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Midland County Detention Center nears inmate limit

Officials consider ways to reduce number of inmates, decrease recidivism

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The Midland County Detention Center has seen a steady rise in the number of inmates since 2007 as the local population increased. But the jail is nearing its limit.

Last week, the jail's inmate population fluctuated around 400 — more than 80 percent of its available 489 beds, according to the sheriff's office.

At 85 or 90 percent capacity, the jail is forced to transfer inmates to out-of-county facilities, which can be costly for the county, said Sheriff Gary Painter. He said he expects to reach this limit over the next couple of months because, historically, inmate populations increase in the summer months and decline in the fall.

Expanding the jail is something county officials might have to consider, he said.

"I think the commissioners need to start looking at it before it gets out of hand," Painter said.

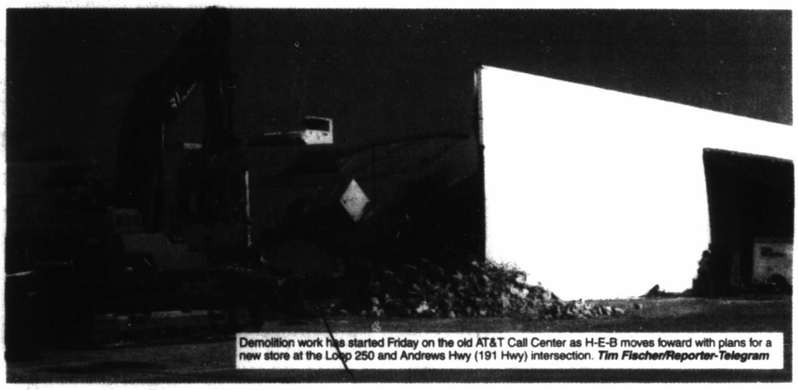
Until then, the county will have to pay to transfer inmates to other facilities. Nearly a decade ago, when the jail facility faced a similar problem, the county paid about $800,000 a year to transport inmates, Painter said. Then in 2010, 74 beds were added for low-risk offenders.

The jail population continues to swell because nearly 60 percent of the inmates are pretrial felons — 20 percent above the state average — and nearly 10 percent of the population is awaiting transfer to state prisons, according to data from the county.

Being tough on crime has been tough on Midland taxpayers. The inflated inmate populations have cost the county over $80 per inmate per day, according to the

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



Demolition work has started Friday on the old AT&T Call Center as H-E-B moves foward with plans for a new store at the Loop 250 and Andrews Hwy (191 Hwy) intersection. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

New H-E-B store to employ 250 workers

By Rye Druzin
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Midland's second H-E-B location will mean 250 new jobs, according to Kimberly Harle, H-E-B manager of Public Affairs.

The new store, which was announced in April of last year, will be located at the southwest corner of Highway 191 and Loop 250. The location was a former AT&T call center and Builders Square home improvement store before that. What remains of the 222,564-square-foot call center building is currently being torn down.

H-E-B currently operates a 113,578-square-foot store at Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road. The Midland Central Appraisal District reported the building itself in central Midland had a $6.601 million taxable value in 2014 and an estimated tax bill of $125,644.

The grocery store company also owns land at the southwest corner of Loop 250 and Big Spring Street.

Local country clubs see little impact from economy

■ Membership numbers stay high even during downturn

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Midland's country clubs have gone nearly untouched by the local economic slowdown. Despite depressed oil prices, club membership numbers have remained at capacity, in some cases with yearslong waiting lists.

With ridged caps on membership numbers, many of the country clubs in Midland have remained exclusive through the population surge. The Racquet Club, established in 1959 just south of Midland College, has a waiting list upward of 50 families, according to General Manager David Schmidt. Its membership initiation fee is $17,500 with monthly dues set at $395.

"The last person who had gotten in had been on (the waiting list) for a year or two," Schmidt said.

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At retreat, Morales envisions Midland's future

■ City considers new Midland Center, new roads, new fees

By Joseph Basco
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City Council and the city of Midland are continuing its 2014 planning retreat theme of planning for a population of 200,000. During this year's retreat Thursday and Friday, council members and city staff discussed how to improve the city through downtown attractions, new roads and revenue streams.

It began on Thursday when Mayor Jerry Morales rallied the city troops with a motivational speech about making Midland a world-class city. He talked about how he is always asked what he wants to accomplish as mayor.

"I don't want to be known for one or two issues that we worked on. I want to be known for progress," Morales said. "I want to be known for keeping the neighborhoods safe, for having a good quality of life, that we're diversifying the economy, that we're working hard to better everyone's lives."

The group discussed how to make progress by going through as many facets of city business as they could in nine hours spread across two days. The following three topics were the ones that were given the most time for discussion.

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In oil slump, North Dakotans adjust expectations

By Jennifer Brooks
Minneapolis Star Tribune

> *"We grew so fast, so quickly. Obviously, we have some catch-up to do."*
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> **Shawn Wenko,** economic development director for Williston, North Dakota

WILLISTON, N.D. — Snowflakes and tumbleweeds whip past dismantled stacks of steel that used to be hundreds of oil workers' livelihoods.

Four massive drilling rigs, idled on the windswept prairie near the North Dakota-Montana line here, wait for oil prices to rise again. Last year, when oil was selling for $100 a barrel, each rig employed almost 200 people, directly or indirectly. Now, with oil prices cut in half, they employ Shay Hunt, the night watchman.

"Over there, that was my rig," said Hunt, a 35-year-old father of three from Williston, who has worked the oil fields for more than 13 years.

"Rain comes, 40-below comes, lightning and tornadoes come, we keep working," he said, facing away from the downed rigs and into the biting wind blowing in from the west. "One time a (grass) fire a came up around the rig. We kept on working."

But there's a new threat to the oil fields. One you can't work through.

After a six-year epic oil boom that has transformed both the economy of North Dakota and the lives of its people — sending unemployment to record lows and development and budget surpluses to record highs — the drop in prices is beginning to alter the landscape here. Half the rigs have been idled, costing thousands of oil workers their jobs with more layoffs likely to come.

Here in Williston, the epicenter of the boom, there is little panic. Officials say they welcome the chance for their city, the fastest-growing small city in America for the past four years, to catch its breath after years of breakneck change.

"We grew so fast, so quickly," said Shawn Wenko, economic development director for Williston, home to the nation's highest rents, lowest unemployment rates and largest municipal rec center. "Obviously, we have some catch-up to do."

In cities across the oil patch, residents are waiting to see whether this is a slowdown or a bust. There are still billions of barrels of oil locked tight in the shale below. Every day, a million barrels of oil still pump to the surface. In the vacuum left by downed exploration rigs, communities are counting on a continued flurry in construction, small business start-ups and — regional planners hope — manufacturing as they rush to build homes, schools, roads and sewer lines to serve the new North Dakotans who now call the oil patch home. The ones officials hope will stay.

Hunt, who has gone from rig crew foreman to night watchman, said some of his friends on the rig have scattered back to their home states, waiting for oil prices to rise again.

Oil has been entwined with Williston's identity since the first oil strike down the road in 1951. Downtown galleries sell framed portraits of oil wells at sunset. The visitor's bureau hawks shelves full of Pipeline Pretzels, Frack Jacks pancake mix and Drill Bits crackers. At the city line, signs welcome you to Boomtown, U.S.A.

Chuck Wilder, whose grandmothers were in Williston for

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Optimism about oil barrels ahead

By James Osborne
The Dallas Morning News

■ **ANALYSIS**

DALLAS — Oil prices are up more than 30 percent over the last six weeks. Profits from the likes of Exxon Mobil and Shell, while down considerably from a year ago, aren't as bad as predicted.

After months of dire news for the oil and gas industry, recent events are forcing some to ask the question: Could the crude downturn be turning around?

Driving the optimism is the U.S. rig count, said Scott Mitchell, an analyst with the research firm Wood MacKenzie. It is down to just 703 rigs nationwide — its lowest level since 2010, according to the oil field services company Baker Hughes. If that drilling slowdown continues, it will eventually cause U.S. crude production to decline and shrink the gap between supply and demand in the world's oil markets.

Alongside predictions the U.S. won't lift sanctions on Iranian oil as quickly as expected and shifts in the world's currency market, there has been plenty for oil traders to get excited about. West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark, closed at more than $58 a barrel Thursday. While a long way from the $100-plus prices the industry enjoyed last summer, that's up $15 since March 17.

"We weren't anticipating a rebound until" later in the year, Mitchell said. "It's a pretty strong rebound. The question is: Will it continue? And at what pace?"

Already, the larger companies are showing an ability to bring their spending in line with current crude prices, said Pavel Molchanov, an energy analysts with Raymond James.

Irving-based Exxon reported Thursday a $4.9 billion profit in the first quarter of 2015, down from $9.1 billion a year ago and its lowest since 2009. But it was still more than 40 percent above the consensus estimate by analysts, as Exxon reported growth in its refining operations and sharp cuts in capital spending and share buybacks in an attempt to rein in costs.

"First-quarter results for everyone are a real black box. There was so much commodity price volatility. We've seen some companies come in way above, some way below. Exxon came in above," Molchanov said.

Likewise, Shell, the European oil giant, reported its profits were down more than 50 percent from a year ago to $3.2 billion. That beat the $2.5 billion estimate of 12 analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News.

For now, most analysts are predicting oil prices will stay close to their current level in the months ahead.

While the world rig count is down, the amount of oil in storage is at near record levels and is expected to come onto the market quickly if prices increase. U.S. oil storage stocks — though climbing more slowly than they were a couple of months ago — are now approaching 450 million barrels, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Most analysts are expecting oil prices of around $65 a barrel by year's end as the slowdown in new projects hits the market.

"Oil prices need to move higher," said Bill Herbert, managing director at the investment firm Simmons & Co. "That said, I don't think anybody in their right mind is thinking a return to high double digit or triple digit in the next couple years."

Nowhere was the decline in oil prices more apparent than in Exxon's U.S. oil and gas production, which reported a $52 million loss — last year that division made a $1.2 billion profit.

And with many more oil companies still to report profits, analysts are questioning how the companies that led the U.S. shale drilling boom, like Pioneer Natural Resources in Irving and EOG Resources in Houston, fared last quarter.

"The integrated (companies) have done pretty well through the downturn. The shale players are going to be more interesting. That may trigger some M&A activity," Mitchell said.

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Federal officials say leaking oil train had flawed valves

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Federal investigators say a leaking oil train that hauled crude oil from North Dakota to Washington in January had tank cars with faulty valves, which also are installed on thousands of tank cars nationwide.

A federal directive in March ordered tank car owners across the U.S. to replace the flawed valves, saying they were an "immediate safety issue."

The Federal Railroad Administration investigated the 100-car BNSF train because it had to have 14 cars with slow leaks removed after traveling across Montana and Idaho to a Washington refinery, the Spokesman Review reported.

The first leak was discovered Jan. 12, when crew members spotted an oil sheen on the side of a single tank car at the Hauser refueling depot about 20 miles east of Spokane. An additional 13 tank cars were found to be leaking and were removed during stops in Vancouver and in Auburn, south of Seattle. Two more leaking cars were discovered after the train arrived at the Anacortes refinery.

BNSF Railway said less than 25 gallons of crude oil was released through the valves on the top of the cars.

Another tank car with a leaking valve was discovered at a BNSF rail yard Jan. 15 in Denver. That car was carrying flammable mineral spirits.

The federal rail agency tested the valves sold by McKenzie Valve and Machining of Tennessee and concluded a design flaw created problems with the seal.

In late March, the agency issued a directive to tank car owners to replace the valves. The tank cars can't be used until replacement valves are installed.

The agency estimates about 6,000 tank cars nationwide are equipped with the faulty valves.

The agency also directed tank car owners to replace two other McKenzie valves in use, which officials determined did not have federal approval for tank cars. More than 37,000 of the other valves were sold to tank car owners and repair facilities.

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its founding in 1887, has watched oil busts hollow out his hometown before — first in the 1950s and again in the 1980s. This, he said, doesn't feel anything like a bust.

Wilder, a part-time municipal judge who owns Books on Broadway, a colorful, quirky downtown bookstore and coffee shop, said the downturn hasn't affected sales. In fact, sales so far this year are better than a year ago, when the boom was in full swing. Up the street, construction crews hammer at a half-finished complex of mixed-use retail, office and upscale apartments. Another block down Broadway, oil workers crowd into the new sushi bar, Basil, for lunch.

The oil deposits below Williston are so rich, it's still profitable for companies to drill here, even with oil prices cut in half.

"Yes, the (rigs) are going down around the perimeter around us, but you're still seeing decent activity around the sweet spot," said economic developer Wenko. The state's rig count was down to 93 this week, half of its total a year ago. State officials estimate 3,500 oil field workers have lost their jobs so far.

But the talk these days is less about exploration and more on shoring up existing extraction operations. The city has a billion dollars' worth of infrastructure projects on its to-do list before 2020.

Williston wants to diversify, bring in new manufacturing operations to shorten the supply chain to the Bakken oil fields. Wenko likens the current supply chain to ordering a $1.50 baggie online and paying $7.50 in shipping costs to have it delivered.

When workers in Halliburton overalls browse Wilder's bookshelves, he said, they come with engineering degrees, looking for more from a town than some fast, easy money.

"Some have moved. Some have been laid off and gone back where they came from," he said. "But there are still thousands of jobs available."

There's still plenty of work here, for those who want it.

At Job Service North Dakota, the state employment office in Williston, there are two job openings for every job seeker.

Office manager Cindy Sanford flips through five pages of oil industry job listings: roustabouts, truck drivers, electricians, technicians, mechanics, drilling engineers. The list of job vacancies outside the industry is even longer: construction workers, cashiers, diesel mechanics, painters, teachers, a helicopter pilot, a cake decorator.

The office added 70 new job listings the Friday before and 60 more on Monday. A new Menards opens soon that will need 300 workers and a sporting goods warehouse that will need 189 more.

"If you know any civil engineers, I need 10," Sanford said, looking around at the dozen or so job seekers hunched over computers. "There's not a job we don't need."

Still, it's a very different employment picture than the heady, hectic days of the boom, when almost anyone could step off a bus and into a six-figure job in the oil industry. Around town, they joked that oil companies would hire anything with a pulse.

Newcomers are still walking into Sanford's office every day, straight from the bus stop or airport. But the jobs they're finding no longer offer six-figure salaries and benefits. These days, employers are looking for workers with training, skills and a solid work ethic. Just like employers back home.

Many laid-off workers have jumped to jobs in the still-booming construction industry. Some started companies of their own.

"You can almost smell the entrepreneurship in the air," Sanford said.

On Main Street, California transplant Kelsey Thorne is getting ready to open Williston's first Italian restaurant. Starting a business here — a community full of potential investors, with plenty of unmet needs — has been easier than it would have been back home, said the Cordon Bleu-trained chef who will manage the eatery. "We see Williston as a land of opportunity, for sure."

Four years ago, Kendra Hill moved to Williston with a few suitcases and a husband who'd just found work in the oil fields. She's watched the city transform around her from a crowded land of man-camps and overpriced, subpar housing to a city where she and her friends can meet for lattes and plan fundraisers to build a new swing set at their neighborhood playground.

The oil slump might have cut into overtime and perks, but the family is putting down roots. At the end of February, they and their two Williston-born children moved into a brand-new three-bedroom, two-bath home on the west side of town. Boxes unpacked, she spooned lunch into 6-month-old Donny while 2 1/2-year-old Hannah proudly showed off the explosion of pink, purple and toys in her new room.

Next door, another brand-new house is for sale. The next house down has already sold, and beyond that is an open field and a vista of half-finished apartment complexes and single-family homes. The new Williston High School is under construction a few blocks away, and Hill is already picturing the day when Hannah and Donny can walk to school. After four years in the oil patch, the family jumped at a chance to get into a real home, not even waiting for sod to go in the front yard.

"This was a hayfield. It was dirt roads and pheasants," said her friend Shaleena Layton, visiting with her 9 1/2-month-old daughter, Katie. "Now there's a whole community down there."

Williston now has a health food store, a dog park, a sushi restaurant, golf courses, a brew pub and a string of upscale coffeehouses. The birthrate has more than doubled — local hospitals welcomed 804 newborns last year. Minivans weave between the oil trucks and pickup trucks on crowded roads. Rents that used to be higher than Manhattan are getting cheaper as more options spring up, though house hunters still face rents north of $2,000 a month.

The new $75 million recreation center is open, the largest city-owned complex of its kind in the nation, complete with an indoor lazy river that rolls past a brightly colored play oil derrick that sprays water on giggling children as they float by.

The drop in oil prices cost Michael Teague his job. But not for long.

For a while, after he was laid off from his job as a heavy equipment operator in the oil fields, Teague took time off to revel in his first real break since he sold everything he owned and moved to Williston four years ago.

"It was crazy. Never have I worked so hard in my life," he said. "I liked the work so much, but physically it was starting to wear on me."

He's now working on the railroad, part of crews laboring to expand rail services between Bakken oil fields and their markets. The pay is lower, but the job is satisfying and comes with perks like a modest 40-hour workweek, health benefits and vacation time. Teague still lives in an RV parked on the prairie, saving his money from all those oil jobs and their overtime and spending his new downtime ice fishing and pheasant hunting. He recently bought 12 acres of commercial property as an investment.

"I'm 60 years old and I'm thinking this is probably the last job I'm ever going to have," he said. "I really like it here. This is a great time."

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1 in 4 US renters use half of pay for housing costs

By Josh Boak
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A sign advertising a house for rent is seen Feb. 27 in Los Angeles. More than one-in-four renters must devote at least half of their family income to housing and utilities, according to a new analysis of Census data by Enterprise Community Partners, a nonprofit that helps finance affordable housing.

WASHINGTON — More than one in four U.S. renters have to use at least half their family income to pay for housing and utilities.

That's the finding of an analysis of Census data by Enterprise Community Partners, a nonprofit that helps finance affordable housing. The number of such households has jumped 26 percent to 11.25 million since 2007.

Since the end of 2010, rental prices have surged at nearly twice the pace of average hourly wages, according to data from the real estate firm Zillow and the Labor Department.

"It means making really difficult trade-offs," said Angela Boyd, a vice president at Enterprise Community Partners. "There are daily financial dilemmas about making their rent or buying groceries."

The crisis reflects one of the shortcomings of the recovery from the Great Recession: Income has failed to match rent increases. At the same time, construction has failed to keep pace with demand from renters. The recession pushed more millennials, former homeowners who faced foreclosure and low-wage workers into rental housing.

A result is that 2.3 million more families face pressures that leave them perilously close to homelessness. It's a reality faced by Lisette Duarte, a 37-year-old living in a two-bedroom apartment with her family in northeast Los Angeles.

Duarte's husband lost his job as an electrician more than three years ago. With both their son and daughter on the autistic spectrum and in need of care, he chose to stay at home while she worked a job requiring a 90-minute commute each way. The lost income forced them out of a three-bedroom house and eventually into a hotel, where vouchers over the course of five months helped them save for a security deposit for an apartment.

About a year ago, the family moved into a two-bedroom apartment in the Highland Park neighborhood where Duarte had grown up. Two-bedrooms in that gentrifying community rent for an average of about $1,600 a month, according to the online service Apartment List. The expense, along with utilities, consumes half of Duarte's paycheck. The government defines housing costs in excess of 30 percent of income as burdensome.

The family relies on prepaid cellphones. They don't dine out or go on vacations. Whatever extra income they have often goes for health care.

More than 30 percent of renters in California, Florida, New Jersey and New York state devote at least half their incomes to housing and utilities, according to the analysis. Other than Alaska, South Dakota and Wyoming, at least 20 percent of renters in every state face similarly high costs relative to income.

The analysis was developed for a "Make Room" awareness campaign sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners. As part of the campaign, pop stars such as Carly Rae Jepsen of "Call Me Maybe" fame, who sang for the Duartes, are performing concerts in the homes of financially distressed tenants.

Enterprise Community Partners' analysis dovetails with findings from other organizations. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has estimated that 12 million renters and homeowners spend at least 50 percent of their income on housing.

And Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies found in a 2013 report that roughly 27 percent of renters were devoting half their incomes to rent. Those levels were "unimaginable just a decade ago," the report said.

Average hourly wages have risen just 2.1 percent in the past 12 months, according to the Labor Department, while rental prices have climbed 3.7 percent, Zillow said last week.

Many renters lack the income to pay the cost of maintaining and operating these buildings, said Barry Zigas, director of housing policy at the Consumer Federation of America and a trustee at the nonprofit Mercy Housing.

Mercy Housing has a portfolio of 12,000 units for low-income people and senior citizens. It costs an average of roughly $500 a month to manage each unit, Zigas said. A monthly rent of $500 would mean that anyone working full time for a minimum wage would devote more than a third of his or her income to housing.

Either the tenants must fork over a greater share of their pay each year or landlords may let buildings fall into disrepair.

"Low-income renters are getting caught in a total squeeze play, as are the owners of the properties," Zigas said.

The Great Recession caused waves of foreclosures and layoffs that pushed more Americans into renting. More than 36 percent of people now rent, compared with 31 percent before the recession began in late 2007. The increased demand has yet to be matched by construction and renovations.

In March, the National Low Income Housing Coalition reported a shortage of 7.1 million apartments for low-income renters. The shortages are most pronounced in Nevada, California, Arizona, Oregon, Florida, Colorado and Utah.

Construction firms are building apartment complexes at an annual pace of roughly 321,333 this year, according to the Commerce Department. The rising rental prices suggest that construction hasn't kept pace with demand, according to economists.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Wade in the Water - A Collection Of African American Spirituals by Voices of the Permian Basin, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Midland. mosc.org.

■ Kidz Bop Live "Make Some Noise" Tour, 4 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Tuesday

■ Chicago, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ Indulge: Fashion + Fun for Moms, 5-7 p.m., Midland Park Mall. simon.com

Thursday

■ Indulge: Fashion + Fun for Moms, 5-7 p.m., Midland Park Mall. simon.com

■ Family Science Night: Master of Disaster at Petroleum Museum.

Friday

■ Grupo Laberinto at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Saturday

■ Lone Star Vintage Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion. heritageeventcompany.com.

Meeting this week

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

Graduations this week

■ Midland College, 7 p.m. Friday
■ UTPB, 9 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
■ Midland Classical, 2 p.m. Saturday

Conaway town halls

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday at Andrews Senior Center, 310 W. Broadway in Andrews.

Conaway also will have a town hall fro, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the at the Martin County Library in Stanton.

Both town hall meetings are open to the public.

April weather report

■ **Average high:** 79.3 degrees
■ **Average low:** 52.9
■ **Average temperature:** 66.1
■ **Typical average for April:** 64.3
■ **Warmest day:** 91 on April 7
■ **Coolest night:** 28 on April 29
■ **Precipitation in April:** 1.3 inches
■ **Average precipitation in April:** 0.65 of an inch
■ **Days with measurable rain:** four

Source: National Weather Service

Wettest starts through April

Year	Total
1. 1949	7.13 inches
2. 1932	6.56 inches
3. 1931	6.53 inches
4. 2010	5.79 inches
5. 1992	5.75 inches
6. 1973	5.67 inches
7. 2015	5.64 inches
8. 1941	5.37 inches
9. 1968	5.34 inches
10. 1958	5.15 inches

Source: National Weather Service

MPD public viewing of recovered stolen property

The Midland Police Department will give residents an opportunity to retrieve stolen property through a public viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the Police and Communications Center, 600 N. Loraine St.

The items were recovered by the MPD property crimes unit and were most likely taken during vehicle burglaries over the last six months. Items include televisions, car stereos, digital cameras and hunting accessories.

Anyone wishing to view the items must have the corresponding case report number along with a valid driver's license. Any individual who does not yet have a case number but has been a victim of theft may contact MPD at 432-685-7108 to file a report.

Volunteers needed for disaster exercise

The Midland International Air & Space Port seeks volunteers for a disaster exercise set for 6-11:30 p.m. Friday.

Federal aviation regulations require that the airport conduct a full-scale emergency exercise — designed to test the response time and performance of first responders — once every three years.

In order to simulate an actual emergency, volunteers are needed to play the roles of victims and family members. The exercise will require that some volunteers are assessed and transported to area medical facilities, family reunification locations, and the terminal building.

To participate, sign up at www.midlandtexas.gov/AirportDrill.

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Daily 4 night: 6-3-3-9
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Lotto Texas: 7-23-27-34-39-54
Powerball: 2-8-11-30-31 PB: 33
Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-6-8-10-13-14-15-17-18-19-20-22
All or Nothing day: 3-6-9-10-12-15-17-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-6-9-10-12-16-19-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-7-9-11-13-15-16-17-18-19-21-22

RETREAT

From 1A



Rendering of the new Midland Center courtesy of Rhotenberry Weiten Architects

"I think the city is going to have to be a little bit more aggressive with TxDOT. And I know the politicians in this state are real fast to come to Midland — every last one of them — to raise money for their campaigns. And I think we need to start saying, 'Guys, we need some money.' Why should we wait for fatalities for them to do something?"

District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks

year later. In turn, residents benefited from a larger tax base and lower tax rate for the current fiscal year.

For future downtown developments that request incentive dollars, At-large Councilman Scott Dufford suggested Friday that the city take a look at its own funds after the TIRZ uses its remaining $60,000.

"The city can invest up to 1 percent of its general fund into downtown," Dufford said. "So I'm proposing that we at least take a look at the amount of money the city was contributing to TIRZ as the minimum, which is $600,000. But let's take a look at 1 percent, which could be $900,000 to $1 million."

Earmarking downtown revitalization incentive funds will be discussed in later months, when the council will go through the fiscal year 2016 budget.

One downtown revitalization project revealed during the retreat was a complete overhaul of the Midland Center that could cost up to $29 million.

The new Midland Center, to be built from the ground up, would increase the square footage of exhibit space from 12,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet, luring event organizers back downtown. The new Midland Center is also designed to have more entrances and an more modern exterior.

The city is considering using hotel and motel tax dollars and issuing a bond to pay for the project.

The questions that remain are whether City Council will approve issuing debt for the project, and when construction should begin.

Morales said Thursday that now is the time to start thinking about construction, because the Santa Rita Hotel development to the west of Midland Center is expected to undergo construction next year. The idea under consideration is having the construction for both projects overlap.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said Thursday that there has been a $121 million investment into downtown in the last few years.

Roads and state funding

The discussions on Friday were reserved for the hot issues that the council members personally picked. Road construction was the foremost topic under discussion.

Jose Ortiz, city director of engineering, briefed the council on Friday about new roadway projects in design, including the anticipated Tradewinds Boulevard. Ortiz said a contractor is about 50 percent complete with extending the sewer lines for the major west Midland thoroughfare that will connect the Scharbauer Sports Complex with the Cinergy Cinema development. Construction of the road has not begun, but Ortiz estimated construction would start in the summer.

To the east, the final design for a Fairgrounds Road widening is scheduled to be complete by July. The city is doing a five-lane widening of Fairgrounds Road from Loop 250 to Pecan Avenue. Ortiz told council members that construction costs remain high despite the downturn.

And a Mockingbird Lane extension in the north between Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive has been "shuffled" to the back because the city is unsure when the Greathouse subdivision south of the proposed extension will be complete. It was a letdown for District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks, who has lobbied for years for the completion of Mockingbird Lane as an alternate north Midland west-to-east route.

When the conversation shifted from roads to intersections, it was revealed that the Texas Department of Transportation has not yet found a need for more traffic lights on Big Spring Street and traffic lights on Mockingbird Lane. From mundane to lurid, Ortiz listed three criteria that TxDOT looks at when funding intersection improvements: intersection waiting times, wreck count and fatality count.

The idea of fatalities as a criteria for funding set off a string of harsh criticism of TxDOT by some council members.

"I think the city is going to have to be a little bit more aggressive with TxDOT," Sparks said. "And I know the politicians in this state are real fast to come to Midland — every last one of them — to raise money for their campaigns. And I think we need to start saying, 'Guys, we need some money.' Why should we wait for fatalities for them to do something?"

District 2 Councilman John Love said he and Midland and Odessa officials went to TxDOT headquarters in December. They told retired Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, TxDOT executive director, that they have problems with the TxDOT Odessa District not fighting for local road funding.

Development and storm water fees

To boost the city's revenue further, especially now as property valuations and sales tax revenue decline, city staff proposed starting impact fees and storm water utility fees in Midland.

Impact fees are costs developers would have to pay to offset the negative effects on infrastructure that occur after construction. In other words, impact fees would contribute toward better roadways around a development if the development increases nearby traffic.

And storm water utility fees are paid by those that pay city utility bills to cover the costs of the city's drainage infrastructure such as the draws. Parts of Midland, particularly south and east Midland, flood during heavy downpours because of ineffective drainage systems.

Explaining the impact fees to the council Thursday was Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick. He said the purpose of the fees is to alleviate the burden of new developments that existing residents have to endure.

"We're doing this now because of the recent experience we've had with extreme rapid growth," Patrick said. "If we did this last year, we would have had $6 million to $8 million to help offset that. If we bring impact fees in now, I think people 30 years from now will be happy with us."

As for storm water utility fees, Assistant City Manager Frank Salvato was tasked with selling the idea to the council. He effectively pointed the finger at the state and federal governments when justifying the fees.

"The feds and the state are good at passing on unfunded mandates," Salvato said. "You could say that this is one of them."

The city is required to meet the standards of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, which are regulations that control pollution in surface water. Since 2003, the city has had a TPDES permit, but regulations continue to be added, Salvato said.

"They're going to impose more regulations by 2018, and we're already behind," Salvato said.

According to Sharp, city staff have attempted to push a storm water fee since 2004, but council would always turn it down.

Additionally, 7.67 inches of rain fell in Midland in 2014, which was the ninth driest year on record. 2015 is shaping up to be one of the wettest, as 5.64 inches of rain have fallen since Jan. 1.

Neither fees seemed to be well-received by City Council.

On Friday, when revisiting the fees, the council and staff decided that the council members will visit individually with staff to determine whether impact fees should be enacted. As for storm water utility fees, more presentations will be made to the council in the next month or two.



CLUBS

From 1A

Racquet Club limits its membership to 325 families. The last time the facility had vacancies without a long waiting list was four years ago, Schmidt said.

"Our membership is pretty static; our business stays pretty static," he said. "Just due to the nature of our smaller membership and being in the development here, we typically don't see much fluctuation."

Midland Country Club, the city's oldest club with roots going back to 1927, caps its golfing membership at 725 and is currently undergoing an $8.3 million renovation and addition to its golf course. But if the club has seen any attrition in its membership numbers in the recent past, it's not due to the price of crude oil, according to General Manager Don Beaver Jr.

"I know everyone's always concerned about the price of crude, but the people that belong to this club, they're not the individuals who are going to go, 'Oh my gosh, we need to stop being a member,'" Beaver said.

Conversely, Midland Country Club sees somewhat of a rise in business during a downturn.

"If anything, we see a little bit of a bump in business because people may not be traveling as much. They may not be going overseas, or they may not be going to other destinations as much, but they're still going to play golf, they're still going to go out for dinner," Beaver said.

Moreover, other clubs with significantly higher membership caps have accumulated waiting lists over the past few years.

Green Tree Country Club, founded in 1980, limits its capacity to 850 and has had a waiting list for the last three years, according to Dianne Wright, membership director. The most recent member to gain admittance to the club spent eight months on the waiting list, she said.

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Odessa Country Club, located between Odessa and Midland along Faudree Road, maintains 1,150 members with a one- to two-month-long waiting list. The club's list began about a year ago, according to Victoria Gryder, membership director.

While the economic downturn has challenged many sectors of the local economy, the country club business hasn't seemed to be impacted.

"It hasn't affected us, people are still submitting new applications," Gryder said. "(Business) has pretty much stayed at a high. We pretty much stay busy all the time with events no matter what's going on. We have maintained a pretty high level of activity."

Ranchland Hills Golf Club, which opened in 1949, maintains its numbers at about 600 to 700 members. It has no ridged cap but reached full capacity last summer, according to office manager Margie Terrett.

"We only have 18 holes on the golf course, so we still have really busy times even with the change in the oil price," Terrett said.

JAIL

From 1A

Griffith Moseley Johnson & Associates criminal justice consulting firm.

The county hired the firm in 2007 to help address jail overcrowding. Under the guidance of the consultants, the county established the Criminal Justice Advisory Commission — made up of county and district clerks, judges, the district attorney's office, the sheriff's office and the police department. This cooperative effort has led to the jail population being whittled down by 100, saving the county from $1.5 million to $2.5 million a year, according to the firm.

"The way county government is set up, each one of the parts of county government — although the people work together — they have different functions, and those functions don't mesh well, and it's the way our Constitution is set up," said Carl Griffith, president of the consulting firm. "So we pull those things together and we constantly monitor what's going on at each part of the (criminal justice) system."

The firm's consulting fees have cost Midland County more than $1 million since 2007, according to Painter. The county, which had been paying the firm roughly $14,000 per month, reduced the use of its services in 2013, Griffith said.

"I don't need a consultant to come in and tell me, 'If you do this, you'll reduce your population.' I already know that," Painter said. "We're working with the judges; we're working with the DA's office, we're working with pre-trial. All of the things that can be done legally to reduce population, we're doing it as best as we possibly can."

Since the Griffith firm became less involved, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee hasn't conducted a formal meeting in more than a year, according to Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

"But we still communicate with each other," Clingman said. "When the sheriff has overcrowding in the jail, he makes sure that the rest of us are aware of it, and we collaborate and come up with solutions that will help resolve his situation."

One measure the county has taken to mitigate jail overcrowding was the creation in 2013 of the specialized mental health court, which has helped keep inmates affected by mental health issues out of jail, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Judge Elizabeth Leonard of the 238th District Court last month applied for a $200,000 federal grant to fund a specialized team of mental health workers to focus on mentally ill inmates.

"We are going to get them diagnosed and assessed quicker; we're going to get them in front of a doctor quicker; we're going to get them on medicine quicker; we're going to have discharge planning to get them out of jail with medicine and with a prescription in hand," Leonard said. "We don't just let them out of jail with no medicine, because they'd recycle back in. So what we're trying to do is get them stabilized and out of jail and plan as best we can to keep them stabilized."

But the county wants to do more. Officials have started thinking about the establishment of a specialized drug court, an addition that would have a substantial impact on inmate numbers, Clingman said.

"The real potential for something that really might help us is a drug court, where persons who have drug offenses can be diverted out of the criminal justice system into that court if they have a treatment issue," Clingman said.

Drug courts and other specialized courts have already proven to have made a substantial impact on jail populations in other counties around the state.

PACHANGA!















Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Pachanga event, which was held Friday at Hogan Park, included live entertainment, free food and drinks, games and prizes. Those in attendance had the opportunity to visit with representatives from community agencies as well as city officials. Pachanga was hosted by Comunidad in Action, a grassroots organization that promotes awareness of issues affecting local neighborhoods.

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Peaceful Baltimore protesters praise top prosecutor

By Juliet Linderman and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — At a grassy plaza across from Baltimore's City Hall filled with thousands of people on Saturday, speakers praised the city's young top prosecutor for quickly moving forward with charges against the police officers they see as responsible for the death of a 25-year-old unarmed black man who suffered a fatal spinal injury in their custody.

The peaceful scene was a striking contrast to demonstrations the past two weeks at the same plaza. Crowds of angry protesters demanded that the city's leaders heed their cries for justice, and one night, the protests gave way to looting, rioting and arson.

On Friday morning, four days after the most violent civil unrest since the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King in 1968, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby had stood nearby before a bank of television cameras beaming her words live around the world. She announced criminal charges against the officers ranging from assault to murder in the death of Freddie Gray, whose name has become a rallying point against police brutality and socio-economic inequality in American cities.

"To the youth of the city," Mosby, 35, said as she announced the charges. "This is a moment. This is your moment. ... You're at the forefront of this cause and as young people, our time is now."

Organizers billed the big Saturday afternoon demonstration not as a protest of Gray's death, but a "victory rally" that city leaders have perhaps listened to their cries. Smaller groups of what looked to be several hundred gathered all around the city and made their way through the streets to join the thousands at the main rally.

Chants of "no justice, no peace, no racist police" echoed and crowds of people, black and white, young and old, carried homemade signs calling for peace, as well as printed ones asking for justice. Others wore T-shirts that read, "Black Lives Matter," a slogan many have taken up in the fight.

The Gray case is the latest in a string of high-profile killings of unarmed black men by police that include Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City, neither of which resulted in charges against the lawmen.

Unlike Brown and Garner, Gray's death happened in a majority black city where black elected officials hold the reins of political power and oversee the justice system. The police department is 48 percent black. Even the officers charged are racially split — three white, three black.

"I think it has to do with Ms. Mosby living here in West Baltimore: they took seriously the sentiment of the youth," said Kustanya McCray, a 41-year-old Baltimore resident who joined thousands of people at the demonstration. "Our city council, the mayor, they're all from here. They've lost family members to violence. They understand what's been happening. They understand they have no choice now."

After the night of rioting and looting, the National Guard was called in to help police enforce a nightly curfew with heavily armed troops riding in armored vehicles, to which many objected.

Mosby said in charging the officers that police had no reason to stop or chase after Gray. They falsely accused him of having an illegal switchblade when it was a legal pocketknife.



Photos from Associated Press

PHOTOS: Police work in a neighborhood in the Queens borough of New York on Saturday after an NYPD officer was shot. He was taken to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens.

Plainclothes NYPD officer shot; 1 suspect in custody

By Amanda Y. Barrett
Associated Press



NEW YORK — A plainclothes New York City police officer was shot in the head and critically injured while in an unmarked police car Saturday as he and his partner attempted to stop and question a man they suspected of carrying a gun, officials said.

Officer Brian Moore and his partner, Erik Jansen, noticed Demitrius Blackwell "walking and adjusting an object in his waistband" when they pulled up on him in their car, exchanging words with him before he turned and suddenly fired at least two rounds into the car, police Commissioner William Bratton said.

"The man immediately removed the firearm from his waistband and turned in the direction of the officers and deliberately fired several times at the vehicle, striking Officer Moore in the head," Bratton said at a press conference at a Queens hospital. The 25-year-old Moore was undergoing surgery but listed in stable condition.

Blackwell was arrested inside a house about 90 minutes after the early-evening shooting on a block he resided on near the crime scene, Bratton said. A weapon hasn't been recovered.

The police-involved shooting, the fifth in as many months in New York, initially evoked fears of the December ambush of two uniformed police officers killed while sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn. In that case, the shooter had posted on Instagram that he was planning to assassinate two "pigs."

But Bratton said Saturday that a preliminary investigation indicates that Blackwell, 35, made no such postings but has an extensive criminal history, including an arrest for possession of a weapon.

"It was quite clear that they were police officers," he said.

The two officers, both with about four years on the job, were assigned to an anti-crime unit.

Before Blackwell was found, police flooded the normally quiet residential neighborhood where the shooting occurred. Teams of officers could be seen walking on roofs, searching house-by-house and peering into backyards and under cars with flashlights.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, who attended the news conference, said Moore comes from a police family — his father and uncle both retired as sergeants with the department — and de Blasio praised his service.

"It is a painful day for all of us," the mayor said. "It is a reminder of the dangers that all of our officers face every single day."

After Moore, who was driving, was shot, his partner, Jansen, radioed for help, and a nearby patrol car arrived and rushed Moore to the hospital — "in all likelihood potentially saving the officer's life," Bratton said.

Witnesses described the shooter and directed officers in the direction he fled, Bratton said.

Neighbors near the scene of the shooting were surprised by the violence and described the area as quiet and safe.

"You walk down the street — no trouble," said Sandreaus Adam, 52. "This is not a neighborhood where you're just going to hear shots."

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Rural hospitals struggle to stay open, adapt to changes

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

OSCEOLA, Mo. — After 45 years of providing health care in rural Missouri, Sac-Osage Hospital is being sold piece by piece.

Ceiling tiles are going for 25 cents, the room doors for an average of less than $4 each, the patient beds for $250 apiece. Soon, the remnants of the hospital that long symbolized the lifeblood of Osceola, population 923, will be torn to the ground.

Sac-Osage is one of a growing number of rural U.S. hospitals closing their doors, citing a complex combination of changing demographics, medical practices, management decisions and federal policies that have put more financial pressure on facilities that sometimes average only a few in-patients a day.

"Money just kept drying up," said Chris Smiley, a former operating-room nurse who was the last chief executive of Sac-Osage and is now overseeing its liquidation.

Standing near the doorway of a room stripped of its cabinets and sinks, Smiley stared down a hospital hallway where a man was carting off $1 boxes of unwanted items — pencils, plastic X-ray covers, a fish bowl, even a fly swatter.

"It's sad to walk around here," she said, shaking her head.

A total of 50 hospitals in the rural U.S. have closed since 2010, and the pace has been accelerating, with more closures in the past two years than in the previous 10 years combined, according to the National Rural Health Association. That could be just the beginning of what some health care analysts fear will be a crisis.

An additional 283 rural hospitals in 39 states are vulnerable to shutting down, and 35 percent of rural hospitals are operating at a loss, according to iVantage Health Analytics, a firm based in Portland, Maine, that works with hospitals.

Most of the rural hospital closures so far have occurred in the South and Midwest. Of those at risk, nearly 70 percent are in states that have declined to expand Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act, although some experts are hesitant to draw a cause-and-effect correlation.

In some cases, the shuttered hospitals have been replaced by clinics offering urgent care and other outpatient services. The site of the old Sac-Osage Hospital, which closed in September, could eventually become part of a walk-in health clinic. But other closures have simply left a void.

Big city hospitals have been closing at about the same rate as rural ones during the past five years, but an abundance of alternatives in most major metropolitan areas typically reduces the effect on patients. When a rural hospital closes, people might have to travel dozens of miles to reach the nearest hospital, an inconvenience that can sometimes be a matter of life or death.

When 18-month-old Edith Gonzalez choked on a grape in August 2013, her parents rushed to Shelby Regional Medical Center in their hometown of Center, Texas, unaware that the hospital had closed several weeks earlier. Their daughter was dead by the time an ambulance brought her to the next nearest hospital, more than 45 minutes later.

In rural North Carolina last summer, 48-year-old Portia Gibbs died from cardiac arrest after waiting 90 minutes for a medical helicopter to arrive. She could have been at a hospital in less than half that time, had not the Vidant Pungo Hospital in Belhaven closed just six days earlier.

Her death prompted Belhaven's mayor to walk 273 miles to the nation's capital in an attempt to raise awareness about the plight of rural hospitals.

Mayor Adam O'Neal plans to lead a similar march June 1 with supporters from at least 41 states. The city is now trying to acquire the old hospital through eminent domain and is seeking $6 million in federal loans to re-open it.

Since Belhaven lost its hospital last July, rural hospitals also have shut down in other states, including Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas.

Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton, Kentucky, was pronounced closed at 11:59 p.m. on March 31 after three decades in operation. Interim chief executive Dana Lawrence said annual patient admissions had fallen by half since 2010, to an average of less than two a day.

A steady decline in population, a depressed local economy and changes in inpatient admission guidelines were the prime factors.

Those same factors have played a role in numerous other hospitals closures. Rural areas tend to "have older, poorer, sicker populations," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage.

That means they often have a higher percentage of patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid, government health care programs that pay a lower reimbursement rate than private-sector insurers. Hospitals that rely heavily on those programs have been particularly hard hit by federal budget cuts and provisions in the 2010 federal health care law that reduced charity care reimbursements and linked a portion of hospitals' Medicare payments to quality standards and readmission rates.

The effects of the federal health care law were the prime factor leading East Texas Medical Center to close three of its 12 rural hospitals last year, said Perry Henderson, the hospital system's senior vice president for affiliate operations.

"The small rural hospitals are the most brittle of the bunch," Henderson said. "When you began cutting on those reimbursements, it hits their margins and pretty quickly drives those hospitals to some pretty significant losses."

The framers of the federal health care law assumed the cuts would be offset as more patients became covered by private insurance and Medicaid. But Texas, which has the nation's highest uninsured rate, is among 21 states mainly in the South and Great Plains that have declined to expand Medicaid eligibility.

At Sac-Osage, poor management was among the reasons the rural Missouri hospital fell into financial ruin. Some of its doctors, for example, were never approved to be paid by particular insurance companies. And it lost what some staff estimate was $1.5 million to $2 million because the clinic failed to send out thousands of bills to insurers and patients since 2012.

For state Rep. Warren Love, a local cattle rancher who tried to help save Osceola's hospital, its passing now seems sort of inevitable.

"Everything has evolved to the big gets bigger and the littlest disappears," Love said, "and that's really what's happened with these hospitals."

Q&A: Why have rural hospitals been closing?

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — There are more than 4,700 hospitals in the U.S., spread about evenly between urban and rural areas. But that number has been dwindling.

More than 100 hospitals have closed since 2010, and the pace has quickened in the past couple of years. Hospitals are closing at about the same rate in urban and rural areas, but health care analysts say the effect often is more pronounced in small towns, where residents typically must travel farther to get to the next nearest hospital.

Some answers to common questions about hospital closings:

What is a rural hospital?

According to federal definitions, rural hospitals are those not located in metropolitan areas. But some hospitals in metro areas also are considered rural, if they are in census tracts with low population densities and longer commutes.

Rural hospitals typically have emergency rooms and inpatient care, but they often lack some of the services of city hospitals, such as intensive care and psychiatric units or chemotherapy and hospice services.

Rural hospitals also tend to be smaller. While about 75 percent of urban hospitals have more than 100 patient beds, just 12 percent of rural hospitals are that large, according to the Rural Health Research Program at the University of North Carolina. It says a typical rural hospital has 25 beds and averages seven patients a day. Rural hospitals have a median profit margin of 2.7 percent, just half that of urban hospitals.

Have rural hospitals faced troubles before?

Yes. About 440 rural hospitals closed during a roughly 15-year period starting in 1983. The closures came after the federal government instituted a new Medicare payment system that provided hospitals with a predetermined, fixed amount for each service. For some low-volume rural hospitals, the payments weren't enough to stay open.

A 1997 federal law created a new category of critical access hospitals, which are located in rural areas without other nearby hospitals. Such hospitals are paid by Medicare based on their reasonable costs. The law has been tweaked several times, and more than half of rural hospitals now are designated as critical access facilities. The National Rural Health Association says the critical access designation helped stem the tide of rural hospital closures during the first decade of the 2000s.

Why are rural hospital closures increasing again?

Some hospitals have had trouble recovering from the recession, which increased the number of uninsured patients.

Residents in rural areas also tend to be older and sicker than those in cities and less likely to be covered by private insurance, which pays a higher reimbursement rate than the government-funded Medicare and Medicaid programs, said George Pink, deputy director of the University of North Carolina's Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center.

As a result, many rural hospitals have been hit harder by federal Medicare budget cuts and provisions of President Barack Obama's health care law, which also reduced Medicare payments. The framers of that law assumed the cuts would be offset as more people gained private insurance or were added to Medicaid rolls. But 21 states have declined to expand Medicaid eligibility.

Poor management decisions have also played a role in the problems facing some rural hospitals, said Keith Mueller, director of the Center for Rural Health Analysis at the University of Iowa. Some rural hospitals have had difficulty forming partnerships with other hospitals, a move that could have reduced costs.

What can be done?

States have had mixed results in their efforts to aid struggling hospitals.

St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, New York, remains open largely because of state grants and loans. As part of its restructuring, the hospital is scaling back its patient beds and discontinuing its maternity service.

After three rural hospitals closed, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's administration announced rule changes last year allowing struggling rural hospitals to eliminate inpatient beds and offer only emergency care and a few outpatient services. But no hospitals signed up for the plan. A committee appointed by Deal recently recommended another approach — a "hub and spoke" pilot program pairing four rural hospitals with other providers in their areas.

Ultimately, rural hospitals might need to redefine themselves, said Brock Slabach, senior vice president of the National Rural Health Association. They may need to convert from inpatient to outpatient surgical centers, perhaps offering care for only 10 to 24 hours, he said. Rural facilities also could offer a variety of post-hospital services, such as in-home monitoring.

"We don't have all the answers right now," Slabach said. "We need to have some experimentation."

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Local forecast

A chance for showers returns to the forecast today and remains throughout the week. There is a 20 percent chance on tonight, and then the chance increases to 20 percent on Monday and 60 percent on Monday night. The National Weather Service reports some of the storms Monday could be severe. It also expects winds gusting as high as 40 mph.

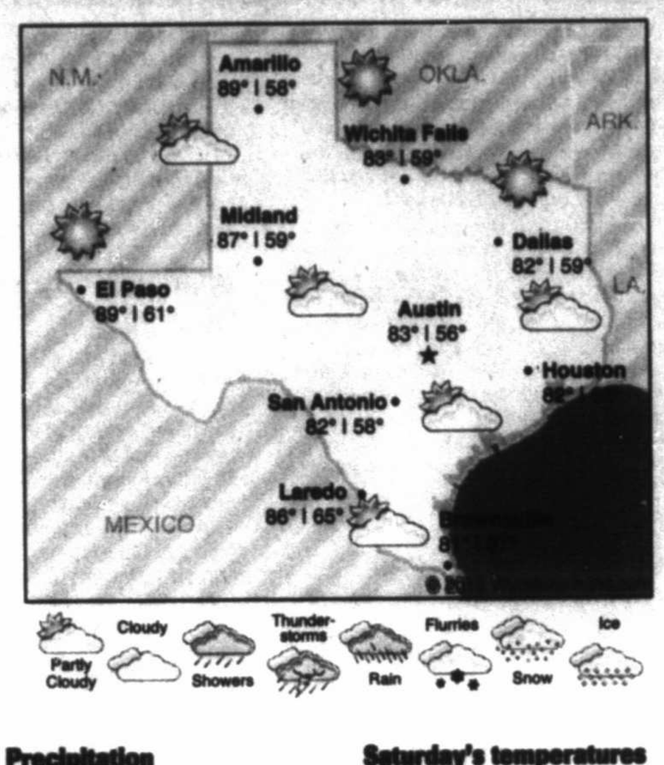
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The record high for May 2 is 98 set in 1996 and 2012. The record low is 36 set in 1967. The high temperature on May 2 last year was 80. The low was 45.

National forecast

High pressure will remain locked over the Tennessee Valley today, continuing beautiful weather for the East. With the exception of an afternoon shower or two in northern New York to northern Maine, sunshine will prevail from New England and Michigan to the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts.

Across the South, it will remain dry and warm throughout the day with sun and clouds. Southern Texas and the Florida Keys could have a spotty shower or two.



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Saturday's temperatures

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Sunset	8:30 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, May 3



Pope steps up campaign on climate change; conservatives' alarmed

By Coral Davenport and Laurie Goodstein
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Since his first homily in 2013, Pope Francis has preached about the need to protect the Earth and all of creation as part of a broad message on the environment. It has caused little controversy so far.

But now, as Francis prepares to deliver what is likely to be a highly influential encyclical this summer on environmental degradation and the effects of human-caused climate change on the poor, he is alarming some conservatives in the United States who are loath to see the Catholic Church reposition itself as a mighty voice in a cause they do not believe in.

As part of the effort for the encyclical, top Vatican officials will hold a summit meeting Tuesday to build momentum for a campaign by Francis to urge world leaders to enact a sweeping United Nations climate change accord in Paris in December. The accord would for the first time commit every nation to enact tough new laws to cut the emissions that cause global warming.

The Vatican summit will focus on the links between poverty, economic development and climate change, with speeches and panel discussions by climate scientists and religious leaders, and economists like Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who is leading efforts to forge the Paris accord, will deliver the opening address.

Vatican officials, who have spent more than a year helping Francis prepare his message, have convened several meetings already on the topic. Last month, they met with the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Gina McCarthy.

In the United States, the encyclical will be accompanied by a 12-week campaign, now being prepared by a committee of Catholic bishops, to raise the issue of climate change and environmental stewardship in sermons, homilies, news media interviews and letters to newspaper editors, said Dan Misleh, executive director of the Catholic Climate Covenant in Washington.

But the effort is already angering a number of American conservatives, among them members of the Heartland Institute, a libertarian group partly funded by the Charles G. Koch Foundation, run by the billionaire industrialist Koch brothers, who oppose climate policy.

"The Holy Father is being misled by 'experts' at the United Nations who have proven unworthy of his trust," Joseph Bast, the president of the Heartland Institute, said in an interview. "Though Pope Francis' heart is surely in the right place, he would do his flock and the world a disservice by putting his moral authority behind the United Nations' unscientific agenda on the climate."

The group is planning protests against Francis on Tuesday in Rome.

But climate policy advocates see the pope's scheduled address to Congress in September as a potent moment — about 30 percent of members of Congress are Catholics, more than belong to any other church, according to a study published this year by the Pew Research Center.

House Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, invited the pope to speak to Congress, but some Catholics say that Boehner should prepare for uncomfortable moments. Boehner, who is Catholic, has often criticized the Obama administration for what he calls its "job killing" environmental agenda.

"I think Boehner was out of his mind to invite the pope to speak to Congress," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, an analyst at the National Catholic Reporter. "Can you imagine what the Republicans will do when he says, 'You've got to do something about global warming?'"

In addition, a number of Catholics — including Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal, Chris Christie and Rick Santorum — are gearing up to compete for the Republican presidential nomination, and most of them question the science of human-caused climate change.

Several conservative Catholic intellectuals who expect the pope's message to bolster the vast majority of scientists who hold that climate change is induced by human activity, including Robert P. George of Princeton University, have published articles reminding Catholics that papal pronouncements on science are not necessarily sound or binding.

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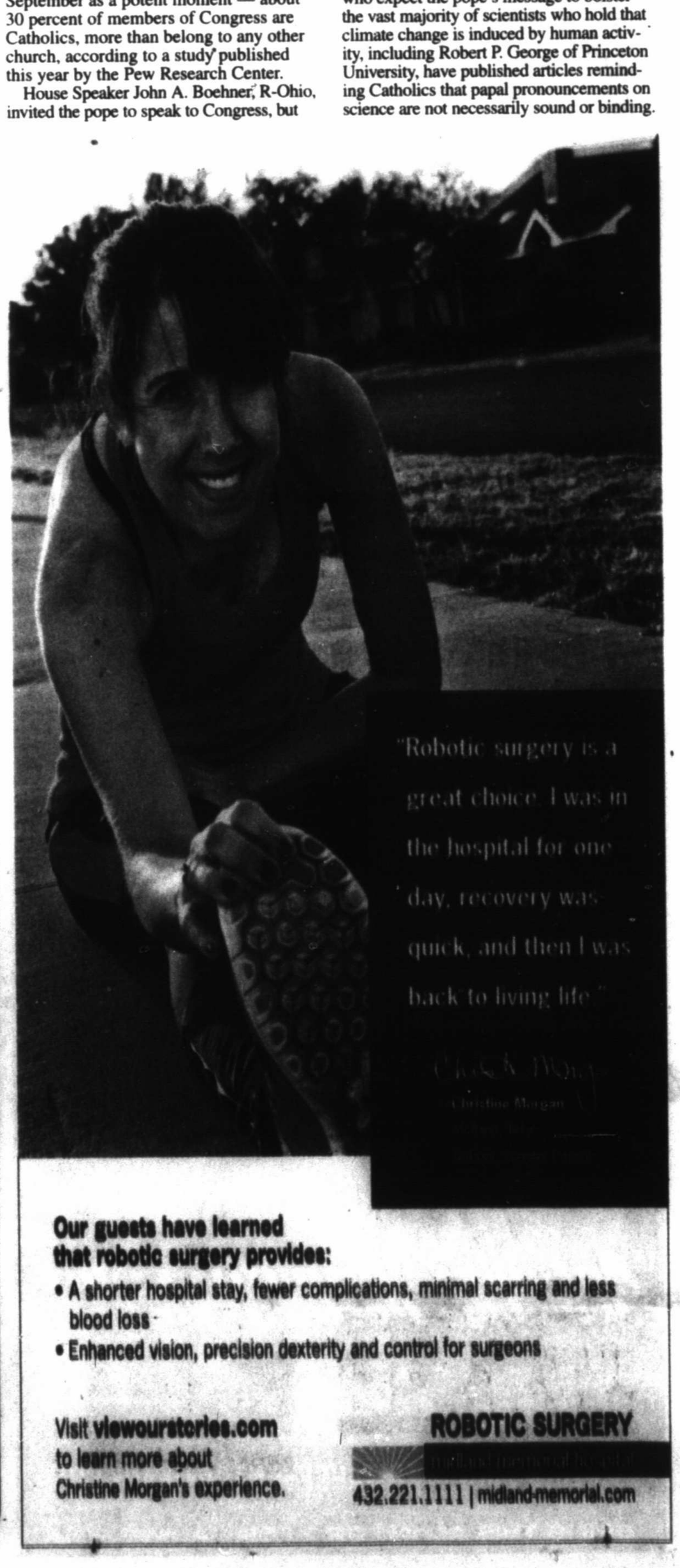
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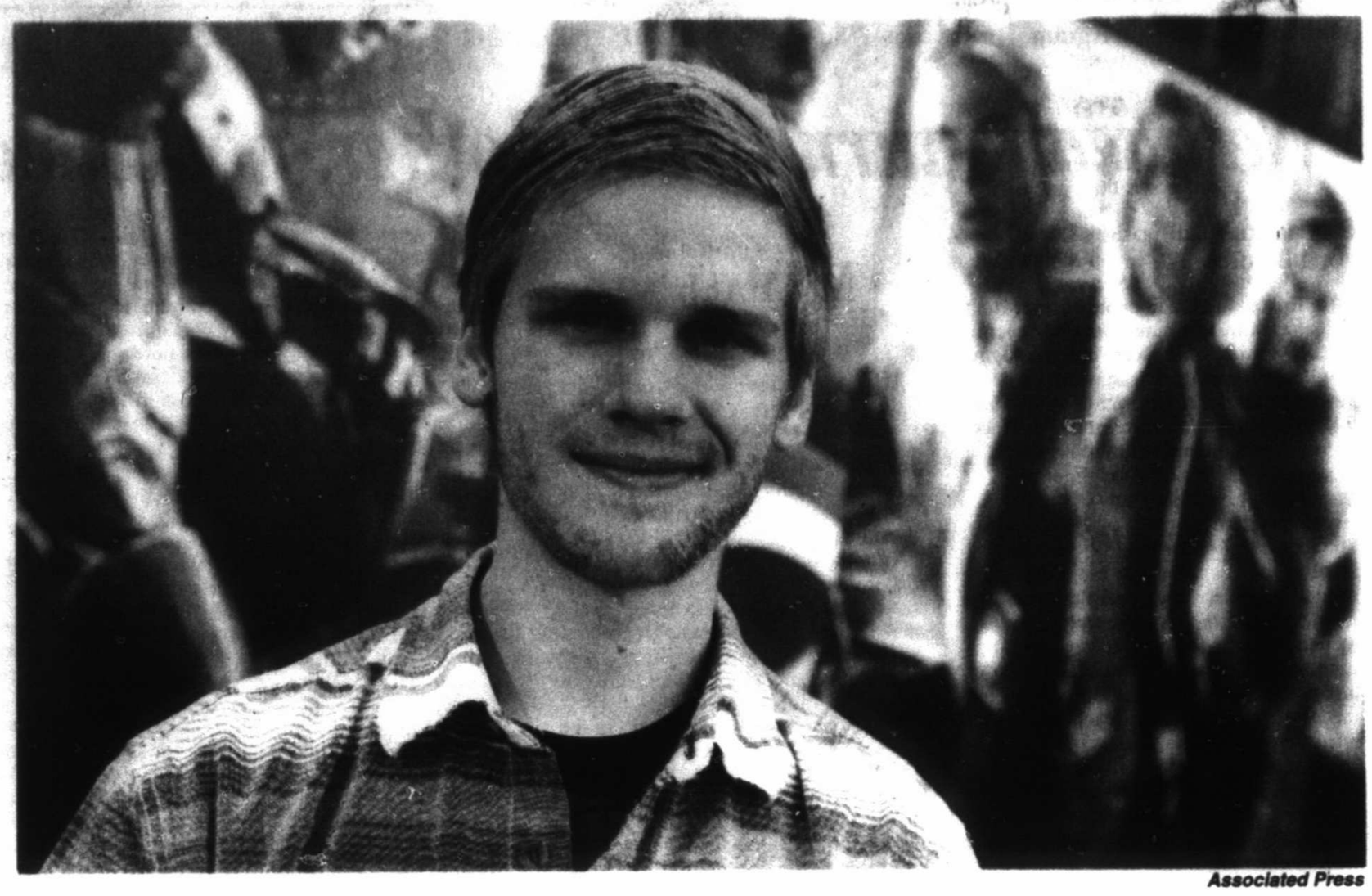
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Hollywood rolls out red carpet to 'influencer' fans

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press



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On April 13, blogger Reid Jones poses for a portrait at the premiere of "Avengers: Age of Ultron" in Los Angeles. Jones is possibly the world's biggest Marvel movie fan. For the last year, he's written more than a post a day for fan site Moviepilot about its superhero universe.

LOS ANGELES — Clad in his pajamas, Reid Jones often blogs about Marvel superhero movies, with starry ambitions of one day becoming an entertainment journalist.

A few weeks ago, the 16-year-old woke up to that opportunity when he was invited to conduct red carpet interviews with the stars of Marvel's "Avengers: Age of Ultron" during the Los Angeles premiere.

"It really felt like it was a dream," said Jones, who traveled with his dad from Kennesaw, Georgia, to the premiere of the movie that hit theaters Friday.

Major Hollywood studios, such as Disney-owned Marvel, are anxious to win over super fans, especially those who help build excitement online among other youngsters ahead of a movie's debut. While the fan connection has long been cultivated at conventions like Comic-Con or Disney's Star Wars Celebration, young writers like Jones — whose posts have been read nearly 11 million times — are increasingly being courted at events once reserved for traditional media outlets.

This outreach is important for marketers, who call people like Jones "influencers" because they reach an under-25 crowd of frequent moviegoers, who are not as easily reached by the traditional 30-second TV ads that advertisers typically use to reach their parents. Fading are the days when movie critics at newspapers, magazines and other publications set the tone, particularly for the big-budget superhero movies that can make or break a studio's annual revenue target.

"When you're reaching young people, you have to go to where the authorities on culture exist," said Angela Courtin, chief marketing officer for Relativity Media, the studio that has co-financed "Fast & Furious" series and is releasing action comedy "Masterminds" this fall. "They're no longer in bylines of The New York Times or the Los Angeles Times. They're now on YouTube and Snapchat and Instagram and Vine."

Many of these influencers write blogs for sites like Moviepilot, which draw a large following of the younger audience marketers covet. According to Google Analytics, 37 percent of site visitors are under 25 years old, and 71 percent are under 35.

Moviepilot Inc. CEO Tobi Bauckhage said that last fall, he and his co-founders decided to change the direction of their movie fan site to take posts directly from readers, which is when usage began to take off. In March, it had 17.3 million unique U.S. visitors, more than double that of a year ago, according to comScore. In a single week in April, fan posts outnumbered editor posts 1,431 to 486.

Bauckhage attributes the growing popularity to fans like Jones, the Georgia teen who for the past year has written more than a post a day for Moviepilot. Recently, he pored over a trailer and deduced — correctly — the hidden nature of the new character, Vision, in "Avengers: Age of Ultron." He also figured out how two distinct weapons are actually part of one giant one that will determine the universe's fate in the two-part Avengers sequel three years from now.

"People like Reid knew more about specifics than some of our editors did," said Bauckhage, who sold off the original website he founded in Germany and launched a U.S. version in May 2013. "We realized we really have to empower these kids to become creators."

The company rewards contributors with seats at early movie screenings or swag, such as action figures, dolls and mugs. The most popular ones, like Jones, are awarded with paid contracts as freelancers — his was $1,000 a month — although Jones and the site said that arrangement had temporarily ended, as school got in the way.

Some studios pay Moviepilot for access to these influencers. In one deal, 20th Century Fox allowed Moviepilot horror genre blogger Nicole Renee onto its lot for a sneak peek at its trailer for "Poltergeist" a day before its release. A few months earlier, she had been given early access to the Lionsgate movie "Jessabelle," after which she made the comment: "The film gave me chills throughout my whole body."

Fox paid the site a significant, but undisclosed, sum for a guarantee that her post about "Poltergeist" would be read 100,000 times and the trailer seen 1 million times, Bauckhage said. Usage more than quintupled the target.

Bauckhage insisted contributors are allowed complete editorial freedom, and said the deal was cut before Renee wrote her post. He said the site is also considering a profit-sharing model with its most popular writers in the future.

"We're trying to empower fans to become part of the conversation and to give them the access, the platform, the tools to create great content about the stuff they really care about," Bauckhage said. "Now, that seems to match pretty nicely with the interest of the studio because they're very dependent on this kind of buzz."

In Jones' case, the teenager's freelance gig with Moviepilot had expired for a short time, but the site paid for his and his father's expenses, Bauckhage said. A Disney spokeswoman declined to comment.

Jones said the arrangement is fair and that he's looking forward to restarting a paid relationship with the site. His father, Bart Jones, said he's proud that his son took the initiative last year to turn his love of Marvel movies into a job.

"They've paid him for his contributions. They certainly paid him well with the trip and the experience," said Jones, 47. "I don't see any other avenues offering this type of experience to 16-year-olds. I think it's great."



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'We need to turn to each other, not on each other'

■ A pastor's faith offers hope beyond Baltimore



MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Upstairs in the church office of Bethel A.M.E. Church, located several blocks from recent rioting, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake waits for a news conference to begin. She vents about the self-destructive nature of the violence — attacks on businesses that were hard to attract to low-income neighborhoods and the sad irony that many of the places targeted were frequented by Freddie Gray. She rehearses for me the difficult choices involved in an appropriate but not over-militarized police response. Pressures come from every side. The state government, she says, denies needed education funding while watching over her shoulder on law and order. The schools were closed that day, in part, because teachers were refusing to come to work.

Down in the sanctuary, to the accompaniment of helicopter noise and sirens, Christian and Jewish leaders announce an effort to help feed poor children that won't be getting meals at school that day. Bethel's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Frank Reid III, adds a mild corrective for the mayor, who is standing beside him. Early in the crisis, Rawlings-Blake had referred to those involved in violence as "thugs." "There are no thugs in Baltimore," says Reid. "There are abused children" who "become abusers."

After the news conference ends, I sit with Reid in the front pew. Now 63, he has seen or participated in almost every stage of the civil rights struggle, becoming one of the most respected religious figures in Baltimore and an important leader of the broader movement.

Reid is tired from the exertions of the late night before. After Gray's funeral Monday at New Shiloh Baptist Church, hundreds of pastors marched in the midst of violence, in what Reid called "a demonstration of love and fearlessness." Returning to the church, religious leaders held a two-hour dialogue with gang leaders.

"One young man said to me, 'You Frank Reid. My grandma made me go to your church when I was little.' I felt like a failure. How did I let this brother get away? But then it hit me. He remembered, and it was a positive memory." Reid continues: "There is an opening in many young lives. There is an opportunity to touch a new generation — not to use them for church purposes, but to empower them to fulfill their purpose in life. That's exciting. Is it dangerous? What isn't dangerous?"

This is one of the most distinctive contributions of faith-based institutions to discussions on poverty and crime. Their vision of social healing is required to include the victimizers as well, who will remain in communities, or return from prison, after the cameras leave. "Everyone should have a second chance, even a third chance," says Reid.

He locates the Baltimore violence in a broader context, quoting sociologist Robert Putnam on a growing "opportunity gap" in American life. "When the opportunity gap gets as vast as it is," he says, "it is filled with frustration, fear, powerlessness." Reid is hoping for political leaders with the ambition of Lyndon Johnson "on the big issues of education, housing and the redistribution of wealth." But he is not hopeful about the state of American politics. "Left and right have put on blinders and ear plugs. They are not listening to each other. Everything reaffirms a pre-existing policy position." Public discourse, he says, has become "violence without a gun."

Reid, in obvious frustration, raises some uncomfortable questions. "If the marchers here had gone to the Inner Harbor, would we have seen that looting? The police would have prevented it." The Inner Harbor is the tourist district. Some communities seem more expendable than others.

And Reid poses "a question for the black community." "Do we now have a black political class," he asks, "out of contact with the personal needs of the people they serve? In the white community, there is an attitude of 'you people.' Is there a 'you people' idea in the black political class? I don't know."

Our conversation loops back to hope. "We need to turn to each other, not on each other," he says. "A moment can become a tipping point, and it doesn't always tip to the negative. The funeral yesterday was a positive tipping point, a foundation for the future. Romans Chapter 8 says that creation is moaning, groaning, giving birth. What we are seeing in urban neighborhoods is groaning and pain. If we stay focused, we can give birth to something positive and powerful."

OPINION EXTRA

What played out in Baltimore is a Great Society failure



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

President Barack Obama responded to the Baltimore riots with a heartfelt bout of self-righteous hectoring.

Supposedly, we all know what's wrong with Baltimore and how to fix it, but don't care enough. Not only is this attitude high-handed, it rests on a flagrantly erroneous premise.

President Obama doesn't have the slightest idea how to fix Baltimore. His solutions fall back on liberal bromides going back 50 years. Dating back to the Kerner Commission after the riots of the 1960s, the left's go-to solution to urban problems has been more social programs. Since then, we've gotten more social programs — and just as many urban problems.

Exhibit A is Baltimore itself. The city hasn't been "neglected." It has been misgoverned into the ground. It is a Great Society city that bought fully into the big-government vision of the 1960s, and the bitter fruit has been corruption, violence and despair.

We don't know all the facts surrounding Freddie Gray's tragic death. But as a general matter, it is easy to believe that the Baltimore police are corrupt, dysfunctional and unaccountable — because most of the Baltimore government is that way.

This is a failure exclusively of Democrats, unless the root causes of Baltimore's troubles are to be traced to its last Republican mayor, Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, who left office in 1967. And it is an indictment of a failed model of government.

The city has been shedding jobs and people for decades, including in the 1990s when the rest of the country was booming.

Baltimore is a high-tax city, with malice aforethought. "Officials raised property taxes 21 times between 1950 and 1985," Steve Hanke and Stephen Walters of Johns Hopkins University write in The Wall Street Journal, "channeling the proceeds to favored voting blocs and causing many homeowners and entrepreneurs — disproportionately Republicans — to flee. It was brilliant politics, as Democrats now enjoy an eight-to-one voter registration advantage."

To counterbalance the taxes, they note, developers need to be lured to the city with subsidies, and the developers, in turn, contribute to politicians to stay in their good graces. This makes for fertile ground for the city's traditional corruption.

Baltimore's preferred driver of growth has been government. Urban experts Fred Siegel and Van Smith write in City Journal that Baltimore has "emphasized a state-sponsored capitalism that relies almost entirely on federal and state subsidies, rather than market investments." The model makes for high-profile development projects, but trickle-down crony capitalism hasn't worked for everyone else.

At the same time, the city has failed at the basic functions of government.

Mayor Kurt Schmoke, in office for three terms beginning in the late 1980s, was notoriously soft on crime. Siegel and Smith write, "During the nineties, tolerant Baltimore's crime rate, much of it drug-fueled, rocketed upward (75 percent of the city's murders were drug-related); tough-on-crime New York's plummeted."

Under Mayor Martin O'Malley's subsequent, more strenuous policing, the crime rate dropped. But it is still a violent city. Baltimore has the fifth-highest murder rate among cities with a population of 100,000 or more. The schools, predictably, are a disaster, run by and for the teachers unions.

On top of all this, two-thirds of births in the city are out-of-wedlock. Toya Graham is being rightly celebrated for smacking her 16-year-old son and getting him out of the streets during the rioting. You can admire her pluck and still be daunted by the challenges she faces as a single mother of six.

What is Obama offering in response to this deep, decades-long decline? Among other things, more pre-K education and job training, even though these programs have a long history of ineffectiveness.

The imperative in Baltimore should be to think and act anew. But the left's takeaway will be that there's an urgent need for more of the same, as Baltimore and places like it continue to rot.



Amid the chaos, a model mother

■ There were many ready to fire off shots at her, but Toya Graham deserves praise for doing the right thing



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Toya Graham has earned one heck of a Mother's Day present.

Not only did the Baltimore mother do the right thing last week by confronting her wayward son, Michael, when she saw the 16-year-old in the middle of a street protest holding a brick. But, since becoming an overnight celebrity, Graham has had to suffer fools who are only too eager to second-guess her method of keeping the young man on the straight and narrow in a crime-ridden neighborhood where, she says, a parent is never sure if her child will come home safe at night.

The unemployed single mother of six waded into the chaos to look for her son. There, she saw a young man in a hoodie. And although he was wearing a mask, she recognized him. Video footage shows Graham furiously grabbing her son's sweater, shouting at him, and shoving him toward her car. It also shows her slapping him in the head. The young man was in full retreat, trying to get away from his mother.

Graham would later tell reporters that all Michael could say at the time was "OK, Mom. OK." Michael told CNN's Anderson Cooper that, once his mother got her hands on him, "it was World War III." And a lopsided battle at that. The young man took a serious beating.

Now for the fools, many of whom have gathered on Twitter to offer unsolicited opinions.

■ One tweet said that Graham is "whats wrong with america. 6 kids, no fathers stuck around, no job."

■ Another declared: "it disgusts me how many black women are applauding what was none other than the desensitizing of a young black man's masculinity."

■ A third insisted: "Either Toya Graham gets her 6 kids taken away ... or CLOSE DOWN CPS [Child Protective Services]!"

A freelance contributor to The Washington Post's website described how Graham became a hero: "In this country, when black mothers fulfill stereotypes of mammies, angry and thwarting resistance to a system designed to kill their children, they get praised."

Really? Some writers cover issues; but this one obviously has a few of her own. This story isn't about mammies. It's about mommies. How dare anyone judge this woman.

A lock for Mother of the Year, Graham had no desire to see her son get swept up in the bedlam where roving gangs looted stores, set fires and attacked police officers. What began as a protest over the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, whose spinal cord was nearly severed while in the care of the Baltimore Police Department, became about destroying as much as possible.

If the critics are wrong, they'll lose the argument. But if Graham is wrong, she could lose her son to the streets.

Haters gonna hate. Give some people a silver lining, and they'll find a cloud. Everything is a call to negativity and criticism. Some of it is motivated by jealousy. These days, if someone gets 15 minutes of fame, she can also count on at least two weeks of sniping.

While many Americans are applauding Graham for taking responsibility for her child — something that a lot of parents won't do these days — others want to throw cold water on the narrative and attack the mother.

As to how we got so far off course, it doesn't help that Americans have a habit of taking any story and shoehorning it to advance their own agenda. Now some are trying to co-opt the tale of the Hero Mom. A story that is about good parenting has become about spanking, public shaming, single mothers, absent fathers, the welfare state and — in one of the more far-fetched assertions —the claim by some African-Americans that white people enjoy seeing young black men "emasculated" in public.

The last item is troubling. If Michael was "emasculated" when his mother demanded that he behave better, does it follow that the "masculine" thing is to hide behind a mask and hurl bricks at police? If so, we're in trouble.

"What he was doing, it was just unacceptable," Graham told the hosts of "CBS This Morning."

What about the parents of other rioters? Do they think what their kids were doing — the violence and looting — was acceptable? Hero Mom shouldn't be criticized. She should be honored and emulated.

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Abbott should counter, not cater to, Texans' crazy Jade Helm fears

By Jacquielynn Floyd
Dallas Morning News

■ COMMENTARY

Fellow Texans, rest easy. Nobody is declaring martial law in our state.

This is a case of stating the obvious, but some people out there need reminding: Federal soldiers aren't going to kick the door down and take your precious firearms.

Airborne "sturmtruppen" aren't going to parachute onto the roof. No one is going to dig up the yard in search of the gold coins you've got buried out there in a Miracle Whip jar.

Friends, as much scintillating fun as it is to swap crazy talk around the ol' Internet campfire, enough is enough. If you're just pretending to believe that military training exercises planned for this summer are a smokescreen for a totalitarian federal takeover, you need to knock it off. And if you really do believe this — no offense — you are out of your gourd.

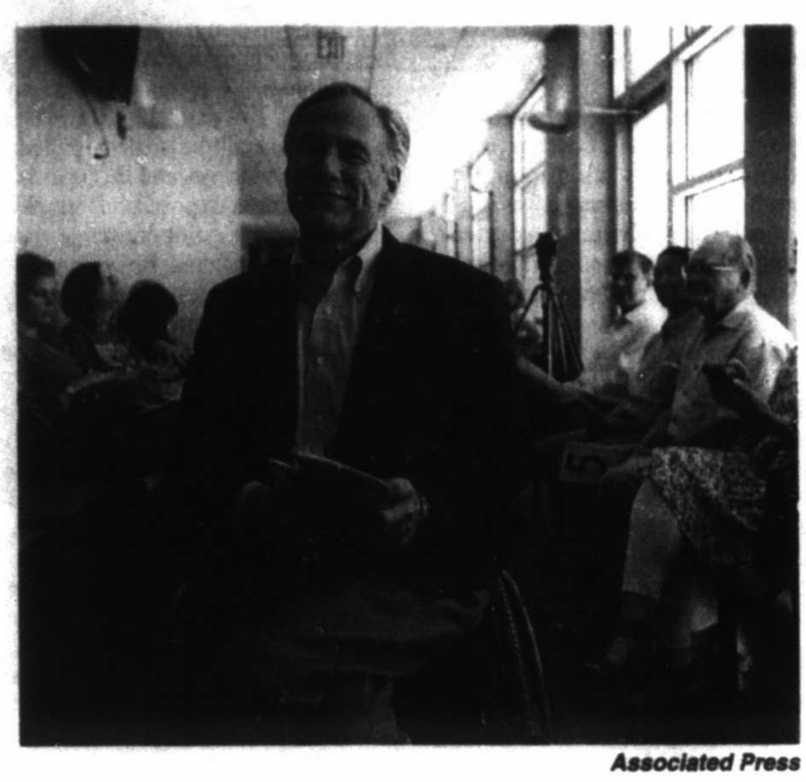
These are excitable times, though. Some truly bizarre speculation has boiled up around a planned U.S. special forces drill, a large-scale exercise called Jade Helm 15. The operation, involving 1,200 military personnel across seven Southwestern states, is scheduled to run from July 15 through mid-September.

This is what U.S. soldiers have done since they conducted musket drills at Valley Forge. They train, they exercise, they rehearse combat scenarios. This summer's series of exercises is intended to replicate the varied types of terrain troops might encounter in overseas combat.

Jade Helm is no secret. A U.S. Army colonel turned out for a public meeting Monday called by commissioners in Bastrop County to brief residents on what they can expect during the drills.

In an astonishing display of rudeness and disrespect, a vocal crowd of the local villagers turned out to insult and heckle the guy. They expressed their darkest fears about martial law and federal takeover. Some in the audience cheered when one speaker bluntly accused the long-suffering colonel of lying.

And that's mild stuff compared with some of the lunacy being swapped online: ISIS guerillas will be brought in to enforce Shariah law. They'll be shuttled around through a secret network of tunnels linking (you think I'm making this up, don't you?) abandoned Wal-Mart stores.



Associated Press

Gov. Gregg Abbott awaits jury selection Monday with other potential jurors to be called or dismissed during a break in selection at the Travis County Judicial Center in Austin. Abbott has order the Texas State Guard to monitor federal troops participating in a large-scale exercise, Jade Helm 15.

"All we want to do is make sure our guys are trained for combat overseas," said Lt. Col. Mark Lastoria, with more patience and civility than much of his audience was due. "We just want to hone our skills."

Gov. Greg Abbott's response to this nut-studded fruitcake

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Congress should reauthorize export agency



BOBBY BURNS
Midland Chamber president/CEO

More than 40,000 Texas companies are proud to sell their products all over the world, from Mexico to China and Brazil, making us America's top exporting state. The vast majority — over 90 percent — of these exporters are small- or medium-sized businesses with fewer than 500 employees and many are in Midland. These are the small enterprises that innovate and create jobs. In the most recent survey, one quarter of Texas's manufacturing jobs depend on exports. And those jobs are growing. Exports are leading America's economic recovery, creating 1.8 million jobs in recent years.

Congress should be encouraging this export growth so we can continue to create jobs, reduce unemployment and get our economy moving again. Yet some in Congress are running the other way — proposing we shut down a critical engine for export growth, the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

Since its creation in the wake of the Great Depression, the Ex-Im Bank has helped American companies do more business overseas by backing U.S. exports when private banks cannot. Last year, it helped American exporters close nearly $30 billion in overseas sales, supporting 164,000 jobs.

Small businesses, in particular, benefit from the Ex-Im Bank, making up nearly 90 percent of Ex-Im transactions. Small businesses rely on Ex-Im financing when local banks aren't equipped to finance their exports and big commercial banks won't give them the time of day. They use its export insurance so they know they'll get paid when they ship their products overseas.

Midland companies have worked directly with Ex-Im to create new overseas revenue for our city in the last five years. This new revenue means new jobs, new investment and a brighter future for many Midlanders.

This includes Midland companies like Benchmark Research and Technology, Don-Nan Pump and Supply, Hy-Bon Engineering, Compressor Systems Inc, West Texas Gas and Midland Certified Reagent.

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Midland mischief-makers: Detention, suspension or jail time?

DIANNA MULDROW
Texas Public Policy Foundation

Midland ISD has lower rates of student attendance than the average Texas district.

The attendance rate in the 2013-2014 school year was 94.5 percent, compared to the state average, 95.9 percent. 1.4 percent may not seem like a particularly large difference, but considering Midland's number of enrolled students, that amounts to a difference of 330 students. One hundred percent attendance would involve 1,371 more students.

There are some who have been involved in Midland's truancy for many years. Judge David Cobos, a justice of the peace in Midland, has seen great fanfare for his admirable efforts to reduce truancy and drop-out rates. Cobos applies a stern approach to truancy, applying fines primarily to the children instead of the parents. His efforts certainly have brought more than one student back into their classrooms.

Unfortunately, research does not suggest that the criminal justice system is the best method of addressing status offenses such as truancy.

A status offense is an action that is criminal because of a quality of the offender, such as age. There are many status offenses for children: breaking curfew, running away, drinking and truancy are just a few. A key factor in the construction of these offenses is that the act itself is not criminal. Instead, the act is criminal because the individual committing it is a juvenile.

Juveniles who are truant first face the school system and, purportedly as a last ditch effort, then the legal system on a Class C misdemeanor. Judges have the ability to issue fees up to $500, to either the parent or the child. If the fees are not paid, an arrest warrant can be issued. Children who fail to show up to school can be jailed, ensuring they will not show up to school in the future.

Jailing juveniles for truancy, or wrapping families — often troubled families — up in court time after time, are an expensive and ineffective means of addressing truancy. Holding juveniles in secure placement in Texas costs taxpayers $134,000 a year, and attaches a host of negative outcomes to a youth such as greater likelihood of increased criminal behavior, exacerbated mental illnesses, increased self harm, and ironically, lower rates of return to school. Chronic truancy is often a symptom of a low-income, unstable home. Pulling parents repeatedly into court and levying fines they may not be able to pay only exacerbates the situation.

There are better responses to truancy. As advocated by Derek Cohen, senior policy analyst at Right on Crime, in his paper "Kids Doing Time for What is Not a Crime," there are several other options that have limited — if any — involvement of the criminal justice system. Cohen suggests ensuring that truancy laws are not overbroad, covering students who are "engaged in home-schooling or blended learning." He also prescribes risk-needs assessments to lower the number of juveniles held in

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GUEST VIEW
Dallas Morning News

Abbott's cringe-worthy order is fuel for the Jade Helm 15 fire

Certain Texans do get wrapped around the axle pretty tight. That happens when they get the idea that the government is about to confiscate their guns or declare martial law and send troops to occupy the streets in the dark of night.

One word for it is paranoia. Central Texas has been dealing with an outbreak, stemming from military training maneuvers planned in several counties for Special Ops troops. The exercises have a mysterious sounding code name — Operation Jade Helm 15 — the mention of which was sure to push some jittery civilians over the edge.

After a community meeting in Bastrop, called by the county judge, one man worried about the second coming of Nazi Germany.

Ah, Texas. What are you going to do?

Here's what not to do: give credence to wacky conspiracy theories.

Gov. Greg Abbott crossed the line and did just that with his order recently telling Texas State Guard officials to "monitor" the U.S. military exercises.

To which we say: "Really, governor?"

It wasn't an awful idea to address rampant fears, but Abbott has put the state in a bizarre trust-but-verify posture toward this country's own military.

Abbott could have handled this fuss without responding so overtly to Internet fearmongers. What's called for is a voice of calm and reason. Measured words, not words that professional conspiracy nuts can twist to serve their own mercenary purposes.

Abbott might reap minor political dividends from his order; after all, his Republican Party has characters on the right fringe of the right wing who are prone to believe some strange stuff. The governor's order sends them a sly message about having their backs. Those few votes could come back and help him come election time.

But there's a far bigger downside: the message that Main Street USA gets about the Lone Star State's new governor. Texas just said goodbye to Rick Perry, who developed a reputation as a governor ready to secede from the Union. Now, in only his fourth month, Abbott looks like he wants a chunk of that us-against-Washington action. His order asked for regular reports on federal soldiers so Texans can be sure their safety, rights and liberties "will not be infringed."

Those are cringe-worthy words to appear over the governor's signature.

Abbott could point to other parts of his order — the predictable ones about the long Texas tradition of respecting the military and honoring the brave men and women who sacrifice to keep us free.

Those don't overshadow his overall message that someone needs to keep an eye on those brave men and women as long as they're training in Texas.

Be not afraid

The Austin American-Statesman conducted an online Q&A with military analyst Paul Floyd of Stratfor, an Austin-based global intelligence advisory firm, about training exercises

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paper's editorial leadership doesn't make Midland better

I noticed with interest in April 26's opinion section two columns titled, "Midland must be more to ... professionals," and "Selfless reporters ... go-to source."

Jackson Burns needs to continue cheering for his hometown as it is, not some warped attempt to change it to replicate Austin or Dallas to attract young professionals. Our parks are fine, the bus system is OK — as is it still doesn't pay for itself — and downtown development has gone far enough with tax dollars. And what town has more walking space than Midland?

The second piece pays tribute to my outdoor club fellow enthusiast Rachael Gleason and the excellent writer Joseph Basco. As a former daily newspaper reporter/editor, I agree that the vast number of reporters put in grueling hours for little pay. The attraction is that objective reporting improves society.

However, the rank and file don't always reflect their editorial leadership. Such is the case with my low-level trial two years ago in a JP court — six-person jury. While I am a minor "public figure" at best, the local print press was overzealous with five stories, three of which were the result of delayed justice. The publicity resulted from a broken confidence of former friends, an incompetent jury selection process, an unknowledgeable judge and a misdirected prosecution by two novice attorneys aided by an experienced attorney who is now a judge. Really, three against my $250-per-hour defense attorney for a misdemeanor.

The verdict was "not guilty," but my reputation still suffers as my story is ever-present on the Internet. However, I still have faith in the system as I have served on criminal and civil juries locally and one term as a grand juror.

I praise the likes of Audrie Palmer, Meredith Moriak Wright, Cale Ottens, Len Hayward, Mary Dearen, Tessa Duvall and others. They have made Midland better, but some of their supervisors haven't.

Well, my hat is off to the noble fourth estate; your efforts are under-appreciated.

Bob Templeton
Midland College journalism professor

Young professional hopefully starts conversation

Yes, Young Professionals in Midland have a problem, but it is not a new one. In the '50s, when Midland tripled its population, it also existed. Then, the young professionals took it upon themselves to rectify the situation. I don't know exactly how they got started, but I can surmise — a small group (probably advertised in the paper as to forming a club for social purposes). They called it the Bachelors Club. They met and planned activities.

When I came to Midland in 1955 as a single person, there were 75 members in this club. The girls also formed a club called the "French Heels." I was not a member, but Marilyn Harrison and Gloria Lambert were, as were many others who still live here.

Every year they had a dance for new single school teachers and office workers. We all went — it was a great way to meet people. They also had gatherings at someone's home or apartment — with a flag (made by my Mother) flying outside to announce the place. All refreshments were potluck. And the group planned weekend trips also to Santa Fe for skiing, Big Bend, etc.

Many of these young bachelors and single gals married and established the family-friendly oriented atmosphere Midland has today.

Not much to do today? In the '50s there were only three restaurants in Midland, two Country Clubs, no municipal golf-course, no baseball team, no liquor sold here (in case that's important to you) — but the sale of alcoholic drinks is profit-making to restaurants. So we had to manufacture "things to do." It's amazing what can happen when several minds co-operate.

I would be very glad to meet or speak with you, Mr. Burns, and give you some more names, if you want to follow-up your letter with plans to make Midland a target for young professionals, both male and female.

Someone has to start it. And you just did. Hopefully, there will be many more such letters and comments in response to your excellent and timely article.

Pat Schneider

'West Side Story' was 'wonderful production'

I saw "West Side Story," the joint production between Midland College and Midland Community Theater, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The energy was great. You could tell that everyone — on stage and off — was having a wonderful time. Their energy affected the audience, engaging us in the story, songs and dancing. Strong singing and dancing propelled the story, and it was great for those of us old enough to know the music to be taken away with the compelling rhythms and melodies.

The set was terrific and worked really well, setting the atmosphere and adapting to various set requirements. The lighting was good too, coloring the tension as the story moved forward.

It was a great way to spend my weekend night — fabulous music, memorable characters and enough drama to pull in the audience. My friends were also drawn in by the performances and story.

Just for the record, I am connected both to MC and MCT, but, unfortunately, had nothing to do with this wonderful production.

Katherine Allen

Floyd

From 11A

of fear was unfortunate. On Wednesday, he directed the Texas National Guard to monitor the drills to reassure Texans that "their safety, constitutional rights, private property rights and civil liberties will not be infringed."

Never mind that American troops have been protecting those very rights for more than two centuries, and to suggest that they're part of a plot to overturn them is a profound insult to our military personnel.

Well, I suppose Abbott's intention was to soothe these bizarre fears, to bring calm to these turgid conspiracy-crank waters.

Besides, it's difficult to see exactly what the state guard is supposed to do here. A volunteer state force that is generally called on to respond to disasters and weather emergencies, they're being told to "ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect Texans" during the U.S. military maneuvers.

And if there really were a sinister plan afoot, I don't know that I'd lay any bets on a corps of well-fed weekend warriors standing up to the most skilled combat troops on the planet.

Still, it would be nice if Abbott had chosen a different response to these protests, such as: "You need to quit behaving like a bunch of ninnies."

He could have said: "Y'all need to find something more constructive to do with your time than slobber like Pavlov's dog every time some talkshow blowhard tells you the black helicopters are coming." He could have said: "Knock it off, because you are embarrassing your state."

Abbott did at least end his directive to the state guard with a bet-hedging sop expressing his "utmost respect for the deep patriotism of the brave military men and women who put their lives on the line to fight for and defend our freedom."

Let's join in hoping that the governor's response was a strategic error, that it wasn't meant to lend credence to delusional persecution fantasies.

Next time, he needs to lead his remarks by expressing respect where it's due. And he needs to call crazy what it is.

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Burns

From 11A

Overall, eight different Midland companies have relied on Ex-Im's services to close over $20 million in foreign sales in recent years — producing jobs and tax revenues for our community that wouldn't otherwise exist.

And, best of all, these Ex-Im-supported jobs don't cost taxpayers anything; Ex-Im is self-funding through the fees it charges users. Users pay for it. Critics have tried to twist the numbers to argue that the bank is risky and technically loses money (if you use an unsanctioned accounting standard based on false assumptions). But in the real world, Ex-Im paid all the costs of its operations and returned $675 million to the U.S. Treasury. In the past two decades, its surplus has run $7 billion.

Critics also claim the bank doesn't really create jobs. They promise that private banks would step in if Ex-Im didn't exist, or that lost jobs would be replaced elsewhere in the economy. But ask any employee whose company couldn't get private financing for their exports and used Ex-Im instead to close the deal and bring in new revenues. They'll tell you that Ex-Im works — that they got hired because of the new exports, or got a raise as a result. These are the people on the chopping block if the critics win.

American companies make the best products in the world. If we get a fair shake, we'll win business on the merits. But canceling the Ex-Im Bank would tilt the scales against American workers and thousands of small business exporters. It would allow overseas competitors — who use illegal subsidies, bribery and far, far more export credit, often 4 or more times as much — to steal these jobs. It could kill tens of thousands of jobs in Texas and many key positions in Midland.

We should encourage Congressman Mike Conaway and U. S. Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn to do everything they can to help Midland companies compete on a level playing field in the global market. Reauthorizing the Ex-Im Bank is an important step Congress can take to support small businesses in Midland.

Bobby Burns is president and CEO of Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Illinois clears major hurdle for Obama library in Chicago

By Sophia Tareen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — One of the remaining obstacles to building Barack Obama's presidential library in his hometown of Chicago fell away when Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation Friday strengthening the city's legal ability to build the project on public park land.

The decision to locate the legacy project where Obama started his political career wasn't a surprise. But it hit snags when the University of Chicago initially failed to secure park land and when an advocacy group objected and threatened a lawsuit like one it filed to stop lakefront construction on "Star Wars" creator George Lucas' proposed museum.

The measure, which Rauner said would benefit the city and state, changes Illinois law to let Chicago build museums on park or "formerly submerged" land, such as the Lake Michigan-adjacent property where Lucas wants to build.

"Both of those developments will be strong economic drivers for the state of Illinois," Rauner told reporters during a Friday stop in southwest Illinois, "helping the overall Illinois economy as well as the Chicago economy with tourism and visitors, and help create jobs and more tax revenue."

Obama's library will be built on Chicago's South Side, where the University of Chicago has proposed two potential sites not far from the Obama family's home. The Barack Obama Foundation, which was deciding between university bids in Illinois, Hawaii and New York, was expected to release details within weeks. Two people with knowledge of the decision confirmed to The Associated Press that Chicago had been chosen. They spoke on condition of anonymity because it hasn't been publicly announced.

Muldrow

From 11A

secure detention, placing priority on juveniles with previous violent offenses or a high risk of violence in the future. The savings from these changes should be reinvested in programs that address the causes of truancy, perhaps before it even occurs. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), family therapy, mental health or substance abuse treatment programs all address issues that can cause truancy without taking the child out of school and into the justice system.

Midland has worked hard in this area, and Cobos is certainly to be commended for his efforts to use electronic monitoring — opposed to detention — as a sanction. This innovation is precisely what Midland children need. Whether it is 330 children, or 1,371, it is better to get them into school than get them into court.

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Those who may take issue with this op-ed and might want to submit their own take on efforts to reduce truancy can contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856 or sdoreen@mrt.com.

Abbott

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the military is holding in Central Texas. Here are excerpts:

Paul, can you tell us what Jade Helm 15 is?

Jade Helm is an exercise being conducted by Special Operations Command over the summer. It is designed to be as realistic as possible, allowing these units to train in similar environments to where they might be fighting in the future overseas.

Can you tell us more about the nature of the exercises? Logistics? Weapons training? Physical training?

They are designed for all of the above. Any military operation involves all of these elements to execute to be successful. A realistic exercise will do the same. In this case, Special Operations soldiers will focus on unconventional warfare. This is the type of warfare that is outside the pitched battles of conventional fighting utilizing small specially trained units.

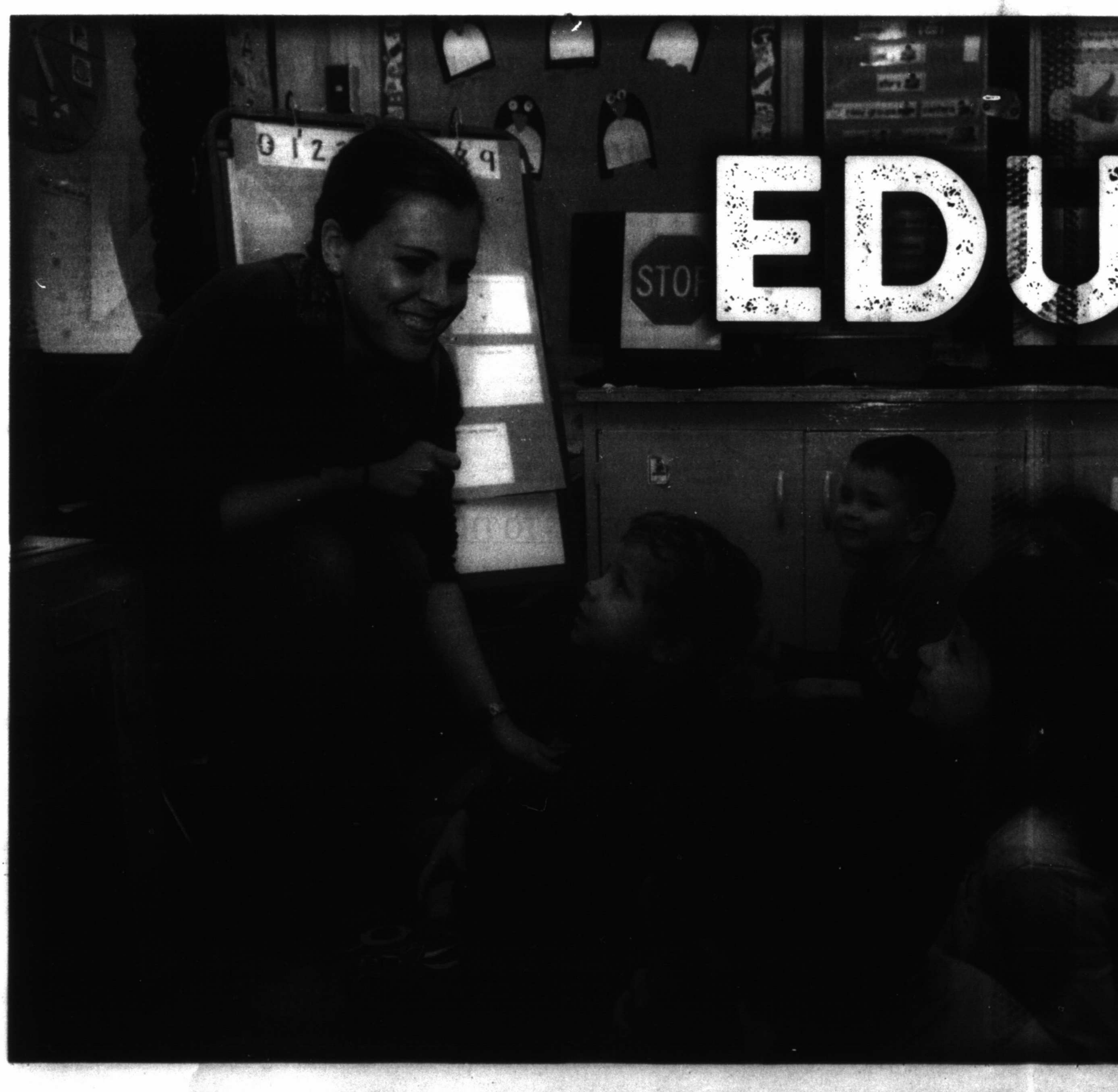
How typical is it for the military to conduct exercises among civilian populations?

It is relatively common. The military, despite all of its resources, can only replicate so many different scenarios. To cover a full spectrum of environments and eventualities, the military likes to use the unique environments that can be found in civilian areas sometimes.

People are very uncomfortable about this. Should they be?

No. The military is being public about its intentions and interfacing with local communities at various levels to both keep the public informed and deconflict potential safety issues.

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Associated Press

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks Tuesday in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Bush said Friday he trusts the legal process that resulted in charges against six Baltimore officers in the death of a man from injuries sustained while in police custody.

Jeb Bush on Baltimore police charges: 'The process works'

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said Friday that he trusts the legal process that resulted in charges against six Baltimore officers in the death of a man from injuries sustained while in police custody.

But a president, said the likely 2016 Republican candidate, could do more to address rising anger toward police in poor neighborhoods. "I think we need, as a nation, to have a conversation about why is it that we're creating these big pockets of poverty," he said.

Speaking shortly after charges were announced in Freddie Gray's death in Baltimore, Bush said "the process works, and it will go forward from here on out. People are innocent until proven guilty."

At the same time, Bush stressed that in any time of disaffection, the first responsibility is to make sure the rule of law applies. There are "ways to protest peacefully, but when you cross the line and you start doing damage to property and harming people, innocent people, that's a problem."

Bush met Friday morning with dozens of supporters at the North Carolina Republican Party headquarters in Raleigh as he edges closer to a decision on whether he'll seek the GOP presidential nomination.

"It's not that far off," he told the crowd of his decision.

Bush was expected to make several more stops in the state, including a private meeting with supporters in Charlotte.

In remarks to his Raleigh audience, Bush warned against retrenchment in foreign policy, saying the U.S. needs to maintain a strong presence in global security.

"When we pull back, what happens?" he asked. "Voids are filled. They're filled by these new barbarian Islamic terrorist threats."

And "our friends have no confidence that we're going to have their back, and our enemies don't fear us."

Paul: Comments were misinterpreted

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul built his presidential campaign on being "a different kind of Republican," which has meant an outreach to minority voters.

But Paul's comments about the riots in Baltimore following the death of an African-American man while in police custody have been criticized as out of touch for someone who has spent so much time seeking inroads with the black community.

"I came through the train on Baltimore last night, and I'm glad the train didn't stop," the Kentucky senator told radio host Laura Ingraham this week, with a slight chuckle.

On Friday, Paul regretted that he'd come across as dismissive of the anguish in the city. But he put the blame on Democratic critics, not himself, saying they misinterpreted his remarks.

Associated Press

Poll: Americans approve of drone strikes on terrorists

By Ken Dilanian and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly three-quarters of Americans say it's acceptable for the U.S. to use an unmanned aerial drone to kill an American citizen abroad if that person has joined a terror organization, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

A majority, 6 in 10, supports the use of drones to target terrorists in general. Only 13 percent oppose the use of drones, the poll said, and another 24 percent don't feel strongly either way.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted April 23-27, in the days after President Barack Obama publicly apologized for a CIA drone strike in Pakistan that inadvertently killed American hostage Warren Weinstein and Italian hostage Giovanni Lo Porto. The strike also killed Ahmed Farouq, an American citizen who was an al-Qaida planning leader. Another strike killed Adam Gadhani, an American citizen who joined al-Qaida and became Osama Bin Laden's spokesman.

The survey is the latest in several years of data showing broad support among the U.S. public for a targeted killing program begun under President George W. Bush and expanded dramatically under Obama. While the U.S. once condemned Israel for targeted killing from the air, such operations are now the centerpiece of American counterterrorism policy, and they enjoy widespread public backing.

Support for targeted killing with drones crosses party lines, the new poll found. Nearly 6 in 10 Democrats favor using drones to bomb members of terrorist groups, while only 16 percent are opposed. Among Republicans, 72 percent are in favor and only 10 percent are opposed. Independents are more ambivalent, with 45 percent in favor and 12 percent opposed; 37 percent are neutral on the issue.

Just 47 percent of Americans think it's appropriate to use drones to target terrorists overseas if innocent Americans might be killed in the process.

More than 4 in 10 (43 percent) of those who initially said they favor using drones — or that they didn't favor or oppose using them — said it's unacceptable to use drones if innocent Americans could be killed.

The poll did not include questions about foreign civilian casualties or about public confidence in the government's assertion that the vast majority of those killed in drone strikes are terrorists. Independent groups have estimated that at least hundreds, and possibly thousands, of noncombatants have been killed in the operations, a count the U.S. government disputes.

Drone skeptics said most polls on the subject frame the question with the assumption that those targeted are terrorists, when it's not clear that is always the case.

"Almost everyone, of course, is going to support killing people who are trying to kill us, but that's not who we are necessarily targeting in each case," said Sarah Kreps, an associate professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University.

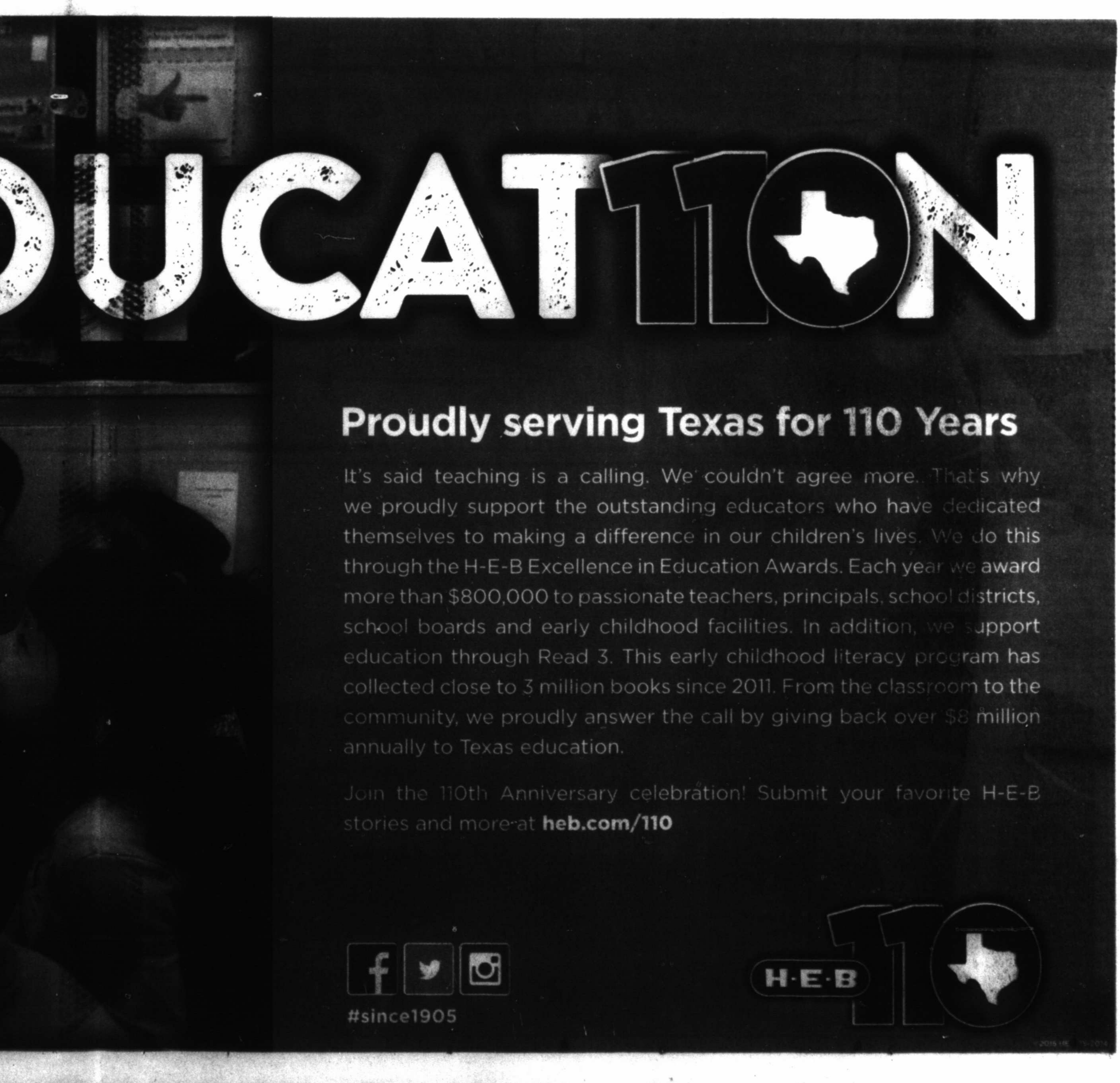
Kreps examined poll data and found that if respondents are confronted with evidence of errors and civilian casualties in some drone strikes, support for the strikes drops below a majority.

Since the first operation in 2002, there have been 396 drone strikes in Pakistan and 126 in Yemen, according to the New America Foundation, which tracks the strikes using media reports. The CIA has conducted all of the strikes in Pakistan and most of them in Yemen, though the military also conducts drone strikes in Yemen.

The pace of strikes in both countries has diminished in recent years. Obama imposed a standard in Yemen that no strike would occur unless there was a near certainty that no civilian would be harmed. That standard — more restrictive than the rules governing traditional military action — was not in place in Pakistan, which is considered part of the Afghan war theater. In Pakistan, the drop-off in strikes has been attributed to the success of the program in destroying much of core al-Qaida.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,077 adults was conducted online April 23-27, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail survey methods, and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't otherwise have access to the Internet were provided access at no cost to them.



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SEATTLE

Shellfish producer backs away from pesticide spraying

Washington state's largest shellfish producer says it is bowing to public pressure and will not use a pesticide recently approved to control a native burrowing shrimp that makes it hard for oysters to grow.

The state Department of Ecology approved the pesticide's use on Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, despite concerns raised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others about possible harm to other species.

Taylor Shellfish Farms decided not to spray its oyster beds after getting a stream of calls from customers and the public concerned about the spraying plan, company spokesman Bill Dewey said Friday.

An association of about two dozen oyster growers in southwest Washington, including Taylor, applied for and received a permit last month to collectively spray up to 2,000 acres a year with a widely-used pesticide, imidacloprid. About 200 acres of Taylor's farms would have been sprayed under that plan, Dewey said.

The company still believes the science is solid and that use of the pesticide won't harm the bay, but it is listening to its customers, Dewey said.

"People have been weighing in with their disappointment," he said. "We fully believe in the permits and the science and the research that's gone into issuing them. We think the use is solid and won't have devastating effects on the bay at all. Regardless of all of that, our customers' opinions are what matter."

Willapa Bay is the largest producer of farmed oysters in the U.S., mostly nonnative Pacific oysters.

IOWA

Branstad declares state of emergency in response to bird flu

DES MOINES — A state of emergency was declared Friday by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad with nearly 17 million chickens and turkeys dead, dying or scheduled to be euthanized due to a widening bird flu outbreak.

The proclamation, in effect until May 31 unless terminated earlier, activates disaster response and recovery procedures for the state's homeland security and emergency management personnel. It also authorizes use of state resources, supplies, equipment and materials to track and monitor bird flu, establish restrictions around affected farms and assist in the rapid detection of cases.

It also allows state agencies to help in the disposal of poultry carcasses, an increasing problem in a state where about 27 percent of its 60 million egg-laying chickens will be wiped out.

Iowa is the nation's leading egg producer, providing one of every five eggs consumed in the country. The state is ninth in turkey production and has lost well over 110,000 turkeys. The state now has 21 cases of the H5N2 virus in 10 counties.

"This is a magnitude much greater than anything we've dealt with in recent modern times," Branstad said.

Overall, the outbreak has led to Midwest chicken and turkey producers losing more than 21 million birds. Minnesota, which has lost some 4 million birds in 19 counties this spring, declared a state of emergency earlier this week.

Four additional farms were added Friday to the Iowa list of those with probable disease outbreak, including a second turkey farm in Sac County and turkey farms in Pocahontas and Cherokee counties.

Madison County, located southwest of Des Moines, is the only county affected that isn't in northwest Iowa. An egg-laying chicken farm with 1 million birds had a positive preliminary test.

Kenai Peninsula goat-sharing program grows

By Kelly Sullivan
Peninsula Clarion

KENAI, Alaska — At feeding time Monday morning on Karluk Acres, a gang of Nigerian Dwarf and Nubian goats darted over gravel to claim scattered corn and grains.

The farm, which Julie Wendt co-owns with Paul Vass, has one of the few goat-shares on the Kenai Peninsula. Currently, the herd has seven milking females and is only large enough to supply the demand from friends and their families, Wendt said.

Herd-shares facilitate the purchase of local, raw dairy products, Wendt said. People buy half of a goat or a quarter of a goat depending on the size, and can take a portion of the milk the animal produces, she said. Selling unpasteurized milk is prohibited, but herd-share participants are paying for the goat, and as owners can have the milk for personal use.

It ends up costing roughly $5 per gallon because the buyer helps with work around the farm as well, Wendt said. If there is extra it usually goes to other animals on the farm, she said.

"It's a shame to feed it to the pigs," Wendt said.

Wendt says unpasteurized goat's milk has numerous health benefits, especially for children, which is why she tries to sell shares to families with children. It is more homogenized than cow's milk and is easier to digest, she said.

Suzy Crosby, a speaker at the 2015 Kenai Peninsula Ag Forum, owns Cottonwood Creek Farm, one of several larger herd-share operations in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. She and her husband Mike Pendergrast began their herd-share in 2002, with only two milking goats.

"We had more milk even then, than we knew what to do with," Crosby said.

Crosby is aware of aware of nearly one dozen active herd-shares raising various dairy animals throughout Alaska. Cottonwood Creek Farm has Chinook Wind Registered Alpine goats, whose supply is spoken for year-round during the peak in the summer and slow winter seasons, she said.

There is enough movement of shareholders that new applicants are usually accepted, Crosby said.





ABOVE: In this April 27, 2015 photo, Julie Wendt reaches for her son, Silas Wendt, who was overrun by goats during feeding time at Karluk Acres in Kenai, Alaska, on April 27. The farm, which Wendt co-owns with Paul Vass, has one of the few goat-shares on the Kenai Peninsula. Wendt said that herd-shares facilitate the purchase of local, raw dairy products. People buy half of a goat or a quarter of a goat depending on the size, and can take a portion of the milk the animal produces.

LEFT: A baby Nigerian Dwarf tries to find a spot to snack during feeding time at Karluk Acres in Kenai, Alaska.

Peninsula Clarion/AP

Many shareholders stick with the program for years, while for others it may be a shorter duration, such as raising a baby until weaning age. This spring her very first shareholder finally left the program after 13 years, she said.

"It seems as if when one person leaves two more step in," Crosby said. "It becomes very self-sustaining."

The legality of selling a share in an animal versus selling their milk is a matter of using terminology approved by the state of Alaska, Crosby said. It becomes "a boarding arrangement," and the buyer is paying a monthly fee to house their portion of the animal, she said.

Herd-share owners can come pick up their milk shares when the milk is available, on their assigned day of the week, Crosby said.

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund tracks regulations by state on raw milk sales. Alaska is one of seven states where herd-shares are legal. Ten states allow for the retail sale of raw milk, on-farm sales are legal in 15 states, four states do not have any regulations on raw milk, and only 11 states ban raw milk sales.

"Raw milk is considered by many to be one of nature's most perfect foods, and yet it is one of the most banned substances by the government," Crosby said.

There is a pervasive attitude that unpasteurized product is dangerous, Crosby said. However, raw milk itself rarely makes people ill; the conditions in which the product is stored and handled are more likely to blame for problems, she said. During her presentation at the Ag Forum, Crosby outlined the two essential components to properly handling raw milk.

"Clean and cold," Crosby said, are the two priorities to follow. Chilling the milk quickly and storing it at a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, and maintaining a clean milking environment, equipment and animals is essential, she said.

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A customer tries on Apple's new watch at a store in San Francisco on April 10. The Apple Watch's heart rate monitor might not work if there is a tattoo on the wearer's wrist.

Inked and irked: Apple Watch users report tattoo problems

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's an annoying problem for the unlucky few: the Apple Watch's heart rate monitor, and even some other features might not work if you have a tattoo on your wrist.

Inked and irked Apple fans have dubbed the issue "TattooGate" on Twitter, complaining that they must choose between their body art and their stylish gadget. Apple, for its part, acknowledged the issue on its support website.

"Permanent or temporary changes to your skin, such as some tattoos, can also impact heart rate sensor performance," the site reads. "The ink, pattern, and saturation of some tattoos can block light from the sensor, making it difficult to get reliable readings."

Several watch owners complained about the problem on social media this week, even posting videos that show the watch working well on an undecorated wrist, but repeatedly locking or pausing when worn on an arm with a tattoo. Some said it appeared the watch's screen-lock feature was triggering because the sensors thought the watch was not sitting on their wrist.

That was frustrating and "a bit embarrassing" for Graham Edgell, a Los Angeles printing broker who loves Apple products and was eager to show off his new watch to friends after his wife bought it for him. Edgell, 38, said he thought a software glitch was interfering with the watch's message notifications and other features, until he heard about others having trouble with their tattoos.

Edgell solved his problem by moving the watch further down on his wrist, away from the dark floral tattoo that stops just above the cuff of his shirt sleeve. "When it was on the tattoo, it was as if it had lost connection with my skin," he said. "Now it's absolutely fine."

The watch tracks heart rates through a common medical technique that measures how much light is absorbed by blood. An Apple representative referred a reporter to the company's website, which explains "Apple Watch uses green LED lights paired with light-sensitive photodiodes to detect the amount of blood flowing through your wrist at any given moment. When your heart beats, the blood flow in your wrist — and the green light absorption — is greater."

While the problem doesn't occur with all tattoos, it may be more likely to affect people with dark red or black ink on the side of the wrist where they wear their watch, according to anecdotal accounts.

"So far it's not been an issue," said Nick Borelli, a 34-year-old marketing executive in Cleveland. He has a black tattoo on the inside of his wrist — but not the side where he has worn the Apple Watch. He added that he likes the watch but worries the glitch could affect a large "target demographic" of young, tech-savvy people with tattoos, who are likely to be interested in the watch as a gadget and fashion accessory.

If tattoos can interfere with the way light is absorbed through the skin, there so far doesn't appear to be a problem with dark skin or scars. Some experts said natural skin pigmentation wouldn't block the green light used by Apple, although researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, have found dark skin can affect the results of blood oxygen sensors that use infrared light.

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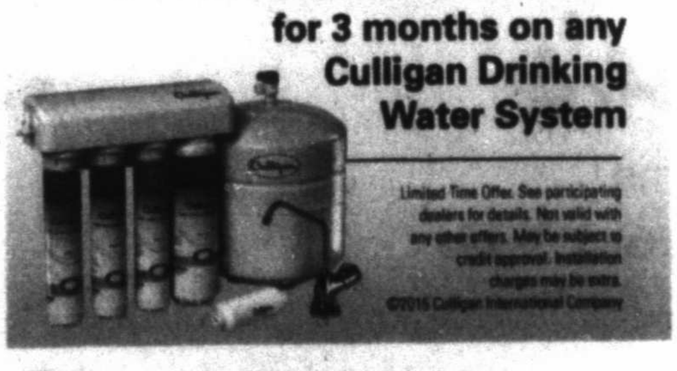
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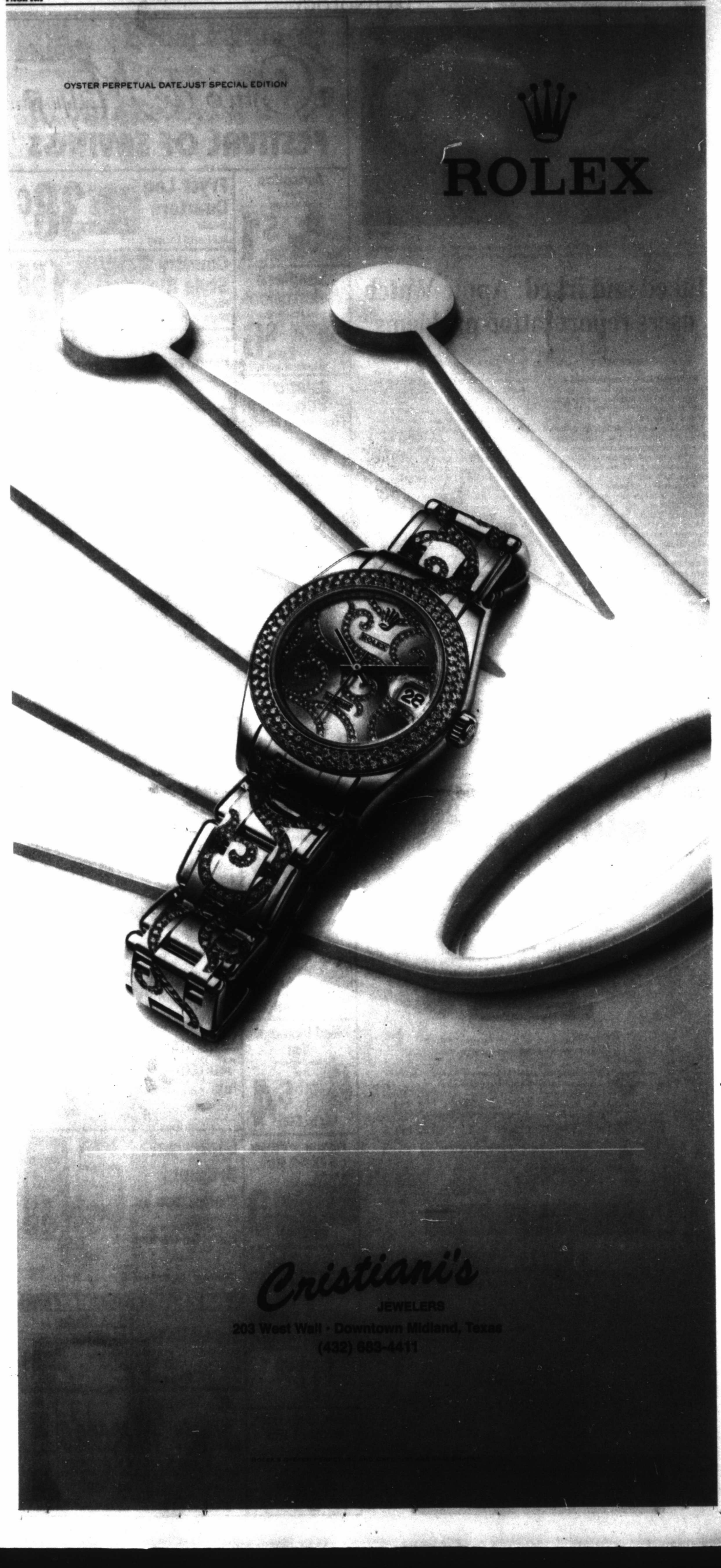
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Texas' good rains benefit lake levels statewide

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Restaurant owner Kelly Duncan gazes incredulously at a full Lake Lavon.

Three months ago, this lake northeast of Dallas was half-full. Good rainfalls in March and April brought big changes — the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released water this week from the full lake to reduce flood risk.

"I forgot what it looked like when it was full," the 59-year-old owner of Big Daddy's Roadhouse BBQ said. "It's looking really good."

Statewide, estimates from the National Weather Service indicate the first four months of this year have been the fifth wettest since 1895 and the wettest since 1997. So far this year, estimates show the state has gotten 11.5 inches of precipitation, or about 160 percent of the normal 7.1 inches. March and April each provided 200 percent of the state's normal rainfall.

And the news going forward is good.

A weaker-than-anticipated El Nino that brought with it rain, snow and sleet to Texas is expected to persist and intensify through next winter. This summer's temperatures might be the lowest since 2007-2008, according to state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammons, which could lead to less evaporation from lakes, weather officials said. Also, the state's wettest two months — May and June — are still ahead.

"There are a lot of positive things to look forward to, both short-term and long-term," Fort Worth NWS meteorologist Victor Murphy said.

Please see **RAINS**/2B



TERRY WILLAIMSON
Real life columnist

Economic lessons learned at end of hoe handle

I learned more about economics by working while growing up than I ever did in high school or college.

When I was young, I used to think that communism made a lot of sense.

Actually, I'm still attracted to the idea on paper. Sharing the wealth sounds nice -- almost like a utopian state of being.

But it doesn't take a little boy to understand that communism ultimately robs one of initiative. What seems like a good idea simply doesn't work when applied to the real world.

It's hard to find any true communist states any more — at least those that adhere to a "share the wealth" economy.

North Korea might be the only true communist state left. All the rest have let free enterprise filter into the mix. I saw that most recently on a trip to Vietnam, which is relaxing communist rule in favor of developing a more sound economic structure based on what else: free enterprise.

For the most part, my lessons in the world of finance came on the long end of a hoe handle. It was the habit of my mother to put that hoe in my hand every Saturday morning from about the fourth grade until I reached junior high.

Her weekly edict was for me to hoe her weeds until noon. I could then quit, eat lunch and obtain money for a matinee movie ticket. In those ancient days, that would be a cool 20 cents and an extra 10 cents for a bag of popcorn and pop.

The problem here wasn't the end payment; it was the structure of the job description. You see, I had to do the job until noon to get the payment. But at the end of the day, I was going to the movies.

In a very subtle way, this destroyed my initiative. No matter how hard I worked, I was going to have to work until noon. There was no incentive to get the job done any quicker.

The end result was a lot of piddlin'. Well, that was the term my mom used for dragging your feet — or not putting much muscle behind the hoe handle. My mom hated piddlin' because it was akin to being lazy.

I wasn't lazy. I just lacked initiative. I've always needed a reason to work. I've never been one who wanted to work for the sake of doing work. In my opinion, those who like to work are the true communists of our day.

I found out I didn't even have to finish the job to get my movie money.

Now, if Mom told me I could quit when the job was done, I can almost assure you I could have created a system that would have cleared her weeds in half the time — even if I had to recruit the kids in the neighborhood to help me.

That's why communism has allowed free enterprise to creep into its commercial fabric. Otherwise, there would be no new business because there is no incentive to create wealth if the government is going to take your fruits and spread it to those who are less motivated.

So, I stand behind the principal of free enterprise. I embrace it, promote it and fight for it. This is the way wealth is created for the good of all.

OK, after reading this, you should be awarded three hours of college credit in economics. But there is one small asterisk you might want to consider before you share this with your friends.

Please see **WILLIAMSON**/2B

Determination & strength







Clockwise frop top: Richard Mendoza, a fireman with Station 9, pulls a fire truck in the Heroes Fitness parking lot located near North Loop 250 on Saturday during a demonstration put on by the Midland Fire Department in preparation for the upcoming Strong Man/Woman competition. Joshua Machado, age 8, pulls a fire truck in the Heroes Fitness parking lot. Jennifer Johns pulls a fire truck in the Heroes Fitness parking.

Photos by James Durbin|Reporter-Telegram

$20 million in Propostion 1 projects for I-20 interchanges

By Rye Druzin
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The Texas Transportation Commission has approved more than $20 million for Proposition 1 realignment and rehabilitation projects for two Interstate 20 intersections in Midland County, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Proposition 1 is the voter-approved measure that takes oil and gas tax revenue from the rainy day fund and transfers it to the State Highway Fund to provide funding for repairs and maintenance of public roads, according to ballotpedia.org. The measure is estimated to provide an additional $1.2 billion per year for transportation funding.

The offramp improvements will take place at the intersections of I-20 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and I-20 and West Loop 250. Odessa District TxDOT spokesman Gene Powell said that offramp improvements will add anywhere from a couple hundred feet to over 1,000 feet of additional ramp, to reduce backups onto I-20. He hopes that work on the two projects in Midland County will begin by the summer.

Of the allotted funds, $11.8 million will go toward the intersection of Interstate 20 and FM 1788. The money will also fund the building of auxiliary lanes and rehabilitation of pavement.

The other project, $8.7 million for the intersection of I-20 and West Loop 250, is also to realign ramps and build auxiliary lanes.

I-20 intersections are known to be potentially dangerous. The intersection of Rankin Highway and I-20 ranked as the fourth worst intersection for collisions in Midland for the first quarter of 2015 with 19 crashes, according to recent statistics from the Midland Police Department.

Powell said the projects do not have a timeline yet, but there will eventually be lane closures. He said that TxDOT will release updates as more details become available.

Powell added that additional projects in the area include work on the Loop between Garfield Street and Big Spring Street, extending previous repaving work undertaken this winter on the loop between Garfield Street and Business 20.

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Obituaries

Captain Joseph Thomas Small

Captain Joseph Thomas Small, SC, USN (ret.) passed away on April 14, 2015 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, surrounded by his family, at the age of 92. Captain Small was born in New York City in 1923, the son of Emma and Robert Small. He graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1941; attended Manhattan College; and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on June 6, 1945. He was married in Annapolis on that date to Eileen Mary Gray.

Captain Small's first duty station was gunnery officer on the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63). After World War II, he graduated from the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School in Bayonne, New Jersey, and was stationed, during the Korean War, as supply officer of the Destroyer U.S.S. Rodman (DD-456 / DMS-21). He also served on the Destroyer Tender U.S.S. Hamul (AD-20) and in the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP). During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he served as supply officer of the Repair Ship U.S.S. Amphion (AR-13). During the Vietnam era, he served as supply officer of Naval Air Station, Norfolk, and Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia. He also served on various Navy and joint service staffs and bureaus in London, UK, and Washington, DC. His last duty station was supply officer of Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico. He retired from the Navy in September, 1975.

After retirement from the Navy, Captain Small joined United Services Life Insurance Company. In 1981, he was appointed Regional Manager for the Norfolk, Virginia Beach Region. He served on the company's Field Advisory Committee during the period 1980-1984. After retirement from the company, he and his wife spent many years travelling the world. He had a passion for fine wine and enjoyed collecting wine and donating from his collection to charitable wine auctions held in Napa Valley, California, and Naples, Florida.

Captain Small was a member of the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club, Virginia Beach, Virginia; the New York Athletic Club; the Sunset Crest Beach Club, Barbados; and Lago Mar, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Captain Small is survived by his wife of 70 years, Eileen Mary Small; his five children, Joseph Small, Jr., John Small, Christine Carman, Maureen Hooker, and James Small; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, Margaret Mary Dwyer.

A service will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium on May 6, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the United States Naval Academy Foundation.

Online condolences may be made to the family at *hdoliver.com*.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Charles L. Lee

Charles L. Lee, 91, of Midland, passed away on April 28, 2015 peacefully at his home with his family at his bedside. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Weches, Texas.

Charles was born on October 4, 1923 in Concord, Texas to Edgar and Alma Lee.

In 1942, Charles enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a pilot during World War II and the Korean War. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Major in 1962. After military service, he was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration and was a member of the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists. After retiring from the F.A.A., Charles worked as a contractor for the National Weather Service in the Dallas, Fort Worth area.

Charles married in 1946 to Charlie Fay Mullins of Weches, Texas and had four children. They lived in Bedford, Texas for many years before Charles moved to Midland.

He is survived by his son, Charles B. Lee of Smithville, Texas; daughter, Melinda (Lindy) Larson of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and by two sisters, Polly Gatlin and June Cook.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Charlie Fay Mullins; son, David Lovell Lee; and daughter, Cynthia Ann Lee.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland and to all the people of Midland that called him "Friend."

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Salvation Army and the Autism Society of Greater Austin.

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



Francess Routh Johnson

Francess Routh Johnson, 96, of Austin, Texas, departed peacefully on April 20, 2015. She was a beautiful, lovely lady who will be missed by her many friends and family. Francess was born on April 1, 1919 in Ballinger, Texas to Oscar Ralph Routh and Betty Forrest Miller Routh.

She is survived by one brother, Albert Melvin Routh of Austin; a sister, Mary Routh Washburn of Austin; and many nieces and nephews.

Frances grew up in Ballinger, Texas along with three brothers, Ralph Oscar Routh, Forrest Miller Routh, and Albert Melvin Routh, and two sisters, Mary Lou Routh and Virginia Routh. Upon graduating from high school, she moved to San Angelo where she enrolled in bookkeeping courses. During World War II, she moved to San Antonio and worked for the US Government as part of the war effort.

While in San Antonio, she enrolled in courses to become a draftswoman. In her desire to assist her aunts in the care of her invalid mother, she moved back to Ballinger for several years. She then embarked on a career as a geological draftswoman for various oil companies residing in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Shreveport, Denver, and Houston. She married the love of her life James E Johnson, fondly called Bud, in 1961 and they had 43 wonderful years together, prior to his passing in 2004.

Fran and Bud spent their later years together in Sun City, Georgetown, Texas where they made many wonderful friends. These were some of their happiest times together and Fran was able to pursue many of her favorite hobbies. She was a master of designing and producing gorgeous handmade cards and she shared her talent by teaching classes each week. Her baking skills were legendary as she would arrive at gatherings with delicious homemade pies, cakes and cookies to share.

Fran was known for her style and grace, and she received the "Fashionista Award" by her neighbors in her community. She was an active member of the Baptist Church, and possessed a deep faith in God. Her love for her Lord and joy for life radiated to all those around her.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens of San Angelo, Texas under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to First Baptist Church, 1333 W. University Ave., Georgetown, Texas 78628 designating the Merry Christmas with Love Program or the Children's Ministry Scholarship Program for summer camps.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at *www.johnsons-funeralhome.com*.

Lisa Gayle George

Lisa Gayle (Evans) George, 56, of Midland, passed away April 30, 2015. She was born to Jimmy and Glenda Evans August 4, 1958 in Midland.

She will be remembered as a devoted follower of Christ, loving wife, mother and Mimi.

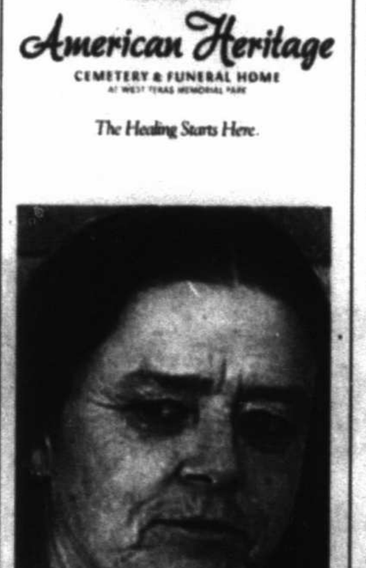
Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Joe George; sons, Jeremy and wife, Heather George of Edmond, OK, Jeffry and wife, Brandy George of Midland, TX; parents, Jimmie and Glenda Jean Evans of Midland, TX; sister, Vicki Lynn (Steve) Beggs of Midland, TX; grandchildren, Avie Brooke George, Joseph Davis George, Jacob Dylan George, Benjamin Walker George and Hannah Beth George; and many dear friends.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Stonegate Fellowship Church, 6000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79707 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Wayne Ziegler.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Home Hospice of Odessa.

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Naioma Sue Chambliss

Naioma Sue Chambliss passed away on April 29, 2015. She was born on August 4,1956 to Bettie Jean and Walter Felton Chambliss in Amarrillo, Texas.

She is preceeded in death by her sister, Judy Rogers; her twin brother, Norman Hugh Chambliss; her parents; her grandfather, Orbie Lee Williams; and grandmother, Annie Lee Williams.

Sue is survived by a daughter, Christi Sue Clark of Midland; grandsons, Colby Michael Harvell (Jase Lynn) of Midland, and Logan James Harvell; brothers, Walter Lee, Orbie Dale and Kelly Joe Chambliss; and sisters, Ann Green and Regina Clary.

Visitstion will be held Monday May 4, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Thomas Funeral Home and Chapel.

Graveside Service will be held Tuesday May 5, 2015 at 3:00PM at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family or The Guardians of the Children.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home and Chapel.

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New Mexico considers standby permit for uranium mine

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

US to pay $13.2M for Navajo Nation uranium mine evaluation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation officials say the U.S. Department of Justice has agreed to provide $13.2 million for a cleanup evaluation of 16 abandoned uranium mines across the vast reservation.

Tribal officials say the investigation of the sites is a necessary step before final decisions can be made.

The Navajo Nation encompasses more than 27,000 square miles within Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

About four million tons of uranium ore was extracted during mining operations within the Navajo Nation from 1944 to 1986 when the last mine shut down.

Many tribal members worked in and near the mines, often living and raising families in close proximity to the mines and mills.

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly said countless tribal members have suffered from health and environmental impacts from uranium contamination.

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Rio Grande Resources' underground mine in western New Mexico contains one of the largest stashes of uranium ore in the U.S., but it's idle and hasn't produced anything in years.

It's one of many "zombie mines" around the West that environmentalists say need to be closed and cleaned up rather than left on standby as companies wait for uranium prices and demand to rebound so operations can resume.

"It hasn't operated in 25 years, and pretending that it will operate in the future just prevents real cleanup in our communities," said Susan Gordon, a coordinator with the Albuquerque-based Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment.

Members of the environmental coalition gathered Friday in Grants to testify before state regulators as they consider whether to renew Rio Grande Resources' standby permit and an updated version of the mine's closure plan.

It could be weeks before the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division makes a final decision.

The testimony comes after a court battle over a 2011 decision by a state hearing officer to limit comment on the economic viability of the mine, the company's financial assurances and the mine's ability to comply with environmental laws.

State water quality officials said earlier this year that the mining company was cleaning up the effects of groundwater contamination at the mine site, but critics accused Rio Grande Resources of failing to conduct interim cleanup work under previous standby permits.

Messages seeking comment from Rio Grande Resources and parent company San Diego-based General Atomics were not returned Friday.

Eric Jantz, an attorney with the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, said the state is not alone in having to manage "zombie mines." Pointing to idle operations in Utah, Arizona and Colorado, he said current production is expected to satisfy demand for years to come.

"This a problem all over the West, and it needs to be addressed by the regulatory agencies," he said. "Regulatory agencies either have to require these companies to do interim reclamation or they have to force them to fish or cut bait."

Need for funding for aging roads looms over New Mexico

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The amount of repairs and reconstruction needed for New Mexico's aging roads is far outpacing the funding available for such projects.

The state's road fund received roughly $381 million last year, $5 million less than the year prior. Meanwhile, a national research group recently stated that just immediate road work alone amounts to $730 million, the Albuquerque Journal reported Friday.

Transportation officials said the road fund primarily gets money from gasoline tax revenues, which have stayed flat for the past decade. New Mexico last raised the state fuel tax in 1993 to its current rate of 17 cents per gallon. For the last 10 years, the tax revenues have reached $150 million.

"Historically, the state road fund grew at about a 3 percent rate until the 2007 recession," Transportation Secretary Tom Church said. "To date, we are still below 2007 levels."

The driving factors behind the stagnancy include motorists simply buying less gas to save money or because they own a more fuel-efficient vehicle. "Even if we have the same level of driving every year, there is going to be less revenue because the cars are more efficient," said Greg Rowangould, a University of New Mexico civil engineering professor.

Rains

From 1B

It's been a long slog since 2011, Texas' driest year ever, and despite significant improvement, weather officials say the drought still isn't over. Nearly 16 percent of the state is in the top three driest categories, according to this week's U.S. Drought Monitor Map. Two percent of the state — including Palo Pinto County north to Wichita County and west into Childress County — remain in the driest, or exceptional, category.

Lakes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are faring well. Across the seven reservoirs serving Dallas County, lake levels are up nearly 30 percent from three months ago, at 94 percent full on Friday. Fort Worth's seven reservoirs were almost 82 percent full Friday, up from 63 percent three months ago.

Other areas have too gotten good precipitation, including Houston, Corpus Christi and Midland. The Edwards Aquifer, which serves San Antonio and much of the Hill Country, has risen nearly 20 feet since Jan. 1.

The one area where lake levels remain low is around Austin, where Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan were 38 percent full Friday; that's the second-lowest level for this time of year since the 1960s.

Joe Castro, who owns Anchor Bay Marina at Lake Lavon, said the higher lake level would benefit his business following a few down business years.

"(The benefit has) already shown itself," he said. "We've been renting slips regularly."



Ron Baselice/The Dallas Morning News via AP

This Oct. 10, 2014 photo shows fne of the courtesy docks at East Fork Park at Lavon Lake sits on dry land in Wylie. Most lakes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area have been well below capacity since shortly after 2011, the state's driest-ever year.

I-20

From 1B

At least 17 more projects are on the board for the Odessa District amounting to $220 million for the fiscal year.

"We will be putting traffic signals on (FM) 1788 between Business I-20 and I-20, we'll be widening 1788 north of 191, and we've got some work to do on Loop 250," he said.

Remote communities, especially in energy-rich areas, saw Proposition 1 as an opportunity to secure additional funds for infrastructure that crumbled under the weight of oilfield traffic. But in early 2015 the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office decided to allocate only 15 percent of Proposition 1 funds to energy sector districts like the Odessa District, which includes Midland County, according to TxDOT's website.

Powell said the Odessa District, so far, has been allocated $71 million of Proposition 1 funding. The figure is less than 6 percent of the overall Proposition 1 funding, even though the Odessa District produced over 18 percent of 2014's oil and gas tax revenue, according to figures compiled from FuelFix and the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Williamson

From 1B

I actually never made any real money with this initiative thing, but I got a lot of mileage out of it with my kids and the wife. I've always thought that my incentive level should have been higher than a movie ticket.

Thought of the Week:

"A lot of people never use their initiative because no one told them to." — Banksy, pseudonymous English graffiti artist

STATE CRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MONTE ALTO

Bodies of 2 men found inside burning vehicle in South Texas

The bodies of two men have been found inside a vehicle burning near a remote South Texas lake.

Responding to a call, Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies found the vehicle fire Friday night along a canal near Delta Lake, about 23 miles northeast of McAllen.

Department spokesman J.P. Rodriguez says firefighters found the bodies after extinguishing the fire.

The FBI is investigating, since the car was found on federally owned land. FBI spokeswoman Michelle Lee says the two dead men were adults. She said agents won't comment on how the men died until after autopsy results are received. The identities of the men are being withheld until relatives can be informed.

Commission reprimands Conroe judge over sex offender program

Associated Press

CONROE — A state judicial conduct commission has publicly reprimanded a Southeast Texas judge who is the sole overseer of Texas' troubled civil commitment program for violent sex predators.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct made its ruling public Friday after looking into complaints that state District Judge Michael Seiler of Conroe allegedly made comments outside the courtroom that showed a personal bias and prejudice in dealing with the offenders.

Additional judicial training also is ordered for Seiler, who's also accused of berating and belittling attorneys for sex offenders and openly criticizing a witness.

A reprimand is the strongest sanction, short of moving to suspend or recommend a judge's removal, within the judicial commission's authority.

Seiler attorney Tom Watkins said the judge plans to appeal. He called the reprimand unfair and rejected allegations against the Montgomery County judge.

The allegations have led to Seiler's removal from more than a dozen cases since October. Seven times in six years appeals courts also have ruled that Seiler abused his discretion.

Seiler is the only judge in Texas to handle the jury trials that can sentence violent sex offenders to outpatient programs after they serve their criminal sentences.

Created by the Legislature in 1999, the Texas program was designed to provide outpatient treatment for violent repeat sex offenders who have completed their prison sentences but are viewed to have a behavioral abnormality that leaves them a continuing threat.

In its 15-year history none of the about 350 men ordered to complete the treatment program have done so and been released. Almost half have been sent back to prison for violating rules such as being late for group therapy or failing to recharge ankle monitors correctly.

A bill authored by state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, could strip Seiler's authority. The legislation aims to overhaul the program for violent sex offenders. Whitmire filed one of two complaints with the commission against the judge.

The commission's reprimand order "confirms why he should not be hearing these cases," said Whitmire, who chairs the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee. "Whether you like people or not, if you're a judge, you've got to give them a fair hearing and fair access to court process."

Watkins said he blames lawmakers for setting up the court to be the only one for such cases from the very beginning.

"The real culprit, if there is one, is the state Legislature who passed a system which creates this situation that doesn't work," he said. "I think they are going to try to fix it, but I don't know if it's going to come out of the Legislature this session or not."

Man convicted of manslaughter in shooting death

By Rye Druzin

rdruzin@mrt.com

A Midland man was sentenced on Friday to 10 years in prison for the shooting of another man at a barbecue in June 2013, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Daniel Easterling, 32, was convicted on Thursday on the second-degree felony for "recklessly killing" 52-year-old Jimmy Conway on June 16, 2013, according to the release.

Midland County deputies responded to a shooting around 11:36 p.m. on June 16 after receiving a 911 call from an RV park in the 6400 block of East County Road 86, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Evidence presented at the trial showed that Easterling and Conway were involved in a physical altercation at a Father's Day barbecue, according to the release. Easterling then went home, retrieved a .22 caliber revolver and confronted Conway. Easterling shot Conway once in the torso and once in the back, according to the release. He died early the next morning.

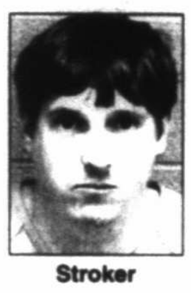
The press release did not state if there would be the possibility for parole.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly attacks relative

A 32-year-old Midland man was arrested Wednesday after allegedly attacking a 65-year-old family member, according to court documents.



Stroker

Matthew Stroker was being held Friday on the state jail felony charge of injury to an elderly person. Bond for the offense has been set at $10,000.

The family member filed a complaint on April 15 after a violent encounter. Stroker returned home after an argument earlier in the day and was showing "physically violent rage," according to the affidavit.

The family member allegedly tried to calm him. Then, Stroker allegedly pushed down and hit the relative in the head with a closed fist. The relative had scratches, bruising and an injured lip, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the charge, Stroker could face up to two years in prison.

MPD: Domino's patron robbed at gunpoint

A 23-year-old Fort Worth man was arrested Monday after allegedly robbing someone at gunpoint outside of a Domino's Pizza.



Robinson

Henry Robinson was being held Friday on a $50,000 bond for robbery, according to court documents.

Midland police responded to a call Monday night at a parking lot of a Domino's Pizza on North Garfield Street, according to the arrest affidavit. A patron told police that a man pointed a gun and demanded his money, according to the affidavit. The man complied and handed over his wallet, which contained $120 cash and his ID, according to the affidavit.

Security footage obtained by police showed a man inside the restaurant before the alleged robbery was committed. Officers began to search the area, and found a man matching the subject in the video outside of a nearby 7-Eleven store, according to the affidavit.

The man positively identified Robinson, who had the man's ID and $128 in his pocket, according to the affidavit.

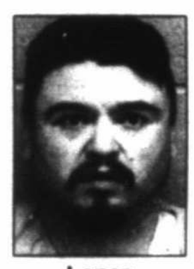
Robinson denied involvement in the robbery, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Robinson could face up to 10 years in prison.

Man allegedly punches family member in face

A 37-year-old Midland man was arrested Tuesday after allegedly punching a family member in the jaw, according to court documents.

Ediberto Lopez was being held Friday on the third-degree felony charge of injury to a child with intent to cause bodily injury. Bond for the offense has been set at $15,000.



Lopez

When responding to a disturbance call on Tuesday, a deputy found Lopez and two relatives outside the home.

Lopez allegedly got into a confrontation with the family members and challenged them to fight him.

Lopez was "irate" and threw a chair inside the house, according to the arrest affidavit. When the three went outside, Lopez allegedly punched one of the relatives in the face.

The other relative pushed Lopez off the porch, according to the affidavit.

After seeing the relative's injury, the deputy arrested Lopez, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Lopez could face up to 10 years in prison.

GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

April 13-16

Christopher Adam Almager, 17, tampering with physical evidence, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, $1,000 fine, 30 days jail, 300 hours community supervision, TAIP.

Jimmie Dale Belcher, 34, four charges theft by repetition, 18 months state jail.

Cindy Jennette Carrasco, 31, two counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; two counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; three counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; one count theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; three counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; forgery, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution; five counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution.

Demarcus Letrae Chambers, 27, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years TDCJ.

Andy Lee Cuellar, 30, failure to appear, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, $500 fine, 120 hours community service; five counts credit card or debit card abuse, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, $250 fine.

Christopher Aaron Davidson, 43, possession of a controlled substance, revoked, 10 months state jail.

Anne Marie Davis, 27, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual, five years deferred adjudication, $55 fine, court cost, two months jail, 100 hours community service.

Jose Alejandro Flores, 27, assault family violence, two years TDCJ; tampering with physical evidence, two years TDCJ.

Gerardo Pina Galindo, 22, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred adjudication, $1,000 fine, pay restitution, 180 hours community service.

Jose Hipolito Gallegos, 28, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ; possession of marijuana - more than four ounces but less than five pounds, two years TDCJ; failure to appear, four years TDCJ; escape from custody, four years TDCJ; failure to appear, four years TDCJ.

Daryl Juan Loudd Jr., 29, possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, adjudicated guilt, two years state jail suspended for five years community supervision, confinement in Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility.

Justin Meta, 18, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail.

Chelsea Jill Navarette, 23, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail.

Nicholas Allan Nett, 30, injury to a child, revoked, sentenced two years TDCJ.

Jessie Lee Norris, 51, possession of marijuana as a lesser included offense of tampering with physical evidence, one year deferred, fine, 50 hours community service.

Alex C. Perez, 22, burglary, revoked, sentenced to six months state jail.

Luis Armando Ramirez, 34, possession of a controlled substance in penalty group I, seven months state jail.

Logan John Selbel, 19, forgery, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, $500 fine, court cost, 100 hours community supervision; burglary, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, $500 fine, court cost, 100 hours community supervision.

Jonathon Micol Villarreal, 28, possession of a controlled substance, revoked, sentenced to six months state jail.

April 20-24

Karen Jo Alderson, 58, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred, fine, 120 hours community service.

Louis Alexander Jr., 48, assault family violence with prior conviction, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years probation, $500 fine, Project Adam.

Fernando Jesse Alvarado Jr., 20, theft of property greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000, nine months state jail; adjudicate and revoke, three years TDCJ.

Cindy Jennette Carrasco, 31, six counts theft by repetition, nine years TDCJ, pay restitution.

Shawn Michael Ceniceros, 19, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ probated for two years community supervision, pay fine and restitution, 160 hours community service, driver's license suspended 180 days, TAIP.

Lonnie Bernard Flowers, 55, theft by repetition, eight months jail.

Amanda Yvonne Gonzalez, 24, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ probated 10 years community supervision, 75 days jail, pay restitution, 200 hours community service, driver's license suspended 180 days, fine; possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ probated 10 years community supervision, 75 days jail, pay restitution, 200 hours community service, driver's license suspended 180 days, fine; possession of a prohibited weapon, extend supervision five years, 75 days jail; tampering with physical evidence, extend supervision five years, 75 days jail.

Joe Anthony Hernandez III, 20, retaliation, adjudicate and revoke, four years TDCJ; indecency with a child by contact, adjudicate and revoke, four years TDCJ; harassment of a public servant, adjuducate and revoke, four years TDCJ; retaliation, adjudicate and revoke, four years TDCJ.

Victor Jaime, 22, robbery, continue under supervision and substance abuse facility; robbery, continue under supervision, 75 days jail.

Carolyn Ann Johnson, 57, evading arrest with a vehicle, extend supervision two years, CRTC.

Patricia Ester Laureles, 33, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, adjudicate, two years TDCJ suspended four years probation, 75 days jail, driver's license suspended 180 days, CRTC.

Matthew Martinez, 18, evading arrest with a vehicle, three years deferred, fine, 200 hours community service.

Justin Warren McMorries, 35, driving while intoxicated with child under 15, two years state jail probated for four years community supervision, fine, 30 days jail, pay restitution, 200 hours community service, driver's license suspended 365 days, TAIP, DWI class, interlock device.

Jessica Marie Negrete, 32, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, two years TDCJ; failure to appear, two years TDCJ.

Vincent Angelo Nunez, 28, failure to appear, three years TDCJ; possession of a substance in penalty group I, 12 months state jail, driver's license suspended 365 days, pay $180 restitution; burglary of a habitation, revoke supervision, three years TDCJ.

Luis Ramirez Jr., 37, tampering with physical evidence, two years deferred adjudication, $750 fine, 160 community service hours, TAIP.

Christopher Shawn Tingle, 23, burglary of a habitation, adjudicate and revoke, four years TDCJ; manufacture or delivery of substance in penalty group I, 12 months state jail; possession of a prohibited weapon, four years state jail.

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

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Luis G. Anchondo, 18, of Midland was arrested April 24 for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Delisa R. Denmon, 44, of Midland was arrested April 24 for theft under $1,500 with two or more previous convictions.

Clarence A. Fortenberry, 35, of Midland was arrested April 24 for criminal mischief.

Josue Gonzales, 20, of Midland was arrested April 24 for manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance.

Billy J. Hunter, 38, of Midland was arrested April 24 for theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Sammy F. Olgin Jr., 29, of Midland was arrested April 24 for theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Abbie Redden, 31, of Midland was arrested April 24 for possession of a controlled substance under one gram, possession of a prohibited item in a correctional facility, and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Herminio Torres, 48, of Midland was arrested April 24 for possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Joseph A. Barron, 52, of Midland was arrested April 25 for possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Brandi J. Burnes, 39, of Midland was arrested April 25 for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Joshua R. Castillo, 33, of Midland was arrested April 25 for assault of a family or house member with a previous conviction.

Geoffrey G. Jacks, 20, of Midland was arrested April 25 for forgery of a financial instrument.

Victor Patton, 18, of Midland was arrested April 25 for forgery of a financial instrument.

Vanessa L. Young, 44, of Midland was arrested April 25 for assault of a public servant.

Gustavo R. Ramos, 22, of Midland was arrested April 26 for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, tampering or fabricating physical evidence, and possession of a controlled substance.

Jorge L. Ochoa Gutierrez, 25, of Monahans was arrested April 27 for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Kristin Richardson, 18, of Midland was arrested April 27 for aggravated assault of a family or house member.

Johnny W. Robertson, 50, of Midland was arrested April 27 for murder.

Luis M. Cuevas Jr., 31, of Midland was arrested April 28 for continued sexual abuse of a child.

Edward A. Martinez, 26, of Midland was arrested April 28 for assault of a family or house member.

Raymond Rios, 35, of Midland was arrested April 28 for manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance.

Henry L. Robinson, 23, of Fort Worth was arrested April 28 for robbery.

Rodney S. Rogers, 41, of Midland was arrested April 28 for possession of a controlled substance under one gram, and possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Christopher C. Garrett, 29, of Odessa was arrested April 29 for forgery of a financial instrument.

Jamie A. Gonzalez-Jarquin, 26, of Midland was arrested April 29 for assault of a family or house member by impeding breath.

Raymond L. Jefferson, 36, of Midland was arrested April 29 for aggravated assault of a public servant.

Brandon L. Rodriguez, 20, of Midland was arrested April 29 for unauthorized use a vehicle.

Maria Soto, 18, of Midland as arrested April 29 for tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Matthew A. Stroker, 32, of Midland was arrested April 29 for reckless injury of a child, elderly, or disabled person.

Gilbert R. Bonilla Jr., 45, of Midland was arrested April 30 for two counts of assault of a public servant.

Paul C. Cummings, 32, of McAlister, Oklahoma, was arrested April 30 for theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Justus Esparza, 17, of Midland was arrested April 30 for possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Kerry Heyer, 52, of Midland was arrested April 30 for theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Alyssa R. Shaw, 25, of Midland was arrested April 30 for forgery of a government financial instrument.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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Charge: Counts I & II Engage organized criminal activity — violation of probation



Rodriguez

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Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in solving a burglary of a habitation.

A resident reported on April 8 that their home was broken into on the northwest side of MidlandCoins, purses and jewelry — with a total value of $80,000 — were taken.

Midland Police Department detectives need your help finding the suspect(s) that have these unique and valuable items. (You can see the stolen items at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com)

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Color Dash 5K benefitting Agape Counseling Services of West Texas was held on Saturday at Crestview Baptist Church.
James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Colorado cracking down on pot pesticides

■ Contaminant testing requirements have been on books in Colordao for years, but have not been implemented

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado is cracking down on pesticide use in the marijuana industry, trying to end years of sloppy oversight of which chemicals are used on the nascent industry.

A state Senate panel voted 7-0 Friday to give the Colorado Department of Agriculture $300,000 to step up pesticide enforcement in the new marijuana industry. The appropriation came after Denver authorities found tens of thousands of marijuana plants treated with unauthorized chemicals, and ordered quarantines

The Denver quarantines at 11 separate pot-growing warehouses in recent weeks have underscored an open secret in Colorado's nascent weed business — that although the state outlines which chemicals commercial pot growers can use on their plants, it lacks manpower to enforce those rules.

A requirement that commercial marijuana undergo contaminant testing has been on the books for years in Colorado, but those testing requirements have yet to be implemented because of testing backlogs. And there's no contaminant testing requirement for medical pot, though a bill to require such testing by 2016 is pending.

The vote Friday and the recent quarantines by Denver health and fire-safety officials indicate those days are ending.

Sen. Pat Steadman, a Denver Democrat who sponsored the pesticide enforcement addition, told fellow senators the administration wants support for the Department of Agriculture to do more work with pesticide use.

Until now, Colorado's pot pesticide oversight mostly has been left to a patchwork of city and county health inspectors.

"I would prefer that the Department of Agriculture have the authority as it does on all other pesticide issues," said Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg, R-Sterling.

The amendment came on a larger marijuana taxing and spending proposal that awaits a vote by the full Senate.

The bill includes some new uses for pot taxes, including money for the Colorado State Fair and to start an anti-bullying program. The bill also sends voters a ballot measure asking for permission for the state to keep some $58 million in new pot taxes despite constitutional spending restrictions that would otherwise require them to be refunded.

The pesticide part of the bill is a reaction to concerns about the kinds of chemicals used on commercial marijuana. In the Denver quarantines, health inspectors detailed the use of chemicals labeled for use on ornamental plants, not plants to be consumed by humans.

"It is fair to say there are some practices out there that could pose a public health risk, and we are intervening in those cases," Danica Lee of the Denver Department of Environmental Health told KUSA-TV.

The station estimated the value of quarantines and destroyed plants could reach into the millions, depending on the size and maturity of the plants. One facility alone was ordered to quarantine 60,000 plants, the station reported.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Car with owner's dog goes missing in Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE — Police in Albuquerque are searching for a man and woman who allegedly drove off in a stolen car with the owner's service dog inside.

Police spokesman Daren DeAguero said the vehicle's owner left the car running while going into a Wal-Mart on Friday afternoon.

The owner told police he left the car idle since his golden retriever was inside.

When he came out of the store, the vehicle was nowhere to be seen.

DeAguero said surveillance video shows a man and woman walking around the car before the woman unlocks it. The woman then proceeds to get into the vehicle and drive off.

The car is described as a 2000 silver Ford Expedition.

The owner said the dog, Max, has been training to be a service dog.

COLORADO

Group gets last-minute reprieve for Cinco de Mayo parade

PUEBLO — Organizers of a Cinco de Mayo parade in Pueblo are going ahead with their plans on Saturday after getting a last-minute reprieve.

Supporters vowed to go ahead with the parade, even though they didn't have a permit and could not afford to rent street barricades required by Pueblo police.

A barricade company offered to donate barricades on Friday and Police Chief Luis Velez awarded the permit after agreeing to provide parade security.

According to the Pueblo Chieftain, the length of this year's parade had to be shortened to meet city regulations.

OKLAHOMA

April rains bring some drought relief

NORMAN — Rains across Oklahoma in April helped ease drought conditions in parts of the state, including drought-stricken western Oklahoma.

Climatologist Gary McManus with the Oklahoma Climatological Survey said Friday that four to six inches of rain fell statewide and west-central Oklahoma received an average of 7.6 inches of rain — more than five inches above normal. A total of 13.2 inches of rain fell at Cheyenne in western Oklahoma.

The U.S. Drought Monitor on Thursday reported 24 percent of the state remained in extreme to exceptional drought, down from 40 percent at the beginning of April.

McManus said the rains also lifted water levels in reservoirs in western Oklahoma with lakes Canton, Altus-Lugert, Tom Steed and Foss each rising by a foot or more, although the lakes remained below normal levels.

PHOENIX

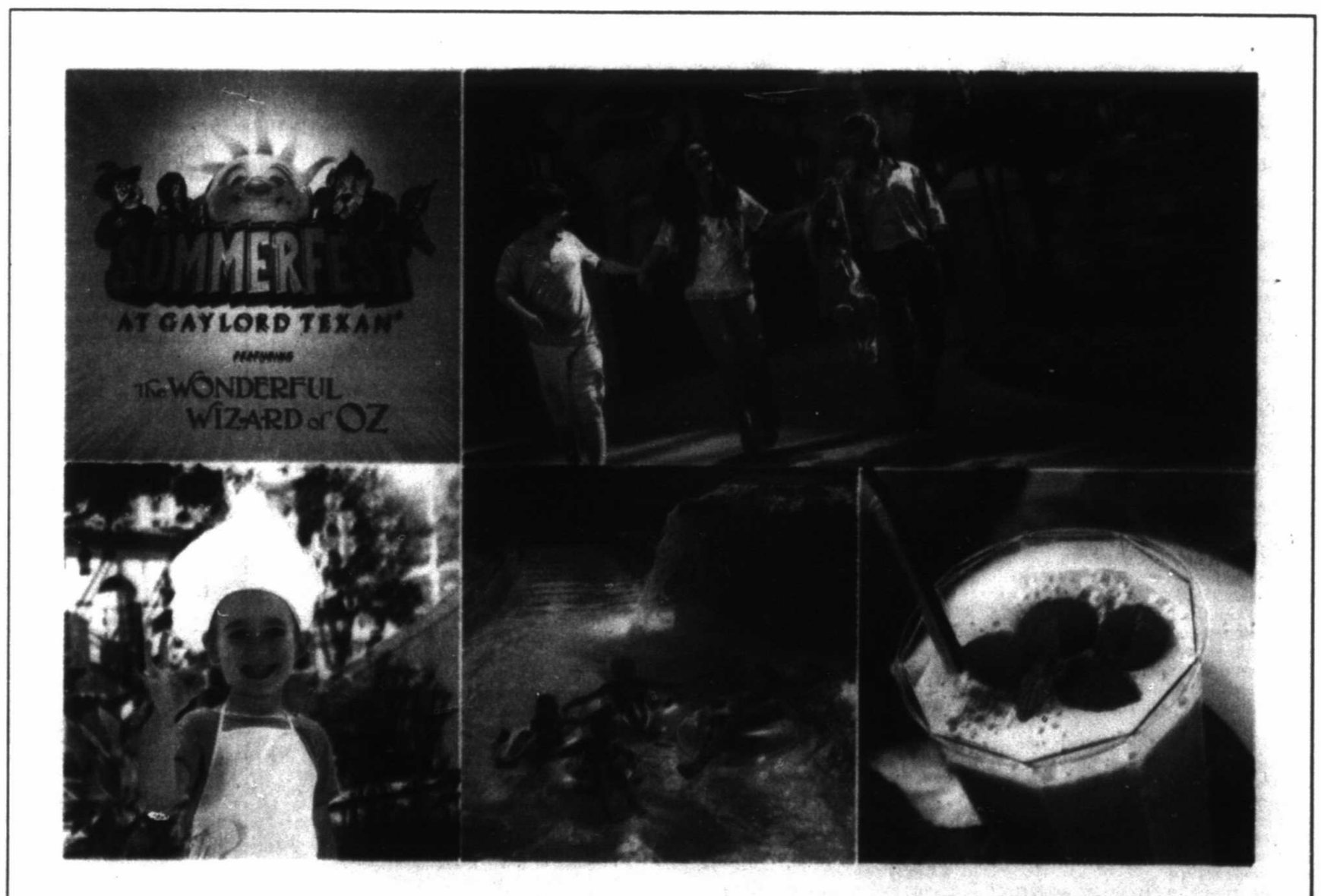
Grand Canyon: construction on aging water pipeline continues

Construction workers at the Grand Canyon have replaced more than a quarter mile of an aging water pipeline.

The nearly 50 year-old-pipeline that provides water for hikers and communities along the canyon's South Rim breaks between five and thirty times each year.

Construction on a half-mile section of the 16-mile-long pipeline began in January and is expected to be completed in July. Replacements are focused on pipeline near a popular lodge for hikers in the bottom of the canyon.

Park officials warned hikers, backpackers are trail runners that the drinking water system might be shut down along the corridor trails and recommended bringing an alternative way to treat creek water.



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Jury acquits nurse of assault of public official

From staff reports

A Midland jury composed of eight women and four men acquitted a registered nurse of assault of a public servant after a week-long trial.

Shannon Sims was acquitted after the jury deliberated for 30 minutes, according to a press release from his attorney. He was arrested Dec. 17, 2011, at Torino's Pizza Bar and was indicted in late February 2013.

Sims told the jury that he did not assault Officer Kevin Brunner, now with the Midland Independent School District, according to the press release. Sims also testified he was initially pushed to the ground by Brunner, placed in a choke hold while being called a racially derogatory name referring to him being African-American and then beaten with batons. Sims, according to the release, then ran from the officer screaming for someone to call the police.

Additionally, misdemeanor charges of resisting and evading arrest against Sims were dismissed in 2014.

Sims was represented by Dan Hurley from Lubbock and Midlander Brian Carney.

House ethics committee to probe dispute over witness list

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas House ethics committee will investigate after a Democratic lawmaker accused a Republican colleague of padding the witness list for a bill the GOP member supported and had him removed from a committee meeting.

State Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, accused state Rep. Jonathan Stickland, R-Bedford, of participating in efforts to list witnesses who hadn't actually come to the Capitol to testify on Stickland's bill to ban red-light cameras.

After a heated exchange between the two, Pickett had Stickland removed from a Transportation Committee hearing, according to video of the confrontation.

Stickland's bill was scheduled to go before Pickett's committee Thursday, but Pickett left it pending without taking testimony, the Austin American-Statesman reported. At the time, Pickett accused Stickland of wrongdoing and had him removed from the hearing by a House sergeant.

Now, state Rep. John Kuempel, chairman of the House General Investigating and Ethics Committee, said his committee will investigate how electronic witness documents are used and possibly abused.

No individual members are targeted as of now, Kuempel said.

House rules require witnesses to be present to testify before committees and provide electronic registry machines outside the committee room for that purpose. The registry requires a sworn statement, making a forged registry potentially a crime.

Stickland denied any participation in improper registration of witnesses. Pickett, however, made a telephone call from his seat in the committee room and let those attending the hearing listen to a person who supposedly registered support for the bill say he was not at the Capitol. Then Pickett suggested that was proof that Stickland had violated rules.

"Please leave the committee room or be removed," Pickett told Stickland. When Stickland refused, Pickett asked a House sergeant-at-arms to escort him out.

Up & Down in Texas politics: Drug testing; 'Jade Helm' fears

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Are they on drugs? We could soon know if mind-altering substances are to blame for the Legislature's often wacky ways.

Sen. Eddie Lucio attached an amendment to a sweeping ethics bill requiring that all elected officials — from Gov. Greg Abbott to school board members — take drug tests and post the results online.

No one gets booted from office for failing, but doing so could make re-election tough. Lucio, D-Brownsville, has for years championed such testing and even once took a blood test to show he was serious.

His amendment passed after assurances it wouldn't include alcohol testing. Texas lawmakers have been known to throw back a few behind the scenes.

Drug testing likely won't survive as the ethics bill heads to the House, but Lucio said it's a win nonetheless.

Here's a look at other issues that had strong weeks — and didn't — in Texas politics:

WHAT'S UP?

Jade Helm 15 Jitters: Fears that a U.S. military exercise known as "Jade Helm 15" was actually an excuse to send troops to take over Texas, seize residents' guns and impose martial law were largely confined to conservative fringe websites when Abbott weighed in. He announced he was directing the Texas State Guard to monitor the exercise, which begins in July in Texas and six other states. What's causing so much hand-wringing? A map produced as part of Jade Helm 15 labeling Texas, Utah and part of California as "hostile."

WHAT'S DOWN?

Coerced Abortion Bill: Rep. Molly White said her family forced her into having an abortion as a teenager — and she filed a bill holding doctors or counselors criminally liable if they coerce women into terminating pregnancies. But the Belton Republican's proposal flopped in House committee, where advocates on both sides of the abortion issue decried its confusing language. Panel Chairman Republican Rep. Byron Cook even called for a complete rewrite.

WHAT'S INBETWEEN?

Religious Objection Bill: Proposals that conservatives say protect religious freedom but opponents argue sanction discrimination against gay people have stalled in the Legislature. But Texas could yet be headed for a taste of the hubbub that sparked national uproar in Indiana and Arkansas. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick directed Sen. Craig Estes to file a bill allowing clergy members to refuse officiating marriages that violate their beliefs — even though the filing deadline expired weeks ago. That proposal was scheduled for an immediate committee hearing until a Democratic stall tactic delayed it until Monday. Still, Estes' bill should nonetheless clear committee and the full Senate at warp speed, and will likely mean the religious objection debate stays blistering through the end of the session June 1.

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CRANE

High school sees chlamydia outbreak

An outbreak of chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease, has been reported at a small West Texas high school.

KOSA-TV of Odessa and Midland reported the Crane Independent School District sent a letter last week to parents of Crane High School students informing them that 20 cases of chlamydia had been confirmed at the school. Crane High School has an enrollment of about 300 students.

State health officials had notified the district of a significant number of chlamydia cases reported in Crane County and adjacent Upton County. District officials plan to meet with the school's advisory committee of teachers, parents and school officials to discuss the situation Monday.

Chlamydia is curable, but if left untreated can cause permanent damage to women's reproductive systems.

DILLEY

Demonstrators rally, march to oppose family detention

Hundreds of demonstrators converged on the small South Texas town of Dilley to rally and march on an immigrant family detention center in protest of U.S. immigrant detention policy.

The San Antonio Express-News reported buses from across the state delivered more than 500 protesters Saturday to a park two miles from a new family detention camp. The camp is designed to hold up to 2,400 immigrant women and children awaiting immigrant processing.

Many demonstrators brandished placards demanding an end to family detention and deportation and the closing of the Dilley detention center and a similar one in Karnes City.



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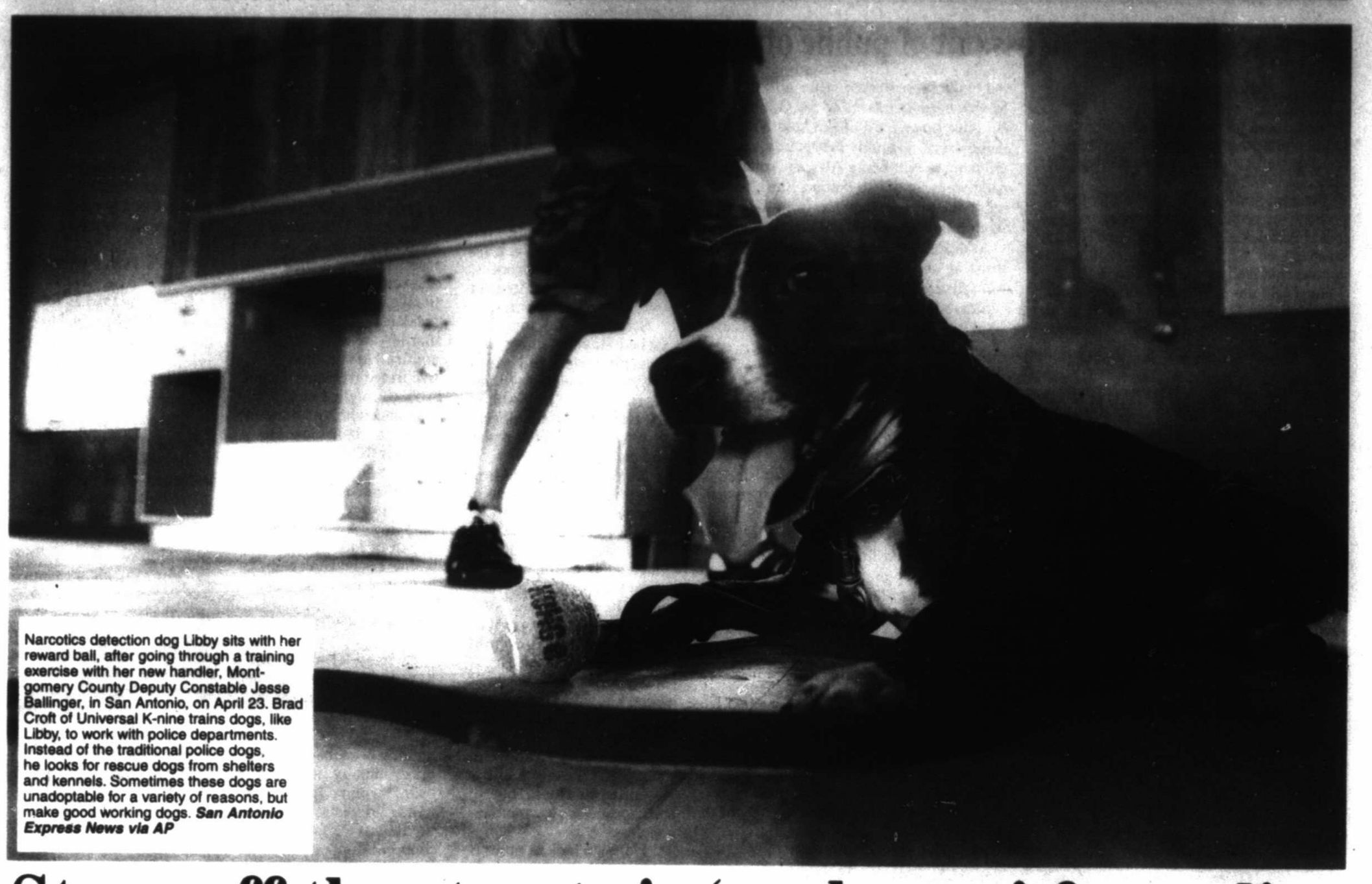
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Narcotics detection dog Libby sits with her reward ball, after going through a training exercise with her new handler, Montgomery County Deputy Constable Jesse Ballinger, in San Antonio, on April 23. Brad Croft of Universal K-nine trains dogs, like Libby, to work with police departments. Instead of the traditional police dogs, he looks for rescue dogs from shelters and kennels. Sometimes these dogs are unadoptable for a variety of reasons, but make good working dogs. *San Antonio Express News via AP*

Stray off the streets is 'rock star' for police

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

THE WOODLANDS — From the day the squirming puppy first cracked open her eyes, her future looked grim.

The dark brown-brindle pup — named Libby — was orphaned and abandoned with the rest of her litter shortly after birth at the Montgomery County animal shelter. She had all the markings of a pit-bull mix which made her hard to place for adoption since some critics blame this breed type for a disproportionate share of serious dog bites.

So Libby and her siblings soon found themselves posted on the shelter's weekly list of those to be euthanized.

Yet somehow, against all odds, Libby became the only one from her litter to escape her date with death. She is now about to take her place in the elite world of police dogs, a job usually reserved for purebreds from European stock shipped to the United States with price tags in the thousands of dollars.

Libby's story begins when she and her siblings were dumped at the animal shelter in Conroe in 2011. She was a mutt straight off the streets and not a blue-blood by any stretch, but her playful nature caught the attention of Marcia Poitter, who heads the rescue group, Operation Pets Alive in The Woodlands.

"Everybody liked to watch her play with the water hose, chasing and pouncing on any liquid that came out," Poitter told the Houston Chronicle. "Libby was a little different from the dogs that I normally pick for rescue. She was more exuberant and played hard. I would call her high energy."

At the same time, Poitter also knew that it could be difficult to find this dog a "forever home" because "a lot of people don't believe this type breed makes a good family pet."

After being rescued, Libby languished in foster care for nearly three years as Poitter searched for a placement for her.

Libby was rejected for the program that transports rescue dogs to shelters in the northeast with a 99 percent save rate because those shelters look for passive, gentle pets who aren't as active as Libby, Poitter said.

Despite her keen intelligence and inquisitiveness, the pit-bull mix was passed over countless more times when put on display for adoption at pet stores and area businesses.

At one point, Poitter was hopeful they'd found a perfect match with an individual who uses energetic dogs for Frisbee competitions. "But then that person decided they weren't quite ready for a new recruit," she said.

There was only one thing for which Libby had found success: entertaining children by demonstrating how easily she could find a hidden tennis ball. She could easily sniff out balls hidden amid thousands of items that lined the aisles of a store.

Her ball obsession was what finally gave Debra Guajardo, a Woodlands attorney who likes to help rescue dog groups, an idea about Libby's true calling.

"She didn't show well at adoption events because she'd bark, jump and be active. But the same traits that make a bad house pet can make a good working dog," said Guajardo, who has a pet pit bull, named Lily, who she says specializes in "napping" and makes an excellent therapy dog.

Libby, on the other hand, goes full speed until she crashes. She cannot be distracted when she hunts for tennis balls like a "kid at a candy store," and so Guajardo reasoned those same skills might make her equally adept as a police dog searching for contraband.

So Guajardo contacted Brad Croft at Universal K9 in San Antonio — the only police dog training facility that she could find that worked with shelter dogs as well as purebreds like Belgian Malinois and Dutch Shepherds from Europe.

"Typically dogs imported form the Czech Republic, Germany and Holland can cost from $10,000 to $15,000 each when groomed and trained," Croft said.

But shelter dogs can be found with the same talents and instincts as these purebreds and are a much cheaper solution, he said.

In the last three years, Croft has trained hundreds of police dogs — both mutts and purebreds — and sees no difference between them.

He describes Libby as one of the top 15 dogs he's trained, likening her to a "rock star" for her performance sniffing out narcotics.

She's been taught to identify the scent of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and methamphetamines.

"She's one in a million, like winning the lottery," he said.

He knew she'd be a good candidate when he viewed a film of Libby finding a ball hidden in tall grass when it was dark, raining and an emergency vehicle with a loud siren roared past.

"Another dog would have freaked out and run," he said. "But she stays focused until the job is done."

Guajardo is covering the $1,500 cost for Libby's handler, Jesse Bullinger, a deputy with the Precinct 4 Montgomery County constable, to attend training for two weeks in San Antonio with the dog, who'll become his partner. At the end, the team's proficiency in finding the drugs must be certified not only by Croft's agency but also a national police organization.

Then this one-time mutt will be honored officially as a peace officer with her own badge and her name painted on the patrol car. And she won't have cost the department a dime.

"I'm a dog lover," said Bullinger's boss, Capt. Mark Seals. "Any time we can save an animal at a shelter and let him make a contribution to law enforcement, I'm all for it."

Poitter was thrilled by the happy ending to Libby's dog tale: "So many other shelter dogs are passed over. It's so easy to give up on them."



Brad Croft of Universal K-nine trains Libby to work with police departments on April 23. *San Antonio Express-News via AP*

"She's one in a million, like winning the lottery."

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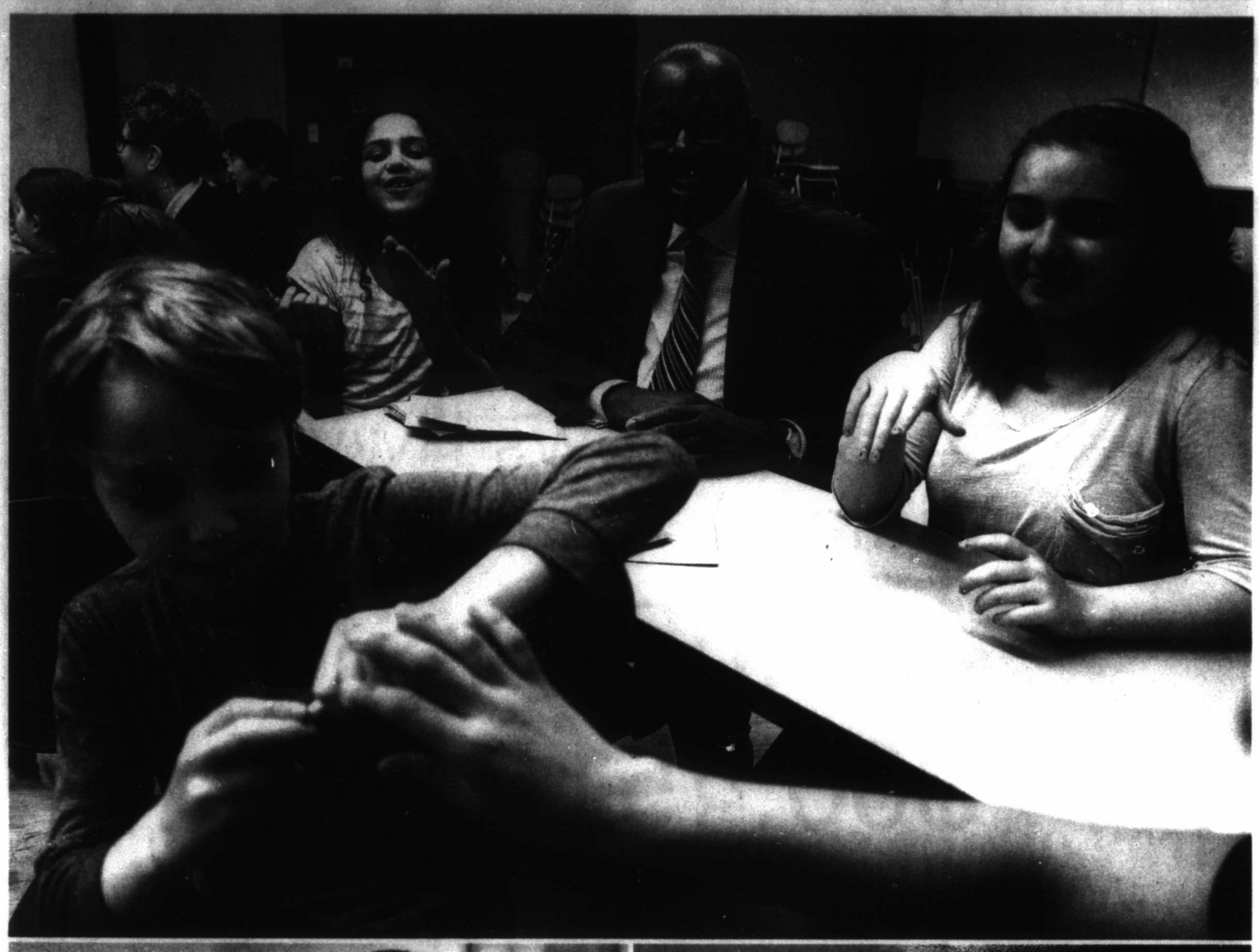
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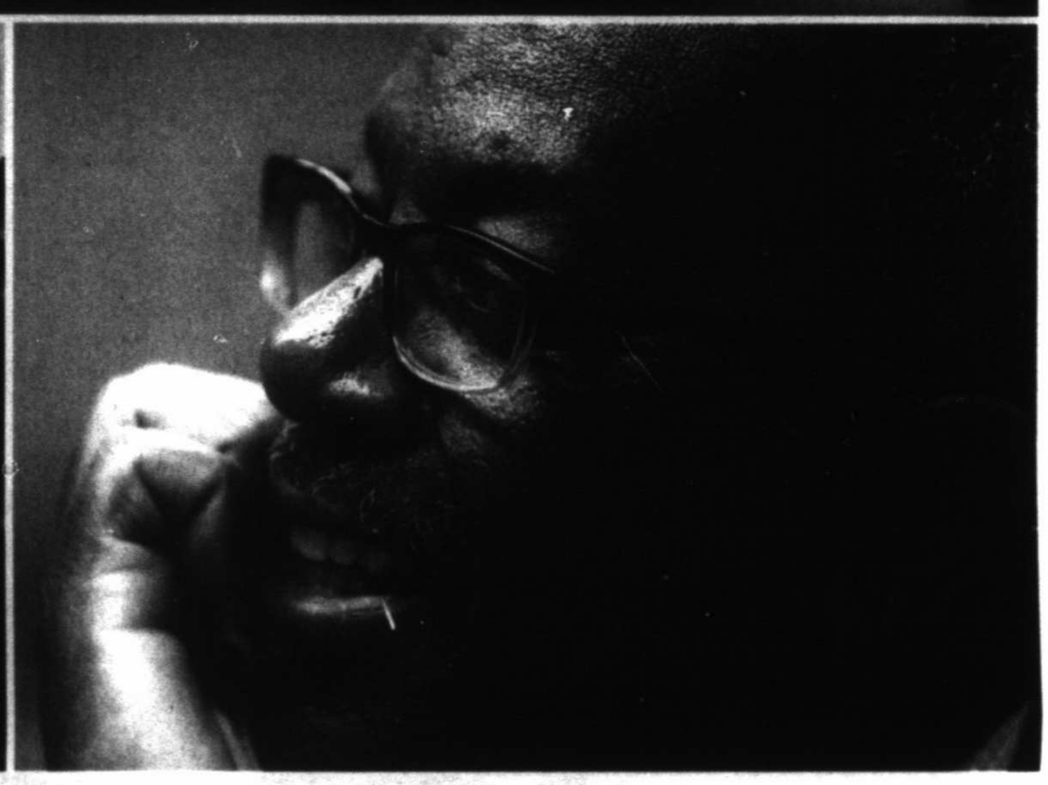
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Rules are important. Rules help create structure, maintain order and keep us safe and secure. But sometimes, rules need to be flexible and bend. We met with a young lady who was recently released from jail. She was expecting to reunite with the man she had been living with for the last several years, however, he wasn't there to pick her up upon her release -- nor was he living in their place of residence. He had moved out of town two months prior, taking all their combined possessions with him, all-the-while, keeping up the charade of being there for her upon her release. She was blind-sided. Shocked, heartbroken and frankly, scared-to-death, she wondered where she would live. She had no money, no job, and no family to turn to. She was a broken down, defeated human being. We decided to move aside certain rules of ours here at Helping Hands and opened up our arms to her.

We paid for emergency shelter, gave her some clothes and food and referred her to several agencies in town that deal with long term care. Looking at this lost child of God and seeing her pain, our hearts went out to her. It was difficult to not keep to the rules, though. These rules have kept our organization safe from a lot of frustration, abuse and chaos in the past. Do we dare break them now? The Holy Spirit quickly brought to our minds the passage in James where it talks about seeing a brother or sister without clothing or food. Will you say "Go in peace, be warmed and filled" instead of giving them what they truly need? Sometimes, compassion says move those rules aside and meet the immediate need right in front of you, right here, right now. It wasn't much we gave her in the physical sense, but based on the spine crushing hugs she gave us before she left it was an enormous emotional blessing. We gave her hope. Such is the beauty of our organization. We can, through your faithful donations, extend our hands in kindness to meet the needs of those around us whenever and however the Lord leads. Please keep this young lady in your prayers. God bless you.







National YMCA's first black CEO aims to boost youth programs

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a 10-year-old growing up in a rough section of South Philadelphia, Kevin Washington was invited to join the local YMCA, and not long thereafter — still a non-swimmer — found himself standing above the deep end of the pool.

"Jump," the instructor yelled, and Washington obliged, though the water was well over his head.

"I jumped in and hit the bottom," Washington recalled. "I remember that feeling of accomplishment when you come back up."

Washington made it safely out of the pool, but he's been immersed in the YMCA ever since. He stayed active in the Christian Street Y through high school and was hired straight out of Temple University as its youth director in 1978, the start of a career-long journey up the management ladder.

After stints running Y associations in Hartford, Connecticut, and in Boston, he was installed in February as the president and CEO of the YMCA of the USA — the first time in the organization's 164-year history that its national office has been led by an African-American.

"It is who I am," Washington said of the Y. "It's helped shaped who Kevin Washington is, what he believes, what he thinks, how he relates to people."

The enterprise that Washington oversees is arguably the most diverse and multifaceted of America's nationwide nonprofits. Its 900 locally-run associations operate a total of 2,700 branches serving about 9 million youth and 13 million adults in communities ranging from affluent suburbs to hard-up inner-city districts. The Ys employ 19,000 full-time staff, assisted by an estimated 600,000 volunteers.

And the organization has evolved over recent decades to encompass operations that go well beyond the original YMCA model.

In addition to the standard offerings — gyms, swimming pools, fitness programs — Ys are engaged in diabetes prevention, low-income housing services, support for cancer survivors, and myriad other endeavors. The Y in El Paso, Texas, has been assisting residents with tax returns, received a grant to curtail binge drinking, and offers its premises to estranged couples as a neutral site for a child's visits with the non-custodial parent.

Nationwide, one of the Y's top priorities is expanding programs for children in the summer, when many of them lack adequate adult supervision and lose ground academically. The Y enrolls more than 900,000 children at its summer camps each year, offers reading and math programs, and plans to serve healthy meals to 150,000 children from low-income families this summer.

> *"Everybody who was anybody in the African-American community had an attachment to the Y."*
>
> **Kevin Washington,** president and CEO of the YMCA of the USA

Financially, the Y seems in good shape overall, though a few local branches have struggled. In the latest rankings by Forbes of the largest U.S. charities, the Y ranked No. 8 in private donations, with $939 million, and was second in total revenue with $6.6 billion, thanks primarily to membership and program fees.

However, Washington, in an interview with The Associated Press, sounded far from complacent, yearning for expanded financial support that could enable the Y to serve hundreds of thousands more children with its youth development programs. Generally, those programs are designed to be accessible even to children whose families can't afford fees.

"We haven't gotten our full and proper support," Washington said. "You're going to see a much more aggressive YMCA in terms of telling our story, so we can have the resources to expand the programs."

One challenge is to convey to the 20-somethings and 30-somethings who populate some of the Y's gyms and pools that the organization is not simply a practical alternative to the commercial fitness centers in their vicinity.

"We have to communicate with our Millennials, to ensure they understand that they're part of a cause," said Washington, who is 61. "It's our responsibility to help educate them about how they can be helpful."

Founded in Britain in 1844 by Christian evangelicals, the Young Men's Christian Association opened its first U.S. branch in Boston in 1851 and soon adopted as a goal "the improvement of the spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of young men."

It established hotel-like residence halls, organized summer camps, and oversaw the invention of volleyball and basketball. During both world wars, it deployed thousands of volunteers to provide services for U.S. troops and war prisoners.

Barriers to participation fell one by one — women and non-Christians were welcomed, and in the 1960s the Y greatly expanded inner-city operations.

In Kevin Washington's South Philly neighborhood, the Y of that era was a hub of social activity, and a counterpoint to the area's youth gangs.

"Everybody who was anybody in the African-American community had an attachment to the Y," Washington recalled. "But there were a lot folks in that community who went on to the other side ... Many of them aren't around anymore."

At the Y, Washington pursued his passion for basketball, first as a scorekeeper, then as a player accomplished enough to win an athletic scholarship at Temple. As a freshman guard, in the pre-shot-clock era, he was involved in a memorable 11-6 loss to Tennessee as Temple resorted to a game-long stall.

After a 14-year stint at the Christian Street Y, Washington worked at the national Y headquarters in Chicago, then for 10 years as the Y's CEO in Hartford and five years as CEO in Boston.

In Boston, seeking to draw more low-income families into the Y, he jolted his own governing board with a proposal to cut membership fees by an average of 11 percent, with poorer areas getting bigger reductions. Washington predicted the move would boost membership by 10,000 households; the actual increase was 20,000.

As Washington was taking the reins in Boston in 2010, the national Y was undergoing a major overhaul of its brand and image. It adopted a new logo for use by all its affiliates and began officially referring to itself as the Y, rather than the YMCA. According to its new self-description, the Y "is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy, said the Y's efforts were impressive.

"One thing they did that a lot of people in the nonprofit world are looking at is reinventing their legacy without sacrificing it," she said. "They're still doing what they've always done, but added a lot of other things. It isn't easy to stay an icon, and I think they've managed to do that."

One example of the evolution is the Y's residential services, evoked in Village People's 1978 disco classic "Y.M.C.A."

While some Ys still offer hotel-like accommodations, others have shifted to programs providing short-term emergency housing to those in need. In Binghamton, New York, the Y has 87 single rooms for homeless men, available for $88 a week. Boston's program offers temporary shelter to homeless families.

Even Ys without such programs consider themselves an extension of home for their members.

"We're very much a safe haven for adults, for families, for youth to truly be themselves," said Jolaina Peltier, executive director of one of New York City's biggest Ys, the McBurney YMCA in lower Manhattan.

It serves about 22,000 people a year, and scores of different languages can be heard in the members' lounge. At the crowded tables, teens doing homework or families reuniting at the end of a work day can look out at the swimming pool, where they might see a mother/infant swimming class or watch McBurney's oldest member, age 106, swimming laps.

The Y doesn't ask about race or ethnicity in its membership applications, so there's no official demographic breakdown, but more than half of its branches serve communities where the median family income is below the national average. One such branch was opened by Kevin Washington in 2009 in one of Hartford's poorest areas.

"The YCMA is one of those places that connects people, regardless of economics, regardless of ethnicity," Washington said. "So many people have their YMCA story. Mine is just one."

Kevin Washington, center, president and CEO of the YMCA of the USA, participates in a math game being played by young teens at the McBurney YMCA during an open after-school program called The Zone, Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in New York. Washington was installed as president and CEO in February and oversees 900 locally run associations which operate a total of 2,700 branches serving about 9 million youth and 13 million adults in communities ranging from affluent suburbs to hard-up inner-city districts. *Associated Press*


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MCS grad Smith savoring opening season with Mariners

By Steve Hunt
MRT Correspondent

ARLINGTON—For a few days, it appeared Carson Smith would start the 2015 season in the Pacific Coast League.

That's because on March 29, the Midland Christian grad was optioned to Triple-A Tacoma late in spring training, and it looked like Smith, who made his big-league debut last September for Seattle by throwing a scoreless inning of relief at Oakland, would begin 2015 pitching for the Rainiers.

However, on April 3, the Mariners demoted fellow reliever Dominic Leone and needed a bullpen arm to replace Leone. So they chose Smith and in a flash, he was on an opening day roster for the first time in his career.

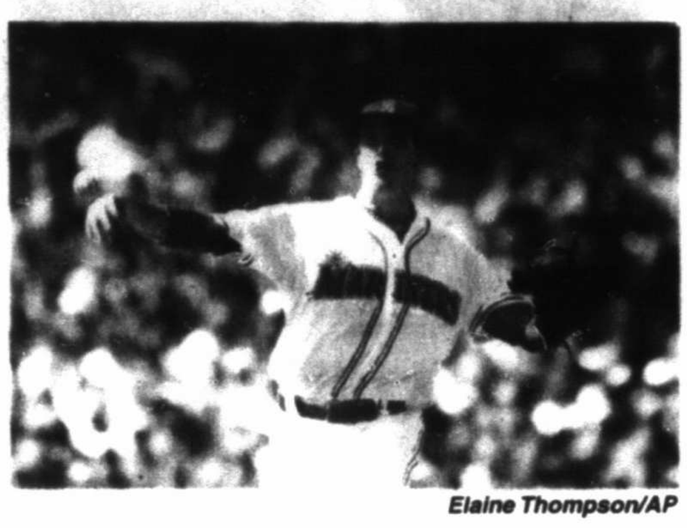
'At one point, I thought it (starting the season in the majors) wasn't feasible," Smith admitted. "Thought I was going to Triple-A and I got a phone call that I'll never forget. Just hanging out, done with the day on the minor league side and they called me back up. So at that point I had a pretty good feeling of what was going on."

In 2014, Smith made nine appearances for the Mariners, going 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in 8 1/3 innings as a September call-up. He relished the experience of finishing last season in the big leagues and getting to be part of a pennant race that saw Seattle remain in contention until the final day of the regular season for the franchise's first playoff berth since 2001.

Now 25, Smith takes great pride in how well he pitched last fall but the young right-hander also realizes that the essence of life in the Majors is, what have you done for me lately? Keeping 2014 in the rearview mirror is an approach that has worked well as he has yet to allow a run in his 10 appearances in 2015.

In fact, with the scoreless appearance he had on Monday at Texas, with 10-15 friends and family in attendance — when he faced and retired one batter, future Hall of Famer Adrian Beltre — Smith has yet to

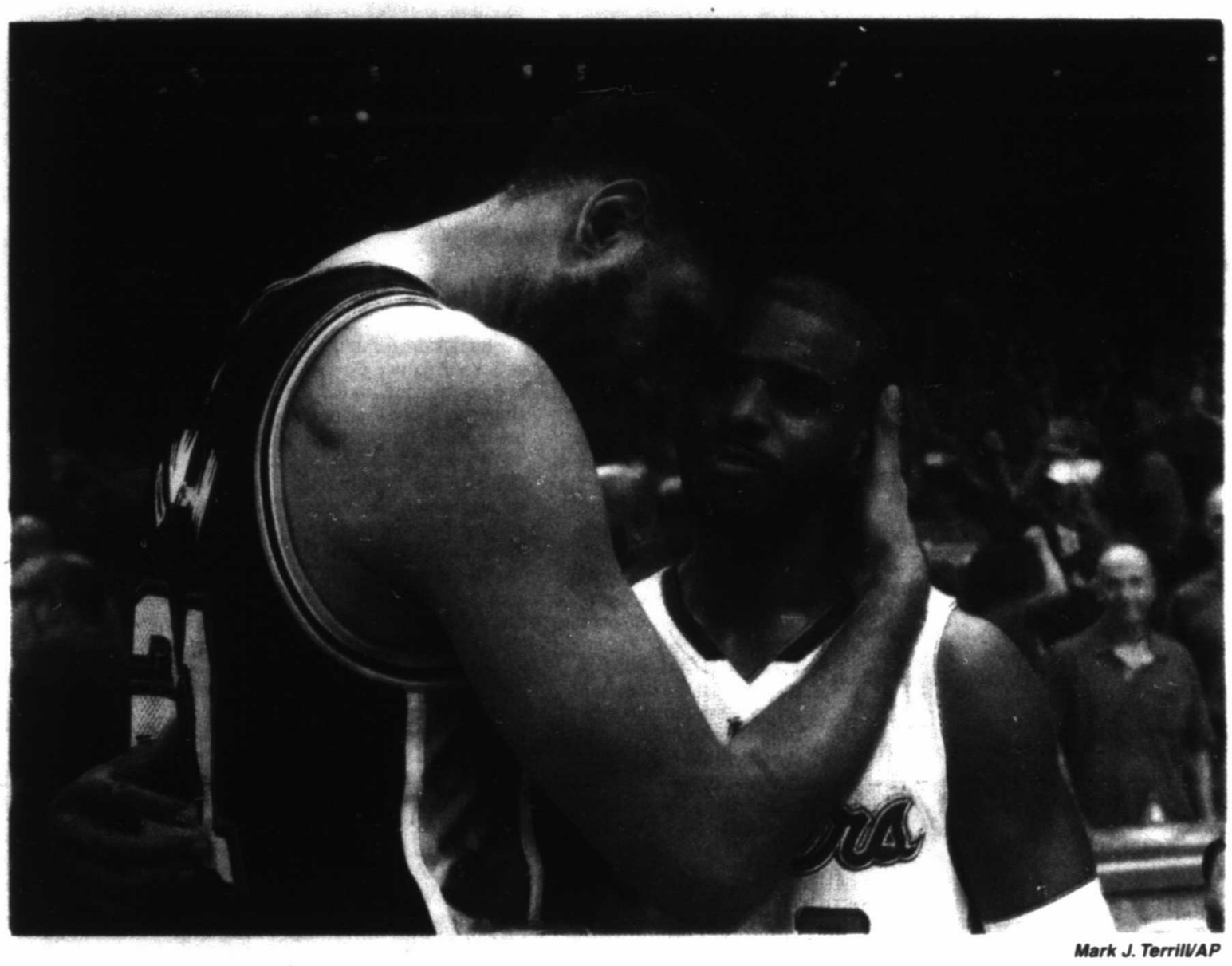
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Seattle Mariners relief pitcher and Midland Christian grad Carson Smith throws during a game against the Minnesota Twins on April 26 in Seattle.

Emotional series ends



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San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, left, hugs Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul after the Clippers won Game 7 in a first-round NBA playoff series Saturday in Los Angeles.

Paul lifts Clippers past Spurs in Game 7

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

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Los Angeles wins series, 4-3

LOS ANGELES — Chris Paul banked in a shot over Tim Duncan with a second left to lift the Los Angeles Clippers to a 111-109 victory over the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs in Game 7 on Saturday night for a wild finish to an entertaining first-round series.

After Duncan made two free throws to tie it with 8.8 seconds left, Paul drove the right side and put up a one-handed shot over the 39-year Spurs star that went in as he was falling away.

Matt Barnes knocked away the inbound pass to seal the victory and the Staples Center crowd went crazy after the Clippers advanced to the Western Conference semifinals for just the fourth time in franchise history.

The Clippers, who faltered at home in Games 2 and 5, move on to face the Rockets starting Monday night in Houston.

Paul returned from an early hamstring injury to help keep the Clippers in the game. He scored 18 of his 27 points in the second half, including four big 3-pointers.

Duncan had 27 points and 11 rebounds, his sixth double-double of the series.

Blake Griffin had 24 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists for Los Angeles for his second triple-double of the series.

The Clippers trailed by five points with 5:42 left before Griffin made two free throws and J.J. Redick a 3-pointer to tie it at 97 with 3:58 to go.

The teams traded leads during the final minutes, with Duncan, Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili scoring for the Spurs and Barnes hitting a 3-pointer for the Clippers.

Paul made two three throws with 13.3 seconds left for a 109-107 lead before Duncan was fouled by Redick and made both shots with 8.8 seconds left.

Paul hit a clutch 3-pointer as the buzzer

Please see SPURS/7C

American Pharoah wins 141st Kentucky Derby

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three times in seven years, Bob Baffert left the Kentucky Derby empty-handed. Two seconds and a sixth-place finish by the wagering favorite.

After a while, those close calls started taking a toll. Even for a three-time Derby winner.

"When you get beat like that, all these seconds, you get to a point in your life, maybe it's not just going to happen for me," said Baffert, 62, who suffered a heart attack in Dubai three years ago. "And then they sent me this horse. And I thought, 'Wow, here's my chance. Don't mess it up, Bob.'"

On this first Saturday in May, Baffert knew he had the best horse in American Pharoah. Still, he needed a dynamic performance and some old-fashioned racing luck.

He got it all — and then some — with a horse that even rival trainers suspect could be a threat to win racing's first Triple Crown in 37 years.

Sent off as the 5-2 favorite by the record crowd of 170,513, American Pharoah rallied in the stretch to beat Firing Line by a length and deliver Baffert's first Derby since 2002.

"There's a certain aura about him, and he has caught everybody's attention," said a joyous Baffert, surrounded by three older sons from a first marriage and his youngest, 10-year-old Bode, who jumped up and down and waved his arms in celebration.

Owner Ahmed Zayat grabbed the gold winner's trophy — his first after a trio of second-place finishes in the $2.1 million race.

"Finally, no more seconds," he said, laughing.

Baffert trained two of Zayat's runners-up: Pioneerof the Nile in 2009, the sire of American Pharoah; and Bodemeister, named for Baffert's son, three years ago.

"This is for the Zayats, who have suffered so much running these seconds," Baffert said. "We know what it is to just get punched right in the face."

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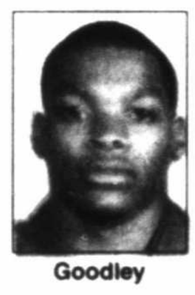
Darron Cummings/AP

Victor Espinoza rides American Pharoah to victory in the141st running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

MHS grad Goodley signs as free agent with Dallas

From staff reports

Midland High grad and former Baylor wide receiver Antwan Goodley has signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys.



Goodley

Goodley will reunite with former Baylor teammate and fellow wide receiver Terrance Williams, who just finished his second season in Dallas. Goodley and Williams played together at Baylor for two seasons with Goodley as Williams' backup.

The 5-foot-10, 215-pound Goodley was not selected in in the NFL draft after two standout years with the Bears. He was also invited to February's NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

Goodley will have to battle to make

Please see GOODLEY/4C

Inside

See NFL Draft is complete. See the full list of draft picks including who the Cowboys and Texans selected.

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Brad Tollefson/Special to the MRT

Midland High junior Bryce Hoppel races to the finish line the 800-meter run at the UIL Region I-6A Track and Field Championship on Saturday at Maverick Stadium in Arlington.

MHS' Hoppel qualifies for state in 800 and 1,600

From staff reports

ARLINGTON — Midland High junior Bryce Hoppel will be MISD's lone representative at the Class 6A State Track Track and Field Championships after qualifying in two events during the Region I-6A Track and Field Championships on Saturday.

Hoppell was the Region I-6A champion in the 800 meters with a time of 1 minute, 54.35 seconds. Then in the 1,600 meter race, Hoppel was second with a time of 4:18.12 as Southlake Carroll's Reed Brown won the race with a time of 4:17.68.

MHS track coach Hil Ochoa knew that Hoppel would have a chance to do well going into the weekend.

"In the 800, we expected it to be a close race," Ochoa said. "Then in the mile, I don't know if it was a surprise, because the workouts that we've had for the last two months were good. He

Please see HOPPEL/5C

'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 3, Midland 0

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 2:05 p.m., Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio

RADIO/INTERNET
www.mlb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 11-11, San Antonio 9-13

Friday	Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday
San Antonio 8, Midland 6	San Antonio 3, Midland 0	Midland at San Antonio	Midland at San Antonio	Midland at Corpus Christi

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
CHEERLEADING
NCA Collegiate Cheer Championship, 10 a.m., CBSSN
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Indiana at Maryland, 10 a.m., BTN
Auburn at South Carolina, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Arkansas State at Kansas State, 1 p.m., FCSP
Texas Tech at Texas, 1 p.m., LHN
Baylor at Kansas, 1 p.m., ESPN3
Texas A&M at Tennessee, 1 p.m., SEC+
USC at Utah, 2 p.m., P12 LA
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Kentucky at Tennessee, Noon, ESPN
Ole Miss at Texas A&M, 1 p.m., SEC
Purdue at Minnesota, 1 p.m., BTN
Auburn at LSU, 2 p.m., ESPN
California at Oregon, 2 p.m., P12/P12 BAY
Indiana at Ohio State, 3 p.m., BTN
Arizona State at Stanford, 4 p.m., P12/P12 BAY
Arizona at UCLA, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD
UCLA at USC, 6 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
GOLF
PGA: WGC-Cadillac Match Play, Semifinals, 8:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: WGC-Cadillac Match Play, Championship, 1 p.m., NBC
LPGA: North Texas Shootout, Final Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
Women's College: Pac-12 Championships, 1 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
Champions: Insperity Invitational, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: United Leasing Championship, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
IPC WORLD SLED HOCKEY
Gold Medal Game, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Detroit at Kansas City, 1 p.m., MLB
Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m., ROOT
Oakland at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW
NY Yankees at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP
MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE
Florida Launch at Rochester Rattlers, Noon, FSSW+
Ohio Machine at Chesapeake Bayhawks, 3 p.m., FSSW+
MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Ivy League Championship: Princeton/Cornell vs. Yale/Brown 11 a.m., ESPNU
2015 Selection Show, 8 p.m., ESPNU
MEN'S SOCCER
Italian Serie A: AS Roma vs. Genoa CFC, 5:25 a.m., beIN
English Premier: Chelsea vs. Crystal Palace, 7:25 a.m., NBCSN/NBCU
Italian Serie A: Internazionale Milano vs. AC ChievoVerona, 7:55 a.m., beIN
Italian Serie A: Atalanta BC vs. SS Lazio, 7:55 a.m, beIN2
Bundesliga: Mainz 05 vs. Hamburger SV, 8:30 a.m., GolTV
French Ligue 1: AS Monaco vs. Toulouse, 9:55 a.m., beIN
La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. Rayo Vallecano, 9:55 a.m., beIN2
English Premier: Tottenham vs. Manchester City, 10 a.m., NBCSN/NBCU
Bundesliga: Hertha Berlin vs. Borussia Monchengladbach, 10:30 a.m., GolTV
La Liga: Valencia CF vs. SD Eibar, 11:55 a.m., beIN2
Liga MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs. Cruz Azul, Noon, UNIV/UDN
Italian Serie A: SSC Napoli vs. AC Milan, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Malaga CF vs. Elche CF, 1:55 p.m., beIN2
Brazil: Santos vs. Palmeiras, 2 p.m., GolTV
MLS: Chicago Fire at Sporting Kansas City, 4 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
Uruguay: Rampla Juniors vs. Penarol, 4 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: Leones Negros vs. CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz, 4:30 p.m., UDN
MLS: Seattle Sounders at New York City, 6 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
MOTORSPORTS
MotoGP: Grand Prix of Spain, 6:30 a.m., FS1
DTM: Hockenheim, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Sprint Cup: Geico 500, Noon, FOX/FOXDEP
United Sportscar: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, 3 p.m., FS1
NBA
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 7: Brooklyn at Atlanta or Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 1: Washington at Atlanta, 1 p.m., ABC/ESPNDEP
Western Conference Semifinal, Game 1: Memphis at Golden State, 3:30 p.m., ABC
NHL
Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 2: Tampa Bay/Detroit at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m., NBCSN
Western Conference Semifinal, Game 2: Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN
Western Conference Semifinal, Game 2: Calgary at Anaheim, 9 p.m., CNBC
TENNIS
WTA: Madrid, ATP: Munich & Estoril, 6 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Mutua Madrid Open, 1 a.m., TENNIS
WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Big Ten Final: Penn State/Northwestern vs. Maryland/Ohio State, 4 p.m., ESPNU
WHAT'S ON RADIO
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Oakland at Texas-, 2 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Midland College vs. Odessa College at Region V Tournament, Lubbock, 11 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed C Ryan Hanigan on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Blake Swihart from Pawtucket (IL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Selected the contract of RHP Scott Copeland and OF Ezequiel Carrera from Buffalo (IL). Optioned LHP Andrew Albers and OF Dalton Pompey to Buffalo. Designated RHP Matt West and 1B/3B Andy Wilkins for assignment.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Designated RHP Jorge Rondon for assignment. Called up LHP Ken Roberts from Albuquerque (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Activated OF Carlos Gomez from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Luis Jimenez for assignment.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed OF Prentice Redman. Place RHP Mark Rogers on the inactive list.
Frontier League
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed LHP Taylor Hostinson and LHP Jakob Isold.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP Chris Motta.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed C John Fidanza, RHP Joe Iorio, and RHP Ernesto Zaragoza.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed OF Sheehen Planas-Arteaga.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Milwaukee F Giannis Antetokounmpo one game, without pay, for running over Chicago F Mike Dunleavy in a game on April 30.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to terms with LS Nate Boyer, T Jesse Davis, WR Austin Hill, S Keenan Lambert, S Ronald Martin, LB Quayshawn Nealy, RB Thomas Rawls, CB Trovon Reed, LB Alex Singleton, DE Tony Slater, RB Rod Smith and FS Triston Wade.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Lavasier Tuinei.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled C Ryan Bourque from the Hartford (AHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Fined Allen coach Steve Martinson, Allen players D Garrett Clarke and LW Spencer Asuchak undisclosed amounts for their actions during and after a game on May 1.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 9, Texas 1
TCU 6, West Virginia 2
Concordia-Austin 5-5, Mary Hardin-Baylor 4-9
MIDWEST
Baylor 6, Kansas 1
North Dakota 2, Texas-Pan American 0
FAR WEST
Nevada 8, New Mexico 3
North Dakota 2, Texas-Pan American 0
SOUTH
Campbell 5, Gardner-Webb 0
Cincinnati 5, Memphis 4, 12 innings
Clemson 9, Louisville 1
Dallas Baptist 12, Charlotte 4
E. Illinois 11, Morehead St. 9
Erskine 2, Wingate 0
Florida St. 8, Coastal Carolina 3
Georgia St. 10, Texas St. 5
Georgia Tech 5-11, Presbyterian 1-9
Jacksonville St. 5, E. Kentucky 2
Kentucky 11, Vanderbilt 5
Marymount 9-5, Bridgewater 3-14
Miami 9-12, Pittsburgh 5-0
Middle Tennessee 5, W. Kentucky 4
NC State 5-5, Longwood 2-1
N. Kentucky 7, Jacksonville 4
Northwestern 8, Notre Dame 2
Radford 11, James Madison 3
South Alabama 12, Georgia Southern 7
Tenn.-Martin 18, Austin Peay 7
Texas A&M 6, Tennessee 1
Tusculum 19, Bluefield St. 2
Virginia Tech 6, Boston College
EAST
Albertus-Magnus 8, CCNY 5
Chestnut Hill 6, Felician 4
Hofstra 10, Elon 6
Iona 2-3, Cent. Connecticut St. 0-2
St. Vincent 4-2, Thiel 0-4
TOURNAMENT
KIAC Conference Championship
Rio Grande 6, Indiana-Southeast 1
Mid-South Conference Tournament Championship
St. Catharine 7, Lindsey Wilson 6
St. Catharine 8, Cumberland (Tenn.) 6
North Atlantic Conference Semifinals
Castleton 12, Thomas (Maine) 1
Thomas (Maine) 5, Husson 2, Husson eliminated

Andrews golf team highlights big sports week



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What a sports week this has been.

Let's start off by giving major props to the Andrews girls golf team, who won the Class 4A state championship on Tuesday with its convincing 52-stroke victory.

It is the Lady Mustangs fifth straight title — a record for the school — and it is also the 13th state title in the program's history, which is the most for any girls golf program in the state of Texas.

There is no doubt that the Andrews girls golf team is the elite sports program of the Permian Basin, and it's not even close right now.

Sure, the program has the facilities the support, but the main ingredient into what makes the Lady Mustangs so successful is hard work and a desire to be the best. Everybody wants to succeed, but these girls put in the time and have the will to succeed. That's hard to come by these days where the expectations of an instant reward for little effort seems to be the norm these days.

Their success should not only be celebrated by the folks in Andrews but everyone else in West Texas. These girls are not only good golfers but seem to be outstanding young ladies in many ways.

I know the Andrews boys were extremely disappointed to finish fifth at state and fall short or their goal to win their third straight state title. But just like the girls, these young men take great pride in their work and you can bet this program will be back contending year after year because of that.

Also, what a great accomplishment for both the Grady boys and Garden City golf teams to each finish fifth in their respective Class 1A state tournaments. Considering they have at least a 30-minute drive to the nearest golf course and the kids have to divide their time to school, other sports and other obligations, just getting to the state tournament is a big accomplishment.

■ The NFL draft came and went and neither Midland High grad Antwan Goodley nor Odessa High grad Bradley Marquez heard their names called.

Not seeing Goodley, a former Baylor standout, not get drafted was a little surprising considering he was invited to February's NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

But sometimes you never know what NFL executives are thinking. They may have thought they could pass up on Goodley, who doesn't have the ideal measurables for an NFL receiver, and pick him up as a free agent.

Reports on Saturday night had Goodley signing a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys, while Marquez was a free agent pick-up by the St. Louis Rams.

At the end of the day, it really doesn't matter if a player is drafted or signs as a free agent, as long as the player works hard and does what he needs to do to make an NFL roster.

Best of luck to these two gentlemen.

- Speaking of the NFL draft, the Cowboys' selections were kind of mixed for me. I like the first round pick of defensive back Byron Jones, and if Randy Gregory isn't succumbed by his issues, he could be a steal as an outside linebacker/defensive end in the second round. Also five of the eight picks by the Cowboys were on defense, which I still don't trust.

The biggest headscratchers were the Cowboys deciding not to take a running back or a defensive tackle. Maybe they weren't enamored by what they saw, or maybe Jerry Jones and Co. have something else up their sleeves. Or maybe it's just the Cowboys being the Cowboys when it comes to the draft — mix in a good pick or two with some guys who may or may not make the squad.

I don't get it sometimes, but you hope that those who are getting the big bucks do.

■ And finally, by the time you read this the "Fight of the Century" will have come and gone, Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao will have walked away with millions, and the ultra hype will finally be over.

As a boxing fan, this is one of the fights I have been wanting to see for years. Unfortunately, "years" is the operative word here as this fight should have taken place a few years ago.

Well, if you missed it or just didn't want to shell out the money for pay-per-view, there's always the rematch in December. You know there's going to be one, right?

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Weatherford completes sweep of Lady Bulldogs

By Brandon McAuliffe
MRT Correspondent

Lady Kangaroos	9
Lady Bulldogs	6

Weatherford wins series, 2-0

ABILENE — Momentum is a finicky thing in high school athletics.

After dropping a 3-1 decision Friday night to Weatherford at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field, the Midland High Lady Dawgs saw their season come to an end on Saturday afternoon after falling 9-6 in Game 2 of the best-of-three Region I-6A bi-district series.

Every inning that Weatherford scored in on Saturday afternoon, the Lady Dawgs answered back in the bottom half of the frame with the exception of the sixth. MHS was just never able to escape a three-run deficit that it faced after the top of the first.

"We are always proud of them," MHS coach Shawnda Vines said. "The fact that we are even here means a lot to our kids, especially coming out of the district that we come out of. It's been a hard fight all season."

After only getting one hit with runners in scoring position on Friday night, the Lady Dawgs fared a little better on Saturday in going 3-for-8 in those opportunities, but were done in by three errors on defense.

"We didn't make the plays and put a couple of runners on that shouldn't have been and they scored," said Vines. "That really hurt us."

The Lady Roos (16-6) used three runs in each of the first two innings to jump on the Lady Dawgs (17-11) and advance to the area round next against the winner of the El Paso Montwood-Lubbock Monterey series.

The day started off on a bad note for the Lady Dawgs as starting pitcher Deandra Allen last just five batters, allowing three runs on four hits before being pulled in favor of Aryn Flores.

Flores immediately struck out Grace Davis before allowing an RBI single to Taci Sanders that made it 3-0 Lady Roos.

"We don't feel like Deandra did anything wrong, we just weren't getting the calls with her in the circle," Vines said. "Aryn came in and did a great job and threw hard. She's throwing with a bum ankle and a possible torn rotator cuff. That's the type of kids that we have and we are proud of what they did."

MHS answered immediately in the bottom of the first with an RBI double from catcher Aubree Rowley that cut the Weatherford lead to 3-1.

Ashleigh Erb had an RBI triple in the top of the second to push the Weatherford lead to 4-1 and then scored when Allen took a bad route on a routine fly ball. Abbi Sanchez made a diving stop of a ground ball up the middle for the second out of the inning, but it allowed Shelby Kennedy to score from third for a 6-1 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Brittany Baggett laced a single into left field that was misplayed into a three-base error by Ana Loya to pull MHS to within three runs.

The Lady Dawgs closed to within a run in the fifth at 7-6 thanks to a steady stream of clutch hits from the middle of the order.

But Weatherford answered right back in the top of the sixth with a pair of runs to push the lead to 9-6.

"These six seniors have helped the tradition continue and it's not just about this year," Vines said. "It's about what they have accomplished the last four years since they were freshmen and what they have done for this program. We feel like this group has meant a lot to this program and allowed the tradition to continue."

WEATHERFORD 9, MIDLAND HIGH 6

Weatherford	330	012	0—9	14 4
Midland High	130	030	0—6	10 3

Kelsey O'Brien and Ashleigh Erb. Deandra Allen, Aryn Flores (1) and Aubree Rowley. W-O'Brien. L-Allen. S-None. 2B-Weatherford: Shelby Kennedy, O'Brien. MHS: Rowley 2. 3B-Weatherford: Erb. HR-None

Records-Weatherford 16-6, Midland 17-11

Lady Rebels swept by Arlington Martin

From staff reports

BROWNWOOD — A day after edging Lee, 11-8, in the first game, Arlington Martin defeated the Lady Rebels, 6-1, in the second game of the teams' best-of-three Class 6A bi-district series on Saturday.

The Lady Warriors (17-4) advanced to the area round with the sweep, while the Lady Rebels (9-11) are now eliminated from the playoffs.

Lady Warriors	6
Lady Rebels	1

Arlington Martin wins series, 2-0

No box information was available at press time.

NHLPLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers 1
Thursday, April 30: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Saturday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Monday, May 4: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 10: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 13: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
Tampa Bay 1, Montreal 0
Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, 2OT
Today: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 7: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 12: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1, Minnesota 0
Friday, May 1: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3
Today: Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5: Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 7: Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 9: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
x-Monday, May 11: Chicago at Minnesota, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 13: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
Anaheim 1, Calgary 0
Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 6, Calgary 1
Sunday, May 3: Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5: Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 10: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 12: Anaheim at Calgary, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD

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Chaps split series with Clarendon to snap skid

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College baseball teams salvaged a four-game series split by sweeping Clarendon College in a doubleheader sweep on Saturday.

The Chaparrals came back to win the first game, 8-7, and then run-ruled the Bulldogs, 13-2, in five innings in the second game as the sweep snaps a five-game slide.

Midland College ends the regular season with a 33-23 overall record and a 25-11 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. MC will enter next weekend's Region V Tournament at Texas Tech's Rip Griffin Park as the No. 2 seed.

One day after blowing a late lead in a loss against Clarendon College, the Chaps returned the favor on Saturday by scoring five runs in the seventh inning of the first game.

The Chaps took advantage of four walks and also had just three hits in that rally.

MC was outhit, 11-7, in the game but drew seven walks, three of which by Bryndan Arredondo.

Tony Reyes led the Chaps by going 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Chris Thibideau added a double and RBI.

Zach Murphy got the win on the mound, while Dustin Angiel picked up the save.

The Chaps left no doubt in the final game of the series as they scored seven runs in the second inning and added three more in each of the third and fifth innings.

MC also got a complete game from starting pitcher Jesse Borden, who allowed two runs on four hits with six strikeouts.

Yahir Gurrola was 3-for-4 with two doubles, four RBI and two runs scored to lead the Chaps. Justin Clarkson was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored; and Chris Thibideau was 2-for-4 with a double, home run, two RBI and three runs scored.

FIRST GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 8, CLARENDON COLLEGE 7

Midland	000	102	5	—8 7 1
Clarendon	000	133	0	—7 11 1

Zach Murphy, Dustin Angiel (7) and Bryndan Arredondo; Joe Garza, Kaley Pottorsal (6), Juan Campusano (7) and Michael Cruz. W — Murphy. L — Juan Campusano. Sv — Angiel. 2B — MC: Chris Thibideau; CC: Darlin Martinez. HR — CC: Joel Garza, Martinez.

SECOND GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 13, CLARENDON COLLEGE 2, 5 INNINGS

Midland	073	03	—13	12 0
Clarendon	000	20	—2	4 0

Jesse Borden and Arredondo Campusano; Axel Arrieta (2), Hayden Bach (3) and Cruz. W — Borden. L — Campusano. 2B — MC: Justin Clarkson, Thibideau, Arredondo; Yahir Gurrola 2. CC: Isaiah Peters. 3B — MC: Brent Stewart. HR — MC: Thibideau.

Records: Midland College 33-23, 25-11 in WJCAC; Clarendon College 27-26, 18-18
Next: Midland College vs. TBA at NJCAA Region V Tournament, Texas Tech's Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock, May 9

Lady Chaps stay alive in Region V West Tourney

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland College softball team stayed alive and will be playing on the final day of the NJCAA Region V West Tournament.

The Lady Chaparrals defeated Clarendon College 7-3 and then defeated Luna Community College 9-1 on Saturday in the tournament's elimination games at Texas Tech's Rocky Johnson Field.

The Lady Chaps (50-18) will play another elimination game against rival Odessa College at 11 a.m. today. The winner of that game plays Howard College in the championship at 2 p.m.

MC would have to win three games today -- including beating Howard College twice -- in order to qualify for the NJCAA national tournament.

No other details were available from today's games.

NJCAA REGION V WEST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
at Texas Tech's Rocky Johnson Field, Lubbock
Today
First round
Game 1: (5) Western Texas College 3, (4) Clarendon College 2
Game 2: (3) Midland College 10, (6) Luna Community College 1. 5 innings
Quarterfinals
Game 3: (1) Howard College 13, Western Texas College 1
Game 4: (2) Odessa College 4, Midland College 3
Saturday
Loser's bracket
Game 5: Luna CC 7, Western Texas College 1
WTC eliminated
Game 6: Midland College 7, Clarendon College 3
Clarendon College eliminated
Semifinal
Game 7: Howard College 8, Odessa College 7
Loser's bracket second round
Game 8: Midland College 9, Luna CC 1. Luna CC eliminated
Today
Loser's bracket final
Game 9: Odessa College (39-17) vs. Midland College (50-8), 11 a.m.
Championship round
Game 10: Howard College (44-11) vs. Game 9 winner. 2 p.m.
If necessary game will be 30 minutes after Game 10

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

MCS SWEEPS TYLER GRACE, ADVANCES TO AREA ROUND

TYLER — Midland Christian won its TAPPS 4A bi-district best-of-three game series with Tyler Grace Community on Saturday to advance to the area round of the TAPPS 4A state playoffs.

MCS coach Mike Munguia said great pitching led the way to his team advancing against a very talented and experienced Tyler Grace team that had 11 seniors, five of whom are going on to play in college.

"The pitching came up big this weekend," Munguia said. "It was the best outing Grant (Little) had all year. We knew we hadn't seen the best out of Grant this year. Brayden (Tidwell) was back in form."

The Mustangs (22-11) won, 7-2, on Friday night and then clinched the series with a 6-3 win on Saturday.

In Friday's game, Little was dominant in all phases. The junior right-hander pitched a complete game, allowing two runs on six hits while striking out 12 batters.

At the plate, Little led the Mustangs going 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

In Saturday's game, Tidwell produced another quality start, going seven innings three unearned runs on six hits. He fanned 11 Grace batters.

The Mustangs trailed, 3-0, going into the top of the fifth inning of Saturday's game, but were able to rally and score all six of its runs in the last three innings.

Grant Little went 4-for-4 with two runs scored in the win.

GAME 1 (FRIDAY)
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 7, TYLER GRACE COMMUNITY 2

MCS	013	120	0	—7 11 2
TGC	000	200	0	—2 6 4

Grant Little and Ray Calhoun. Wright, No. 24 (4) and Rochell W — Little. L — Wright. 2B — MCS: Davis Fender. Devin McBryde. TGC: Spitzer.

GAME 2 (SATURDAY)
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6, TYLER GRACE COMMUNITY 3

MCS	000	013	2	—6 9 4
TGC	012	000	0	—3 6 2

Brayden Tidwell and Ray Calhoun. Florence, Graham (6) and Rochell. W — Tidwell. L — Graham. 2B — TGC: Spitzer, Sumpter. 3B — MCS: Grant Little.

Records: MCS 22-11. TGC 15-4-1
Next game: MCS at Austin Hyde Park, Thursday, May 7; time and location TBD

Softball

DALLAS CHRISTIAN ROLLS MCS

DALLAS — Dallas Christian took an early 4-0 lead in the first inning and rolled to a 12-2 victory against Midland Christian to advance to the area round of the TAPPS 4A state playoffs on Saturday.

With the loss, MCS (13-21) has been eliminated from the playoffs.

Dallas Christian jumped out to 7-0 lead going to the top half of the fourth inning and MCS just couldn't find a way to rally back. Overall, seven of the Lady Chargers'12 runs were unearned, as MCS committed four costly errors in the loss.

DALLAS CHRISTIAN 12, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2

MCS	000	020	0	—2 4 4
DC	423	030	x	—12 9 0

Lauren Grizzard, Danika Gordon (3) and Chelsea Cross. Emily Garrett and Kennedy Barnett W — Garrett. L — Grizzard. 2B — MCS: Courtney Schiel. DC: Kyndall Hartley.
Records: MCS 13-21
Next game: MCS season is complete

HS SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

UIL Region I playoffs
*** denotes if necessary**
Class 6A
Bi-district
Lee (9-10, F3) vs. Arlington Martin (16-4, W4), Brownwood HS
Game 1; Arlington Martin 11, Lee 0; Game 2: Arlington Martin 6, Lee 1. Arlington Martin (18-4, W4) wins series 2-0.
El Paso El Dorado (16-10-1, R1) wins series 2-0 over Amarillo High
Odessa Permian (19-3, W3) vs. Arlington Lamar (11-11, F4), Wells Field at Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Odessa Permian 6, Arlington Lamar 0; Game 2: Odessa Permian 11, Arlington Lamar 1. ;Odessa Permian (21-3, W3) wins series 2-0.
Wolfforth Frenship (22-5, R2) vs. El Paso Eastwood (8-9, R2)
Game 1: Wolfforth Frenship 18, El Paso Eastwood 8; Game 2: Wolfforth Frenship 6, El Paso Eastwood 2. Wolfforth Frenship (24-5, R2) wins series 2-0.
South Grand Prairie (17-5-1, W8) 10, Colleyville Heritage 6
Denton Guyer (14-7, R5) vs. Plano West (15-7, T6), Flower Mound Marcus HS
Game 1: Plano West 2, Denton Guyer 0; Game 2: Denton Guyer 9, Plano West 2; Game 3:
Southlake Carroll 13 (18-5, W7), Cedar Hill 7
Game 1: Lewisville 8, Timber Creek 2; Game 2: Lewisville 5, Timber Creek 4. Lewisville (19-6, R6) wins series 2-0.
Lubbock Coronado (27-0-1, W2) vs. El Paso Franklin (16-14, F1), Ratliff Field, Odessa
Game 1: Lubbock Coronado 15, El Paso Franklin 0; Game 2: Lubbock Coronado 11, El Paso Franklin 2. Lubbock Coronado (29-0-1, W2) wins series 2-0.
Odessa High (17-7, R3) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (14-8, T4), Abilene
Game 1: Odessa High 11, Fort Worth Paschal 1, 5 innings; Game 2: Odessa High 12, Fort Worth Paschal 2. Odessa High (19-7, R3) wins series 2-0.
El Paso Montwood (15-7, W1) vs. Lubbock Monterey (10-13, F2), Ratliff Field, Odessa
Game 1: El Paso Montwood 9, Lubbock Monterey 6; Game 2: noon today; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Midland High (30-6, T3) vs. Weatherford (16-7, R4), Wells Field at Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Weatherford 3, Midland High 1; Game 2: Weatherford 9, Midland High 8. Weatherford (18-7, R4) wins series 2-0.
Flower Mound (22-5-1, W6) 8, Trophy Club Bryan Nelson 3
Coppell (10-11-1, R7) vs. Midlothian (15-8, T8)
Game 1: Midlothian 19, Coppell 11; Game 2: Coppell 6, Midlothian 2; Game 3: Midlothian 8, Coppell 7. Midlothian (17-9, T8) wins series 2-1
Keller (19-4, W5) vs. Plano (11-11, F6), Hebron HS, Lewisville
Game 1: Keller 7, Plano 1; Game 2: Keller 8, Plano 3. Keller 21-4, W5) wins series 2-0
Mansfield (22-4, R8) 10, Hurst Bell 7
Area
Arlington Martin (18-4, W4) vs. El Paso El Dorado (18-10-1, R1).
Odessa Permian (21-3, W3) vs Wolfforth Frenship (24-5, R2).
South Grand Prarie (17-5-1, W8) vs. Plano West-Denton Guyer,
Southlake Carroll (18-5, W7) vs. Lewisville (19-6, R6).
Lubbock Coronado (29-0-1, W2) vs. Odessa High (19-7, R3).
Weatherford (18-7, R4) vs. El Paso Montewood-Lubbock Monterey.
Midlothian (17-9, T8) vs. Flower Mound (22-5-1, W6).
Keller (21-4, W5) vs. Mansfield (22-4, R8).

Class 4A
Bi-district
Fort Stockton (21-3, W4) vs. San Elizario (4-15, F9)
Pampa (R1) vs. Sweetwater (T2), Lubbock Coronado HS
Game 1: Sweetwater 6, Pampa 4; Game 2: Sweetwater 14, Pampa 4. Sweetwater (T2) wins series 2-0.
Andrews (F4) vs. Pabens (10-8, W3), Sul Ross University, Alpine
Game 1: Andrews 8, Pabens 0; Game 2: Andrews 10, Pabens 0. Andrews wins series 2-0.
Big Spring (17-6, R2) 23, Borger 3
Decatur (8-6, W8) 5, Alvarado (11-10, F7) 2
Burkburnett (R5) vs. Stephenville (T6), Graford HS,
Game 1: Burkburnett 4, Stephenville 2; Game 2: Burkburnett 4, Stephenville 0. Burkburnett (R5) wins series 2-0.
Kennedale (17-2, W7) 19, Springtown 2
Graham (R6) 5, Iowa Park 6
Snyder (W2) 34, Perryton (F1) 1
Seminole (T4) 15, Clint Mountain View 2
Bushland (W1) vs. Levelland (F2), Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: Bushland 16, Levelland 6; Game 2: Bushland 8, Levelland 4. Bushland (W1) wins series 2-0.
Brownwood (15-7, R4) 13, Clint (15-14, T3) 0 (5 innings)
Mineral Wells 26 (W6), Wichita Falls Hirschi (F5) 0
Godley (R7) vs. River Oaks Castleberry (12-15-1, T8), Saginaw Boswell HS
Game 1: Godley 14, Castleberry 4; Game 2: Godley 18, Castleberry 5. Godley (R7) wins series 2-0
Vernon (W5) 10, Brownwood 1
Bridgeport (12-9, R8) 4, Venus 2. 9 innings
Area
Fort Stockton-San Elizario vs. Sweetwater
Andrews (F4) vs. Big Spring (17-5, R2)
Decatur (8-6, W8) vs. Burkburnett (R5).
Kennedale (17-2, W7) vs. Graham (R6).
Snyder (W2) vs. Seminole (T4).
Bushland (W1) vs. Greenwood (15-7, R4)
Mineral Wells (W6) vs. Godley (R7).
Vernon (W5) vs. Bridgeport (12-9, R8)

Class 3A
Bi-district
Alpine 27, Idalou 4
Littlefield (T2) vs. Childress (9-8, R1)
Game 1: Littlefield 15, Childress 13. Game 2: Saturday
Crane (F4) 8, Brownfield 3
Shallowater (19-14, R2) 24, Sanford-Fritch 2
Clyde 17, Coleman 2. Game 2: Clyde 18, Coleman 2. 5 innings. Clyde (18-2, W6) wins series 2-0
Game 1: Wall 13, Reagan County 10. Game 2: Reagan County 17, Wall 7. Game 3: Reagan County 16, Wall 15. Reagan County (R5) wins series 2-1
Comanche (W7) 9, Dublin 0
Coahoma (T5) vs. Ballinger (R6)
Game 1: Coahoma 7, Ballinger 2; Game 2: Coahoma 6, Ballinger 5. Coahoma wins series 2-0.
Muleshoe (W2) bye
Post (R3) vs. Karnit (T4), Snyder HS
Game 1: Karmit 17, Post 5; Game 2: 6 p.m. today; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2
Amarillo River Road (W1) 10, Dimmitt 3
Game 1: Presidio 15, Denver City 2. Game 2: Presidio 12, Denver City 2. Presidio (R4) wins series 2-0.
Game 1: Merkel 12, Sonora 2. Game 2: Merkel 16, Sonora 13. Merkel (W8) wins series 2-0.
Bangs (R7) vs. Cisco (T8)
Game 1: Cisco 7, Bangs 6. Game 2: Bangs 8, Cisco 0; Game 3:
Colorado City (W5) 11, San Angelo Grape Creek (F6) 0
Breckenridge (14-7, R8) vs. Early (T7)
Game 1: Early 6, Breckenridge 0; Game 2: late.
Area
Alpine vs. Littlefield-Childress.
Crane (F4) vs. Shallowater (19-14, R2).
Clyde (18-2, W6) vs. Reagan County (R5).
Comanche (W7) vs. Coahoma (T5).
Muleshoe (W2) vs. Post-Karmit.
Amarillo River Road (W1) vs. Presidio (R4).
Merkel (W8) vs. Bangs-Cisco.
Colorado City (W5) vs. Breckenridge-Early.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISSIONS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 0
at Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: Midland shortstop Chad Pinder went 2-for-4 in the game. He had the RockHounds' only two hits of the game.... San Antonio shortstop Trea Turner went 1-for-3 with a two-run home run in the second inning.... Missions' catcher Jason Hagerty finished the night 1-for-3 with a home run in the third inning.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio starter Colin Rea dominated Midland. He allowed just one hit over eight innings, while striking out 12 RockHounds batters... Midland starter Nate Long was also strong. He allowed three runs on four hits in eight innings, while taking the loss.

HIGHLIGHTS: In the bottom of the third, Hagerty gave the Missions the lead for good, with a home run to right field...

Texas League

First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	14	8	.636	—
Northwest Arkansas	13	9	.591	1
Tulsa	12	10	.545	2
Springfield	8	16	.273	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	13	9	.591	—
Midland	11	11	.500	2
Frisco	10	12	.455	3
San Antonio	9	13	.409	4

Saturday's Scores
Frisco 2, Corpus Christi 0
San Antonio 3, Midland 0
Northwest Arkansas 4, Tulsa 1
Springfield 6, Arkansas 0
Today's Games
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 2:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 2:10 p.m.

Trea Turner followed with a two-run shot to left field to give the Missions a 3-0 advantage.

NOTES: Saturday's shutout was Midland's third of the season. It was the second time this season that the RockHounds have been held to two or fewer hits in a game, the last time against Arkansas on April 20...Pinder is currently on a seven-game hitting streak.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — Tim Atherton; San Antonio — Bryan Rodriguez.

MISSIONS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	4	0	0	0	Jankowski dh	3	1	1	0
Walsh 2b	3	0	0	0	Turner ss	3	1	1	2
Pinder ss	4	0	2	0	McElroy 2b-3b	3	0	0	0
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	Renfroe cf	3	0	1	0
Whitaker rf	3	0	0	0	Goins 3b	3	0	0	0
Brugman 3b	3	0	0	0	Rogers dh	3	0	0	0
R Healy 3b	3	0	0	0	Asencio rf	3	0	0	0
Maxwell dh	3	0	0	0	Hagerty c	3	1	1	1
Blair c	3	0	0	0	Domoromo 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**27**		**3**	**3**
Midland						.000	000	000—0	
San Antonio						.003	000	00x—3	

LOB — Midland 4, San Antonio 1. HR — Hagerty (1), Turner (2). CS — Jankowski (1)

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Long L, 0-1	8.0	4	3	3	1	3
San Antonio						
Rea W, 1-1	8.0	1	0	0	1	12
Kelly S, 1	1.0	1	0	0	1	1

T — 1:57. A — 4,247

SMITH

From 1C

allow a run in his first 19 career appearances, set a Mariners club record.

"Last year was fun, but to start with the team on the 25-man roster has meant a little bit more to me. It's been a great experience so far and hopefully it continues," he said.

Setting that record in Arlington was somewhat fitting since Smith was born in the Dallas area and still has family in the Metroplex.

"I have a lot of family that lives here, so I don't know which games they're coming to and which not," he said. "So yeah, they'll be here throughout the series and also continue on to Houston as well."

Besides starting the year in Seattle, another big change for Smith in 2015 is that since he is no longer low man on the bullpen totem pole, he no longer has to lug the dreaded pink backpack, stuffed full of drinks and other refreshments to and from the clubhouse and bullpen.

Those honors now fall to rookie reliever Tyler Olson, but Smith isn't completely off the hook. He is now responsible for maintaining a fanny pack which is full of medical stuff for the relievers, but it's a switch he's happy to make.

"Last year, I had the pink backpack. This year, they have me wearing a pink fanny pack. I got some goods in there. Other than that, not much, just normal stuff," Smith said. "The fanny pack has the medical stuff and the backpack the snacks and goods. So yeah, I'm carrier of the medical bag right now."

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TEXASMLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ASTROS 11
MARINERS 4

HOUSTON — The surprising Houston Astros matched their longest winning streak in nine years by posting their ninth straight victory Saturday night, 11-4 over the Seattle Mariners behind Collin McHugh and a lot of home-run support.

The Astros, who went 70-92 last year after three straight seasons of at least 106 losses, have their best winning string since a nine-game streak in 2006. This victory gave them the best record in the AL.

Houston hit five homers, including a three-run shot by Jose Altuve and a two-run drive by Evan Gattis.

Nelson Cruz homered twice, giving him 13 for Seattle. The Mariners homered four times, all off McHugh.

McHugh (4-0) settled down and won his 11th straight decision dating to last August.

RANGERS 8
ATHLETICS 7, 10 INNINGS

ARLINGTON — Shin-Soo Choo hit a tying three-run homer in the seventh inning and scored the winning run in the 10th to lift the Texas Rangers to an 8-7 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday night.

Choo led off the 10th with a double down the right-field line against Ryan Cook (0-2), moved to third following two walks and scored on Rougned Odor's off R.J. Alvarez.

Rookie Keone Kela (1-1) pitched the top of the 10th to earn his first major league win as the Rangers ended a four-game losing streak.

The A's took a 7-3 lead with a six-run sixth inning that included a dead-ball single off second-base umpire Jerry Meals and a two-out, three-run home run by Josh Reddick.

Texas answered with a four-run sixth, including Choo's homer with two out.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	9	.625	—
Tampa Bay	13	11	.542	2
Boston	12	12	.500	3
Baltimore	11	11	.500	3
Toronto	12	13	.480	3 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	16	8	.667	—
Detroit	16	9	.640	1/2
Minnesota	12	12	.500	4
Chicago	8	13	.381	6 1/2
Cleveland	9	15	.348	7 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	7	.708	—
Los Angeles	11	13	.458	6
Seattle	10	14	.417	7
Oakland	10	15	.400	7 1/2
Texas	8	15	.348	8 1/2

Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 3
San Francisco 5, L.A. Angels 4
Toronto 11, Cleveland 4
Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 2, Kansas City 1
Houston 11, Seattle 4
Texas 8, Oakland 7. 10 innings
Today's Games
Toronto (Hutchison 2-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-0). 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1) vs. Baltimore (Chen 0-1) at St. Petersburg, FL, 12:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 1-2) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 2-0). 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (An.Sanchez 1-3) at Kansas City (Guthrie 1-1). 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Happ 2-1) at Houston (R.Hernandez 1-2). 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 3-0) at Texas (Gallardo 2-3). 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-3) at San Francisco (Lincecum 1-2). 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Warren 1-1) at Boston (J.Kelly 1-0). 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	9	.640	—
Miami	12	12	.500	3 1/2
Atlanta	11	11	.458	4 1/2
Washington	11	14	.440	5
Philadelphia	8	17	.320	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	17	6	.739	—
Chicago	13	9	.591	3 1/2
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Milwaukee	6	18	.250	11 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	5	.636	—
San Diego	13	12	.520	2 1/2
Colorado	11	12	.478	3 1/2
San Francisco	11	13	.458	4
Arizona	10	12	.455	4

Saturday's Scores
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1. 11 innings
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 5, L.A. Angels 4
Miami 7, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 4
Washington 1, N.Y. Mets 0
San Diego 4, Colorado 2
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Philadelphia (S.Gonzalez 0-1) at Miami (Cosart 1-1). 12:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-1). 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-2) at Atlanta (Teheran 2-1). 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Worley 2-2) at St. Louis (Wacha 4-0). 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 2-1). 1:20 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-3) at San Francisco (Lincecum 1-2). 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (C.Anderson 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 1-1). 3:10 p.m.
Colorado (Matzek 2-0) at San Diego (Shields 2-0). 3:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
ASTROS 11, MARINERS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Ackkan cf	3	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	3
S.Smith dh	4	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	5	1	1	1
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	Springr rf	2	1	0	0
N.Cruz rf	4	2	3	2	Grssmn rf	1	0	0	0
Ackley pr-rf	0	0	0	0	Gattis dh	5	2	1	2
Seager 3b	3	0	0	0	CRsms lf	5	3	3	1
Blmgrtt ph-3b	1	0	0	0	MGnzlz 1b	4	0	2	2
Weeks lf	3	0	0	0	Mrsnck cf	4	0	2	1
Morrsn 1b	4	1	1	1	Conger c	4	2	3	1
Zunino c	4	1	1	1	Villar ss	4	1	1	0
BMiller ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**		**38**	**11**	**11**
Seattle						.030	001	000	—4
Houston						.023	401	10x	—11

E—Zunino (2). T Walker (1). B Miller (4).
DP—Seattle 1. Houston 1. LOB—Seattle 4. Houston 6. 2B—Col.Rasmus 2 (5). Ma.Gonzalez 2 (7). HR—N.Cruz 2 (13). Morrison (3). Zunino (3). Altuve (3). Valbuena (6). Gattis (4). Col.Rasmus (5). Conger (2). SB—Springer (9).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
T.Walker L,1-3	1	9	8	7	1	2
Medina	1	1	1	1	1	1
Olson	3	4	2	2	1	1
Farquhar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
McHugh W,4-0	7	6	4	4	2	3
Thatcher	1	0	0	0	0	1
W.Harris	1	0	0	0	0	2

T.Walker pitched to 3 batters in the 4th.
Balk—Olson.
T—2:38. A—24,435. (41,574).

RANGER., 8, ATHLETICS 7, 10 INNINGS.

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	5	2	2	0	L.Martin cf	5	0	0	0
Semien ss	5	1	1	0	Andrus ss	4	2	1	0
Reddick dh	4	1	3	4	Fielder dh	4	2	2	0
B.Butler dh	5	0	0	0	DeShids pr-dh	0	0	0	0
I.Davis 1b	5	1	0	0	Beltre 3b	5	0	2	1
Lowrie 3b-2b	5	1	2	0	Blanks 1b	5	2	4	3
Canha lf	2	1	1	0	Choo rf	5	2	2	3
Muncy 3b	2	0	2	0	Chirinos c	4	0	1	0
Pregley c	2	0	1	1	Smolinski lf	2	0	0	0
Vogt ph-c	1	0	0	0	Peguero ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	2	0	0	0	Odor 2b	5	0	1	1
Gentry ph-lf	0	0	0	1					
Fuld ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**40**	**7**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**40**	**8**	**14**	**8**
Oakland					100 000 600			0—7	
Texas					101 001 400			1—8	

No outs when winning run scored.
E—Chirinos (2). Andrus (6). DP—Oakland 1. Texas 3. LOB—Oakland 7. Texas 10. 2B—Semien (7). Reddick (4). Muncy (1). Andrus (5). Blanks (11). Choo (3). HR—Reddick (3). Blanks (2). Choo (2). SB—Semien (4). SF—Gentry.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Pomeranz	5.1	3	3	3	1	4
Bassett	1	2	2	2	0	1
Otero	1.3	1	0	0	1	1
Abad	0	1	1	1	0	0
Scribner	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Cook L,0-2	1	1	2	1	2	1
R.Alvarez	0	1	0	0	0	0
Texas						
N.Martinez	6	7	5	2	0	2
Claudio	1.3	0	1	0	0	0
Bass	1.2.3	2	1	1	1	1
Feliz	1	2	0	0	0	1
Kela W,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1

N.Martinez pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.
Abad pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
Cook pitched to 3 batters in the 10th.
R.Alvarez pitched to 1 batter in the 10th.
HBP—by N.Martinez (Canha, Pregley).
Umpires—Home, Jordan Baker. First, Andy Fletcher. Second, Jerry Meals. Third, Paul Emmel.
T—3:45. A—32,207 (48,114).

SATURDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 4, RED SOX 2

New York	001	020	001	—4 9 0
Boston	000	100	100	—2 8 0

Eovaldi, Ch.Martin (7), J.Wilson (8), Betances (8) and B.McCann. Miley, Layne (8), Ogando (8) and Swihart. W—Eovaldi 2-0. L—Miley 1-3. Sv—Betances (1). HRs—New York, C.Young (6). Boston, Pedroia (5).

TWINS 5, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago	021	000	000	—3 10 0
Minnesota	012	020	00x	—5 11 1

Noesi, Rodon (5), Petricka (8) and Soto. Nolasco, A.Thompson (6), Boyer (8), Duensing (8), Yorkin (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Nolasco 1-1. L—Noesi 0-3. Sv—Perkins (8). HRs—Minnesota, Plouffe (4). Tor.Hunter (2).

BLUE JAYS 11, INDIANS 4

Toronto	100	126	001	—11 14 2
Cleveland	101	000	020	—4 6 1

Aa.Sanchez, Hendriks (6), Copeland (9) and Ru.Martin. Kluber, Rzepczynski (6), Swarzak (6), Shaw (6), R.Webb (7), Hagadone (9) and R.Perez. W—Aa.Sanchez 2-2. L—Kluber 0-4. HRs—Toronto, Ru.Martin (4).

ORIOLES 4, RAYS 0

Tampa Bay	000	000	000	—0 4 0
Baltimore	003	001	00x	—4 7 0

Archer, Frien (7), Cedeno (8) and B.Wilson. Mi.Gonzalez, Brach (8) and Joseph. W—Mi.Gonzalez 3-1. L—Archer 3-3. Sv—Brach (1). HRs—Baltimore, Joseph (2).

INTERLEAGUE
GIANTS 5, ANGELS 4

Los Angeles	000	100	102	—4 6 0
San Francisco	020	110	10x	—5 11 0

C.Wilson, Mcvin (6), Pestano (7), C.Ramos (8) and Butera. T.Hudson, Romo (9), Affeldt (9), Castilla (9) and Posey. W—T.Hudson 1-2. L—Santiago 2-2. Sv—Castilla (7). HRs—Los Angeles, Trout (6). Pujols (4). San Francisco, B.Crawford (5). Posey (4).

TIGERS 2, ROYALS 1

Detroit	001	010	000

Cowboys stick with defense in Draft

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas owner and general manager Jerry Jones wasn't bluffing when he said getting a running back wouldn't be a top priority in the draft, even though the Cowboys lost NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray in free agency.

The Cowboys kept the focus on defense on the final day of the draft Saturday, taking linebackers Damien Wilson of Minnesota and Mark Nzeocha of Wyoming in the fourth and seventh rounds. Defensive end Ryan Russell of Purdue was picked in the fifth.

Five of Dallas' top six choices were on defense, starting with Connecticut cornerback Byron Jones in the first round at No. 27 overall. Nebraska defensive end Randy Gregory was chosen late in the second round after the projected first-rounder dropped because of a failed drug test, missing a team meeting and canceling two others.

Dallas added a second offensive lineman in Virginia Tech tackle Laurence Gibson in the seventh round and traded for another late choice, getting Texas tight end Geoff Swaim.

Full Texas NFL Draft picks

DALLAS

1 (27) Byron Jones, db, UConn.
2 (60) Randy Gregory, de, Nebraska.
3 (91) Chaz Green, ot, Florida.
4 (127) Damien Wilson, lb, Minnesota.
5 (163) Ryan Russell, de, Purdue.
7 (236) Mark Nzeocha, lb, Wyoming.
7 (243) Laurence Gibson, ot, Virginia Tech.
7 (246) Geoff Swaim, te, Texas.

HOUSTON

1 (16) Kevin Johnson, db, Wake Forest.
2 (43) Benardrick McKinney, lb, Mississippi State.
3 (70) Jaelen Strong, wr, Arizona State.
5 (175) Keith Murphy, wr, Michigan State.
6 (211) Reshard Cliett, lb, South Florida.
6 (216) Christian Covington, dt, Rice.
7 (235) Kenny Hilliard, rb, LSU.

After losing Murray to NFC East rival Philadelphia, the Cowboys signed Darren McFadden, a former top 10 pick by Oakland who had just one 1,000-yard season in seven years with the Raiders. Returning is third-year back Joseph Randle and Lance Dunbar, an undrafted free agent going into his fourth season.

The defending division champions, coming off a 13-3 season, also have Ryan Williams, a second-round pick by Arizona in 2011. He was on Dallas' practice squad last season and has battled injuries throughout his career.

"We weren't trying to make a point that we didn't need Murray," Jones said. "And we're not trying to make the point that we've got a crystal ball enough to know that we've maximized with the running backs we have."

The Cowboys have one of the league's best blocking fronts after taking linemen in the first round three of the previous four years. Right guard Zack Martin, last year's pick, was the team's first rookie All-Pro since Calvin Hill in 1969.

"We're going to run the football," coach Jason Garrett said. "The running back matters. We feel confident in the running backs we have on our roster right now. And we feel like us being able to run the football behind that line with the guys that we have is a good way for us to play."

Dallas went into the draft in decent shape at linebacker by re-signing Rolando McClain after he revived his career with a solid 2014 season. Sean Lee returns after missing last year with a torn left knee ligament. But the Cowboys lost starters Bruce Carter and Justin Durant in free agency.

Wilson, who started 24 of 26 games in two seasons with the Gophers after transferring from Jones County Community College in Mississippi, was the 127th overall pick Saturday. The 6-foot-2, 240-pounder was named first-team all-Big Ten in 2014 after leading Minnesota with 119 tackles, including 10 1/2 tackles for loss.

It's the second straight year Dallas took a Big Ten linebacker in the fourth round. Last year, it was Iowa's Anthony Hitchens, who ended up starting 11 games and played all the linebacker spots as the Cowboys battled injuries.

"We didn't really talk about how they would use me too much," Wilson said. "They just said it was good to develop how to play all three positions just in case we need to

COMPLETE LIST OF NFL DRAFT PICKS

At Chicago
Saturday
(x-compensatory selection)

First Round

1 Tampa Bay, James Winston, qb, Florida State
2 Tennessee, Marcus Mariota, qb, Oregon
3 Jacksonville, Dante Fowler Jr., lb, Florida
4 Oakland, Amari Cooper, wr, Alabama
5 Washington, Brandon Scherff, ot, Iowa
6 New York Jets, Leonard Williams, de, Southern Cal
7 Chicago, Kevin White, wr, West Virginia
8 Atlanta, Vic Beasley, de, Clemson
9 New York Giants, Ereck Flowers, ot, Miami
10 St. Louis, Todd Gurley, rb, Georgia
11 Minnesota, Trae Waynes, db, Michigan State
12 Cleveland, Danny Shelton, nt, Washington
13 New Orleans, Andrus Peat, ot, Stanford
14 Miami, Devante Parker, wr, Louisville
15 San Diego (from San Francisco), Melvin Gordon, rb, Wisconsin
16 Houston, Kevin Johnson, db, Wake Forest
17 San Francisco (from San Diego), Arik Armstead, de, Oregon
18 Kansas City, Marcus Peters, db, Washington
19 Cleveland (from Buffalo), Cameron Erving, g, Florida State
20 Philadelphia, Nelson Agholor, wr, Southern Cal
21 Cincinnati, Cedric Ogbuehi, ot, Texas A&M
22 Pittsburgh, Bud Dupree, lb, Kentucky
23 Denver (from Detroit), Shane Ray, de, Missouri
24 Arizona, D.J. Humphries, ot, Florida
25 Carolina, Shaq Thompson, lb, Washington
26 Baltimore, Breshad Perriman, wr, UCF
27 Dallas, Byron Jones, db, UConn
28 Detroit (from Denver), Laken Tomlinson, g, Duke
29 Indianapolis, Phillip Dorsett, wr, Miami
30 Green Bay, Damarious Randall, db, Arizona State
31 New Orleans (from Seattle), Stephone Anthony, lb, Clemson
32 New England, Malcom Brown, dt, Texas

Second Round

33 New York Giants (from Tennessee), Landon Collins, db, Alabama
34 Tampa Bay, Donovan Smith, ot, Penn State
35 Oakland, Mario Edwards, de, Florida State
36 Jacksonville, T.J. Yeldon, rb, Alabama
37 New York Jets, Devin Smith, wr, Ohio State
38 Washington, Preston Smith, lb, Mississippi State
39 Chicago, Eddie Goldman, dt, Florida State
40 Tennessee (from New York Giants), Doral Green-Beckham, wr, Missouri
41 Carolina (from St. Louis), Devin Funchess, wr, Michigan
42 Atlanta, Jalen Collins, db, LSU
43 Houston (from Cleveland), Benardrick McKinney, lb, Mississippi State
44 New Orleans, Hau'oli Kikaha, lb, Washington
45 Minnesota, Eric Kendricks, lb, UCLA
46 San Francisco, Jaquiski Tartt, db, Samford
47 Philadelphia (from Miami), Eric Rowe, db, Utah
48 San Diego, Denzel Perryman, lb, Miami
49 Kansas City, Mitch Morse, ot, Missouri
50 Buffalo, Ronald Darby, db, Florida State
51 Cleveland (from Houston), Nate Orchard, lb, Utah
52 Miami (from Philadelphia), Jordan Phillips, dt, Oklahoma
53 Cincinnati, Jake Fisher, ot, Oregon
54 Detroit, Ameer Abdullah, rb, Nebraska
55 Baltimore (from Arizona), Maxx Williams, te, Minnesota
56 Pittsburgh, Senquez Golson, db, Mississippi
57 St. Louis (from Carolina), Robert Havenstein, ot, Wisconsin
58 Arizona (from Baltimore), Markus Golden, lb, Missouri
59 Denver, Ty Sambrailo, ot, Colorado State
60 Dallas, Randy Gregory, de, Nebraska
61 Tampa Bay (from Indianapolis), Ali Marpet, ot, Hobart
62 Green Bay, Quinten Rollins, db, Miami (Ohio)
63 Seattle, Frank Clark, de, Michigan
64 New England, Jordan Richards, db, Stanford

Third Round

65 Indianapolis (from Tampa Bay), D'Joun Smith, db, FAU
66 Tennessee, Jeremiah Poutasi, ot, Utah
67 Jacksonville, A.J. Cann, g, South Carolina
68 Oakland, Clive Walford, te, Miami
69 Seattle (from Washington), Tyler Lockett, wr, Kansas State
70 Houston (from New York Jets), Jaelen Strong, wr, Arizona State
71 Chicago, Hroniss Grasu, c, Oregon
72 St. Louis, Jamon Brown, ot, Louisville
73 Atlanta, Tevin Coleman, rb, Indiana
74 New York Giants, Owamagbe Odighizuwa, de, UCLA
75 New Orleans, Garrett Grayson, qb, Colorado State
76 Kansas City (from Minnesota), Chris Conley, wr, Georgia
77 Cleveland, Duke Johnson, rb, Miami
78 New Orleans (from Miami), PJ Williams, db, Florida State
79 San Francisco, Eli Harold, de, Virginia
80 Detroit (from Kansas City through Minnesota), Alex Carter, db, Stanford
81 Buffalo, John Miller, g, Louisville
82 New York Jets (from Houston), Lorenzo Mauldin, lb, Louisville
83 San Diego, Craig Mager, db, Texas State
84 Philadelphia, Jordan Hicks, lb, Texas
85 Cincinnati, Tyler Kroft, te, Rutgers
86 Arizona, David Johnson, rb, Northern Iowa
87 Pittsburgh, Sammie Coates, wr, Auburn
88 Minnesota (from Detroit), Danielle Hunter, de, LSU
89 St. Louis (from Carolina), Sean Mannion, qb, Oregon State
90 Baltimore, Carl Davis, dt, Iowa
91 Dallas, Chaz Green, ot, Florida
92 Denver, Jeff Heuerman, te, Ohio State
93 Indianapolis, Henry Anderson, de, Stanford
94 Green Bay, Ty Montgomery, wr, Stanford
95 Washington (from Seattle), Matt Jones, rb, Florida
96 Cleveland (New England), Xavier Cooper, dt, Washington State
97 New England, Geneo Grissom, de, Oklahoma
98 Kansas City, Steven Nelson, db, Oregon State
99 x-Cincinnati, Paul Dawson, lb, TCU

Fourth Round

100 Tennessee, Angelo Blackson, dt, Auburn
101 New England (from Tampa Bay), Trey Flowers, de, Arkansas
102 Carolina (from Oakland), Daryl Williams, ot, Oklahoma
103 New York Jets (from Jacksonville), Bryce Petty, qb, Baylor
104 Jacksonville (from New York Jets), James Sample, db, Louisville
105 Washington, Jamison Crowder, wr, Duke
106 Chicago, Jeremy Langford, rb, Michigan State
107 Atlanta, Justin Hardy, wr, East Carolina
108 Tennessee (from New York Giants), Jalston Fowler, rb, Alabama
109 Indianapolis (from St. Louis from Tampa Bay), Clayton Geathers, db, UCF
110 Minnesota, T.J. Clemmings, ot, Pittsburgh
111 New England (from Cleveland), Tre Jackson, g, Florida State
112 Washington (from New Orleans through Seattle), Arie Kouandjio, g, Alabama
113 Detroit (from San Francisco through Buffalo and Philadelphia), Gabe Wright, dt, Auburn
114 Miami, Jamil Douglas, ot, Arizona State
115 Cleveland (from Buffalo), Ibraheim Campbell, db, Northeastern
116 Arizona (from Houston through Cleveland), Rodney Gunter, de, Delaware State
117 San Francisco (from San Diego), Blake Bell, te, Oklahoma
118 Kansas City, Ramik Wilson, lb, Georgia
119 St. Louis (from Philadelphia), Andrew Donnal, ot, Iowa
120 Cincinnati, Josh Shaw, db, Southern Cal
121 Pittsburgh, Doran Grant, cb, Ohio State
122 Baltimore (from Detroit), Za'Darius Smith, lb, Kentucky
123 Cleveland (from Arizona), Vince Mayle, wr, Washington State
124 Tampa Bay (from Carolina through Oakland), Kwon Alexander, lb, LSU
125 Baltimore, Jevorius Allen, rb, Southern Cal
126 San Francisco (from Denver), Mike Davis, rb, South Carolina
127 Dallas, Damien Wilson, lb, Minnesota
128 Oakland (from Indianapolis through Tampa Bay), Jon Feliciano, g, Miami
129 Green Bay, Jake Ryan, lb, Michigan
130 Seattle, Terry Poole, ot, San Diego State
131 New England, Shaquille Mason, g, Georgia Tech
132 x-San Francisco, DeAndre Smelter, wr, Georgia Tech
133 x-Denver, Max Garcia, c, Florida
134 x-Seattle, Mark Glowinski, g, West Virginia
135 x-Cincinnati, Marcus Hardison, de, Arizona State
136 x-Baltimore, Tray Walker, db, Texas Southern

Fifth Round

137 Atlanta (from Tampa Bay through Buffalo and Minnesota), Grady Jarrett, dt, Clemson
138 Tennessee, David Cobb, rb, Minnesota
139 Jacksonville, Rashad Greene, wr, Florida State
140 Oakland, Ben Heeney, lb, Kansas
141 Washington, Martrell Speaight, lb, Arkansas
142 Chicago (from New York Jets), Adrian Amos, db, Penn State
143 Minnesota (from Chicago through Denver and Detroit), MyCole Pruitt, te, Southern Illinois
144 New York Giants, Mykkele Thompson, db, Texas
145 Miami (from St. Louis through Philadelphia), Bobby McCain, db, Memphis
146 Minnesota (from Atlanta), Stefon Diggs, wr, Maryland
147 Green Bay (from Cleveland through New England), Brett Hundley, qb, UCLA
148 New Orleans, Davis Tull, dt, Chattanooga
149 Miami (from Minnesota), Jay Ajayi, rb, Boise State
150 Miami, Cedric Thompson, db, Minnesota
151 Indianapolis (from San Francisco), David Parry, dt, Stanford
152 New York Jets (from Houston), Jarvis Harrison, g, Texas A&M
153 San Diego, Kyle Emanuel, de, North Dakota State
154 New Orleans (from Kansas City), Tyeler Davison, dt, Fresno State
155 Buffalo, Karlos Williams, rb, Florida State
156 Miami (from Philadelphia), Tony Lippett, wr, Michigan State
157 Cincinnati, C.J. Uzomah, te, Auburn
158 Arizona (from Detroit through Baltimore), Shaquille Riddick, de, West Virginia
159 Arizona, J.J. Nelson, wr, UAB
160 Pittsburgh, Jesse James, te, Penn State
161 Oakland (from Carolina), Neiron Ball, lb, Florida
162 Tampa Bay (from Baltimore), Kenny Bell, wr, Nebraska
163 Dallas, Ryan Russell, de, Purdue
164 Denver, Lorenzo Doss, db, Tulane
165 San Francisco (from Indianapolis), Bradley Pinion, p, Clemson
166 New England (from Green Bay), Joe Cardona, ls, Navy
167 New Orleans (from Seattle through Washington), Damian Swann, db, Georgia
168 Detroit (from New England through Tampa Bay), Michael Burton, rb, Rutgers
169 x-Carolina, David Mayo, lb, Texas State
170 x-Seattle, Tye Smith, db, Towson
171 x-Baltimore, Nick Boyle, te, Delaware
172 x-Kansas City, DJ. Alexander, lb, Oregon State
173 x-Kansas City, James O'Shaunessy, te, Illinois State
174 x-Carolina, Cameron Artis-Payne, rb, Auburn

175. x-Houston, Keith Murphy, wr, Michigan State

176. x-Baltimore, Robert Myers, g, Tennessee State
Sixth Round
177 Tennessee, Deontrez Mount, lb, Louisville
178 New England (from Tampa Bay), Matthew Wells, lb, Mississippi State
179. Oakland, Max Valles, lb, Virginia
180. Jacksonville, Michael Bennett, dt, Ohio State
181 Washington (from New York Jets through Seattle), Kyshoen Jarrett, db, Virginia Tech
182 Washington, Tevin Mitchel, db, Arkansas
183 Chicago, Tayo Fabuluje, ot, TCU
184 Tampa Bay (from St. Louis), Kaelin Clay, wr, Utah
185. Minnesota (from Atlanta), Tyrus Thompson, ot, Oklahoma
186. New York Giants, Geremy Davis, wr, UConn
187 Washington (from New Orleans), Evan Spencer, wr, Ohio State
188. Buffalo (from Minnesota), Tony Steward, lb, Clemson
189. Cleveland, Charles Gaines, db, Louisville
190 San Francisco, Ian Silberman, ot, Boston College
191. Philadelphia (from Miami), JaCorey Shepherd, db, Kansas
192. San Diego, Darius Philon, dt, Arkansas
193. Minnesota (from Kansas City), B.J. Dubose, dt, Louisville
194. Buffalo, Nick O'Leary, te, Florida State
195. Cleveland (from Houston), Malcolm Johnson, te, Mississippi State
196. Philadelphia, Randall Evans, db, Kansas State
197. Cincinnati, Derron Smith, db, Fresno State
198. Cleveland (from Arizona), Randall Telfer, te, Southern Cal
199 Pittsburgh, Leterrius Walton, dt, Central Michigan
200. Detroit, Quandre Diggs, db, Texas
201. St. Louis (from Carolina), Bud Sasser, wr, Missouri
202. New England (from Baltimore through Cleveland), AJ Derby, te, Arkansas
203. Denver, Darius Kilgo, dt, Maryland
204. Baltimore (from Dallas), Darren Waller, wr, Georgia Tech
205. Indianapolis, Josh Robinson, rb, Mississippi State
206. Green Bay, Aaron Ripkowski, rb, Oklahoma
207. Indianapolis (from Seattle), Amarlo Herrera, lb, Georgia
208. Tennessee (from New England), Andy Gallik, c, Boston College
209. x-Seattle, Obum Gwacham, de, Oregon State
210. x-Green Bay, Christian Ringo, de, Louisiana-Lafayette
211. x-Houston, Reshard Cliett, lb, South Florida
212. x-Pittsburgh, Anthony Chickillo, de, Miami
213. x-Green Bay, Kennard Backman, te, UAB
214. x-Seattle, Kristjan Sokoli, dt, Buffalo
215. x-St. Louis, Cody Wichmann, g, Fresno State

216. x-Houston, Christian Covington, dt, Rice.

217. x-Kansas City, Rakeem Nunez-Roches, dt, Southern Miss. Seventh Round
218. Oakland (from Tampa Bay), Anthony Morris, ot, Tennessee State
219. Cleveland (from Tennessee through New England), Hayes Pullard, lb, Southern Cal
220. Jacksonville, Neal Sterling, wr, Monmouth (NJ)
221. Oakland, Andre Debose, wr, Florida
222. Washington, Austin Reiter, c, South Florida
223. New York Jets, Deon Simon, dt, Northwestern State
224. St. Louis (from Chicago through NY Jets), Bryce Hager, lb, Baylor
225. Atlanta, Jake Rodgers, ot, Eastern Washington
226. New York Giants, Bobby Hart, ot, Florida state
227. St. Louis, Martin Ifedi, de, Memphis
228. Minnesota, Austin Shepherd, ot, Alabama
229. Jacksonville (trgd Cleveland through Houston and NY Jets), Ben Koyack, te, Notre Dame
230. New Orleans, Marcus Murphy, rb, Missouri
231. Tampa Bay (from Miami through Baltimore and Detroit), Joey Iosefa, rb, Hawaii
232. Minnesota (from San Francisco through Miami), Edmond Robinson, lb, Newberry
233. Kansas City, Da'Ron Brown, wr, Northern Illinois
234. Buffalo, Dezmin Lewis, wr, Central Arkansas

235. Houston, Kenny Hilliard, rb, LSU.

236. Dallas (from San Diego), Mark Nzeocha, lb, Wyoming.

237. Philadelphia, Brian Mihalik, de, Boston College
238. Cincinnati, Mario Alford, wr, West Virginia
239. Pittsburgh, Gerod Holliman, db, Louisville
240. Detroit, Corey Robinson, ot, South Carolina
241. Cleveland (from Arizona), Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, db, Oregon
242. Oakland (from Carolina), Dexter McDonald, db, Kansas
243. Dallas (from Baltimore), Laurence Gibson, ot, Virginia Tech.
244. San Francisco (from Dallas through Indianapolis), Trenton Brown, ot, Florida
245. Tennessee (from Denver through N.Y Giants), Tre McBride, wr, William & Mary
246. Dallas (from Indianapolis through San Francisco), Geoff Swaim, te, Texas.
247. New England (from Green Bay), Darryl Roberts, db, Marshall
248. Seattle, Ryan Murphy, DB, Oregon State
249. Atlanta (from New England through St. Louis), Akeem King, db, San Jose State
250. x-Denver, Trevor Siemian, qb, Northwestern
251. x-Denver, Taurean Nixon, db, Tulane
252. x-Denver, Josh Furman, db, Oklahoma State
253. x-New England, Xzavier Dickson, lb, Alabama
254. x-San Francisco, Rory Anderson, te, South Carolina
255. x-Indianapolis, Denzelle Good, ot, Mars Hill
256. x-Arizona, Gerald Christian, te, Louisville

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GOODLEY

From 1C

it as either the fourth or fifth receiver in the rotation but his ability to return kicks and play special teams will give give him an edge to make the roster.

Goodley wasn't the only Permian Basin product to sign a free agent contract Saturday as Odessa High grad and former Texas Tech wide receiver Bradley Marquez signed with the St. Louis Rams.

REGION I-4A TRACK NOTEBOOK

Big Spring sprinters leave make impression

By Christopher Hadorn
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LUBBOCK — The Big Spring sprinters left an impression Saturday during the Region I-4A Track and Field Championships at Fuller Field.

Autumn Mintor, Kaitlyn Mathews and Ian Gonzales all secured state meet berths with second-place finishes in their individual sprints.

Additionally, Big Spring also claimed titles in the boys 1,600 relay, the girls 800 relay and the girls1,600 relay.

Mintor qualified for state in the 100-meter dash (12.30) in her final try as a senior. It's the first time that Mintor will be joining to Austin in the event.

Mathews, Rachel McCalister, Erin Pollard and Mintor teamed up to outrun rival Andrews in the 800 relay with a gold medal time of 1:44.08.

"When we get to state, they will be coming for us," Mintor said of Andrews.

Mathews secured her state berth in the 400 meters (58.24).

Mathews, a sophomore, is also a member of the Lady Steers' first-place 1,600 relay team that includes Pollard, Samantha Solis and Mintor.

Mathews says Mintor is somebody she admires.

"Being a senior, I look up to her a lot," Mathews said. "She pushes me to do my best."

Gonzales is bound for Austin in the 400 meters (49.67). Despite qualifying for state, Gonzales wasn't pleased with his runner-up showing.

"I wanted to go in winning," Gonzales said. "The wind was real bad. I'm not used to running without my brother (Ryan Lopez). He got hurt yesterday. It bummed me out."

Despite Lopez sitting out, Gonzales' 1,600 relay team (3:22.86) managed to secure a state meet berth by edging runner-up Springtown (3:22.90) for the win.

WIGINGTON TO REPRESENT GREENWOOD IN AUSTIN

In 2014, Greenwood's Hunter Wigington finished 12th (12-0) in the pole vault at the region meet in Lubbock.

Wigington, then a freshman, was mesmerized by the level of competition.

"It was really cool coming last year and being able to watch all the really cool vaulters," Wigington said. "15-foot, 15-foot-6 vaulters were here last year. I always wanted to be up there."

Wigington was motivated to do better so he spent the year honing his craft with pole vault specialist Cory Aguilar and GHS coach Shad Hanna.

The hard work paid off on Friday when Wigington won the pole vault with an impressive height of 14-9, securing a bid to the state meet.

Wigington out vaulted his area meet height by nine inches.

Wigington is now shooting for 15 feet when he competes in Austin in roughly two weeks.

"I have done 15," Wigington said. "I jump at it every day. That's what I am jumping for at practice every day with a bungee. I got over it a few times. When I come into the meet, I just have to carry it over."

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Andrews sweeps Region I-4A meet

By Christopher Hadorn
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LUBBOCK — Region I-4A track has a new sheriff and it's the Andrews track and field program.

On Saturday Andrews made its presence felt by sweeping both the boys and girls team titles during the Region I-4A Track and Field Championships, held at Fuller Track on the Texas Tech campus.

It was quite the turnaround for Andrews. In 2014, the Mustangs finished 25th at regionals, while the Lady Mustangs placed 12th.

Andrews squeaked past Kennedale, 57-56, for the boys championship. Meanwhile, the Andrews girls outdistanced rival Big Spring, 83-64, for the 1-4A title.

Lady Mustangs head coach Matt Gafford said even though the girls team was coming off eight consecutive district titles, he wanted them to shoot for higher targets in his first year at the helm.

"When I took over, we wanted to raise that bar and we wanted to go for the regional championship and so at the beginning of the year, that's what our goal was," Gafford said. "The girls came out and just competed really well and we achieved that goal. I couldn't be prouder of them. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to start off my first year as a head coach so I'm just elated on how well they did this year."

The Andrews ladies were spearheaded by the individual efforts of senior Oceana Ridge, who shined brighter than any single female athlete at the meet.

Ridge claimed first-place finishes in three events, which included the 100-meter hurdles (14.29), the 300-meter hurdles (44.31) and the long jump (18-6 ?). Ridge qualified in each event for the Class 4A state meet in Austin on May 14-16.

As a sophomore in 2013, Ridge captured gold medals in the same three events during the same regional meet. However, Ridge could not defend her titles in 2014 after tearing her meniscus in her knee during basketball season.

Ridge said that retired track and field head coach Don Harridge and assistant coach Mallory Adams kept her spirits up and helped her rehab through the injury. Last fall, Ridge realized halfway through volleyball season that her knee was back to normal and that she would be capable of competing at the same level in track like she did during the 2013 season when she claimed two medals in both hurdle events at state.

"It's really exciting and I'm extremely blessed because last year I didn't have too good of a year so I kind of just really blessed for this opportunity," Ridge said.

In addition to Ridge, Andrews received strong performances from the brother-sister tandem of John Ives and Sarah Ives.

John Ives won the 300-meter hurdles (37.95) by nearly a second over runner-up Dillon Springfield of Springtown (38.86). John Ives reached the state meet in his first individual event in his final try as a senior.

The day before, John Ives set a personal record of 38.25 in the preliminaries. John Ives didn't stop there, shaving another 3/10 of a second off his time Saturday.

"Yesterday I broke our school record by 3/10 of a second, I knew I could only go down from there so it felt really good," said John Ives, a Tarleton State track commitment. "It just meant in finals, you were going to have a little bit more pressure, a little bit more adrenaline going through."

Sarah Ives, a junior, claimed the gold medal in the triple jump (36-9 ?), earning her first trip to Austin in the event since she was a freshman in 2013. Ives made her winning jump on her final try, which outdistanced runner-up Ayriel Coleman of Pampa (36-1 ?) by over a half-foot.

Later in the day, Ives finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (14.81), punching her ticket to state for the second straight year in the race. Only Ridge outran her in the 100 hurdles.

"Yesterday I got second in my heat so I was supposed to be fourth overall," said Ives of her second-place finish in the 100 hurdles. "But you know what? Things just happen."

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5 individuals, 3 relays make TAPPS state meet for Trinity

From staff reports

DECATUR — The Trinity track team is sending five individuals and three relay teams to the TAPPS 3A State Meet in Waco on May 8-9.

The Charger athletes qualified for state during the TAPPS 3A North Region Meet held in Decatur on Thursday.

In the girls division, Katie Pack led the way by winning the 800-meter race in a time of 2:29.50. Pack is also going as part of the 1,600 relay team, which finished second.

Preston Ramsey led the Trinity boys by winning the 800 race in a time of 2:05.49. Ramsey also qualified in the 400 by finishing third.

Jonah Stark qualified in both the boys shot put and discus by finishing second in both events.

Trinity girls state qualifiers
800: 1. Katie Pack, 2:29.50
1,600: 3. Taylor DeWoody, 6:08.55
1,600 relay: 2. (Ava English, Mikayla Padilla, Katie Pack, Miley Eisenach), 4:17.61

Trinity boys state qualifiers
Shot put: 2. Jonah Stark, 46-11.75
Discus: 2. Stark 134-11
800 relay: 3. (Jaycree Webb, Clayton Lawrence, Peyton Herrington, Cade Lawson) 1:35.62
800: 1. Preston Ramsey, 2:05.49
400: 3. Ramsey, 54.85
1,600 relay: 3. (Powers Ramsey, Vincent Baiano, Clayton Lawrence, Peyton Herrington, Cade Lawson), 3:34.28

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was running at a 4:20, 4:15 pace. He ran smart and a gutsy race as well."

Hoppel's accomplishments will definitely stand out as he prevented a shutout of MISD athletes at the Region I-6A meet. Ochoa said the competition, especially from the Metroplex schools was "phenomenal."

"For him to qualify out of our region says a lot about him as an athlete," Ochoa said. "With the quality of athletes here, it's tough for teams from West Texas and it's pretty tough for kids to qualify for two events. Region I is one of the toughest regions in the state."

Hoppel will next get a chance to go show the rest of the state what he has to offer when the state meet takes place in Austin May 14-16.

REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

Region I-4A Meet
Saturday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington

BOYS

Team Totals— 1. DeSoto, 70; 2. Arlington Martin, 56; 3. Southlake Carroll, 46; 4. Flower Mound Marcus, 45; 5. Duncanville, 38; 6. (tie) Keller Central, 27; Coppell, 27; 8. Amarillo High, 26; 9. (tie) Midland High, 22; Plano East, 22; El Paso Franklin, 22; 12. Allen, 20; 13. Plano, 18; 14. Keller Timber Creek, 16; 15. Arlington Bowie, 15; 16. (tie) Abilene High, 14; Mansfield, 14; 18. (tie) Keller, 12; Trophy Club Nelson, 12; Arlington Sam Houston, 12; Cedar Hill, 12; 22. Lewisville, 10; 23. Odessa High, 9; 24. (tie) McKinney Boyd, 8; Colleyville Heritage, 8; 26. (tie) Euless Trinity, 6; Denton Ryan, 6; Denton Guyer, 6; Justin Northwest, 6; 30. Plano West, 4; 31. (tie) El Paso El Dorado, 3; Amarillo Tascosa, 3; 33. El Paso Eastwood, 2; 34. (tie) Lubbock Coronado, 1; Hurst Bell, 1; Midland Lee, 1

Discus— 1. Chase Dennis, Keller Timber Creek, 167-10; 2. Collin Echols, Coppell, 179-8; 3. Aaden Bemporg, Amarillo High, 168-4; 4. Dilland Gardner, DeSoto, 167-8; 5. Karl Sralla, Flower Mound Marcus, 167-6; 6. Michael Marsh, Midland Lee, 162-3.

Long Jump — 1. Saige Rexell, DeSoto, 23-3 3/4; 2. Julius Lewis, Mansfield, 23-1 1/2; 3. Ethan Toy, Denton Guyer, 22-9 1/2; 4. Markis McCray, Euless Trinity, 22-8 1/2; 5. Brandon Bowen, Trophy Club Nelson, 22-7 3/4; 6. Niko Small, Arlington Bowie, 22-5.

High Jump — 1. Brandon Bowen, Trophy Club Nelson, 6-9; 2. Dwayne Amoyaw, Odessa High, 6-8; 3. Reese Childress, Abilene High, 6-7; 4 Courtney McMahon, Midland High, 6-7; 5. Carl McGhee, Lewisville, 6-4; 6. Ipi Adedokun, Duncanville, 6-4.

400 Relay — 1. Arlington Martin (Dayton Johnson, Nick Albus, Jared Phipps, Keshun Reed), 40.67; 2. DeSoto (Kadarrien Nixon, LaDarren Brown, Terrion Spivey, London Dunn), 40.85; 3. Flower Mound Marcus (Chandler Garrett, Hunter Warner, Miles Whelliter, Ian Braxton), 41.33; 4. Cedar Hill (Avery Davis, Jaylon Jackson, Earnest Matthews, Josh Atkinson), 41.41; 5. Keller Central (Zaccheus Cail, Jacob Gray, Taylor Robinson, Phillip Frost), 41.58; 6. Southlake Carroll (Tony Fedayomi, Cameron Emery, Tariq Gordan, Deondre Wiltshire), 41.86.

800 — 1. Bryce Hoppel, Midland High, 1:54.35; 2. Matthew Hall, Plano, 1:56.08; 3. Jacob Suchors, Justin Northwest, 1:55.51; 4. Tyrus Poe, DeSoto, 1:58.41; 5. Anthony Rice, Cedar Hill, 1:57.17; 6. Junior Bejarano, Odessa High, 1:57.75.

110 Hurdles — 1. Chevis Armstead, DeSoto, 13.79; 2. Charles Brockman, Plano, 14.09; 3. Bryce Douglas, Allen, 14.11; 4. Sabrien Wheeler, DeSoto, 14.25; 5. Jesus Serrano, Abilene High, 14.42; 6 Corey Mitchell, Amarillo Tascosa, 14.56.

100 — 1. Jacob Gray, Keller Central, 10.54. 2. Chris Nireh, Plano East, 10.58; 3. Nick Albus, Arlington Martin, 10.59; 4. Matt Difrancesco, Coppell, 10.74; 5. Nick Dow, Amarillo High, 10.80; 6 Isaiah McBride, Hurst Bell, 10.87.

800 Relay — 1. Duncanville (David Davis, Aharon Barnes, Dylan Henderson, Antwiss Brown), 1:26.08; 2. Flower Mound Marcus (Chandler Garrett, Hunter Warner, Matt Day, Ian Braxton), 1:26.19; 3. Keller Central (Zaccheus Cail, Jacob Gray, Joseph Ellison, Phillip Frost), 1:26.70; 4. Arlington Bowie (Bronshaye Bolden, Roko Daniel, Anthony Hawkins, Daiden Porter), 1:27.08; 5. DeSoto (Charles Butler, Terrion Spivey, LaDarren Brown, London Dunn), 1:27.32; 6. Amarillo Tascosa (Corey Williams, Christian Alvarado, Jacob Saldivar, Josiah Mackinnon), 1:30.15.

400 — 1. Keshun Reed, Arlington Martin, 46.81; 2. Rhayko Schwartz, McKinney Boyd, 46.92; 3. Quentin Cargile, Keller Timber Creek, 46.93; 4. Brendon Williams, Allen, 46.93; 5. Bronshaye Bolden, Arlington Bowie, 49.90; 6. Alex Abalos, Coppell, 50.03.

300 Hurdles — 1. Cody Johnson, El Paso Franklin, 37.07; 2. Bryce Douglas, Allen, 37.08; 3. Jesus Serrano, Abilene High, 37.20; 4. Chevis Armstead, DeSoto, 37.40; 5. Charles Brockman, Plano, 38.77; 6. Harrison Dodson, Flower Mound Marcus, 39.27.

200 — 1. Ian Braxton, Flower Mound Marcus, 20.97; 2. Darrion Flowers, Arlington Sam Houston, 21.30; 3. Jackson Gleeson, Mansfield, 21.32; 4. Chris Nireh, Plano East, 21.46; 5. Gabriel Navarro, El Paso Franklin, 21.48; 6. David Davis, Duncanville, 21.77.

1,600 — 1. Reed Bowen, Southlake Carroll, 4:17.88; 2. Bryce Hoppel, Midland High, 4:18.12; 3. Johnny Kemps, Southlake Carroll, 4:19.29; 4. Logan Hendrix, Flower Mound Marcus, 4:22.41; 5. Carter Pereyn, Keller, 4:22.59; 6. Matt Munoz, El Paso Eastwood, 4:23.45.

1,600 Relay — 1. Arlington Martin (Tyreon Hall, Jared Phipps, Jason Huntley, Keshun Reed), 3:18.84; 2. Duncanville (David Davis, Aaricus Brown, Mason Townleyen Aharon Barnes), 3:15.96; 3. Southlake Carroll (Devontae Humphrey, Kameron Duhon, Tyson Binter, Tariq Gordon), 3:18.18; 4. Lewisville (Justin Bubak, Austin Warren, Kenry Newton, Jadon Johnson), 3:18.53; 5. Arlington Sam Houston (Darrien Lipscomb, Phillip Shears, Peyton Pickett, Darrion Flowers), 3:21.75; 6. Cedar Hill (Jaylon Jackson, Josh Atkinson, Joshua Stewart, William Glenn), 3:21.84.

GIRLS

Team Totals— 1. DeSoto, 86; 2. Cedar Hill, 57; 3. Duncanville, 54; 4. (tie) Plano East, 44; McKinney Boyd, 44; 6. Allen, 38; 7. Keller, 31; 8. Flower Mound Marcus, 26; 9. Keller Timber Creek, 22; 10. Trophy Club Nelson, 20; 11. Abilene High, 18; 12. (tie) Plano West, 16; Arlington Bowie, 16; 14. (tie) Lewisville Flower Mound, 12; South Grand Prairie, 12; 16. (tie) San Angelo Central, 10; Denton Ryan, 10; Keller Fossil Ridge, 10; Plano, 10; 20. (tie) Lubbock Coronado, 8; Arlington Martin, 8; Keller Central, 8; Amarillo Tascosa, 8; Lewisville, 8; 25. (tie) Justin Northwest, 6; Southlake Carroll, 6; Colleyville Heritage, 6; Amarillo High, 6; Coppell, 6; 30. Wolfforth Frenship, 5; 31. (tie) Hurst Bell, 4; Lubbock Monterey, 4; Euless Trinity, 4; Midland High, 4; Lewisville Hebron, 4; 36. North Crowley, 3; 37. (tie) Arlington, 2; El Paso Eastwood, 2; 39. (tie) Odessa High, 1; El Paso Franklin, 1

Discus — 1. Ryanne Johnson, Keller, 139-11; 2. Richon Rogers, Arlington Bowie, 132-8; 3. Alex Adams, Keller, 125-11; 4. Shira Reece, Midland High, 123-11; 5. Destiny Meyers, Duncanville, 120-8; 6. Queen Fekunle, Cedar Hill, 117-8.

Long Jump — 1. Jackerria Hughes, Plano East, 18-4 3/4; 2. Kenyah Lanahan, Lewisville, 18-2 3/4; 3. Joyner Holmes, Cedar Hill, 18-1 3/4; 4 Audrey Sutterfield, Amarillo High, 18-0 3/4; 5. Carli McDonald, Arlington Bowie, 17-8 1/2; 6. Taryn Milton, Cedar Hill, 17-7 1/4.

High Jump — 1. Sanaa Barnes, Trophy Club Nelson, 5-9; 2. Desiree Coston, Keller Timber Creek, 5-8; 3. Kadejah Wilson, South Grand Prairie, 5-6; 4. Leesa Weber, Arlington Martin, 5-4; 5. Savannah Cognasi, Lubbock Coronado, 5-4; 6. Samantha Nolan, Amarillo High, 5-4.

400 Relay — 1. DeSoto (Shavonna Jackson, Kira White, Jasmine Hall, Paris Duncan), 45.85; 2. Cedar Hill (Nikko King, Breayna Peavie-Johnson, Jazmyn Shumaker, Danyel White), 47.18; 3. Allen (Chelsey Cole, Rebecca Ekeanyanwu, Folami Williams, Genesis Turman), 47.46; 4. Plano East (Darryion Smith, Allison Compass, Jackerria Hughes, Stevi Kincade), 48.13; 5. Plano (Ava Paul, Lauren Fairchild, Morgan Shelton, Kennedy Blackmon), 48.58; 6. Flower Mound Marcus (Madison Smith, Kyndal McKnight, Diamond Blaylock, Nicole Ezeokei), 48.59.

800 — 1. Aaliyah Miller, McKinney Boyd, 2:10.58; 2. Madison Compass, Plano East, 2:12.13; 3. Baylie Kinney, San Angelo Central, 2:15.62; 4. Lauren Landry, Lubbock Monterey, 2:18.19; 5. Shaponria McNgomeny, DeSoto, 2:19.03; 6. Ayla Lopez, El Paso Franklin, 2:21.50.

100 Hurdles — 1. Alexis Duncan, DeSoto, 13.36; 2. Markasiaha Richardson, Amarillo Tascosa, 14.28; 3. Bridget Tobias, Flower Mound Marcus, 14.64; 4. Alyssa Miller, McKinney Boyd, 14.76; 5. Davina LuAukaoo, Arlington High, 14.83; 6. Taryn Milton, Cedar Hill, 14.86.

100 — 1. Kira White, DeSoto, 11.56; 2. Tiffani Johnson, Duncanville, 11.74; 3. Jhane' King, Keller Timber Creek, 11.77; 4. Genesis Turman, Allen, 12.08; 5. Danielle Leaks, Wolfforth Frenship, 12.18; 6. Hannisyah Roberson, North Crowley, 12.39.

800 Relay — 1. Cedar Hill (Nikko King, Victoria Johnson, Jazmyn Shumaker, Danyel White), 1:37.76; 2. Duncanville (Ajanae Roberts, Tiffani Johnson, Chrischaynie Washington, Diona Warren), 1:38.02; 3. Plano West (Shanona' Johnson, Cecily Edwards, Amahi Edge, God'Stime Osa), 1:39.29; 4. Allen (Chelsey Cole, Rebecca Ekeanyanwu, Serena McAurther, Genesis Turman), 1:41.35; 5. Plano (Kennedy Blademon, Morgan Shelton, Lauren Fairchild, Victoria Ford), 1:41.72; 6. South Gran Prairie (Amia Boggess, Ebony Ojemi, Kadejah Wilson, Jordanae Scott), 1:42.44.

400 — 1. Aaliyah Miller, McKinney Boyd, 54.55; 2. Jhane' King, Keller Timber Creek, 54.95; 3. Sierra Andres, Coppell, 56.43; 4. Raven Woodson, Lubbock Coronado, 57.44; 5. Madison Compass, Plano East, 57.72; 6. Lindsey Simpson, Keller, 58.00.

300 Hurdles — 1. Alexis Duncan, DeSoto, 41.92; 2. Bridget Tobias, Flower Mound Marcus, 42.77; 3. Kennedy Turner, DeSoto, 43.37; 4. Madysen Hunter, Southlake Carroll, 43.52; 5. Ava Paul, Plano, 44.83; 6. Madison Thetford, Amarillo High, 44.97.

200 — 1. Danyel White, Cedar Hill, 23.67; 2. Tiffani Johnson, Duncanville, 23.90; 3. Megan Harris, Colleyville Heritage, 24.24; 4. Jordanae Scott, South Grand Prairie, 24.42; 5. Danielle Leaks, Wolfforth Frenship, 254.60; 6. Hannisyah Roberson, North Crowley, 24.76.

1,600 — 1. Maddy Reed, Flower Mound Marcus, 4:52.89; 2. Ashton Endsley, Abilene High, 4:55.78; 3. Rebecca Jacobson, Flower Mound, 5:00.12; 4. Laura Fairchild, Lewisville Hebron, 5:05.24; 5. Meghan Lloyd, Keller, 5:06.29; 6. Anna Mora, El Paso Eastwood, 5:08.08.

1,600 Relay — 1. McKinney Boyd (Nicolette Dixon, Sidney Scott, Myan Bowen, Aaliyah Miller), 3:47.37; 2. Plano East (Madison Compass, Stevi Kincade, Amarachi Ngwaiteee, Allison Compass), 3:47.95; 3. Duncanville (Ajanae Roberts, Breajah Washington, Jasmine Carter, Diona Warren), 3:50.84; 4. DeSoto (Zaria Whittaker, Mariah Crawford, Kennedy Turner, Shaponria Montgomery), 3:51.22; 5. Plano West (Amanda Riedell, God'Stime Osa, Tei Williams, Sharone' Johnson), 3:52.38; 6. Lubbock Coronado (Tatiana Martinez, Jada Clark, Raven Woodson, Ashley Hughes), 3:55.83.

Region I-4A Championships
At Fuller Track, Lubbock
Top 2 finishers qualify for state meet
May 14-16.
Saturday's results

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Andrews 83, 2. Big Spring 64, 3. Kennedale 57, 4. Brownwood 47, 5 Abilene Wylie 41, 6. Bushland 33, 7. Monahans 30, 8. Alvarado 28, 9. Dalhart 26, 10. Pampa 24, 11. (tie) Levelland 18, Springtown 18, Lubbock Estacado 18, 14. Greenwood 16, 15. Vernon 12, 16. (tie) Clint Mountain View 11, Graham 11, 18. Lake Worth 10, 19. (tie) Decatur 8, Fort Stockton 8, Perryton 8, Burkburnett 8, 23. Snyder 7, 24. (tie) Godley 6, Clint 6, Stephenville 6, 27. (tie) Iowa Park 4, San Elizario 4, 29. Sweetwater 2, 30 Bridgeport 1

Running events

100: 1. Lexie Lewis, Brownwood, 11.97, 2. Autumn Mintor, Big Spring, 12.30; 3. Hailey Patterson, Kennedale, 12.37; 4. Kylee Ponder, Stephenville, 12.48; 5. Jazmin Puryear, Lake Worth, 12.79; 6. Miranda Lopez, Andrews, 12.85.

200: 1. Lexie Lewis, Brownwood, 25.12; 2 Maiya Burgess, Kennedale, 25.80; 3. Leigha Puckett, Abilene Wylie, 25.93; 4. Meredith Polendo, San Elizario, 26.59; 5. Zanisha Williams, Sweetwater, 26.61; 6. Claudia Gutierrez, Snyder, 26.93.

400: 1 RonTaeytha Lowe, Lubbock Estacado, 57.62; 2. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 58.24, 3. Anasia Fletcher, Monahans, 59.61; 4. Jayla Norman, Bushland, 1:00.74; 5. Darby Biddy, Iowa Park, 1:01.51; 6. Musheua Benson, Kennedale, 1:01.79

800: 1. Aundera Schroder, Bushland, 2:21.42. 2. Addyson Moseley, Perryton, 2:25.14, 3. Priscilla Estrada, Clint Mountain View, 2:27.21, 4. Jessica Kyle, Decatur, 2:28.44; 5. Karen Torres, Andrews, 2:29.08; 6. Diana Garcia, Bridgeport, 2:30.27

1,600: 1. Morgan McCutchen, Levelland, 5:17.82; 2. Sara Smith, Dalhart, 5:21.45; 3. Hanna Sanchez, Abilene Wylie, 5:22.54; 4. Aimee Molina, Alvarado, 5:33.60; 5. Madelaine Johnston, Burkburnett, 5:38.35; 6. Jessica Kyle, Decatur, 5:40.77

100 hurdles: 1. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 14.29; 2. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 14.81; 3. Jaycee Pannell, Godley, 14.96; 4. Keeley Latham, Abilene Wylie, 15.02; 5. Cara Cowser, Graham, 15.13; 6. Isabel Herrera, Clint, 15.42

300 hurdles: 1. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 44.31; 2. McKenzie Molina, Lake Worth, 45.42; 3. Keeley Latham, Abilene Wylie, 46.19; 4. Isabel Herrera, Clint, 46.55; 5. Ivy Lasley, Dalhart, 46.68; 6. Emily Estrada, Clint Mountain View, 47.21

400 relay: 1. Kennedale 48.29; 2. Brownwood 48.80; 3. Monahans 49.05; 4. Lubbock Estacado 49.45; 5. Alvarado 50.20; 6. Andrews 50.22.

800 relay: 1. Big Spring 1:44.08; 2. Andrews 1:44.51; 3. Alvarado 1:45.11; 4. Kennedale 1:45.20; 5. Abilene Wylie 1:45.44; 6. Stephenville 1:46.67

1,600 relay: 1. Big Spring 4:04.11; 2. Bushland 4:07.02; 3. Springtown 4:08.10; 4. Alvarado 4:08.84; 5. Monahans 4:11.56; 6. Andrews 4:12.25

Field events

High jump: 1. McKenzie Cox, Brownwood, 5-2; 2. Sabrina Williams, Fort Stockton, 5-2; 3. Kaleigh Cloyd, Greenwood, 5-0; 4. Macen Stripling, Decatur, 5-0; 5. Blaike Thompson, Greenwood, 4-10; 6. Danielle Nasser, Abilene Wylie, 4-10.

Triple jump: 1 Sarah Ives, Andrews, 36-9 1/2; 2. Ayriel Coleman, Pampa, 36-1 3/4; 3. Jasmyn Poe, Kennedale, 35-10 1/4; 4. Kendyl Dean, Springtown, 35-7 1/2; 5. Jayla Norman, Bushland, 35-5 1/4; 6. Isabel Herrera, Clint, 35-1 1/2.

Pole vault: 1 Sydney King, Dalhart, 11-6; 2. Krystal Ontiveros, Monahans, 11-3; 3. Alyssa Martini, Snyder, 10-6; 4. Jacy Andrews, Abilene Wylie, 10-6; 5. Brooklyn Strahuss, Dalhart, 10-0; 6 Kayla McPherson, Brownwood, 9-6.

Shot put: 1 Cheyenne Williams, Pampa, 42-7. 2. Lana Pfester, Graham, 38-11 1/2; 3. Faith Ragland, Andrews, 38-5; 4. Amanda Bell, Greenwood, 37-9 3/4; 5. Maniya Youngberg, Vernon, 37-2 1/4; 6 Sydney Smith, Graham, 37-0 1/4.

BOYS

Team standings — 1. Andrews 57, 2. Kennedale 56, 3. Abilene Wylie 52, 4. Borger 44, 5. Springtown 38, 6. Wichita Falls Hirschi 34, 7. Big Spring 31, 8. San Elizario 29, 9 (tie) Stephenville 24, Greenwood 24, Bushland 24, 12. Mineral Wells 21, 13. Monahans 20, 14. Graham 19, 15 (tie) Alvarado 18, Levelland 18, 17. River Oaks Castleberry 16, 18. Perryton 13, 19. Clint 12, 20. (tie) Vernon 10, Seminole 10, Godley 10, 23 Pecos 8, 24. (tie) Dalhart 7, Decatur 7, 26. Brownwood 6, 27 Burkburnett 4, 28. (tie) Iowa Park 2, Fort Stockton 2, 30. (tie) Sweetwater 1, Lamesa 1, Clint Mountain View 1, Snyder 1

Running events

100: 1 Trey Kleffner, Abilene Wylie, 10.97; 2 Ethan Cannon, Bushland, 10.99; 3. Caleb Dickson, Borger, 11.02; 4. Roman Turner, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 11.03; 5. Marquase Betts, Burkburnett, 11.10; 6. Keegan Thompson, Andrews, 11.20

200: 1. Caleb Dickson, Borger, 21.73; 2. Trey Kleffner, Abilene Wylie, 22.15; 3. La'Vaun Lewis, Andrews, 22.23; 4. Braden Grimsley, Andrews, 22.38; 5. Bowie Franks, Iowa Park, 22.51; 6 Adrian Hendrick, Alvarado, 22.53.

400: 1. Pryce O'Brien, Kennedale, 49.59; 2 Ian Gonzales, Big Spring, 49.57; 3. Chevy Robertson, Brownwood, 49.76; 4. Daniel Cordova, Clint, 50.77; 5. Angel Huerta-Rincon, Pecos, 50.93; 6 Justin Ventura, Perryton, 51.01

800: 1. Michael Johnson, San Elizario, 1:56.11; 2. Ulises Cardoza, San Elizario, 2:01.19; 3. Reese Montgomery, Dalhart, 2:01.43; 4. Caleb Johnson, Levelland, 2:04.72; 5. Francisco Bounds, Perryton, 2:05.56; 6. Marcos Uranga, Clint Mountain View, 2:05.58.

1,600: 1. Michael Johnson, San Elizario, 4:29.85; 2. Eduardo Trevizo, Castleberry, 4:31.04; 3. Justin Domangue, Alvarado, 4:34.10; 4. Isaac Vargas, Levelland, 4:38.26; 5. Stetson Reyas, Clint, 4:38.54; 6. Reese Montgomery, Dalhart, 4:46.53.

110 hurdles: Dillon Springfield, Springtown, 14.36; 2. Jace Newcomb, Perryton, 15.01; 3. Josh Drennan, Vernon, 15.05; 4. Ryan Snow, Springtown, 15.70; 5. Austin Shuffledean, Stephenville, 15.73; 6. Alpson Smith, Snyder, 15.77

300 hurdles: 1 John Ives, Andrews, 37.95; 2 Dillon Springfield, Springtown, 38.86; 3. Juvarae Sutton, Iowa Park, 39.83; 4. Rascalle Williams, Mineral Wells, 40.72; 5. Hayden McClelland, Burkburnett, 41.15; 6. Jeremiah Rushin, Big Spring, 41.20

400 relay: 1. Kennedale 42.46; 2. Andrews 42.49; 3. Abilene Wylie 42.57; 4. Bushland 43.25; 5. Borger 43.35; 6. Greenwood 43.55

800 relay: 1. Andrews 1:28.91; 2. Borger 1:29.24; 3. Greenwood 1:29.59; 4. Bushland 1:30.16; 5. Decatur 1:30.93; 6. Fort Stockton 1:31.20

1,600 relay: 1. Big Spring 3:21.86; 2 Springtown 3:22.90; 3. Monahans 3:23.93; 4 Stephenville 3:28.42; 5. Kennedale 3:31.60; 6 Levelland 3:32.23

Field events

Long jump: 1 Charles Brown, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 23-0 3/4; 2. Dennis Williams, Kennedale, 22-1; 3. Caleb Dickson, Borger, 21-8 1/4; 4. Taylor Thibeau, Kennedale, 21-7; 5. Dru Anderson, Decatur, 21-1 1/4; 6. Isaiah McGee, Sweetwater, 20-11

Discus: 1. Diamond Cardona, Godley, 164-1; 2. Braden Darrow, Abilene Wylie, 159-9; 3. Matthew Selbert, Pecos, 157-8; 4. Zac McMahen, Vernon, 156-4; 5. Connor Smith, Graham, 150-5; 6. Cole Stallard, Decatur, 146-2

Region I-3A Championships
Friday-Saturday, Rustill Stadium, Odessa
Top two advance to state meet May 14-16.

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Van Horn, 50; 2. Vega, 48; 3. Iraon County, 44.5; 4. New Deal, 42.5; 5. Albany, 40; 6. Ozona, 30; 7. (tie) Canadian; and Iraan, 24; 9. Sunray, 23; 10. (tie) Stamford; and Christoval, 22; 12. Sundown, 20; 13. (tie) Lockney and Shamrock, and Boys Ranch, 16; 16. Hamlin, 15.5; 17. (tie) Bovina; and Miles, 14; 19. Wellington, 13; 20. (tie) Anson; and Haskell; and Sudan, 12; 23. (tie) Hawley; and Morton; and Abernathy; 26. Panhandle, 9.5; 27. (tie) Eldorado; and Forsan, and Roscoe, 8; 30. Clarendon, 7; 31. (tie) Plains, and Stratford, 6; 33. Gruver, 3; 34. (tie) McCamey, and Floydada; and Hale Center; and Wheeler, 1.

Individual standings
Field Events

Discus: 1 Whitney Kitchen, Hawley, 146-7. 2. Olivia Bills, Hamlin, 135-5; 3. Hailey Wells, Lockney, 127-6; 4. Anna Batenhorst, Shamrock, 121-10; 5. Rebecca Lopez, Sundown, 120-4; 6 Hayley Tellez, Wellington, 115-11

High jump: 1 Caitlin Williams, Sunray, 5-3. 2 McKenna Moses, Ozona, 5-2; 3. Brittany Michaleson, Plains, 5-1; 4. Maricela Rojas, Christoval, 5-0; 5. (tie) Alyssa Johnson, New Deal; and Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin, 5-0

Long jump: 1 Kati Tumlinson, Iron County, 17-7. 2. Lyric Turner, Boys Ranch, 17-1; 3. Haeyvyn Risley, Canadian, 17-0.5; 4 Haley Myatt, Abernathy, 16-10.25; 5 Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin, 16-7; 6 Amelia Weatherton, Clarendon, 16-2.25

Shot put: 1 Brie Dewbrs, Morton, 39-9. 2 Haley Walker, Lockney, 39-7; 3. Jadyn Wright, Shamrock, 37-7.5; 4 Kinsey Wright, Shamrock, 36-5.5; 5. Brennyn Seagler, Gruver, 36-5; 6 Brooklyn Tompkins, Panhandle, 36-5

Triple jump: 1 Kae Tumlinson, Iron County, 36-5.5; 2. Lyric Turner, Boys Ranch, 36-4.5; 3 Haevyn Risley, Canadian, 36-3.25; 4 Renee Rivera, Van Horn, 34-6.25; 5. Catie Fengman, Vega, 34-4.5; 6. Abby Velasquez, McCamey, 33-11.5

Pole vault: 1 McKenna Moses, Ozona, 11-0; 2 McKaela Hockenberry, New Deal, 10-6; 3. Lindsey Williams, Sunray, 10-0; 4. McKenzie Angus, Eldorado, 9-6; 5. Dakota Garrison, Shamrock, 9-0; 6. (tie) Makenzie Cramer, Iron County; and Hunter Heck, Panhandle, 8-6

Running Events

3,200: 1 Andrea Sanchez, Sundown, 12:07.44; 2. Jasmine Lara, Bovina, 12:29.02; 3 Halie Hoffman, Miles, 12:29.49; 4 Abby Morris, Wellington, 12:31.05; 5. Samantha Gonzalez, Stratford, 12:36.83; 6. Gabby Treto, Ozona, 12:41.54

400 relay: 1 New Deal (Brianna Bryant, McKaela Hockenberry, Railee Anderson, Stari Coronado), 50.51; 2. Van Horn, 50.69; 3. Iron County, 50.99; 4 Christoval, 51.54; 5. Forsan 51.56; 6. Anson, 51.78

800: 1 Valerie Gandara, Albany, 2:22.14; 2 Krysten Lackey, Anson, 2:24.13; 3 Skye Bain, Vega, 2:28.34; 4. AJ Quintanilla, Sundown, 2:33.69; 5 Abby Nichols, Sundown 2:33.91; 6 Sarah Jackson, Gruver, 2:35.4

100 hurdles: 1 Catie Fengman, Vega, 15.27. 2 Callie Jarrett, Poydlands, 15.5; 3. Rachel Hill, Albany, 15.51; 4. Brittany Amos, Haskell 15.9; 5 Ashton Sawyer, Sudan, 16.65; 6 Caitlin Williams, Sunray, 16.78

100: 1. Renee Rivera, Van Horn, 12.24; 2 Starr Coronado, New Deal, 12.52; 3 Tekhris Covington, Iraan, 12.56; 4. Carlee Daniel, Forsan, 12.81; 5 Shaylee Johnson, Sudan, 12.97; 6 Chelsea Bell, Poydlands, 13.0

800 relay: 1 Van Horn (Crystal Valdez, Kanna Ramirez, Cassandra Castro, Renee Rivera), 1:47.81; 2. Iraan, 1:48.04; 3. Iron County, 1:48.69; 4. Sundown, 1:48.81; 5. New Deal, 1:50.0; 6. Anson, 1:50.86

400: 1 Haevyn Risley, Canadian, 1:00.15. 2 Lyndi Wilkinson, Roscoe, 1:00.93; 3. Abby Johnson, Clarendon, 1:01.38; 4 Hayley Holland, Haskell, 1:02.88; 5. Isabella Rodriguez, Lockney, 1:04.01; 6. Olivia Espinosa, Hale Center, 1:04.53

300 hurdles: 1. Catie Fengman, Vega, 45.81. 2 Rachel Hill, Albany, 46.59; 3. Lindsey Williams, Sunray, 47.06; 4. Brittany Amos, Haskell, 47.84; 5. Hannah Seal, Iraan, 48.31; 6. Tillie Menefield, Wheeler, 48.82

200: 1. Marcela Rojas, Christoval, 26.06. 2 Shaylee Johnson, Sudan, 26.5; 3. Haley Myatt, Abernathy, 26.56; 4. Kiarra Trevino, Eldorado, 26.62; 5. Cassidy Woodard, Stamford, 26.82; 6 McKaela Hill, Albany, New Deal, 27.14

1,600: 1 McKenna Moses, Ozona, 5:37.61; 2 Halie Hoffman, Miles, 5:38.84; 3. Jasmine Lara, Bovina, 5:43.92; 4. Samantha Gonzalez, Stratford, 5:50.03; 5. Hannah Jenkins, Sundown, 5:51.74; 6 Gabby Treto, Ozona, 5:55.42

1,600 relay: 1 Vega (Skye Bain, Madison Yosten, Kemberley Blasingame, Catie Fengman), 4:06.17; 2. Albany, 4:06.5; 3. Stamford, 4:09.91; 4. Wellington, 4:11.92; 5. Hamlin, 4:15.12; 6. Canadian, 4:15.29

BOYS

Team standings — 1. New Deal, 79; 2. Smyer, 66; 3. Abernathy, 42; 4. Iraan, 36; 5. Stratford, 31; 6. Hamlin, 30.7; Canadian, 28; 8. (tie) Bovina; and Quanah, 26; 10. Albany, 22; 11. (tie) Ralls; and Wellington; and Ralls, 20; 14. Haskell, 19; 15. Shamrock, 18; 16. Panhandle, 14; 17. Sunray, 12; 18. (tie) Plains; and Anson; and Wheeler; and Gruver; and Hale Center, 10; 23. Seagraves, 8.5; 24. (tie) Clarendon; and Boys Ranch; and McCamey; and Stamford, 8; 28. Floydada, 7.5; 29. Forsan, 4; 30 Sundown, 3; 31. (tie) Sudan, and Vega, 2; 33. (tie) Lockney; and Christoval, 1

Individual standings
Field Events

Discus: 1 Brennen Fowler, Smyer

Owner Ahmed Zayat finally gets his Kentucky Derby victory

By Gary B. Graves
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Finally, a trip to the Kentucky Derby winner's circle for Ahmed Zayat.

After three disappointing runner-up finishes, the owner won his first Derby when favorite American Pharoah took the Run for the Roses on Saturday before at record crowd of 170,513 at Churchill Downs.

The owner from Egypt who lives in New Jersey celebrated with his trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Victor Espinoza, both of whom are well acquainted with winning the Derby. Baffert won his fourth, Espinoza his third.

"I'm just happy for the Zayat family," said Baffert.

Zayat was all smiles.

"I'm speechless and very emotional. We've been very close," he said. "This is one special horse."

Asked if it's on the Preakness in two weeks, Zayat laughed and said "we'll see."

Zayat finished second with Bodemeister in 2012, Nehro in 2011 and Pioneerof the Nile in 2009. Baffert trained Bodemeister and Pioneerof the Nile.

With all those close calls, it's no wonder Zayat spoke cautiously about his Derby chances — even though American Pharoah was the favorite in a deep 18-horse field. The owner also had Mr. Z, who finished 13th, and El Kabeir, scratched on Friday with a foot issue.

Though American Pharoah's one-length victory over Firing Line was the closest of a six-race career in which he had been rarely tested, he proved he could answer a challenge.

Espinoza kept him among the leaders in the 1 1/4 mile race before pushing him in the final turn for home, getting past Firing Line and Dortmund and stretching it out from there.



Garry Jones/AP

American Pharoah owner Ahmed Zayat holds the trophy after Victor Espinoza rode American Pharoah to victory in the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

"Pharoah is a freak of nature and for the first time I am seeing him right now working, working hard," Zayat said while watching a replay of the win during a news conference.

"I knew if he had the lead, nobody would catch him."

Firing Line was second and Dortmund third, giving Baffert a 1-3 showing in the Derby. But this was all about Zayat, whose business operation appeared to be in limbo five years ago.

Zayat Stables had filed for bankruptcy and the owner was involved a lawsuit with his bank over his credit line. He also had the expected 2010 Derby favorite in Eskendereya, but the horse sustained an injury a few days before the race and didn't run.

Zayat was also investigated for his ties to a pair of brothers convicted of running an illegal gambling operation — the debts of which were listed in the bankruptcy filing.

Those frustrations seemed far behind Zayat on a day in which he was overwhelmed with gratitude.

Said Zayat's son, Justin, "I was so emotional after the race I actually started throwing up because I was so full of emotions."

DERBY

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Baffert also saddled third-place Dortmund, the other part of his lethal 1-2 punch in the 141st Derby. Firing Line finished second.

"We were ready to rumble," said Baffert, who went 1-3 in 1998, when Real Quiet won and Indian Charlie was third. "I just love what I saw today from both of my boys."

Dortmund set a leisurely pace with Firing Line tracking him closely in second. American Pharoah sat comfortably in third down the backstretch.

That trio made it a three-horse race in the stretch, with none of the closers able to make up ground. American Pharoah angled outside and fought off a persistent Firing Line as Dortmund tired along the rail, his six-race winning streak about to end.

"Coming for home I thought I might get there, but it wasn't to be," said Gary Stevens, who rode Firing Line.

Now, the moment of truth. Could American Pharoah justify Baffert's belief that he was an exceptional colt?

"I was on pins and needles all week," the white-haired trainer said. "I know I was coming in here with the best horse."

American Pharoah proved him right.

Still, it was a long road to the winner's circle for the colt with the unusually short tail — having had it chewed off by another horse on the farm — and the misspelled moniker courtesy of a fan contest.

American Pharoah missed his first big test last year when he was scratched from the Breeders' Cup with an injury. He returned with two easy wins this year against lesser competition. Dortmund and several other Derby contenders had beaten much tougher fields, raising questions about whether American Pharoah could mix it up in a 20-horse field.

Victor Espinoza won his second consecutive Derby a year after being aboard California Chrome, and third overall. He and Baffert teamed to win with War Emblem 18 years ago.

"He's been a special horse since I first rode him," Espinoza said. "I feel like the luckiest Mexican on Earth."

American Pharoah ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:03.02.

Baffert tied D. Wayne Lukas and Herbert "Derby Dick" Thompson for second on the career win list.

American Pharoah paid $7.80, $5.80, $4.20.

Firing Line returned $8.40 and $5.40 at 10-1 odds, while Dortmund was another two lengths back in third and paid $4.20 to show.

Zayat took a pre-Derby blow Friday, when one of his other horses, El Kabeir, was scratched because of a sore foot. Mr. Z, his third entry, finished 13th.

Trainer Todd Pletcher's trio of Materiality, Itsaknockout and Carpe Diem finished sixth, ninth and 10th.

DERBY RESULTS & PREVIOUS WINNERS

RESULTS

1 American Pharoah
2 Firing Line
3 Dortmund
4 Frosted
5 Danzig Moon
6 Materiality
7 Keen Ice
8 Mubtaahij
9 Itsaknockout
10 Carpe Diem
11 Frammento
12 Bolo
13 Mr. Z
14 Ocho Ocho Ocho
15 Far Right
16 War Story
17 Tencendur
18 Upstart

KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS

2015 — American Pharoah
2014 — California Chrome
2013 — Orb
2012 — I'll Have Another
2011 — Animal Kingdom
2010 — Super Saver
2009 — Mine That Bird
2008 — Big Brown
2007 — Street Sense
2006 — Barbaro
2005 — Giacomo
2004 — Smarty Jones
2003 — Funny Cide
2002 — War Emblem
2001 — Monarchos
2000 — Fusaichi Pegasus
1999 — Charismatic
1998 — Real Quiet
1997 — Silver Charm
1996 — Grindstone
1995 — Thunder Gulch
1994 — Go for Gin
1993 — Sea Hero
1992 — Lil E. Tee
1991 — Strike the Gold
1990 — Unbridled
1989 — Sunday Silence
1988 — Winning Colors
1987 — Alysheba
1986 — Ferdinand
1985 — Spend A Buck
1984 — Swale
1983 — Sunny's Halo
1982 — Gato Del Sol
1981 — Pleasant Colony
1980 — Genuine Risk
1979 — Spectacular Bid
1978 — Affirmed
1977 — Seattle Slew
1976 — Bold Forbes
1975 — Foolish Pleasure
1974 — Cannonade
1973 — Secretariat
1972 — Riva Ridge
1971 — Canonero II
1970 — Dust Commander
1969 — Majestic Prince
1968 — Forward Pass
1967 — Proud Clarion
1966 — Kauai King
1965 — Lucky Debonair
1964 — Northern Dancer
1963 — Chateaugay
1962 — Decidedly
1961 — Carry Back
1960 — Venetian Way
1959 — Tomy Lee
1958 — Tim Tam
1957 — Iron Liege
1956 — Needles
1955 — Swaps
1954 — Determine
1953 — Dark Star
1952 — Hill Gail
1951 — Count Turf
1950 — Middleground
1949 — Ponder
1948 — Citation
1947 — Jet Pilot
1946 — Assault
1945 — Hoop, Jr.
1944 — Pensive
1943 — Count Fleet
1942 — Shut Out
1941 — Whirlaway
1940 — Gallahadion
1939 — Johnstown
1938 — Lawrin
1937 — War Admiral
1936 — Bold Venture
1935 — Omaha
1934 — Cavalcade
1933 — Brokers Tip
1932 — Burgoo King
1931 — Twenty Grand
1930 — Gallant Fox
1929 — Clyde Van Dusen
1928 — Reigh Count
1927 — Whiskery
1926 — Bubbling Over
1925 — Flying Ebony
1924 — Black Gold
1923 — Zev
1922 — Morvich
1921 — Behave Yourself
1920 — Paul Jones
1919 — Sir Barton
1918 — Exterminator
1917 — Omar Khayyam
1916 — George Smith
1915 — Regret
1914 — Old Rosebud
1913 — Donerail
1912 — Worth
1911 — Meridan
1910 — Donau
1909 — Wintergreen
1908 — Stone Street
1907 — Pink Star
1906 — Sir Huon
1905 — Agile
1904 — Elwood
1903 — Judge Himes
1902 — Alan-a-Dale
1901 — His Eminence
1900 — Lieut. Gibson
1899 — Manuel
1898 — Plaudit
1897 — Typhoon II
1896 — Ben Brush
1895 — Halma
1894 — Chant
1893 — Lookout
1892 — Azra
1891 — Kingman
1890 — Riley
1889 — Spokane
1888 — MacBeth II
1887 — Montrose
1886 — Ben Ali
1885 — Joe Cotton
1884 — Buchanan
1883 — Leonatus
1882 — Apollo
1881 — Hindoo
1880 — Fonso
1879 — Lord Murphy
1878 — Day Star
1877 — Baden Baden
1876 — Vagrant
1875 — Aristides

Jeff Gordon leads Hendrick in pole-winning run at Talladega

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — In this farewell season for Jeff Gordon, he continues to seize every moment both on and off the track.

Gordon won the 80th pole of his career Saturday with a blistering lap around Talladega Superspeedway, where he's a six-time race winner.

The four-time NASCAR champion will start first Sunday and have all three of his Hendrick Motorsports teammates surrounding him as he seeks his first win of the season.

Gordon's lap of 194.793 mph was a hefty 0.28 seconds faster than teammate Kasey Kahne, who qualified second for a Hendrick Motorsports front row. It's the third pole of the season for Gordon, who also was fastest in Daytona 500 qualifying, which was done under a different format.

"I am so proud of this pole because we got the pole in Daytona, but it was a totally different format," Gordon said. "I knew the car was fast there — for this team to bring another car, a different car here, and all the hard work from the engine shop ... a lot of hard work goes into this."

Kahne was satisfied with second.

"I didn't think I could beat Jeff, but I thought I could get up there on the front row with him," Kahne said.

Gordon raced from qualifying to the Fox television booth, where he was a guest analyst for Saturday's Xfinity Series race. He's more open about his free time this final year and he's determined to enjoy every week.

He's hosting friends from New York City this weekend, and used their visit to make his first trip out to Talladega's infamous boulevard in at least a decade. The rowdy party scene is NASCAR's version of Mardi Gras, and Gordon has avoided it for years.

Gordon joked Saturday his time in the infield Friday night helped him win the pole.

"It was so much fun, this whole year, all I've wanted to do was just enjoy the moments and take it all in," he said. "I feel like we've done a good job of that with the scheduling and everything, and I'm having a ball.

"I haven't been out there on the boulevard in like 10 years. And so it was worth it."

NASCAR used a different qualifying format at Daytona, where the field was set through group sessions that the teams and drivers found a way to manipulate. Gordon was pushed to his pole-winning run by teammate Jimmie Johnson, and NASCAR and its fans were furious at the farce of a session.

So a hybrid of both old-style single-car runs and group sessions was used Saturday at Talladega, where cars were sent out one at a time in intervals set by NASCAR. The 12 fastest drivers advanced into the second and final round, which was dominated by the Chevrolets from Hendrick Motorsports.

Although Ryan Blaney sneaked his Ford into the mix by qualifying third, the next two spots went to Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Johnson as all four Hendrick drivers qualified in the top five.

Tony Stewart, who uses a Hendrick Motorsports engine, qualified sixth.

Paul Menard was seventh for Richard Childress Racing and Toyota took the next three spots with Matt Kenseth, David Ragan and Clint Bowyer.

Casey Mears was 11th in a Chevrolet for Germain Racing and Sam Hornish rounded out the top-12 in his Richard Petty Motorsports Ford.

Kahne was "I didn't think I could beat Jeff, but I thought I could get up there on the front row with him," Kahne said.

Logano uses big block to win Xfinity race

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joey Logano picked up his third Xfinity Series win of the season by throwing a big block on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway.

Logano was the leader on a restart with eight laps remaining Saturday. He had Elliott Sadler hooked to his bumper as drivers jockeyed for position.

An outside lane formed led by Chris Buescher, a teammate of Sadler's at Roush Fenway Racing. As the cars circled the track for the final lap, Sadler had no room to make a move for the lead, and separated from Logano's bumper.

Buescher's pack surged forward, and Logano slid up the track to cut off the momentum.

AUTO RACING

Sprint Cup

GEICO 500 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 194.793
2. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 193.685
3. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 193.611
4. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 193.596
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.427
6. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 193.419
7. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 193.412
8. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 193.357
9. (18) David Ragan, Toyota, 193.006
10. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 192.808
11. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 192.703
12. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 192.343
13. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 192.792
14. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 192.789
15. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 192.777
16. (33) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 192.765
17. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 192.738
18. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 192.715
19. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 192.68
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 192.672
21. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 192.622
22. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 192.587
23. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 192.181
24. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 192.05
25. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 191.835
26. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 191.727
27. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 191.627
28. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 191.616
29. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 191.581
30. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 191.497
31. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 191.252
32. (32) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 191.176
33. (62) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 191.016
34. (98) Josh Wise, Ford, 190.757
35. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 190.738
36. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 190.715
37. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
38. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford, Owner Points.
39. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, Owner Points
40. (46) Michael Annztt, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
41. (35) Cole Whitt, Ford, Owner Points
42. (23) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, Owner Points.
43. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, Owner Points. Failed to Qualify
44. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 189.444
45. (26) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 188.98

XFINITY

Winn-Dixie 300 Results
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (16) Joey Logano, Ford, 113 laps, 137 rating, 0 points, $57,871
2. (3) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 113, 108.6, 43, $46,010
3. (1) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 113, 114.2, 0, $37,470
4. (27) J.J Yeley, Toyota, 113, 82.5, 41, $41,257
5. (39) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 113, 68.5, 39, $33,944
6. (12) Chris Buescher, Ford, 113, 102.4, 39, $32,005
7. (10) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 113, 112.4, 38, $30,193
8. (2) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 113, 96.9, 37, $32,587
9. (11) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 113, 99.7, 35, $29,906
10. (15) Aric Almirola, Ford, 113, 107.1, 0, $23,679
11. (35) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 113, 79.8, 33, $28,653
12. (19) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 113, 69.1, 32, $28,527
13. (25) Benny Gordon, Toyota, 113, 70.7, 31, $22,350
14. (18) David Starr, Toyota, 113, 56.4, 31, $28,174
15. (21) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 113, 61.1, 0, $28,647
16. (5) Boris Said, Toyota, 113, 82.4, 29, $26,145
17. (37) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 113, 66.6, 27, $27,794
18. (40) Peyton Sellers, Chevrolet, 113, 44.6, 26, $22,643.
19. (33) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, 113, 56.7, 25, $27,517
20. (8) Darrell Wallace Jr. Ford, 113, 84.3, 25, $27,890
21. (24) Eric McClure, Toyota, 113, 44.2, 23, $27,213
22. (13) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 113, 76.1, 22, $27,058
23. (24) Blake Koch, Toyota, 113, 51.1, 21, $26,906
24. (26) Cale Conley, Toyota, 113, 53.6, 20, $26,755
25. (38) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 111, 49.7, 19, $26,753
26. (28) Derek White, Dodge, 111, 32.9, 18, $20,452
27. (32) Mark Thompson, Dodge, 111, 36.9, 17, $26,325
28. (20) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 110, 66.16, $26,199
29. (29) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 107, 64.9, 15, $26,048
30. (4) Erik Jones, Toyota, overheating, 105, 64.9, 0, $26,370
31. (6) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 101, 65.1, 14, $25,945
32. (9) Ryan Reed, Ford, 99, 67.3, 12, $25,894.
33. (17) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, accident, 98, 83.8, 0, $19,658.
34. (23) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 98, 28.7, 10, $25,624
35. (31) Chad Boat, Chevrolet, accident, 97, 58.1, 0, $19,578
36. (36) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, transmission, 84, 32.7, 8, $23,686
37. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 84, 77.2, 8, $23,686
38. (22) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, accident, 72, 51.3, 6, $15,688
39. (7) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, accident, 72, 59.7, 5, $20,686
40. (30) Charles Lewandoski, Toyota, transmission, 3, 25.4, 4, $13,688

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 126.901 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 22 minutes, 7 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.130 seconds
Caution Flags: 6 for 31 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 11 drivers
Lap Leaders: D.Wallace Jr. 1; C.Buescher 2-4; D.Suarez 5-6; C.Buescher 7-9; T.Dillon 10-35; J.Logano 36; B.Said 37; C.Elliott 38; E.Sadler 39-47; J.Logano 48-72; B.Scott 73-81; D.Starr 82-86; B.Scott 87; E.Sadler 88-91; J.Yeley 92; E.Sadler 93; J.Yeley 94; E.Sadler 95; J.Logano 96-104; E.Sadler 105; J.Logano 106; E.Sadler 107-109; J.Logano 110-113
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Logano, 5 times for 40 laps; T.Dillon, 1 time for 26 laps; E.Sadler, 6 times for 19 laps; B.Scott, 2 times for 10 laps; C.Buescher, 2 times for 6 laps; D.Starr, 1 time for 5 laps; J.Yeley, 2 times for 2 laps; D.Suarez, 1 time for 2 laps; B.Said, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Wallace Jr., 1 time for 1 lap; C.Elliott, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 10 in Points: 1. T.Dillon, 330; 2. C.Buescher, 321; 3. C.Elliott, 293; 4. D.Wallace Jr., 293; 5. R.Smith, 287; 6. B.Scott, 286; 7. E.Sadler, 282; 8. R.Reed, 255; 9. D.Suarez, 254; 10. B.Gaughan, 249.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

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McIlroy in a fight with Casey in match playuntil darkness gets in the way

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Rory McIlroy had his own fight on his hands Saturday in the Match Play Championship against Paul Casey. It was such a battle that they had to return Sunday to see who keeps playing.

McIlroy missed a 12-foot putt on the 18th hole and a 6-footer on the third extra hole that would have sent him into the semifinals. It was too dark to play another hole at TPC Harding Park.

Jim Furyk beat Louis Oosthuizen to make his first semifinal. He will face the winner of McIlroy-Casey.

Gary Woodland rolled through another opponent in beating John Senden to reach the semifinal against Danny Willett of England, who beat Tommy Fleetwood on the 15th hole.

PROGOLFSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

NORTH TEXAS SHOOTOUT: At Irving, Lexi Thompson finished a round of 3-under 68 with a birdie after a fortunate ricochet Saturday to share the third-round lead with Inbee Park in the LPGA Tour's North Texas Shootout.

The approach by the long-hitting Thompson at the par-5 18th was a screamer well left of the hole. But the ball struck the front facing of a temporary grandstand and ricocheted onto the green, skimming just over the top of a bunker. That set up a long two-putt birdie to get to 9-under 204.

Park, the 2013 North Texas winner, had a more conventional closing birdie, hitting her approach inside a foot for a round of 69.

Brooke Henderson, the 17-year-old Canadian who had the second-round lead, shot an even-par 71 to drop into a tie for third at 8 under with 40-year-old Karrie Webb (64) and Angela Stanford (67).

The 20-year-old Thompson was about 220 yards out at the 518-yard 18th when she crushed a 3-wood.

Without the assist from the section of seats, she might have been set up for only her second bogey of the day — or even worse. She burst out laughing in the fairway after watching what happened with her ball.

Lydia Ko, the 18-year-old from New Zealand who is the No. 1 player in the world, shot a 70 to get even for the week. She had to make three birdies over her last eight holes Friday just to avoid missing the cut for the first time in her 51 career starts. And Ko was right on the number for the secondary cut, among the 51 players advance to the final round at even or better. When the initial cut was made at 1 over after the second round, 70 of the original 144-player field made it.

Champions

INSPERITY INVITATIONAL: At The Woodlands, Michael Allen birdied the final two holes for a 4-under 68 and a one-stroke lead after the second round of the Champions Tour's Insperity Invitational.

The 56-year-old Allen had a 10-under 134 total at The Woodlands Country Club. He has seven victories on the 50-and-over tour, winning twice last season.

Joe Durant was second after a 68. He had a double bogey in the par-4 17th and rebounded with a birdie on the par-4 18th. Last week, he teamed with Billy Andrade to win the Legends of Golf in Missouri for his first Champions Tour title.

Scott Dunlap, Woody Austin and Tom Lehman were 8 under. Dunlap had a 65, the best round of the day. Austin and Lehman shot 66.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA

Match Play Results
Saturday
At Harding Park Golf Course
San Francisco
Yardage: 7,127; Par 71
(Seedings in parentheses)
Round of 16

Gary Woodland (50), United States, def. Marc Leishman (56), Australia, 2 and 1.
John Senden (60), Australia, def. Hunter Mahan (31), United States, 2 and 1.
Tommy Fleetwood (54), England, def. Branden Grace (38), South Africa, 2 and 1.
Danny Willett (48), England, def. Lee Westwood (28), 3 and 2.
Jim Furyk (5), United States, def. J.B. Holmes (12), United States, 5 and 3.
Louis Oosthuizen (29), South Africa, def. Rickie Fowler (13), United States, 1 up.
Paul Casey (36), England, def. Chad Schwartzel (37), South Africa, 3 and 1.
Rory McIlroy (1), Northern Ireland, def. Hideki Matsuyama (16), Japan, 6 and 5.

Quarterfinals

Gary Woodland (50), United States def. John Senden (60), Australia, 5 and 3.
Danny Willett (48), England, def. Tommy Fleetwood (54), 4 and 3.
Jim Furyk (5), United States, def. Louis Oosthuizen (29), South Africa, 4 and 2.
Rory McIlroy (1), Northern Ireland, all square with Paul Casey (36), England through 21 holes. match suspended by darkness.

Champions

Insperity Invitational Scores
Saturday
At The Woodlands Country Club
Woodlands, Texas
Purse: $2.05 million
Yardage: 7,002; Par 72
Second Round

Michael Allen	66-68—134
Joe Durant	67-68—135
Scott Dunlap	71-65—136
Woody Austin	70-66—136
Tom Lehman	70-66—136
Bernhard Langer	71-66—137
Ian Woosnam	71-66—137
Kirk Triplett	70-67—137
Jeff Maggert	67-70—137
Mark McNulty	70-68—138
Scott Hoch	69-69—138
Jeff Sluman	69-69—138
Olin Browne	69-69—138
Marco Dawson	66-72—138
Kenny Perry	70-69—139
Mike Goodes	70-69—139
Colin Montgomerie	67-72—139
Tom Pernice Jr.	71-69—140
Russ Cochran	70-70—140
Bart Bryant	70-70—140
Duffy Waldorf	70-70—140
Wes Short, Jr.	69-71—140
Billy Andrade	68-72—140
Stephen Ames	69-71—140
Jay Don Blake	71-69—140
Larry Mize	71-70—141
Steve Pate	68-73—141
Joe Daley	72-70—142
Brian Henninger	71-71—142
Tom Kite	71-71—142
Peter Senior	71-71—142
Frank Esposito	70-72—142
John Cook	70-72—142
Esteban Toledo	69-73—142
Brad Bryant	71-71—142
Gil Morgan	71-72—143
Gene Sauers	71-72—143
Sandy Lyle	70-73—143
Fred Funk	70-73—143
Mark Wiebe	70-73—143
Jesper Parnevik	69-74—143
Tommy Armour III	70-73—143
Corey Pavin	71-73—144
Roger Chapman	70-74—144
David Frost	74-71—145
Tim Elliott	72-73—145
Bob Tway	72-73—145
Tom Byrum	72-73—145
Gary Hallberg	71-74—145
Mark O'Meara	69-76—145
Kevin Sutherland	69-76—145
Rod Spittle	69-76—145
Hale Irwin	73-73—146
Dan Forsman	72-74—146
Bob Gilder	72-74—146
Jim Rutledge	76-71—147
John Harris	75-72—147
Brad Fexon	74-73—147
John Jacobs	75-72—147
Paul Goydos	74-73—147
Tom Purtzer	74-73—147
Mark Calcavecchia	73-74—147
Lee Janzen	72-75—147
Curtis Strange	72-75—147
Hal Sutton	77-71—148
Loren Roberts	75-73—148
John Huston	74-74—148
Willie Wood	72-76—148
Blaine McCallister	79-70—149
Nick Price	75-74—149
Craig Stadler	75-74—149
Mark Brooks	74-75—149
M Murugiah	73-77—150
Steve Lowery	79-73—152
Steve Elkington	77-75—152
Joey Sindelar	77-76—153
Fuzzy Zoeller	79-75—154
Jim Thorpe	77-78—155
Ben Crenshaw	79-77—156

LPGA

North Texas Shootout Scores
Saturday
At Las Colinas Country Club
Irving
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,462; Par 71
Third Round
(a-denotes amateur

Lexi Thompson	67-69-68—204
Inbee Park	69-66-69—204
Karrie Webb	73-68-64—205
Angela Stanford	67-71-67—205
Brooke M. Henderson	69-65-71—205
Cristie Kerr	66-71-69—206
Hee Young Park	69-68-70—207
Stacy Lewis	69-73-66—208
Natalie Gulbis	67-71-70—208
Hyo Joo Kim	69-69-70—208
Maria McBride	69-69-70—208
Sandra Gal	67-70-71—208
Ha Na Jang	68-69-71—208
Mi Hyang Lee	70-68-70—208
Juli Inkster	68-69-73—208
Danielle Kang	70-72-67—209
Brittany Lang	69-69-71—209
Lexi Thompson	67-71-71—209
Karine Icher	67-69-73—209
Inbee Lee	73-69-68—210
Morgan Pressel	70-71-69—210
Sei Young Kim	70-72-69—211
Candie Kung	71-69-71—211
Pornanong Phatlum	71-69-71—211
Yani Tseng	69-70-72—211
Amy Yang	68-68-75—211
Na Yeon Choi	73-70-70—213
Maria Hernandez	67-75-71—213
Jacqui Concolino	71-70-71—212
Mina Harigae	70-71-71—212
Christina Kim	70-71-71—212
Becky Morgan	72-69-71—212
Anna Nordqvist	69-72-71—212
Gerina Piller	67-74-71—212
So Yeon Ryu	70-71-71—212
Lizette Salas	71-70-71—212
Mi Jung Hur	71-69-72—212
Belen Mozo	69-70-73—212
Ayako Uehara	71-68-73—212
Michelle We	68-70-74—212
Lydia Ko	75-68-70—213
a-Mariajose Navarro	73-70-70—213
Yueer Cindy Feng	71-71-71—213
Meena Lee	70-72-71—213
Sun Young Yoo	73-69-71—213
Q Baek	71-70-72—213
Julieta Granada	71-70-72—213
Paula Reto	68-73-72—213
Azahara Munoz	69-70-74—213
Wei-Ling Hsu	67-71-75—213
Pyrin O'Toole	67-71-75—213

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United Leasing Championship Scores
Saturday
At Victoria National Golf Club
Newburgh, Ind.
Purse: $600,000
Yardage: 7,242; Par 72
Third Round

Simylie Kaufman	72-69-64—205
Ryan Spears	72-67-70—209
Adam Long	74-71-65—210
Michael Hebert	68-72-70—210
Julien Etulain	71-68-72—211
Tim Herron	72-71-69—212
Harold Varner III	71-73-69—213
Tommy Gainey	71-71-71—213
Peter Malnati	70-71-72—213
Tag Ridings	67-71-75—213
Travis Bertoni	70-77-67—214
Patton Kizzire	71-74-69—214
Andrew Loupe	70-74-70—214
Steven Alker	73-70-71—214
Jonathan Randolph	72-70-72—214
Cody Gribble	70-68-76—214
Bronson Burgoon	75-72-68—215
Alex Aragon	75-70-70—215
Henrik Norlander	75-70-70—215
Casey Wittenberg	74-70-71—215
Tolin Hoge	75-69-71—215
Matt Weibring	74-68-73—215
Brad Hopfinger	75-73-68—216
Brian Bloom	75-71-70—216
Hunter Haas	71-74-71—216
Luke List	68-68-80—216
Charlie Wi	77-71-69—217
Michael Kim	72-73-72—217
Rob Oppenheim	70-75-72—217
Marc Turnesa	76-69-72—217
Steve Marino	74-69-75—217
Dawie van der Walt	71-70-76—217
Michael Bradley	72-74-72—218
Jin Park	74-71-73—218
Dustin Bray	76-69-73—218
Andy Winings	69-75-74—218
Aaron Watkins	74-71-73—218
Miguel A Carballo	69-75-74—218
Sam Love	72-71-75—218
Billy Mayfair	71-70-77—218
Peter Tomasulo	69-79-71—219
Kyle Stanley	75-72-72—219
Jeff Gove	72-75-72—219
Albin Choi	72-74-73—219
Hao Tong Li	72-72-75—219
D.H. Lee	76-72-72—220
Chris Wilson	75-73-72—220
Nicholas Lindheim	73-74-73—220
Shane Bertsch	72-75-73—220
Brad Elder	74-72-74—220
Dicky Pride	76-70-74—220
Brandon Hagy	76-68-76—220
Roger Sloan	73-71-76—220
Brock Mackenzie	74-74-73—221
Craig Barlow	75-73-73—221
Seamus Power	70-77-74—221
Mark Silvers	72-74-75—221
Scott Parel	73-73-75—221
Rick Cochran III	69-77-75—221
Byron Smith	71-74-76—221
Brendon Macpherson	73-75-74—222
James Nitties	75-73-74—222
Curtis Thompson	74-71-77—222
Tyrone Van Aswegen	74-70-78—222
Chris Baker	69-73-80—222
Matt Davidson	78-70-75—223
Scott McCarron	72-75-76—223
Brian Richey	74-73-76—223
Brady Schnell	74-72-77—223
Chris Naegel	76-72-76—224
Glen Day	72-76-76—224
Si Woo Kim	73-74-77—224
Aron Price	72-74-78—224
Stephan Jaeger	74-69-81—224
Steve Allan	76-71-78—225
Brett Stegmaier	76-72-78—226
Brad Fritsch	74-73-79—226
Yoshio Yamamoto	73-75-85—233

SPURS

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sounded at the end of the third quarter to give the Clippers a 79-78 lead and earn a standing ovation. It was his third 3 of the quarter, coming after Ginobili made two of three free throws after he was fouled by Austin Rivers while taking a desperation shot from three-quarters court with 7.8 seconds left.

Paul missed the final 2 minutes of the first quarter and the first 5 1/2 minutes of the second quarter. He appeared to get hurt as he dribbled up court before making a 3-pointer. He sat on the bench with his head in his hands before leaving for the locker room.

Barnes scored 17 points, Jamal Crawford 16 and Redick 14 for L.A.

Tony Parker had 20, Danny Green 16, Leonard 13 and Boris Diaw 12 for San Antonio.

NBA SCHEDULE & BOX

SCHEDULE
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta 4, Brooklyn 2

Sunday, April 19: Atlanta 99, Brooklyn 92
Wednesday, April 22: Atlanta 96, Brooklyn 91
Saturday, April 25: Brooklyn 91, Atlanta 83
Monday, April 27: Brooklyn 120, Atlanta 115, OT
Wednesday, April 29: Atlanta 107, Brooklyn 97
Friday, May 1: Atlanta 111, Brooklyn 87
Cleveland 4, Boston 0
Sunday, April 19: Cleveland 113, Boston 100
Tuesday, April 21: Cleveland 99, Boston 91
Thursday, April 23: Cleveland 103, Boston 95
Sunday, April 26: Cleveland 101, Boston 93
Chicago 4, Milwaukee 2
Saturday, April 18: Chicago 103, Milwaukee 91
Monday, April 20: Chicago 91, Milwaukee 82
Thursday, April 23: Chicago 113, Milwaukee 106, 2OT
Saturday, April 25: Milwaukee 92, Chicago 90
Monday, April 27: Milwaukee 94, Chicago 88
Thursday, April 30: Chicago 119, Milwaukee 66
Washington 4, Toronto 0
Saturday, April 18: Washington 93, Toronto 86, OT
Tuesday, April 21: Washington 117, Toronto 106
Friday, April 24: Washington 106, Toronto 99
Sunday, April 26: Washington 125, Toronto 94
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 4, New Orleans 0
Saturday, April 18: Golden State 106, New Orleans 99
Monday, April 20: Golden State 97, New Orleans 87
Thursday, April 23: Golden State 123, New Orleans 119, OT
Saturday, April 25: Golden State 109, New Orleans 98
Houston 4, Dallas 1
Saturday, April 18: Houston 118, Dallas 108
Tuesday, April 21: Houston 111, Dallas 99
Friday, April 24: Houston 130, Dallas 128
Sunday, April 26: Dallas 121, Houston 109
Tuesday, April 28: Houston 103, Dallas 94
L.A. Clippers 4, San Antonio 3
Sunday, April 19: L.A. Clippers 107, San Antonio 92
Wednesday, April 22: San Antonio 111, L.A. Clippers 107, OT
Friday, April 24: San Antonio 100, L.A. Clippers 73
Sunday, April 26: L.A. Clippers 114, San Antonio 105
Tuesday, April 28: San Antonio 111, L.A. Clippers 107
Thursday, April 30: L.A. Clippers 102, San Antonio 96
Saturday, May 2: L.A. Clippers 111, San Antonio 109
Memphis 4, Portland 1
Sunday, April 19: Memphis 100, Portland 86
Wednesday, April 22: Memphis 97, Portland 82
Saturday, April 25: Memphis 115, Portland 109
Monday, April 27: Portland 99, Memphis 92
Wednesday, April 29: Memphis 99, Portland 93

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland vs. Chicago

Monday, May 4: Chicago at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6: Chicago at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Cleveland at Chicago, TBD
Sunday, May 10: Cleveland at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 12: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Cleveland at Chicago, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD
Atlanta vs. Washington
Today: Washington at Atlanta, Noon
Tuesday, May 5: Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9: Atlanta at Washington, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 11: Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 13: Washington at Atlanta, TBD
x-Friday, May 15: Atlanta at Washington, TBD
x-Monday, May 18: Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston vs. L.A. Clippers

Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6: L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Houston at L.A. Clippers, TBD
Sunday, May 10: Houston at L.A. Clippers, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 12: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Houston at L.A. Clippers, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD
Golden State vs. Memphis

Today: Memphis at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5: Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 9: Golden State at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 11: Golden State at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 13: Memphis at Golden State, TBD
x-Friday, May 15: Golden State at Memphis, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: Memphis at Golden State, TBD

SATURDAY'S BOX
CLIPPERS 111, SPURS 109

SAN ANTONIO (109): Leonard 5-13 2-2 13, Duncan 11-16 5-8 27, Splitter 2-3 1-3 5, Parker 10-21 0-0 20, Green 6-12 1-1 16, Diaw 5-11 0-1 12, Ginobili 2-5 2-3 8, Mills 2-6 0-0 6, Belinelli 0-2 2-2 2. Bonner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-89 13-20 109

L.A. CLIPPERS (111): Barnes 7-13 0-1 17, Griffin 7-14 10-11 24, Jordan 2-2 3-9 7, Paul 9-13 4-4 27, Redick 5-11 0-0 14, Crawford 7-15 0-0 16, Davis 3-5 0-0 6, Rivers 0-3 0-0 0, Turkoglu 0-0 0-0 0. Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-76 17-25 111.

San Antonio	**30**	**25**	**23**	**31—109**
L.A. Clippers	**28**	**29**	**22**	**32—111**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 10-25 (Green 3-7, Diaw 2-3, Mills 2-4, Ginobili 2-4, Leonard 1-4, Parker 0-1, Belinelli 0-2). L.A. Clippers 14-27 (Paul 5-6, Redick 4-7, Barnes 3-8, Crawford 2-5, Rivers 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 50 (Duncan 11), L.A. Clippers 47 (Jordan 14). Assists—San Antonio 26 (Ginobili 7), L.A. Clippers 26 (Griffin 10). Total Fouls—San Antonio 23, L.A. Clippers 21. A—19,588 (19,060).

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCSI Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0098 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4482 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact joe@midlandumpires.com or 888-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

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: Mahon Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McBeaman Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 699-9725

Camps/Clinics

Don Eddy Basketball Camp featuring the Shooting Game and the One on One Game
For: Kids age 8 through the 12th grade
When: June 15-19, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily
Where: Trinity School gyms
Cost: $225
For more info: Call Coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com

Tex Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

CDM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: June 1-3
Where: Midland High School large gym
For: Incoming 4th-6th graders (8:30-10 a.m.), $50; incoming 7th-8th graders (10 a.m.-noon), $60; incoming 9th graders (1-3 p.m.) $60
Deadline: May 22 to be guaranteed a spot and camp T-shirt
For more info: Go to www.midlandhighvolleyball.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Steak Park Ranch House, 5200 W Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbabc.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks League
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-8633

Flag Football

YMCA Co-Ed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Open House
When: 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22
Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas
For: Boys ages 8-13 (all players must be 13 or younger by Aug. 31)
What: Meet coaches, volunteers and the newly formed high school club teams at MHS. Lee
For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

West Texas Lacrosse day camps/clinics
For: Boys divisions — U-6, U-11, U-13
When: 2:30 p.m. Sundays on April 19, April 26
Where: Fields to be determined
For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, Ojimenez3@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

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) 248-9472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3206 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1000

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 Woolies & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck 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. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-687-8418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Rigoberto Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Getz and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

CDM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midess Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

CDM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CDM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

CDM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month includes cardio training
For more info: Call 684-7755

CDM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

CDM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

CDM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CDM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes a on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CDM Elite Dive Team
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Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
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Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Ballcon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 36 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults adult beginners; Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults advanced adults. Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
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When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 686-4266

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
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Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
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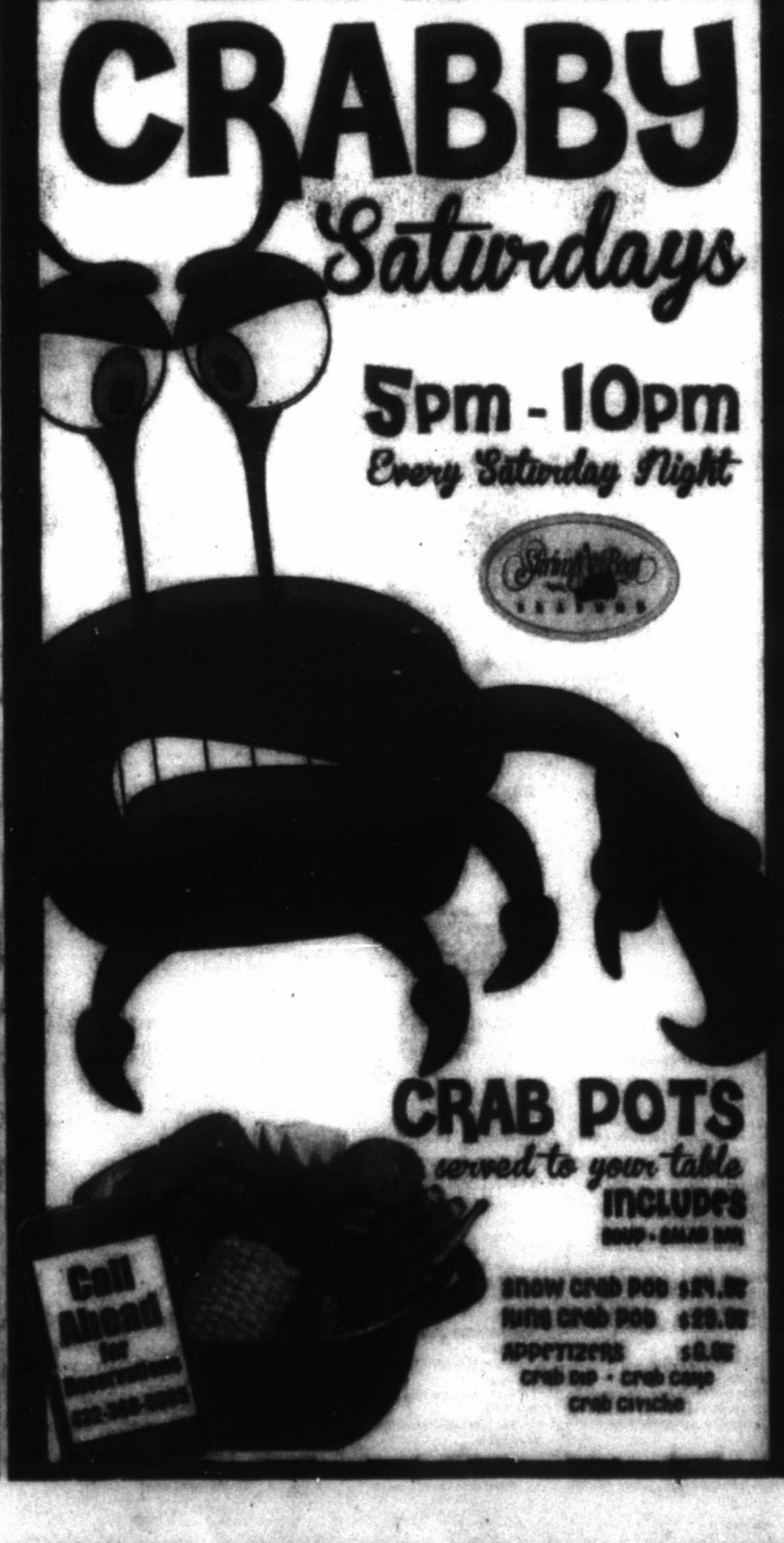
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ACT TO THINK

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

Aristotle observed that people become virtuous by acting virtuous: If you do good, you'll be good.

Herminia Ibarra, an expert on leadership development and a university professor, applied the same logic to leadership: You need to act like a leader to think like a leader – not the other way around.

Too often your own perspective about yourself is an obstacle to rising as a leader. But to change your mind-set, you need to change your actions.

"No matter your current title, chances are that you are facing some kind of a transition in which you are responsible for your own development. It's often up to you to know when it's time to start stepping up to leadership even if there's no new assignment on the horizon," says Ibarra, a organizational behavior expert and author of "Act Like a Leader, Think Like a Leader" (Harvard Business Review Press, 2015). Formerly a Harvard Business School faculty member, she is now a professor at INSEAD in Paris.

Ibarra's new book is based on what she calls the "outsight principle."

"The only way to think like a leader is to first act. That means plunging yourself into new projects and activities and experimenting with unfamiliar ways of getting things done," Ibarra says.

When you act like a leader, people see you as behaving as a leader. Then, you'll go from acting like a leader to thinking like a leader.

The change from the outside in involves the following three steps:

REDEFINE YOUR JOB

Ibarra says that beyond the technical and operational demands of your job, make time for opportunities to work on projects outside your main area of expertise, expanding your professional contributions from the outside in.

"And maintaining slack in a relentless daily schedule will give you the outsight you need to think more like a leader," Ibarra says.

NETWORK ACROSS AND OUT

Ibarra says that if you leave networking to chance and natural chemistry, then your network will be narcissistic and lazy. Be proactive in developing your network with this approach:

In the next three days, talk to three people outside your business unit or company. Learn what they do, how it helps the company and how it may apply to your work.

In the next three weeks, reconnect with people outside the company who may shed useful light on your work, industry or career.

Make a list of five senior people you need to get to know better.

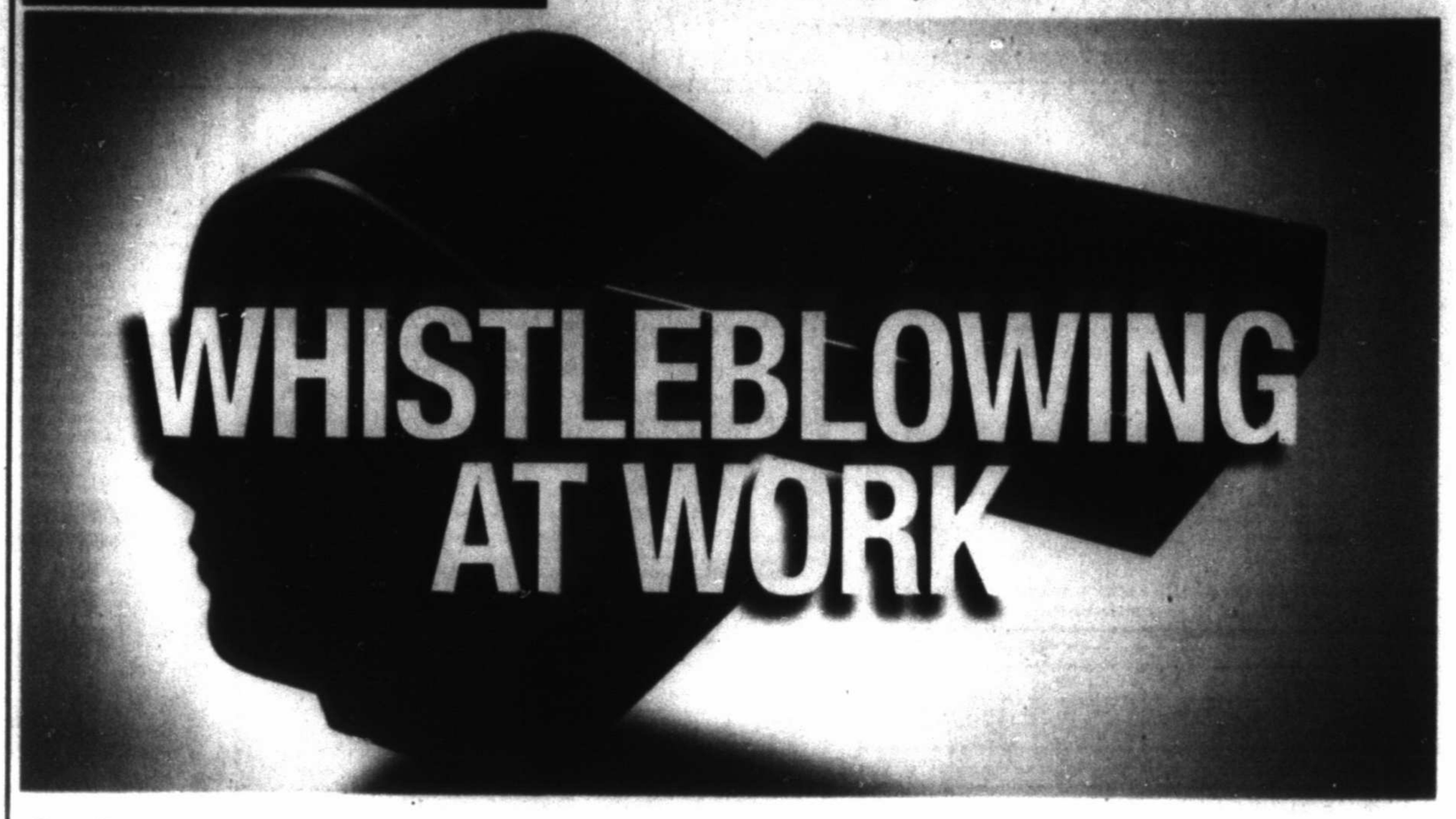
BE MORE PLAYFUL

Being a leader also requires deviating from the straight and narrow and enjoying playful time. When you're playing, you are curious.

"The great benefit of a playful approach to anything is that it increases your creativity. The same goes when you are playing with who you might become," Ibarra explains.

As you play around with your self-identity, allow yourself to borrow liberally from different sources. You're not being a fake – you're just experimenting with diverse possibilities before settling on a new direction.

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SUSPECT SOMETHING DISHONEST OR ILLEGAL IS HAPPENING IN YOUR WORKPLACE? HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE REPORTING IT.

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

What should you do if you see illegal activity, fraud or other wrongdoing at work? The decision whether to shed light on illicit activity can be a wrenching one. But there's good news for workers who do: Legal protections for corporate whistleblowers in the United States are the strongest they've ever been.

"It's a new world both for employees in terms of their rights and for employers in terms of the legal quicksand that they are likely to find themselves in by engaging in traditional bullying tactics," says Tom Devine, legal director for the nonprofit Government Accountability Project (GAP) and co-author of "The Corporate Whistleblowers Survival Guide" (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2011).

Today, the GAP estimates that Sarbanes-Oxley and other corporate reform laws now provide substantial whistleblower protections to more than 80 million corporate employees who previously had little legal protection. At the federal level alone, Devine says that there are now 58 different whistleblower protection laws.

The most common features of these laws emerged from the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, which protects federal government workers, but has served as a blueprint for many other whistleblower laws. "Under that law, in order to be a whistleblower, you have to disclose information that you reasonably believe is evidence of illegality," Devine says. "That's the common ground that would apply to corporate workers if they have [whistleblower] rights."

More and more corporations are starting to appreciate the value of internal whistleblowing to help reduce economic fraud and legal liability within their organizations. As a result, an increasing number are providing anonymous hotlines to address the issue – and reaping business benefits as a result.

A 2014 global fraud study by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners found that organizations with hotlines got 51 percent of their fraud cases detected by tips, versus just 33.3 percent of companies without a hotline. As the study notes, several of the other detection methods tend to be associated with higher median losses and increased duration of fraud. These less-effective means of detection were more than twice as common in organizations lacking hotlines.

"I basically view a corporate leader's perspective toward whistleblowers as a test of professional maturity," Devine says. "It may be bad news they don't want to hear, but it's like the bitter pill that keeps you out of the hospital."

When they see evidence of wrongdoing, Devine advises whistleblowers to make an anonymous hotline tip first. This gives the organization an opportunity to act on the evidence without the employee being identified as a potential threat. "Surveys have consistently shown that almost all of the corporate whistleblowing disclosures occur within the organization," Devine says. "And that's because, as a general rule, they're blowing the whistle in defense of the corporation."

In the absence of a hotline, any attempt to raise the issue internally should be done with caution and extreme discretion. "Raise it as a concern," Devine says. "Say 'I'm worried. Are we going to be incurring any liability by taking this action?' or 'What are the legal facts of life before we find ourselves inadvertently in trouble with the regulatory agency?'"

In situations where the organization is clearly covering up misconduct or is proudly in defiance of regulators, this approach is inadvisable. "Then the whistleblower knows that they probably need to go public, rather than advising the fox about the security breakdown in the henhouse," Devine says.

Before taking any action that could spark retaliation from the employer, workers should gather all the evidence they can regarding the wrongdoing. The worker should also at that time consult a lawyer with expertise in the area.

"The attorney can be the navigator for what options give them the strongest legal rights or put them on the highest legal ground," Devine says. "The lawyer may also know the best politicians to share that information with and the most trustworthy law enforcement officials." The lawyer can additionally help the worker respond effectively to legal threats of prosecution from the organization that intend to intimidate but have no legal basis.

Devine estimates that he has provided legal assistance to over 5,000 whistleblowers over his career. He notes that becoming a whistleblower can be the most fulfilling decision of a person's life because they've been true to themselves and effective in challenging abuse of power. But it can also be an apocalyptic decision that often leads to blacklisting, bankruptcy and a shattered personal life.

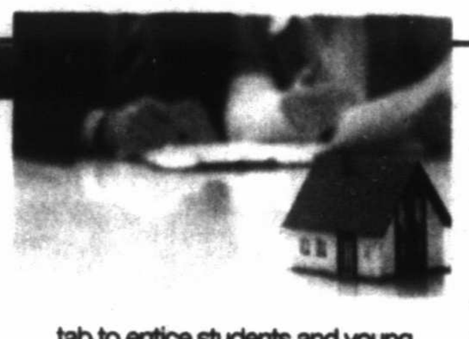
"It can go either direction depending upon how strategic they are in acting on their rights," Devine says. "But the one thing that everyone has in common, whether there's a happy or a tragic ending, is that their lives will never be the same. This is a life's crossroads decision from which there's no turning back."

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JOB TRENDS

INSURERS PUT HIGH PREMIUM ON RECRUITING YOUNG WORKERS

Correctly predicting risk is key to the success of insurance businesses.



Now, a group of some fifty insurance firms has banded together to try to alleviate a risk they fear could impair their ability to function effectively in the future: A lack of enthusiasm among talented young workers for insurance careers.

"Young people are not aware of careers in insurance, or if they are, they have a negative perception of the insurance industry," observes Debra Kestenbaum, talent manager for Chubb Group of Insurance Companies.

To counter a stodgy, even pesky, stereotype of insurance workers –promulgated by movies like "Groundhog Day" – The Institutes, an insurance education nonprofit, has launched the website insuremypath.org.

The site lists internships by state and a Discover Career Roles tab to entice students and young workers to fill the half-million jobs the insurance business predicts needing to fill by 2022.

Besides the coordinated campaign, individual firms are ramping up their own recruiting.

On college campuses, for instance, Allstate Insurance "hands out free food during lunchtimes and hosts trivia nights, all in an attempt to get students to know Allstate on a more personal level," says spokesperson Chris Bauer.

Allstate places some recruits into its Leadership Development Program, which features three annual rotations in different business areas – such as human resources, technology and marketing.

Chubb Group has "revised our career site, employment brand and all of our marketing materials to be more relevant," says Kestenbaum.

Maura Quinn, director of specialized campus recruiting at Liberty Mutual Insurance, adds that they try to dispel the notion that insurance careers are in "one of three areas: sales, claims and actuary. We offer positions in marketing, HR, legal, investments and accounting – the same as any other business."

–*Marilyn Kennedy Melia*

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LEGAL NOTICE

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If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for

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for
Midland Memorial Hospital

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, April 29, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled "**RFP # 1160- 042915.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
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Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

Notice of Application
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RSP Permian, LLC, 3141 Hood St., Ste. 500, Dallas, TX 75219-5018 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Katie Lease, Well Number 1100SW. The proposed disposal well is located 12.3 miles West of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in County Midland.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4747 to 5398 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC MEETING - COMPASS PROJECT

The City of Midland will hold a public meeting to discuss the COMPASS Project on Thursday, May 7 in the cafeteria of Midland Freshman High School (101 E Gist Ave.).

Engineers will be available to answer questions from the public regarding the project during an open house starting from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The COMPASS project is intended to improve paving and drainage issues, predominately on the south and east side of the city. The improvements in this phase of the project include adding curb and gutter, sidewalks, handicap ramps and asphalt resurfacing, targeting streets near Midland Freshman High School and the Wal-Mart on Interstate 20.

Several roads have already been repaired through the program that began in 2013, many of which were annexed into city limits and did not meet city standards. Roads that have received recent upgrades include West Stokes Avenue and South Colorado and Belmont Streets, just east of Rankin Highway. The projects have facilitated easier pedestrian access through neighborhoods and improved infrastructure through improving or adding sidewalks, curbs, and street pavement.

Maps and drawings regarding the project will be displayed at the public meeting. In addition, display materials will be available in Suite 510 at City Hall (300 N. Loraine). Anyone interested in attending the public meeting who has special communication needs or requires physical accommodations is encouraged to call 432-685-7593 at least three days before the meeting.

Legal & Public Notices

Community Development Program

The City Council of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas, on May 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to comment on past usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community development and housing needs, and proposed uses of 2015 CDBG funds.

For the 2015 to 2019 time frame, the City is preparing a new Consolidated Plan that establishes the City's strategy for investment of HUD resources directed at community development, housing and homeless services needs. Preliminary Consolidated Plan priorities will be presented at the public hearing.

For the 2015 program year $656,282 in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be allocated to the City. The City also expects to receive $106,800 in program income during the year. A minimum 70% of CDBG funds must be allocated to projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvement, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services.

For further information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

For persons needing a wheelchair entry ramp, one 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 person wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the City Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required please call 1-800-735-2989.

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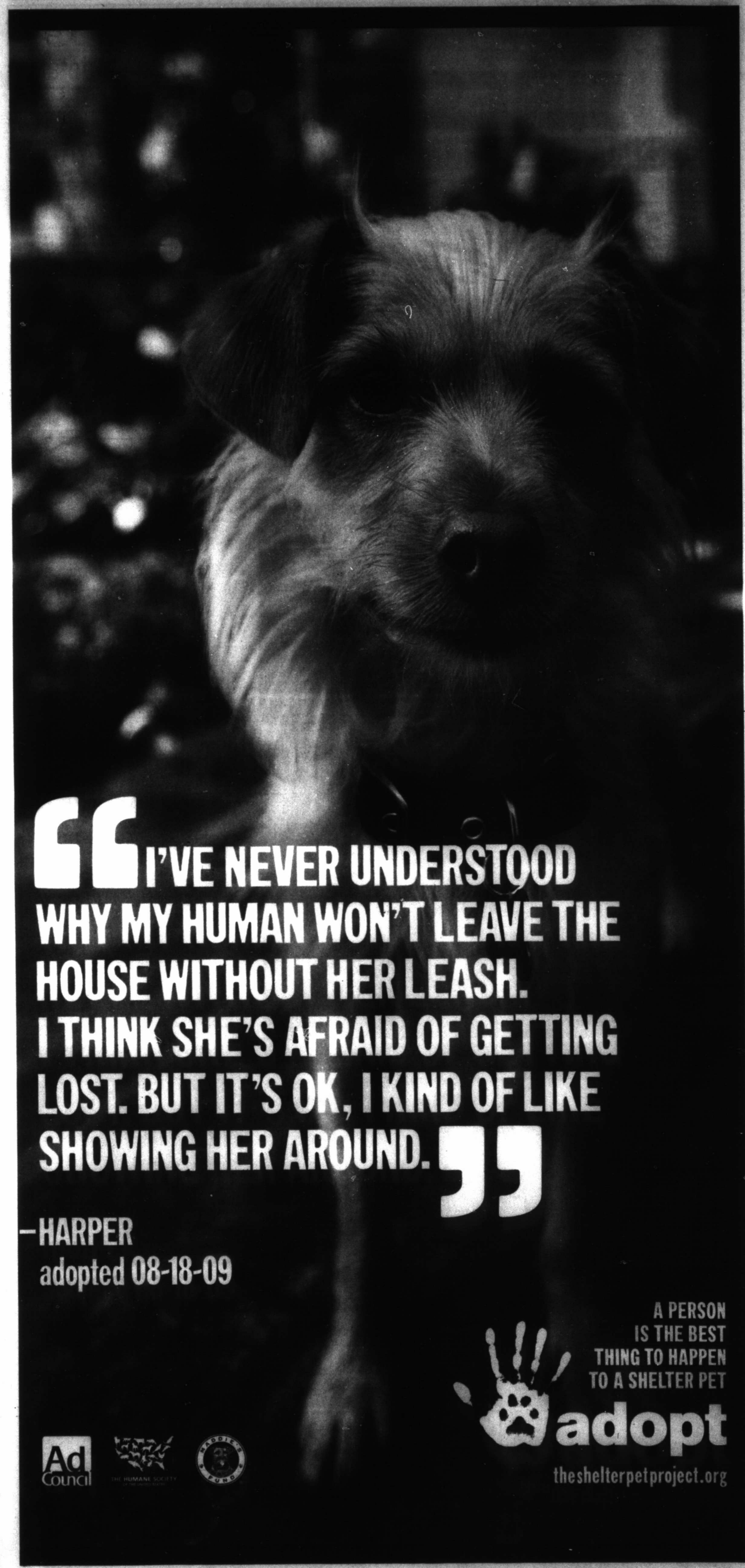
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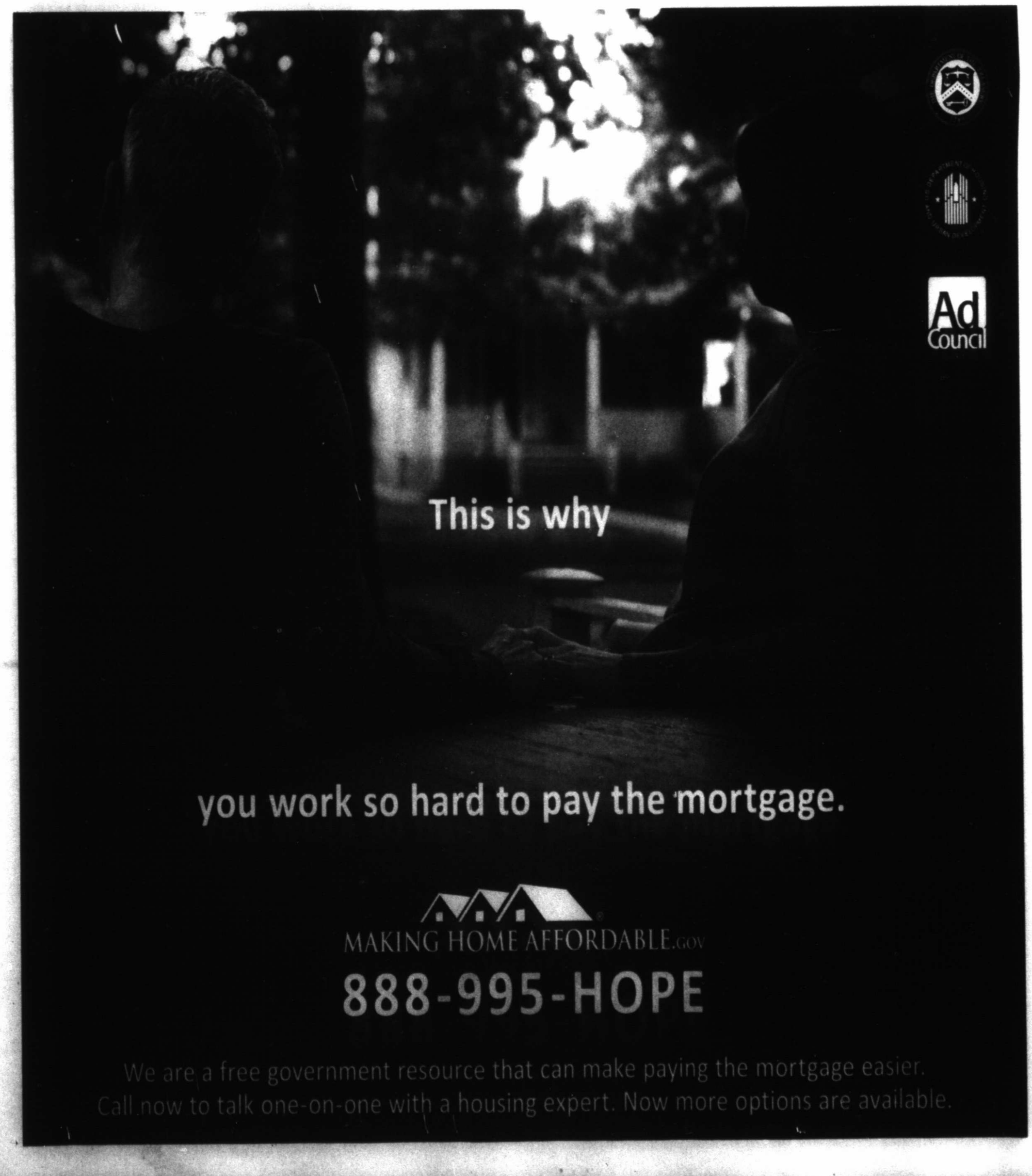
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ARE ARMs NOW THE BEST LOAN OPTION?

QUESTION:

We know that mortgage rates are low today, so doesn't it make sense to get an adjustable-rate mortgage at this time and lock in ridiculously depressed rates for the next few years?

ANSWER:

As this is written, the latest weekly rates from Freddie Mac show that 30-year fixed rate loans are available at 3.8 percent, while a 5/1 ARM – a loan with a fixed rate for five years and then annual rate changes – is priced at 2.99 percent. In practical terms, if you borrow $150,000, the monthly cost for principal and interest will be $698.94 for the fixed-rate mortgage and $631.60 during the first five years for the ARM.

The difference between the two loans is $67.34, for a total of $4,040.20 over five years. What happens after five years is anyone's guess; ARM rates could rise or fall. The question is whether the risk of a potential rate increase is worth the savings.

According to Ellie Mae, in January ARMs represented just 5.1 percent of all loan originations, not evidence of much support for adjustable products. That said, there are three reasons why it might make sense to consider ARMs:

1. The lower monthly cost for principal and interest means that borrowers may be able to qualify more easily or borrow more. Lenders who offer qualified mortgages generally want borrowers to allocate not more than 43 percent of their gross monthly income for recurring debts, so it follows that lower mortgage costs make it easier to qualify for financing.

2. ARMs come in various shapes and sizes. You can get a 1-year ARM or even a 10-year ARM. The idea is that the initial rate is locked in for a set period. The longer the initial fixed term the smaller the discount when compared with a fixed-rate product.

In our example we used a five-year ARM. According to Freddie Mac the typical loan is now refinanced after 6.8 years. This is a figure that moves up and down, but it suggests that someone with a five-year ARM might not have much rate-hike risk because the loan will likely be refinanced or paid off with the sale of the house in the two years after a 5/1 ARM adjusts. Alternatively, if your goal is to get a loan at today's rates and keep the financing in place for many years then an ARM may not be desirable.

3. In our look at monthly costs we saw that the ARM borrower had clear monthly savings, at least for the first five years of the loan term. However, with a loan that can be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty – and that includes virtually all qualified mortgages originated today – there's no reason that a borrower cannot not make monthly ARM prepayments (say the $67.34 per month in our example) so that when the mortgage rate does reset there will be less principal outstanding and, thus, less impact if rates should go higher.

As always, mortgage financing should be guided by one core principle: Do what's in your best interest, and makes you feel most comfortable. For details and specifics, speak with local lenders.

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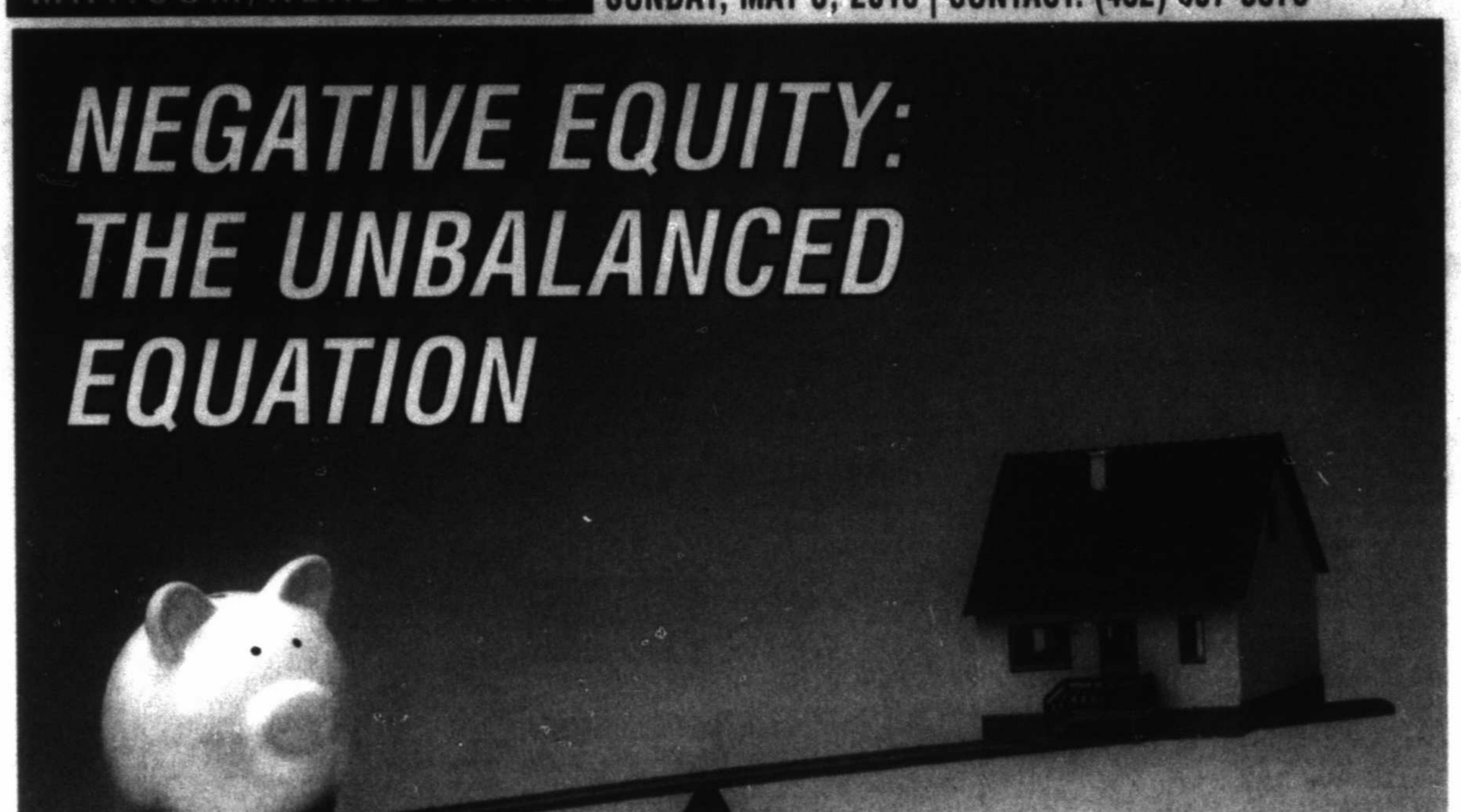


Percentage of consumers who say home prices will go up in the next 12 months. FYI: Just 8 percent of consumers think home prices will go down

Source: Fannie Mae Monthly National Housing Survey

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DESPITE RISING HOME VALUES, NEGATIVE EQUITY PERSISTS FOR MANY HOMEOWNERS ACROSS THE U.S.

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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When you're on the bottom rung of a tall ladder, the climb to the top can feel miles away. That's been the experience for homeowners at the bottom of the market who remain underwater on their mortgages at a time when the real estate market is in full rebound mode.

According to a recently released study by Zillow, home values continue to inch upward, but negative equity is rising in 21 of the largest 50 housing markets – demonstrating that the values of many underwater homes are not increasing. In fact, the national negative equity rate is 16.9 percent, despite the fact that home values rose 5.9 percent nationally in 2014. The sad truth is that those who own the lowest-valued homes continue to drown in negative equity.

"Negative equity is financially devastating because you owe more than your home is worth," says Sissy Lappin, a Houston real estate broker and co-founder of real estate service ListingDoor. "Unfortunately, it is the middle- to lower-income homeowners who typically have negative equity."

While many who were underwater have benefitted from quickly rising home values, short sales and foreclosures, those with less valuable residences have not been able to take advantage of these factors and have fallen behind. And although the national negative-equity rate is anticipated to drop to 15.4 percent by the end of the year, it may not have much of an impact in many key impacted markets, including Florida and the Midwest.

Contributing to the dilemma is the fact that many underwater homes were likely mortgaged with an FHA loan, meaning they borrowed almost 97 percent of the home's value to begin with, says Douglas Wade, a RE/MAX sales associate with in Colonia, New Jersey.

"Borrowers paying back a mortgage with a 4-percent interest rate and private mortgage insurance won't come close to the home's value for about 15 years," Wade says. Also, the demand for bigger, more expensive homes is on the rise while we're seeing the demand for small homes come down."

Wade notes that mortgage companies that continue to allow people to refinance and borrow money without any return on the home's equity exacerbate the problem.

"There's little to no increasing home value in a negative equity situation, whereas regular increasing home values allow there to be positive equity growth," he says.

Underwater homeowners still have options they can pursue, however. They can explore a short sale, whereby the mortgage lender agrees to take less money than what is owed to them or to discount the loan balance. Or they can try to refinance their mortgage loan to capitalize on lower interest rates and, if eligible, the government's HARP program (HomeAffordable Refinance Program), which can allow you to get a lower interest rate, shorter loan term, and switch from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate mortgage.

"Speak to your bank and other real estate professionals," says Heidi Burkhart, president, Dane Professional Consulting Group, headquartered in New York City. "Do not be afraid – every journey has its rough patches."

Additionally, consider renting out a portion of your home to a tenant, which can help take the financial edge off. "This helps the homeowner free up some cash flow to put toward that negative equity," Wade says.

Burkhart adds that outside factors also may improve the situation over time.

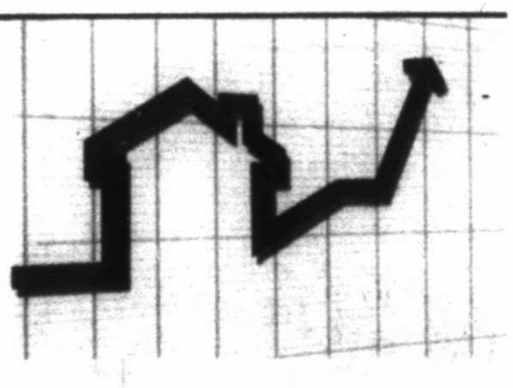
"We need more urban development and production in cities. With jobs, income is created leading to a higher circulation of money within our economy," says Burkhart. "Without this, you will have a longer rebound time for a local economy to get back on its feet."

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BUYING

LOW SUPPLY+HIGH DEMAND=UNAFFORDABLE

Current market realities show that housing affordability is harder to achieve



The lack of new housing supply is keeping housing costs high, squeezing renters and buyers.

A new report from Zillow shows that U.S. renters can now count on spending 30.1 percent of their income on rent; home purchasers, meanwhile, can expect to fork over more than 15.3 percent of their monthly earnings toward a mortgage payment.

The study indicates that the least affordable real estate markets are those in which new housing permits have not kept pace with growth and population, including many California cities, such as San Diego, Riverside and Sacramento. Areas with slow population growth or that have met new growth by constructing new residential units are typically the most affordable, such as Chicago and Detroit. Among the markets that are the least affordable for both renters and mortgage borrowers are New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and Miami/Fort Lauderdale.

To help find an affordable new home or rental in or near your chosen area, experts recommend being prepared and seeking outside help. "You must first understand what your budget affords you and be realistic about it," says Debbi DiMaggio, an agent with Highland Partners Real Estate in San Francisco. "Contact a real estate agent in your area. Renters may also have to buddy up, and buyers need to better understand the market they're interested in."

Additionally, work to improve your credit score, save up for at least two months' rent deposit or a sizeable down payment on a home, and search for listings of available properties regularly.

Joan Brothers, president of Manhattan Boutique Real Estate NY, in New York, says it's also important to broaden your boundaries.

"Buyers and renters may need to open themselves up to different neighborhoods so they can find something in their budgets," Brothers says. "Once people are given some choices, they can find positive attributes to the neighborhoods, apartments, and homes."

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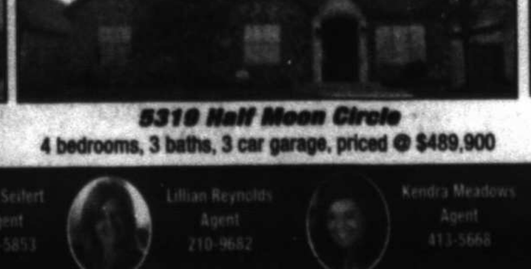
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Creating a Special Outdoor Space

With spring here and summer on the not-so-distant horizon, more and more homeowners are stepping outside to tackle outdoor projects that have been ignored all winter. One popular project is revamping outdoor living spaces in preparation for the warmer months. Whether you're looking for a great space to entertain or just hang with the family on the weekends, below is some winning advice on creating unique outdoor living spaces.

Tailor to your needs. Think specifically about what you will be using the space for. Just because a grill and a picnic table are standbys for a barbecue area doesn't mean that's what you need to go with. Maybe your family has a longstanding Saturday night pizza tradition, and so a wood-fire oven would be a better fit. Have young kids? Consider placing a swing set or a hanging hammock chair near your lounge chairs to keep the little ones entertained while you relax nearby with a watchful eye.

Go bold. Statement pieces don't only belong indoors. A unique set of tables and chairs or weather-erproof sofa and chaise can look great in your garden. Are you an art fan or birding enthusiast? Consider a statue or a series of colorful bird baths and feeders.

Upgrade your furniture. Outdoor furniture has developed far past the traditional plastic deck chairs. From wicker to wood and canvas, there are so many fun options that can really add character to your living space.

Porch party. Porches aren't just meant as a reprieve from inclement weather. Think of your front porch as a mini deck. Homeowners with front porches can take advantage of their space by adding a luxurious feel with a daybed, a quaint reading nook, a space for sipping coffee on Sundays, or even a narrow bar with stools for entertaining.

Outdoor oasis. Love gardening? Create a living space within your garden beds by hanging a hammock between two trees, adding a delicate tea table, or several oversized outdoor chairs for lounging. Adding a stone walkway or small patio can really up the garden atmosphere. Garden party, anyone?

Keep it simple. Just because your outdoor space is limited, it doesn't mean your options need to be. A pair of elegant outdoor chairs and a small card table can go a long way in improving the livability of your yard. Add a trellis so plants can grow upward and provide a bit of privacy, ideal for urban dwellers.

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10 Minute Fixes To Make Your House Saleable

When it is time to sell your house, little things make a difference. Thankfully, little fixes take little time. If you are getting ready to list your home for sale, or if your home is already listed and you are wondering why it is not selling, these easy, quick adjustments you can do in 10 minutes or less can help.

1. Dust - everything. Dust bunnies do not sell home.

2. Change out your welcome mat. A fresh, new mat provides a warm welcome and can make the home feel updated.

3. Make your bed. Crumpled sheets are a no-no during a home tour or open house.

4. Clean off your counters - this goes for your kitchen and your bathrooms. Take everything off the kitchen counters that you do not use every day. Also, hide away dish soap and sponge. Leave out a decorative item that might be used for entertaining.

5. De-clutter! The point is to emphasize how much space you have, not how much stuff you have.

6. Get over yourself. You might think your house is perfect just the way it is, but buyers might disagree. Taking the emotion out of the equation can help you to make the necessary fixes. The process of staging takes the focus of your home away from you and puts it on the potential new owners of your home.

7. Wax your floors. A good product can hide a multitude of sins. So can throw rugs.

8. Fold everything nicely in your linen closet. Making it look tidy will help buyers feel confident that there is enough storage.

9. Hang everything in your coat closet and set umbrellas, luggage, and other necessities neatly.

10. Do a light bulb check. A simple thing like a burned-out bulb could be a deal-killer if a buyer jumps to the conclusion that other things in the house may have been overlooked. And buyers will jump to conclusions.

11. Take the risque stuff out of your medicine cabinet or bathroom drawer. People will open them. And they will judge you.

12. Turn on the lights. All of them. If people are coming to tour your home, make it easy for them to see it. You do not want them having to traverse the living room to try and figure out how to turn on the overhead light. If it is not bright enough, switch your bulbs to the highest wattage allowed.

13. Anchor your rugs. One slip by a visitor and your might be facing a law suite.

14. Clean your toilets. People will use them.

15. While you are at it, put out fresh towels. If a potential buyer has to wipe her hands on a towel with a makeup stain on it, she's not longer a potential buyer.

16. Pick up the poop. What your dog does in the yard can dump a deal if it ends up on a buyer's shoe.

17. Put the toys away. A couple of large baskets are all you need to make a play room look tidy. If a few baskets are not enough to corral your kids' toys, keep your little one's favorites in the room and store the rest.

18. Relocate your clothes and shoes. You can make it easy by choosing off-season items and packing them away in boxes in the garage.

19. Get rid of the smell. No one things their house has a unique smell. But if you have animals, or teenagers, or a baby, then you have a smell. Fortunately, there are easy steps you can take to remove the smell. First, remove the biggest offenders (cat box, sneakers, diaper pales). Then, spray soft surfaces with a smell neutralizer. Finally, you can check out lovely candles or scented items to keep a desirable smell in your home.

20. Do a wall check. Are all your pictures straight? Crooked art on the walls seems like a small, insignificant thing. But anything negative that potential buyers can get fixated on, is something you want to address. Especially when it will only take you a few minutes to fix.

21. Fluff your pillows. The idea is to create an inviting environment that buyers will walk into and want to spend time in.

22. De-personalize it. Make a sweep and bather up family photos, mementos, and anything else that could draw attention away from the space.

24. Focus on the front. Try sprucing up your home' curb appeal. Buyers make up their mind in the first 30 seconds as they approach the front door.



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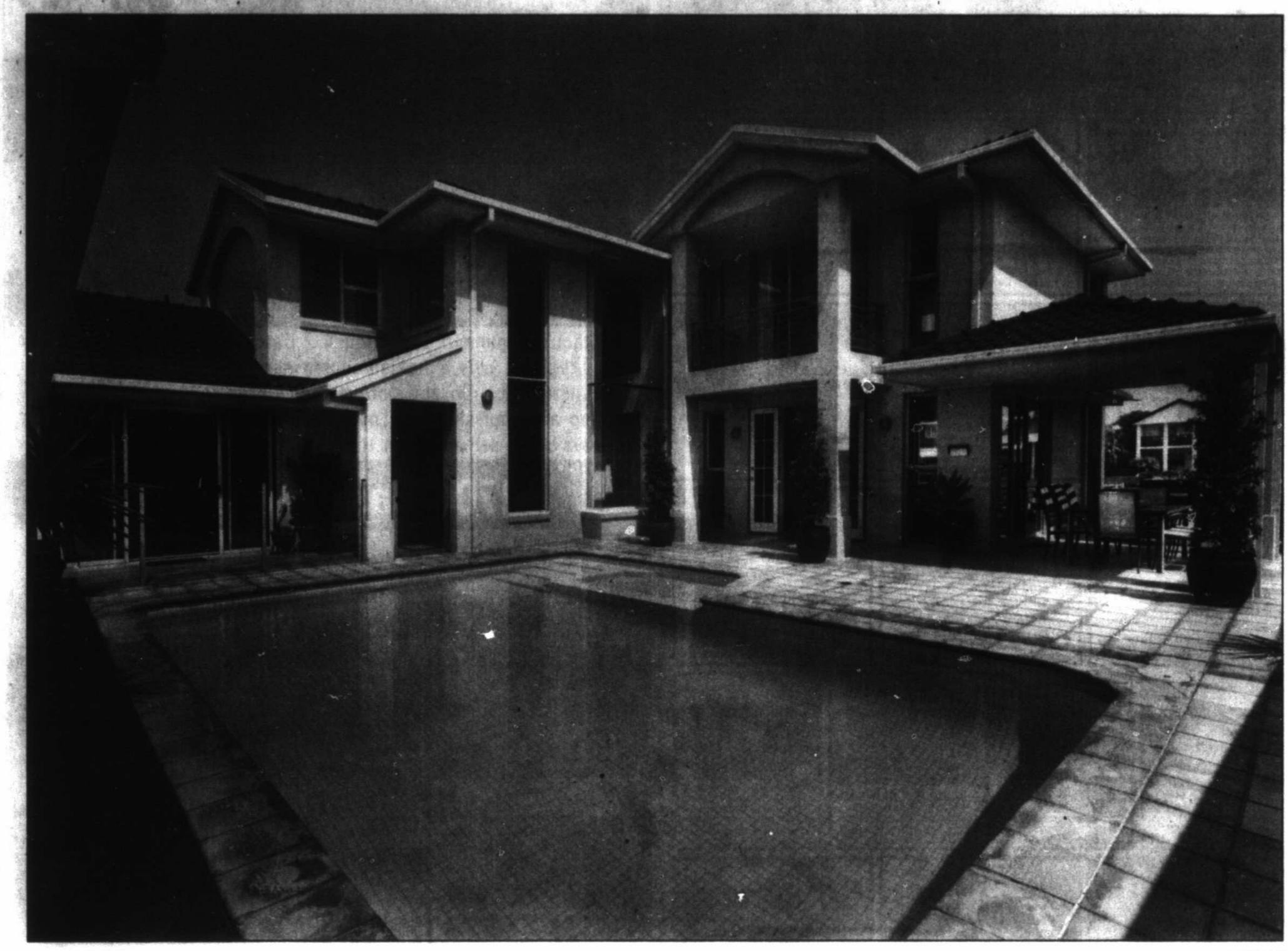
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HOMEWISE

Real Estate Tips and Advice



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When considering upgrades to help get your home sold, adding a swimming pool is not a guaranteed home run. There are many considerations in the decision.

Does a Pool Help Home Value?

By ALEX MASON | Green Shoot Media

Getting your home in tip-top shape and ready for market can run you ragged.

The last thing you need is to be heading in the wrong direction wasting, time, money and your patience.

Smart home preparations begin with setting forth a strict budget and then generating the tenacity to stick to it. We all want to improve our home value and get the most from the real estate sale, but some home improvements may eat away your sales profit, and in some cases, kill the deal altogether.

POOLS ARE COMPLICATED

One of the great myths in home improvement is that you should add a swimming pool to increase your property value. This is false and has landed many a homeowner stuck with a hefty installation bill. Pools are complicated home additions and subject to the "beauty in the eye of the beholder" viewpoint.

Home buyers who want to have a pool often have a general idea in mind about the size, depth, yard location and a myriad of other factors involved with their property buying decision. Simply dropping a pool in your backyard is not a done deal to woo a pool person to your open house. It may be a step in the right direction, but don't get your hopes up too high that your home is going to sell for a figure that leaves you a tidy profit margin after the pool's installation.

Will you drop in a pebble pool or gunite? Rectangular or ovular? No one can predict the outcome, so it's a game of chance that you did the right thing if your goal is increasing property value.

USE OF SPACE

Some home buyers are adamant about not having a pool in the backyard for a variety of reasons. It is presumptive to think that everybody loves a swim, when precious lot space could be used for other recreation important to the new buyer.

Patio space for entertaining adds a lot of weight to a fantastic backyard living space. So, if you do decide to add a pool, be sure there is plenty of room to roam around it. In addition, home buyers with small children and pets may place a higher value on a property that does not have a pool. Safety and added space takes priority over a summer swim just a few months a year, and some prospective buyers may turn away explicitly because of the pool.

POST POOL SALE

If your prospective buyer is open to the idea of a backyard pool, ask your real estate agent to make mention if your property has room for a pool. The new buyer may be able to add the pool construction onto their mortgage.

This option gives the new buyer the most freedom and flexibility to create the pool size and style to suit their budget and ensures that you have not sunk thousands of dollars into a feature that is a hit-and-miss renovation.

However, before your real estate agent speaks up to the client, be sure he or she has checked with city ordinances to ascertain whether your backyard can support a pool.

Each city and county lays down the law with restrictions regarding the water's edge and the number of feet between the house and the property wall or fencing.

Real estate is one game where you may not misspeak when representing a property. Lawsuits are a way of life in this industry, so every fact must be double checked before making a claim to a client.

REAL ESTATE 101



A New Pool of Expenses

A pool can lead to increased expenses for the new homeowner, including:

- Chemicals/water treatment
- Increased homeowner's insurance liability/hazard premiums
- Installation of proper fencing, if non exists
- Gas heating costs
- Electricity costs for pump
- Repairs/maintenance

HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

rehabilitation: The labor, materials, tools, and other costs of improving buildings, other than minor or routine repairs. The term includes where the use of a building is changed to an emergency shelter and the cost of this change and any rehabilitation costs does not exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before the change in use.

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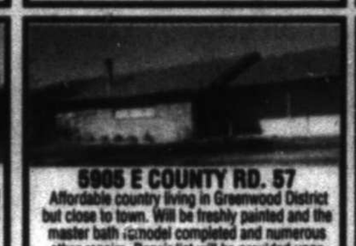


8901 W. COUNTY RD. 60
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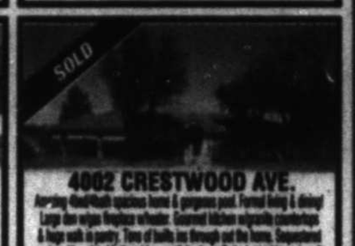


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OPEN 1-2



4521 LEDDY DR.
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6309 COUNTY RD. 112
Ready to build. Only zone in desirable ground school district, but easy access to loop and town. The land part is done. Well w/pump, 320 electric, septic installed. Finished barn, 2 car garage w/bonus room. All high-end finishes. Crown molding, stained concrete floors, outside stainless, inside is gorgeous. Bring your offers, build your dreams. $337,000 Call Belinda Duke.

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UNDER CONTRACT



4803 RUSTIC TRAIL
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LAND



1600 S. CO. RD. 1140
5 acres Greenwood. Area is developed with beautiful homes. Horses allowed. $82,500. Contact Elvia Lopez 432-978-9796

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3825 Fairwood Court
Amazing 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 3 living area home with in-ground pool and spa. Superb office, cabana for pool & eating areas. Beautiful patio overlooking pool, 2 car garage. Security system with nice kitchen and bath. All for only $694,000. Kay McDonald 664-2120.

LAND



12205 W. CO. RD. 56
Land in well developed Gardendale area. Great country property with 2 water wells. $121,870. Please contact Elvia.

OPEN 2-3 & 4-5



1107 ROCFORD ST.
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45 Lafayette Pl 2bd 2 5 ba 2gar	$2,300
3211 Whittle Way 3-2-2	$2,300
5104 Ashdown Pl 3-2-2	$1,400
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304 Thomas 3-2-2	$1,500
1604 E. Pine 2-1 cp	$1,150
4507 Crockett 3-2-2	$1,500
3804 Anetta 2-1 cp	$1,000
#39 Changelle all bills pd furnished 1bd 1bd	$1,700

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1002 12TH ST.
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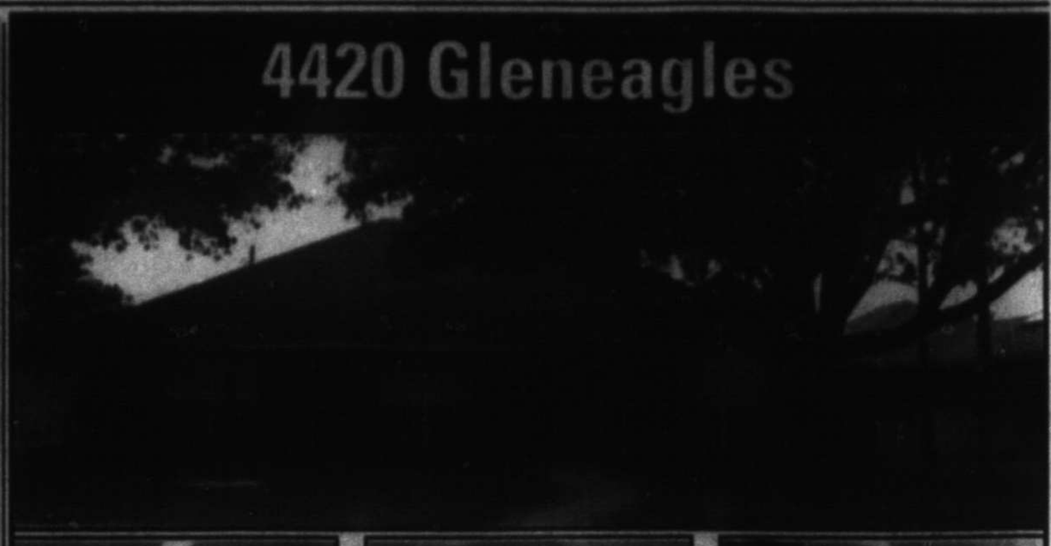


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4420 Gleneagles







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1700 Castleford Rd.









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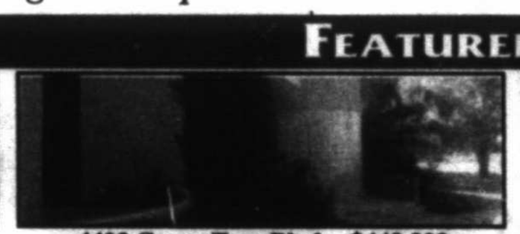
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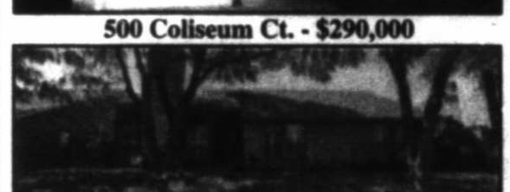
4403 Green Tree Blvd. - $449,900



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5105 Brighton Place - $335,000



5402 Grassland Blvd. - $320,000



4302 Lanham St. - $282,500



1700 Castleford Rd. - $249,900

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

1021 Gail Ave - A spacious 5 bedroom/3 full, 2 half bath $795,000
2007 Seaboard Ave - Wonderful 3 bd/1.5 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her baths! Beautiful patio and backyard! $625,000
5101 Castleford Rd - Wonderful 4 bdrm/2.5 bth home w/great kitchen, large living area, great outdoor area and many updates $499,000
5606 Cristo Ln - Beautiful custom built in 2007. 4/3 with granite on every surface $399,000
5 Sunnygrove-Odessa-Great location and wonderful floor plan with a POOL! $365,000
6818 W. Co. Rd. 41-Charming country living on 3.5 acres $375,000
5303 Mathis St. -Wonderful 3bdr/3bth custom home on a quiet cul-de-sac in Greathouse. Beautiful finishes throughout $399,000
500 Meadowpark-Updated in Meadowpark! Open living and kitchen area! $265,000
2304 Stansfield Ave. -3 bedroom/2 bath home. Great block in Old Midland $265,000
5105 Brighton Place-Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Saddle Club South $335,000
500 Coliseum Ct. -Beautiful and spacious 4 bedroom/3 bath home on super large lot with a large veg garden, and a water well! Must see! $290,000
4302 Lanham St. -Superb 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with beautiful updating in move in condition! $282,500
1700 Castleford Rd. -Gorgous 3 bedroom 2 bath 1 living area, formal dining, bankamb, shutters, low maintenance yard $249,900
4420 Gleneagles-Spectacular 3br/2bth, formal dining, den, sunroom, 2 car garage, hardwoods $246,500
2603 Hays Dr - Adorable 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in quiet neighborhood $199,900

TWO BEDROOMS

2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! ..... UC- $299,900
600 Lidden-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhome under $120,000 ..... $110,500
4708 Boulder Dr -Low maintenance 2 bedroom/2 bath condo $80,000

THREE BEDROOMS

1209 W. Cuthbert-Updated in the heart of Old Midland, wonderful pool! $799,000
2007 Seaboard Ave -Wonderful 3 bd/1.5 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her baths! Beautiful patio and backyard! $625,000
5311 Goldsmith Cove-Low maintenance 3br/2bth patio home filled w/top of the line custom finishes. ..... UC- $407,500
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/2.5 bath home in Green Tree $449,900
4 Saddle Club Dr.-Beautiful custom 3 bdrm/4.5 bth home with fabulous storage. Large rooms, lush yard and coveted community ..... UC- $599,900
1500 Douglas Ave - beautiful home w/pool $595,000
5316 Goldsmith Cove-Elegant, 3 bdrm/3 bth Grandridge Park style patio home on cul-de-sac built by Glenn Miller Homes $369,900
5303 Mathis St. -Wonderful 3bdr/3bth custom home on a quiet cul-de-sac in Greathouse. Beautiful finishes throughout. $399,000
3225 Patricia-Lovely 3br/2bth with many extras. Open floor plan, lovely kitchen w/granite & spacious rooms $335,000
5106 Brighton Place-Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Saddle Club South $335,000
5611 San Saba-3br/2.5ba, Payne resale, 2 living areas! $325,000
5411 Los Patos-Superb Jackson custom resale w/3br/2.5bth, 4 car garage, hardwoods. Wonderful extras!! $319,000
905 Shirley Ct. -Immaculate townhome with wonderful updates. Beautiful floors, gorgeous patio, move right in! $310,000
2304 Stansfield Ave-3 bedroom/2 bath home. Great block in Old Midland $265,000
2000 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $265,000
4302 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home $259,900
4304 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home $259,900
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51 West Rd. -Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates. Public dock for residents only $240,000
1600 Gleneagles-Charming 3Bdrm/2Bth in the heart of Midland ..... UC- $239,900
2102 Elma Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees and easy access to shopping and restaurants $235,000
2003 W. Gulf Course Rd. -Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage and ready to move-in! $229,900

THREE BEDROOMS

1602 Cimarron Ave.-Great 3 bedroom/2 bath home in good area, some updates and priced so you can do more $215,000
4412 Commanche Dr. -Beautiful recently built 3Bdrm/2Bth home with all the bells and whistles! ..... UC- $215,000
5014 Pleasant Dr. -Beautiful newer home with 3bdrms/2bth in newer area of Pleasant with all the bells and whistles ..... UC- $199,900
327 Rocky Lane Rd. -Absolutely precious 3 bedroom/2 bath home with so much updating ..... UC- $199,900
2002 Hays Dr - Adorable 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in quiet neighborhood $199,900
2606 Goddard Dr. -Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great location ..... SOLD- $179,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

2902 Stansfield-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! $625,000
2903 Whitfield-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities $549,900
3000 Fairwood Ct. -Updated in Mockingbird Heights, 2 story, granite, and full guest house! $525,000
18 Saddle Club Dr. -4 bd/3.5 ba, detached game room and workshop $775,000
1917 Eastwood-Magnificent 4 bd/3 bth home w/12' ceilings and unmatched storage! Gourmet kitchen and butterfly shaped pool w/separate spa! $734,000
5101 Castleford Rd. -Wonderful 4bdr/2.5bth home w/great kitchen, large living area, great outdoor area for entertaining and many updates $472,500
2605 S. County Rd. 1605-4 bedroom/2.5 bath home, perfect for entertaining! Barn/shop is amazing $449,900
4007 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bd/3bth Abilngton home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $399,000
5606 Cristo Ln. -Beautiful custom built in 2007. 4/3 with granite on every surface $399,000
2007 Rea Dr.-Charming family home, pool's kitchen ..... UC- $395,000
5 Sunnygrove-Odessa-Great location and wonderful floor plan with a POOL! $365,000
3411 Shell Ave.-Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in Suffolk Place $375,000
3101 Seaboard-Beautifully renovate 4bdrm/3bth home in Mahler Terrace $375,000
1402 Bedford Dr.-Fantastic Old Midland home w/wonderful updating! 4BR/2BA, terrific versatile plan plus, pool and guest quarters ..... UC- $360,000
500 Meadowpark-Updated in Meadowpark! Open living and kitchen area! $265,000
4412 Almond-Wonderful in Woodland Park! Great floor plan, tile and granite! $265,000
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1089-better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,900
2304 Stansfield Blvd. -Beautiful and spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with soaring ceilings and space galore!! ..... UC- $265,000
4407 Grassland Blvd. -Beautifully maintained Mark Payne resale. Open floor plan, natural light w/Window/Doors $339,000
903 Boyd Ave.-Large, wonderful 4 bedroom, 4 full bath home, under 300k on oversized lot, great for large family $299,000
7 Saddle Club Mews-In nearly! Spacious updated home on quiet cul-de-sac! ..... UC- $299,700
500 Coliseum Ct. -Beautiful and spacious 4 bedroom/3 bath home on super large lot with a large veg garden, and a water well! Must see! $290,000
3 Bentwood-4 bedroom/3 bath close to Trinity ..... UC- $279,000
3305 Stansfield-Quiet cul-de-sac, beautiful with a sunroom ..... UC- $279,000
19 Bristol Ct.-Great plan, cul-de-sac neighborhood, 4/3/2LA, nice! ..... UC- $264,900
3 Briarwood Ct.-Very nice 4 bedrooms on quiet cul-de-sac in Arbor Park $262,500
3300 Whitney Dr.-Spacious 4 bdrm/2.5 bth with large kitchen, utility room, bonus room and 2 living and dining area $249,900
3309 Pamela Dr.-Open living and dining, great location! $239,900
2000 S. Co. Rd. 1107-4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.176 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country $239,000
1110 Pontiac-Mint Mark Payne Resale - low maintenance in a quiet friendly neighborhood ..... UC- $229,900
1109 Locust-Tons of updates in this 4bdrm/2bth home in quiet family friendly neighborhood in Odessa ..... UC- $209,900
5800 S. Co. Rd. 1139-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $149,900

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

5417 Sweetbriar Dr.-Marvelous 5 bedroom/4.5 bath, new construction in Solomon Estates. A real dream home! $1,300,000
2005 Sheridan Ave-Fabulous 5 bedroom in Warwick, 4.5, pool, spa, game room, beautifully updated $649,900
1601 Gulf Ave.-4 spacious 5 bedroom/3 bath, 2 half bath ..... UC- $575,000
905 Country Club-Beautiful in Old Midland! Contemporary style, gorgeous outdoor area and pool! ..... UC- $575,000
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I-20, West Moody & Loop 338-In West Odessa-1114.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... $2,899,800
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1100 E. Co. Rd. 109-58.35 acres with a 4,500 sf oversized barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... $401,120
600 Rocky Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales $200,000
5700 E. Co. Rd. 66-3794 sq. ft. w/lo-rise office $399,000
6703 Desert West-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $399,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
44 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & hotel house. Lake Nasworthy $179,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
11016 W. County Rd. 58-1/2 W - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
2000 Regency Oaks Ct.-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks $27,000
E. Co. Rd. 129-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... UC- $95,000

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4116 BAYBROOK - $599,000
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11508 WCR 39 - 5 bd, 4 ½ ba, 4 liv, 2 din, pool, 10.8 AC **$3,500,000**
30 Ac. Mockingbird Lane-11 platted lots, 2+ acres each **$1,900,000**
4900 Rustic Trail-4br, 4ba, 3 liv, 2 din, 5 car garage, gorgeous pool! **$850,000**
4310 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3ba, 3 car garage, 2AC **$746,000**
4200 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar, 2 AC **$743,900**
4116 Baybrook-4bd, 3 1/2ba, Mockingbird Heights, pool, cabana **$599,000**
4433 Verde Glen Ct.-Green Tree North, 4bd, 3ba, 3LA, 3 garage **$579,900**
6516 Gladiola-3 bed, 3.5 bath on 1.7AC w/wonderful workshop! RV parking **$499,900**
1103 NCR 1110-Greenwood 4/3 on 40 acres, 65x20 RV/shop, 20x40 open shed, 30x30 metal bldg **$497,000**
South CR 1140 - 24 Acres more or less **$496,000**
6702 Mosswood-New construction 4br, 3ba, 4 car garage. Robert Graham **$481,000**
6704 Mosswood-4br, 3 ba, new construction **$481,630**
6606 Mosswood-New construction 4bd, 3ba, 4 car, 2 liv **$465,000**
10505 ECR 105-4/4/2, built 2011, 1/2 AC, Greenwood. Builder's home, loaded with extras ..... ***REDUCED* $459,900**
I-20, 2.68 acres, commercial **$450,000**
5706 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.-4br, 3ba, beautiful ..... ***REDUCED* $435,000**
3102 Stanolind-MaMar Terrace 4 bd, 3 1/2 ba, 2 liv, 2 din, huge addition sunroom w/ walls of windows **$429,000**
4122 Fox Hollow-Immaculate 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 liv, 3 car garage in Trinity West **$420,000**
10500 E. County Rd 103-Greenwood, 4br, 3ba, 2 din, 2 car garage, .63 acres **$400,000**
4008 Edgebrook - Mockingbird Heights, 3bd, 2 1/2ba, great floor plan w/ huge courtyard, recent paint ..... ***HUGE REDUCTION* $399,000**
3400 Northfield - 4bd, 3ba, park like yard **$399,900**
FM 715 - 28 AC MORE OR LESS LAND! ..... ***REDUCED* $395,000**
2804 Caldera Blvd - 4bd, 3ba, in law plan **$369,900**
2912 Shanks-3bd, 2 1/2 ba on 1.3 acres, 2 water wells. Nicely updated **$335,000**
#10 Cambridge Ct - Large home/in-law cottage, 4bd, 2.5ba **$320,000**
2806 Stutz - 4bd, 3ba, 2living, great plan, updated **$315,000**
5002 Quartz-Rockpoint 3 bd, 2 1/2 ba, low maint., open floorplan, storage **$310,000**
4209 Irvin Dr.-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, pipe fence for horses **$309,900**
4509 Teakwood - 3bd, 2 1/2ba, Greentree, updated ..... ***HUGE REDUCTION* $299,000**
5005 Melville-4 bed, 2 bath, great location ..... ***NEW PRICE* $275,000**
10905 ECR 107-Greenwood 3/2/2, 2 liv areas, 1/2 AC lot, shop, 2170 sqft **$275,000**
3206 Haynes-3 br, 2.5 ba, indoor pool **$270,000**
3101 S. County Rd 1218 - 5bd, 5ba, 1.77 acres **$265,000**
1802 E. Pecan St - New construction, 3 or 4bd, 2ba, 2car, 2storey **$259,000**
13400 E. County Rd 110-Greenwood 3/2/2, 10AC, shop, lots of new! **$249,900**
709 Mogford-Adorable 3bd, 2ba, 2 living, 2 garage w/water well **$219,900**
3336 Providence-Nicely updated 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage **$219,000**
1011 Stanolind Ave . - 3bd, 2 ba, 2 liv, 24'x28' workshop **$230,000**
2605 Bedford - Large 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 liv and 2 din, large backyard w/cinder block fence ..... ***REDUCED* $214,000**
Commerical Lots - 10 Lots on Front St **$199,000**
12700 ECR 81 - 8.5 acres w/ 2013 mobile home, storage buildings, 2 water wells, orchard (fruit trees) on drip system. Greenwood (GISD) ..... ***REDUCED* $198,000**
660 Duke Ave., Odessa, Tx-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage **$197,500**
3528 Shell-Comfy Town Home in great location **$182,500**
3507 Michigan-Great 3bd, 2ba home, huge shop w/A/C. Nicely maintained **$172,000**
316 Tanglewood-3br, 2ba, great area **$169,900**
5100 ECR 136-3bd, 2 1/2ba, 1 acre, double wide ..... ***REDUCED* $169,900**
2215 Huntington-3bd, 2ba, large corner lot, new carpet **$160,000**
4881 ECR 130 - 10 AC LAND! **$160,000**
4411 Storey - 3 bd, 2 ba ..... ***REDUCED* $150,000**
503 Brooks Dr.-3 bed, 1 ba, 2 LA, recent windows **$130,000**
4209 ECR 61 - 2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
4001 ECR 61 - 2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
1410 Lamesa - 2bd, 1ba, .641 acres, commercial **$99,000**
417 E. Magnolia-3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living, sunny & bright **$97,500**
4201 ECR 61 - 2 AC, Bonito Estates **$89,000**
2605 W. Washington - 2bd, 1ba, 1car, Excellent rental income or starter home .. **$79,900**
3805 ECR 157 - 3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, storage shed/workshop **$75,000**
County Road 108-1 AC, new home lot, Pecan Ridge, Greenwood, horses allowed ... **$69,000**
Bonito Estates - MISD New Home Lots $89,000-$104,000
Champion's Run - GISD - New home lots, gated community, 1.5-2 AC. **$61,750-$95,000**
Pecan Ridge-GISD 1 lot left, 1 AC **$69,900**

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3206 HAYNES - $270,000
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, indoor pool!



4122 FOX HOLLOW - $420,000
4br, 3ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 3 car garage.

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Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom 2 bath mark payne resale in stonebridge!

2605 W. CO. RD. 180
$375,000
Country living at its finest! Fabulous 4 bedroom/2 ba home on 4 acres w/huge workshop!

UNDER CONTRACT
1306 TELLURIDE
Immaculate 4Bed/4Ba/3Car Garage Tom Woodruff Resale in Coveted Woodland Park!

6207 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
$1,160,000
Spectacular New construction by Troy Hunt Homes 5 bed, 5 bath, 4 car garage w/a Gameroom in Mockingbird Oaks!

UNDER CONTRACT
4428 ROOSEVELT
$169,000
Spacious 3 bedroom home on corner lot w/carport, workshop & water well!

12101 E. CO. RD. 102
$474,900
Fabulous 4 bed, 2 ba, 2 car on 1.15 acres w/a dazzling pool, pergola, workshop & storage bldg.

1407 AINSLEE
$215,000
Adorable 3bed, 2bath home w/ 2 living areas and huge backyard w/ workshop!

UNDER CONTRACT
621 DIMAGGIO
$260,000
Move in Ready! 4 bed/2 bath/2 car w/builder upgrades!

UNDER CONTRACT
400 NEELY AVE.
$202,000
Very nice, move in ready 3/2/2 built in 2007 home with big back yard!

5205 HILLTOP
$575,000
Spacious 4000 sq. ft. home w/plant gourmet kitchen.

4514 PARKDALE
$169,000
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, natural light. Covered patio.

6708 W. CO. RD. 41
$719,000
Fabulous 4 bed, 3.5 bath home w/shop on 3.5 acres!

UNDER CONTRACT
12101 E. CO. RD. 101
$369,900
Lovely country estate on 1.17! Pride of ownership shows. 3 bed, 2.5 baths, 2 car.

3308 HAYNES
$349,000
Immaculate 3 Bed/2.5/ Living + Study! Designer Paint, Crown Moulding & Granite Throughout! Beautiful Courtyard!

2904 CO. RD. 1060
$299,900
Nice 4bed/2bath/2car michael davis resale on 1 acre in Greenwood.

UNDER CONTRACT
5721 CO. RD. 90
$530,000
4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Beautiful estate on 2.47 acres w/3 shops & 2 patios!

UNDER CONTRACT
1108 PORTERFIELD
$219,000
Cute! Mark Payne resale in stonebridge! 3 Bed, 2 bath, 2 car w/a bonus room!

UNDER CONTRACT
105 S. DEWBERRY
$139,900
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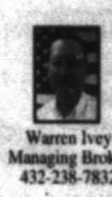
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Beautiful Brick Home with two living areas, two dining areas, wet bar, three bedrooms, and two full baths. Fireplace in formal living area. Covered patio, landscaped front and back yards, attached 2 car garage. Located near schools.
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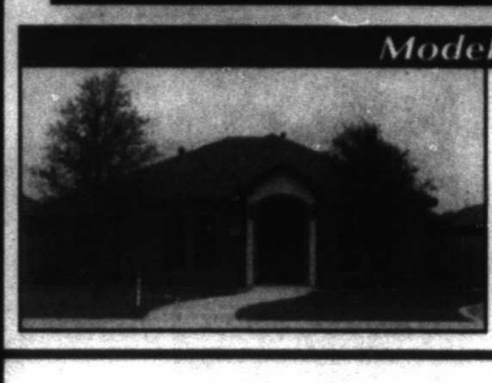

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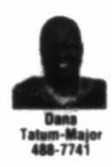

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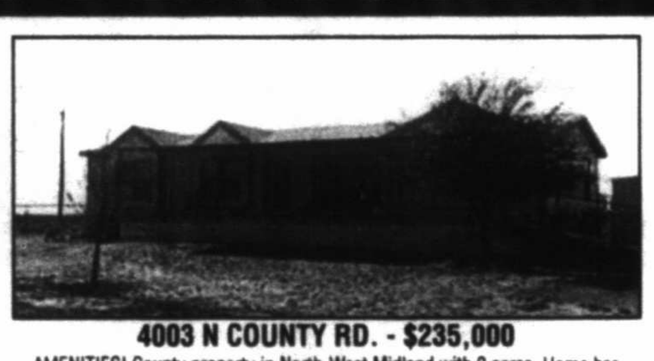
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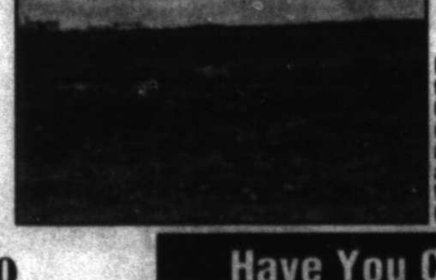
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2701 PARTON WAY	FACT ID #1005	$489,500
800 WOODLAND PARK	FACT ID #1072	U/C
3204 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1033	$324,500
5908 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1025	$322,630
3204 MAXWELL DR	FACT ID #1082	U/C
6 AUBURN CT	FACT ID #1067	U/C
3903 CRESTGATE AVE	FACT ID #1048	SOLD
4732 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1030	PRICE REDUCTION $184,900
4801 YEARWOOD	FACT ID# 1024	U/C
3 BEDROOM		
12810 E. CO. RD. 103	FACT ID #1046	$475,000
908 TRINIDAD PLACE	FACT ID #1019	$389,900
4200 COYOTE	FACT ID #1029	U/C

3 BEDROOM		
36 LAFAYETTE	FACT ID #1036	$319,500
5910 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1012	$323,950
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$314,900
4817 YEARWOOD DR	FACT ID #1094	SOLD
1504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
2 LINDA COURT	FACT ID #1018	$265,000
3809 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1006	$249,000
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708 LEGENDS	FACT ID #2131	U/C
4500 GLENEAGLES	FACT ID #1221	U/C
2410 EMERSON	FACT ID #1037	SOLD
2508 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1056	U/C
1305 PACIFIC AVE	FACT ID #1094	$208,000
107 N BENTWOOD	FACT ID #1089	U/C
1211 TEJAS	FACT ID #1018	U/C

3 BEDROOM		
2821 CINNAMON AVE	FACT ID #1089	$189,900
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
2702 MICHIGAN AVE	FACT ID #1078	$149,900
7100 AIRLINE	FACT ID #1088	$50,000
2519 JUDY	LEASE	$1,800/MONTH
2 BEDROOM		
701 W. SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1661	$189,900
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
3307 HILL AVE	FACT ID #0851	U/C
COMMERCIAL		
8203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000
ODESSA		
3004 SAN MARINO DR	FACT ID #2091	SOLD
3614 MAPLE	FACT ID #1721	U/C
2507 REDBUD AVE	FACT ID #1068	U/C
2443 W. 15TH ST	FACT ID #1081 (RESIDENTIAL LOT 0.19 ACRES)	$30,000



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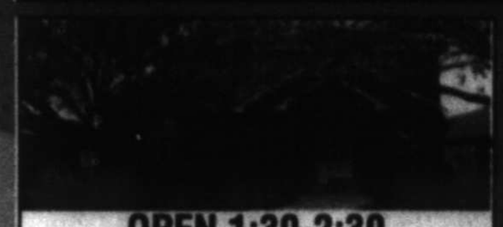
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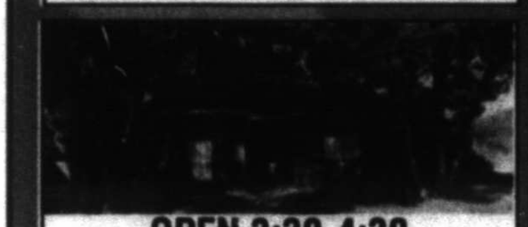
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4103 DYER CIRCLE - $250,000



OPEN 1:30-2:30
6506 MOCKINGBIRD LN. - $700,000
HOSTED BY PAM DODD



OPEN 1:30-2:30
4901 LANCASHIRE - $375,000



OPEN 3:30-4:30
2005 WINDDRIFT - $350,000



OPEN 3:30-4:30
5906 LLANO - $375,000
HOSTED BY REECE BIVENS



OPEN 3:30-4:30
4511 FAIRBANKS DR. - $250,000



OPEN 3:30-4:30
5705 CARMEL CT. - $338,000
HOSTED BY LISA RUSSELL

ACTIVE LISTINGS



515 MOCKINGBIRD LN.
$1,500,000



4521 CORSAIR CT.
$850,000



349 BARTLETT RD., CRANE
$747,000



5624 HATHAWAY CT.
$745,000



4013 BAYBROOK CT.
$640,000



5312 CHESLEY CT.
$618,000



1105 TELLURIDE CT.
$554,500



58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000



1913 GLADEWOOD
$505,000



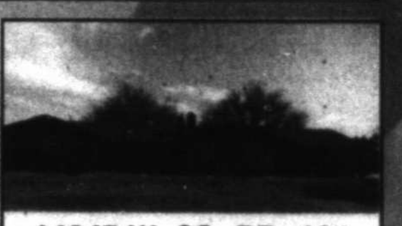
2104 N. I ST.
$475,000



5609 E. CO. RD. 120
$425,000



5707 CROWLEY BLVD.
$425,000



14045 W. CO. RD. 124
$400,000



5108 GREATHOUSE AVE.
$350,000



5701 LLANO CT.
$325,000



2807 MARMON DR.
$320,000



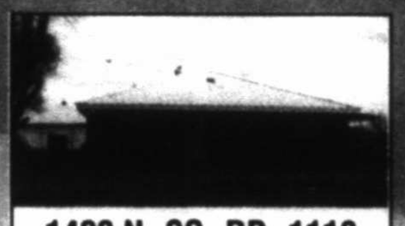
3403 LIMESTONE LANE
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2804 CIMMARON AVE.
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812 BOYD AVE.
$300,000



1400 N. CO. RD. 1110
$295,000



2604 ADONIA ST.
$279,500



901 CHEYENNE ST.
$279,500



3609 APOLLO CT.
$265,000



2906 ARROWHEAD TRAIL
$265,000



4605 BISHOPS CASTLE DR.
$255,000



2801 S. MIDKIFF RD.
$250,000



807 CHEYENNE ST.
$249,900



2302 SINCLAIR AVE.
$225,000



3709 NEELY AVE.
$225,000



1401 MURRAY ST.
$200,000



4511 BELTON PLACE
$195,000



4620 BROOKDALE DR.
$185,000



211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE
$85,000

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS



SALE PENDING
1201 SILVERTON - $525,000



SALE PENDING
5305 CARRINGTON CT. - $450,000



SALE PENDING
6013 OAK CREEK - $382,500



SALE PENDING
6011 OAK CREEK - $379,500



SALE PENDING
10500 E. CO. RD. 109 - $375,000



SALE PENDING
2213 HUMBLE AVE. - $365,000



SALE PENDING
3115 HUMBLE AVE. - $350,000



SALE PENDING
4700 E. CO. RD. 140 - $300,000



SALE PENDING
1007 E. CO. RD. 128 - $300,000



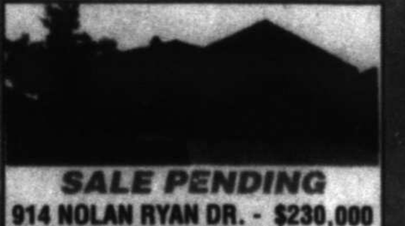
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5707 CHAMPIONS DR. - $275,000



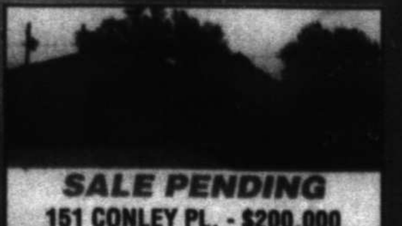
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3503 DENTCREST DR. - $245,000



SALE PENDING
914 NOLAN RYAN DR. - $230,000



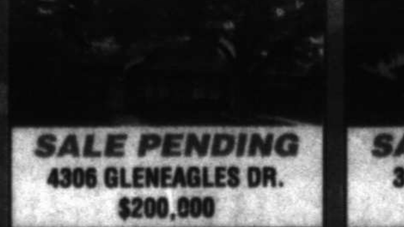
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1000 MAYS DR. - $200,000



SALE PENDING
151 CONLEY PL. - $200,000



SALE PENDING
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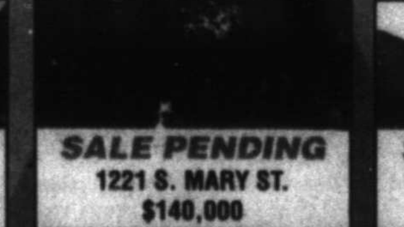
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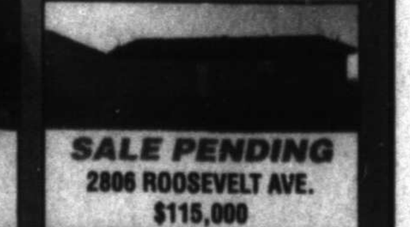
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Sunday Featured Homes!



515 Mockingbird Lane - $1,500,000
Gorgeous! Fabulous! Wow!

Builders custom home w/everything! Grand entry! Formal dining w/huge butler's pantry/wet bar! Living w/fp,vaulted ceiling w/wood treatment! Gourmet kitchen w/2 islands, high end appliances & pantry! Office w/dark cabinets! Huge christmas closet! Seq master w/fp & incredible bath offers his/her vanities + large closet! Media rm w/all the equipment! Amazing back patio w/beautiful pool! 4 Cg!

4521 Corsair Ct. - $850,000
Custom Mr Lary Home On Coveted Street!

Attention to detail at every turn! Wood floors! Formal dining! Formal living! Walls of windows! Cozy den! Gourmet kitchen w/island & breakfast bar! Office area! Seq master! Gorgeous bath w/heated floors,huge shower&fab tub! Designer closet! Seq in-law plan! Huge bedrooms! Amazing closets! Studio w/barn door & storage! 3Cg+golf cart-could be 4th! Incredible patio w/course views!





6506 Mockingbird Ln. - $700,000
Gorgeous 4Br/3.5Ba Home!

Features 2liv/2dining,stained concrete, plantation shutters, unique sliding barndoor, mudroom, large utility room+bonus room! Kitchen has granite counters, viking gas range, pot filler, dbl. Oven & built in coffee maker! Spacious master suite offers sitting area, access to patio/backyard, dual sinks, jacuzzi tub & large walk-in closet! Great covered patio & huge backyard all on almost an acre!

5312 Chesley Ct. - $618,000
Motivated Seller Has Just Drastically Dropped Price To Sell Quickly!

Formal living & dining areas greet you as you arrive! Gourmet kitchen w/granite & stainless appliances offers island & breakfast bar! Breakfast nook is open to cozy den w/fireplace & high ceilings! Incredible gameroom w/fireplace & wet bar allows access to paradise in the backyard! Covered patio, pool, hot tub + yard for pets/kids! Call today for an appointment to see this fantastic property today!



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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
221 EISENHOWER - $167,000
Totally adorable & spacious home! Large kitchen with great looking wood cabinets. Bonus area for an extra living or game room.
Shown by Virginia Elizondo

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4517 SPENCE
Very cute 3br/2ba home built 2006 in Greathouse Elementary.
Show by Ashley Brasher-St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
1115 TELLURIDE - $499,500
Fabulous in Woodland Park. 4bdrm, 3.5 bath, 2 living, 3 garage.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4809 RICHMOND ST. - $325,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4103 DYER CIRCLE - $250,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6506 MOCKINGBIRD LN. - $700,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

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4809 RICHMOND ST. - $325,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4901 LANCASHIRE - $375,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1508 BEDFORD DR. - $399,750
Open & spacious & updated 4 bdrm home in Old Midland! A must see!
Shown by Gina Reyes

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1602 MCCLINTIC
Charming 3/2 home in Old Midland with so many updates.
Listed by Karen Mason

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5709 LLANO CT. - $320,000
Perfect for entertaining! Lots of light!
Shown by Amanda Gunter

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4909 LEARMONT - $275,000
Super nice 3/2 patio-style/backyard and cinderblock fence;beautiful circular drive-up
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:00
1105 JOHNSTON - $165,000
Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with open floor plan. Huge yard for any and all your needs. Close to downtown and park.
Shown by Virginia Elizondo

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2804 EMERSON LANE - $290,000
Spacious 4 br, 3 /12 bath home. 2,935 sq. ft
Walk to Emerson & Goddard!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4975 RUSTIC TRAIL - $432,500
Spectacular in Green Tree North. 3 bdrm, 3 living, sparkling pool!
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 3:00-4:00
2502 CASTLEFORD
New paint, new carpet in the lovely townhome! Priced to sell!
Listed by Karen Mason

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5705 CARMEL CT. - $338,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Lisa Russell

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5906 LLANO - $375,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2005 WINDDRIFT - $350,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4511 FAIRBANKS DR. - $250,000
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HOMESTYLE

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Sunday, May 3, 2015



Get Prepared for Mother Nature

By Rachel Graf | CTW Features

As this summer's storm season approaches, be sure you have prepared your home to withstand the weather. Although there's no stopping Mother Nature, simple home maintenance like pruning trees and cleaning drainage lines could help avoid damage when a storm hits.

Plants & Landscaping

Falling trees can cause significant damage to your home, so preventative landscaping is essential.

Think of tree canopies as sails, says Sabine Schoenberg, founder of home improvement site SabinesHome.com, Greenwich, Connecticut. The wind will catch the "sail" and could uproot the tree, so prune holes in the canopy to allow wind to pass through easily.

But beware of over-pruning, since trees depend on their leaves for food production.

Homeowners living along the coast should be conscientious about what they plant in addition to upkeep. Coastal homes are susceptible to erosion. Reduce the risk of storm damage from flooding and erosion by planting hearty shrubs and grasses that can act as a seawall, says Betsy Rickards, technical assistance writer at the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, Boston.

These grasses have deep roots that will prevent the sediment from moving. The part of the plants aboveground will intercept the water, Rickards explains.

At a community level, if multiple homeowners create gardens with plants that absorb rainwater (known as "rain gardens"), it would reduce the damage from road flooding and other runoff.

Drainage Lines

Next, be sure to keep your drainage lines clean. Gutters should be cleaned twice a year, and since they're so visible, most homeowners maintain them.

Instead, people tend to forget about underground drainage lines, Schoenberg says. If debris and blockages build up underground, you might not know about it until a major storm hits.

"Usually during normal rain events, the system works fine," Schoenberg says. But when a big storm strikes, the system needs to work at 100 percent capacity. Much like a body's arteries, "If you have a blockage, you have a major problem."

Schoenberg recommends hiring someone to look at drainage lines every two to four years depending on the age of your house – more often if your home is older.

Power Outages

Finally, even if your home is as storm-ready as possible, downed power lines can cause a lot of trouble.

If you know a hurricane or major storm is coming, prepare for long-term power outages with an emergency kit. A standard emergency kit should include flashlights, a battery-powered radio or television, a landline phone with a cord, enough bottled water for one gallon per person per day, blankets, first-aid kits, non-perishable foods and a can opener, says Nicholas Morici, media relations manager at Delmarva Power, an energy company for Delaware and Maryland.

A generator is also useful during power outages, especially if you work from home. Even if you don't live in a hurricane-prone area, a backup generator will add financial value to your property, Schoenberg says.

She recommends investing in a permanent, rather than portable, generator. Portable generators run on gas, which is often disrupted during the storm.

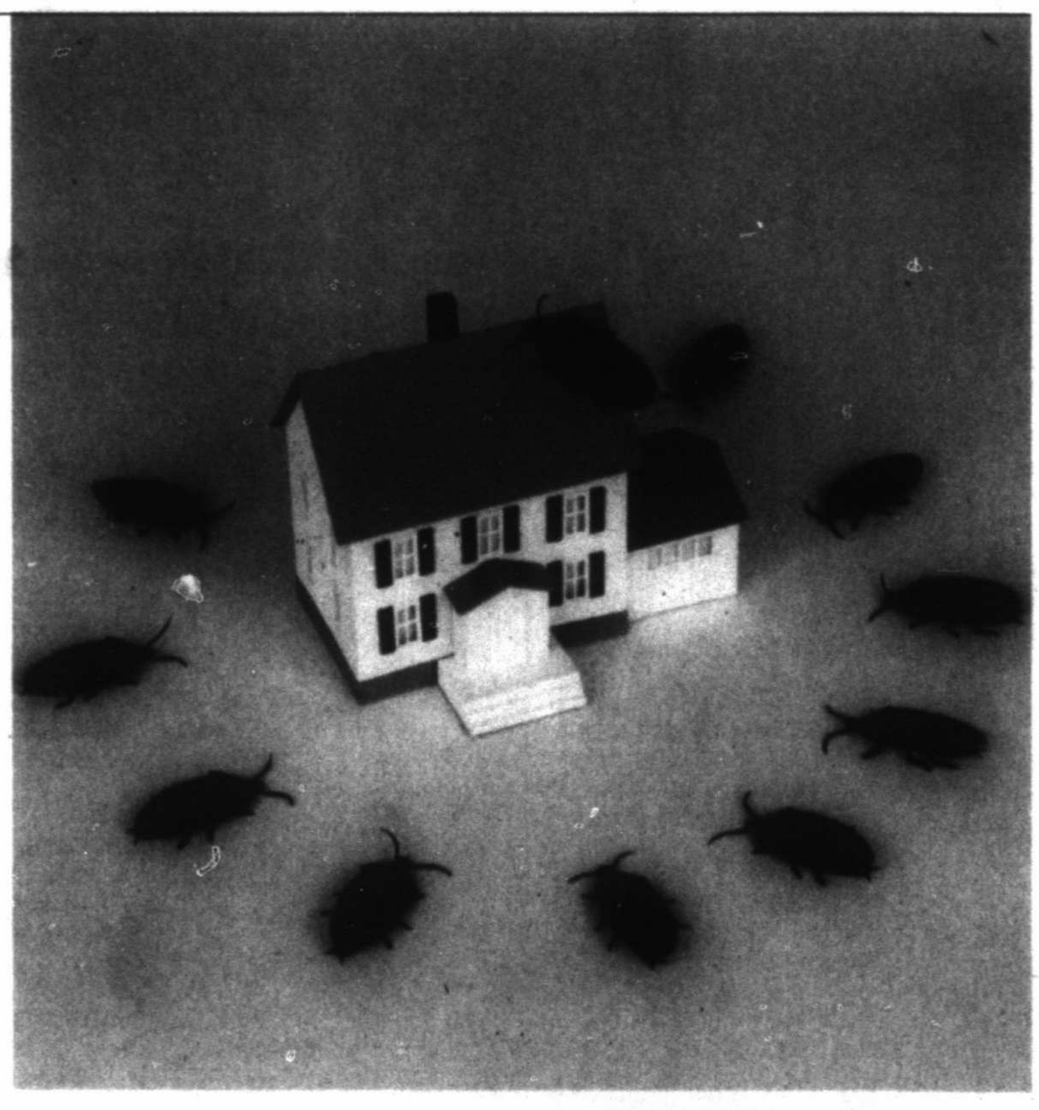
Don't wait until a hurricane or other storm is days away to make these changes. As demand for landscapers and other home professionals increases, so do prices.

"Spend money early and get it done so you get really good pricing," Schoenberg says. "You'll have everything in place, so when the storm is coming, you're in good shape." © CTW Features

Stop Pests, Naturally

Nobody wants bugs in the home, and harsh chemicals aren't the only way to get rid of them for good. Try these homemade and natural ingredients to keep household pests at bay

By ALYSSA KARAS | CTW Features



Chili peppers, cinnamon, red wine: Nope, this isn't the recipe for your next meal. These household ingredients can be used to keep pests away from your home and garden.

Homemade and natural remedies are an easy and effective alternative to chemical pesticides, especially if you've got kids or pets.

"At the end of the day, you're never going to get rid of all the bugs," says David Murphy, former vice president of product development and marketing at EcoSmart, which manufactures natural pesticides using essential oils. "Bugs are a good thing in nature in their own special way. You're just trying to keep them out of your house." First of all, Murphy says, make sure your home is well sealed.

But if crawly creatures do manage to get in, here are a few recipes to remove them. Ants and cockroaches are two of the most common insects to invade the home.

"Cockroaches are everywhere," says Loren Nancarrow, author of "Dead Snails Leave No Trails: Natural Pest Control for Home and Garden" (Ten Speed Press, 2013) with Janet Hogan Taylor. "There's big ones, little ones, but they're so high on the yuck factor that people want to get rid of them." An unexpected way to eradicate them? Bacon drippings. Form a paste with 1/2 cup borax, 1/8 cup sugar and bacon drippings. Form balls, adding flour if necessary, and place on wax paper where you've spotted roaches. Be careful to keep away from children and pets.

Toothpaste, cinnamon and eucalyptus oil can prevent ants from becoming a problem in your home, Nancarrow says. Identify entry points insects might use, and plug the holes. Or, try putting some cinnamon in windows; ants don't like to cross powdery substances, Nancarrow says.

Silverfish are also common, and they're easy to eliminate. "They're in every part of the country, and they like to eat starchy material," Nancarrow says. "They'll get behind Grandma's picture frame, stuff you want to keep, and start to eat the paste." To remedy this, apply masking tape, sticky side facing out, around a glass and put a bit of flour inside. The insect will be able to crawl into the cup, but not out, making for an easy, safe trap.

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617 DIMAGGIO CT.

Don't Wait for New…This is all that and more, pristine home!! Drive up to a zero maintenance front yard with circle drive for additional parking. Natural light invites you into a generous entry that explodes into a giant family room with corner fireplace. The ever so popular open floor plan is complimented with walls of windows for dining to the adjacent kitchen separated by a breakfast bar. This kitchen is enhanced with many cabinets that are colored with warm rich stains and an additional opening to view fireplace from kitchen. More generous than most in this neighborhood, the laundry offers room for your second fridge pulse your pantry. A Sequestered master roomy enough for your large furniture. Calming "Oasis" colors in the master bath with double closets, separate tub and shower and dual sinks in a sizable vanity. Additional 3 bedrooms share a generous bath. Party on the Patio, yes it's that big, fire pit for cooler evenings plus a bonus area for Whatever your imagination will allow… currently a game room. **MLS#104177 • $265,000 2,097 per MCAD**

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1007 Woodland Park	-4/3/3 car		MLS #102666	$449,500
2112 Evans Ln	-4/3/3 car on 1.12 acres		MLS #102667	$415,500
617 Dimaggio Ct.			MLS#104177	$265,000
13815 Loyola	-3/2/2 with shop on 1.41 acres		MLS #104033	$187,900
302 S. Lee St.	-3/2 NEW construction		MLS #103344	$176,000
304 S. Lee St.	-3/2 NEW construction	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #103346	$176,000
4111 Anetta Dr.	-2/1/1 carport	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #103949	$107,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres	RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876	$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres		MLS #96888	$444,000
Sundridge Ranch Estate	-New Homesites (Only 4 Lots)			3+ acre lots $135,000
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4007 Heritage Oaks
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This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home features an open formal dining room, large flex room and utility room with built-in lockers. You will love the walls of windows, built in desk area and gourmet kitchen with double ovens and granite countertops.







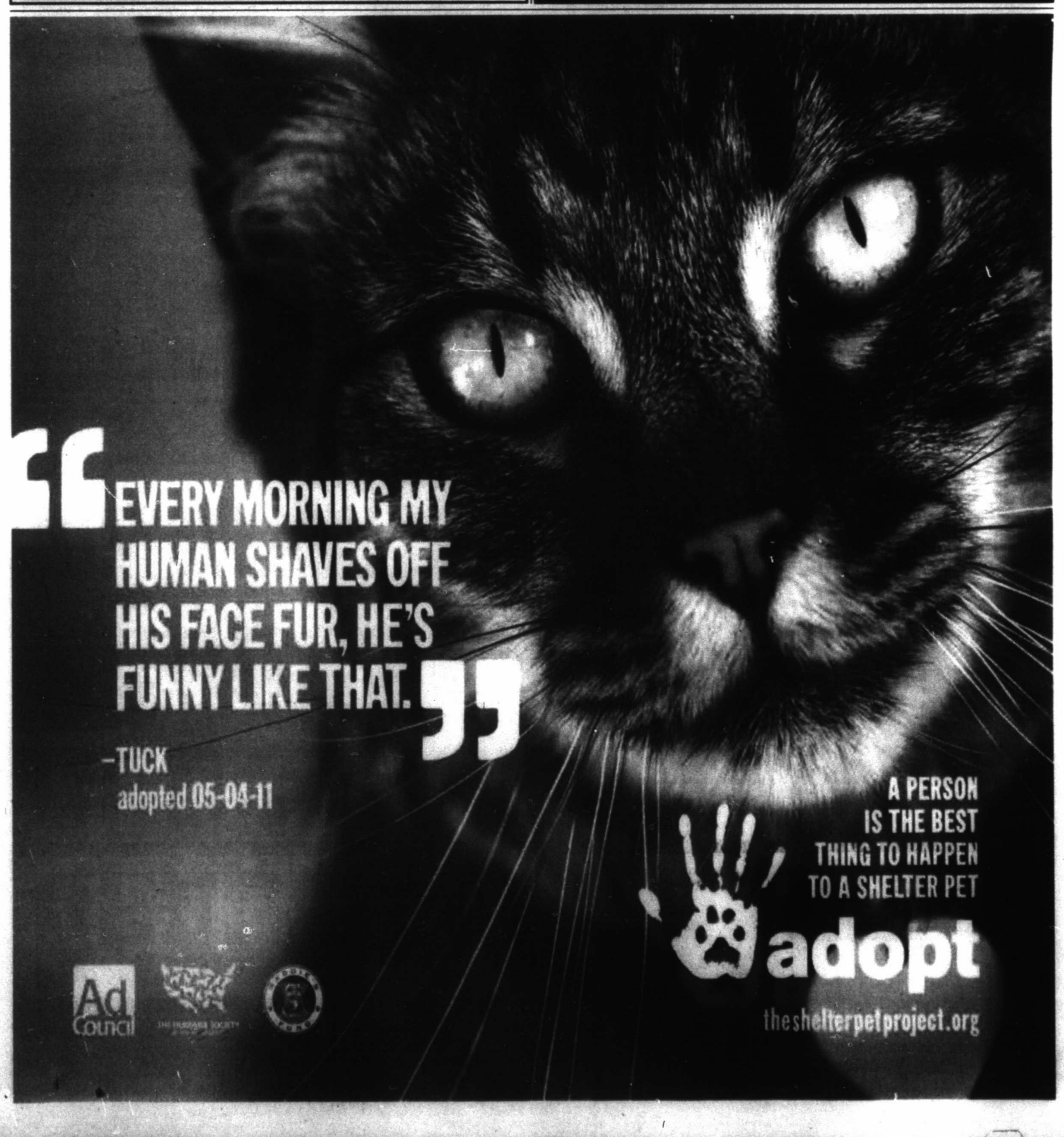
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$426,500

You don't want to miss this gorgeous home in Woodland Park. It includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, a formal dining and large flex room. Within walking distance to the pond.

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6011 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	UC
6012 Rio Grande- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	UC
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1606 W. MICHIGAN...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #103611 ..... $279,900
1800 MISSOURI...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #103530 ..... $279,900
3800 MISSION CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #102577 ..... $279,900
901 CHEYENNE ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101251 ..... $279,500
1006 W. MICHIGAN...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #103612 ..... SALE PENDING
1107 DURANT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #99124 ..... $277,000
5707 CHAMPIONS DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103614 ..... SALE PENDING
2516 HUBBLE AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ..... MLS #104009 ..... $275,000
2109 W. INDIANA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #104009 ..... $275,000
4723 SPRING MEADOW LANE, #2...Kay Blevins 934-5905 ..... MLS #102669 ..... SALE PENDING
3201 BLUEBIRD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #102624 ..... SALE PENDING
4010 HYDE PARK...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... $269,900
508 EDWARDS...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103556 ..... $269,000
2401 GODDARD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103692 ..... $269,000
5805 FROST...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #102618 ..... $265,000
2007 W. DENGAR AVE...Jo Keller 269-8319 ..... MLS #103925 ..... $264,900
1109 HORSESHOE CT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #102782 ..... $259,000
4105 DYER...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #102538 ..... $259,000
607 CHEYENNE ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... $249,900
2217 W. SHANNON AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103232 ..... $249,000
2904 MCDONALD...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #103809 ..... $245,000
409 HOGAN...Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..... MLS #103702 ..... $234,900
5600 DEWITT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103205 ..... SALE PENDING
4209 MERRILL DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# 102961 ..... SALE PENDING
2911 AARROWHEAD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103741 ..... SALE PENDING
914 NOLAN RYAN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103909 ..... SALE PENDING
4009 WESTMINISTER DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #103260 ..... $229,900
1000 BOYD...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... $229,900
2917 W. SHANNON AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103933 ..... $229,000
3709 NEELY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103402 ..... $225,000
908 NOLAN RYAN...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ..... MLS #103248 ..... SALE PENDING
2202 SINCLAIR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101836 ..... $225,000
800 NOLAN RYAN DRIVE...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #103588 ..... SALE PENDING
1000 BOYD...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... $219,900
202 MITCHELL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103049 ..... $215,000
3316 NEELY AVE...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #104006 ..... $215,000
3715 PERMIAN COURT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103873 ..... $212,000
3805 FRIENDA...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #102783 ..... $210,000
1000 CLEMENTE COURT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... SALE PENDING
2106 MARIETTA CT...Kim Merrill 664-4700 ..... MLS #102852 ..... $200,000
602 WAGNER...Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..... MLS #103716 ..... $200,000
3210 FRONTIER...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103183 ..... $200,000
1403 LEWIS AVE...Jeff Wood 557-8744 ..... MLS #103282 ..... $200,000
4829 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #103900 ..... $200,000
3900 MAYS DR...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #102700 ..... $200,000
3906 SINCLAIR AVE...Darla Davis 260-9077 ..... MLS #101800 ..... $200,000
3909 COUNTRY CLUB...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102727 ..... $201,000
3909 MAYS DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103903 ..... SALE PENDING
1401 MURRAY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103789 ..... $200,000
3100 ELMA...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS# 102943 ..... SALE PENDING
809 SHELLANE...Peggy Spence 894-3011 ..... MLS #102844 ..... $199,000
4011 BELTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103640 ..... $195,000
1105 LAVACA AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5984 ..... MLS #103282 ..... $194,000
3308 DENTON ST...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103541 ..... SALE PENDING
2105 WHITTLE WAY...Jane Wolf 432-352-4808 ..... MLS #101285 ..... SALE PENDING
4501 PALMER...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS#103993 ..... SALE PENDING
4029 BROOKDALE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... $189,900
3210 WARD ST...Elissa Flatt 557-7159 ..... MLS #103126 ..... SALE PENDING
705 ALPINE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #101390 ..... $178,500
2311 E. KISENHOWER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103982 ..... $167,000
4729 PRINCETON...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #103210 ..... SALE PENDING
4005 BAUMANN AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104003 ..... SALE PENDING
4013 WILSHIRE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103053 ..... SALE PENDING
307 S. ADAMS AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #104051 ..... $150,000
1911 A NAVAJO...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103997 ..... 363 Acres/$140,000
423 ELM AVE...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ..... MLS #103813 ..... SALE PENDING
4405 ERIE...Pam Messer 349-8573 ..... MLS #100066 ..... SALE PENDING
1214 E. SHANNON AVE...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ..... MLS #101800 ..... $139,900
3300 HILL AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103761 ..... SALE PENDING
4304 THOMASON...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #103796 ..... $100,700
1400 W. WASHINGTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103098 ..... $100,000
1505 COLORADO...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #101935 ..... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

1407 W TEXAS AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #101991 ..... $230,000
104 CLUB DRIVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104131 ..... SALE PENDING
3502 BEDFORD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS # 102802 ..... SALE PENDING
2501 HOYA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103976 ..... SALE PENDING
3540 SHELL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103714 ..... $174,900
4021 LIVINGSTON ST...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #103302 ..... $169,900
3005 BELLE GROVE...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ..... MLS #103435 ..... SALE PENDING
1000 LAMHAM ST...Kim Merrill 664-4700 ..... MLS #102359 ..... $165,000
715 MELTON ALLEY...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #1040560 ..... SALE PENDING
2602A PECOS...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #103404 ..... SALE PENDING
338 E. CLOUD...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #102286 ..... SALE PENDING
2806 ROOSEVELT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... SALE PENDING

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

3529 BOYD AVE...Lydia Scudder ..... MLS #103042 ..... $240,000
2506 WADLEY...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #103146 ..... $229,900
3233 WHITTLE WAY...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #103693 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

1300 S. CO. RD. 1130...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# 102406 ..72 Acres/$2,700,000
6901 W. CO. RD. 75...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... 4 Acres/$845,000
4010 E. CO. RD. 61...Elisa Flatt 557-7159 ..... 2.3 Acres/$630,000
5104 N. CO. RD. 1150...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102429 ..... $595,000
2508 N. CO. RD. 1275...Mara Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #102680 ..... $550,000
5104 S. CO. RD. 1150...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102429 ..... $489,900
5809 CO. RD. 120...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #102222 ..... $425,000
12111 E CO. RD. 101...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... SALE PENDING
2411 S. CO. RD. 1119...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103974 ..1.5 Acres/$379,500
10500 E CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103930 ..... SALE PENDING
7210 E. CO. RD. 91...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #102435 ..... $374,000
1011 CO. RD. 1095...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #101416 ..... $325,000
4291 S. CO. RD. 1185...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ..... MLS #100444 ..... $325,000
3901 S. CO. RD. 1095...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103274 ..... $314,000
1007 E. CO. RD. 128...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101746 ..... SALE PENDING
4799 E. CO. RD. 146...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101833 ..... SALE PENDING
6309 S. CO. RD. 1295...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #104057O ..... SALE PENDING
10003 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... $290,000
1400 N. CO. RD. 1110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103113 ..... $290,000
5007 E. CO. RD. 130...Reannah Wyatt 275-9015 ..... MLS #103511 ..... $245,000
2300 S. CO. RD. 1129...Larry Hahfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #103811 ..... $239,900
10807 E. CO. RD. 104...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103794 ..... $229,900
1300 W. CO. RD. 88...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #103426 ..... $215,000
7209 E. CO. RD. 86...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ..... MLS# 102274 ..... SALE PENDING
3401 S. CO. RD. 1075...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #101967 ..... 1 Acre/$200,000
10705 E. CO. RD. 105...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #103897 ..... SALE PENDING
104 E. CO. RD. 128...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS#102185A ..... SALE PENDING
1210 N. CO. RD. 1001...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ..... MLS# 101074 ..... 2RD/$174,900
1017 A NAVAJO...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103997 ..... 363 Acres/$140,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 118...Mark Phillibar ..... MLS #93898 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104091 ..... $747,000
1600 NE 1001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker ..... MLS# 100455 ..... $525,000
14945 W. CO. RD. 124, ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880..MLS #103799 ..... $498,000
10102 N. PECAN AVE...GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 432-349-3330 ..... MLS #100285 ..... 10+ Acres/$365,000
7601 KEYHAVEN, ODESSA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #95295 ..... SALE PENDING
11402 W. CO. RD. 40, GARDENDALE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ..... 3 Acres/ $355,000
3878 KENWOOD DR...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #99570 ..... SALE PENDING
151 CORLEY PL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103711 ..... SALE PENDING
1416 SPUR, ODESSA...Sue Lytle 432-661-5338 ..... $199,000
1402 W. 22ND ST., ODESSA...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #102499 ..... $194,000
13815 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #104033 ..... $187,900
4010 CANDY LANE, ODESSA...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102799 ..... SALE PENDING
5327 LONGSHORE RD., BIG SPRING...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #101735 ..... 38D/$189,000
408 1ST, STANTON...Michelle Kidd ..... MLS #101475 ..... $180,000
1003 3RD, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker ..... MLS #101790 ..... $140,000
211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #104054 ..... $95,000
1013 STADIUM, BIG SPRING...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #101629 ..... $50,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10294 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103036 10.11 Ac/$2,100,000
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #102751 ..... $1,900,000
5308 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #99121 ..... $799,000
3311 TAMMY DR., ODESSA...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102144 ..... $595,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #101869 ..... $580,000
810 W. KENTUCKY...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #102788 ..... $450,000
3207 W. FRONT ST...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #102671 ..... $385,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..7.817 Ac/$337,950
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102474 ..11.292 Ac/$337,500
E. CO. RD. 140-LOT 11...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103744 ..... 5 Acres/$339,000
S. LAMESA RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103878 ..... 10 Acre Tract/$300,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 2...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102240 ..... 9.7 Acres/$291,000
1811 ORCHARD DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #102503 ..... $294,900
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102472 ..9.479 Ac/$284,370
4483 WEST IN 20...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# L100979 ..... $280,000
1407 W TEXAS AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS# 101992 ..... $240,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102473 ..9.296 Ac/$269,150
CO. RD. 140-LOT 9...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 6...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102246 ..5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 4...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102243 ..5.8 Acres/$162,500
1003 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #101967 ..... $162,500
CO. RD. 140-LOT 13...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102251 ..... $159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 12...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102250 ..5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 18...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
3501 CO. RD. 1140...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102674 ..... $150,000
S. LAMESA RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #103877 ..... 5 Acre Tract/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 9...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #102257 ..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/$129,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #103887 ..... $80,000

LAND AND LOTS

CO. RD. 55...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..... MLS #102675 ..... 5 Acres/
W. CO. RD. 118...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... North Ridge Dev. RV Park/
Storage Complex $20,000,000
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97407
SUPERB Land: Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
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. 902.20 Acres/$2,000,000
3282 S. CO. RD. 1050...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #101019 ..... 90.91 Acres/$1,540,905
000 FM 1213...Kim Merrill 664-4700 ..... MLS #101072 ..... $1,382,875
CO. RD. 1110...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #96969 ..... SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97406
SUPERB Land/920 Acres/$1,280,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 96.85 Acres/$969,500
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #94070 ..... 185 Acres/$925,000
FM 1212, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #102647 ..... 330.98 Acres/$545,000
2415 IDLEWILDE DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #103758 ..... $535,000
1200 STOKES...Jane Wolf 352-4808 ..... MLS #100781 ..... 10+ Acres/$475,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #96888 ..... 22 Acres/$444,000
E. CO. RD. 120...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 40 Acres/$360,000
N. CO. RD. 1195/ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS#95384 ..... 20 Acres/$299,000
4483 WEST IN 20...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... 7 Acres Raw Land...MLS# L102979 ..... $280,000
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #99518 ..... 29.1 Acres/$276,450
4821 N. CR 1147...Caleb Matott 432-349-3330 ..... MLS #99648 ..... 9+ Acres/$175,000
5109 DUMBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #101143 ..... $135,000
HWY. 80...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #101936 ..... $150,000
3501 N. CO. RD. 1140...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #102674 ..... 2.36 acres /$150,000
CR 119 GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...New Subdivision/1 available..... 5 Acres/$149,000
6213 DUMBARTON OAKS BLVD...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #102876 ..... $140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... 3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
5001 CO. RD. 61...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #103862 ..... $124,900
7200 E. CO. RD. 111...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103299 ..... $122,900
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #100052 ..... $120,000
CO. RD. 119, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 1 available ..... 3+ Acres/$119,000
7400 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100047 ..... 4.56 Acres/$95,180
CR 119 GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...New Subdivision/3 available ..... 3 Acres/$89,000
7411 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100044 ..... 1.468 Acres/$84,504
7209 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..... MLS #103296 ..... $82,500
1202 S. CO. RD. 117...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100043 ..1.468 Acres/$81,504
CR 119 GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330...New Subdivision/3 available...3+ Acres/$80,000
7310 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #100046 ..1.917 Acres/$68,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 18...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103522 ..... 1.3 Acres/$45,500
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ..... MLS #103605 ..... $40,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... 64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
2000 CO. RD. 1200...Kim Merrill 664-4700 ..... MLS #100042 ..6.982 Acres/$42,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 5...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103444 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 19...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103451 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 11...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103452 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 12...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103453 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 13...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103455 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 14...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103458 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 15...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103459 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 16...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103520 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
W. CO. RD. 171-LOT 17...Contact Russ Lloyd 432-943-1554 ..... MLS #103521 ..... 1 Acre/$35,000
E. CO. RD. 1095, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 86.86 Acres/$18,000/Acre
CO. RD. 100 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97405
GREAT Land, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre

FARMS AND RANCHES

LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 ..... HUGE OPPORTUNITY: Water Rights $20,000,000
CO. RD. 160 & 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... MLS #97407 ..... SUPERB Land: Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
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. 902.20 Acres/$2,000,000
VAL VERDE CO. PECOS RIVER RANCH...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ..... 1597.27 Acres/$1,197,952.50
CO. RD. 160 &



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Museum and library bring 'Monster' collaboration

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Over the weekend, Midlanders might have noticed some strangers around town — most notably in the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch and the Museum of the Southwest's Fredda Turner Durham's Children Museum.

Both Midland institutions debuted the North American premiere of "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" on Friday. With more than 30 natural specimens, eight full-live models, three animatronics, computer stations, timelines and more, the massive exhibition was only going to happen here because of this super team-up between the museum and the library. Permian Monsters is essentially a two-part exhibition.

"I don't know of a larger exhibit or bigger collaboration that has ever taken place in Midland," County Commissioner Randy Prude said at the Permian Monsters press conference. "This is going to be a great success."

Permian Monsters had been in the works for a year before Friday's opening as plans were arranged and ironed out between the organizations' schedules.

"We're excited to host this exhibition," said Brian Lee Whisenhunt, Museum of the Southwest executive director. "The staffs of both have been working for a long time to pull this together. With any collaboration of this size, it takes a lot of conversations, lots of questions and lots of discussions on how it will work."

Midland is the first location for this exhibition to be shown on this side of the globe. Permian Monsters traveled to Midland from its homebase in Tasmania, Australia.

The exhibition allows viewers to go back 290 million years before the time of dinosaurs most of us are so familiar with. All the "monsters" are from the Permian geological period that also featured the creation of the Permian Basin. The extinction of these creatures was considered the largest mass extinction event on the planet.

While viewers can see the monsters up close, they will also learn more about the time period via peripheral educational materials and additional programming by both the library and the museum.

"While we'll capture some school tours before summer break, we'll also be incorporating our summer reading programming and story time into the exhibition as well as supplementary efforts," said John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Libraries.

Permian Monsters can thus be experienced in several different ways and by a variety of people. This was important to both Whisenhunt and Trischitti.

"We always try to look for opportunities that play across the spectrum of ages," Whisenhunt said. "I think this will be interesting in a variety of ways, and, on our end, there is a lot of art to it, as well. We'll be hosting our portion in Durham Children's Museum, but it's not just for children."

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With Kristi Edwards | clinical and operations director at Centers for Children and Families

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, so we caught up with Kristi Edwards, clinical and operations director at Centers for Children and Families. Centers offers counseling services and other resources to those who otherwise would not be able to afford them. Edwards, who has a master's degree in clinical psychology from UTPB, has been at the nonprofit since 1999. When she's not helping families and individuals at Centers, Edwards can be found reading, listening to music, decorating friends' houses, planning weekend getaways, playing with her dogs and spending time with friends and family. Next month she and husband, Kelly Edwards, will celebrate their 30th anniversary. They have three sons, one daughter-in-law and another soon-to-be daughter-in-law. Read Kristi Edward's column on page 3E.

MRT: What is your proudest professional achievement?

Edwards: Being named clinical and operations director of Centers for Children and Families by my CEO and board of directors. This has allowed all the ideas floating around in my head to come to fruition.

MRT: What is your best quality?

Edwards: If you are talking to me, you know I am listening.

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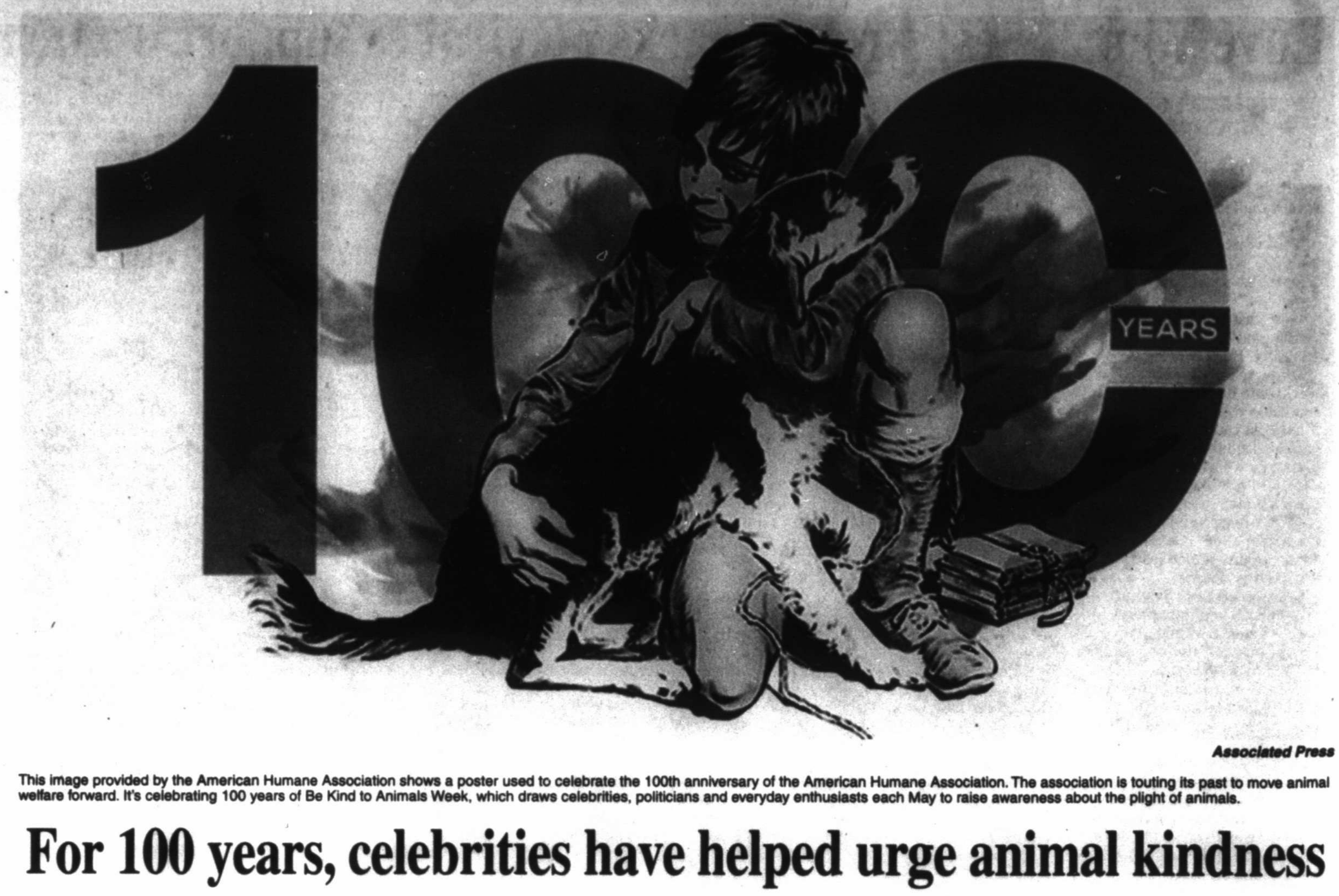
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Associated Press

This image provided by the American Humane Association shows a poster used to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Humane Association. The association is touting its past to move animal welfare forward. It's celebrating 100 years of Be Kind to Animals Week, which draws celebrities, politicians and everyday enthusiasts each May to raise awareness about the plight of animals.

For 100 years, celebrities have helped urge animal kindness

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — These days, people pay piles of cash to pamper their pets, but problems remain on the farm and in the slaughterhouse, on movie sets and at animal shelters — even in the wild.

That's why the American Humane Association is touting its past to move animal welfare forward. It's celebrating 100 years of Be Kind to Animals Week, which draws celebrities, politicians and everyday enthusiasts each May to raise awareness about the plight of animals.

Day spas and designer duds for dogs are the norm now, but inhumane treatment springs up in places from puppy mills to jungles, where animals are killed for their tusks or pelts. In ways, there's more work to do than when kindness week started in 1915.

Celebrities have asked people to combat different problems throughout the years, and history shows notables from Eleanor Roosevelt to Shirley Temple and John Wayne have a soft spot for helping animals.

No star is taking the lead this year, but the week will be expanded, lasting through 2015. Association leaders will make television appearances, hold open houses and provide materials to teach children compassion.

An interactive retrospective about the week's history will appear online, and the group will tour schools with its traveling museum and a fleet of famed Red Star Rescue trucks used to save animals during disasters.

"It warms my heart because here we are, just as relevant today as we were 100 years ago," said association President and CEO Robin Ganzert.

The group urges Americans to take a pledge on Kindness100.org to help animals by purchasing humanely raised eggs, meat and dairy; getting a pet from a shelter to cut down on euthanasia; watching movies featuring the "No Animals Were Harmed" end credit; and visiting zoos and aquariums to learn about wildlife conservation.

A century ago, the kindness celebration started amid World War I and the toll it took on horses. Before the war ended in 1918, 10 million horses would die on European battlefields.

Over the years, celebrities showcased different ways to help animals:

■ In 1936, Shirley Temple asked people to watch out for animals crossing the road.

■ In 1966, "Bonanza" star Lorne Green urged Americans to look out for "dognappers" and cattle rustlers.

■ In 1972, comedienne Carol Burnett aimed to teach families, especially children, how to take care of newly adopted pets.

■ In 1982, actor Clint Eastwood, an Oscar-winning producer and director, emphasized the importance of safety for entertainment animals. "I won't allow a scene where animals are mistreated. I won't tolerate it and never have. There's no movie that's worth it," he said.

The campaign has faced opposition when many thought the focus should be on people, not pets, including during World War II.

"I believe there is great value in continuing to train children in the proper attitude toward their pets," first lady Eleanor Roosevelt countered in her syndicated newspaper column on April 13, 1943.

Learning compassion at a young age took root for veterinarian Marty Becker, who has taught millions of children about animals on "Good Morning America" and "The Dr. Oz Show."

Growing up on a small Idaho farm, he had to collect eggs from the chickens before school. It took too long and he got pecked too much, so Becker tried scaring the chickens away to make it easier.

"It worked really good. They flew off the nesting boxes," he said.

But his father found out and laid in wait, giving Becker the same scare he'd given the chickens — teaching him that animals deserve the same compassion as people.

First lady: I "fell in love" with NYC's new Whitney museum

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michelle Obama praised New York's Whitney Museum of American Art for its outreach to the community during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the museum's new downtown home Thursday and said she "fell in love" with the Renzo Piano-designed building.

"This is the most beautiful freight elevator I've ever ridden on," the first lady said after what she described as a brief tour. "Just about every space in this museum is magnificent."

The $422-million building at the southern terminus of the High Line elevated park in Manhattan's meatpacking district opens to the public on Friday. The Whitney's old building on the Upper East Side will house the Metropolitan Museum of Art's contemporary collection.

"Mamma mia, what a joy," said Piano, the Pritzker Prize-winning architect whose buildings include the headquarters of The New York Times and the Pompidou Center in France, designed with Richard Rogers and Gianfranco Franchini. Piano was awarded the top architecture prize as laureate in 1998.

Piano said he loves making buildings for public use because they are "the essence of cities." He added: "I especially love to make buildings for art and beauty, and the reason is very simple. Because art and beauty makes people better people."



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At the same time, this is an opportunity for Midlanders to be introduced to organizations they might not be familiar with.

"This collaboration gives us what we can't do on our own, but I also think it raises the acceptance level in community. We have a lot of crossover, but there is a percentage of our audiences that don't use the other, and so we think that this collaboration will be an additional success in expanding client bases," Trischitti said.

In their preparations and talks, Trischitti and Whisenhunt discussed that not all people share the same thoughts on historical timelines.

"We deal with that all the time at the library because the nature of our business demands us to be very diverse," Trischitti said. "We play up the more fun and educational components, and let the people decide how they feel."

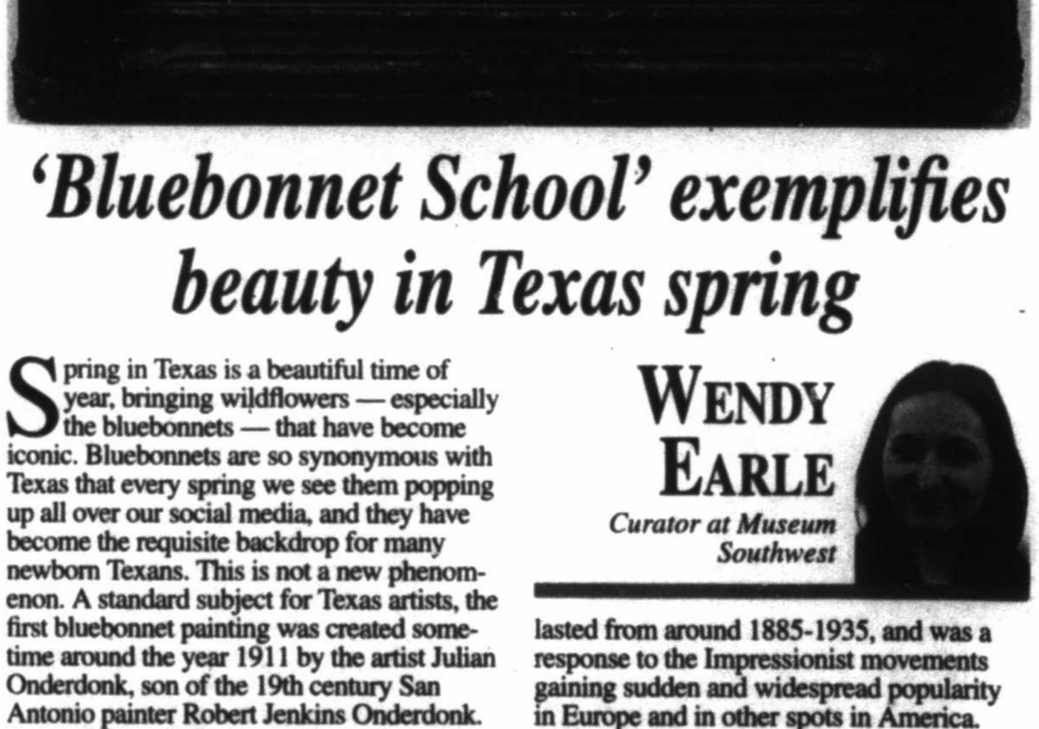
Whisenhunt added that this was a discussion held early on. "We're trying to inspire people to have those conversations and if this can, that's wonderful."

But after a year in the making (or 290 million years), both institutions are glad the time has finally come for Midland to present Permian Monsters, and they're also excited about what the future can hold because of this.

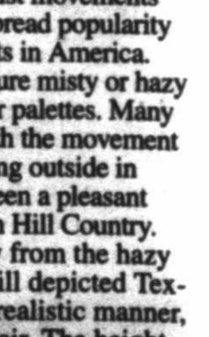
"Brian and I both have been here about same time, and we sought to do something big and amazing. We found this exhibition has appeal for both our organizations," Trischitti said.

"We were looking for the next big thing, and I think we found it," Whisenhunt added. "I hope this is the first of many collaborations and perhaps even an example how other organizations can work together."

Permian Monsters: Life Before The Dinosaurs at Fredda Turner Durham's Children Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $5 adults, $3 children, seniors, active military. And at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free. Through July 26. museumsw.org or www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/lib.



'Bluebonnet School' exemplifies beauty in Texas spring



WENDY EARLE
Curator at Museum Southwest

Spring in Texas is a beautiful time of year, bringing wildflowers — especially the bluebonnets — that have become iconic. Bluebonnets are so synonymous with Texas that every spring we see them popping up all over our social media, and they have become the requisite backdrop for many newborn Texans. This is not a new phenomenon. A standard subject for Texas artists, the first bluebonnet painting was created sometime around the year 1911 by the artist Julian Onderdonk, son of the 19th century San Antonio painter Robert Jenkins Onderdonk. In the 1920s wildflower landscapes inspired exhibitions and the rise of the "Bluebonnet School," still going strong in Texas today. The early wildflower landscape painters were part of the loosely defined Texas Impressionism movement. As the subject matter really took off, painters were jokingly referred to as being part of the "Bluebonnet School." Many of these artists were living in San Antonio and Austin and taking painting trips into the Hill Country. Though sometimes derided by art critics, bluebonnet painting is a part of Texas history, and some truly talented painters have taken up the subject.

In 1927, an oilman named Edgar B. Davis, along with the San Antonio Art League, created the Texas Wildflower Competitive Exhibition, later called the San Antonio Competitive Exhibition. The short-lived exhibition awarded some of the biggest prizes available at the time, and artists who won included Porfirio Salinas of Texas and Oscar Berninghaus, Joseph Fleck and E. Martin Hennings, famous painters from Taos, New Mexico. The large prize money available to the winners ensured many artists entered the competition, and some of those painters stuck to the subject matter.

The Texas Impressionism movement lasted from around 1885-1935, and was a response to the Impressionist movements gaining sudden and widespread popularity in Europe and in other spots in America. Hallmarks of the style feature misty or hazy lines and softer pastel color palettes. Many of the artists associated with the movement painted en plein air, meaning outside in nature, which must have been a pleasant experience during spring in Hill Country.

Later artists shied away from the hazy impressionist style, but still depicted Texas wildflowers in a more realistic manner, and also painted en plein air. The height of the bluebonnet painting movement might have been during the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. Johnson hung Salinas' works in the White House during his presidency, bringing national attention to bluebonnet painting and making it one of the highest exemplars of traditional Texas art. Lady Bird Johnson, famously supportive of Texas wildflowers, called Salinas one of her favorite artists.

Though not currently on display, the Museum of the Southwest owns several paintings by Julian Onderdonk and Salinas, including Onderdonk's Early Spring, Southwest Texas, painted in 1912. This oil painting documents trees just starting to bloom, a herd of sheep and an expanse of cacti in the foreground giving viewers a sense of the diversity inherent in Texas landscapes.

Love Your Lines: stretch marks go viral to support women

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Karly Vedan was 9 when she first noticed stretch marks popping on her legs.

"I grew pretty tall really fast," she said. "They looked really creepy, like something scratched my knees."

Well, fast forward more than a decade and her lines have lots of company. Before giving birth a year ago to an adorable son, at 35 weeks into her pregnancy, lines had taken over her tummy.

"At first I was just kind of scared," said the 21-year-old Canadian student in Edmonton, Alberta. "It looked so weird, like I had a bunch of spider veins all over my stomach.... I asked my doctor about it and they said those are just stretch marks, don't worry about it."

She heeded that advice and was overjoyed a few months back when she stumbled on an Instagram campaign urging other women to do the same.

The effort that has resonated with Vedan and hundreds of other women was started about seven months ago by moms Alex Elle, a writer, and Erika Layne Salazar, a photographer. Aptly dubbed Love Your Lines, they put up an Instagram account of that name and spread the word for one and all to email them photos of their stretch marks and how they feel about them, especially in relation to today's idealized standards of skinny, unmarred perfection.



Associated Press

This undated self-portrait image released by Canadian student Karly Vedan, shows stretch marks along her stomach. An Instagram campaign started months ago by moms Alex Elle, a writer, and Erika Layne Salazar, a photographer, dubbed Love Your Lines urges women to show off their stretch marks.

Swamped with images, they're still going strong, giving birth to the popular hashtag LoveYourLines used by posters showing off their own marks on Instagram, Tumblr and elsewhere across social media.

Setting the effort apart from other woman power and esteem-boosting campaigns is the fact that Elle and Salazar transform each image into high-art black and white as a way to avoid distraction from the marks themselves and the stories behind them.

"For me, Love Your Lines was a way to make women feel safe about their bodies," said Elle, in Rockville, Maryland. "We wanted a platform where women could be themselves. Initially it was just going to be a fine art photography collection where I would be interviewing the women and Erika would be taking the photos. Then it just kind of went crazy."

With the promise of anonymity to all who want it, women from around the world are pouring out their seemingly sincerest joys, anxieties and despair over their marks, loose postpartum bellies and battle wounds from valiant fights against cancer.

Some, like Vedan, have allowed themselves to be identified by the posting of their traceable Instagram handles. Others, like a recent nameless submission, have spoken of suicide.

"No man will love me or choose me when there are so many beautiful & lovely women out there," wrote one who submitted a close up of her belly and identified herself as a childless 24-year-old. "I will never be at peace with my lines. My body issues consume me at every waking moment."

Nearly 300 people, at the urging of Elle and Salazar in an accompanying comment, have offered her comments of love and encouragement.

"Women are absolutely beautiful the way that they are and they don't have to be airbrushed to be beautiful," Elle said in a recent phone interview with Salazar. "I feel like we're coming into a time where women are starting to accept that they're beautiful, flaws and all. We're so much more alike than we think."

Some of the participants are pictured with their little ones. Others show off the splendor of their pregnant bellies. Most of the photos are in extreme close-up.

"Mother of 2 at the age of 28 and each day I become more in touch with my new body," said a poster celebrating her lines and saggy tummy skin. "Even though it took me years to accept them, I can now say I wear them with pride."

Salazar, who lives near Elle in Silver Spring, Maryland, considers support an important part of the project.

"We're all opening the door for each other," she said.

But it's also more personal for her. Salazar's 4-year-old daughter required open heart surgery at birth. "She has a huge scar down her chest. I never want her to think twice about whether she's beautiful or not."

Arianne Klarisse is an aspiring 17-year-old model in London. She submitted a photo of the stretch marks she has on her bum. She said by phone that her lines began at puberty and she also has them on the backs of her legs, on her hips and on her thighs.

"I've tried a lot of creams, moisturizers, oils," she said. "There's nothing I can do. I just have to live with it."

Rachel Hollis, a mother of three boys in Los Angeles, had not heard of Love Your Lines when she posted a photo of herself on Instagram rocking a bikini on vacation in Cancun, Mexico — stomach pooch and all.

Myth busting part of fight to destigmatize therapy and counseling services



KRISTI EDWARDS
Centers for Children and Families

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with mental health issues ranging from minor adjustment type issues to the more severe/chronic issues such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. During the month of May, those of us in the mental health field attempt to bring awareness to these issues and the resources that are available in the area. All year, we fight to destigmatize, support, educate and advocate for mental health/mental illness care. Addressing a few of the many myths connected to counseling/therapy is part of the fight.

■ **Myth 1: Therapy is for people with serious issues**

Fact: There are many reasons people seek therapy. Some of them have a mental health diagnosis such as depression, bipolar or schizophrenia, but most of them are simply seeking some outside help dealing with stress, relationship problems, problems with life transitions or grief. Some even engage in therapy simply to increase their self-awareness.

■ **Myth 2: Everyone benefits from therapy**

Fact: The truth of the matter is only those who are committed and open to doing the deep and meaningful work of therapy will benefit. In fact, engaging in therapy when a person is not truly willing to do their own work can actually leave a person feeling negatively about a relationship that is only meant to help them. This negative experience could lead to hesitancy in seeking therapy later when a person is more prepared to make changes and could benefit from the help of a therapist.

■ **Myth 3: If you do not start feeling better right away, therapy just is not working**

Fact: It often takes a couple sessions to nail down what the client's concerns are and to establish enough trust to begin the real work of therapy. It is less like getting a shot that makes you feel better relatively quickly and more like cleaning a messy closet. It is necessary to unpack items, organize them and place them back in a more orderly manner. We have all had that experience as we stand in our room surrounded by years of stuff and wonder what in the world we have gotten ourselves into. Therapy can feel overwhelming in the same way and it is common to feel a little worse before you start to feel better. Sticking with the process and trusting your therapist to guide you through the process is the important thing to remember here.

■ **Myth 4: Change takes place during therapy**

Fact: While you may have some light bulb moments in therapy, in order for real, lasting change to occur you must make changes between sessions. The real work comes when you walk out of the session and attempt to apply that new awareness to your daily life.

■ **Myth 5: All therapists are the same**

Fact: This could not be further from the truth. In addition to the range of personalities different therapists possess on an individual level there are many different approaches to how they conduct therapy. Approaches range from the concrete rational approach found in cognitive behavioral therapy to the focus on an individual's feelings about free will and choice found in existential therapy. If you feel uncomfortable with your therapist's chosen approach you owe it to yourself to find a therapist you are more comfortable with.

If you have been thinking therapy may be beneficial for you but have been hesitant, give Centers for Children and Families a call at 570-1084 in Midland and 580-7006 in Odessa. We would be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

Kristi Edwards is a licensed professional counselor and the clinical director at Centers for Children and Families.

Prayer can turn to panic during restaurant outings



DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I'm comfortable with my faith and pray before a meal at home and at friends' houses. We have become friendly with individuals from our church, and on many occasions have gone out to eat together at restaurants. When the meal is brought out, it has become a custom to pray. I feel uncomfortable praying aloud in public, and have seen others at our table already eating when someone says, "Let's pray."

My wife tells me to just go with it. But sometimes when the praying goes on for a lengthy time, I start to get sweaty and on the verge of a panic attack. I wish they would take into consideration that others may feel praying is a private matter. I don't believe that because one person doesn't want to do something, others shouldn't do it.

So what say you? When food is brought to the table, should I dash to the restroom, or would that be rude? — PREFERS PRAYING PRIVATELY

DEAR P.P.P.: No rule of etiquette decrees that you must pray out loud if someone else chooses to. Obviously, others in the group feel as you do, or they wouldn't start eating. Because the situation makes you uncomfortable to the point of a panic attack, I think your solution to excuse yourself from the table for a few minutes is a good one — provided you say over your shoulder that you could be gone "awhile" and no one should wait for you.

DEAR ABBY: It will be three years since my mother passed. Her house was sold and the money split among me and my two sisters. I opened a separate bank account for my inheritance money.

My partner of 16 years thinks I was wrong to do that and still throws it in my face. I spent the money on my children, grandchildren, taxes, bills, big flat-screen and stuff for him. (I also bought myself a pair of jeans.)

I felt the money was my gift from my mom. I told my partner that when his parents pass, whatever they leave him will be his. It doesn't matter how close I am to them. Your opinion, please, and no, he wasn't close to my mom. — A GIFT FROM MY MOTHER

DEAR GIFT: In my opinion, your partner appears to be greedy and have an outsized sense of entitlement. If your mother had wanted your partner to get his hands on any of her estate, she would have put her wishes in writing.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended the funeral of my ex-husband's uncle. I wore a conservative suit in dark navy blue with a white blouse. Several family members criticized me for not wearing black. I assumed that because I'm no longer a family member, that I wasn't required to dress as one. Should I have worn black? — DIVORCEE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DIVORCEE: No. You showed respect for the deceased by attending. Sometimes funerals (and weddings) bring out the worst rather than the best in people. I'm surprised your ex-husband's family took time out from their grief to notice what you were wearing. It appears no good deed goes unpunished.

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MRT: Describe your ideal meal.
Edwards: Boiled shrimp, corn and potatoes, salad and sweet tea

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence:
Edwards: Don't get between me and a Dr Pepper and a Zero bar!

MRT: What is in your music player right now?
Edwards: Twenty One Pilots and Alabama Shakes

Dog that defied death leaves veterinary hospital

Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — A stray dog that was beaten with a hammer and left for dead has left Washington State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital and is breathing again through her repaired sinuses.

Washington State announced Tuesday that Theia will return in about four weeks for exams to ensure the surgical repairs continue to work.

The dog was struck by a car near Moses Lake this spring, then bludgeoned by a person who may have been attempting a mercy killing. The dog was placed in a box and left in a farm field.

But she revived and made her way to people who recognized her.

Sara Mellado eventually took the dog into her Moses Lake home and launched the process toward recovery. That including raising thousands of dollars through crowdsourcing for the surgery.



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Stretcher-Burkes

Keith and Sheryl Stretcher of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Nicole, to Dr. Jonathan Craig Burkes, son of Karen and James Moore and Terry and Kelli Burkes, of Midland.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Fannie and the late Frank Stretcher of Mount Vernon, Texas, and Duane and Jean Jerome of Bella Vista, Arkansas. She is a 2005 graduate of Midland Christian School. She received an Associate of Science degree from Midland College in 2007, where she graduated with the designation of Midland College Scholar. While there, she served as Vice President of Midland College Student Government Association and Co-President of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. In August 2009 she graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University. She has completed her first year at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy-Abilene, where she served as Vice President of the Class of 2017, was inducted into Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and earned the distinction of being named a 1st Year Rising Leader by Phi Lambda Sigma.

The future groom is the grandson of Jack and Beverly Burkes and the late Thomas and Mary Mann, all of Midland. He is a 2005 graduate of Midland Christian School. He graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. While there, he was President of the Texas A&M Tennis Club, participated as a student athlete on the tennis team, and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society. He graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in May 2014 with a dual MD/MBA degree. While there, he was founder of the Texas Tech MD/MBA Association. He is currently a first-year orthopaedic surgery resident at Kansas University Medical Center, whose program was recently ranked 33rd in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. A May wedding is planned.



Bumpers - Tiffin

Mr. and Mrs. John Bumpers of Midland are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Nicole Bumpers, to Matthew Charles Tiffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tiffin of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bumpers of Andrews, Texas, and Ms. Billie Jean Pipkin of Midland, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tiffin, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burks, and Miss Glenda Tiffin of Russell, Kansas.

Katie graduated from Midland High School in 2005. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design from Texas Tech University in 2010. Katie moved to Midland following graduation and is employed at Blackbird Interiors as an Interior Designer.

Matt graduated from Midland Christian School in 2006. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lubbock Christian University in 2012. Matt joined the United States Marine Corps in 2008 and served six years and one tour to Afghanistan. He is currently working at Basin Electric as a data communications technician.

The couple will marry in August at The Allan House in Austin, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

If your mom fancies something fancy, consider a tea party

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Some moms want a spa day. Some moms crave chocolate. And some moms just want a little fancy pampering.

If your mom falls into that last category, consider throwing her a tea party this Mother's Day. And it's so much easier than it sounds. Brew up some of her favorite teas. Purchase some high-quality sweets — some beautiful candies and chocolates, as well as some delicate cakes are ideal. True to the tea party theme, everything should be small. So if you can't find small pastries, get some that are easily cut and divided.

Likewise, creating tea sandwiches is all about being dainty. You want to create something small and pretty. Of course, it also needs to taste good. The easiest way to do this is to start by assembling multiple (and different) standard sized (but thin) sandwiches, then cut them down to more petit sizes. With the exception of the avocado, these sandwiches also can be prepped a few hours in advance.

Mother's day tea sandwiches

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Makes 16 to 20 petite sandwiches

8 thin slices tight-crumb bread, such as brioche, pumpernickel or a country-style white bread
- Softened salted butter
- Softened cream cheese
- Orange marmalade
- Very soft brie cheese
- Thinly sliced radishes
- Thinly sliced cucumbers
- Watercress
- Thinly sliced ham
- 1 avocado, pitted and sliced
- Fresh tarragon
- Fresh chives
- Thinly sliced pear

Place the slices of bread on a cutting board; 4 will be bottoms, 4 will be tops. Spread butter over 2 slices, cream cheese on another 2, marmalade on another 2, and brie over the final 2.

For the fillings, arrange the sliced radishes over 1 of the buttered slices; the cucumber slices over the 1 of the cream cheese slices; the watercress over 1 of the marmalade slices; and the ham over 1 of the brie-covered slices. Top the radishes with thin slices of avocado; the cucumber with tarragon; the chives over the watercress; and the pear over the ham.

Top each sandwich with the second slice of bread. To cut the sandwiches, you can either use small cookie cutters (shapes such as ovals or hearts are fine) or you can trim off the crusts, then cut each sandwich into small triangles or rectangles. If desired, secure each smaller sandwich with a toothpick.

Padma Lakshmi wants you to go veg for a few meals a month

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

MIAMI — It's easy to want to hate Padma Lakshmi. The "Top Chef" host and former model is so effortlessly beautiful it hurts. On top of that, she's not afraid of going up a few dress sizes while filming her Bravo television show. And she counts some of Hollywood's top celebrities as regular dinner party guests.

But her Instagram account, filled with pictures of herself laughing in a white T-shirt and chowing down on greasy barbecue and other taboo diet foods, reveals a woman who believes that life and food are all about balance. Because obsessing about your diet is so not sexy, she says.

Her laid-back approach guides everything from entertaining (she likes to serve simple meals like spaghetti, salad and vanilla ice cream) to losing weight after giving birth (it took 13 months).

Lakshmi, 44, has had a few unexpected flops at dinner parties, but says she simply rolls with it. The ice cream maker stopped working at a party she was hosting for Vanity Fair magazine a few years ago, so she served the ice cream base as chocolate soup. "It was delicious," she said in a recent phone interview.

Through trial and tribulation, she's accumulated some basic entertaining advice. For example, don't experiment with new recipes, she warns. People are coming over for the company, not the food.

For the guest list, try to strike a balance between people with matching and contrasting interests. And no matter who else you invite, director Joel Schumacher and actress Susan Sarandon "are always good for a hoot."

"They will liven up any dinner party. Joel is a fantastic storyteller, which is why he's such a great director," Lakshmi said. "But he's also a good talker and Susan is fun and irreverent and unpredictable and has a great wildness about her and a great sense of humor, so she's good at pulling other people out of their shell. And who doesn't want to have dinner with Susan Sarandon?"

Though Lakshmi loves exploring exotic foods on her show and in her travels, she grew up a strict vegetarian in India and follows a mostly vegetarian diet when she's not filming.

"It's probably why I understand better that there are so many great plant-based sources out there, so you don't have to feel deprived," she said. "We have had a disconnect in our generation of how to eat well and how to eat a varied and abundant diet. I'm not espousing total vegetarianism or veganism. I personally and politically believe that a varied diet with a little bit of everything is the right path for most Americans."

At home, she still mostly cooks the Indian foods she grew up eating, which are heavy on beans, including lentils and beans of every color. And she and 5-year-old daughter Krishna eat lots of dairy products, including milk, cheese and homemade yogurt. In fact, the single mom recently partnered with MorningStar Farms to encourage others to go meatless a few meals a month for a Veg of Allegiance challenge.

"The best thing you can do for your children is to cultivate an interest and appreciation in food, because a child who has a hand in making their own foods is more likely to eat that food because they have ownership of what they make."



Associated Press

Show Mom some love with a moist chocolate — and beet! — cake

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Mom always said to eat your vegetables. So call this getting even... Make her vegetables as a Mother's Day dessert.

Or maybe it's just the ticket for letting her know how much you listen to what she's always saying. We took beets and incorporated them into a delicious, moist and surprisingly rich chocolate cake. To up its lovability even more (because hey, your mom loves you) we added sweet-tart raspberries and serve the whole thing with a luscious buttermilk cream.

Not sure about the idea of beets in a cake? Believe it or not, you won't even know they are there. But you will know this is an incredibly moist and rich chocolate cake, and that's what matters.

Chocolate-raspberry beet cake with buttermilk cream

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 16

For the cake:
- 2 cups packed (15 ounces) brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 3 eggs
- 2/3 cup (2 ounces) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 1/3 cups (10 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup packed finely grated peeled raw beets
- 1 cup (6 ounces) finely chopped bittersweet chocolate, plus more for serving
- 2 cups fresh raspberries, plus more for serving

For the buttermilk cream:
- 1 vanilla bean
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Heat the oven to 350 F. Coat a Bundt or tube pan with baking spray.

To make the cake, in a large bowl, use an electric mixer on medium-high speed to beat together the brown sugar, butter, baking soda, salt, ginger, nutmeg and vanilla until well combined. Add the oil and beat until light and fluffy, scraping down the bowl once or twice. Add the eggs, one at a time, scraping the bowl between additions.

In a small bowl, sift together the cocoa powder and flour. Add the flour mixture to the moist ingredients in 2 increments, alternating with the buttermilk, mixing briefly between each addition. Stir in the beets and chocolate, then gently fold in the raspberries. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out with just a few moist crumbs.

Allow the cake to cool in the pan for 20 minutes before turning out on a rack to finish cooling.

When the cake is cooled and ready to serve, prepare the buttermilk cream. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into a large bowl. Add the buttermilk, cream and sugar, then use an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment to whisk on medium-high until very soft peaks form. Serve slices of the cake topped with the cream and additional raspberries and shaved chocolate.

Nutrition information per serving: 430 calories; 210 calories from fat (49 percent of total calories); 23 g fat (10 g saturated; 0.5 g trans fats); 70 mg cholesterol; 54 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 34 g sugar; 6 g protein; 270 mg sodium.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Turntables make food easy to find in fridge

Dear Heloise: I purchased a refrigerator that is the right size for me. However, it was becoming annoying to dig around trying to find leftovers, etc. I decided to try using turntables. I bought 18-inch and 12-inch turntables. I use one on the middle rack, and it stores large jars and most leftovers. The smaller turntable is on the top shelf to hold jam, jellies, condiments, etc. Now everything is easy to see and easy to reach. — "Dude, NorCal."

Hey, Dude! ("Hey Jude" — are you humming the song? I am.) We think alike. I have turntables in our refrigerators. It's easy to find a jar of relish, mustard, pickled mushrooms, etc., and it helps keep the shelf clean. Please write again! — Heloise

Removing slices

Dear Heloise: I just read your column about a reader having trouble removing pie slices from the pie pan. I saw this on a cooking show: If the pan is a tinfoil type, take shears and cut into the side in two places. Cut the pan as far as you can, then fold it down. You should be able to get a pie server in to take out the first slice. The next slices should be easy to get out. Hope this helps the reader. — JoAnn F., Lincoln, California

Cooling rack

Dear Heloise: I seldom bake, and my kitchen is very tiny. I do not have a cooling rack. Usually, when I take something hot from the oven, I lay two table knives on the counter, one pointing in each direction. Then I set the hot pan on it to cool. Works well.

Recently, all my table knives were in the sink to be washed. I thought, "Now what do I do?" I opened my cupboards and took out four cans of fruit, set them on the counter and put the hot pan on them. A great idea! — Frances H., Kane, Pa.

Sounds like a plan, and one that can be used by all! — Heloise

Microwave tray

Dear Heloise: When I replace a microwave with a new one, I keep the rotating glass tray. Having a spare means I can swap trays quickly in the event of food spills. The dirty one goes in the dishwasher.

No food stuck on the bottom of later meals. No smell of burned food. No scraping burned food off the original tray. — Catherine H., Salem, Ore.

Send a great hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000; Fax: 210-HELOISE; Email: Heloise@Heloise.com.

Entrepreneurs hatch hen-rental idea for fans of fresh eggs

By Kathy Matheson
Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — The name of Jenn Tompkins' company sends customers into fits of laughter.

"When I answer the phone and I say, 'Rent The Chicken, this is Jenn,' they giggle and say, 'I would like to rent the chicken.' And then they giggle some more," Tompkins said.

But poultry leasing has turned out to be a serious investment as more people want fresh eggs from humanely raised hens, without the responsibilities of ownership. In two years, Pennsylvania-based Rent The Chicken has expanded to three other states, plus Toronto.

The growth is not an aberration. Coop rentals are booming nationwide as residents in cities, suburbs and the countryside flock to the anti-factory, locally sourced food movement. Some families also rent fowl as an educational experience for their children.

"As a society, we don't really like commitment," Tompkins said while visiting an affiliate in Mount Holly, New Jersey. "We don't want a contract on our cellphones; we don't want long-term commitment with our cable company. With chickens, they can live to seven or 10 years, and people are a bit scared of that."

Rentals remove that risk. Prices depend on the company, location and lease duration but start around $150 month. Most basic packages include two hens, a coop, feed and phone availability to answer questions. Birds can be returned early if things don't work out — and are available for adoption if things go well.

Rent a Coop, based in the Washington suburb of Potomac, Maryland, started out renting five or six coops per month in 2012, according to co-owner Tyler Phillips. Now they're renting 25 to 30 monthly and are opening a second locatin in New Jersey.

"I think it will be sustained," Phillips said of the business model. "People want to know where their food comes from."

Further evidence comes from the growth of BackyardChickens.com, an online forum that started eight years ago with 50 members and now has more than 325,000, according to administrator Rob Ludlow. The site gets about 7,000 daily posts from chicken enthusiasts, Ludlow said.

Jenn and Phillip Tompkins incubated their company in 2013 at their homestead on the outskirts of Pittsburgh. Jenn Tompkins' home-based job as a university research assistant was ending, and she began looking for another way to work from her house.

They had recently moved to western Pennsylvania from a rowhouse near Baltimore in search of a simpler lifestyle, with a garden and small flock of chickens.

"It's a slippery slope," Tompkins said with a laugh. "We had the garden, we got some chickens; we had a bigger garden, got some more chickens. And now we have a chicken rental business."

The rental coops have wire bottoms and wheels so customers can move them to different spots in their yards, giving the hens fresh grass and bugs to eat in addition to their feed. Two chickens collectively produce about a dozen eggs each week.

Companies suggest would-be renters speak to neighbors first and do some research to ensure they don't run afoul of local ordinances or homeowners associations. But regulations can be nebulous, especially when the birds are temporary, and are usually enforced only after complaints.

Unlike crowing roosters, hens are generally quiet, clucking softly and briefly after laying an egg, Phillips said. He has picked up coops from urban sections of Washington where residents didn't realize their neighbors had chickens until they saw the birds leaving.

Feeling peckish for pesto? Don't limit yourself to basil!

By Melissa D'arabian
Associated Press

Fresh herbs are one of nature's best low-cal flavor sources. And as the weather warms up, we'll transition from buying herbs in cute little clamshells costing a couple bucks each to scooping large bunches of soft-leaved herbs into our carts for pennies on the dollar. Or perhaps you have an herb garden and you'll find yourself inundated with a cilantro or parsley plant that takes over a small section of your backyard.

What to do with all these herbs? One approach to preserving herbs is to freeze them as cubes. To do this, you simply blend up clean, fresh herbs with just enough oil or water to make a thick paste. You then fill ice cube trays (silicone muffin cups also work) about halfway with the herb paste and freeze. Once frozen, the herb cubes can be bagged and stored in the freezer until needed.

Note that water-based herb cubes freeze more firmly than oil-based, but herbs discolor more in water. Either way, these cubes are easily added to soups, stews, sautes and chili. For the best effect, add them toward the end of cooking so the fresh flavor of the preserved herbs really comes through.

Another favorite strategy for making the most of my herbs is pesto. But don't assume you're limited to the classic basil version. Using my simple formula, you can use just about any herb or green (or combination) to make a tasty pesto perfect for pasta, seafood, dipping bread, spooning over a hot soup, or any other favorite way to use pesto. It also freezes well as cubes.

Once you jump on the pesto ice cube train, you will be amazed at the many uses: Add to scrambled eggs; use as a sandwich spread; whisk with Dijon mustard, red wine vinegar and water to make vinaigrette; spoon over meat hot off the grill; toss with roasted veggies; mix with an equal amount of Dijon and spoon over chicken breasts before roasting; mix with Greek yogurt for veggie dip. You get the idea.

The formula is simple: 4 cups of fresh green herbs plus 1/3 cup of nuts or seeds plus 1/2 cup olive oil or broth (or a combination) plus 1/4 cup hard Italian cheese. Blend until chunky or creamy. Done.

Fresh dill pesto

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 8

- 2 cups fresh parsley leaves
- 2 cups fresh dill fronds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1 large garlic clove, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Hefty pinch of salt

In a blender or food processor, combine the parsley, dill, almonds and garlic. Pulse until finely chopped. Add the oil, broth, Parmesan and salt, then blend to desired consistency. Use immediately, or transfer to a small bowl, cover tightly and chill. Alternatively, spoon into ice cube trays (fill cubes only halfway) and freeze. Pop out frozen pesto cubes and keep in a zip-close plastic bag in the freezer.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 calories; 90 calories from fat (82 percent of total calories); 11 g fat (1.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 3 g protein; 90 mg sodium.

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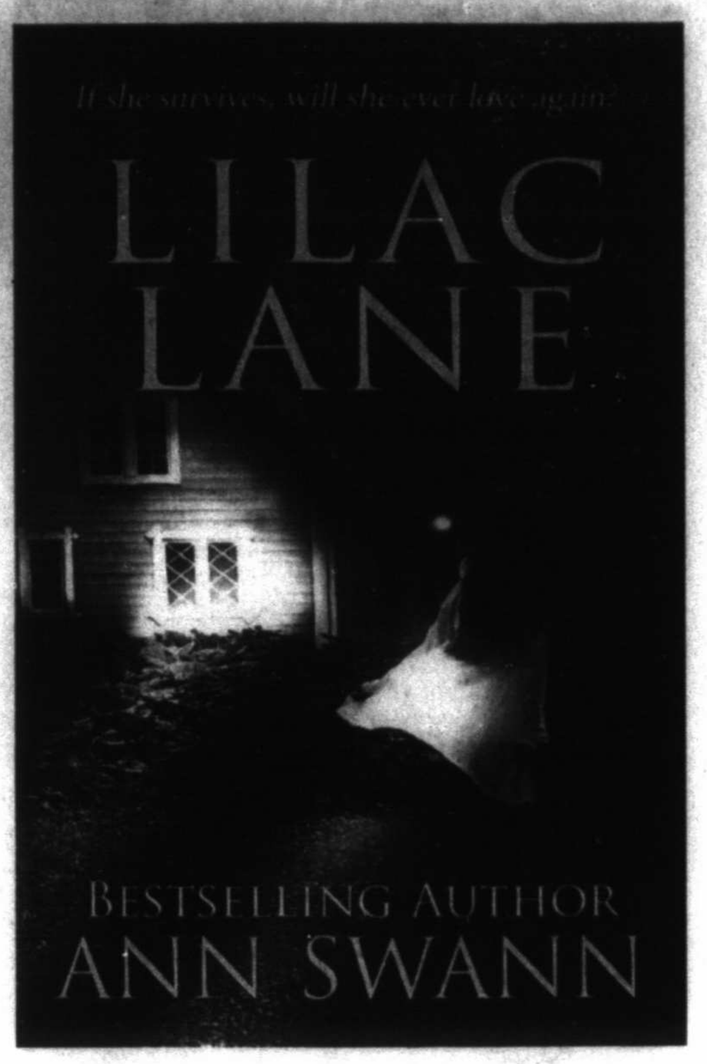
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Local author brings romance, chills with second in suspense series



GLEN AARON

Columnist



Best-selling local author Ann Swann has done it again. The first book of her series, "Stutter Creek," made my teeth chatter, but here comes the second book in the "Stutter Creek" series, "Lilac Lane." Swann calls the two books a romantic suspense series. I would call it a romantic thriller series.

The title, "Lilac Lane," sounds as if the reader might drift calmly into a beautiful romantic setting. Indeed, the romance is there, and Swann can play with your heart, but she gets right to the suspense. Just like the protagonist, Ella, and her 10-year-old son, Nick, my bones start rattling when there is rumbling in the attic. In their new rental in Stutter Creek it could be raccoons or, as Nick says, "a ghost," but it could be something more sinister. Ever heard of gas lighting?

When Chet, the wildlife biologist, comes to check the attic for raccoons and set traps, a warm feeling wells up inside Ella. Could this be the start of a love of affair? Swann has the ability to describe the intricate and subliminal feelings of attraction as they have an ebb and flow from self-guessing, then into full-blown romance that sweeps the reader right into and right along with the story.

This author has delightful descriptive abilities and use of similes — "stretching like an oversized cat" — and gradually builds heart-thumping anticipation — "just an old house settling" and "Her feet froze when the sound came again." The reader feels the euphoria of love, but it is off-balanced by a danger, the source of which is initially unknown and later suspected but not known.

Swann displays her writing talents of building love in the midst of danger, almost touching on the paranormal, or at least that is what Ella is beginning to feel. Beyond this personal stress of the lead character lies a community environment of warmth and comfort. Swann knows how to write about the characteristics such as the unique friendliness and support of a small town like Stutter Creek. After all, she grew up in Lamesa.

"Lilac Lane" is the second book in the "Stutter Creek" series. In my opinion, "Lilac Lane" even tops "Stutter Creek," which was quite good. Either or both of these books could easily be adapted to a movie thriller.

Both books in the series can be purchased at Amazon.com or ordered through your favorite bookstore.

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NEW YORK

Khloe Kardashian working on advice book to come out in fall

Khloe Kardashian is not into being too thin.

The reality TV star and entrepreneur is working on an advice book on how to develop "strength and true beauty" in a "culture that worships skinny," the publisher Regan Arts announced Thursday. The book is currently untitled and scheduled for publication on Nov. 3.

Kardashian said in a statement issued by Regan Arts that she wanted to inspire readers to "create their own true strength and beauty inside and out."

NEW YORK

Dr. Ben Carson book scheduled for October

Dr. Ben Carson, the conservative activist and possible 2016 presidential contender, has a new book coming out this fall.

Sentinel, a conservative imprint of Penguin Random House, announced Wednesday that it will be releasing "A More Perfect Union: What We the People Can Do to Reclaim Our Constitutional Liberties" on Oct. 6. Last year, Carson's "One Nation" was a best-seller on numerous lists, including The New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

According to Sentinel, Carson's new book will discuss the "basic principles" of the Constitution and how "they relate to our everyday lives."

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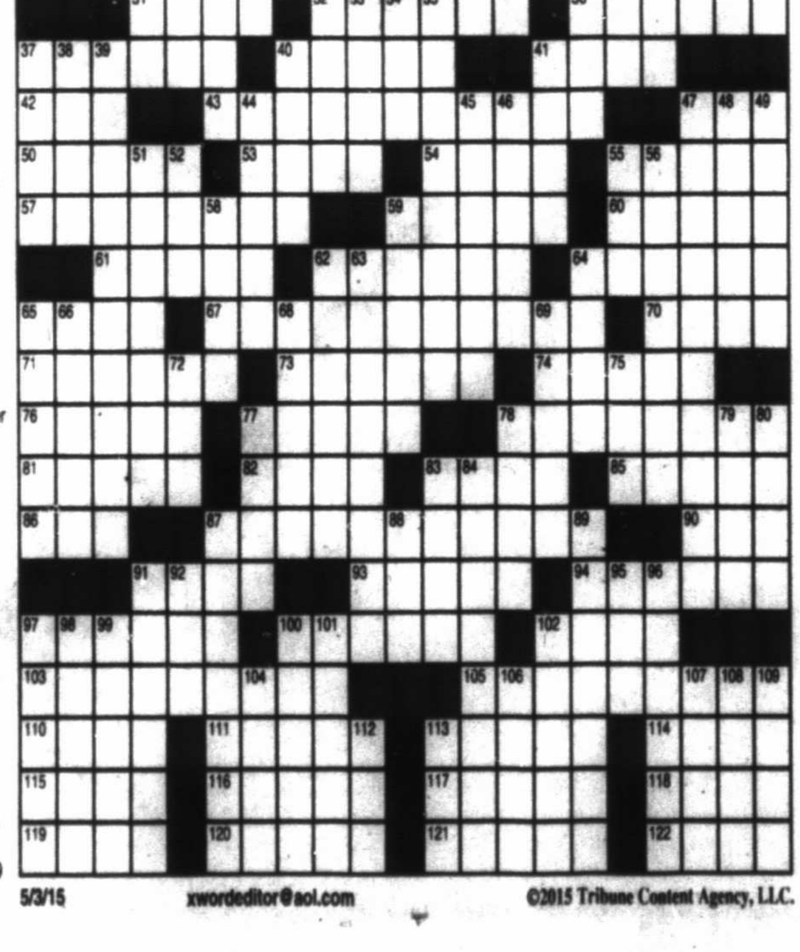
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36 Ridicule
37 Like some partners
40 Big name in small trucks
41 Nursery supply
42 Genre of the band Jawbreaker
43 Ordinary hero?
47 Co. leaders
50 Hazy
53 Tiered snack
54 French bean?
55 It may be blank
57 It's a turnoff
59 How many vacations are taken
60 Hapless sort
61 Shut down
62 Pressure line
64 Sacher creations
65 All-in-one printer option
67 One auditing highway department supplies?
70 Jazzman Fountain
71 Prepared
73 Least available
74 More respectable
76 1940 DC Comics debut
77 Bogged down
78 Held firm
81 Literary
82 Flow with force
83 Northern terminus of I-79
85 Spots for dips
86 WWII venue
87 Golfer with an array of hick shots?
90 Routine letters
91 Brandy letters
93 Black cats, perhaps
94 Conservative portfolio investments
97 Not so demanding
100 Banish
102 In
103 Rate goose feathers?
105 Well-rehearsed swindle?
110 Get to
111 Begins
113 Prime minister between two Eshuds
114 With two exceptions, NFL Pro Bowl locale since 1980
115 Canadian gas brand
116 Contradict
117 Distress
118 Lowly laborer
119 They're often in hot water
120 Sanction
121 Game of chance
122 Calligrapher's supplies

DOWN

1 Challenging locks
2 Departure notice?
3 Succotash bean
4 "Goodness!"
5 Fiddles with
6 Wine with "the"
7 Valuable vein
8 Like some soap opera plot elements
9 Abandon bachelorhood
10 '60s-'80s Bnt sports car
11 Pocahontas spouse
12 Range setting
13 "Project Runway Canada" host
14 Find work
15 Carpentry tool
16 Pub order
17 Pizzeria attraction
18 Reason for a raise
28 Daily power source
30 Molokai memento
33 Chinese leader?
34 2 Tone revival music genre
35 Wedding day rental
37 Two-time Masters champ Ballesteros
38 It gives you the big picture
39 Spock's memor?
40 Protective covering
41 Litigant
44 "Love is Strange" actress
45 Prepare to serve, as wine
46 Kick off
47 Chess champion's blog entry?
48 Extend a hand to
49 Short
51 Whisk, for one
52 Notable time
55 -pitch
56 Quiznos offering
58 Part of TA
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59 Reacted to a bad call
62 How homes may be measured
63 Cork alternative
64 The Magi, e.g.
65 Military nickname
66 Pull
68 Curmudgeonly comment
69 Keypad key
72 Objective
75 Rights reader
77 Auto ad no.
78 Samples, in a way
79 Water-storing plant
80 An oz. has six
83 "Did you __?"
84 Cheap way to live
87 City on the Guadalquivir River
88 "If you ask me," to texters
89 Cassio's commander
91 They may be seen in streams
92 Go out with
95 Dianst Anais
96 Well-armed swimmers?
97 Blue heron kin
98 Originate
99 Dip with zip
100 "Fan would I __ on form": Juliet
101 Film composer Morricone
102 Update
104 German auto
106 Former Italian capital
107 Battle of Normandy city
108 "Hmm . . . I guess that's all right"
109 Sisters
112 Seam, say
113 BOLO equivalent



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Save the beast

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 6 4
♡ Q 8 6 5
♢ 7 4
♣ A K J 9 6

WEST
♠ 3 2
♡ K J
♢ A K Q 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 5
♡ 10 9 3
♢ 10 6 5
♣ 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 7
♡ A 7 4 2
♢ J 9 2
♣ Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♢	Dbl*	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: Ace of ♢

Dummy's club suit was intimidating. West saw that he could do nothing to prevent that club suit from taking tricks, so he made the excellent decision to attack declarer's trump holding. After his ace of diamonds held the first trick, he continued with the king of diamonds and then the queen of diamonds.

South ruffed low in dummy and was pleased not to be over-ruffed by East. Declarer tackled the trump suit by leading low to his ace and leading another trump toward the dummy. West won with his king of hearts and continued his good defense by leading a fourth round of diamonds. This gave a ruff-sluff, of course, but it also promoted East's 10 of trumps into the setting trick. One down on nice defense.

The defense was very good, but declarer could have prevailed. Can you spot how? Rather than leading a heart to his ace at trick four, South should have crossed back to his hand with the ace of spades and then continued with a low heart without cashing the ace first. West could rise with his king, but now if he continued with another round of diamonds, South could handle it. Should East ruff with the nine of hearts, declarer can over-ruff with the ace, cash the queen of clubs, then lead a heart to dummy's queen, drawing the remaining trumps. He could then discard three spades on dummy's three high clubs and claim his contract.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 3, 2015:

This year your ability to see both sides of an issue and identify with them helps you negotiate solutions. Your stability allows you to deal with a lack of conviction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Pressure builds from an unexpected source, and it is likely to stop you in your tracks. Tap in to your sixth sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be very strong-willed, but a key person will insist that events go his or her way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ The pressure will continue to build if you don't take a break. Honor a change of pace, and be more forthright.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your intensity and caring will catch someone's attention. You have the ability to radiate positive energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could feel pressured to make a choice between two different suggestions. You might not be sure which way would be appropriate or best for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Don't hesitate to pick up the phone and ask some important questions. You might wonder how long it will take to achieve the results you desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You have become more determined in dealing with a project that is very important to you. A partner might visualize the outcome differently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you need to take the lead. Others seem to be a bit scattered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might have scheduled plans, but you will sense that you need to kick back and relax. A child or loved one could be disappointed by this sudden change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Aim for what you want, with the knowledge of what you must do to get there. Others might only dream of achieving this goal, whereas you will be successful in making it happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You are playful and full of fun. However, an older relative could become demanding. You have to know when you have crossed the limit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You seem to not be grounded in reality, yet you are very content. You inspire others to let go of their concerns.

BORN TODAY

Historian Niccolo Machiavelli (1469), singer Pete Seeger (1919), boxer Sugar Ray Robinson (1921)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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SUNDAY MORNING — MAY 3, 2015

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid		This Week		Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid		Hunt		Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning				FaceNat.	First Baptist Church	First Baptist Odessa
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Abbott		Abbott		BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumr		W.Minist		Insight	Consumr	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumr	NASCAR	Racing
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking		Stringer	In Touch Ministries			Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid		Secrets		Havas	Havas	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		Havas	Equest.
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George		C.George		W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Sqd	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado		Pagado		Programa pagado		Programa pagado		Al punto		Tras la Verdad		Fútbol Central (L)	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV		JTV Direct		Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65			165			★★ Aspen Extreme ('93, Dra) Paul Gross.				Eraserhead Jack Nance.			★★ Judge Dredd			(5:10) ★★ Cocktail	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★★ Mrs. Doubtfire Robin Williams.				★★★★ X-Men High Jackman.				(:45) ★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.					
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie		(:45) ★★★ The Truman Show Jim Carrey.		Fight				★★★ The LEGO Movie		(:45) ★ Austin Powers: Intern...			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:20) ★ Dolphin Ta...		(:50) ★ Bella ('14, Dra) Gugu Mbatha-Raw.				Veep		★ Endless Love Alex Pettyfer.		LastWeek	Movie		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:40) ★★ Our Man Flint		(:35) ★★★ Poseidon				(:15) ★★★ The Abyss ('89, Sci-Fi) Ed Harris.				Movie			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Three to Tango		(:40) ★★★ Breakdown				(:15) ★★★ Lone Survivor Mark Wahlberg.		(:20) ★ Enemy of t...			
PLEX			96			Movie		(:35) ★ The Odd Couple II		(:15) ★ Love's Kitchen				(:50) ★★ Milk Money Melanie Griffith.		Movie			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie		Glena				Jim Rome		★★ Mercury Rising Bruce Willis.		Penny Dreadful			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie		★ Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss		(:05) ★★★ Fearless ('2006, Action) Jet Li.				★ Scary MoVie Ashley Tisdale.		Movie			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Memoriam"		Bates Motel			
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men "The Crash"		Mad Men		Mad Men		★★★★ Magnum Force ('73, Cri) Clint Eastwood.				Movie			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Nellyville			Nellyville			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Watch		Housewives Atlanta	Watch	Housewives Atlanta		Watch	TBA	Blood, Sweat, Heels		Blood, Sweat, Heels			
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid		Paid	To Be Announced				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day	Retire (N)	New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union			
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid		Paid		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Collectors	Lost, Sold	Insane Pools			
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Girl	Jessie	Dog Blog	Jessie	Jessie		
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter							
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) 30 for 30		30 for 30		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Sport Science		NHRA Drag Racing			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Spy Kids 3D: Game Over		★★ Journey to the Center of the Earth				★ Fatal Honeymoon ('12, Hor) Harvey Keitel.		★★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island		Movie			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall		
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Basics	Table	Pioneer	Southern	Daphne	Glada (N)	Big Bite	Pioneer	Heart (N)	Rules (N)		
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Paid	LHSAA Champ		Paid	Paid	NCAA Softball Utah St. V. vs Oklahoma				Game365	Polaris		
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Ellen	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother		★★★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1				Movie			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Backyard Wedding ('10, Dra) Alicia Witt.					
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter	H.Hunter		
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	WWII Weapons		Killing Zone Atlantic				Wake Island: The Alamo of the Pacific				Vietnam in HD			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ Fatal Honeymoon ('12, Hor) Harvey Keitel.		★ Blue-eyed Butch...					
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt			
NBCSN	38	39				Premier	Leauge Live (L)			EPL Soccer Crystal Palace at Chelsea (L)				Bridge		EPL Soccer Man City vs Tottenham (L)			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja (N)	Sponge	H.Danger	H.Danger		
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		★★ Children of the Corn Peter Horton.				★ Scarecrow ('13, Hor) Lacey Chabert.				★★ The Grudge			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends			★★★ Life as We Know It ('10, Com) Katherine Heigl.				★ It's Complicated			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Bombshell		★ Harder They Fall ('05, Act) Joshua Lamboy.				★★★★ Of Mice and Men				★ Kiss Me Deadly			
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Movie		
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid		Paid		Paid		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Virtue"		Law&O. "Scoundrels"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Guardian"		LawOrder "Progeny"		Law & Order "Rage"			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:00) G.Girls	(:30) G. Girls	(:35) The Golden Girls		Hot In	Younger	SoulMan	Inst.Mom	(:20) Funniest Home Videos		Videos			
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Chrisley		★ Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull				(:05) ★ Indiana Jo...			
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Paid	Heat Night "Legacy"		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 3, 2015

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	C	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	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	★★★ Toy Soldiers ('91, Act) Sean Astin.		PBR Bull Riding				Sports Gone Wild		Sports Legends		FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat				Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		The Mod Squad	Hawaii Five-O
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:30) NASCAR Auto Racing Geico 500 Site: Talladega Superspeedway -- Talladega, Ala. (L)										Cowboys Draft	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Biblical	Sal.	Light of the Southwest				Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) Equestrian		PGA Golf WGC-Cadillac Championship Site: TPC Harding Park Golf Course (L)								Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Fitness	W.L.Yoga	Knitting	Beads	Sewing	Africa	E.Smith	America	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Cruz Azul vs. Pumas de la UNAM (L)						Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho	Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65			165	(11:10) ★★ Cocktail		★★ Around the World in 80 Days				(:05) ★★★ The Three Musketeers				★ Restoration	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher		Casual Vacancy 1/3		Casual Vacancy 2/3		Casual Vacancy 3/3		(:10) ★★★ Dolphin Tale Morgan Freeman.			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:30) ★ Ride Along ('14, Act/Com) Ice Cube.				Real Sports				★★ The Break Up Vince Vaughn.		Vice	LastWeek
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(11:50) ★★ Moonrise Kingdom		Silicon				★★★★ The Great Gatsby ('13, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio,		Witness #:50		Game of Thrones	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:40) ★★★ Evolution				(:25) ★★ Disconnect Jason Bateman.				(:25) ★★★★ Her Joaquin Phoenix.		Movie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:20) ★★★ Enemy of the State		(:35) ★★ Inside Man Clive Owen.						(:45) ★★ Meet the Parents Ben Stiller.		Movie	
PLEX			96			(11:40) ★★★ Stepmom		(:50) ★★ Hail Caesar Robert Downey Jr...				★ The Odd Couple II				(:10) ★ By Dawn's...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	P. Dreadful "Séance"	Penny Dreadful			Penny Dreadful		Penny Dreadful		Penny Dreadful		Penny Dreadful	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:30) ★★★ Secrets and Lies				(:55) ★★★ The Tempest				(:45) ★ Jamie Marks Is Dead Judy Greer.		Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bates Motel "The Pit"	Returned "Claim"			First 48 "Alias/ Duel"		The First 48				The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:30) ★★★ The Enforcer				★★ The Dead Pool Clint Eastwood.						★★★★ American Gangster Denzel Washington.	
BET	58	26		40		(11:30) Nelly	Nelly "The Graduates"			Single Ladies "Gone"		★ Who Can I Run To? ('14, Dra) Lil Mo, Marvin Sapp.				★★★ Love Jones	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Blood, Sweat, Heels		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Insane Pools		BuyingAK	BuyingAK	Epic Bar Builds (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Jungle Love"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Liv Maddie	Dog Blog		★★★ The Game Plan Dwayne Johnson.		Pre-Show		Radio Disney Music Awards		Liv/Mad	
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Softball Kentucky vs. Tennessee (L)				NCAA Softball Auburn vs LSU (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	E:60		Draft Academy		Draft "The Combine"		Draft "Pro Days"		MLS Soccer Chicago vs Sporting KC (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★★ The Mummy Brendan Fraser.				★★ The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.						★ The Hunger G...	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	Housecall	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Spring Baking	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Polaris
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★ Spider-Man 2 ('04, Act) Tobey Maguire.						★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr...				★ The Avengers	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ Reading, Writing and Romance ('13, Rom)				★ My Boyfriends' Dogs Erika Christensen.				★ In My Dreams ('14, Rom) Mike Vogel.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Sweet House (P) (N)		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) Vietnam in HD		Vietnam in HD						Vietnam in HD		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Blue-eyed...		★ Kept Woman (2015, Drama)						★ Presumed Dead in Paradise Malese Jow.		★ The Perfect Boy...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				Goal Zone (L)		Premier	Sledge Hockey IPC World Cup (L)					Tour of California (N)		NHL Top10	NHL Top10 NHL Live!
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Nicky	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder	Bella	Bella	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Brdwnrs	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "In a Pinch"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ The Grudge		★ Silent Hill: Revelation 3D Sean Bean.				★★★ 1408 ('07, Hor) Samuel L. Jackson, John Cusack.				Movie	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) ★★★ It's Complicated		★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. Steve Carell.						★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Kiss Me Do...		★★★★ The Tender Trap Frank Sinatra.				★★★ Gentlemen Prefer Blondes				★ Palm Springs W...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:30) ★ El regreso...		Premios Billboard de la musica latina						Noticiero	Videos	★ The Smurfs	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Long Island Medium		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	LI Medium "Uneasy"		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★ Jonah Hex Josh Brolin.				★★★ Watchmen ('09, Act) Billy Crudup, Main Akerman.						★★★ Wanted James McAvoy.	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Videos	(:40) Home Videos			(:50) Funniest Home Videos		Reba	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Reba	(:25) Reba	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(11:05) ★ Indiana Jones & the ...				(:55) ★★ Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom Harrison Ford.				(:25) ★ Raiders of the Lost Ark			
WGN	19	18				Heat of Night "Pilot"	Heat of Night "Pilot"	Heat of Night "Fate"				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — MAY 3, 2015

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	C	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 "Mother" (N)		Secrets and Lies "Lie" (SF) (N)		The Revenge "Plea" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Monopoly Millionaires' Club	(:35) W.Collar	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam "There But for the Grace of God" (N)		The Good Wife "Don't Fail" (N)		B.Creek "Gingerbread Man" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14			5	14	M*A*S*H "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" Despite reports that the war is almost over, the 4077th is full of refugees.					Man Frm U.N.C.L.E. "Discotheque Affair"		Mission: Impossible "The Killing"		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers (N)	TheSim-psons (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	All About Us	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC				A.D. the Bible Cont. "The First Martyr" (N)		American Odyssey "Beat Feet" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "South Atlantic"		Call the Midwife (N)		Masterpiece (:05) "Mr. Selfridge" (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Wolf Hall" (N)		Austin City Limits "Beck"		Front and Center "Zakk Wylde"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Me Pongo de Pie				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		Anger M.	M&M	Office	N'Game
FLIX	340	65			165	(5:00) ★ Restoration		★ 10 Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, ...				★★ Flirting With Disaster		(:35) ★ Grosse Pointe Blank			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:05) ★★★ Draft Day Kevin Costner.		Game of Thrones (N)				Silicon (N)	Veep (N)	LastWeek	Game of Thrones	Veep	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		★ Let's Be Cops John Johnson.		(:45) ★ Good Night & Good Lu...		(:20) ★ Ride Along			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(:35) ★ The Best Man Holiday				★ Endless Love Alex Pettyfer.		Making		★★★★ The Great Gatsby			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(:05) ★★ We're the Millers (:25) ★ As Above, So Below						★★★ Kick-Ass 2		(:45) ★ Lolita From Interstellar...			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) ★★★ Men of Steel Henry Cavill.				★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Idris Elba.				Lingerie	(:50) ★★★ Moulin Rouge!		
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ By Dawn's...		★★★★ Stepmom ('98, Dra) Julia Roberts.						(:10) ★★ Milk Money Melanie Griffith.		(:05) ★ Bubble Boy	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		HAPPYish	Dreadful	"Fresh Hell"	Nurse J.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Scary MoVie		★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin'						★★ Cold in July Michael C. Hall.			★★★ Monster
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Intervention "Jessica"		Inter. "Samantha"		Intervention "Jamie"		Intervention (N)		8 Minutes		Inter. "Samantha"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:30) ★ American ...		★★ Wild Hogs ('07, Com) John Travolta.				Mad Men (N)		(:05) Mad Men		(:10) Mad Men	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) ★★★ Love Jones Nia Long.		★★ Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Ice Cube, Bow Wow.				Single Ladies "Gone"		BET Inspiration			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Atlanta "Reunion Part Two" (N)				Blood, Sweat (N)		Housewives Atlanta	Queens	Watch (N)	Atlanta
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Rich	Money	American Greed		Greed "The Car Con"		White Collar		American Greed		Billions	Behind Bars
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Special Report		CNN Special Report "Korea"		A. Bourdain "Korea"		Anthony "Miami" (N)		High Profits (N)		A. Bourdain "Korea"	A. Bourdain "Miami"
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	KC Under	KC Under	Austin (N)	Liv/Mad	KC Under (N)	I Didn't	Jessie	Dog Blog	Austin	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter Special "Draft Grades" (L)				30 for 30 "Brian and the Boz"		30 for 30				ESPN FC	Basket.
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ The Hunger Games				★★★ Fantastic Four ('05, Act) Ioan Gruffudd.				Young	J.Osteen	Jeremiah	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Hannity		Greta		Stossel		Hannity		Greta Investigates	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Spring Baking (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Spring Baking	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Preview	School (N)	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park				Fox Sports Live				WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★★★ The Avengers						★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.				★★★ Thor Chris Hemsworth.	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ Perfect on Paper ('14, Dra) Lindsay Hartley.						★ I Married Who? ('12, Com) Kellie Martin.		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Life	Life	IsIndLif	IsIndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ The Perfect...		★ Cleveland Abduction Taryn Manning.				Lizzie Borden Chron.		Lizzie Borden Chron.		★ Cleveland Abd...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Hockey	Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime	Sports Report (L)	Match of the Day (N)		Soccer	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Harvey	LanjayCr	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	FreshP.	FreshP.
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★★ Sinister ('12, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				★★ The Happening Mark Wahlberg.				★ Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assis...			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	★★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Proud Rebel ('58, West) Alan Ladd.						★★★★ The Blue Dahlia Alan Ladd.				Curtain	Ambrose
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) ★ The Smurfs		La Voz Kids				Suelta la sopa		Titulares	Videos	★ Legendary Assa...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Medium	LI Medium	Long Island Medium		L.I. Medium "I Heart Moms Special" (N)				Long Island Medium		I Heart Moms Special	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:30) ★ Wanted		★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Jerry Molly, Martin Lawrence.						★★★ Wanted ('08, Act) James McAvoy.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Younger	Younger	Younger	Younger	Younger	Younger	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(5:05) ★ Raiders of ...		★★ Oz the Great and Powerful ('13, Adv) James Franco.						Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	18				★★★★ A Time to Kill ('96, Dra) Matthew McConaughey.						Salem (N)		Salem		Salem	

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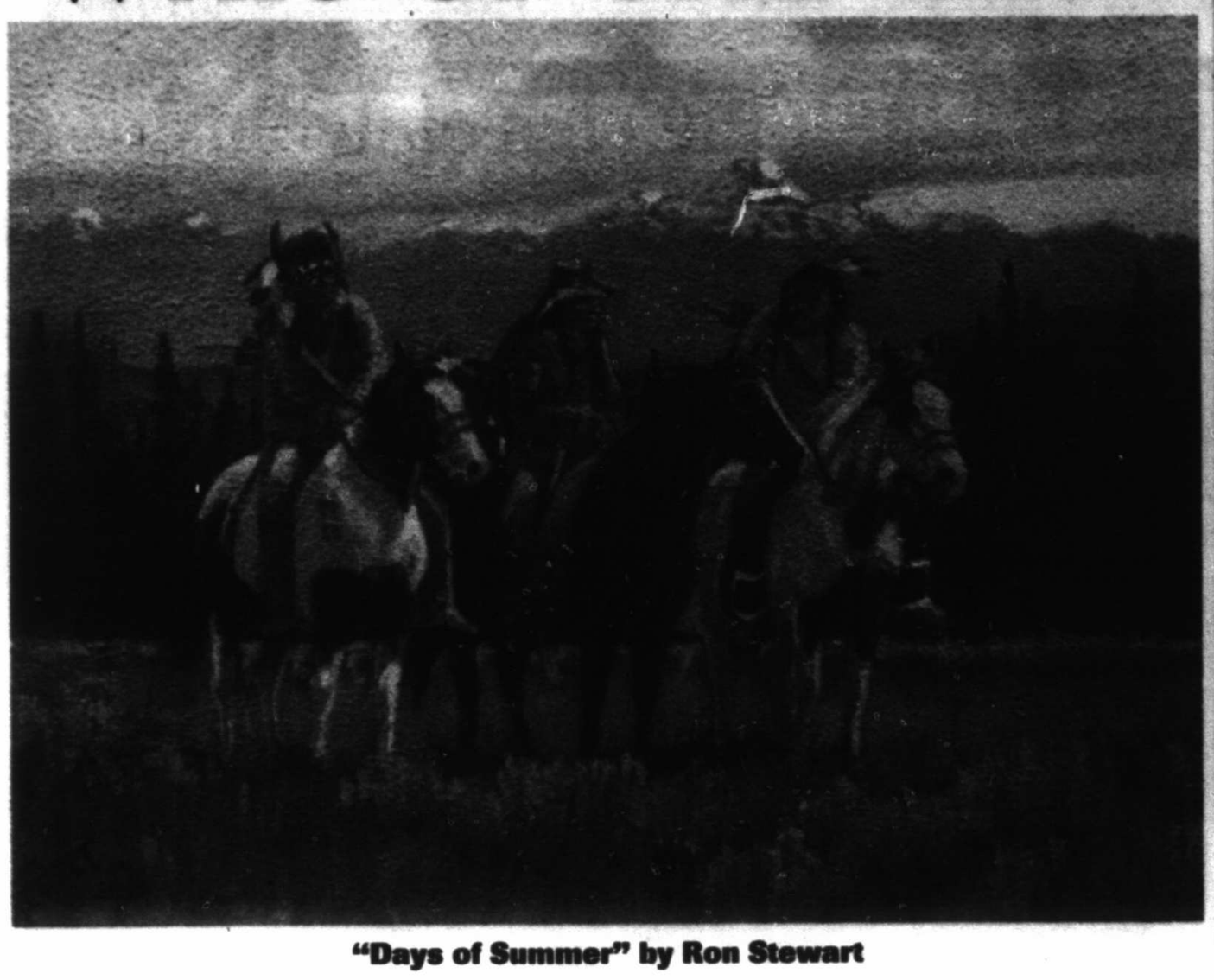
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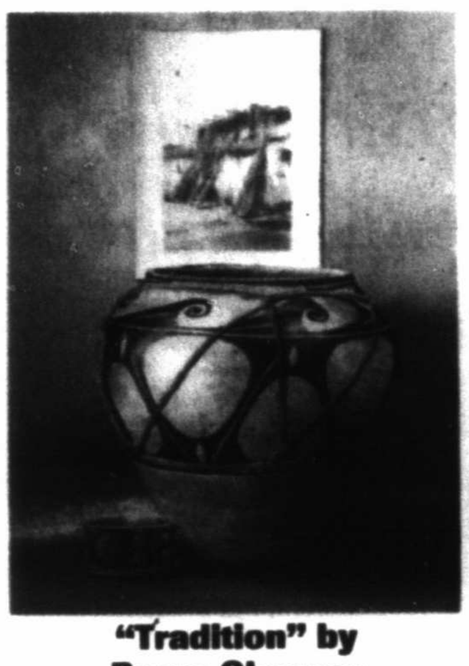
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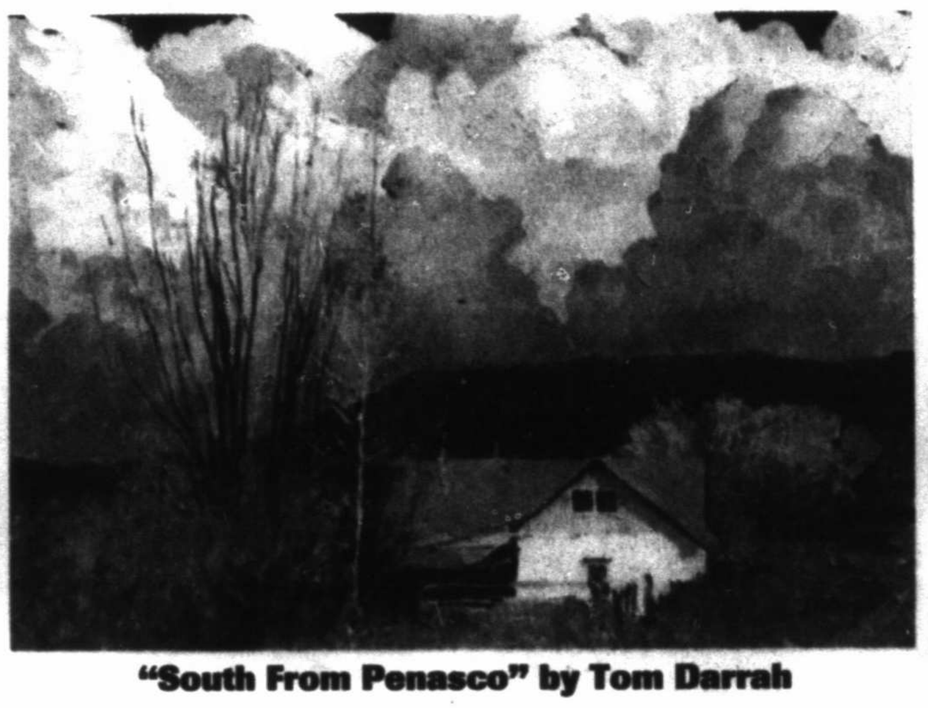
"Days of Summer" by Ron Stewart



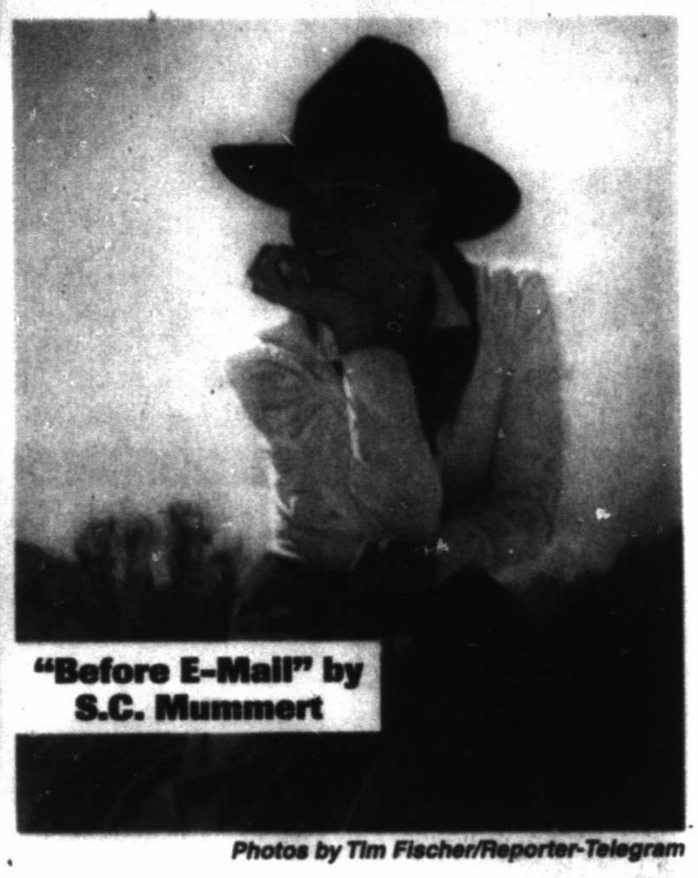
"My Heart, My Solace" by Jan Hurley



"Tradition" by Bruce Cheever



"South From Penasco" by Tom Darrah



"Before E-Mail" by S.C. Mummert

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The 37th annual Invitational Spring Art Show and Sale is up at Haley Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. The show is a fundraiser for the library and includes works from 33 artists from the Southwest and beyond. For more information, call 682-5785.

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

TODAY

Wade in the Water - A Collection Of African American Spirituals by Voices of the Permian Basin, 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. $14. mosc.org.

Kidz Bop Live "Make Some Noise" Tour, 4 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

TUESDAY

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

Chicago, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

Indulge: Fashion + Fun for Moms, 5-7 p.m. at Midland Park Mall. simon.com.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Family Science Night: Master of Disaster, 6-8 p.m. at Petroleum Museum.

Jonny Burke, 7:30 p.m. at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

FRIDAY

"Fixing Up," through May 30 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Dances from the Islands, 7 p.m. at Yucca Theatre. 528-1192.

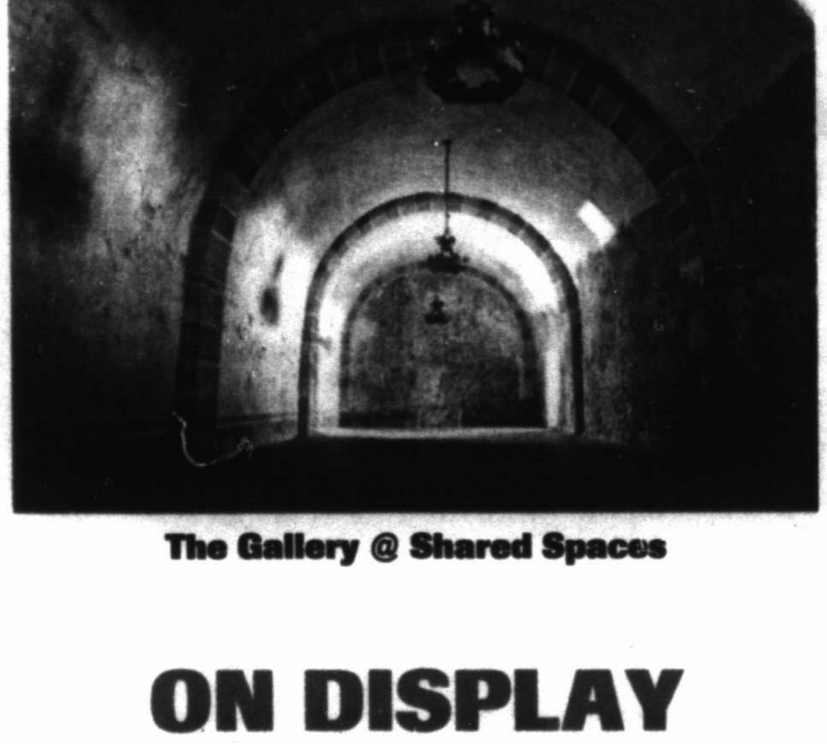
Diva and Dino, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Dr. Who Gala-frey, 7 p.m. at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

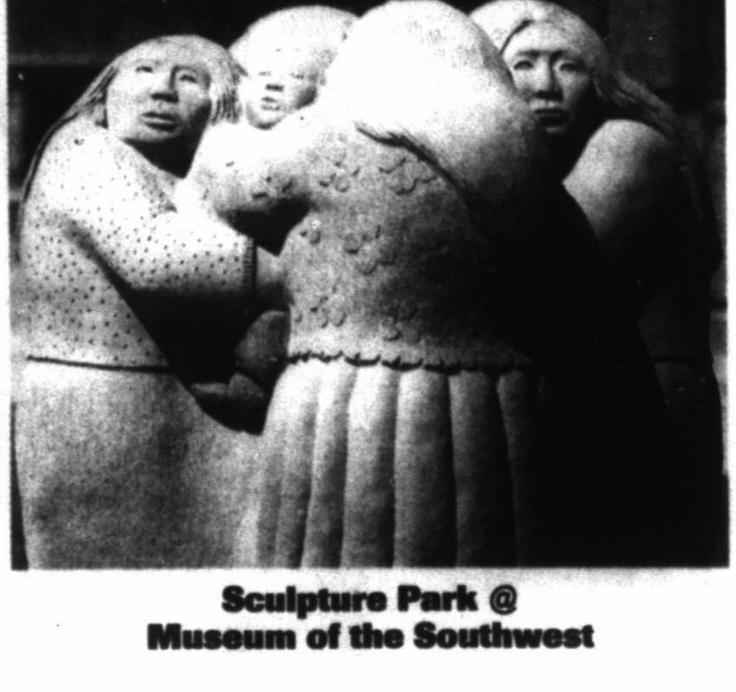
RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. at Security Ballpark. milb.com.



Art and Fashion of the 1920s @ Ellen Noël Art Museum



The Gallery @ Shared Spaces



Sculpture Park @ Museum of the Southwest

ON DISPLAY

ArtiZen Outlet gallery space and co-op. 436 Andrews Highway. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios. Reserved Studio Time is $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net. 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave." 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum. "Art and Fashion of the 1920s" through May 31. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center. 37th annual Invitational Spring Art Show and Sale. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. Molly Roberts and Katie Pack during May. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

McCormick Gallery at Midland College. Spring Art Show through May 5. 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Lynn Brown in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during May.

Midland County Historical Museum's permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Scharbauer Hotel, Midland school memorabilia, the door from the Pileka Blacksmith shop containing many historic brands and First National and Midland National bank items. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" Friday through July 26. co.midland.tx.us

Museum of the Southwest. Turner Memorial Art Gallery closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

RTD Skatepark hosts art exhibits from internationally known pro-skaters and is open to submissions of local artists to sell and display their work. Rock the Desert grounds. rtdskatepark.com.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Sibley Nature Center, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday/ 1307 E. Wadley Ave. 684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

Odessan on the road to building chocolate business

By Mella McEwen
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Odessan Jill Gilley hopes taking Belgian chocolate, adding some love and turning them into handcrafted confections will be a recipe for business success.

"I decided that if I was ever going to do it, now was the time," she said about the business, A Little Something Sweet, that she launched in February. She recently joined Midland Downtown Farmers Market as a vendor and said she plans to be there most Saturdays while the market is in session.

Her journey to becoming a chocolatier began on a farm outside Tarzan, where she was raised. After graduation, she attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, which Gilley said is a very good cooking schoola. She earned a degree in baking and pastry arts there 20 years ago.

"That led me on a journey around the U.S., cooking," she said. Gilley has cooked in restaurants and for a wide variety of customers, including presidents and celebrated actors.

That journey eventually led her back to West Texas. Gilley that said when she would return to visit family, "it felt like home." She married, and the couple settled in Odessa.

Seeing the enjoyment of people who tasted her chocolates gave Gilley the desire to start a chocolate business.

"I do it as much for the reaction I get from people as for the financial end," she said.

Since starting A Little Something Sweet, she has made Valentine's Day chocolates and chocolates for a wedding. She looks forward to providing chocolates and candies for special occasions such as weddings, showers, birthdays, anniversaries and quinceaneras.

The work begins with Belgian chocolate she orders from a vendor in Oregon. Then she molds the chocolate into shapes, including roses, or she dips cookies or fruits in the chocolate or fills pastries with the chocolate.

Gilley said her work involves a lot of detail, but also some science.

"There's a lot of chemistry, too. I never was much of a scientist, but in (college), one of the first things I took was some chemistry. Temperatures can affect the chemistry of chocolate," she said.

Her goal is to open a retail store where customers can buy handcrafted artisan chocolates.

"I want a thriving retail shop where people can come get something sweet, something handcrafted and made with love, just for their pleasure," she said.

ROUGH FOR RETAIL



Associated Press

Razzle Dazzle clothing boutique owner Carol Avendano poses April 24 at her store in the Buckhead section of Atlanta. Razzle Dazzle's revenue is down 65 percent from 2007. Avendano says customers think carefully before spending.

Small businesses still struggle post-recession

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The recession isn't a dim memory for many small businesses.

Nearly two-thirds of owners in a Bank of America survey said their companies are still recovering from the downturn that officially ended nearly six years ago. Only 21 percent of the owners surveyed last month said their businesses have fully recovered.

The numbers present a different side of small business than surveys that focus on companies' increasing optimism and healthy cash flow. The Bank of America findings are a reminder that the economic recovery is not only slow-paced but also fragmented, with companies whose customers are consumers and other small businesses lagging behind. Retailers and homebuilders are among those whose revenue is below the levels they enjoyed before the recession's December 2007 official beginning.

At Razzle Dazzle, a young women's clothing boutique in Atlanta, revenue is down 65 percent from 2007. Owner Carol Avendano sees customers think carefully before spending.

"It used to be nothing for a mom to come in here and spend $1,000 on her eighth-grader and not even blink an eye," Avendano said. "Now, if a purse is $300, they have to think about it."

Younger shoppers are also less carefree about money. A young woman with $100 is more likely to go to chains like H&M or Forever 21 and buy 10 different items than pick up one shirt in Razzle Dazzle. Avendano, who opened her store in 1975, stays in business because she has loyal customers. She's been through many ups and downs over the decades, but this downturn has surprised her.

"I thought it was going to come back," she said.

What's wrong?

Companies are still recovering for a number of reasons, some of them related to the industries they're in.

Retailers struggle because consumer spending remains weak, said Scott Anderson, chief economist with Bank of the West. And the housing industry, which includes many small businesses, is still in the early stages of recovery from the collapse that began in 2006. But small manufacturers are doing well and leading the recovery, Anderson said.

The struggles in retailing and homebuilding are reflected in overall small-business revenue, which hasn't recovered to pre-recession levels, said Susan Woodward, an economist who analyzes data gathered from Intuit's small business customers. Revenue has also fallen every month since October, she said.

A homebuilding rebound will help consumer spending, economists say. If people buy more houses, industries related to construction will hire more workers who will be able to spend. And people buying houses tend to shop for appliances, furniture and home decor.

The difficulty many small companies have in getting loans has prolonged the recovery, said Karen Mills, a Harvard Business School faculty member and former head of the Small Business Administration. Banks are still reluctant to lend to many companies, especially the smallest ones.

Small companies' struggle to get loans was clear in a first-quarter survey by Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management and Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp. Sixty-three percent of small companies said it was difficult to get loans, while only 36 percent of larger businesses said it was difficult.

What's the solution?

Owners need to re-examine every aspect of their companies to adapt to a business climate that has permanently changed, said Kathleen Allen, a professor of entrepreneurship at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. That means asking whether a company is giving customers what they need — and whether they're targeting the right customers.

"We have to question even whether this business makes sense," Allen said.

John Reiner has used that strategy at his printing and packaging company. Revenue dropped 25 percent in 2009 and kept falling the next two years; it hasn't returned to pre-recession levels. Several of PakCom's best business customers shut down. Others cut back on marketing materials and promotional products. The recession also encouraged companies to switch to email and the Internet from snail mail.

"When you have that domino effect, it crushes you," said Reiner, whose company is based in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Another change: More companies prefer ordering online instead of dealing with a human. So Reiner has started a website called Logical Promotions to sell shirts, backpacks and other items companies and organizations can print logos on. The website opened for business in March, and he's optimistic it will bolster his PakCom revenue.

"The printing business will not return," Reiner said.

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman



Report of rising college enrollment is encouraging

The relationship between attaining more education or training and benefits such as higher earnings and greater job security is widely recognized. At the same time, education has a positive effect on the economy and society as a whole through mechanisms such as a better-prepared workforce and citizens who tend to be more productive and involved (and even healthier).

We have new information about college enrollment for last year's high school graduates. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently reported that 68.4 percent of 2014 U.S. high school graduates were enrolled in colleges or universities last fall. This rate reflects a notable increase over 2013 at 65.9 percent. About two-thirds of those who enrolled attended four-year colleges, with the others opting for two-year colleges. The vast majority (about 92.2 percent, in fact) are full-time students, though a significant percentage also works.

The 2014 dataset shows a continuation of a pattern of higher rates of college attendance for young women (at 72.7 percent) than for young men (64 percent). Enrollment rates vary widely by race, with Asians highest (86.1 percent), followed by black (70.9 percent), white (67.3 percent), and Hispanic (65.2 percent) graduates.

To put the current level in perspective, October 2009 data (for 2009 high school graduates) indicated that 70.1 percent were enrolled in colleges or universities, higher than it had been since the series began in 1959. One factor in the decision process to enroll is the opportunity costs involved. In 2009, the economy was weak and jobs were hard to come by; the overall U.S. unemployment rate was more than 9 percent, with even higher rates for young people. The opportunity cost of college (in the form of lost potential wages from full-time work) was lower than if there had been plentiful jobs. Unemployment rates have more recently been dropping and were in the 6 percent range last summer. It's a sign of the improving economy that a somewhat lower percentage is now enrolling.

Comparing 2009 data to the most recent set shows a shift in the proportion attending by race/ethnicity. For 2009 high school graduates, the college enrollment rate of Asian graduates was still highest (at 92.2 percent), but a larger percentage of white graduates attended than did black graduates (69.2 percent and 68.7 percent, respectively), which is a reversal of the current order for those two groups. Some 59.3 percent of 2009 Hispanic graduates enrolled, indicating a significant improvement between the level then and more recently, when 65.2 percent chose to attend.

A major deterrent to college attendance

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Small businesses won't reap benefits of tax cut

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Houston Chronicle

If Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick gets his way, more than 900,000 small businesses in Texas will not get a tax cut.

Under the tax plan passed by the Texas Senate, which Patrick presides over, only the businesses that have qualifying revenues more than $1 million will see a cut in the franchise tax. The vast majority of Texas businesses that make under $1 million will not because they don't pay the tax.

The only other tax relief in the Patrick package is a doubling of the homestead exemption to the property tax. That means property owners who do not qualify for that exemption, including businesses, will not benefit.

That's what makes the Texas House plan to cut the sales tax so much smarter. Everyone who pays sales tax, and that is almost everyone including businesses, will get a break.

On Tuesday, the House passed a bill authored by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, that reduces the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent with the intent of helping every Texan, not just homeowners.

"Cutting the sales tax includes the 900,000 businesses that don't pay the franchise tax," Bonnen told me in an interview before his proposal passed the House on Tuesday. "It includes every individual, and what it also does, it shrinks the size of government, and it reduces the amount of dollars the government has to spend."

By lowering the sale tax, more money ends up in more people's pockets. To get an independent perspective, I spoke with Kevin Oldham, a tax attorney at the Dykema law firm's Austin office.

"Every business that is operating in Texas is buying things," he said. "An overall rate reduction would affect their bottom line, both on the expense side and then it will impact their customer. The amount they charge will

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Ask the Fool

Researching Risks

Q How can I research the risks facing various companies? — *K.W., Mayville, Iowa*

A You'll typically find most of a publicly traded American company's risks disclosed by the company itself. Such companies are required to file annual "10-K" reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Accessible at websites such as finance.yahoo.com and the companies' own websites, they detail a company's financial and operational health and progress, and also address risks facing the business.

For example, Boeing's 10-K for 2014 cites many risk factors the company faces, such as, "Our Commercial Airplanes business depends heavily on commercial airlines, and is subject to unique risks." It explains: "Demand for our commercial aircraft is … influenced by airline profitability, availability of aircraft financing, world trade policies, government-to-government relations, technological changes, price and other competitive factors, fuel prices, terrorism, epidemics and environmental regulations."

Some of many other risks include changes in levels of U.S. government defense spending and losses due to cost overruns on fixed-price contracts. Boeing, along with other multinational companies, cites regulatory changes and currency fluctuations as risks. In developing nations, the lack of relevant laws, or the presence of new and untested laws, can also be an issue.

Don't let the risks listed in 10-Ks make you want to avoid investing in any company. Every company faces risks. They shouldn't scare you away, but do consider them. Also, know that companies can manage many of their risks, such as via insurance, or by locking in currency rates or commodity prices via futures contracts.

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Q What's an "uptick"? — *D.T., Forty Fort, Pennsylvania*

A It's when the last price for a stock or security is a bit higher than its price the previous time it traded.

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Moneymaking Ideas for Teens

Summer is approaching, so it's a perfect time for teens to start thinking about how they can earn some money. Here's a list of moneymaking ideas, adapted from "The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens: 8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of," by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, $16).

• When someone in your neighborhood goes on vacation, you can care for their pets, turn lights on and off, collect the mail and water plants. Some busy folks might need a year-round dog-walker.

• Serve older neighbors by buying and delivering groceries, running errands or doing odd jobs, such as changing light bulbs. (Spend a little time chatting with them, too, and you can learn some great life lessons.)

• Sign up customers whose properties you can tend year-round, mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow and/or gardening.

• If you enjoy arts and crafts, make and sell beautiful things such as jewelry, sweaters or photographs.

• Be a tech guru for neighbors frustrated and confused by their computers or mobile devices. You can perform backups, scan for viruses, solve problems, answer questions and show people how to use their machines. You might even make some good money setting up or maintaining websites for small companies and organizations.

• Teach skills you have to others, such as piano playing, horseback riding or juggling. You can also play music at functions, publish a newsletter or draw portraits.

More ideas: If you're good at a school subject such as math or Spanish, you can become a tutor, helping others to understand it. Factory work, although often dreary, can pay well. At retailers, you'll often get employee discounts and sometimes you earn sales commissions, too.

If you inquire early enough, you can line up a job at a summer camp, movie theater, amusement park, golf course or parks department. If you enjoy working with young children, see if any nearby day care centers could use some help.

My Smartest Investment

A $20,000 Experiment

My best investment decision was a test I performed some years ago. I gave my broker $10,000 and trusted him to make good investments for me. I took another $10,000 and opened a brokerage account where I invested in stocks I chose myself, having learned of many of them from The Motley Fool.

My broker put my money in five mutual funds, and about a year later, that account was up 6.5 percent. Over the same period, I nearly doubled my money with the stocks I chose myself. After that, I decided to invest all my money on my own. — *B.B., via email*

The Fool Responds: We do believe that individual investors can outperform Wall Street's pros — most easily via a simple, inexpensive broad-market index fund, which outperforms most managed mutual funds.

Your experiment has a flaw, though, as it lasted only about a year. Over the short run, good stocks can fall and bad ones rise, and the market can swoon for a while. Over the very long run, the stock market has averaged close to 10 percent annually. It's rare to double your money that quickly.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Apple Looks Juicy

Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) is one of the stocks our readers most often lament having sold way too soon. Well, it's actually not too late to buy shares now, if you believe in the company's ability to keep introducing exciting new offerings.

It's hard not to believe in Apple, as it possesses the most valuable brand in the world, is sitting on more than $175 billion in cash and investments (as of the end of 2014), and has a wildly successful history of innovation. It has sold 700 million-plus iPhones, including 75 million in the last quarter alone, and its new offerings include the Apple Pay system and the Apple Watch, with some possibly big plans to enter and compete in the multi-trillion-dollar auto industry and the cable TV industry, too.

Its war chest is a big plus, protecting it from an economic downturn and helping it keep competition at bay. It also means the company will have no problem continuing to pay and increase its dividend, which recently yielded 1.5 percent.

Apple has developed its line of products into an ecosystem where they're all connected, making it hard for customers to switch to competitors. It's also moving aggressively into promising regions abroad, such as China.

With a recent P/E ratio near 17 and a forward-looking one near 13, Apple is far from overpriced and worth consideration.

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You may not know my name, but I'm a developer of many of the world's most popular online games, such as FarmVille, Words With Friends, Pioneer Trail, CityVille, ChefVille, Empires and Allies, and one of the largest poker games around. I bought the NaturalMotion company, so now CSR Racing, CSR Classics and Clumsy Ninja are under my roof, too. My upcoming games include Dawn of Titans. More than a billion people have played my games, and more than 100 million currently play each month. I'm based in San Francisco, and my market value recently topped $2 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Zynga)

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be less and therefore make them more competitive with vendors who operate outside the state."

Unexpected fight

This is an unexpected family feud between conservative Republicans, who control the Legislature and every statewide office. The state has generated significant revenue thanks to high oil prices and an increase in drilling. Republicans have promised tax cuts in the 2016-17 state budget rather than save the money for future needs.

Democrats and other groups say the state should restore funding for public schools to pre-recession levels, but since a new crop of Republican leaders is committed to giving money back, that's unlikely to happen.

"I think you need to know how much you need to fix schools, and then you go out to find the revenues to do it," said San Antonio Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, a Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee. "The House is interested in looking at public policy, but from what I can see, the tax plans that are coming out of the Senate are really an opportunity to make good on campaign promises."

I spoke to Patrick's press secretary, Alejandro Garcia, but he said no one was available for an interview. He shared Patrick's statement that Bonnen "is out of step with Texans."

Patrick, who has built his political career attacking property taxes, says the House's reduction of sales tax would increase the proportion of state revenue derived from the franchise tax. That may make a difference to budget writers, but it's a distinction without a difference to those paying the taxes.

Flaws in the logic

Two weeks ago, I wrote about competing options for cutting the franchise tax, supporting Bonnen's plan to cut the business tax 25 percent across the board with the ultimate goal of eliminating it. The Senate plan would increase the tax exemption from $1 million to $4 million. Both plans would return about $2 billion to the state economy.

Both Bonnen and Patrick want to eventually phase out the franchise tax completely.

That's great for businesses, but raising the homestead exemption on property taxes would force appraisal districts to collect more on non-homestead property. That will increase the tax burden on business in a state where the conservative Tax Foundation reports that 63 percent of state and local taxes are already paid by businesses, compared with the national average of 45 percent.

"The Senate plan would exacerbate that, and this bill does not," Tony Bennett, president of the Texas Association of Manufacturers, told House members about the sales tax cut. "We appreciate that."

Wider relief

Bonnen said he wants to reduce the burden on small businesses that won't get help under Patrick's plan.

"Businesses are paying a lot of property tax, and businesses are paying 41 percent of the revenue brought in by the sales tax," Bonnen said.

The House plan would cut taxes $2.3 billion, while the Senate would spend $2.1 billion to pay school districts for the loss of property tax revenue. The Senate plan also does nothing to keep school districts from raising the property tax later or from tax bills rising due to higher property values.

"By raising the homestead exemption, the Senate is sending $2 billion dollars to local school districts, and it doesn't shrink their government expenditures in any way," Bonnen said.

Avoiding inefficiency

Having the state collect sales taxes to pay homeowners' school taxes with only a vague hope that those taxes will not go up anyway is not an efficient tax plan.

Businesspeople should contact Patrick's office at 512-463-0001, and they should tell their state senators that a sales tax reduction is what's best for every business and every Texan.

TPP won't help Texas manufacturers

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President Obama has spent the past six years negotiating a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal behind closed doors. The agreement, repeatedly touted as a boost for America's manufacturers and workers, would open the U.S. market to a slew of imports from 11 nations, including Vietnam, Japan, Singapore, and Malaysia.

In order to craft the TPP package, which now runs to thousands of pages, the president has relied on the advice of 600 non-governmental organizations, including many multinational corporations. Unfortunately, he has refused input from the one voice that should matter — the U.S. Congress. And that's a real problem.

Since 2000, the U.S. has lost more than 5 million manufacturing jobs and 57,000 manufacturing establishments. In Texas alone, this has led to a whopping $375 billion cumulative trade deficit over the past five years, with 188,000 good-paying factory jobs shed since 2000. This lost manufacturing has come at a real cost for Pennsylvania's middle class, and what should be paramount on the minds of our elected officials is how to rebuild this lost industrial capacity.

The TPP is emphatically not the answer. Instead, it's simply the latest in a long line of trade deals (like NAFTA, WTO, China, CAFTA, South Korea, etc.) that have opened the door to predatory trade with countries that have only their own interests at heart.

For example, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and China continually engage in currency manipulation in order to gain an advantage for their exports. In fact, Beijing has used an undervalued Yuan to boost its trade surplus with the U.S. from $83 billion in 2001 to $342 billion in 2014, costing the U.S. more than 3 million jobs. Similarly, Japan has intervened in currency markets 376 times since 1991 to boost its exports. The U.S. goods trade deficit with Japan reached $78 billon in 2013, costing an estimated 896,000 U.S. jobs.

This unbalanced trade has led to America no longer producing enough steel to supply its own defense and infrastructure needs. Currently, our steel industry is facing a wave of subsidized foreign steel at nearly unprecedented levels. And the U.S. also faces dependencies in such vital defense industries as propellant chemicals, batteries, and specialty metals. Where will Americans work, and how will we defend our nation, if these trends continue?

President Obama, however, is insistent on "fast tracking" a completed TPP agreement past a submissive Congress. Worse, the president's plan overlooks the concerns of bipartisan majorities in both the House and Senate who have explicitly requested strong provisions on currency manipulation in the final agreement. Unfortunately, the president has ignored Congress's instructions, and one result of a signed TPP might well be the surrender of America's automotive sector to a Japanese car industry strongly aided by currency manipulation.

The TPP represents another giant step in the industry-by-industry giveaway of American manufacturing. Thankfully, the president's request for fast-track authority has met with stiff opposition on Capitol Hill, mainly from Democrats, but also from a sizable group of Republicans. All are justifiably troubled because the president has negotiated the TPP without incorporating a congressionally vetted set of instructions, and is simply seeking fast-track authority to slam-dunk the finished package.

If the past 20 years of "free trade" deals offer any preview, TPP won't increase America's sales to third world consumers, most of whom exist on a few dollars a day and can't afford U.S. wares. However, they can flood our already import-saturated market with more goods produced at slave labor wages. And so Texas' congressional representatives should say no to President Obama's request for "fast track" authority and the poorly conceived TPP agreement. Otherwise, Texas' manufacturers and their workers could be among the biggest losers.

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is cost. Tuition, fees, and room and board charges have been rising sharply, and most families struggle to foot the bill. Loans are an important aspect of the financial solution for many students, and the ballooning total debt outstanding has made many headlines. While there are certainly young people struggling to make student loan payments (particularly those who were unlucky enough to finish college during the recession), loans remain a viable option in certain circumstances.

The most recent survey from the National Association of Colleges and Employers indicates that the mean starting salary for 2014 college graduates was $48,127: $38,604 for liberal arts and humanities majors, $49,807 for business majors, and $64,891 for engineering majors. When compared to median weekly earnings for 16- to 24-year-olds working full time of $491 per week for men and $461 per week for women (coupled with relatively high unemployment rates in these age ranges for those without post-secondary education) as well as differentials in benefits, retirement plans, and advancement opportunities, and it quickly becomes apparent that it can be appropriate to borrow funds for college needs.

The student loan decision process is fraught with difficulties. First of all, few 17-year-olds have meaningful experience with personal finances at that level (interest, compounding, contracts, and so on). Whereas there are professionals directly involved in the "yes" or "no" on other types of loans (a mortgage lending expert for a home loan, for example), student loans are very different. There are often counselors available and processes to be followed, but information is often incomplete.

Indiana University established an Office of Financial Literacy to help students make informed financial decisions before, during, and after college and decrease overall student debt. It also developed "MoneySmarts," a webpage with podcasts and articles on a range of relevant topics. The university also sends letters detailing current debt outstanding, additional debt being added, and the payments which would be required upon graduation. This simple and straightforward information has led students to reduce borrowing via federal undergraduate Stafford loans by 11 percent in just a year. Students have taken action to reduce what they're borrowing, either spending less or filling in gaps with part-time jobs. Similar programs are also being implemented elsewhere.

The benefits of increasing educational attainment are well-known, both from an individual and a societal perspective. It is encouraging to see enrollment levels at impressive and generally improving levels across all racial/ethnic groups. Costs are a major inhibiting factor, and the burden of student loans can be a major challenge. With good information, however, students can make better decisions, enhancing prosperity for students, their families, and the nation as a whole.

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Don't take a settlement you feel is undeserved

ASK DAVE
Dave Ramsey, financial expert



DEAR DAVE: I was recently notified that I am one of the beneficiaries of a class action lawsuit against a previous employer. The amount I can receive is just $200, but I don't feel like this past employer wronged me in any way. Everyone around me is urging me to take the money, but I feel kind of weird about accepting anything under the circumstances. What do you think I should do? — *Randy*

DEAR RANDY: I don't know all the details of the episode you're talking about, or what happened with this particular company. But I don't agree with the idea that we're supposed to beat up anyone we can, or milk everything we can get out of every company or human being we come across. Some people are just incredibly opportunistic. They live like it's anarchy, and they have no sense of fairness or decorum. But you do.

The people who are telling you to take the cash don't think the way you do. They're the kind who would take any money, no matter the reason. But you sound like the kind of person who wouldn't do that, so you shouldn't be taking advice from those people.

I think your heart has already told you what to do, Randy. God is whispering in your ear. If I were in your shoes, I wouldn't take it. If it were $100,000, I wouldn't take it. You were not wronged, and that money is for someone who was wronged.

You have a sense of dignity and pride about yourself and your behavior, and I respect that. My advice is to listen to your heart.

DEAR DAVE: I just became debt-free, and I live in an apartment. I'm also 28 and single, and I make about $75,000 a year. Do you think I should get a mortgage and go back into debt, or save up and pay cash for a house? I'd like to keep the price of a new home around $200,000, and I think I can save about $15,000 a year. — *Kevin*

DEAR KEVIN: Congratulations on becoming debt-free! It feels awesome, doesn't it?

When it comes to saving, how about rounding that figure up to $20,000 a year? Going that route, you're only 10 years away from a nice, new paid-for home, and you're still debt-free. That's one way to do it.

I don't borrow money, Kevin. And I don't tell people to do things I won't do. The one exception to that is I don't yell at people for taking out a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage, where the payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take home pay. You could save like crazy for a couple of years and put down a really strong down payment on a home in the price range you're talking about. Then, you could pay off that house in 15 years max — or even sooner.

I don't have a big problem with it either way. But wouldn't it be great to be only 38 years old and still be completely debt-free?

Baby boomers face financial anxiety

By Susan Tompor
Detroit Free Press

Gabriella Barthlow, 52, totally gets it when people talk about the financial anxiety some people 50 and older are feeling.

While the recession is over, Barthlow says some people who should feel good about the prospects of retirement are fearful because they're stuck stringing together a variety of jobs to keep paying their bills.

They're living examples of "giganomics" — where people tap into their assorted skills and contacts to make money for daily living. The word "gig" once was used mainly to apply to bands or musicians. But Barthlow said the gig now could mean selling chocolate, acting as a chauffeur, or taking on extra odd jobs, all stuff she did after losing better-paying work.

"I am the queen of giganomics," said Barthlow, who runs a financial education and coaching firm called the Alpha Advisory Group. "You have to adjust until you're back on track with what you want to do."

Barthlow knew she didn't want to make $8 or $10 an hour as she had to do for some odd jobs. She took what work she could to "keep it moving" during about a four-year slump.

Only recently, she said, she obtained a good contract that will involve offering financial counseling to military members who are transitioning to civilian life.

She is moving back on financial track.

"I'm more optimistic. I've gotten to the 'other side.' But how about the people that haven't yet?" she said.

Overall, many people feel better about their job security, debt levels, net worth and overall financial situation compared with how they felt a year ago, according to the latest Bankrate Financial Security Index.

But when it comes to people age 50 and older, just 13 percent of that group said they are feeling better about their savings than they were a year ago. Only 17 percent in the 50 and older group felt better about their job security than they did a year ago. And 19 percent of that group reported a better overall financial situation, according to the Bankrate Financial Security Index.

Greg McBride, senior financial analyst for Bankrate.com, said those in the 50-plus group may be feeling more uncertain about their jobs, and some could be making less money working than they did before the recession or last layoff.

The stock market has bounced back and the Dow Jones industrial average has risen above 18,000 but many baby boomers may have dumped their stock investments long ago.

"This is a group that was more prone to bailing out of the stock market after the 2008 crash and not getting back in," McBride said.

"Those that hung in there, they've more than recovered and then some. Those boomers that bailed, they're still standing on the platform but the train is long gone."

Adding to woes: Low interest rates.

Retirees who put a savings in certificates of deposit are seeing miserably low rates of return, nothing like the 5 percent a year on CDs that some saw before the economic downturn.

In contrast, the Bankrate survey indicated that millennials are feeling better about their finances.

About 32 percent of those ages 18 to 29 report higher job security relative to a year ago. Overall, about 23 percent of employed Americans are feeling better about their job security than they did in April 2014, according to the survey.

About 30 percent of millennials say their savings are in better shape now than a year ago, compared with 20 percent of Americans overall.

When it comes to net worth, millennials do feel they're still lagging behind. About 18 percent of millennials reported a higher net worth than a year ago, 22 percent of those 50 and older reported a higher net worth, and 23 percent overall reported a higher net worth.

The most positive sentiment was observed among those 30 to 49, with 29 percent of that group reporting a higher net worth than a year ago.

"It completely refutes the notion that millennials are completely buried in student debt, can't get jobs and are still living with mom and dad," McBride said.

Overcoming financial anxiety requires patience and persistence for anyone in any age group.

Barthlow advises people who are worried about their finances to take control and look at how they're spending their money, as well as their opportunities to make more money.

Maybe a buyout or a retirement has not worked out as some expected. If so, one needs to adjust and make some changes.

"Being flexible is key to the game," Barthlow said.

For some, it may be necessary to ditch a shoe or a clothing habit. Some might need to stop writing checks to a family member who needs financial help. Others might need to cut back on vacations or eating out.

And some might need to learn how to deal with "giganomics" and find extra work for a year or two to get through a slump. Barthlow said she knows one man in his 60s who is willing to work like a teenager to keep up with the bills and take care of family members.

Others, though, aren't willing to adjust to some new realities.

"A lot of folks are on automatic pilot, and they don't want to think about what they're doing," she said.

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Be wary of pension advance offerings

By Pamela Yip
Dallas Morning News

Today, traditional pension benefits are gold for retirees who receive them, as they're fast disappearing from the workplace.

But even with a pension, some retirees still struggle financially and sometimes have a need for extra cash because of unexpected bills or emergencies. Unfortunately, that's when they can fall prey to companies seeking to take advantage of their desperation through a "pension advance."

Also known as a pension sale, loan or buyout, a pension advance provides you a lump sum to meet your cash-flow needs. In return, you're required to sign over all or some of your monthly pension checks for a period of time — often five to 10 years.

However, the pension payments you sign over typically exceed the amount of the lump sum received, affecting your income far down the road. Also, the pension advances often include fees that can significantly inflate the effective annual interest rate, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

"Unlike other types of cash advances or loans," the FTC said, "taking out a pension advance means signing over money you need to live on."

In addition to the FTC, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Government Accountability Office have raised concerns about the transactions.

"We've heard that some retirees with pensions who are facing financial challenges have responded to ads for cash advances on their pensions," the CFPB said. "Although pension advances may seem like a quick fix to your financial problems, they can eat into your retirement income when you start paying back the advance plus interest and fees."

According to the CFPB, pension advance companies often target government retirees with pensions but can also market toward retirees with private pensions.

The GAO, the nonpartisan investigative arm of Congress, looked into the practice last year because of "recent concerns about companies attempting to take advantage of retirees using pension advances."

The GAO identified at least 38 companies that offered advances in exchange for receiving part or all of their pension payments.

"All of the companies operated primarily as Web-based companies, and some targeted financially vulnerable consumers with poor or bad credit nationwide," the GAO said in its report.

During its undercover investigation, the GAO received offers from six out of 19 pension advance companies.

"These offers did not compare favorably with other financial products or offerings, such as loans and lump-sum options through pension plans," the agency said. "For example, the effective interest rates on pension advances offered to GAO during its undercover investigation typically ranged from approximately 27 percent to 46 percent, which were at times close to two to three times higher than the legal limits set by the related states on the interest rates assessed for various types of personal credit."

Attempts to reach several pension advance companies for comment were unsuccessful. However, websites such as Buy-My-Annuity.com and Sell-Your-Future-Payments.com continue to tout the benefits of a pension advance.

"Most people would rather have a few dollars today rather than a few cents paid to them over an extended period of time," says Buy-My-Annuity.com

Sell-Your-Future-Payments.com makes clear the transaction is not a loan and acknowledges that the lump sum you receive is less than the amount of the payments you make.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Security Business Capital names managers

Don Brown and **Veronica Wallace** have been named vice presidents of business development managers for Security Business Capital.

Security Business Capital, with offices in Midland and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, offers funding solutions for a variety of industries from services to transportation to temporary staffing.

Woodhouse Day Spa arrives in Midland

Woodhouse Day Spa recently held a grand opening celebration for its new Midland location at 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 210.

Owned by **Lynna Mikeska**, the Midland Woodhouse Day Spa offers more than 70 spa treatments in a facility that includes luxurious robes, dimmed lighting, a fireplace, ambient lighting and drinks. Mikeska's staff includes massage therapists, estheticians, nail technicians and concierges.

More information, appointments or online gift cards are available at www.midland.woodhousespas.com.

AimBank among best-performing community banks

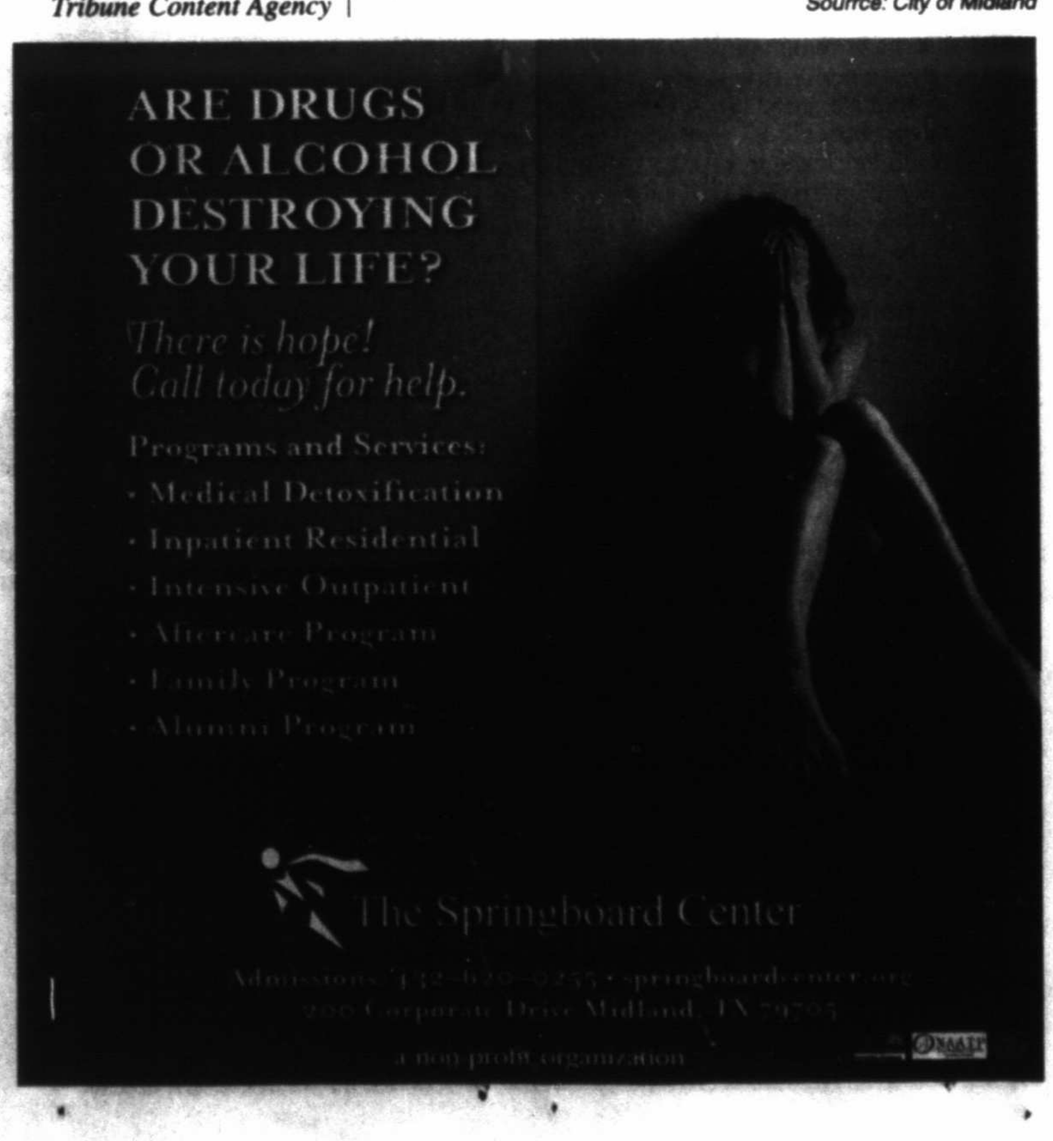
AimBank, with a branch at Midkiff Road and Andrews Highway, has been ranked 37th among the nation's top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks of 2014 by SNL Financial.

SNL Financial is an independent data source that evaluates all banks with $500 million to $5 billion in assets across the nation. SNL annually evaluates community banks with 60 branches or fewer.

BUILDING PERMITS

6417 Randolph Road	New Residence	$152,640
805 Founders Road	New Residence	$216,045
6105 Indigo Sky Court	New Residence	$281,070
6103 Indigo Sky Court	New Residence	$213,570
801 N. Terrell St.	New Residence	$136,980
1217 Overshine Lane	New Residence	$208,890
6113 Copper Sky Court	New Residence	$200,970
5244 W. Loop 250 N.	Commercial Alteration	$12,500
2007 College Ave.	Residential Addition	$2,500
604 S. Weatherford St.	Residential Alteration	$6,000
100 S. Carver St.	Residential Addition	$9,360
3011 W. Kansas Ave.	Commercial Addition	$3,252,019
1123 N. Lamesa Road	New Commercial	$1,600
400 S. Dallas St.	New Residence	$126,810
2000 W. Texas	Commercial Alteration	$320,000
5104 King Richards Row	Residence-Detached	$15,000
210 W. Longview	New Commercial	$30,000
5300 Alyshebe Lane	Swimming Pool	$80,000
1202 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$213,000
1208 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$182,000
6904 Redbud Court	New Residence	$185,000
1213 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$145,000
1201 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$185,000
1206 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$159,000
1218 Maverick Lane	New Residence	$159,000
1210 Randolph Lane	New Residence	$172,000
6902 Sheppard Court	New Residence	$231,000
2107 Winfield Road	Simming Pool	$44,000
2816 W. Loop 250 N.	New Commercial	$600,000
1004 N. Big Spring St.	Sign	$14,230
901 W. Wall St.	Sign	$2,850
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3104 Thomas Ave.	Residential Addition	$9,000
4109 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$3,739
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3617 N. Big Spring St.	Commercial Alteration	$150,000
1201 E. Wadley Ave.	New Commercial	$114,639
2102 Butternut Lane	Residence-Detached	$1,600
1507 Ridglea Drive	New Residence	$268,470
1310 W. Ohio Ave.	Residence-Detached	$800
2001 W. Louisiana Ave.	Residential Addition	$30,000
417 Cottonwood Ave.	Residence-Detached	$3,500
2008 Country Club Drive	Residential Addition	$90,000
1014 Clemente Court	Swimming Pool	$35,000
2301 Holloway Ave.	Residence-Detached	$9,500
507 Tradewinds Blvd.	New Commercial	$597,701
2500 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$45,000
3415 N. Loop 250 W.	Residential Alteration	$15,000
1710 Douglas Ave.	Residence-Detached	$125,000
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Race registration for the 10K will be from 6:30am-7:00am that morning with the 10K race beginning at 7:30am. Participants in the 5K race can begin registering at 6:30am until 7:45am with the race beginning at 8:00am. Race packet pickup will be Friday, July 3rd at Mazda of Midland from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

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OIL REPORT



On Feb. 15, 2012, oil from wells flows through pipelines to a storage facility on the Giddings Estate, a 10,000-acre field near Midland, owned by Pioneer Natural Resources. *New York Times file photo*

FLOW OF INFORMATION

Seminar to bring regulators, energy industry together

By Mella McEwen
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From air to water and lesser prairie chickens to archeology, a wide range of environmentally related topics will be discussed at the 2015 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar.

The annual event will take place May 14 in the Carrasco Room on the Midland College campus, beginning with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

"Some of the presentations will be updates, but they tend to surprise us," said Gil Van Deventer, partner, project manager and senior hydrologist with Trident Environmental, who is organizing this year's seminar.

Among the updates to be presented: Sean Kyle, interim industry enrollment and mitigation lead of Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, on the first year of the lesser prairie chicken range-wide conservation plan; Mark Henkhaus, regulatory liaison with the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, on regulatory issues in Texas and New Mexico; Scott Dawson, deputy division director, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on an OCD overview and produced water reuse; Bo Visciano, Railroad Commission District 8 Director, on commission regulations; and Don Smith of the Environmental Protection Agency on spill preventon, control and containment inspection activities and results.

Legal issues involving groundwater in Texas and beyond will be the subject of luncheon speakers Ken Rainwater and Alex Pearl, professors at Texas Tech University. Rainwater is a professor in Tech's Department of Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering. Pearl is an assistant professor of law in Tech's School of Law and associate director of the Center for Water Law and Policy.

Vickie Mclean, Region 7 Air Work leader of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will give a presentation on how air compliance issues are addressed in the Midland region.

The impact of operations in Permian Basin oil fields will be addressed by Stacy Galassini, lead architect of Bureau of Land Management Carlsbad office, who will speak about managing cultural resources in the oil patch. Jean-Philippe "JP" Nicot, research scientist with the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, will speak about the environmental impact of shale development on water quantity and quality.

The federal aspect of environmental regulation will be discussed by Ryan Ullman, director of government relations and political affairs with the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Richard Ranger, senior policy advisor of the American Petroleum Institute, will make a return visit to the seminar to offer his presentation: "A Unique American Moment: Domestic Energy Abundance and Global Energy Leadership."

The annual seminar — co-sponsored by the Permian Basin section, Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Permian Basin Petroleum Association — was started by Hoxie Smith, former director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center. He died in January.

Van Deventer, a close friend of Smith, said the topic has become even more important in recent year because of the growth of regulations regarding oilfield emissions, water use and discharges.

"What's unique about this seminar, and I've been to every one, is it's a good way to have industry representatives and regulators all together to have a valuable, open dialogue and reach a grater understanding," he said.

More information is available online at www.midland.edu/ppdc or by calling 683-2832.

Enterprise Products, Oxy team up for processing plant

■ New plant will process Delaware Basin natural gas production

By Mella McEwen
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Although oil prices have fallen 50 percent since last summer, U.S. producers continue to increase the amount of oil and natural gas plucked from underground reservoirs.

That has prompted continued investment in infrastructure to move that production to market, including a new natural gas processing plant to be built in the Delaware Basin.

Enterprise Products Partners LP and Occidental Petroleum have announced the new processing plant that will have a capacity of 150 million cubic feet per day and serve growing production from the Delaware Basin. The plant will be owned by Delaware Basin Gas processing LLC, a company formed by Enterprise and Occidental. Each firm will have a 50 percent stake in the new company. Enterprise will construct and operate the plant.

Rick Rainey, spokesman for Enterprise, said details of the plant are still being finalized. Neither the plant's location nor its cost has been disclosed.

Rainey said the partners in the new plant are looking at a capacity of 150 million cubic feet; however, capacity could be increased, depending on demand.

"What this project shows is that the Permian Basin is, obviously, one of the most prolific areas in terms of production. I think this project also shows that, when you look at the future outlook and the multiple pay zone opportunities the Delaware Basin offers, there will be a need for this infrastructure. Who knows what the future holds, but that production needs access to markets," he said.

Rainey said the company takes a cautious approach before investing in construction.

"Before we invest money to build a project, we first pursue or execute long-term contracts to help ensure that particular initiative will be profitable and will be used, rather than putting something in the ground in hope customers might find a use for it," he said, adding that the new project is supported by firm, long-term contracts.

Enterprise's strategy is also to seek out opportunities to partner with strong companies like Occidental, Rainey said.

Enterprise also will construct a 12-inch diameter pipeline that will transport natural gas liquids from the new facility to one of the company's NGL pipelines, which will give customers access to Enterprise's NGL fractionation and storage complex in Mont Belvieu. The partnership's Texas intrastate pipeline system will provide natural gas at the tailgate of the plant and have access to multiple markets.

A.J. "Jim" Teague, chief operating officer of Enterprise's general partner, said in a statement, "This new facility, combined with Enterprise's recently announced 200 MMcf/d cryogenic processing plant being built in Eddy County, New Mexico, reflects the company's commitment to providing producers in the Permian Basin with flow assurance and market choices. When completed, the two plants will increase Enterprise's net natural gas processing capacity in the Permian Basin to more than 600 MMcf/d."

Construction of the new processing plant is expected to begin by mid-year, and it is expected to begin operations in mid-2016.

Alex Mills

Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

LNG finds a niche in energy market

As crude oil prices continue to meander around $50 per barrel, the drilling rig count and drilling permits also decline. But one segment of the petroleum industry continues to move forward because of low prices: liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

A recent story in the San Antonio Business Journal, with the headline "They're finding big money amid low prices," pointed out that natural gas producers in the Eagle Ford Shale of South Texas have put all of the pieces together to find profitable uses for natural gas.

The story focuses on a Houston-based company, Stabilis Energy, that opened a liquefaction plant in the town of George West, which is about 70 miles south of San Antonio just off Interstate 37.

The plant can take 8.5 million cubic feet of natural gas, remove its impurities and convert it into 100,000 gallons of LNG each day.

What makes this high-tech facility profitable today is the low price of natural gas, which was selling for about $2.60 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), and the environmental benefits.

LNG-powered truck engines, formerly powered by diesel, can operate at a fraction of the cost of diesel, even with crude oil prices at $50 per barrel.

Even though demand for LNG as an energy source for trucks and automobiles continues to grow in the U.S., the demand is even greater in Mexico and Europe.

The story states that estimates put Mexico imports at about 40 percent of the natural gas it consumes.

Natural gas is in demand in Europe, Latin America and Asia, and the federal regulatory agencies have approved construction of LNG export terminals in Maryland, Louisiana and Texas (one in Freeport and another in Corpus Christi) and another facility is in the permitting process at the Port of Brownsville.

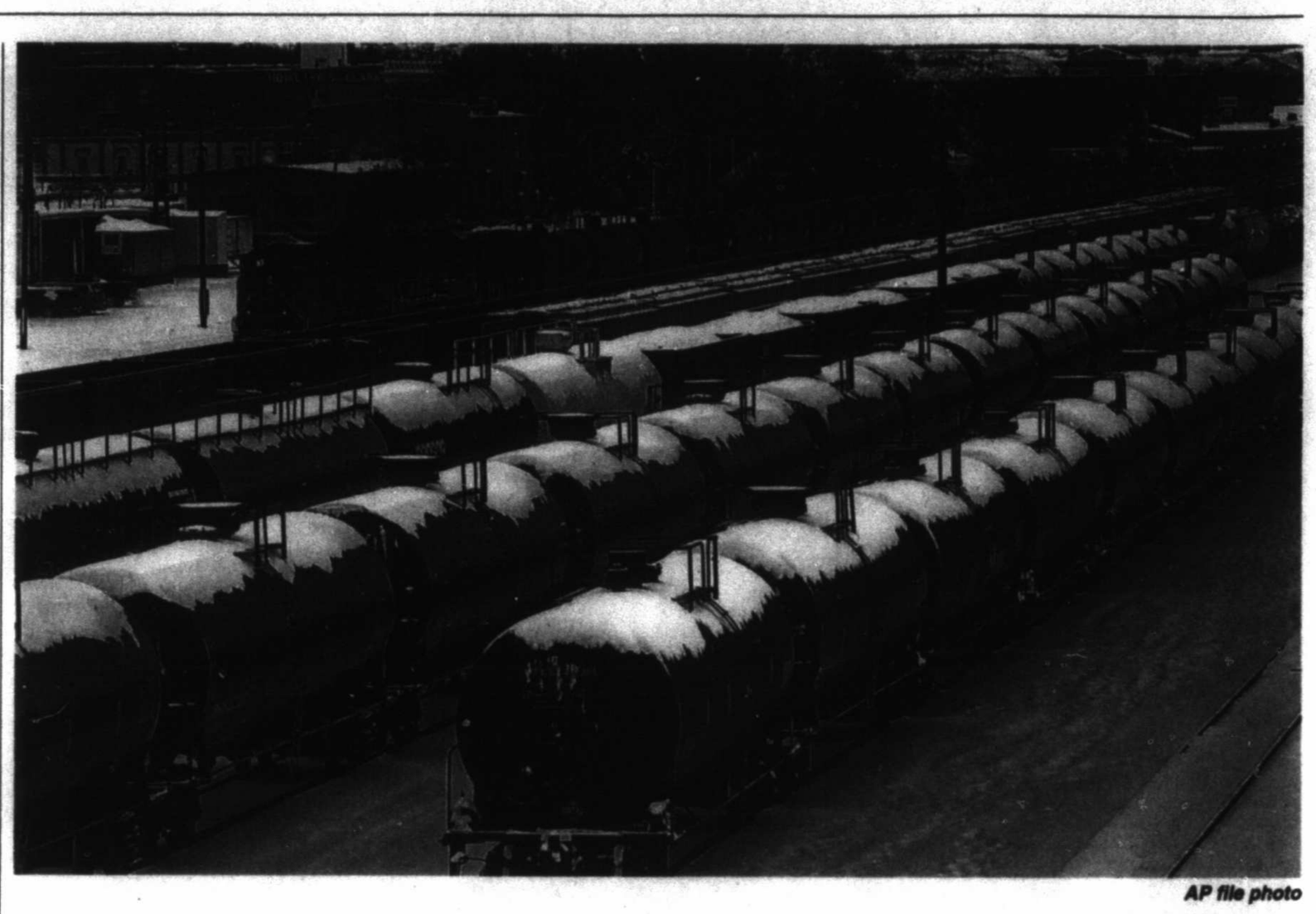
Natural gas production in Texas, and especially in South Texas in the Eagle Ford Shale, gives these facilities a competitive advantage because the gas reserves are so close to the export facilities.

The Corpus Christi temrinal was originally designed to be an import facility, but when natural gas prices dropped in 2008, everything changed.

Total supply this week fell 0.2 percent from last week, according to data from Bentek Energy. Dry natural gas production increased 0.1 percent week-over-week and was 8 percent greater than the same time last year. Natural gas production in the Eagle Ford was 5.042 billion cubic feet per day compared with 4.009 in the Haynesville (East Texas) and 3.985 in the Barnett (North Texas).

Total natural gas consumption fell by 1.7 percent week-over-week, with declines coming in all sectors except power. Residential/commercial sectors fell by 5.2 percent, while industrial consumption fell by 1.1 percent. Power consumption increased 0.7 percent for the week but was up more than 26 percent over the same period in 2014.

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.



AP file photo

On Dec. 31, 2013, oil cars are backed up in a yard in the aftermath of a train derailment in Mandan, N.D. U.S. senators from six states want the government to charge companies a fee to ship oil and other flammable liquids in older railroad tank cars that have been in numerous massive explosions.

Senators propose fee for hauling oil by rail

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — U.S. senators from six states on Thursday proposed that the government charge companies a special fee to ship oil, ethanol and other flammable liquids in older railroad tank cars that have been involved in fiery explosions.

The fee would start at $175 and increase to $1,400 per car by 2018. It would raise an estimated $600 million to train first responders, clean up spills and relocate rail tracks around populated areas.

The proposal would be paired with tax breaks for upgrades to newer tank cars, so they can better withstand derailments. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon told The Associated Press the intent is to offer "market-based" incentives for companies to improve safety.

"The idea is to speed up the phase-out of older tank cars," Wyden said. He added it "allows us to move in a much faster and more aggressive fashion to make oil by rail transportation safer."

On Friday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Canada's Minister of Transport Lisa Raitt announced new rules calling for flammable liquid tank cars to be retrofitted or replaced. The rules could affect up to 155,000 tank cars in the U.S.

But industry representatives have said it could take more than a decade to get that work done — far longer than safety officials want.

Rail shipments of oil and ethanol soared over the past decade following huge increases in domestic production, and the trains now pass regularly through hundreds of cities and towns. Each tank car carries roughly 30,000 gallons of fuel.

Accidents involving older tank cars, known as DOT-111s, include 47 people killed when a train carrying North Dakota crude crashed in the town of Lac-Magantic, Quebec, and one person killed during a 2009 ethanol train derailment in Rockford, Illinois.

Tank cars often are owned not by railroads but by the companies that produce oil, ethanol and other fuels moved by rail. There are roughly 55,000 older DOT-111s that would be subject to the fee.

The tax breaks would cover 15 percent of the expense to upgrade cars constructed since 2011. Those cars were built under a voluntary industry standard that was meant to improve safety. Yet since February, at least 28 of the newer cars have been involved in four oil train derailments that sparked major fires in Illinois, West Virginia and twice in Ontario, according to federal safety officials.

A study commissioned last year by the Railway Supply Institute, which represents tank car owners and manufacturers, said modifying the flammable liquids tank car fleet would cost more than $4 billion.

BNSF Railway has imposed a $1,000 fee on older tank cars used to carry crude, according to court documents in a lawsuit from fuel and chemical refiners who contended the surcharge is illegal.

Diana Cronan with the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers said her group was reviewing the fee proposal offered Thursday.

A railroad representative said the industry backs the senators' push for more robust tank cars "as quickly as possible."

"It has been the freight railroads position for a number of years that we need stronger tank cars to advance the safety of crude transportation," said Ed Greenberg with the Association of American Railroads.

Co-sponsoring the fee legislation were six Democrats: Senators Diane Feinstein of California, Charles Schumer of New York, Sherrod Brown of Ohio, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania Mark Warner of Virginia and Jeff Merkley of Oregon.

Train order skips Albany

ALBANY, N.Y. — A new emergency order issued Monday limits oil trains to no more than 40 mph in so-called "high-threat urban areas" as the Federal Railroad Administration seeks to reduce the risk of explosions and fires from the volatile Bakken crude.

But the Capital Region, which has become a major transshipment point for the fractured oil from North Dakota, isn't on a list of such areas and likely won't be covered by the new rule.

The list was put together in 2006, six years before the first Bakken crude trains began rolling into the Capital Region, and seven years before the disastrous derailment of a runaway oil train in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, that killed 47 people.

In New York state, just two metropolitan areas — New York City and Buffalo — are on the list.

The FRA said the lower speed limit is intended to reduce the likelihood of a tank car breach in an accident. It said only one of the newer DPC-1232 tank cars was punctured in a Lynchburg, Va., derailment and none in a derailment in Galena, Ill. Both derailments nevertheless resulted in explosions and fires, even though the trains were traveling at about 23 mph, according to the FRA.

The emergency order comes as another agency, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, prepares to issue a rule toughening standards for new and existing tank cars, as well as new speed limits.

The omission of the Capital Region from the emergency order, where two major routes for Bakken crude converge at the Port of Albany, drew criticism from elected officials.

"We cannot simply take a piecemeal approach to crude-by-rail safety; we need tough and comprehensive new standards that help protect all New Yorkers from the dangers posed by this type of oil shipment, including speed restrictions that protect our communities large and small," said U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer.

Albany Times-Union

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More information to follow

PPDC courses

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Dr. Kerry Sublette
May 4, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program-Module 2 of 6 Modules: Chaining, Interpreting, and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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Production Chemicals: Establishing an Effective Chemical Program
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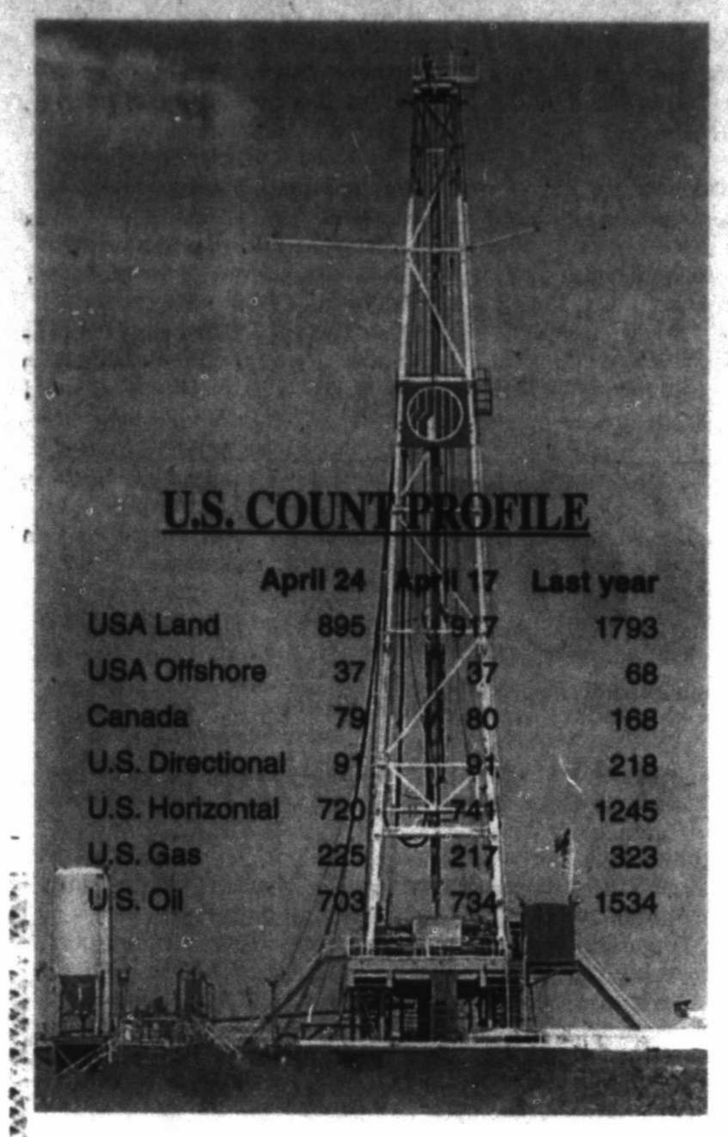
Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
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Oil and Gas Contracts and Their Effective Use
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
May 18-19, Mon-Tue, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$675; Out of State, $700
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Critical Title Issues for Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
May 20, Wed, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375
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Oil and Gas 101 for Land Professionals
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
May 27-28, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul H. Pausé
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	April 24	April 17	Last year
USA Land	895	917	1793
USA Offshore	37	37	68
Canada	79	80	168
U.S. Directional	97	97	218
U.S. Horizontal	720	741	1245
U.S. Gas	225	217	323
U.S. Oil	703	734	1534

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Concho	0
Crockett	2
Irion	4
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	11
Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	22

DIST. 8

Andrews	10
Brewster	0
Crane	3
Culberson	4
Ector	4
Glasscock	15
Howard	11
Hudspeth	1
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	20
Martin	15
Midland	28
Mitchell	0
Pecos	7
Presidio	0
Reeves	21
Sterling	1
Ward	5
Winkler	3

DIST. 8A

Bailey	0
Borden	0
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	0
Dawson	0
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	5
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	2
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	2
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	3
Terry	0
Yoakum	1

TEXAS TOTAL 201

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	18
Lea	27
Roosevelt	0

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 45



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$53.95**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$55.00**
Phillips 66	**$55.20**
Plains*	**$55.00**
Shell Trading	**$55.20**
Sun*	**$55.00**
Nymex futures	**$57.50***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of April 29

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 4/29/15	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$2.590**	**$2.606**	**$4.831**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$2.490**	**$2.405**	**$4.630**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$2.275**	**$2.308**	**$4.586**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$2.410**	**$2.360**	**$4.622**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$2.360**	**$2.365**	**$4.635**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$2.303**	**$2.353**	**$4.556**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$2.511**	**$2.471**	**$4.701**

Union, BP reach tentative deal in strike at Whiting plant

Associated Press

WHITING, Ind. — A union and BP have reached a tentative agreement to end a months-long strike at a refinery in northwest Indiana.

The Times of Munster reported a few steps remain before oil workers can return to the plant in Whiting. United Steelworkers Local 7-1 President Dave Danko says members could vote on the deal as soon as next week.

The agreement must go through review by USW International to make sure it fits with a national template reached with oil companies in March. The local union also still has to negotiate a deal on logistics as to how and when workers come back.

About 1,100 households in northwest Indiana have been affected by the strike at the refinery, and roughly 57 percent of employees are represented by the union.

The strike at the Whiting plant began in February as part of a national oil strike. Union locals have made pacts with management after the national agreement, though the Whiting plant is one of a few where workers are still on strike.

Danko said the local union is "satisfied and pleased to reach what we believe is a fair settlement." BP spokesman Scott Dean said the parties are in the process of finalizing a settlement package.

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Tech inducts Midlanders into Academy of Petroleum Engineers

Three Midlanders and a former Midlander were inducted into Texas Tech's Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering Academy of Petroleum Engineers recently.

Kyle McGraw, executive vice president and chief development officer of Legacy Reserves; Bobby Smith, Permian Region drilling manager for Apache Corp.; and Ben Strickling III, president of Patriot Resources, were inducted. John Christman IV, former Permian Basin region vice president and current chief executive officer at Apache, was also inducted into the academy.

DALLAS

Navigator closes Big Spring Gateway open season

Navigator Energy Services LLC announced the successful closing of the supplemental binding open-season period for volume commitments on its Big Spring Gateway Pipeline System.

Based on binding capacity bids received from prospective shippers, Navigator has executed long-term transportation service agreements and is pursuing expansion of the BSG System by 65,000 barrels of crude oil per day (bbl/d) to a total capacity of 140,000 bbl/d. Navigator has commenced construction, and the first portion of the BSG System is expected to be placed into service early in third quarter this year.

Additionally, Navigator has solidified a new delivery point on the BSG System to Alon USA Partners LP Big Spring Refinery. Navigator will have the capability to deliver up to 100,000 bbl/d of crude oil to the refinery and is the only gathering system of its kind and scope to connect into the facility. The Big Spring Refinery has an aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of about 73,000 bbl/d and processes 100 percent Permian Basin crudes.

AUSTIN

Parsley Energy increases lender commitments

Parsley Energy Inc. announced that aggregate lender commitments under its revolving credit facility have been increased by $135 million to $500 million. Aggregate commitments equal the company's $500 million borrowing base, which was reduced by about $61 million in the April 1 redetermination by its bank lending group. Parsley currently has no outstanding borrowings under its credit facility, leaving $500 million of unused borrowing capacity.

FORT WORTH

Brazos Midstream, Old Ironsides Energy join forces

Brazos Midstream Holdings LLC has partnered with Old Ironsides Energy LLC, a leading independent oil and gas investment manager, to pursue the acquisition and development of midstream assets in the United States. The Brazos management team possesses broad energy experience across all commodities and throughout a variety of onshore U.S. basins and will initially focus on the development of crude and natural gas gathering, treating and processing assets.

Brazos' management team is led by its four founding partners who have a track record of successful execution in the energy industry. The team includes Chief Executive Officer Brad Iles, Chief Financial Officer William Butler, Chief Commercial Officer Stephen Luskey, and Chief Operating Officer Ryan Jaggi.

HOUSTON

TNT Crane & Rigging expands into Rocky Mountains

TNT Crane & Rigging Inc., a national lifting services provider with a location in Midland, has acquired Rocky Mountain Structures Inc. and its subsidiaries. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

RMS, headquartered in Denver, is one of the largest crane and rigging services companies in the Rocky Mountain region, serving Colorado and surrounding states.

Founded in 1977, RMS has longstanding ties to the area and a diverse customer base. The acquisition expands TNT's contiguous geographic coverage, end-market exposure and fleet composition with the addition of three Colorado branches and 66 cranes. RMS serves the manufacturing, industrial, cellphone tower, power, commercial and construction markets, as well as other end markets throughout the Rocky Mountains region.

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Groups ask for federal review of Ohio injection-well program

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A coalition of environmental and community groups asked a federal watchdog office on Wednesday to investigate alleged legal violations by the state's injection well approval program.

In a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice, the coalition, coordinated by the Citizens for Health, Environment & Justice, alleges that Ohio's injection-well program disproportionately impacts the state's low-income Appalachian areas and has failed to meet a federal directive assuring those communities specific safeguards. The groups also charge that affected areas receive "comically inadequate" opportunities for public participation.

Injection wells pump wastewater from oil and gas drilling deep inside the earth. Some such wells in Ohio have been linked to earthquakes.

According to research by the groups, 75 percent of the 237 active injection wells in Ohio are concentrated in the state's 32 counties officially recognized as part of Appalachia due to their low-income status. Only 17.4 percent of Ohioans live in those counties.

The groups told the office that a 1994 executive order signed by President Bill Clinton required that low-income communities impacted by environmental issues be provided with effective public input and reliable enforcement programs.

Injection wells disposed of over 1.46 billion gallons of waste from the hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, drilling procedure in 2014 in the deep underground wells, the groups say.

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Discover new ways to boost production & cut costs at DUG *Permian Basin*

The theme of this year's **DUG *Permian Basin*** conference and exhibition is "Boosting Margins with Efficiency and Innovation," and it couldn't come at a better time. Efficiency and innovation are always important, but never more so than when profits are squeezed.

By rethinking and evolving the transformative drilling and completion technologies that unlocked America's shale formations, engineers are finding new ways to improve operational efficiency. Today it's possible to cut well construction and hydraulic fracturing costs while simultaneously boosting recovery rates. It just requires an innovative approach.

May 19-21, **DUG *Permian Basin*** brings together the industry's top technology providers, producers and analysts for two days of in-depth discussions. You will want to be part of this conference in Fort Worth, to find out how key players in the nation's top oil province are cutting breakeven costs by drilling smarter, spending wisely and strategically planning. Efficiency and innovation will be key topics of discussion throughout the conference.

Steve Gray, CEO and director for RSP Permian will speak at 2:00 p.m., discussing his firm's productivity, the 3,000-plus drilling locations in its inventory and how it is poised to grow in the current commodity environment.

The "Driving Efficiency with Completion Technology" panel will convene at 3:45 p.m. Discussing new, efficiency-boosting technology will be: Dan Themig, president and CEO of Packers Plus; Branden Ruyle, global product line champion of water technology for Weatherford International; and H. C. Freitag, vice president of integrated technology for Baker Hughes.



Technology that drives efficiency is always at a premium, but never more so than in challenging times. Find ways your company can become even more efficient at this year's DUG Permian Basin conference May 19-21 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Go to www.dugpermian.com to register.

During the Thursday morning keynote, Randy Foutch, chairman and CEO of Laredo Petroleum will address his company's drilling program and plans for thriving in challenging times.

At 9:00 two private companies will share their own unique approaches. You will hear from Michael Wichterich, president of Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC and Mark Clemans, president and CEO of Carrier Energy Partners.

Since **DUG *Permian Basin*** is the premier conference covering the nation's top oil province, attendees include experienced veterans, willing to share and trade knowledge during networking breaks. Each day of the conference offers networking opportunities, not only among fellow attendees, but also with speakers and exhibitors.

Who should attend? Oil and gas producers, finance professionals and investors, upstream service companies (a pre-conference program is geared specifically for midstream), landmen, regulators, policy makers, attorneys and other professionals. In short, anyone involved in any aspect of upstream and midstream will find in this conference a wealth of valuable information essential to their business.

Before the conference begins, an industry breakfast about water treatment solutions for produced water will be held from 7:00-8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. There you will learn about the bacteria-killing power of chlorine dioxide on your operations and what you need to have a safe and effective treatment. Industry leaders will share their experiences using ClO_2 in hydraulic fracturing. Speakers will be Pete Garrison, senior technical consultant for DuPont Water Technologies, and April Sharr, business development manager of water management for Baker Hughes.

Register online at www.dugpermian.com today. The conference will be held May 19-21 at the Forth Worth Convention Center.

Swellable Packers – How has this technology performed?

By Tim Davis,
TAM International Production Line Manager

Technology, old or new, plays an important role in our daily lives and in our professions. In the petroleum industry, specifically in the upstream sector, we tend to get comfortable with proven technology. In fact, on a daily basis, the petroleum industry uses technologies that are as old as 50 years, with great success.

A new technology should improve efficiency, reliability, and performance, and also be cost-effective. One technology that meets all these requirements is swellable packers. While it isn't new (swellable technology has been around for approximately 12 years), the number of applications using swellable packers continues to grow.

Today, case histories show how swellable packers are being used to improve the efficiency of completion designs. This highly reliable technology is used to improve downhole annular isolation and, consequently, well performance. TAM International has manufactured swellable packers since 2005. Our FREECAP® (Fluid Reactive, Expanding Elastomer Casing Annulus Packer) is a line of specifically engineered packers that swell upon contact with wellbore fluids.

A variety of elastomers are available that will expand in water-based fluids or oil-based fluids. Altering the chemistry of the elastomer has led to a hybrid packer that will swell in an oil or water environment. This is especially useful for scenarios where it is unknown if there is oil, water, or both at the setting depth.

FREECAP packers are highly reliable, have no moving parts, and require no inflation or manipulation to seal, removing the inherent risks of mechanical tools.

TAM has a portfolio of elastomers from which to choose and will custom-wrap a client's premium pipe in our new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility using the ideal elastomer for the specific application.

A new method to increase the rate of swell (decrease the time to make a seal) has recently been developed. The demand for faster swelling times has come from extending FREECAP into applications where packers were previously seen as too slow.

Additionally, reducing the time to seal allows wells to be stimulated sooner and production to come online in less time.

Packer Type (Swell Fluid)	Water	Oil
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HighTemperature - Steam Injection, Thermal Recovery, Geothermal	✔	✔
Slow Swell Times	✔	✔
Fast Swell Times	✔	✔
Low Temperature / High Salinity	✔	
Low Temperature / Heavy Oil		✔
Hybrid (Swells in Water and Oil)	✔	

This chart shows that TAM International's FREE-CAP swellable packer is effective in both oil and water applications. Call TAM's Midland office at 432-250-6024 to put TAM to work for you.

Many in our industry prefer to continue using old technology because it provides a comfortable strategy, which corresponds to a feeling of reduced risk. However, not including newer technology can result in wells that underperform compared to similar wells that have included new technology. A new technology that is evaluated based on efficiency, reliability, and performance can be adopted into a business strategy with high confidence.

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Victaulic helps design system construction or expansion

Right now, for anyone operating in the Permian Basin, growth is not just inevitable, it is mandatory. Processing plants, production facilities—anything that involves transfer or processing of oil, NGLs or natural gas—they are all strained to the max, just waiting for the next expansion.

For many companies, there is so much to be done on a daily basis, it is virtually impossible to dedicate the time needed for stepping back and planning the details of the next expansion. This is why more and more companies are turning to Victaulic's Integrated Project Delivery system for help.

The advantages of the Victaulic system itself are many. The grooved-end pipe joining system speeds installation and boosts safety for production flow lines and headers, tank batteries and secondary recovery, drilling, collection tanks and refinery plant piping, among other applications. Victaulic systems are available for all common pipe sizes. They work well with both coated and uncoated pipe.

Victaulic systems improve safety by virtually eliminating leaks and, because there is no welding involved, there are no open flames in the vicinity of hazardous chemicals.

So, once your company has decided to use the Victaulic system, the Integrated Product Delivery System developed by Victaulic can help optimize the time required for planning and installation. Their 90-person global CPS team is really just like an extension of your in-house design team. With their array of design software, including AutoPlant 3D, Aviva PDMS, Intergraph PDS and CADWorx, Bently AutoPlant, Bentley Plant Space and CEA Systems-Plant 4-D, they can match virtually any program you have in the design phase. The team can provide you with P&E layouts, ISOs, plan and section, spool fab sheets, bills-of-material—in short, a fully coordinated package for your construction and fabrication teams.

The process starts when you discuss your plans with Victaulic—you tell them what you want to accomplish in your new facility or your addition, you look together at how that will tie in with what you already have, and Victaulic will work with you to coordinate material shipments tied to the drawings and plans developed early in the process.

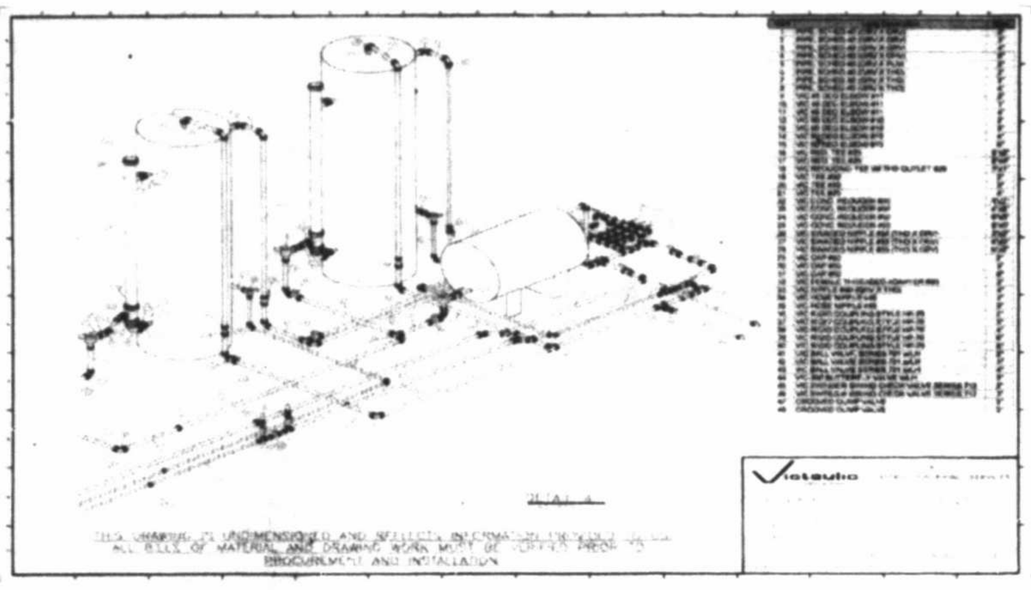
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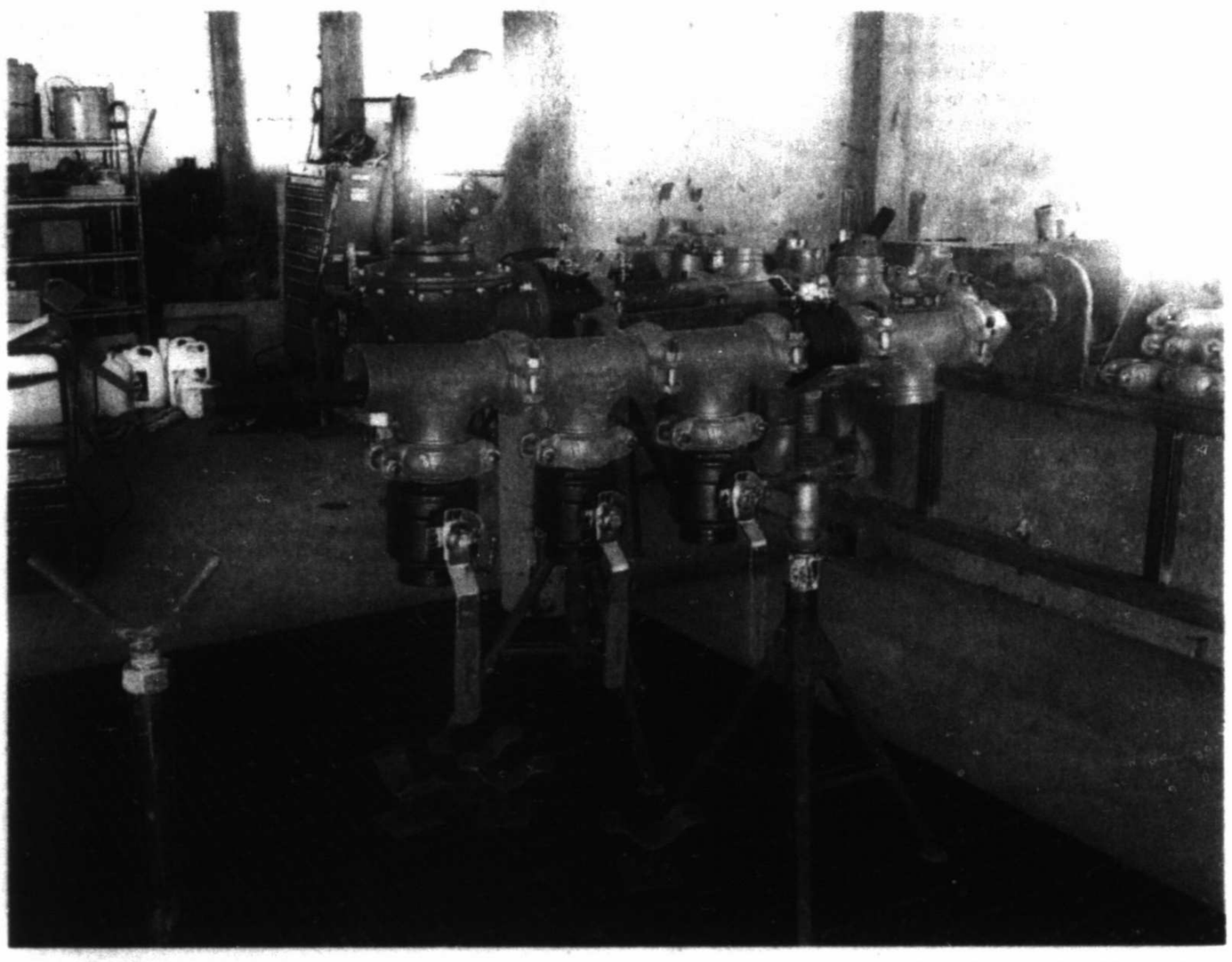
When everything is in place and your employees have their training and certification on the Victaulic system, you're ready for long-term operation. Any needed changes or additions to the pipe systems can be done safely and efficiently by your own personnel. Of course, Victaulic is always there to answer questions, but your trained personnel can accomplish most tasks.

When planning your next stage of new construction, expansion or re-engineering, be sure to take advantage of the Victaulic Integrated Project Delivery System.

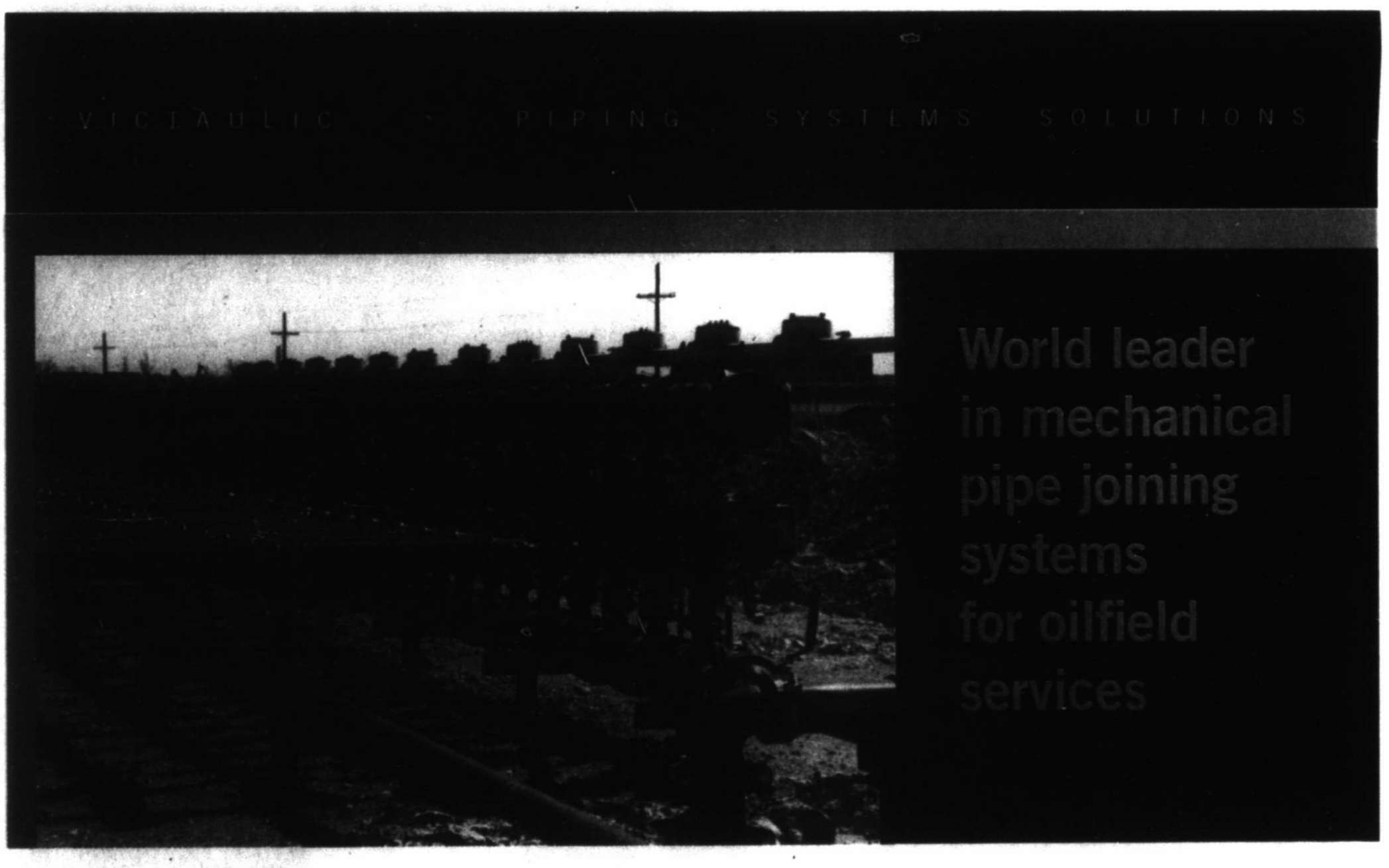
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Phillips 66 shelves oil processing projects

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Facing falling oil prices and a possible slowdown in oil production, Phillips 66 has shelved plans for two projects aimed at processing the glut of oil unleashed by the U.S. shale boom.

Months after the company applied for a permit to build a new condensate splitter, the project has been placed on the back burner for at least a year until prices recover, company officials said Thursday during an earnings call with investors.

The delay underscores the ongoing ambiguity surrounding the rules regarding exporting condensate, an ultra-light oil unlocked from shale, said Colton Bean of Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

A decades-old ban prevents companies from sending shipments of crude overseas, but in confidential rulings last year, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security said two companies — Enterprise Products Partners and Pioneer Natural Resources — could export condensate after distilling it and separating into various components. Other companies have clamored for more clarity, but the agency has not issued further guidance.

Phillips 66 on Thursday also said it will similarly push back plans for a second fractionator, which separates natural gas liquids into its component parts. The first fractionator, under construction at the company's Sweeny refinery, is slated to start operations later this year.

The Houston-based refining, pipeline and chemicals company said it remains committed to its slate of projects, including the nearly complete fractionator and a liquid petroleum gas export terminal in Freeport, despite a 37 percent drop in profits in the first quarter.

Although Phillips 66 earned the best refining margins in two years as it took advantage of cheap crude to run its refineries, that wasn't enough to offset the weak market for natural gas liquids, including falling margins for seasonal propane and butane storage, the company said. Prices for such liquids tend to be tied to oil.

The company on Thursday posted earnings of $987 million, or $1.79 per share, during the three-month period ending March 31. That's down from $1.57 billion, or $2.67 per share, during the same period last year.

Along with the weakened midstream segment, profits also took a plunge in the company's chemical sector as a result of falling prices for polyethylene and a shutdown for planned maintenance at Chevron Phillips Chemical, in which Phillips 66 owns a 50 percent stake.

The company's refining business posted strong results despite scheduled maintenance and unplanned downtime at its Alliance refinery in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. That's because Phillips 66 was able to process low-cost oil into higher-priced productions, capitalizing on spiking gasoline prices on the West Coast.

"(Phillips 66) is a very interesting story," said Rob Desai, analyst at Edward Jones. "We view them historically as a refiner with some other assets but going forward, as they transition and transform, they will become a midstream and chemicals company with refining assets."

Against that backdrop, company officials reiterated their commitment to DCP Midstream, a Denver-based pipeline and natural gas processing company that has been hit hard by the crude collapse.

With natural gas liquids fetching lower prices on the market, the company, a joint partnership between Phillips 66 and Spectra Energy, has been undergoing a corporate restructuring. The firm announced plans earlier this year to layoff or relocate 200 jobs as it slashed its corporate budget by 20 percent. DCP Midstream reduced its 2015 capital budget by 56 percent to $800 million.

Poll: Americans say gas prices are getting better, still too high

Houston Chronicle

With fuel costs plummeting alongside the collapse in crude oil, more Americans feel they're getting a fair price at the gasoline pump now than at any time since late 2011, according to the results of a poll on energy issues released Wednesday.

Of the 2,078 U.S. adults who responded to the University of Texas at Austin's survey last month, nearly a quarter said that gasoline prices were "about right."

But most of the poll's respondents still felt that gas prices were too high — 24 percent said that prices were "very high," and 42 percent said that they were "somewhat high." That 66 percent is far below the more than 90 percent of people who said prices were too high in September 2014.

This was the first time since 2011 that fewer than 92 percent of respondents said the price of gasoline was too high.

UT has conducted the online poll, which poses questions on a host of energy issues to U.S. adults between the ages of 18 and 65, twice a year for the past four years.

The Keystone XL pipeline continues to divide Americans on opposite sides of the political spectrum. Among Republicans who were familiar with the project, 72 percent said they supported its construction. Only 28 percent of Democrats supported the pipeline. But overall support for the pipeline has also come down from 46 percent to 39 percent just within the last six months, according to the survey.

The answers to the poll also seem to suggest that Americans are feeling better about the economy. Respondents were asked to rate which areas they thought were most important for the federal government to spend their tax dollars; 18 percent still rated job creation as the most important, but that was the lowest level in four years.

CORPORATEEARNINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LONDON

Shell profits beat expectations despite low oil prices

Oil company Royal Dutch Shell on Thursday reported better-than-expected profits, though sales were hammered by the drop in global energy prices.

It said its first-quarter profit rose 7 percent, thanks to a good performance in the refining division as well as to the fact that year-earlier figures were weighed down by one-time charges.

The current cost of supplies, a measure of profit used in the industry that strips out fluctuations in the value of oil stocks, increased to $4.76 billion from $4.47 billion in the first quarter last year. Net profit attributable to shareholders fell to $4.43 billion from $4.51 billion, better than market expectations for a drop to $2.40 billion.

Revenue plunged to $65.71 billion from $109.67 billion a year earlier. Despite the sharp drop, the figure was also not as bad as investors had feared.

"In what is clearly a difficult industry environment, we continue to take steps to further improve competitive performance," said CEO Ben van Beurden.

Shares in Shell were up 1.6 percent in morning trading in London.

Van Beurden said that Shell will, after its announced takeover of BG Group for $70 billion, look to sell more nonstrategic investments. It has sold assets for over $2 billion so far this year.

The company announced a dividend of $0.47 per share for the first quarter.

IRVING

Exxon's Q1 profit falls 46 percent amid decline in oil price

Exxon earned $4.94 billion in the first quarter, a huge sum but only about half of what the company made last year. Lower oil prices depleted both Exxon's top and bottom lines.

It was the lowest first-quarter profit for Exxon Mobil Corp. in six years, although the results still beat Wall Street expectations.

When world oil prices collapsed from about $100 a barrel to less than $50 over the second half of last year, it made some drilling projects unprofitable. Exxon is beginning to cut costs — the company said last month that it would trim capital spending this year by 12 percent, to $34 billion, and the CEO expects relatively low oil prices to stick around.

First-quarter profit also fell at BP PLC and France's Total SA. Royal Dutch Shell reported an increase because last year's results were weighed down by one-time charges.

Exxon's production in the first quarter rose 2 percent compared with a year ago, as energy flowed from new projects from the U.S. to Papua New Guinea, so the profit plunge was almost entirely from lower prices.

Exxon lost money on exploration and production in the U.S. — it earned $1.2 billion from that drilling a year ago. Production outside the U.S. remained profitable, but the earnings fell by more than half. Refining and marketing earnings rose.

The profit worked out to $1.17 per share, down from $2.10 per share a year earlier. The average estimate among 11 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was 80 cents per share.

Revenue fell 36 percent, to $67.62 billion.

With the collapse in prices, outfits that help drill have laid off thousands of workers. The oil companies are adjusting their techniques to pull even more oil and gas out of wells, some of which were drilled just a few years ago.

Fundamental changes could be necessary because industry officials don't expect energy prices to surge anytime soon. Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson said at an industry conference last week that low prices are "going to be with us for a while."

Analysts have pressed Exxon executives for years to increase production. The company's huge size, geographic and business diversity, conservative management and high earnings have favored a go-slow approach.

But in the first quarter, overall production rose 2 percent despite a dip in natural gas output.

"This company has been growth-challenged for quite some time," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst for Edward Jones. "To see some production growth and exceeding volume expectations was a good sign."

The slump in oil prices has hurt the stock market valuation of some companies, and could add to pressure from Wall Street for Exxon to boost production with an acquisition that would match Shell's announced purchase of BG Group PLC.

Exxon, however, didn't get the boost it expected from its last big acquisition, the 2010 purchase of natural gas producer XTO Energy, because of stubbornly low gas prices.

"I think it would be a mistake for them to go make a major acquisition," said Youngberg. "The (oil) companies aren't in dire straits. Exxon really needs to focus internally, develop the projects they have in progress."

BG went through a leadership change right before agreeing to the Shell deal, a situation that might not occur at other potential acquisition targets.

Exxon continues to return money to shareholders. On Wednesday, it announced a 6 percent increase in its dividend that will cost around $168 million per quarter.

On a conference call with analysts, vice president of investor relations Jeff Woodbury said low oil prices don't change Exxon's strategy. He said the company will focus on finding projects that increase profits and "to paying a reliable and growing dividend."

Shares of the Irving-based company were up 30 cents to $88.17 in midday trading. The shares were down 5 percent in 2015 at Wednesday's closing price.

HOUSTON

Linn produced more oil and gas in Q1 despite 65 percent spending cut

Linn Energy continues to pump more oil and gas from the ground despite dramatic spending reductions, the company announced Wednesday.

Facing falling prices, the Houston-based oil and natural gas company had slashed its 2015 capital expenditures by 65 percent earlier this year, chopping nearly $1 billion from its budget. Still, the company boosted its first-quarter production by 9 percent, or 97 million cubic feet equivalent per day compared to the same time last year.

The company said it has been able to produce more with a smaller budget thanks in part to decisions made last year to shed assets last year in the Granite Wash in North Texas and Oklahoma, and most of its property in the Midland Basin in West Texas. Linn plans to spend a bulk of its capital budget on two key areas — the Rockies and California — and focus on methods to coax more oil from existing wells.

The company said it also generated substantial savings through a "comprehensive cost reduction initiative," which appears to include job cuts. Officials did not provide details about layoffs during its quarterly earnings release, but it recently announced plans to shutter its Denver office and eliminate 55 positions there.

"Our strategic portfolio realignment in 2014 well-positioned Linn for this low commodity price environment," said Mark Ellis, chairman, CEO and president of Linn said in a statement. "Our success in navigating these challenging times is a testament to the high quality of our assets and the hard work and dedication of our employees."

After paying for development costs and distributing cash to its investors, Linn posted a $37 million shortfall in its net cash in the first quarter. Because the company is classified as a master limited partnership — one of a few exploration and production firms structured that way — it is required to pass along most of its cash to investors in dividend-like payments in exchange for avoiding some corporate taxes.

Linn has sharply cut its distributions to shareholders following a collapse in oil prices. The company's monthly distribution fell from 24 cents per unit last December to 10 cents this April. The dividend cut allowed Linn to save money and shore up its finances, but shares of the company's stock have plunged by more than half in the past year.

Still, the company appears to be one of the only upstream MLP companies that will be able to pay for new projects and distribute cash to its investors using its own cash flow in 2015, according to a Raymond James note to investors.

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UTPB held the 39th Honor's Convocation on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

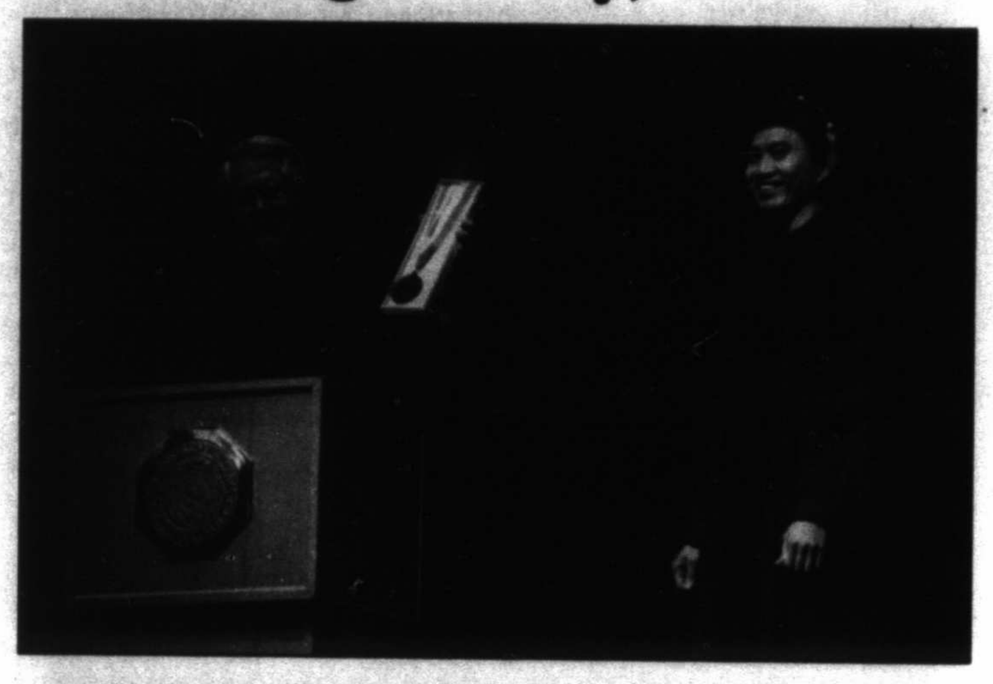
Four faculty members were winners of special awards. Dr. Jamie Hughes, assistant professor of Psychology won the La Mancha Society Golden Windmill Award which is given to an assistant professor to support and encourage young faculty. Dr. Shih Yung Chou, assistant professor of Management, won the President's Award for Research. Dr. Jan Murdock, senior lecturer in Education, won the President's Award for Teaching. Dr. Robert Perry, associate professor of Political Science, won the President's Award for Service.

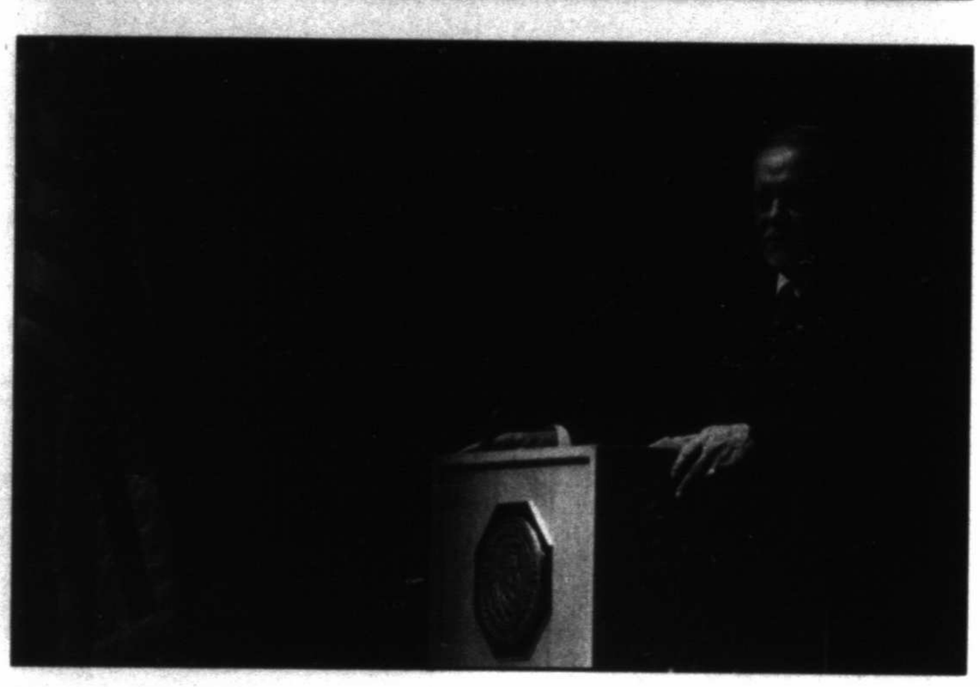
ECISD Superintendent Thomas Crowe gave the Convocation address. "Learning cannot happen by accident," said Superintendent Crowe, in his address. "Learning must be intentional. If you focus on making a positive, significant difference every day, you will move forward.

Superintendent Crowe began his career as a math, physical education teacher and coach. In 1993 he became the superintendent of schools in Willis ISD in Willis, Texas, a position he held for four years. Crowe then moved to Katy ISD in Katy, Texas to become the deputy superintendent for administrative services. Finally, he served as the superintendent of schools in McKinney ISD in McKinney, Texas from July 2004 until he retired in December 2009. In December 2014, he assumed the postion of Superintendent of Schools for the Ector County Independent School District.

"Knowledge without application, is like a book that has never been read," Crow added. "It is only valuable if you circulate it."

"We are all in this work together," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "We are here to provide educational opportunities for as many people as we can."







***Below:** Dr. Jamie Hughes, assistant professor of Psychology receives the La Mancha Society Golden Windmill award. **Top right:** Dr. David Watts, president of UTPB, presents Dr. Shih Yung Chou the 2015 President's Award for Research. **Middle:** ECISD Superintendent, Thomas Crowe speaks to faculty and students at the 39th Honor's Convocation. **Bottom right:** Dr. Jan Murdock, recipient of the 2015 President's Award for Teaching and Dr. Robert Perry, recipient of the 2015 President's Award for Service.*



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Jalapeno Corp.
Dawg #1
Wildcat; Sec 21 T9S R27E; 2225/N & 704/E; EL 3858 GL, TD 2109, PBTD 2081; Spud 6-3-13, Comp 2-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 2035-2059. Treat: 2200 gals 20%. IP: 2-7-14 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 52 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 22. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 425 w/380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 2092 w/1570 sx, 2 3/8 @ 2075; API #30-005-64158

Eddy County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bradley 36 LI State Com #1
Santo Nino; Sec 36 T18S R29E; 2080/S & 230/W. BHL: 2001/S & 343/E; EL 3442 GL, TD 12670, PBTD 12650; Spud 12-2-13, Comp 2-12-14; production is through treated perfs: 8485-12650. Treat: Frac w/308,789 gals slickwater, 279,450 gals 20# linear gel, 800,419 20# XL gel carrying 100,080# 100 mesh, 1,345,190# 20/40 sd & 373,040# 20/40 SD excel sd. IP: 2-14-14 Flow 24hrs 786 BO, 1281 BW, 568 MCF, TP 340, CP 150, GOR 742, Gty 42. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 297 w/755 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1524 w/500 sx, 7 @ 8409 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8191-12663, 2 7/8 @ 7663; API #30-015-41777

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Shaula 30 Federal Com #3
Shugart; Sec 29 T18S R31E; 2310/S & 275/W. BHL: 1658/S & 577/W; EL 3595 GL, TD 13640 MD, 8782 TVD, PBTD 13593 MD; Spud 11-25-13, Comp 2-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 9184-13500. Treat: 40,297 gal acid, 1,808,633# 30/50, 757,735# 20/40. IP: 3-18-14 Flow 24 hrs 553 BO, 917 BW, 748 MCF, TP 180, CP 190, GOR 1353. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 675 w/740 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4135 w/1023 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13640 w/1561 sx; API #30-015-41553

Apache Corp.
Shaula 30 Federal Com #4
North Shugart; Sec 29 T18S R31E; 650/S & 150/W. BHL: 374/S & 582/W; EL 3576 GL, TD 137263 MD, 8753 TVD, PBTD 13676; Spud 10-26-13, Comp 2-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 9280-13643. Treat: 427,456# 100 mesh, 1,377, 661# 30/50, 832,735# 20/40, 39,912 gals acid. IP: 2-20-14 Flow 24 hrs 683 BO, 1315 BW, 521 MCF, TP 100, CP 160, GOR 763. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 628 w//875 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4115 w/1435 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13726 w/2164 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8503.7; API #30-015-41525

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Patriot AIZ #14
North Seven Rivers; Sec 21 T19S R25E; 551/S & 65/W. BHL: 388/S & 161/W; EL 3515 GL, TD 7463, PBTD 7248; Spud 2-27-14, Comp 8-9-14; production is through treated perfs: 2760-7228. Treat: Acdz w/67,243 gals 20% HCL acid, Frac w/5,993,978# 100 mesh & 40/70 Brady sd. IP: 9-2-14 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 908 BW, 14 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1010 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7455 w/1080 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2162; API #30-015-41787

COG Operating LLC
Hearse 36 State Com #6
North Seven Rivers; Sec 36 T19S R25E; 150/S & 2310/E. BHL: 384/N & 2276/E; EL 3408 GL, TD 7674 MD, 3221 TVD, PBTD 7655; Spud 6-25-14, Comp 8-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 3460-7640. Treat: Acdz w/50,148 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,442,655 gals gel, 151,756 gals wtr frac, 116,592 gals trt wtr, 3,098,342# 20/40 brown sd, 585,971# 16/30 CRC. IP: 8-28-14 Pump 24 hrs 257 BO, 1190 BW, 141 MCF, GOR 549, Gty 38.7. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1102 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7665 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2691; API #30-015-41958

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Malaga 30 MO Federal Com #1
South Pierce Crossing; Sec 30 T24S R29E; 1156/S & 330/W. BHL: 382/S & 330/E; EL 2920 GL, TD 12850 MD, 8504 TVD , PBTD 12809 MD, 8503 TVD; Spud 7-6-13, Comp 10-19-13; production is through treated perfs: 8900-12809 MD, 8441-8503 TVD. Treat: Frac w/207,517 gals slickwater & 358,141 gals 20# linear gel, 943,250 20# xlink gel carrying 95,183# 100 mesh, 1,711,655# 20/40 sd & 374,583# 20/40 SB excel. IP: 11-4-13 Flow 24 hrs 478 BO, 1619 BW, 1499 MCF, GOR 3136, Gty 54. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 357 w/655 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2700 w/850 sx, 7 @ 8822 w/850 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8608-12820; API #30-015-41461

Legand Natural Gas II LP
State GQ Com #3
North Hay Hollow; Sec 7 T25S R28E; 330/N & 380/E. BHL: 330/S & 372/E; EL 3041 GL, TD 12462, PBTD 12351; Spud 1-11-13, Comp 2-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 8560-12402. Treat: 55,146 gals acid, 61777 bbls slick wtr, 3230482# 20/40 sd. IP: 2-28-13 Flow 24 hrs 929 BO, 1747 BW, 945 MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 325, GOR 1017, Gty 46. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 417 w/4880 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2513 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12461 w/2410 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7518; API #30-015-40867

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MYOX 19 State Com #3
North Hay Hollow; Sec 19 T25S R28E; 190/S & 2290/E. BHL: 363/N & 2015/E; EL 2995.5 GL, TD 12279, PBTD 12130; Spud 7-23-14, Comp 9-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 8116-12105. Treat: Acdz w/81132 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6417283# sd & 5517165 gals fluid. IP: 10-19-14 Flow 24 hrs 615 Bo, 11790 BW, 1128 MCF, TP 600. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 352 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2305 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12256 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8080; API #30-015-41864

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 10 Federal Com #3
Paduca; Sec 10 T25S R31E; 200/N & 1200/E. BHL: 229/S & 2110/E; EL 3427.4 GL, TD 15000 MD, 10401.9, PBTD 14900.3; Spud 3-26-14, Comp 9-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 10654-14877. Treat: 89,714 gals 15% HCL acid, 1,302,804# 100 mesh, 2,345,034# 40/70 white sd, 1,595,690# 40/70 SLC. IP: 10-18-14 Flow 24 hrs 606 BO, 1137 BW, 1427 MCF, TP 1150, GOR 2354.78. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 657 w/710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4210 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14944 w/3735 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2573.6; API #30-015-42126

COG Operating LLC
MYOX 6 State Com #3
Hay Hollow; Sec 6 T26S R28E; 190/N & 1980/W. BHL: 341/S & 2032/W; EL 3067.9 GL, TD 17761, PBTD 17761; Spud 3-3-14, Comp 6-2-14; production is through treated perfs: 8103-17525. Treat: Acdz w/203410 gals 7.5%, Frac w/12,942,617# sd & 11,519,928 gals fluid. IP: 7-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 787 BO, 3790 BW, 1492 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 359 w/365 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2348 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17718 w/3785 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8071; API #30-015-41788

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SRO State Com #48
Hay Hollow; Sec 7 T26S R28E; 190/N & 2080/E. BHL: 356/S & 1896/E; EL 3065 GL, TD 17665, PBTD 17580; Spud 1-24-14, Comp 5-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 8092-17502, 17550-17560. Treat: Acdz w/193250 gals 7.5%, Frac w/14,138,638# sd, 10,415,118 gals fluid. IP: 6-8-14 Flow 24 hrs 1181 BO, 2832 BW, 1248 MCF, CP 680. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 395 w/365 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2326 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17650 w/3015 sx; API #30-015-41779

Apache Corp.
Crow Federal #26
Fren; Sec 10 T17S R31E; 1650/N & 330/E. BHL: 1643/N & 332/W; EL 3941 GL, TD 10251 MD, 5799 TVD; Spud 3-29-14, Comp 6-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 6073-9900, 9962-10180. Treat: 2478 bbls acid, 2,539,360# proppant, 61,290 bbls fluid. IP: 8-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 586 BO, 2185 BW, 226 MCF, GOR 386, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 702 w/760 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3502 w/1210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10251 w/1640 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5303; API #30-015-41942

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Nosler Federal #5
Fren; Sec 12 T17S R31E; 330/N & 330/W; EL 3984 GL, TD 6742, PBTD 6702; Spud 11-12-12, Comp 10-12-14; production is through treated perfs: 5752-5968, 6010-6300. Treat: Acdz w/4500 gals 15% NEFE, Frac w/524,832 gals slickwater, 39960# 100 mesh, 317,280# 40/70. IP: 10-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 115 BO, 600 BW, 143 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 812 w/600 sx, 7 @ 6742 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5636; API #30-015-40830

Apache Corp.
SB State #4
NE Red Lake; Sec 2 T18S R27E; 2515/N & 800/W. BHL: 2296/N & 980/W; EL 3551 GR, TD 4114, PBTD 4070; Spud 3-20-14, Comp 4-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 3173-3929. Treat: 226,968 gals 20#, 288,388# sd, 3477 gals acid, 3066 gals gel. IP: 6-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 20 BO, 145 BW, 104 MCF, GOR 5200, Gty 39.3. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 328 w/325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4114 w/700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3965; API #30-015-42003

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Hondo 4 K Federal #50
NE Red Lake; Sec 4 T18S R27E; 2310/S & 1650/W. BHL: 2201/S & 1673/W; EL 3478 GL, TD 4760, PBTD 4700 ; Spud 9-2-13, Comp 10-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 3904-4198.Treat: 1500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/18,188# 100 mesh & 196,883# 40/70 Ottawa slick wtr. IP: 11-8-13 Pump 24 hrs 61 BO, 1047 BW, 116 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 353 w/335 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4739 w/905 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3757; API #30-015-41510

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Southland Royalty APM State #2
Turkey Track; Sec 24 T19S R29E; 200/S & 510/E. BHL: 230/N & 656/E; EL 3356 GL, TD 12,775 MD, 8175 TVD, PBTD 12,722 MD, 8177 TVD; Spud 2-11-14, Comp 9-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 8527-12655. Treat: Acdz w/91,000 gals 7.5% HCL, Frac w/4,031,223# 16/30 RCS & 20/40 white sd. IP: 9-17-14 Pump 24 hrs 427 BO, 1387 BW, 596 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 375 w/517 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3670 w/4530 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12770 w/2510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7408; API #30-015-39749

SM Energy Co.
Parkway 35 Federal Com #4
Parkway; Sec 35 T19S R29E; 450/S & 330/W. BHL: 609/S & 340/E; EL 3320 GL, TD 12529 MD, 8254 TVD, PBTD 12529 MD, 8254 TVD; Spud 11-11-12, Comp 4-24-13; production is through treated perfs: 8541-12460. Treat: 39,871 bbls gelled fluid, 1,462,700# 20/40, 303,300# 20/40 SLC. IP: 5-9-13 Pump 24 hrs 672 BO, 570 BW, 618 MCF, GOR 919, Gty 44. Csg: 20 @ 259 w/970 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1505 w/1570 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3343 w/935 sx, 7 @ 8430 w/880 sx, 4 1/2 @ 12529, 2 7/8 @ 7521; API #30-015-39839

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Sherman 4 Fee #5
Atoka; Sec 4 T19S R28E; 150/S & 1175/W. BHL: 337/N & 956/W; EL 3350 GL, TD 8216, PBTD 8148; Spud 5-24-14, Comp 7-23-14; production is through treated perfs: 3820-8133 Treat: Acdz w/47,939 gals 15% acid, Frac w/1,760,537 gals gel, 293,783 gals trt wtr, 52,269 gals wtr frac, 3,121,753# 20/40 brown, 516,541# 20/40 CRC. IP: 8-5-14 Pump 24 hrs 100 BO, 1779 BW, 162 MCF, GOR 1620, Gty 37.7. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1234 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 8205 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3200; API #30-015-42205

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zircon 12/7 GF Federal Com #1
Turkey Track; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 1775/N & 2490/W. BHL: 1958/N & 2161/W; EL 3399 GL, TD 12985 MD, 8210 TVD, PBTD 12899 MD, 8209 TVD; Spud 4-6-14, Comp 5-17-14; production is through treated perfs: 8548-12899. Treat: Frac w/870,190 gals slickwater, 281,958 gals 20# linear gel, 836,791# XL gel carrying 100,580#. IP: 5-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 544 BO, 1286 BW, 398 MCF, GOR 732, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 372 w/730 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1428 w/550 sx, 7 @ 8472 w/1100 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8262-12916, 2 7/8 @ 8046; API #30-015-42207

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ruger 31 B3EH Federal #2
Winchester; Sec 31 T19S R29E; 2345/N & 185/W. BHL: 1691/N & 353/E; EL 3297 GL, TD 13120 MD, 8910 TVD, 13120 MD, 8910 TVD; Spud 10-6-14, Comp 12-11-14; production is through treated pefs: 8705-13120. Treat: 22,354 gals acid, 3,498,107 gals slickwater Carrying 1,133,722 100 mesh sd & 1,016,023# 40/70. IP: 12-1-14 Flow 24 hrs 400 BO, 1705 BW, 502 MCF, GOR 1255, Gty 42. Csg: 20 @ 355 w/680 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1332 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3018 w/960 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13116 w/1420 sx; API #30-015-42595

COG Operating LLC
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