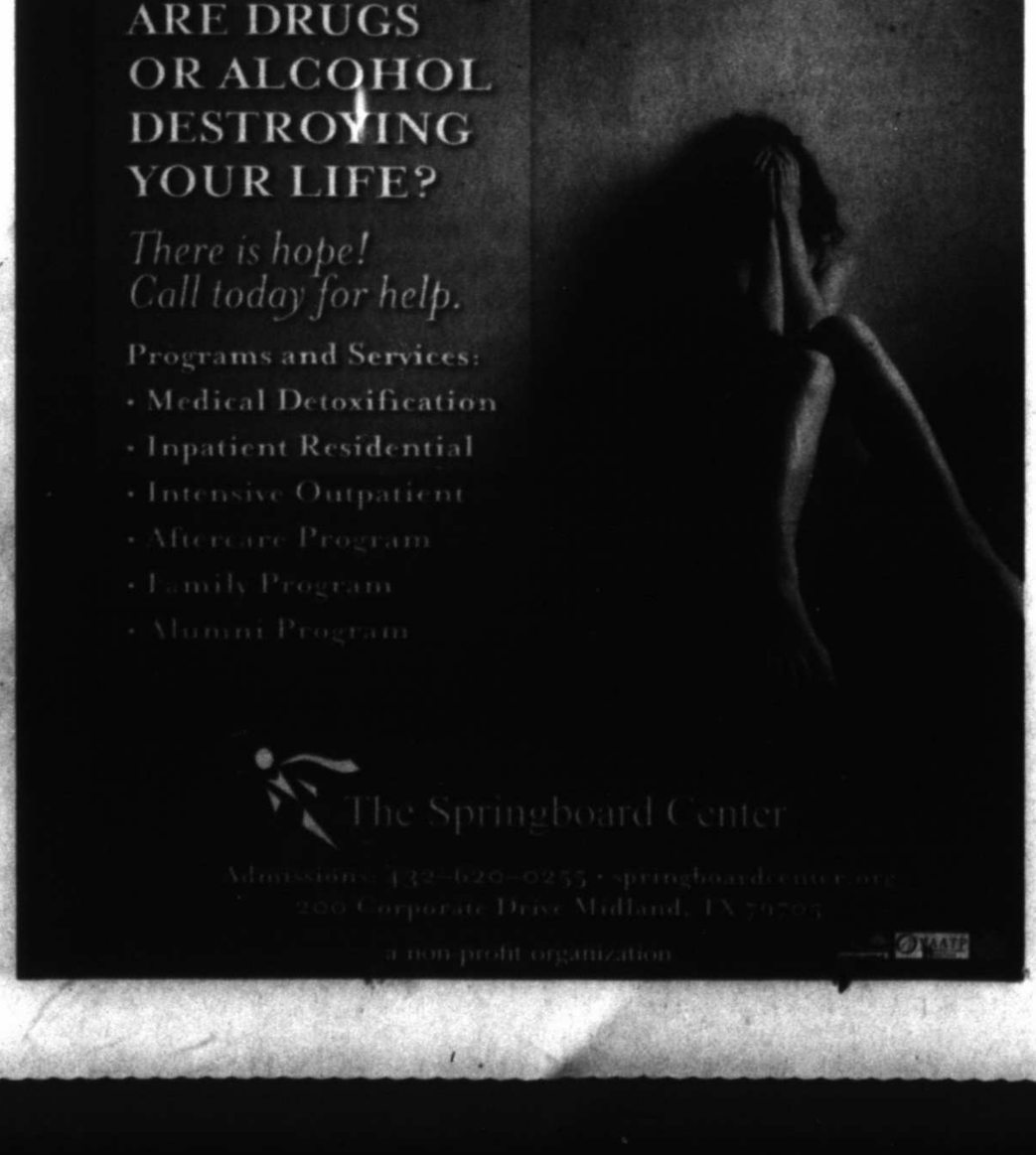
In recognition of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends taking these extra security measures to protect yourself against identity theft and other cybercrimes:

■ **Keep a clean machine.** Whether it is a PC, mobile device or laptop, make sure security software is current and up-to-date. Having the latest software on all devices can be one of the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.

■ **Protect personal information.** Shred all statements and applications you get in the mail that you don't want to keep, including credit card applications, insurance forms, financial statements, and billing statements for utilities.

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Deadly Takata air bag problem affects some 2015 GM cars and SUVs

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — The deadly problem with exploding Takata air bag inflators continues to spread to newer vehicles, this time hitting a small number of 2015 General Motors cars and SUVs.

GM is recalling more than 400 vehicles because the side air bag inflators could rupture and send shrapnel into drivers and passengers, according to the company and documents posted Saturday by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The GM recall is the latest in a problem that continues to widen with no end in sight. U.S. regulators have warned that more manufacturers and newer models are likely to be recalled. Eight people have been killed worldwide because of the faulty inflators and more than 100 have been hurt.

So far, about 23.4 million Takata driver and passenger air bag inflators have been recalled on 19.2 million U.S. vehicles sold by 11 different companies, including Honda and Fiat Chrysler. Last month, the NHTSA sent letters to seven more companies seeking information on models with Takata inflators and warning that the recalls could grow.



AP file photo

This Oct. 22, 2014, file photo shows the North American headquarters of automotive parts supplier Takata in Auburn Hills, Mich. Seven more companies including electric car maker Tesla Motors could be facing recalls because they use air bag inflators made by Takata Corp.

Takata's inflators use ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion that inflates the air bags in a crash. But Takata has said the chemical can degrade inside inflators that are exposed to high temperatures and airborne humidity for prolonged periods. That can cause the chemical to burn too fast, blowing apart a metal canister designed to contain the explosion.

"All Takata-made ammonium nitrate inflators are within the scope of our investigation," agency spokesman Gordon Trowbridge said Saturday. "If NHTSA determines that additional recalls are necessary to protect public safety, we will take action."

Messages were left Saturday seeking comment from a Takata spokesman.

The latest recall covers certain 2015 Chevrolet Equinox, Malibu and Camaro vehicles as well as the Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac XTS and GMC Terrain. GM told the NHTSA that on Oct. 5, one side air bag inflator exploded with too much force in testing at a Takata plant in Mexico. Takata notified GM on Oct. 6, and GM traced the inflators to 414 vehicles in North America. The company decided on the recall on Oct. 9, according to the documents.

Thousands of other GM cars and SUVs have the seat-mounted Takata inflators. But GM spokesman Alan Adler said other vehicles don't have the problem.

"No other lots of air bag inflators are suspect," he said in an e-mail.

Dealers are contacting the vehicle owners and GM already is shipping replacement inflators that weren't part of the faulty lot. The company will make loaner cars available to owners, who should get to a dealer as soon as possible to get the cars repaired, Adler said. Dealers will also arrange to pick up the vehicles and take them in for repairs, Adler said. No crashes or injuries have been reported with the recalled vehicles, he said.

The GM recall is the second report of side air bag inflators rupturing in newer models. The NHTSA has been investigating a June crash involving a Volkswagen SUV near St. Louis in which the left side air bag inflated with too much force.

The recalls currently cover 11 auto and truck companies including BMW, Daimler Trucks, Fiat Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota. But the NHTSA warned that recalls could spread to Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar-Land Rover, Suzuki, Tesla, Volvo Trucks, Volkswagen and Spartan Motors.

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From 2A

■ **Change passwords for all online accounts regularly.** When changing your password, make it long, strong and unique, with a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. By keeping various passwords on your accounts you lessen the risk of multiple accounts being compromised.

■ **Connect with care.** Use caution when logging on to public Wi-Fi networks and send personal information only to websites that are fully encrypted.

■ **Stay informed.** Keep up with new ways to stay safe online. Check trusted websites for the latest information, and share it with family, friends and colleagues and encourage them to be web-wise.

■ **Steer clear of suspicious texts, emails and links.** Unsolicited emails and pop-up ads can be full of computer viruses designed to steal usernames and passwords from your computer. Don't give in to curiosity. Close or delete the message.

■ **Report it.** If your identity has been stolen or compromised, contact one of the three credit bureaus to report the crime: (Equifax, Experian or TransUnion). Request that the credit bureau place a fraud alert on your credit report to prevent any further fraudulent activity from occurring. As soon as one of the bureaus issues a fraud alert, the other two bureaus are automatically notified.

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ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert



Lack of communication lands couple in financial hot water

DEAR DAVE: I've spent most of my marriage not being a good husband and not being involved in our family finances. After being introduced to one of your programs at work, I realized how irresponsible I had been and went home to apologize and tell my wife about it. During this conversation I learned that we have about $80,000 in debt I didn't know about, plus $45,000 in debt on a new car and motorcycle I did know about. We also have a mortgage on our home. My wife apologized for making a mess of things, but it wasn't all her fault. She wasn't sneaking around spending and taking out debt, she just made mistakes and was afraid to tell me. Together, we make about $100,000 a year. Can you help us? — Curtis

DEAR CURTIS: I'm really glad you've made the decision to man up. That's a big step in the right direction for you and your marriage.

To me, what you described is a lot different than her completely lying, hiding stuff, and actively having a financial affair — so to speak — on the side. You weren't plugged in and she wasn't doing a good job, but she didn't have anyone to talk to about it. Things got worse, then she probably felt ashamed about how ugly it got and didn't want to tell anybody.

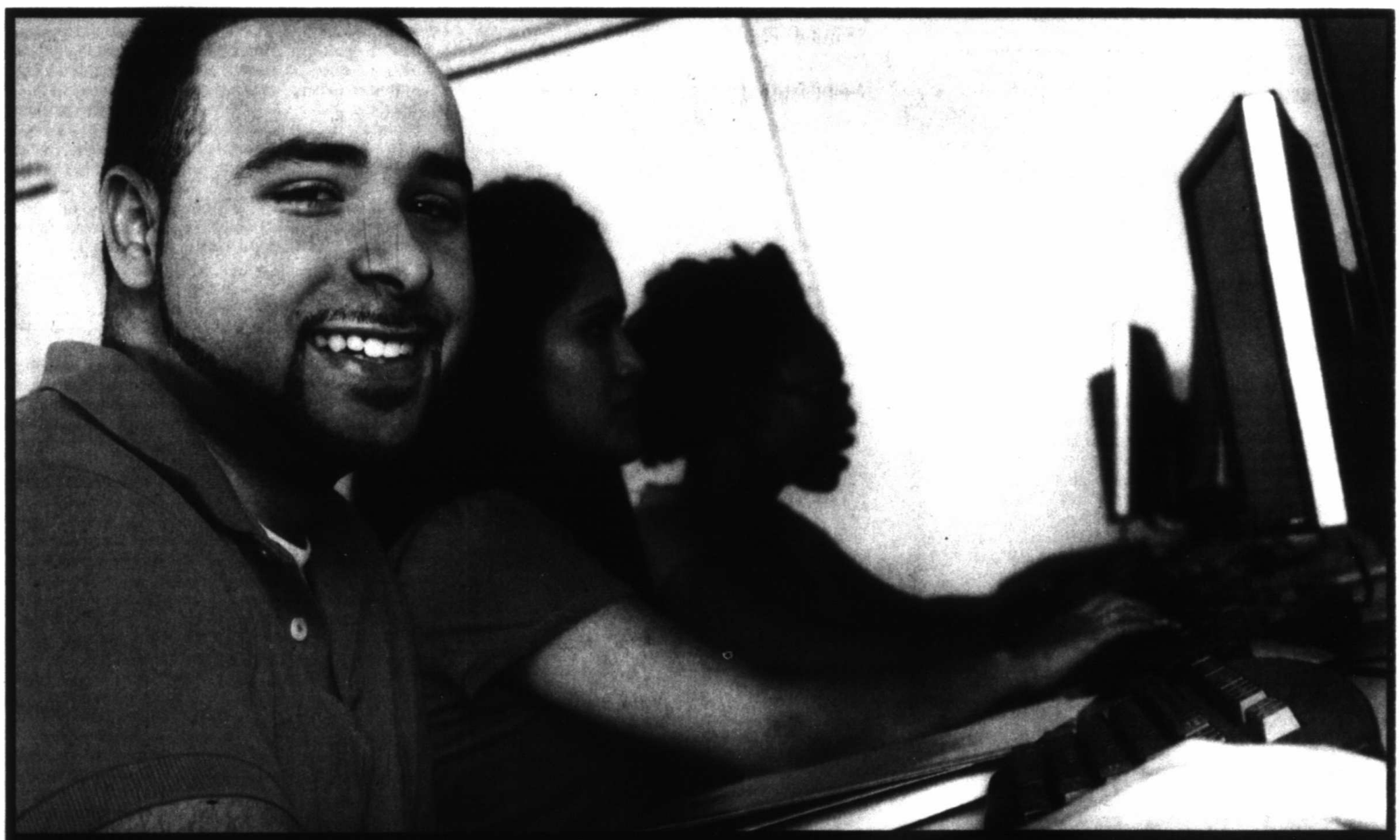
Not counting your house, you've got about $125,000 in debt. You've got to look at all this with a $100,000 income and say, "What is the fastest way to clean up this dadgum mess?" That's going to mean beans and rice, rice and beans. That means a scorched-earth lifestyle and living on a budget, which also means you're not going out to eat, not going on vacations, and you're going to start selling so much stuff that the kids think they're next.

I'd probably sell the car and the motorcycle. Get into a couple of basic cars, and spend about two years of crazy intensity getting debt free except for your home. You can clean this up that fast, but you're going to have no life during that time.

The two of you have some relationship work to do also. It sounds like you've already started on that with you owning your part and her owning hers. The thing is not to blame. From this point forward, you need to sit down together and make all of your decisions — financial and otherwise — together.

Trust me, if you're both willing, you can heal the math problem, the debt problem and the marriage problem all at the same time. It will be an amazing thing!

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Women's Fair and Expo featuring demonstrations, shopping, fashion shows and more at Horsehoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Monday

■ The Young Irelanders. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. $11-$35. liveonstage-pb.com.

Tuesday

■ ArtSmart Brown Bag Lecture: Hotels and Other Details presented by the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Arts Council Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. 432-687-1149. acmidland.org.

Thursday

■ Autumn Fete, 5:30 p.m., Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. The third annual event is themed as a French gentleman's country hunting lodge and features a dinner buffet, high-end artisans, vendors and authors. midlandneedtoread.org.

Saturday

■ Rick Springfield acoustic tour, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. $42-$62. wagnernoel.com.

Family fun today

■ Fiddlesticks Farms, 1-6 p.m., 5610 E County Road 120. $12. fiddlesticksfarms.com.

■ Old Miners Maze family amusement park, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m. oldminersmaze.com.

Meetings this week

■ **Planning and Zoning Commission**
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

■ **Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)**
5 p.m. Monday
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

■ **City Council**
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

■ **Midland College**
4 p.m. Tuesday of the month
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Seliger town hall

■ State Sen. Kel Seliger will be holding a town hall meeting 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cowden Clubhouse at Manor Park.

Community calendar

The 26th annual Texas-Size Garage Sale ends today at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive. The event benefits Senior Link of Midland's Meals on Wheels.

Items will be sold for half price. Hours are 2-4 p.m.

For more information, call 689-6693 or visit seniorlinkmidland.org.

Support groups today

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Lowest per capita debt

The following are the counties across Texas with the lowest debt per capita, according to SmartAsset, a New York financial technology company. Counties were analyzed by the amount of debt held across three catagories: credit cards, auto and mortgage, compared to local income.

Counties
1. Young
2. Llano
3. Eastland
4. Panola
5. Scurry
6. Houston
7. Gray
8. Nolan
9. Red River
10. Midland

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

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Pick 3 evening: 3-9-8
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Daily 4 evening: 3-2-0-7
Daily 4 night: 4-4-6-5
Cash Five: 04-11-12-17-27
Lotto Texas: 02-09-14-22-35-36
Powerball: 48-49-57-62-69 PB: 19
Power Play: 3
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All or Nothing day: 02-03-05-06-07-11-12-13-14-18-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 01-03-07-09-10-11-12-15-16-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 02-03-04-05-08-11-12-17-18-19-21-24

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Tom Craddick, left, moderates the Texas Legislative Panel on Thursday at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association Annual Meeting with Rep. Drew Darby, chairman of House Energy Resources Committee; Sen. Kel Seliger, District 31; Sen. Charles Perry, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs; and Rep. Tony Dale, chairman of the House Energy Caucus.

"Why do we compete in all of these other commodities in the international market and not oil and gas? Just to the benefit of the refiners? Well, that's not legitimate."

Sen. Kel Seliger

A different strategy

The talk about who will purchase U.S. crude on the world market often focuses on European refiners and their need for light, sweet crude that the U.S. has the potential to provide, but Blacklight Research strategic analyst Colin Fenton offered a different buyer: China.

"The Chinese are very, very good traders, in fact, some of the best physical oil traders in the world," he said during a lunchtime discussion where he shared his particular point of view about the state of the global oil industry.

Fenton noted that China imports about 6.5 million barrels of oil a day. But that number sometimes changes for the purpose of strategy.

China has its own strategic petroleum reserve. "Occasionally, they'll buy more (oil) than they need," he said. "It's a working capital; it's a restocking inventory concept. Then they'll destock and give it months."

"The way that I think about the last year and a half is that, in 2014, when Brent was averaging $108-$109, the Chinese were refilling their (strategic petroleum reserve)," he said. "They were basically worried about Crimea, they were worried about Russia, so they would take 693,000 barrels a day on top of their normal appetite."

However, the Chinese don't always buy a surplus.

"The first time we ever heard about ISIS was June 2014, and the price of Brent averaged $112 that month, and, in spot terms, it went to $116," Fenton said. "How did the Chinese behave? Buyers strike."

Fenton said China bought less than its appetite of 6.5 million barrels a day in the next five to six months.

"That was the demand softness that really began to bead through the system," he said.

However, when Brent prices fell significantly lower than their mid-2014 highs, the Chinese restocked.

"(In) the rest of the world, when producers began to panic when Brent got to an average of $50 in January 2015, what did the Chinese do? (They added) 800,000 barrels per day on top of 6.5 (million barrels per day)," he said.

Among the arguments against lifting the oil export ban is that there is currently a global surplus and, thus, the market is bearish. Fenton disagrees.

"A lot of analysts make the assumption that a surplus market is bearish for price. Absolutely not," he said. "It can be, but actually (it) can be quite bullish for price, because what you're trying to find is the bottom. In a surplus market, you may very well have supply be bigger than demand, you may very well have high and rising inventories.

"But it's critical to remember that these are not barrels of oil rolling down Wall Street in Midland, Texas, that nobody owns and it's kind of like a junk ball. Every single barrel is an asset owned by somebody, and if you want it, you had better pay for it because it's a privately owned asset, and you have to dislodge it at a price."

But what will that price be?

"That price is not going to be $20 or $25," Fenton said. "So what I would expect to see happen is, you're going to find the Chinese and others increasingly tighten up the market even as it looks like it's in surplus, and there's going to be a diminishing availability of accessible inventory. And I'd argue that's already happening."

To Fenton, now is an opportune time for the U.S. to lift the ban.

"If the United States is wise enough to allow crude oil exports, it'll happen like (*snap*) that," he said. "All of a sudden, there will be all sorts of deals between the Chinese and Americans, public and private, and the benefit to the United States will be astronomical."

And the payoff could be huge.

"Each 10 percent increase in U.S. oil exports increases the value of the U.S. dollar by about 5.5 percent," he said. "Every 200,000 barrels per day will add $5 billion to GDP."

Shifting profits

Profits, however, might come at a price.

Permian Basin producers want to see the oil export ban lifted so they can sell their products to more markets in this time of depressed oil prices.

Producers, with a few exceptions, only have one market for their oil under the ban: domestic refineries. Refiners enjoy the current environment because low West Texas Intermediate prices have reduced input costs and, thus, created higher profit margins.

The future might not be so bright for U.S. refineries if the ban is lifted, though.

A September report from the Energy Information Administration titled "Effects of Removing Restrictions on U.S. Crude Oil Exports" predicts that if the export ban were lifted, producers would bring in about $29.1 billion more by 2025. Refineries, on the other hand, could see profits fall $22.7 billion during the same period.

Seliger said the export ban currently has artificially lowered West Texas intermediate prices because U.S.-produced crude oil can't compete internationally.

"There's no reason for the United States to not compete in the international market. So, right now, we know that (domestic) producers can get, I forget what the differential is today, $7 and $9 less than Brent. Why do (international producers) deserve that advantage?"

To the state senator, increasing producers' profits upstream while reducing domestic refiners' profits downstream "is a question of whose ox is getting gored," but the current situation between producers and refiners is unfair.

"Why do we compete in all of these other commodities in the international market and not oil and gas? Just to the benefit of the refiners? Well, that's not legitimate," he said.

Other priorities

There currently are several bills in the U.S. House and Senate that seek to dismantle the crude oil export ban. One such bill, Republican Rep. Joe Barton's H.R. 702, passed the House on Oct. 9 in a mostly party-line vote. Its next stop is the Senate.

Rep. Michael Conaway, R-Midland, told his PBPA audience that he wasn't sure what the bill's fate would be in the Senate.

"I don't make a lot of money predicting what the Senate might or might not do, (but) I think they will take it up," he said.

Conaway — whose own bill on the matter, H.R. 2369, is stuck in committee — noted during his panel discussion that there is indeed demand for U.S. crude oil.

"In April, (Rep. Fred Upton) and I are in Ukraine talking with (Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk) ... and out of the clear blue sky I asked him, 'Mr. Prime Minister, if you could buy crude oil directly from the United States, would that help you vis–à–vis with Russia?' He lit up like a Christmas tree and said, 'Oh yeah!'" Conaway said.

Getting U.S. crude to Ukraine, China or elsewhere in the international marketplace will likely have to wait because Congress' docket is very full for the rest of 2015.

"We've got to deal with the highway trust fund, we have to deal with the debt ceiling issue that's coming up pretty quick (and) we have to put in place a fiscal spending plan for 2016," Conaway said. "As expansive as Congress is, we do have a limited bandwidth ... so stay tuned."

DOGS

From 1A



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Gary and Carol Hall pose with with their dog Marley, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and therapy dog, Friday.

"We never know what the kids have been through, and we don't ask them. But somehow Marley knows. Dogs can connect when no one else can."

Carol Hall

anxiety because either they have told someone that something bad is happening to them or someone has heard about it and told someone," said Elaine Leonard, volunteer coordinator at MRCCAC. "So the Therapy Dog program simply was started to help the kiddos go through this process and not let it be as traumatic as everything else is."

Marley has floppy golden-brown ears, a bit of a tummy and his friendly face appears to have a perpetual smile.

"You can imagine that if there's a little child who's been raped or beaten and is scared to death to come in here to talk to policemen or CPS and then sees Marley, who doesn't have a bad bone in his body, who sits and sneezes for him or her," Carol said. "It makes you feel good. It makes you feel valuable. I just think a therapy dog can touch somebody's heart when nobody else can."

The CAC's therapy dog handlers like Gary and Carol never know what a child who comes in has been through, and they never ask.

"It's not our business to know and we don't want to know," Carol said. "We just want to be of some help with providing comfort and easing whatever's happening."

Research from the Center on Violence Against Women and Rutgers School of Social work shows that therapy dogs lower anxiety and increase trust-building because of the unconditional, accepting and supportive nurturing environment provided by a trained animal.

In 2014, Midland's CAC interviewed 542 children from the 10 counties they serve for serious abuse situations. Of those, 352 children were interviewed for suspected sex abuse and 127 for physical abuse. The majority of the children the center sees are between ages 6-12, said Leonard. The center doesn't interview children for any type of neglect or every case CPS sees, so those numbers are not included.

"Sex abuse is what we see the largest amount of at the center," said Paula Cox, MRCCAC education director. "And that number of 542 was just cases brought to us. That's the battle, we need people to report it, we need to get help for these kids. There are a lot of agencies that work very hard to promote awareness and prevention, but (child abuse) still exists in Midland, Texas, as much as people don't want to admit it does."

Once a crime is reported and CPS is involved, the process criminal and civil justice systems requires of victims can be traumatizing. Having to talk about the abuse they have endured is stressful enough for a child. Having dogs like Marley there can be a small help.

"The effect that dogs seem to have on people is very unique," Leonard said. "It seems to lessen their anxiety very quickly and for an extended period of time. I know that people will use therapy dogs in hospitals and nursing homes and I think everybody sees the same effect. It's a very unique and positive experience so that's why we want to continue to offer that to the kiddos that come through here."

As of now, the center has six active therapy dog teams. Leonard would like to double that number.

"People can't come and stay all day," Leonard said. "They may come and do one interview, but if we have five interviews that day, then we still need four other teams."

The impact of therapy dogs on children who have experienced trauma is clear to those who witness the interaction between dog and child every day. Hundreds of colorful handprints line the walls, each marked with a name and date-denoting each young survivor who has come to MRCCAC to tell their story.

Despite the brightness of those multi-colored little hands, it's an emotional experience to walk through those halls and realize just how many children have suffered from sexual or severe physical abuse or trauma in this community. At the end of the hall, or at the beginning, depending on which way you look at it, is a wall adorned with photos of therapy dogs, those who have passed on and those who are currently serving.

"There was a young girl that came in one time, she was hugging herself in a little ball, wearing a big sweatshirt backwards," Carol said. "Marley came over to her and just sat with her, leaning against her legs. After a little while, she reached out and put her hand on his head and smiled a little bit. We never know what the kids have been through, and we don't ask them. But somehow Marley knows. Dogs can connect when no one else can."

MRCCAC's Pawz for Kids Program needs more volunteers! Have a dog that you think would make a good therapy dog? Contact Elaine Leonard at elainleonard@mrccac.org or 432-682-7273.

UPDATE

From 1A

For this article, I would like to report on an exciting initiative that is being implemented within the district as I write this — MISD's new Internal Accountability Program. This initiative is wrapped around setting specific academic and operational goals for ourselves, so we as a district and as a community can know how the district is doing in relation to the goals we hold as immensely important to our success.

In my report to the MISD board of trustees last week, I made the statement that I believe the state of Texas, for years, has erred in its assumption that all Texas public school students, campuses and districts can be "judged" using just one main metric — the state's standardized test. The state does throw in some other measures, especially at the high school level, but the current Texas school accountability system is driven by the scores students earn on the current test, which is now the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness).

As a school district, Midland ISD must have a better picture of student progress than the STAAR, because relying primarily on the state's standardized scores has not worked for us in the past, nor is it working for us now. To put it as bluntly as I can — we stink at standardized testing, and we have for years. We were struggling with the last rendition of the test (the TAKS), and our kids and staff are really being challenged by the new STAAR. As a district, we literally have some of the lowest scores in the state compared to districts our size. We have thousands of kids in Midland who pass the STAAR every year, but we also have thousands who habitually fail the exams every year as well, and we must do better.

In light of this, there are several reasons why MISD's implementation of a new internal accountability system is so important. The rationale for our new program includes:

- As stated above, the state's only true measure of academic success right now is the STAAR. The biggest issue we have with that measure is that most Texas schools and districts are struggling to show growth after four years of this test's implementation, and we have to have better gauges of success (or failure) of our students to make the best instructional decisions we can that will affect the classrooms.
- MISD is striving to incorporate both hard data points (objective) and soft data points (subjective) into our system so the outcomes can be easily communicated within and outside the district.
- The data points that will be used to gauge progress will be much more inclusive than the STAAR. In MISD, 24,544 students don't all show academic progress in the same ways, and our kids do not all have the same academic issues. We must use multiple measures to know where specific children are, academically, in order to plan for their success.
- We must move the culture of MISD into the never-ending process of extensive, periodic reviews of the internal accountability system, so we are making data-driven decisions that affect classroom instruction constantly. We, again, can't make the mistake the state does and wait for STAAR scores every year. We must use multiple measures of academic progress that we can track throughout the year to make the best decisions for our students.

For the next several paragraphs, I will identify and explain some of the measures of success we have chosen for this first rendition of the new accountability system. Academically, we have chosen data points that will give us the best picture of where our students are, so we can make decisions as a team (teachers, parents, principals) on where they need to go.

The first measure has to be the STAAR. Because we will be under this system until our state legislature changes the system itself, we must use STAAR scores as a metric of success. We are going to break down the STAAR scores into three different areas. We are going to track the total number of students who pass and fail the STAAR every year. We are going to track each individual student to see if our students are showing progress from year to year. Even if students are struggling to pass every year, we should see higher individual scores each year on the tests they take. That tells us what is happening in the classroom. And, we are going to track college and career readiness. Are we seeing our students moving toward post-secondary readiness every year they take these exams?

For our internal system, we have set specific improvement goals in relation to the STAAR. For overall passage of the test, we had a 64 percent passing rate for all tests, and the state average was 77 percent. Our goal for the 2015-16 school year is to hit 80 percent of our kids passing. For individual growth on the test, we had a score of 52 percent, and the state average was 57 percent. Our growth goal for 2015-16 is 68 percent. Both of these are lofty challenges, but we have to have these kinds of rigorous expectations to show improvement.

The second measure we will track is overall attendance rates for our students, and we are going to need a lot of help from our parents and caregivers on this measurement. The state average for school attendance is almost 96 percent (95.9). MISD's average attendance for the 2014-15 school year was 94.7 percent. This constitutes a lot of instructional time being lost because of absences. This year's goal for attendance is 96 percent.

The next metric we will use is the kindergarten-second-grade reading Indicator. One of the most important tasks we have is to teach children to read on grade level by the time they are 8-years-old (third grade). We track the number of children, because of low literacy rates, who need accelerated reading instruction. The good news for the district is that the number of students needing accelerated instruction has dropped over the last two years. Statistics show 38.5 percent of our students needed reading acceleration in 2013-14, 36 percent in 2014-15, and our goal for this year is 20 percent. We have many community groups and entities who have helped us with this — the Reporter-Telegram, Wells Fargo our Rotary Clubs (just to name a few) — and we can see increased literacy rates our kids are obtaining with these initiatives.

We will also be looking at graduation rates in our accountability system. We have made steady increases over the last several years with graduation rates, and we have set very high goals for ourselves to see more of our students graduating. Statistics show 84.3 percent of our 2015 class graduated last May, and our goal for the 2016 class is 86.2 percent. Our long range goal is to hit 90 percent with the graduating class of 2018.

A very important metric we have identified for improvement is the number of students who are earning high scores on the Advanced Placement (AP) exams. We cannot focus only on our students who are not achieving — we must also set higher bars for our best students on our campuses. Advanced Placement courses are taught at levels that exceed high school expectations, and high scores on the exams can earn students valuable college credits. For the last several years, MISD has seen an increase in high scores on these exams, because of the dedication of our students, teachers and parents/caregivers, but we want to do better. In 2013, 35.3 percent of our students in AP courses were earning a score of "3" or better (up to a score of 5). In 2014, 39.1 percent of our kids scored a "3" or higher, and in 2015, that rose to 42 percent. In 2015, the state average was 49.9 percent of scores of "3" or higher, so our goal is to exceed the state average for 2016. We want at least 52 percent of our academic scholars excelling on the AP exams.

The last metric to discuss is the customer service data MISD will obtain through various surveys of our stakeholders. I don't think we've done a good job at all going out to all of our stakeholders — students, parents, community members and MISD faculty and staff — to truly ask for opinions and perceptions of MISD's service to those groups. Our goal is to assess all of our campuses and the district as a whole to ascertain the level of customer satisfaction we maintain in the community. These will be the qualitative, "soft" data points we will use to identify and improve on those services to our community members and to members of MISD itself in order to truly establish and maintain a culture of service.

This is one of the most ambitious initiatives the district has ever introduced, and we expect it to evolve over the course of the next several years as we meet and exceed challenges and goals. The bottom line is that we all accept that we are not where we want to be in relation to the services we are providing to our children, and we are going to do everything we can to change that. Working together with a very dedicated MISD staff, community/business leadership groups, parent groups, and our students, I believe we have a very bright future ahead of us.

If anyone has questions about any issue in this article (or about anything else), please do not hesitate to contact me at ryder.warren@midlandisd.net. Thank you for all of the support you give our children and our schools.

Dartmouth considers independent graduate school

Associated Press

HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth College is considering the creation of an independent graduate school.

Currently, about 770 students are enrolled in nearly two dozen master's degree and doctorate degree programs. During the college's last strategic planning process, officials recommended creating an administratively independent School of Graduate and Advanced Studies.

"Properly designed and supported, an independent graduate school has the potential not only to help Dartmouth up its research game, but also to help expose more undergrads to the world of research," said government professor William Wohlforth, a member of the strategic planning committee.

The idea will be discussed at three public sessions, the first of which is set for Oct. 21. The next step will involve formal discussions with the faculties of Arts and Sciences, the Geisel School of Medicine, Thayer School of Engineering and the Tuck School of Business, said Graduate Studies Dean Jon Kull.

Kull led a task force appointed last year to investigate the creation of an independent graduate school. Kull said the new system could be in place as early as July 1.

Teachers get free concealed weapons training

Associated Press

SOUTH JORDAN, Utah — Teachers got free concealed weapons training during a Utah Education Association event break.

Attendees could apply for a concealed weapons permit for $49 after Friday's training. Utah allows permitted concealed weapons in public schools, the Deseret News reported.

Utah Shooting Sports Council chairman Clark Aposhian said he's trained educators since the early 2000s.

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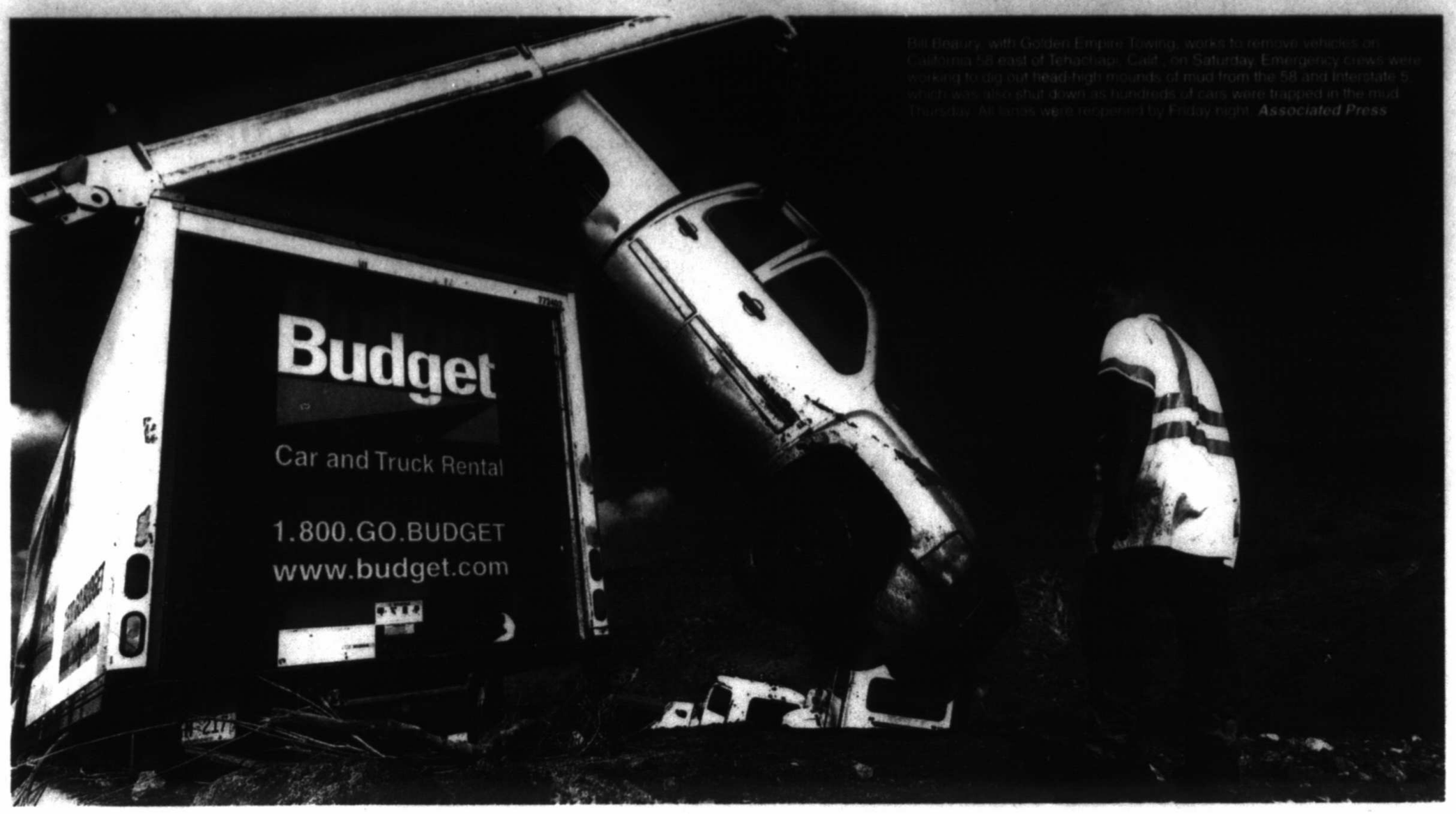
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Bill Bleaury, with Golden Empire Towing, works to remove vehicles on California 58 east of Tehachapi, Calif., on Saturday. Emergency crews were working to dig out head-high mounds of mud from the 58 and Interstate 5 which were also shut down as hundreds of cars were trapped in the mud Thursday. All lanes were reopened by Friday night. *Associated Press*

'Extensive' cleanup underway in wake of California storms

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Homeowners in northern Los Angeles County communities were spending their Saturday digging mud out of their houses as crews continued extensive work to clear tons of dirt that clogged roadways and buried hundreds of cars.

The cleanup follows thunderstorms that unleashed flash flooding and debris flows on Thursday, damaging dozens of homes and trapping hundreds of cars on area highways and roads. No injuries were reported.

Kerjon Lee, a spokesman for Los Angeles County Public Works, said 50 field personnel and more than 30 pieces of heavy equipment were on the ground in the small mountain communities of Elizabeth Lake and Lake Hughes in Leona Valley, about 40 miles north of Los Angeles.

He said in that area alone, crews need to clear out 20,000 dump trucks worth of dirt, which could take months. The dirt will eventually be used to backfill eroded canyons.

Meanwhile, Lee said at least one of the homes in the area is considered a total loss after flooding ripped it from its foundation. Crews were continuing to assess homes in the area on Saturday, and Lee said the number of those destroyed could rise.

Gary and Gina Hartle, who own a 70-acre horse ranch in Lake Hughes, said they have so much work to restore their property, they have no idea how long it will take.

"Our property is 75 percent devastated," Gina Hartle, 54, told The Associated Press on Saturday as she surveyed the damage. "We can't access our homes too well right now because everything is washed out."

She said the two homes on the land seemed like they were OK, but that one of the homes was without water because of an inundated pump, and their 20-foot trailer is nowhere in sight.

"It either got buried or it's downriver," Hartle said.

Still, Hartle said the couple feels lucky. Their pregnant daughter was at home during the storm and wasn't sure she was going to survive.

"She was scared. She knew she had to get moving because she felt she was on an island and the water was getting higher and higher," Hartle said. "The water was up to her hips and she had to escape for her life and her unborn child's life."

Hartle said her daughter made it to a neighbor's home on foot.

Twenty miles to the east in the Mojave Desert city of Lancaster, Jennifer Dunnagan and Rochelle Price wiped away tears as they assessed the damage to their home Friday.

About 4 feet of water and mud got inside during the storm, destroyed a backyard spa and gazebo, and entombed multiple cars in dirt and mud, including a Model T and a replica of Herbie the Love Bug, the Volkswagen Beatle from the Disney movies of the same moniker, the Antelope Valley Press reported.

Dunnagan told the newspaper she has flood insurance, but many of her neighbors weren't as fortunate.

"All of these guys have been told they have not been covered," she said.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich said in a statement that he will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve declaring a local emergency for the communities in the Leona Valley, Quartz Hill and surrounding areas.

If approved as expected Tuesday, the emergency will free up state or federal resources to support recovery efforts.

The thunderstorms were powered by a low pressure system pulling in moisture from the south. As much as 1.45 inches of rain fell in a quick span of time near where the most intense flooding occurred.

The storms unleashed flash flooding and debris flows along State Route 58, Interstate 5 and throughout the area.

Those who witnessed the worst of the flooding describe it as terrifying.

"It was a raging river of mud," said 51-year-old Rhonda Flores, who was in her car when the flooding overtook State Route 58. "I've never experienced anything like it, ever."

She and hundreds of others on the roadway at the time were rescued about 10 hours later and spent the night at area shelters.

Sgt. Mario Lopez, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol, said it will take days to reopen State Route 58, a mile of which is choked with mud between 2 and 6 feet deep. About 200 cars and semi-trucks were trapped in the now-hardened mud, frozen in place at odd angles.

Heavy equipment and workers were in the process of freeing the vehicles and clearing the mud Saturday.

Hundreds of cars were also stuck on Interstate 5, a major artery, but those cars were cleared and the freeway reopened by late Friday.

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Breaking silence, Biden team leans in on potential 2016 run

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden is sending out an unmistakable "forget-me-not" plea for 2016, brushing past signs of a Hillary Rodham Clinton resurgence with fresh and direct suggestions he could be on the verge of entering the presidential race.

The vice president's political team broke its months-long silence on the subject with a letter circulated by one of Biden's closest friends and top advisers. In the letter, though Biden is still officially undecided, former Sen. Ted Kaufman describes a "campaign from the heart" that Biden would wage and says a decision isn't far off.

"If he decides to run, we will need each and every one of you — yesterday," Kaufman says temptingly, alluding to the breakneck speed at which Biden would have to ramp up a campaign.

To its recipients — Biden's former Senate, White House and campaign staffers — Thursday's letter smacked of an unambiguous indication Biden was all but green-lighting a presidential campaign. Several individuals familiar with the letter say it was circulated with Biden's blessing.

The individuals weren't authorized to comment publicly and requested anonymity.

For his part, Biden has been silent on the issue for weeks while allowing his own self-imposed deadlines to fly by. His indecision has led many Democratic leaders to publicly write off his prospects, particularly as Clinton revels in a strong debate performance and an impressive stretch of fundraising, solidifying her status as the Democratic front-runner.

Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders both announced this week they'd raised more than $25 million in their last three-month stretch, a potent reminder that many of the Democratic establishment's donors and top players have already committed to a declared candidate.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama, left, standing with Vice President Joe Biden, right, listen as Diana Calderon, a student who has benefited from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, speaks at a reception in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, for Hispanic Heritage Month and the 25th anniversary of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

To some Democrats, Biden runs the risk of being perceived as a spoiler at this point, drawing votes away from Clinton without any substantial prospect for electoral success.

In public comments, the GOP is all but laying out a welcome mat.

Even Biden friends and aides remain at a loss to explain exactly what is holding up his decision.

In more than a dozen interviews over the past week, individuals close to the vice president described a man still wrestling with whether he and his family would be well served by campaign pressures while they continue grieving the death of Biden's son in May.

Yet more than two months after Biden began seriously weighing that question, those individuals said it was unclear what could change that would push him from undecided to yes or no.

Still, Biden and his team are approaching their just-in-case preparations for a potential campaign with a new level of seriousness.

This week he has been placing calls to top Democratic strategists in early primary states such as Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina to solicit candid assessments of his chances, according to individuals familiar with the calls.

Biden's team has also had detailed conversations with campaign data and analytics experts to determine how quickly he could ramp up the digital side of his campaign, the individuals said.

For Biden's supporters, including those backing the Draft Biden super PAC, those signals serve as the reassurance they were seeking that their enthusiasm hasn't been misplaced.

"The steps that we're seeing toward a potential candidacy are definitely creating some excitement and anticipation and hope in people that this might be happening," said Mike Cuzzi, a former Obama campaign official in New Hampshire who is supporting the pro-Biden super PAC.

He added that Biden's supporters were "eager for him to make a determination."

Clinton's supporters feel the same, but for different reasons. After her widely lauded performance in Tuesday's debate, her campaign chairman told reporters it was time for Biden to make up his mind.

Clinton herself said in an interview with The Boston Globe that she had discussed the campaign with Biden a few months ago.

"I said: 'You know, Joe, this is totally up to you and your family. We were friends before, we will be friends after, whatever you decide,'" she told the newspaper.

Republicans, meanwhile, have been pining for a Biden campaign, in hopes that a more combative Democratic primary would weaken Clinton.

"Right now there's no question Joe Biden would be the toughest candidate for Republicans to beat in the general election," said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Allison Moore.

The lack of certainty has also put President Barack Obama in a delicate position, caught between loyalties to his vice president and his former secretary of state. "I'm not going to comment on what Joe's doing or not doing," Obama said Friday, describing Biden as his "very able vice president."

Most recent polls show a hypothetical Biden candidacy running third, behind both Clinton and Sanders, with support in the high teens. Biden appears to primarily draw voters who would otherwise lean toward supporting Clinton. Surveys have shown a recent uptick in positive opinions of Biden nationally, with 85 percent of Democrats viewing him positively in a Gallup Poll this month.

In the letter, Kaufman offered the first clues to Biden's rationale for a run, describing an "optimistic" campaign that would focus on expanding middle-class opportunity and protecting Obama's legacy. He also drew an implicit contrast with Clinton, who has been criticized by some as appearing calculated or overly choreographed.

"I think it's fair to say, knowing him as we all do, that it won't be a scripted affair," Kaufman said. "After all, it's Joe."

Results in Afghanistan suggest long US troop mission

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's war in Afghanistan, now in its 15th year, is long on official U.S. optimism about building a self-reliant Afghan army but short on convincing evidence that the goal will be reached anytime soon.

That is the backdrop to President Barack Obama's decision to extend the U.S. military mission beyond his last day in the White House, giving U.S. forces still more time to train and advise the Afghan army and keep up the hunt for remnants of the al-Qaida network, whose Sept. 11 attacks drew them to Afghanistan in 2001.

Just last year Obama had said the outlook was so encouraging that only an embassy-based military oversight office would remain after January 2017.

It looks different now, and not as encouraging.

"The bottom line is, in key areas of the country, the security situation is still very fragile, and in some places there is risk of deterioration," Obama said Thursday in announcing what he called a calculated adjustment to his plan.

Supporters of prolonging the U.S. presence say it is necessary to secure Afghanistan's future and keep al-Qaida and other extremist groups at bay.

Others question whether keeping nearly 10,000 U.S. troops there in 2016 and then holding at 5,500 troops beyond that will make a significant difference, given the uneven results from 14 years of efforts to build and professionalize an Afghan army and police force paid for largely by the United States.

This year the Pentagon spent $4.1 billion to train, equip and sustain the Afghan army and police.

That is no ordinary package of assistance.

It included feeding soldiers, paying their salaries and fueling their vehicles.

The Pentagon is asking Congress for another $3.7 billion for the coming year.

No doubt the Afghan army has improved over the years, and its soldiers do not shy away from combat.

But the army still suffers basic flaws.

Just days ago the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Campbell, told a congressional committee that Afghan forces are unable to fight without U.S. support, that "we have just started" creating an Afghan air force, and that "it will take time" to develop competent Afghan battle commanders.

But how much time? And at what cost? The U.S. already has spent about $65 billion on the training and equipping of Afghan forces, and it remains difficult to judge what that investment has bought.

Year after year, in public statements and periodic updates to Congress, Pentagon officials have insisted the Afghan army and police were getting better, suggesting success was just around the corner if Americans would remain patient.

"Every day the Afghan security forces grow in capability and experience," a Pentagon spokesman asserted in October 2005.

"We have achieved great success with the Afghan National Army," a two-star general in charge of training said in October 2007.

"The capabilities of the Afghan National Army are improving steadily," and the police are "making steady progress," the Pentagon said in a June 2008 report to Congress.

A year later a Pentagon update said the Afghan force "continued to improve its capability."

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Wal-Mart, others speed up deliveries to shoppers

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Christmas won't come early this year, but the gifts might.

Just in time for the winter holiday shopping season, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Macy's and other retailers are working behind the scenes to make sure they can deliver online orders to shoppers faster.

Retailers are building bigger warehouses —some the size of 20 football fields — to handle shipments. They're also sending orders to shoppers directly from their stores and using sophisticated software that tells them the quickest, cheapest way to get orders shipped. And Amazon is cutting the time it takes to process an order from hours to minutes by using robots to pull items for shipment in its warehouses.

It's a race for time by retailers as more people shop online. U.S. online sales are expected to increase 12 percent to $371 billion this year, accounting for 10 percent of overall retail sales, says Forrester Research. But as online shopping grows, so does the impatience of shoppers who want their orders fast.

Traditional brick-and-mortar stores are trying to catch up to Amazon.com, which set the standard for speed with its two-day delivery for members of its Prime loyalty program who pay $99 a year. But even Amazon feels pressure to please customers who have little tolerance for lengthy delivery waits.

"I would like to plan ahead, but I've been able to wait until the last minute to get things done," said Keri Early, a Clyde, Illinois, resident who orders from Amazon frequently.

For many retailers, the goal to meet the demands of shoppers like Early for speedy service is to make two-day delivery standard. That's half the average for standard delivery for the top 40 online retailers, according to data company StellaService. But most are stopping short of guaranteeing customers faster deliveries.

Wal-Mart says it aims to get packages to shoppers who get standard shipping within two days for a majority of the U.S. this holiday season. The retailer now uses 83 of its more than 4,500 U.S. stores to ship to customers.

The world's largest retailer also is spending $1.2 billion to $1.5 billion in online investments this year and $1.1 billion next year. That's up from last year's $1 billion. The investments are squeezing profit: Wal-Mart stock tumbled Wednesday after it warned earnings would be down as much as 12 percent next year in part because of its heavy spending on e-commerce.

Still, Wal-Mart is spending to stay competitive with online rivals. Since last year, the world's largest retailer has opened five warehouses across the country in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Fort Worth, Texas; Plainfield, Indiana; and Atlanta to handle online orders. Next year, Wal-Mart plans to open another center in southern California, one in Dallas and two more in Florida.

The new warehouses each will ship hundreds of thousands of orders daily, four to five times its dozens of existing smaller warehouses. Each new warehouse has several million items, five times the network of older warehouses. That will enable Wal-Mart to offer more consolidated orders arriving in fewer boxes.

"This is going to allow us to be more efficient, to do it faster, to do it cheaper and be more accurate with the orders, which is important with the customers," said Greg Foran, CEO of Wal-Mart's U.S. business.

One of Wal-Mart's two Bethlehem warehouses opened in July and is considered the retailer's crown jewel. It has two towers with four stories of the fastest moving items of the season that can be retrieved through a computerized chute. For example, for the holidays, that would include iPads and swimsuits for the summer

"By mid-November, this place will be humming," said Justen Traweek, Wal-Mart's vice president of e-commerce operations and fulfillment.

Other retailers also have built new warehouses to meet demand:

■ Home Depot opened its third and largest warehouse in Troy, Ohio, in September to handle online orders. Together, these warehouses will allow Home Depot to ship to 90 percent of shoppers within two days.

■ Macy's new facility, which recently opened in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will enable the retailer to send 90 percent of packages in central western states within two days. By year's end, Macy's says the chain will be able to deliver packages within two days overall, faster than its standard of three to six days.

■ Target opened two new warehouses this year. It also is now shipping products from 462 of its 1,800 stores, up from 150 a year ago. Target said online shoppers are likely to get deliveries within two days if the product is delivered from the store, compared with four days from the warehouse.

Target also launched a program that enables it to let shoppers know a precise delivery date. That's instead of offering a wide delivery window of four to six days, for example.

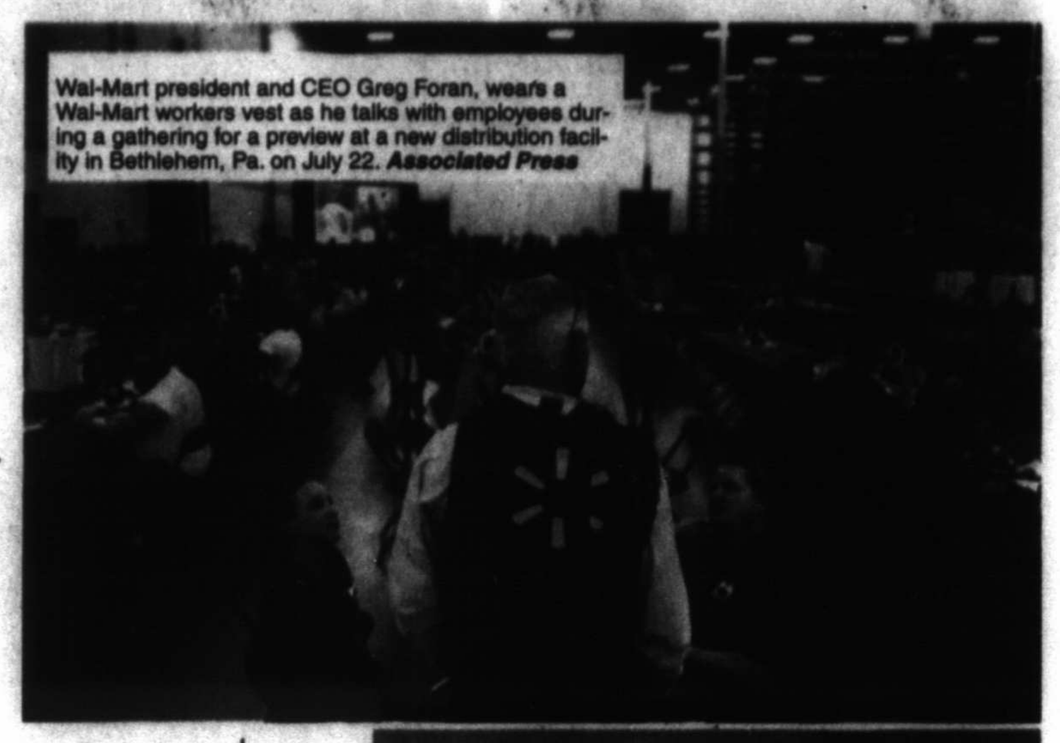
■ Nordstrom opened a third warehouse in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, to handle online orders. That will eventually allow the chain to deliver orders to half of its customers in two days.

"You know our friends in Seattle continue to set the standard," Mike Koppel, Nordstrom's chief financial officer, told investors in September, referring to Amazon. "In order to be an exemplar in that, you're going to have to invest in that because that's what people are going to expect."

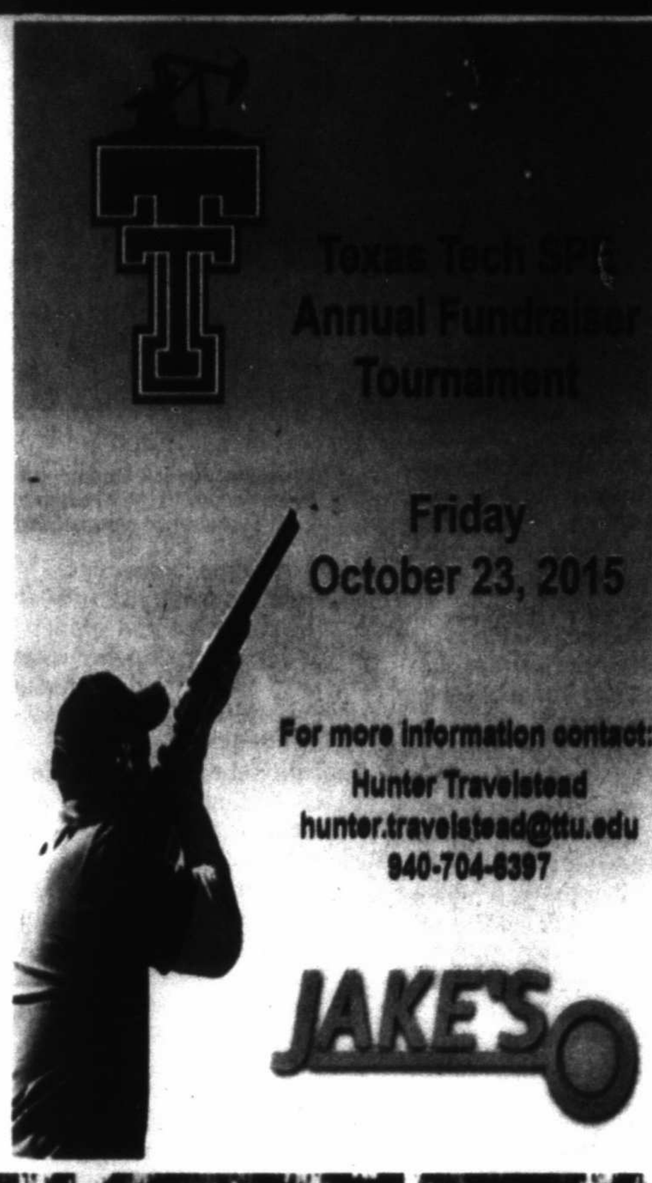
For its part, Amazon, which has 50 U.S. warehouses that typically house millions of products, is building a facility in Kent, Washington that will house 20 percent more items.

Amazon also acquired Boston-based robotics company Kiva in 2012 for $775 million. The robots pull shelves of goods out of storage areas and bring them to workers. Amazon now has more than 30,000 robots in 13 warehouses.

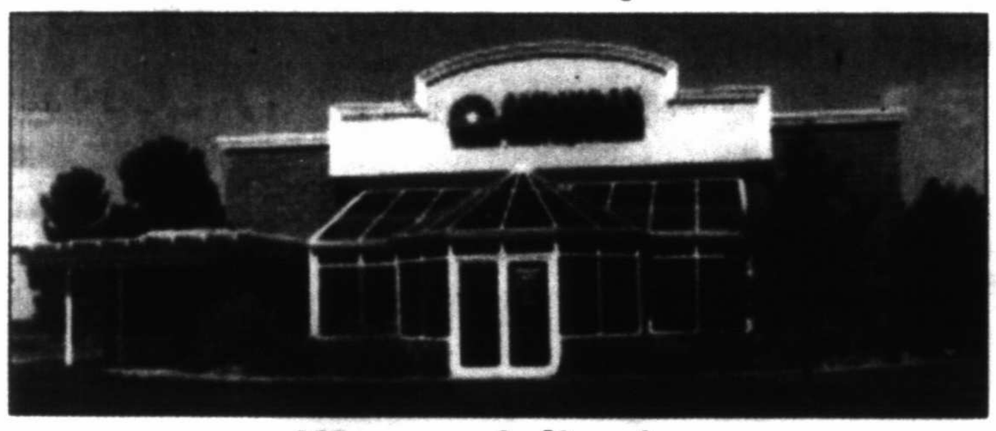
"We're using software and algorithms to make decisions rather than people, which we think is more efficient and scales better and will be more accurate," said Brian Olsavsky, Amazon's Chief Financial Officer in July.



Wal-Mart president and CEO Greg Foran, wears a Wal-Mart workers vest as he talks with employees during a gathering for a preview at a new distribution facility in Bethlehem, Pa. on July 22. *Associated Press*



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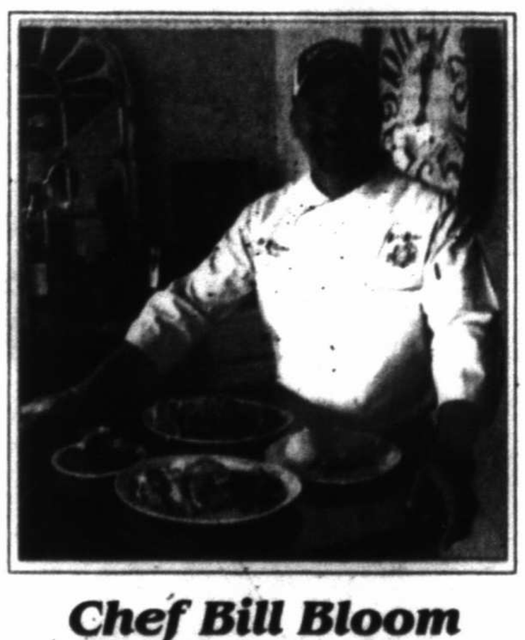
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Beginning Tuesday night, the chance of rain returns to the forecast, according to the National Weather Service. There is a 30 percent chance Tuesday night, and the chance for showers continues into next weekend.

The record high for Oct. 17 is 1964 and 2011. The record low is 36 set in 1976. On Oct. 17 of last year, the high was 86 and the low was 52.

Weather brief

MILAN

Kerry: Climate change, food security key to global stability

The stability of the world is directly linked to climate change and its impact on food security for billions of people, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Saturday.

In a speech to the Milan Expo, Kerry argued that unrest tied to climate change-induced agricultural failure poses an international threat. The Milan Expo is focused on food security, and Kerry urged attendants to act quickly against climate change.

"Make no mistake: The implications here extend well beyond hunger," Kerry said. "This isn't only about global food security; it's about global security — period."

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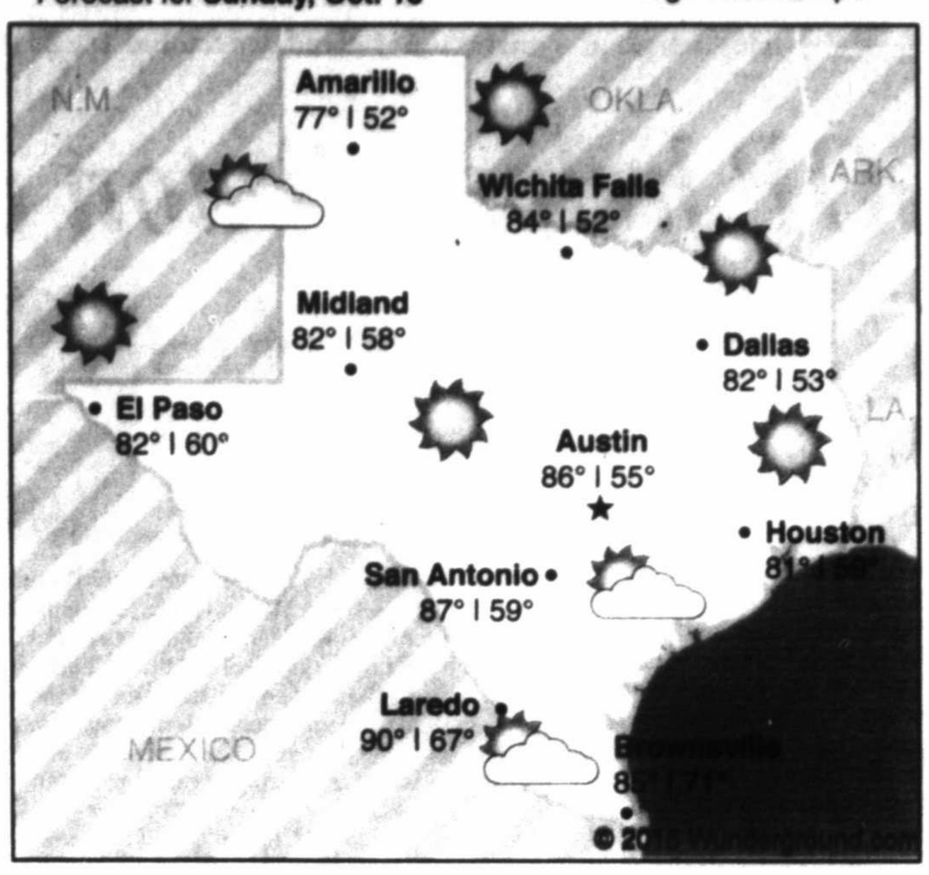
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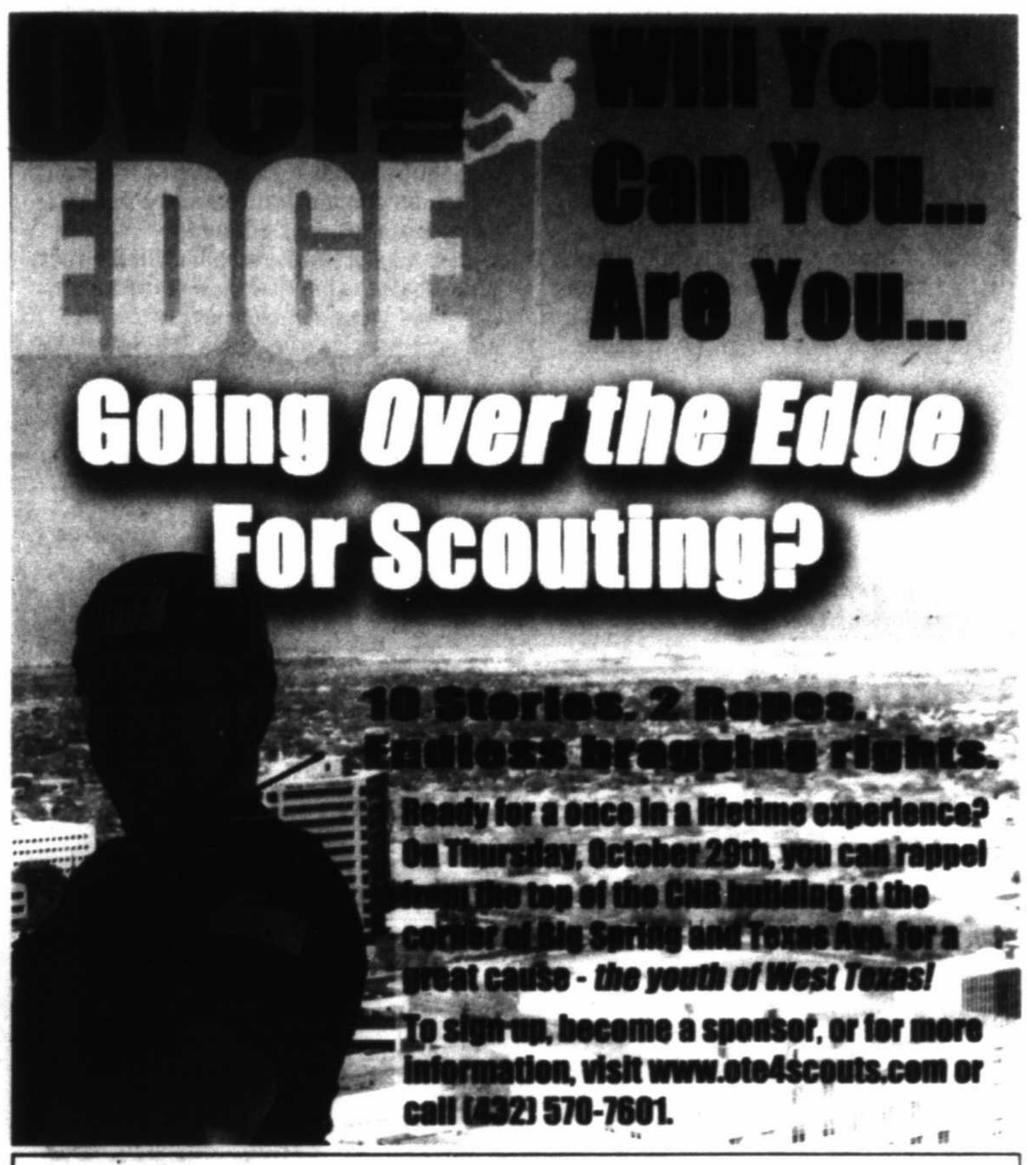
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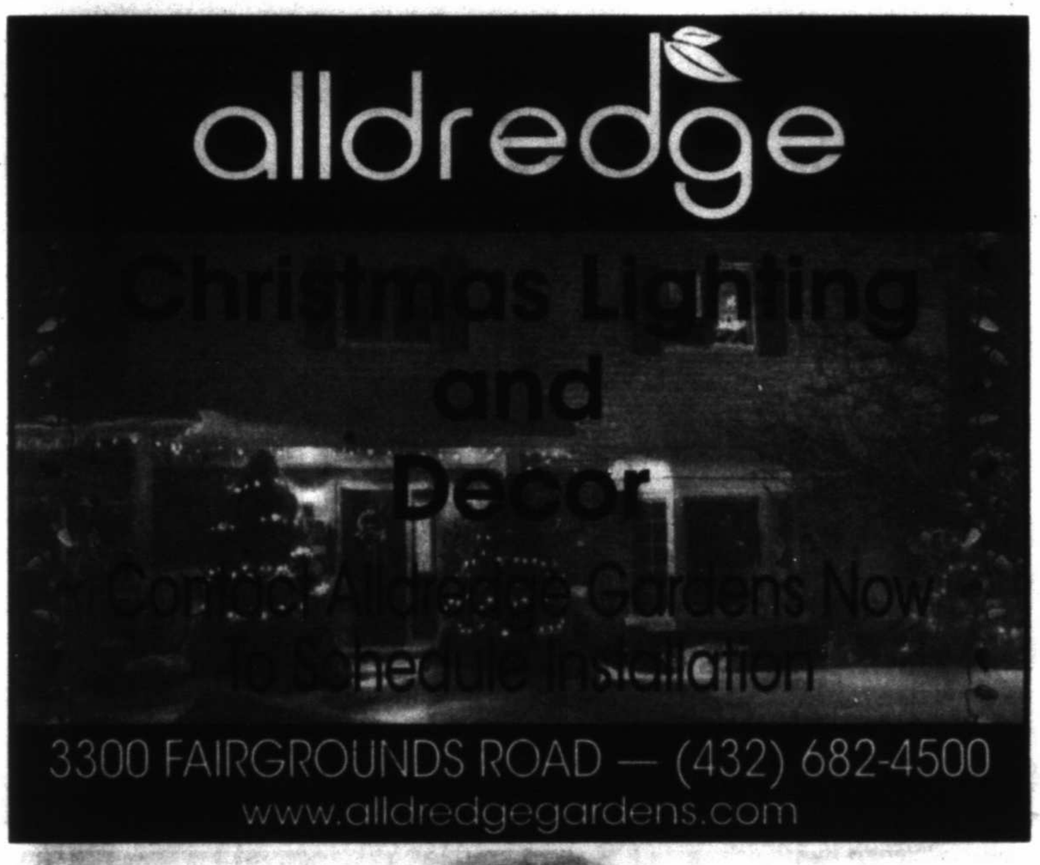
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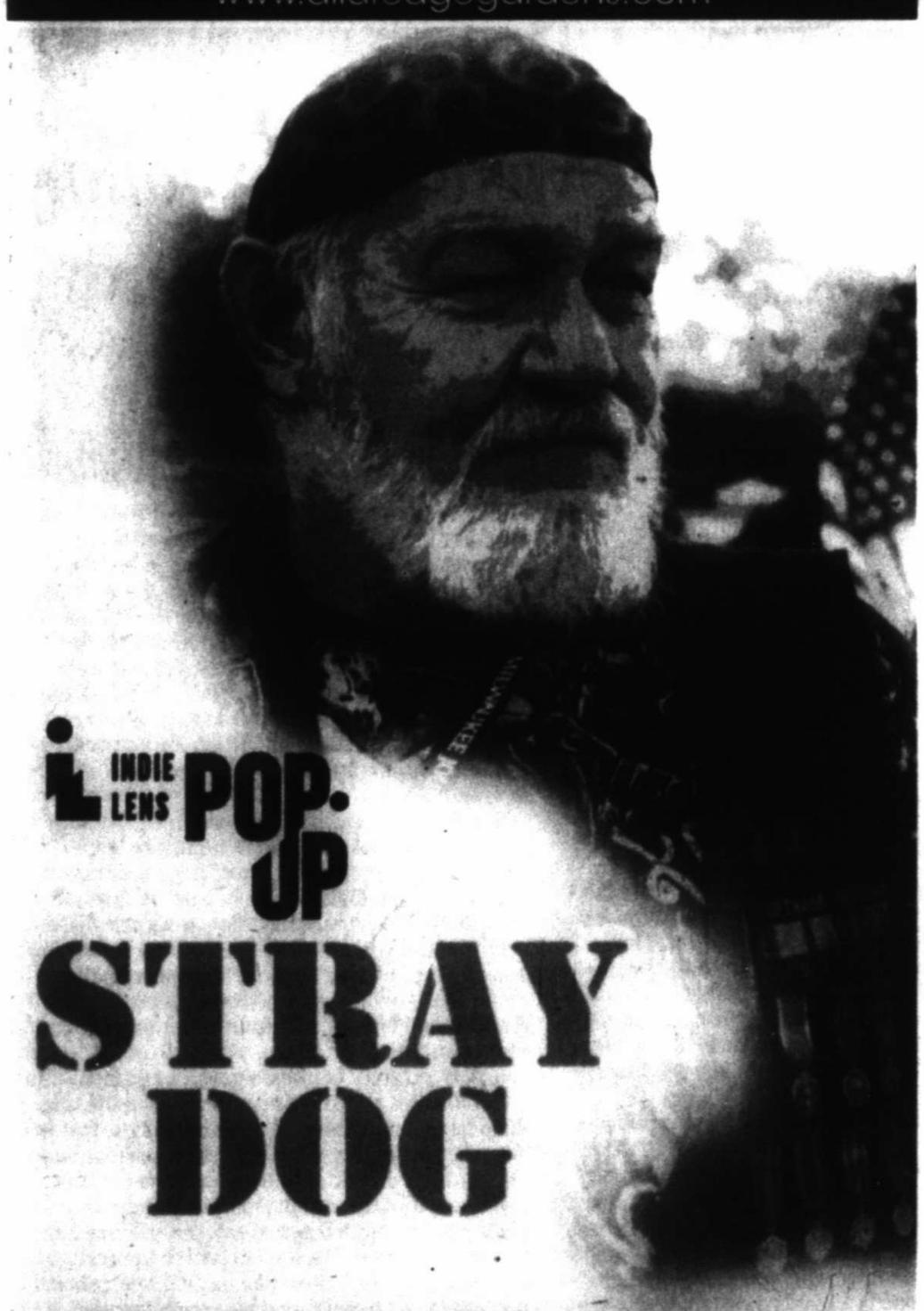
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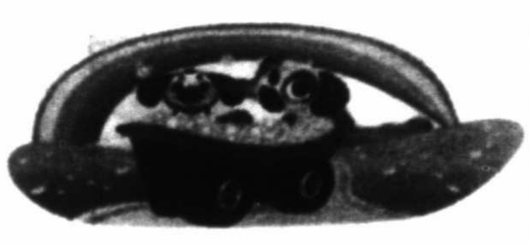
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GOP helps Clinton close in on nomination

■ During the debate, the former secretary of State turned in a Clinton-esque performance



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With the latest poll numbers tallied and political pundits having spoken, a consensus has emerged: Hillary Clinton won the first Democratic debate and, barring a Benghazi pinata exploding with revelations, has cinched the nomination.

Reasons cited for Clinton's superior performance have been well hashed by now. Her deft parrying placed her left-of-center but right-of-Sanders. She's a progressive, she declared, but a pragmatic person who likes to get things done.

A compromiser, in other words. Or perhaps a woman who has learned how to listen and understands that politics requires give-and-take.

In Las Vegas Tuesday night, Clinton carefully staked out territory that wouldn't alienate liberals nor necessarily frighten independents — or even moderate Republicans, to the extent any remain.

Her success also rested in part on competition that, with the exception Bernie Sanders, was, how shall we put it ... Lilliputian. Lincoln Chafee's whine about casting a regrettable Senate vote because he had just arrived in Washington and his father had died was cringingly pathetic.

Neither Jim Webb, who should be a Republican, nor Martin O'Malley disturbed the night. Sanders, though outmaneuvered by Clinton, nonetheless did well enough for his base of supporters. But his most memorable moment belonged to Clinton when he declared that Americans are "sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails."

"Me, too!" Clinton trilled to applause.

It's not clear that gift-giving was Sanders' intention. A reporter on MSNBC'S "Morning Joe" said Sanders' remark had been rehearsed as a way to indict Clinton for her distracting mishandling of the email situation. But Clinton's quick reaction sealed the deal. She and Sanders shook hands and, hereafter, Clinton is inoculated against the email problem, at least from fellow Democrats.

Her success otherwise was much more than rhetorical skills or clever tactics. It would be understatement to say that Clinton was comfortable in her own skin, though she was. Or that she was authentic, which is true — and usually isn't.

I'll say it: She looked fabulous.

This is not trivial. One hopes that feminism and feminists have evolved sufficiently to understand that women in the public eye don't indulge vanity for its own sake. Vanity is something they deal with as a matter of business so that they can relax and focus on more important things. It's the price they pay for bright lights.

Clinton verily shimmered with self-confidence and the lightness of spirit that comes from knowing you're on your game (and that you have a good haircut). There's no guessing what may have liberated her from the armor she's worn for so long — but she surpassed not only her opponents but herself. It was undoubtedly helpful that Republican Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy had tossed the House speakership over the muddle of Benghazi.

Henceforth, her story is that Republicans created the Benghazi investigation to bring her down, as McCarthy said in so many words.

No wonder she's so light on her feet. While at least some jurors are still out on the private email server and Benghazi — and the FBI is still busy with its own investigation — Clinton must find it easier to smile these days.

She faces questioning by the House Select Committee on Benghazi when she appears before the panel on Thursday. Surely we won't witness a repeat of two years ago when she appeared before a different panel and furiously asked, "What difference at this point does it make?" referring to how or why four Americans were murdered in Libya.

She won't likely blow a fuse like that again, but she'll always have to hear that question replayed by her Republican opponents as they seek to undermine her credibility as secretary of state and, by inference, her lack of viability to become commander in chief.

This could backfire on Republicans if they have nothing to show for the money and months they've spent trying to produce something they can blame on Clinton as secretary of state. If McCarthy's blunder isn't enough evidence of political motivation, it at least reminded voters that smoke can be a sign not just of fire but also of mirrors.

There's something else from debate night. Clinton was finally able to demonstrate that she's just as smart as, if not smarter than, her husband. For many years a second to his first place, Hillary is now the Clinton people think of first.

Her inevitability, which hasn't been so for the past several months, appears to be on the rise again. And Clinton, it seems, owes Republicans a note of gratitude.

OUR VIEW

New business stories provide insight about Midland's future

On mrt.com, the item read "Carl's Jr., Wienerschnitzel coming to Midland."

On the surface this is not a game-breaker for Midland. While we expect the restaurants will provide pretty decent quick-service food options, the newsworthiness is that neither exist in Midland right now.

We knew our readers would be interested, but we had no idea how much. Less than 24 hours after being posted on our Facebook page — www.facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram — more than 41,000 people were reached. The item had been shared 340 times and generated 121 comments. Midlanders enjoy hearing about a new restaurants coming to town. Correct that: they like their food. An item about the Midland Meat Co. butcher shop recently reached 42,000 people, was shared nearly 400 times and attracted 188 comments.

We offer this as the silver lining to the doom talk going around. We hear it from economists and others about the indicators that are out of whack. We are told the "pain" will get worse, and we suppose there is truth in that statement. However, we point to the stories about restaurants that have opened or are in the planning stages as notice that Midland is still being seen as a good bet in the long term.

New restaurants are coming to town, and grocery stores are making the bet. United converted its location on Loop 250 and Midkiff Road into a Market Street. Target is being remodeled. Wal-Mart will put the conspiracy theories to rest when it re-opens its northside location, reportedly by the end of the month. And farther south, we see workers erecting the community's second H-E-B location.

If retail is a greater measurement, Midlanders can look at shopping centers along the loop as reasons to be optimistic. One is being completed at Holiday Hill adjacent to the Lowe's Home Improvement store. Another is being built just south of the second H-E-B location at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Don't get us wrong. We are not saying, "Move along, there is nothing to see here" as certain economic indicators are tumbling down from highs we won't see again for a long, long time. Sales tax receipts are down. Airport boardings are down. The sales of new cars are down. The amount of money being generated by the hotel/motel sales tax is down. The number of workers in the MSA is down.

However, our unemployment rate is still among the lowest 25 metropolitan statistical areas in the country. We know the number of students attending school at Midland ISD is up. The price of an average home remains high.

And now, we also know there are businesses willing to commit to Midland. Our expectation is they have a long-term view. They know Midland is a good bet. They expect what is good right now will be even better in the future.

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Hillary's debate victory was hollow

■ She performed at a high level but topping this field wasn't hard



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Hillary Clinton's laugh is so often transparently forced and insincere that it is a staple of Kate McKinnon's impression of her on "Saturday Night Live."

At the Democratic debate in Las Vegas, though, the former secretary of state let loose a long peal of amused delight and relief that had about it a strong hint of genuineness. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders had just said we had heard enough about her "damn emails."

The crowd erupted in a standing ovation. Sanders had the signature line of the night, and it was in the cause of buttressing his opponent. He had put away the email issue for the debate, and perhaps for the duration of the primary campaign.

If Joe Biden was sitting at home plotting his electability case against Clinton based on her ethics, the episode had to give him pause. Democrats evidently have about as much interest in delving into Hillary's email and related controversies as they do in re-litigating Bill Clinton's impeachment.

Las Vegas was a reminder that it is awfully hard to lose a nomination if no one truly plausible, let alone formidable, is running against you. The structure of the Democratic race from the beginning has been about propping up Hillary Clinton, and it still is. The party is putting on a master class in how to nominate someone under FBI investigation, and is in willful denial about her vulnerabilities.

Yes, Hillary had a good night. She was polished, knowledgeable, shrewd and hard-hitting — clearly, not someone to be trifled with. But the debate was a false indicator of her strength.

First, consider her competition (so far). Three former officeholders with nothing better to do, and one current officeholder who was crazy enough to launch a no-hope bid that has caught fire in the precincts of progressive America, but who isn't taken seriously as a general-election candidate, and probably never will be.

The CNN debate was like Jeb Bush swooping in and dominating a debate against Jim Gilmore, George Pataki and Lindsey Graham, and everyone concluding he's a marvelous performer.

On top of their plausibility or lack thereof, Hillary's opponents have an instinct for the capillary, not the jugular. One candidate (Sanders) wants to argue that she isn't socialist enough. Another (Lincoln Chafee) wants to go after her hammer and tongs on an Iraq War vote from more than a decade ago. Yet another (Martin O'Malley) wants to make the case against her on something or other. And, finally, there's the candidate (Jim Webb) who wants to prove her unsuitability for the Democratic Party circa 1948. If she can't handle these challenges, she is truly in a meltdown.

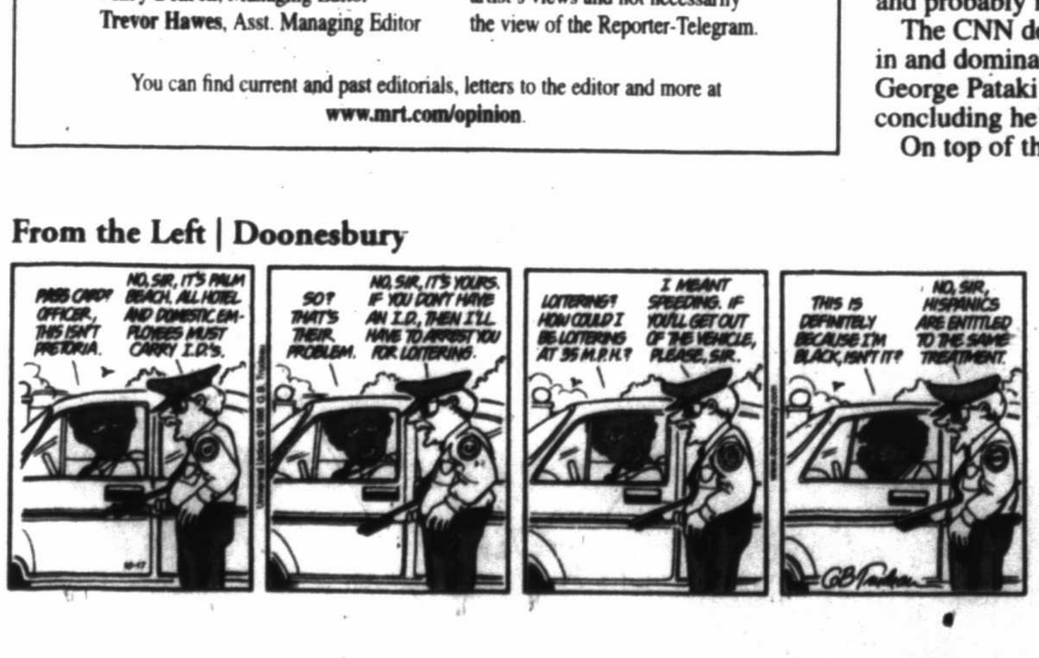
Second, Las Vegas wasn't much of a road test of the issues bedeviling her candidacy, especially the email scandal. Outside of the friendly confines of the Democratic debate hall, it will continue to be pursued by the media, the GOP and, most importantly, the FBI. Clinton remains a hostage to fortune in what the feds conclude about the lawfulness of her private server and email arrangement, and what is yet to be found on her emails.

Finally, Hillary Clinton's problem is not Democrats. She has lost some altitude with them, and Sanders is a real threat in the early states. But it's with the rest of the voters that she's been tanking.

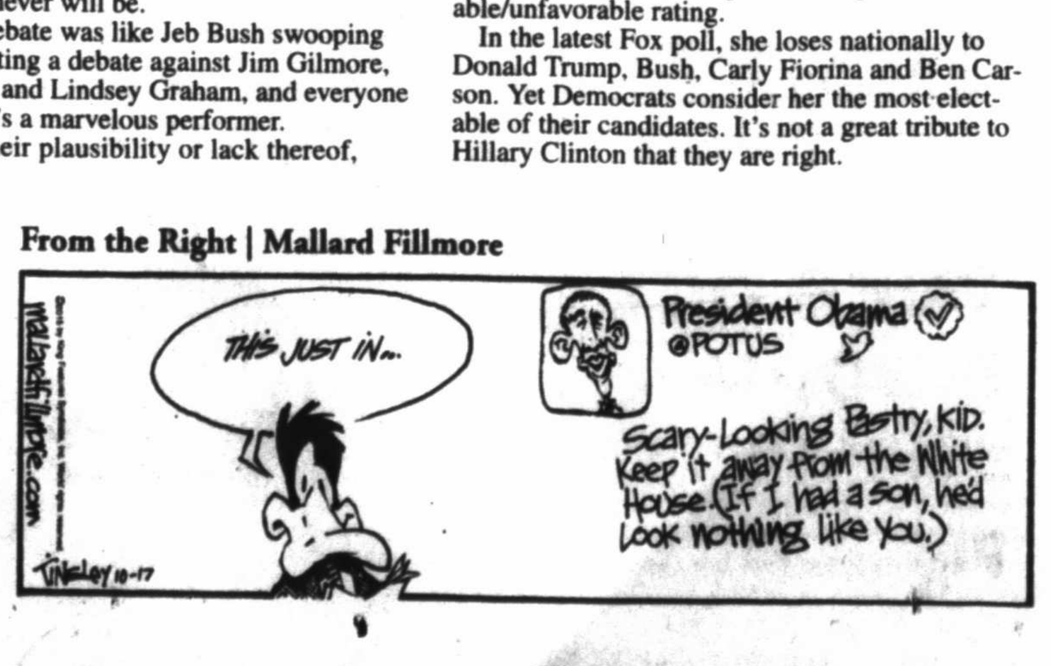
There is a drastic split between how her party and the rest of the country considers her. Sixty-eight percent of Democrats say she is honest and trustworthy in the latest CBS poll; 61 percent of all voters say she is not. She has a 69 percent-19 percent favorable/unfavorable rating among Democrats; among the general public, she is badly upside down, with a 33 percent-53 percent favorable/unfavorable rating.

In the latest Fox poll, she loses nationally to Donald Trump, Bush, Carly Fiorina and Ben Carson. Yet Democrats consider her the most electable of their candidates. It's not a great tribute to Hillary Clinton that they are right.

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Don't believe Biden doesn't have reason to run

■ The media is ready to crown a queen, but there's a reason for the vice president to run



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In the recent Democratic presidential debate, the person to watch was at home Biden his time.

After the debate, which had all the intensity and hostility of a suburban book club, media commentators wondered whether there is still room for Joe Biden to join the race.

Whether you think Biden should get into this race has a lot to do with how you feel about Hillary Clinton.

CNN seems to fancy the former secretary of state and will defend her. Just as, in the 2008 Democratic primary, it defended Barack Obama against Clinton's attacks. After last Tuesday's debate, the network's reporters, anchors and commentators ushered in the narrative that Biden should sit this one out.

Clinton has the Democratic nomination all wrapped up, they said. Democratic voters have enough choices already, they said. There is no room left for Joe, they said.

On the contrary. The totally forgettable debate performances of Lincoln Chafee, Martin O'Malley and Jim Webb — coupled with the valentine that Clinton got from Bernie Sanders, who told her that Americans are "sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails" — suggest that Biden must get into this race.

The vice president needs to run for the good of the party. If the plan was for Democrats to give Clinton some sparring practice to toughen her up before the big fight, they failed. After several months of campaigning, she still hasn't broken a sweat.

Biden can give Clinton a run for her money with Democratic voters who are looking for someone who is what she isn't — authentic, trustworthy, likable, loyal to the White House. Biden is a steady and calming force in a campaign that has been chaotic, nasty and unpredictable. And he doesn't generate the personal scandals or drama that Clinton does.

What Biden does seem to generate is fear among the Clintons. It doesn't matter that the Hillary-friendly media is quick to dismiss the vice president. Because the Clintons won't. They'll go after him with the subtlety of an airstrike.

If Biden does indeed enter the race, it's not going to be easy for Clinton to launch a full-frontal assault on his record as vice president for the past two terms. This would mean attacking the administration in which she once served.

And that would expose a rift that neither Democrats nor their surrogates in the media want to reveal. It's been clear for some time that President Obama and those loyal to him, such as White House adviser Valerie Jarrett, have no desire to see Clinton succeed Obama and that they would much prefer Biden. The best way to ensure a "third term" for this president is to elect the vice president.

So the safest path for the Clintons to take to destroy Biden would be to reach all the way back to his long career in the Senate. We'd surely hear about how he allowed Anita Hill to be treated during the Clarence Thomas hearings makes him a sexist and how his efforts to put more cops on the street makes him a racist. It would get ugly.

Ironically, the same asset that helped make Biden an attractive pick as Obama's running mate — namely his appeal to white men in the working-class "lunch bucket" demographic — could soon become a liability. It used to be considered a good thing that Biden understood the concerns of blue collar white men. The Clintons will paint it as a sign that Biden is out of touch with a country that is increasingly diverse.

Already, we've seen it reported that it was Biden who leaked the story to New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd about how his dying son, Beau, asked him to run for president. Dowd's column in effect helped fuel speculation that Biden was running and made him appear sympathetic. But the revelation that he might have been the source of the leak struck some Democrats as craven and opportunistic. Someone spilled those beans — to smear Biden.

How low will a politician sink to defeat a rival? Keep an eye on the Clinton camp. We might be about to find out.

Clinton asserts herself and isolates Sanders to her left



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If supporters of Vice President Joe Biden were hoping the first Democratic presidential debate would display or even expand the vulnerabilities of front-runner Hillary Clinton, they were almost certainly disappointed.

From the outset of Tuesday night's encounter in Las Vegas, Clinton was both assertive and substantive in explaining her own positions and adept in placing liberal rival Bernie Sanders on the defensive.

And when Cooper finally got to the issues that have kept Clinton on the defensive all year, her mishandling of the controversy over her private email server and the congressional probe of the terrorist murder of four diplomats in Benghazi, Clinton's fervent defense of her transparency and her criticism of GOP zeal drew an unexpected endorsement from Sanders.

"I think the secretary is right, and that is that the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," the Vermont senator said, drawing sharp applause.

Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, one of three other candidates seeking traction in the debate, did criticize Clinton, touting his own high ethical standards and questioning her "poor judgment" in backing the 2003 invasion of Iraq. But she replied that, after she debated that issue with Barak Obama, he picked her as Secretary of State. "He valued my judgment," she said.

In the end, she largely succeeded in positioning herself in a way that tended to isolate Sanders on her left and left little room for Biden — should he enter the race — to challenge her on the issues the next president will face.

Clinton still has vulnerabilities; her handling of Benghazi faces a test Thursday before a House committee. And earlier Tuesday, Fox News released another poll showing her trailing — and Biden leading — major Republican hopefuls. But her potential general election vulnerability would be a fragile reed for Biden, given Clinton's political and financial resources and continuing high popularity among Democrats.

Cooper, like the moderators of the two prior Republican debates, sought to force the candidates to confront their vulnerabilities, though his focus on issues failed to provoke the same kind of nasty personal clashes.

With his very first question, he asked Clinton if her recent position changes meant she would say anything to get elected. "I have always fought for the same values and principles, but, like most human beings — including those of us who run for office — I do absorb new information," she said.

Cooper then asked Sanders if he felt a self-styled socialist like himself could get elected president. "We're going to win because, first, we're going to explain what democratic socialism is," Sanders replied, adding, "We should look to countries like Denmark, Sweden and Norway and learn from what they have accomplished for their working people." But when asked if he considered himself a capitalist, he replied, "No, I don't."

"When I think about capitalism," Clinton declared, "I think about all the small business(es) that were started because we have the opportunity and the freedom in our country for people to do that and to make a good living for themselves and their families.

When asked about his votes against gun control, Sanders explained one by saying "this was a large and complicated bill." But Clinton rejected his explanation, saying she voted for the bill Sanders opposed and "it wasn't that complicated to me.'

And when Sanders noted that "I come from a rural state" where views are different than in urban states, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley noted that he was able to pass tough gun control "and still respect the hunting traditions of people who live in our rural areas."

Chafee, O'Malley and former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb struggled to carve out places in the Democratic spectrum, but the biggest loser might have been the man who was not there. Clinton performed well and Sanders satisfied — without expanding — his liberal base, reducing the rationale for the still undecided vice president to join the fray.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Gun issue is attempt to distract

The same day as the shooting in Roseburg, Oregon, the president announced his intention to politicize the murders until something is done.

Since then, there's been hardly a peep about the president's recent blunders, namely his humiliation before Putin.

Legally, our nation is not far off from a repeal of the Second Amendment, which could be easily accomplished with one more anti-gun Supreme Court justice. However, repeal is not in the offing.

After bumbling through scandals of cyber-attacks, intelligence leaks and the recent emboldening of right-wing voters with Speaker John Boehner's announcement of resignation, Washington desperately needs to distract an increasingly dissatisfied population.

Any threat to the right to bear arms distracts, effectively, from poor leadership.

There may be attempts to develop and distribute faulty ammunition or renewed interest in fingerprint-coded firearms. There may be increased ammo taxes, more stringent background checks and attempts to more closely monitor firearms sales.

But while a society in which only politicians' bodyguards are armed is an enticing fantasy for any regime (even a benevolent one), the Capitol must be filled with politicians who realize that mass confiscation would be ineffective, even dangerous.

The sad truth for gun owners is that most have too much to live for not to comply with a confiscation order, should it be issued. If only a handful of homes were invaded by police, the majority of gun owners would throw up their hands and cooperate. Who wants to die for a right nobody else will support?

Even so, mass confiscation would be absurdly expensive and, in some areas, may provoke genuine rebellion. It would also demand the cooperation of local law enforcement and military personnel, many of whom would rather resign. Of course, federal agents could be used exclusively, but that would be a PR disaster for Washington, at a time of historic distrust between the government and the people.

We are not going to lose our guns. We may lose nothing at all. Politicians have always used smoke and mirrors, but like magicians, what good are their tricks when the audience catches on?

Loyal Hughes

MISD should stop 'begging campaign'

MISD is no longer satisfied with the $163 million bond issue that was passed in November 2012 or the $10 million that was given to them by oil companies and private foundations to supplement new teachers' housing, new teachers' signing bonuses and raises for other faculty or the $1 million given to them by the Henry Foundation to supplement the bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other support staff salaries in 2014.

They have now implemented a $95,000 internal accountability system without having funding for it, and "a search" is on to secure the funds. MISD, you cannot keep spending and expect the gracious and giving companies of Midland to keep coming to your rescue.

When I want something new for me or my house, I either have the money to pay for it, or I do not purchase it until I do. MISD seems to think that whatever needs they deem "for the good of the students" that Midlanders will come riding up on a white horse waving the money. If this new system was so badly needed, then go to the reserve fund and finance it or wait for the money to be in your budget next year. It is poor management to implement the system and start another "begging campaign." It is nothing less than arrogance as to say, "We will implement the system, and the money will come. It always has."

Remember, the battle call to get the $163 million bond passed was that portable buildings "were not conducive for learning and how embarrassing it was to drive potential new residents and businesses around the schools and see those disgusting portable buildings." Well, now the tune has changed again as Superintendent Ryder Warren, in an article in the Reporter-Telegram, dated Sept. 11, is wishing that he had more space to set those despicable portable buildings that are not conducive for students learning.

As a taxpayer, I am tired of MISD's manipulation.

Janice Courtney

Don't badmouth my councilwoman

This is in reference to the bullying by Oncor of Midland taxpaying citizens and Michael Cunningham's comments in Oct. 14 Reporter-Telegram concerning Sharla Hotchkiss. I too, think Oncor is out of line in destroying property of private citizens who have worked hard to create oases in the desert and hope Mr. Cunningham can find a way to get an injunction or at least negotiate with Oncor to limit the width of the easement. As a good corporate citizen, Oncor should go out of its way to accommodate the homeowners and preserve the time, money and effort they have put into their homes.

Nevertheless, Mr. Cunningham should retract his statement about Ms. Hotchkiss. She is my city councilwoman, and she recently took my complaint about another matter and solved a very irritating situation in my neighborhood efficiently and quickly, because there was something she could do. Since Mr. Cunningham is a "commercial real estate attorney experienced in easement litigation," perhaps he can hit the books and find a solution to the problem, or perhaps he can check the records and find another route for Oncor.

In any case, don't badmouth my city councilwoman; she's the best there is.

Mary Mabry

Books give insight into Islam

For those who are confused and/or interested in learning more about the structure and nature of Islam and the challenges it presents to us and the other nations of the West, I recommend the following reading list:

"From Beirut to Jerusalem" by Thomas L. Friedman, "The Closed Circle: An Interpretation of the Arabs" by David Pryce-Jones, "Joseph Anton: A Memoir" by Salman Rushdie, "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai and Christine Lamb and "Heretic" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Charles Tighe

The Patio provides respite for caregivers

There is a treasure in Midland many people don't know about: The Patio. Loved ones with Alzheimer's can have an outing while their caregiver has an afternoon off. Precious volunteers provide respite care Thursday afternoons for caregivers. Loved ones with Alzheimer's can be dropped off and cared for. There are snacks, country and patriotic songs with live guitar music, soft recliners, group board games and walks in the sunny enclosed patio. The smell of coffee permeates the air.

The Patio is located within the Midland Lutheran Church facility at 2705 W. Michigan Ave. All faiths and all ethnicities are welcomed with open arms. There are Hispanic volunteers, so language is not a barrier. A retired registered nurse oversees the program. As an added feature, on the second Thursday of the month, Area Agency on Aging provides a two-hour caregivers support group that offers needed information and an emotional outlet for the caregiver while their loved one enjoys The Patio activities across the hall.

For two years, my husband enjoyed this afternoon out at The Patio while I shopped, went to a movie, got my hair cut or even took a well-needed nap. I had four glorious hours all to myself. My husband was embraced with love and care, and so was I. My husband is now bedridden in very late stages of the disease, and we cannot go to our beloved Patio.

For anyone out there feeling the aloneness and isolation of being a 24/7 caregiver there is help available for you at this precious Patio. There are loving hugs and listening ears waiting for you, instant friends who understand. Every caregiver in the world should have a place like The Patio.

Sandy Triepke
Odessa

Gov. Abbott offers proper attention to media during Central Texas fire disaster



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

SMITHVILLE — For a politician, disasters can be a disaster, starting with the always tricky decision of when and if to show up.

The calculation is based on two realities: A president or governor pretty much has to show up at a disaster scene, but there really isn't much he or she can do at a disaster scene that can't done from the office.

But the visuals matter. Mishandled, it's possible to lose points by showing up. President George W. Bush learned that with the infamous photo of him pensively looking down at Hurricane Katrina damage through an Air Force One window.

Truth is, especially for a president, the manpower it takes to put a president on the ground takes away from the disaster response. It takes far less to move a governor, but enough that Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday made an appearance at the Bastrop County fire scene, opting for a briefing from officials and a press conference.

Longtime Austin political consultant Ray Sullivan, a former top aide to Govs. George W. Bush and Rick Perry, knows something about politicians and disasters.

Sullivan said people expect governors "to show strong leadership and personal engagement during a disaster response, such as the latest Bastrop fires." But, Sullivan noted, it's "a bit of a balancing act to demonstrate executive branch leadership without distracting from emergency response."

Abbott balanced it well Thursday, staying out of the way of emergency responders but getting maximum exposure for himself in front of cameras at Buescher State Park.

Clad in working-man attire, Abbott spoke in front of a backdrop of 15 state and local officials. He praised and thanked first responders and asked Texans to pray for everyone in harm's way. Abbott also announced a disaster declaration for the county, FEMA assistance and the addition of four more helicopters for the battle against the fire.

After statements from Abbott and other officials, it was time for questions from the gathered journalists, some of whom sought specifics on the total number of acres involved and people in shelters. Not long after a KXAN reporter asked about concerns she'd heard from area residents, gubernatorial aide Wittman chimed in with the "Last question" directive aimed at shutting down the press conference.

As usual, there were a few more questions. Moments later, as if on cue, two noisy helicopters arrived overhead, heading to the lake just behind the outdoor press conference site to scoop up water in large buckets hanging from the aircraft.

"I'll just say that that's a beautiful sight for us here in Bastrop County to see that air support," Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape said over the din of the choppers.

And that ended Abbott's event, though some of the state and local officials hung around to answer individual questions from reporters.

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Hauling crude oil may be causing train tracks to fail

By Ralph Vartabedian
Los Angeles Times

The only sign of trouble aboard a Norfolk Southern train, hauling roughly 9,000 tons of Canadian crude in western Pennsylvania last year, was a moderate sway in the locomotive as it entered a bend on the Kiskiminetas River.

The first 66 cars had passed safely around the curve when the emergency brakes suddenly engaged, slamming the train to a stop.

The conductor trudged back nearly a mile through newly fallen snow to see what happened.

Twenty-one cars had derailed, one slamming through the wall of a nearby factory.

Four tank cars were punctured, sending 4,300 gallons of crude pouring out of the tangled wreckage.

The cause of the accident in North Vandergrift was identified as a failure in the rails — not aging or poorly maintained tracks, but a relatively new section laid less than a year earlier.

The February 2014 crash fits into an alarming pattern across North America that helps explain the significant rise of derailments involving oil-hauling trains over the last three years, even as railroads are investing billions of dollars in improving the safety of their networks.

A review of 31 crashes that have occurred with oil trains since 2013 puts track failure at the heart of the growing safety problem.

Track problems were blamed in 59 percent of the crashes, more than double the overall rate for freight train accidents, according to a Los Angeles Times analysis of accident reports.

Investigators and rail safety experts are looking at how the weight and movements of oil trains may be causing higher than expected track failures.

The growing number of trains hauling crude oil from Canada and the Northern Plains are among the heaviest on the rails today, many extending more than 100 cars in length and weighing 19,000 tons or more.

Not since the early days of John D. Rockefeller's oil trust have railroads played such a central role in moving oil from wells to refineries. Oil shipments by rail have soared — an eighteenfold increase between 2010 and 2014 — as domestic oil production has escalated faster than the construction of new pipelines to carry it to market.

Concerns about the safety of hauling crude began to rise after the horrific Lac-Megantic accident in Quebec, Canada, in July 2013 that left 47 people dead and the city's downtown in ruins.

The Federal Railroad Administration is preparing in coming weeks to issue a new set of initiatives to address the track problems, after previously clamping tighter restrictions on tank car designs and railroad operations.

But solving the track problems could be a formidable challenge.

Sarah Feinberg, chief of the Federal Railroad Administration, said the agency is working hard to improve safety, but preventing accidents that result from defective track involves finding a needle in every haystack along thousands of miles of track.

"We have been incredibly lucky that the accidents have happened mostly in rural areas," she said. "Some of them have been very close calls."

The crashes have occurred as the nation's railroad system is being asked to do more than at any time in history, putting additional wear and tear on the tracks. Since 2001, railroads have seen a modest 12 percent increase in the number of cars they haul, but a 24 percent jump in the more comprehensive measurement of cargo that looks at the weight and train mileage the system has to bear, known as ton-miles, according to industry data.

Though railroads have significantly improved safety in general, the oil train accidents are a worrisome trend in the opposite direction and not fully understood.

Of the 31 crashes involving crude or ethanol since 2013, 17 were related to track problems and 12 a mix of other causes. The cause of the two other crashes remains unclear.

The count is based on final or preliminary government and railroad investigations that were collected by The Times under the Freedom of Information Act or in U.S., Canadian and railroad company filings.

About two-thirds of the accidents resulted in spills, fires or explosions, a record that has already prompted regulators to demand stronger tank cars and other safety measures.

Weight, oil sloshing and cold temperatures are among the issues that might be exacerbating the problem, according to rail safety experts.

Investigators at Safety Transportation Board Canada, which is examining the eight accidents that have occurred in that country, are beginning to suspect that the oil trains are causing unusual track damage.

"Petroleum crude oil unit trains transporting heavily loaded tank cars will tend to impart higher than usual forces to the track infrastructure during their operation," the safety board said in a report this year. "These higher forces expose any weaknesses that may be present in the track structure, making the track more susceptible to failure."

Back in the U.S., Rick Inclima, safety director at the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, said that oil trains also could be creating unique stresses on the track. "You can certainly get some rhythmic forces in … oil trains that you might not see on a mixed freight train with cars of different sizes, weights and commodities," he said.

The major U.S. railroads are investing record amounts of money to upgrade their tracks and improve safety.

The seven class-one railroads, which haul the majority of the nation's freight, are spending $29 billion this year on their systems, nearly double the level of 2001, according to the American Assn. of Railroads.

The trade group did not have any response to The Times analysis of oil train accidents, though it said its member companies exceed federal requirements for inspection and safety.

But that has not eliminated the problem.

While all types of derailments dropped 17 percent over the last three years, there are still more than three every day across the country, involving trains carrying a variety of freight, according to federal safety data.

Bad track accounts for about 27 percent of overall accidents, less than half the rate of track problems contributing to oil train accidents.

Though railroad technology may seem antiquated in a digital age, it relies on incredible precision to control monstrously heavy loads.

The track in North Vandergrift, Pa., where the Norfolk Southern accident occurred, carries about 30 million tons of freight every year.

The relentless pounding plays havoc with any metallurgical flaw.

Wooden ties deteriorate as they age. And other track components crack.

Investigators attributed the Pennsylvania derailment to a "wide gauge" failure, in which the rails were pushed too far apart to keep the wheels on the tracks.

The freight tracks in the U.S. and most of the world are supposed to be 56.5 inches apart, a width known as the gauge.

Just 3 inches of movement can cause a derailment. And even if tracks conform to federal standards, they can separate under the force of a heavy train.

"Wide gauge" is the single largest cause of accidents involving track defects.

In the case of the Pennsylvania derailment, it was broken spikes that caused the rail to widen, even though the track had been replaced in 2012, according to Federal Railroad Administration officials.

Private railroad experts have suggested that the sloshing of oil inside the cars may also be involved in the derailments.

Tank cars are only partially filled with oil, allowing for expansion if the temperature increases.

The tanks have internal baffles, but the liquid can still slosh as the cars move, causing higher dynamic loads, said Bill Keppen, an independent rail safety expert. "Sloshing increases the stress on the track," he said.

Federal safety experts said if sloshing does have an effect, they do not consider it significant.

The Times examination of accident reports also shows the large majority of derailments occurred in below-freezing temperatures, ranging down to 23 below zero in a crash this year in Ontario, Canada.

As temperatures drop, steel rails progressively shrink, amplifying the potential for any existing defect to cause a failure, Federal Railroad Administration safety experts said in interviews. Frozen ballast, the crushed rock that forms the rail bed, also causes rail to undergo greater shocks under the load of heavy trains.

Federal regulators and the industry are trying to improve safety, but opinions are sharply divided about exactly what measures are needed.

The Federal Railroad Administration, for example, has ordered that crude-carrying trains can travel at no more than 40 mph in urban areas.

But the North Vandergrift train was going only 36 mph. Nineteen of the trains whose speeds are known were moving 40 mph or slower, and no train was going faster than 50 mph, records show.

The railroad administration has increased its track inspections, and railroads have agreed to increase their own inspections, according to Matthew Lehner, the agency's communications director.

"In the coming weeks, the Federal Railroad Administration plans to announce additional steps to prevent crude oil train derailments," Lehner said.

Critics say that many of the safety initiatives adopted so far reflect a policy aimed at mitigating the damage caused by derailments rather than preventing them.

"The attention has changed," said Brigham McCown, former chief of the federal agency that sets tank car standards. "I hear people say, 'It happens, they derail.' I think that is an untenable position. As a safety regulator, I don't think you can ever say, 'Things blow up,' or 'Things crash.' I believe the Department of Transportation has myopically focused on incident mitigation. Prevention should be the first question they should address."

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Hispanic coalition: Take Trump off 'Saturday Night Live'

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — NBC is enabling Donald Trump's "hateful speech" about Hispanics by giving him a platform as host of "Saturday Night Live" and should pull the invitation, a coalition of Hispanic advocacy groups said.

In a letter to NBC Universal CEO Stephen Burke and "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda said it applauded the company when it severed its beauty-pageant ties with Trump over his remarks about Hispanic immigrants.

Trump hasn't apologized for his "bigoted comments" that included describing some Mexicans in the United States illegally as criminals and rapists, the group said, and it is "flabbergasted" by NBC's decision to put Trump on "SNL" on Nov. 7.

"We are appalled that you would enable Trump's hateful speech for nothing (more) than a ratings ploy and ask that you rescind the SNL invitation," the group said in a letter sent Thursday and released publicly.

NBC Universal, "SNL" and Trump did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

In an interview earlier this week with Fox News Channel in which he was asked about similar criticism, Trump said he had no reaction, then added that polls show he's "doing very well with Hispanics."

Trump's appearance on "Saturday Night Live" will end up "sanitizing" his remarks with humor, said Felix Sanchez, who is chairman and co-founder of the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts and among those who signed the letter.

NBC Universal is being contradictory, Sanchez said, courting Hispanic viewers with its Spanish-language platforms but giving them a "slap in the face" by putting Trump on the air.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, which includes 40 national and regional civil rights and public policy groups, is reviewing further action, Sanchez said, including such options as staging protests the night of the telecast or calling for boycotts of the show or network.

He also suggested that cast members consider their own boycott, noting that in 1990 cast member Nora Dunn and pop singer Sinead O'Connor refused to appear on the show with host Andrew Dice Clay, with Dunn calling his comedy degrading to women.

Michaels' response at the time was to laud Dunn and her stand but insist that "the show will go on."

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CBS bans advertising for critical film

By David Bauder
Associated Press



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In this image released by Sony Pictures Classics, Robert Redford portrays Dan Rather in a scene from, "Truth." CBS has refused to run advertising for "Truth," the film starring Cate Blanchett and Robert Redford that revisits a painful episode in the network's past involving a discredited 2004 news story on former President George W. Bush's military service record. CBS has denounced the movie, which opens Friday, as a disservice to the public and journalists.

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Redford plays Dan Rather in "Truth," with Blanchett as producer Mary Mapes. Together, they were behind a "60 Minutes II" story that questioned Bush's Vietnam War-era commitment to service in the Texas Air National Guard.

But CBS apologized for the story after documents used were called into question and could not be verified.

Mapes and three news executives were fired.

Sony Pictures Classics sought a multi-million dollar ad buy to promote the film on Stephen Colbert's "Late Show," the "CBS Evening News," "CBS This Morning" and "60 Minutes," but was turned down, said Sherri Callan, president of Callan Advertising, the company that places ads for Sony.

Instead, Sony is advertising on ABC, NBC, Fox and several cable networks. CBS, which confirmed the rejection, told Callan it was not comfortable accepting the ads because of inaccuracies and distortions in the movie, and that it would offend longtime CBS News employees.

"It's astounding how little truth there is in 'Truth,'" said Gil Schwartz, longtime chief spokesman for CBS Corp. and a character in the movie. "There are, in fact, too many distortions, evasions and baseless conspiracy theories to enumerate them all.

The film tries to turn gross errors of journalism and judgment into acts of heroism and martyrdom.

"That's a disservice not just to the public but to journalists across the world who go out every day and do everything within their power, sometimes at great risk to themselves, to get the story right," he said.

"Truth" is told from the points of view of Mapes and Rather, who left CBS News on bitter terms in 2006.

He unsuccessfully sued the network and has complained of being "erased" from CBS history. Rather and Mapes have always contended that, despite the discredited documents, the underlying story about Bush was true.

In the movie, Rather is portrayed sympathetically by Redford, the actor who played crusading journalist Bob Woodward generations ago.

One of the final scenes shows Rather signing off from his last "CBS Evening News" broadcast, with staff members giving him a standing ovation when the camera light switched off.

Redford and Rather have appeared on NBC's "Today" show to talk about the movie, and Blanchett was on ABC's "Good Morning America." Don't expect similar discussions on CBS News: The network's popular "Sunday Morning" broadcast considered Redford for an interview but it was nixed by Executive Producer Rand Morrison, said an executive familiar with Sony's promotional plans who did not want to be identified because of the sensitivity of the role.

In the movie, the independent panel charged with examining CBS' reporting was depicted as hostile and eager to probe into whether Mapes was politically motivated to go after Bush, at the time in the midst of a tough re-election campaign. The panel's report said the facts did not conclude CBS was motivated by an anti-Bush attitude. But producers were criticized for a "myopic zeal" in rushing the story to air.

Fischer said filmmakers were attracted by the intersection of news, politics and business and the story's status as one of the first to be undone by an Internet outcry.

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Review: Amazon's gizmos aim to be assistants for your abode

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When I brought home review models of Amazon's Echo speaker, a sort of smart, voice-controlled speaker, and two Dash buttons that reorder household products with a single touch, I wasn't convinced I'd find them all that useful in my daily life.

I was half right. In many respects, it was surprisingly easy to get sucked into Amazon's services. Before I tried out the Echo, for instance, I wouldn't have dreamed of spending $180 on the device. After having it around, I might still pause, but I would put it high on my Christmas list. The Dash buttons didn't do so much for me, although I can see how they might be useful for some.

Amazon began rolling out the Echo in late 2014 and started selling it broadly in June. It's one more way for Amazon to entice people into its $99-per-year Prime loyalty program and to buy more stuff from the online superstore. Although Echo doesn't require a Prime membership, some of its functions — such as, naturally, reordering products from Amazon — won't work without one.

The black, cylindrical Echo device can sit unobtrusively on a kitchen counter or table. Setting it up takes a few minutes, during which you connect it to your home Wi-Fi network using a phone app. After that, it's all about voice commands. The app keeps a handy record of everything you ask the device — which answers to "Alexa," though you can change it to "Amazon."

In many ways, the Echo's Alexa is similar to Apple's Siri and the Google Now voice assistants. But when my phone is in my hand, I find it easier to just type. On the other hand, it feels more natural, and even fun, to speak to the Echo from around the room. And it seems to understand my voice more often than Siri or Google does, although the Echo still had problems occasionally.

Although Echo has an "always on" functionality, Amazon says it's not really listening until you say "Alexa" — an assertion you basically have to take on faith. A blue ring appears at the top of the cylinder to let you know it's ready to take commands. You can then ask the device to perform any number of tasks.

When you're cooking, it's a snap to set a timer. Just say, "Alexa, set timer for 10 minutes," and the timer starts. You can ask it how many minutes are left, too. It can also convert measurements, such as ounces to cups.

Saying, "Alexa, play WNYC," gets me my local public radio station online through TuneIn. The Echo syncs with Prime Music, too, so you can play any song in that library. Request an artist, like Beyonce, and it picks a Beyonce song from Prime Music at random.

Echo can also give you a quick snapshot of the weather before heading outside. It can answer queries with information retrieved from Wikipedia or add items to shopping or to-do lists.

Amazon is adding new features and functionality almost weekly, so you can tailor the device to your tastes, by enabling services via the app, no matter how esoteric. For example, you can enable a "Cat Facts" skillset that provides cat trivia. Alexa can even tell Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton jokes taken from Seth Meyers' and Jimmy Fallon's late night shows.

Amazon recently extended its Alexa software to additional devices, including the Fire TV streaming TV gadgets.

US appeals court rules in favor of Google's online library

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Google is not violating copyright laws by digitizing millions of books so it can provide small portions of them to the public, a federal appeals court ruled Friday in a decadelong dispute by authors worried that the project would spoil the market for their work.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan agreed with a judge who concluded that the snippets Google showed customers from its database was a transformative use of the information and thus did not violate copyright laws.

Judge Denny Chin ruled in November 2013 that Google's digitization of over 20 million books, mostly out-of-print titles, did not violate copyrights because the Mountain View, California-based company only showed short sections of the books in its database. Chin had said it would be difficult for anyone to read any of the works in their entirety by repeatedly entering different search requests.

In an opinion written by Judge Pierre N. Leval, the appeals court agreed, saying the snippet feature "substantially protects against its serving as an effectively competing substitute for plaintiffs' books."

It added: "Snippet view, at best and after a large commitment of manpower, produces discontinuous, tiny fragments, amounting in the aggregate to no more than 16% of a book. This does not threaten the rights holders with any significant harm to the value of their copyrights or diminish their harvest of copyright revenue."

The three-judge appeals panel did acknowledge, though, that some book sales would likely be lost if someone were merely searching for a portion of text to ascertain a fact.

The Authors Guild and various authors had challenged Google in 2005, contending that the digital book project violated their rights. Writers included Jim Bouton, author of the best-seller "Ball Four," Betty Miles, author of "The Trouble with Thirteen," and Joseph Goulden, author of "The Superlawyers: The Small and Powerful World of Great Washington Law Firms."

Google Inc. has made digital copies of tens of millions of books from major research libraries and established a publicly available search function. It planned ultimately to scan over 100 million books, including material from the New York Public Library, Library of Congress and several major universities.

The appeals court said Google's profit motivation does not justify denial of something that overall enhances public knowledge.

"Many of the most universally accepted forms of fair use, such as news reporting and commentary, quotation in historical or analytic books, reviews of books, and performances, as well as parody, are all normally done commercially for profit," the court noted.

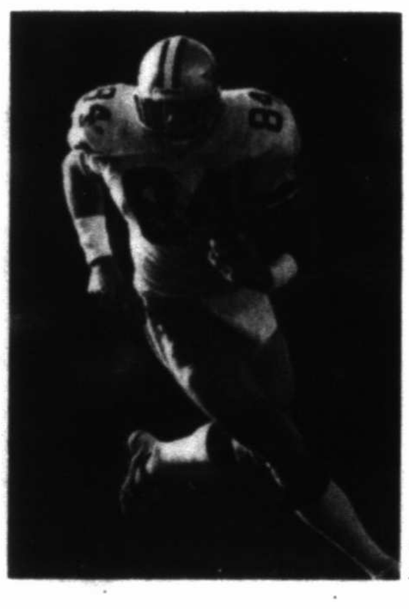
The appeals panel said it recognized that libraries that had negotiated with Google to receive digital copies from the company might use them in an infringing manner. It said that could expose the libraries and Google to liability but called it "sheer speculation" to raise the issue now.

Lawyers did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

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Democrats have own insider v. outsider battle

NBC, Time polls show Sanders debate win, media headlines insist on Clinton win

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More than 15 million people tuned in to watch five candidates demonstrate why they would be the best candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. What resulted, according to analysts, was a classic battle of a party insider versus the non-traditional outsider.

In one corner, there was former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Texas-based politicos that the Reporter-Telegram spoke to said she showed herself to represent what could be described as a third term for President Barack Obama.

Clinton hit the high notes related to the current gun debate — wishing to ban assault weapons, closing gun show loopholes and allowing victims of gun violence to sue manufacturers and dealers. She would support executive action if Congress tried to stall her.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders offered a more lenient position on gun control in that he argued against suing gun shops unless they are found to be participating in illegal activity and was more progressive on all other issues. He supported legalizing recreational marijuana; re-instating Glass-Steagall regulations on banks to break up the huge banks on Wall Street, bringing up that he was the only person in the U.S. Senate to vote against its repeal in 1999; taxing all financial transactions, or, in other words, the top 1 percent; and instating free public college tuition for all.

"You're in a context where people are looking for an outsider," said Kirby Goidel, professor of political communication at Texas A&M University, pointing to the popularity of the upstart Sanders and non-politician Republican hopefuls Donald Trump, Ben Carson and Carly Fiorina. "Hillary is the ultimate insider, and that's something she recognized, that if she wanted to be an outsider, the most obvious way to do that is be the first woman president. That struck me, and I think we may hear more about it now."

When it came to the discussion of "who won," Clinton and Sanders dominated the conversation. A notable West Texas Democrat, former U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego of Alpine, said Clinton's advantage was that she "came out ahead of where she was."

But other indicators declaring a winner weren't clear cut. Media headlines and polls on the website realclearpolitics.com called the night a Clinton victory. The same following filling arenas for Sanders made their presence felt on unscientific online polls, such as one conducted by Time that said Sanders won with 60 percent of votes.

NBC's poll certainly shows Sanders's popularity with younger voters: He has support from 54 percent of under-30s, compared to Clinton's 26 percent.

"I think Bernie Sanders came across as the college professor you really like," Gallego said. "I think his saying he was tired of the email issue really got everybody riled up."

Goidel said, "Bernie Sanders' people are more enthusiastic than Hillary Clinton folks, and so I think that's a large part of that. Bernie says a lot of things that a lot of liberals believe."

Sanders offered the sound bite heard around the world when he paused the debate to come to Clinton's aid about her email controversy, loudly insisting American voters were "sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails."

Erasing the email issue and playing to Obama voters may have checked off a box for the Clinton campaign, according to political analysts. That box is keeping Vice President Joe Biden from entering the race.

"I think Hillary reassured some people about the state of where her campaign is and help people remember early on why they thought she was an electable candidate," Goidel said.

There were three others in last week's debate. Summing up Goidel and Gallego, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley did not embarrass himself during the debate, but he not stand out next to Sanders and Clinton. Former U.S. Sen. Jim Webb and former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee are likely going to fall away soon.

In the end, Goidel and Gallego see Sanders hanging in there long enough to "change" the party. Clinton will bring more attention to being the lone symbol of diversity among the candidates; choose "black lives matter" when asked whose "lives" matter, black or all; and not call to re-instate Glass-Steagall regulations that made banks bigger but to monitor them more closely instead.

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Special person deserves special Christmas stocking



MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

I am breaking the rules again, and all of you queens of the damned and other Halloween enthusiasts can wag your pointy, gnarled fingers at me. I am ready to talk about Christmas. More specifically, about my Christmas gift to the Hubs this year.

On our first Christmas as smug marrieds, I was stunned to learn that he didn't have his very own stocking like I did; one used year after year and wrapped lovingly in tissue paper, then protective plastic and cradled in a cedar chest. My cousins, brother and I all have these amazing stockings, sewn and adorned by my great-grandmother, Grandma Rushing. She was the best. She had a gift for making you feel so special, like you were her favorite person, like you were the whole world.

Like many women of her generation, she had a gift for sewing and embroidery, and she was an amazing up-cycler. You can't pick up a magazine or get onto the Internet these days without seeing the latest crafting revolution that involves someone taking something old and turning it into something completely new. But I have news for you young whipper snappers, hipsters and DIY enthusiasts — resilient women have been doing that for generations.

Grandmother Rushing saved every scrap of fabric she came by and quilted them into beautiful blankets. She turned flower sacks into the most beautiful baby pillowcases you have ever seen, with tiny birds and flowers trimming the edges. She canned her own fruit preserves. And though she has been gone from this earth for almost 40 years, I still have vivid memories of her. I loved to brush her white hair, and she kept a closet full of no-no's to play with. She had Play-Doh in plastic butter tubs, a million Crayons and paper dolls. Oh, how I loved those dolls with their endless outfits and paper fold tabs (sigh!) Now, I treasure my felt Christmas stocking with its perfect sequined Santa. My brother's has glittered fabric and drummer boys. They are priceless, and I think they may have been the last two she made.

A few years ago, I noticed that my stocking seams were coming apart and I had no idea what to do about it. I generally solve most of my fix-its with Super Glue and duct tape. But this time, I wrapped my stocking in tissue and carried it to church with me. On Wednesday nights, the St. Luke's Stitchers work on quilts and art projects, sewing and knitting. My dear friend, Ada Narem, was there that night and was so excited to talk to me about my stocking.

The following Sunday, she brought me a huge needle and matching yarn so that I could repair my stocking. Angels sang — as they often do when Ada appears. A retired home economics teacher, she has touched many lives with her can-do enthusiasm, heart for service and gift for leadership.

I have been so encouraged by Ada's belief in me that I have done the unthinkable. That's right: I have decided to make The Hubs a stocking this year. Grandmother Rushing used her own pattern for Santa on the cousins' stockings, then beaded him by hand. I may not be quite ready for that, so I purchased a stocking kit.

I researched for two days. I wanted to find a kit that fit his personality but was appropriate for a novice stitcher. I purchased a stocking suitable for "a 12-year-old to make." Sweet! Upon opening the darned thing, though, I wondered if I was ready for this. There must be hundreds of beads and sequins and so much colored thread I could knit a pair of socks if I were so inclined. You have to match all the felt pieces to the threads and the beading to the felt. Man. I think what the kit meant was the sewer needs a 12-year-old's eyes and dexterity. I can't even manage a French braid on Bodacious.

But I will not be deterred. The Hubs doesn't ask for much. It is hard to express my love through a material gift because he is the least materialistic person I know. But this "material" gift might be just the one that does it. Grandmother Rushing would understand that he needs a stocking as amazing as mine. Because he is so special to me. He is my favorite person, and he and our children are my entire world. Thank you, sweet Ada, for encouraging me. And thanks especially for that giant needle. I think I am going to need it. And some bifocals.

Wish me luck! You can see my collection of family stockings on my blog site, www.TheBathwaterBlogs.com.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



Young people don't spend enough time just thinking

When I was young, I spent a lot of time thinking about what I wanted to be when I grew up.

Back in the days of my youth, we thought about things like that a lot. I doubt kids today spend much time thinking at all.

I know that's a hateful statement, but let's look at this issue close up.

When I was young, we didn't have much to clutter our minds. We might not have been smart, but we had a lot of time to think.

In today's world, our kids are wired up from morning to night. They have their games, their phones and their music players at all times. There's no time for thinking.

I'm not saying this is a bad thing, but it's hard for me to understand how kids today ever decide what they want to be when they grow up.

I had a lot of time to figure it out because thinking was easy when you were on the end of a hoe handle. I had all kinds of empty moments to figure out the problems of the world.

I really think that's what is wrong with our nation today. Today's young leaders don't even know what a hoe handle is. They never had the time to think.

I was discussing this with the wife the other day and she chastised me for going down this "crooked" road.

"What did you think about that was so special for you to criticize those who don't follow in your footsteps?" she said.

I quickly told her that's how I decided what I wanted to be when I grew up.

"Tell me. This ought to be good."

I went into great detail about how I was thinking that I needed to get out of this cotton field. I needed a job that was in town and required minimal physical output.

I told her that I explained this to my dad, but he wasn't helpful. You see, my dad was a worker and not a thinker. He liked to work and he liked the feel of the hoe handle in his hands. In fact, he liked that better than his real job back in town.

How do you fight that? We were obviously searching for different career paths. He flat out told me that the kind of job I wanted didn't exist.

I knew he had to be wrong. Surely there was a job out there somewhere that paid good money for doing very little sweating and was mostly out of the blazing sun or the cold wind.

My grandfather tried to help me. He was a distributor for Mobil oil products. He told me I should go to college and become a petroleum engineer.

Turns out that would have been a great career path, but it did have a major obstacle.

"Grandad, you have to take math courses to become a petroleum engineer, don't you?" I said.

"Yes, I suppose so," he said. "In fact, you would have to take a lot of math."

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Former Everton manager Howard Kendall dies at age 69

Associated Press

LIVERPOOL, England — Howard Kendall, who led Everton to two league championships and a European title in the mid-1980s in the first of three coaching spells with the English club, has died. He was 69.

Everton said Kendall died in hospital in Southport, northwestern England, on Saturday. The club did not give a cause of death.

Kendall first took charge of Everton from 1981-87, winning the English league title and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1985, and the league again in 1987. It was the most successful period in the club's history.

He also managed Everton from 1990-93 and for the 1997-98 season, having previously spent seven years of his playing career at the club.

"It is with great sadness that Everton Football Club has learned of the passing of Howard Kendall," an Everton club statement said. "The most successful manager in the history of the club and one of the greatest players to pull on the Everton jersey."

As well as managing Everton, Kendall also took control of Blackburn, Spanish side Athletic Bilbao, Manchester City, Notts County, Sheffield United and Greek sides Xanthi and Ethnikos Piraeus.

But it was at Everton — specifically during his first tenure as manager — where he achieved the most success, often battling against fierce local rival Liverpool for silverware.

Everton won the 1985 league title by finishing 13 points ahead of Liverpool. Kendall's side also won the European Cup Winners' Cup that season and reached the FA Cup final, where it lost to Manchester United.

Liverpool beat Everton 3-1 in the 1986 FA Cup final and also regained the league title, before Everton won it back the following season.

Kendall's teams in that era included footballers such as Peter Reid, Trevor Steven, Andy Gray and Gary Lineker — some of the best players to represent Everton.

"It was a privilege to play for Howard Kendall's Everton," Lineker wrote on Twitter on Saturday. "Condolences to all his family."

The league title in 1987 was the final act of Kendall's first reign as Everton manager, as he departed for Bilbao soon after.

As a player, Kendall was considered one of the best never to play for England.

Together with Alan Ball and Colin Harvey at Everton, he formed a three-man midfield partnership which was nicknamed 'the holy trinity' for its contribution to winning the league title in 1970.

He was signed for Everton from Preston North End in 1967 and also played for Birmingham, Stoke and Blackburn, before returning to Goodison Park in 1981.

More Love Field passengers since restrictions lifted

By Sheryl Jean
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Since Dallas Love Field was freed last fall from federal flying restrictions, travelers have seen more flight options, more competition and lower fares.

Fears that the change would hurt Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport's business have not come to pass.

In fact, more people are flying out of both airports.

The Dallas Morning News reported most people agree the repeal of the Wright Amendment on Oct. 13, 2014, increased competition, spurred more travel and lowered costs for consumers in North Texas and beyond.

Love Field has a shiny new terminal with more food and shopping options, more destinations and more flight options for travelers.

Gary Kelly, chief executive of Southwest Airlines, the largest carrier at Love, called the repeal a "home run."

"We're giddy," he said about the boom in business. "You just never know with offering something new how customers will respond or how competitors will respond."

The future of Love is less likely to include sweeping changes because the airport has pretty much reached its limit on how many flights can operate there. Smaller changes are possible, such as the mix of carriers and destinations.

The Wright Amendment was enacted in 1980 to restrict flights out of Love to protect DFW airport. Southwest could sell tickets to only a handful of states until 2006, when a compromise let the airline fly anywhere in the United States as long as the flight made at least one stop inside Texas or eight other states.

The amendment's repeal meant Southwest and other carriers operating at Love could fly nonstop from Dallas to any U.S. airport.

"While we expected the growth of Love Field to happen, no one knew that it would blow up like it did," Mark Duebner, aviation director for the city of Dallas, said late last month.

He expects the number of passengers boarding a plane at Love to jump from 4.5 million to over 7 million this year.

The roster of airlines flying those passengers has changed somewhat in the last year:

Southwest, the largest carrier at Love, expanded from 118 departures to 16 cities before Oct. 13, 2014, to 180 flights to 50 cities today.

Virgin America moved its operations from DFW airport with 19 daily flights after it received two gates from American Airlines in an antitrust agreement.

Delta Air Lines flies five daily flights to Atlanta.

United Airlines no longer flies there and subleases two gates to Southwest.

United flies out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

SeaPort Airlines, Love's smallest operator, transferred its two daily departures last month to Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

North Texas has seen a major economic impact from the Wright repeal, said Brian Campbell, an aviation consultant in Alexandria, Va.

He estimates the change brought 58,000 new visitors who spent over $91 million.

Passenger traffic at Love jumped nearly 88 percent — or 607,249 more people — from September 2014 through August. Southwest accounted for 90 percent of that increase, with its traffic up 79 percent.

Virgin America had 79,456 passengers at Love in August, accounting for 6 percent of the market.

The airline did not respond to requests for comment.

DFW airport saw 592,617 more passengers, up 11 percent from September 2014 to August. American controls 84 percent of the market at DFW.

DFW still accounts for the bulk of air travel in North Texas, with more than 5.8 million passengers in August vs. 1.3 million at Love Field.

"The impact is almost nothing," aviation consultant Michael Boyd said about Love. "No matter what happens, Love Field will be a secondary airport."

Indeed, Fort Worth-based American is carrying more local passengers because of higher demand and lower fares, president Scott Kirby said in July.

American carried 337,400 more people at DFW airport for the 12 months through August than a year earlier.

However, passenger unit revenue at the airport fell 5 percent in the second quarter, partly due to matching rivals' lower prices in competitive markets, Kirby said.

North Texans have seen new flights to places like Atlanta, Denver, Chicago, Las Vegas, Phoenix and San Francisco. They've also seen lower fares.

The average North Texas fare fell 13 percent — down 35 percent in new cities entered by Southwest — in late 2014 compared with late 2013, consultant Campbell said. Southwest research shows that airfare declined an average of nearly $35 from Love to 16 cities.

Overall, its average fare this year was $162 vs. $187 for the industry, said chief financial officer Tammy Romo.

Love has maxed out its gates, and airlines there can fly only from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and cannot fly internationally.

That means future growth must come from the mix of airlines, the frequency of flights or flying larger planes.

Southwest, which controls 18 of Love's 20 gates, does not plan to challenge the remaining restrictions at Love, Kelly said. "We struck a deal, and I thought the deal was reasonable," he said about the Wright repeal, which was agreed to by five parties.

Love also has other issues, such as a neighborhood noise ordinance that could constrain growth and insufficient parking for the number of additional travelers.

Last month, the city of Dallas opened a new remote parking lot with 1,300 spaces on Harry Hines Boulevard, and a new 5,000-space parking garage is scheduled to open in late 2017.

Industry consultant Boyd projects Love's growth will plateau around 10 million people boarding planes a year by 2019, up from 4.7 million in 2014.

Kelly acknowledges that most of Southwest's growth will not be at Love. However, he said it could expand if it didn't share a gate with Delta.

Southwest and Delta have been fighting over the use of gates at Love since late last year.

They're awaiting a federal judge's ruling on the matter.

Southwest has said it's maxed out at 180 flights a day at Love, but it could fly more 175-seat Boeing 737-800 planes there. It flies a mix of 737 models at Love, but most of the planes have 32 to 53 fewer seats than the 800s.

Travelers are more likely to see Southwest expand in other U.S. cities and internationally.

For example, the airline started flying internationally from Houston Hobby Airport last week, starting with seven daily flights to six Latin American cities.

Industry experts expect Southwest to expand in cities like Houston, Florida and New York — places with busy domestic traffic that also act as gateways to foreign destinations.

In the long term, Kelly thinks the airline can add roughly 50 more U.S. routes to its current network of 97 routes.

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From 1B

That's when I started thinking deeper. I needed a job that was in town; didn't require sweating, doing math or using a hoe; and was easy to do.

It was a daunting task, but my thinking helped me to narrow my choices. After all, my own dad told me there was no such job. He said, "We all have to work for a living."

Finally, I had an epiphany one night while listening to a baseball game over the radio. I could be an announcer for a baseball team. I thought I had it, but over time I learned that my mind doesn't think quick enough to keep up with all the action on the field. The wife says I don't think fast enough to even keep up with her.

But I didn't give up. I decided I could write about games after they were over. The best part was that I could be paid for going to ball games. How do you get better than that?

In short, I feel vindicated that I proved dad wrong. I stayed out of the cotton field by using my thinking skills.

That's why I worry about the younger generation because they don't think anymore. That means they will never really discover what they want to be when they grow up, so they will have to work for a living.

And they are the ones who think they have it easy.

Thought for the Week: "A career path is rarely a path at all. A more interesting life is usually a more crooked, winding path of missteps, luck and vigorous work. It is almost always a clumsy balance between the things you try to make happen and the things that happen to you." — Tom Freston, a pioneer in the field of cable television programming.

Obituaries



Betty Leonard

Betty Sue Candler Carpenter Leonard, 85, of Midland, Texas, went to be with her Lord on Friday, October 16, 2015 in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, TX. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook, TX.

Betty was born on July 13, 1930 to George and Gladys Candler in Westbrook, TX. She graduated from Westbrook High School. She married R.J. Carpenter who preceded her in death in 1975. Betty had the privilege and honor to again find love and married Joe Leonard on February 25, 1977. She worked in the pharmacy alongside her husband. Betty was a very sweet person and loved being around people. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, gambling, watching her Dallas Cowboys and UT Longhorns, and most of all loving and playing with her puppy baby Major.

Betty is survived by her children; Janie Lockett and husband, Bill of Midland; Joe Carpenter and wife, Marla of Midland; Gaye Leonard of Austin; Joe Dan Leonard Jr. and wife, Brigitte of Austin; Dawn Etta Messer and husband, Rick of Austin. She is also survived by 11 Grandchildren, and 18 Great-Grandchildren.

Betty is preceded in death by R.J. Carpenter in 1975; her parents; and Joe Leonard in 2011.

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

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Jean Kreidler Pitchford

On April 15, 2015, at the age of 98, Jean Kreidler Pitchford left this world, creating three orphans, Carol, Robert and Mack. Jean was born in Pharr, Texas on May, 27, 1916 to Maynard L. Kreidler and Mary Jones Kreidler.

She is survived by her younger brother, Maynard Kreidler of McAllen, Texas; six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; and by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her 20 yr. old cat, Xena, who for the past year, willingly slept wrapped in Mother's arms under the covers. Xena continues to mourn.

Jean attended The University of Texas and worked for Dr. Merton Minter in San Antonio until she married William Pitchford on April 24, 1941. She was Church Secretary for various Presbyterian Churches as they moved through Texas and New Mexico. After her husband's death, she took up short term residence with Carol and her husband, John Savage, in Midland, Texas that lasted until her death a mere 32 years later. They were best friends and in the end caregivers for Mom.

Her time, from 65 into her 80s, was spent on the road visiting and caring for sick family members and friends. She had the heart of a servant and acted accordingly. She loved attending the Santa Fe Opera each year. She was a member of P.E.O. for 70 years. We thank Carol. and John for the years they spent with Mom. We especially thank Hospice of Midland for their incredible devotion and service to Mother. Carol specifically thanks Nurse Brenda Orona, Aide Ellie Carrasco (the best ever!), Nurse Practitioner Donna Paul, Nurse Astin Whisman, Social Worker Mary Helen Metts and Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Leiker. Volunteers Mary Lou Hall, Larry Benson, George Fuhrmann, Anne Hobbs, Eileen Legget, Melva Mahanay and Ann Porterfield. Also Dr. Bartha, Chaplain Robert Kirk, Nurse Practitioner Cheryl Vallie, longtime friends Woody and Midge Erskine and Senior Care Midland who provided Hospice Respite Care. This 13 month journey would have been unbearable without them.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

John Wesley Williams

John Wesley Williams "Uncle Wes", 48, of Midland passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Wes was born August 4, 1967 in Midland to J.D. and Christine Housden Williams. He was an excellent artist and a great cook. Wes had a great sense of humor and was a very easy going, laid back guy, but if you got on his bad side you would have war to pay.

Wes is survived by his wife, Missy Klepper; son, Kendall Williams; daughter, Lindsey Williams; sister, Margie Burg and her husband, Steve; sister, Sara Moore and husband, Ray; Melissa Moore and husband, Kent; brother, Pervis Williams; and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Emmitt Ray Moore; and niece, Lisa Moore.

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Sonja Kay (Allen Boundy) St. James

Sonja Kay (Allen Boundy) St. James, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015 in San Angelo, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters Ellie Boundy Arnett and Elise Boundy Hildebrand; sons-in-law, Brent Arnett and Grant Hildebrand; grandchildren Brooke, Heath, and Paige Hildebrand; sister Dee Hazlett; sister-in-law Sharon Allen; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

A small reception in her remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Midland at the home of Dean and Jackie Boundy.

Please send a message to *elisehildebrand19@yahoo.com* for details. Friends and family only. No solicitation.

Death Notices

Charles Horne Priddy, Sr.

Charles Horne Priddy, Sr., 89, of Midland, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2015. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Some Texas residents return to homes in fire-ravaged area

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Firefighters in Central Texas are halfway to controlling a wildfire that's destroyed dozens of homes, and authorities said Saturday that enough progress has been made to allow some residents to return to their neighborhoods.

The Hidden Pines Fire has consumed about 4,600 acres and razed nearly 50 homes and seven businesses, most of them just north of Buescher State Park.

Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape said during a news conference Saturday evening that about 50 percent of the fire is contained and that the fire had not spread during the entire day.

"It has been a good day in the battle," he said.

About 200 firefighters from across Texas have battled the blaze during daylight, and Pollock said a DC-10 jet tanker flown in from Tennessee that dropped nearly 12,000 gallons of retardant on the smoldering area Friday was effective in closing gaps in the fire line.

Pape said some people were allowed to return to their homes Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Power was already being restored in some areas.

No injuries have been reported since the fire began Tuesday. A preliminary investigation has determined a farmer mistakenly started the fire as he dragged a shredder through tall grass, causing an overheated bearing to ignite grass clippings.

The wildfire has scorched more than 7 miles of forestland in an area about 40 miles southeast of Austin. But Bastrop County Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Fisher said firefighters "have got the upper hand on this thing."

Kari Hines, spokeswoman for the Forest Service, said that the fire had not made any large gains in acreage over the last 24 hours.

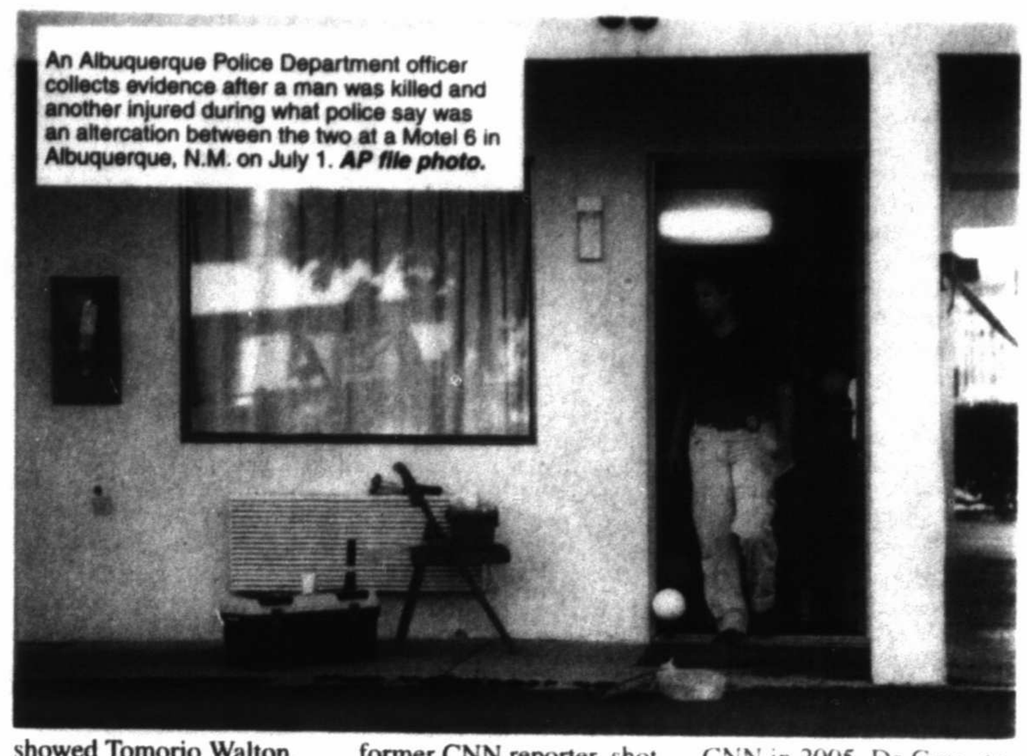
She said a primary concern for firefighters is embers blown into areas where there are large patches of unburned vegetation, creating more flames to fight.

The fire is chewing much of the same area that was devastated in 2011 by a far more massive wildfire that wiped out 1,600 homes and killed two people. But this time, winds have paled to the 50 mph gusts that overwhelmed firefighters four years ago.

About 400 homes have been evacuated since the Hidden Pines Fire began. About 200 residents have checked into local shelters, though authorities said few have stayed overnight as most slept in motels or the homes of friends.

Ex-CNN couple sue Motel 6 after shooting in Albuquerque

By Mary Hudetz
Associated Press



An Albuquerque Police Department officer collects evidence after a man was killed and another injured during what police say was an altercation between the two at a Motel 6 in Albuquerque, N.M. on July 1. ***AP file photo.***

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Two former CNN journalists are suing Motel 6, saying one of the budget chain's Albuquerque inns didn't do enough to ensure their safety the night a man tried to rob them and an exchange of gunfire ensued.

Chuck de Caro and Lynne Russell also argue Motel 6's famous motto — "We'll leave the lights on for you" — misrepresented the dangers at the Albuquerque location and contributed to a false sense of security when they checked into their room for a night's stay in June.

"All I can say is we were under the impression we were in a safe place and it turned out we were not," Russell said Friday. "This is a story of disappointment and misplaced trust."

Motel 6 did not return a request for comment responding to the lawsuit.

De Caro and Russell of West Virginia contend that had the motel implemented 24-hour, real-time monitoring of surveillance cameras, staff could have stopped the intruder before he reached the couple's room.

Surveillance video showed Tomorio Walton, a 27-year-old convicted felon, forcing his way into the room and spending about seven minutes inside.

The Motel 6 where the couple stayed is a "haven for crime," and officers have responded hundreds of times to calls at the location in the last five years, said Randi McGinn, the couple's attorney.

Court records show the couple's complaint was filed Tuesday in New Mexico district court in Albuquerque.

On June 30, de Caro, a former CNN reporter, shot and killed Walton after he entered their room, demanded valuables and fired his weapon, police said.

De Caro, who was wounded in the shooting, has been in and out of the hospital since June. On Friday, he was expected to be released from a Virginia hospital after recently being treated for a pseudoaneurysm, said Russell, a longtime CNN anchor.

She appeared on Headline News nightly for much of the 1980s and through the 1990s. She retired from CNN in 2005. De Caro, an investigative reporter for CNN, became a consultant for the Pentagon. Both have permits to carry concealed weapons.

In July, a man accused of being an accomplice of Walton's was indicted on attempted first-degree murder, aggravated burglary, kidnapping and other charges. Authorities accused Skyy Barrs, 30, of conspiring with Walton to rob Russell and de Caro. A jury trial for Barrs is scheduled for July.

STATEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Man sought in Tenn. as serial rapist arrested

Federal authorities say a 19-year-old man wanted in Tennessee on allegations that he's a serial rapist has been arrested at a Dallas bus station.

The U.S. Marshals Service said in a release that Darrin Walker was apprehended Friday as he was waiting to board a bus during a layover at the station.

Walker had been sought by police in Memphis, Tennessee, for allegedly abducting three women on separate occasions earlier this month and then assaulting them. Walker is charged with three counts of aggravated rape, three counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of aggravated robbery.

Authorities say Walker is being held at the Dallas County jail pending his return to Tennessee.

It was not immediately clear if he has an attorney who could respond to the charges.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying a theft suspect.

A White Ford F150 quad cab pickup was driven to American Storage located at 4011 N. Midland Drive on Oct. 2. Taken was a red 2007 Big-Tex trailer TX LP #16ZLZR with a Kubota frontend loader with backhoe. The same suspect came back on Oct. 5 and took a Silver 2013 Kearney trailer TX LP #395642H with a Red 2012 Polaris Ranger XP800 loaded on it.

The items are valued at more than $40,000.

(Surveillance photo of suspect vehicle can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com).

If you are the first person to provide information identifying this suspect and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and NO caller I.D. is ever used.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

MATTHEW SANCHEZ

DOB: 05-23-1989
Height and weight: 5 foot, 9 inches; 140 pounds
Charge: Indecency with a child



Sanchez

- Wanted as of 10-16-2015
- Warrant #F2150439
- $500 Cash Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself.

Subject may be armed or dangerous.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Oct. 5-9 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Scott Michael Allen, 36, felony driving while intoxicated, continue probation, 10 days jail.

Daniel Oracio Aguirre, 36, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, 30 days jail, pay fine, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Walter Wally Ahola III, 37, evading arrest with previous convictions, six months state jail.

Benito Archoa, 22, possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 45 days jail, 250 hours community service, pay fine, TAIP.

Shane Glenn Blair, 43, assault family violence by strangulation, six years deferred adjudication, five days jail, fine, court cost, anger management, 300 hours community service.

Chelsea Nichole Blank, 22, tampering with physical evidence, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, pay fine, 120 hours community service.

Christopher Todd Breen, 26, retaliation, two years TDCJ; burglary of a habitation, two years TDCJ.

Sharon Kay Coats, 51, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke supervision, eight months state jail.

Lisa Dale Dunlap, 31, burglary, revoke, four years TDCJ.

Jennifer Dale Edwards, 38, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail, suspended for five years community supervision, pay fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP; tampering with physical evidence, five years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, pay fine, 150 hours community service; possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail, suspended for five years community supervision, pay fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Daniel Espinoza, 19, burglary of a habitation, adjudicated, five years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, CRTC.

Terrance Fillmore, 25, burglary of a habitation, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, anger management, 200 hours community service.

Ralph Dewayne Griffin, 53, driving while intoxicated third or more, extend supervision one year, 30 days jail.

Juan Daniel Guevara, 38, violation of a protective order, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 150 hours community service.

Marissa Dolores Guiterrez, 22, assault family violence by strangulation, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, MHMR outpatient program, 150 hours community service; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, MHMR outpatient program, 150 hours community service; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Nathan Guy Kelley, 35, aggravated assault on a public servant, five years TDCJ.

Mary Mayo Knebel, 34, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail; driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, six months state jail.

Alejandro Olvera Leon, 19, tampering with physical evidence, adjudicate and revoke two years TDCJ.

Alicia Nicole Lewis, 30, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, six months state jail; forgery, six months state jail; forgery, six months state jail.

Juan Limas-Mendoza, 26, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for three years community supervision, pay fine, 15 days jail, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Randy Carrasco Lopez, 18, three counts burglary of a building, extend supervision one year, 30 days jail.

Juan Ysabel Martinez, 27, improper photography, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, pay fine, 120 hours community service.

Matthew Wayne McAdams, 36, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, 15 days jail, fine, court cost, TAIP, 200 hours community service.

Juan Alberto Mendoz Jr., 38, resisting arrest or transport deadly weapon, five years TDCJ; evading arrest detention with vehicle, five years TDCJ.

Angela Lavonne Morris, 28, assault of a public servant, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, pay fine, 120 hours community service.

Kenneth Maurice Mosely, 48, forgery of a financial instrument, 12 months state jail, pay restitution.

Eloy Torres Niavez, 42, two counts abandoning/endangering a child, revoke supervision, 18 months state jail; theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke supervision, 18 months state jail.

Vicente Lopez Ochoa Jr., 48, driving while intoxicated third or more times, six years TDCJ; evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, six years TDCJ.

Martha Gonzalez Palomares, 41, possession of marijuana, two years TDCJ.

Maureen E. Patterson, 25, possession of marijuana, eight months state jail; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years TDCJ.

Brandon Joseph Phillips, 37, aggravated assault, three years TDCJ; aggravated assault, three years TDCJ; accident involving injury, three years TDCJ.

Rudy Ramos, 31, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, eight years TDCJ.

Conner Blayne Ritchie, 20, sexual assault of a child, deferred adjudication seven years, 45 days jail, fine, 300 hours community service, register as sex offender.

Jessica Yvette Rodriguez, 28, three counts abandoning endangering a child, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service, parenting classes.

Billy Gene Taylor Jr., 52, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 12 months state jail.

Joshua Brandon Hector Vasquez, 21, sexual assault of a child, adjudicate and revoke supervision, six years TDCJ, two counts of failure to register as a sex offender, revoke supervision, five years TDCJ.

Isaac Dustin Woodward, 25, robbery, extend supervision two years, 30 days jail, 75 hours community service, TAIP.

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

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rafael R. Garza Jr., 35, of Midland was charged Oct. 9 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and tampering with /fabricating physical evidence.

Martin Pargas, 24, of Odessa was charged Oct. 9 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Kandice N. Roys, 24, of Midland was charged Oct. 9 with possession.

Omar R. Saenz Jr., 18, of Midland was charged Oct. 9 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Terri R. Willingham, 45, of Midland was charged Oct. 9 with theft.

Brandon S. Wood, 29, of Odessa was charged Oct. 9 with obstruction/retaliation.

Kenneth D. Bevis, 34, of Midland was charged Oct. 10 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and evading arrest/detention.

Zaccaria K. Iskra, 33, of Midland was charged Oct. 10 with deadly discharge of a firearm.

Daryl G Pena II, 22, of Midland was charged Oct. 10 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Israel Tarango, 31, of Midland was charged Oct. 10 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Alberto E. Tovar, 22, of El Paso was charged Oct. 10 with indecent sexual contact with a child.

Melinda J. Douglas, 49, of Midland was charged Oct. 11 with fraudulent use/possession of identification, possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Encarnation M. Hernandez, 58, of Midland was charged Oct. 11 with driving while intoxicated.

Jesus Marquez, 40, of Midland was charged Oct. 11 with driving while intoxicated.

Gilberto J. Garcia, 29, of Midland was charged Oct. 12 with manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Caleb S. Ochoa, 18, of Midland was charged Oct. 12 with tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Timothy R. Walker, 22, of Midland was charged Oct. 12 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Christopher J. Anastasio, 41, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with burglary of a habitation.

Diaz Veronica, 32, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Kedron D. Fillmore, 23, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with criminal mischief.

Weslee L. Hein, 22, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Gerald G. Hendricks, 33, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with a third count of driving while intoxicated.

Jessan J. Johnson Jr., 24, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams and possession of a prohibited item or substance in a correctional facility.

Matthew T. Mayfield, 34, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Chancee L. Neatherlin, 32, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with unauthorized use of vehicle and possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Joseph R. Salazar, 22, of Midland was charged Oct. 13 with sexual assault of a child.

Melissa M. Ahola, 24, of San Angelo was charged Oct. 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Brian M. Baker, 30, of Monahans was charged Oct. 14 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 200 grams and possession of marijuana under five pounds.

David A. Cook, 57, of Midland was charged Oct. 14 with escape while being arrested/confined.

Sara B. Garcia, 32, of Midland was charged Oct. 14 with theft under $100,000.

Jimmy L. Hernandez, 33, of Midland was charged Oct. 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Abelardo Ortiz, 32, of San Antonio was charged Oct. 14 with theft under $100,000.

Davin L. Blackard, 24, of Midland was charged Oct. 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Arthur W. Goodloe Jr., 35, of Midland was charged Oct. 15 with violating sex offender's duty to register.

Juan M. Hernandez II, 19, of Houston was charged Oct. 15 with evading arrest, detention and possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Jario A. Morales, 32, of Midland was charged Oct. 15 with forgery of a government financial instrument.

Anthony M. Rodriguez, 24, of Magnolia was charged Oct. 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

John M. Solansky, 30, of Odessa was charged Oct. 15 with assault of a family/house member.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Scientists, vets working at Houston Zoo to save elephants

By Claudia Feldman
Houston Chronicle



Houston Chronicle file photo via AP

Juvenile elephants Tupelo, left, and Baylor peer out from behind bars the elephant barn at the Houston Zoo in Houston on Sept. 18. Dr. Paul Ling had spent the four years perfecting diagnostic tests pioneered a decade earlier at Johns Hopkins University and the National Zoo, believing he could defeat the herpes scourge among juvenile elephants if only he could improve the regimen for screening and immediate intervention. He and his team had made great strides. Could he and his team save Tupelo and Baylor at the Houston Zoo?

HOUSTON — When the baby elephant was born at the Houston Zoo in 2010, his keepers named him Baylor.

The name was a tribute to the work Paul Ling and his colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine had done to fight elephant herpes, killer of scores of adolescent Asian elephants in captivity and the wild.

Baylor was a healthy calf. But at age 4, when he was tipping the scales at 3,600 pounds, keepers noticed his mouth was slightly reddened. They checked his white blood cell count during a routine lab test and the results weren't good. Baylor had what Ling's team identified as EEHV 4, one strain of the elephant herpes virus.

So began the summer of 2014 in the zoo's cavernous elephant barn, which smelled a little bit sweet, a little bit sour, with heavy overtones of hay. The next five months would test Ling like never before as Baylor and his half-sibling, Tupelo, took turns in the grip of the deadly virus.

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But Ling never imagined that all they had accomplished would be put to such a test inside this barn, soon to be the backdrop for his greatest victory — or his worst defeat.

Young elephants were dying at the Houston Zoo.

Singgah died in 2000. Kimba in 2004. But the worst was Mac's passing, in 2008.

The 2-year-old Asian elephant calf loved to play with a supersized basketball. Mac could dance and stand on his head. Then one Sunday morning in November he displayed some of the classic signs of elephant herpes: He was sluggish, had no appetite and his head was swollen. Twelve hours later, he was dead.

The zoo staff wept; they'd lost a member of their family. Mac's mother, Shanti, and the matriarch of the herd, Methai, hovered over his body.

They weren't the only ones grieving.

The zoo is a research institution with close ties to the neighboring Texas Medical Center. The loss of Mac was a loss for everyone in the community. Dr. Alan Herron, a comparative pathologist at Baylor, reached out to his friend and colleague at the zoo.

"Is there anything we can do?" he asked the zoo's head veterinarian, Dr. Joseph Flanagan.

"I was trying to be kind," Herron told the Houston Chronicle years later. "I told him, 'Let me contact some people at Baylor. We'll get a team together.'?"

With seed money from the zoo, Herron formed a team to try to better understand and beat elephant herpes, known in the research world as elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus or EEHV.

But the scientists needed a herpes expert.

Paul Ling was a quiet, introverted associate professor in Baylor's department of molecular virology and microbiology. He'd spent the past 20 years researching human strains of the virus, but he didn't know anything about elephants. Here was an opportunity to shift his focus to an urgent, heart-wrenching problem.

"You only live once," Ling said. "Who doesn't want to save baby elephants?"

By 2010, Ling was coordinating the group that included biologists, veterinarians, post-doctoral students at Baylor and veterinarians and elephant keepers at the zoo. He welcomed the zoo staff when they showed up at his lab. They welcomed him at the barn. And they paid him the ultimate compliment.

"It's great to see Paul's evolution in understanding," said Daryl Hoffman, the zoo's curator of large mammals. "He's pretty much a member of the herd."

The partnership between the two institutions is rock solid, thoughtful, Houston at its best, Ling said. "We don't say, 'This isn't possible.' We say, 'How can we make this work?'"

Five years ago, when Ling and his colleagues set their sights on EEHV, he was 47. He drove a 7-year-old Acura, which he had no plans to replace. He was a husband and dad at home in suburban Sugar Land. As his kids got older and prepared to fly the coop, he ran marathons, competed in triathlons and, with his wife, Kay, sniffed out Houston's best food, coffee and beer.

At Baylor, he pulled in a lot of grant money annually ($300,000 for his lab this year). He reminded everyone to call him "Paul," not "Dr. Ling." But as collaborative and zen as he tried to be, he thought about ridding the world of the EEHV scourge all the time.

"The single dominant characteristic that has to be present in any scientist is dogged, determined persistence in solving a problem," Ling said.

Ling's first priority was to modify the EEHV diagnostic tests developed by John Hopkins scientists Gary Hayward, Laura Richmond and the staff at the National Zoo a decade earlier. Ling found the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests used to detect EEHV limited, though the system was ground-breaking in its day. It took too long to process the elephant blood samples, and the tests lacked the ability to quantify the viral loads. Those who sent samples to the zoo's National Elephant Herpesvirus Laboratory might get back enough information to know the Asian elephants were sick, but wouldn't know for sure until they saw the physical signs and symptoms.

Ling theorized the team could save elephants if it could catch the disease in its earliest stages and begin treatment immediately.

The zoo staff, he said, knew the most about effective treatments, which included the administration of fluids, plasma and the anti-viral drug also used for human herpes, famciclovir. His job, and the job of his Baylor team, was to improve detection. That's why he focused on PCR tests, a technology used by molecular biologists to amplify single copies of DNA.

"They're as essential to molecular biologists as screw drivers are to carpenters," Ling said.

But how could he make the Baylor PCR test better, faster, and most illustrative of an elephant's EEHV status?

The team created a qPCR test (q for quantitative), which requires a qPCR instrument that costs as much as $30,000. But that was the least of it.

To get started, they had to understand the four herpes virus strains — 1a, 1b, 4 and 5 — that typically affect Asian elephants. They also had to know at least some of the DNA sequencing of each of those strains. And done more step — they had to master the combination of general and specific reagents or chemical substances that would make the test specific for all four herpes strains.

With all the parts in place, the scientists still had to test and re-test their work so they were absolutely sure the process was sensitive, reliable and accurate.

There was no eureka moment that first year, Ling said. But a long slog of collecting small bits of information finally gave them much-needed answers. Meanwhile, the numbers of Asian elephants in the wild, an estimated 30,000 to 40,000, continued to drop.

"If we could eliminate EEHV," Ling said, "the population of captive elephants living away from their home countries would at least be stabilized."

About 120 Asian elephants live in accredited zoos in North America. For those elephants, EEHV has been the single largest cause of death, Ling said.

At least 23 juvenile Asian elephants living on this continent have died since 1980, and that's a conservative estimate. Dozens of other Asian elephants have died in Europe.

At least one group of animal rights activists claimed that only Asian elephants living in captivity get sick and die from herpes and that the breeding programs across the country, including the one here, should be halted.

Absolutely false and uninformed, said Ling and Hayward, the professor at Johns Hopkins.

Both have traveled to Asia to study elephants and both found, independently, that those elephants do carry herpes in their trunk or nasal secretions and that they do die from the disease.

"To say we should shut down breeding programs in zoos is totally ridiculous," Hayward said. "It's the only research we can do that offers us hope of dealing with EEHV in the wild."

By 2011, Houston zookeepers were taking blood samples from all the elephants in the zoo's herd — there were seven then, all Asian — every Monday morning.

Those samples, taken from the veins in the elephants' ears, were handed off to Ling and his lab, and walked back to Baylor in a small, blue-and-white ice chest. By late morning or early afternoon, about 20 people at Baylor and the zoo knew the viral status of every elephant.

That February, they got an unpleasant surprise. Methai, 41 then, had an atypical case of EEHV 5. But she was monitored, she was treated, she recovered quickly.

Three years later, in July 2014, Baylor turned up with an abnormally low white blood cell count during a routine lab test. The zoo keepers took more blood samples, and Ling's staff tested them.

The juvenile elephant had EEHV 4, but repeated tests showed that he was on the downside of his infection. Vets gave him famciclovir, and his symptoms — including a viral load of 98,000 (or 98,000 viral genome equivalents per milliliter of blood) — decreased over the next two weeks.

Baylor was cured, regardless if the drug, which is still being tested for efficacy, helped him. That August, all was quiet in the elephant barn.

Sept. 2, EEHV 4 struck again, but this time, Tupelo was sick. Her case was more severe and lasted longer. She had a viral load that peaked at 500,000, a potentially lethal amount, and the staff treated her with famciclovir and rectal fluids. They even sedated her to give her fluids and plasma by IV.

Three weeks later, Tupelo finally recovered from her infection. But Baylor had the virus in his blood again. This time he had EEHV 1b — one of the most dangerous strains.

"We were exhausted," Howard, the zoo vet, said. "But just because you hadn't seen your kids in three days, it didn't mean you could ignore the elephants."

To treat Baylor, the staff administered rectal fluids and three days of famciclovir. Once again, he recovered quickly.

The EEHV team caught up on missed sleep. They went home to their families. They considered themselves lucky that their strategies were working.

Then, on Oct. 13, lab tests showed Tupelo had EEHV 1b, too. Her viral load shot back up, this time to 450,000 vge/ml. She was sedated twice for IV fluids and IV plasma.

The keepers were back to an around-the-clock schedule. Once again air mattresses piled up in the barn office.

The staff was constantly checking their phones for the latest numbers from Ling's lab. With all the testing going on, Ling's staff wasn't getting any rest, either.

"It was draining for everyone," Howard said. "But it was also an opportunity for us to fix Tupelo, to make her feel better, to be aggressive and show what we could do."

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We sometimes hear that people hesitate to donate to agencies that serve the poor because they feel the money is used to help "deadbeats" – those out for a "free ride" on "the system." We have even heard comments that there is no poverty in Midland. "With all of the jobs waiting to be filled, even with the downturn in our economy, there are still enough jobs out there so that a person has no reason to be in need in Midland."

We do our best to explain that each of the calls we receive (and we oftentimes receive more than 100 calls each day) are carefully monitored. Callers are asked to leave their name, social security number, phone number, the type of help they need and *why they need it*. We then look up any history they might have of previous assistance via Crosscheck (a secured website that allows benevolence agencies to share information on those clients helped in the past). Crosscheck (along with interviews and when necessary, home visits) has been invaluable in helping us to "weed out" the habitual abuser and allow us to reach those people with *genuine need*.

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No, we do not help deadbeats. We help those with genuine needs, and there are many of them out there. We dearly wish that we could reach every single person who comes to us with a *legitimate need*. We will continue to reach as many families each week as our finances will allow. We consider the support that you give to Helping Hands to be no less than a sacred trust, and we thank you for continuing to reach out to the poor through our organization. May God bless you richly. Thank you very, very much!

How to enjoy the big and bright stars at night in Texas

By Rene A. Guzman
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — It isn't every day you see a ghostly view of Saturn or a flaring Iridium satellite zip over McAllister Park.

Because most likely it would be at night. And most likely it would be with the passionate stargazers of the San Antonio Astronomical Association (SAAA).

For years, SAAA has set up towering Dobsonians, compact Schmidt-Cassegrains and other powerful telescopes in a McAllister parking lot near some too-well-lit soccer fields.

And despite growing light pollution, the group continues to open many a squinted eye to the wonders of the cosmos.

"For some of us, it isn't about science," Danielle Rappaport, SAAA public programs coordinator, told the San Antonio Express-News. "For some of us, it's the sheer joy of looking at the real world."

And you needn't travel light-years outside Loop 410 to enjoy them.

"We are moving into our best stargazing season for San Antonio," said Bob Kelley, planetarium coordinator for the Scobee Education Center at San Antonio College. "The fall and winter are some of our favorite conditions."

Did you know you can pinpoint Jupiter's major moons from within the 210 area code? Or gawk at galaxies and nebulae from fewer than 100 miles from the Alamo?

All you need are dark skies and bright astronomy buffs to guide you, along with a quality telescope and handy mobile apps.

We asked area experts such as Rappaport and Kelley for some stargazing pointers.

Astronomy groups: Before you drop any money on a telescope, drop by a free star party first.

Most Wednesday nights at McAllister Park, you'll find SAAA members as well as the San Antonio League of Sidewalk Astronomers (SALSA) huddled in parking lots with various telescopes for the public to peek through. SALSA also hosts First Friday Stargazing at the main campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Star parties are a good way to learn about stargazing and telescopes and to try before you buy.

And the astronomy groups are eager to answer questions.

"We want people to feel like there are no stupid questions," Rappaport said.

The views are right smart, too.

Weather permitting, SAAA can show you plenty of stars as well as several planets, including the rings of Saturn and the "canals" of Mars.

And at a recent SALSA First Friday at UTSA, attendees enjoyed views of Neptune and globular star clusters.

SAAA and SALSA offer public stargazing parties as well as school outreach and private events.

Learn more about the SAAA at sanantonioastronomy.org and SALSA at salsa-astro.com.

The Scobee likewise offers Friday night shows for learning about the night sky.

Programs cost $5 for ages 18 and older and $4 for ages 4 through 17. Go to alamo.edu/sac/planetarium for more information.

Telescopes: You don't exactly need a telescope to stargaze.

Kelley noted a good pair of binoculars provides a great view of the craters on the Moon and even a peek at the larger moons of Jupiter, as well as the Andromeda Galaxy and Orion Nebula.

If you do buy a telescope, expect a quality model to run at least $300. That means skipping the toy aisles or department stores. As for telescope types, you'll find two kinds:

■ A reflector telescope uses mirrors and offers the largest telescope for the dollar.

You get bright images of deep-sky objects like galaxies, but the mirrors may require an adjustment called collimation.

■ A refractor telescope uses glass lenses for a high resolution, though you often pay more for that premium view.

Refractors deliver sharp details of planets, as well as what's on land.

A compound or catadioptric telescope uses both lenses and mirrors, often packed into a short tube.

Their sophisticated motors and gears often make these the most expensive.

Kelley recommends a reflector telescope with at least a 4.5-inch or 6-inch aperture that gives 300 to 400 power magnification. Aperture is the diameter of a telescope's main lens or mirror, and determines the brightness and sharpness of what you see.

It's more important than magnification, so buy the most aperture you can afford. You also want a telescope that's easy to set up and transport.

Doug Aldrich, co-owner of Analytical Scientific science supplies, walks prospective telescope owners through various models in his shop's upstairs display area.

He said beginners should consider a reflector telescope like the Sky-Watcher Traditional Dobsonian 6" ($329.95 at Analytical Scientific), a towering yet surprisingly portable telescope that looks like a cannon on a simple two-axis mount.



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Shannon Durante points out a feature in the night sky to her children, Selah, left, and Isaac as Christine Coco, right, during a stargazing gathering with San Antonio Astronomical Association (SAAA) at McAlister Park on Oct. 7 in San Antonio. For years, SAAA has set up towering Dobsonians, compact Schmidt-Cassegrains and other powerful telescopes in a McAllister parking lot near some too-well-lit soccer fields. And despite growing light pollution, the group continues to open many a squinted eye to the wonders of the cosmos.

Aldrich also highlights the Celestron NexStar 4SE computerized telescope ($499.95 at Analytical Scientific), a Telescopes.com 2015 Telescope of the Year.

The NexStar 4SE boasts a 4-inch aperture for sharp images, and a beginner-friendly automated mount that can locate and track more than 40,000 objects from the SE's database.

Apps: SAAA members like Rappaport know the stars well, but they still welcome the assist from their handy astronomy apps. You will too, especially if you're just learning the night sky.

Star Walk ($2.52 for Android and $2.99 for iOS) can pinpoint thousands of heavenly bodies in their proper positions above you by just pointing your smartphone or tablet to the night sky, with detailed overlays and information on the planets, constellations and other heavenly bodies.

The free app Star Chart delivers a similar point and view experience.

Rappaport also swears by Phases of the Moon (free for Android and $1.99 for iOS), with its hyper-detailed images of the Moon's phases, distance from Earth and other features; and Gas Giants (free for iOS) for its sharp simulated looks at Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune and their major moons.

Dark skies: Since light pollution muddies the view of the nighttime skies, your best bet for the best stargazing is to get out of town.

You want locations that score low on the Bortle scale, which measures the night sky's brightness of a particular location.

Bortle scale ratings range from Class 1 for the darkest skies on Earth to Class 9 for your typical inner-city skies.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has a list of Bortle ratings for various state parks at tpwd.texas.gov. Just enter "Bortle ratings" into the website's search field.

The McDonald Observatory in Jeff Davis County looks up to some of the darkest skies in Texas, if not the country.

It's also more than 400 miles west of San Antonio. Much closer to home, Enchanted Rock, Lost Maples State Natural Area and Garner State Park are only around 90 miles away, and provide views of globular star clusters and other astronomical sites normally not visible from the city.

Enchanted Rock and Lost Maples score a 3 on the Bortle scale, while Garner rates a 4.

Even closer to San Antonio, Government Canyon State Natural Area lies fewer than 30 miles away and rates a 6 on the Bortle scale, while Guadalupe River State Park is only around 40 miles away with a 4.5 Bortle scale rating.

If you really want to stick close to S.A., Aldrich said you can spot the Milky Way from as nearby as Castroville and Medina Lake, provided there's no moon that night and you manage to avoid house and street lights.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

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PROPOSITION 1 • SJR 1

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from $15,000 to $25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.

EXPLANATION:

The proposed amendment would raise the amount of a homestead exemption from $15,000 to $25,000 on ad valorem, or property, taxes, for public school purposes beginning January 1, 2015.

For a person 65 or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would also grant an additional $10,000 exemption.

The amendment would require the state to offset any school property tax revenue losses resulting from the additional homestead exemption amount. The Legislative Budget Board estimates this would be over $1.2 billion for 2015-2016.

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- Cutting property taxes by increasing the homestead exemption would stimulate real economic growth and provide tax relief that voters have asked for and to those who need it most. Consumers would have more expendable income, allowing more money to be used more efficiently in the economy.
- Data from the comptroller's Tax Exemptions and Tax Incidence report indicates that homestead exemptions particularly benefit low-income individuals. This is because a homestead exemption exempts a higher percentage of the total value of a less expensive house.
- This amendment increases the state share of education funding.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- Many taxpayers will see little reduction in their property taxes as this is only a minor increase in their homestead exemption. It is estimated that the average homeowner will receive $126 in annual tax saving. Certainly they will see little, if any, increase in tax savings if appraisals increase.
- This amendment would increase the state share of education funding but would not actually increase school funding.
- A sales tax reduction would be better for the Texas economy than an increase in the homestead exemption. The Legislative Budget Board estimates that over five years a sales tax cut could create more than 42,000 jobs and spark $5.2 billion more in GDP growth than an equivalent increase in the homestead exemption.

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PROPOSITION 2 • HJR 75

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.

EXPLANATION:

Proposition 2 in conjunction with its enabling legislation, HB992, would amend the Texas Constitution, Art. 8, to extend the current homestead property tax exemption to include the surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran who died on or before January 1, 2010, and who would have qualified for the full exemption on the homestead's entire value if it had been available at that time.

In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from property taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment passed in 2011, however, did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before January 1, 2010. Proposition 2 would extend the homestead exemption to include these spouses.

According to estimates by the comptroller, extending the exemption would allow roughly 3,800 surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans to claim this exemption.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- Proposition 2 would allow the Legislature to provide a valuable form of tax relief for families of deceased disabled veterans, and the fiscal impact on a single taxing district would be minimal.
- Current law unintentionally creates two classes of surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans: those whose spouses died before January 1, 2010, and those whose spouses died on or after that date. Proposition 2 would extend the homestead exemption to include those who are currently not receiving an exemption and thereby eliminate the two different classes of surviving spouses.

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- The Legislative Budget Board's fiscal note on the enabling legislation, HB 992, indicates that school districts, municipalities, counties, and other special taxing districts such as hospitals would lose some tax revenue under the bill and proposed amendment. This increase in property tax exemptions might require local governments to increase taxes for other taxpayers.
- School districts would receive less revenue from property taxes so the State would have to cover this reduction by pulling it from the General Revenue Fund, creating a cost to the State.

PROPOSITION 3 • SJR 52

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.

EXPLANATION:

When the Texas Constitution was initially adopted in 1876, Article 4, Section 23 required the comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the General Land Office, the attorney general, and any statutory state officer who was elected statewide to reside at the capital during their terms of office. Proposition 3 would amend the Constitution by removing the requirement.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- The requirement mandating that specific elected state officers live in Austin during their terms made sense in 1876 when travel by buggy, wagon, or horseback created hardships. Today's advances both in transportation and technology make this requirement obsolete. State office holders, wherever they live in the state, have a variety of travel modes available to them to get to Austin quickly, and if unable to get to Austin to conduct business, they can manage their duties wherever they reside by way of email, Skype or conference call.
- An elected officials' choice of where to live and/or establish their residences should not be limited. Considerations involving employment and school for an elected official's spouse and children could make permanent residence in Austin difficult and costly.
- Some officials elected statewide who had previously represented a legislative district might not want to lose their local residency in case they later decide to seek an office that requires them to reside in a certain district.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- This provision in the Constitution has served Texans well. Those elected to guide large agencies like the comptroller's office, the land office, or the attorney general's office should be present at their respective agency headquarters in Austin on a daily basis.
- While technology has made it easier for workers to conduct business from home, such an arrangement is not appropriate for some officials who should be available to constituents, staff, and other state leaders at any time during the work day. Living away from Austin creates hardships on those who need to consult in person with the state officeholder.
- Being physically present in Austin ensures these officials are available to handle the important business of the state and not worry about when or how they can travel to Austin. It also means their staff members have better supervision.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION texas 2015

PROPOSITION 4 • HJR 3

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

EXPLANATION:

The Texas constitution, Art. 3, Sec. 47 prohibits lotteries and gift enterprises, with a few exceptions. One exception is an amendment adopted in 1989 that permits charitable raffles conducted by a qualified religious society, a volunteer fire department, a volunteer emergency medical service or a non-profit organization. This provision requires that all proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets be spent for charitable purposes of the organization and that the charitable raffle be conducted and promoted exclusively by the members of the organization.

Proposition 4 proposes an amendment to Texas Constitution, Art. 3, sec. 47, to include another exception and allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by the law. The law could authorize the charitable foundation to pay reasonable advertising, promotional and administrative expenses with the charitable proceeds. These raffles could only be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with the charitable foundation.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- Proposition 4, along with its enabling legislation, HB 975, would increase philanthropic donations by allowing charitable foundations of Texas professional sports teams to hold charitable raffles and use proceeds to pay for reasonable operating expenses.
- The Proposition and its enabling legislation would permit charitable raffles for cash prizes at home games. Twenty-five states have laws that allow sports teams to hold charitable raffles and allow a type of raffle called a 50/50 raffle, in which half the proceeds go to charity and the other half is paid to the winner. Proposition 4 would make these types of charitable raffles possible by authorizing the Legislature to enact laws allowing them.
- This proposition would not create new forms of gambling; it would only authorize the Legislature to craft laws governing how professional sports team charitable foundations may conduct raffles, including using raffle proceeds to pay for reasonable operating expenses.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- Proposition 4 would increase the number of exceptions to the constitutional prohibition against lotteries and gift enterprises. It would be the first time in 24 years that the Texas Constitution was amended for gambling purposes, and only the fourth time since its adoption.
- This proposition could lead to forms of gambling more serious than charitable raffles. With every Amendment to the Constitution, new ways are found to push the limits of what is allowed under the law it authorizes. Opening the Constitution to even more interpretation and flexibility could allow the enactment of future legislation that was never intended by the proposal, such as electronic raffles at bingo halls and race tracks.
- Proposition 4 differs from the amendment adopted in 1989 in that it does not specify that all proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets be spent for charitable purposes and allows for proceeds to be used for operating expenses. This could lead to a misappropriation of funds and ultimately, less funds being ear-marked for charitable foundations and causes.

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Registering to Vote

You must register to vote at least 30 days before the election date. The last day you can register to vote in the 2015 General Election is October 5.

WHO CAN REGISTER?
To register to vote, you must be

- a citizen of the United States,
- a resident of the county, and
- at least 18 years old on Election Day.

You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.
If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only after you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?
You can register

- in person at the voter registration office in your county, or
- fill out an application that can be mailed (or faxed with follow-up by mail) or returned in person to the voter registrar in your county of residence.

Application forms are available at many libraries, government offices, and high schools. The application is available online at www.VoteTexas.org and www.VOTE411.org. These websites also allow you to search to see if you are already registered.

After you apply, a voter registration certificate will be mailed to you within 30 days. This certificate includes your precinct for voting on Election Day as well as your congressional, state legislative, county, and local districts.

More About Registering to Vote

FOR HOW LONG IS MY REGISTRATION EFFECTIVE? The registration will remain in effect until you move or change your name, and a new certificate will be sent to you every two years without further application on your part. If you move, however, your registration certificate will not be forwarded to your new address. If you move within the same county or change your name, you must notify your county clerk or election administrator in writing or online of your new address or your new name as soon as possible. Then a new certificate will be mailed to you. If you move to another county, you must re-register by applying to the election office in your new county.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

PROPOSITION 5 • SJR 17

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.

EXPLANATION:

An amendment to the Texas Constitution was adopted in 1980, giving rural counties with less than 5,000 inhabitants the right to construct and maintain private roads if the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work. Proposition 5 would amend Texas Constitution, Art. 3, sec. 52f, to increase the statutory population cap to 7,500. It would update the Constitution to reflect the population growth in Texas counties over the past 35 years and include an additional 21 counties.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- Small counties rely on this provision to maintain roads, make them passable and improve mobility. In small counties there are rarely private contractors available, so private roads are often poorly maintained, creating safety hazards for citizens and emergency services.
- The population cap was enacted to prevent all counties in the state from competing with private industry; in the counties covered by Proposition 5, however, there is very little if any competition from private industries.
- Private landowners would have more flexibility to update poorly maintained roads. They would still be able to hire a private company instead of the county if they chose to do so.
- Revenue received from private road work may be used only for the construction, including right-of-way acquisition, or maintenance of public roads.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- Private landowners must pay for the improvements.
- Improved road surfaces increase traffic usage, commercial interest, and vehicle speed traveling the road.
- Improved property increases the taxable value of the property.
- Instead of increasing the maximum population, the population limit should be eliminated. All counties in the state should have the option to construct and maintain their roads as long as private land owners agree and pay the county for the cost of the work.

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When & Where to Vote

EARLY VOTING: All registered voters may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location in their county. Check with your local newspaper or the county clerk or election administrator for early voting times and locations. Early voting days for the November 3, 2015, General Election are October 19 – October 30.

ELECTION DAY VOTING: On Election Day you must vote in your precinct of residence (unless your area is participating in countywide vote centers). Your precinct is listed on your registration card, or you may find out where to vote by calling or going online with your county election administrator.

County elections addresses and fax numbers are available at www.VoteTexas.gov or at www.VOTE411.org. Voting places are also listed in most newspapers. If you report to the incorrect polling place, you will be redirected to the correct site or offered a provisional ballot. You can vote by provisional ballot, but if it is determined that you are not registered in the precinct where you vote, your ballot will not be counted by Texas law. More information on provisional voting appears on the Texas Secretary of State website www.VoteTexas.gov.

More About When & Where to Vote

BALLOT-BY-MAIL VOTING: Only specific reasons entitle a person to vote by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you

- will be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting.
- are sick or disabled.
- are 65 years of age or older on Election Day.
- are confined to jail.

You do not need a photo ID to vote by mail, but photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.

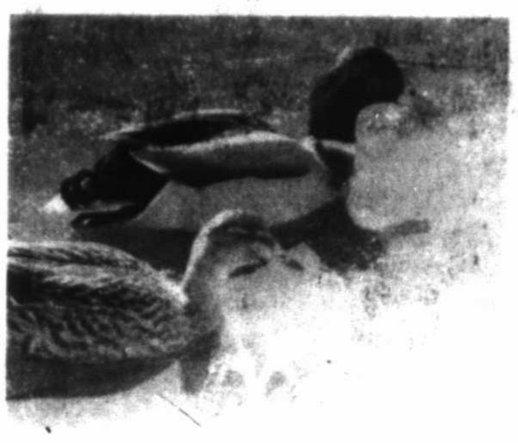
Request an Application for Ballot by Mail from the early voting clerk in the county where you are registered, or download the form from www.VoteTexas.gov. The completed form must be received by mail, fax or email between September 4 and October 23, 2015. Note: postmarks don't count.

A ballot will be mailed to you, and you must return your completed ballot to your county elections department by 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 3. The ballot must be received, not just postmarked, by that date. If you are mailing your ballot from outside the United States, the early voting clerk must receive your ballot by the fifth day after Election Day. (You must mail it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.)

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PROPOSITION 6 • SJR 22

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.

EXPLANATION:

Proposition 6 would change Article 1 of the Texas constitution by adding the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife using traditional methods. The proposed amendment maintains that this right is subject to regulations that conserve and manage wildlife. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect existing laws relating to trespass, property rights, eminent domain, and municipalities' right to prevent hunters from using their guns to hunt in populated areas.

Proposition 6 would also change the constitution by endorsing hunting and fishing as the preferred method for managing and controlling fish and wildlife populations.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- Hunting and fishing are very popular sports in Texas, and many Texans feel the need to protect their right to hunt and fish. Proposition 6 would ensure that no laws could be made to take away that right without another amendment proposed by the legislature and voted on by Texans.
- Revenue from hunting and fishing helps support rural communities and ranch and farm families.
- Licenses for hunting and fishing provide revenue for wildlife conservation projects by the Texas Parks and Wildlife department.
- One method of controlling the over population of wildlife such as deer and geese is through hunting.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- The right to hunt and fish does not need to be in the Texas constitution. Hunting and fishing are already protected by laws in place today that are regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Ch. 1, which provides that the fish and wildlife of Texas are held in trust by the state for the benefit of all Texans.
- Hunting and fishing is one wildlife management technique used for specific species, but should not be in the Texas constitution as the "preferred" method as other methods might be more appropriate in certain situations.
- There are many types of wildlife other than those that are hunted, including endangered species. Although Proposition 6 is subject to laws that promote conservation, there could be misinterpretation, further endangering these species.
- Traditional methods are not defined so there is concern that traditional may include methods of hunting that many Texans find cruel such as snares or leg/foot traps.

VOTERINFO What is Provisional Voting?

The Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 provides for provisional voting if a voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters due to an administrative error. If your name is not on the rolls of registered voters in your precinct, but you believe you are registered, the election judge will attempt to determine if you are registered somewhere in your county. If your registration cannot be found, you may cast a provisional vote by filling out an affidavit and a paper ballot. This ballot is kept separate from the regular ballots, and the case will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board. The ballot will be counted only if the voter is determined to be a registered voter in that precinct. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the tenth day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted and, if they were not counted, the reason why.

Student Voters

Students may use either their parents' address or their college address for voter registration, whichever they consider to be their permanent address. Students cannot be registered at both places. The general rule of thumb is that wherever students claim residency is the place where they should be registered to vote. Students who will be away from their address on Election Day and during early voting may request ballots by mail. Student IDs are not adequate photo IDs for voting and will not be accepted at the polls.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION texas 2015

PROPOSITION 7 • SJR 5

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OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.

EXPLANATION:

Proposition 7 proposes an amendment to the state constitution to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from the state sales and use tax and the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle to the state highway fund. Under current law, these funds are deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

The amendment would dedicate $2.5 billion of revenue from the sales and use tax annually to the State Highway Fund starting on September 1, 2017. This allocation would expire on September 1, 2032. Beginning September 1, 2019, 35 percent of revenue from the sales and use tax on motor vehicles exceeding $5 billion would be dedicated to the State Highway Fund annually. For example, if $6 billion came in from this tax, then 35 percent of $1 billion, or $350 million would be dedicated to the State Highway Fund. Currently, this tax is about $4 billion, and it goes directly to the General Revenue Fund.

The new revenue for the State Highway Fund would be used only to construct, maintain or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways, but not toll roadways, or to make payments on general obligation bonds issued by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The Texas Legislature would be allowed to reduce the amount of sales and use tax revenue allocated to the State Highway Fund if two-thirds of legislators agree to do so. The legislature would also be permitted to extend these revenue allocations beyond their expiration dates for 10-year periods if a simple majority of legislators agree to do so.

☐ ARGUMENTS FOR:

- The population of Texas is growing rapidly, at almost 1,000 new Texans per day, which is good for the economy. All these people, however, need safe roads, highways and bridges to drive on. Investment in the Texas transportation system is vital to sustaining our quality of life and continuing the state's strong economic position.
- The proposed amendment is necessary to fund transportation infrastructure in Texas. Proposition 7 would present a politically viable means to secure a portion of the funding Texas needs to maintain roadway congestion at current levels, given population and economic growth.
- Texas voters passed Proposition 1 in November 2014, which was a critical first step in providing funding for the transportation infrastructure in Texas, but it did not provide for all our transportation needs. Proposition 7 is a sustainable funding solution to our highway infrastructure needs that does not increase taxes and dedicates existing tax revenue toward transportation projects.

☐ ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- If Proposition 7 is passed, this would be the largest single increase in transportation funding in Texas history. It is the second time in two years that Texan voters have been asked to divert existing revenue to the State Highway Fund. Proposition 7 does not provide a new source of funding; it is just taking funds and renaming them, and it ties the hands of future lawmakers.
- The shift of sales tax money to roads rather than to the General Revenue Fund will mean less money in the budget for other necessary items. The two-year impact for 2019 would be $5 billion; a $5 billion decrease in public and higher education funding or investment in the general government, for example, is very significant.
- Most of the new money could not be used on projects that include toll roads. This means it cannot be used for the proposed rebuilding of the third and final phase of the Dallas LBJ East Freeway Project as a hybrid part-free, part-tolled road. Urban mega-projects like the LBJ East Freeway may face needless delays because of the limits imposed on funding.

VOTERINFO Constitutional Amendment Process

The Texas constitution is among the longest of state constitutions in the United States. Since its adoption in 1876, the legislature has proposed 666 constitutional amendments, and 662 have gone before Texas voters; 483 have been approved by the electorate and 179 have been defeated.

An amendment is proposed in a joint resolution that can originate in either house of the state legislature during a regular or special session. A joint resolution specifies the election date and may contain more than one amendment. The joint resolution must receive a vote of two-thirds of each house before it is presented to the voters. The governor cannot veto a joint resolution.

The governor can, however, veto the enabling legislation, the bill to enact the amendment if it is passed by voters. Not all amendments require enabling legislation. If the voters reject an amendment, the enabling legislation does not take effect. If the amendment fails, the legislature may resubmit it in a future legislative session. Amendments take effect when the official vote canvass confirms statewide voter approval, unless a later date is specified in the joint resolution.

The only method of amending the constitution prescribed by Article 17 is through the legislature, subject to voter approval. The constitution does not provide for amendment by initiative, constitutional convention, or any other means. Once an amendment passes it is compiled into the existing framework, text is either added or deleted, unlike the United States Constitution.

Alabama scores 3 TDs on INT returns in win over A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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COLLEGE STATION — Derrick Henry ran for a career-high 236 yards and two scores and No. 10 Alabama added a school-record three touchdowns on interception returns to get a 41-23 win over No. 9 Texas A&M on Saturday.

Alabama (6-1, 3-1 SEC) built a 28-6 lead in the second quarter thanks to 55- and 6-yard touchdown runs by Henry and interception returns of 33 and 93 yards.

Christian Kirk returned a punt 68 yards for a score just before halftime and Texas A&M (5-1, 2-1) added another touchdown on a 3-yard reception by Ricky Seals-Jones after a fumble early in the third to cut it to 28-20.

But Alabama kicked two field goals before Minkah Fitzpatrick's 55-yard interception return for a score — his second of the day — made it 41-23 and sealed the victory.

Kyle Allen, who entered the game having thrown 79 passes without an interception, was 20 of 40 for 263 yards with a touchdown and a career-high three interceptions. Freshman Kyler Murray took over for a few possessions and was also picked off.

The Aggies got within 34-23 with a 36-yard field goal with about eight minutes left. They were driving again after a stop on defense when Fitzpatrick became the first player in Alabama history to return two interceptions for touchdowns in a game.

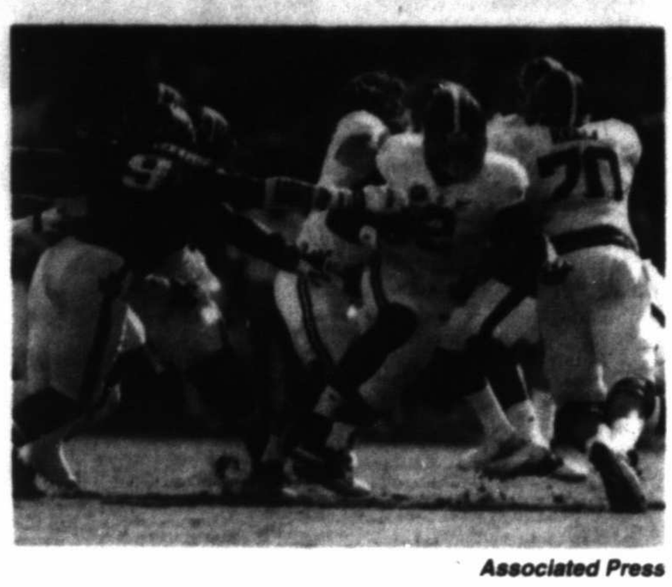
Henry, who extended his school record by scoring in his 12th straight game, had already surpassed his previous career-best of 148 yards rushing with 10 minutes left in the second quarter and he had 178 at halftime.

Alabama was up by 8 when Adam Griffith made a 32-yard field goal to make it 31-20. Kyler Murray was intercepted on the last play of the third quarter and the Crimson Tide added a field goal on the ensuing drive.

Murray played the last possession of the first half and the first one of the third quarter which resulted in a punt. Cyrus Jones fumbled the return and it was recovered by Donovan Wilson.

Allen returned and connected with Seals-Jones on a 44-yard pass before finding him again for a 3-yard touch-

Please see A&M/4C



Associated Press

Alabama's Derrick Henry (2) runs for a 59-yard touchdown against Texas A&M during the first half of a college football game Saturday in College Station.

CHAPS EDUCATION



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Nigerian men's basketball coach Jacqueline Niagwan is visiting Midland College to get coaching tips for her team in Nigeria. Niagwan is the first female to coach a men's team in Nigeria's Premier League in Jos, Nigeria.

Niagwan, MC basketball learning from each other

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jacqueline Niagwan has probably filled up a few notebooks in her few short weeks around the Midland College men's basketball team.

Niagwan is the first female head coach of a men's professional basketball team in her home country of Nigeria and she's using her time with the Chaparrals to learn about not just basketball but about interacting with young men strictly as an observer.

"I've learned a lot," she said. "There are certain things as a coach that I didn't know. Apart from coaching I've learned about the relationships between coaches and players. Here it's really good because it gives players a sense of worth, a sense of belonging. I noticed that the coaches don't just teach them about basketball but about the facts of life. They teach them about respect, having the right attitude and about being disciplined."

Third-year Chaps coach Jordan Dreiling said it's been a pleasure to have Niagwan come and observe the team and said his team has learned a lot from her as well.

"It's been really good to have her just talking to a guy on the side and telling them how neat this opportunity is for them and they should appreciate it and shouldn't take any of this for granted," he said. "That's really been her message for our boys throughout the last two weeks is making the most of the day and the opportunities. I like that but I also like the relationship that her and I are building with talking basketball, talking drills, just different things that could help her boys when she goes back home and helps our guys while she's here with us right now."

The Long Journey

Niagwan has been trying to get to the United States for years to learn more about the game of basketball, but because of a lack of money or the tough task of getting a travel visa, she couldn't get that accomplished.

When she was younger she was offered a scholarship to play basketball for Bismark State College in North Dakota

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MCS pushes past Arlington Pantego in 4 sets

By Will Korn
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Already eliminated from playoff contention and playing with nothing to lose, the Arlington Pantego Christian volleyball team gave Midland Christian a true battle that had the feel of a mid-season match.

But MCS survived a scare and prevailed in four sets, 25-16, 25-27, 25-23, 25-22, in the TAPPS 1-4A finale on Saturday at McGraw Events Center.

With the victory, MCS (26-12, 8-6) pushed itself into a tie with Grapevine Faith for the district's third playoff seed. The two teams will play a tiebreaking match next week to determine the district's third and fourth seed.

Pantego finished its season 15-14 overall and 4-10 in district play.

MCS middle hitter Bayle Weaver, who led the Lady Mustangs with 13 kills and 12 digs, said it was a good thing that Pantego made her team work as hard as it did.

"I think we needed a reality check to wake up, like 'this is happening,'" Weaver said.

Added MCS head coach Alicia Filyukova: "It was definitely (a battle). We had girls step up and perform pretty well. It's nice to have a little bit of competition here at the end and kind of get us refocused going into bi-district and going into the regional tournament."

The Lady Mustangs opened the match on a roll, as they raced to a 10-1 lead in the first set. But the Lady Panthers didn't lay down easily. Pantego scored 14 of the next 27 points and although MCS took the first set, 25-16, the Lady Panthers clearly got tougher.

In the second set, MCS put together another fine start and got out to an 8-2 lead. But the Lady Panthers clawed back and eventually stole the set, 27-25, using a key 4-1 run at the end.

Weaver said the Lady Mustangs were a little surprised that Pantego was able to fight back with such a vengeance after the first set.

"They just started tipping, and they picked up their game, 'woke up,'" Weaver said. "I guess we weren't expecting it, but in the end we pushed when we realized

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Midland Christian's Kenzie Pullen (3) hits against Arlington Pantego on Saturday at McGraw Special Events Center.

Texas Tech holds off Kansas Jayhawks for 30-20 win

■ Red Raiders improve to 2-2 in the Big 12 and 5-2 overall. Kansas falls to 0-3 in conference play and 0-6 for the season

By Amie Just
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Texas Tech defense kept the Red Raiders in the game at Kansas.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury was not impressed by his offense Saturday morning despite the 30-20 victory.

"We were lucky to win the game," Kingsbury said. "Guys got nervous and we just all choked on that side of the ball It's the only way to put it."

Patrick Mahomes threw for 359 yards and a score and De'Andre Washington rushed for 160 yards and a TD. Washington shared Kingsbury's sentiment.

"The offense just didn't come through," Washington said. "The offense just didn't come to play, really. It's all it was."

The Red Raiders (5-2, 2-2 Big 12) racked up 225 yards rushing and a touchdown on the ground. Texas Tech's 30 points were the least amount the team has scored all season.

Five different Texas Tech offensive playmakers recorded over 50 yards receiving. Zach Austin led the Red Raiders with 80 yards receiving, Jakeem Grant had 76 yards, Devin Lauderdale had 50, Cameron Batson, 58, and Reginald Davis, 57 yards and a score.

Texas Tech continued its streak of perfection, as the Red Raiders are 9-0 inside Memorial Stadium, a record dating to 1966.

Kansas (0-6, 0-3) is riding a nine-game losing streak and is 0-6 for the first time since 1988. Before this season, Kansas had only started 0-6 three times in program history, in 1954 and 1988. Head coach David Beaty is still waiting for his first win.

But just because Kansas is 0-6 doesn't mean they aren't a worthy opponent.

"I feel like people underestimated the opponent and (didn't) understand that this is college football and any team can beat any team, especially in the Big 12," defensive end Branden Jackson said.

Freshman quarterback Ryan Willis was 35 of 50 for a career-high 330 yards passing in his second start for the Jayhawks. Willis turned the ball over three times, throwing two picks and dropped a fumble. Running back De'Andre Mann gained 107 yards on 15 carries.

Kansas had its share of bloopers, most of those coming on special teams.

Matthew Wyman missed an extra point attempt and two field goals, a 52-yard attempt and a 34-yard attempt, and Nick Bartolotta shanked a 22-yard field goal wide right.

But Kansas wasn't going out without a fight. Kansas had back-to-back touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put them down by 3.

With less than five minutes to go, Willis was backed up in his own end zone, which would have resulted in a safety, but he fumbled. Two Texas Tech defenders wrestled for the ball, but the ball rolled to Mann, who ran out of the end zone for a 4-yard gain.

Johnson was one of those defenders.

"I got on the ball first and Breiden (Fehoko) was coming and it's kind of hard to slow that 300-pound body down," Johnson said. "He dove on me and kind of stripped me from the ball and Kansas was able to get up on it and make a play."

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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Canadian Football League
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European PGA: Portugal Masters, 3rd Round, 7 a.m., GOLF
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PGA: Frys.com Open, 3rd Round, 4 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
NLCS Gm 2: Chic. Cubs at NY Mets, 7 p.m., TBS

Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier: Dundee United vs Heart of Midlothian, 6 a.m., FSP
Italian Serie A: SSC Napoli vs ACF Fiorentina, 7:50 a.m., beIN
Bundesliga: 1. FC Koln vs Hannover 96, 8:30 a.m., FS2/GolTV
La Liga: Real Sociedad vs Club Atletico Madrid, 8:50 a.m., beIN2
French Ligue 1: FC Girondins de Bordeaux vs Montpelier HSC, 9:50 a.m., beIN
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La Liga: Getafe CF vs UD Las Palmas, 11:20 a.m., beIN2
Liga MX: Deportivo Toluca FC vs Queretaro FC, 11:50 a.m., UNIV/UDN
NCAA: Penn State at Michigan State, Noon, BTN
Brazil: Atletico-PR vs Corinthians, 12:50 p.m., ESPNDEP
Portuguese Cup: Penafiel vs Guimaraes, 1:10 p.m., GolTV
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FIFA U17 World Cup: Australia vs Germany, 1:50 p.m., FS2/TELE
FIFA U17 World Cup: Belgium vs Mali, 1:50 p.m., FSP
Italian Serie A: FC Internazionale Milano vs Juventus FC, 1:50 p.m., beIN
MLS: Seattle Sounders FC at Houston Dynamo, 4 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
Uruguay: Penarol vs Rentistas, 4 p.m., GolTV
FIFA U17 World Cup: Mexico vs Argentina, 4:50 p.m., FS2/NBCU
FIFA U17 World Cup: Honduras vs Ecuador, 4:50 p.m., FSP
Liga MX: CD Guadalajara vs Puebla FC, 4:50 p.m., UniMas/UDN
MLS: Portland Timbers at LA Galaxy, 6 p.m., FS1/FXDEP
NCAA: Oregon State at Washington, 7 p.m., P12/P12 OR/P12 WA

Motorsports
Sprint Cup: Hollywood Casino 400, 1 p.m., NBC
Red Bull Air Race: Las Vegas, 4 p.m., FS1

National Basketball Association
Exhibition: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, Noon, NBAtv
Exhibition: Cleveland at Toronto, 5 p.m., NBAtv
Exhibition: Utah at Portland, 8 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League
Washington at NY Jets, Noon, FOX
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon, CBS
San Diego at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m., CBS
New England at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League
Minnesota at Anaheim, 7 p.m., NHL

Tennis
WTA: Tianjin, WTA: Linz, & ATP: Shanghai, Finals, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Soccer
NC State at Syracuse, Noon, FSSW+
Texas Tech at Baylor, 1 p.m., FSSW/FCSC
Tennessee at Missouri, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Utah at California, 1 p.m., P12 BAY/P12 Mtn
Santa Clara at Portland, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Women's College Volleyball
Florida at Missouri, Noon, SEC
Arizona at USC, 1 p.m., P12/P12 AZ/P12 LA
Alabama at LSU, 2 p.m., SEC
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m., FSSW+
Stanford at Colorado, 3 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 Mtn
Oregon at Washington State, 3 p.m., P12 OR/P12 WA
Arizona State at UCLA, 3:30 p.m., P12 AZ/P12 LA
Ole Miss at Arkansas, 4 p.m., SEC

RADIO

National Football League
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon, KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Announced the resignation of athletic trainer Stan Conte.
CYCLING
USA CYCLING — Named Chuck Hodge technical director.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed RB Terrence Magee from the practice squad. Waived CB Charles James II.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DL Bruce Gaston. Placed DL Ego Ferguson on injured reserve.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed RB Kapri Bibbs from the practice squad. Released TE Richard Gordon.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Amarlo Herrera from the practice squad. Released KR Marcus Thigpen.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed WR Walt Powell. Signed DB Keenan Lambert to the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed LB Justin Staples from the practice squad. Placed LB Deontrez Mount on injured reserve.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-New York	16	10	6	54	56	41
x-Columbus	14	11	8	50	53	53
x-Toronto FC	15	14	4	49	57	56
x-D.C. United	14	12	6	48	39	40
New England	13	11	8	47	45	45
Montreal	13	13	6	45	45	43
Orlando City	12	13	8	44	46	55
New York City FC	10	16	7	37	48	55
Philadelphia	9	16	7	34	40	51
Chicago	8	18	6	30	42	52

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-FC Dallas	16	10	6	54	49	38
x-Los Angeles	14	9	9	51	53	39
x-Vancouver	15	13	5	50	42	36
Sporting Kansas City	13	10	9	48	46	42
Seattle	14	13	5	47	40	34
San Jose	13	12	8	47	40	37
Portland	13	11	8	47	32	36
Houston	11	13	8	41	45	45
Real Salt Lake	11	13	8	41	37	44
Colorado	8	14	10	34	30	39

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
x - clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Toronto FC 2, New York 1
FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 0
Portland 1, Real Salt Lake 0

Friday's Games
Orlando City 2, New York City FC 1
San Jose 1, Sporting Kansas City 0

Saturday's Games
Columbus 2, Toronto FC 0
Montreal 1, New England, 0
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late

Sunday's Games
Chicago at D.C. United, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 2 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 4 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	4	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	4	0	1.000	—
New York	3	0	1.000	½
Indiana	4	1	.800	½
Washington	2	1	.667	1½
Toronto	3	2	.600	1½
Orlando	3	2	.600	1½
Boston	1	1	.500	2
Detroit	2	3	.400	2½
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	2½
Chicago	2	3	.400	2½
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	2½
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	2½
Miami	1	3	.250	3
Cleveland	0	5	.000	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	3	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	4	1	.800	—
Denver	4	1	.800	—
Oklahoma City	2	1	.667	1
New Orleans	2	1	.667	1
Portland	2	2	.500	1½
Phoenix	2	2	.500	1½
Golden State	2	2	.500	1½
Utah	2	2	.500	1½
Houston	2	3	.400	2
L.A. Clippers	1	3	.250	2½
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2½
San Antonio	0	3	.000	3
Dallas	0	4	.000	3½
L.A. Lakers	0	4	.000	3½

Friday's Games
Washington 127, Philadelphia 118
New York 101, Boston 95
Memphis 94, Oklahoma City 78
Atlanta 91, Dallas 84
Denver 108, Phoenix 81

Saturday's Games
Charlotte 97, New York 93
Sacramento 107, New Orleans 98
Miami 105, Boston 94
Washington at Milwaukee, late
Golden State vs. L.A. Lakers at San Diego, CA, late

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, noon
Detroit at San Antonio, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NFL ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN	Sunday TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Denver	5½	4	(42½)	at CLEVELAND
Cincinnati	+1½	3	(43)	at BUFFALO
at MINNESOTA	2½	3½	(43)	Kansas City
at JACKSONVILLE	+2½	1½	(43½)	Houston
at DETROIT	6½	3	(44)	Chicago
at NY JETS	6	6½	(40½)	Washington
Arizona	2½	3½	(45)	at PITTSBURGH
at TENNESSEE	1½	1½	(43½)	Miami
at SEATTLE	7½	7	(41)	Carolina
at GREEN BAY	9	10½	(50½)	San Diego
Baltimore	3½	2	(43)	at SAN FRANCISCO
New England	5	9	(54½)	at INDIANAPOLIS
		Monday		
at PHILADELPHIA	3	5	(49½)	NY Giants

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 23
At the Celebrity Theatre, Phoenix (SHO), Rob Brant vs. Louis Rose, 10, middleweights.
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif., Joseph Diaz Jr. vs. Ruben Tamayo, 10, featherweights; Frankie Gomez vs. Jorge Silva, 10, welterweights.

Oct. 24
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb. (HBO), Terence Crawford vs. Dierry Jean, for Crawford's WBO junior welterweight title; Mikael Zewski vs. Raymond Serrano, 10, welterweights.
At Sheffield, England, Chris Eubank Jr. vs. Tony Jeter, 12, for Eubank's WBA interim middleweight title; Gavin McDonnell vs. Jeremy Parodi, 12, for McDonnell's European junior featherweight title; Leigh Wood vs. Josh Wale, 10, featherweights; Dave Allen vs. Adam Machaj, 10, heavyweights.

Oct. 31
At Houston (NBCSN), Jermell Charlo vs. Joachim Alcine, 10, junior middleweights; Tony Harrison vs. Cecil McCalla, 10, junior middleweights.

Nov. 4
At Kazan, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Lateef Kayode, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title; Alexander Povetkin vs. Mariusz Wach, 12, heavyweights; Rakhim Chakhkiev vs. Ola Afolabi, 12, cruiserweights; Cesar Cuenca vs. Eduard Troyanovsky, 12, for Cuenca's IBF junior welterweight title.

Nov. 6
At The D Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (SHO), Antoine Douglas vs. Les Sherrington, 10, middleweights.

Nov. 7
At Monte Carlo, Juergen Braehmer vs. Thomas Oosthuizen, 12, for Braehmer's WBA World light heavyweight title; Yonfrez Parejo vs. Zhanat Zhakiyanov, 12, for Parejo's interim WBA World bantamweight title; David Avanesyan vs. Charlie Navarro, 12, welterweights; Youri Kalenga vs. Roberto Bolonti, 10, cruiserweights; Amor Belaidhi Ali vs. Jun Glu Xiao, 12, junior featherweights.

Despite shortcomings Rangers and Astros made good runs



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As a Red Sox fan, I kind of sympathized with fans of the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros this past week. I know what it's like to have your team let one get away.

The Astros blew leads in Games 2 and 4 of the ALDS series against Kansas City before losing in five games. Meanwhile, the Rangers fell apart after taking a 2-0 lead in the series against Toronto and then suffered an extreme meltdown in the decisive Game 5.

But hey, at least they had their chance. That's all you can ask for in the playoffs. And for two teams that weren't expected to do much this year, it was an accomplishment to get this far.

Personally, I always thought that Toronto and Kansas City were the teams to beat in the American League, even with the inept John Gibbons as manager of the Blue Jays.

I still favor the Royals to reach the World Series against the upstart Chicago Cubs. There's something about those Cubbies that screams "team of destiny", and the Royals know how to just win, no matter how unimpressive it looks at times.

■ Speaking of unimpressive, that's how the Dallas Cowboys have looked these past few weeks without quarterback Tony Romo.

Remember, I warned you a few weeks ago that the Cowboys could be in a world of trouble without Romo and Dez Bryant in the lineup and the schedule that was looming, and that seems to be coming very true.

Now the Cowboys will go to Matt Cassel as the starting quarterback, replacing Brandon Weeden, who's just been a trainwreck.

I was asked if I thought Cassel would help. My answer was that after watching Weeden, it couldn't hurt to try somebody else.

Contrary to what some people believe, it doesn't just take anybody to be a good quarterback in the NFL. It takes a special player to play that position well in the NFL and that is usually hard to find.

The NFL is full of backup quarterbacks. Just ask the Texans who have two to choose from to be their starter.

I admit, if it wasn't for the Cowboys, I wouldn't be able to sit at home and watch mediocre quarterback play, and the NFL is full of it. I'd rather catch up on some reading or take a walk than watch two mediocre quarterbacks going at it.

I'm almost knocking myself upside the head for writing this, but (gasping for air) ... Greg Hardy might be the Cowboys' best hope in helping the Cowboys get through this stretch without Romo and Bryant. I know, I know, it's almost horrifying to be depending on a guy who's been at times less a role model than escaped drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

What can I say? Hardy looks like an impact player on a defense that has sorely needed a pass rusher.

■ And finally, the District 3-6A football picture may be a little clearer after Friday's results.

To sum it up, Odessa Permian has established itself as the team to beat after a 37-17 win over Abilene High, the Eagles and San Angelo Central are right behind the Panthers, Midland High and Lee look like they will be fighting for the final playoff spot, and unless there's a dramatic turnaround, Odessa High is pretty much done.

In other words, no real surprises here so far.

The good news for MHS and Lee fans is that the regular season finale between the two teams might be as big as anticipated with the winner likely clinching the last playoff spot.

Crazier things have happened, but the way the district is stacking up so far, a lot will be decided on that final Friday of the regular season. Just like many had hoped.

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Seguin, Benn score 2 each as Stars beat Panthers 4-2

By Bill Whitehead
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn scored two goals each to rally the Dallas Stars to a 4-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Saturday night.

Benn tied the score 2-2 with a power-play goal 50 seconds into the third period. Seguin gave Dallas its first lead with 3:02 remaining, backhanding a rebound of a pass from John Klingberg. Benn then capped the scoring with an empty-netter with 19 seconds to go, completing the Stars' comeback from 2-0 just more than 2 minutes in the second period.

Patrick Sharp had two assists and Kari Lehtonen stopped 22 shots to improve to 3-0-0.

Aleksander Barkov and Brandon Pirri scored for Florida, and Roberto Luongo finished with 33 saves on 36 shots.

Barkov appeared to score the game's first goal 59 seconds into the second period just 6 seconds after a power play ended on a circle-to-circle pass from Huberdeau.

However, the goal was waved off for goaltender interference against Jagr.

Replays showed Jagr was a couple of feet away from Lehtonen and clearly outside the crease. Florida coach Gerard Gallant chose to use his coach's challenge, the first in club history.

After a lengthy review, Barkov was awarded his third goal of the season and Florida was allowed to keep its timeout. It marked the third straight game Barkov has scored a goal. The Finnish top-line center scored the first goal of his career two years ago in Dallas in his first NHL game.

Pirri made it 2-0 just over a minute later when he led a two-man break with Nick Bjugstad after Reilly Smith's backhanded flip in the neutral zone sprung the two forwards.

Pirri, a 22-goal scorer last season, netted his first of the year but tripped and slid head-first into the boards. Shaken, he briefly went to the dressing room but soon returned.

Seguin took advantage of a steal by Sharp, who fed the speedy center into a breakaway against Luongo shortly after Pirri's goal. Seguin beat Luongo low on the glove side at 6:31.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	6	6	0	0	12	20	7
Tampa Bay	6	4	2	0	8	19	15
Ottawa	6	3	2	1	7	19	17
Florida	5	3	2	0	6	16	9
Detroit	5	3	2	0	6	15	13
Toronto	5	1	3	1	3	12	17
Boston	4	1	3	0	2	13	18
Buffalo	5	1	4	0	2	9	14

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	5	3	1	1	7	17	15
Washington	4	3	1	0	6	13	10
N.Y. Rangers	5	3	2	0	6	13	13
Philadelphia	4	2	1	1	5	7	10
Pittsburgh	5	2	3	0	4	7	9
Carolina	5	1	4	0	2	11	17
New Jersey	4	0	3	1	1	6	13
Columbus	5	0	5	0	0	12	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	5	4	1	0	8	18	9
Dallas	5	4	1	0	8	19	13
St. Louis	5	4	1	0	8	17	12
Nashville	5	4	1	0	8	14	9
Minnesota	4	3	0	1	7	13	11
Colorado	4	2	2	0	4	15	14
Chicago	5	2	3	0	4	10	13

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	17	8
Vancouver	5	3	1	1	7	15	9
Arizona	4	3	1	0	6	13	6
Calgary	4	1	3	0	2	8	14
Los Angeles	4	1	3	0	2	4	13
Anaheim	4	0	3	1	1	1	11
Edmonton	4	0	4	0	0	5	13

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games
San Jose 2, New Jersey 1, SO
Toronto 6, Columbus 3
Carolina 5, Detroit 3
Winnipeg 3, Calgary 1
St. Louis 4, Vancouver 3
Colorado 3, Anaheim 0
Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1, OT

Saturday's Games
Nashville 4, Ottawa 3, SO
Montreal 4, Detroit 1
Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 1
Dallas 4, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 2, Toronto 1
Washington 4, Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 6, San Jose 3
Columbus at Chicago, late
Edmonton at Calgary, late
Boston at Arizona, late

Sunday's Games
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, noon
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Andrews sweeps Greenwood volleyball

From staff reports

The Andrews volleyball team got a straight set victory over Greenwood, 25-19, 25-22, 25-8, in a District 4-4A match played Saturday at Greenwood High School.

Caity Payne had nine kills and nine digs, Madi Ulcak had nine digs and Faith Duran and Hanah Flores each had 10 assists to lead the Rangerettes (9-26, 0-7).

ANDREWS DEF. 25-19, 25-22, 25-8
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 9, Kyndall Dove 6, Paysiee Sims 4, Kailey Martinez 2, Alex McConnell 1, Makayla Niblett 1
Digs — Madi Ulcak 9, Payne 9, Sims 8, Faith Duran 8, Hanah Flores 5, Kaydn Ellis 4, Kaitlin Murphy 3, Niblett 2, Dove 1
Assists — Duran 10, Flores 10, Payne 1
Blocks — Dove 2, Payne 1, Sims 1, Niblett 1
Aces — Payne 1, Sims 1, Ellis 1
Record: Greenwood 9-26, 0-7 in District 4-4A
Next: Greenwood at Seminole, 7 p.m. Tuesday

MCS

From 1C

what they were doing."

Set three saw Pantego carry over its momentum from the second set win and it nearly took a 2-1 set lead against the home team. The Lady Panthers trailed for most of the set, but hung tough and eventually closed to within 24-23. But a hitting error sealed the set win for MCS, 25-23.

Playing for pride, Pantego was then staked to a 7-1 advantage in the fourth set. At times, the Lady Mustangs almost appeared content to settle for the district's fourth playoff seed and didn't play with much energy early in the set.

But MCS turned things around just in time and took the match with a clinching 7-0 run fueled by Pantego miscues.

"The girls were on the same page," Filyukova said. "They wanted to win, but we had to make some adjustments and they had to find their inner drive."

Pantego head coach Drew Noah said that his team -- with its fate already decided -- wanted to make the most of its final match of the season.

"I think we just came alive more," Noah said. "The girls picked up their efforts. You've got a season that is finishing up and you know you're not making the playoffs, it's kind of hard to focus at that point. But we got focused and the girls still wanted to finish strong."

I feel like we had the game that we wanted to have coming into tonight."

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MCS DEF. ARLINGTON PANTEGO 25-16, 25-27, 25-23, 25-22
MCS statistics
Kills -- Bayle Weaver 13, Kenzie Pullen 10, Emma Holder 10, Meagan Thomason 8, Megan Ashton 5, Savana Walker 3
Assists -- Walker 44, Ashton 3, Makenzie Mondragon 1
Digs -- Ashton 22, Pullen 17, Walker 14, Weaver 12, Mondragon 11, Sydney Wilson 6, Thomason 3, Holder 1
Blocks -- Holder 5, Thomason 2, Pullen 1, Walker 1
Aces -- Pullen 4, Mondragon 1, Weaver 1, Ashton 1, Walker 1
Record: MCS 26-12, 8-0 in TAPPS 1-4A
Next: MCS vs. Grapevine Faith, TBA, Abilene

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TEXASCOLLEGE FOOTBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAM HOUSTON STATE 49
ABILENE CHRISTIAN 21

ABILENE — Jared Johnson threw for five touchdowns as Sam Houston State overwhelmed Abilene Christian 49-21 in Southland Conference play on Saturday.

Johnson completed 17 of 24 passes for 250 yards. LaDarius Brown grabbed six passes for 108 yards and one touchdown. Cory Avery rushed for 98 yards and one score on six carries.

Sam Houston State (4-2, 4-1), after opening the season with losses to Texas Tech and Lamar, has now won four consecutive games. SHSU has outscored its opponents 133-66 in the second half.

The Bearkats struck early when Johnson hit Brown on a 64-yard scoring strike with 13:41 left in the first quarter. They had a 28-0 lead going into the second quarter and were up 35-7 at the break.

Parker McKenzie led Abilene Christian (2-4, 2-3), throwing for 106 yards on 6-of-12 passing, but he was also intercepted twice.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 49
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST. 21

ITTA BENA, Miss. — Averion Hurts threw six touchdown passes and ran for another score to lead Texas Southern to a 49-21 victory over Mississippi Valley State on Saturday.

Hurts was 19 of 24 for 311 yards passing. He threw three scoring strikes to Derrick Griffin, and two touchdown passes to Larry Clark III. Hurts also ran for 68 yards on 14 carries with a 5-yard touchdown run. Griffin caught seven passes for 178 yards, and Clark had four catches for 61 yards.

Ruban Thurston Jr. threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Keenan Daniels to pull Mississippi Valley State (0-7, 0-5 Southwestern Athletic Conference) to 28-21 early in the third quarter.

Hurts answered with touchdown passes of 36 and 22 yards to Griffin, and a 10-yarder to Clark to seal it for the Tigers (3-3, 2-3).

NICHOLLS 38
HOUSTON BAPTIST 17

THIBODAUX, La. — Michael Henry and Tuskani Figaro combined to rush for four touchdowns and 183 yards as Nicholls picked up its first win of the season, a 38-17 victory over Houston Baptist on Saturday.

Henry rushed for 92 yards on 23 carries and two scores and Figaro, who also passed for 134 yards, rushed for 91 yards on 16 carries.

Nicholls (1-5, 1-3 Southland Conference) was winless last season, losing to Houston Baptist (2-5, 0-4) 31-21 last year.

Nicholls jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Huskies closed to 21-10 by halftime. Tobias Lofton opened the third quarter with a 39-yard touchdown run, Figaro scored from 14 yards out with 9:01 remaining in the fourth and Francisco Condado kicked a 31-yard field goal for a 38-10 lead with 6:29 left.

D'Angelo Wallace grabbed six passes for 129 yards for the Huskies.

PRAIRIE VIEW 47
SOUTHERN 42

BATON ROUGE, La. — Johntá Hebert caught two touchdown passes, ran in two more and Prairie View overtook Southern in the fourth quarter for a 47-42 win Saturday.

Hebert, who averages 85.6 rushing yards per game, piled up 114 on 17 carries and added 170 more with 10 receptions. Trey Green threw for 339 yards and the two TD throws to Hebert, De'Auntre Smiley ran in two touchdowns and Fred Anderson had a TD as well for Prairie View (4-2, 4-1 Southwest Athletic Conference).

Trailing 30-27 early in the fourth quarter, the Panthers recovered a fumble at Southern's 1-yard line and Smiley punched it in for the score, taking the lead and triggering a 20-12 run to cement the win.

Southern (3-3, 3-1) edged the Panthers 520-517 in total yards but had six fumbles to Prairie View's two.

Austin Howard was 18 for 28 and 377 yards, including three touchdowns and a fourth rushing TD.

SOUTHERN MISS. 32
UTSA 10

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Jalen Richard and Ito Smith both rushed for over 100 yards, DJ Thompson and Michael Thomas went over 100 receiving and Southern Mississippi nearly tripled Texas San Antonio's offensive output in a 32-10 win Saturday night.

Southern Mississippi (4-3, 2-1 Conference USA) had 556 yards to UTSA's 205, and the Golden Eagles possessed the ball more than 35 minutes.

Thomas scored on a 47-yard pass from Nick Mullens on Southern Mississppi's first possession. Stephen Brauchle hit three field goals in the second quarter to make it a 16-0 halftime lead. Mullens finished 23 of 31 for 343 yards with two scores and three interceptions.

Kerry Thomas Jr.'s 1-yard TD catch put UTSA (1-6, 1-2) on the board midway through the third quarter. Daniel Portillo kicked a 30-yard field goal to pull the Roadrunners within two scores, but Richard's one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter put the game out of reach.

NORTHWESTERN STATE 48
LAMAR 35

NATCHITOCHES, La. — De'Mard Llorens rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns, and Northwestern State topped Lamar 48-35 on Saturday.

Lamar's Kade Harrington carried 36 times for 282 and five touchdowns — all school records — but had a key fumble in the fourth quarter which led to a 95-yard return touchdown by Adam Jones to put Northwestern State up by 20.

Harrington scored twice in the fourth, on 2- and 3-yard runs, but Llorens' 1-yard run kept the Cardinals at bay.

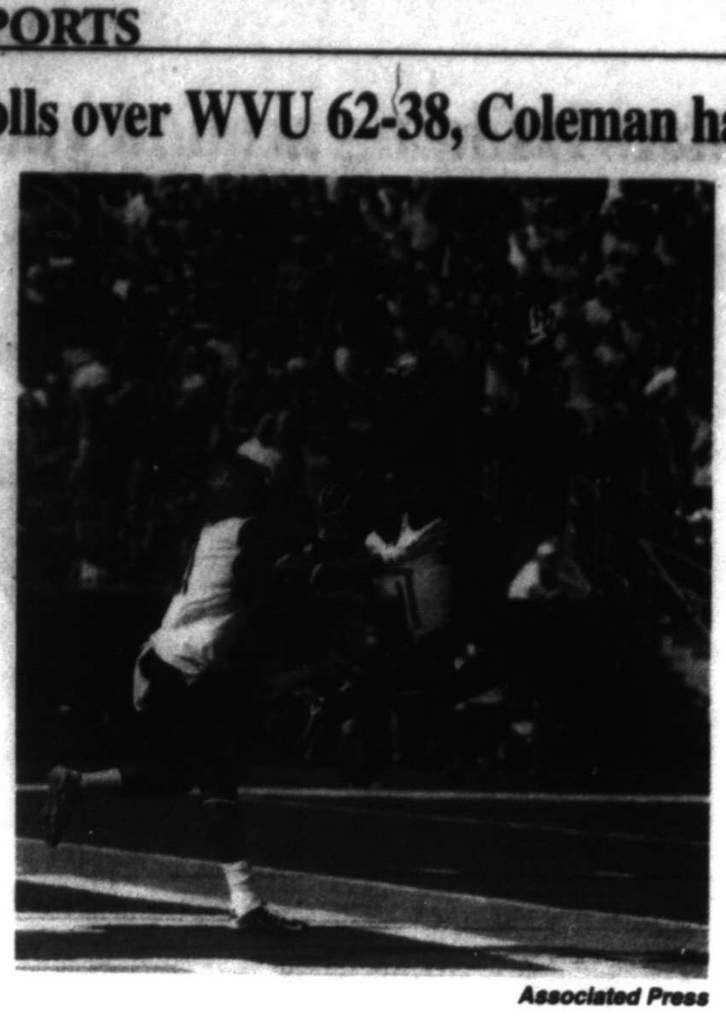
Northwestern State (1-5, 1-3 Southland) jumped out quickly, taking a 14-0 lead after one quarter on Daniel Taylor's 12-yard run and Llorens' 53-yard scamper.

Harrington scored twice in the second — on runs of 79 and 5 yards — but Stephen Rivers completed touchdown passes to Shakeir Ryan and Zach White and the Demons led 31-14 at intermission. Rivers finished 15 of 21 for 197 yards.

Lamar fell to 3-3, 2-2 in conference.

No. 2 Baylor rolls over WVU 62-38, Coleman has 3 TD catches

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



Associated Press

Baylor cornerback Ryan Reid (9) intercepts a pass intended for West Virginia wide receiver Shelton Gibson, left, in the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday in Waco.

WACO — Seth Russell did something for second-ranked Baylor only a Heisman Trophy winner had done before. Corey Coleman is well on the way to his goal of setting a standard for the Bears that will be hard to match.

Russell became the only Baylor quarterback other than Robert Griffin III in 2011 to throw for 300 yards and run for 100 in the same game, and Coleman caught three more touchdowns break the single-season school record as the Bears got a measure of revenge with a 62-38 victory over West Virginia on Saturday.

Coleman matched and then broke Kendall Wright's school record, his nation-leading 16th coming halfway through the regular season for the Bears (6-0, 3-0 Big 12).

"I'm trying to make it elite," Coleman said. "I'm trying to make it unbreakable."

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen called Coleman "the best player in college football. You can put me on record for that."

Coleman finished with 10 catches for 199 yards, his fourth consecutive game with multiple touchdowns and his seventh in a row with at least 100 yards receiving. The 5-foot-11 junior had catch-and-run plays of 50 and 42 yards without scoring.

His 2-yard TD catch, a play after Baylor converted a fourth-and-1 midway through the first quarter, put the Bears ahead for good at 14-7 and matched Wright's school record 14.

With an 11-yard score in the second quarter, Coleman surpassed Wright, the current Tennessee Titans receiver whose record season at Baylor came while catching passes from RG3.

The Bears won their FBS-best 19th consecutive home game.

Baylor's only regular-season loss last year was 41-27 at West Virginia, and the two-time defending Big 12 champion Bears wound up the first team left out of the initial College Football Playoff.

"Really good win against really the only Big 12 team that we don't have a winning record against since 2011," coach Art Briles said. "That's a big deal for us as a program. We felt a lot of desire, a lot of need to clear our name. We didn't feel like we had a good name in West Virginia, so that was kind of our motivating factor."

Russell was 20 of 33 for 380 yards and five TD passes, and ran 14 times for 160 yards with another score. His FBS-best 27 TD passes are well in range of Griffin's school record 37 in 2011.

After Coleman added a 33-yard score early in the second half, on a short fourth-down pass when he quickly cut back and the defender slipped down trying to keep up, Russell threw two TD passes to Jay Lee in a span of just over 4 minutes to make it 48-24.

TOP25ROUNDUP

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NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 27
NO. 12 MICHIGAN 23

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jalen Watts-Jackson grabbed the ball on a flubbed punt attempt and lumbered 38 yards into the end zone for a touchdown on the final play, giving No. 7 Michigan State a 27-23 victory over No. 12 Michigan in one of college football's most unlikely endings.

With the Wolverines up 23-21 with 10 seconds left, punter Blake O'Neill bobbled a low snap, and spun around to try and make the kick. But he was hit, the ball popped free and Watts-Jackson caught it, broke a few tackles in the final yards and made it into the end zone.

Michigan State (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) has won seven of eight in the series, its best stretch in more than a half-century. Michigan (5-2, 2-1) lost for the first time since an opening setback at Utah.

The Wolverines were seconds away from sealing the win after Sione Houma ran for two TDs, Kenny Allen kicked three field goals and forcing the Spartans to turn it over on downs with 1:47 left at its 45.

The Spartans had only one timeout left and used it after the next snap. Michigan had two and coach Jim Harbaugh used both, including one with 10 seconds left to set up the final punt.

NO. 3 TCU 45
IOWA STATE 21

AMES, Iowa — Trevone Boykin threw for 436 yards and four touchdowns for TCU.

Josh Doctson had 190 yards receiving and two TDs for the Horned Frogs (7-0, 4-0 Big 12).

Boykin's 3-yard scoring run with 14:36 left put TCU ahead 38-21. Doctson made it a rout with a 42-yard touchdown catch 6 minutes later.

Sam Richardson had 251 yards passing for Iowa State (2-4, 1-2).

NO. 1 OHIO STATE 38
PENN STATE 10

COLUMBUS, Ohio — J.T. Barrett played finisher for Ohio State, running for two touchdowns in the first half and then taking over full-time for Cardale Jones in the third quarter.

Wearing black uniforms for the first time, the Buckeyes didn't look like themselves, though they did look a lot more like the dominant team many expected the defending national champions to be this season.

Ohio State (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) still doesn't have a definitive answer at quarterback, but the Buckeyes have a 20-game winning streak. Barrett added two fourth-quarter touchdown passes to make it 38-10 and draw chants of "J.T.! J.T.!" from the blackout crowd of 108,423 for Dark Night in the Shoe. Jones started, as he has all season, but was only 9 for 15 for 84 yards.

NO. 5 CLEMSON 34
BOSTON COLLEGE 17

CLEMSON, S.C. — Deshaun Watson threw for three touchdowns and a season-best 420 yards and Clemson rolled against Boston College's top-ranked defense.

Watson added a rushing touchdown and the Tigers improved to 6-0 (3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) for the third time in five seasons. Watson finished 27 of 41, including touchdowns throws of 21 yards to Zac Brooks, 51 yards to Artavis Scott and 6 yards to Jordan Leggett.

Scott had 10 catches for 162 yards and Clemson put up 532 yards against a defense that was only allowing 140 a game coming in to lead the Football Bowl Subdivision. Boston College (3-4, 0-4) hadn't allowed so many yards since losing the Independence Bowl to Arizona State after the 2013 season.

NO. 6 LSU 35
NO. 8 FLORIDA 28

BATON ROUGE, La. — Leonard Fournette ran for 180 yards and two touchdowns, and LSU coach Les Miles victimized Florida with a fake field goal for the second time in five years.

Kicker Trent Domingue's 16-yard touchdown run on the fake was LSU's only scoring play of the second half, breaking a 28-all tie in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers' defense held from there — barely. Florida receiver Antonio Callaway, who had a 72-yard punt return for a score, also had his hands on a long pass to the end zone from Treon Harris in the middle of the fourth quarter, but LSU's Dwyane Thomas punched it out to prevent a tying touchdown.

NO. 11 FLORIDA STATE 41
LOUISVILLE 21

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Everett Golson threw for 372 yards and three touchdowns and Florida State rallied in the second half to beat Louisville.

It is the eighth 300-yard game of Golson's career and his second since transferring from Notre Dame this year. A 70-yard touchdown pass to Kermit Whitfield, who had nine receptions for 172 yards, gave the Seminoles a 20-14 lead with 8:05 remaining.

The win gives Florida State a 6-0 record for the third straight season. The Seminoles are 4-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cardinals dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the ACC.

MEMPHIS 37
NO. 13 MISSISSIPPI 24

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paxton Lynch threw for 384 yards and three touchdowns and Memphis stunned Mississippi.

Memphis (6-0) has won 13 straight games dating to last season — the third longest streak in the nation. It was the first win for the Tigers over a ranked opponent since 1996.

Ole Miss (5-2) jumped out to a 14-0 lead less than 6 minutes into the game — partly thanks to a 68-yard touchdown pass by receiver Laquon Treadwell on a trick play — but Memphis responded with 31 unanswered points to take a 31-14 lead early in the third quarter.

NO. 14 NOTRE DAME 41
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 31

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Corey Robinson made a diving catch in the end zone midway through the fourth quarter and Notre Dame rebounded to beat Southern California after squandering a two-touchdown lead.

C.J. Prosise ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and DeShone Kizer threw two scoring passes, one second the 10-yarder to Robinson that made it 38-31.

NO. 17 IOWA 40
NO. 20 NORTHWESTERN 10

EVANSTON, Ill. — Reserve running back Akrum Wadley ran for 204 yards and tied Iowa's school record with four rushing touchdowns.

With leading rusher Jordan Canzeri sidelined in the first quarter with an ankle injury, Wadley took over for Iowa (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten). The injury occurred following a short run when linebacker Jaylen Prater landed on Canzeri, folding his ankle under a pile of players.

Wadley, who had only eight carries coming into the game, scored his third touchdown on a 2-yard run with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter, extending Iowa's lead to 23-10. His record-tying fourth scoring run, which followed a Northwestern fumble on the Wildcats ensuing drive, came on a 4-yard run that.

NO. 19 OKLAHOMA 55
KANSAS STATE 0

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Baker Mayfield threw five touchdown passes and Oklahoma bounced back from its upset loss to Texas to beat Kansas State, the first time the Wildcats have been shut out since 1996.

Kansas State had delivered serious scares to Top 25 opponents the previous two weeks, but the Wildcats (3-3, 0-3 Big 12) were helpless against the Sooners (5-1, 2-1). Oklahoma set the tone early, taking only 1:04 to score on its opening drive on a 22-yard pass from Mayfield to Sterling Shepard.

The Sooners took a 35-0 lead into halftime and just kept rolling in the second half.

Kansas State had scored in 234 straight games. Its last home shutout was in 1991.

NO. 22 TOLEDO 63
EASTERN MICHIGAN 20

TOLEDO, Ohio — Phillip Ely threw for 327 yards and four touchdowns to help Toledo improve to 6-0 for the first time since 1997.

The Rockets (6-0, 2-0 Mid-American Conference) led 28-6 at halftime, and then Ely really warmed up. He threw touchdown passes on Toledo's first two possessions of the second half, connecting with Corey Jones for a 55-yard score and then with Cody Thompson on an 88-yarder four minutes later.

The touchdown to Thompson was the fourth-longest completion in school history, and it wasn't the only record bookworthy play of the game against Eastern Michigan (1-6, 0-3).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Alabama 41, Texas A&M 23
Baylor 62, West Virginia 38
Cent. Missouri 45, Cent. Oklahoma 42
E. New Mexico 48, Tarleton St. 44
E. Texas Baptist 51, Howard Payne 13
East Central 20, Arkansas Tech 19
Hardin-Simmons 41, Sul Ross St. 13
Harding 57, SE Oklahoma 49, 3OT
Henderson St. 41, Ark.-Monticello 3
Langston 23, SW Assemblies of God 20
McNeese St. 28, Cent. Arkansas 13
Northwestern St. 31, Missouri Southern 21
Okla. Panhandle St. 38, McMurry 35, OT
Oklahoma Baptist 41, NW Oklahoma St. 38
S. Arkansas 32, Ouachita 28
SW Oklahoma 73, S. Nazarene 7
Sam Houston St. 49, Abilene Christian 21
Texas A&M Commerce 38, W. Texas A&M 20
Texas College 21, Bacone 20
Trinity (Texas) 30, Austin 7
MIDWEST
Albion 30, Adrian 25
Alma 38, Kalamazoo 27
Ashland 52, Hiltadale 21
Augustana (SD) 50, Wayne (Neb.) 19
Aurora 56, Concordia (Il.) 7
Baker 42, Avila 14
Baldwin-Wallace 21, Wilmington (Ohio) 14
Bemidji St. 42, Minn. St.-Moorhead 28
Benedictine (Ill.) 39, Concordia (Wis.) 35
Bluffton 51, Earlham 20
Bowling Green 59, Akron 10
Buffer 56, Davidson 7
CSU-Pueblo 48, Chadron St. 10
Carroll (Wis.) 42, Lawrence 6
Cent. Michigan 51, Buffalo 14
Concordia (Moor.) 56, Augsburg 24
Concordia (Neb.) 41, Midland 38, OT
Cornell (Iowa) 38, Knox 16
Dakota St. 54, Dickinson St. 21
Dayton 44, Valparaiso 14
DePauw 50, Allegheny 0
Dubuque 48, Wartburg 13
E. Kentucky 27, SE Missouri 10
Eureka 35, Iowa Wesleyan 0
Ferris St. 38, Ohio Dominican 17
Findlay 37, Northwood (Mich.) 34, OT
Fort Hays St. 27, Emporia St. 24
Franklin 52, Mount St. Joseph 13
Friends 45, McPherson 5
Georgia St. 31, Ball St. 19
Grand View 19, Graceland (Iowa) 13
Hanover 28, Anderson (Ind.) 21
Hiram 52, Ohio Wesleyan 31
Illinois College 63, Grinnell 10
Illinois St. 38, Missouri St. 2
Illinois Wesleyan 21, Augustana (Il.) 7
Indiana St. 35, S. Illinois 36
Indianapolis 28, Quincy 20
Iowa 40, Northwestern 10
Jamestown 17, Mayville St. 7
John Carroll 35, Marietta 10
Lakeland 61, Trine 35
Lindenwood (Mo.) 28, Nebraska-Kearney 10
Loras 55, Central 48
Luther 41, Buena Vista 34, OT
Mac Murray 27, Greenville 21
Macalester 28, Beloit 14
Marian (Ind.) 69, Lindenwood (Il.) 13
McKendree 29, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 10
Michigan St. 27, Michigan 23
Mid-Am Nazarene 31, Evangel 14
Minn. Duluth 45, Mary 0
Minn. St.-Mankato 51, Concordia (St.P.) 10
Minn.-Morris 10, Crown (Minn.) 6
Missouri S&T 40, Lincoln (Mo.) 23
Missouri Valley 35, Cent. Methodist 33
Monmouth (Il.) 38, Lake Forest 7
Moravian 21, Susquehanna 14
Morningside 76, Dakota Wesleyan 20
Mount Union 59, Heidelberg 17
N. Illinois 45, Miami (Ohio) 12
NW Missouri St. 31, Pittsburg St. 14
Nebraska 48, Minnesota 25
Nebraska Wesleyan 27, Dordt 14
North Central (Ill.) 41, Carthage 14
North Park 24, Elmhurst 14
Northern St. (SD) 55, Minn.-Crookston 21
Northwestern (Iowa) 24, Hastings 17
Notre Dame 41, Southern Cal 31
Notre Dame Coll. 23, Concord 21
Oberlin 28, Wooster 23
Ohio Northern 52, Capital 31
Oklahoma 55, Kansas St. 0
Olivet 31, Hope 27
Olivet Nazarene 52, Missouri Baptist 45
Ottawa, Kan. 45, St. Mary (Kan.) 7
Otterbein 28, Muskingum 21
Robert Morris-Chicago 41, Trinity (Il.) 12
Rose-Hulman 42, Defiance 7
Rutgers 55, Indiana 52
S. Dakota St. 38, Youngstown St. 8
S. Dakota Tech 19, Simon Fraser 0
Saginaw Valley St. 37, Lake Erie 34
Simpson (Iowa) 18, Coe 15
Sioux Falls 34, SW Minnesota St. 28
South Dakota 24, N. Dakota St. 21
Southwestern (Kan.) 24, Bethany (Kan.) 0
St. Cloud St. 42, Minot St. 26
St. Francis (Ind.) 48, Concordia (Mich.) 7
St. John's (Minn.) 49, Gustavus 27
St. Norbert 48, Ripon 14
St. Olaf 34, Carleton 27
St. Scholastica 13, Northwestern (Minn.) 7
St. Thomas (Minn.) 78, Hamline 7
St. Xavier 27, St. Ambrose 10
Sterling 47, Bethel (Kan.) 7
TCU 45, Iowa St. 21
Talbot 14, Kansas Wesleyan 7
Taylor 63, Siena Heights 21
Texas Tech 30, Kansas 20
Toledo 63, E. Michigan 20
Truman St. 24, St. Francis (Ill.) 20
Upper Iowa 35, Winona St. 21
Valley City St. 24, Presentation 14
W. Illinois 24, N. Iowa 19
W. Michigan 49, Ohio 14
Wabash 35, Kenyon 0
Walsh 24, Malone 7
Washburn 21, Missouri Western 7
Wayne (Mich.) 34, N. Michigan 31
Westminster (Mo.) 61, Martin Luther 7
Wheaton (Ill.) 62, Millikin 14
William Jewell 35, SW Baptist 34
William Penn 34, Peru St. 31
Wis. Lutheran 34, Reddord 21
Wis.-Oshkosh 21, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 10
Wis.-Platteville 56, Wis.-River Falls 19
Wis.-Stout 45, Wis.-Eau Claire 12
Wisconsin 24, Purdue 7
Wittenberg 45, Denison 14
FAR WEST
Adams St. 44, Black Hills St. 24
Cal Lutheran 47, Pomona-Pitzer 27
Claremont-Mudd 25, Redlands 21
Colt. of Idaho 39, Rocky Mountain 17
Colorado Mesa 52, W. New Mexico 26
Colorado Mines 48, Fort Lewis 28
Colorado St. 38, Air Force 23
E. Washington 45, Idaho St. 28
La Verne 44, Whittier 3
Linfield 49, Willamette 7
Montana Tech 40, Montana St.-Northern 0
N. Colorado 58, UC Davis 27
New Mexico 28, Hawaii 27
Pacific (Ore.) 49, Lewis & Clark 28
Portland St. 59, Montana St. 42
Puget Sound 43, George Fox 35
S. Oregon 28, Carroll (Mont.) 27
San Diego 27, Drake 0
W. Montana 30, E. Oregon 23
W. Oregon 31, Cent. Washington 25
Washington St. 52, Oregon St. 31
Weber St. 25, North Dakota 24
Western St. (Col.) 58, NM Highlands 7
Whitworth 52, Pacific Lutheran 7
Wyoming 28, Nevada 21
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 28, Jackson St. 22
Appalachian St. 59, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Belhaven 42, Warner 33
Berry 27, Hendrix 24
Birmingham-Southern 35, Millsaps 18
Bowie St. 22, Virginia St. 19
Campbell 16, Stetson 6
Campbellsville 69, Bethel (Tenn.) 21
Carson-Newman 27, Newberry 20
Catawba 29, Mars Hill 10
Central St. (Ohio) 21, Lane 0
Charleston Southern 10, Presbyterian 7
Chattanooga 33, VMI 27
Chicago 21, Rhodes 7
Clark Atlanta 24, Benedict 3
Clemson 34, Boston College 17
Cumberlands 56, Kentucky Christian 17
E. Illinois 25, Tennessee St. 22, OT
East Carolina 30, Tulsa 17
Elizabeth City St. 28, Lincoln (Pa.) 10
Florida A&M 41, Delaware St. 13
Florida St. 41, Louisville 21
Florida Tech 34, Fort Valley St. 7
Franklin & Marshall 30, McDaniel 28
Frostburg St. 19, College of NJ 6
Georgetown (Ky.) 40, Union (Ky.) 7
Georgia S. 49, Missouri 6
Georgia Southern 56, New Mexico St. 26
Grambling St. 35, Alcorn St. 34, OT
Greensboro 48, Averett 46
Guilford 23, Bridgewater (Va.) 20
Hampden-Sydney 31, Emory & Henry 28
Hampton 20, Morgan St. 10
Huntingdon 31, LaGrange 14
Idaho 19, Troy 16
Jacksonville 49, Edward Waters 28
Jacksonville St. 42, Tennessee Tech 13
James Madison 51, Elon 0
Johnson C. Smith 37, Fayetteville St. 20
Kennesaw St. 12, Gardner-Webb 7
Kentucky Wesleyan 42, U. of Gods Chosen 0
LSU 35, Florida 28
Limestone 28, Brevard 25, 2OT
Lindsey Wilson 34, Faulkner 19
Livingstone 41, Shaw 22
Marshall 33, FAU 17
Mary Hardin-Baylor 54, Louisiana College 6
Maryville (Tenn.) 70, Rerum 37
Memphis 37, Mississippi 24
Mercer 52, ETSU 0
Methodist 31, NC Wesleyan 28
Miami 30, Virginia Tech 20
Middle Tennessee 42, FIU 34
Miles 16, Kentucky St. 6
Mississippi St. 45, Louisiana Tech 20
Morehouse 38, Albany St. (Ga.) 0
NC A&T 24, Bethune-Cookman 14
NC Central 39, Savannah St. 22
Nicholls St. 38, Houston Baptist 17
North Alabama 62, UNC-Pembroke 28
North Carolina 50, Wake Forest 14
North Greenville 35, Tusculum 24
Northwestern St. 48, Lamar 35
Old Dominion 37, Charlotte 34
Pittsburgh 31, Georgia Tech 28
Point (Ga.) 24, Webber 21
Prairie View 47, Southern U. 42
Reinhardt 52, Cumberland (Tenn.) 18
SC State 49, Howard 10
Shenandoah 34, Catawba 17
South Carolina 19, Vanderbilt 10
Southeastern (Fla.) 66, Ave Maria 0
Southern Miss. 32, UTSA 10
Texas Southern 49, MVSU 21
The Citadel 44, Samford 25
Tiffin 68, Concordia (Ala.) 13
Tuskegee 49, Stillman 20
UT Martin 44, Austin Peay 14
Valdosta St. 34, Mississippi College 7
Virginia 44, Syracuse 38, 3OT
Virginia Union 33, Chowan 14
W. Carolina 24, Wofford 17
Washington & Lee 21, Randolph-Macon 17
Washington (Md.) 38, Sewanee 14
Wesley 56, Kean 14
West Alabama 52, Shorter 27
West Georgia 28, Delta St. 7
West Liberty 30, Virginia-Wise 6
William & Mary 34, New Hampshire 18
Wingate 24, Lenoir-Rhyne 14
Winston-Salem 35, St. Augustine's 19
EAST
Albright 51, FDU-Florham 6
Amherst 31, Colby 13
Apprentice 44, Alfred St. 13
Army 21, Bucknell 14
Assumption 50, S. Connecticut 50
Bentley 10, American International 6
Bloomsburg 27, Kutztown 21, OT
Blowbtn 30, Hamilton 20
Bridgewater (Mass.) 45, Plymouth St. 19
Brockport 27, Ithaca 17
Brown 38, Princeton 31
Bryant 38, Duquesne 17
Buffalo St. 62, Finlandia 0
Carnegie-Mellon 44, Grove City 0
Case Reserve 20, Gannon 7
Castleton 40, Gallaudet 0
Charleston (WV) 56, Fairmont St. 31
Cheyney 58, Lock Haven 20
Clarion 44, Salisbury 28
Coast Guard 28, MIT 13
Colgate 17, Georgetown 13
Cortland St. 20, Alfred 14
Curry 20, Nichols 13
Dartmouth 34, CCSU 7
East Stroudsburg 34, Millersville 2
Fordham 47, Holy Cross 41, OT
Harvard 42, Lafayette 0
Husson 49, Becker 30
Indiana (Pa.) 20, California (Pa.) 15
Juniata 21, Ursinus 17
Kent St. 15, UMass 10
King's (Pa.) 30, Lycoming 26
LIU Post 30, Pace 7
Merchant Marine 22, Springfield 21
Merrimack 41, St. Anselm 16
Middlebury 36, Williams 14
Monmouth (NJ) 20, Liberty 17, OT
Montclair St. 32, Christopher Newport 22
Morrisville St. 31, Hartwick 28
Mount Ida 41, Anna Maria 6
Muhlenberg 41, Gettysburg 13
New Haven 28, Stonehill 14
Norwich 31, NY Maritime 22
Penn 42, Columbia 7
RPI 35, Rochester 21
Richmond 37, Rhode Island 12
Rowan 58, S. Virginia 0
Sacred Sacred 31, Cornell 6
Salisbury 62, William Paterson 33
Salve Regina 40, Endicott 21
Shepherd 46, W. Virginia St. 17
Shippensburg 27, West Chester 11
Slippery Rock 35, Mercyhurst 24
South Florida 28, UConn 20
St. Francis (Pa.) 43, Wagner 14
St. John Fisher 32, Utica 27
Temple 30, UCF 16
Thomas More 42, St. Vincent 28
Towson 21, Stony Brook 14
Trinity (Conn.) 34, Tufts 27, OT
Villanova 37, Albany (NY) 0
W. Connecticut 57, Fitchburg St. 30
W. New England 58, Maine Maritime 35
WV Wesleyan 34, Urbana 7
Washington & Jefferson 66, Bethany (WV) 42
Wesleyan (Conn.) 24, Bates 16
Westfield St. 41, Mass. Maritime 34
Westminster (Pa.) 24, Waynesburg 7
Widener 40, Misericordia 10
Yale 21, Maine 10

Texans, Jaguars building around young, talented receivers

By Mark Long
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Houston and Jacksonville have more in common than last place in the AFC South.

The Texans and Jaguars have a few of the most dynamic young receivers in the league. Houston's DeAndre Hopkins leads the NFL in receiving yards. Jacksonville's Allen Hurns and Allen Robinson have the second-most yards of any receiver duo in the league.

All three will share the spotlight Sunday when the Jaguars (1-4) host the Texans (1-4), a game that will decide the division's early-season cellar dweller.

Neither team is where it hoped to be offensively. Houston started the season without running back Arian Foster and has changed starting quarterbacks twice already, going from Brian Hoyer to Ryan Mallett and then back to Hoyer last week. The Texans also have trailed at halftime in every game this season.

Jacksonville played four games without tight end Julius Thomas, three without receiver Marqise Lee, and has struggled mightily in the red zone.

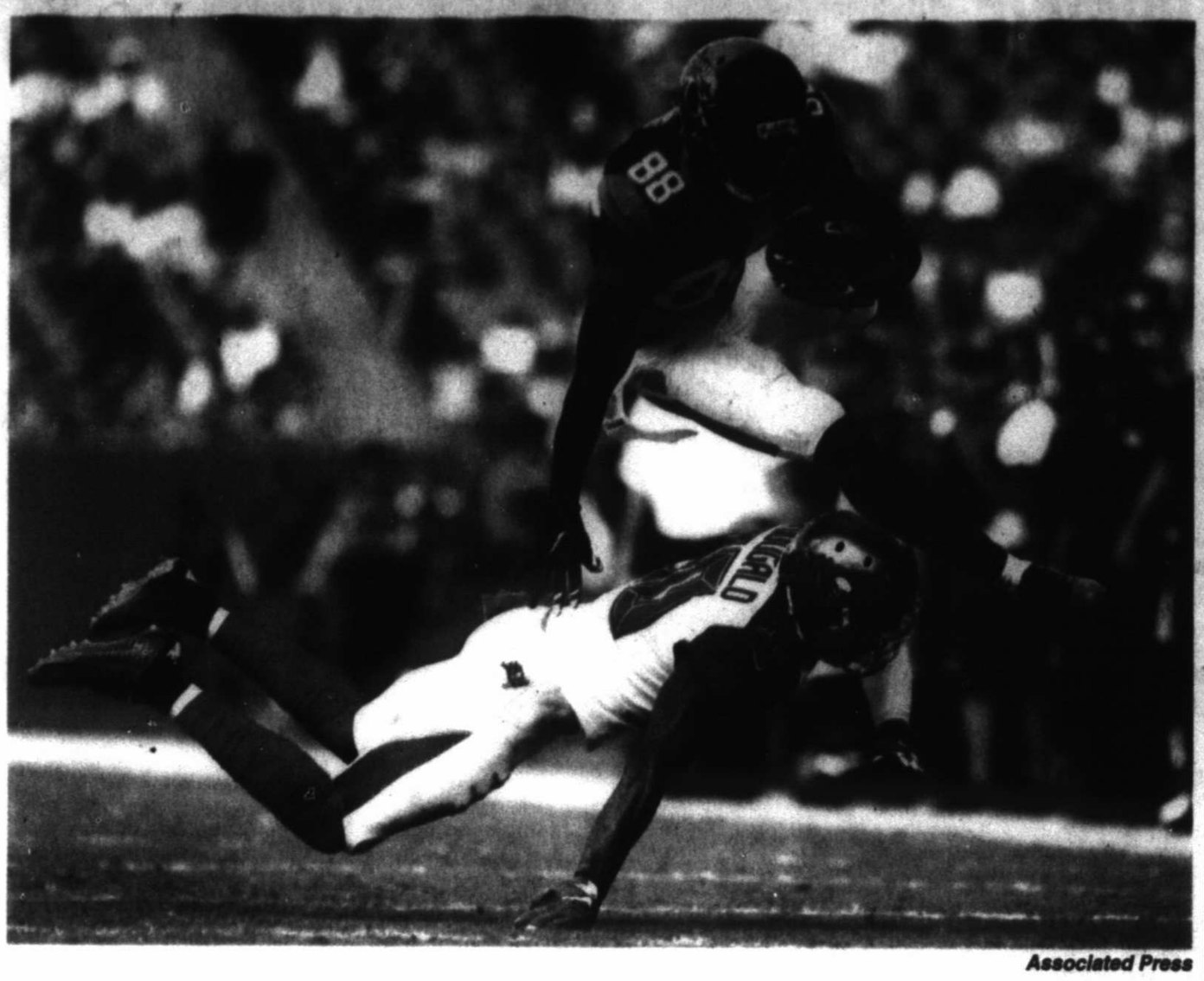
The receivers have been the offensive bright spots.

Hopkins has three consecutive 100-yard games, one shy of tying Andre Johnson's franchise record set in 2008. The third-year pro from Clemson has been targeted 75 times — 17 more than second-place Julio Jones of Atlanta — and tops the league with 578 yards receiving, ranks second with 42 catches.

"He's had an excellent start," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's obviously a good deep route runner. He makes contested catches. He can also run intermediate to short routes. He's really improved his route running, his knowledge of our offense, got very, very strong hands ... he's done a good job."

Hurns and Robinson have been equally dependable for Jacksonville.

Hurns has 27 receptions for 430 yards and three touchdowns, one in each of the last three games. Robinson has 22 catches for 402 yards and four scores.



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Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Allen Hurns (88) hurdles over Tampa Bay Buccaneers free safety Bradley McDougald (30) after a reception during the third quarter of an NFL football game Oct. 11 in Tampa, Fla.

Only Denver's Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders have combined for more yards (834).

"I think the two of those guys are a really good tandem," Jaguars offensive coordinator Greg Olson said. "If you look across the league, what A-Rob and Hurns have done has been impressive for two second-year players."

Hurns has been the most surprising of the three since he was an undrafted free agent in 2014. Hopkins was the 27th overall pick in the 2013 draft. Robinson was drafted 61st overall in 2014.

Hurns, meanwhile, had to earn a roster spot long before he landed a starting role.

"I've been extremely pleased with him and his development," Olson said. "It wouldn't be beyond the realm that he could take over that role full time."

Here are some other things to know about Houston and Jacksonville as they play for the 27th time in 14 years:

Shorts returns

Texans receiver Cecil Shorts III returns to Jacksonville for the first time since leaving the team that drafted him. Shorts missed last week's game against Indianapolis because of a shoulder injury, but he returned to practice this week and expects to play.

"I had some good years in Jacksonville, so it will be fun to go back there and play against them guys," said Shorts, who has 22 receptions for 236 yards and a touchdown.

He posted 176 receptions for 2,343 yards and 12 touchdowns in Jacksonville, but couldn't stay healthy and wasn't part of the franchise's rebuilding plan.

Watt dominates

Texans star J.J. Watt has downright dominated the Jaguars and quarterback Blake Bortles. Watt has 11 ½ sacks against Jacksonville in eight games, including six against Bortles last season. It might help the Jaguars knowing that Watt has mostly lined up in the same spot this season.

"They have the potential to move him at any time because he can play anywhere up front, so we're prepared for that," Bortles said.

Bradley backs down

Jaguars coach Gus Bradley said Monday he planned to take a more active role in correcting mistakes in practice. Two days later, he changed his mind.

"I was a little emotional," he said. "I don't want to take away from the positive things that we're seeing. There's development of a lot of things taking place and we've just got to do it as a team and put it together."

Lopsided series

The Texans have won seven of the last nine in the series, including three of the last four in Jacksonville. Houston has six road wins against the Jaguars, the most in franchise history against any one opponent.

HOUSTON (1-4) AT JACKSONVILLE (1-4)
Sunday, noon, CBS

OPENING LINE — Texans by 2 ½
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Texans 1-4, Jaguars 2-3
SERIES RECORD — Texans lead 15-11
LAST MEETING — Texans beat Jaguars 23-17, Dec. 28, 2014
LAST WEEK — Texans lost to Colts 27-20; Jaguars lost to Buccaneers 38-31
AP PRO32 RANKING — Texans No. 29, Jaguars No. 32
TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (20), PASS (4)
TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (22), PASS (10)
JAGUARS OFFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (21), PASS (12)
JAGUARS DEFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (16), PASS (21)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Texans have won seven of last nine in series. ... Five of last seven meetings have been decided by seven points or less. ... Texans WR Cecil Shorts III returns to Jacksonville, where he spent previous four seasons. ... Houston QB Brian Hoyer makes first start since season opener. ... Texans WR DeAndre Hopkins, who leads NFL with 578 yards receiving, is looking for fourth consecutive 100-yard game, which would tie Andre Johnson's franchise record. ... Houston DE J.J. Watt needs one sack to pass Richard Dent for fourth most in a player's first five seasons. Watt has 11 ½ career sacks against Jacksonville, including six in two games against Blake Bortles. ... Texans have scored 51 points in fourth quarter this season, which ranks second in NFL. ... Jaguars return home after getting swept on three-game road trip. ... Bortles is first QB in franchise history with 10 or more touchdown passes in first five games of season. ... Jacksonville expects to get DT Sen'Derrick Marks and RB Denard Robinson back from knee injuries. ... Jaguars WRs Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns have combined for 49 receptions for 832 yards and seven TDs this season. Only NFL duo with more yards is Denver's Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders. ... Fantasy Tip: Jaguars expect to have more packages for two-time Pro Bowl TE Julius Thomas, who played sparingly in his season debut last week.

A&M

From 1C

down on the next play to cut the lead to 28-20 early in the third.

Myles Garrett blocked a punt on Alabama's next possession and it was recovered by the Aggies. But A&M's offense stalled and they came away empty after a missed 52-yard field goal attempt.

Kirk had his second punt return for a touchdown this season when he took it back 68 yards to cut the lead to 28-13. Kirk, who became the first A&M player to return two punts for TDs in a season since Aaron Glenn in 1993, caught the ball in the middle of the field and darted to the edge, where he evaded several defenders and then simply outran everyone else.

A crowd of 105,733 including former President George H.W. Bush and wife Barbara, Astros star rookie Carlos Correa and former A&M and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Mike Evans attended the game.

Alabama linebacker Shaun Dion Hamilton was ejected for targeting in the second quarter after a hit on Texas A&M's Sam Moeller on a punt return.

Taylor Bertolet made field goals of 54 and 52 yards in the first half for A&M.

Allen's high throw was intercepted by Eddie Jackson and he took it 93 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-6. Jackson tight-roped the sideline and zigzagged away from several would-be tacklers for the third-longest interception return in school history.

Alabama took a 7-0 lead when Fitzpatrick returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown on A&M's second drive.

Henry burst through the line and juked Armani Watts a few yards down the field en route to a 55-yard touchdown run that pushed Alabama's lead to 14-0 with about 5 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter.

NO. 10 ALABAMA 41, NO. 9 TEXAS A&M 23

Alabama	14	14	3	10 —41
Texas A&M	3	10	7	3 —23

First Quarter
Ala_Fitzpatrick 33 interception return (Griffith kick), 7:53.
Ala_Henry 55 run (Griffith kick), 5:26.
TAM_FG Bertolet 54, 1:14.
Second Quarter
Ala_Henry 6 run (Griffith kick), 14:51.
TAM_FG Bertolet 52, 11:59.
Ala_E.Jackson 93 interception return (Griffith kick), 6:28.
TAM_Kirk 68 punt return (Bertolet kick), 3:03.
Third Quarter
TAM_Seals-Jones 3 pass from Allen (Bertolet kick), 10:51.
Ala_FG Griffith 32, 3:04.
Fourth Quarter
Ala_FG Griffith 20, 11:17.
TAM_FG Bertolet 36, 7:57.
Ala_Fitzpatrick 55 interception return (Griffith kick), 5:18.
A_105,733.

	Ala	TAM
First downs	17	16
Rushes-yards	45-258	25-32
Passing	138	284
Comp-Att-Int	19-25-0	22-45-4
Return Yards	242	89
Punts-Avg.	9-42.9	6-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	1-5
Time of Possession	36:22	23:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING_Alabama, Henry 32-236, Coker 7-13, Drake 5-11.
Team 1-(minus 2). Texas A&M, Carson 13-46, Kirk 1-11, Ebel 1-4, Murray 2-(minus 10), Allen 8-(minus 19).
PASSING_Alabama, Coker 19-25-0-138. Texas A&M, Allen 20-40-3-263, Murray 2-4-1-21, Carson 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING_Alabama, Ridley 7-52, Mullaney 4-32, Howard 3-35, Drake 2-0, Henry 1-18, Stewart 1-4, Kief 1-(minus 3). Texas A&M, Kirk 7-90, Seals-Jones 6-107, Carson 5-16, Reynolds 3-56, Noil 1-15.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	149	76
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	95	55
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	124	105
Miami	1	3	0	.250	65	101
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	99	113
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	109	91
Houston	1	4	0	.200	97	135
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	93	145
North						
Cincinnati	5	0	0	1.000	148	101
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	120	95
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	118	132
Baltimore	1	4	0	.200	123	137
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	113	79
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	116	134
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	107	124
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	117	143

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	132	109
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	101	131
Washington	2	3	0	.400	97	104
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	117	103
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	4	0	0	1.000	108	71
Atlanta	3	1	0	.833	183	143
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	110	148
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	134	164
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	0	0	1.000	137	81
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	80	73
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	86	142
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	83	138
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	1	0	.800	190	90
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	84	113
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	111	98
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	75	140

Thursday's Game
New Orleans 31, Atlanta 21
Sunday's Games
Kansas City at Minnesota, noon
Miami at Tennessee, noon
Washington at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at Pittsburgh, noon
Cincinnati at Buffalo, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
Denver at Cleveland, noon
Houston at Jacksonville, noon
Carolina at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
San Diego at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Dallas, Oakland, St. Louis, Tampa Bay
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22
Seattle at San Francisco, 7:25 p.m.

TECH

From 1C

But the momentum quickly shifted. On the next play, Willis threw a pick-six and Kansas' comeback hopes were dashed.

TEXAS TECH 30, KANSAS 20

Texas Tech	3
17	3
7	—30
Kansas	0
0	6
14	—20

First Quarter
TT_FG Hatfield 30, 36.
Second Quarter
TT_D.Washington 1 run (L.Clark run), 13:10.
TT_FG Hatfield 24, 10:13.
TT_Davis 45 pass from Mahomes II (kick failed), 1:02.
Third Quarter
Kan_Crawley 10 pass from Willis (kick failed), 5:39.
TT_FG Hatfield 25, 1:17.
Fourth Quarter
Kan_Parmalee 25 pass from Willis (Bartolotta kick), 10:32.
Kan_Cox 1 run (Bartolotta kick), 6:26.
TT_Jah.Johnson 27 interception return (Hatfield kick), 4:07.
A_25,186.

	TT	Kan
First downs	26	28
Rushes-yards	40-145	43-225
Passing	330	359
Comp-Att-Int	35-50-1	30-51-1
Return Yards	22	27
Punts-Avg	4-37.5	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-41	6-78
Time of Possession	30:23	29:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING_Texas Tech, D.Washington 22-160, Mahomes II 13-29, Grant 2-21, Stockton 5-17, Team 1-(minus 2). Kansas, Mann 15-107, Cox 7-24, Kinner 9-23, Parmalee 1-(minus 2), Willis 8-(minus 7).
PASSING_Texas Tech, Mahomes II 30-51-1-359. Kansas, Willis 35-50-1-330.
RECEIVING_Texas Tech, Austin 8-80, Grant 6-76, Lauderdale 5-50, Batson 2-58, Davis 2-57, T.Brown 2-29, High 2-8, D.Washington 2-3, Stockton 1-(minus 2). Kansas, Booker 7-65, Crawley 6-59, Parmalee 5-84, Sims 5-37, Kinner 4-20, Barbel 3-26, Taylor 2-19, Cox 2-11, Mann 1-9.

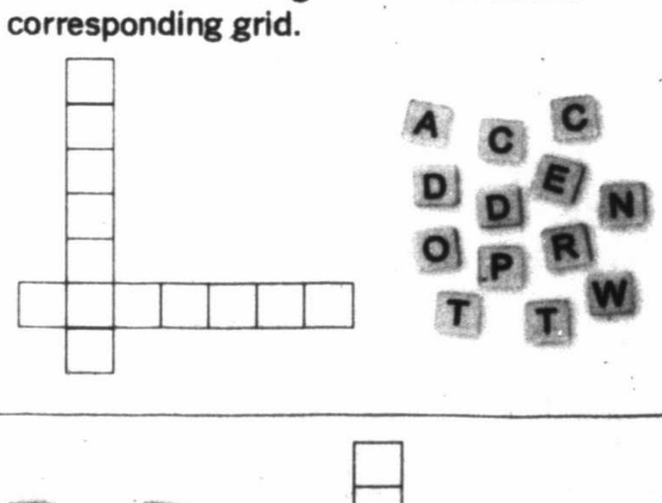
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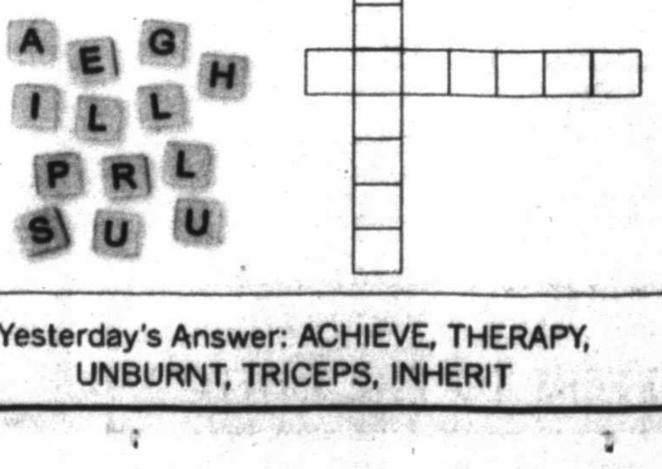
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AREA GOLF

Odessa Girls Invitational
Friday, October 16
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links
Girls
Team Standings
1. Odessa Permian 316-317 — 633; 2. Lee 325-311 — 636; 3. Andrews 339-302 — 641; 4. Odessa High 325-326 — 651; 5. El Paso Chapin 330-327 — 657; 6. Seminole 341-349 — 690; 7. Midland High 335-370 — 705; 8. San Angelo Central 407-404 — 811; 9. Abilene High 414-427 — 841

Top 10 Individuals
1. Robecca Reed, Lee 76-68 — 144; T2. Lauren Perez, Seminole 75-75 — 150; Faith De La Garza Midland High 76-79 — 155; 4. Savannah Perez, Andrews 77-78 — 155; 5. Jordan Digby, Permian 80-76 — 156; T6. Reygan Rodriguez, Odessa High, 80-77 — 157; Emily Serrano 76-79 — 157; T8. Shelby Kingman, Permian 80-78 — 158; Briana Venegas, Permian; 78-80 — 158; 10. Chloe Box, Lee 79-81 — 160.

Area team results
Midland High (398-379 — 797): De La Garza 75-75 — 150; Riley Greenwell 92-86 — 191; Avesa Curles 105-101 — 206; Johnnie Loaiza 113-107 — 220; Kelly Ann Hernandez 133-130 — 263.

Lee (325-311 — 636): Reed 73-68 — 141; Box 78-81 — 159; Alexis Adkisson 89-80 — 169; Ryleigh Stump 91-82 — 173; Rachel Hulder 105-100 — 205.

Andrews (339-322 — 661): Pinson 77-78 — 155; Kinzee McAllister 84-77 — 61; Katelynn Savell 84-82 — 166; Magi Lopez 84-87 — 171; Skyler Strube 84-90 — 174.redo (352-335 — 687): Brittany Safford 83-78 — 161

Kyle Busch wins Xfinity race at Kansas Speedway

By Randy Covitz
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kyle Busch reached two milestones Saturday in his NASCAR Xfinity Series victory at Kansas Speedway.

Busch edged Matt Kenseth for his record-extending 75th Xfinity win and became the first driver to win four NASCAR races at the track. He also won Xfinity races in 2007 and 2014 and a Truck Series event in 2014.

"This place is so fast," Busch said "It's hard to pass for the lead. There's so much speed on the top side of the race track. It's a true testament to everyone at Joe Gibbs Racing and what kind of equipment these guys put out and how much fun it is to drive, and the results we get."

After teammate Kenseth led the first 117 laps and 148 in all in the 204-lap race, Busch grabbed the lead for good in his Toyota with 15 laps to go en route to his fifth victory in 12 starts this year. He beat Kenseth by 0.607 seconds.

Joey Logano was third, followed by Ty Dillon, Regan Smith, points leader Chris Buescher and Chase Elliott. Buescher tacked one point onto his advantage and leads defending series champion Chase Elliott by 27 points with three races to go.

Busch appeared to have seized control on the 147th lap, but during a caution, he ran into debris that damaged the right front and dropped him back into the field. When the racing resumed, Busch returned to contention and rode Kenseth's bumper before taking the lead.

"I was nervous a little bit, how big a hole it was and if we could get it repaired and how good the repair would be," Busch said. "The guys did a great job there at putting it back together for me and getting a good patch on there. Re-starting seventh, I thought, 'Man, we just threw it away.' I didn't think we were going to be able to come back from that far back. But we got a really good re-start on the outside lane didn't, and I just chased down Matt after that."

Another caution with four laps to go extended the race to a green-white-checkered finish.

"My tongue was hanging out," Busch of the frenetic finish. "I can't imagine what Matt felt like. He was driving way harder than I was. When you have two really good race cars like that, you just need to bring them home.

"Joe (Gibbs) might get mad at us tearing something up. He raced me really, really hard and was on my door down the straightaways and through the corner, and my car was really good in the middle of the race track."

Kenseth, a Sprint Cup regular, was making his fifth Xfinity start of the season and likely last one of his career. He finished second for the fourth straight time.

"I thought most of the day we had the best car, and at the end we got too loose," Kenseth said. I'm still trying to figure out how Kyle went from seventh on the re-start and to second I have no idea how he did that. At the end of the day, he beat us."

While Busch was happy to win his 75th Xfinity race and fourth race at Kansas, he's more concerned with winning Sunday's Sprint Cup race and qualifying for the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

"To me, I'm supposed to win trucks races and Xfinity races; that's what I do," said Busch, who has 152 career wins over all three national series — 75 Xfinity, 33 Sprint Cup and 44 Ttruck. "But Sunday is a big day to showcase our ability to get a win at this race track, let alone to put us through to the next round of the Chase."

RACING GLANCE

NASCAR

Sprint Cup-Hollywood Casino 400 Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 195.503 mph.
2. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 195.454.
3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 194.828.
4. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 194.756.
5. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 194.735.
6. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 194.623.
7. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 194.37.
8. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 194.363
9. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 194.335.
10. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 194.301.
11. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194.161.
12. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 193.861.
13. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 194.056.
14. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 194.035.
15. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 194.
16. (33) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 193.893.
17. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 193.833.
18. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 193.743.
19. (9) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 193.715.
20. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 193.486.
21. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.34.
22. (55) David Ragan, Toyota, 193.313.
23. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 193.038.
24. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 193.036.
25. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 192.342.
26. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 191.795.
27. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 191.714.
28. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 191.707
29. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 191.405.
30. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 190.995.
31. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 190.795.
32. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 190.59.
33. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 190.04.
34. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 189.927.
35. (34) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 189.467.
36. (26) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 189.321.
37. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
38. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
39. (98) Cole Whitt, Ford, Owner Points.
40. (23) Jeb Burton, Toyota, Owner Points.
41. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
42. (99) Reed Sorenson, Ford, Owner Points.
43. (32) Will Kimmel, Ford, Owner Points.
Failed to Qualify
44. (62) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 185.211.

XFINITY-Kansas Lottery 300 Results
Saturday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 204 laps, 0 points.
2. (1) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 204, 0.
3. (10) Joey Logano, Ford, 204, 0.
4. (5) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 204, 40.
5. (3) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 204, 39.
6. (2) Chris Buescher, Ford, 204, 38.
7. (12) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 204, 37.
8. (15) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 204, 36.
9. (6) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 204, 35.
10. (8) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 204, 34.
11. (14) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 204, 33.
12. (18) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 204, 32.
13. (16) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 204, 31
14. (23) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 204, 30.
15. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 204, 0.
16. (9) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 204, 0.
17. (17) Ryan Reed, Ford, 204, 27.
18. (20) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 203, 26.
19. (21) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 203, 25.
20. (13) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 203, 24.
21. (19) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 203, 23.
22. (22) David Starr, Toyota, 203, 22.
23. (11) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 203, 21.
24. (30) Mason Mingus, Chevrolet, 201, 0.
25. (25) Blake Koch, Toyota, 200, 19.
26. (31) Eric McClure, Toyota, 199, 18.
27. (34) Harrison Rhodes, Dodge, 195, 17.
28. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, engine, 187, 16.
29. (40) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, accident, 136, 0.
30. (24) Cale Conley, Toyota, accident, 113, 14.
31. (33) Korbin Forrister, Chevrolet, accident, 103, 0.
32. (26) Michael Self, Chevrolet, engine, 95, 12.
33. (29) B.J. McLeod, Chevrolet, handling, 79, 0.
34. (39) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, fuel pressure, 53, 0.
35. (35) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, fuel pressure, 51, 9.
36. (28) T.J. Bell, Toyota, electrical, 30,.0.
37. (38) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, vibration, 25, 0.
38. (37) Mike Harmon, Dodge, engine, 20, 6.
39. (32) Dorrie Cope, Chevrolet, engine, 14, 5.
40. (27) Jeff Green, Toyota, suspension, 3, 4.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 121.455 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 31 minutes, 10 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.607 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 42 laps.
Lead Changes: 7 among 2 drivers.
Lap Leaders: M.Kenseth 1-117; K.Busch 118-151; M.Kenseth 152-175; K.Busch 176; M.Kenseth 177-181; K.Busch 182; M.Kenseth 183-184; K.Busch 185-204.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): M.Kenseth, 4 times for 148 laps; K.Busch, 4 times for 58 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Buescher, 1,093; 2. C.Elliott, 1,066; 3. R.Smith, 1,060; 4. T.Dillon, 1,057; 5. D.Wallace Jr., 976; 6. E.Sadler, 974; 7. D.Suarez, 962; 8. B.Gaughan, 927; 9. B.Scott, 922; 10. R.Reed, 825.

Be sure to check out today's edition to read weekly
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Little hit, big win; Royals beat Jays for 2-0 lead in ALCS

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press


Associated Press

Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher David Price, front right, reacts after being taken out during the seventh inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the Kansas City Royals, Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals kept waiting for Blue Jays ace David Price to give them some hope.

It turned out to be Toronto's leaky defense that provided it.

After managing one hit over six innings, Ben Zobrist's easy fly that somehow fell for a hit began a five-run rally against Price in the seventh inning Saturday. The Royals rolled the rest of the way to a 6-3 victory over Toronto and a 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

"We needed to catch a break," the Royals' Alex Gordon said, "and Zobrist's ball was it."

Luke Hochevar wiggled out of a jam to keep Kansas City in the game, and Danny Duffy and Kelvin Herrera got the ball to closer Wade Davis, who had to survive a shaky ninth to preserve the win.

Davis gave up a leadoff single and walked pinch-hitter Cliff Pennington, but bounced back to strike out leadoff man Ben Revere and MVP candidate Josh Donaldson. Jose Bautista then flied out to right to give Davis his third postseason save and the Royals another postseason comeback win.

"Our guys never quit," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "They keep going."

Even though they looked foolish flailing at Price's pitches — until the lazy fly ball by Zobrist changed everything. They proceeded to string together four singles and a double in their go-ahead inning, getting run-producing hits from Gordon, Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas and Alex Rios, along with an RBI groundout from Kendrys Morales.

It was a monumental collapse for Price, who had at one point recorded 18 straight outs. He fell to 0-7 in seven postseason starts, including a loss to Texas in their AL Division Series.

Meanwhile, the reigning AL champs have won nine straight ALCS games dating to their memorable seven-game series against Toronto in 1985 — the year they won their only World Series. The record is 10 straight wins set by Baltimore in the 1960s and '70s.

Now, the Blue Jays head home for Game 3 on Monday night in dire trouble. All but three of the previous 25 teams to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven era have won the series — though Toronto did rally from the same hole to beat the Rangers in five games in the division round.

"We've been here before," shortstop Troy Tulowitzki said, "but it's not a place we want to be."

For most of the afternoon, it appeared the Blue Jays would forge a 1-1 tie.

Ryan Goins drove in a run off Ventura in the third, snapping an 18-inning scoreless streak by Royals pitchers. Edwin Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki added to the lead in the sixth.

Harvey and Murphy lead Mets over Cubs 4-2 in NLCS opener

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Matt Harvey, Daniel Murphy and the New York Mets have a mind to make some history of their own, the kind that would break Chicago Cubs hearts one more time.

Harvey delivered the big-game performance he's been pining for, Murphy took his latest star turn on the October stage and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 4-2 Saturday night in their NL Championship Series opener.

After eliminating rival St. Louis and streaking into New York with 12 wins in 13 games, the power-hitting Cubs and their young sluggers were stopped cold on a chilly night at Citi Field. Trying to end a championship drought that dates to 1908, they remained four wins from winning their first pennant in seven decades.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven set is tonight, with Cubs ace Jake Arrieta facing rookie Noah Syndergaard.

Harvey pitched into the eighth for the first time in more than two months, brushing aside all that hoopla last month about his innings limit. Jeurys Familia got four outs for his third playoff save and the Mets jumped ahead in their first NLCS since 2006.

MLB PLAYOFF GLANCE

WILD CARD
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Houston 3, New York 0
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 0

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; z-if necessary)
American League
Kansas City 3, Houston 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Houston 5, Kansas City 2
Friday, Oct. 9: Kansas City 5, Houston 4
Sunday, Oct. 11: Houston 4, Kansas City 2
Monday, Oct. 12: Kansas City 9, Houston 6
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Kansas City 7, Houston 2
Toronto 3, Texas 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Texas 5, Toronto 3
Friday, Oct. 9: Texas 6, Toronto 4, 14 innings
Sunday, Oct. 11: Toronto 5, Texas 1
Monday, Oct. 12: Toronto 8, Texas 4
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Toronto 6, Texas 3
National League
Chicago 3, St. Louis 1
Friday, Oct. 9: St. Louis 4, Chicago 0
Saturday, Oct. 10: Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
Monday, Oct. 12: Chicago 8, St. Louis 6
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chicago 6, St. Louis 4
New York 3, Los Angeles 2
Friday, Oct. 9: New York 3, Los Angeles 1
Saturday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles 5, New York 2
Monday, Oct. 12: New York 13, Los Angeles 7
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles 3, New York 1
Thursday, Oct. 15: New York 3, Los Angeles 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; z-if necessary)
American League
All games televised by FS1
Kansas City 2, Toronto 0
Friday, Oct. 16: Kansas City 5, Toronto 0
Saturday, Oct. 17: Kansas City 6, Toronto 3
Monday, Oct. 19: Kansas City (Cueto 11-13) at Toronto (Stroman 4-0), 8:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Kansas City at Toronto (Dickey 11-11), 3:07 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 21: Kansas City at Toronto, 3:07 p.m.
x-Friday, Oct. 23: Toronto at Kansas City, 7:07 p.m.
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Toronto at Kansas City, 7:07 p.m.
National League
All games televised by TBS
Chicago vs. New York
Saturday, Oct. 17: Chicago (Lester 11-12) at New York (Harvey 13-8), 7:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18: Chicago (Arrieta 22-6) at New York (Syndergaard 9-7), 7:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: New York (deGrom 14-8) at Chicago, 7:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: New York (Matz 4-0) at Chicago, 7:07 p.m.
x- Thursday, Oct. 22: New York at Chicago, 7:07 p.m.
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Chicago at New York, 4:07 or 7:07 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 25: Chicago at New York, 7:07 p.m.

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
All games televised by Fox
Tuesday, Oct. 27: at American
Wednesday, Oct. 28: at AL
Friday, Oct. 30: at National League
Saturday, Oct. 31: at NL
x-Sunday, Nov. 1: at NL
x-Tuesday, Nov. 3: at AL
x-Wednesday, Nov. 4: at AL

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Games of Oct. 22 - 25

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Steele narrowly hangs onto lead at PGA Tour season opener

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Brendan Steele did just enough to keep the lead Saturday in the Frys.com Open.

He just missed a chance to do a lot more.

As one player after another was piling up birdies on the closing three-hole stretch at Silverado — eagle opportunities on each hole — Steele had to settle for three pars for a 3-under 69 and a one-shot lead over Andrew Loupe and Kevin Na.

Loupe had five straight birdies early in his round and four straight birdies late for a 63. Na played the closing stretch with an eagle and a birdie for a 64.

The PGA Tour season opener was wide open going into the final round with 16 players separated by only four shots.

Steele was at 14-under 202 as he tried to go wire-to-wire and pick up his second PGA Tour victory.

He could have made it easier on himself over the closing holes. Steele couldn't get up-and-down from a bunker on the par-5 16th. His tee shot was slightly pulled and bounced out of a tree back to the fairway and short of the green on the 296-yard 17th hole, and he could get no closer than 20 feet with a wedge on the par-5 18th.

"It's frustrating, because I thought I hit some good shots and good putts," Steele said. "It happens."

A pair of PGA Tour rookies were among the eight players two shots behind at 12-under 204. Emiliano Grillo of Argentina, coming off a win in the Web.com Tour Championship two weeks ago, went eagle-birdie-par for a 65. Harold Varner III played that stretch in 1 over, having to scramble for a par on the 17th and missing the 18th green long with a wedge to make bogey. He shot 69.

Grillo drove near the 17th green and nearly took out Rory McIlroy, who was still playing the hole. Grillo was under the impression the group had left.

And if he had hit the four-time major champion?

"Would have put me out of my misery," McIlroy said.

McIlroy opened with two quick birdies, though frustration set in quickly and he whacked the flagstick with the end of his putter after missing a par putt on No. 4. He finished with a 71 and was eight shots behind in a tie for 39th.

Steele felt like Saturday would be a grind the way the opening two rounds went, especially with sunshine making Silverado feel more crusty and firm in the afternoon. With some cloud cover, a little moisture on the course and the two-tee start with an 81-man field, there were plenty of low scores available.

"I played better than I score," Steele said. "That was a great round that Andrew shot. I didn't see it, actually. The way it firmed up at the end yesterday and how firm it was today, you really had to be on your game in order to do that. I guess you never underestimate the talent level out here."

Justin Rose, who along with McIlroy is at the Frys.com Open because of an eight-man exhibition he played in Turkey three years ago, used that closing stretch to make a pair of birdies for a 68 and get within two shots.

Others at 12-under 204 were Jason Bohn (64), Kyle Reifers (65), Graham DeLaet (69), Will Wilcox (69) and Jhonattan Vegas (69).

Justin Thomas had a 69 and was three shot behind.

The 54-hole cut knocked out nine players, so the final round will be played in twosomes from one tee. Loupe will play in the last group with Steele, and perhaps they can share tales from the Valero Texas Open. That's where Steele won his only PGA Tour event in 2011 as a rookie. And that's where Loupe had a chance to win in 2014 as a rookie until he faded at the end. Loupe wound up back on the Web.com Tour, and won a Web.com Tour Finals event just last month.

"I just think overall I feel I'm more ready," Loupe said. "I needed to get a win those Finals. That was huge, just to close out a golf tournament and all that."



Associated Press

Brendan Steele hits out of a bunker up to the second green of the Silverado Resort North Course during the third round of the Frys.com golf tournament Saturday in Napa, Calif.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA

Frys.com Open Scores
Saturday
At Silverado Resort and Spa, North Course
Napa, Calif.
Purse: $6 million
Yardage: 7,203; Par: 72
Third Round

Brendan Steele	63-70-69—202
Andrew Loupe	68-72-63—203
Kevin Na	68-71-64—203
Jason Bohn	72-68-64—204
Kyle Reifers	68-71-65—204
Emiliano Grillo	68-71-65—204
Justin Rose	67-69-68—204
Graham DeLaet	67-68-69—204
Harold Varner III	65-70-69—204
Will Wilcox	68-67-69—204
Jhonattan Vegas	64-71-69—204
Justin Thomas	66-70-69—205
Jamie Lovemark	70-71-65—206
Tyrone Van Aswegen	69-68-69—206
Charles Howell III	69-69-68—206
Patrick Rodgers	68-69-69—206
Brooks Koepka	69-72-66—207
Luke Guthrie	71-70-66—207
Sean O'Hair	68-71-68—207
Hudson Swafford	69-72-67—208
Miguel Angel Carballo	72-69-67—208
Ben Crane	69-71-68—208
James Hahn	74-66-68—208
Charl Schwartzel	71-68-69—208
Russell Henley	67-69-72—208
Lucas Glover	69-73-66—208
Nick Watney	68-73-68—209
Scott Langley	67-74-68—209
Smylie Kaufman	66-72-69—209
Hideki Matsuyama	70-70-69—209
Freddie Jacobson	69-73-67—209
Ryan Moore	72-70-67—209
Daniel Berger	70-69-70—209
Tony Finau	70-69-70—209
Chris Stroud	69-69-71—209
Michael Kim	71-67-71—209
Colt Knost	71-66-72—209
Hunter Mahan	69-73-67—209
Mark Hubbard	68-72-70—210
Adam Hadwin	72-67-71—210
Rory McIlroy	68-71-71—210
Martin Laird	65-71-74—210
Brendon Todd	69-73-68—210
Daniel Summerhays	67-74-70—211
Henrik Norlander	72-69-70—211
William McGirt	72-69-70—211
Erik Compton	69-72-70—211
Ollie Schniederjans	70-71-70—211
Kevin Streelman	69-73-69—211
Carlos Ortiz	71-71-69—211
J.J. Henry	68-69-74—211
Brandt Snedeker	73-69-69—211
David Toms	71-71-69—211
Jerry Kelly	72-69-71—212
Steve Wheatcroft	71-69-72—212
D.H. Lee	66-74-72—212
Chez Reavie	70-71-71—212
Fabian Gomez	70-72-70—212
Jonas Blixt	70-68-74—212
Roberto Castro	71-71-70—212
Jim Herman	72-69-72—213
Jason Gore	67-73-73—213
Aaron Baddeley	71-71-71—213
Carl Pettersson	70-72-71—213
Boo Weekley	69-69-75—213
Tyler Aldridge	71-71-71—213
Will MacKenzie	72-70-71—213
Johnson Wagner	71-71-71—213
Stuart Appleby	70-72-72—214
Spencer Levin	72-70-72—214
Chad Collins	73-69-72—214
Cameron Tringale	70-72-72—214
Angel Cabrera	70-72-72—214
Charlie Beljan	73-68-74—215
Greg Owen	69-72-74—215
Brett Stegmaier	68-71-76—215
Justin Leonard	72-70-73—215
Scott Pinckney	70-72-73—215
Michael Thompson	68-74-73—215
Shane Bertsch	71-71-73—215
Martin Piller	72-70-74—216
Chris Kirk	72-70-74—216
Jenny Shin	71-70-74—215
Ai Miyazato	75-70-71—216
Bo Kyung Kim	71-74-71—216
Min-Young Lee	71-72-73—216
Jaye Marie Green	71-70-75—216
Carlota Ciganda	71-70-75—216
Kris Tamulis	73-72-72—217
Julieta Granada	74-73-71—218
Q Baek	74-73-71—218
Azahara Munoz	74-71-73—218
I.K. Kim	71-74-73—218
Catriona Matthew	71-73-74—218
Sun Young Yoo	73-74-72—219
Wei-Ling Hsu	75-74-71—220
Jung-Min Lee	75-73-72—220
Candie Kung	74-72-74—220
Pornanong Phatlum	72-73-75—220
Paula Creamer	74-77-70—221
Jane Park	74-73-74—221
Austin Ernst	75-72-76—223
Angela Stanford	74-72-77—223
Morgan Pressel	70-75-78—223
Shi Hyun Ahn	78-72-74—224
Min Lee	72-78-76—226
Jeong Eun Lee	78-72-75—225
Hee Young Park	75-74-76—225
Hee Yun Chong	76-73-80—229
a-Yu-Sang Hou	78-83-78—239

European

Portugal Masters Leading Scores
Sunday
At Oceanico Victoria Golf Club
Vilamoura, Portugal
Purse: $2.27 million
Yardage: 7,209; Par: 71
Third Round

Andy Sullivan	64-64-67—195
Eduardo De La Riva	65-67-68—200
Jorge Campillo	66-68-67—202
Chris Wood	68-68-65—202
Thomas Pieters	65-68-72—203
Nicolas Colsaerts	64-71-68—203
Thomas Bjorn	67-67-70—204
Trevor Fisher Jr.	66-68-70—204
Bernd Wiesberger	68-64-72—204
Hennie Otto	70-65-69—204
David Drysdale	65-71-69—205
Anthony Wall	69-64-72—205
Tommy Fleetwood	69-64-72—205
Garth Mulroy	69-67-70—206
Alvaro Quiros	67-68-71—206
Stephen Gallacher	67-71-68—206
Edouard Espana	70-67-69—206
Mikko Korhonen	69-69-69—207
Robert Rock	70-67-70—207
Thomas Aiken	65-70-72—207
Craig Lee	67-71-69—207
Anders Hansen	68-67-72—207
Lucas Bjerregaard	72-69-66—207

Champions Tour

AT&T Championship Par Scores
Saturday
At TPC San Antonio, AT&T Canyons Course
San Antonio
Purse: $1.95 million
Yardage: 6,823; Par 72
Second Round

Michael Allen	69-69—138
Scott McCarron	69-69—138
Bernhard Langer	71-68—139
Fred Couples	70-69—139
Scott Dunlap	68-71—139
Wes Short, Jr.	67-72—139
Tom Pernice Jr.	72-68—140
Woody Austin	69-71—140
Paul Goydos	68-72—140
Jeff Sluman	68-72—140
John Cook	71-70—141
Colin Montgomerie	71-70—141
Olin Browne	70-71—141
Scott Hoch	70-71—141
Loren Roberts	72-70—142
Larry Mize	72-70—142
Jesper Parnevik	70-72—142
Tom Byrum	69-73—142
Stephen Ames	68-74—142
Corey Pavin	72-71—143
Lee Janzen	71-72—143
Kenny Perry	70-73—143
Kevin Sutherland	69-74—143
Tommy Armour III	75-69—144
Grant Waite	70-74—144
Duffy Waldorf	68-76—144
Brandt Jobe	73-72—145
Mark Calcavecchia	73-72—145
Fred Funk	73-72—145
Jeff Hart	73-72—145
Joey Sindelar	72-73—145
Esteban Toledo	71-74—145
Russ Cochran	70-75—145
Rod Spittle	71-74—145
Steve Pate	73-73—146
Mark Brooks	74-72—146
Ian Woosnam	71-75—146
Gene Sauers	71-75—146
Jay Don Blake	76-70—146
John Inman	73-74—147
Willie Wood	73-74—147
Blaine McCallister	74-73—147
Jay Delsing	72-75—147
Greg Bruckner	77-70—147
Sandy Lyle	72-76—148
Tom Lehman	74-74—148
Steve Lowery	72-76—148
Mark McNulty	72-76—148
Brad Faxon	74-74—148
Chien Soon Lu	75-73—148
Craig Stadler	75-73—148
Tom Kite	71-77—148
John Huston	76-72—148
Greg Kraft	77-71—148
Roger Chapman	77-71—148
Joe Durant	69-79—148
Carlos Franco	74-75—149
Kirk Triplett	73-77—149
Rocco Mediate	74-75—149
Scott Verplank	75-74—149
Bart Bryant	75-74—149
Billy Andrade	75-74—149
Jim Rutledge	76-73—149
Brian Henninger	77-72—149
Mike Goodes	75-75—150
Marco Dawson	76-74—150
Doug Garwood	78-72—150
Brad Bryant	76-75—151
Bobby Wadkins	77-74—151
Jerry Smith	78-73—151
Mark O'Meara	77-75—152
Steve Jones	77-76—153
Ben Crenshaw	77-76—153
Mark Wiebe	74-80—154
David Frost	75-79—154
Bob Gilder	80-75—155
Bob Tway	82-76—158
Nolan Henke	78-83—161
Jeff Maggert	72-WD
John Riegger	79-WD
Tom Purtzer	81-WD

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Sporting goods store puts Olympic hopefuls to work

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press



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Olympic judo hopeful Ella Graves texts inside the Olympic Training Center where she is in training in hopes of making it to the 2016 Olympics, in Colorado Springs, Colo. on Wednesday. In addition to her rigorous training schedule, Graves also works at Dick's Sporting Goods through a sponsorship deal with the U.S. Olympic Committee that allows athletes to work part-time at the store.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The fencer worked as a barista. One martial artist drove a prison truck, and the other went door-to-door selling pizza coupons. The paracyclist was also a starving musician. And as if five sports didn't keep the modern pentathlete busy enough, she also worked part-time at a clothing store.

One of the overlooked realities for Olympic hopefuls in the United States is that, in addition to grinding through a six-day-a-week, eight-hour-a-day training schedule, they also have to follow this well-worn piece of advice: Don't quit your day job.

As of this month, Dick's Sporting Goods has filled that need for 100 of these athletes, most of them trying to stay on the road to Rio and the Summer Olympics next year. Through a new sponsorship deal with the U.S. Olympic Committee, the store is offering athletes 20-hour-a-week jobs on schedules that defer to the steady training and travel regimens these potential Olympians must manage.

The athletes work at 58 stores covering 25 states, and Dick's is willing to be flexible with their schedules not only to help support the Olympic movement but also because of the expertise these elite athletes can provide to customers in search of the perfect shoes, swimsuit or workout clothes.

"You compete at a high level because it's what you love to do," said Andras Horanyi, the fencer who lives at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and works at Dick's. "I don't think most athletes are doing this because they make a ton of money."

True, but for most Olympic hopefuls, there's a big gap between getting rich and making ends meet. And yet it still takes considerable resources to get to sport's highest level — resources that go beyond the room-and-board and many of the training stipends the USOC and the individual federations provide to the top Olympic hopefuls.

For instance, in almost every sport, each athlete must pay his or her own way to domestic competitions, including national championships, which is often where they compete for rankings and spots on the U.S. team that lead to more crucial funding.

That's how Horanyi found himself working as a barista and juggling a fencing schedule when he was living in New York a few years back. After moving to Colorado Springs, where a room at the training center allayed many of his training and scheduling problems, he worked for a while at eBay and then as an events planner for the USOC.

"That was a good job, and they understood my needs, but it was only a few hours a day," Horanyi said of the USOC job. "It didn't pay enough for the tournaments and stuff like that."

The stories for other Olympic hopefuls are similar, almost across the board, and almost regardless of sport.

For every Michael Phelps there are a dozen athletes like judoka Ella Graves, who, before her job at Dick's, worked at a college library and also walked the neighborhoods in Colorado Springs selling pizza coupons.

And for every Nick Symmonds — the runner who boycotted this year's track world championships to make a point about the relationship between athletes, sponsors and Olympic sports — there are dozens more like Josh Brown, the judo athlete whose sponsorships are small, and who once worked a night job driving a truck for a correctional facility program.

"When I got the job as a driver, they didn't tell me I'd be driving a bunch of felons around," Brown said. "I'd get off at, like, 1 a.m., but you can't go home, relax and get ready to fully train after working a job like that."

Paracyclist Chris Murphy was good with the trombone. "The starving musician thing is a real thing," he said.

His sports dream started coming together when he bought a bike to shuttle himself from job to job in Southern California. As he moved into the elite circles of the sport, he realized the commitment he had to make to train — both in hours and money — didn't jibe with a job that paid a lot per hour, but didn't provide steady or consistent work.

Modern pentathlete Isabella Isaksen, whose older sister, Margaux, made the 2008 and 2012 Olympics in the same sport, estimates she spends 40 to 50 hours a week training in her five disciplines: running, swimming, fencing, equestrian and pistol shooting.

She said she jumped at the Dick's job because of the flexibility they offer and the team atmosphere.

When an American athlete turns to judo, or fencing, or modern pentathlon, she learns at an early age that the prospect of going for gold does not mean a bankrolled ride to the top. That's unlike the case in many countries, where governments finance sports ministries that send the money to the sports federations and the athletes.

Graves remembers crisscrossing the parking lot at St. Louis Rams games with her brothers and sisters, hitting up tailgaters for money to help foot the bills for her training and competition schedule. The rest all did fundraising efforts of their own, mostly involving writing up fliers and going to businesses, looking for donations.

They found a lot of enthusiasm, some generosity, far fewer long-term answers.

"I went everywhere and told people my story," Brown said. "They were all very impressed and surprised and thought it was awesome. But that's where it ended."

The Dick's program replaced a similar one run by Home Depot for 17 years before the long-term sponsorship deal between the big-box store and the USOC lapsed in 2009.

There are similarities between the programs, though the Dick's program adds a few things — namely, an easy-to-define connection to sports, along with training equipment the company gives to the Olympic Training Center.

Those uniforms, training shoes and bicycles do not materialize out of thin air, even for Olympic hopefuls.

"I destroyed a pair of wheels in training and hadn't been able to train super well on that bike," Murphy said. "But because of having a job, I had the freedom to go to a bike shop and get the new wheels."

NIAGWAN

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but couldn't get the visa to take the offer. Niagwan said she eventually gave up on that dream so she decided to get into coaching and got a diploma from the National Institute for Sports at Surulere Lagos, Nigera.

She became a coach for a women's team in her home state and later got an offer to go to the University of Miami to observe and learn from its basketball programs there but she didn't have enough money at the time to make the trip.

In 2014 she made history in Nigeria when she became the first female to coach a men's pro team when she took the head job with the Plateau Peaks, which plays in the Premier Basketball League in Los, Nigeria.

She had already coached the junior team to a medal at a prestigious tournament for the first time in 23 years, so she had shown what she was capable of doing.

Still, being a woman and coaching men between the ages of 18 and 35 had plenty of challenges.

"The boys were like, 'how can a woman come and tell us what to do,'" she recalled. "It had never been done before. It's usually the men handling the boys or the women's teams. It was a challenge but I had to set my policies right from the beginning. I told them that they shouldn't see me as a woman. They should see me as their coach, as their friend, as their mother. I told them that if we work together, the sky would be the limit. It was a challenge from the beginning and they were giving me problems at first. Gradually I took them to the fourth tournament and we did well."

She added that other coaches in league weren't so receptive either. But in time, they came to respect her as a coach.

Eventually, her dream of coming to the U.S. to learn about basketball became a reality.

The Journey to Midland

For the past four years, the Midland College men's and women's basketball teams have held a one-day camp at the Ector County Independent School District's Region Day School Program for the Deaf.

That is where MC athletic director Forrest Allen met the campus' director, Rakia Musa, who happens to be Niagwan's sister and who has lived in Odessa for a few years.

Musa brought up the idea of having her sister come to observe the men's basketball team to Allen. He said he was receptive to the idea and added that Dreiling didn't take more than three seconds to say yes.

"We look for opportunities for our coaches to do various outreach of sorts," Allen said. "It's just a different type than we normally do. It's been great for the coaching staff and it's been great for the student athlete to get her perspective on the sport, have her what we tell them all the time about how to conduct themselves, the tremendous resources that we have, the facilities, things like that. And to have somebody else come and share those things puts things more in perspective for them. It just gives us another opportunity to be ambassadors to the game of basketball and even exporting Chap basketball to other countries by doing this."

Added Dreiling:" We want to help our community here in Midland but we also want to have a long reach and touch people everywhere. Hopefully that's what we're doing. I know she's going to take a lot of great information home and I know she's the right person to deliver it. She's a really great person, she's a great coach. I think they ought to be very thankful to have her."

Allen added that with the approval of the Midland College administration, Niagwan was given the OK.

Niagwan was not finally able to obtain the travel visa but got the trip sponsored by her state government, which she couldn't thank enough.

She said she's also grateful for the cooperation of the MC administration, Allen and his athletic department staff, and the men's basketball team for giving her this opportunity to learn about the game she loves.

She also had a message to the players.

"I would like to tell them that they have an opportunity here to play basketball well because they have the right people to teach them, they have the right equipment that we don't have back at home," said Niagwan, who will be in town until Nov. 7. "The gym here is very beautiful, the machines in the weight room are very beautiful. They should use this opportunity, and if they use this opportunity, the sky would be the limit in basketball. I wish them all the best."

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Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midland-christianschool.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 Ianier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristian-school.org

West Texas Lacrosse Learn-2-Play Clinics
For: Boys 3rd through 12th grade
When: Sundays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: Hogan Park South Fields (Across from Sibley Nature Center)/Memorial Stadium
Cost: $10 per session
For more info: go to website at westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

West Texas Lacrosse Mini Camp, Texas Tech exhibition game
For: Boys 3rd through 12th grade
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium
When: Camp will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, followed by game featuring Texas Tech lacrosse team and West Texas Old Boys at 5 p.m.
Cost: $20 and registration begins at 1:45 p.m.
For more info: go to website at westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

GOLF

6-6-6 Tournament
Format: 6 holes scramble, 6 holes low ball and 6 holes modified alternate shot
When: Oct. 24-25, 1 p.m. shotgun start both days
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Entry fee: $100 for Big Spring CC members and $200 for non-members plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome
For more info: Call the Big Spring CC pro shot at 432-267-5354

MARTIAL ARTS

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7487 or 689-8444

POKER

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. 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

SHOOTING

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midland-shooters.com

SOCCER

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

SOFTBALL

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or 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.
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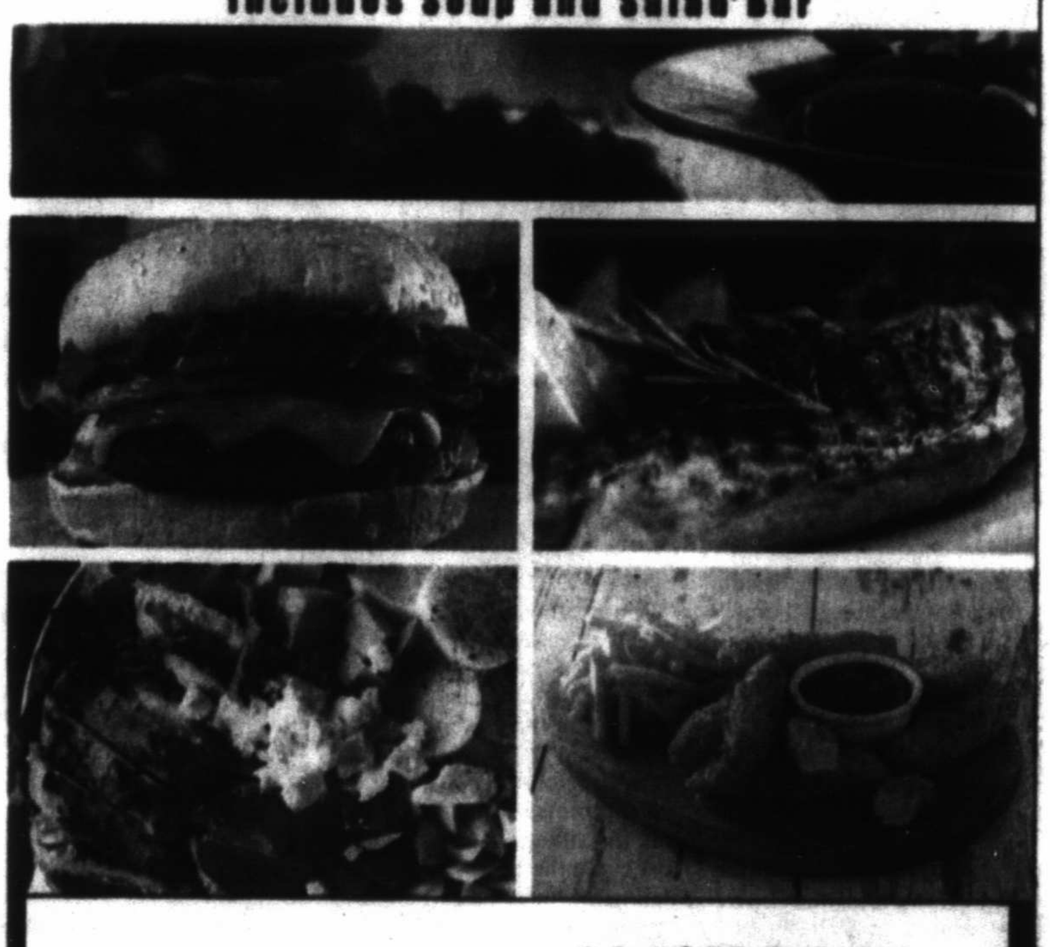
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OTHER JOBS



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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

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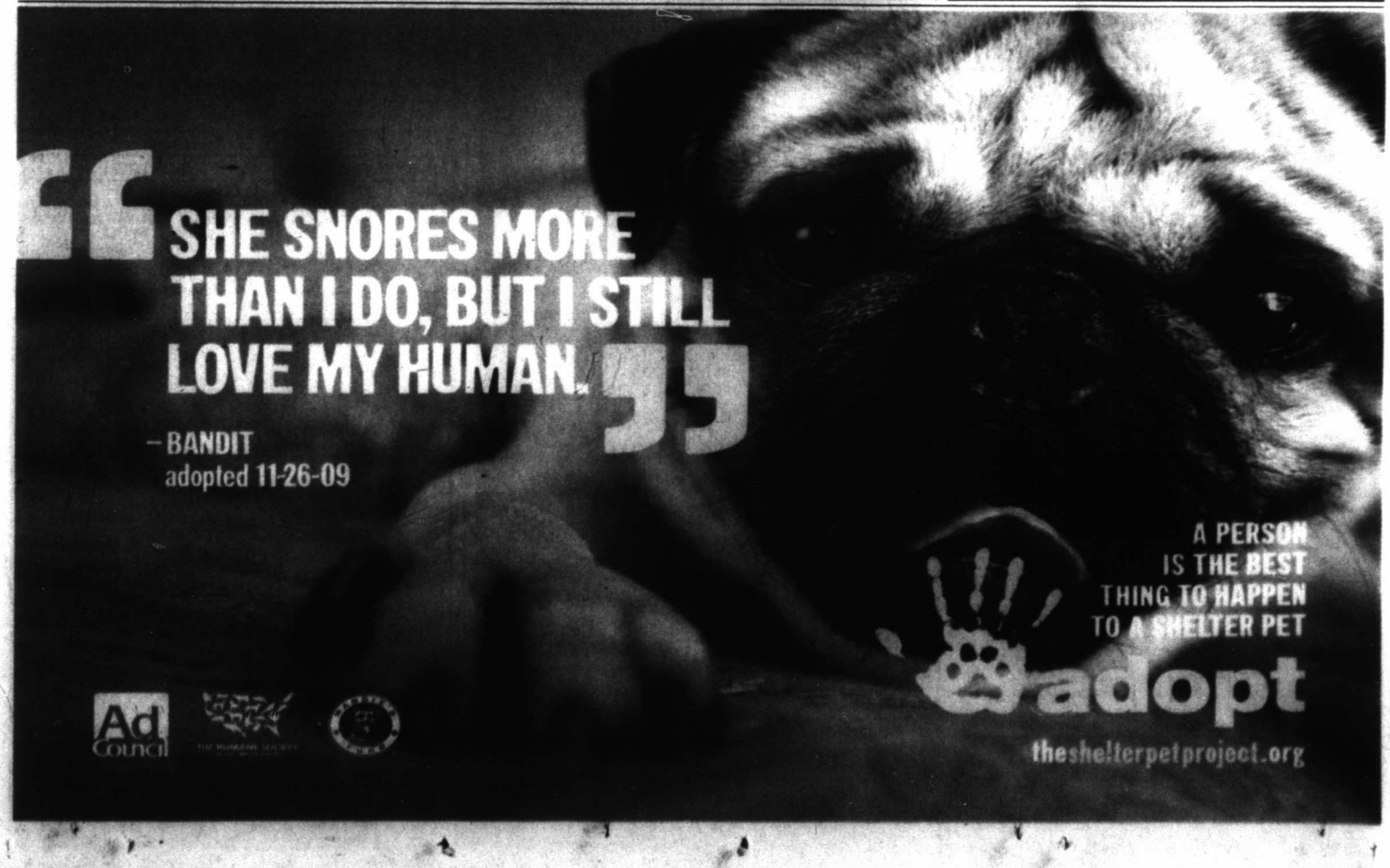
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EDUCATION & TRAINING

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HEALTHCARE

Permian Basin Community Centers

Permian Basin Community Centers is seeking

Care Coordinator

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE



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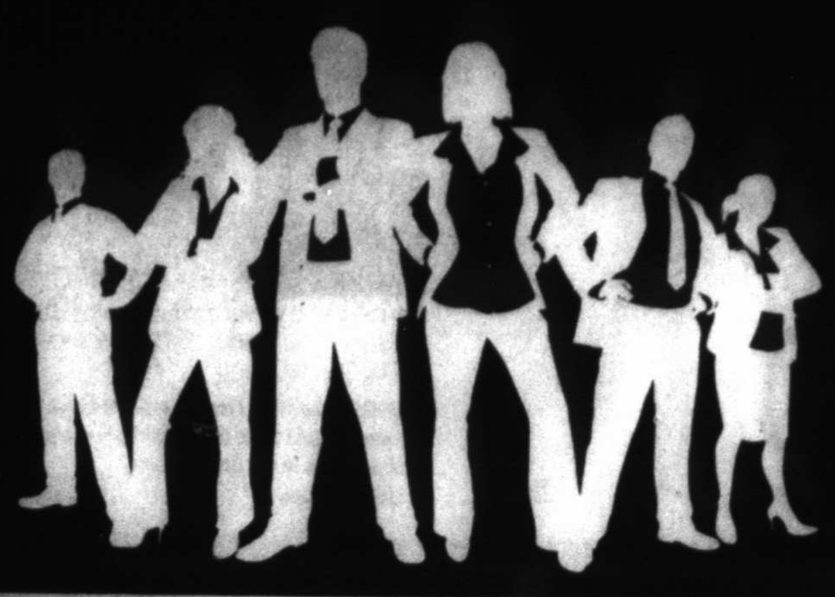
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OptiBlend Industries, Inc.

POSITION TITLE: ACID PLANT OPERATOR

Summary:

OptiBlend Industries is looking for an Acid Plant Operator for our Midland, TX plant. This position is responsible for receiving raw materials, tracking and storing them in specific locations, mixing products to customer specifications, loading trucks with finished product for shipment.

Tasks

- Operate forklift to load and unload trucks, both vans and flatbeds
- Operate and understand valves on tanks
- Loading bulk tanker trucks at tank farm and rail spur using both stationary and portable pumps
- Mix batches of liquid oilfield completion chemicals using various recipes including but not limited to guar gum slurries and hydrochloric acid (HCL) blends
- Maintain log of shift activity through batch blend sheets and shift work journals
- Move and organize pallets of raw materials
- Clean warehouse and yard areas daily
- Clean and maintain tools and equipment
- Complete odd jobs, routine maintenance and special projects as needed
- Other duties may be assigned

Required Experience and Education:

High school diploma or (GED). Six plus months related work experience. Employee is regularly required to stand, walk, sit, and work outdoors in temperatures ranging from 20F to 115F for extended periods of time. Must be able to lift and /or move up to 100 pounds. Will be working in a warehouse and manufacturing environment consisting of indoor warehouses, paved yards, storage yards, tank farms, office areas, analysis laboratories and confined spaces including the inside of tanks and tank trailers. Will be exposed to working in high, precarious places, extreme heat and cold, and wet, extremely slippery conditions.

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ENDURA PRODUCTS CORP

Staff Accountant

Endura Products Corp is seeking a qualified **Staff Accountant** in Midland, Texas. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Must have experience with GL, posting, Reconciliation, journal entries, and with QuickBooks (with multi-company responsibility), Excel and Word is required as well as oil & gas terminology. Competitive salary and a benefits package including company paid medical/dental insurance and 401(k) retirement plan.

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OptiBlend Industries, Inc.

TITLE: MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

OptiBlend Industries is looking for a Maintenance Technician for our Midland, Texas plant. This position is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the plant facilities and all mechanical and particularly electrical equipment contained therein. Maintains, reconditions, repairs, troubleshoots, adjusts, constructs, and upgrades various types of equipment. As the plant operates on a 24 hour basis, attendance and availability for overtime and callout work is essential.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Test fabricated and installed equipment to ensure adequacy of repair and safe operation upon commissioning
- Advise management on whether continued operation of equipment could be hazardous
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- Operate fork lift to transport work or maneuver equipment as necessary
- Operate man lift, scissor lift or ladder to safely position self at height

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- High school diploma or general education degree (GED)
- Five to seven years related electrical and mechanical experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Associates degree in related field is preferred.
- Ability to read and understand blue prints, drawings, PLC logic, control system code, wiring diagrams, maintenance repair manuals, and specification sheets.

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JOB WEEK



Percentage of individuals who believe the ability to gain new skills in a professional role is "very important"

SOURCE: Robert Half Finance & Accounting; includes responses from more than 2,000 finance and accounting professionals in the United States

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: DO YOU KNOW YOURS?

DESPITE RECOGNIZING THEIR IMPORTANCE, NEW SURVEY SHOWS EMPLOYEES OFTEN DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR BENEFITS, PERSONAL FINANCES

By ALEX BURNHAM
CTW Features

It may be time to have a heart-to-heart with Human Resources.

As important as personal finances and employee benefits are, few people have a handle on them, according to a new study from insurance company Mass Mutual.

Though the majority of Americans recognize the importance of those two items, 40 percent admit to knowing little or nothing about their personal finances or employee benefits, according to the 2015 MassMutual Employee Benefits Security Survey.

According to the survey, most people claim to have their financial life in order. Around three-fourths of respondents said they both prioritize understanding their personal finances (77 percent) and having enough medical insurance (74 percent), and nearly two-thirds (65 percent) said they put a priority on being able to retire comfortably. Yet, a large portion (38 percent) said they no little or nothing about their employer-provided benefits like health care, life insurance and 401(k) retirement savings; 42 percent said they have no clue on whether or not they're on track to retire comfortably.

"Personal finances continue to bedevil many Americans, especially when it comes to understanding and making the most of their employee benefits," Elaine Sarsynski, executive vice president of MassMutual Retirement Services and Worksite Insurance, said in a statement. "[Our] research finds that many people say they need help to better understand their personal finances, but only one in five people actually use an online financial tool for assistance."

Despite many people saying they doing just fine with their finances, a number of people found that managing personal finances was "somewhat" or "very difficult" (37 percent), and 40 percent said financial problems can distract them while at work. While some groups have more difficulty than others, personal-finance struggles were present across several demographics, with millennials (58 percent), parents (50 percent), Generation X (47 percent) and women (44 percent) and those earning less than $50,000 a year all noting difficulties.

A majority of respondents (80 percent) said they do not use an online financial tool in order to manage their retirement, health care and other forms of insurance. Yet 73 percent said they would use such a tool if it were free.

Likelihood of online tool use is inversely related to age, given that 82 percent of millennials and 80 percent of parents are interested in the idea. And 32 percent of those surveyed said they would be more likely to enroll in employee benefits if they were to use an online tool.

"MassMutual's research shows that a high percentage of workers would welcome help in managing their personal finances and figuring out their benefit choices," Sarsynski said.

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MAKE THE MOST OF VACATION TIME



11 TIPS TO HELP YOU SAVE MORE, DO MORE AND ACTUALLY USE YOUR VACATION TIME

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

If you're like many American workers, you're not optimizing your vacation time. According to the U.S. Travel Association, 40 percent of Americans left some of their vacation days unused in 2014. Here are 11 approaches to help you enjoy this employee benefit instead of wasting it:

1. ASK EARLY

According to Sylvia Francis, chair of the Colorado chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management, your best bet is to ask for time off at least a month before a planned vacation, especially during peak vacation periods. "Even if you do it on a tentative basis and get it approved, you always can cancel it. But at least you've got your foot in the door for that week or two weeks," Francis says.

2. PLAN EVEN EARLIER

You might save a lot of money. An Airlines Reporting Corp. study of airline tickets sold in the U.S. between January 2013 and July 2014 found that the lowest average ticket price for domestic travel could be found 57 days prior to departure. For international travel, the lowest prices were found 171 days before departure.

3. TRY BOOKING ON SUNDAY

The same study found that the lowest average prices for both domestic and international travel could be found when the tickets were purchased on a Sunday. That's when more budget-conscious consumers and fewer business travelers are buying tickets.

4. SCHEDULE AROUND SLOW PERIODS

Francis says that many employers are fine with vacation requests of up to two weeks. But it's best to ask for longer breaks when business is slow. "If you want to take a good chunk of time off, go to your employer before you really plan it out, and be as flexible as possible," says Pauline Frommer, editorial director for the Frommer guidebooks and frommers.com.

Choosing travel at a slower time, even for short trips, also will minimize the work waiting for you afterward. For this reason, Francis recommends Fridays over Mondays for three-day weekends. "Monday is usually a very busy day in most organizations," Francis says.

5. LEAN ON YOUR COLLEAGUES

Before you go on vacation, make sure that all of your responsibilities are covered. Make your email and voicemail out-of-office messages specific in directing people to the right contacts for various common concerns, so they're less likely to bother you.

6. AVOID HOLIDAY PAIN

Stay away from the busiest travel days of the year, which are the Wednesday before and the Sunday after Thanksgiving. And try to catch the first flight of the day for winter holiday travel. "If you do that, it's likely that you're taking a plane that was in your airport overnight, so it's more likely to get out than one coming from another airport that might have had storms," Frommer says.

7. PIGGYBACK ON BUSINESS TRIPS

You'll save the cost of a flight by extending your midweek business trip over the weekend. "Those business-class hotels also tend to empty out over the weekend and you can get some very good rates," Frommer says.

8. STAY CLOSE FOR GETAWAYS

You'll emerge more renewed from a three-day vacation if you spend as little time as possible traveling.

9. CONSIDER OFF-PEAK TRAVEL PERIODS

If your activities aren't weather dependent, you'll be able to see and do more. "In January through early March, you'll pay $111 a night for a hotel room in New York City that will go for $399 in October," Frommer says. "You can eat better, see more Broadway shows, and have more fun because you're not spending all of your money on a hotel room."

10. EXPLORE MODERN LODGING OPTIONS

"Right now, Airbnb has more beds than all of the major hotel chains combined," Frommer says. You might be able to get a larger, nicer space and a full kitchen while still saving money.

11. INVESTIGATE BUSINESS DISCOUNTS

If you work at a large enough organization, your company ID might even get you discounts at chain hotels or even on travel products.

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JOB TRENDS

LOOKING FOR 'PEOPLE' PEOPLE

Solid social skills is the top trait employers look for



There's a good reason why employers surveyed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers listed "ability to work in a team" as the most-desired attribute they look for when hiring new graduates.

Although automation decreases the need for humans to perform many tasks, "computers are still very poor at simulating human interactions," writes David Deming, an associate professor of economics at Harvard University in a recent research paper.

It's those who score highly in social skills and who can most effectively coordinate the efforts of others who are increasingly in demand, Deming finds.

The research looked at job descriptions from the U.S. Dept. of Labor's "Occupational Information Network" to determine the level of social skills, in addition to cognitive abilities and the level of routine and non-routine tasks required by various occupations.

The upshot: Jobs that require social skills have been growing in number for the last three decades.

But while there are increasing numbers of positions involving human interaction, not all are high-paying – think manicurist or caretaker for the elderly.

Moreover, all the old maxims about how college degrees and expertise in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are the ticket to high salaries aren't discredited by the research.

Most of the growth in high-paying positions has been in jobs that require degreed workers and involve various levels of both mathematical and analytic reasoning and social interaction, Deming found.

For instance, actuaries, chemical technicians, statisticians and engineers have minimal social-task intensity but high math abilities. Lawyers, doctors, physical therapists and editors have positions requiring lower math abilities but high social proficiency.

Right now, there's no proven method to achieve social acumen, but women tend to come by it more naturally than men, Deming's paper notes, with other research showing that women score higher in "social IQ" tests.

– Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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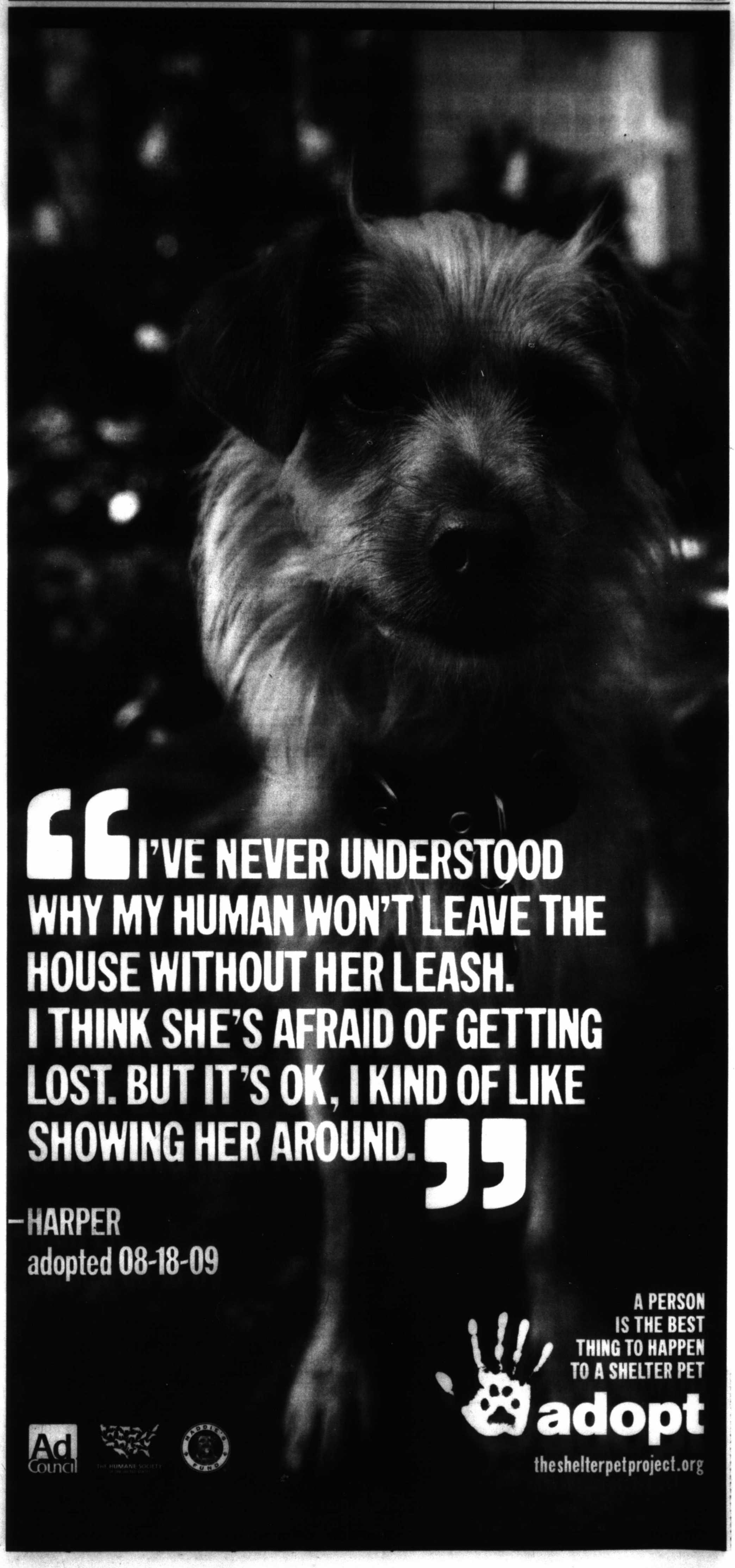
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General Announcements

Midland High School Class of 1973 is having a dinner/ get together on Nov. 7th at 5:30 at Clear Springs restaurant in Midland. To catch up on what everyone is doing and have fun! Please RSVP by Oct. 30th to Connie(Wooten) McClellan at 432-352-1957 or Cindy (Cooper) King at 432-557-1554.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL SCOTT HAGAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Michael Scott Hagan, deceased, were issued to Christina Wright Hagan, Independent Executrix, on October 13, 2015, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Michael Scott Hagan, Deceased," Cause No. P18440 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Christina Wright Hagan c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Christina Wright Hagan, as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Michael Scott Hagan, Deceased, Cause No. P18440 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

FM-41296

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

To Eduardo Garcia, 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 Harvey Tevis Herd and wife, Patricia Parker Herd, Petitioners, was filed in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on August 14, 2015 against Eduardo Garcia, Respondent et al. numbered FM-41,296 and entitled "In the Interest of Kathryn Marie Herd, A Child." The suit requests the conservatorship between Petitioners and Holly Marie Herd be modified. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Kathryn Marie Herd	07/22/1999	Austin, Travis County, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the children's interest that will be binding on you, including modifying the conservatorship of the child between the Petitioners, Harvey Tevis Herd and Patricia Parker Herd, and the Respondent, Holly Marie Herd, be modified in accordance with the Petition.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, on October 12th, 2015.

Harvey Tevis Herd and wife, Patricia Parker Herd
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.
Ross Bush

By: Gilda Morales, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CLERK OF THE COURT	PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY
Ross Bush	Joseph A. Baker
Midland County Courthouse	Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe
500 N. Loraine St., Suite 300	& Dawson, P.C.
Midland, Texas 79701	500 W. Illinois, Suite 300
	Midland, Texas 79701

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: 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 forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO: Defendants EDUARD PAUL LE ROUX, EDUARD PAUL LE ROUX'S HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND THEIR HEIRS, IF ANY. Defendants in the cause herein described:

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 238th Judicial Distrct Court in the Midland County Courthouse in Midland, Midland County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, then and there to answer the petition of CROWNROCK, L.P., in Cause No. CV51721, styled "CROWNROCK, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. EDUARD PAUL LE ROUX, EDUARD PAUL LE ROUX'S HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND THEIR HEIRS, IF ANY, Defendants." The said petition, filed on this 6th day of October 2015, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided leasehold interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land in Midland County, Texas, to wit:

Tract 1: SE/4 NE/4 of Section 9, Block 37, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, limited to depths below 8,500 feet below the surface (herein after referred to as "Tract 1");

Tract 2: NE/4 SW/4 of Section 9, Block 37, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, limited to depths below 8,500 feet below the surface (herein after referred to as "Tract 2");

Tract 3: NW/4 SE/4 of Section 14, Block 37, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, limited to depths below 8,500 feet below the surface (herein after referred to as "Tract 3"); and

Tract 4: SW/4 NE/4 of Section 4, Block 37, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, as to all depths (hereinafter referred to as "Tract 4").

Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3, and Tract 4 will be referred to as the "Tracts."

And to execute an assignment of Defendants' leasehold interests in the Tracts to the Plaintiff, and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 7th day of October 2015, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.

ROSS BUSH
District Clerk of Midland County, Texas

By: Angela L. Gordea, Deputy

Special Occasion! Call Classified 682-6222

Legal & Public Notices

Public Notice
Request for Proposals
#2016-010

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed proposals for roof replacement for the Dorothy and Todd Aaron Medical Science Building, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at the Midland College Maintenance Facility. The proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the walk-through conference. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2015,** at which time they will be opened and read aloud in the Pevehouse Administrative Conference Room #106. For proposal packet information, contact the College's consultant, Gregg Carroll, at (806)789-3267. 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

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Justin Gerdes for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code concerning front yard setback and construction standards for accessory structures on: Lot 2, Block 1, Quail Ridge Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of Chukar Lane, approximately 400-feet north of E. Interstate Highway 20.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by DDC Merritt Leisure, LTD for a zone change HAS BEEN CANCELLED from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, in part, and PD, Planned Distrct for a Housing Development, in part, to PD, Planned District for a Housing Development on the following described property:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 162, and the south 378-feet of Lot 1, Block 163, Wilshire Park Addition, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northwest of the intersection of Beal Parkway and Leisure Drive.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: ST wells 4103H, 4104H, 4104LS, 4105H, 4105LS, 4106H, 4106LS, 4404LS, 4405LS & 4406LS (RRC Lease # 39560); ST W wells 4301H, 4302H, 4305H, 4306H, 4307H,4301LS, 4302LS, 4303H, 4304H, 4307LS (RRC Lease #41340); ST-ST S B # 4405H (RRC Drilling Permit # 786301) and ST-ST S C # 4406H (Drilling Permit # 786306). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Community Events

THE POP-UP Toastmasters Club here in Midland is having an open house next Tuesday, October 20th at 8:30AM. First Presbyterian Church, Room 228.

General Announcements

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive proposals for Strategic Planning Services No. 6P-0001. Proposals are to be addressed to the Procurement Services Department, Midland ISD, Attn: Leon Hartter Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, TX. 79701. Proposals will be received at the above address until 2:00 pm CST November 6, 2015. Proposals, forms, and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 240-1252 or emailing elise.kail@midlandisd.net.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Midland County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing at or after 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse, located at 500 N. Loraine, Midland, TX 79701. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the designation of certain real property in Midland County as a Reinvestment Zone. The following property is subject to being designated as a Reinvestment: Section 36, Bloc 38, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Interested persons will be allowed to speak and present evidence for or against the designation.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VERNETA BAXTER, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of August, 2015, Letters Testamentary were issued to Billy O. Waddill and John Duane Waddill as Co-Independent Executors in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Verneta Baxter, Deceased.", being Cause No. p. 18408 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Billy O. Waddill and John Duane Waddill, c/o Alan H. Meyers, Law Offices of Alan H. Meyers, P.C., 505 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for **Sewage Ejector Upgrade** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bidders may secure bid documents from David D. Laughlin, PE, Agnew Associates Inc., (dlaughlin@agnewassociates.com) at 13033 Quaker Ave., Suite A, Lubbock, Texas 79423. Please contact 806-799-0753 for more information. Bid documents are available on or after **Wednesday, October 14, 2015.**

Pre-Bid conferences will be held Monday, October 19, 2015 and Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the Facilities Services conference room in the basement. A tour of the proposed construction area will follow this conference. All interested Sub-Contractors are encouraged to attend.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required for all bids. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) hard sealed copies and **One (1) electronic copy** of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701 by **12:00 PM, Tuesday, October 27, 2015.** Send the electronic (PDF) copy of your submission to: rhanna@midland-memorial.com. To protect your privacy, you may elect to password protect your electronic submission with the password provided after the submission deadline. **Under no circumstances will bids received beyond 12:00 PM, October 27, 2015 be accepted.**

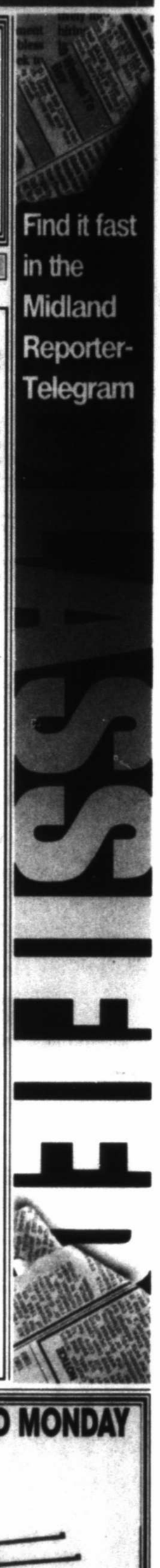
All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID # 1176-101415 Enclosed."**

All bids must be price protected until January 27, 2016.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids 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
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Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 25, 2015
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 30, 2015
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0296282
Status/Permit No. 810552

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 685748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Blk. B, CCSD&RGNG RR CO/THORNTON, J W Survey, A-607, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Oct 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BROOK Y-6C	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	850.5	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1326.0	
Lease Lines :	300.0 F s (off lse) L,	660.0 F w (off lse) L
Survey Lines :	300.0 F south L,	660.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 300.0 F S (OFF LSE) L
660.0 F W (OFF LSE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: Y Abstract: 616
Survey: GC&SF RR. CO/WESTMORELAND, J N
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
330.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
330.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10780 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 24, 2015
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P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0298273
Status/Permit No. 810555

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Oct 29, 2015

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

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A Pre-Bid meeting will NOT be scheduled.

Bids are due by November 10, 2015 on or before 3:00 pm.

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Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492

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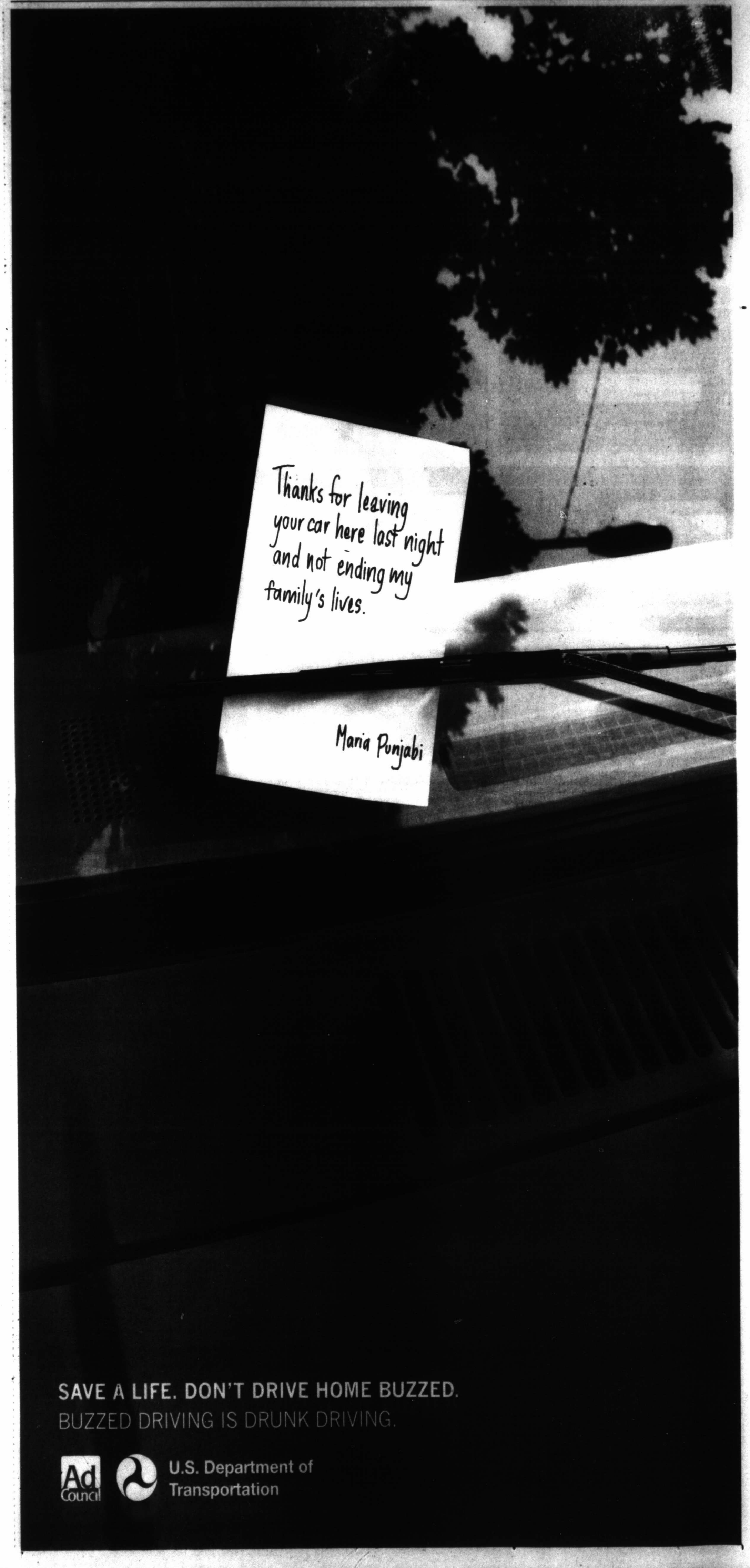
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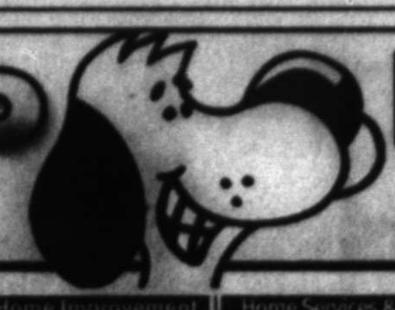
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Also, if you're going to keep your current mortgage then you might simply want to create your own 15-year mortgage payoff program.

This can be done by looking at the monthly payment coupon. For most mortgages there is a place where you can indicate that you want to make an extra principal contribution. As an example, let's say that you have a $250,000 mortgage at 4.5 percent. Across 30 years with a fixed-rate loan your monthly cost for principal and interest is $1,266.71. To pay off this loan in 15 years – if we start in the first month – you will need to raise your monthly payment to $1,912.48. That's an increase of $645.77. If a larger payment of this magnitude is comfortable, your projected interest cost over the life of the loan will go from $206,016 to $94,246.

The nice aspect of this do-it-yourself approach to 15-year loans is that your obligation to the lender is to pay at least $1,266.71 per month for principal and interest; if you run into a tough financial period you're not obligated to make more than the required payment.

If you refinance then your interest rate is likely to be lower in two ways: First, today's mortgage rates may be lower than the rate that you now have. Second, rates for 15-year financing generally are lower than the rates for 30-year mortgages. In late summer, according to Freddie Mac, the rate for 30-year, fixed-rate financing was 3.84 percent; the fixed rate for a 15-year mortgage was 3.06 percent. That's a difference of a little more than three quarters of a percent, a big deal.

Let's say that you go from a 30-year, $250,000 mortgage at 4.5 percent to a 15-year, $250,000 mortgage at 3.06 percent. The 30-year loan will have a monthly payment of $1,266.71 for principal and interest while the 15-year loan will require $1,733.68. By refinancing you'll have up-front costs to get a new loan, but because you have a significantly lower interest rate you obtain a solid monthly savings. In this example the potential interest cost for the 30-year mortgage is $206,016 versus $62,062. That's a difference of more than $140,000 in potential interest savings – if you can afford the higher monthly payments.

The discussion above shows how the options might compare but what really counts are your finances and personal preferences. For details and specifics speak with lenders in today's market.

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NEW RULES, NEW TOOLS FOR MORTGAGE SHOPPERS



THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU INTRODUCES NEW ONLINE TOOLS TO GUIDE CONSUMERS THROUGH RECENT CHANGES IN MORTGAGE DOCUMENTATION

By CARLEY LINTZ
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For many years, securing a mortgage for your dream home was a high-stress process involving a lot of paperwork.

It still can be stressful, but now, at least, there's a lot less paperwork, thanks to a new rule from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

It used to be that under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures and Truth in Lending Acts required multiple forms to be distributed to borrowers at several different time points to inform them of the costs and terms of the mortgage. However, these forms contained overlapping information in inconsistent formats, making it challenging for consumers to comprehend the important details they need to make good financial decisions.

The new rule from the CFPB – called the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure rule, which went into effect Oct. 3– helps remedy the problem by combining four existing disclosure documents into two forms:

• A loan estimate, which will have to be delivered within three business days of receiving the borrower's loan application

• A closing disclosure, which the consumer must receive at least three business days before the transaction is completed.

The new TRID rule is one of the most significant changes to the home mortgage industry in decades, streamlining the mortgage system and making it more comprehensive. The loan estimate form allows consumers to comparison shop between loans, while the closing disclosure includes the final transaction.

Along with the TRID rule, the Bureau also released a new set of online tools, as part of its Know Before You Owe initiative, to help consumers better navigate the mortgage process, including measures to help buyers choose the best loan option and prevent costly, last-minute surprises when closing.

"Our new mortgage forms reduce the information gap between lenders and consumers, shedding light on a process that often feels like a mystery," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a statement. "It is time consumers have more power in the mortgage process, and our new forms and online tools will help make that a reality."

Among the CFPB's new "Owning a Home" tools:

• Step-by-step guide to mortgage milestones: The "Owning a Home" website is broken down into four different phases the mortgage process - "Prepare to Shop," "Explore loan choices," "Compare loan offers" and "Get ready to close." Each section includes goals, recommended actions and tips to help consumers with important decisions through the mortgage process.

• Mortgage payment worksheet: This tool allows homebuyers to look at their monthly finances, including debts, savings and living expenses, to estimate how much they can afford on a mortgage. Consumers also can use tools to explore loan interest rates to make sure they're getting the best deal.

• Interactive sample of the new TRID forms: The site also features interactive versions of the new loan estimate and closing disclosure forms. This tool provides descriptions and definitions of terms homebuyers might not understand and highlights key areas of concern. It also allows consumers to review their own transactions and make sure all the numbers check out.

In addition to these recently released tools, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau also offers a "Your Home Loan Toolkit," a booklet of conversation prompts and worksheets, a housing counselor locator and a guide for real estate professionals to ensure easy and on-time closures.

"Owning a Home" tools and additional information about TRID and mortgage loans can be found at www.consumerfinance.gov.

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TRENDS

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For many, a friendly neighbor next door is not a high priority, according to a new survey analysis



Neighborhoods matter to homebuyers, who seek a particular area for its easy commute, stable property values, quality schools, among other amenities.

But the people living next door or down the street might not figure into the equation of what makes a neighborhood desirable.

In the 1970s, 30 percent of Americans spent time with neighbors, and 20 percent had no interaction with them, found Joe Cortright, president of Impressa Economics, in an analysis of data from the General Social Survey administered by the University of Chicago. Now, those percentages are reversed, with only one-fifth of Americans socializing with neighbors, according to Cortright's analysis.

Many factors are behind the fade in neighborly relations, like large suburban lots, commuting alone by car and automatic garage openers that allow people to pull in and stay behind shut doors, says Cortright.

Those findings don't surprise Craig Beggins , owner/broker at Century 21 Beggins Enterprises in Apollo Beach, Florida. "In my opinion buyers choose their neighborhoods for other reasons besides friendly relations," he says.

But Beggins notes that face-to-face contacts are being replaced by online connections. He keeps up on chatter in his own neighborhood from postings on Nextdoor.com.

Young families, however, still put a priority on a neighborhood "where they can feel confident and safe about their kids playing with neighborhood kids," notes Eli Tene, of Century 21 Peak Realty in Los Angeles. "In terms of the L.A. market," he adds, "there are many neighborhoods that have a reputation for being friendly."

And, some builders are designing communities to recapture the features that promote neighborliness.

Large front porches, smaller lots, sidewalks and "minimizing the visual impact of garages can contribute to more of a neighborhood feeling," says Paul Foresman of Design Basics, an Omaha, Nebraska, consulting firm.

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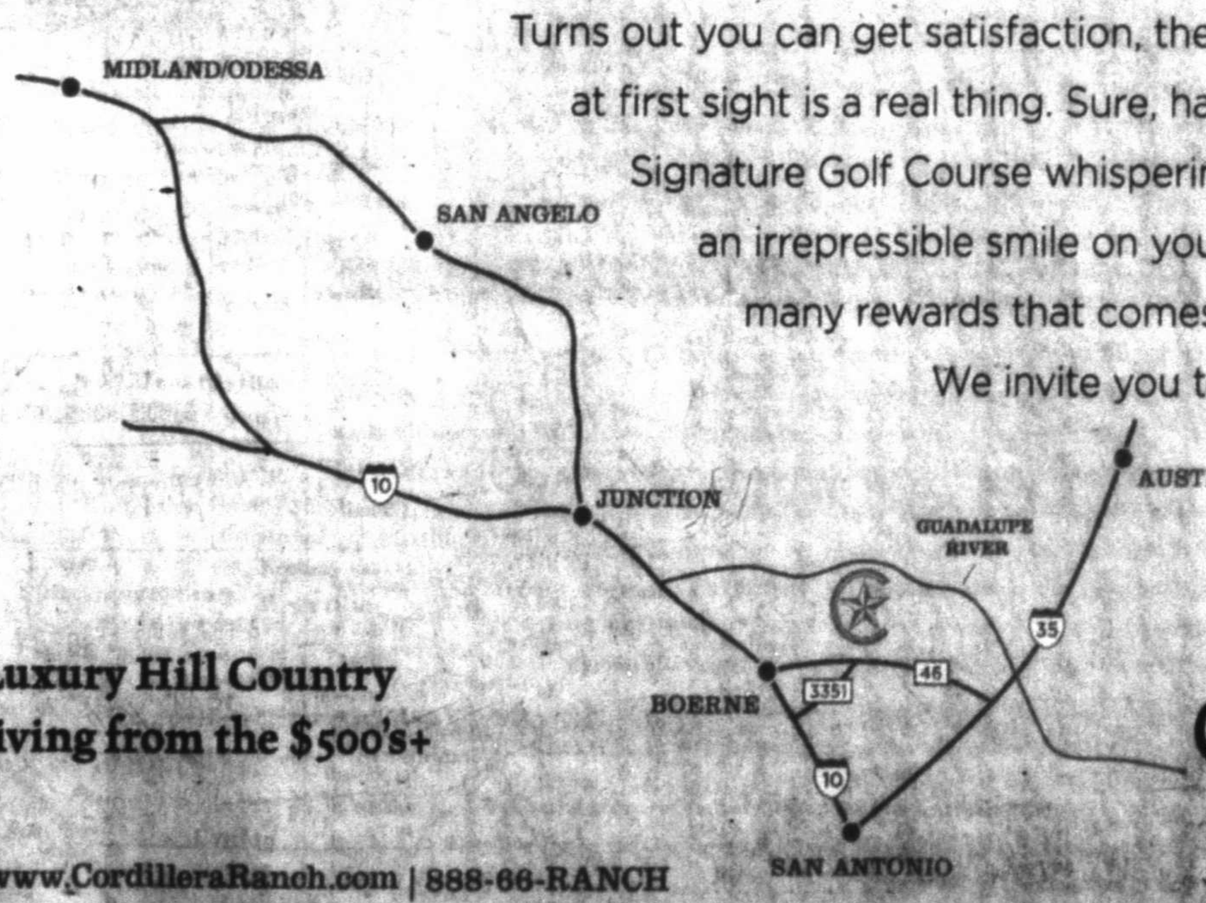
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HOUSING TRENDS

Many home fads are geared to pare maintenance and energy use and deliver information faster. In real estate trends typically come slowly, often well after they appear in commercial spaces and fashion. Which way the trend will go is hard to predict, but here are some top trends that experts expect to catch on:

■ **Open spaces go mainstream.** An open floor plan may feel like old hat, but it is becoming a wish beyond the young hipster demographic, so you will see this layout in traditional condo buildings and single-family suburban homes. The reason? After the kitchen became the home's hub, the next step was to remove all walls for greater togetherness.

■ **Freestanding tubs.** Freestanding tubs may conjure images of Victorian-era opulence, but the newest iteration from companies like Kohler shows a cool sculptural hand. These tubs compliment other bathroom trends: open wall niches and single wash basins, since two people rarely use the room simultaneously.

■ **Quartzite.** While granite still appeals, quartzite is becoming the new hot contender, thanks to its reputation as a natural stone that is virtually indestructible. It also more closely resembles the most luxe classic - marble - without the drawbacks of staining easily.

■ **Porcelain floors.** If you are going to go with imitation wood, porcelain will be your 2015 go-to. It is less expensive and wears as well as or better than the real thing. Porcelain can be found in traditional small tiles or long, linear planks. It is also available in numerous colors and textures, including popular one-color combos with slight variations for a hint of differentiation. Good places to use this material are high-traffic rooms and areas exposed to moisture.

■ **Charging stations.** With the size of electronic devices shrinking and the proliferation of Wi-Fi, demand for large desks and separate home office is waning. However, home owners still need a dedicated space for charging devices and the most popular location is a corner of a kitchen.

■ **Multiple master suites.** Having tow master bedroom suites, each with its own adjoining bathroom, makes a house work better for multiple generations. Such an arrangement allows grown children ad aging parents to move in for long- or short-term stays, but the arrangement also welcomes out-of-town guests. When both suites are locate on the main level, you hit the jackpot.

■ **Storage.** The new buzzword is "specialized storage," placed right where it is needed. Home owners want everything to have its place. More home owners are increasingly willing to pare the dimensions of a second or third bedroom in order to gain a suitably-sized walk-in closet in their master bedroom. In a kitchen, it may mean a "super pantry" - a butler's pantry on steroids with prep space, open storage, secondary appliances, and even a room for wrapping gifts.

■ **Keyless entry.** Forget your key? No big deal as builders tart to switch to biometric fingerprint door locks with numerical algorithms entered in a database. Some systems permit home owners to track who entered and when.

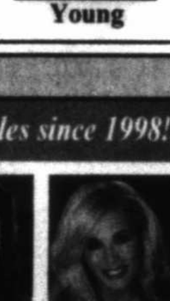
■ **Water conservation.** The concerns of drought-ravaged California are spreading nationwide. Home owners can now purchase rainwater harvesting tanks, graywater systems, weather-controlled watering stations, permeable pavers, drought-tolerant plants, and no- or low-mow grasses.

■ **Salon-style walls.** Instead of displaying a few distinct pieces on a wall, the "salon style" trend features works from floor to ceiling and wall-to-wall. Think Parisian salon at the turn of the century. Use a common denominator for cohesiveness, such as the same mat, frame color, or subject matter. Before you hang art work, space pieces four to five inches apart, starting at the center and at eye level and working outward, then up and down.

■ **Return to human scale.** During the McMansion craze, kitchens got so big they almost required skates to get around. Now there is a return to a more human, comfortable scale. In many living areas that will mean just enough space for one conversation grouping, and in kitchens one set of appliances, fewer countertops, and smaller island.

■ **Outdoor living.** Interest in spending time outdoors keeps growing. These spaces now include outdoor showers adjacent to pools and hot tubs along with better-equipped roof decks for urban dwellers. Also expect to see improvements in perks for pets, such as private dog runs.

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7 Things You Should Never Do to Your Home

New homeowners can be overwhelmed with the list of things they should do to their homes on a regular basis – clean the gutters and replace the furnace filters, for example. But, say the Wall St. Journal's home advisors, there are at least seven things a homeowner should never do—and here's why:

Don't do your own plumbing chores—No matter how handy you think you are, leave the plumbing to the pros, experts say. The risks are high if you mess up, and homeowners may not have a good grasp on building codes and safety requirements.

Don't do electrical work—The same caveats apply here—and the greatest risk of all is electrocution!

Don't be too quick to remove a wall—It may seem like a great idea to give yourself a little extra space. But don't do anything until you check with a contractor or an engineer to be sure the wall you want to remove is not a load-bearing wall.

Re-think a bump-out—In the same vein, think twice about moving a wall only slightly to gain a little space. Contractors say these little bump-outs are too costly. You'll get more bang for your buck by opening the new space on a bigger scale.

Don't remodel too much—By the same token, give plenty of thought before you start remodeling. If you want the best return on your investment, keep remodeling costs in line with what other homes in your neighborhood are worth.

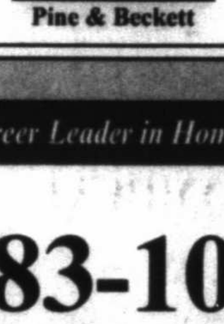
Don't neglect your yard—Bad front yards anger the neighbors and bring down property values. Don't be the one who doesn't get around to cleaning up and caring for the yard.

Don't forget not everyone loves your pets—even if the pet smells, hair and stains don't bother you, they likely bother your guests—and they will certainly bother potential buyers, so keep the carpets clean and open the windows when you can.

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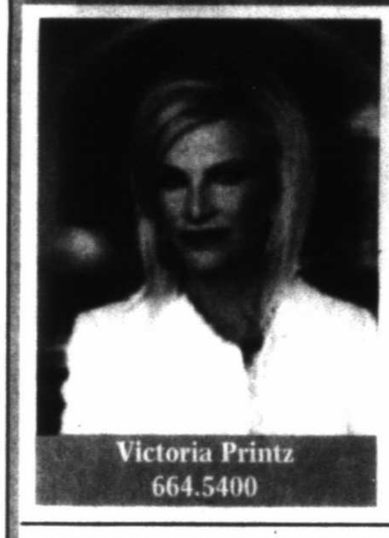
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2109 Deeanna Ln.-Spectacular & totally updated 6 bed/6 full bath+3 half bath/10 living, 2 complete kitchens, soaring ceilings and dazzling pool! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of custom tile! $999,900

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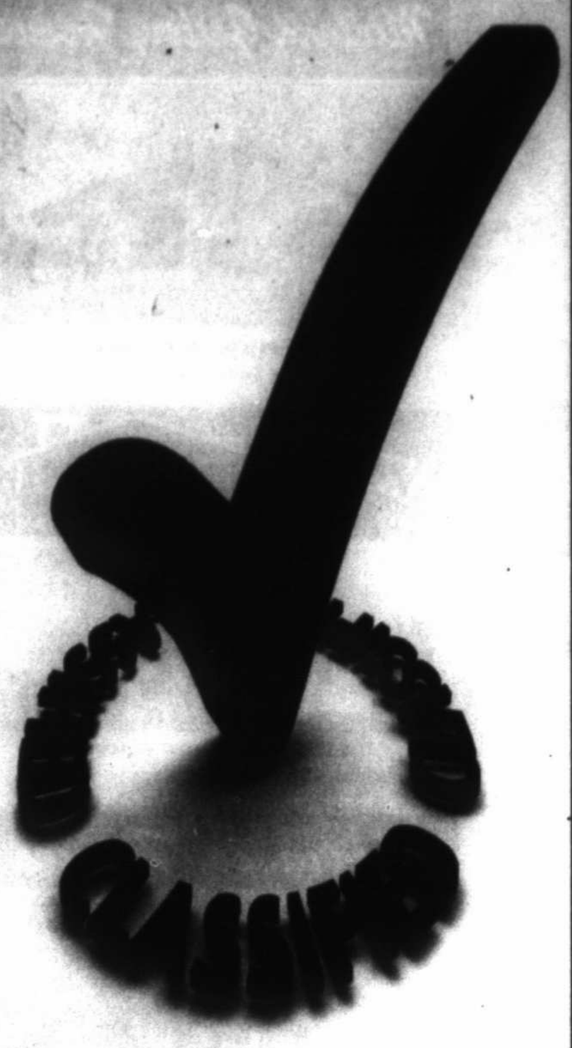
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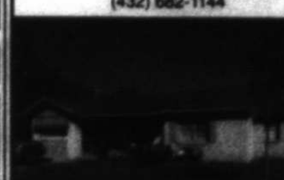
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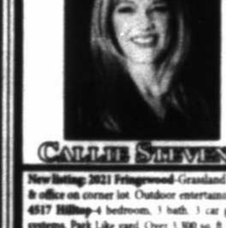
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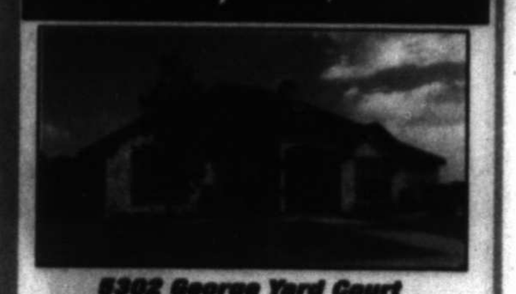
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5308 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $482,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1004 E. Pine ..... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba/Mobile Home $38,500
501 Schartauser Dr ..... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba $84,000
3212 Frontier Dr ..... 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas ..... U/C
5112 Brighton Place ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $274,000
4808 Lamonwood Lane ..... Odessa/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage $318,000
5821 Las Palitos ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $330,000
6001 Mosswood Drive ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $444,000
3709 Cassidy Court ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool $448,000
4301 Mockingbird Ln ..... 4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage, Outbuildings & Acreage ..... U/C
5314 Brown Heart Lane ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $465,000
5317 Half Moon Circle ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 car garage $469,000
1509 Fringewood Dr ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/4 Car Garage ..... U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

601 N. Terrell St ..... Carrasco Homes/3 drm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... U/C
603 N. Terrell St ..... Carrasco Homes/3 drm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... U/C
917 N. Weatherford ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage $199,000

5607 Camino Reale ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $373,000
3410 S. Co. Rd. 1080 ..... Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... U/C
4302 Coronado Ct. ..... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $387,500
4408 Casa Verde Ct. ..... Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $425,000
5308 Brown Heart Ln ..... Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $439,500
4308 San Pedro ..... Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $435,000
7407 E. Co. Rd. 90 ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $446,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln ..... Max Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $469,000
5305 George Yard Ct ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $482,500
5319 Half Moon Circle ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5302 George Yard Ct ..... Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $515,000
5307 Dunraven Ct. ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... U/C
5417 Secretariat St ..... Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage $1,276,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

6510 Mockingbird Ln ..... 1.007 Acres $135,000
3406 S. Co. Rd. 1071 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres $139,500
6007 Dunkerton Cove ..... Mockingbird Oaks $162,000

14041 Sunflower Ave ..... Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres $169,000
Luna Rosa Estates ..... Gardendale/Row Homes ..... Call Gary
3809 S. Co. Rd. 1187 ..... 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $284,500
4301 S. Co. Rd. 1189 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $310,000
3410 S. Co. Rd. 1080 ..... Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... U/C
7112 FM 307 ..... Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car garage $309,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates ..... W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots ..... Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

459 Duck Puddle Road ..... Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House $199,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

E. Co. Rd. 140 ..... 10.2 Acres $300,000
1400 Webb Lane ..... Big Spring/4 Acres $600,000
3108 W. Co. Rd. 1200 ..... Office building/9 offices/meeting room/3 acres $675,000
3000 Elbing Rd. ..... 3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse $1,500,000

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4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, pool,
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5315 Brown Heart Lane
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage,
priced @ $465,900



5309 Brown Heart Lane
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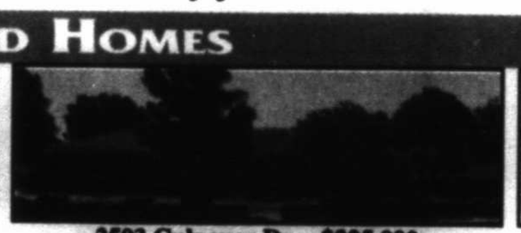
FEATURED HOMES



2803 W. Golf Course Rd. - $199,900



2109 Wellington Ct. - $345,000



2503 Culpeper Dr. - $325,000



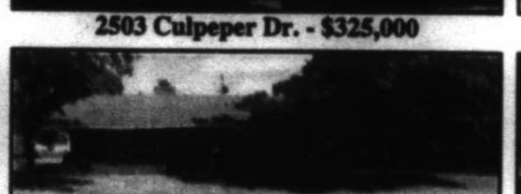
9700 Dublin Ave. - $199,900



4403 Green Tree Blvd. - $399,900



4307 Llano Ct. - $369,900



2610 Lockheed Dr. - $275,000



2106 N Street - $799,900

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

0607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $439,500
2109 Wellington Ct.-Well cared for, updated countertops and beautiful colors! $345,000
2503 Culpeper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm 2 bath updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop $325,000
1011 Woodlawn Dr.-Great location! Low maintenance! $182,000
1503 Club Dr.-2 bedroom 2 bath beautiful open floorplan townhome ..... For Lease $2,200
4316-A W. Dengar-2 bdrm/1bth wiprivate fenced back yard with patio area for grilling ..... For Lease $1,150

TWO BEDROOMS

2901 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 5+/- ac 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! $699,000
2200 North H St.-Spacious 2br. 2 bath neutral decor. open kitchen/dining area, large utility room and pantry. ..... U/C $299,900
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! $169,900
1011 Woodlawn Dr.-Great location! Low maintenance! $182,000
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! $139,900
3330 Calders #146-2BR/2BA Great updated condo $119,900
4708 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! 2 bdrm/2bth condo. Corner lot with view of POOL! $83,500

THREE BEDROOMS

2100 N. H St.-Old Midland treasure! 3bdrm/3bth, just amazing! Must see! $799,000
2211 N. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
112 Weddridge Circle-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub $675,000
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
4419 Tranforan Ave.-Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! $499,000
1700 Mulberry-Simply gorgeous. 3-2-5. formals. w/fab gates, many new upgrades, lovely Huntington Place $425,000
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree $399,900
3910 Cowpie-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! ..... U/C $399,900
Lot16B3 E. County Rd. 129-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows. $379,900
4910 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $369,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! $349,900
2102 Healy Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland $345,000
902 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $329,000
2200 Healy Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths $319,000
5008 San Saba-Wonderful 3/2.5/2/2 Mack Playfix one owner home. A must see! $314,900
13304 FM 307-Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great addditions $299,000
3008 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $299,000
4308 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home. ..... U/C $299,000
2010 Lockheed Dr.-So many updates, too many to list. Lovely 5 bdrm/2.5bth home w/nice open floor plan and POOL $279,900
4205 Nelson-Spacious 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous ..... U/C $269,000
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! $237,500
3103 Elmo Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees $230,000
1509 Douglas Ave. - Lovely 3 bedroom/2 bath, great location! ..... U/C $229,900
700 Nolan Ryan Dr-Gorgeous 1 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan, all the amenities, great yard, entertaining pergola ..... U/C $225,000
3605 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back $224,000
3701 Oakmont Dr.-Wonderfully kept 3 bedroom/2 bath with some lovely updates! $200,000
6708 Dublin Ave.-Odessa! Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth wtopen floor plan $199,900

THREE BEDROOMS

2003 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage $199,900
1100 Alsabe St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates $195,000
2100 Wadley 400-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/2bths. $149,900
4910 Rio Dr.-Totally updated and absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath home ..... U/C $144,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

510 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,179,000
5410 Saddle Horn Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes or 2BR acres. 4Br. 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage $795,000
2002 Stoneleaf-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! $779,000
2100 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $495,000
Lot71B3 E. County Rd. 129-Home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc. $449,900
4400 Verde Glen Ct-4 Br, 3/5 Bath, 2 Living 3,545 sq. ft. ..... U/C $439,900
0607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $439,500
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Champ Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today $436,200
3008 Wedgewood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect kitchen, large living areas $399,900
7200 E. County Rd. 112-Champ Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $389,400
4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/2bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss the 4 car garage! $389,000
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/2bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $369,900
Lot69B3 E. County Rd. 129-New construction in The Maidows. Call Holly to make selections now. $363,700
3000 Wood Thrasher Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2.5bth home! Move-in condition! ..... U/C $349,900
7100 Weatherford Ct.-Well cared for, updated countertops and beautiful colors! $349,000
7701 S. Co. Rd. 1080-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, great plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $349,000
3404 San Saba Ct.-Beautifully laid out 4bdrm/2bth home w/oversized rooms, high ceilings, open kitchen $339,900
2302 Boulevard Ave.-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home. ..... U/C $329,900
2008 Culpeper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 bath, updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop $325,000
5213 Arber Ct.-Odessa! Immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms $319,900
3021 Frontier Dr.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath in quiet street in Fiesta area $299,900
3201 Co. Rd. 1107- 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country $299,900
3800 Fenwin Ave.-Open living and dining, great location! $199,000
6000 S. Co. Rd. 1120-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre. $139,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

2201 Bleakie Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/6bths/4baths. WOW! $2,400,000
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3600 Fairwood Ct.-Updated in Mockingbird Heights, 5 story, granite, and full guest house! ..... U/C $699,000
6515 Gladiola-Spacious 5 bdrm/4.5bth home w/finished livable basement on 1.19+ acres. $579,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

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4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/2bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $369,900
Champ Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage 600-2000

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES

4308 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home. ..... U/C $299,000

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4316-A W. Dengar-2 bdrm/1bth immaculate and well maintained duplex! ..... For Lease $1,250
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3910 Jacobite-Oasis on the Interstate! $540,000
7100 E. Co. Rd. 108-56.39 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 Hall 682-1111 ..... $451,128
609 Healy Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales $280,000
5703 E. Co. Rd. 66-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $280,000
5702 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $260,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
44 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $170,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
11010 W. County Rd. 60 120 W - 6 acres, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
2500 Regency Oaks Ct.-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks $75,000
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 $29,000

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4809 S. Big Spring-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,507 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
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2211 S. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
601 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $650,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
3407 Calders-Approximately 2,470 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Calders Plaza Complex. Convenient access to Midkiff & Loop 250. ..... U/C $299,000
0 Cotton Plat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $199,000
12303 West I-20-For Lease, Approx. 4,000 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 ..... $4,000/Month

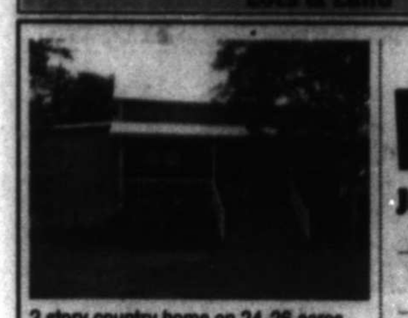
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$$$ Ramona Dr., Midland, TX
Charming home close to schools, shopping, dining and Loop 250. Lots of space on the inside and low maintenance on the outside. Nice courtyards in front back.
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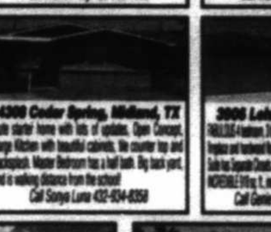
$$$ Bellaire Pl., Midland, TX
Come take a look at this!!! Immaculate home that has been totally remodeled from top to bottom. Everything from the roof to the plumbing and electrical has been updated. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen with all appliances, and breakfast area. Master bedroom has private bath with jetted tub, separate shower, and walk-in closet. Large backyard with covered patio and landscaping.
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$$$ Floyd Court, Midland, TX
Completely updated within the past year including windows and tile! Wonderful 3 bedroom with fireplace on Cul-de-Sac. Don't miss this one!
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$$$ Ringgold, Midland, TX
CUTE! CUTE! CUTE! 3 bedroom home with TONS of space! Very SPACIOUS kitchen! Very quiet and NICE neighborhood!!! Call TODAY!!!
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$$$ Cedar Spring, Midland, TX
Cute starter home with lots of update. Open Concept, large kitchen with beautiful cabinets. Nice corner lot and landscaping. Master Bedroom has a full bath. Big back yard, pool is a walking distance from the school!
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$$$ Lehigh Dr., Midland, TX
WALKER Homes Tradition. Spacious living with an abundance of natural light. Formal living room at entry leads to open concept family room and kitchen. Kitchen features granite counters, stainless steel appliances, and breakfast bar. Large master bedroom has tray ceiling and master bath with dual sinks, garden tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Secondary bedrooms are split for privacy. Covered patio with extended concrete.
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$$$ Rosewood Rd., Midland, TX
Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, on a Corner Lot. Close to Generation School, Parkdale Middle School, Legends Park, Bowden Park, and more. Home has an open floor plan with tile throughout, laminate wood floors in the living area, and carpet in the bedrooms. Kitchen has all appliances including refrigerator, and a breakfast bar. Master bedroom has a full bath. Fenced backyard with covered patio.
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$$$ N County Rd. 1051, Midland, TX
Updating home on an acre in the country! Home has been remodeled from top to bottom. Kitchen has been updated with granite counters, stainless steel appliances, and custom cabinets. Master bedroom has a full bath with jetted tub, separate shower, and walk-in closet. Secondary bedrooms are split for privacy. Large backyard with covered patio. Detached garage/workshop. Property is fenced. Call today to schedule your showing!
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$$$ Marlene Ave., Midland, TX
Nice corner lot with 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage with a pool and a covered patio. Kitchen has all appliances including refrigerator, and a breakfast bar. Master bedroom has a full bath. Fenced backyard with covered patio. Call today to schedule your showing!
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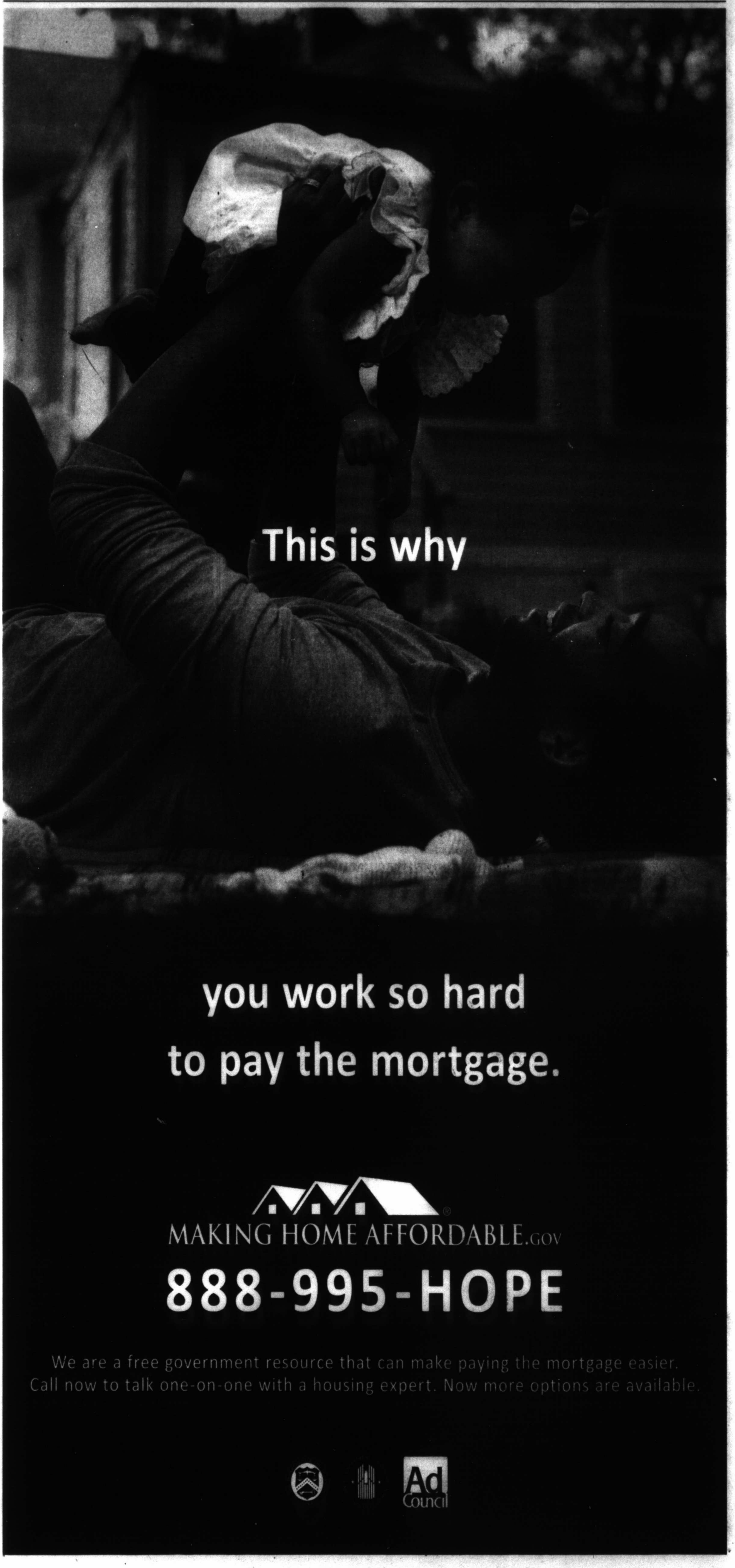
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5017 Mira Vista
$659,000



NEW LISTING
6413 Mosswood
$565,000

4+ BEDROOMS

4107 Homestead 4 bd, 4 bath, granite through-out, gourmet kitchen, 3 living areas, media room, outdoor kitchen w/ huge corner lot! — $1,100,000.00
5 La Promesa, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan w/Double Master Bedrooms, Full Outdoor Kitchen & Fireplace! — New Construction! $1,100,000
4400 Washington Blvd - 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 Story Home in Los Cuentos! Brand New Plan by Summit Homes! — New Construction! $1,400,000
2300 Stonegate - Beautiful new construction ready for you to customize! — New Listing! $1,515,000
3417 Wren Way - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Designer's Choice Home! Outdoor Kitchen, Guest House, Pool, & More! — New Price! $1,099,000
201 Ridge Line, Burke - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Large enough to be corporate retreat! 77+ Acres in the Mountains! Guest House, Barn! — New Price! $1,000,000
4707 El Dal, 4B - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Country Living w/MOD Colonial! Stone Floors, Cedar Beams! — SALE PENDING! $1,000,000
4403 Rosewood Gorgeous home, thousands under appraisal, custom designed pool w/water features. — New Listing! $995,000
4709 4529 1747 - Wonderful, Charming 4 Bedroom home with a fabulous pool on 2 acres! — New Price! $995,000
4 Homestead - Designer's choice with gorgeous pool. — New Price! $995,000
5707 Ridgewood Charming 5 Bedroom w/POOL! walls of windows and formal living. — New Price! $995,000
4 Bella Rosetta! 4 Bed, 3 bath, Fabulous Remodel, Stunning, 0.75 acreage in Luxury area, Plantation shutters throughout, Loads of space with extra game/Media room — SALE PENDING! $995,000
4401 Kenley Dr. - magnificent home w/huge living area, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings and walls of windows. — New Price! $995,000
3201 Cielo Grande- Beautiful new construction to be featured in this years parade of homes! Many high end upgrades. — New Listing! $995,000
3302 Las Palmas- Beautiful 4 bedroom with Den, Formal Dining, Game Room, Loads of space, Lush, built in surround system — New Price! $949,000
1914 Dana Rosella - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning New 2015 Home! Energy Efficient, High End Finishes! — New Listing! $949,000
4400 Bella Rosetta! Oversized 2 story home in Bella Rosetta! Cul-de-sac, open floor plan, and a balcony right on the golf course! — New Price! $949,000
1300 Trail Dr. - Gibson Designed Country Living! Two Master w/Oversized Master Bath, Large Living area, elegant double entry foyer, Gourmet kitchen off den, all on 2.5 Acres! — SALE PENDING! $949,000
4310 Yorktown Corner- Huge home w/3 bedrooms, water well and great yard, recent addition can be guest home or mother in law suite! — OPEN TODAY!!! New Listing! $949,000
16 Bluewood Hollow - Executive home with pool, huge master, high ceilings on a spacious lot! — New Listing! $949,000
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1417 E 8th St. - Huge Family Home! Builder's personal home, loaded with extras, high ceilings, miles of tile, custom cabinets or over half acre. — New Listing! $879,000
4401 Rosewood Estates Luxury living at it's best! 4,400 sqft, open floor plan w/ 4 bedrooms, — SALE PENDING! $879,000
3105 Lockwood Ave.- Huge home w/spacious rooms, 2 Master Suites, in-ground pool, remodeled kitchen, updated bathrooms — New Price! $857,500
1210 E Cuthbert - Gorgeous home w/ 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Formal Dining, Study, Game Room, elegant double entry foyer, Gourmet kitchen off den, all on 2.5 Acres! — New Price! $849,000


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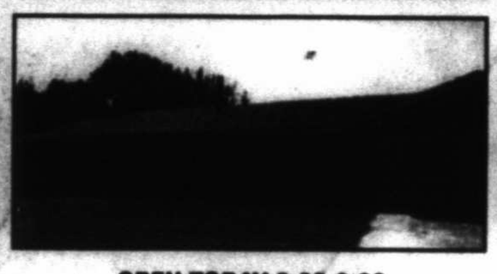


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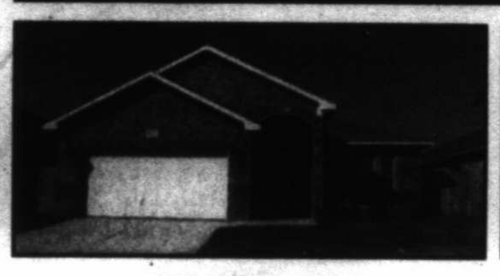
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5615 RODEO LANE
$267,000
Beautiful Scottsdale plan in Adobe Meadows. Home has been gently lived in. 4 bedroom or 3 bedroom w/office. Tall ceilings/open plan. Granite in kitchen/ bathrooms. Skylight & island in kitchen w/under cabinet lighting. Stainless steel appliances, gas range, RO, water softener, alarm, tiled master shower & tub. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms. Sequestered master. So many upgrades. Don't miss!
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805 SINCLAIR AVE.
$189,000
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4+ BEDROOM		
1205 TELLURIDE DR		$540,000
11802 COUNTY RD 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
8099 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
5213 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1087	$365,000
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1221	U/C
5307 OAK VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1056	SOLD
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5006 APPLE CREEK ROAD		$325,000
3204 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
5910 PEDERNALES DR	FACT ID #1088	$313,900
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1033	SOLD
5615 RODEO LANE	FACT ID #1005	$267,000
3014 BOTTICELLI		$262,500
5908 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1025	SOLD
3313 CAMARIE AVE	FACT ID #1096	$219,000
3 BEDROOM		
4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1097	$418,000
4821 ROSEWOOD		$339,500
4705 #6 SPRING MEADOW LANE	FACT ID #1038	U/C
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900

3 BEDROOM		
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
2516 SEABOARD AVE	FACT ID #1033	$299,000
2307 HERITAGE CT	FACT ID #1057	SOLD
3704 BERMUDA CT	FACT ID #1039	SOLD
4823 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1025	$278,000
1005 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1038	U/C
3508 IMPERIAL AVE		SOLD
4003 COUNTY RD. 1247		$235,000
605 MEMORIAL CT	FACT ID #1086	$230,000
3401 PRINCETON AVE	FACT ID #1089	$225,000
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
2603 NORTHRUP	FACT ID # 1080	SOLD
4703 NEELY AVE	FACT ID #0851	SOLD
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1096	$205,000
3215 ORIENTAL	FACT ID #3215	SOLD
3809 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1006	U/C
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$189,000
424 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1090	$175,000
4518 LEDDY DR	FACT ID #1057	$169,000
1703 E. PINE AVE	FACT ID #1070	SOLD

3 BEDROOM		
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$69,900
2 BEDROOM		
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
COMMERCIAL		
6203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000
LAND		
13416 W COUNTY RD. 100		$200,000
3708 CEDAR SPRING	LOT 0.169 ACRES	$28,000
ODESSA		
9040 W VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	$350,000
2416 QUAIL PARK PLACE	FACT ID #1058	$299,900
3014 BOTTICELLI		$262,500
2809 N. VEGAS AVE		$230,000
1708 E 53RD ST, ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
308 99TH STREET	FACT ID #1096	$179,000
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349 BARTLETT RD., CRANE
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5624 HATHAWAY CT.
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58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
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1200 W. CUTHBERT
$475,000



6225 PRAIRIE RIDGE
$430,000



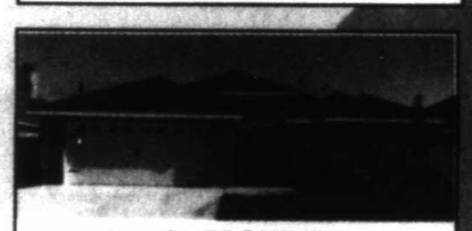
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4203 CRESTRIDGE DR.
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3004 BAYBRIDGE CT.
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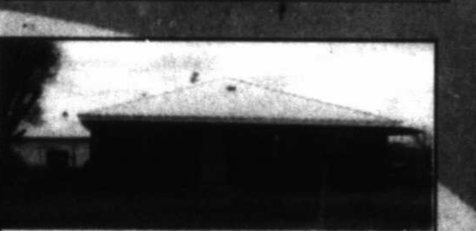
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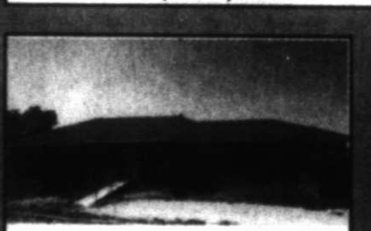
2303 CAMARIE AVE.
$285,000



4300 BOULDER DR.
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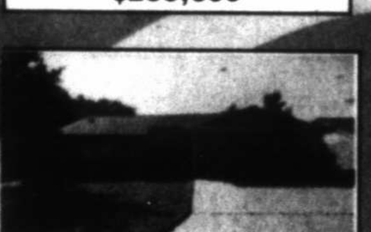
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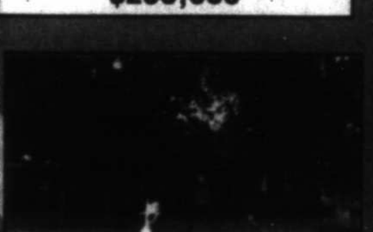
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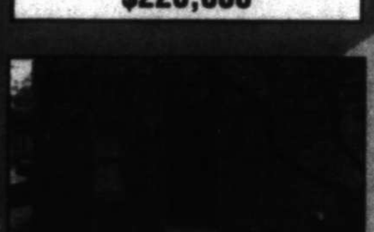
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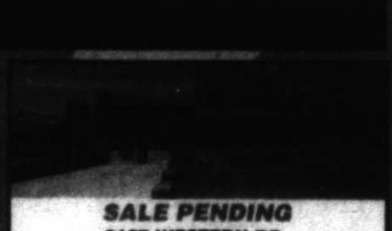
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SALE PENDING
2107 WESTERN DR.
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3909 ELDERICA CT.
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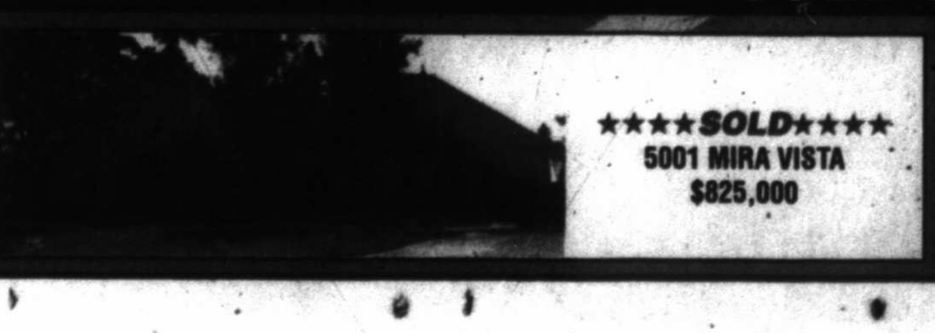


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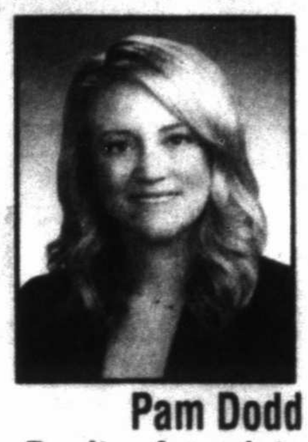
Sunday Features!











Pam Dodd
Realtor Associate

4804 Sunshine Parkway - $229,000

Pottery Barn meets Restoration Hardware. This warm and inviting 3 bedroom 2 bath home is full of updates, bold colors and top of the line finishes. Renovated kitchen with granite countertops & mosaic backsplash. New laminate wood flooring, crown molding & tall baseboards throughout.

For more information call Pam Dodd 432-413-0780











Ashley St. John
Realtor Associate

407 Skywood - $469,900

Gorgeous open 3 Bedroom (Sequestered Master) with 3 full baths, 2 living areas with an office that could be used as a 4th bedroom. Totally updated kitchen, all new appliances, gas cooktop, granite and plantation shutters. Jack and Jill bathroom with two sinks. Tons of storage: all rooms have large closets! New AC unit and a wonderful patio.

Ashley St. John, 432-352-6254
"Follow up is Key, that's why you need me!"

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
801 PALOMINO DR. - $488,000
Beautiful townhome in Saddle Club North!
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:00
208 CLUB - $319,000
Beautiful Frank D Welch architecture in the Old Midland area by Duck Pond! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, all updated, granite in updated kitchen, hardwood floors, open floor plan, bonus rooms!
Listed by Maria Mallory, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3311 TERRACE
Shown by Michelle Lesikar

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1603 MCDONALD ST. - $206,900
3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 dining areas, 2 car garage, shop, convenient location!
Shown by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4701 TIMBER LN. - $229,000
So darn cute and so move-in ready! 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 living, 2 garage.
Listed by Lisa Jansa, Shown by Cherith Hamilton

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4512 PALMER DR. - $205,000
Reduced! 3 bedroom, 2 baths, squeaky clean & move-in ready. Large yard for entertaining.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:30
2811 METZ - $249,900
Great space for money!
Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 2:00-3:30
10111 W. CO. RD. 150 - $345,000
Wonderful 3 bed, 2 bath home on 2.5 acres!! Abundance of storage, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, basement, 1700+ sq. ft. workshop, & pecan orchard!! Must see!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 2:30-3:30
1600 N. I ST. - $399,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom in Old Midland!
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 2:30-3:30
2911 CALDERA
Lovely 3/2/3 with bonus room, granite in kitchen, spacious guest bedrooms, sequestered master with enormous master bath, open and spacious floor plan, formal living and formal dining!
Listed by Maria Mallory, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:00-4:00
6208 SEQUOIA DR.
Totally updated, 4 bdrm, 3 full bath! On the golf course!
Listed by Darla Davis, Shown by Cherith Hamilton

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4804 SUNSHINE PKWY. - $229,000
3bd/2ba, Fantastic Renovations!
Listed by Pam Dodd

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3210 WHITTLE WAY
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, shown by Kate Christian

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How to prepare a welcoming guest room for those inevitable holiday fall visitors

By Kelly Lee-Creel | CTW Features

The late summer lull is the perfect time to think about planning the perfect guest room retreat for this fall's holiday visitors. These ideas will help you go beyond the basic comforts and identify those extra touches that make guests feel at home.

"Your home is the place where you share the best of yourself with others. When your home is open and inviting it creates a mood and emotion that nurture all who enter," says Jane Schwab, co-author with Cindy Smith of "The Welcoming House: The Art of Living Graciously" (Rizzoli, 2013). Schwab and Smith run the decorating firm Circa Interiors, with stores in Charlotte, North Carolina and Birmingham, Alabama.

The design duo's philosophy: "A house with an open door is like a friend with an open heart: inviting, generous of spirit and constant to the core."

So what should a proper guest room include? They say it is important to remember, "No matter the size of your guest room, just remember that comfort is key and preparation essential."

Schwab and Smith are fans of those details that make a person feel welcome. "Chocolate and flowers are a special treat for your guest."

During the summer as temperatures rise, they also recommend "bedside ice and extra water, plenty of towels and the option to control the thermostat."

In the book, they cover "Guest Room Essentials", which include the basics. "You want to provide your guest with as many comforts of home as possible. Comfortable bed linens with extra pillows, a space to stow a suitcase and a place to hang clothes, a bottle of water, shampoo and lotion, a lamp for reading and a place to charge electronics."

Your home's Wi-Fi password printed on a card on the nightstand can be a thoughtful touch.

Giving guests a taste of local history can help make a visit memorable. Printing out a list of nearby activities can be a way to give guests a sense of place.

So what is the best way to set the scene for company?

Priscilla Fenlin who has her own design firm based in Villanova, Pennsylvania, shares four tips for designing a guest room:

- Choose a palette that is soft and soothing.
- A comfortable, not too soft mattress with simple white cotton sateen sheets and a lightweight comforter or duvet are always a good choice.
- Select pillows both firm and soft to give your guests options.
- A nightlight in the bathroom is thoughtful.

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Fixer Upper Know-How

Remodeling activity is up this year, so plan ahead and find the right contractor for the job

By Madhusmita Bora | CTW Features

In many markets, homeowners are investing money on new roofs, kitchen makeovers and brand new bathrooms. So much so that contractors are turning down new business because their schedules are full.

"It's really picking up," says Dan Fritschen, owner of ABCD Publishing LLC, a publishing company dedicated to helping people plan and organize a home remodel.

Home improvement projects, excluding rental, vacant and seasonal residential improvements, totaled $330 billion in 2014, according to Home Improvement Research Institute, and they are expecting a 5.7% increase for 2015.

What's interesting is homeowners are embarking on bigger projects, hiring contractors rather than doing the work themselves, Fritschen says.

Beth Peterson Blei, who co-owns Revise Studio, a Philadelphia-based general contracting/interior design studio, says business has really picked up in the last year.

"People are still tentative about buying a home and they are staying where they are and upgrading what they have," she says.

It's a trend that has been popular for the last two years, according to a leading indicator of remodeling work created by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies.

These tips from Blei and Fritschen will help you find the right contractor:

- Interview multiple prospects: Interview at least 10 contractors and have three to five estimates before choosing someone you are comfortable with. Compatibility is a big issue. Learn how to interview a contractor and have a good idea of your budget and plan.
- Check for references, license and insurance: A true professional should be happy to provide the proof and connect you with previous clients for referrals. Also, check with former employers for recommendations.
- Research the estimated cost of projects: RemodelorMove.com provides calculators that can show the cost of do-it-yourself projects and for homeowners who plan to hire a contractor. You will also get an estimate of how much a home price will appreciate because of a remodel.

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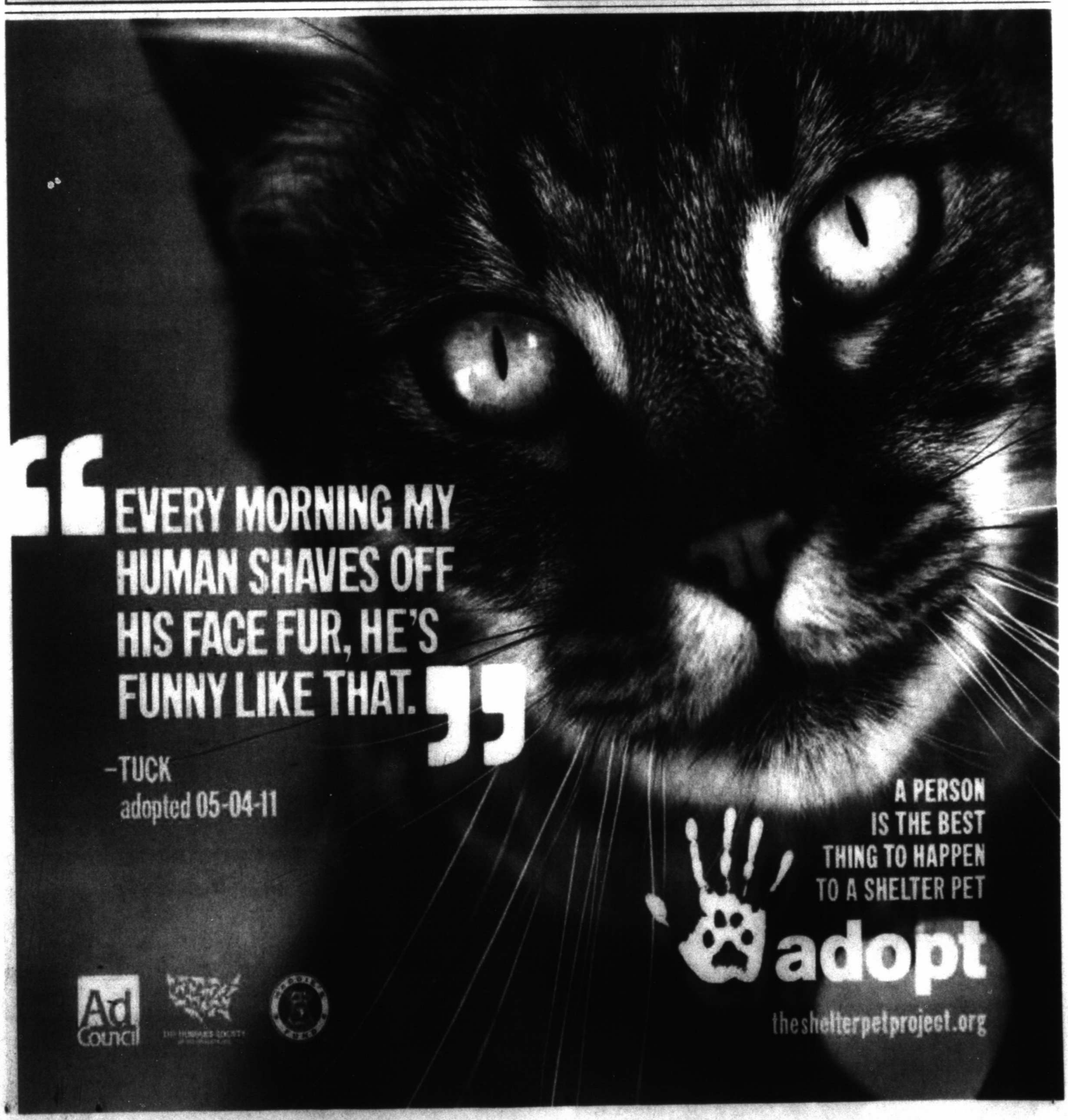
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3207 DELANO...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #105904 ..... $79,500

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

1300 S. CO. RD. 1130...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #102406 ..... 72 Acres/$2,000,000
5015 E. CO. RD. 100...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104230 ..... 155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
6704 E. CO. RD. 107...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #106602 ..... 2 Acres/$729,900
1801 S. CO. RD. 1140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #105368 ..... 6.5 Acres/$669,000
4405 CARDINAL LN...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #105170 ..... 2 Acres/$625,000
9901 W. CO. RD. 75...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #14284 ..... $699,000
601 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104808 ..... $575,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #104991 ..... $575,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 140...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #105341 ..... 70 Acres/$499,000
7310 ECR 108...Tracy Farrow ..... SALE PENDING

1306 W. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #106546 ..... $498,000
2907 S. CO. RD. 1063...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #105715 ..... SALE PENDING
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... 5 Acres/$430,000
2924 S. CO. RD. 1063...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #106536 ..... 7 Acres/$424,000
7308 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... SALE PENDING
2291 S. CO. RD. 1090...Lisa Jansa ..... MLS #105983 ..... $390,000
7315 E. CO. RD. 93...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #106628 ..... 1 Acre/$360,000
5011 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #106761 ..... $360,000
10501 E. CO. RD. 109...Pam Messer 432-349-3075 ..... MLS #106539 ..... $360,000

10111 W. CO. RD. 150...Angie McKay ..... MLS #106017 ..... $345,000
1105 S. CO. RD. 1110...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #106626 ..... SALE PENDING
1400 N. CO. RD. 1110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103113 ..... $299,900
10502 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... SALE PENDING
4507 N CO. RD. 1284...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #106158 ..... $250,000
6307 S. CO. RD. 1298...Jo Keller 269-8319 ..... MLS #104643 ..... $229,900
6100 S. CO. RD. 1170...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #106319 ..... SALE PENDING
2005 S. CO. RD. 1137...Maria Mallory ..... MLS #106268 ..... $195,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Phillber ..... MLS #93898 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104091 ..... $699,000
8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104802 ..... $550,000
4450 SE 1000, ANDREWS...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97133 ..... 25+ Acres/$425,000
510 2ND ST., STANTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #106606 ..... $400,000
KNOX AVE. & 3RD ST., ODESSA...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #97163 ..... 20 Acres/$400,000
14089 N. DOGWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104548 ..... 5 Acres/$397,000

2100 WESTSIDE, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #105659 ..... $321,000
KNOX & 3RD ST., ODESSA...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #97164 ..... 10 Acres/$300,000
3900 ELDRICA CT., ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #106607 ..... SALE PENDING
4910 N. COUNTY RD. 1123...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ..... MLS #105921 ..... $230,000
108 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA, TX...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #105898 ..... $200,000
KNOX AVE. & 3RD ST., ODESSA...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #97165 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000

10677 DRAKE, GARDENDALE...Lisa Jansa ..... MLS #105721 ..... 1.5 Acres/$139,000
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #102029 ..... $135,000
313 26TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #105709 ..... SALE PENDING
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 250...Sandy J. Hanson ..... MLS #106038 ..... $99,400
211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104054 ..... $85,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10294 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103036 ..... 10.11 Ac/$2,100,000
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9905 ..... MLS #102751 ..... $1,900,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #106813 ..... $1,500,000
5308 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6361 ..... MLS #99121 ..... $790,000
807 E 2ND ST., ODESSA, TX...Sue Lytle 432-661-5338 ..... MLS #105511 ..... $570,000
802 E. 2nd Street, Odessa...Sue Lytle $570,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... $499,900
FM 715...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 25+ Acres/$300,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..... 7.817 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..... 11.252 Ac/$337,500
CO. RD. 140-LOT 11...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103744 ..... 5 Acres/$330,000

CO. RD. 140-LOT 2...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102240 ..... 9.7 Acres/$291,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102472 ..... 9.470 Ac/$284,370
1406 W. TEXAS AVE...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #106122 ..... $225,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102473 ..... 9.298 Ac/$279,150
CO. RD. 140-LOT 6...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102244 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 7...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102245 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 8...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102246 ..... 5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 4...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102243 ..... 5.6 Acres/$168,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 13...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102251 ..... 5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 12...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102250 ..... 5.3 Acres/$159,000

CO. RD. 140-LOT 10...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102249 ..... 5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 15...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102253 ..... 5.1 Acres/$153,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 9...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102247 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 18...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102256 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 17...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102255 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 16...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102254 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 14...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102252 ..... 5 Acres/$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100230 ..... 2 Lots/$120,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2590 ..... MLS #103887 ..... $80,000
109 W. NEW YORK AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #105786 ..... $84,000

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 55...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #102675 ..... 5 Acres/
W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... North Ridge Dev., RV Park,
Storage Complex $29,000,000
CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97403 ..... CLEAN Land: Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97408 ..... IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
3292 S. CO. RD. 1050...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #101019 ..... 99.91 Acres/$1,543,955
5015 E. Co. Rd. 190...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104230 ..... 155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
N. Co. Rd. 1150...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #104231 ..... Quiet area; will split $1,200,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 90.85 Acres/$908,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330. Superb Land. Caliche Pit ..... 109 Acres/$676,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #103592 ..... 383 Acres/$545,895

FM 715...Caleb Matott 349-3330...No Restriction or Zoning ..... 25+Acres/$305,000
2415 IDLEWILDE DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #102445 ..... SALE PENDING
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #96888 ..... 22 Acres/$444,000
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 20 acres...Mark Phillber 222-5071...MLS #97163...$400,000
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 10 acres...Mark Phillber 222-5071...MLS #97164...$300,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #102471 ..... 11.25 Acres/$253,170
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #102472 ..... 9.47 Acres/$213,300
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #102473 ..... 9.29 Acres/$209,160
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #102474 ..... 7.8 Acres/$175,992
6005 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102119...5+ Acres/$164,500
KNOX AVE AND 3RD STREET, ODESSA - 5 acres...Mark Phillber 222-5071...MLS #97165...$150,000
HWY. 80...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #101936 ..... $140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... 3+ Acre Lots/$130,000
6001 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103862 ..... $125,000
7295 E. CO. RD. 111...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103299 ..... $122,000
2600 SCR 1124, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102138...3+ Acres/$114,000

CO. RD. C2701, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillber 222-5071 ..... MLS #106784 ..... 21.54 Acres/$108,000
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #100052 ..... $100,000
7215 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... SOLD
6060 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102121...3+ Acres/$100,000
6060 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102121...3+ Acres/$100,000
2615 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102125...3+ Acres/$87,500
2615 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102125...3+ Acres/$87,500
7280 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103298 ..... $82,500
1202 S. CO. RD. 117...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100043 ..... 1.406 Acres/$81,564
3292 S. CO. RD. 1130...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #105605 ..... 5 Acres/$62,500
7316 E. CO. RD. 95...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100046 ..... 1.817 Acres/$54,510
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... 64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
S. CO. RD. 1060, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 90.85 Acres/$10,000/Acre
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97405 ..... GREAT Land, 109 Acres/$4,000/Acre

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THE LAZY L RANCH, ECTOR COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330. Rare Find, Exceptional ..... 2586 Acres/$2,575,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97408 ..... IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
BRASELTON RANCH, VAL VERDE CO...Caleb Matott 349-3330. EXCEPTIONAL Part of the Pecos River ..... SALE PENDING
KINARD RANCH, MIDLAND COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330. Pond, Shop & Man Cave ..... MLS #104230 ..... 155+ ACRES/$1,350,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330. GREENWOOD-Great Subdivision Potential ..... 90.85 Acres/$908,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97406 ..... SUPERB Land - Will Split, 109 Acres/$4,000/Acre
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4700 BOULDER D



It's that time of the year again

Whether it's pumpkins, decorations or lights, Midland looks to be in the mood for fall and Halloween. And there are plenty of events, which range from adults-only to family-friendly and from fun to spooky. Head to Page 2E to see our guide to navigate the events for your fall season and maybe grab some candy along the way.



5 QUESTIONS

Bert Bostic | music director

Music and Bert Bostic are practically synonymous in Midland. He has long worked with Midland Community Theatre as a music director and is the organist and choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. He also serves as the music director for Holy Trinity, which oversees Musikgarten, a program designed for infants and young children and their parents to enhance social and intellectual development through music. Bostic is also the owner of Ernestine the bulldog, which he posts pictures of often on his Facebook page.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement as an musician?

Bostic: I'm not for sure that one achievement truly stands out among the opportunities I have had to make music with a wide variety of people in Midland. I certainly enjoyed my 25 years at St. Luke's UMC as the director of Music and Program. Spirit Wind was a privilege. I've worked with high school students all over the Panhandle creating a youth choir that, for many years, exceeded 120 youth and traveled all over the country and internationally. Being director of the Symphony, Chorale and Midland College Choir was a privilege. My work at MCT has been really a rewarding part of my career, and I now am enjoying my position at Holy Trinity. I can't imagine these experiences would have been available

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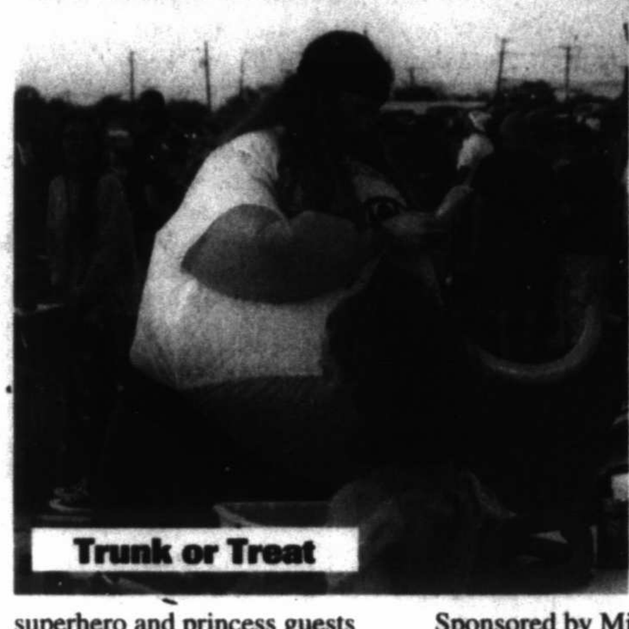
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Our 2015 guide to fall festivals and Halloween


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St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Pumpkin Patch


Trunk or Treat


Fiddlesticks Farms

Ongoing

■ **St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Pumpkin Patch:** The church's annual patch is also one of the signature events of a Midland fall. The event features a whole lot of pumpkins along with children's activities, story times and more. Proceeds benefit the church's neighborhood outreach summer program and Boy Scout Troop 160. Hours are Monday- Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. 3011 W. Kansas Ave. stlukesmidland.org.

■ **Fiddlesticks Farms** is open for its eighth season and features its famous corn maze, goat walk, hay jum and pig races, among other activities. Through Nov. 21. October hours: Saturdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sundays 1-6 p.m. November hours: Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 5610 E County Road 120. $12. fiddlesticksfarms.com.

Today

■ **Fall Festival:** St. Luke's UMC's event features bounce houses, live music, cake walk, train rides and more. 3-7 p.m. stlukesumcmidland.org.

Thursday

■ **Camp Fire Fall Festival:** Children and families are invited to Camp Fire's event that features games and activities. Costumes are welcome. 6:30-8 p.m. in the Shared Spaces Community Room at 3500 N. "A" St. Free.

■ **Midland Need to Read's third annual Autumn Fete,** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. The event's theme is a French gentleman's country hunting lodge and features a dinner buffet, high-end artisans, vendors and authors. The event is sponsor-exclusive. To attend go to midlandneedtoread.org.

■ **Good Witch, Bad Witch:** Kidds and Canvas Parties hosts this adults painting event from 6:30-9 p.m. at Basin Burger House. To register, visit kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Friday

■ **Fall Karnival and Glow Run:** The Midland College Kinesiology Club will host bounce houses, concessions, games, trick or treating and more for the public. Costumes welcome. Proceeds from the event go toward student trips and philanthropic activities. The carnival runs from 4:30-7:30 p.m. followed by a Glow Run on campus. The Glow Run has a $5 entry fee. Midlandcollege.edu.

■ **Fall Leaf:** Kidds and Canvas Parties hosts this toddlers painting event from 10 a.m.-noon at Tea2Go, 2900 Loop 250 frontage road. To register, visit kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Saturday

■ **Truck or Treat:** The Midland Fire Departments hosts this free event that features bucket rides, haunted house, combat challenge and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St. For more information call 432-685-7332. Midlandtexas.gov.

■ **Halloween at Sibley:** The annual event will run from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ **Britto Pumpkin:** Kidds and Canvas Parties hosts this family painting event from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Tea2Go. To register, visit kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ **Costume Contest:** The first of three contests, Rockin' Rodeo will award $500 to the best costume of the night. Costumes also get people in without cover before 9 p.m. and drink specials are available. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

Oct. 26

■ **Beer Feast** features five seasonal beers paired with five courses by Chef Bill Bloom. For reservations, call 432-570-9463. Limited seating. 6:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield Road. $50. winerackmidland.com.

Oct. 27

■ **Costume Contest:** Rockin' Rodeo is at it again with $300 going to the hottest costume of the evening and drink specials available until close. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

Oct. 29

■ **Halloweenfest:** Midland Parks and Recreation hosts the third annual event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. The event will have movies, jumpers and even costume Zumba. 6-9 p.m. 2300 Butternut Lane. midlandtexas.gov.

Oct. 30

■ **Halloween at the Y** features face-painting, a glow maze, superhero and princess guests and music by the Unsweet Ts. Canned good donations accepted. 6-9 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $3 advance, $5 door. midlandymca.org.

■ **Trunk or Treat:** Harvest Time Church's event will feature food vendors, costume contest, bingo, jump houses and more. 7-9 p.m. 8300 W Highway 191.

Oct. 31

■ **Runnin' Fur Rescues Spooky Fun Run/Walk:** Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals presents their third annual 5K. The event includes Halloween pet pictures for $10, microchipping for $15, canine pedicures for $5, a dog costume contest and swag bags for all who register. The 5k begins at 8:30 a.m. at Midland College. Lonestarsanctuary.org.

■ **Trunk or Treat:** Children can trick-or-treat at the Centennial Library parking lot. The Midland County Public Library will host crafts, games, candy and more. Costumes encouraged. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ **Halloween Tricks and Treats:** The Petroleum Museum event will have slimy science, creepy crafts, spooky games and a hayride through the oil patch. Sponsored by Midland High Students in Philanthropy. Free. 6-8 p.m. 1500 I-20 West. petroleum-museum.org.

■ **Elevate Fall Festival:** The church hosts their event from 6-8 p.m. 200 Baldwin Road. Elevatemidland.com.

■ **Trick-or-Treat:** Kids in costume can trick-or-treat at Midland Park mall 2-4 p.m.

■ **Fall Festival Trunk or Treat:** St. Mark's United Methodist will have bounce houses, free hot dogs, popcorn and water along with a costume and trunk decorating contest. 5-7 p.m. 1701 N. Main St.

■ **HamHock Halloween Howl** will have a double feature of "Clue" at 8:30 p.m. and the annual midnight showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The night will include costume contests and cash bar. $20-$45. For all ages but under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Mctmidland.org.

■ **The Screamatorium Yard Haunt** is a free and safe trick-or-treat experience hosted by Gregory Latorre and open to all ages. 4-11 p.m. 3715 Mark Lane. Facebook.com/scarymidlandhalloweenhouse.

■ **Halloween Cupcake Decorating Roadshow:** A family-oriented event at Midland Park Mall , participants can choose from four different sessions as a team of decorators will teach techniques for decorating Halloween-style cupcakes. Sessions are at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the JCPenney court. $19 per person or $75 for a group of four. Pre-registration is required at gonecupcaking.com.

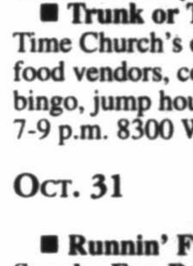
■ **Halloween Bash** at Wyndham Garden Hotel features DJs Joey Syfi and James Boogie Beats and hosted by Alexis Dee Richards. A contest will be held for best male and female costumes. $15 without costume, $10 with. 21 and older. For more information or bottle service reservations, call 432-250-0288.

■ **Invincible Czars** will perform a live score to the silent film "Nosferatu." Costumes encouraged. 8 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. All ages. $10. facebook.com/kamiposi.

■ **Costume Contest:** Rockin' Rodeo goes all out with their cash prize for the best costume. A $1,000 to the winner on Halloween night. No cover with costume before 9 p.m. rockinrodeomidland.com.

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Learning about the origin of the Texas flag



Tumbleweed Smith

Storyteller

Montgomery County is the birthplace of the Lone Star Flag," said Sally Copley, executive director of the Montgomery County Heritage Museum in Conroe. The museum has a copy of the original sketch of the Texas flag done by Charles Stewart, who lived near the present town of Montgomery. The original drawing is in the state archives.

"He designed that in 1839," Copley said. "It was signed by the Republic of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar. It became the official state flag in 1845 when Texas joined the United States."

When Stewart handed his sketch to Lamar, it was facing Dr. Stewart. Lamar, sitting at his desk across from Stewart, signed it without turning the page to face him, so President Lamar's signature is upside down on the sketch.

One-third of the flag has a blue vertical strip on the left side with a five-pointed star in the center. Two horizontal stripes complete the flag, the upper white and the lower red. The red, white and blue of the flag represent bravery, purity and loyalty.

Stewart also designed the Texas state seal that consists of a star with five points encircled by olive and live oak branches and the words "The State Of Texas." The design came from a mother of pearl pin that had been in his family for generations. Copley said the pin was brought to the United States from England by Stewart's father in 1798 and handed down to him.

Copley clearly knows facts about Stewart.

"He was born in1806, originally from South Carolina. He moved to Texas in 1830 and became a resident of Montgomery County after the Texas revolution. He was a medical doctor and a pharmacist and was one of the first in the United States to discover the effects of sunrays on man," she explained. "He served with the Army of the Republic of Texas and acted as interpreter between General Sam Houston and Gen. Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto. He was on the committee of 21 to draft a constitution. He signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and served in numerous Montgomery County and city offices. He was a deputy sheriff, postmaster and tax collector. He served in the first, fourth and 14th Texas legislatures. He was also the first secretary of state in Texas."

The Texas Legislature has issued a proclamation naming Montgomery County as the birthplace of the Texas flag. The Texas Almanac said Texas is one of only two states that has a flag that formerly served as the flag of an independent nation. The other is Hawaii.

When flown from separate flagpoles, the national flag and the state flag should be the same size and on flagpoles of equal length. The national flag should be on the observer's left. When flown from the same flagpole, the United States flag should be above the Texas flag. No other country's flag should be placed above the Texas flag. If outdoors, the Texas flag should be flown from dawn to dusk unless it is illuminated.

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5Qs

From 1E

to me in any other community and I am thankful to each organization that allowed me to be a part of making music with them.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Bostic: I like to grill, but that is the extend of my cooking. I'm a great person to clean up the mess.

MRT: What is your not-so-secret indulgence?

Bostic: Ice cream! I like frozen yogurt, but I love ice cream. When I get the opportunity, I will eat a heaping bowl at one sitting. A heaping bowl in my understanding is at least five scoops. I'm always disappointed at a two-scoop cone anywhere but don't get three scoops because others stare at you like you're a pig.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

Bostic: I always recommend a series of books to my friends called the "Liturgical Mysteries." They are centered on an organist/choirmaster who is also the chief of police in the fictional town of St. Germaine, North Carolina. Plenty of small town comedy with one good murder in every book. Author Mark Schweizer has 14 books in this series, and they are easy reading with lots of laughs.

MRT: What's in your music player right now?

Bostic: My music player right now is only playing "Peter Pan," "The Little Mermaid" and "Sweeney Todd." (All are upcoming musicals at MCT).

Self-reflection: writing about art as an art



Wendy Earle

Curator at Museum Southwest

I have been writing this column for the Midland Reporter Telegram for two years, and the regular schedule has allowed me to flex my writing muscles a lot more. Since I accepted my position at the Museum of the Southwest, I have been writing about art and museum activities in different contexts for a variety of audiences. This column allows me to take a more informal and personal voice, and I am able to choose whatever topic appeals to me.

I like to strike a balance between covering Museum of the Southwest events, exhibitions and artwork in the permanent collection so I can look at things with fresh eyes and stay motivated to continue. While I enjoy discussing events and exhibitions because they often represent the culmination of months or years of work and preparation; writing about individual artworks and artists is my personal favorite.

Once I have a topic selected —usually based on something happening at the museum or the suggestions of my coworkers — the process is fairly standard.

I could easily write about an artist listing out the facts, but I prefer to have a thesis or a hook for these articles. It could be something like how a work of art relates to current events, the weather or local interests. Sometimes, the hook is just what I find most interesting about the artist or artwork. From there, I conduct basic research, using books in the museum library or online resources for more scholarly articles. After research, I formulate my thoughts and start writing, trying to convey all of the information I can while still creating a short, informative and enjoyable read.

The recipe for short essays and columns almost always contains the same ingredients, but the proportions can be different. The ingredients are an artist's biography, visual (sometimes called formal) analysis of the artwork, its historical or cultural significance and how it relates to the hook of the article.

Sometimes, the information focuses more on the artist if he has an interesting and well-researched background. Sometimes, the artist is unknown, and I use visual analysis to try to make some educated guesses about the maker.

Visual analysis can be somewhat subjective, but is a useful skill that involves close examination of artwork. For example, a visual analysis of a landscape painting can involve examining whether the painting is naturalistic and if the artist succeeded in his or her chosen style by figuring out the location depicted, the significance that it might have, and communicating the feelings or thoughts that the painting produces in me.

With a permanent collection of over 1,600 objects, and our many traveling exhibitions, I don't think I will run out of works of art to talk about any time soon.

7 good reads out now in paperback

By Mary Ann Gwinn
The Seattle Times

The paperback reissue of a book I've read and loved is like revisiting a greatest hit on my literary playlist. I tell myself, "Let's read it again! If only I had time." I can't, but you can. Here are seven recent paperback reissues that will keep you company through the autumn evenings. Listed alphabetically by author. You're going to like one of these.

Fiction

■ **"Honeydew" by Edith Pearlman (Back Bay Books, $15.99).** Pearlman, one of America's best short story writers, is still producing splendid work at age 79. She collected prizes but little national exposure until she won the 2012 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction for her collection "Binocular Vision." Now she is being discovered by a wider audience.

The stories in "Honeydew" are about ordinary people — young boys, teenagers, Boston suburbanites. But Seattle Times reviewer Ellen Emry Heltzel wrote that in these stories Pearlman borrows "the qualities of a fable to convey her useful truths. Even though her characters have feet of clay like the rest of us, they often seem to float above the ordinary world like the figures in a Chagall painting."

■ **"The Girl Next Door" by Ruth Rendell (Scribner, $16).** Rendell, British crime-fiction royalty, died in May at age 85. She was unmatched in her understanding of human nature and her way with a plot.

This book, fittingly for a writer her age, is about a group of friends, children during World War II, who once played in earthen tunnels in their neighborhood outside of London. Now they're all in their 70s or 80s, and a gruesome discovery on the site (two severed hands, one male, one female), bring them back together and upend their lives. Will the long-ago crime be solved? Will there be other victims? You'll have to read it to find out.

■ **"Nora Webster" by Colm Toibin (Scribner, $16).** This quiet novel by one of Ireland's finest living writers tells the story of a widow trying to re-enter the world. Set in Wexford, Ireland, it interweaves Nora's story with that of her four children as she struggles with loneliness, financial hardship and the basic question of what she will do with her life. It's shot through with Toibin's humor and affection for his characters. You will be rooting for Nora all the way.

■ **"The Paying Guests" by Sarah Waters (Riverhead, $17).** This novel starts quietly with its story of Frances, a repressed young woman living with her mother in London in 1922. Both are grieving the lives of Frances' brothers, lost in World War I. To make ends meet, they decide to rent rooms to a young couple.

Then Frances, a closeted lesbian, falls hard for the wife. And all hell breaks loose.

I was lulled by the beginning sections of this book—Waters, a former academician, meticulously re-creates whatever period she's writing in, and may I just say that things for British middle-class women in this postwar era were pretty quiet and dour. By the end, I could not put it down. Hitchcockian in its suspense, "The Paying Guests" will keep you turning page after page, to find out who will pay for an awful crime.

Nonfiction

■ **"Tennessee Williams: Made Pilgrimage of the Flesh" by John Lahr (Norton, $19.95).** This biography of playwright Williams won the National Book Critics Circle Award for biography this year. Lahr, longtime theater critic for the New Yorker, goes deep into Williams' tormented background to show what drove his creative work. The details of Williams' tempestuous personal life and tormented creative process are eye-popping, but you never lose your sympathy for a man who was one of America's theatrical geniuses.

■ **"A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (Vintage, $15.95).** I am a big fan of the work of these two, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists who have made it their life's work to document the lives ofthe poor worldwide. In this book they give in-depth reporting, sensible advice and astute analysis of what works in the field of doing good, what doesn't, and how you can direct your dollars to causes that have proven track records.

■ **"Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson (Spiegel & Grau, $16).** This is the true story of Stevenson's three-decades-long efforts to defend the poor and unjustly convicted through his Equal Justice Initiative, headquartered in Alabama. He started as a young lawyer, just out of Harvard, and never looked back.

■ **"Just Mercy"** won the American Library Association's Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. It is a great story, a testament to Stevenson's work and a searing indictment of what it means to be poor, without resources and ensnared in the justice system.

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BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. The Survivor. Vince Flynn. Atria ($28)
2. A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms. George R.R. Martin. Bantam ($30)
3. The Murder House. Patterson/Ellis. Little, Brown ($28)
4. The Girl in the Spider's Web. David Lagercrantz. Knopf ($27.95)
5. Come Rain or Come Shine. Jan Karon. Putnam ($27.95)
6. Dashing Through the Snow. Debbie Macomber. Ballantine ($18)
7. Go Set a Watchman. Harper Lee. Harper ($27.99)
8. The Girl on the Train. Paula Hawkins. Riverhead ($26.95)
9. Make Me. Lee Child. Delacorte ($28.99)
10. Shadows of Self. Brandon Sanderson. Tor ($27.99)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. Killing Reagan. O'Reilly/Dugard. Holt ($30)
2. A More Perfect Union. Ben Carson. Penguin/Sentinel ($26.95)
3. The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. Marie Kondo. Ten Speed ($16.99)
4. Agents of Babylon. David Jeremiah. Tyndale ($24.99)
5. The Power of I Am. Joel Osteen. Hachette/FaithWords ($26)
6. M Train. Patti Smith. Knopf ($25)
7. A Common Struggle. Kennedy/Fried. Penguin/Blue Rider ($28.95)
8. The Heart-Led Leader. Tommy Spaulding. Crown Business ($26)
9. Why Not Me? Mindy Kaling. Crown Archetype ($25)
10. Big Magic. Elizabeth Gilbert. Riverhead ($24.95)

New book chronicles drinking in America

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Drinking, and not drinking, is as old as America itself, from the beer-loving pilgrims on the Mayflower and Paul Revere's boozy horse ride to Prohibition and the rise of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Some nations drink more and some less, but nowhere do those two things collide and replay on a loop through history quite like they have in the United States, said Susan Cheever, who's written "Drinking in America: Our Secret History."

Cheever was addicted to alcohol, as was her father, author John Cheever. She's visited the subject of drinking in the past, and she's been in love with history since a college professor inspired her. But this project, published in October by Twelve Books, was "really a eureka moment," she said in a recent interview.

Nobody has really gone deep enough into American history and booze, she said.

"What about the fact that 100 years before Prohibition we were the drunkest country in the world, and what about the fact that in the 19th century, writers didn't drink," Cheever said.

Her book is filled with detailed anecdotes and quirky, alcohol-fueled moments through time. Cheever offers these observations among her favorite bits:

Paul Revere & the American Revolution

Think evening, April 18, 1775:

"I've been to Concord, Massachusetts, many times. I really thought that the first shots of the war were fired at the Old North Bridge, so I was really shocked and interested to read about what happened on Lexington Green, where Paul Revere stopped for a couple of shots," she said.

"He got there so much faster than the British. He got to Lexington at midnight, saying 'The British are coming, the British are coming,' and the militia turns out, and the British aren't anywhere near. So they all go to Buckman Tavern and drink for three hours, then the British finally get there and what ensues was 70 relatively or very drunk militiamen," Cheever said.

The rum

Sure, there was the Boston Tea Party, but rum ruled the colonies:

"The British were trying to tax alcohol, so no taxation without representation wasn't great on tea but it really wasn't good on rum. In some ways, the American Revolution was about rum. It's as if they fought the American Revolution not for the right to vote, but for the right to drink," Cheever said.

Rum was definitely the drink of the colonies, and "no one stood for rum consumption the way Ethan Allen did."

Stories abound, the most famous of which has the leader of the Green Mountain Boys so soaked with rum that he was unaware a snake had bitten him multiple times after he fell asleep in a glen.

When he awoke, he complained of the mosquitoes.

Abraham Lincoln

He abstained, likely due to hard-drinking relatives:

"I thought I knew all about Abraham Lincoln. I did not know that he was one of those rare human beings, and I mean rare, who didn't drink and didn't judge. His mother asked him on her death bed not to drink and he took that very seriously," Cheever said.

"But he fired George McClellan, who was his sober general in the Union Army, and hired Ulysses S. Grant, who had already been court-martialed once for drinking. When the generals came and complained to Lincoln that Grant was drinking too much, Lincoln famously said bring me some barrels of what he's drinking so I can give it to all my generals. He wasn't a temperance guy."

Prohibition

Drinking, suffrage and taxes:

"I didn't know the way that Prohibition and women's temperance were wrapped around each other. Many of the women's suffrage crusaders, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, had started out as temperance crusaders," Cheever said.



Engagement



Koehl - Bourgeois

Reverend George and Mrs. DiAnn Koehl are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace DiAnn, to Jean-Paul Bourgeois, both of New York City. Jean-Paul is the son of Mr. Lloyd and Mrs. Kathy Bourgeois of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Candace is the granddaughter of Dr. Sidney and Darleen Schmidt of Abilene, Texas, and the late George and Margy Koehl of Midland, Texas. A graduate of Midland High, Texas A&M University, and Parsons School of Design, Candace is currently a designer for Calvin Klein.

Jean-Paul is grandson of the late Herd and Pam Miller of Franklinton, Louisiana, and the late Jean Lucien and Lorraine Bourgeois of Raceland, Louisiana. A graduate of E.D. White Catholic High School and Nicholls State University's Chef John Folse Culinary Institute, Jean-Paul is currently Executive Chef for Blue Smoke Enterprises.

A December wedding is planned in New York City, and a Midland, Texas celebration in November.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

Dogwood keeps blooming but doesn't grow



Neil Sperry

Neil Sperry can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: We must have the slowest dogwood in Texas. My daughter planted it in East Texas 25 years ago, and the trunk is now 2 inches in diameter, but the tree has only grown from 4 feet tall then to 6 feet tall now. I have watered it faithfully, and other people's trees nearby are thriving. It still blooms each spring, but it won't grow. What can we do?

Answer: You've hit on one of the two key elements to promoting growth. I'll assume you were watering deeply when you watered — soaking the soil for several minutes and to a depth of 15 or 18 inches. That would leave nitrogen, the nutrient that stimulates leaf and stem growth of all plants, as the other point to discuss. It's the same nutrient you would be applying to turfgrass, and the times to feed the dogwood would be immediately after it produces its floral bracts in spring, then two and four months later. Avoid fall feedings that might stimulate new leaf growth when it should be setting buds.

That all said, if the trunk has thickened to 2 inches and yet the top growth has remained that short, I have to wonder if this might be some type of a less common dwarf dogwood. I doubt if the label is still tucked away somewhere in the house, but that would help identify it. It's also possible that there could be some type of interruption in the trunk that is preventing water and nutrients from getting to the top of the tree.

Dear Neil: I have these insects on my wax plant (hoya). A friend told me they were assassin bugs. The reading I've done says I should handpick them to keep ahead of them. I've used insecticidal soap, but I have to repeat it daily. Will they do harm?

Answer: These are actually adult harlequin bugs. Like all true "bugs" (including squash bugs, box elder bugs, stink bugs and others), these are difficult to control with garden pesticides, either organic or inorganic. They can do harm, but I would think you would be seeing it by now. Handpicking is certainly the way I would go, especially this late in the season. Be sure the plant is free of them when you bring it indoors for the winter. You should be fine. Here is information from the University of Florida. http://entomology.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/leaf/harlequin_bug.htm.

Dear Neil: What is the secret to rooting bougainvilleas from cuttings? I have not had good luck.

Answer: They are started commercially in propagation greenhouses where fog or mist systems keep the humidity near 100 percent at all times. Growers also use highly porous rooting media that provides ready aeration (i.e., oxygen) for the developing roots. Use fairly soft new growth in summer, and you might try trimming the leaves in half to reduce the surface area, so the cuttings won't dry out so rapidly. Rooting hormone powder might help. Read up on air layering and tip layering. Those might be easier ways for you to start new ones.

Dear Neil: I have a place in my backyard where I would like the color and texture of castor beans, but I have dogs and I hear that the seeds are highly poisonous. Can they be clipped off before they mature and fall?

Answer: Probably so, but they're part of the colorful display. Castor beans are beautiful tropical plants, but I've never felt comfortable having them around pets and children. As a child I can remember swirling them around in my mouth, not knowing that they could have been deadly poisonous. My dad saw me doing that and quickly put an end to that habit. I never saw him angry, but I certainly saw his stern side that time. Still, you see them in public gardens, so I have to leave that decision up to you.

Dear Neil: I have property in South Texas. I planted two Italian stone pines in the ground last January. They have grown to be about 3 feet tall now, and I would like to know if they should be pruned to shape now. The new growth has long needles, and the old, short needles are turning brown.

Answer: Italian stone pines are self-pruning. That is to say that you don't need to worry about training your young trees. Assuming they're where they get full sunlight from all angles, they should develop their own characteristic form without a lot of help.

Dear Neil: A creeping vine I call "cat's claw" is covering my yard and growing up into my trees. I have tried spraying with Roundup, but it doesn't get the bulbs. What can I do?

Answer: It sounds like you have smilax briars. They have glossy, dark green leaves and both fleshy and heavy tuberous roots. We live on a rural 1 one-acre tract, and we had to clear about eight of those acres before we could build. The smilax and poison ivy were chest-deep. Probably 98 percent of it all was killed by brush-hogging the area with a large tractor. Those smilax plants that returned were easier to dig out by hand than to spray. There isn't enough surface area on the leaves for the sprays to work, plus the tubers are so large that I couldn't get enough herbicide into the leaves to be taken to the roots. I use a sharpshooter spade when the ground is moist. I can eliminate a plant in 30 seconds.

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.

Try keyhole gardening when growing your own food

Debbie Roland

Permian Basin Master Gardeners

A new method of gardening is proving to be less labor-intensive and more affordable for individuals who grow their own food.

A keyhole garden introduces a no-dig design in the form of a raised bed with a continual feed at the top for manure, vegetable scraps, paper and other brown and green matter. An overhead view of this type of raised bed would look like a large keyhole in a circular plot with easy access to the center basket where vegetable scraps and other green matter containing water are added. Most of the hard work is done by the micro-organisms in the garden which convert the materials to healthy soil.

First introduced in arid African regions, keyhole gardening began as a grass roots movement to help poor families develop the skills they needed to grow crops on infertile land. The concept has proven to be so successful that it is now being practiced in other areas where droughts are common.

There are a variety of recycled or natural materials you can use to construct your keyhole garden. The construction provides for easy access to the central basket in which kitchen and garden waste, along with household gray water are added. The soil bed layers are slightly sloped away from the center to aid in the distribution of compost and water. As the materials decompose, soil, composting materials, and amendments are added to the bed.

Keyhole garden benefits

- Center compost basket provides a steady supply of plant nutrients and amendments
- Uses less water with mulching and moisture from center basket; drought-tolerance
- Depending on outer wall materials, soil can be warmer than traditional raised beds
- Garden can be modified per owner's needs, like child or handicap accessibility
- The short bed distance (from outer wall to center basket) is easy to tend
- Gardens require a small area, a maximum of 6-1/2 feet in diameter
- Recycled material use makes the gardens inexpensive to build
- The raised design removes threat of trampling by pets and humans
- Saves steps by adding garden waste to the handy center compost basket

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners (PBMG) are a 501c3 organization. It is an educational service organization of volunteers trained by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The PBMGs offer services to the residents of the Permian Basin through several avenues such as presentations, work shops, public education efforts, and our annual plant sale. For more information, visit westtexasgardening.org.

Re-Leaf by Debbie Frost

While you are enjoying the fall flowering color, think about spring and summer colors, too. Now is an excellent time to plant winter hardy, well-adapted perennials.

The mild conditions of fall are excellent for new plants. Cooler air temperatures with warm soils make great conditions for root establishment and growth. Compare that to spring planted plants that must grow roots, tops and flower in the oncoming, sizzling summer heat. Don't miss a great opportunity to plant some a few of these flowering perennials.

Many salvia species make great landscape plants with color and food for hummingbirds and butterflies, such as these. "May night" salvia (Salvia sylvestris) is a big hit in the spring and early summer garden with it's rich purple flower spikes that are uniform and up to 1 foot in size. Repeat blooming takes place in summer and fall with regular deadheading.

"Henry Duelberg" (Salvia farinacea) is a 3-foot size mealy blue cup sage with blue flower spikes that flower from summer through fall. Regular deadheading or periodic shearing of the spent flower spikes will keep a long season of color going.

Red mountain sage (Salvia darcyi) is a big red bloomer that gets about 3 to 4 feet in size. It blooms summer to fall with a large flower spike with inch-long, red, tubular flowers. The leaves are fuzzy and less subject to the small, pesky worms that feed on the leaves and flowers of many salvia species. Grow in full to part sun with low to medium water once established.

An often overlooked, but good performer is the Pincushion Flower (Scabiosa columbaria). This perennial blooms late winter through mid-summer with lavender blue or pink flowers depending on cultivars. The plant is a ground-hugging rosette with leafless flower stems that rise about 10 inches above the plant topped with lovely, lacy lavender flowers. Full to part sun and medium water is needed to grow Pincushion flowers.

You can't beat four nerve daisy (Tetraneuris scaposa) or its cousin angelita daisy (T. acaulis) for three, possibly four seasons of bright yellow color and evergreen foliage. This small plants delivers lots of color with a minimum of effort on the gardener's part. Plants stand about a foot tall when in bloom and about a foot wide. Deadheading or shearing spent flowers will keep plants tidy and blooming. Full sun and little water is needed.

Black foot daisy (Melampodium luecanthum) is a tremendous perennial that will deliver sweet, white flowers from spring through fall. Plants get about 8 inches tall and 12 inches wide when grown in garden conditions. They need full sun and well drained soils, but avoid over watering or overly rich conditions.

There are many other flowering perennials that could be planted now, such as butterfly bush, texas gold columbine, fall aster, gaillardia, guara and wine-cups to name a few more.

Re-leaf is gained by planting during the best time of the year for a head start on growth.

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Pork ribs don't quite make it to their use by date

Hints from Heloise

King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I had an experience that I think needs to be shared. I bought (on July 22) pork ribs in a vacuum-sealed package that had an Aug. 9 "use before" date.

I planned to use it the following Sunday (Aug. 3), so I left it in the refrigerator. I did not freeze it, since I would be using it before the printed "use by" date. I could tell right away that the meat was bad when I opened it. I took it back and they gave me a refund, but told me if you don't use it within a couple of days of purchasing, you should freeze it. I had no idea. What about bacon and lunchmeat that we leave in the refrigerator? — Corine B., via email

Bacon and luncheon meats are in a little bit different category. They typically have the words "use by" along with "or freeze by" on the package.

In your case, the meat went bad before you even got to the printed date. There are many reasons why this could have happened, from improper handling to a hole or puncture in the packaging or even a long ride home from the grocery store.

Yes, that meat should be cooked or frozen within three to five days of purchase, regardless of the printed date (poultry even faster, within one to two days).

Same with lunchmeat, especially after the package has been opened. Most importantly, if it does not look right, smell right or taste right, toss it out. — Heloise

P.S.: Kudos to the store for giving you a refund.

Easier measuring

Dear Heloise: When measuring shortening, removing it from the measuring cup can be a bit troublesome. When I bake cookies, most recipes call for an egg.

First, break the egg into the measuring cup and swirl it around, then dump it into the batter. Then fill the cup with the shortening. A little swirl with a spatula will release the shortening. It will slip right out, with no leftovers in the cup. — Linda A., Huntington Beach, Calif.

Tasty truffles

Dear Heloise: What is a truffle/truffle butter? I see it all the time on cooking shows, but they never say what it is. — A.R., via email

Truffles are an exotic and very expensive mushroom. They grow underground, which makes them hard to find, thus the high cost. Most are found in Europe, but others locales include: Oregon in the United States, France and Italy, and China has them, too. Female pigs (they love the smell — it's like testosterone to them) and dogs are trained to dig when they smell the scent.

Truffle butter is softened butter with grated pieces of truffles mixed in and is very tasty, but not cheap. — Heloise

Cutting melons

Dear Heloise: A grapefruit knife (serrated and curved) to separate melon flesh from the rind works wonderfully. If the slice is larger, use it on each side. This works on all melons. — Ruth L., Colorado Springs, Colo.

For total comfort, embrace these easy, potato-free gnocchi

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

You probably associate gnocchi with the Italian dumplings made from potatoes. Making that kind of gnocchi takes time and patience and is not something most people would undertake on a weeknight.

But potato gnocchi aren't the only kid on the gnocchi block. There are several other varieties, including a ricotta-based type and a batter-based one, the latter of which starts with a batter similar to the one French cream puffs and eclairs are made from. That's the one I'll teach you here. But there are a few things to keep in mind when preparing these gnocchi.

Typically, cream puff dough — also known as pate a choux — starts with a pot of boiling water. Here, I am substituting chicken broth and milk for the water, which give the gnocchi a nice savory flavor. After the flour is dumped in, you need to work quickly and aggressively with a wooden spoon to beat the mixture until it is smooth. Don't worry if you get a few tiny lumps of flour in the dough; they will get worked out when you add the eggs and beat the dough with electric beaters.

Once you have successfully incorporated the flour it takes no time at all to finish cooking the paste, just a few minutes until it pulls away from the sides of the pan.

The next step is adding the eggs. It is important to cool down the paste a bit by beating it before you add the eggs so they don't scramble the second they hit it. The usual directions tell you to add the eggs one at a time, but I prefer to beat them together first, then add the beaten eggs in three batches instead. It is very hard to add an egg one a time if you are holding hand beaters with one hand.

Once the eggs are in, it is time to add the seasonings, in this case spinach, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Simple. Your dough is made.

The rest of the procedure is straightforward. The dough gets dumped in small amounts into boiling water, cooked briefly and finished in the oven with cream and cheese.



BREAST FEST 2015

On Oct. 10, Breast Fest 2015 was held at KD's Bar-B-Q which also raised funds for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk. Midlander Allison Hicks organized the concert which featured Chris Brazeal Band, Sam Watson and Leighton Fields, Greg Maldo and Noel Olivas and the Benders.

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DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate



Rival hostesses do battle over Thanksgiving honors

DEAR ABBY: I have been hosting Thanksgiving for most of my married life — 44 years. When my children married, I told them we could celebrate all the holidays whenever and wherever they chose, but I wanted Thanksgiving.

Two years ago, my daughter-in-law asked to spend Thanksgiving with her parents and sister, and I reluctantly agreed. Her mom was battling cancer, so I said she could have Thanksgiving with her parents.

This year I received an email that SHE will be hosting it at her house with her parents and hoped we would come! I was upset that she didn't even discuss this with me. I sent her an email back saying I would like to have Thanksgiving at my house and she and her parents were invited. I haven't heard from her and I'm afraid she's mad. Frankly, I don't want to go to her house, but I don't want to alienate my son and two grandkids.

I don't see a compromise here that will please everyone. Do you? — UNTHANKFUL IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNTHANKFUL: Yes, I do. Because your daughter-in-law has made it plain that she would like to establish some Thanksgiving traditions of her own, you should now graciously discuss alternating the celebration with her.

DEAR ABBY: I was in an unhappy marriage for 35 years, and moved from California to Oklahoma to live with my oldest son. I have now met someone ("Tom") who makes me very happy. The problem is, he's only 30 years old.

Tom doesn't see the age difference as a problem. I don't either, but I have told only two people about him. I feel happy for the first time and don't want to lose him.

Do you think the age difference is an issue? I have tried dating men my own age, but they are boring. — YOUNG IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR YOUNG: You have the right to live your life the way you want to. Under the circumstances, the difference in your ages will be an issue only if you or Tom chooses to make it one.

DEAR ABBY: I often find myself confused regarding contact information. Many times, people list both a cellphone and a home phone number for contacting them. Because I've grown up in this age of technology, I have only a cellphone and am not reachable any other way.

When people list both numbers or send me both numbers in an email, which number should be used first? And if I don't reach them at the first number, do I leave a message and wait for a return call, or should I call the next number right away? Typically, preferences are not indicated. — TOO MANY NUMBERS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TOO MANY: While it's increasingly common for people to have only cellphones, not everyone wants to be called during the day when they might be working. That's why, if there is any confusion on your part, you should ask the individual, because the responses you receive may not be all the same.

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Be mindful of healthy Halloween options



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Fall provides a respite from the heat of the summer months.

It also offers the opportunity to participate in celebrations such as Halloween where kids and parents often take advantage of the opportunity to wear costumes, go to parties and eat sweets after a night of trick-or-treating.

The excitement, however, is often met with concern on the part of parents who worry about the things their children will be eating after a night of collecting candies. Fortunately, there are ways to enjoy a healthier Halloween.

Try setting the tone in your neighborhood by handing out healthier treats for party guests and trick-or-treaters. Items like cereal bars, dried fruits, mini boxes of raisins, individual packets of snack crackers and fruits are all healthy alternatives to candy and other sugary treats.

Non-food treats are also popular alternatives for children. Items such as things that normally go well in a birthday goodie bag can be used as Halloween treats. Bookmarks, themed erasers and stickers are just a few items that can be used in place of candy.

Of course, kids will want to have some candy, and it's okay to have a fun-sized candy occasionally, but it's important that parents use Halloween as a time to discuss and demonstrate the importance of eating sweets in moderation. Try to model the right behavior to your kids. For example, if your kids are hungry and want candy, have them eat a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) first — then, let them enjoy a fun-sized candy. Achieving a healthy balance is the key to enjoying a healthier Halloween.

Cinnamon vanilla granola

Makes: 8 Servings
Total cost: $2.03
Serving cost: $0.25
Ingredients
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 cups uncooked rolled oats (oatmeal)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions
- Preheat oven to 275°F.
- Mix honey, water, vegetable oil, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl.
- Stir in oats; mix well.
- Spread mixture on a cookie sheet, making a thin layer.
- Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven, stir mixture well and return to oven.
- Bake 20 more minutes and stir as before.
- Bake 5-20 more minutes, until granola is golden brown.
- Break into small pieces with spatula.
- Cool and then store in a covered container.

Note: Children under the age of 1 should not consume honey.

Workout with baby: Kanga Training helps moms get back in shape

"It's great because it's an aerobic workout and it incorporates the babies. It's so nice that the babies sleep during the class; they like the movement and get some rest while we're busy exercising."

Valerie Cassara, mother

By Darcy Costello
The Baltimore Sun

As the first notes of the Ronettes' "Be My Baby" pulse through the stereo, the women Avalon Gym, in Columbia, Md., hold their own babies, marching in unison as a warm-up for their exercise class.

Babies aren't typically welcome in an exercise environment, particularly during the workouts themselves. But in Jasmin Reif's KangaTraining class, they're encouraged — in fact, the routines are designed for mothers with children under 2.

KangaTraining was first developed by Austrian fitness trainer Nicole Pascher in 2008. The workout, which has now spread to more than 15 countries, targets muscles weakened during pregnancy and those most important for carrying a child.

A native of Austria, Reif first took the exercise class in Vienna in an effort to get back in shape after the birth of her daughter, Carolina, in April 2014. When she moved to the U.S. that summer, she saw a need for similar exercise classes for mothers and babies.

The workout begins on yoga mats, with babies lying on their backs as the women do strength-based movements, following Reif's instructions. Next, the mothers strap baby carriers onto their shoulders and chests, carrying their babies in pouches like kangaroos — hence the name of the class — before continuing with dance and exercise routines.

The class builds not just muscles but relationships, Reif says.

"It's a good way for the mothers to bond with the children, which is especially important for the very little ones," she says. "Moms can rebound and the little one is calm, so they don't have to think about who cares for the baby."

And those aren't the only relationships built in the course of class. Mothers bond with one another, sharing their "baby challenge of the week" and sweating side by side, together battling postpartum "baby blues" through exercise and socialization.

Plus, it gives the mothers a welcome break, said Fulton resident Valerie Cassara, 27, who takes the class with her 4-month-old, Kyle. Over the course of the workouts, babies frequently nap in their carriers.

"It's great because it's an aerobic workout and it incorporates the babies," says Cassara, who heard about Reif's KangaTraining through a weekly mothers support group at Howard County General Hospital. "It's so nice that the babies sleep during the class; they like the movement and get some rest while we're busy exercising."

One by one, as the babies drift off to sleep, mothers catch one another's eyes and smile — they can relate.

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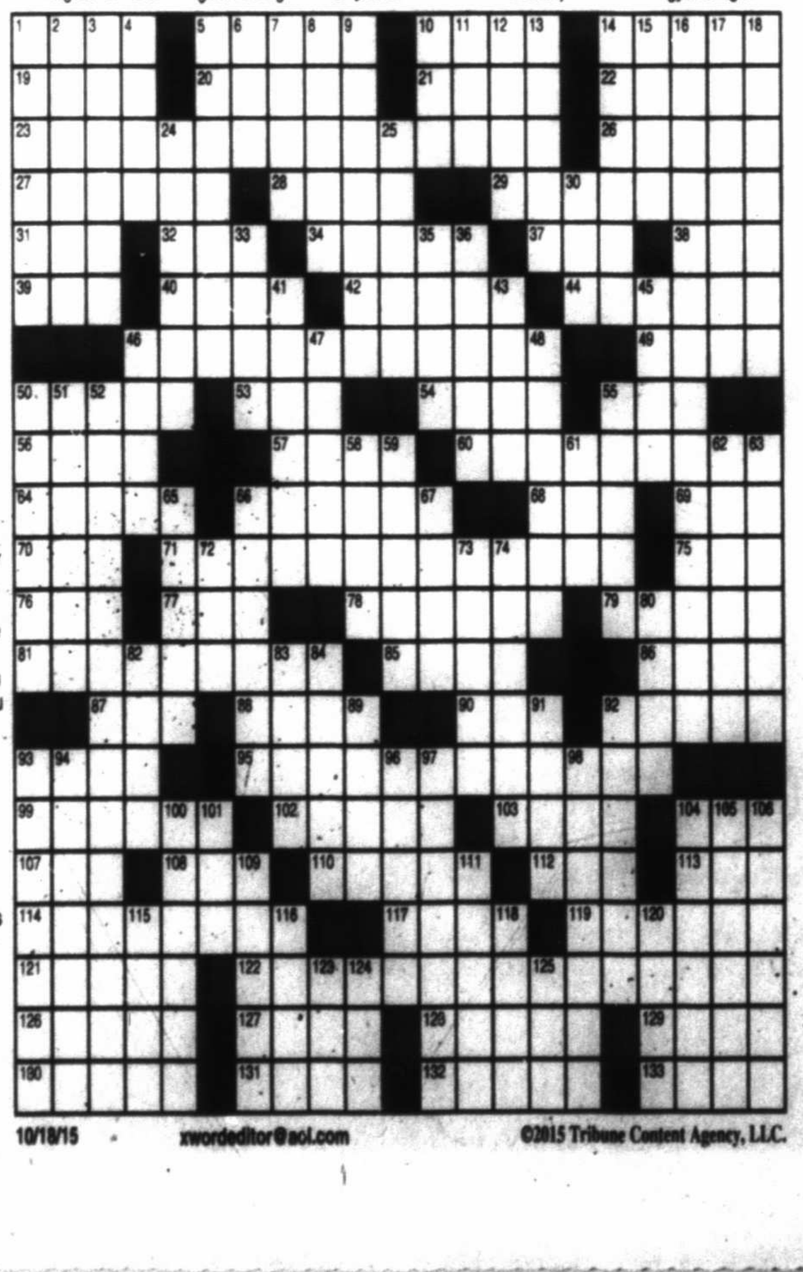
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"CH-CHING!" By KATHLEEN FAY O'BRIEN

ACROSS
1 Old story
5 They're often exposed in ski lodges
10 Radio option
14 Religious factions
19 River in the Bernese Alps
20 Started anew at the campsite
21 Pump, for one
22 Summer gripe
23 Part of a dairy's financial statement?
26 Tropical vine
27 Truckers' competition
28 2013 Masters champ Scott
29 Whom Dennis often menaced
31 Bass ending
32 __ factor
34 Paper punditry
37 Common Market letters
38 Slim fish
39 Retired boomer
40 Karmann __ sports car
42 Hardly handy
44 Dry-eyes solution
46 Doesn't eat with one's mouth closed?
49 German finale
50 Dash devices
53 Doctrinal suffix
54 Strings for Orpheus
55 Wash. setting
56 Onetime Ritz competitor
57 Smidge
60 "That's what they tell me"
64 Double Stuf treats
66 Astronauts' gear
68 Cab cousin
69 Running bird
70 Take advantage of
71 Vacant seat you only thought you saw?
75 Right-to-left lang.
76 Some light bulbs
77 Capek's robot play
78 Competed in a regatta, perhaps
79 Future moss
81 Settings for Monet
85 Genetic chains
86 Actor Ken
87 Spot on a card
88 City east of Wichita
90 Former telecom company
92 Seasonal tunes
93 Gung-ho
95 Spread for Sunday morning coffee hour?
99 Louis XV furniture style
102 Hacienda brick
103 Bounce in a cave
104 Passenger vehicle
107 Antlered animal
108 The law has a long one
110 Horace poem
112 "__ So Shy" Pointer Sisters hit
113 Suffix with tact-
114 Jefferson Airplane genre
117 Dinghy movers
119 Put sows below cows?
121 Like horses
122 Glance at the blackboard?
126 Journalistic slant
127 Twelve __: neighbor of Tara
128 Houston athlete
129 Thing south of the border
130 Asked
131 Like some audiobooks
132 Dublin-born poet
133 Uncommon blood type

DOWN
1 Users' shortcuts
2 Bumpkins
3 One forging a doctor's note, maybe
4 Driven drove
5 Eggy pastry
6 Dusk, to Donne
7 Minuscule lake plant
8 Make a mess of
9 Secure for the trip
10 Poisonous slitherer
11 Old reciprocal electrical unit
12 Thing to fill out
13 Dover distance
14 Mineral used in glassmaking
15 Mickey Mouse enemy __ Eagle
16 What Alice's adventures began with?
17 Constantly
18 Marvel Comics superhero?
24 Stable sounds
25 Fix text
30 "Scream" director Craven
33 New Zealand bird
35 Agreement
36 Fixes
41 St. Francis' home
43 Via, à la Burns
45 "__ we forget"
46 Polite sneeze
47 Pepé Le Pew's pursuit
48 Anonpronated
50 "His house is in the village __": Frost
51 With 74-Down, dramatic Navy mission
52 Pizza scraps?
55 Slacks
58 Reunión attendees
59 How some stock is sold
61 Sling spirits
62 "Kicked-Up Sandwiches" author
63 Knighted Flemish painter
65 Rx
66 Spaghetti sauce staple
67 Quick ride
72 Nuanced color
73 "Democracy is two wolves and __ voting on what to have for lunch": Franklin
74 See 51-Down
80 In need
82 Stereotypical pooch
83 Qatar's capital
84 "Same Time, Next Year" playwright Bernard
89 Each
91 Rash symptom
92 Arkansas River tributary
93 Visitors center handout
94 Mount Rainier, e.g.
96 You don't have to turn its pages
97 Took out in cuffs, say
98 Hot drink holder
100 Checked the ID of
101 Guatemala gold
104 Singles bar lure
105 Sort of, with "in"
106 Sale indicator
109 "Wedding Bell Blues" soloist Marilyn
111 Take out
115 Take out
116 "Star Trek" villain
118 Monterrey miss. Abbr.
120 Song with arm motions
123 "Best in Show" org.
124 '60s hallucinogen
125 Gene title gynecologist



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Too many aces

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ K Q 3
◇ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q J 9 8 7 5

WEST
♠ A 7
♡ A 8 7 6 2
◇ A Q 8 5 3
♣ 10

EAST
♠ 9 8 5 3 2
♡ J 10 9 5 4
◇ 10 9
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 6 4
♡ Void
◇ K J
♣ K 6 4 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣*	Pass	3♡
4♣	4♡	5♣	5♡
5♠	Dbl	6♣	Dbl
All pass			

*Five hearts plus a five-card minor

Opening lead: ?

Recently, we featured a deal where West was on lead, holding two aces, against a slam that his partner had doubled. He guessed wrong on the opening lead and the slam rolled home.

East, holding the ace of trumps, doubled six clubs presuming that West, who had bid quite strongly, could provide at least one defensive trick. West, in fact, was on lead holding three aces after his partner had doubled the slam. West was a veteran and he wasn't as happy you might think. He had the sinking feeling that something might go wrong. What would you lead from the West hand?

A club lead would see the defense quickly take the first three tricks, but how can you not lead one of your aces? The ace of spades, though it wouldn't live, would still see the contract defeated by two tricks — declarer can't discard enough diamonds from dummy. The ace of diamonds would allow declarer to escape for down one, but at least the slam would be down.

Our hapless West seized upon the ace of hearts and disaster ensued. Declarer ruffed in his hand, crossed to dummy with a spade ruff, and discarded both of his diamonds on the king-queen of hearts. It was then a simple matter to knock out the ace of trumps and ruff out the ace of spades. Making six!

"It's a good thing we didn't use Blackwood," said South, "we might not have bid this slam."

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015:

This year you decide to make your life feel more dynamic. You throw yourself 100 percent into nearly everything you do. If you can't get focused on what you are doing, you might choose not to do it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Be adventurous. Your sixth sense might direct you in an unusual direction. Listen to news carefully, and hold off on making any judgments for now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you feel you need. A partnership flourishes when you are open about your desires.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might wonder which way to go in a discussion with a dear friend. Remain positive and open to an unusually creative solution. You'll see a matter differently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Be willing to make an adjustment. You might enjoy heading down a different path and managing a personal matter differently. You could be overthinking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. This person might not have intended to challenge you, but that seems to be what's happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll discover that your sense of direction is right-on, which actually might surprise you. Be aware of how creative you can be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Speak your mind, and know full well what you must do. Allow greater give-and-take. Know your limitations, but still take a risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ If you're looking at a major financial change, do some price comparison before making a choice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You know what to do, and you'll follow your instincts. You naturally gravitate toward a family member.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Make it OK to take your time and relax. Make time for a chat with a special person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Remain sure of yourself when making important decisions. You know what makes you happy. Don't back down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be in the position of wanting to try something different. Understand what is happening within your immediate circle.

BORN TODAY
Musician Chuck Berry (1926), actor Wesley Jonathan (1978), singer/songwriter Laura Nyro (1947)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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SUNDAY MORNING — OCTOBER 18, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		TheTruth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS' Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist		First Baptist	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Troop	F Troop	BackSotter	BackSotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Rain	NFL Kickoff (L)		NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Mission	Touch Ministries		J.Seifft	R/Manusc	D.Disc	Enarson	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid	Secrets	Paid	B&N	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist		W.America	PGA Rev.
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoT	DinoT	Pog Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Squ	Wild K.	Arthur
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	Q.House	HomeT.	Bucket	RawTrav.	The NFL Today	
FLIX	340	575		165		(6:15) ★★ The Night We Never Met				★★★ Dead Poets Society				(2:10) ★★★ White Fang Ethan Hawke.			
HBO	300	590	14	14		(6:30) ★ Agent Co...		(6:15) ★★ The Kid Bruce Willis.				★ Night at the Museum: ...		1stLook	Fight	BillMaher	
HBO2	302	591	15	109	23	Movie	(:40) ★ 112 Weddings			(:20) ★★ Unbroken ('14, Bio) Jack O'Connell.				(:40) ★ Harry Potter & the ...			
HBO5	304	592	16	102		(6:30) ★★ Man of the Year		★ Promised Land				(:20) ★ The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Downey Jr.				Doll&Em	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★★ Breach Ryan Phillippe.			(:25) ★★★ Transamerica				(:10) ★ Belle Gugu Mbatha-Raw.			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:20) ★★ Say It Isn't So			(:05) ★ Wish I Was Here Zach Brall.				(:55) ★★★ Alpha Dog Bruce Willis.			
PLEX			96			(6:00) ★★★ Clue		(:20) ★★ Clean Slate Dana Carvey.				(:10) ★★ Cool World Brad Pitt.				(:55) ★ Lone Rider	
SHOW	320	505	19	140	25	(6:55) ★★ Runaway...		Inside the NFL		Jim Rome		★★★ August: Osage County				★ The Amityvill...	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(6:50) ★★★ Parenthood Steve Martin.				★★ The Lucky Ones ('08, Com) Rachel McAdams, Tim Robbins.						Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Scared Straight		Scared Straight		Scared Straight		Behind Bars	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(6:30) ★★★ The Dark Knight				★★ Constantine ('05, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.						★★ Resident Evil	
BET	58	-	-	40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	BET News	Special		(:05) ★ Undercover Brother	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R.		Vanderpump R.		Dash Dolls (N)		Teresa "Tre of Life"		Manzo'd	Manzo'd
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CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	American Muscle		Gold Rush "Blood, Sweat and Gold"				Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	Mickey Mouse Club	Sofia 1st	Dog Blog	Dog Blog		Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		NFL Insiders		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Football Final	Football Final	OLines	Report	SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)					
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban						(:15) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix					
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday				Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News		Housecll	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's...		Basics	Glada	Pioneer	Southern	B. Flay	TBA	Pioneer	Pioneer	Heart (N)	Southern
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Diaries	Cowboys	Huddle	Texans	Paid	Paid	NCAA Big 12		Countdown (L)		Game365	TriathIon
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Buffy "Fear itself"		M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★★ First Daughter Katie Holmes.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Flipping Virgins	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	The Hunt		The Hunt		The Hunt		The Hunt		The Hunt		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David J.	I.Osteen	Paid	Step It Up		★ To Be Announced			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		Melissa Harris-Perry				Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				Premier League		Premier League		Match of the Day		Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Norw./Newc. (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVIN	ALVIN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	ALVIN	ALVIN	ALVIN
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	★★ The Expendables Jet Li.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	★ Silent Hill: Revelation 3D				★ They Found Hell		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Zoolander ('01, Com) Ben Stiller.				★★★ Road Trip		
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Andy Har...		★★★ Silk Stockings Fred Astaire.				Batman and Robin		Attack of the		★★★ Gilda	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Angel
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law&Order "Panic"		Law&O. "Entitled"		Law & Order		Law & Order		★ The Lord of t...	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) Chris	(:25) Golden Girls		G. Girls	G.Girls	G.Girls	G.Girls	(:25) Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Miracles	Paid	Law&Order: SVU		SVU "Infiltrated"		SVU "Underbelly"		SVU "Caged"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	KeyDavid	Paid	Law&Order "Ritual"		Law & Order		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — OCTOBER 18, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	World of X Games		Timbersports		Paid	Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Houston Texans at Jacksonville Jaguars (L)								(:25) NFL Football San Diego vs Green Bay (L)			
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	★ The Love Boat: Who Killed Maxw...			
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	Paid	Paid	Motocr.	Monster Energy Cup		NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Seattle Seahawks (L)					
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani E	Z. Levitt	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	PGARev.	Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing		Hollywood Casino 400 Site: Kansas Speedway (L)						Ins. Ed	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	Yoga	Back In	Beads	Sewing	Japan	Travel	Global	News	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(:55) MFL Fútbol Querétaro vs Toluca (L)				Republica		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice dicho		P. Luche	Notice
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		America	Gigging	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★ The Crossing Guard						★ Desert Saints		★ The Battle of ...		(:50) ★ Dead Poets Society	
HBO	300	590	14	14		BillMaher	★★ 28 Days					(:15) ★★ Charlie's Angels		(:05) ★★ The Maze Runner			
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(10:45) ★ Harry Potter & the ...		★ This is Where I Leave You				(:15) ★★★ V for Vendetta Natalie Portman.				LastWeek	
HBO5	304	592	16	102		1stLook	LastWeek	★ Focus Wil Smith.				(:50) The Leftovers		(:50) ★★ Accepted Justin Long.		Greenlight	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:55) ★★★★ Jackie Brown ('97, Dra) Pam Grier.						★ A Walk Among the Tombstones				Knick "Ten Knots"	Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★ I Think I Love My Wife				(:35) ★ The Last King of Scotland				(:40) ★★ Evolution David Duchovny.		Movie	
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★★ Broken Trail				(:55) ★★★★ Broken Trail				★★ Clean Slate		(:20) ★★★ Clue	
SHOW	320	505	19	140	25	Movie	★ The Lovers ('15, Act) Josh Hartnett.					★★★ Delivery Man		(:15) ★★★ Dragonheart			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:25) ★ The Fifth Estate				(:35) ★★★ Parenthood Steve Martin.				(:40) ★★★ Shrink Kevin Spacey.		Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Behind B "Respect"		Behind Bars		First 48 "Shattered"		The First 48		The First 48		Intervention	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Movie	★★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse					★★ Resident Evil: Extinction			★ Resident Evil: Afterlife		
BET	58	-		40		(10:35) ★ Underc...		★★ First Sunday ('08, Com) Ice Cube.						(:40) ★★ Soul Plane ('04, Com) Tom Arnold.			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Forsaken"		Naked and Afraid		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Austin	Austin	Underc.	Underc.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Champ	Football Final		ESPN Magazine			Poker World Series		MLS Soccer Houston vs Seattle (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Montreal Alouettes (L)						NHRA Drag Race		SEC Storied		SEC	30 for 30
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince Daniel Radcliffe.							(:15) ★ Harry Potter & the Deathly Hal...			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal	News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		WorstCooks		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Halloween Wars	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	UEFAMag.	Insider	NCAA Soccer Texas Tech vs. Baylor (L)				Texans Wrap (L)		UFC FB	Red Bull Air "Fort Worth" (N)		
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★ Ice Age: Continental Drift Ray Romano.						★ The Croods ('13, Ani) Nicolas Cage.				★ Elysium (2003, Animated)	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ October Kiss Ashley Williams.						★ Stranded in Paradise				★ Lead With Your Heart Billy Baldwin.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★★★ Premium Frankie Faison.						★★ Obsessed Beyoncé Knowles.				★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confess...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Wirt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Vegas Undercover		Vegas "Raw 2"	
NBCSN	38	43				NASCAR	I/Drive	Sailing			Racer TV	Moto. Hour (N)		Moto. Hour (N)		PostRace	Vic Lap
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	★ Liar, Liar, Vampire			GShakers	H.Danger	Thunder	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Thunder	Thunder
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★★★ The Expendables 2 Sylvester Stallone.					Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★ Blade II ('02, Act) Wesley Snipes.							★★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Thril) Wesley Snipes.		Movie	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Movie	★★★ Role Models					★★ The Hangover Part II			★★★ The Hangover		
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Gilda		★★★★ Anna and the King of Siam						(:15) ★★ Latin Lovers Lana Turner.		(:15) ★ The Tunn...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Angel	VideosAsombrosos		Antesala	FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial Sub-17 (L)				Noticier	Videos	Si Se Puede	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers						(:45) ★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		SVU "Burned"		SVU "Outsider"		SVU "Loophole"		SVU "Dependent"	
WGN	19	85				★ In the Heat of the Night: Give Me Y...				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — OCTOBER 18, 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)		Once Upon a Time (N)		Blood & Oil "The Birthday Party" (N)		Quantico "Kill" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Basin	(:05) Cowboys	(:35) Monopoly
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:25) Football	60 Minutes		Madam Secretary "The Rusalka" (N)		The Good Wife "Cooked" (N)		CSI: Cyber (N)	CBS 7 News		(:05) CBS 7 Wire	(:35) Element
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Blueprint for Murder"	Dig up building pylon.			M*A*S*H	The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	8 New-hart	Mary'r. yterM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burgers	TheSi-mpsons	TheSimps ons (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	B.Burger (N)	Last Man (N)	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	2 Broke Girls	Texans Show	Jack Vanimpe	Met Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart	Walking		Light of the Southwest				Rock/ Manusc.	Update News	Lars Enarson	Creation
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts Site: Lucas Oil Stadium -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)						(:35) News		Country Reporter	Paid Program
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Great British Baking "Pastry" (N)		Masterpiece "Home Fires" (N)		Masterp. "Indian Summers" (N)		The Widower (N)		Harry Knowles	On Story	Front&Center "For King and Country"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		La Banda				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero: FDS	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		H.S. Football PHS vs. Abilene High			
FLIX	340	575		165		(6:50) ★ Dead Poe...		★★★★ Quiz Show Ralph Fiennes.						(:15) ★★★★ Schindler's List ('93, True) Liam Neeson.			
HBO	300	590	14	14		(:05) ★ Taken 3 ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.		The Leftovers				Greenlight	Doll&Em	LastWeek	The Leftovers		Greenlight
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	Bill Maher		The Leftovers				★ American Sniper Bradley Cooper.		(:15) ★ This is Where I Leave You			
HBO5	304	592	16	102		(:50) ★★ Birdman Michael Keaton.						★ The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Downey Jr.			(:25) ★ Focus Wil Smith.		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ★★★ High Fidelity		(:25) ★★★ Lucy						★★ 47 Ronin Keanu Reeves.		★ Camal Wishes	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:25) ★ Final Des...		Knick "Ten Knots"				★ Ride Along Ice Cube.		(:40) ★★ Evolution David Duchovny.		Movie	
PLEX			96			(6:00) ★★★ Clue		★★ Cool World Brad Pitt.				(:40) ★★ Cursed Portia De Rossi.			(:25) ★ Restless		
SHOW	320	505	19	140	25	Homeland		The Affair		Homeland (N)				The Affair (N)		Homeland	The Affair
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ God's Po...		★★★ Babel ('06, Dra) Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt.						★ The Fifth Estate Peter Capaldi.			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Intervention		Inter. "Carrie E"		Intervention		Intervention		Inter. "David S"		Inter. "Carrie E"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Movie	Dead "First Time Again"			Dead '155" (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Dead '155"		Comic B.	Comic B.
BET	58	-		40		★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' ('05, Dra) Terrence Howard.						#TheWestbrooks		(:55) Scandal		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	76		41		NJ Social (N)		TeresaCheck (N)		Manzo	Teresa Checks In		Manzo'd	Watch	Teresa Checks In		Manzo'd
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Money	Greed	American Greed				American Greed		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	Car	Car
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Anthony "Marseille"		Anthony "Okinawa"		Anthony Bourdain		Gotta Do It (N)		Anthony "Okinawa"		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska: Exp. (N)		Alaska/Frontier (N)		Naked (N)		Alaska/Frontier		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Girl	Girl	Underc.	Girl (N)	Liv/Mad	Becoming	Girl	Bunk'd	Underc.	Girl	Liv/Mad	GoodLk
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLS Soccer	SportsCenter		Poker World Series				Poker World Series	SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:30) 30 for 30		NHRA Drag Racing Fall Nationals Site: Texas Motorplex						Poker World Series		Tonight	ESPN FC
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(6:15) ★ Harry Potter & the Deathly Hal...				★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2						J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report		O'Reilly Factor		To Be Announced		Greg Gutfeld		O'Reilly Factor		To Be Announced	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Game		Guy's Game (N)		Cuthroat (N)				Halloween Baking		Halloween Wars	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bull Riding		Football (N)		WPT Poker		WPT Poker Alpha8		XCowboy JSchool		WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(6:30) ★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba.								★★★ Pacific Rim Idris Elba.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Love on the Air Alison Sweeney.						★ Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Hawaii	Hawaii	IslndLif	IslndLif	Island	Island	H.Hunt	House	IslndLif	IslndLif
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Truckers		Ice Truckers (N)		Back/Present (N)		(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★ Madea Goes to Jail Tyler Perry.						★★ Daddy's Little Girls		★ Madea Goes to Jail Tyler Perry.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Vegas Undercover		Vegas Undercover		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				VsLap	Mobsteel		Mobsteel		Mobsteel		Mobsteel	Victory Lap			MatchDay
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	GShakers	Sponge	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue				Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Underworld				★★ Underworld: Evolution				★★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Movie	Pre-game	MLB Baseball National League Championship Series (L)						Post-Game	★★★ Hard Ball		
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ The Tunn...		★ The Grim Game				★ Sherlock Holmes William Gillette.			(:40) ★ The Grim Game		
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) Si Se Puede		★ Gladiador ('00, Act) Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.						Titulares	Videos	★ Limitless	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé		Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		Love	Love	Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★ The Lord o...		★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey Martin Freeman.								★★ Spider-Man	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	(:05) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray	Ray	Ray		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Haystack"		Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		Modern	Modern	Satisfaction	
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Home Videos		Mother	Mother

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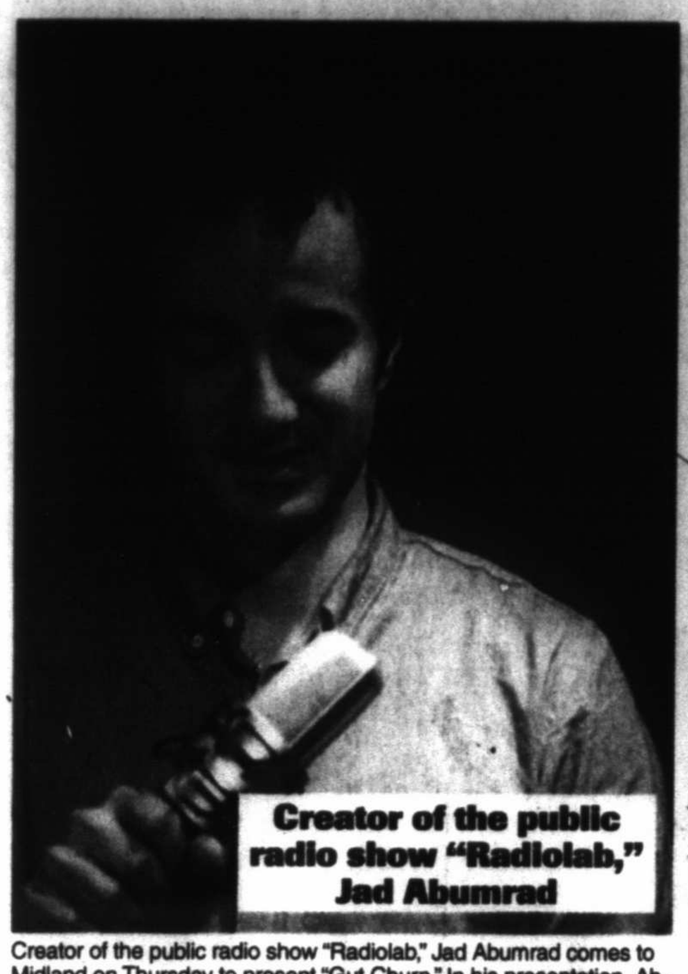
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COMING SOON



Creator of the public radio show "Radiolab," Jad Abumrad

Creator of the public radio show "Radiolab," Jad Abumrad comes to Midland on Thursday to present "Gut Churn." In his presentation, Abumrad talks about the origins of the show's unique style while covering scientific and philosophic topics of the day. His appearance is part of the Museum of the Southwest's The Business of Art Lecture Series which is free to attend. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre. Visit museumsw.org for more information.



The Young Irelanders

Live On Stage Permian Basin presents The Young Irelanders at the Wagner Noel on Monday. The collective of 20- and 30-somethings brings a modern flair to traditional Irish music, songs and dance. Visit liveonstage-pb.com for tickets.

CALENDAR

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TODAY

Fifth annual Frontier Days featuring the rodeo, mini-bull ride, vendors, worship service and more. Faith Country, 4001 FM 1208. faithcountry.org.

Women's Fair and Expo featuring demonstrations, shopping, fashion shows and more. Horsehoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. midlandhorseshoe.com.

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. paletteclubmidland.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

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

Midland Need to Read's Third Annual Autumn Fete, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. The event is sponsor-exclusive. midlandneedtoread.org.

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

"Becky's New Car" runs through Nov. 7 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $20-$28. mctmidland.org.

"Mystery Date" dinner theater runs through Saturday. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Ticket includes dinner, tea, dessert with cash bar available. Dee's Bistro and Grill, 622 N. Lee Ave. $35. mark10theatricals.com.

"Too Old to Die Young," runs through Sunday at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center's Basin Bikefest, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting at 802 Ventura Ave. Register at midlandchildrens.org/basin-bikefest.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

ON DISPLAY

"We Create" is an exhibition of visitors and members art that include oral histories, book art, a community quilt and more. Through Oct. 25. Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Open . Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children 3-11 and seniors 65+ $3, free for children younger than 3. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

"Charles E. Burchfield: Weather Event" through Nov. 29. "Changing Weather: Works by Judy Youngblood" through Dec. 8. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

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, 3500 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.

"Apparat" 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. 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 Mary Tucci, 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 October. 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 Woltena's "Windswept." $5 adults, $3 children. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. 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 + December

Santa Claus comes to town, 2-5 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22 and 6-7:30 pm Dec. 3 at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. Visits are free and open to the public. Pictures with Santa are welcomed. caycechristmasstore.com.

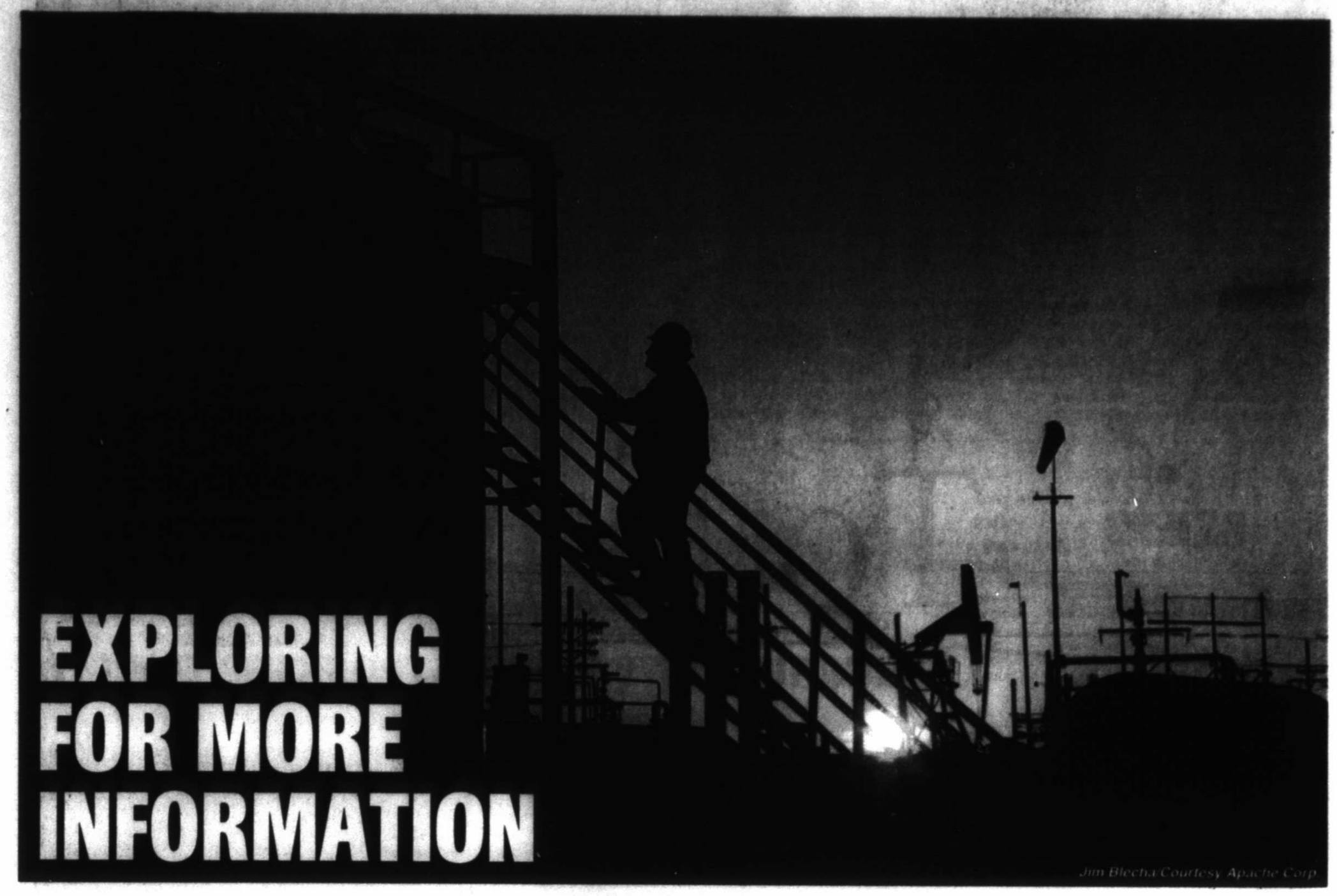


Clearing Sky, 1917



Wind Blown Asters, 1951

PHOTOS: Charles Burchfield is known for his watercolor depictions of nature. His work is now on display for "Weather Event" at the Ellen Noel until Nov. 29. ***Courtesy photos***



Jim Blecha/Courtesy Apache Corp.

Agencies studying everything from earthquakes to water

By Mella McEwen
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Information will be key to how the energy industry operates in the future.

That was the essential message the three panelists at the Industry Issues panel offered their audience Thursday at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's annual meeting.

Information about clusters of earthquakes will be key to how the Railroad Commission issues saltwater disposal well permits, said Craig Pearson, the agency's seismologist.

"We don't know about earthquake activity in Texas before the 1880s when newspapers began printing stories. Some have drawn the conclusion that Texas has never had earthquakes, and that's simply not true. Texas has had and will continue to have earthquakes," he said.

The rise in numbers of quakes seems to be centered around high volume disposal wells, he said, with researchers finding those wells located near faults that extended into the overlying Ellenburger formation.

The Permian Basin has seen little activity in the Ellenburger formation because it has been blessed with the San Andres formation, as well, he said. But he said that problems with shifting faults are starting to be seen in the San Andres.

While he stressed that much more needs to be learned about what causes faults to shift, Pearson said the commission has enacted rules that he believes are working.

Companies seeking permits for saltwater wells must review a 100-mile radius around the proposed wellbore, and if the U.S. Geological Survey database indicates a fault, the company must provide more data. About 40 such applications have been reviewed and about 75 percent have been approved, Pearson said.

Data about seismic events is just part of the information the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University Texas wants to gather, said Michael Young, associate director.

He said the bureau will lead the TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program, which will have 38 permanent seismometers and 36 portable seismometers around the state.

The bureau also has launched the West Texas Resource Initiative. It is designed to examine the area's tight shale oil reserves, why the Permian Basin has been rejuvenated and offer an unbiased look at how much is available to be produced.

The bureau's hydrologist is working with operators to determine how much water they need for hydraulic fracturing and how much flowback of fracturing fluids and produced water can be expected — all in an effort to reduce the use of fresh water and promote the use of brackish and produced water.

"We hope these studies will improve long-term planning for operators and help determine long-term water needs, how much water use will be needed by the oil and gas industry and evaluate flowback and produced water" for its reuse or recycling into a useable water source, Young said.

Making information more easily available online is one goal of New Mexico's Oil Conservation Division, said David Catanach, director.

He said his agency will be rolling out a GIS module on OCD Online that initially will offer a layer linked to OCD Online and offer information on land ownership and spacing units.

The agency has also formed an Industry Advisory Group comprised of eight members from the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico and the PBPA. The goal is to discuss issues of interest to both the associations and the agency.

A revised financial assurance rule will allow operators to post a blanket bond to cover a number of temporarily abandoned wells instead of having to post bonds for individual wells.

New Mexico is also launching a new Energy Policy & Implementation Plan that will focus on state and private jobs, access to federal lands, collaboration with federal agencies, streamlining regulations, infrastructure needs, education and energy-water nexus.

Another goal is to reduce flaring by requiring gas capture plans as part of the drilling permit process and phasing in target goals.

"I assure you we will contact the industry before making any significant changes," Catanach said.

Regulatory climate plays role in industry success

By Mella McEwen
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"The oil and gas industry is facing challenges because of low oil prices and we're beginning to feel the effects in the Texas economy and in employment," said David Porter, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, at the kick-off breakfast for the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's annual meeting on Thursday.

The state's oil and gas regulatory agency has issued only 8,000 drilling permits so far this year, about a third of the number it issued last year, he said.

The nation's crude production peaked in April and has been decreasing since then, a trend that is expected to continue through next year.

Yet, 43 percent of the nation's remaining drilling rigs are in Texas and half of those are in the Permian Basin, Porter said. He said he is asked why Texas production remains strong despite low prices.

One reason for this, Porter said, is that producers have gotten "a lot tougher, better, they've worked harder and gotten more efficient when given a challenge like they have in the last year."

Porter then offered a second reason: "Many people don't realize the success of the state's oil and gas industry has as much to do with the regulatory atmosphere."

The commission, which has regulated Texas oil and gas for nearly a century, provides stable, free-market policies that encourage innovation, rather than hinder activity and prevent job creation. That regulatory framework "is under attack by bureaucrats and lawmakers in Washington, D.C.," he said.

During the current economic slowdown, federal overreach is making a difficult time worse, he said. He cited challenges from the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules on methane emissions in oil and gas activity and proposed revisions to Waters of the U.S. regulations.

The benefits Texas has enjoyed from developing its unconventional shale plays could spread to other states if they supported free markets, he said.

The nation could also benefit from cooperating with Canada and Mexico on developing a North American energy market, he said.

New Mexico's speaker of the House of Representatives, Don Tripp, told the gathering his state has learned how a regulatory climate can impact a state's economy.

The first Republican to serve as speaker since 1952, Tripp said his state is heavily dependent on the oil and gas industry. About $2.1 billion of the state's general revenue fund — about 35 percent of its budget — comes from the industry. The industry provides 96.5 percent of the $15 billion Permanent Fund, which provides $600 million a year for New Mexico's schools. The industry pays 86 percent of the $4.1 billion in severance taxes that fund the state's infrastructure — roads, senior centers, community centers.

"You can see how dependent we are on oil and gas. Yet, for too many years it seems like legislators worked against the industry with overregulation," he said.

New Mexico has been seen as an anti-business state, Tripp said. "We're finally breaking out of that mindset," he said.

In recent years, New Mexico businesses have gotten involved in the political process, seeking to elect legislators who would work with businesses instead of against them.

He explained that he got involved with the Legislature over workers' compensation issues that he said stymied businesses and prevented the creation of jobs.

The flip from Democratic to Republican control in the New Mexico House has been called "The Republican experiment," but Tripp vowed his party would make it work.

"We hope to become as business-friendly as Texas. It's very hard for a ship of state to make those turns, but we're working on it," he said.

Petroleum Pioneers to honor two at 29th biennial reunion

By Mella McEwen
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Those who helped pioneer the Permian Basin's oil and gas industry will gather Friday for the 29th reunion of the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers at the Petroleum Museum.

Founded in 1959, the organization is open to those who spent 20 or more years working in the exploration, development, production, transportation or processing activities of the oil and gas business within the Permian Basin. The organization hosts a reunion in odd-numbered years.

"We are indeed honored to host the event," said Kathy Shannon, executive director of the Petroleum Museum.

"The museum is proud to be a part of honoring the people who helped revolutionize the industry and, in doing so, shaped our community into what it is today," she said.

This year, Herb Blankinship will be honored as Top Pioneer and Charlie McCoy will receive the Pioneering Technology award.

Blankinship, an Oklahoma native, entered the oil and gas industry after his discharge from the U.S. Navy. He worked for Creekmore Drilling of Tulsa and later joined Parker Drilling. He worked his way up from roughneck to rig superintendent. In 1965, he joined Parker's board of directors as vice president and served for 25 years.

He moved his family to West Texas in 1956 and supervised drilling operations in Andrews, Kermit, Goldsmith and the Gomez field in Pecos County.

Blankinship left Parker Drilling in 1971 to pursue and develop the first Pizza Hut franchises in Midland and surrounding towns.

After working on two family ranches and as foreman of a cement plant, McCoy earned his degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration from Louisiana Tech University.



Blankenship



McCoy

His technical career began when he moved his family to Dallas, where he was president of National Property Exchange Mart. It was there that he created the database system widely used by the real estate industry today.

Before moving to Midland, he and a group of partners opened the Hole in the Wall chain of restaurants.

After he moved his family to Midland, McCoy looked at how to better produce oil and gas from existing wells. He developed a series of plungers used in plunger lift systems, a pneumatic-rod pumping system and a beam gas compressor that is operated by a pumping unit. Recently, he introduced the hydraulic beam gas compressor, a stand-alone version with many more applications in the oil and other industries. He has authored numerous papers for the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Southwestern Petroleum Short Course.

McCoy has been president and owner of Permian Production Equipment Inc. for 35 years. He established Permian Production Equipment Europe to manufacture and service his inventions in Europe and the Middle East.

Author Jimmy Patterson will kick off the reunion with a history presentation. Keynote speaker at the luncheon, where Blankinship and McCoy will be recognized, will be Allen West, a

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Move to lift oil export ban great news for American economy



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Despite shutdown talk and budget wrangling in Washington, at least one positive economic policy idea is quietly gaining traction. Demand for lifting the 40-year-old ban on American crude oil exports has reached a crescendo this fall, and Congress is responding. Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 702, Rep. Joe Barton's, R-Texas, bi-partisan bill to allow petroleum exports. That bill now heads to the Senate, where several complementary measures are already being debated.

This is great news for American companies and workers. Allowing exports and empowering American companies will lower gasoline prices and bolster our global security. It will provide a safe, stable alternative source of crude oil for allies around the world.

Our domestic energy renaissance has helped drive the American economy in the past five years. If our energy sector is allowed a level playing field internationally and equal access to the world market, domestic oil and gas producers could well add an additional one percent to GDP between now and 2020. This could add 1 million new American jobs to our economy.

Historically, the ebb and flow of oil prices have hinged on OPEC pricing politics. Now, thanks to new technology, the U.S. has again become a major force in global energy policy. These newer methods of production can retrieve oil in pockets of our earth's crust never before touched by man or machine. This technology is not going away, and a strong American energy industry is now ensured for generations to come.

The American middle class has been reborn in oil-producing states such as Texas, North Dakota and New Mexico and throughout the West. In South Texas home to the now-famous Eagle Ford Shale play, the potential for economic growth is easy to see. In conversations with county judges in the area, I heard time and again how the increase in oil production had not only boosted local property and sales tax incomes but helped lift blue-collar working families into the ranks of those making more than $100,000 annually. Those are dads working, moms with opportunity, families with private health insurance and, most important, hope for a financially secure future.

The best path toward expanding this progress is by again allowing export of petroleum abroad. But the White House has promised a veto of H.R.702, arguing that the authority to lift the ban lies solely with the Commerce Department. If that's true, why the delay? The Obama administration didn't invoke bureaucratic excuses when the goal was rescuing the American auto industry in 2009. That was successful, and in 2012, President Obama claimed victory: "I placed my bet on American workers. And I'll make that same bet again any day of the week." We need that same spirit today on oil exports.

It's ironic that President Obama is assisting the Iranian government in broadening its petroleum exports, which primarily land in China, Turkey and Syria, by loosening sanctions in the pending Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Yet, the president, through bureaucratic objections, is preventing the same industry expansion at home that would boost the American economy.

Congress is moving to approve resumption of oil exports. The administration, either through Commerce Department initiative or by backing the Congressional bill, can now help lead the way to a modern, job-creating U.S. energy expansion.

We now enjoy a rare opportunity for Congress and the administration to deliver a badly-needed boost to U.S. economic growth, without any cost to the U.S. Treasury. Let's hope Washington delivers.

Ben Shepperd is president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SEPM to host BEG researcher

Members of the Permian Basin section of SEPM will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club.

Qilong Fu of the University of Texas at Austin and Bureau of Economic Geology will present "Early Permian (Wolfcampian) Succession in the Midland Basin: Icehouse Platform, Slope Carbonates and Basinal Mudrocks."

Cost is $20, including lunch. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 683-1573 or emailing wtgs@wtgs.org.

RSP Permian announces Midland Basin acquisition

DALLAS —RSP Permian Inc. has signed a letter of intent to acquire undeveloped acreage and oil and natural gas producing properties located in the core of the Midland Basin for an approximate aggregate purchase price of $137 million in cash, subject to customary purchase price adjustments.

The privately negotiated transaction between RSP and Wolfberry Partners Resources LLC, an entity owned in part by affiliates of the company, includes about 4,100 net surface acres and 15,000 net effective horizontal acres and 86 net horizontal drilling locations in five zones: 21 in the Middle Spraberry, 34 in the Lower Spraberry, 10 in the Wolfcamp A, 10 in the Wolfcamp B and 11 in the Wolfcamp D. The assets will be 100 percent RSP operated upon closing, with average lateral length of inventory of about 8,100 feet. RSP will also be acquiring 25 producing wells, four horizontal wells (one Middle Spraberry, one Lower Spraberry, one Wolfcamp A and one Wolfcamp B) and 21 vertical wells. Net production averaged about 1.9 MBoe/d in August. The acquisition holds largely contiguous acreage allowing for drilling of longer laterals and conducive for efficient infrastructure development.

"The potential acquisition shows our commitment to grow our existing, high-return horizontal inventory," CEO Steve Gray said in a statement. "If the potential acquisition closes, we will have meaningfully enhanced our acreage footprint and increased our horizontal development inventory in the core of the Midland Basin by over 25 percent in the past few months. These assets, which are in close proximity to our existing operations, are in the heart of the Midland Basin where we have drilled some of our best wells. Based on our analysis of the geological and other technical data related to these properties, the results of the initial four horizontal wells (targeting four different horizontal zones) and vertical wells drilled, and nearby offset horizontal results by other operators, we expect these assets will generate returns that rival any asset that we currently own and we intend to begin drilling on these properties soon after we close on them."

If a definitive purchase and sale agreement is ultimately reached, the transaction is expected to close in the first half of the fourth quarter. RSP would have to fund $60 million at closing, and the remainder of the about $137 million purchase price would be payable within nine months thereafter and would bear interest at the greater of 2.1 percent per annum or LIBOR plus 1.5 percent. At RSP's sole discretion, such payable may be prepaid without penalty.

In addition, RSP provided a production update for the third quarter of 2015.

For the third quarter, RSP's net daily production is expected to average between 23,500 and 24,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (about 75 percent oil), a 110 to 114 percent increase over average net daily production for the third quarter of 2014 and an 18 to 21 percent sequential quarterly growth rate over average net daily production for the second quarter of 2015.

Based on continued strong well performance and successful spacing pilots, RSP is increasing its internal estimates for type curves and estimated ultimate recovery ("EURs") for wells drilled in the Middle Spraberry, Lower Spraberry and Wolfcamp A zones above those reviewed by its independent reserve engineers at Dec. 31, 2014.

TOUGH SEARCH

Companies have trouble replacing reserves

■ Mega projects often aren't enough to replace reserves

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

It's getting harder for western oil companies looking beyond American shores to replace the proven reserves that are the industry's lifeblood.

The shale boom has kept Houston's oil hub and smaller firms well supplied for now. But some of the industry's giants are readying massive steel armadas to explore deeper waters and are developing technologies for probing regions and depths beyond the frontier of the known oil world after decades of exile from giant oil fields owned by authoritarian regimes. Some costly expeditions have failed; an oil-market collapse delayed others.

Royal Dutch Shell's $7 billion bust in the Arctic is the latest Big Oil example of the problem.

The quest for oil in Alaska's offshore waters — which Shell announced Sept. 28 it was terminating after a test well failed to find enough oil to justify further investment — illustrated the lengths to which oil companies will go to replace reserves that fuel future revenue streams.

"Why are they doing mega projects? Because they have to," said Dennis Cassidy, managing director at AlixPartners and co-head of the firm's oil, gas and chemicals practice. "But the challenge is so mind boggling."

To keep their reserves level last year, the seven biggest western oil companies would have had to replace all 18.4 million barrels of oil equivalent a day they produced — roughly the same amount the United States consumed daily.

Instead, Exxon Mobil Corp., Shell, Chevron Corp., BP, Total, Statoil and Eni's combined reserves fell by nearly 1.5 billion barrels last year, the steepest decline since 2004, in part because new oil and gas discoveries have been getting smaller and more scarce.

"Overall, they're not the monsters we had in yesteryear," said Bob Fryklund, chief upstream strategist at research firm IHS. "We're in a low cycle, and we haven't seen one of this magnitude since 1994."

IHS data show the oil industry found about 10 billion new barrels of oil equivalent in 2014, the lowest in two decades. Last year's haul was dwarfed by the nearly 60 billion barrels the industry discovered in 2010 and the more than 80 billion barrels in 2004.

Westerners unwelcome

Analysts believe the industry could still make big discoveries in the Middle East and Latin America, but the easy-to-find oil has been spoken for in North America and West Africa.

Fryklund said the oil industry needs to replace 30 million barrels of crude a day by 2040 — even as a continuing oil price slump delays projects that might have helped reach the goal.

Indeed, the oil industry only counts among its proven reserves barrels it can extract economically and with its current technology. That figure often declines with oil prices, forcing companies to write down some of the value of their oil fields.

Energy research firm Wood Mackenzie estimates the petroleum industry has canceled or put off spending $220 billion on 46 major projects that would have delivered about 20 billion barrels in reserves from places including West Africa, Canada, Nigeria and the Gulf of Mexico.

And with oil and gas prices expected to remain low next year, JPMorgan Chase believes global exploration and production spending will shrink by another 10 percent to 15 percent in 2016, on top of this year's 23 percent spending cut.

The world is a long way from running out of oil: Its proven reserves increased by 62 percent from 2000 to 2014, but much of that growth has been in places where Western oil companies are often unwelcome.

For example, Venezuela's proven reserves have quadrupled since 2000, giving the South American country the world's biggest oil resource of 298.4 billion barrels in reserves, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

But for Western companies, drilling there has proven treacherous. Venezuela's government nationalized ConocoPhillips assets in 2007, leaving it little to show for a $3.1 billion investment in major oil fields there.

Other members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are similarly inaccessible.

"The easy oil has been found or is locked up in OPEC nations that aren't open to Western integrated companies," said Lysle Brinker, director of equity research in the upstream group at IHS Energy.

The portion of the planet's oil outside the grip of authoritarian governments has been shrinking since 1971, according to BP, when Libya, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and others began taking control of their assets and limiting the West's ownership of resources in the Middle East.

The oil industry has found one super giant field this year, Eni's massive natural gas discovery off the coast of Egypt, the largest find ever in the Mediterranean Sea. Last year, oil companies didn't find any fields with more than 1 billion barrels.

"That whole way of doing business is just so much more challenging than it has been historically," said Amy Myers Jaffe, executive director for energy and sustainability at the University of California at Davis. "I'm either going to go to a far-flung place like Shell did, or I could go someplace with big resources and lots of geopolitical issues."

Going into overtime

But the biggest reasons oil companies have struggled with mega projects are rising costs, overruns and schedule disruptions. Cassidy of AlixPartners estimates less than 10 percent of oil mega projects stay on budget and can bring up as much oil and gas as an operator initially expects.

"The vast majority of these projects overrun on the cost side and under-deliver on the production side," he said. "The ones that do hit, hit big."

IHS' Brinker said the cost of everything oil and gas companies use in big projects — steel, copper, cement, high tech equipment and labor — has climbed significantly over the last decade because much of the industry was in a rush to build new facilities at the same time, driving up demand and straining supply chains.

Average returns for major upstream investments by Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Shell, BP and Total sank from a peak of 30 percent in 2008 to about 8 percent in 2014, IHS data shows.

In 2013 and 2014, it cost an average $59 to add a barrel of oil equivalent to a producer's reserves and later produce it after equipment has been built, almost three times the $22 a barrel it cost in 2003 and 2004, according to a study by Morgan Stanley and The Boston Consulting Group.

One of the most prominent examples of a project in overtime is in Kazakhstan, where Western oil companies are plowing $30 billion more than they initially expected into the massive Kashagan oil field. They've faced a series of delays because of blowouts and other setbacks, and total project costs have come up to $50 billion.

In Australia, Chevron's Gorgon liquefied natural gas project has blown past its expected $37 billion total cost to more than $54 billion because of higher labor and material costs.

One of Big Oil's problems: bigness. Consultants say project managers often become entangled in the expensive whims of engineers, changing orders and redesigning facilities well into a project's schedule. Complacency about costs can take hold, which can be difficult to correct in large organizations.

But even now, with oil executives touting new initiates to cut costs through the ongoing downturn, few are making structural changes to bring down costs permanently or standardizing different components used in major projects, relying on suppliers to cut costs, shed jobs and provide equipment and service discounts.

"The major oil companies haven't been known for having a cost-conscious culture — they've been focused on volume and schedule," said John Hartung, a partner at the Boston Consulting Group in Houston. "All will talk about rebasing their costs. But only a handful are making more structural changes in resetting their cost structures on capital projects."

A rare chance

In some respects, the Big Oil model has served the majors well in the downturn. They've weathered the oil bust much better than smaller energy producers that don't have their own refining and petrochemical plants. Those operations do well when feedstock for making gasoline, plastics and other products are cheap.

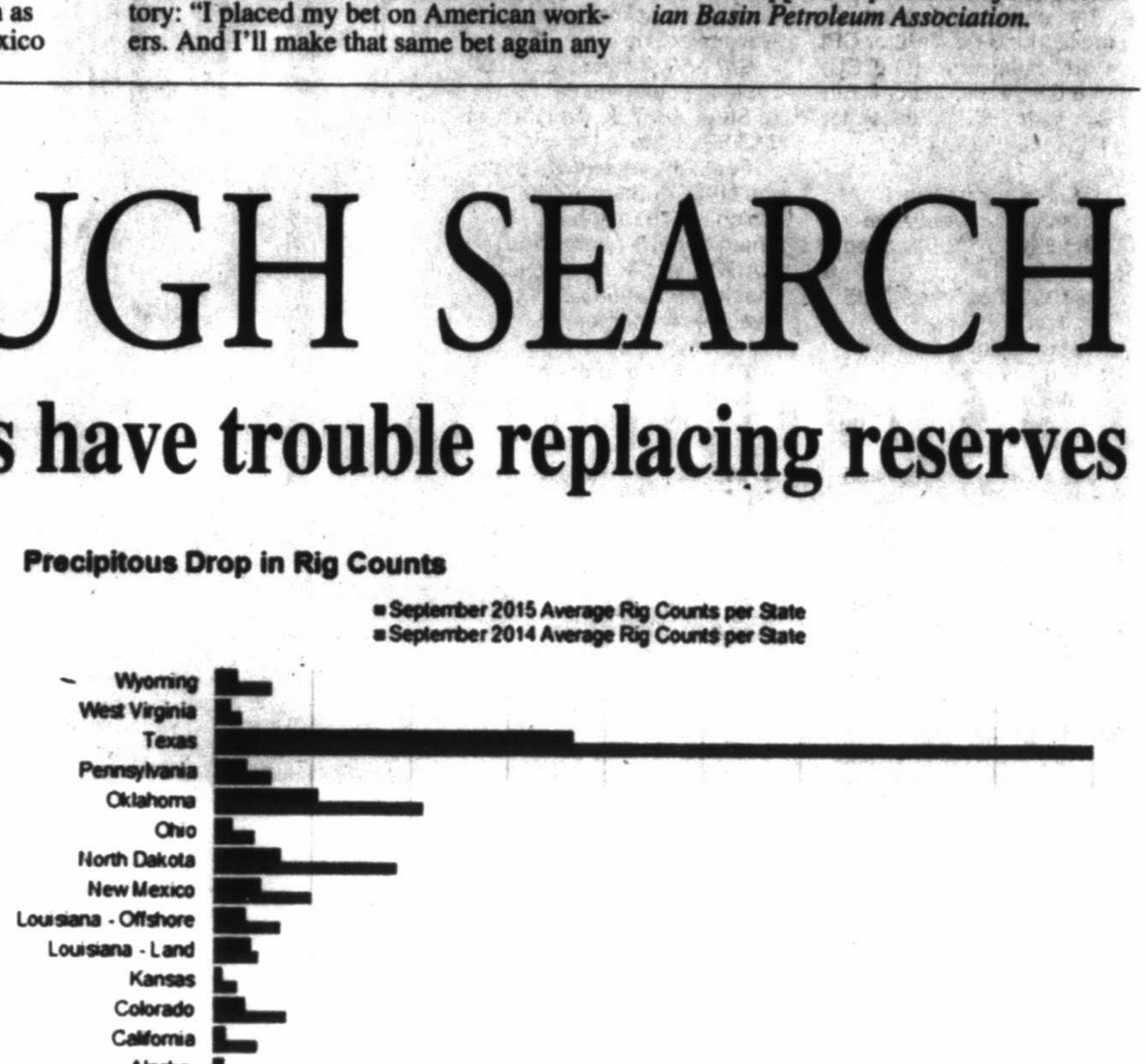
But the oil bust is still meaningful to their future growth. Investors have wiped out more than $180 billion from Exxon Mobil and Chevron's combined market value since the oil collapse began last summer.

"The ones that do make structural changes are going to be better positioned to compete," Hartung said. "You don't get a chance to do this very often."

At a recent industry conference in Houston, Chevron CEO John Watson acknowledged that "in the short run it's going to be ugly," but added that his company and its rivals still have resources to develop in such areas as dense shale and deep water.

"I think the future is still pretty good," Watson said.

Precipitous Drop in Rig Counts



Source: Baker Hughes

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To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PPDC courses

All classes but the on-line classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC, 105 W. Illinois Avenue

An Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
October 20, Tue, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Dr. Kerry Sublette
October 26, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
This program has been accredited for 8 RL, RPL or CPL recertification credit(s) (CEU), OR 8 CPL/ESA, and/or 0 Ethics credit(s) (CEU Ethics), for a total of 8 credit(s).

OFM-Introduction
Instructor: Celia Payne
October 27-28, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$870; Out of State, $895

Basic Drilling for Non-Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
October 28-29, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455

Titles, Leases, and Contracts
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
October 28-29, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$675; Out of State, $700

Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul H. Pausé
November 2-5, Mon-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$1,835; Out of State, $1,860 (includes lunch)

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
November 2-5, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m.-Noon
$2,595; Out of State, $2,620

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program-Module 2 of 6 Modules
Title: Title: Chaining, Interpretating, and Curing Titles
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: November 2; End Date: November 28-Registration Deadline: Noon, November 2nd
Returning Registrants: $612.50 (includes new $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 2 of 6 Modules
Title: Land Titles, Title Examination, and Title Opinions
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PETRA (Fundamentals)
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
November 12-13, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
November 10-11, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$649; Out of State, $674

PetroSkills: C02 Surface Facilities
Instructor: Paul Carmody
November 16-19, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$3,295 contact www.petroskills.com or call (800) 821-5933. Fee is paid directly to PetroSkills

PetroSkills: Surface Production Operations
Instructor: Dr. Cliff Redus
November 16-20, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$3,900, contact www.petroskills.com or call (800) 821-5933. Fee is paid directly to PetroSkills

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

Many oil companies 'virtually abandoning' exploration

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

The hunt for new stores of oil and gas has been dramatically curtailed amid a global crude slump, with exploration budgets at the largest oil companies expected to tumble 50 percent next year from their peak levels in 2013, according to a new analysis.

Investment banking firm Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., which tracked exploration capital spending at integrated oil companies and major exploration and production companies, forecast that spending on exploration will fall to about $25 billion next year.

Oil companies are spending less in part because service costs have tumbled alongside oil prices, allowing explorers to spend less money to search for new reservoirs. But a vast majority of those spending cuts are related to a pullback in activity, according to the Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. analysis released to investors Monday.

"Many (exploration and production) companies are virtually abandoning exploration altogether, especially in the U.S.," the analysts wrote.

Recent auctions for oil and gas leases have attracted little interest, the analysts said. In July, Mexico sold leases for two of its 14 offshore blocks on auction, a poor showing as the country attempts to end a 76-year state monopoly on its oil and gas reserves by opening up exploration to private firms. A lease sale for the western Gulf of Mexico in April similarly failed to drum up much interest, attracting only five companies who purchased just 33 leases, the smallest such sale for the region in more than 30 years. Bid value had fallen 80 percent in a single year, Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. analysts wrote.

As oil companies pull back from exploration, they are poised to produce less oil in the coming years. Big Oil companies closely tracked by the investment banking firm are finding less than half the 8 billion barrels of oil equivalent per day that they currently produce, a trend that should help reduce the tidal wave of crude flooding the market and keeping prices depressed.

"There is not enough existing discovered resource and U.S. shale to sustainably grow production over the next decade, and it takes five years in the best case, and generally closer to 10 years to take a major conventional discovery into production," the analysts wrote.

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Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Oct. 14	Same period one year ago
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Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$2.393	$2.380	$3.725
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.430	$2.380	$3.755
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$2.403	$2.325	$3.649
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$2.483	$2.372	$3.791

Wells Fargo trims energy borrowing

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A Wells Fargo energy lender says the bank has trimmed oil-company borrowing bases by an average 15 percent so far, after working through about a third of its financial arrangements with petroleum firms.

Wells Fargo, the nation's fourth-largest bank, is reevaluating its 250 financial deals with oil producers in a semi-annual review of the credit lines it extended to producers when crude prices were higher. The financial sector is widely expected this fall to rein in revolving corporate loans that are based on the value of oil properties, which have tanked alongside crude prices since the previous spring review.

"In our tougher deals, we're seeing a 30 to 40 percent drop and the better deals are flat to maybe even a little bit up," said Rich Gould, head of energy credit and risk management at Wells Fargo during a panel hosted by Thompson & Knight in Houston on Thursday. "The smaller guys are obviously a bit capital constrained. Liquidity under their revolvers have diminished significantly. Directionally we would expect to see borrowing bases come down."

Some analysts estimate a 15 percent reduction in borrowing bases could cut $15 billion from capital available to U.S. oil producers.

As banks tighten credit for drillers, investors have closed off capital markets to at least two thirds of the oil companies that have issued high-yield debt in recent years. During the shale boom, energy companies grew their share of U.S. high-yield debt – also called junk bonds because they're risky investments – from 8 percent in the mid-2000s to 16 percent now. The oil-market crash has prompted a broad swath of high-yield investors to tighten up, said Rob Johnson, U.S. head of oil and gas direct lending at private equity firm EIG Global Energy Partners.

"Only about a third of (the oil producers) can access the market and the terms they can achieve are not that attractive," Johnson said. "If the bank debt is shrinking and capital markets, both high yield and institutional debt markets, are shrinking, it creates a real gap and a need for an alternative funding source."

Johnson added there are other sources of capital including private equity, private debt capital, energy hedge funds and distressed funds that could help oil companies through the price slump. If oil prices haven't recovered by next spring, he said, banks will likely continue tightening credit lines and equity markets will remain depressed. There will probably be private capital available but sources would be limited, he said.

"It would be a very challenging environment," he said.

Financial regulators in recent months have pressed banks to take a more holistic approach to evaluating an oil company's total debt levels, rather than focus solely on the credit that banks have provided, because producers have taken on billions in high-yield debt in the last five or six years, Gould said.

"The regulators came in reminding us that their view is they want to look at the borrower's total leverage situation," he said. "I think this caught maybe some of the banks by surprise. At Wells, we've been thinking like this for a while, but I think this accelerated our thought process. It certainly has identified some weak situations where the company is probably over-levered and may need to be restructured but the bank debt may still be sound. That dilemma exists for a lot of companies that are considered to be high-quality companies."

Tim Carlson, an investment banker at Evercore, said at a time when oil companies don't want to sell assets when they believe buyers have the upper hand given low oil prices, banks will dictate the pace of acquisition and divestiture market to some extent.

"They have to manage their risk," Carlson said. "Deals happen in this sector when prices are high, when prices are low, but you need that consistent view between buyers and seller as to where oil prices are going to go."

In the absence of a consensus on where oil prices are heading, companies may be forced into oil field deals as banks tighten credit lines. Merger activity picked up in the third quarter as sellers and buyers "felt like we were bottoming out," but that wave appears to have ended, he said.

He said Evercore's research arm believes the oil industry's rapid response to the crude prices could help the market recover. "I don't think we're at a new normal at $50 oil. But is it going to be a medium-paced recovery or a slow-paced recovery?" he said.

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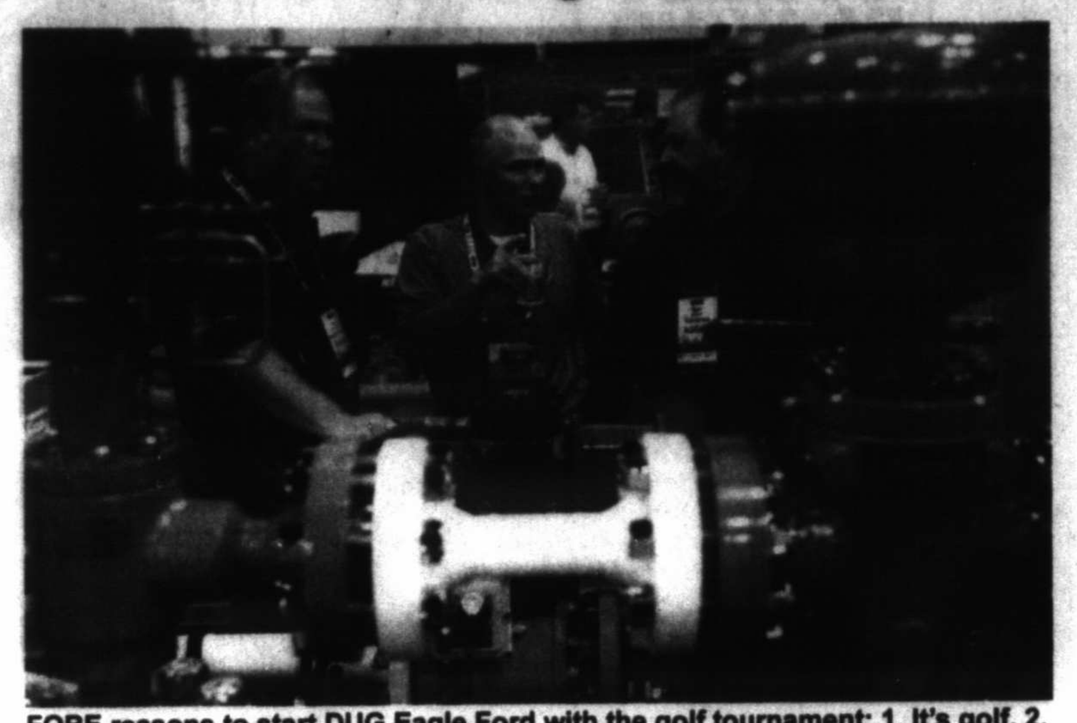
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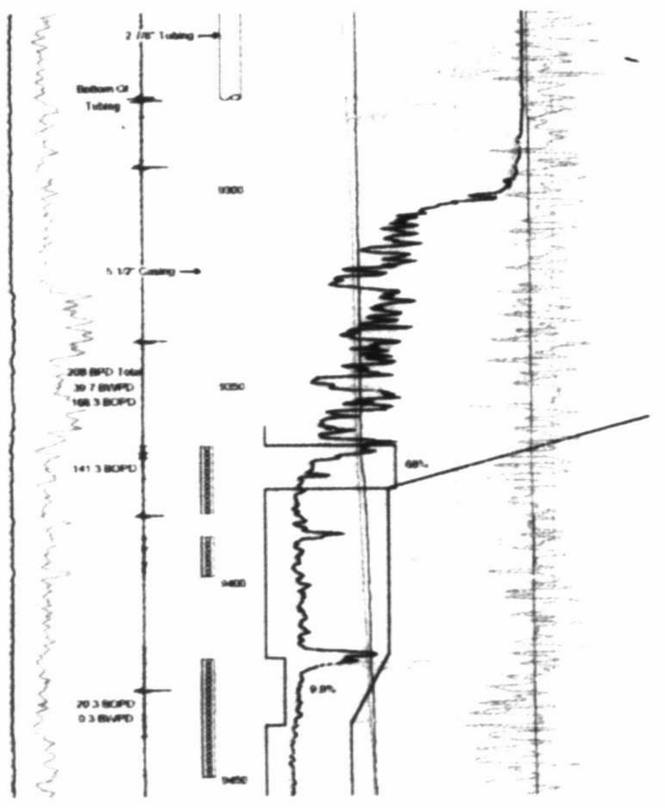
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Apache Corporation
SSH Unit #H53H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal;
395 fsl, 19654 fel, Sec 2, Abst. 1232, M. Chamberlain, 7.2 ne Barnhart; TD 6956 TVD, 15902 MD; Comp 9/15/2015; producing from 7586-15827, fracture stimulated; gas lift 411 BO, 716 MCF, 1686 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35607

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7626
Fullerton; 8658 fsl, 6406 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 13, Abst. 400U, ULS, 15.7 nw Andrews; TD 7365; Comp 9/18/2015; producing from 6689-7184, fracture stimulated; pump 273 BO, 111 MCF, 780 BW, 40.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47074

Howard County

ConocoPhillips Company
W.R. Settles -A- #176
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 3320 fsl, 125 fel, Sec 135, Blk 29, Abst. 476, W&NW RR, 1.1 s Forsan; PBTD 3028; Comp 9/22/2015; producing from 2676-2737, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 17 BO, 1 MCF, 739 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-38555

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell Clearfork Unit #595
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 6455 fsl, 7753 fel, Sec 452, Blk G, Abst. 1917, CCSD&RGNG, 8.4 sw Denver City; TD 8014; Comp 9/20/2015; producing from 7339-7686, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 225 BO, 230 BW, 33.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-38322

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #54
Cedar Lake; Sec 19 T17S R31E; 295/N & 1140/W. BHL: 330/N & 990/W; EL 3714 GL, TD 6412, PBTD 6390; Spud 4-26-14, Comp 6-10-14; production is through treated perfs: 4570-5029, 5091-5660, 5730-6290. Treat: Acdz w/313 bbls, 304 bbls10% gel, 12,636 bbls 20% gel, 651,598# 16/30 proppant. IP: 6-21-14 Pump 24 hrs 110 BO, 220 BW, 296 MCF, GOR 2091, Gty 38. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 287 w/900 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3508 w/1210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6410 w/950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6345; API #30-015-42000

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #55
Cedar Lake; Sec 19 T17S R31E; 905/N & 935/E; EL 3671 GL, TD 6400, PBTD 6375; Spud 11-21-14, Comp 2-16-15; production is through perfs: 4531-6257. IP: 4-21-15 Pump 24 hrs 113 BO, 168 BW, 309 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 355 w/700 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3500 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6400 w/925 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6320; API #30-015-41319

Apache Corp.
AAO Federal #18
NW Hackberry; Sec 1 T18S R27E; 2310/N & 1650/E. BHL: 351/S & 360/W; EL 3654 GL, TD 12948 MD, 7875.77 TVD, PBTD 12901; Spud 8-2-14, Comp 10-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 8426-12891. Treat: 30,000 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 4,636,380# 30/50 white, 1,765,580# 20/40 CRC. IP: 11-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 291 BO, 1417 BW, 247 MCF, TP 2950, CP 400, GOR 1192.44. Cag: 20 @ 472 w/1065 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2262 w/3409 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3991 w/1595 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12948 w/2392 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7145; API #30-015-42035

SM Energy Co.
Shugart Delaware Unit #34
Shugart; Sec 24 T18S R31E; 1500/N & 2020/E; EL 3711 GL, TD 5514, PBTD 5423; Spud 9-30-13, Comp 11-4-13; production is through treated perfs: 5078-5226 Treat: 1,033 bbls gelled fluid, 40,220# 16/30 mesh, 20,120# 16/30 SLC. IP: 11-15-13 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 231 BW, 6 MCF, GOR 200, Gty 41.4. Cag: 8 5/8 @ 928 w/806 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5514 w/810 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5355; API #30-015-41615

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Hader 10 Federal Com #1
North Hackberry; Sec 11 T19S R31E; 225/N & 50/W. BHL: 365/N & 355/W; EL 3597.2 GL, TD 13711 MD, 9012; Spud 8-27-14, Comp 12-23-14; production is through perfs: 9110-13654. Treat: 30,005 gals 15% NEFE acid, 4,697,228# Prem White30/50, 1,960,453# prem white 20/40. IP: 1-15-15 Flow 24 hrs 355 Bo, 1570 BW, 332 MCF, TP 322, CP 153, GOR 936. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 812 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4613 w/1777 sx, 7 & 5 1/2 @ 13711 w/1963 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8033; API #30-015-41949

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Arcturus 18 Federal Com #8
NW Hackberry; Sec 17 T19S R31E; 300/S & 312/W. BHL: 351/S & 360/W; EL 3422 GL, TD 12948 MD, 7875.77, PBTD 12901; Spud 8-2-14, Comp 10-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 8426-12891. Treat: 30,000 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 4,636,380# 30/50 white, 1,765,580# 20/40 CRC. IP: 11-11-14 Flow 24 hrs 291 BO, 1417 BW, 347 MCF, TP 2950, CP 400, GOR 1192.44. Cag: 20 @ 472 w/1065 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2262 w/3409 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3991 w/1595 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12948 w/2392 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7145; API #30-015-42033

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Quick Draw 10 Y2AP Fee #2
North Seven Rivers; Sec 10 T20S R26E; 330/N & 850/E. BHL: 332/S & 831/E; EL 3395 GL, TD 7205 MD, PBTD 7182 MD; Spud 11-23-14, Comp 2-18-15; production is through treated perfs: 3159-7182. Treat: Frac w/1,023,120 gals 15# linear gel, 670,320 gals slickwater carrying 748,800# 20/40 sd. IP: 2-23-15 Pump 24 hrs 42 BO, 500 BW, 28 MCF, GOR 337, Gty 40.2 Cag: 9 5/8 @ 820 w/400 sx, 7 @ 3113 w/550 sx, 4 1/2 @ 2891-7185 MD, 2 7/8 @ 2242; API #30-015-42435

COG Operating LLC
Bultaco State #1
Livingston Ridge; Sec 36 T22S R31E; 190/S & 330/E. BHL: 343/N & 378/E; EL 3488 GL, TD 14764, PBTD 14640; Spud 8-23-14, Comp 10-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 10498-14575. Treat: Acdz w/73687 gals 71/2%. Frac w/58725878 sd & 4165360 gals fluid. IP: 11-14-14 Flow 24 hrs 1215 BO, 1114 BW, 1666 MCF, 2284° Ch, TP 1775. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 749 w/590 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4535 w/1340 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14725 w/2780 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9700; API #30-015-41038

XTO Energy Inc.
Avalon Delaware Unit #255
Avalon; Sec 30 T20S R38E; 1160/S & 2195/W; EL 3273 GL, TD 3830, PBTD 3784; Spud 5-21-14, Comp 11-5-14; production is through treated perfs; 2519-3693. Treat: Acdz w/10,000 gals 15%, Frac w/130,000# 16/30 sd. IP: 11-6-14 Pump 24 hrs 66 Bo, 284 BW, 38 MCF, GOR 575.76, Gty 42.92. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 464 w/540 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2454 w/715 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3830 w/510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3634; API #30-015-42330

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cletus 28 State Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 28 T23S R26E; 175/S & 660/E. BHL: 330/N & 645/E; EL 3337 GL, TD 11180 MD, 6609 TVD, PBTD 11134.3; Spud 12-13-14, Comp 3-16-15; production is through perfs: 6740-11124. IP: 4-18-15 Pump 24 hrs 68 BO, 1945 BW, 508 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 614 w/868 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1936.6 w/1275 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11179 w/1310 sx; API #30-015-42625

Mack Energy Corp.
Mammoth Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 3 T23S R27E; 2310/S & 2310/E. BHL: 2245/S & 2307/E; EL 3100 GL, TD 9352, PBTD 9304; Spud 3-22-14, Comp 11-6-14; production is through perfs: 6728-9164. Treat: 2500 gals + 66 bbls acid, Frac w/53,480.8 bbls slickwater, 96,469# 100 mesh, 669957# whitesand 40/70. IP: 22-28-24 Pump 24 hrs 25 Bo, 73 BW, 123 MCF, GOR 4920, Gty 41.60. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 418 w/470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1935 w/600 sx, 7 @ 9352 w/1310 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6628; API #30-015-40930

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit CVX JV BS #27
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1980/W. BHL: 2586/S & 1935/W; EL 3463 GL, TD 18245 MD; Spud 5-18-14, Comp 11-3-14; production is through perfs: 10876-18076. IP: 11-05-14 Flow 24 hrs 467 BO, 761 BW, 1113 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 841 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4371 w/1646 sx, 7 @ 9685 w/600 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9420-18245 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9494; API #30-015-42111

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit CVX JV BS #30
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1940/W. BHL: 331/N & 1983/W; EL 3452 GL, TD 2011 MD, 10378 TVD; Spud 7-11-14, Comp 11-16-14; production is through perfs: 10641-19942. IP: 11-16-14 Flow 24 hrs 649 BO, 834 BW, 1152 MCF, 20/64° Ch, TP 1280. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 841 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4308 w/1630 sx, 7 @ 9642 w/1040 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9513-20111 w/1075 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9494; API #30-015-42496

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 14 Federal #4
Paduca; Sec 14 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1150/E. BHL: 344/S & 520/E; EL 3416 GL, TD 14838 MD, 10484.8 TVD, PBTD 14787.5; Spud 11-29-14, Comp 3-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 10522-14773. Treat: 57,244 gals 7.5% NEFE acid, 1,290,964# 100 mesh, 3,453, 964# 100 mesh, 3,452,083# Prem White 40/70, 1,780,698# CRC 30/50. IP: 4-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 830 BO, 1866 BW, 1936 MCF, TP 1850, CP 550, GOR 2332.5. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 765 w/820 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4330 w/2065 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14835 w/2785 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9722; API #30-015-42505

COG Producing LLC
Ridge Nose Federal Com #1
Brushy Draw; Sec 31 T26S R29E; 200/S & 2310/E, BHL: 374/N & 2300/E; EL 2901 GL, TD 13030 MD, 6377 TVD, PBTD 13027 MD, 6377 TVD; Spud 2-10-15, Comp 4-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 6545-12980. Treat: Acdz w/103236 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/3385836# sd & 3154956 gals fluid. IP: 5-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 273 BO, 3640 BW, 369 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2605 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13030 w/2750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5741; API #30-015-42391

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Mack Energy Corp.
Ringtail Federal #1
North Young; Sec 1 T18S R32E; 2310/N & 1650/W; EL 3909 GL, TD 9432, PBTD 9385; Spud 12-6-14, Comp 3-13-15; production is through perfs: 8294-8391. Treat: 38 bbls 15% acid, 14,179 bbls slickwater, 33,008# 100 mesh, 117,057# white sand 40/70. IP: 8-24-15 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 69 BW, 44 MCF, GOR 733, Gty 39.4. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1395 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2825 w/1175 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9432 w/1430 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8433; API #30-025-42032

Yates Energy Corp.
Tangerine BRT State #1
Featherstone; Sec 27 T20S R35E; 100/N & 660/E. BHL: 331/S & 661/E; EL 3667 GL, TD 15,156, PBTD 15,153; Spud 8-31-12, Comp 5-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 10688-15140. Treat: Acdz w/64,500 gals 15% HCL acid, Frac w/4,545,893# 20/40 Prop Ceramic sd & 3,782,239 gals fluid. IP: 6-14-15 Flow 24 hrs 341 BO, 523 BW, 252 MCF, 24/64° Ch, TP 250, CP 100. Cag: 20 @ 60 w/351 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1883 w/1163 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5355 w/1465 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15156 w/1480 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10054; API #30-025-40518

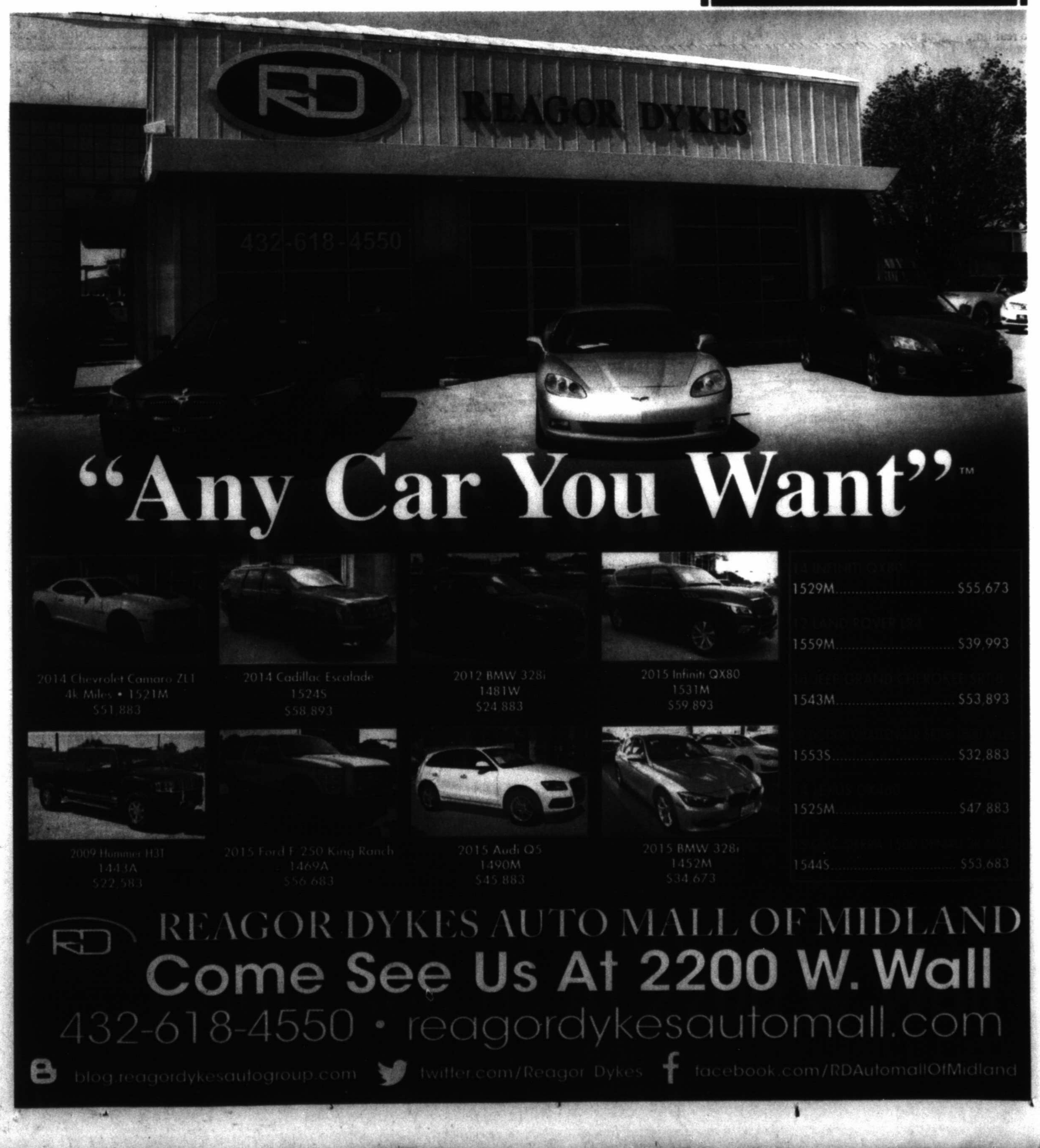
COG Producing LLC
Queso State #3
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 400/S & 1260/E. BHL: 330/N & 1292/E; EL 3644 GL, TD 15330, PBTD 15258; Spud 11-28-14, comp 3-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 11071-15174. Treat: Acdz w/65367 gals 7.5% & Frac w/3313378# sd & 2865614 gals fluid. IP: 3-22-15 Flow 24 hrs 790 BO, 1590 BW, 1313 MCF, 22/64° ch, TP 1000. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1216 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5050 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15330 w/2150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10307; API #30-025-42006

COG Producing LLC
Cabo Blanco State #3
West Triple X; Sec 5 T24S R33E; 490/N & 1265/E. BHL: 328/S & 1262/E; EL 3668 GL, TD 15461, PBTD 15410; Spud 10-11-14, Comp 12-24-14; production is through treated perfs: 11342-15280. Treat: Acdz w/74814 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3250099# sd & 3125961 gals fluid. IP: 1-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 1024 BO, 553 BW, 885 MCF, 24/64° Ch, TP 400, CP 550. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1354 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5182 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15461 w/2300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10706; API #30-025-42000

EOG Resources Inc.
Dragon 36 State #701
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 578/N & 2038/E. BHL: 230/S & 1615/E; EL 3607 GL, TD 17323 MD, 12556 TVD; Spud 1-14-15, Comp 5-16-15; production is through perfs: 12633-17194. IP: 5-19-15 Flow 24 hrs 2350 BO, 3755 BW, 3387 MCF, 38/64° Ch, CP 2298. Cag: 9 5/8 @ 1252 w/475 sx, 7 @ 11003 w/900 sx, 4 1/2 @ 17323 w/600 sx; API #30-025-42316

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Cooper Jal Unit #604
Jalmat & Langlie Mattix; Sec 24 T24S R36E; 240/N & 2196/W; EL 3313 GL, TD 3850, PBTD 3800; Spud 4023014, Comp 5-24-14; production is through treated perfs: 3080-3090, 3296-3306. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/244 x-link + 227,976# 20/40 sd Tops Ray (SR/Qu/GB) 3535 Perfs; 3535-3545, 3725-3735 Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% NEFE HCL, Frac w/12# x-link + 210,683# 20/40 sd. IP: 6-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 38 BO, 471 BW, 11 MCF. Cag: 8 5/8 @ 1223 w/626 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3850 w/664 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3016; API #30-025-41765

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Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1406 UNIVERSITY 42, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 42, UNIVERSITY LAND SUR., A-U364 9000', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42249

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2317 UNIVERSITY 42, 70 FNL 20 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 42, UNIVERSITY LAND SUR., A-U373 9000', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42248

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4415CH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2225 FSL 1610 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 44, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U394 8900', 7 SW BARNHART API# 42-105-42240

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4415AH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2225 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 44, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U394 8900', 7 SW BARNHART API# 42-105-42238

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP , LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4415BH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2225 FSL 1630 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 44, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U394 8900', 7 SW BARNHART API# 42-105-42239

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6297NH UNIVERSITY BL, 2112 FSL 1200 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 6, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U30 10605', 17 SW BIG LAKE API# 42-105-42246

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7272SH UNIVERSITY BL, 2163 FNL 1240 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 7, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U47 10605', 13 SW BIG LAKE API# 42-105-42247

Irion County

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4322IH UNIVERSITY EAST, 1501 FNL 1175 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U41 8900', 5 SW BARNHART API# 42-235-36050

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4322HH UNIVERSITY EAST, 1501 FNL 1195 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., AU41 8900', 5 SW BARNHART API# 42-235-36049

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4322KH UNIVERSITY EAST, 1501 FNL 1135 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., AU41 8900', 5 SW BARNHART API# 42-235-36052

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4322JH UNIVERSITY EAST, 1501 FNL 1155 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., AU41 8900', 5 SW BARNHART API# 42-235-36051

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 120H ROCKER B, 1359 FWL 2250 FSL, SEC 139 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-625 9500', 11 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36058

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 123H ROCKER B, 1303 FEL 2143 FNL, SEC 139 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-625 9300', 26 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36059

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 69H ROCKER B, 1788 FEL 1350 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36061

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 67H ROCKER B, 2497 FEL 792 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36063

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 65H ROCKER B, 1631 FWL 421 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36065

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 66H ROCKER B, 1876 FWL 421 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36064

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 121H ROCKER B, 1404 FWL 2250 FSL, SEC 139 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-625 9500', 11 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36057

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 64H ROCKER B, 330 FWL 287 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36066

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 68H ROCKER B, 2504 FEL 748 FSL, SEC 110 BLK 1, T&P/F WALKER SUR., A-1055 9250', 25 W MERTZON API# 42-235-36062

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 49H ROCKER B, 330 FEL 400 FNL, SEC 133 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-1201 9400', 14 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-235-36056

Reagan County

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HB LONE WOLF 12, 330 FWL 150 FSL, SEC 12 BLK C, L&SV/TP TURNER SUR., A-925 9000', 13 NW STILES API# 42-383-39409

Upton County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 KENNETT 41, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 41, T&P SUR., A-397 12500', 4 SE MIDKIFF API# 42-461-40126

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 KENNETT 41, 1910 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 41, T&P SUR., A-397 12500', 4 SE MIDKIFF API# 42-461-40125

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4415H SHAUNA 9-16B, 2417 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-427 9750', 28 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40122

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D UNIVERSITY 3-19, 1568 FEL 1435 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 3, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., AU19 5500', 10 E RANKIN API# 42-461-40128

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 WIN-TER, 660 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 16 BLK 2, MK&TE/W O'BRYAN SUR., A-958 9800', 10 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-32591

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Andrews County

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP., SHAFTER LAKE (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 12W FISHER E, 1320 FNL 1950 FEL, SEC 16 BLK A36, PSL/ MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1959 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47149

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP., SHAFTER LAKE (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 12W FISHER D, 1307 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A36, PSL/ MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1959 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47150

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 41R EMBAR B, 1067 FSL 2691 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 44 T2N, T&P/F COWDEN SUR., A-1896 7600', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47144

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 101 EMBAR B, 59 FSL 6246 FWL, SEC 102, WF COWDEN SUR., A-1393 7600', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47147

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 51R EMBAR B, 2280 FNL 1190 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 44 T2N, T&P/ F COWDEN SUR., A-1896 7600', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47145

LIMESTONE EXPL. II LLC, S BOYDELL (WICH-ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 4 TULLAMORE 24, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 24 BLK A31, PSL/MA BROWN SUR., A-1529 7900', 24 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47164

TABULA RASA ENERGY, LLC, EMMA (O) DRILL Well# 1081 EMMA/SAN ANDRES/ UNIT, 2854 FNL 52 FWL, SEC 101, WF COWDEN SUR., A-1771 5000', 14 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47127

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 7054 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2612 FSL 2001 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47143

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2112A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 872 FSL 2052 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47158

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1008A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 682 FNL 492 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A35, PSL/ RR PRICE SUR., A-529 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47160

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1020A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 619 FNL 1992 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/RM MEANS SUR., A-1755 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47162

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6064 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 180 FNL 1443 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-378 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47161

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2212A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 679 FNL 1977 FWL, SEC 19 BLK A35, PSL/JV WALKER SUR., A-554 5300', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47166

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 7052 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2626 FNL 690 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47142

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6958 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1465 FNL 647 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47141

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2166A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1333 FSL 1306 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47135

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2110A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 761 FSL 730 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47136

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2016A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2014 FSL 515 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47157

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6856 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2 FNL 2081 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47139

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 7060 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2643 FSL 727 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47134

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 7058 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2609 FNL 639 FEL SEC 13 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47146

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1208A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1871 FSL 592 FEL, SEC 23 BLK A35, PSL/JT SMITH SUR., A-1228 5300', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47148

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6954 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1291 FNL 2005 FWL, SEC 13, BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47153

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6956 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1319 FNL 1998 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47154

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1318Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 569 FSL 629 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A35, HD DENNIS SUR., A-376 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47132

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6854 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 125 FSL 1840 FWL, SEC 8 BLK A35, PSL/RR PRICE SUR., A-528 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47140

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1022A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 613 FNL 1965 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/RM MEANS SUR., A-1755 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47165

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1776 MEANS SAN ANDRES, 1319 FSL 97 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5500', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-32796

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRIL . Well# 1524Z MEANS SAN ANI RES UNIT, 1986 FNL 728 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A35, HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5300', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47130

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2118A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 597 FSL 743 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A35, JV WALKER SUR., A-555 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47133

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6852 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 27 FSL 684 FWL, SEC 8 BLK A35, RR PRICE SUR., A-528 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47138

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2216A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 601 FNL 604 FEL, SEC 19 BLK A35, JV WALKER SUR., A-554 5300', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47156

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1576 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1320 FNL 107 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5500', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-32641

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XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6810 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 693 FNL 1314 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47163

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1876Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2 FSL 28 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5300', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47128

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2214A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 619 FNL 1936 FEL, SEC 19 BLK A35, PSL/JV WALKER SUR., A-554 5300', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47155

XTO ENERGY INC., THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2105LH JE PARKER, 1062 FWL 1382 FNL, SEC 21 BLK A54, PSL/JE PARKER SUR., A-2069 7800', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47126

Crane County

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1501IR MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 620 FSL 890 FEL, SEC 10 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36533

Culberson County

CINNABAR OPER., LLC, SALT DRAW (WLFCMP) (G) (RECOMP) Well# 1RE FASKEN 22, 780 FNL 2033 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 59 T7S, T&P/ MRS AF & AF VBRIGANCO SUR., A-4468 7609', 5 NW SAN MARTINE API# 42-109-00289

Glasscock County

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WOODY 9, 250 FWL 3140 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-396 12000', 15 S STANTON API# 42-173-37178

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WOODY 9, 210 FWL 3140 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-396 12000', 15 S STANTON API# 42-173-37177

Howard County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 37 GO CHALK D, 2010 FSL 1680 FEL, SEC 124 BLK 29, W&NW/ MRS EP NUNN SUR., A-1477 4600', 6 E FORSAN API# 42-227-38540

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8AH WRIGHT UNIT B 41-32, 2545 FNL 380 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-354 10000', 18 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38543

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4021 WALKER 4, 1088 FEL 2330 FSL, SEC 4 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ AH CROSSETT SUR., A-1263 9875', 7 N BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38539

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3909I TUBB 39 H3909, 634 FEL 2080 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-377 7430', 8 NW FORSAN API# 42-227-38542

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3908I TUBB 39 H3908, 684 FEL 2080 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-377 7460', 8 NW FORSAN API# 42-227-38541

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE 56-2-12, 980 FNL 620 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 56 T2, T&P/ FW JOHNSON SUR., A-1068 13000', 17 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32589

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BEARTOOTH 54-1-34, 467 FWL 260 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 54, T&P SUR., A-1270 13000', 14 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32600

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 223H FALCON STATE UNIT, 1768 FSL 1807 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-207 14000', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32598

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 225H FALCON STATE UNIT, 1821 FSL 1835 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-207 14000', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32599

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H STATE PATHFINDER, 300 FSL 1123 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 54 T1, T&P/EF CAMERON SUR., A-1260 12000', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32602

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H STATE PATHFINDER, 300 FSL 1093 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 54 T1, T&P/EF CAMERON SUR., A-1260 12000', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32601

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H JOHNSON 44-02S-B53 WF, 164 FSL 657 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 53 T2, T&P/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1083 12000', 4 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32596

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 205H JOHNSON 44-02S-B53 WF, 158 FSL 687 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 53 T2, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1083 12000', 4 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32597

Martin County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204H GLASS RANCH A, 1950 FSL 1790 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 38 T-1-N, T&P SUR., A-855 21500', 16 NW MARTIN API# 42-317-40195

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 304B WHITE-DEEP, 467 FNL 2330 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-543 10560', 14 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-40181

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 JONES 21, 2193 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 37 T2N, T&P SUR., A-246 12500', 2 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40199

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 STRAIN 21, 1750 FNL 1100 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-51 12500', 7 SE LENORAH API# 42-317-40200

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., RK (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4D JONES-HOLTON D, 131 FSL 5293 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 14000', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40201

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 2SS UNIVERSITY 7-1302, 260 FSL 2260 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 7, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., 9800', 22 NE ANDREWS API# 42-317-40197

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 1MS UNIVERSITY 7-1302, 260 FSL 2235 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 7, UL (A-U19) SUR., A-19 9000', 22 NE ANDREWS API# 42-317-40196

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15SH CASSELMAN 8 PSA 2, 430 FSL 271 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1282 9275', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40262

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14SH CASSELMAN 8 PSA 1, 430 FSL 212 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1282 9275', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40248

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1302HB MIDLAND AC/WYLIE B 1302, 2640 FNL 678 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR. 11000', 11 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40245

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1301HB MIDLAND AC/WYLIE B, 2640 FNL 645 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-201 11000', 11 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40244

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CHEESE 18, 475 FWL 1805 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/ JV STOKES SUR., A-985 12000', 4 SE GREENWOOD API# 42-329-40264

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HORSE RADISH 20, 475 FNL 2165 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/NH ELLIS SUR., A-900 12000', 6 S SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40263

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SW MIDLAND (DEV) (O/G), (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 1803H LELA B, 853 FNL 2021 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/ EB LANCASTER SUR., A-447 12030', 4 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-34231

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 205NH DENISE, 1695 FNL 2295 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40, T&P SUR. 12500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40212

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 208NL DENISE, 1365 FNL 1200 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40, T&P SUR. 12500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40211

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H PRESTON 36D, 2414 FSL 2103 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-871 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40253

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9H PRESTON 36I, 1517 FSL 1811 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-871 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40261

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H PRESTON 36F, 2414 FSL 2013 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-871 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40254

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H PRESTON 36E, 2414 FSL 2058 FEL, SEC 36, BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-871 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40257

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H PRESTON 36H, 1517 FSL 1766 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 38, T&P SUR. 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40260

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4303BH MIDKIFF 42-43 ALLOCATION 4303, 1547 FWL 266 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ WA HUTCHISON SUR., A-1129 10200', 25 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40206

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4311AH MIDKIFF 42-43 ALLOCATION 4311, 360 FWL 781 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ WA HUTCHISON SUR., A-1129 10200', 25 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40205

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4313AH MIDKIFF 42-43 ALLOCATION 4313, 1597 FWL 265 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ WA HUTCHISON SUR., A-1129 10200', 23 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40207

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H LIGON STATE UNIT 7-22, 330 FSL 540 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 7, H&GN/MRS AP BELL SUR., A-4355 13000', 22 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34872

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) (HORZ) (RCMP) Well# 1H REEVES TXL FEE T7-50-27, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-700 12028', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-33558

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) (HORZ) (RCMP) Well# 8H REEVES TXL FEE T7-50-9, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-691 12360', 14 SE PECOS API# 42-389-33557

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15H ELAND STATE 14, 512 FNL 2177 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-698 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34873

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14H ELAND STATE 14, 571 FNL 1972 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-698 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34871

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H ELAND STATE 14, 572 FNL 1932 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-698 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34870

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16H ELAND STATE 14, 511 FNL 2137 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-698 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34874

Ward County

VENTEX OPERATING CORP., CAVEAT EMPTOR(CHRY) (O/G) (R-NTR) (CNYN) Well# 1 STATE UNIVERSITY DY, 1867 FSL 1867 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 16, UL SUR., A-U36 12183', 2 S PYOTE API# 42-475-30154

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Lamb County

OXY USA WTP LP, ANTONIRISH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 KING, 2626 FNL 673 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 1, RM THOMSON SUR., A-96 6700', 4 NE ANTON API# 42-279-30376

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 58-5 SACROC UNIT, 455 FNL 1892 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 1, JP SMITH SUR., A-3027 7250', 7 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35155

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UTPB Receives Grant to Expand Educational Opportunities to Hispanic and Low-Income Students

The U.S. Department of Education has announced that The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will receive a grant for $2.546 million to strengthen and expand educational opportunities for Hispanic and low-income students. The grant will be dispersed over five years with the university receiving $524,860 for the first budget period (10/30/2015 - 09/30/2016).

The UTPB HSI grant will establish a program entitled Linking & Advancing Student Success Opportunities (LASSO). This program will expand higher eduational opportunities and significantly increase students' academic success through access to critical services such as tutorials, faculty mentoring, academic advising, testing and student advocacy. In addition, UTPB will provide online services to past, present and future students which will allow for a significant improvent in recruitment, retention, advising and development of teacher education candidates. Also included is support activities to encourage encourage students to go into teaching as a career and to build an education laboratory.

"We are excited to have this five year funding because it will allow us to focus on students' needs and on their success," said Susan Lara, professor and principal investigator of the HSI grant proposal. "We look forward to involving the campus in these efforts, through improved advising, faculty mentoring and overall student achievement." Frank Hernandez, dean of the College of Education and co-principal investigator added "We have a responsibility to work with our community partners to increase the number of qualified teacher candidates that serve the Permian Basin. This grant allows the College of Education to continue to build on the good work that we've already started."

The Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Program provides grants to make college more attainable for Hispanic students and allows insitutions to enhance their academic offerings, program quality and instutional stability. In addition, the grant will assist UTPB in furthering educational opportunities for students through faculty development, curriculum development, academic tutoring and mentoring and other services.

An HSI is defined as an eligible institution of higher education that has at least 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment at the end of the award year immediately preceeding the date of the application.

"One of the exciting things that this grant will do is to help develop mentoring relationships for our freshmen with our faculty members," said Bill Harlow, dean of Undergraduate Success. "Developing these relationships early in an academic career is key to obtaining a degree."

"This grant will provide badly needed funds to help UTPB attract and retain students. I am really excited about the faculty mentor program that will link faculty and students in ways that will help students succeed," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "I am also excited about the programs that will help attract highly motivated individuals into the teaching profession.

Contact Gilbert Sanchez at sanchez_g@utpb.edu or 432-552-2127 or Dr. Susan Lara at lara_s@utpb.

UTPB student group to participate in final week of awareness/prevention events

During the month of October, UTPB's Student Engagement Team (SET) will partner with student groups and the campus community to participate in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention Month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

SET believes that the more informed students are, the more empowered they will be to make good decisions and take care of each other. The theme for this series of programs is - *The More You Know.*

In addition to these activities, SET will have banners, posters, and table tents around campus to share information about each of these areas. Additional programming may be added and will be emailed to the campus community the Monday of each awareness week.

Oct 26-30 Bullying Prevention

- *Oct. 26: Chartwells will serve an orange dessert to kick off awareness*
- *Oct. 26: Acts of Kindness Day: Do something nice for someone else and use #utpbkindness on social media to tell us about it!*
- *Oct. 27-28: Orange Hearts Pledge from 11am-1pm in the SAC*
- *Oct. 28: Faculty/Staff vs. Students Unity Volleyball Game @ 6:30pm in the lower gym*
- *Oct. 30: Wear orange to spread the unity message.*

For more information about these activities or about UTPB Student Life, please contact studentlife@utpb.edu.

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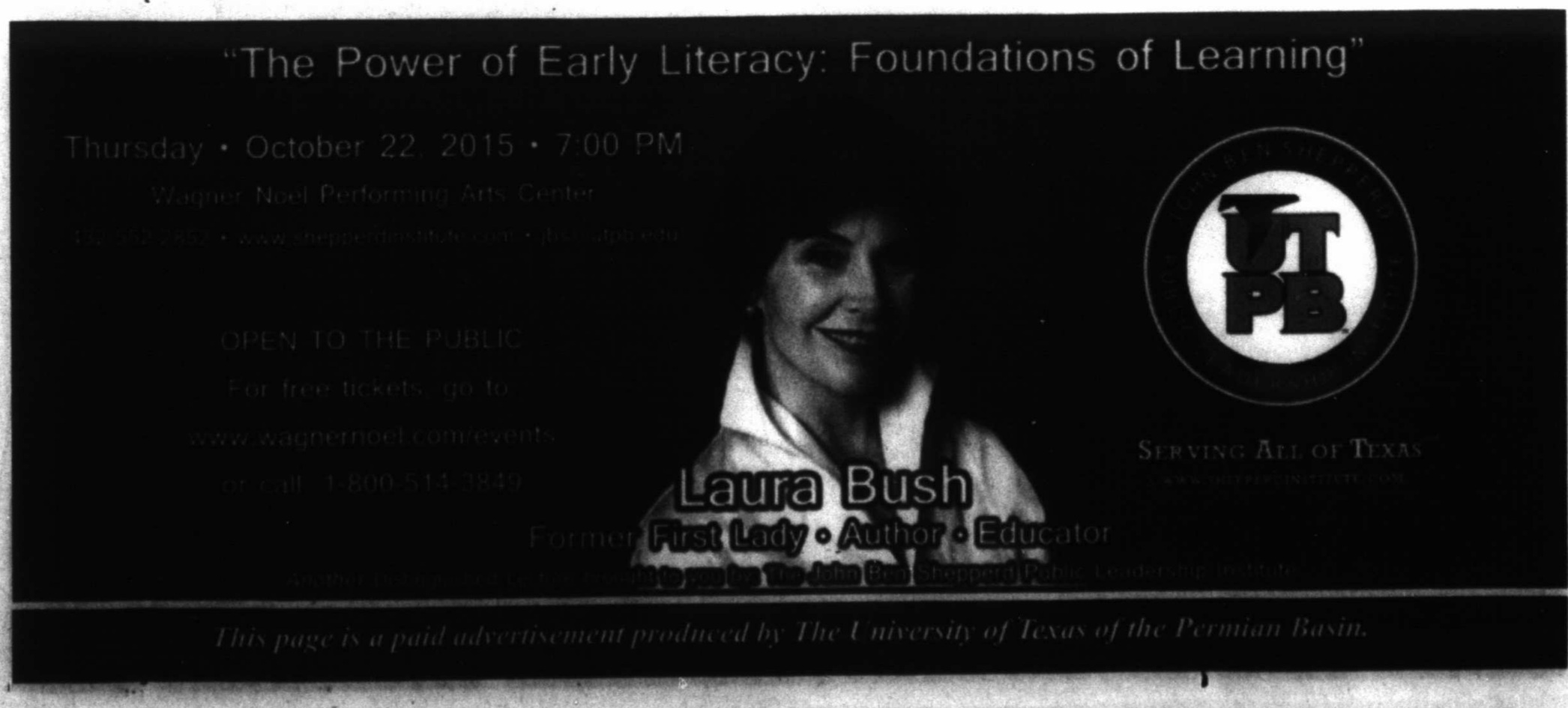
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KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, N SNYDER (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 D LYONS, 2176 FNL 2189 FEL, SEC 250 BLK 97, H&TC/JD GILMORE SUR., A-1725 8000', 4 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-01705

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 58-8 SACROC UNIT, 499 FSL 3117 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 1, JP SMITH SUR., A-481 7250', 6 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35154

Yoakum County

SALTY BRINE 1, LTD., WASSON DRILL (INJ) Well# 9 WILLARD, 728 FSL 5095 FWL, SEC 38 BLK AX, PSL/G BOND SUR., A-1772 2900', 3/4 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36587

New Mexico

Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan 35 O Federal #22
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 720/S & 1670/E; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 3540 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43252

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #567
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Apache Corp.
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Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 1755/S & 25/E; 5.5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 9766 Glo/Yeso ; API #30-015-43248

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #60
Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 1775/S & 25/E; 5.5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 10297 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43249

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #61
Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 1795/S & 25/E; 5.5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 10722 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43250

Chi Operating Inc.
Winchester Fed Com #1
Old Millman Ranch; Sec 9 T20S R28E; 300/N & 330/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12287 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43260

Oxy USA Inc.
Norma 22 Federal #2
East Avalon; Sec 23 T20S R28E; 1970/N & 420/W; 9.5 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12774 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43254

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit D12 #19
Los Medanos; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 2600/S & 1980/W; 14 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 25611 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43259

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #46
East Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1140/S & 1090/E; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7415 Delaware; API #30-015-43258

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 28 #22
West Ross Draw; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 1650/N & 2470/W; 17 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7605 Delaware; API #30-015-43257

Lea County



CML Exploration LLC
Beams 15 State #6
Sanmal; Sec 15 T17S R33E; 1950/S & 1650/W; 7 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 12500 Penn; API #30-025-42718

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East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #511
Vacuum; Sec 33 T17S R35E; 1073/N & 418/W; 3 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 5090 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42720

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Vacuum; Sec 32 T17S R35E; 1587/N & 185/E; 1 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 5100 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42711

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East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #516
Vacuum; Sec 32 T17S R35E; 2321/S & 940/W; 1 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 5110 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42721

ConocoPhillips Co.
East Vacuum (GSA) Ut #517
Vacuum; Sec 33 T17S R35E; 1815/S & 405/W; 3 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 5142 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42722

ConocoPhillips Co.
East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #520
Vacuum; Sec 32 T17S R34E; 471/S & 1759/W; 4.5 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 5190 GB/SA; API #30-025-42723

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East Vacuum (GSA) Ut #521
Vacuum; Sec 33 T17S R35E; 991/S & 2290/W; 3 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 5170 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42724

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East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #522
Vacuum; Sec 27 T17S R35E; 2130/N & 1120/W; 3.5 mi E Buckeye; Rot 5110 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42714

ConocoPhillips Co.
Vacuum (GSA) Unit #523
Vacuum; Sec 27 T17S R35E; 2003/N & 1529/W; 3.5 mi E Buckeye; Rot 5190 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42715

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East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #525
Vacuum; Sec 27 T17S R35E; 1690/S & 2230/E; 3.5 mi E Buckeye; Rot 5060 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42712

ConocoPhillips Co.
East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #527
Vacuum; Sec 27 T17S R35E; 1168/S & 2141/W; 3.5 mi E Buckeye; Rot 5098 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42716

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Negra Federal Com #2
Lea; Sec 24 T19S R34E; 440/S & 2060/W; 9 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15287 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42709

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Negra Federal Com #3
Lea; Sec 24 T19S R34E; 200/S & 2000/E; 10 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 16532 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42710

Matador Production Co.
Conine 03-20S-35E RN #121
South Pearl; Sec 3 T20S R35E; 340/N & 261/W; 8 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42719

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Rock Lake 5 6 Federal Com #1
Rock Lake; Sec 5 T23S R35E; 175/N & 1700/W; 10 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 14936 Delaware; API #30-025-42725

Mesquite SWD Inc.
Blue Quail SWD Fed #1
SWD; Sec 11 T25S R32E; 2100/N & 1660/W; 6.5 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 6200 Bell Canyon; API #30-025-42717

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