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Oil drilling frustrates Glasscock County farmers

Damaged roads, litter and sold-off mineral rights leave scars in cotton country

By Aman Batheja
Texas Tribune

GLASSCOCK COUNTY — Dennis Seidenberger has farmed cotton for 49 years in this close-knit community 40 miles southeast of Midland. Farming is a way of life that he passed on to his son, one that he hopes will stay in the family for generations.

But his outlook has changed over the past three years as a surge in oil drilling has transformed Glasscock County.

"They've totally ruined our way of life here," Seidenberger said. "I don't know if I'll ever get over it."

His sentiments sum up how many residents throughout the county view the drilling boom, despite the boost it has given to both the local economy and the county's coffers.

"If something happened and oil went to $50 a barrel and everything moved out of here tomorrow, I don't think it would hurt anybody's feelings in Glasscock County," said the county judge, Kim Halfmann.

One fact is crucial in understanding the anger toward the drilling that is pervasive among Glasscock County's 1,251 residents: Most cotton farmers here do not own the mineral rights for the land that they farm. Under Texas law, the rights of mineral owners trump the rights of surface owners, meaning most Glasscock County farmers are powerless to stop energy developers from drilling wells, even as it destroys valuable crop land.

"I guess that's what really irritates some of my producers. They've farmed this land for so many years, and basically someone shows up and says what they're going to do with it," said Jeff Turner, chief

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NEW ERA IN THE WORKS

Expectations high for Spaceport Business Park

Editor's note: This commentary follows Orbital Outfitters groundbreaking and the news of the creation of the Spaceport Business Park made last week.

By Stewart Doreen
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Spaceport Business Park is coming to Midland.

While the announcement of the business park took a back seat to last week's Orbital Outfitters groundbreaking, its impact could be the most significant step toward diversification we have seen in quite some time.

Spaceport Business Park, located at Midland International Air and Space Port, will start as the home of XCOR Aerospace and Orbital Outfitters, but expectations are that the spaceport will be an inviting location for other members of the nation's aerospace industry. Keith Graf, director of the governor's Aerospace, Aviation and Defense & Texas Military Preparedness Commission, said Midland will be "one of the premier sites in the world" when it comes to aerospace. The governor's office has so much confidence in what will take place that it is giving Midland Spaceport Corp. $2 million to develop the area.

Part of that money will be applied to projects for XCOR, according to Robert Rendall, a Midland Development Corp. point man on projects such as XCOR and Orbital Outfitters. The rest of the money, Rendall said, will go toward the infrastructure the MDC and city will need for the business park.

"If we had not been able to receive the money from the staten then we would have funded that money locally," Rendall said.

Rendall said the goal is to create a "cluster industry," one that starts with XCOR and Orbital Outfitters. It's part of an economic diversification strategy whereby companies will attract other companies that support their efforts and add jobs.

"It is very much like the oil and gas industry is a cluster," Rendall said.

'Ask for the moon and reach it'

Economic diversification chatter usually follows a course opposite of the price of oil. At Monday's event, state Rep. Tom Craddick recommended looking at a guest editorial from the Williston, North Dakota, newspaper that ran Oct. 26 in the Reporter-Telegram. The editorial explained the need to diversify their area's economy while times are good because they won't always be that way.

"This was us 20 years ago," Craddick said.

Diversification efforts are tough for people to take seriously in a market such as Midland, where one industry dominates. A Texas Tech University report — "Economic Impact of Permian

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Tom Craddick talks with Keith Graf, director of the governor's Aerospace, Aviation and Defense & Texas Military Preparedness Commission, Tuesday at a press conference at Midland Air and Space Port.

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Facets of oil industry examined at symposium

■ Eagle Ford, Permian Basin representatives talk highlights, lowlights of shale production

By Joseph Basco
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AUSTIN — Though nothing new was uttered at the daylong Texas Tribune shale boom symposium on Friday, it reinforced how the economic stimulation and job creation from shale drilling has also brought along a slew of infrastructure problems and environmental concerns.

The symposium brought out representatives from the Eagle Ford Shale and the Permian Basin, including Midland Mayor Jerry Morales and Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd. The panels went through the economic impact of oil, the dynamics of the industry practices, infrastructure problems and industry sustainability.

The transformation of the Texas economy

Morales participated in the first panel, surprising attendees with the facts most Midlanders already know regarding the city's low unemployment rate, staff shortages at restaurants and economic struggles that non-oil families have to contend with.

"One, you say it's great for the economy, we have workers, but at the same time ... industries talk about not being able to keep up with these high wages and overtime," Morales said.

Morales was joined by San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor, Karnes City City Manager Don Tymrak and University of Texas at San Antonio Research Director for

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FARMERS

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executive of the Glasscock County Co-Op Gin, a local farming cooperative.

Most landowners sold their mineral rights decades ago to raise money during lean years of farming, Turner said. At the time, few foresaw the frenzy of drilling activity that was to come.

"A lot of them sold those mineral rights to survive and to eat and to keep their land," Turner said.

Between one-third and two-thirds of Texas farmers do not own the mineral rights under the land they farm, according to Darren Hudson, an agricultural economist at Texas Tech University.

"I know some farmers who have gotten filthy rich off the boom, but most of them don't," Hudson said. "If they don't own the mineral rights, it's more of an inconvenience."

Debbra Mamula, executive vice president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, said the energy development in Glasscock County has produced tangible benefits — most noticeably, oil and gas operators pay the bulk of property taxes.

"In Glasscock County, oil and natural gas operators paid $6.1 million in property taxes in tax year 2013, which amounts to 84 percent of the county's total property tax base," Mamula said.

Haltmann agreed that the drilling boom has been great for her county's revenue but said most of that additional money is being used to repair roads damaged by oilfield truck activity. Overall, the gains from drilling are not viewed as worth the drawbacks in a county long dominated by cotton farming.

"We don't have a lot of businesses here, so we don't have interest in a lot of economic development like a lot of these smaller West Texas towns are looking for," Haltmann said. "We're very satisfied with it the way it was."

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Keith Roberts runs equipment on an oil lot southeast of Garden City in Glasscock County on April 12, 2012. Sights of oilfield activity have become more common in Glasscock County over the past couple of years, much to the frustration of famers in the area.

For every new oil or gas well, drilling firms take over a pad site of 3 to 5 acres and construct pathways — often through cropland — to a nearby road. All of that land will probably never be suitable for fertile farming again, said Norman Garza, associate legislative director with the Texas Farm Bureau.

Drilling companies often pay landowners to cover "damages" for a well. Several cotton farmers told the Tribune that a typical payment for a well site was about $10,000, an amount they were told was nonnegotiable because state law does not require any payment to the surface owner.

"You're kind of at the mercy of what they want to pay," said Dennis Fuchs, a cotton farmer whose 640-acre piece of farmland has 16 wells.

He echoed several other farmers in describing the payments as insufficient to cover the loss of farmland and the hassle of maneuvering plows and other farming equipment around the well sites.

"If you have the minerals on it, then yeah, the damages are fine," said Ronnie Hirt, one of the few Glasscock County cotton farmers who co-owns mineral rights on most of his farmland. "If the only income you get is the damages, they're not nearly enough."

Bill Mintz, a spokesman for Apache, one of Glasscock County's most active drillers, said the company tries to treat farmers fairly, regardless of whether they own the mineral rights.

"Surface damage payments are the result of a commercial negotiation between the company and surface owner," Mintz said. "We believe our offers are fair, in the context that we also need to be consistent across the area."

The drilling activity has impacted the work and lifestyles of Glasscock County cotton farmers in several other ways.

The proliferation of trash from oilfield workers is a particular source of frustration. Farmers spoke of empty plastic bottles, food wrappers and coat hangers piling up on well sites and scattering across their farmland, sometimes ending up mixed into cotton bales sold to mills.

"This community used to be pristine," Fuchs said. "I can't tell you how much trash I have picked up — like 30-gallon garbage cans of it."

The drilling activity has also extended the time it takes to accomplish basic farming tasks. Farmers spoke of routinely spending double the time they used to for transporting farming equipment on county roads because of oilfield traffic. Even a routine task like scheduling a visit from a crop-dusting plane became trickier. Because the chemicals used can be hazardous, farmers spoke of having to arrange with multiple energy firms to ensure no oilfield workers are on the premises at the time.

"I deal with five oil companies on a daily basis," Seidenberger said.

The influx of thousands of oil workers, many of whom stay in temporary housing facilities, has also been a sore point, particularly as it has contributed to a spike in traffic crashes.

"My accident rate has gone up fivefold since I took office five years ago," Halfmann said.

Many farmers are selling groundwater to drillers. While the additional revenue eases some of the complaints about the drilling, some farmers fear they are contributing to the community's permanent undoing. "If my water well goes dry, my house is worth nothing, and that's a really big concern," Hirt said.

Despite that concern, Hirt is still selling his water to drillers because he knows landowners living near him are doing the same from an aquifer they share.

"It's still going to be depleted," Hirt said. "It makes you feel like, well, you better get your part of it or someone else will."

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Medical Spa of Midland Celebrates 10 Years by Inviting the Public to Free Open House

Midland, TX October 27, 2014 - Midland Odessa's Premier Medical Spa, Medical Spa of Midland – and the Gold Winner of "Best Medical Spa 2014" in the Midland Reporter Telegram's Readers Choice Awards– turns ten years old in November and has many reasons to celebrate.

Medical Spa of Midland is known throughout West Texas for helping their clients "Look Younger and Feel Better". Ask any of the Medical Spa of Midland's clientele, and they will tell you that it is much more than that. It is the combination of innovative aesthetic procedures, the expertise of Dr. Mohsin Syed, the warmth of the staff, and the serene atmosphere that keeps customers returning – again and again.

Medical Spa of Midland was founded by Mohsin Syed, M.D.in 2004. Dr. Syed had a vision of offering medically supervised, non-invasive aesthetic treatments to be safely administered in a luxurious atmosphere, similar to a day spa environment. The tranquil atmosphere at Medical Spa of Midland is not just created by its beautiful décor and aquarium of tropical fish. Medical Spa of Midland is a family business that is run by Dr. Syed and his wife, Elizabeth Syed, R.N. The warm, genuine and highly-trained staff is the most experienced in the area. Joey Franco has been with Dr. Syed since the Medical Spa opened its doors in November 2004 and Kathy Haro joined the team soon after.

Dr. Syed is at the spa daily and sees clients on a regular basis, many of whom he knows on a first name basis. He firmly believes in empowering his clients through education so that they feel comfortable making informed decisions about their choice of treatments. Some of the more popular Midland Odessa cosmetic services are laser with ultrasound liposuction and Cellulaze the ONLY FDA-approved treatment for permanent cellulite reduction; as well as, anti-wrinkle treatments such as Botox, Xeomin, and Dysport, dermal fillers such as Juvederm, Voluma, Restylane, and Radiesse.

This November, Medical Spa of Midland celebrates ten years as the first and still the best medical spa in the Permian Basin at their 10th Anniversary Open House on Thursday, November 6, 2014. The heart of this event is to celebrate what drives Medical Spa of Midland to be the best: their clients. The Open House will feature representatives from many of the product lines carried at Medical Spa of Midland and the Mom's Miracle Makeover winners will be revealed. Discounts and specials will be offered on all services including body contouring, chemical peels, injectables and laser treatments. There will be over $25,000 in giveaways and the first 20 attendees each hour will receive gift bags. Giveaways will be every half hour beginning at 2:00pm. Dr. Syed and the Medical Spa of Midland staff will be on hand throughout the day for Q&A while guests enjoy light appetizers, refreshments and wine.

The 10th Annual Open House is a free event and is open to the community. It will be held at Medical Spa of Midland which is located at 4506 Briarwood Avenue in Midland on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 10am – 7pm. Please RSVP to Medical Spa of Midland at 432-689-6300.

About Medical Spa of Midland

Medical Spa of Midland has been the Permian Basin's leading and first medical spa since November 2004 and continues to lead the Basin under the full-time direction of Midland's Favorite Physician, Mohsin Syed, F.A.C.P. and Elizabeth Syed, R.N. Medical Spa of Midland has the most lasers under one roof as well as the most innovative technology available for aesthetic procedures. Medical Spa of Midland is committed to medical excellence and demonstrates this commitment through medical supervision by a physician at all times, and with all services provided only by licensed individuals combining the elements of a relaxing spa-like environment with the expertise and technology of a physician's office.

About Mohsin Syed, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dr. Mohsin Syed practiced family medicine at Family Care Clinic for nine years before opening Medical Spa of Midland in 2004. The emphasis of Medical Spa of Midland is Health, Wellness, and Aesthetic Procedures. Since the successful launch of Medical Spa of Midland, Dr. Syed has extended his practice to include bio-identical hormone replacement therapies. In addition to his work as a bio-identical hormone replacement and medical spa doctor, Dr. Syed remains an enthusiastic internist and has recently begun ConciergeMD Midland. Dr. Syed is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a volunteer with Casa de Amigos. In 2012 he was honored by Casa de Amigo's with their "Amigo del Año (Friend of the Year)" for years of volunteerism with the organization.

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the Institute for Economic Development Thomas Tunstall. Each gave different perspectives on boomtown economics and its impact on small and large cities.

Karnes City, with a population of about 3,000, has felt even more drastic effects from the boom compared to Midland. Tymrak, when talking about how revitalizing downtown created a parking problem, said the city "trades one problem for another." Another drawback of the boom for the small town is how the school district went from receiving money from the state to having to give money to the state in a single year because of the rise in property values.

Taylor's message was that of poverty among minorities and uneducated residents despite the new job opportunities arising from Eagle Ford activity.

"We have a large population here that are poor and don't have the skill sets to compete with many of the jobs in today's economy and it's an issue we've dealt with for a long time here," Taylor said.

The changing state of energy

The panel that included Shepperd went over the oil and gas industry's rapid evolution within the past five years in both major drilling areas in Texas. When asked to contrast Permian Basin activity from the 1980s to now, Shepperd said technology is the driver.

"Being able to identify where the hydrocarbons are, being able to identify how to capture them and get them out of the ground in a responsible way, technology has evolved," Shepperd said.

To compare both eras though, Shepperd said risk is still involved in production because of the high cost of investment, though that risk has minimized.

And to compare the Permian Basin with the Eagle Ford, Shepperd said there is a difference in the thickness of the areas. He said the Permian Basin can be drillled down to 3,000 feet deep, while Eagle Ford is about 300 feet deep.

On the changing use of water after the state drought began in 2011, Shepperd said the industry has recognized the need to preserve the resource and recycling efforts are being made, adding that a half-dozen companies recycle 80 to 90 percent of its used water.

"Five years ago, that number was zero," Shepperd said.

Education and health care

Midland ISD and United ISD's petroleum academies were brought up during this panel discussion that examined the link between the oilfield's workforce and its educational foundation. State Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo said the academy offers students a pathway to higher education while being work-ready immediately after high school.

"What we are trying to ensure is that these students plan a career, not simply prepare for a job, because there's focus on workforce," Zaffirini said. "And it's important that schools and colleges align their courses with the industry, but at the same time we want the students to think higher, not thinking simply to get a job, but to think of being entrepreneurs."

To help fund the state education system, state Rep. Mike Villarreal of San Antonio challenged conservative rainy day fund estimates and usage, saying that the fund is at $11 billion rather than $8 billion.

"We had gotten away from using this extra money to stabilize our large economy and invest broadly," Villarreal said. "We're about to vote on a constitutional amendment, which is needed, but it's an example of very narrow thinking, where $1.7 billion will be taken away from the flow of the rainy day fund and invested into transportation infrastructure, which we all agree is needed. ... But that's not the only investment in infrastructure that should take place. Healthcare, hiring, education: All these areas are being impacted in and around the Eagle Ford Shale."

Villarreal added that funding, or the lack of it, shouldn't be a political ideology, but rather "the human problems that are being experienced."

How to keep the boom booming

The $20 dip in the oil price was brought up in the fourth panel, featuring state Rep. Jim Keffer and Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman.

Smitherman said he was concerned with the volatility of the price. He referenced the Wall Street Journal when saying the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford will continue to be profitable at this time until the price plummets to the $50 per barrel range.

"I think it depends on company by company cost structures," Smitherman said. "If you're a company that has investment in places ... where you need $90 oil to be profitable, you may be thinking about what you're gonna do moving forward."

Smitherman said he was also interested in the price of natural gas. He predicted natural gas usage will increase.

"There's room for caution for liquids, but there's room for optimism on natural gas," Smitherman said.

Keffer of Eastland attributed the Permian Basin's sustainability to global positioning. He said the world is not ready for the Basin to be a big player in the industry yet, adding that the Basin can change cultural and political boundaries.

On the price of oil, Keffer said that the independent companies in both the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford are capable of operating even at the $50 per barrel price point.

In contrast to independent companies, "The majors always come in too late and pay too much," Keffer said.

Railroad Commission seat gets hotter as oil booms

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

The advent of sideways drilling and hydraulic fracturing has triggered an oil and gas bonanza unseen in 30 years in oilfields across Texas, flooding the state's treasury with tax revenue and almost single-handedly lifting Texas out of recession.

But every silver lining has a cloud or two. Denton residents are poised to vote on a proposal banning fracturing. North Texans are concerned about a spate of earthquakes near wastewater disposal wells. And a prolonged drought has prompted outcries over how much water energy producers use.

The Railroad Commission of Texas — which writes the rules and issues permits for oil and gas drillers — looms more importantly this election than in recent years. The state's oldest regulatory body long ago shifted its attention away from railways to riding herd on oil and gas drillers, natural gas utilities, pipeline safety and mining.

Only one of the commission's three seats is open this year, with four candidates running to replace Barry Smitherman on a body whose job is getting tougher and facing more scrutiny.

Here's how they stack up:

Ryan Sitton

Ryan Sitton, a Republican from Friendswood, outside Houston, touts industry expertise, boasting that if elected he will be the first engineer to serve on the commission in more than 50 years.

"My primary objective will be leading the agency to make decisions based on sound science and data to ensure that the citizens of Texas are confident in the development of our natural resources," he said.

Sitton, 39, is the founder and CEO of PinnacleAIS, an engineering firm that consults with some of the world's largest oil and gas companies on well integrity issues.

Texas has the know-how to regulate its oil and gas industry, he said, and he plans to push back against the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other federal regulators that, he said, might intrude on the state's production.

"Ryan believes for the first time in a generation the United States has the ability to achieve energy independence, with Texas leading the way," his campaign spokesman said in an email.

Industry's water use: Sitton said regulators should not single out oil and gas producers when addressing Texas' water shortage because the industry accounts for less than 1 percent of water use statewide. (In some counties with heavy drilling, however, the industry is one of the biggest users.) Oil and gas companies should continue conservation efforts by increasing recycling and reuse as technology expands, he said, and Texas should

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time is a way of making better use of the natural daylight by setting your clock forward one hour during the summer months, and back again in the fall. Spring Forward in 2015 will take place on March 8.

www.timeanddate.com

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day in the United States is dedicated to prayers for the dead. The Day of the Dead is also celebrated on this day. Many western churches annually observe All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, and many eastern churches celebrate it before Lent and the day before Pentecost.

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Things to do

Today

■ Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Midland Center. midlandgemandmineral.org.

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

■ Flashdance: The Musical, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ Newsboys with Family Force 5 and 7Eventh Time Down, 7 p.m. Andrews County Expo. whatyeshuacando.com.

■ "War of the Worlds" Pickwick Players presentation at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Tuesday and Wednesday

■ Shrine Circus at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Friday

■ Feast of Sharing at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

■ Midland High vs Lee football, 7:30 p.m., Grande Communication Stadium. midlandisd.net.

■ Star Party, dusk, Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Saturday

■ Touch-a-Truck benefitting The Genesis Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Midland High School. facebook.com/touchatruckmidland.

Meetings this week

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

Support groups today

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home annual golf tournament and fundraiser is Monday at Green Tree Country Club. The event begins noon with a shotgun start.

The grand prize for the winning team is a round of golf with President George W. Bush in Dallas.

For more information, call 685-1112 or contact Bill Holmes at billh@msoperating.com or jeremiah@pidavis.com.

■ Midland County Sheriff's Association and Toys for Cops will be holding a toy drive 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Domino's Pizza, Illinois Avenue and Midkiff Road. For more information, call the Midland County Sheriff's Office, 688-4600.

Newly renovated playgrounds

Midland residents are invited to visit six recently renovated playgrounds for the chance to win prizes during the city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Division's Progressive Playground Party on Saturday.

The event, which will coincide with Love Your Parks Day, will kick off with a ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. at C.J. Kelly Park, which was recently renovated along with Cowden Park, Hidalgo Park, Dunagan Park, Garrett-Brown Park and Hill Park.

MPD testing

Midland Police Department is administering officer testing 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at 601 N. Loraine St.

Persons wanting to test must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license and wear appropriate clothing for physical fitness test. Candidates must apply online before taking the tests. Those who meet the requirements will take the fitness test, and if they pass will then take the written test.

Application available at http://bit.ly/1tsPt7P.

The department has 17 open positions.

Medicare enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D and Advantage Plans continues through Dec. 7. Area Agency on Aging will be assisting residents with the enrollment process. For more information, call Raynetta Williams or Roman Alvarez at 563-1061.

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Tech execs run the commercial space race

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic company is reeling from the loss of SpaceShipTwo, which crashed in California's Mojave desert on Friday, killing one of its pilots and seriously injuring the other. Branson, a billionaire business mogul whose Virgin group of companies have ranged from music to airlines to mobile phones, founded Virgin Galactic ten years ago with the aim of offering flights to the edge of space for anyone who could pay the $250,000 price tag. The future of Virgin's commercial suborbital flight program is unclear in the wake of the tragic accident.

The 64-year-old Branson is not the only businessman in the space trade. The concept of space travel has proved an irresistible allure for many entrepreneurs who've made it in the tech world, and they have been spurred on by NASA's increasing reliance on private companies to conduct space missions. The industry has been rocked by SpaceShipTwo's crash coming just days after the explosion of an Orbital Sciences Corp. commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station. But the race for commercial space travel continues. Here's a look at the major tech titans leading the way:

Elon Musk

Musk

The 43-year-old co-founder of PayPal and head of Tesla Motors launched Space Exploration Technologies Corp. in 2002 with the ultimate goal of developing the technology to allow humans to live on other planets. SpaceX, as it is known, designs, makes and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. In 2012, NASA hired SpaceX to deliver cargo and eventually astronauts to the International Space Station. The company's spacecraft have since made five trips to the International Space Station and back, including four official resupply missions. The Hawthorne, California, company has more than 3,000 employees and operates three spacecraft: Dragon, Falcon Heavy and Falcon 8. Its Dragon spacecraft is expected to begin manned missions in the next two to three years. www.spacex.com.

Jeff Bezos

Bezos

The 50-year-old co-founder of Amazon.com Inc. started Blue Origin in Kent, Washington, in 2000 to develop technology to make human access to space easier. It is currently focused on developing rocket-powered vertical takeoff and landing vehicles for access to the edge of space and beyond. As of 2012 Blue Origin had received $22 million from NASA. Its crew and cargo vehicle, called New Shepard, is designed to eventually take tourists to suborbit. Last month, United Launch Alliance, a joint venture between Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co. that launches unmanned rockets, picked Blue Origin to develop a rocket engine that could eventually replace the Russian rocket engine used in many American unmanned launches. www.blueorigin.com.

Paul Allen

Allen

The Microsoft Corp. co-founder teamed with aerospace pioneer Burt Rutan in 2004 on the experimental SpaceShipOne, which was launched from a special aircraft. It became the first privately financed, manned spacecraft to dash into space and later won the $10 million Ansari X Prize for accomplishing the feat twice in two weeks. More recently, the 61-year-old's Stratolaunch Systems, based in Hunstville, Alabama, is developing the world's biggest plane to help launch cargo and astronauts into space. Called Thunderbolt, it is tentatively scheduled to launch in 2018. Stratolaunch is working with Orbital Sciences and Rutan's Scaled Composites. SpaceShipTwo was piloted by Scaled Composites, under contract with Virgin Galactic, during this week's fatal crash. www.stratolaunch.com.

Jeff Greason

Greason

The rocket scientist and former Intel Corp. employee founded XCOR Aerospace in 1989. XCOR also is pursuing space tourism and hopes to conduct flight tests for its Lynx spaceship beginning in 2015. In September, XCOR was partner to the Federal Aviation Administration approving a commercial space launch license for Midland International Airport in Texas, where XCOR operates a research and development center. The 50-employee company is based at Mojave Air and Space Port in Southern California and has built 13 different rocket engines and built and flown two manned rocket-powered aircraft — the EZ-Rocket and the X-Racer. Greason has served on the U.S. Human Space Flight Plans Committee. www.xcor.com.

Recent failures put spotlight on safety

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fiery failures are no stranger to the space game. It's what happens when you push the boundaries of what technology can do, where people can go. And it happened again to Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo.

In the past decade, the space industry has tried to go from risky and government-run to routine private enterprise — so routine that if you have lots of money you can buy a ticket on a private spaceship and become a space tourist.

More than 500 people have booked a flight, including Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and little-known space scientist Alan Stern.

But it all depends on flying becoming safe and routine. This week hasn't helped.

Three days after a private unmanned rocket taking cargo up to the International Space Station blew up six seconds into its flight, a test flight of SpaceShipTwo exploded Friday over the Mojave Desert with two people on board.

The developments reignited the debate about the role of business in space and whether it is or will ever be safe enough for everyday people looking for an expensive 50-mile-high thrill ride.

"It's a real setback to the idea that lots of people are going to be taking joyrides into the fringes of outer space any time soon," said John Logsdon, retired space policy director at George Washington University. "There were a lot of people who believed that the technology to carry people is safely at hand."

The question for space tourism might be, "if it survives," Logsdon said. But he thinks its momentum in recent years will keep it alive.

Virgin Galactic founder Richard Branson expressed the same view Saturday after arriving in Mojave, California, to meet with the project workforce reeling from the accident.

"We would love to finish what was started some years ago, and I think pretty well all our astronauts would love us to finish it, love to go to space," he said. "Millions of people in the world would love to one day have the chance to go to space."

Federal estimates of the commercial space industry — only a little of it involving tourism — exceed $200 billion. NASA is counting on private companies such as SpaceX and Orbital Sciences to haul cargo to the space station. They are also spending billions to help SpaceX and Boeing build ships that will eventually take people there, too.

Internet pioneers Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos have gotten into the space game. Aviation entrepreneur Branson and others are pushing a billion-dollar space tourism industry.

The Virgin Galactic and Orbital accidents have nothing in common except the words private space, Stern said. Still, it raises issues about the space industry.

Some experts said they worry that private industry may just not be as safe as the government when it comes to going into space.

Jerry Linenger, a former astronaut who narrowly survived a 1997 fire on the Russian space station Mir, said private industry lacks the experience and the advocates for safety that NASA had when he was launching into space. He pointed to former moonwalking astronaut John Young, who NASA encouraged to raise safety issues and slow things down.

Watching the Orbital Sciences accident on Tuesday, Linenger said, "it was blatantly obvious that it is a dangerous operation that is very nearly on the edge," yet private companies talk of doing it better, faster and cheaper. Then they find out that was naive, he said.

American University space policy professor Howard McCurdy, who wrote the book "Space and the American Imagination," said NASA in the 1990s and private companies tout lean management to get things done faster, better and cheaper in space. But he said that leaves no margin for error and "is like flying an airplane without a qualified pilot. You really need to do it right."

McCurdy pointed to all the Silicon Valley whiz kids in space and worried that they come with the same Microsoft attitude of pushing a product out and fixing it on the fly.

"I'm not sure that works for rocket ships," McCurdy said. "That may work for cellphones, smartphones and computer programs."

With space, he said, "you're working much closer to the edge."

Photo: Wreckage lies near the site where a Virgin Galactic space tourism rocket, SpaceShipTwo, exploded and crashed in Mojave, Calif., on Friday. *Associated Press*

Director of Airports to take position in Harlingen

From staff reports

Director of Airports Marv Esterly is leaving the city of Midland to take a similar position in South Texas.

Esterly's resignation is effective Nov. 30. He will become the aviation director at Valley International Airport in Harlingen. The city of Midland is considering Esterly's stepping down a "retirement" because he will be drawing from retirement from the city.

Esterly, according to the city, played a crucial role in securing a spaceport designation this year from the Federal Aviation Administration, creating a new future for Midland's airport as what is now known as the Midland International Air and Space Port. His collaboration with local and federal officials led to Midland becoming the first spaceport ever to be connected to a commercial airport. According to the city, he was director of Airports for 14 years.

"I value the experience I have received in Midland and cherish the people and memories," Esterly said in his "retirement" letter sent to City Manager Courtney Sharp late Friday afternoon. "I'm confident the airport staff is up to the challenges that lie ahead for the Midland International Air and Space Port."

Filling Esterly's position as an interim director will be Deputy Director of Airports Justine Ruff, who has been employed by the city of Midland since her graduation from college in 1990. She began her career with the city as an operations agent and worked her way up the organization to become deputy director of airports.

ERA

From 1A

Basin Oil and Gas Industry" — released in September indicated that, in 2012, the industry had a $42 billion economic impact in Midland County alone. The report, which also showed $137 billion in economic output generated in the 46 counties of the Permian Basin, was a reminder to Midlanders of the strength of the industry.

Still, even those representing the industry said there is a place for diversification. And, as Craddick pointed out, moving a finger up and down, the peaks and valleys of the oil business require communities to take diversification seriously.

If you build it with tenants lined up, they will come

The idea of Spaceport Business Park isn't like another MDC project from the last decade. Building A at Entrada Business Park was constructed with the idea that having a facility that a company can finish to its liking will bring a tenant to occupy it. It stood empty for years.

Spaceport Business Park already has two tenants — XCOR and Orbital Outfitters. The development of Spaceport Business Park will include the $3.2 million Midland Altitude Chamber Complex, which Orbital Outfitters CEO Jeff Feige described as a level of infrastructure to do something that no one else in the world was doing.

"It would be a big thing to make it a unique facility that people would need to travel here to do key work," Feige said.

Feige also said the Spaceport Business Park puts Midland on the map during a time when there is transition in the aerospace industry. He said aerospace generally relies too much on having facilities all over the country for various purposes. The reason, he said, was companies relied on federal money and leaders in Washington liked to spread that money around.

"Companies like ours need other companies doing similar or related things or customers or vendors nearby," Feige said. "When it is commercial money and you are going for maximum efficiency, building a business park is the best solution."

XCOR COO Andrew Nelson provided a similar perspective. He said it matters that if a business needs a pressure suit or testing in an altitude chamber or a precision machine shop, it is available across the street.

"The water jet guy is already on the property. The fact they are across the street is a big deal for us," Nelson said. "Now in Mojave (California, XCOR's current home), we have to go to Los Angeles for that."

"It shows Midland is committed to having an aerospace business," Nelson added. "When you have infrastructure set aside for aerospace business, the utilities have been installed, and there are plots of land and there has been forethought about usage, you have supply chain members come in to be in that community. It makes a lot of difference."

A few times during the event, it was mentioned that other companies are expected to follow XCOR and Orbital Outfitters. If that happens, the cluster Rendall referred to would be taking shape.

Feige said last week that instead of a traditional groundbreaking, they are "Bringing Space to Midland."

Well, MDC hopes that instead of just bringing a couple of businesses to Midland, it can offer something bigger. Midland will have millions invested in the companies and infrastructure of Spaceport Business Park, and it is hard to imagine a better start.

SEAT

From 5A

develop a statewide water plan.

Links between earthquakes and oilfield wastewater wells: If data shows that some disposal wells are in fact causing seismic activity, Sitton said he would support restricting the use of those wells.

Hydraulic fracturing ban effort in Denton: "Ryan doesn't believe the proposed ban addresses the concerns Denton residents have expressed regarding noise, light, odor and proximity of development to homes," his campaign spokesman said. "Ryan believes the Railroad Commission should engage with citizens to ensure they have accurate information regarding the activity that is taking place and work with municipalities if they have concerns."

Sitton's campaign said it would be "unwise to have a patchwork of different governmental entities, imposing regulations that could discourage oil and gas production."

Steve Brown

Steve Brown, a Democrat, former chairman of the Fort Bend Democratic Party and legislative staffer, is director of small business initiatives at Houston METRO.

Brown, 39, said the commission should limit oil and gas industry influence on its decisions, and bolster protections for the environment, public health and property rights.

"The agency is broken itself, and because of that there are so many people in the community — out in the state of Texas — who just don't trust the process," Brown said.

Brown said he would establish an "office of public advocacy" to advise the commission policies affecting landowners and consumers. "This office will also serve as a watchdog for citizens with grievances," Brown said.

He also said lawmakers should revive a series of Sunset Commission proposals that would change the commission's name, shorten the period in which commissioners can fundraise, bar commissioners from accepting contributions from parties with business before the commission, expand its recusal policy and require commissioners to resign before running for another office.

Industry's water use: Brown has called on the Legislature to spend $50 million in Rainy Day Fund money for research and development to improve technology for recycling oilfield wastewater, and he said the state should issue tax credits for energy companies that use recycled fractured water.

Links between earthquakes and oilfield wastewater wells: Brown calls the Railroad Commission's effort to regulate disposal wells a positive step, but said it should do more to improve rattled communities' confidence in the agency. (The agency's proposal would require companies to submit additional information — including data on a region's seismicity and any past earthquakes — when applying for a permit to drill a disposal well. The proposal also clarifies that the commission can slow or halt injections into a problematic well.) Brown has called for the commission to halt permitting of disposal wells for hydraulic fracturing water by 2020. He said improvements in wastewater recycling will make that possible, even as disposal wells proliferate today.

Proposal to ban hydraulic fracturing in Denton: Brown said local communities have the right to make such decisions. "These folks in Denton just felt like the process let them down," he said. He has called for communities near shale oil production — with the state's guidance — to form councils to address quality-of-life concerns related to oil and gas production and waste disposal.

Other candidates

Also on the ballot are Mark Miller, a Libertarian, and Martina Salinas of the Green Party.

Miller, a petroleum engineer, said his engineering expertise would come in handy on the commission. The 63-year-old said the agency should place property rights of landowners on "more equal footing" with those of mineral owners.

Salinas, 36, works in the construction industry. In a comment to the Denton City Council last summer, she called for industry regulators to strengthen environmental protections. "Texas has a long and proud tradition in natural gas and oil drilling, but we need to stop trading our children's futures for short-term financial gains," she said.

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

RR commissioner wants border security panel

Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter will convene a panel to advise about possible threats to oil and gas infrastructure by Mexican drug cartels.

The Austin-American Statesman reported Friday that Porter, a Republican from Midland, wants more information on protecting pipelines and state inspectors. He said his informal advisory team could include lawmakers and private-sector representatives.

Porter is one of several elected officials in the state who have made allegations about border security. But politicians' claims of widespread drug cartel operations along the Texas-Mexico border have been discredited by academics, federal authorities and county and local officials.

Carlos Espinosa, head of special projects for the Railroad Commission, said they've met with people in the oil and gas industry staff, as well as pipeline safety officials and the Texas Department of Public Safety, on such issues.

Industry employees have "seen dead bodies that the cartels were responsible for," Espinosa told the newspaper, but did not specify which companies because of fear of retaliation.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, a University of Texas at Brownsville political science professor, said that while cartel violence is real in Mexico, "that's not the reality" in Texas.

Porter, who was elected in 2010, said that they are in the "discovery process, trying to determine the extent of the problem and examine the facts." Porter said solutions could include issuing satellite phones to inspectors working in remote areas where cellphone service is spotty.

WISCONSIN

Governor lifts restrictions on petro trucks

MADISON — Gov. Scott Walker has lifted hour restrictions on trucks carrying petroleum to compensate for a pipeline shutdown.

The Badger Pipeline runs from Illinois to Wisconsin. Walker's office said the pipeline was shut down for a safety inspection on Wednesday after a contractor's equipment came into contact with the pipeline.

Walker's office said no leaks have been detected and the pipeline is expected to be back online within a few days.

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Early votes exceed 15 million — but who benefits?

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Early votes soared past 15 million across 31 states on Friday, an outpouring that is giving hopeful Republicans as well as nervous Democrats cause for optimism heading into the final weekend of a campaign with control of the Senate, the U.S. House and 36 governorships at stake.

Republicans pointed to a strong early-vote performance in Iowa as evidence that Joni Ernst was a step ahead in her bid to capture a Senate seat for the GOP.

But in Georgia, Democrats said a strong early turnout by African-Americans in the counties around Atlanta was a good sign for Michelle Nunn, running for a seat long out of the party's reach.

As candidates headed into a final weekend of campaigning, Democratic hopes of holding a Senate seat in Arkansas appeared to be fading, and Republicans already appeared assured of gains in West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana. They need to gain six to come away with the election's biggest prize — control of the Senate during President Barack Obama's final two years in office.

Strategists in both parties agreed privately that races in Louisiana and Georgia were probably headed for runoffs, and several Republicans expressed concern about Kansas, where polls showed Sen. Pat Roberts was in a tough race to keep a seat held by Republicans for decades.

Democratic incumbents in Alaska, Colorado and New Hampshire also faced difficult tests, as did Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell in Kentucky.

Republicans are all but certain to hold their majority in the House, and Democrats are working to minimize their losses in the campaign's final days by rushing help to candidates once viewed as safe.

The early vote turnout varied from state to state, exceeding 2010 levels in Louisiana, Wisconsin, Maryland, Florida, Iowa and Georgia. Most of those states are holding intensely competitive races for the Senate or governor or both.

In Louisiana, where Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu is in a difficult three-way fight for re-election, the early vote was 80 percent higher than in the 2010 midterm elections.

In Iowa, figures provided by state election officials showed Democrats had cast about 41 percent of the early vote, Republicans about 39 percent and independents nearly 20 percent. Four years ago, Democrats held a double-digit advantage.

In Georgia, though, official figures showed an increase in heavily African-American counties accounted for all of the gain in early votes over 2010. Democrats have worked for months to bring so-called drop-off voters into the electorate, those who usually skip midterm contests.

In addition to Nunn's race against Republican businessman David Perdue, Jason Carter is challenging Republican Gov. Nathan Deal in the state with the highest unemployment in the country.

Wisconsin voters exceeded their 2010 early vote totals by 10 percent. Democrat Mary Burke is challenging Republican Gov. Scott Walker in one of the country's most closely watched elections. No party breakdown was available.

The early vote in Kansas was just shy of the 2010 totals, about 153,000 overall. Nearly 55 percent were cast by Republicans, but GOP officials privately expressed nervousness.

Roberts isn't the only Republican with a tough fight. Gov. Sam Brownback, whose agenda has been so conservative that it sparked a rebellion within his own party, is running against Democratic challenger Paul Davis.

In other developments on Friday:

President Obama

Barack Obama, shunned by many Democratic Senate candidates, campaigned in Rhode Island for gubernatorial contender Gina Raimondo. He urged voters to support candidates who will back economic policies that benefit women as well as men, saying, "The idea that my daughters wouldn't have the same opportunities as somebody's sons, well that's unacceptable."

A post-election checkup?

Mail from Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group, is turning up in Arkansas, telling recipients their "voting record may be examined for completeness" after the election. Democratic Party spokesman Patrick Burgwinkle said it showed out-of-state billionaires are determined to elect Rep. Tom Cotton over Sen. Mark Pryor "no matter how dishonest the tactic."

In debt before any runoffs

Senate Democrats are leaning on a $10 million loan from early October to sustain their majority, and they face the prospect of possible runoff elections in Louisiana and Georgia. Even so, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee has gone into the red in each of the last three election cycles, and managed to win each time. It ended 2012 with $16 million in red ink, finished 2010 with almost $9 million in debt and wrapped up 2008 owing close to $11 million.

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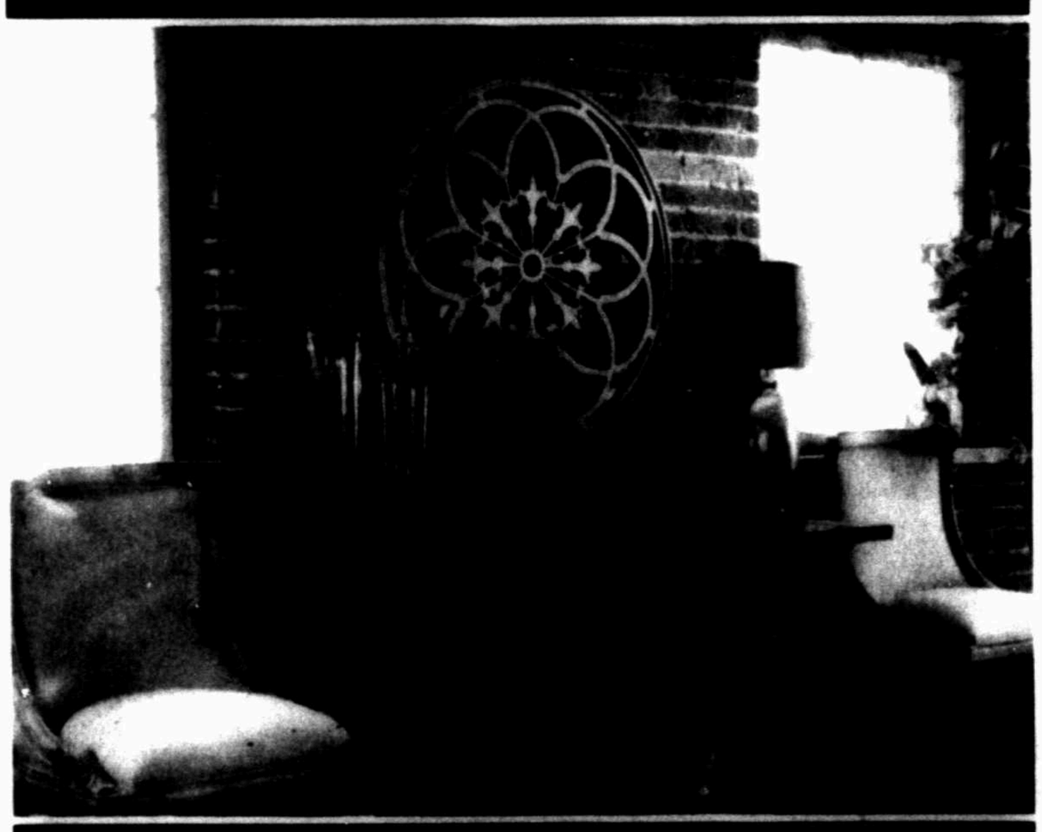
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Judgment Day: Incumbents are in trouble

By David Lightman
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■ COMMENTARY

WASHINGTON — They may or may not be bums, but voters are poised to throw a lot of politicians out on Tuesday.

Two-thirds of Americans see the nation on the wrong track. Confidence in the economy remains shaky. People are scared about terrorist threats and the Ebola virus.

They see their political leaders as inept, which means any ally of President Barack Obama is in trouble Tuesday, if people vote at all. Turnout is expected to be dismal. Dozens of officeholders are in trouble from Alaska to Florida.

Republicans stand to benefit most from this surly mood. Since they don't control the White House or the Senate, the party is a slight favorite to win the six Senate seats it needs to take control of the chamber for the first time in eight years. But they're not immune from the voter anger. Republicans control 22 of the 36 governorships at stake Tuesday, and at least a dozen incumbents are vulnerable, an unusually large number.

The only bloc likely to escape most of this voter rage is House of Representatives members. Republicans now have a 233-199 majority, a margin expected to grow. House Republicans are largely spared voter ire because both parties have drawn most congressional districts to protect their seats.

Voter frustration with government, though, is everywhere. People see Washington and many statehouses as unable to react quickly and efficiently to a procession of crises.

Since Obama's the most prominent figure, voters see this mess as largely his.

"President Barack Obama no longer has the benefit of the doubt from the American people," said Nathan Gonzales, deputy editor of the nonpartisan Rothenberg Political Report. "When news events pop up, he gets connected to them, fairly or unfairly."

Events do keep popping up.

As the general election season got into full swing in September, the fight against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, and Obama's initially deliberate response, dominated headlines. Then came the Ebola virus threat.

All this helps energize an already eager Republican electorate. "The president is the Republicans' main motivation," explained Floyd Ciruli, a nonpartisan Denver-based pollster.

The math is kind to Republicans, who are well-positioned to win Senate races in seven states where Democrats now hold seats but that Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney won in 2012.

Montana, South Dakota and West Virginia are seen as relatively easy Republican pickups. Republicans are ahead in Louisiana and Arkansas, and close in Alaska and North Carolina.

Republicans could have an even bigger night if Democratic-held seats in Iowa, Colorado and New Hampshire fall. Polls suggest Democrats could lose seats in each state.

The common GOP refrain in each state with a Democratic senator: The incumbent voted with Obama at least 90 percent of the time on key Senate votes.

Obama has helped their cause.

"I am not on the ballot this fall. Michelle's pretty happy about that. But make no mistake: These policies are on the ballot. Every single one of them," he said in an Oct. 2 speech.

OK, said Republicans, who keep reminding people of just that.

"This November, the president's policies appear on the ballot. I urge you to vote Republican to keep terrorists off U.S. soil," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said earlier this week as he introduced an ad blasting Obama's national security policies.

The more Americans remain concerned about the direction of the country, and see nonstop headlines about terrorism and Ebola, the better Republicans fare. A Pew Research Center survey earlier this month gave Republicans a 17 percentage point advantage over Democrats on handling terrorist threats. Republicans also were seen as better able to handle the federal budget deficit, the economy and immigration.

But the anti-incumbent tide could hurt Republicans, too. The public blamed them largely for the October 2013 partial government shutdown. People today see Democrats as the more empathetic party; Pew found that by 54 percent to 33 percent, voters thought Democrats cared more about "the needs of people like me."

Republicans could lose seats they now hold in Georgia and Kansas and suffer a huge blow in Kentucky, where Minority Leader Mitch McConnell remains in a tight race with Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes.

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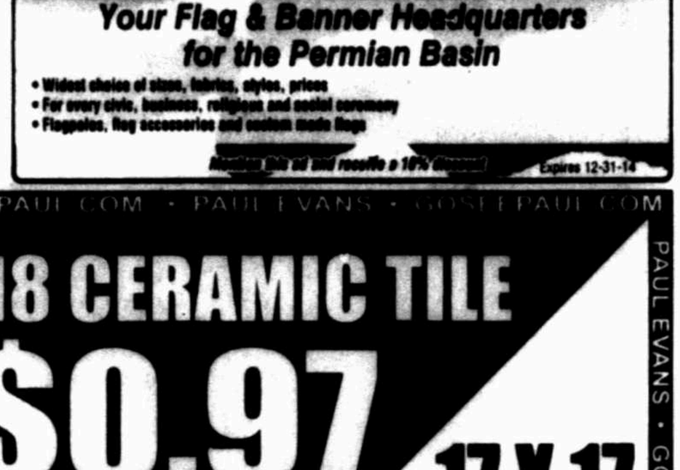

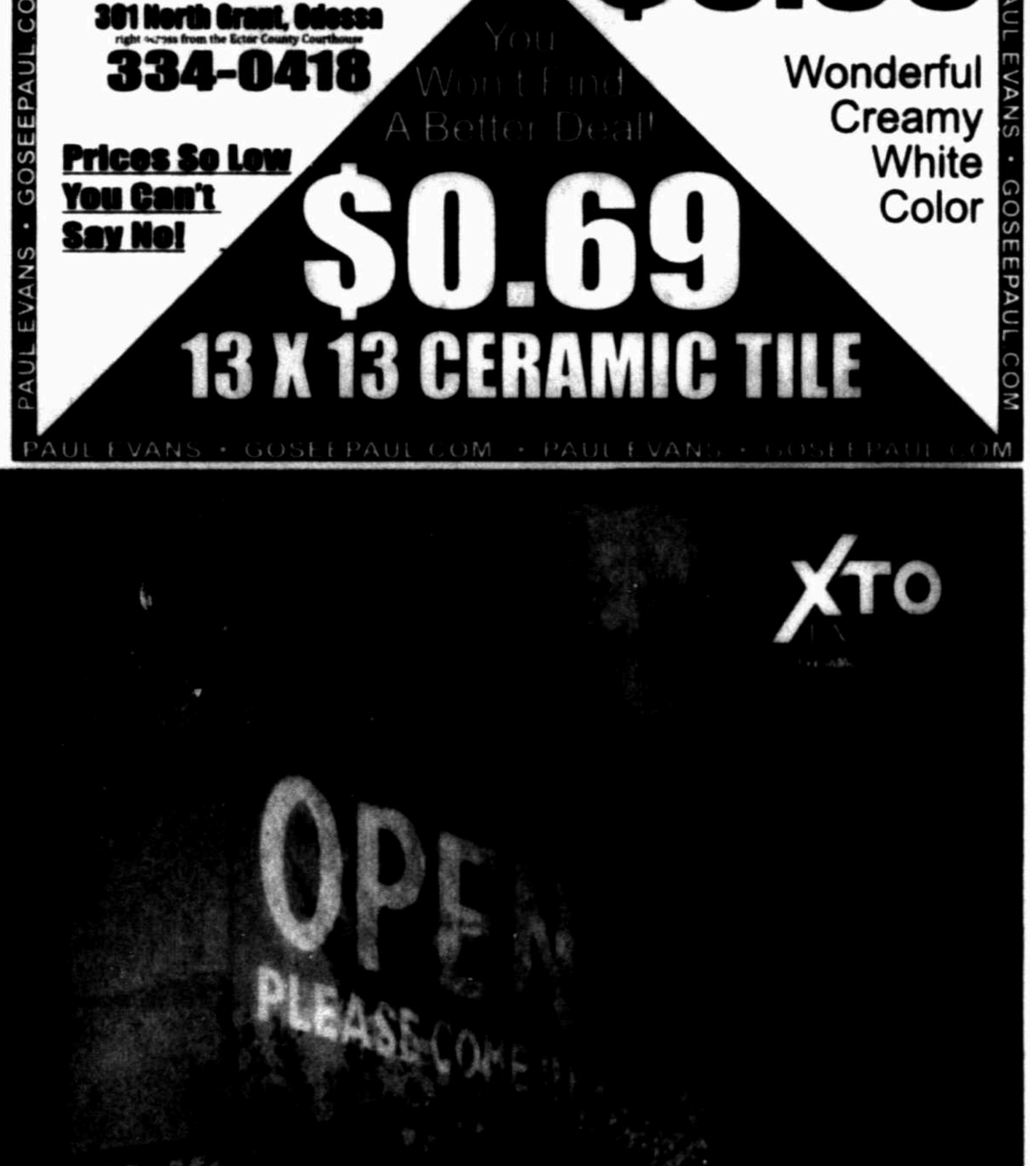

Outlook for states' pot legalization measures goes from solid to shaky

By Evan Halper
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WASHINGTON — With pot sold openly to any adult who wants it in Colorado and Washington state, marijuana advocates were hoping restrictions in other states would fall like dominoes this election season, opening the way for a push in Congress to change federal drug laws.

They were not anticipating a multimillion-dollar wager against them by a casino mogul. Or a spike in voter anxiety amid bureaucratic stumbles in regulating the nascent recreational pot market. Or an unfortunate cellphone video from a rowdy frat bar called Boots N Buckles.

Now, legalization measures are teetering in Florida, Oregon and Alaska, states where supporters were confident of victory only a few months ago. It's all enough to seriously harsh the mellow of pro-pot advocates.

"This is turning out to be a unique and very difficult election year," said Aaron Houston, a strategist for the Ghost Group, a marijuana-focused investment company. Ballot measures, he said, are under stress from the same midterm challenge afflicting all political forces on the left and their causes: an uninspired base of voters.

But advocates acknowledge that some voters are also wary of how legalization has worked in Colorado and Washington. Legalization has not set off crime sprees in those states or a surge in stoned drivers crashing on roadways, as opponents had warned, but there have been plenty of less-than-favorable headlines about marijuana-infused candies and sodas and tourists going on drug binges.

And, unlike in previous campaigns, opponents of legalization this year have the money to make sure voters hear about those problems. The funds come from the unexpected emergence of a new and deep-pocketed nemesis for legal pot: Sheldon Adelson, the billionaire chief of Las Vegas Sands Corp.

Adelson, who ranks alongside Charles and David Koch in the magnitude of money he invests in conservative politics, has spent $5 million to thwart what had been considered a routine medical marijuana proposal in Florida, surprising not just the measure's supporters but its delighted opponents too.

The police organizations, drug treatment doctors and public health advocates who have banded together in the past to fight legalization efforts have never seen so much cash.

"This is totally unprecedented," said Kevin Sabet, co-founder of Project SAM, a national anti-marijuana group. "There has never even been a TV ad from the 'no' side before."

"The fact that Colorado and Washington have passed legalization has helped our argument," Sabet said. "We point at their example. We ask the teacher in Eugene if they want to deal with what the teacher in Denver is dealing with, with marijuana candies brought to school. ... We can ask the minority rights advocate in Alaska whether they think it is fair that all these marijuana stores are concentrated in minority neighborhoods in Washington and Colorado."

In Florida, the Adelson-backed opposition has mounted a sophisticated, multimedia onslaught, raising doubts among seniors, in particular, by comparing medical marijuana dispensaries to "pill mills" that wantonly distribute dangerous prescription drugs. Once significantly ahead in polls, the measure, Amendment 2, now appears unlikely to hit the 60 percent threshold it needs for passage.

"Florida is the beginning of what will be a broader effort nationwide," said Andy Abboud, Adelson's chief political strategist. He said Adelson and his wife, Miriam, a physician specializing in drug addiction, seek to "counterbalance the mainstreaming of marijuana in the country."

For them, it is personal, Abboud said. Adelson's son from a previous marriage died of a drug overdose.

The outlook is brighter, but still dicey, for legalization advocates in Oregon, where voters will decide whether to go the way of their neighbors in Washington and allow the sale of pot for recreational use.

This is a repeat try for pot backers in Oregon, who lost narrowly in 2012. This year, advocates are better organized, have a measure written to appeal more broadly, and are flush with cash thanks to millions of dollars in backing from Drug Policy Action, the political arm of the Drug Policy Alliance, which is funded by billionaire George Soros.

Yet polls show support for the measure hovering just above 50 percent.

"It is closer than we would like," said Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the alliance.

Oregon is a crucial state for legalization supporters, who hope to see marijuana available for sale to adults up and down the West Coast by 2016. GOP-dominated Alaska is also considered a prize as organizers seek to enlist more Republicans in their crusade. But polls, while notoriously unreliable in Alaska, generally show the measure falling short.

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Bill Gates takes on infectious diseases

■ In a speech today, Gates addresses Ebola and the continuing battle versus malaria

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"Ebola has reminded people that it is not just poor people who can die of infectious disease," Bill Gates tells me, in a characteristically matter-of-fact tone.

In a tragic, unsought sense, this is Gates' moment. The focus of his life — preventable disease — is suddenly the obsession of the world. Having (through the Gates Foundation) donated $50 million to the Ebola fight, Gates is taking the opportunity to give a major address at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene today. According to a preview copy, he will cover the waterfront of vicious infections, from sleeping sickness to dengue to chikungunya (a decidedly unpleasant virus, which is spreading by mosquito in the Western Hemisphere, and which my brother recently contracted on a trip to Haiti).

Gates' remarks on Ebola are the most likely to reach the media bloodstream. He will draw some lessons from the epidemic: on the interconnectedness of global health challenges; on the need to strengthen health systems in the developing world so they can identify and confront outbreaks earlier; and on the urgency of staying "fully invested in the R&D pipeline for new drugs, new vaccines, new diagnostics."

Typically, Gates will set out a large goal. Instead of preventing the next Ebola epidemic, he will talk of making this "the last Ebola epidemic." During our conversation, he said that, by the end of the current outbreak, we should have "vaccines and some drugs that, if stockpiled, should stop a major Ebola outbreak in the future." Someone — perhaps Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance — will need to gather that stockpile. But it should be possible (as new technologies come online) to prevent Ebola from becoming a recurring epidemic.

The need for an unclogged research pipeline is a refrain from Gates, the humanitarian technologist. It is the task of innovation to stay ahead of evolutionary biology — the mutations that make diseases more deadly, easier to transmit, or more resistant to treatment. Gates acknowledged that the Ebola outbreak — given the virus's history — would have been difficult to anticipate. But "for the big killers, society still underinvests on research."

"Look at very fast spreading epidemics we are not currently prepared for," he said. "We see forms of flu that could kill large numbers of people. And forms that transmit easily between humans. Since 1918, we have not seen one that combines both features." It is that prospective combination that should frighten us into preparation.

The focus of Gates' speech, however, is not flu or Ebola; it is malaria. This is an intentional revolt against the news cycle. It also illustrates Gates' ambition. In 2007 — as malaria remained uncontrolled in many regions and was taking the lives of more than 1 million people each year — Gates declared the goal of malaria eradication. Some in the field regarded this as fanciful and naive. But programs such as the President's Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund began making serious progress with existing technologies (bed nets, indoor spraying, artemisinin-based treatment). The Gates Foundation, meanwhile, has made serious investments in the development of new products — drug treatments, insecticides and promising vaccines — to stay ahead of the evolution of the parasite. During his upcoming speech, Gates will announce a significant increase in his foundation's malaria commitment.

In our discussion, Gates made clear that ambitious public health goals are not always wise — when premature, they can drive resources in unproductive directions. But the goal of eradicating smallpox, he said, "was a good choice. Polio is a hard but reasonable choice. Malaria is a very reasonable choice." Gates projects that malaria can be eliminated over the next few years in 30 to 40 additional countries. And he states that — at the age of 59 — he will be "very disappointed" if malaria is not eradicated in his lifetime. The Plasmodium parasite has reason to be concerned.

Yet the Ebola outbreak, in addition to producing corpses and panic, is seriously complicating the work of malaria control and elimination. In affected countries, the breakdown of health systems has set back malaria control efforts by perhaps a decade. And in developed countries, there is a possibility that funds to fight Ebola may be reprogrammed from other diseases such as malaria — which Gates characterized to me as "a huge mistake."

Following the Ebola crisis, infectious disease should remain a focus for good reasons: Because dramatic gains are possible. And because losses can be sudden and deadly, affecting rich and poor alike.

OUR VIEW

Wagner Noel raises standard for Midland arts, entertainment

We used this space three years ago to celebrate the opening of the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. With the excitement still fresh from the grand opening gala featuring Rod Stewart on Nov. 1, 2011, we wondered how the center would change the cultural landscape in Midland. We knew then the state-of-the-art facility would have a tremendous impact on the area's arts and entertainment scene.

We didn't yet know how far-reaching it could be.

Opening with Rod Stewart set the bar high for the Wagner Noel, but the center has stayed on track bringing in a spectrum of artists including classic rock bands Cheap Trick and Journey, country legends Loretta Lynn and Charlie Daniels, '60s psychedelic rockers The Moody Blues and songwriters like Tom Russell, Art Garfunkel and Suzanne Vega. In the past three years, the Wagner Noel stage has seen the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Bill Cosby, Tony Bennett, ZZ Top, Robert Earl Keen and Lyle Lovett, Heart, Carlos Santana, Martina McBride and Steve Martin with Edie Brickell which featured a surprise appearance by Paul Simon. And that doesn't count speakers and politicians who have come to the stage for UTPB's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Midlanders have had the chance to see Broadway shows without traveling to New York, or even Houston or Dallas. The center's Broadway in the Basin lineup has consistently included live theater to appeal to a diverse audience. Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" is coming up in December and 2015's schedule includes "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Guys and Dolls" and "Chicago: The Musical."

Before the Wagner Noel opened, officials hoped the $81 million venue could bring in 200 events a year. Stephanie Rivas, senior marketing manager, said the center now brings in "well over 200 events." In a press conference in February, general manager Ty Sutton mentioned that the venue was 67 in Pollstar's top 100 Theatre Venues for 2013 and the trade magazine Venues Today named it first in 2013 for university venues with 5,000 seats or fewer. Rivas attributes Wagner Noel's success to the community she says has embraced the center by buying tickets to shows and using the facility for local events and performances.

Several area arts organizations have made the Wagner Noel their performance home. Audiences have become accustomed to seeing Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale performances at the facility; Midland Festival Ballet uses the space for its annual performances of "The Nutcracker" and Live on Stage brings its artists to the Wagner Noel. The center has also allowed for collaborations, such as the partnering of MOSC and Midland Community Theatre for last spring's sold-out run of "Les Miserables."

Wagner Noel also has been used for Midland and Ector County libraries' Books in the Basin, recitals for local dance companies and as a meeting space for businesses and groups.

While the Wagner Noel has provided area organizations a new modern performance space, it hasn't been without a cost. Some nonprofit arts groups have had to make adjustments to compensate for the cost of performing at the center. Still, Midland audiences have grown accustomed to seeing shows at the state-of-the-art facility. And with the caliber of shows the Wagner Noel continues to bring into the Basin, the standard for arts and entertainment in Midland is going to be raised.

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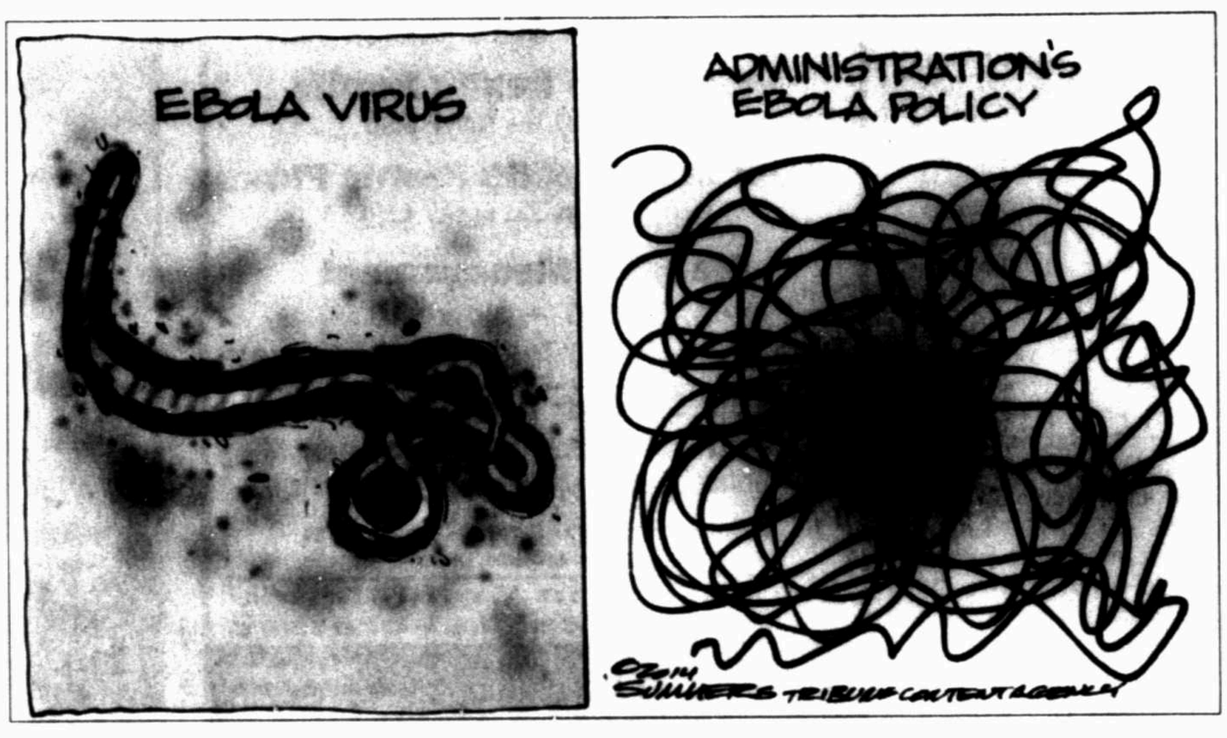

Can Rand Paul save the GOP?

■ Few politicians can reach young people like Paul. Will it stay that way?

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"The Republican Party brand sucks," Republican Rand Paul said in Detroit last week.

This was candid, and correct: Though the GOP will make gains in Tuesday's midterm elections, its long-term prospects are grim because young people, women and minorities don't feel welcome in the party.

But Paul thinks he can make the Republican brand stop sucking, or at least suck less. The senator from Kentucky is preparing a 2016 presidential run based on a gamble that his libertarian policies can appeal to young people and minorities. And a poll out last week gave a big boost to Paul's rationale for running.

The Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School released a survey of millennial voters showing that this 18- to 29-year-old demographic, a rock-solid Democratic constituency a few years ago, is now up for grabs. If this is true, the Republican Party, in the right hands, might be able to defuse the demographic time bomb ticking at party headquarters.

When Barack Obama won the presidency in 2008, he did it with 66 percent of the votes of those under 30, a modern record. In his re-election, he captured a still-impressive 60 percent of the 18-to-29 crowd. But in the Harvard survey, a majority of those young people likeliest to vote nationwide on Tuesday prefer a Republican Congress to a Democratic one, 51 percent to 47 percent. In 2010, the same survey found a Democratic advantage of 55 to 43 among likely voters.

"For the first time in about a decade, young people want to have a conversation with both parties," John Della Volpe, director of the Harvard poll, told me. At the same time, "you've seen the emergence of a libertarian streak" among millennials, the pollster said. This means "there's a lot of opportunity for Rand Paul" if he can tap even a fraction of the youth involvement Obama did. Paul (or any Republican) wouldn't have to get a majority of young voters to win the presidency. They'd just have to cut their margin to below 10 percentage points. "When you put that perspective on it, I don't think it's that crazy," Della Volpe said.

Particularly when you look at how dramatically they turned against Obama. A majority of millennial voters now disapprove of Obama's job performance. More ominous: Only 49 percent of young Hispanics, a crucial demographic for Democrats, say they approve of Obama — a stunning turnaround from 2009, when 81 percent picked Obama.

The problem seems to be Obama himself more than his policies. Young voters, still relatively liberal, said they trust the Democrats more than Republicans on all issues they were asked about: the economy, foreign policy, immigration, race relations and health care. But they disapproved of Obama's handling of each one.

Peter Levine, a specialist in youth civic engagement at Tufts University's Tisch College, agreed that the likeliest figure to benefit from the shift is Paul, whose candidacy "would scramble things up in a pretty interesting way." Levine said it's "not out of the question" that Paul could best Hillary Clinton among millennial voters in a theoretical matchup.

That is, if Paul doesn't squander the opening Obama gave him. The Democrats' loss of millennials' support doesn't necessarily mean a Republican gain. Distaste among the young for congressional Republicans (72 percent) is greater than disapproval of either the president or congressional Democrats.

Paul says he can "reach out to whole new audiences" of young people and racial minorities with his plans to reduce drug sentences and create low-tax "economic freedom zones" in depressed urban areas. But though millennial voters lean toward his libertarian views on social issues and foreign policy, they don't share his antipathy toward big government.

The bigger danger to Paul is that, in trying to win the Republican nomination, he'll lose the qualities that make him appealing to millennials. Unlike his gadfly father, he has positioned himself as a conventional pol, taking have-it-both-ways positions on immigration and same-sex marriage. He has inched away from his isolationist foreign policy (supporting airstrikes against the Islamic State terror group). He has become a party-line Republican on the campaign trail, embracing GOP candidates of all stripes in some 30 states. His RandPAC has been pouring in money to help veteran Republican Sen. Pat Roberts fight off an independent challenger in Kansas. On Monday, Paul will campaign for fellow Kentuckian Mitch McConnell, the old-guard Republican in line to become Senate majority leader.

Paul has a chance to save his party — if he doesn't become part of what makes the Republican brand suck in the first place.

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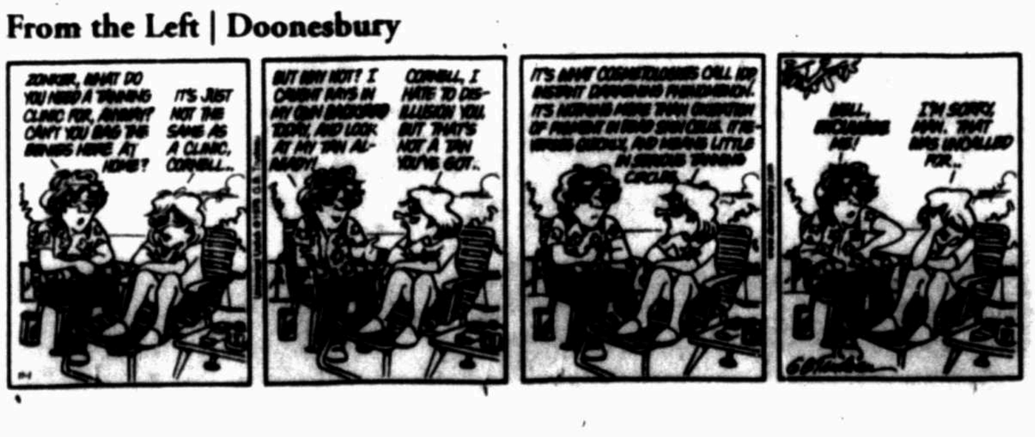

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

America's most incurable disease is spending

BEN CARSON
Creators Syndicate

I have had a fulfilling career as a pediatric neurosurgeon, which unfortunately included numerous instances where worst-case scenarios played out in the operating room. Good surgeons plan ahead for these possible events so that bad outcomes are minimized. But of course, few treatment plans will succeed if the doctor continually fails to make a proper diagnosis before surgery begins.

When I look at our nation's massive federal debt, it is clear that Washington has chronically misdiagnosed the situation, which has resulted in a seemingly never-ending cycle of borrowing and spending. Much like a life-threatening disease, if the underlying cause is left unaddressed, patient recovery seldom occurs.

Bold leaders in both parties have warned for years that entitlement spending is the major driver of unsustainable deficits, and they have further advised that Washington implements policies to address this problem. While it is distressing to see continued inaction, what troubles me more is that virtually no one has addressed the underlying cause. In other words, why were programs created in a manner that they would eventually become so financially upside-down that our entire economy would be in jeopardy? Furthermore, can and should we do something to ensure that future entitlement programs are created carefully and responsibly?

Let's look at recent history. In the past 10 years, projected deficits for entitlements created long ago, such as Social Security and Medicare, have grown dramatically. In fact, existing entitlement programs consume about 60 percent of all federal spending. During this time, much political effort has been expended — unsuccessfully — trying to reform these programs. I'm not saying this wasn't an important effort. But, if these programs are not reformed soon, they will consume 100 percent of projected federal revenue within the next three decades. Imagine that: Our children and grandchildren either will be faced with a federal government that has no money for defense, roads and education, or the tax burden will double on citizens.

Sadly, while Congress was busy failing to fix these existing problems, it passed two new entitlement programs, both of which will only worsen our budgetary shortfalls.

These programs create permanent commitments by the federal government to provide expensive services to people indefinitely, regardless of whether the nation can afford to do so. So, not only have we failed to stop the bleeding, but we also have managed to cause significantly more.

Setting aside the political debate about these two programs — one passed by Democrats, the other by Republicans — are any of us comfortable with the notion that permanent spending programs that grow on autopilot forever can be created as easily as Congress names a post office — by a simple one-vote majority? I understand allowing Congress to pass bills with simple majorities that benefit current constituents, but shouldn't a bill that is going to affect generations to come require a greater threshold than a short-term partisan majority of as small as one single vote? Shouldn't such grant programs require greater debate, more bipartisanship, some level of consensus and, of course, fiscal responsibility? Absolutely.

Fortunately, there are some in Congress with real solutions. Rep. Rick Crawford, an Arkansas Republican, in conjunction with

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Permian Basin Area Foundation celebrates 25 years

GUY MCCRARY
Permian Basin Area Foundation

2014 is a landmark year for Permian Basin Area Foundation. Organized in 1989, the Foundation celebrates 25 years of serving donors and communities of West Texas.

Permian Basin Area Foundation has its origins in 1982 with a gift made to United Way of Midland to "establish a permanent community trust fund."

From 1982 until October 1989, when the foundation was incorporated under its new name and received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, seven component funds were established to advance its charitable mission: Rodney M. Robinson Advised Fund, Allen K. Trobaugh Memorial Fund, Mary Wynn Hinkle/Casa de Amigos Fund, Charles F. Henderson Memorial Fund, Brian A. Semple Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jaycees Centennial Fund, and Chris Davidson Memorial Fund. Deane Stoltz served as the initial chairman of the board of governors; Jack Swallow, the founding chief executive officer.

Frederick Goff, a banker in Cleveland, Ohio, founded the first U. S. community foundation in 1914. His vision: to create an organization to manage permanent funds for charitably minded citizens, and on their behalf, distribute grants to help local causes. In subsequent decades, community foundations were organized from coast to coast as the virtues of Goff's concept became evident to civic leaders.

In 1929, The Dallas Foundation became the first community foundation in Texas. Permian Basin Area Foundation, established as the 14th of 39 Texas community foundations, was among the state's first community foundations to be certified in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. Today, there are more than 750 community foundations across the U. S. with assets of approximately $50 billion under stewardship.

So what is the purpose of a community foundation?

A community foundation is supported by many donors with diverse interests. Serving donors — individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities — is its primary mission. Each component fund reflects a particular donor's values and interests during and after his or her lifetime. As a publicly supported community foundation, Permian Basin Area Foundation partners with donors across West Texas who are passionate about worthy causes. Our work connects generous donors with causes that matter to them and the communities they call home.

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Texplainer: Do falling oil prices threaten the budget?

■ Texas appears less vulnerable than in the past

■ COMMENTARY

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Hey, Texplainer: I heard that oil prices are plunging — down more than 20 percent since June. Apparently Texas boomtowns aren't yet panicking, but what does it mean for the state budget?

Texas nearly drowned in a sea of red ink after oil prices plummeted in the 1980s.

In 1987, with West Texas Intermediate oil, the U.S. benchmark, still trading below $20 per barrel, lawmakers faced one of the worst budget shortfalls in Texas history. They ultimately slashed spending and approved more than $5 billion in new taxes. At that time, oil and gas production taxes made up close to a quarter of all Texas tax revenue, making the state's budget especially vulnerable to the industry's volatility.

This latest nosedive — to about $80 per barrel — isn't even close to what hollowed out oil towns and the state budget in the 1980s. (The outlook then was so rough that the tiny Panhandle town of Perryton threw an epic bash after prices stayed over $20 for several days in a row.) And Texas no longer depends so heavily on short-term oil money. The state has diversified its economy and stashed away boom-time money to tap in future crises.

"It is a concern and we are watching it closely," Lauren Willis, a spokeswoman for the comptroller's office, said of the recent oil market conditions. "However, day-to-day market volatility is less of a concern than long-term pricing trends."

The state expects oil and gas production taxes to make up 4.5 percent of its total revenue during the 2014-15 biennium and 9.6 percent of its total tax collections, according to a Legislative Budget Board report.

Much of Texas' oil and gas cash is staying outside the budgeting process, flowing instead to the Economic Stabilization Fund, more often called the Rainy Day Fund. In 1988 Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment that created the account — a direct response to the oil bust.

After production taxes reach 1987 levels in each budgeting cycle ($599.8 million from natural gas and $531.9 million from oil), Texas pours 75 percent of additional collections into the rainy day fund, which the state's conservative leadership rarely taps. The fund also receives half of any overall budget surplus.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs estimates the fund's balance will reach $8.1 billion by the fall of 2015, assuming voters approve Proposition 1, which is on the November ballot and would send some rainy day fund money into the state's highway fund.

Another reason why state policymakers don't need to sweat yet: Texas budget writers have relied on conservative estimates of oil prices. The current budget pegs crude oil at $82.18 per barrel, while the 2015 budget uses $80.33 per barrel. That's around where the price is hovering now, though some experts predict it will fall to $70.

Bottom line: Though tumbling oil prices undoubtedly shrink state revenue, Texas is far less vulnerable than it once was. It has diversified its economy and has changed its budgeting practices.

Is Rick Perry bound for presidency or prison?

■ Texas' governor is getting a lot of questions about what he might do in 2016; spending time in prision isn't one of them

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

We now have another data point in this sociopolitical experiment: Does facing 109 years in prison put a crimp in a potential presidential campaign?

Joanne Drake, chief administrative officer of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, got near the topic Monday in California in introducing our indicted governor. ("Gov. Rick Perry to Deliver Major Speech at Reagan Presidential Library" is how his political team billed it.)

Drake was appropriately generous in her intro, citing Perry's public service and high visibility.

"Over the last few months it has been hard to watch the evening news without seeing Gov. Perry as he is in the forefront of our country's very serious health scare since Texas was the site of the first two Ebola cases within our borders," she said. "He's also been traveling overseas and making more than a few visits to the state of Iowa."

He's also been in the news for the abuse of power indictments he's now defending against. How 'bout that, Ms. Drake? Gonna go there?

"And oh yes," she said as she did, "there was something recently about the Texas state office of public integrity and a visit to an Austin courthouse."

The line drew laughs. Go figure.

"Yes," Drake said, "he's been a busy man."

"That was the elephant in the room," she said of the indictments.

Actually, there were a lot of metaphorical elephants in the room, this being a meeting of Reaganites gathered at the shrine built to him.

Perry then delivered a perfectly serviceable speech about domestic and world affairs and devoid of mention of his legal problems. The short version of his speech: America good. Obama bad. Texas good. North Korea and the Islamic State very bad. Reagan very great.

Please see PRISON/12A

When will commander in chief address the terrorist threat to America?

■ The president will send troops to West Africa to contain Ebola but will not commit the military to fight ISIL

MIKE CONAWAY
U.S. Representative (Texas District 11)

On Oct. 28, President Obama addressed the threat that Ebola represents to America and how we need to protect our country. His aggressive approach to combatting Ebola stands in stark contrast to his weak and delayed approach to addressing the terrorist threat to America.

I have taken the liberty of making a few changes to the president's statement on Ebola to give you some sense of how he should have addressed the terrorist threat.

President Obama: "So the point is that this disease (ISIL) can be contained, it will be defeated, progress is possible, but we are going to have to stay vigilant and we have got to make sure that we are working together. We have to keep leading the global response — America cannot look like it is shying away because other people are watching what we do. And if we don't have a robust international response in West Africa (Iraq and Syria) then we are actually endangering ourselves here back home. In order to do that, we have to ensure that those workers (service members) who are willing and able and dedicated to go over in a really tough job, that they are applauded thanked and supported. That should be our priority ... They are doing God's work over there and they are doing that to keep us safe. And I want to make sure that every policy we put in place is supportive of their efforts because if they are successful then we aren't going to have to worry about Ebola (terrorist attacks) here at home ... America is not defined by fear. America is defined by possibility, and when we see a problem and when we see a challenge, then we fix it. We don't just react based on our fears — we react based on facts and judgment and making smart decisions, that's how we have built this country and sustained this country and protected this country."

The president had no qualms about sending troops into harm's way to fight a disease in the name of protecting us here at home, but he refuses to commit the might and force of the U.S. military to fight men and women who seek to destroy our way of life. He also somehow decided he can unilaterally declare the war on terror over. We now know the president was aware of the ISIL threat for years and he refused to act or speak out against it until the terrorist group had established a firm sanctuary in the region. He refused to address the ISIL threat when it was still nascent and weak — in other words, when the threat was manageable and easier to defeat.

Although he has expressed a willingness to lead the response to Ebola, his approach is flawed and incoherent. He has publically shamed governors for acting in the best interest of their states. However as commander in chief, he will subject our men and women in uniform to a mandatory quarantine while refusing to support similar methods with individuals that are not even United States citizens.

The president's failure to lead and present a coherent message has been combined with his usual tendency to simply call people who disagree with him stupid. He accuses those who disagree with him of not dealing in facts, but rather subjective opinions. The president is quick to say, if you do not fully trust my administration, that means you do not appreciate the efforts of volunteers in West Africa. This is ludicrous. This is not a fact, it is politics, and it represents a false choice.

If the president wants to see what it looks like when someone simply wants to "run and hide" or fail to act like a leader, he needs to look no further than the closest mirror.

Prison

From 11A

I was among about 200 people who watched the official livestream of the event, which included a q-and-a session. Drake, who funneled the questions to Perry, told him "almost every question" touched on his aborted 2012 presidential bid.

"Can you tell us some lessons you learned running for president last time?" she said in boiling the questions down to one final one.

Perry joined others in the room in laughing.

"How much time we got?" he asked.

"Probably not enough," Drake replied.

Perry said the 2012 campaign "was one of the most difficult, frustrating processes I've ever been through in my life."

"I was probably a little arrogant, thinking I've been the governor of Texas for three times," he said. "I mean what can be harder than that, right?"

More laughs, with, not at, Perry.

Citing his July 2011 back surgery, he said he was "not physically nor mentally at the top of my game" back then.

Perry reported that two years ago he began a "very methodical process" to prepare for a 2016 presidential bid. He's been meeting with a variety of experts on a variety of topics. He name-dropped Henry Kissinger and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank President Richard Fisher.

"I did not do that in 2011 and 2012," he said of the prep sessions. "And I will suggest I paid a pretty substantive price for that. Now, I may not run for the presidency in 2016, but if I don't, the reason I don't run is not because I'm not prepared."

There are many reasons folks don't run for the presidency. Not that anybody seems to seriously think this will be Perry's fate if convicted, but incarceration is among those reasons. Presidency or prison? Free government housing either way.

Foundation

From 11A

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Spending

From 11A

PreserveOurFuture.org, has properly diagnosed this problem and started crafting a superb treatment plan. They have proposed the Super Program Amendment, which would impose two new requirements: 1) a two-thirds majority vote to pass any new permanent entitlement program, and 2) no additional deficit spending for new entitlements created in the future. Imagine if such an amendment had been passed by Congress (and ratified by the states) as part of the budget reforms of the 1990s. Instead of seeing our unfunded obligations grow by tens of trillions of dollars, we would actually be in better financial health to deal with the unsustainable growth of entitlements today.

As a physician, I believe in prevention — namely, taking those prudent steps now that can dramatically improve health down the road. The Super Program Amendment would ensure that short-term partisan majorities cannot do more harm to the fiscal health of our nation, giving us the time we need to find consensus on fixing the nation's other serious problems. Those problems affect everyone regardless of political affiliation, and we must all act as patriotic Americans to resolve them.

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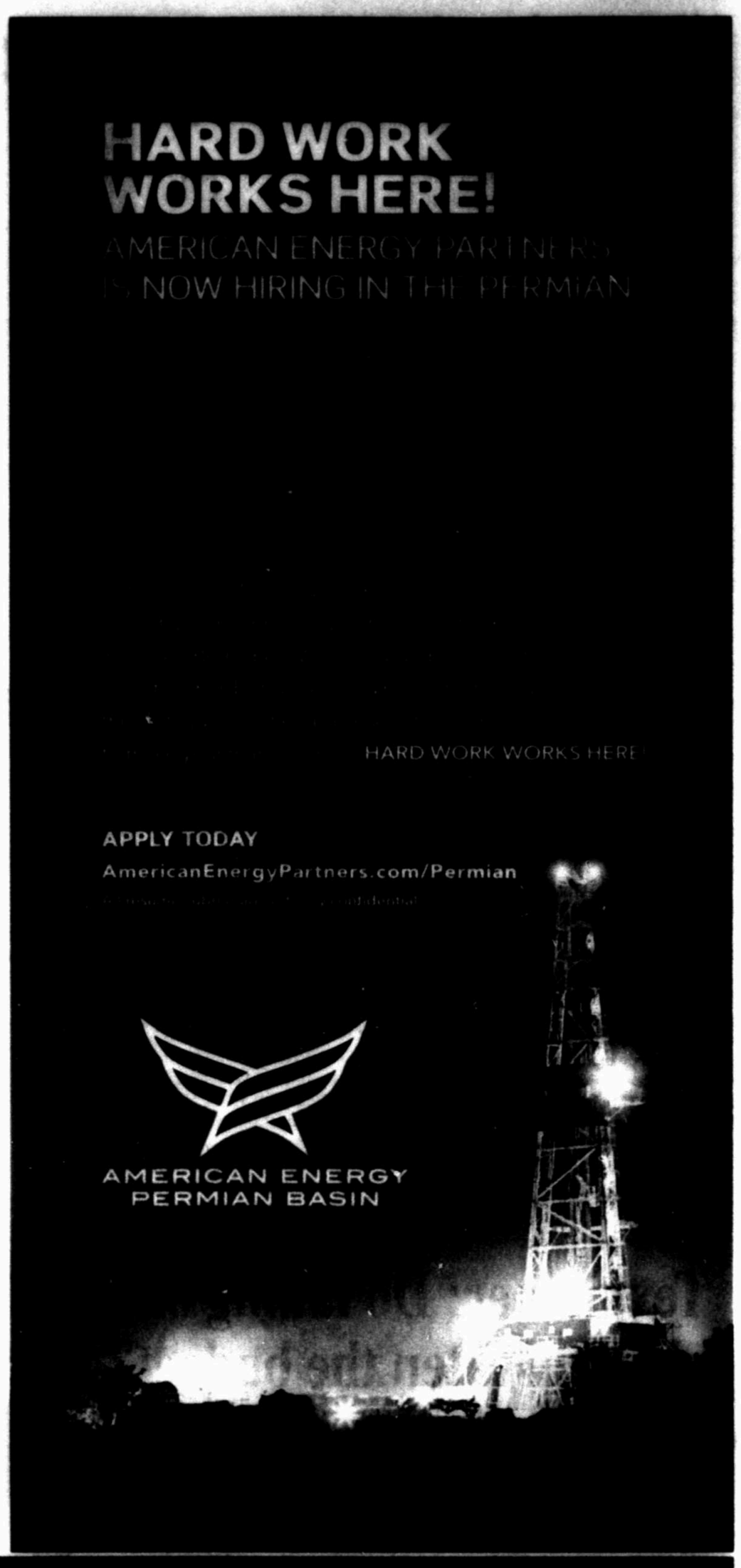

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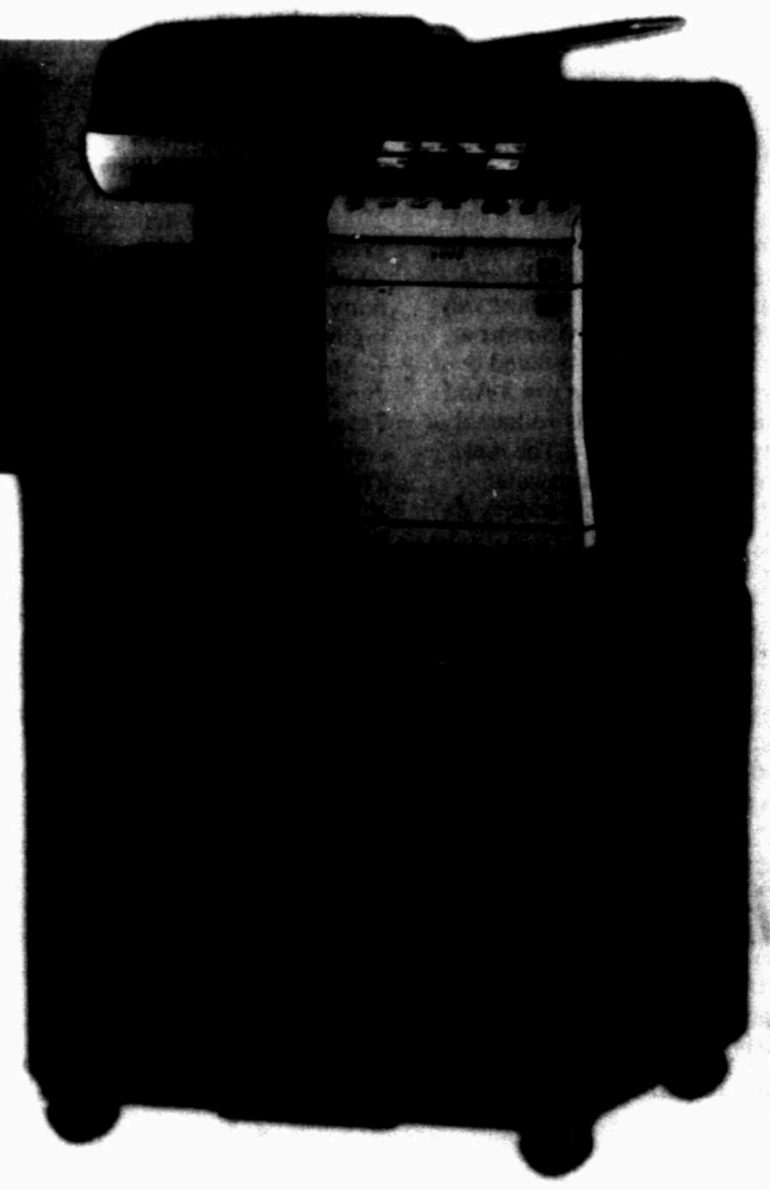

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In Syria, no good options for West

By Dan Perry and Zeina Karam
Associated Press

■ Analysis

UNDATED — With the U.S.-led assault on the Islamic State group, the world community is acting in Syria, but not in the Syrian civil war. When it comes to the issue that has undermined the region — the survival or fall of Syrian President Bashar Assad — there is still no plan.

And that means the West's goal to defeat the militants of IS may also be doomed to fail.

Syria's four-year civil war has killed hundreds of thousands and displaced millions in what began as a movement to replace Assad with a more democratic state. As the government's control weakened, militants rallying around Islamic slogans carved out a vast safe haven for themselves — recruiting, training and building fighting capacity. From Syria this year, they then struck deep into Iraq, with devastating effect, and now also threaten Lebanon.

Yet any concerted effort to oust Assad and restore stability to Syria does not appear to be on the horizon.

What emerges instead from the actions and words of Western policymakers is a glum resignation that there is nothing that can be done about Assad for now, and the fight is only with the Islamic State.

For many world leaders, allowing Assad to remain in control in Damascus appears to be the least-bad option.

That's striking, given the disaster he has overseen.

In an ideal world from a Western perspective, an army of "moderate" rebels headquartered in Istanbul would be an attractive choice to march into Syria and defeat both the Islamic State and the Syrian government. There are some rebels who are pro-Western and largely secular. Some even can be heard on Israeli radio stations promising a future of regional peace.

But upon inspection, these rebels are few, badly divided, and barely control the Free Syria Army, which purports to be their force on the ground and has little political support inside Syria. In reality, Free Syria Army fighters are often militant Islamists; in some cases, they have fought alongside al-Qaida's branch in the country, the Nusra Front, or other jihadi groups.

So when Assad said that his is a fight against terrorists and radical Islamists, even to his staunchest critics the charge rings partly true.

All that is left is a disagreement over how Syria got there: European and other critics charge that Assad's brutal suppression of an initially peaceful and largely secular protest movement created the space for jihadis to move in. Assad claims they were there all along.

The current reality is that Syria has been divided into three or four parts. Assad controls most of a strip of land from Damascus to the Mediterranean coast, where his Alawites and other minorities are dominant. The Islamic State group controls the river corridor to Iraq and much of the northeast; the Kurdish minority controls a corner near the Turkish border; and an array of other rebel groups including the Free Syria Army and various Islamists control parts of the northwest.

Here are four possible ways the conflict could go:

A comprehensive political solution

Believe it or not, there is a peace process that could be revived. The so-called Geneva communique, a roadmap agreed on by major powers in June 2012, calls for the establishment of a transitional governing body for Syria. But the document is open for interpretation, and two rounds of peace talks between government and opposition representatives in Switzerland this year ended in failure. Assad then orchestrated a vote in government-held areas of Syria and claimed another seven-year term in office.

Stillborn as it seems, many still see this plan as the best framework for a settlement once the war runs out of steam. But for now it appears to be a non-starter. At best, it would take renewed heavy international pressure on Assad.

Assad stays, Syria contracts

A complete military victory by Assad is highly unlikely. The Syrian army simply does not have the firepower or the manpower to reconquer all the territory lost to the rebels, and the Islamic State maintains a hold over much of the country. But Assad can claim success just by continuing to hang on to his power base in Damascus, Homs and the Alawite stronghold on the Syrian coast. This could go on for some time, and essentially change the definition of what is Syria.

The rebels regroup with Western help

Congress has already approved $500 million to train up to 5,000 Free Syria Army fighters. Some CIA-trained fighters have been gaining ground against Assad in southern Syria and in some places around Damascus.

Turkey and other U.S. allies have proposed a no-fly zone inside Syrian territory, which could give pro-Western rebels the seeds of their own secure buffer within Syria. But the rebels would also have to be protected both from Assad and Islamic State fighters, and eventually defeat them both.

The world steps in

President Barack Obama has ruled out U.S. boots on the ground, at least for now, and no other nation has offered troops for a military solution to the civil war, but that could change. An Islamic State takeover of Damascus might make the grade, or a truly dramatic uptick in casualties, or a collapse of government control in Lebanon. So would a doomsday scenario that's almost never discussed: Israel — armed with nuclear weapons, watching with horror, a stone's throw from Damascus — being somehow dragged into the fray.

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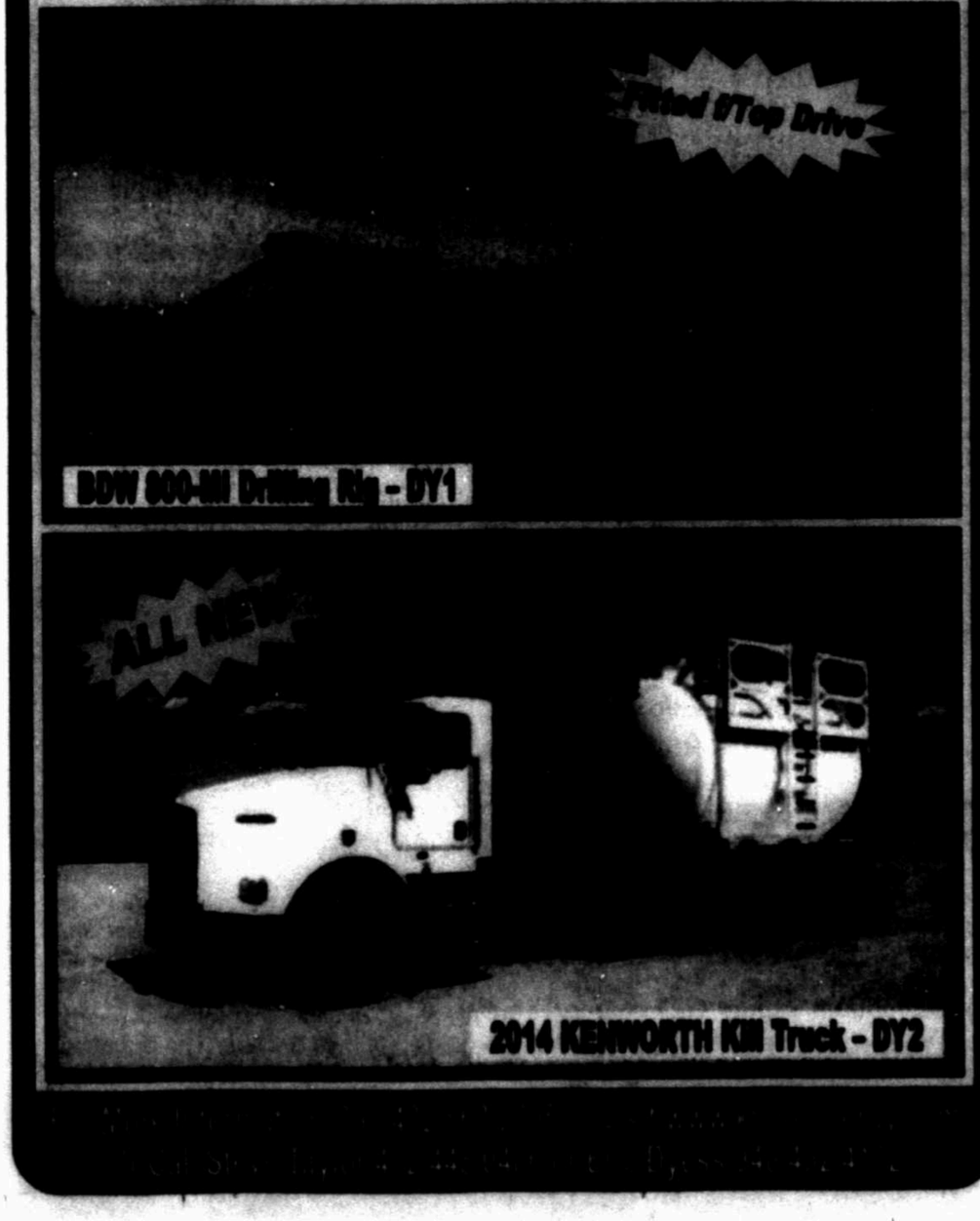

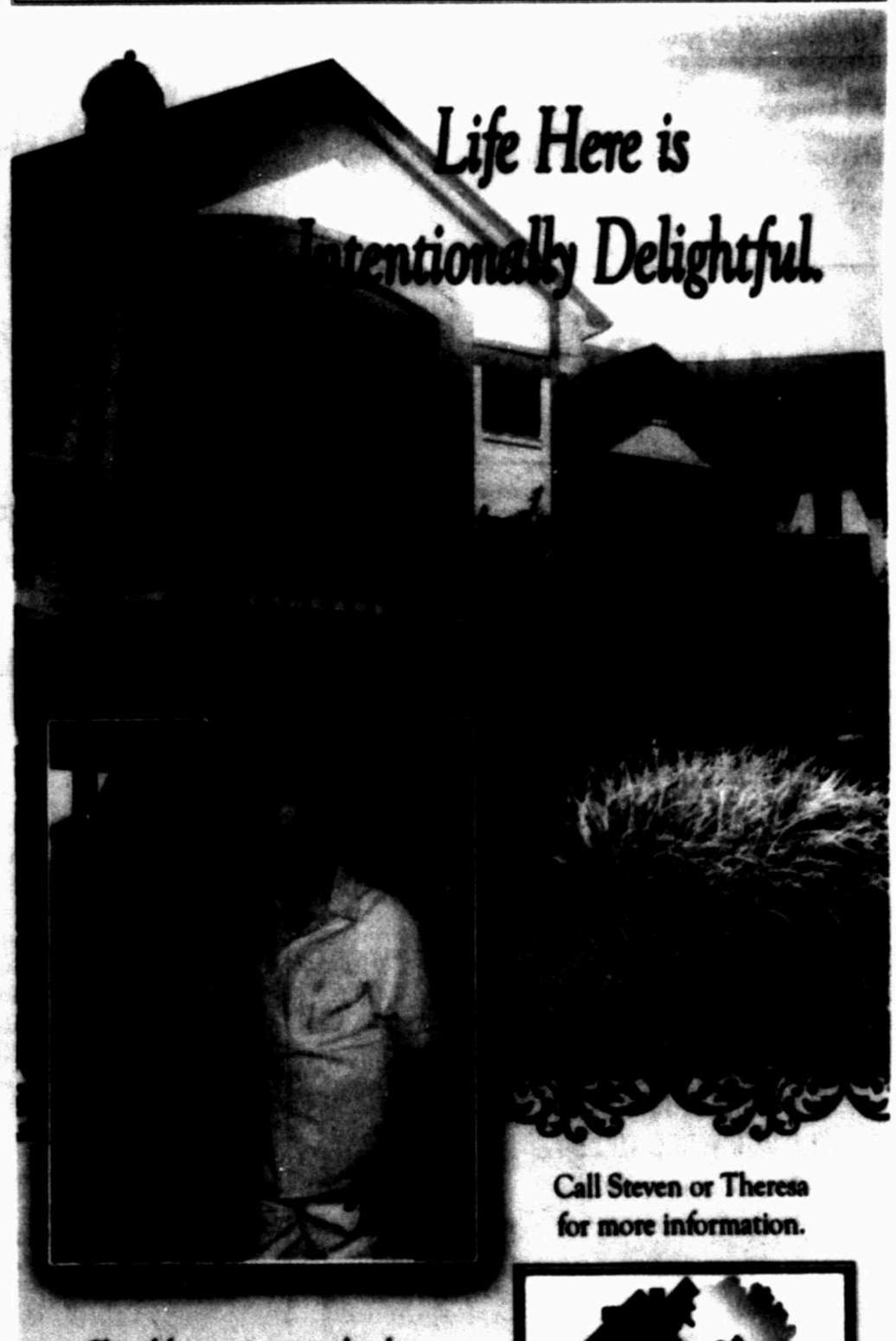

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Wal-Mart ups ante on holiday shopping

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart is doing whatever it takes to rope in holiday shoppers however they want to buy.

For the first time, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is offering free shipping on what it considers the season's top 100 hottest gifts, from board games to items related to Disney's hit film "Frozen" items, starting Saturday. The move comes as rival Target Corp. began offering free shipping on all items, a program that started late October and will last through Dec. 20.

Wal-Mart is also planning to offer discounts, or what it refers to as "rollbacks," on more than 20,000 items on a broad range of products, from groceries to TVs, starting Saturday. The timing is similar to last year, but the discounter said the assortment is broader. It's also pulling forward by nearly a month 15 24-hour online deals originally reserved for the Thanksgiving weekend and so-called Cyber Monday, about double from last year. For the first time, Wal-Mart will allow shoppers to pick up those 24-hour online specials at the store. They include 40-inch Element TVs for $199, down from $298, and Crayola Paint Makers for $12, down from $18.88. Customers will be able to purchase the deals online starting shortly after midnight on Monday.

The online deals are in addition to several hundred online holiday specials that started Saturday.

"We're trying to offer the best deals when they want them," said Steve Bratspies, Wal-Mart's executive vice president and general merchandise manager for Wal-Mart's U.S. division.

Wal-Mart unveiled some of the details of its holiday strategy as it considers matching online prices from competitors such as Amazon.com, a move that could help grab more customers but could also hurt profit margins. The Bentonville, Arkansas-based discounter has matched prices of local store competitors but has not followed other retailers including Best Buy and Target in matching prices of online rivals. But last month, Wal-Mart started to test the strategy in five markets: Atlanta; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dallas; Phoenix; and northwest Arkansas.

Wal-Mart is trying to rev up sluggish sales in the U.S. as it battles competition from online retailers, dollar stores and drugstores. At the same time, it's also dealing with a slowly recovering economy that hasn't benefited its low-income shoppers. As a result, Wal-Mart's U.S. namesake stores, which account for 60 percent of its total business, haven't reported growth in a key sales measure in six straight quarters.

Wal-Mart's move underscores how stores are being forced to step up their game for the holiday shopping season, which accounts for about 20 percent of retail industry's annual sales. The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, forecasts a 4.1 percent sales increase to $616.9 billion for November and December from last year. But online sales, which are included in the forecast, are expected to increase anywhere from 8 percent to 11 percent.

Wal-Mart declined to say whether it was considering changing its price match policy for just the holidays or permanently. Deisha Barnett, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman, says many store managers have matched online prices for customers on a case-by-case basis.

"Taking care of the customers who shop our stores is what we always aim to do," she added.

As for its free shipping holiday program, Wal-Mart said that it had store executives pick the 100 items and that products are guaranteed to arrive before Christmas. Wal-Mart's current policy is that online shoppers have to spend at least $50.

Wal-Mart tests matching prices with online rivals

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is considering matching online prices from competitors such as Amazon.com, raising the stakes for the holiday shopping season.

The world's largest retailer, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, has matched prices of local store competitors but has not followed other retailers including Best Buy and Target in matching prices of online rivals. But last month, Wal-Mart started to test the strategy in five markets: Atlanta; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dallas; Phoenix; and northwest Arkansas.

The move was first reported by The Wall Street Journal on Thursday.

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But matching prices from sellers that don't have the costs associated with running brick-and-mortar stores could also hurt profits.

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Overall, stores need to ply shoppers with deals and free shipping to win their money. Target Corp. announced this month that it's offering free shipping on all items for the holiday season until Dec. 20.

As for Wal-Mart's price-matching policy, Deisha Barnett, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman, says many store managers have matched online prices for customers on a case-by-case basis.

"Taking care of the customers who shop our stores is what we always aim to do," she added.

Wal-Mart has been trying to reclaim its role as the low price leader. This year, it rolled out an online tool called Savings Catcher that compares prices on thousands of products with those of some of its store competitors. If the tool finds a lower price elsewhere, it refunds the difference to shoppers in the form of a store credit. That's different from traditional pricing matching because Savings Catcher does the work for the customer.

Wal-Mart told investors earlier this month that since the national launch in August, it's had more than 5 million people using the tool and almost 3 percent of all receipts are submitted through the application.

AP file photo

April Taylor of Upper Marlboro, Md., right, buyes items with her son Jarhon Taylor, left, on the opening day of a new Wal-Mart in Washington in 2013. Wal-Mart Stores Inc said on Thursday it is considering matching online prices from competitors like Amazon.com, raising the stakes for the holiday shopping season.

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Online stores fight Amazon for piece of retail pie

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon.com's low prices and seemingly endless array of goods have made it the biggest online retailer in the U.S., commanding about 20 percent of all e-commerce. The company is projected to have over $89 billion in revenue this year. Its massive success has driven other sites to offer similar perks and deals to woo customers and hold on to their piece of the retail pie. Some retailers now even offer to match Amazon's prices to try to win your business.

That's good news for shoppers. So if you're searching for anything from beauty products to books, here's a look at some Amazon-like deals to take advantage of:

Used or new — and cheap!

An old standby that may offer more than you think is eBay. Though it made its name as the world's biggest auction site, it has expanded in recent years to host a vast array of new and used merchandise from third-party sellers, often for flat prices.

"We don't see a lot of people going to eBay as their first stop in the way we see people going to Amazon," said Forrester analyst Sucharita Mulpuru. "But there's an opportunity for people to find the same items they're looking for at different retailers."

Other one-stop shopping discount sites include Overstock.com, which offers retailers' excess inventory, ranging from mattresses to clothing and gifts. Another option is the little-known Aliexpress.com, a site operated by Chinese e-commerce powerhouse Alibaba.com. The site offers Chinese goods to shoppers in the U.S. and some other countries. And while quality varies, the prices are definitely hard to beat. Or check out Rakuten.com, a similar site from Japan that delivers to other countries.

Price match

Best Buy, Target, Staples, Toys R Us, Babies R Us, Home Depot, Office Depot, Office Max all price match Amazon.com items. (Some exclude marketplace goods, and most matching is limited to in-store items, not online). Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Thursday it is considering matching Amazon's online prices as it gears up for the all-important holiday shopping season.

Free shipping

One of the biggest perks of the $99 annual Amazon loyalty program is free two-day shipping on many items. Retailers are increasingly taking a page and offering to ship you goods at no charge.

ShopRunner.com, which partners with many retailers to offer free two-day shipping, is a good alternative, says Mark LoCastro, a spokesman at Dealnews.com. You pay an annual $79 membership. And ShopRunner works with major retailers such as Neiman Marcus and American Eagle and smaller brands such as the NFL Shop and Beauty.com.

A service by Sears and Kmart called Shop Your Way Max also offers free two-day shipping for a $39 annual charge that follows a 90-day free trial.

Another option, if you've got the coin: Shop luxury, LoCastro said. Many upscale stores such as Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom offer free shipping with no minimum purchase.

Or wait until the November-December holiday shopping season. At least 41 percent of retailers plan to offer free shipping, according to ChannelAdvisor.

Consult the specialists

Category-specific sites can have deals, too. For books, check out independent sites including Alibris.com and Powells.com. Niche toy stores online such as Fatbraintoys.com or Melissaanddoug.com offer a wide range of toys. Electronics stores like Newegg.com can offer deals on gadgets.

But how do you know that you are actually getting a good price? Use a price-comparison service. Pricegrabber.com, Shopzilla.com, Google Shopping and eBay's Decide.com all can help you weigh how good the deals are.

Groceries on your doorstep

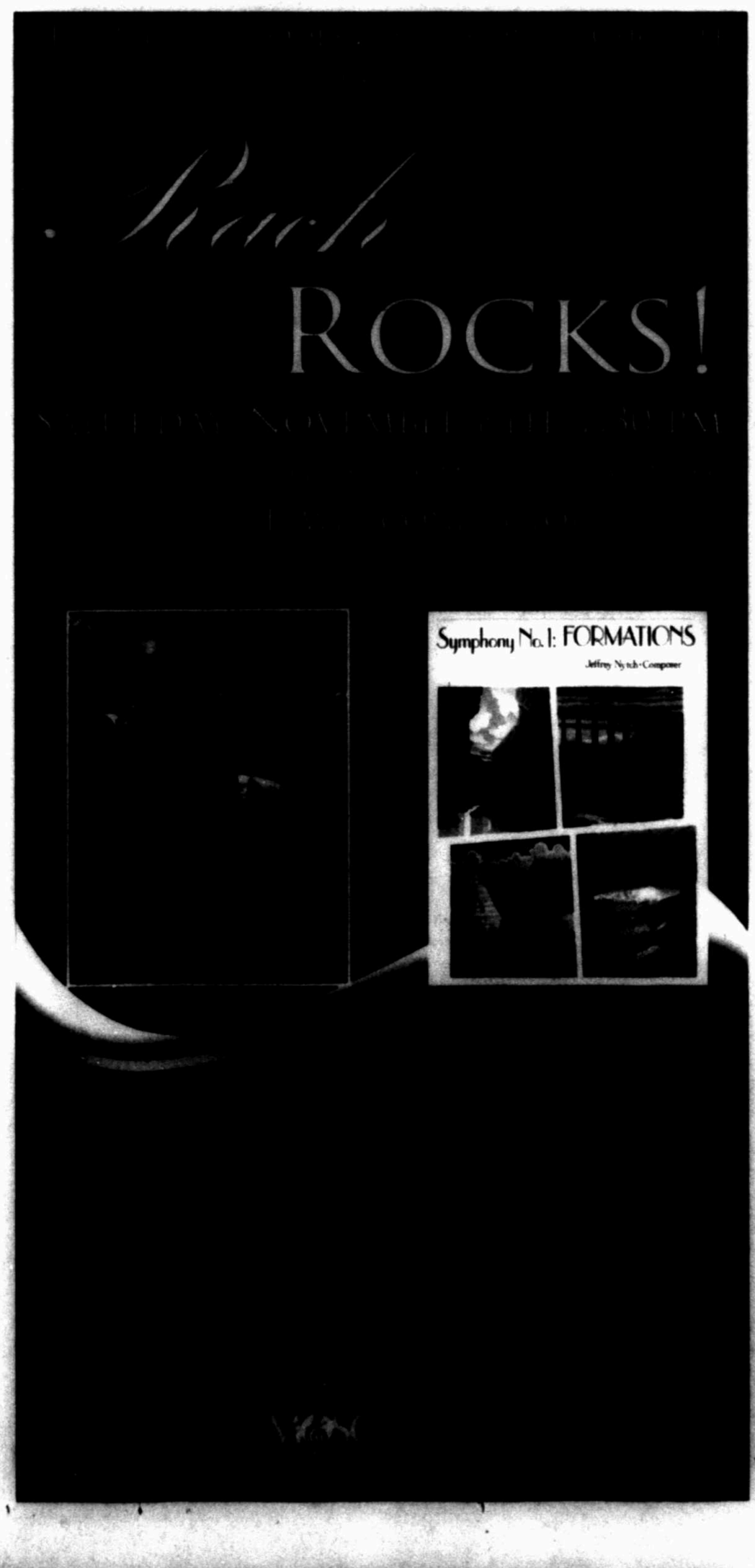
Amazon.com Inc. offers same-day grocery delivery service in cities including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and Brooklyn, with free delivery on orders over $35 for Prime members who pay the $299 annual fee for the loyalty program plus the delivery service.

But if you don't live in one of those cities, don't despair.

Instacart offers a service in about 15 cities that lets you shop online, and then have the food delivered from local grocery stores like Whole Foods, Costco and Kroger. It costs $3.99 for two-hour delivery and $5.99 for one-hour delivery when you spend $35 or more.

Google Express offers a similar service that includes stores like Costco and local grocery stores for $10 a month or $95 a year, with free delivery for orders over $15. It currently serves parts of California, New York and Los Angeles and recently added Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Boston.

Peapod operates in East Coast and Midwestern states; it costs $9.95 to deliver orders under $100 and $6.95 for orders over $100. And major grocery store operators such as Kroger and Publix are testing programs that let you shop online and pick up the items at stores.



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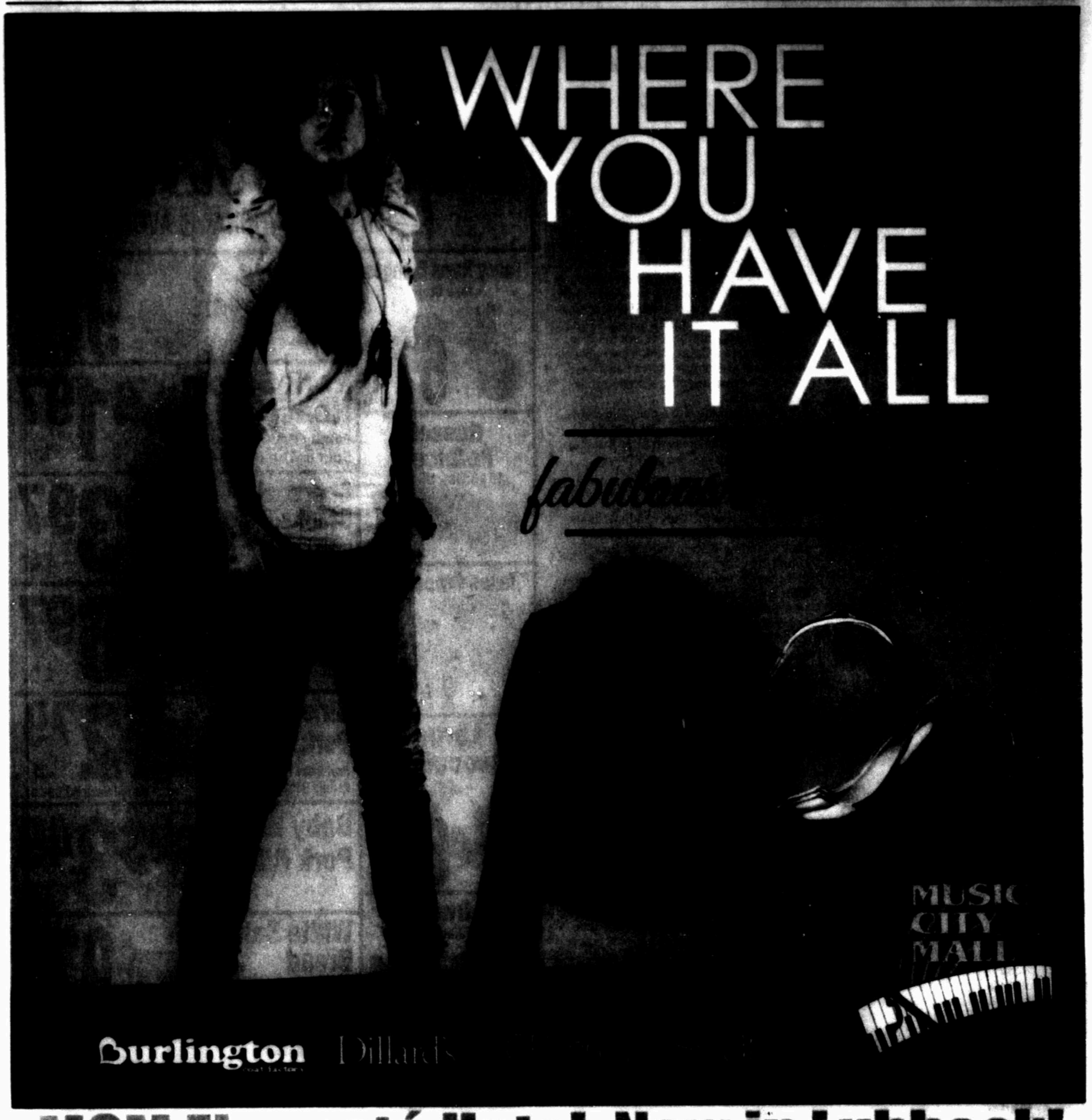

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MISD aims to be proactive in improving schools

Warren: 'We're not going to wait; we're not going to hesitate'

By Tessa Duvall
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The first six weeks of the academic calendar are the foundation for the rest of the school year, and, because of this, Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said he's not going to delay taking action if schools don't start off on the right foot.

"We are going to make sure we track progress like we've never done before and better than we've done before so that I can see if we are academically growing (and) improving as a school district," Warren said.

That monitoring, so far, has meant administrative changes at one east Midland elementary campus. Warren announced in a letter to parents on Oct. 17 that, effective Oct. 20, Milam Elementary School's principal, Carlton Johnson, will be assistant principal at the Midland Alternative Program while Milam's assistant principal, Iliana Bermea, is now campus principal. Sha Burdsal, former Travis Elementary and new Bunche Elementary principal, is also placed at Milam as a principal mentor.

In August, Milam received the accountability rating of "improvement required" from the Texas Education Agency for the second-consecutive year. The state measures campuses in four categories — student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness — and Milam missed the mark in all four indexes in 2014.

Milam's TEA rating combined with a lack of progress in the first six-week session spurred the leadership shake-up. Milam is the only campus to undergo such changes, but Warren said every one of the district's 35 campuses is "under the spotlight right now," declining to specify if other schools could see similar steps taken.

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Wreck turns fatal

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Emergency personnel work the scene of a three-vehicle wreck near the intersection of East Highway 158 and County Road 130 on Saturday.

Midland man dies in three-vehicle crash

From staff reports

A 32-year-old Midland man was killed early Saturday following a three-vehicle crash on Highway 158, according to a press release by the Department of Public Safety.

Fabian Jurado was pronounced dead at the scene of a crash that occurred on South Highway 158 near County Road 130. Emergency personnel responded at about 11 a.m. Saturday.

Jurado was in a 2012 Ford F-150 pickup heading west on SH 158 behind a tractor-trailer. A 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup was eastbound on the road when Jurado failed to control speed, striking the tractor-trailer's towed unit and the Silverado. Jurado was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

Officials said three other people were injured in the crash. Two Odessa men, ages 27 and 47, were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. A 32-year-old Midland woman refused medical treatment, according to DPS.

Jurado's death marks the 36th fatality this year on roads inside Midland

County, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

October was the deadliest month since the beginning of 2013 for motorists in the county, with 10 people killed during the month. The 35th fatality occurred on Oct. 25, when a 42-year-old El Paso man died during a police pursuit on Midland Drive, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

New question: Can Davis survive defeat?

By Will Weissert & Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

KILLEEN — It's a sunny afternoon just before the election and Wendy Davis isn't addressing an arena packed with adoring supporters, speaking on national television or working a hotel ballroom of top donors.

Instead, the Democratic candidate for Texas governor is in a soldier's backyard in an especially conservative corner of the state that she has no hope of carrying, addressing 30 campaign volunteers as they slap at stinging fire ants.

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Davis' campaign, which began with sky-high hopes among Democrats nationwide, is nearing the finish line facing seemingly insurmountable odds. The state senator dares critics to count her out, but her well-funded and popular Republican opponent, state Attorney General Greg Abbott, looks so unstoppable that the question now looming

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Halloween is adventure with kids, wig, tights

We selected Halloween costume early this year. Little Son wanted to be Capt. Jack Sparrow from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies. Bodacious chose a kitty witch for herself and decreed that her father would be Count Dracula. Poor thing. While his sleep deprivation may make him feel like the king of the undead, he is uninterested in all things fang-related. Neither "Twilight," "The Vampire Diaries" nor Count Chocula have piqued his interest. And while the kids must have watched too much "Hotel Transylvania" this month, I really wish Little Son had watched more Johnny Depp instead.

He was quite dismayed after he put on the Jack Sparrow wig, complete with

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Younger generations can't imagine having only 1, 2 TV channels

Watching television now is a vastly different experience than it was in the 1950s.

Of course, there is a wide band of readers that has no clue about watching TV 60 years ago. But you should at least know what it was like because you don't know how good you have it today with cable channels, DVRs, Blu-Ray players, 50-inch screens, man caves, Internet connectivity, movie streaming, high definition, split screen, 3-D, rewind, fast forward and remote controls.

We had none of that in the '50s. What we basically had was a big box with a small screen in the middle. You bought your TV set as the main piece of

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From 1B

its long braids and beads. Staring at the hair swinging from his bandana "do rag cap, he said, "I look … funny."

His sister summed up what he had not quite put his comb on. "You look like a girl, Brudder."

I nearly died. And it was kind of true. He is a pretty boy and he looked an awful lot like his sister when you stood them side by side. Well, that was that. He said there was no way he was wearing that hair now. Bad enough that he had on something called breeches. He wanted — no, needed — to know if they were really long shorts or really short pants. I decided against the eye makeup and fake jewelry to put an end to the whole affair.

Getting Bodacious dressed was going off the rails as well. You know the type: She gets upset about something but won't let you get a word in edgewise to explain the situation before going nuclear. She has developed some weird prejudice against tights. In fact, she gets plain belligerent about them. "I can't see my foots." Then, fat tears start falling on her red cheeks and she breaks into dramatic sobs. The fact that she wears socks on those same feet every day without comment is completely different for reasons she cannot articulate. It's made dressing for ballet class a real blast at my house.

When I asked her to lie down and stick her feet up so I could help her put on these precious orange polka dot tights, she immediately started screaming about her feet. In my best I-am-trying-to-not-lose-it-here voice, I attempted to explain that these were footless tights while wrestling her into the darned things. Suddenly, her naked feet pop out of the ends.

"Oh!" she gasps with obvious surprise and pleasure, wiggling her blue polished toes about. "My feets!" She immediately folds in half to start kissing them. That's my baby; a chip off the old block.

Meanwhile, The Hubs is busy putting on his "face" and chomping into the fake blood packets to stain the fangs. We have 20 minutes left before we need to leave when I remember that I don't have a costume. I had a corpse bride outfit in reserve, but when I tried it on earlier that morning, it seemed a little scary for a church activity. Then, as usual, life with a giant toddler happened at my house and I forgot all about needing a costume.

My memory just doesn't seem to be what it once was. I agreed to bring the plates, cups and napkins for dinner before trunk-or-treat started. Over the course of two weeks, it took me three trips to three different stores to remember to actually put them in the basket. So I wasn't really surprised to realize I had forgotten all about my own outfit.

So, I ran to the computer where I found some great ideas for "11th hour" costumes. When I found a cute picture of a scarecrow, with makeup ideas, I thought it seemed pretty appropriate. I added my straw cowboy hat, jeans, a pair of men's argyle socks and we hit the yellow brick road.

And for the first time in five years, we made it on time to an event, with everyone dressed and no one in tears. Now, I call that a treat.

Melanie Maxcey Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 6, and Bodacious, 3. You can find her here, on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

furniture for your family room. You watched TV mostly through squiggly lines of interference and considered that a good day. We didn't have remote controls because we basically didn't need them.

Growing up in West Texas, we had what we called one-channel and two-channel families. One-channel families didn't own a 60-foot antenna to bring in distant signals. They could get only the nearest TV station. Growing up in Snyder, we were a two-channel family. We got two channels, one from Lubbock (KCBD, Channel 11) and one from Sweetwater (KPAR, Channel 12).

Even though we got two channels, there were problems. If you wanted to change the channel, you had to rotate the antenna until it aligned with the new station. This operation was a five-minute ordeal. The antenna direction locator was a little box where you turned a knob to set your antenna in motion and it would click off for you every antenna movement until you reached the right direction. Meanwhile, you sat there like a bump on a log, listening to that annoying clicking sound. Often the antenna would freeze up or just quit working. You then became a one-channel family.

The wife also grew up in a two-channel family, but her mom wouldn't let her turn the antenna because she feared they would wear it out.

For the life of me, I never understood that thinking because failure to use the antenna turned a two-channel family into a one-channel family.

Just the other day I scrolled my way through more than 200 channels and couldn't find anything to watch. That's either a sad commentary on the state of today's TV or a statement on how picky we have become in our entertainment needs.

When I was a kid, the whole family would watch anything on TV. In fact, if the network had technical difficulties, which it often did in those days, we would watch the test pattern. We would even watch the snowy blank screen until an image appeared.

There were no color TVs in those days, so everything was shown in black and white. It was still a daily miracle unfolding right before your very eyes. There was always something wonderful to watch like "Red Skelton," "Howdy Doody," "Pinky Lee," "Gunsmoke," "I Led Three Lives" and "Masterpiece Theater."

And, oh yes, there was live wrestling straight from Chicago on Wednesday night. That's when our extended family gathered at our grandparents' house to watch Gorgeous George take on the hooligans of the world.

I was in the first grade before we ever had a TV set in our home. It was simply the greatest invention of all time, but it got off to a slow start. We didn't have many choices or viewing options, but we had moving pictures in our home.

And that was even before the remote control was invented. We've come a long way, baby.

Thought for the Week: "Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other." — Ann Landers.

Obituaries

Aubrey Dean Easley

From The Midland High Class of 1953.

After a brief illness on October 30, 2014, Aubrey D. Easley (Jan. 15, 1935), took a walk with Jesus to join his parents, 3 brothers and a sister at the table of the Heavenly Father.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Helen; two sons, Don and Craig; daughter, Tina Dingman; three granddaughters, one grandson, one great-granddaughter; two brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at Bellview Baptist Church, which has served generations of the family, on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 11:00am with interment at Resthaven North followed by lunch back at the church.

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

Dana A. Wright

Dana A. Wright passed away on Wednesday October 29th, 2014. Dana was born April 29th, 1975 in Midland, Texas, where she was a lifelong resident.

She worked as a home care provider for the special needs for six years and 15 years at Schlotzsky's Deli. Dana was one of the most thoughtful, loving and caring individual you could ever meet or know and if you were ever graced by her presence you always felt the love and the care she had for you. She had a heart of gold and was definitely one in a million. Dana was a daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She will truly be missed.

Dana is preceded in death by her grandmother, Jerlene Garnett of Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her mother, Rosie M. Smith, of Midland, Texas; three sisters, Prentice (Elvin Mackey), Ponese (Mark Coleman) both of Midland, Texas and Tracy (Kynan Jones) of California. Two brothers, Michael T. Wright of California, and Joseph (Tonie) Wright Sr. of Dallas, Texas. Seven nephews, Terry, Rashaud, Joseph Jr., Ethon, Jordan, Travis, and Ted. Four nieces, Satin, Tierra, Mi'Chael and Melissa; aunt, Carolyn Gray of California; great-grandmother, Norcey Mae Clemons of Midland, Texas; her best friend of 30 years, LaSandra Bowers; goddaughter, Amiyah Ingram both of Midland, Texas; her life long companion of 16 and half years, Craig Johnson of Midland, Texas; and a host of cousins and extended family.

Family will be receiving friends Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 10:00 am at Goodwill Baptist Church with Pastors George Garrett and Kenneth Johnson officiating. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Dorothy Carol (Goad) Biffle

Dorothy Carol (Goad) Biffle, 94, of Farmington, died Saturday, October 25, 2014, after living a full and amazing life. Dorothy was born on June 6, 1920, in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma to James and Sadie Goad.

She married the love of her life, Morris Biffle, on June 23, 1940, after a bit of a mix up. Dorothy Goad and her friend Dorothy Butts had a double date to the movies with two dashing gentlemen. Well, Dorothy received a five-pound box of Valentines chocolates from Morris Biffle a few weeks later. Grandma gave them to her friend, Dorothy Butts, as she thought they were supposed to be for her. Oh no! Morris did not make a mistake; they were for Dorothy Goad (later Biffle) the whole time.

Dorothy and Morris enjoyed 72 years of marriage. They traveled and had many adventures as Morris was always up to something. Dorothy enjoyed doing needlepoint, cooking, and playing games. Rumor has it she could handle a firearm with ease and skill and drive a stick shift like a race car driver. She always had something wonderful cooking and an itinerary all planned out when grandchildren came to visit. We visited the Petroleum museum, the Planetarium, plays, and airshows.

Dorothy was a Daughter of the American Revolution and can trace her family to Jaques DeRussey, who came to America from France to fight in the Revolutionary War in 1775. Times were not always easy, as she was in grade school when the Great Depression hit and devastated her family. The family survived by gardening, canning and trading with neighbors.

Dorothy also lived through a very difficult time when Morris went off to World War II. Dorothy had a special grace about her and was the most patient, kind and generous soul. Her love for everyone was unconditional and she never complained or asked for special treatment.

She is survived by her children, Betty (Roger) Billings of Farmington, and John (Barbara) Biffle of Midland, TX; grandchildren, Becky (Bryan) Heath, Robert (Tammy) Billings, James (Natalie) Biffle, Thomas (Christine) Biffle, Sam Biffle; and seven great grandchildren.

Dorothy was welcomed to Heaven by so many beautiful souls including her devoted husband, Morris; daughter, Carol; momma, Sadie; and all her siblings.

Cremation has taken place and she will be buried with her love, Morris Biffle, at the family plot on Paul's Valley, Oklahoma.

The family would like to thank Dr. Burns and the incredible nurses and staff at Life Care Center for their care during this time. Donations can be made to Life Care in Farmington.

Arrangements are with Brewer, Lee & Larkin Funeral Home.

Gloria Ann Wemple Hicks

Gloria Ann Wemple Hicks was born on March 2, 1929 and went to be with her Lord on His day, Sunday, October 19, 2014. Gloria's heart is what stood out most - her love for God, her family and for others. Gloria will be deeply missed, but will always be cherished, loved, and celebrated in the hearts of her loved ones and those who knew her.

Gloria is survived by five children, Deborah Lynn Corby, Gloria Gale Thompson, Michael Gene Hicks, Patrick Allen Hicks, and Lisa Ann Meade. Gloria is also survived by two sisters, Bettye Mayo and Geneie Martin; 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Originally from Waco, Gloria lived in Uvalde, Falfurrias, Raymondville and settled in Midland, where she has lived for the past 45 years.

A private graveside service will be held November 8th at Waco Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to United Blood Bank Services, Attn: Mr. David Garrett, 2523 48th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413.

James Chandler Ameel

James Chandler Ameel was called to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 27, 2014 after spending the afternoon watching football with his best friend, Stan Brosig.

Jim was born on May 28, 1933 in Lavonia, Michigan. His family moved to Dallas, Texas on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. He remained a proud Texan for the remainder of his life. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to Dallas where he met his soul mate, Joanne McCaffrey, who he married on May 5, 1960.

Jim took a job as a sales representative with Smith Klein & French pharmaceuticals in 1963 and he was soon after transferred to Midland, Texas .This is where he raised his four children and where he called his home for over 50 years.

Jim was a very involved father and citizen. He coached his children in tennis, basketball, and baseball. He remained active as a volunteer and member of Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in April, Midland County Housing Authority, and St. Ann's Catholic Church. He was a founding member and former president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann's. He served on the Midland County grand jury and he was named an "Outstanding Citizen of Midland." Jim epitomized our Christian calling to help those in need, especially those in our own family and community.

Jim loved sports, especially the University of Houston Cougars, Texas Rangers, and Dallas Cowboys. One of his happiest experiences was attending the Rangers first World Series game in Texas, which they won!

Jim joins his beloved wife, Joanne, and son, Brian, in Heaven.

He is survived by his daughters, Suzanne Leggett of Austin, Texas and Elizabeth Morrow of Midland, Texas; son, Chris and wife Lisa of Austin, Texas; brother, Col. Joseph B. Ameel, III and wife Betty of Pacific Grove, California; and grandchildren, Emily, Abby, Ryan, Annie Rose, Alexandra, Luke Henry, and Elias.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., with a vigil rosary at 7:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 West Texas Ave., in Midland on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Jim will be laid to rest next to Joanne at the Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Jim will be laid to rest next to Joanne at the Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society, PO Box 711, Midland 79702 or Midland Area Aids Support (MAAS) 3504 Boyd Ave., Midland 79707.

You will remain in our hearts always. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com* .

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Steve Robbins

Steve Robbins, 45, of Midland passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 6:00-8:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 10:00AM at Stonegate Fellowship. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 2:00PM at Hayrick Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

Steve was born on March 10, 1969 in San Angelo, Texas to Ronnie and Carolyn Robbins. Steve worked at Texas Quality Inc. in Midland for over 12 years. He married the love of his life Shellie Dagenhart on May 29, 2010 in Midland.

Steve lived life to the fullest enjoying hunting and fishing especially on the Robbins Ranch and being a true outdoors man. Some of Steve's hobbies were taxidermy, sculpting, wood working, and flint knapping. He was a caring and sincere person. In Steve's eyes there was no such thing as a stranger. Everyone was his friend. Steve was a very loving person. The most important thing to Steve was his personal relationship with God. Steve loved to be in the Word of God and anyone that met him could see Christ through him.

He is survived by his wife, Shellie Robbins; parents, Ronnie and Carolyn Robbins; three children, Brittny Robbins, Addison Sandell and Colton Sandell; one sister, Sherry Jackson and husband, Darryl; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Terry Robbins; paternal grandparents, Carol and Lillian Robbins; and maternal grandparents, Floyd and Lena Averitt.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, TX, 79705 or a charity of your choice.

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

Online auction plans to sell 'murderabilia' from dragging death

By Carol Christian
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — An online auction house's decision to sell memorabilia related to the 1998 dragging death of Jasper man James Byrd Jr. is upsetting at least one of his relatives.

On June 7, 1998, three purported white supremacists in the East Texas town chained 49-year-old Byrd's ankles to the back of their pickup and dragged him about three miles. His head, right shoulder and right arm were severed when his body hit a culvert. They dumped the rest of his body at a black church cemetery.

Murderauction.com lists four items with a connection to John W. King or Shawn A. Berry, two of three men convicted in Bird's death. King, 39, is on death row at the prison system's Polunsky Unit near Livingston. Berry, also 39, is serving a life sentence at the Ramsey Unit in Rosharon. The third man, Lawrence A. Brewer, was executed in September 2011 at age 44.

The thought of anyone profiting from such a heinous crime is distressing to Byrd's family, said Shelly Mullins, one of his relatives.

In an email to the Chronicle, Mullins called the practice of selling items associated with convicted killers "despicable."

"We all try to move on with our lives, but that's proven rather difficult, especially when the men responsible for James' death make headlines for selling their letters and possessions to these true crime websites to make money," Mullins wrote.

Andy Kahan, director of Houston's Crime Victims office who has long fought against so-called "murderabilia" said it's unclear whether King, or any inmate, profits from the auction of his possessions, since a third-party seller handles the transaction.

"The last that I know, years back a dealer promised (King)

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magazine subscriptions in return for personalized items," Kahan said.

Visits 'as a friend'

William Harder, murderauction.com promoter, said none of the inmates represented on his website get paid from the sales. More than 90 percent of the listed items are ones he has purchased from collectors.

"I don't pay inmates for artwork (they give me)," Harder said. "Items given as gifts are kept as gifts. It usually goes on my wall."

Harder was in Texas on Wednesday, part of a two-week trip that includes some stops at prisons, not to collect items to sell but to visit inmates "as a friend," he said.

"The website has nothing to do with my visits," he said.

While many people are disgusted by the practice of selling crime-related items, Harder said people find a lot of other things disgusting, too, such as fur coats and the kosher slaughter of animals.

"I didn't create the interest in John King or Charles Manson," he said. "It's the press that sensationalizes cases and creates public interest."

People who are offended by his website should not visit it, he said.

"As a matter of fact, I ask them not to," Harder said. "It's un-American to tell me I cannot sell my personal property, period. It's real easy to be mad at it and hate it, but if you go down to brass tacks, it's what this country is about."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland woman runs over friend

A Midland woman was arrested for allegedly running over a friend Thursday morning, according to court documents.

Kelly Strickland, 43, was being held Friday on a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond had not been set as of Friday, according to the Midland County Sheriff's records office.

Strickland

Around 9:14 a.m. Thursday, an EMS team was dispatched to the alley of south H and College streets. They found a man with four broken pelvis factures, three broken ribs, multiple leg lacerations and debris in his throat. The doctor on the scene said the injuries were consistent with being run over. Officers who were dispatched to the scene found a work truck parked in the alley that had blood on the outside and gray hair consistent with the alleged victim's hair, according to the arrest affidavit.

Strickland, who lived in the home next to where the alleged victim was found, was interviewed by a detective called out to the scene. Strickland only talked to the detective after being read her Miranda Rights, and, in her statement, she admitted that she and the alleged victim had argued and she had struck him with her hand in the alley. Strickland said that she had checked on the alleged victim at 4 a.m. and stated that the victim was drunk. She said that she had moved the truck but that she had not hit the victim.

Police determined that Strickland had driven the vehicle while the alleged victim was lying in the alleyway and arrested her on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

If convicted, Strickland faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony charge.

Man tries to swallow evidence

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly tampering with evidence, according to court documents.

Justin Rodriguez, 18, was held on a $25,000 bond as of Friday night on a second-degree felony charge of tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair.

Rodriguez

On Wednesday night, police officers were cut off by a vehicle while traveling northbound on Big Spring Street. The officers initiated a traffic stop but noticed that the car did not immediately stop and slowly rolled into a parking lot.

When the officers made contact with Rodriguez, who was driving the car, they noticed a strong odor of marijuana. Rodriguez and his passenger were asked to exit the vehicle due to the odor of marijuana and were asked if anything illegal was in the vehicle. They both stated that nothing illegal was in the car.

The officers found three pills on the driver's side of the vehicle and put both men in handcuffs. The officers told Rodriguez that they had found the pills on his side of the vehicle, and he denied that they were his. He claimed that the car was his mothers and that the pills belonged to her.

The officers then went to the passenger of the vehicle, who confirmed that Rodriguez had had the pills and swallowed them while they were being pulled over. The pills found on the floor were the ones that Rodriguez was unable to swallow.

The officers went back to Rodriguez and questioned him further. He continued to deny possession of the pills, but the officers noticed that his speech was slurring and his eyes were becoming glassy and bloodshot.

The officers called an EMS team that took Rodriguez to Midland Memorial's Emergency Room. While Rodriguez was being transported, the officers dropped off the passenger as they had ascertained that he was telling the truth. They then reviewed their in-car footage, which showed Rodriguez admitting to the passenger that he had eaten the pills.

Upon arrival at the hospital and after Rodriguez was cleared by staff for incarceration, the officers arrested Rodriguez for the second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance of less than 28 grams.

If convicted, Rodriguez faces up to 20 years in prison.

Man arrested for third DWI

A 39-year-old man was arrested Thursday morning for allegedly driving while intoxicated for a third offense, according to court documents.

Rene Elias of San Elizario was being held on a $30,000 bond as of Friday night on a second-degree felony charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Elias

A Midland County deputy made a traffic stop on Elias for suspected operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Elias failed a standard field sobriety test and was arrested on suspicion of felony driving while intoxicated.

Elias submitted to a field breathalyzer test and measured a 0.189 alcohol content. The legal limit is a 0.08.

If convicted, Elias faces up to 10 years in prison.

Man arrested for marijuana possession

A 31-year-old man was arrested Tuesday evening for allegedly possessing between 4 ounces and 5 pounds of marijuana.

Derrek Williams of Oakland, California, was held on a $30,000 bond as of Friday night on a state felony charge of marijuana possession.

Williams

Williams was pulled over by a Sheriff's deputy Wednesday evening for speeding. Upon approaching the vehicle, the deputy smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car and Williams, who admitted that he had been smoking marijuana and that he had more marijuana in the car. A search of his vehicle revealed 2 large glass jars and 6 plastic bags of marijuana, totaling over 3 pounds of marijuana.

If convicted, WIlliams faces up to two years in prison.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christopher A. Almager, 17, was charged Thursday with tampering with government records and delivering marijuana less than a quarter ounce in a remuneration drug free zone.

Kyree K. Barton, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Rene Elias, 39, of San Elizario was charged Thursday with driving while intoxicated third offense.

Ava Gonzales, 28, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Billy D. Hernandez, 47, of Midland was charged Thursday with forging financial institution of an elderly victim.

Jeffrey W. Roberson, 47, of Midland was charged Thursday with forging financial institution of an elderly victim.

Armando J. Salcido, 34, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Kelly J. Strickland, 43, of Midland was charged Thursday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kirsten L. Cook, 25, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Manuel P. Galindo Jr., 27, of Midland was charged Friday with failure to comply with sex offender registration duties and violation of parole.

Joshua W. Gibbs, 23, of Midland was charged Friday with sexual assault of a child.

Adrian Z. Leyva, 41, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Lisa A. Roberts, 37, of Midland was charged Friday with fraudulent delivery of a controlled substance or prescription.

Williams R. Sommers, 52, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.

James D. Staggs, 52, of Midland was charged Friday with sexual assault of a child.

Rebecca D. Sutter, 57, of Midland was charged Friday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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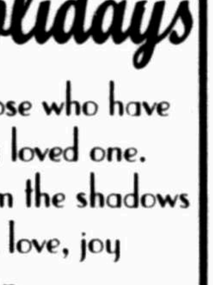

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Another idea might be to provide a case or two of one particular item instead of buying several items. The following is a list of most needed items to round out the food boxes:

Boxed Dinners (Hamburger Helper)
Canned Soups
Canned Stew/Ravioli/ etc.
Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce

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Voter information

Election Day vote centers

(as provided by Midland County Elections Office)
Election Day voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" Street
- Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N
- Christ Church, 5501 N. Midkiff Road
- Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
- Cotton Flat Baptist Church 6409 S. Highway 349
- Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Drive
- Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500. W. Golf Course
- Greater Ideal Life Center, 301 S. Tyler
- Greenwood Baptist Church, 10906 Farm-to-Market Road 307
- High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 W. County Road 60
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N. Garfield
- Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave.
- Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway
- Midland Center, 101 North Main St.
- Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.
- MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut
- Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway, Odessa
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program, 1208 W. Wall St.
- St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason
- Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave.

Sample Ballot

Contested races only
Federal
U.S. Senator
John Cornyn (REP)
David M. Alameel (DEM)
Rebecca Paddock (LIB)
Emily "Spicybrown" Sanchez (GRN)

U.S. Representative, District 11
Mike Conaway (Rep)
Ryan T. Lange (Lib)

State
Governor
Greg Abbott (REP)
Wendy R. Davis (DEM)
Kathie Glass (LIB)
Brandon Parmer (GRN)

Lieutenant Governor
Dan Patrick (REP)
Leticia Van de Putte (DEM)
Robert D. Butler (LIB)
Chandrakantha Courtney (GRN)

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Sam Houston (DEM)
Jamie Balagia (LIB)
Jamar Osborne (GRN)

Comptroller of Public Accounts
Glenn Hegar (REP)
Mike Collier (DEM)
Deb Shafto (GRN)

Commissioner of General Land Office
George P. Bush (REP)
John Cook (DEM)
Justin Knight (LIB)
Valerie Alessi (GRN)

Commissioner of Agriculture
Sid Miller (REP)
Jim Hogan (DEM)
David (Rocky) Palmquist (LIB)
Kenneth Kendrick (GRN)

Railroad Commission
Ryan Sitton (REP)
Steve Brown (DEM)
Mark A. Miller (LIB)
Martina Salinas (GRN)

Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Nathan Hecht (REP)
William Moody (DEM)
Tom Oxford (LIB)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6
Jeff Brown (REP)
Lawrence Edward Meyers (DEM)
Mark Ash (LIB)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7
Jeff Boyd (REP)
Gina Benavides (DEM)
Don Fulton (LIB)
Charles E. Waterbury (GRN)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8
Phil Johnson (REP)
RS Roberto Koelsch (LIB)
Jim Chisolm (GRN

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
Bert Richardson (REP)
John Granberg (DEM)
Mark W. Bennett (LIB)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4
Kevin Patrick Yeary (REP)
Quanah Parker (LIB)
Judith Sanders-Castro (GRN)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9
David Newell (REP)
William Bryan Strange III (LIB)
George Joseph Altgelt (GRN)

State Senator, District 31
Kel Seliger (REP)
Steven Gibson (LIB)

MISD Trustee, Place 4
Rachel L. Stone
Kurtis Nodolf
Jeff Robnett

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition 1
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Davis

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over the race is whether defeat will reduce her to a spent political force.

"Not everybody's going to win the first time. She'll be back," said Alfred Nairn, a retiree at the backyard event in Killeen, a town of fast-food joints and billboards emblazoned with religious slogans. The community of almost 140,000 is anchored by Fort Hood, one of the largest U.S. military posts in the world.

Davis, 51, built a national brand and showed more sizzle than most unsuccessful candidates. So even a sizeable loss could leave her with more appeal than any southern Democrat in recent memory. But her challenge will be retaining enough notoriety to capitalize on her state's booming Hispanic population, which holds the potential to help Democrats eventually end a 20-year, longest-in-the-nation losing streak in statewide elections.

Win or lose, Texas Democrats insist, Davis will remain atop the party alongside rising state stars such as Julian Castro, who stepped down as San Antonio mayor to become the nation's housing secretary and has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential nominee in 2016.

Since Davis is giving up her Fort Worth-based Senate seat, she could take her national profile to a political think tank or a job as a television pundit.

Associated Press

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Wendy Davis greets supporters before a block-walking session on Oct. 25 in Killeen.

"She does well on TV. That's a pretty well-tried path for people like her," said Matt Bennett, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Al Gore and co-founder of the moderate Democratic group Third Way. "That is a path she might be happier on anyway. She of all people knows how tough it is to win in Texas."

But Cathy Bonner, who was a close confidant to Texas' last Democratic governor, Ann Richards, said Davis isn't "as jaded as a pundit."

"She's very sophisticated in politics and elections," said Bonner, also a Davis donor. "I don't think she would ever be that."

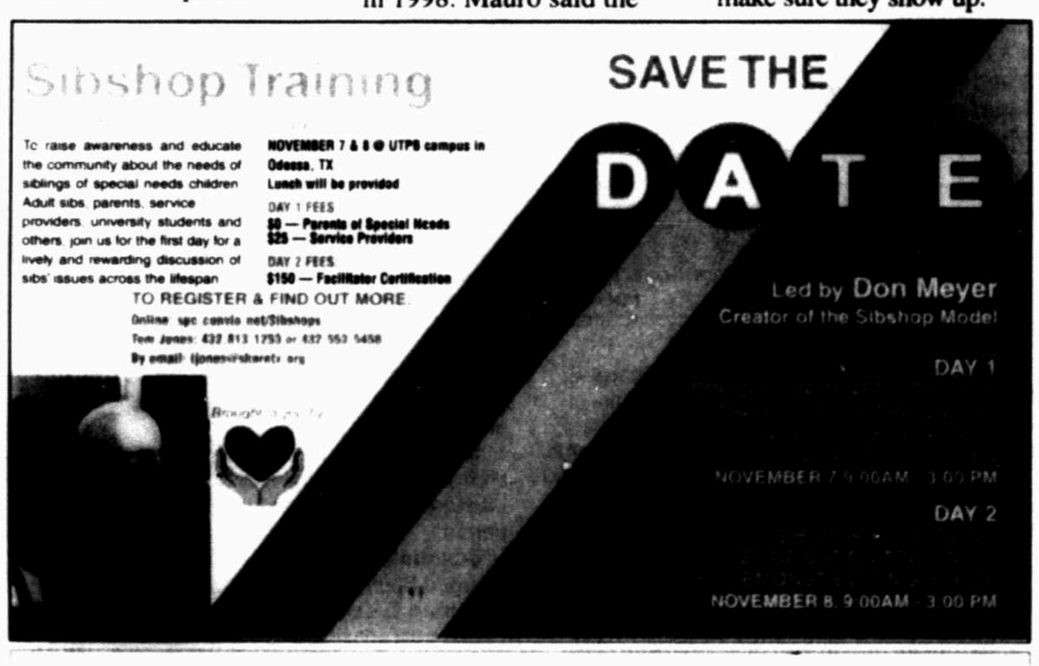
Since Richards' day, most Democratic gubernatorial candidates have disappeared from the political landscape after defeat. That includes Gary Mauro, who was beaten by then-Gov. George W. Bush in 1998. Mauro said the state party would applaud any future political moves Davis makes, including possibly challenging tea party-backed U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in 2020.

"I would hope that she do that rather than take the pundit route," he said. "I think most Texans feel the same."

Cody Schuette, the 29-year-old Army captain who hosted Davis in Killeen, suggested she could run against Abbott again in four years.

Addressing the crowd at Schuette's home, Davis spoke over the barking of a neighbor's dog and the squeaking of a trampoline from which two girls caught glimpses of the event by peering over a fence. She scoffed at the notion that she would be a stronger candidate in future elections.

"We know we have enough votes out there," Davis said. "We just have to make sure they show up."



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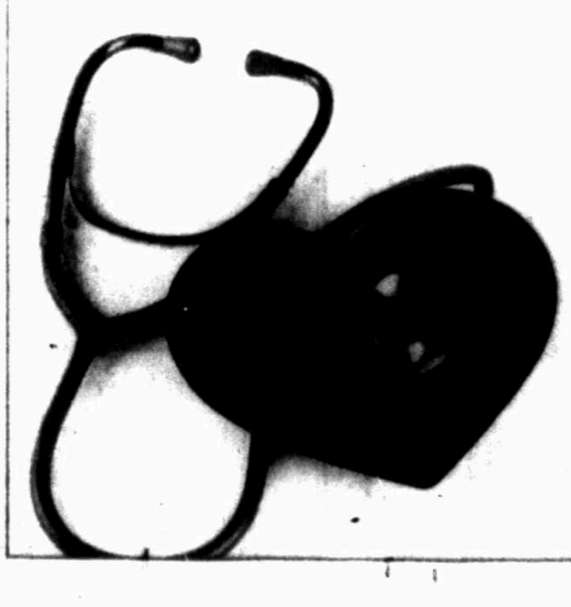

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High: 70 Low: 59	High: 75 Low: 52	High: 57 Low: 44	High: 61 Low: 44	High: 66 Low: 44	High: 70 Low: 48

Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 70 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 59 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms at night.

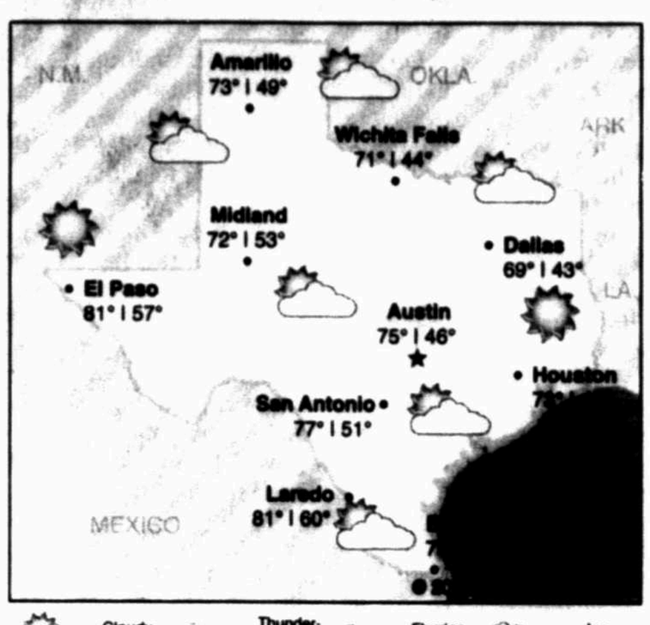
Monday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 75 and south winds around 15 mph. Expect cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 52 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day and a 50 percent chance at night.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for cloudy skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 57 and a low around 44. There is a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day and a 40 percent chance at night.

The high on Saturday reached 71, while the low dropped to 45. The record high for Nov. 1 is 87 set in 1945, 1952 and 2001. The record low is 29 set in 1991.

National forecast

The storm system that started the weekend in much of the Mid-Atlantic will move out of most areas for the second half of the weekend today. Snow showers continue to develop across Maine and New Hampshire, especially during the morning. Some rain will mix in closer to the coasts. Otherwise, sunshine will filter in behind the storm during a chilly day in the Northeast, with most places still experiencing breezy conditions.



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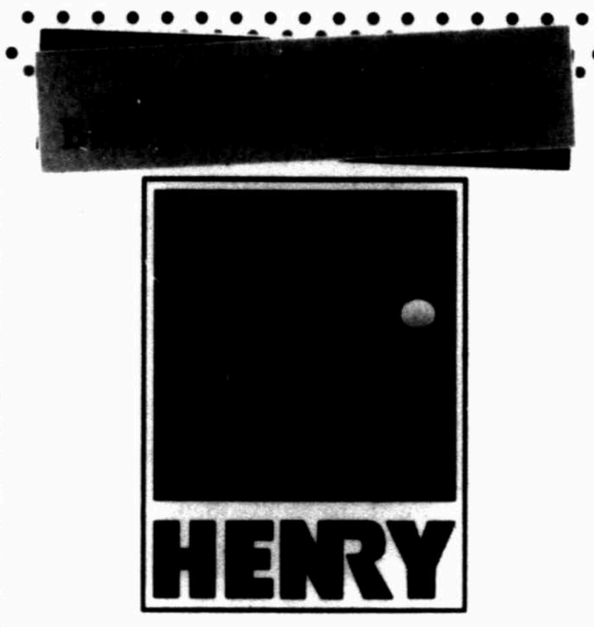
Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	6.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.34 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	71
Low	45
Normal high	72
Normal low	46
Sunrise	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	5:58 p.m.



Psalm 25:4-5

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

November snow surprises Southeast

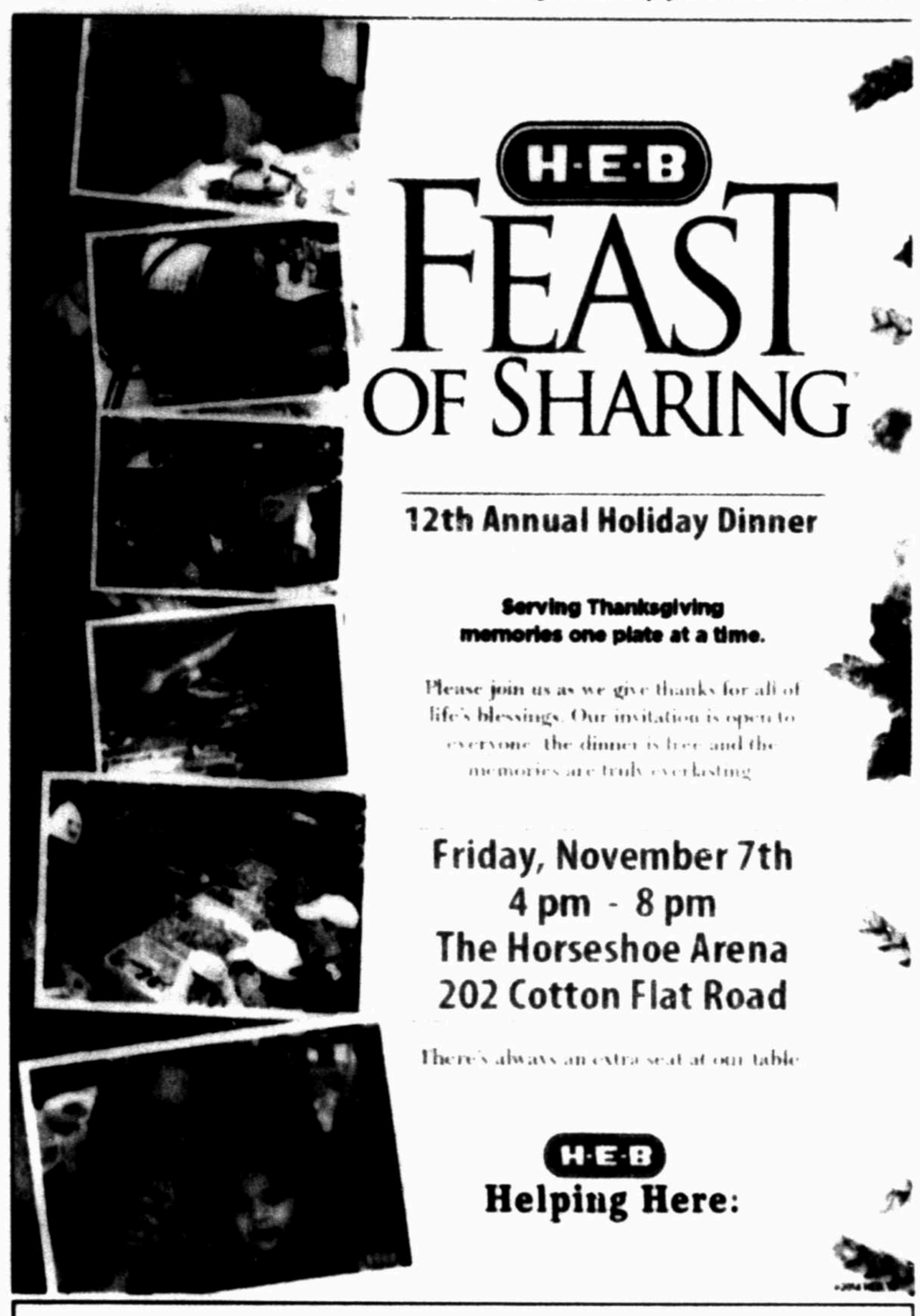
Associated Press

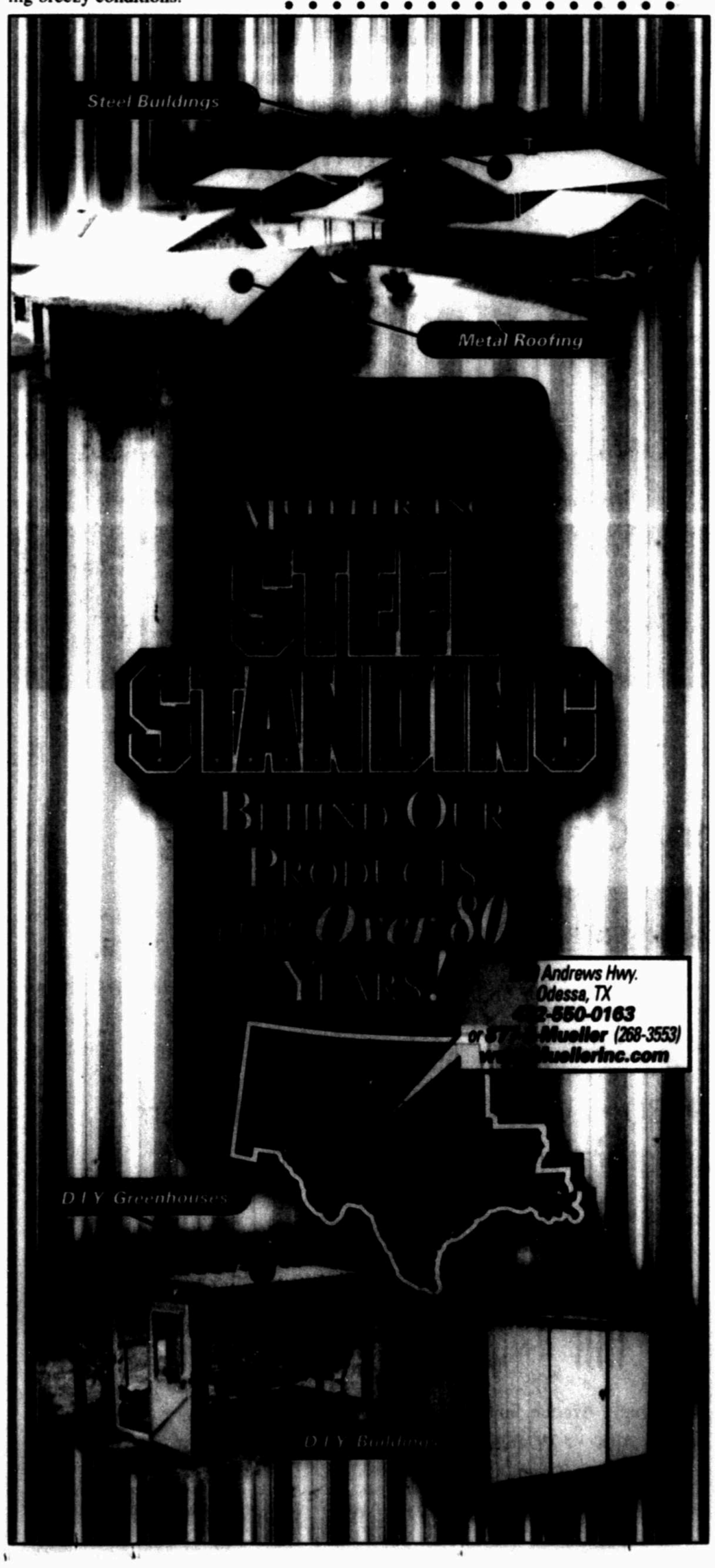
COLUMBIA, S.C. — A surprise snow swept across parts of Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina on Saturday, falling on pumpkins and power lines.

It was the earliest snow on record in the Columbia area by eight days, according to the National Weather Service. Neither Boston nor New York City has had snow yet this fall and Fargo, North Dakota, has had only a trace of the white stuff.

The wet flakes in South Carolina collected on trees and sent branches still full of leaves crashing down on power lines. Utilities reported a peak of about 20,000 power outages as the snow tapered off before noon Saturday.

The weather service said around 2 inches of snow fell in some areas of Greenville, which is in the northwest part of the state. The band continued south dumping a couple of inches of snow all the way to Lexington County, just west of Columbia.





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For Willie Nelson, a biodiesel dream deferred

By Michael Brick
Houston Chronicle

CARL'S CORNER — The dream, not unlike the dreamer, seemed too heartfelt to ignore. In a war-weary nation bound for a brutal recession, the dream struck a chord.

"I can't wait to get on the road again," Willie Nelson wrote in a 2007 book called "On the Clean Road Again," turning his most famous song into a manifesto for the alternative fuel known as biodiesel. He aligned his mouth and money behind a consumer product called BioWillie, vowing to help "reduce our dependency on foreign oil while simultaneously saving the American family farm."

But as the biodiesel dream stalls out, despite the best efforts of everybody's favorite Texas singer/songwriter/stoner/actor/steakhouse proprietor/spiritual guide, the fate of BioWillie offers hard lessons for any effort to shift the energy diet of Americans.

Made from plant oil, animal fat or recycled cooking oil, biodiesel is typically blended into petroleum diesel. The Environmental Protection Agency says its use reduces carbon dioxide and other harmful emissions.

Serendipitous moment

After two decades trying to help family farmers, Nelson stumbled onto it at a seemingly auspicious time. Ten years ago, American petroleum production was in steady decline. New technologies were eliminating jobs in traditional fields. And the war in Iraq, no matter your political viewpoint, seemed to have at least some connection to the nation's much lamented dependence on foreign energy sources.

One fine day in Hawaii, where the Nelsons have a home, his wife, Annie, tried filling her Volkswagen with restaurant grease refined by a company called Pacific Biodiesel. When Willie saw how well it worked, he fueled up his new Mercedes. Then his tour bus. Then he decided to get into the biodiesel business himself.

He was not alone. As average diesel prices rose toward a peak above $4.70 a gallon in 2008, petroleum fuels faced new competition from ethanol, hydrogen, propane, fuel cells and compressed natural gas.

"There are good arguments for all of them," said Henry Lee, director of the Environment and Natural Resources Program at Harvard University. "But not all of them are going to make it."

Envisioning vast fields of oil-rich crops like cotton, soybean and rapeseed, Nelson opened his biofuel book unsteadily, with an introductory guest essay by an entrepreneur who referred to crude oil as "dinosaur juice." On the strength of Nelson's reputation, though, BioWillie gained attention from a range of media outlets wide enough to include Forbes, the Delta Farm Press and CBS Evening News.

The publicity cut both ways. As new producers rushed in, speculators bid up the price of source materials like soybeans. Other problems emerged from vexingly unpredictable sources, such as competition for cottonseed oil as nutrition trends shunned trans fats.

And Nelson, who does have other talents, made some unfortunate business decisions. Registering a trademark for BioWillie, he joined the board of Earth Biofuels, a Dallas company that left a trail of unpaid debts, delayed securities filings and disgruntled investors. He forfeited 6 million shares of stock to resign in 2007 (on April 20, or 4/20).

He did not, however, quit the dream. The next year, in this outpost on Interstate 35 between Waco and Dallas, Nelson and his business partners transformed a landmark truck stop into Willie's Place, a sort of biodiesel theme park. Some people came for the fuel; more came for the aura, which included gold records on display and a solid chance the man himself would show up to perform.

There were still good reasons to believe in the biodiesel business. The federal government was offering a $1 per gallon tax credit, and the EPA was compelling refineries to blend in alternative fuels.

On the scale of the 55-billion gallon a year diesel industry, the quotas were small. But the biodiesel mandate rose from 500 million gallons in 2009 to 1.28 billion last year.

Producers also forged a market beyond the refinery quotas. In 2010, the Houston Independent School District started using biodiesel to fuel buses. Trains on the Disneyland Railroad started running on the stuff. So did company cars at Kettle, the potato chip company, which provides its own used cooking grease. Production exceeded the quotas, if not by much, rising from 545 million gallons in 2009 to 1.8 billion last year.

Production idled

Seeking economies of scale, some companies expanded. Price competitions emerged. For adherents of the local sustainability movement, the pattern became a source of frustration.

Then producers of all sizes lost government support. The tax credit expired. And the EPA, seeking to balance quotas among fuels with varying levels of purity, proposed keeping the biodiesel mandate at the same level as 2013.

Producers had been counting on another increase. Plants idled. Investors closed their wallets. Since January, when the proposal to keep the quota at the same level emerged, the EPA has put off a final decision.

"It's just been an awful year," said Ben Evans, spokesman for the National Biodiesel Board.

Some experts say falling petroleum prices may force out more of the community-based operations.

"Larger producers are able to make these cuts," said Mary Solecki of Environmental Entrepreneurs, an advocacy group for policies intended to support conservation and economic growth. "But smaller producers suffer in competitive situations like this, since they may not have the cash flow to sustain themselves."

Foreclosure

BioWillie has also had some problems of its own making. To finance construction of Willie's Place, Nelson and his partners took out a $4.75 million loan from an outfit called SBL, described in court records as a lender of last resort.

When the group defaulted on the loan, he put up $35,000 of his own money to make a payment. As the debt rose into the millions, a federal judge rejected a plan that would have involved Nelson putting up even more cash "when asked." In 2011, Travel Centers of America

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Former school leader sent to halfway house

A former El Paso Independent School District superintendent who was sentenced to more than three years in prison over a testing scandal has been released to a halfway house.

Federal prison records show Lorenzo Garcia was released Friday to complete his 3 1/2-year sentence, the El Paso Times reported.

Garcia was hired in 2006 and served as superintendent until his 2012 arrest. He pleaded guilty to fraud in a scheme intended to improve the district's test scores.

Garcia implemented a pre-testing plan to identify the 10th-graders likely to fail the standardized tests used to measure school performance under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The students were then held back or promoted so they would not have to take the tests, resulting in a boost in federal funds and personal bonuses based on test performance totaling at least $56,000.

He also pleaded guilty to fraudulently steering a $450,000 contract to his mistress.

The scandal resulted in district employees being fired and resigning and the district being put on probation.

Texas education officials also replaced the El Paso ISD trustees with a board of managers.

FORT WORTH

Country club worker gets prison over taxes

A former accounting manager for a Dallas-area country club must serve nearly two years in prison for not paying taxes on money he allegedly embezzled.

Jeffrey James of Richland Hills was sentenced Friday in Fort Worth after being convicted of tax evasion. A federal judge also ordered James to pay nearly $33,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors said James, for 15 years, worked as director of club accounting at Las Colinas Country Club in Irving. Investigators said James between 2006 and 2009 embezzled more than $250,000 and evaded taxes by failing to disclose the stolen money on his IRS return.

James must report to prison later this month.

GEORGETOWN

Man gets death penalty in 1980 Texas slaying

A man who once did pesticide work at a Central Texas woman's home has been sentenced to death for her 1980 slaying in a cold case solved with DNA evidence.

Steven Thomas was sentenced Friday in Georgetown. A Williamson County jury on Monday convicted him of capital murder in the killing of 73-year-old Mildred McKinney.

Thomas was charged in 2012 after investigators said his DNA that was obtained in a drug-related federal case matched evidence from the unsolved attack on McKinney. Investigators said the woman was sexually assaulted, beaten and strangled.

KIRBY

Woman charged in boyfriend's fatal shooting

A San Antonio-area woman has been chargede with manslaughter after police say her boyfriend was fatally shot while teaching her how to fire a gun.

Bexar County detention records showed 43-year-old Raquel Ramos of Kirby was being held Saturday with bond set at $100,000.

Online court records do not list an attorney for Ramos, whose 37-year-old boyfriend died after being shot early Friday while at the woman's home.

Authorities believed alcohol played a role in the shooting. The victim, whose identity was not immediately released, had the shotgun to teach Ramos to defend herself.

Kirby police Chief Kevin Bois said the woman told investigators she had never fired a gun before and her boyfriend supposedly was teaching her safe firearms handling.

SAN ANTONIO

More than 60 arrested in 3-day enforcement sweep

Federal authorities say more than 60 people with criminal records and in the country illegally have been arrested as part of a three-day law enforcement operation.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in a statement Friday said officers apprehended offenders in Austin, San Antonio, Waco and elsewhere.

Authorities said 54 of the people had previous convictions for aggravated assault, burglary, alien smuggling and other felony charges. Others arrested this week were longstanding fugitives or had been previously deported.

ICE officials said that in fiscal year 2014 alone, a fugitive operations team based in San Antonio arrested more than 940 people.

SCHOOLS

From 1B

Support systems are being set up at each school, regardless of whether the campus has been deemed improvement required by the state, he said. The TEA did not mandate the changes at Milam, he said.

"Whatever those systems look like, we're going to infuse (them) into the programs right now," Warren said. "We're not going to wait. We're not going to hesitate. We're going to evaluate and make adjustments as needed."

MISD has assigned Burdsal, a principal of more than 12 years, to help with the transformation at Milam. Warren said Burdsal has developed a strong system to help teachers understand student data. Burdsal was the principal to lead Travis out of improvement required this year.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "She truly leads teachers to understand their children in reference to the metrics that we use to gauge learning. She is a master of that."

In her first two weeks at Milam, Burdsal and other campus leaders have met with the staff to identify their areas of strengths and weaknesses and coaching them to begin teaching at a higher level. The next step is focusing on the needs of students, seeing where they are currently in terms of academic attainment and how they can move forward.

The key to success, she said, is setting smaller goals along the way to the long-term goal of meeting standard in order to build morale on campus.

"If we only look at the end goal of passing at the end of year, it's going to be very daunting," Burdsal said. "We're doing it in little, small chunks and having short thresholds that we're meeting so the teachers and kids can see, 'Yes, I can do this. Yes, I can meet this one, short-term goal.'"

Milam could meet standard in the 2015 accountability ratings, but due to the range of needed improvements, it could take a couple of years to accomplish, she said.

The climate at Milam is changing already, Burdsal said.

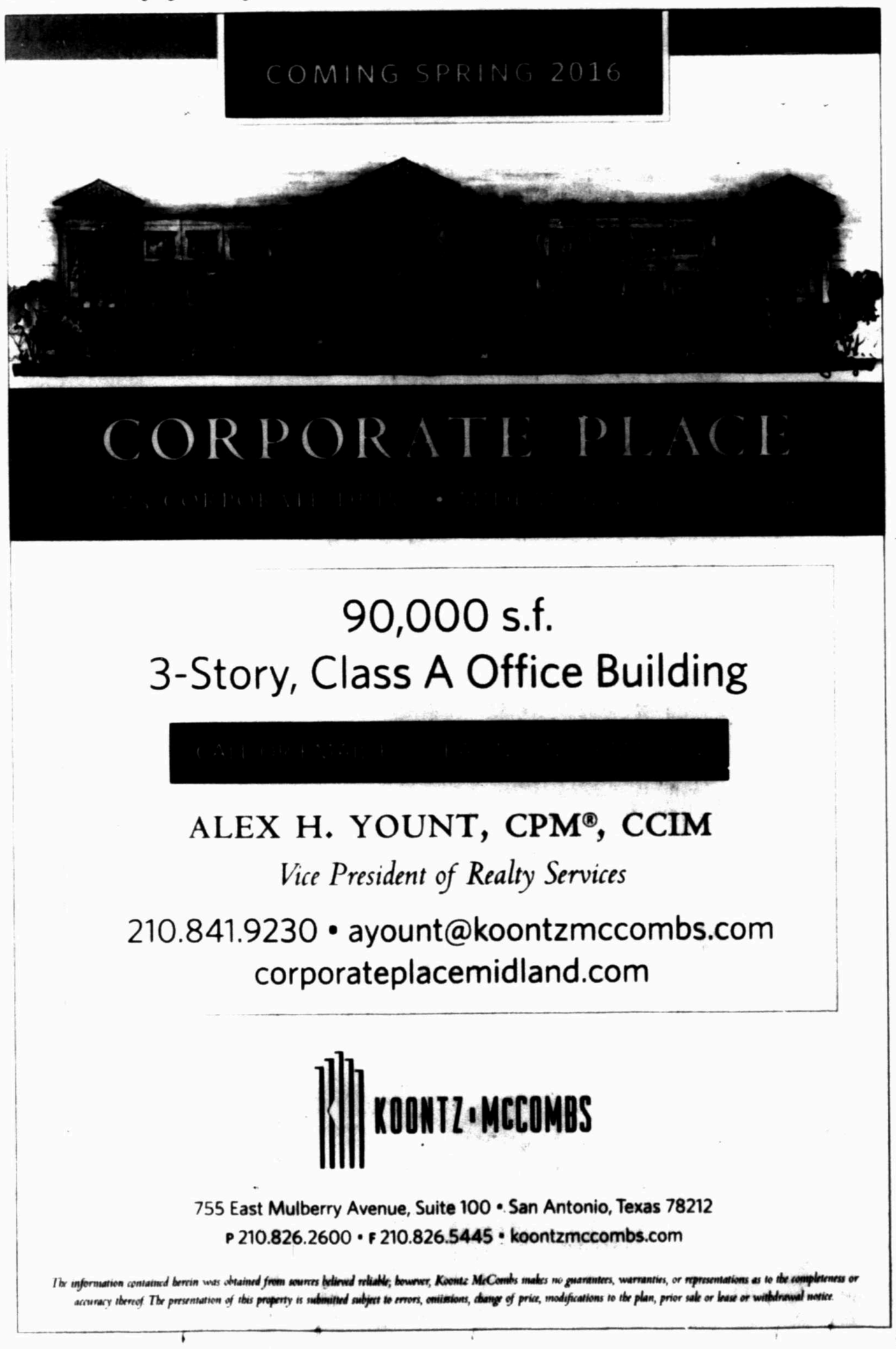
"It was a little oppressive when we came in, but now the kids are following directions, and they know their expectations to where we can just focus on learning," she said.

Establishing relationships with students and parents is also crucial, Burdsal said.

"The kids will do anything for a teacher that they know loves them and cares about them," she said. "That's first and foremost the most important thing we have to do: build relationships with students and with their parents."

Milam hosted a literacy night on campus Tuesday night, which was attended by 120 kids' parents, she said. Engaging and encouraging parents will remain an important part of school success, she said.

"But a lot of it is times to reach out positively, not just when something negative happens," Burdsal said.



Associated Press

Nina Pham holds up her dog, Bentley, at Hensley Field in Grand Prairie on Saturday. Pham, who recovered from Ebola, and the King Charles Spaniel were reunited privately on Saturday in a vacant residence where officers once lived at a decommissioned naval air base, where he was quarantined for 21 days.

Dallas nurse who survived Ebola reunited with dog

By Diana Heidgerd
Associated Press

DALLAS — A Dallas nurse who recovered from Ebola has been reunited with her dog named Bentley, who has been quarantined since she fell ill.

Nina Pham and the King Charles Spaniel were reunited privately on Saturday in a vacant residence where officers once lived at a decommissioned naval air base, where he was quarantined for 21 days. Veterinarians in full personal protective gear checked on him daily.

"I'd like to take a moment to thank people from all around the world who have sent their best wishes and prayers to me and Mr. Bentley," said Pham, who read a statement at a news conference Saturday. Bentley, whom she called "one of my best friends," was there on a leash.

Pham was diagnosed with Ebola last month. She contracted the virus while caring for a Liberian man, Thomas Eric Duncan, who died Oct. 8.

Pham recovered and was released Oct. 24 from a Washington, D.C.-area hospital.

Earlier this year, authorities in Madrid, Spain, caused a public uproar when they euthanized a dog belonging to a nursing assistant sickened by Ebola.

"Bentley is alive and well in the city of Dallas," Mayor Mike Rawlings said, adding that he even kissed the dog Saturday. "There were a lot of human beings that spent a lot of time making sure this dog was safe."

Rawlings thanked city staff and Texas A&M University veterinarians.

Hands of hospice workers blessed in prayerful ceremony

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — At first glance, there was nothing extraordinary about the hands at the Houston Hospice blessing service. They were hands, calloused perhaps, with five fingers each. But these, those gathered at the center's Cockrell Chapel insisted, were very special. They were hands in service to God, helping the terminally ill ease into a peaceful death.

The Interfaith Blessing of Hands — the second year of the event — was simple. A double line of nurses and other hospice workers formed as Chaplain Gordon Robertson and the Rev. Portia Sweet, a volunteer chaplain, said a quiet prayer, dabbed crocheted prayer cloths in lavender-scented oil and gently swabbed the supplicants' palms.

The ritual was only 15 minutes, but moving.

"Holy God," Sweet intoned as the last of some 30 hospice workers settled into their seats, "we ask you to bless our use of this oil today. May its fragrance be a symbolic offering of what is pleasing to you. May its texture remind us that the soothing work of our hands is also pleasing to you."

Nothing is more holy, Sweet observed later, "than holding the hand of someone as they transition from this world to the next."

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice was the first such end-of-life care facility in Houston. Today, headquartered in the old Tudor-style mansion of former Mayor Oscar Holcombe in the Texas Medical Center, the hospice serves 10 area counties.

"This is a big major deal," said Janet Snyder, a licensed vocational nurse who was among those attending the first of three Wednesday blessings. "A lot we actually do here is very special work."

"What we do is a calling," added Dinicesar Fitts, another LVN.

Robertson noted that such blessings of hands have become a tradition in many medical institutions.

"I just wanted to recognize and affirm for our staff, volunteers and family members the work that they are doing with their hands," the chaplain said. "So much comes through our hands."

BIODIESEL

From 6B

bought Willie's Place in foreclosure proceedings.

Out behind the site, which is now a Petro Stopping Center, the last major component of Willie Nelson's biodiesel dream has gone up for sale. His fuel plant, a 6-acre facility capable of producing three million gallons a year, has been on the market for ten months at an asking price of $1.9 million.

Half a dozen potential buyers have taken tours. They all walked away, making noises about the expired federal tax credit, according to the real estate agent, Rob Stillwell of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank in Houston.

Even in Austin, where Nelson's archives have been entrusted to the University of Texas, a street has been named in his honor and his likeness towers over a downtown shopping district, his biodiesel book is not among the holdings of the public library. The university has a copy; it was last checked out in 2008. The man himself declined an interview request.

Still, Nelson has not completely given up on biodiesel. Along with Bob and Kelly King, who sold Annie Nelson that first tankful, Willie has stakes in Big Island Biodiesel of Hawaii and SeQuential-Pacific Biodiesel of Salem, Oregon.

He also controls the trademark for BioWillie, sold at pump stations on the islands of Maui and Hawaii.

"It's definitely something he still cares about," said Kelly King, vice president of Pacific Biodiesel, in a telephone interview from Hawaii. "He has a lot of interests, and this is one of them."

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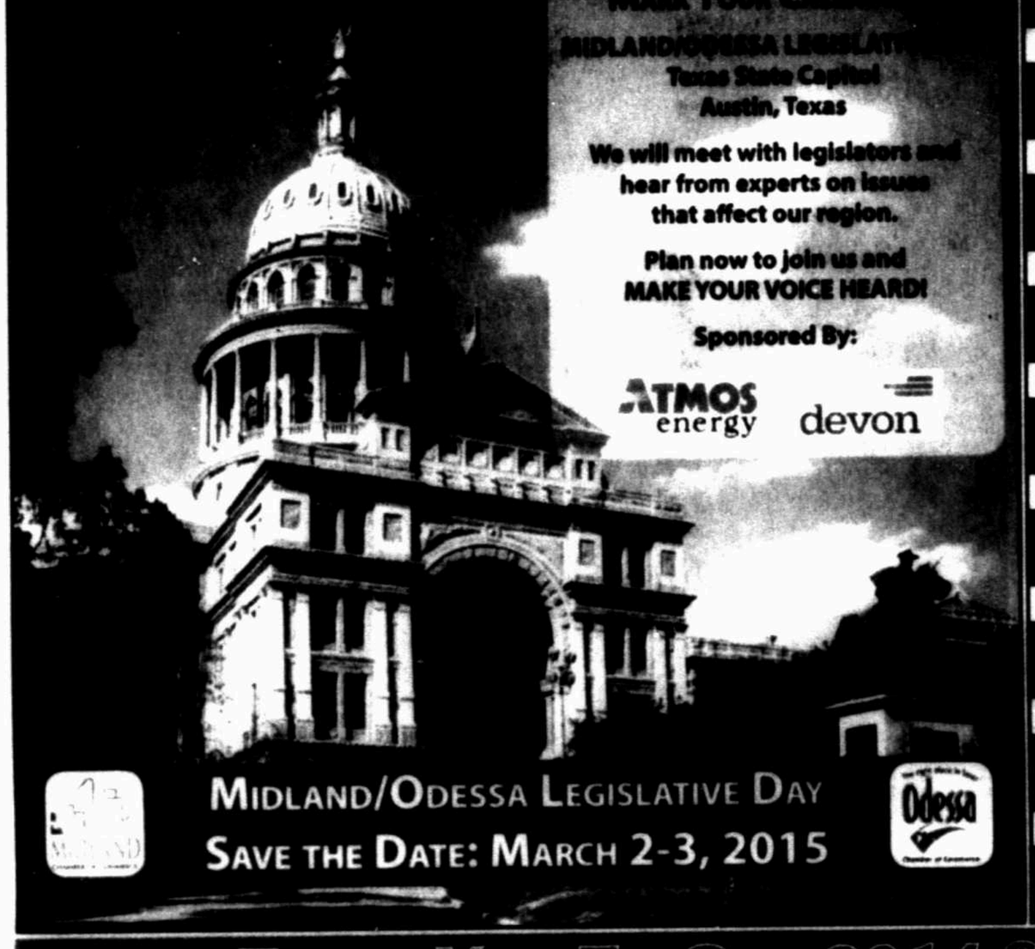

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Weeden waits as Cowboys monitor Romo's balky back

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

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Romo

Weeden

IRVING — Brandon Weeden was putting on his ball cap after leading scoring drives on the only two possessions Tony Romo missed against Washington when he felt a tap and turned to see the Dallas starter.

"Hey man, hell of a job. I'm going back in," Weeden said Romo told him.

With that, Weeden's day was done in a 20-17 overtime loss. The Redskins sent Romo to the locker room for a quarter on a sack that injured his surgically repaired back.

When Romo returned for the last possession of regulation, Washington stopped Dallas, then did it again for the win in overtime after taking the lead.

So now Romo's backup waits to see whether the 34-year-old who has had three different back injuries — and two surgeries — in 18 months will play against Arizona today.

The 31-year-old Weeden, in just his third NFL season because he spent five years mostly as a relief pitcher in baseball's minor leagues, isn't likely to be rattled.

"You know, he's an older player," said Scott Linehan, Dallas' passing game coordinator and play-caller.

"Young in the league, but the guy's got a lot of maturity to him. It's not too big for him to go out there and step in in a relief mode and play, nor is it too big for him to be prepared as a starter because he's done it in this league."

Romo has an unspecified injury — he called it "more than a contusion," the term coach Jason Garrett used.

He didn't practice Wednesday or Thursday, and all indications point to the Cowboys waiting until Romo sees how he feels this morning before deciding.

"I haven't really been in this situation," said Weeden, who was the starter for most of two seasons in Cleveland after the Browns drafted him in the first round in 2012.

"I'm just going to treat it like I'm playing on Sunday. If I do,

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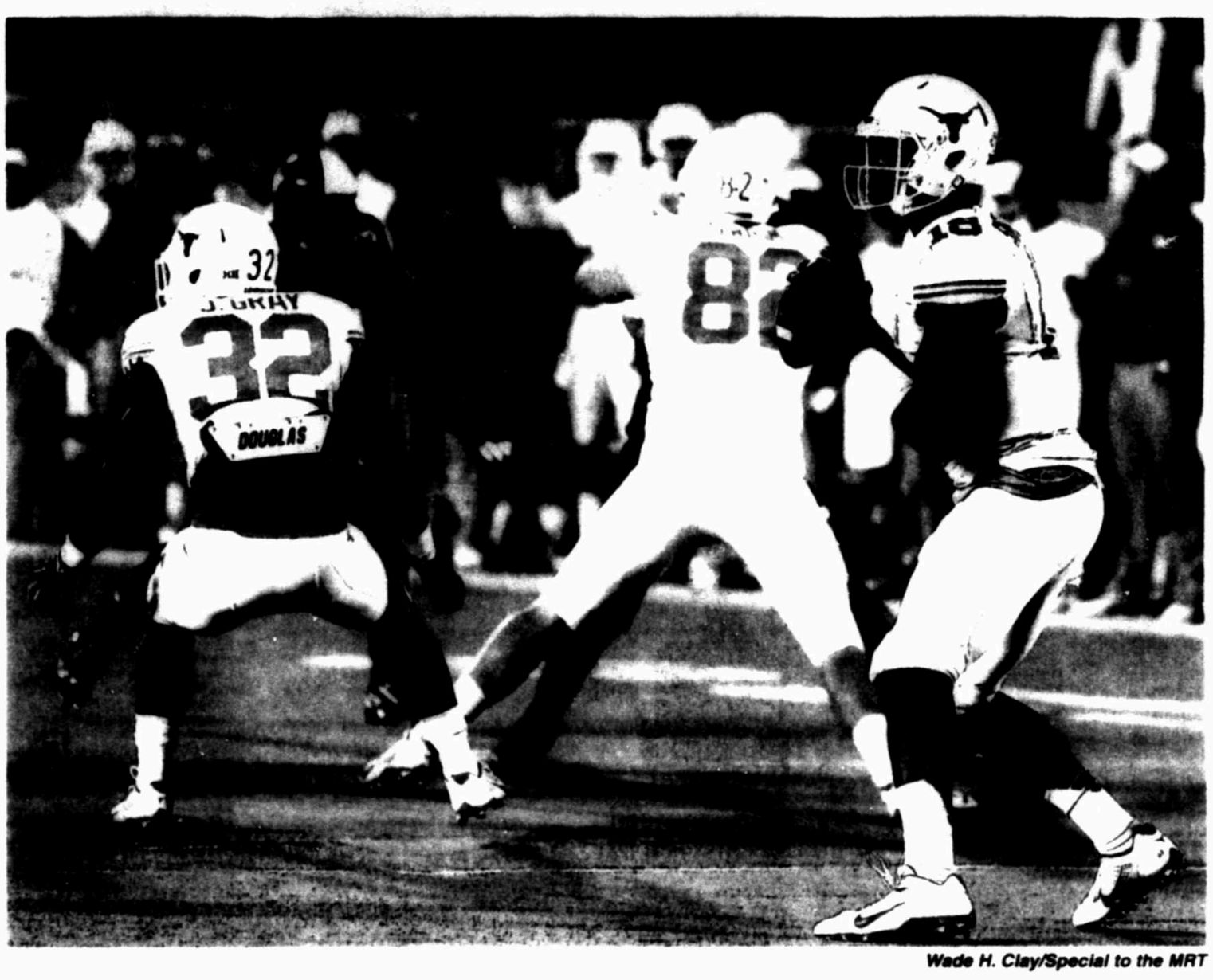
Texas drums Tech



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Texas quarterback Tyrone Swoopes sits in the pocket looking to deliver a pass in Saturday night's game against Texas Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium. The Longhorns left Lubbock with an 34-13 win.

Texas puts together complete game vs. Red Raiders

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LUBBOCK —

In a season where complete performances have been all but foreign and wins just as difficult to grasp, the Longhorns managed to do both in a 34-13 victory over Texas Tech.

The Longhorns (4-5, 3-3 in Big 12) put together their most impressive second-half effort of the season — considering venue and conference — and bullied an undermanned Red Raiders squad for 238 yards, including 154 on the ground.

It's the comprehensive effort the Longhorns have struggled to engineer all season. Normally, the offense does little in the second half while the defense breaks down due to the continued strain of holding up the structure of Texas' chances in the game.

Friday, both sides did their part and the team's lead more than held.

The Longhorns' offense produced 17 points in the second half, using the run as a foundation to set up the pass while the defense shut out a struggling Red Raider offense with a walk-one quarterback at the helm. Not to say he is a normal walk-on, Vincent Testaverde — Vinny's son — has good genes after all.

As context, it's not as if the Longhorns put together a masterful second-half symphony. But both sides of the ball worked in tandem in a way they haven't congruently all season.

Against Oklahoma, an early hole due to simple mistakes buried the team. Against Kansas State, the defense couldn't hold on for a floundering offensive unit — a story that was told in the Baylor game too. And against UCLA, the defense actually coughed up a well-earned lead.

None of those issues arose Saturday in Lubbock, and perhaps it is a needed salve to rescue a difficult season for a few units.

"It's a great team victory," Texas head coach Charlie Strong said. "It's great to see us bounce back."

The most notable improvement came from the Longhorns' offensive line. The often porous group beat up on Texas Tech's front seven, allowing senior Malcom Brown to become the team's first 100-yard rusher all season.

Brown, for his part, looked rejuvenated and shifty. The senior had labored for a career-low 3.8 yards a carry in 2014, but against Tech, his in-game average leapt to 5.3 yards. Brown also had a season-best 28-yard scamper to go along with 116 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

To his credit, Longhorns quarterback

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Texas Tech quarterback Vincent Testaverde takes a snap in Saturday's game against the Texas Longhorns.

Tech's QB woes just one part of what is lost season

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LUBBOCK —

If anyone thought that Texas Tech would finish a game against Texas with Vincent Testaverde at quarterback, they should play the lottery more often.

That's what the Red Raiders were faced with when Testaverde — a true freshman walk-on and son of former NFL player and 1986 Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde — had to come in the second quarter after Patrick Mahomes was knocked out of the game with a possible concussion.

With the inexperienced Testaverde in at quarterback, the Red Raider offense had trouble sustaining drives and the Tech defense just wore down in a 34-13 loss to the Longhorns on Saturday in front of 60,961 fans at Jones AT&T Stadium.

It was the sixth straight loss for Texas Tech to the Longhorns (4-5, 3-3).

The loss dropped the Red Raiders to 3-6 on the season and 1-5 in the Big 12 to continue what has been a frustrating and disappointing season in Kliff Kingsbury's second year as head coach.

"Obviously a third string quarterback is going to take you down a little bit, but I thought for the most part he handled himself well," said Kingsbury of Tesaverde, who had a respectable yet inconsistent first outing. "I thought he had a good drive there to end the first half but it's hard to execute at the level you'd like with a young guy like that. But I was proud of the way he handled the moment."

With a bowl game pretty much out of reach, the Red Raiders will now look to improve in any way they can in what can be inevitably described in a lost season.

Mahomes, another true freshman, was starting in place of Davis Webb, who

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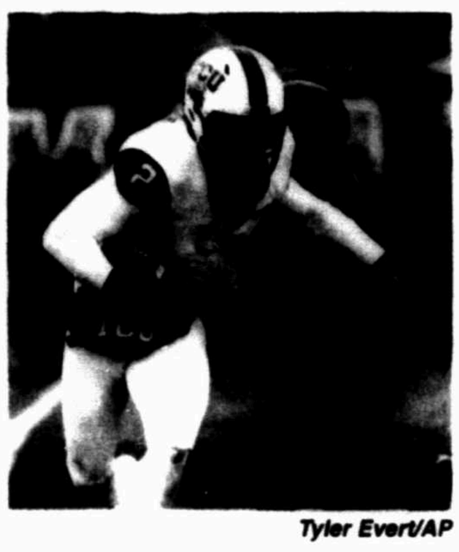

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TCU's Trevone Boykin (2) runs by West Virginia defender Noble Nwachukwu (97) during the second quarter Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

Oberkrom's field goal lifts TCU past WVU

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By John Raby
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — TCU followed an 82-point outburst at Texas Tech with its worst offensive output of the season at West Virginia. It still added up to another victory.

Jaden Oberkrom kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the No. 10 Horned Frogs a 31-30 victory over No. 20 West Virginia on Saturday.

It was the third straight close finish in the series between the Big 12's newest members. Each of their last two meetings went to overtime.

"Every time TCU and WVU have gotten together, it's been an unbelievable game," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "We were fortunate to make the plays when we needed to."

Inside

See more from Saturday's college football action.

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The Horned Frogs (7-1, 4-1 Big 12) overcame a 13-point deficit in cold, windy conditions to keep their national championship hopes alive.

TCU entered the game No. 7 in the College Football Playoff ranking, and now turns its attention to a showdown at home next Saturday against No. 11 Kansas State.

TCU played its first game outside the state of Texas this season and the nation's highest-scoring offense looked nothing like the unit that pounded Texas Tech.

The Horned Frogs were held to a season-low 389 yards against the Mountaineers (6-3, 4-2). Trevone Boykin went 12 of 30 for 166 yards and a touchdown after throwing a school-record seven TD passes a week ago.

Patterson said Boykin stood up in the locker room after the game, blamed himself and said he needed to play better.

"But we found a way to win, so I'm not going to read too much into it," Patterson said.

West Virginia led 27-14 midway through the third quarter but was held to one first down the rest of the game. The Mountaineers committed five turnovers, all in their own territory, and had their four-game winning streak snapped.

"They did a good job of forcing turnovers," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "That's no excuse. We need to do a better job of protecting the football and taking care of the football."

B.J. Catalon had two second-half touchdown runs for TCU, including a 6-yarder with 7:33 left that cut it to 30-28. He finished with 105 yards.

Boykin threw an incomplete pass

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MARATHON

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Exhibition: Pikeville at Kentucky, 6 p.m., SEC

MEN'S SOCCER

English Premier: Manchester United at Manchester City, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN/mun2

Bundesliga: 1899 Hoffeinheim at Borussia Monchengladbach, 8:30 a.m., GolTV

Italian Serie A: Fiorentina at Sampdoria, 8:55 a.m., beIN

Italian Serie A: Genoa at Udinese Calcio, 8:55 a.m., beIN2

English Premier: Tottenham at Aston Villa, 10 a.m., NBCSN

Bundesliga: Freiburg at Cologn, 10:30 a.m., GolTV

La Liga: Valencia at Villarreal, 10:55 a.m., beIN2

Liga MX: Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz at Pumas de la UNAM, 11:55 a.m., UNIV/UniDep

La Liga: Sevilla at Athletic Club, 1 p.m., beIN2

Brazil: Botafogo at Cruzeiro, 1 p.m., GolTV

MLS East Semi, Leg 1: New York Red Bulls at DC United, 3 p.m., UniDep

Italian Serie A: US Citta de Palermo at AC Milan, 3 p.m., beIN

Brazil: Chapecoense at Flamengo, 3:30 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX: Santos Laguna at Deportivo Universidad de Guadalajara, 4:55 p.m., UniDep

Uruguay: Rampla Juniors at Penarol, 5:30 p.m., GolTV

NCAA: California at UCLA, 7 p.m., P12

MLS West Semi, Leg 1: FC Dallas at Seattle Sounders, 8 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

A-League: Wellington Phoenix at Melbourne Victory, 2:30 a.m., FS2

MOTORSPORTS

FIM Superbike: Losail Race 1, Supertsport Race 2, 10:55 a.m., beIN

F1: US Grand Prix, 2 p.m., NBC/UniMas

Sprint Cup: AAA Texas 500, 2 p.m., ESPN

FIM Superbike: Losail Race 2, 9 p.m., beIN

NBA

Hornets at Knicks, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

NFL

Cardinals at Cowboys, Noon, FOX

Chargers at Dolphins, Noon, CBS

Broncos at Patriots, 3:25 p.m., CBS

Ravens at Steelers, 7:30 p.m., NBC

TENNIS

ATP: BNP Paribas Masters, Final, 8 a.m., TENNIS

WTA: Garanti Koza Tournament of Champions, Finals, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Arizona State at Utah, 3 p.m., P12

Portland at Santa Clara, 4 p.m., ESPNU

UCLA at Washington, 5 p.m., P12/P12 LA

Oregon State at Stanford, 5 p.m., P12 BAY

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Florida at Tennessee, 11 a.m., SEC

Miami at NC State, Noon, FSSW

Stanford at Oregon, 1 p.m., P12

South Carolina at Mississippi, 1 p.m., SEC

Texas at Iowa State, 2 p.m., ESPNU

Texas A&M at Missouri, 3 p.m., SEC

WHAT'S ON RADIO

NFL

Cardinals at Cowboys, Noon, KNFM (92.3 FM)

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Midland College vs. Lee College, 10 a.m., Plano

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Declined the 2015 contract option on 1B DH Billy Butler.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Exercised the contract 2015 option on 1B Adam Lind and traded him to Milwaukee for RHP Marco Estrada. Declined the 2015 contract options of RHP Dustin McGowan, RHP Brandon Morrow, RHP Sergio Santos and 1B Justin Smoak. Reinstated 3B Brett Lawrie, INF Maicer Izturis, RHP Chad Jenkins and OF Andy Dirks the 60-day DL.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES — Declined the 2015 contract option on LHP Brett Anderson.

MIAMI MARLINS — Exercised the 2015 contract option on C Jeff Mathis.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Kerwynn Williams from the practice squad. Released OT Bruce Gaston.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DB Daniel Sorensen from the practice squad. Released DE Damion Square.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed QB Matt Simms from the practice squad. Released WR Chris Owusu.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released WR Bryan Walters. Signed S Terrance Parks from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled C Sam Carrick from Toronto (AHL). Assigned D Stuart Percy to Toronto.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Allen's Garrett Clarke indefinitely pending a review and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in an Oct. 31 game at Rapid City.

COLLEGE

TEXAS A&M — Suspended QB Kenny Hill two games for violating team rules and athletic department policies.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	238	177
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	165
Miami	4	3	0	.571	174	151
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.125	144	228
South						
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	250	187
Houston	4	4	0	.500	185	166
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	137	202
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125	118	218
North						
Cincinnati	4	2	1	.643	161	164
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	217	131
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	205	196
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	163	152
West						
Denver	6	1	0	.857	224	142
San Diego	5	3	0	.625	205	149
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	176	128
Oakland	0	7	0	.000	105	181

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	213	167
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	203	156
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	154	169
Washington	3	5	0	.375	171	200
South						
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	227	198
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	189	177
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	192	221
Tampa Bay	1	6	0	.143	133	223
North						
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	182	126
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191
Chicago	3	3	0	.375	180	222
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	139	173
West						
Arizona	6	1	0	.857	164	139
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	172	150
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	136	210

Thursday's Score

New Orleans 28, Carolina 10

Today's Games

Arizona at Dallas, Noon

Philadelphia at Houston, Noon

N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, Noon

Washington at Minnesota, Noon

Tampa Bay at Cleveland, Noon

Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon

San Diego at Miami, Noon

St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

Denver at New England, 3:25 p.m.

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Open: Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Tennessee

Monday's Game

Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

KNOCKOUT ROUND

Eastern Conference

Thursday, Oct. 30: New York 2, Sporting Kansas City 1

Western Conference

Wednesday, Oct. 29: FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Eastern Conference

New England 1, Columbus 0

Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov. 1: New England 4, Columbus 2

Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 9: Columbus at New England, 5 p.m.

D.C. United vs. New York

Leg 1 — Today: D.C. United at New York, 3 p.m.

Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 8: New York at D.C. United, 1:30 p.m.

Western Conference

LA Galaxy 0, Real Salt Lake 0

Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov. 1: LA Galaxy 0, Real Salt Lake 0

Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 9: Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle vs. FC Dallas

Leg 1 — Today: Seattle at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.

Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 8: FC Dallas at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23: teams TBD, 12:30 p.m.

Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23: teams TBD, 4 p.m.

Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 29: teams TBD, 2 p.m.

Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 30: teams TBD, 6 or 9 p.m.

MLS CUP

Sunday, Dec. 7: Conference champions, 2 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Nov. 6

At Bangkok, Thailand: Oswaldo Novoa vs. Wanheng Menayothin, 12, for Novoa's WBC minimumweight title.

Nov. 8

At Tyumen, Russia: Fedor Chudinov vs. Ben McCulloch, 12, for Chudinov's interim WBA super middleweight title.

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO): Bernard Hopkins vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Hopkins' WBA Super World/IBF-WBO light heavyweight titles; Sadam Ali vs. Luis Carlos, 10, welterweights.

At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. (NBCSN): Amir Mansour vs. Frederic Kasso, 10, heavyweights; Vasiliy Lepikin vs. Jackson Junior, 10, light heavyweights; Dmitry Mikhaylenko vs. Ronald Cruz, 10, welterweights.

Nov. 13

At Washington, D.C.: Carlos Cuadras vs. Sonny Boy Jaro, 12, for Cuadras' WBC junior bantamweight title.

At Indio, Calif. (FS1): Joseph Diaz Jr. vs. TBA, 10 rounds, junior featherweights.

Nov. 15

At Hamburg, Germany: Wladimir Klitschko vs. Kubrat Pulev, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-WBA Super World-IBO heavyweight titles.

At Mississauga, Ontario, Canada: Youri Kasenga vs. Dorrton Dailey, 12, for Kasenga's WBA interim cruiserweight title.

Nov. 22

At The Venetian, Macao (PPV): Manny Pacquiao vs. Chris Algieri, 12, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title; Zou Shiming vs. Kwangsohk OnseongchanGym, 12, WBO flyweight eliminator; Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Chonlatarn Piriyapinyo, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO featherweight title; Jessie Vargas vs. Antonio DeMarco, 12, for Vargas' WBA junior welterweight title.

At Yokohama, Japan: Takashi Miura vs. Edgar Puerta, 12, for Miura's WBC junior lightweight title; Roman Gonzalez vs. Rocky Fuentes, 12, for Gonzalez's WBC flyweight title.

At Liverpool, England: Nathan Cleverly vs. Tony Bellew, 12, cruiserweights; James DiGale vs. Marco Antonio Periban, 12, super middleweights; Scott Quigg vs. Hidenori Otake, 12, for Quigg's WBA junior featherweight title; Jamie McDonnell vs. Waliberto Ramos, 12, for McDonnell's WBA bantamweight title; Anthony Joshua vs. Michael Sprott, 10, heavyweights; Callum Smith vs. Nikoza Sjekloca, 12 rounds, WBC super middleweight eliminator.

Nov. 29

At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb. (HBO): Terence Crawford vs. Raymundo Beltran, 12, for Crawford's WBO lightweight title; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Jayson Velez, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title.

Dec. 6

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (HBO): David Lemieux vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, middleweights; James De La Rosa vs. Hugo Centeno, 10, middleweights.

Dec. 13

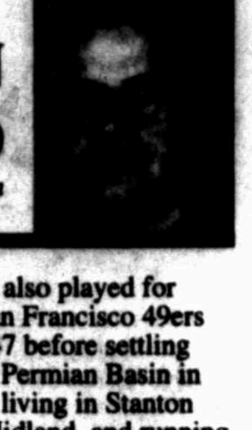
At The Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas (HBO): Timothy Bradley Jr. vs. Diego Chaves, 12, welterweights; Mauricio Herrera vs. Jose Benavidez, Jr., 12, for Herrera's WBA interim super lightweight title.

At Las Vegas (SHO), Devon Alexander vs. Amir Khan, 12, welterweights; Demetrius Andrade vs. Jermell Charlo, 12, for Andrade's WBO junior middleweight title.

Dec. 31

At Ota City Gerneral Gym, Tokyo, Israel Perez, vs. Takashi Uchiyama, 12, for the WBA super featherweight title; Kohei Kono vs. Norberto Jimenez, 12, for Kono's WBA junior bantamweight title; Alberto Rosado vs. Ryoichi Taguchi, 12, for Rosado's WBA junior flyweight title.

Sunday Morning Line



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This and that as I've had better days at the dentist than I did watching Texas and Texas Tech play last night:

■ The season comes down to Friday night for Midland High and Lee.

Let's first be clear on this, the Rebels have no chance to make the playoffs even if they win. There's a very complicated points tiebreaker that is used and even if Lee wins by the maximum points allowed (15), it won't be enough to overcome a loss to Odessa High earlier this season. If the Rebels win there would be a three-way tie with OHS, MHS and Lee.

Meanwhile, Midland High is in the position of win and its in the playoffs, it's as simple as that. Frankly, though, the Bulldogs shouldn't have been in this position.

They let a game slip away against Odessa Permian last week, and couldn't complete a comeback on Friday night against Abilene High. But all they need is a chance and they have it even after the struggles to finish the last three weeks.

Either way, though, this has been a rough season for the big school football teams in Midland County.

But maybe an exciting crosstown rivalry game on Friday will make up for that.

■ Here is a little bit of history today thanks to a phone call from Steve Robnett late last week.

Robnett, a Midlander, said that his father and his uncle were both on the 1939 Texas A&M National Championship team, which was honored on its 75th anniversary in College Station on Saturday. The Aggies wore throwback uniforms in their less-than-stellar win against Louisiana-Monroe.

Ed Robnett, Steve's father, not only played for the Aggies but also went on to play for Texas Tech after World War II. He also played for the San Francisco 49ers in 1947 before settling in the Permian Basin in 1948, living in Stanton and Midland, and running and owning a pipeline construction company. He passed away in 1990.

Ed's brother, Marshall, was a Heisman Trophy finalist in 1940, and later went on to play for the Chicago Cardinals.

The 1939 Aggies went on to win the 1940 Sugar Bowl against Tulane.

Thanks for the call Steve, it's always cool to know there are some local connections to noted teams.

■ Today is a rare day for motorsports in Texas as two big races are taking place about 180 miles apart from each other. The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series is at Texas Motor Speedway, and the globe-hopping Formula 1 Series makes its lone stop in the United States at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin.

The U.S. Grand Prix will have the celebrity star power, but you can bet the NASCAR race at TMS will have more people attending.

Oh, and by the way, the Cowboys are playing at home today.

■ Speaking of the Cowboys, I loved it when the doomsayers came out in full force after they lost on Monday night to Washington. It's like the season ended with that setback.

Tony Romo's back is certainly an issue, but come on, the Cowboys are a good team, and yes they have surprised me, but today's game against Arizona will be tough. It's going to be a good game, but even if Dallas loses, it is still one of the better teams in the NFC.

■ And finally, I'm beginning to think that purple is some sort of magic color.

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HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LUBBOCK TRINITY SWEEPS MCS AT REGIONALS

ANNA — TAPPS 1-4A rival Lubbock Trinity Christian swept Midland Christian in a regional final match on Saturday at Anna High School.

The Lady Mustangs played the Lady Lions close in the first set, but then couldn't garner any momentum in a 26-24, 25-20, 25-17 loss.

Annie Fisher and Carleigh Moore led Midland Christian with six kills each. Megan Ashton had 21 digs to lead the Lady Mustangs, and Bailey Wrght had 19 assists to go with one kill, nine digs and two service aces.

Midland Christian finished it season at 31-9.

LUBBOCK TRINITY CHRISTIAN DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN, 26-24, 25-20, 25-17

Midland Christian statistics

Kills: Annie Fisher 6, Carleigh Moore 6, Claire Hardeman 3, Laycie Duncan 3, Emma Holder 2, Bailey Wright 1

Digs: Megan Ashton 21, Bailey Wright 9, Annie Fisher 2, Madi Blanchard 2, Carleigh Moore 2, Emma Holder 2, Claire Hardeman 1

Assists: Bailey Wright 19, Madi Blanchard 2, Emma Holder 2

Blocks: Annie Fisher 1, Claire Hardeman 1, Bailey Wright 1, Carleigh Moore 1, Emma Holder 1

Ace: Bailey Wright 2

Record: Midland Christian 31-9

ROCKWALL HERITAGE ELIMINATES TRINITY

ANNA — Rockwall Heritage Christian swept Trinity in a regional final on Saturday, 25-15, 25-13, 25-21, ending the Lady Chargers season.

Ashley Stroup led Trinity (21-14) with 10 kills in the loss and Mady Walker added eight kills and 14 digs. Avery Watson had five kill and 14 digs, and Hilary Lanier had 24 assists.

ROCKWALL HERITAGE CHRISTIAN DEF. TRINITY, 25-15, 25-13, 25-21

Trinity statistics

Kills: Ashley Stroup 10, Mady Walker 8, Avery Watson 5, Averee Curtee 2, Annette Mayne 1

Digs: Walker 14, Watson 14, Abbie Beard 10, Claudia Zissman 9, Hilary Lanier 7, Stroup 4, Curtee 4, Abbie Beard 4, Mayne 3, Callie Herd 1

Assists: Lanier 24, Mayne 1, Kinzie Roemer 1

Aces: Watson 1

Records: Trinity 21-14

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A

Bi-district

North Crowley (W4, 30-12) vs. Odessa Permian (F3, 24-14), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University, Abilene

El Paso Franklin (R1) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (T2), TBA, Monday

San Angelo Central (W3, 37-5) vs. Arlington Lamar (F4, 32-12), 6 p.m. Monday, Clyde HS

El Paso El Dorado (T1) vs. Lubbock Coronado (R2), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Kermit HS

DeSoto (W6, 24-11) vs. Euless Trinity (F7, 31-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Sam Houston HS

Trophy Club Nelson (R5, 22-18) vs. Lewisville Hebron (T6, 28-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Flower Mound Marcus HS

Colleyville Heritage (W7, 33-9) vs. Cedar Hill (F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Summit HS

Flower Mound (W8, 28-8) vs. Keller (F5, 24-16), TBA

Amarillo High (W2) vs. El Paso Eastwood (F1), TBA

Midland High (R3, 30-7) vs. Arlington High (T4), 7 p.m. Monday, Abilene Cooper HS

El Paso Coronado (W1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2), 5 p.m. Tuesday

Arlington Martin (R4, 33-10) vs. Abilene High (T3, 31-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge HS

McKinney Boyd (R6, 20-7) vs. Keller Central (T5, 12-23), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Coppell HS

Southlake Carroll (R7, 39-3) vs. Mansfield (T8), 7 p.m. Monday, Richland HS

Denton Guyer (W5, 36-5) vs. Plano (F6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Colony HS

Midlothian (R8, 23-14) vs. Coppell (T7, 30-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Grand Prairie HS

CLASS 4A

Seminole (W4, 34-6) vs. San Elizario (F3), 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Dalhart (R1) vs. Sweetwater (T2), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Monterey HS

Fabens (W3) vs. Fort Stockton (W4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sul Ross State, Alpine

Big Spring (R2) vs. Pampa (T1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wayland Baptist, Plainview

Decatur (W8) vs. Venus (F7), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Saginaw Chisholm Trail HS

Iowa Park (R5) vs. Brownwood (T6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Springtown HS

Goodley (W7) vs. Fourth-place 8, TBA

Stephenville (R8) vs. Burkburnett (T5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jacksboro

Levelland (W2) vs. Borger (F1), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Bushland HS

Clint (R3) vs. Monahans (T4), 6 p.m. Monday, Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Bushland (W1) vs. Snyder (F2), 7 p.m. Monday, Wayland Baptist, Plainview

Andrews (R4) vs. Mountain View (T3), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Abilene Wylie (W6) vs. Wichita Falls Hirsch (F5), 6 p.m. Monday, Breckenridge

Kenndaele (R7) vs. Third-place 8, TBA

Vernon (W5) vs. Graham (F6), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Windthorst

Runner-up 8 vs. Alvarado (T7)

CLASS 3A

Bi-district

Alpine (W4) vs. Post, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Crane

Runner-up 1 vs. Dimmitt, TBA

Denver City (W3) vs. Kermit (F4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews High School

Friona (R2) vs. Sanford-Fritch (T1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon High School

Breckenridge (W8) vs. F7, TBA

Cushoma (R8) vs. Sonora (T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, San Angelo Central High School.

Dublin (W7) vs. Clyde (F8), TBA

Grape Creek (R6) vs. Crane (T5) 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sterling City

Tulia (W2) vs. F1, TBA

Shallowater vs. Tornillo, TBA

Amarillo Highland Park (W1) vs. Littlefield (F2), 7 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M, Canyon.

Presidio (R4) vs. Brownfield (T3), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Monahans High School

Wall (W6) vs. Reagan County (F5) 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sterling City

Bangs (R7) vs. Eastland (T8), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Tuscola Jim Ned

Colorado City (W5) vs. San Angelo TLCA (F6), Monday, Water Valley High School

Tuscola Jim Ned (R8) vs. Comanche (T7), TBA

MCBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MC WOMEN WIN ONE, LOSE ONE IN ARIZONA

THATCHER, Ariz. — The Midland College women's basketball team split a pair of games over the weekend in Arizona to start the 2014-15 season.

On Friday, Midland College defeated Chandler-Gilbert College, 70-42, but the Lady Chaparrals lost to Eastern Arizona, 74-67, Saturday.

In Saturday's game, Mary Savoy led Midland College with 18 points as Sierra Dixon had 11 and Tajanay Veiga had 10 in the loss. Savoy also had nine rebounds.

Midland College (1-1) will return to action at 6 p.m. Tuesday with a non-conference game against Cisco Junior College on the road.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORE

EASTERN ARIZONA 74

MIDLAND COLLEGE 67

Midland College — Morgan Ashton 3 2-3 9, Tajanay Veiga 3 0-1 10, Sierra Dixon 4 0-0 11, Valentine Zambelli 2 0-2 6, Savoy 7 4-5 18, Waimaha Wright 4 0-0 8, Julia Zarth 0 1-1 1, Quinique Johnson 1 0-1 2, Manelka Garate 0 2-2 2. Totals 24 13-20 67

Eastern Arizona — Mookey Frett 2 0-0 5, Skinny Cooper 5 0-0 12, Danielle Loving 0 0-0 0, Natalia Hausmann 5 1-1 12, Chukwuma Chamaka 5 1-2 11, Jazzlynn Brewster 1 0-0 3, Jada Harris 1 2-6 4, Ashley Duffy 3 2-2 9, Jazmin Horne 4 10-10 18. Totals 4 16-21 74

Halftime score — MC 29, EAC 29. 3-point goals — MC 6 (Ashton, Dixon 3, Zambelli 2) EAC 6 (Frett, Cooper 2, Hausmann, Brewster, Duffy) Total fouls — MC 15, EAC 20. Fouled out — none.

Next: Midland College at Cisco College, 6 p.m. Tuesday

CHAPS SPLIT TWO GAMES IN PLANO

PLANO — The Midland College men's basketball team won one game and lost another on Friday and Saturday at the East West Challenge at Collin County College.

The Chaps (1-1) lost to No. 2-ranked Trinity Valley Community College, 89-79, on Friday, but then rebounded to beat Carl Albert College, 91-79, on Saturday.

Midland College will finish the tournament at 10 a.m. today against Lee College.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

VOLLEYBALL LCU SWEEPS FALCONS

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian swept the University of Texas of the Permian Basin volleyball team on Saturday, 25-17, 25-19, 25-13 in a Heartland Conference match at the Rip Griffin Center.

UTPB fell to 11-15 overal and 6-9 in Heartland Conferene play, and Lubbock Christian improved to 16-5 and 12-3 in conference play.

Morgann Davis led the Falcons with 10 kills and Ryley Carman added seven. Ariana Gallardo had 32 assists, and Marian Salazar led the Falcons with 16 digs.

UTPB will take on the University of the Southwest in a non-conference match at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home.

WOMEN'S SOCCER DALLAS BAPTIST SHUTS OUT UTPB

DALLAS — Three different players scored for Dallas Baptist in a 3-0 Heartland Conference victory against the University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's soccer team on Saturday.

Lindsey Eccles, Emilie MacDonald and Jolee Patterson all scored for the Patriots as they improved to 12-3-1 overall and 6-1 in Heartland Conference play.

The Falcons (2-13-1, 2-7-1 Heartland Conference) managed one shot from Mallory Martin.

UTPB will take on Oklahoma Christian at noon on Monday.

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Lady Chaps rally to beat Lady Plainsmen

Lady Chaps 3
Lady Plainsmen 2

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Midland College's Reina Rey (10) and Shelby Bartley (9) try to block a hit from Frank Phillips College's Kaila Overton on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

By Len Hayward
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The Midland College volleyball team looked like a squad Saturday afternoon that expelled a lot of energy in trying to upend rival Odessa College two days before.

The Lady Chaparrals were down a set to Frank Phillips College, a team that had one win in WJCAC play this season, and facing a frustrating result to end the regular season.

But Midland College rallied to win the final two sets and take a 21-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 15-9 victory in the regular season finale for both teams at Chaparral Center.

Midland College (13-18, 6-4 in WJCAC play) bounced back from its five-set loss to Odessa College on Wednesday and now will take a little bit of momentum into next week's NJCAA Region V Tournament in Roswell, New Mexico.

"We still won, not in good fashion but we won," Midland College coach Tammie Jimenez said. "We were just on our heels the first two-and-half sets, and I don't know what it was, and I tried to make it known to them that we've got to have the same mentality regardless of who you are competing against."

The Lady Plainsmen used an effective block and some scrappy play on the back row to frustrate the Lady Chaps through the early portion of the match. Midland College had leads in the first and third sets, the two sets it lost, only to have untimely errors help Frank Phillips climb back in it.

Midland College had to rally in the fourth set, but a block from Shelby Bartley gave the Lady Chaps the lead at 17-16, and they never gave it up the rest of the set. Midland College scored eight of the next 13 points, and then used that momentum to start the fifth set with an 8-4 lead.

"It was coming together as a team and focusing, and realizing what was at hand, and that we are still playing and still in season," said Bartley, who had four solo blocks and six block assists on Saturday along with eight kills. "I don't think anyone was surprised, I just think we weren't ready for it. We knew we were capable of coming out on top and we had to focus on what was at hand and finish it."

Midland College did finish by holding off a late Lady Plainsmen rally in the fifth set to clinch the match on a Alina Demidova kill.

Demidova had 15 kills to lead Midland College, and Samantha Orta, playing in her last home match at MC, had 34 assists.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE, 21-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 15-9
Midland College statistics
Kills: Alaina Crow 8, Anne-Meri Kaur 8, Alina Demidova 15, Krystal Lopez 2, Shelby Bartley 8, Sam Furtmann 1, Deeann Greehey 8, Reina Rey 3, Yahelis Villegas 10
Digs: Crow 8, Lopez 4, Bartley 3, Furtmann 5, Ashley Rocha 18, Greehey 5, Miya Price 1, Natasha Rodriguez 2, Sam Orta 13
Assists: Furtmann 23, Greehey 1, Orta 34
Blocks: Crow 1, Kaur 5, Demidova 1.5, Lopez 1.5, Bartley 7, Greehey .5, Rey 1, Villegas 2.5
Aces: Bartley 1, Furtmann 1, Rocha 1, Orta 2
Records: Midland College 13-8, 6-4 in WJCAC, Frank Phillips 12-24, 1-9
Next: Midland College vs. TBA, NJCAA Region V Tournament, Roswell, N.M.

Carriger, Vines win events at San Angelo meet

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Midland High sophomore Kile Carriger and MHS freshman Braden Vines each won a pair of events on Saturday during the San Angelo Swimming Invitational at the Gus Clemens Aquatic Center.

Carriger, who advanced to the state meet in 2014 in the 100-yard breaststroke, won the girls 200 individual medley with a time of 2 minutes, 10.52 seconds. She also won the 100 breaststroke with a time 1:07.33, edging out Lubbock Coronado's Kayla Gerhart by .3 second.

Carriger also was part of a MHS girls 200 medley relay team that won that race by more than two seconds. Carriger, who swam the breaststroke leg, teamed with freshman Mollie Wright (backstroke), junior Cassidy Hale (butterfly) and Dailey Parker (freestyle) for a time of 1:57.71 over Lubbock High.

Vines, meanwhile, won the boys 200 individual medley with a time of 1:59.40, which was three seconds better than second-place Tyler Hayes of Lubbock Coroando. Vines also won the boys 500-yard freestyle, clocking in at 4:52.38.

Lee sophomore Charlye Campbell won Friday's girls diving event with 421.8 points, and Midland High sophomore Garrett Martin won the boys diving event with 417.5 points.

Wright finished second in the girls 100 butterfly and was third in the 100 backstroke.

Lee senior Keely Martin was third in the girls 500 freestyle.

Also, the Midland High girls 400 freestyle relay team took second behind El Paso Franklin.

As a team the Midland High girls finished third overall in the team standings.

On the boys side, Midland High junior Zach Breeding took third in the boys 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.23.

The Midland ISD swim teams will next compete in the Midland Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the Mabee Aquatic Center.

Grady boys, Garden City girls going to state

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Garden City girls cross-country team and the Grady boys cross-country team each qualified for the Class A State Cross Country Championships on Saturday at the Region II-A meet.

The Garden City girls finished second with 102 points as Paint Rock won the event with 96.

Nohemi Cardenas led the Lady Bearkats with a time of 13 minutes, 23.98 seconds and finished in eighth place. Other finishers for Garden City were Holly Halfmann (16th, 13:43.02), Kortney Halfmann (22nd, 13:56.42), Alicia Gutierrez (24th, 13:57.09), Carlie Hollingsworth (32nd, 14:05.34), Kenzie Schaefer (35th, 14:11.96) and Bethany Matschek (41st, 14:24.37).

The Grady boys took third in the meet and had 157 points. Andrue Robles led the Wildcats with a ninth-place finish and a time of 18:22.70. Other finishers for Grady were Kyle Garza (22nd, 19:25.57), Carlos Flores (27th, 19:37.74), Devynn Smith (43rd, 20:07.31), Edrei Trejo (56th, 20:32.75), Braeden Jones (59th, 20:39.38) and Joseph Briseno (65th, 20:46.72).

The UIL State Cross Country Championships is scheduled for Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

HSFOOTBALL

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX
RANKIN 40, MARFA 26

Marfa	6	2	8	9—26	
Rankin	8	8	12	14—40	

First Quarter
RAN — Michael Rodriguez 4 run (kick failed), 8:39
MARFA — Alberto Ramos 35 run (Caleb Seegers kick), 7:52
Second Quarter
MARFA — Safety, 9:36
RAN — Michael Rodriguez 45 run (Michael Rodriguez kick), 5:32
Third Quarter
RAN — Michael Rodriguez 37 run (kick blocked), 8:47
RAN — Jonathan Stone 23 run (kick failed), 8:28
MARFA — Salvador Roman 4 run (Caleb Seegers kick), 5:52
Fourth Quarter
RAN — Si Exum 40 pass from Junior Rodriguez (Michael Rodriguez kick), 9:15
MARFA — Caleb Seegers 11 pass from Eduardo Amaro (Caleb Seegers kick), 1:45
RAN — Andrew Hutchens kickoff return (kick failed), 1:34

	MARFA	RANKIN
First Downs	7	8
Rushes-Yards	39-219	30-223
Passing Yards	97	72
Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-19-0	3-6-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-40
Punts-Avg.	5-4	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Marfa, Alberto Ramos 22-150, Salvador Roman 11-48, Eduardo Amaro 2-18, Elijah Prieto 4-3. Rankin, Michael Rodriguez 10-141, Jonathan Stone 11-67, Junior Rodriguez 8-11, Jacob Sanchez 1-6, Team 1-(-2)
PASSING — Marfa Eduardo Amaro 5-9-0-59, Alberto Ramos 1-7-0-25, Salvador Roman 2-3-0-13; Rankin, Junior Rodriguez 2-4-1-62, K.O. Ray 1-2-0-10
RECEIVING — Marfa, Gavin Livingston 3-51, Eduardo Amaro 1-25, Caleb Seegers 1-11, Orlando Sanchez 1-8, Salvador Roman 1-4, Horacio Ornelas 1-(-2). Rankin, Si Exum 2-62, Jacob Sanchez 1-10

SATURDAY'S SCORES
CLASS 6A
Aldine Eisenhower 23, Houston Memorial 21
Alief Taylor 19, Fort Bend Austin 14
Alvin 50, Pasadena 7
Cypress Falls 57, Cypress Creek 56, OT
Cypress Ridge 10, Cypress Lakes 7
Dickinson 42, League City Clear Creek 20
EP Socorro 45, EP Eastwood 18
Houston Lamar 58, Houston Milby 0
Houston Westside 62, Houston Westbury 7
Humble Kingwood 29, The Woodlands College Park 21
Katy Taylor 25, Katy Morton Ranch 21
Spring Westfield 52, Klein Forest 14

CLASS 5A
Beaumont Central 29, Port Neches-Groves 21, 2OT
Houston Madison 56, Houston Lee 0

CLASS 4A
Houston North Forest 50, Houston Davis 2
Orange Grove 33, Port Isabel 7

CLASS 2A
Tenaha 34, Overton 24

CLASS A
Lefors 55, Briscoe Fort Elliott 20
Savoy 49, Irving Universal 0

PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Houston Kinkaid 41, FW All Saints 32
League City Bay Area 72, Bryan St. Joseph 16
Rockwall Heritage 34, Dallas Covenant 32

OTHER
SA Atonement def. CC Annapolis, forfeit
Tyler Heat 71, Fort Worth THESA 56
Wylie Prep 60, Westlake Academy 8

Bayern wins $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Bayern won the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic by a nose, surviving a stewards' inquiry prompted by multiple horses bumping near the start of Saturday's race.

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert had to wait, along with a crowd of 61,114 at Santa Anita, to confirm that he had finally won North America's richest race after failing in 12 previous tries.

"It's been so long waiting, I was like, 'Lord, you can't take it away from me now,'" said Baffert, who has won just about every other big race in the sport, including three Kentucky Derbies. "I couldn't breathe the last 20 yards."

The two-day world championships concluded with trainer Chad Brown claiming three victories, while trainer Wesley Ward had two. European horses earned just one victory, with 30-1 shot Karakontie in the $2 million Mile.

"To be here and enjoy the week like we did and walk away with three winners is a dream come true," said Brown, who is based in New York.

The Mile surprise was one of four upsets Saturday. The biggest came in the $2 million Juvenile Fillies, with Take Charge Brandi kicking off the nine Cup races with a 61-1 upset for 79-year-old Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith extended his record for Cup victories to 21 with a win in the Filly & Mare Sprint with Judy the Beauty — the only favorite to win Saturday.

Three of four favorites won on opening day Friday.

In the Classic, Bayern ran 1 1/4 miles in 1:59.88 and paid $14.20, $8 and $5.20 at 6-1 odds.

Toast of New York returned $18 and $10.80. Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner California Chrome was another neck back in third and paid $5.40 to show.

Shared Belief, the 5-2 favorite co-owned by sports talk host Jim Rome, was knocked off his game at the start and finished fourth, ending his undefeated streak at seven.

"I think it cost me the race," Smith said of the early tangle. "I was never able to get comfortable after getting hit at the break."

The inquiry involved the first four finishers, with their numbers flashing for several minutes on the toteboard as the video was reviewed.

Scott Chaney, one of the track's three stewards, said that after talking to the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously decided that the bumping didn't affect the outcome. They decided that because it occurred early in the race, the affected horses still had a chance to run.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 109
PELICANS 104
NEW ORLEANS — Chandler Parsons scored 20 points and the Dallas Mavericks won their second straight, 109-104 over the New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday night.

Parsons made a momentum-swinging 3-pointer that gave Dallas a 101-96 lead in the middle of the fourth quarter. Monta Ellis added 17 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored 17 despite foul trouble, hitting a 12-foot fade over Anthony Davis that gave Dallas a 109-103 lead with 49 seconds left.

ROCKETS 104
CELTICS 90
HOUSTON — James Harden had 26 points and eight rebounds, and the Houston Rockets used a big first quarter to defeat the Boston Celtics 104-90 Saturday night.

Harden was 5 of 14 from the field, but he was 14 of 14 from the free throw line. He also had six assists.

GRIZZLIES 71
HORNETS 69
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Marc Gasol scored 22 points, and the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the Charlotte Hornets 71-69 on Saturday night to open 3-0 for the first time.

Zach Randolph had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Grizzlies.

RAPTORS 108
MAGIC 95
ORLANDO, Fla. — DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points, Kyle Lowry added 21 and the Toronto Raptors beat the Orlando Magic for the eighth straight time with a 108-95 victory on Saturday night.

The Raptors held the Magic to 35.8 percent shooting in the final quarter and put all five starters in double figures to win their second in a row.

WIZARDS 108
BUCKS 97
WASHINGTON — Paul Pierce was tossed before halftime in his first home game with the Washington Wizards, and Otto Porter picked up the slack with a career-high 21 points Saturday night in a 108-97 win over the Milwaukee Bucks.

HEAT 114
76ERS 96
PHILADELPHIA — Chris Bosh had 30 points and eight rebounds to lead the Miami Heat past the Philadelphia 76ers 114-96 on Saturday night.

NETS 102
PISTONS 90
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Joe Johnson scored 15 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter and the Brooklyn Nets earned their first victory of the season, beating the Detroit Pistons 102-90 Saturday night.

HAWKS 102
PACERS 92
ATLANTA — Jeff Teague scored 25 points, Al Horford added 20 and the Atlanta Hawks shook off a tumultuous offseason to beat Indiana 102-92 in their home opener Saturday night.

THUNDER 102
NUGGETS 91
OKLAHOMA CITY — Perry Jones and Serge Ibaka each scored 23 points to help the short-handed Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Denver Nuggets 102-91 on Saturday night for their first victory of the season.

NBA STANDINGS & BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	2	01.000		-
Boston	1	1.500		1
New York	1	1.500		1
Brooklyn	0	1.500		1
Philadelphia	0	3.000		2 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	2	01.000		-
Washington	2	1	.667	1/2
Charlotte	1	1.500		1
Atlanta	1	1.500		1
Orlando	0	3.000		2 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	1	1.500		-
Chicago	1	1.500		-
Indiana	1	2.333		1/2
Milwaukee	1	2.333		1/2
Detroit	1	3.000		1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	01.000		-
Memphis	3	01.000		-
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	1	1.500		1 1/2
New Orleans	1	1.500		1 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	1	1.500		-
Denver	1	1.500		-
Minnesota	1	1.500		-
Oklahoma City	1	2.333		1/2
Utah	0	2.000		1

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	2	01.000		-
Phoenix	2	01.000		-
Golden State	2	01.000		1/2
Sacramento	1	1.500		1
L.A. Lakers	3	3.000		2 1/2

Saturday's Scores
MAVERICKS 109, PELICANS 104
DALLAS (109): Parsons 7-13 4-4 20, Nowitzki 8-19 1-2 17, Chandler 5-7 1-4 11, Nelson 3-8 0-0 8, Ellis 7-14 3-3 17, Harris 4-7 2-4 12, Amru, 1 3-3 2-2, Wright 6-7 0-0 12. Barea 4-7 0-0 8. Jefferson 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 46-89 11-19 109
NEW ORLEANS (104): Evans 8-19 3-3 22, Davis 9-21 13-16 31, Asik 5-8 3-4 13, Holiday 10 19 1-1 24, Gordon 0-6 0-0 0, Anderson 5-11 0-0 11, Rivers 1 3-1 2-3, Salmons 0-2 0-0 0, Fredette 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-89 21-28 104
Dallas 32 34 20 23 — 109
New Orleans 26 26 37 15 — 104
3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-25 (Harris 2-4, Nelson 2-5, Parsons 2-6, Johnson 0-1, Amreu 0-1, Barea 0-1, Ellis 0-2, Nowitzki 0-5). New Orleans 7-19 (Evans 3-6, Holiday 3-8, Anderson 1-2, Rivers 0-1, Salmons 0-1, Gordon 0-1, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 53 (Chandler, Ellis 7). New Orleans 56 (Davis 15). Assists—Dallas 25 (Harris 6). New Orleans 24 (Evans 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 25. New Orleans 19. Technicals—Chandler, Evans. New Orleans defensive three second. A—14,547. (16,867)

ROCKETS 104, CELTICS 90
BOSTON (90): Green 7-19 2-2 17, Sullinger 6-15 2-3 14, Olynyk 3-6 2-2 8, Rondo 2-9 0-0 4, Bradley 3-11 0-0 6, Bass 4-8 0-0 8, Smart 0-7 2-2, Turner 3-8 2-2 8, Thornton 4-10 1-1 9, Zeller 2-2 4-5 8, Young 3-3 0-1 6. Pressey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-98 15-18 90
HOUSTON (104): Ariza 4-9 0-0 9, Jones 10-16 3-3 25, Howard 5-9 4-10 14, Canaan 3-11 0-2 9, Harden 5-14 14-14 26, Black 0-0 2-4 2, Terry 2-5 1-1 7, Papanikolaou 1-4 0-0 3, Motiejunas 1-4 4-6 6, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Daniels 1-2 0-0 3. Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-76 28-40 104
Boston 22 18 24 26 — 90
Houston 37 20 24 23 — 104
3-Point Goals—Boston 1-25 (Green 1-7, Bass 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Thornton 0-2, Olynyk 0-2, Sullinger 0-3, Bradley 0-4, Smart 0-5). Houston 12-34 (Canaan 3-9, Jones 2-4, Terry 2-5, Harden 2-6, Daniels 1-2, Ariza 1-3, Papanikolaou 1-3, Motiejunas 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 51 (Rondo 10). Houston 69 (Jones 10). Assists—Boston 20 (Rondo 8). Houston 20 (Harden 6). Total Fouls—Boston 26, Houston 24. Technicals—Sullinger. Houston defensive three second. A—18,309 (18,023)

GRIZZLIES 71, HORNETS 69
MEMPHIS (71): Prince 1-6 0-0 2, Randolph 6-12 0-0 12, Gasol 9-18 4-5 22, Conley 3-14 3-3 9, Allen 3-7 1-1 8, Carter 3-8 0-0 9, Pondexter 0-1 2-2 2, Koufos 0-2 1-2 1, Udrih 3-8 0-0 6, Leuer 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 29-80 10-13 71
CHARLOTTE (69): Kidd-Gilchrist 2-4 7-10 11, Williams 1-3 0-0 3, Jefferson 8-19 3-4 19, Walker 1-11 2-3 5, Stephenson 1-6 0-0 2, Henderson 4-7 0-0 8, Zeller 3-7 0-0 6, Neal 4-10 1-1 10, Mason 0-1 0-0 0. Roberts 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 28-72 13-18 69
Memphis 23 13 15 20 — 71
Charlotte 15 16 23 15 — 69
3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-11 (Carter 3-5, Prince 0-1, Leuer 0-1, Pondexter 0-1, Conley 0-3). Charlotte 4-14 (Roberts 1-2, Neal 1-3, Williams 1-3, Walker 1-5, Stephenson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 52 (Randolph 12), Charlotte 53 (Kidd-Gilchrist 12) Assists—Memphis 18 (Conley 7), Charlotte 17 (Walker, Stephenson 4). Total Fouls—Memphis 22, Charlotte 16. Technicals—Allen, Memphis defensive three second, Charlotte defensive three second 2. A—18,133. (19,077).

RAPTORS 108, MAGIC 95
TORONTO (108): Ross 3-7 7-12 16, A.Johnson 7-9 0-2 14, Valanciunas 2-6 0-0 4, Lowry 10, Lowry 5-12 9-11 21, DeRozan 9-18 8-10 26, Patterson 1-7 0-0 2, Hansbrough 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 0-3 5-6 5, J.Johnson 4-6 1-2 12, Vasquez 1-9 4-4 6, Fields 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 38-48 108.
ORLANDO (95): Harris 4-15 2-4 11, Frye 4-10 1-2 11, Vucevic 7-11 0-2 15, Payton 6-12 4-8 16, Fournier 1-5 0-0 2, Redmond 2-4 0-0 4, A.Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, B.Gordon 3-8 0-0 7, Dedmon 3-3 0-0 6, Hankless 3-6 0-1 7, Marble 0-1 0-0 0, Nicholson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-81 12-24 95.
Toronto 29 20 38 21 — 108
Orlando 26 26 26 17 — 95
3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-21 (Ross 2-5, Lowry 2-5, DeRozan 0-1, A.Johnson 0-2, Patterson 0-4, Vasquez 0-4). Orlando 7-20 (Frye 2-7, Vucevic 1-1, Harris 1-1, Hankless 1-3, B.Gordon 1-3, Fournier 1-4, Redmond 0-1). Fouled Out—Vucevic. Rebounds—Toronto 65 (Valanciunas 11). Orlando 50 (Vucevic 12). Assists—Toronto 13 (Lowry 5). Orlando 25 (Payton 9). Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Orlando 37. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second, A—16,141. (18,500).

HEAT 114, 76ERS 96
MIAMI (114): Deng 7-11 0-1 15, Williams 5-9 2-2 15, Bosh 9-17 10-11 30, Cole 4-7 0-0 10, Wade 4-18 1-1 9, Andersen 0-2 0-0 0, Chalmers 5-8 6-10 18, Napier 3-4 0-0 7, Ennis 2 3 0-0 5, McRoberts 1-3 1-2 3, Hamilton 1-1 0-0 2, Dawkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-83 20-29 114.
PHILADELPHIA (96): Mbah a Moute 4-10 1-2 9, Noel 1-4 0-0 2, Sims 4-9 1-2 9, Wroten 6-11 8-11 21, Thompson 4-8 0-0 10, Davies 7-9 3-4 18, Thomas 4-4 0-0 8, Johnson 2-4 0-0 5, McDaniels 2-4 3-4 8, Shved 1-4 3-3 6, Sampson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-67 19-26 96.
Miami 32 28 27 27 — 114
Philadelphia 30 24 29 13 — 96
3-Point Goals—Miami 12-24 (Williams 3-5, Chalmers 2-2, Cole 2-4, Bosh 2-5, Ennis 1-1, Napier 1-2, Deng 1-3, Wade 0-2). McRoberts 0-1). Philadelphia 7-23 (Thompson 2-5, Davies 1-2, Johnson 1-3, McDaniels 1-3, Wroten 1-4, Shved 1-4, Mbah a Moute 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 45 (Bosh 8). Philadelphia 45 (Thomas 9). Assists—Miami 33 (Wade 10). Philadelphia 28 (Wroten 10). Total Fouls—Miami 20, Philadelphia 21. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second. A—NA. (20,318).

WIZARDS 108, BUCKS 97
MILWAUKEE (97): Parker 5-17 2-2 13, Middleton 2-7 1-2 6, Sanders 2-4 4-4 8, Knight 9-15 3-4 24, Dudley 2-5 0-0 4, Pachulia 1-3 0-0 2, Mayo 7-11 1-1 19, Henson 1-3 0-0 2, Antetokounmpo 2-3 0-1 4, Bayless 5-10 8-8 20, Marshall 1-2 0-0 3, Ilyasova 3-6 1-2 8. Totals 34-76 20-24 97.
WASHINGTON (108): Pierce 0-3 2-2 2, Nene 10-12 2-3 22, Gortat 9-14 2-2 20, Wall 6-14 6-9 19, Temple 5-9 4-5 15, Singler 2-3 0-0 5, Porter Jr. 7-11 6-7 21, Rice Jr. 1-3 2-3 4, Gooden 1-5 0-0 2, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Blair 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-73 24-33 108.
Milwaukee 17 27 24 29 — 97
Washington 29 20 34 25 — 108
3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 9-22 (Knight 3-4, Bayless 2-2, Ilyasova 1-2, Marshall 1-2, Parker 1-3, Middleton 1-3, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Mayo 0-2, Dudley 0-3). Washington 4-13 (Temple 2-4, Porter Jr. 1-2, Wall 1-4, Nene 0-1, Rice Jr. 0-2, Pierce 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 48 (Parker 11). Washington 44 (Gortat 9). Assists—Milwaukee 18 (Knight 6). Washington 28 (Wall 10). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 26, Washington 21. Technicals—Milwaukee Coach Kidd, Mayo, Milwaukee defensive three second, Pierce 2, Wall. Washington defensive three second. Ejected—Pierce. A—17,960. (20,308).

NETS 102, PISTONS 90
BROOKLYN (102): Johnson 14-23 3-3 34, Garnett 7-15 4-4 18, Plumlee 4-6 2-4 10, Williams 7-19 0-0 15, Bogdanovic 1-7 0-0 2, Anderson 1-2 0-0 3, Blatche 4-7 2-2 10, Jack 1-4 0-0 2, Jordan 3-3 0-0 6, Karasev 0-0 0-0 0, Kirilenko 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-87 11-13 102.
DETROIT (90): Singler 2-7 0-0 5, Smith 6-15 2-8 14, Drummond 6-12 4-4 16, Jennings 6-14 6-6 18, Caldwell-Pope 3-10 4-4 10, Monroe 7-12 4-5 18, Butler 1-4 3-3 5, Augustin 1-5 4-4 6. Totals 32-76 25-35 90.
Brooklyn 33 26 22 21 — 102
Detroit 25 22 28 15 — 90
3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 7-26 (Johnson 3-8, Teletovic 2-5, Anderson 1-1, Williams 1-5, Plumlee 0-1, Jack 0-2, Bogdanovic 0-4). Detroit 1-17 (Singler 1-3, Smith 0-1, Butler 0-2, Augustin 0-2, Jennings 0-3, Caldwell-Pope 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 53 (Garnett 14). Detroit 48 (Monroe 11). Assists—Brooklyn 18 (Johnson, Williams 6). Detroit 21 (Jennings 9). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 23, Detroit 15. Technicals—Brooklyn defensive three second, Detroit defensive three second. A—19,904 (22,076).

HAWKS 102, PACERS 92
INDIANA (92): S.Hill 3-8 2-2 10, Scola 5-9 2-3 12, Hibbert 4-8 6-6 14, Stuckey 4-14 4-4 14, Miles 3-13 2-2 10, Stuckey 0-2 0-0 0, Copeland 7-16 1-3 21, Allen 3-7 0-0 6, Mahinmi 2-2 1-1 5, Rudez 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-81 18-21 92.
ATLANTA (102): Carroll 4-9 3-4 11, Millsap 5-9 2-4 13, Horford 9-14 2-2 20, Teague 7-14 10-10 25, Korver 3-5 1-2 9, Antic 2-4 2-3 7, Bazemore 1-3 0-0 3, Sefolosha 1-5 1-2 3, Mack 2-5 2-2 6, Scott 1-1 2-4 5. Totals 35-69 25-33 102
Indiana 18 26 19 29 — 92
Atlanta 27 24 19 32 — 102
3-Point Goals—Indiana 12-32 (Copeland 6-11, S.Hill 2-5, Sloan 2-6, Miles 2-7, Stuckey 0-1, Rudez 0-2). Atlanta 7-20 (Korver 2-3, Bazemore 1-1, Scott 1-1, Teague 1-2, Millsap 1-3, Antic 1-3, Horford 0-1, Sefolosha 0-1, Carroll 0-2, Mack 0-3) Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 48 (Hibbert 12). Atlanta 47 (Carroll 9). Assists—Indiana 25 (Stuckey 7). Atlanta 28 (Teague 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 26, Atlanta 20. A—19,118. (18,729).

THUNDER 102, NUGGETS 91
DENVER (91): Gallinari 3-6 0-0 7, Faried 3-6 1-2 7, Mozgov 4-6 2-2 10, Lawson 8-12 8-12 25, Affalo 5-11 2-2 14, Chandler 2-10 1-2 5, Nurkic 1-2 0-0 2, Arthur 1-6 0-0 2, Foye 2-6 0-0 5, Robinson 1-2 0-0 3, McGee 4-6 0-0 8, Gee 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-80 14-20 91
OKLAHOMA CITY (102): Jones 9-18 2-4 23, Ibaka 10-19 0-0 23, Adams 6-10 1-2 13, Telfair 1-1 0-2 4-4, Roberson 2-4 4-4 8, Collison 0-3 2-2 2, Thompson 3-9 0-0 9, Perkins 6-7 5-6 17. Totals 37-80 22-31 102
Denver 17 16 33 26 — 91
Oklahoma City 29 26 21 26 — 102
3-Point Goals—Denver 7-28 (Affalo 2-6, Robinson 1-2, Gallinari 1-2, Gee 1-2, Lawson 1-3, Foye 1-4, Arthur 0-2, Chandler 0-5). Oklahoma City 6-20 (Ibaka 3-7, Jones 3-7, Roberson 0-1, Collison 0-1, Telfair 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 49 (Chandler, Gee 7). Oklahoma City 54 (Thomas, Roberson 8). Assists—Denver 19 (Lawson 5). Oklahoma City 24 (Telfair 9). Total Fouls—Denver 26, Oklahoma City 26. Technicals—Robinson. A—18,203 (18,203).

Rosberg on pole, boycott threat at US Grand Prix

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Nico Rosberg earned a chance to tighten the Formula One championship duel with Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton by winning the pole position Saturday for the U.S. Grand Prix, while the race faced an early threat of a boycott by several teams that are struggling financially.

Rosberg edged Hamilton by .376 seconds at the Circuit of the Americas. Valtteri Bottas of Williams will start third.

Hamilton leads Rosberg by 17 points in the drivers' championship with three races left.

Saturday's qualifying was clouded by the roiling tensions between Formula One's wealthiest teams and those struggling to survive. Two teams, Marussia and Caterham, had already dropped out of today's race because of financial problems, reducing the grid to at most 18 cars, the smallest in nine years.

For several hours, it looked like it could get quite a bit smaller.

Sahara Force India deputy principal Bob Fernley said his team, Sauber and Lotus, were discussing a potential boycott today or pulling out after one lap but wouldn't commit to either action.

"It's something that has to be discussed with the team owners. That's quite a serious decision and they're the only ones who can make it," Fernley said. "It's not off the table, that's for sure."

The threat seemed to fade by late afternoon.

Lotus officials dismissed the chance of sitting out the race, and Sauber team principal Monisha Kaltenborn said her team wanted to "maximize" driver Adrian Sutil's first top 10 qualifying position this season.

Then Formula One commercial boss Bernie Ecclestone and Circuit of the Americas Chairman Bobby Epstein said the teams will race.

"Forget all that," Ecclestone said. "They will be racing, I give you a guarantee, but I worry if they will be racing next year."

The mere threat of action conjured images of the disastrous U.S. Grand Prix of 2005, when a boycott over tire safety left only six cars racing. Winner Michael Schumacher was booed on the podium, the traditional champagne celebration was canceled and the public address announcer implored fans not throw things.

The current conflict between top teams and those struggling to survive reached the critical stage this week with the collapse of Marussia and Caterham.

Lotus, Sahara Force India, and Sauber sparred with Mercedes and McLaren officials in a contentious news conference Friday, arguing whether Formula One should adopt spending caps or other means to help smaller teams survive.

Ecclestone further enflamed things when he told Sky Sports the small teams are needed only "if they are going to be there performing properly and not moving around with begging buckets."

Rosberg and Hamilton, who have waged a season-long duel for the title, declined comment on the potential boycott.

Former Formula One world champion Jackie Stewart said a boycott would be a bad move by the teams and their business partners.

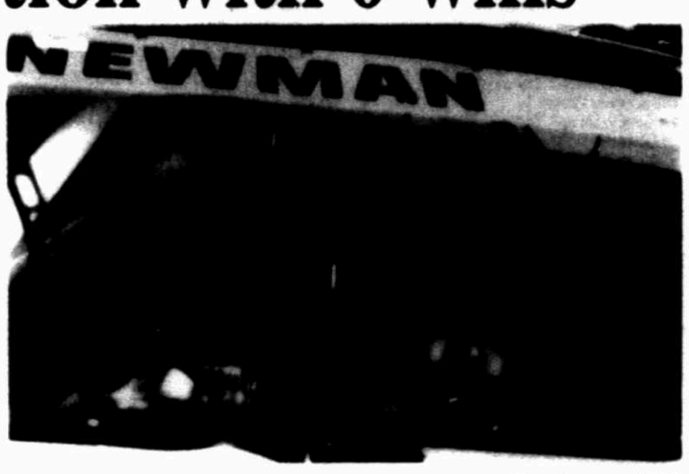
"I can't imagine that would be a sensible thing for any team to do," Stewart said. "Formula One is the largest commercial sport in the world. That's the last thing you want to be playing around with."

United States Grand Prix Lineup

After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Circuit of the Americas
Austin, Texas
Lap length: 3.426 miles
Third Session
1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1 minute, 36.087 seconds.
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 1:36.443.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 1:36.908.
4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 1:37.205.
5. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:37.244.
6. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 1:37.616.
7. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 1:37.705.
8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:37.804.
9. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 1:38.010.
Eliminated after second session
10. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1:38.467.
11. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:38.554.
12. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 1:37.055.
13. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:39.096.
Eliminated after first session
14. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 1:39.209.
15. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 1:39.588.
16. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:39.670.
17. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 1:39.682.
18. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 1:39.821.

Newman, Kenseth in Chase contention with 0 wins

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



Jim Cowser/AP

Ryan Newman sits in his car during practice Saturday for today's Sprint Cup race at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

FORT WORTH — Ryan Newman and Matt Kenseth look a bit out of place this late in NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship with those zeroes under the column for wins.

But with two races left to determine the four drivers who will compete for the season title in the finale at Homestead, they are in the thick of the Chase race.

Kenseth starts on the pole today at Texas, with Newman starting seventh.

"A championship is still a championship, and the trophy doesn't have the number of wins underneath it. If we win the championship, that would be great in any form or fashion," Newman said. "But we're here to win races as well, and there would be nothing better than to win the next three. There's no guarantee in any of that."

Newman is the shocking surprise among the eight drivers still in contention for the championship. The Richard Childress Racing driver is second in the standings, after starting the final 10-race chase last among the 16 drivers who advanced.

With consecutive top-five finishes, including third at Martinsville last week, Newman doubled his season total. He finished in the top five only twice in the 26 races before the Chase.

"We've gotten stronger as the year has gone. The last two races were nice; to have back-to-back top-fives is something that is much needed at this time of the year for our team," Newman said. "We wouldn't be here if we weren't a contender for the championship. But like I said before, there are no guarantees to anything. There's no guarantees that we don't wad it up on the first lap here and don't make it to Homestead."

Newman won eight races in 2003, but finished sixth in the Cup standings. That also was the year he won at Texas.

Kenseth has won twice at the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile Texas track, where his average finish of 8.25 is the best of any driver with at least five starts. This will be his 25th race in Texas, where his 13 top-fives and 17 top 10s are track records, and where his 775 laps led are surpassed by only Tony Stewart's 801.

GORDON IS TMS SENTIMENTAL FAVORITE

Jeff Gordon won the last of his four NASCAR Cup titles in 2001. He goes into the race at Texas as the points leader, and starting on the front row beside pole-sitter Kenseth.

Gordon was asked this week if he feels like the favorite to win the title, or at least the sentimental favorite.

"Maybe sentimental, certainly to the No. 24 fans, I know we are. I think a lot of people would look at it as, "Oh, he is 43 and he hasn't won a championship since 2001,"' Gordon said. "It is all about how you feel about what you are bringing to the track every weekend; and I feel really good about that."

There have been four second-place finishes the last eight races, including last weekend at Martinsville. But he also has a pair of 26th-place finishes in that span.

Gordon said his confidence level is the highest it has been in a long time.

"We've been really strong and we started early on in the season running well. And we've just been able to fine-tune on that as the year has gone on. And that builds chemistry and communication," he said. "You back that up with good performances and wins and getting in the position that we're in now and yeah, your confidence is high. And mine is. It's awesome. It feels good to be feeling this good in this position at this stage of the season."

AAA Texas 500 lineup

After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Texas Motor Speedway
Fort Worth, Texas
Lap length: 1.5 miles
Top Qualifier
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 199.299 mph
2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 199.291
3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 198.983
4. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 198.91
5. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 198.836
6. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 198.508
7. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 198.5
8. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 198.398
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 198.333
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 198.071
11. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 198.042
12. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 197.744
13. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 198.646
14. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 198.632
15. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 198.515
16. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 198.493
17. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 198.354
18. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 198.311
19. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 198.129
20. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 197.773
21. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 197.751
22. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 197.477
23. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 197.067
24. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 196.707
25. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 197.571
26. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 197.181
27. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 196.822
28. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 196.685
29. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 196.635
30. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 196.385
31. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 196.364
32. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 195.986
33. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 195.751
34. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 195.744
35. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 195.659
36. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 195.503
37. (34) David Ragan, Ford, Owner Points
38. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, Owner Points
39. (83) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, Owner Points
40. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, Owner Points
41. (66) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, Owner Points
42. (33) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Owner Points
43. (32) Joey Gase, Ford, Owner Points

Kyle Busch wins another race at TMS

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Kyle Busch won the Nationwide Series race at Texas on Saturday, giving him a chance for a tripleheader sweep this weekend.

It was Busch's 141st victory in NASCAR's top three series and record-extending 70th in the Nationwide Series. He also was won 29 times in the Sprint Cup Series and his 42nd victory in the Camping World Truck Series came Friday night at the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile track.

He has 15 victories this season, seven each in Nationwide and Truck and one in Cup.

Busch led 116 of 200 laps and finished 1 1/2 seconds ahead of Joey Logano, giving Joe Gibbs Racing its 100th Nationwide victory.

While Busch is out of contention in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, he will start ninth Sunday with a chance to complete his first NASCAR weekend trifecta since the fall of 2010 at Bristol.

Nationwide season leader Chase Elliott finished fourth, moving 48 points ahead of Regan Smith with two races left. Smith finished 11th.

Elliott was the only top-five finisher who is eligible for the season title in NASCAR's second-tier series. Ryan Blaney finished third, and Matt Kenseth was fifth.

Busch led six times, while Logano was in front five times for 59 laps. There were six consecutive lead changes involving the two from Lap 59 to 180.

Smith led for five laps when the leaders took their final green-flag stops with 20 laps left. Busch regained the lead on Lap 186, and held on from there.

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS CHALLENGE

Saturday
At Texas Motor Speedway
Fort Worth
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (6) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200 laps, 142, 3 rating, 0 points, $68,475.
2. (1) Joey Logano, Ford, 200, 133, 5, 0, $56,600.
3. (5) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 117, 7, 0, $37,850.
4. (11) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 101, 40, $39,675.
5. (13) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 200, 104, 6, 0, $26,825.
6. (4) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 200, 107, 6, 38, $27,725.
7. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 103, 9, 0, $21,510.
8. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200, 103, 6, 0, $19,250.
9. (17) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 200, 88, 9, 35, $24,125.
10. (22) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 200, 77, 34, $26,350.
11. (9) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 200, 93, 9, 14, $22,400.
12. (38) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 93, 1, 0, $15,850.
13. (15) Chris Buescher, Ford, 200, 84, 1, 31, $21,325.
14. (14) Dylan Kwasnewski, Chevrolet, 199, 79, 6, 30, $20,900.
15. (8) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 199, 84, 6, 29, $21,325.
16. (12) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 199, 77, 5, 28, $20,550.
17. (10) Ryan Reed, Ford, 199, 73, 7, 27, $20,625.
18. (21) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 199, 65, 4, 26, $20,300.
19. (27) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 198, 64, 4, 25, $20,175.
20. (23) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 197, 57, 1, 24, $20,750.
21. (24) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 197, 58, 9, 23, $19,925.
22. (29) Kevin Swindell, Dodge, 197, 55, 6, 22, $19,795.
23. (16) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 196, 64, 1, 0, $19,845.
24. (28) James Buescher, Toyota, 195, 59, 8, 20, $19,495.
25. (26) David Starr, Toyota, 194, 51, 1, 19, $19,845.
26. (25) Eric McClure, Toyota, 194, 41, 9, 18, $19,220.
27. (32) Tanner Berryhill, Toyota, 194, 38, 1, 17, $19,095.
28. (19) Chad Boat, Chevrolet, 193, 46, 9, 16, $18,970.
29. (37) Robert Richardson Jr., Chevrolet, 192, 34, 7, 15, $18,895.
30. (34) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 187, 32, 9, 14, $19,145.
31. (35) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 168, 36, 4, 13, $18,790.
32. (20) Corey LaJoie, Ford, accident, 128, 63, 7, 0, $18,730.
33. (18) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, accident, 127, 57, 6, 11, $18,690.
34. (30) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, engine, 85, 41, 4, 10, $18,655.
35. (33) Martin Roy, Chevrolet, engine, 64, 39, 9, $12,582.
36. (2) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 48, 85, 3, 9, $17,650.
37. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, axle, 34, 35, 3, 7, $17,615.
38. (39) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, engine, 33, 30, 3, 6, $17,561.
39. (31) Blake Koch, Toyota, vibration, 4, 29, 7, 5, $11,445.
40. (40) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, vibration, 3, 28, 6, 4, $11,405.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 134.815 mph
Time of Race: 2 hours, 13 minutes, 31 seconds
Margin of Victory: 1.561 seconds
Caution Flags: 4 for 27 laps
Lead Changes: 13 among 5 drivers
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-33, T.Bayne 34-48, J.Logano 49-52, K.Busch 53-63, M.Kenseth 64-68, K.Busch 69-115, J.Logano 116-126, K.Busch 126-137, J.Logano 138, K.Busch 139-157, J.Logano 158-168, K.Busch 169-180, R.Smith 181-185, K.Busch 186-200

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 6 times for 116 laps; J.Logano, 5 times for 59 laps; T.Bayne, 1 time for 15 laps; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 5 laps; R.Smith, 1 time for 5 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 1,146; 2. R.Smith, 1,098; 3. B.Scott, 1,083; 4. E.Sadler, 1,078; 5. T.Dillon, 1,071; 6. T.Bayne, 1,017; 7. C.Buescher, 943; 8. B.Gaughan, 903; 9. R.Reed, 847; 10. D.Kwasnewski, 813.

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

NHRA PAIRINGS

Toyota Nationals
Saturday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas
Pairings based on results in qualifying, which ended Saturday; DNQs listed below pairings
Top Fuel
1. R. Todd, 3.732 seconds, 327.43 mph vs. 16. T.J. Zizzo, 3.835, 318.15. 2. Spencer Massey, 3.744, 330.39 vs. 15. Terry McMillen, 3.827, 323.04. 3. Doug Kalitta, 3.747, 322.81 vs. 14. Brittany Force, 3.805, 325.37. 4. Richie Crampton, 3.748, 325.14 vs. 13. Bob Vandergriff, 3.793, 320.05. 5. Tony Schumacher, 3.754, 330.55 vs. 12. Billy Torrence, 3.791, 326.63. 6. Leah Pritchett, 3.755, 319.29 vs. 11. Antron Brown, 3.790, 320.89. 7. Steve Torrence, 3.760, 327.66 vs. 10. Shawn Langdon, 3.787, 320.66. 8. Larry Dixon, 3.766, 326.71 vs. 9. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.781, 320.36. Did Not Qualify: 17. Kebin Kinsley, 3.850, 316.97. 18. Clay Millican, 3.854, 319.90. 19. Noah Stutz, 3.876, 315.19. 20. Troy Buff, 3.885, 313.73. 21. Steve Faria, 4.021, 254.71. 22. Steven Chrisman, broke.
Funny Car
1. Matt Hagan, Dodge Charger, 3.993, 322.42 vs. 16. Terry Haddock, Toyota Solara, 4.290, 294.69. 2. John Force, Ford Mustang, 4.022, 320.66 vs. 15. Jon Capps, Chevy Impala, 4.163, 279.21. 3. Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.024, 320.66 vs. 14. Paul Lee, Charger, 4.151, 301.40. 4. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.037, 322.34 vs. 13. Tony Pedregon, Toyota Camry, 4.131, 305.42. 5. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.042, 310.91 vs. 12. Del Worsham, Camry, 4.090, 311.13. 6. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.045, 318.84 vs. 11. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.089, 316.52. 7. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.061, 313.58 vs. 10. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.079, 314.17. 8. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.065, 311.41 vs. 9. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.076, 308.35. Did Not Qualify: 17. Cruz Pedregon, 4.719, 294.05. 18. John Boyle, 4.960, 232.51. 19. Jeff Diehl, 5.377, 202.79.
Pro Stock
1. Erica Enders-Stevens, Chevy Camaro, 6.576, 209.88 vs. 16. Jeff Isbell, Camaro, 6.829, 204.29. 2. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.596, 209.30 vs. 15. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.673, 206.54. 3. Jeg Coughlin, Dodge Dart, 6.597, 209.20 vs. 14. Aaron Stanfield, Camaro, 6.670, 206.57. 4. Dave Connolly, Camaro, 6.601, 208.76 vs. 13. V. Gaines, Dodge Avenger, 6.653, 208.59. 5. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.605, 209.56 vs. 12. Matt Hartford, Avenger, 6.649, 208.14. 6. Allen Johnson, Dart, 6.605, 209.10 vs. 11. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.645, 207.59. 7. Jonathan Gray, Camaro, 6.614, 209.20 vs. 10. Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.633, 208.68. 8. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.616, 208.65 vs. 9. Rodger Brogdon, Camaro, 6.627, 209.36. Did Not Qualify: 17. Steve Schmidt, 6.843, 202.48. 18. Deric Kramer, 7.308, 203.31.
Pro Stock Motorcycle
1. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.856, 194.38 vs. 16. John Hall, Buell, 7.036, 190.92. 2. Matt Smith, Buell, 6.882, 195.76 vs. 15. Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 7.027, 189.68. 3. Michael Ray, Suzuki, 6.863, 195.79 vs. 14. Jim Underdahl, Suzuki, 6.996, 190.14. 4. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.893, 193.60 vs. 13. Hector Arana Jr. Buell, 6.989, 194.41. 5. Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 6.930, 194.41 vs. 12. Shawn Gann, Buell, 6.986, 191.16. 6. Katie Sullivan, Suzuki, 6.935, 192.49 vs. 11. Adam Arana, Buell, 6.979, 193.68. 7. Hector Arana, Buell, 6.941, 194.07 vs. 10. Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 6.972, 191.82. 8. Angie Smith, Buell, 6.960, 193.27 vs. 9. Chaz Kennedy, Buell, 6.967, 192.06. Did Not Qualify: 17. Elvira Karlsson, 7.037, 188.67. 18. Mike Berry, 7.062, 189.60. 19. Rhett Lougheed, 7.114, 190.75. 20. Freddie Camarena, 7.835, 191.67. 21. Lance Bonham, 7.891, 174.05. 22. Redell Harris, 9.334, 190.22. 23. Angelle Sampey, broke.

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Vanek, power play lift Wild past Stars

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

Wild	4
Stars	1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Thomas Vanek scored on a power play, a pair of firsts this season for Minnesota, and the Wild stayed unbeaten at home with a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Saturday night.

Mikael Granlund and Matt Dumba scored in a three-goal second period for the Wild, but Vanek's snap shot off a behind-the-goal-line pass from Zach Parise with 57 seconds left before the intermission drew the loudest roar from the crowd.

Not only did the puck that whizzed past goalie Kari Lehtonen's glove give Minnesota a 3-1 lead, but it gave Vaaek his first goal in 10 games with the Wild.

Just as importantly, it took their stumbling power play off the hook. That was their first goal this season in 29 extra-skater opportunities, the last NHL team to get one.

Nino Niederreiter added another power-play goal, a slick between-the-skates tip-in of Ryan Suter's feed in the third period.

Vernon Fiddler scored for the Stars, just 7 seconds after Dumba's goal, but they were outshot 30-20. The Wild have outshot every opponent this season, by a whopping total of 350 to 229.

Killer Bees edge Jackalopes in SO

From staff reports

ODESSA — Rio Grande Valley forced a split with the Odessa Jackalopes in their two-game set this week as the Killer Bees beat the Jackalopes, 3-2, in a shootout on Saturday at the Ector County Coliseum.

Each team scored a goal in the second period as Odessa's Derek Brown scored off assists from Kenny Hausinger and Leo Lumm to tie the game just under four minutes into the period.

The Killer Bees, though, took a 2-1 lead midway through the third period on a goal from JB Baker. But Odessa's Alex Alger tied the game seven minutes later and eventually forced overtime and the shootout.

Rio Grande Valley's Guy Roby and Parker Wood each scored in the shootout, and Derek Brown was the lone Jackalope to score.

Odessa (5-10-1, 11 points) will return to action at 7:05 p.m. Friday against Corpus Christi on the road.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	11	8	2	1	17	29	29
Tampa Bay	12	8	3	1	17	42	32
Detroit	10	6	2	2	14	27	21
Boston	13	7	6	0	14	36	32
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13	32	28
Ottawa	10	5	3	2	12	28	26
Florida	9	4	2	3	11	14	18
Buffalo	12	2	9	1	5	13	41

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	10	7	2	1	15	41	22
New Jersey	11	6	3	2	14	33	36
N.Y. Islanders	10	6	4	0	12	35	36
N.Y. Rangers	10	5	4	1	11	27	31
Washington	10	4	4	2	10	30	27
Philadelphia	11	4	5	2	10	33	38
Columbus	11	4	7	0	8	28	37
Carolina	9	1	6	2	4	18	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	10	7	3	0	14	35	18
Nashville	10	6	2	2	14	26	21
Chicago	11	6	4	1	13	29	22
Dallas	11	4	3	4	12	34	39
St. Louis	9	5	3	1	11	22	18
Winnipeg	11	5	5	1	11	21	26
Colorado	11	3	4	4	10	27	32

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	12	9	3	0	18	33	22
Vancouver	10	7	3	0	14	34	29
Los Angeles	11	6	3	2	14	26	23
Calgary	12	6	4	2	14	31	27
San Jose	12	6	4	2	14	38	34
Edmonton	10	4	5	1	9	27	36
Arizona	10	3	6	1	7	22	37

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Winnipeg 1, N.Y. Rangers 0, SO
Boston 4, Ottawa 2
Toronto 3, Chicago 2
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
Florida 2, Philadelphia 1
New Jersey 3, Columbus 2
Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 0
Carolina 3, Arizona 0
Minnesota 4, Dallas 1
Colorado at St. Louis, late
Vancouver at Edmonton, late
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Detroit at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 8:30 p.m.

COWBOYS

From 1C

good, and if I don't, I'll be ready if something happens."

It's a much different scenario than the last time Romo injured his back against Washington — last December. He played through a herniated disk that required surgery five days later, knocking him out of a loss to Philadelphia that cost the Cowboys a playoff spot.

Kyle Orton drew the start against the Eagles, and played well. But his second interception, with less than 2 minutes remaining, sealed Philadelphia's 24-22 win.

It was Orton's only start in two seasons behind Romo, and he skipped out on the final year of his contract by failing to report and eventually forcing the Cowboys to release him. He's the starter in Buffalo now.

With the uncertainty surrounding Orton, the Cowboys grabbed Weeden in the offseason after the Browns gave up on him with a 5-15 record and more interceptions (26) than touchdowns (23).

Because of Romo's recovery from back surgery, Weeden got more quality practice work in the offseason and training camp than most backups. And he's been the No. 1 guy every Wednesday in practice during the regular season as part of Romo's post-surgery routine.

Weeden got a boost on his first play in relief of Romo because DeMarco Murray went 51 yards to inside the Washington 10.

The Cowboys had to settle for a field goal before Weeden led an 80-yard drive capped by his 25-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten for a 17-all tie in the fourth quarter.

"I had made that throw a couple of times in training camp," Weeden said. "It's just nice to have the rhythm, the repertoire with those guys. A comfort level is the biggest thing and timing and stuff like that."

The Cowboys don't figure to look much different offensively. They'll try to establish Murray just as they have every week — he has the longest season-opening streak of 100-yard games in league history with eight. And they'll try to throw to Witten, Dez Bryant and Terrance Williams and others.

"I think Brandon has proven he can do anything we ask him to do in the offense," Garrett said. "We'll game plan with that in mind. He showed that in the game the other night that he's comfortable with the system that we have and in what we ask him to do."

GOLFSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

CIMB Classic Scores
Saturday
At Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 6,985; Par: 72
Third Round
(e-amateur)

Kevin Na	69-68-67—204
Ryan Moore	68-69-67—204
Sergio Garcia	69-68-68—205
Billy Hurley III	67-67-71—205
Gary Woodland	71-70-66—207
Bae Sang-Moon	71-68-68—207
Kevin Chappell	69-68-70—207
Kevin Streelman	68-68-71—207
Brendon de Jonge	70-73-65—208
Patrick Reed	70-70-68—208
Angelo Que	67-72-69—208
Cameron Smith	70-69-69—208
Jeff Overton	68-69-71—208
John Senden	72-68-69—209
Prom Meesawat	68-71-70—209
Seung-Yul Noh	68-69-72—209
David Love III	68-71-71—210
Greg Chalmers	75-68-68—211
Danny Lee	69-69-73—211
Brian Stuard	67-72-72—211
Lee Westwood	72-65-74—211
Rory Sabbatini	70-72-70—212
Charl Schwartzel	74-70-68—212
Nicholas Thompson	69-73-70—212
Luke Guthrie	73-68-71—212
Scott Stallings	69-70-67—212
Paul Casey	73-68-71—212
Hideki Matsuyama	70-70-72—212
Jonathan Byrd	70-74-68—213
Jason Dufner	74-70-69—213
Stephen Leeton	74-69-70—213
Retief Goosen	74-70-69—213
Will MacKenzie	69-73-71—213
Ryo Ishikawa	69-71-73—213
Mike Weir	73-69-72—213
Billy Horschel	72-68-73—213
David Lingmerth	68-72-73—213
Jonas Blixt	69-69-75—213
Heath Slocum	71-73-70—214
Jason Knutzon	72-70-72—214
Charlie Wi	74-70-70—214
Pat Perez	72-73-69—214
Michael Putnam	71-72-72—215
Chris Stroud	70-74-71—215
Trevor Immelman	74-70-71—215
Jhonattan Vegas	74-71-70—215
Matt Every	69-73-74—216
K.J. Choi	71-74-71—216
Rikard Karlberg	65-76-75—216
Anirban Lahiri	74-72-70—216
Kyle Stanley	76-71-69—216
Marc Leishman	74-72-71—217
Troy Merritt	72-75-70—217
Antonio Lascuna	72-72-74—218
Steven Bowditch	71-73-74—218
Brice Garnett	70-75-73—218
Tim Wilkinson	68-79-71—218
Robert Allenby	73-73-73—219
Morgan Hoffmann	72-74-73—219
a-Tian-Lang Guan	76-71-72—219
Matt Jones	81-69-69—219
James Hahn	74-77-68—219
Tim Clark	72-74-74—220
Stewart Cink	74-73-73—220
Brian Davis	71-75-75—221
Boo Weekley	75-72-74—221
Will Wilcox	75-74-72—221
Danny Chia	75-74-72—221
Nicholas Fung	73-74-75—222
Ricky Barnes	71-77-74—222
Roberto Castro	77-74-71—222
J.B. Holmes	75-77-70—222
Carlos Ortiz	76-72-75—223
David Lipsky	74-73-77—224
Chesson Hadley	75-75-74—224
Charlie Beljan	76-75-74—225
Seuk-hyun Baek	81-72-77—230

LPGA

Fubon LPGA Taiwan Championship Scores
Saturday
At Miramar Resort and Country Club
Taipei, Taiwan
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,439; Par: 72
Third Round
a-amateur

Inbee Park	64-62-69—195
Stacy Lewis	67-68-64—199
Shanshan Feng	64-65-70—199
Azahara Munoz	68-66-69—203
So Yeon Ryu	66-70-68—204
Mariajo Uribe	71-67-67—205
Brittany Lang	70-67-68—205
Lydia Ko	69-65-71—205
Eun-Hee Ji	67-71-68—206
Amy Yang	70-68-68—206
Thidapa Suwannapura	70-69-68—207
Mirim Lee	72-62-73—207
Mina Harigae	72-71-65—208
Sandra Gal	71-68-69—208
I.K. Kim	67-71-70—208
Mi Hyang Lee	68-70-70—208
Ayako Uehara	70-68-72—210
Caroline Masson	72-70-67—209
Pernilla Lindberg	69-71-69—209
Belen Mozo	72-68-69—209
Lizette Salas	72-68-69—209
Carlota Ciganda	70-69-70—209
Laura Diaz	68-71-70—209
Kim Kaufman	71-68-70—209
Chella Choi	70-68-73—209
Na Yeon Choi	68-68-73—209
Julieta Granada	72-69-69—210
Candie Kung	69-71-70—210
Marina Alex	71-68-71—210
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	72-66-72—210
Michelle Wie	68-70-72—210
Lina Vestal	66-68-76—210
Pei-Yun Chien	70-72-69—211
Beatriz Recari	70-71-70—211
Haru Nomura	66-71-74—211
Suzanni Pettersen	70-67-74—211
a-Ssu-Chia Cheng	66-70-75—211
Moriya Jutanugarn	69-67-75—211
Jennifer Johnson	72-71-69—212
Yani Tseng	69-74-69—212
a-Mika Liu	72-70-70—212
Hee Young Park	72-69-71—212
Paula Reto	70-71-71—212
Dori Carter	74-66-72—212
Wei Ling Hsu	70-70-72—212
Tiffany Joh	70-70-72—212
Anna Nordqvist	71-69-72—212
Mo Martin	72-68-73—213
Yu-Ling Hseih	73-70-70—213
Katherine Kirk	73-69-71—213
Ilhee Lee	69-72-72—213
Meena Lee	71-70-72—213
Danielle Kang	72-68-73—213
Ji Young Oh	71-68-74—213
Sarah Jane Smith	70-67-76—213
Pei-Lin Yu	71-69-74—214
Caroline Hedwall	72-73-69—214
a-Doris Chen	71-72-73—216
Karine Icher	72-71-73—216
Tzu-Chi Lin	70-73-73—216
Pei-Ying Tse	73-73-71—217
Phoebe Yao	73-72-72—217
Ai-Chen Kuo	73-69-75—217
Pornanong Phatlum	72-70-75—217
Jenny Shin	76-72-70—218
Huan-Ju Shih	73-71-74—218
Sun Young Yoo	76-72-71—219
Amelia Lewis	76-68-75—219
Yu-Chen Huang	75-74-71—220
Kris Tamulis	77-71-72—220
Babe Liu	78-69-73—220
Szu-Han Chen	74-75-72—221
Dewi Claire Schreefel	72-74-75—221
Christina Kim	76-71-75—222
Laura Davies	71-74-77—222
Hsuan-Ping Chang	75-74-74—223
Ya Hueh Lu	76-71-76—223
Ai Miyazato	73-75-76—224
I-Wen Chen	77-78-81—236

PGA European

BMW Masters Leading Scores
Saturday
At Lake Malaren Golf Club (Masters Course)
Shanghai
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 7,007; Par: 72
Third Round

Alexander Levy, France	65-66-63—194
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	68-68-62—198
Marcel Siem, Germany	68-66-65—199
Justin Rose, England	72-65-64—201
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	66-68-69—203
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	66-64-73—203
Graeme McDowell, N. Ireland	67-69-68—204
Romain Wattel, France	66-67-71—204
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	72-69-64—205
Robert Karlsson, Sweden	69-70-66—205
George Coetzee, South Africa	71-67-67—205
Ryan Palmer, United States	70-67-68—205
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	70-66-69—205
Ross Fisher, England	70-67-68—205
Branden Grace, South Africa	68-66-71—205
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	70-68-68—206
Ernie Els, South Africa	69-68-69—206
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	69-68-69—206
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	68-67-71—206
Also	
Victor Dubuisson, France	70-70-68—208
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	71-70-69—210
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	72-69-72—213
Ian Poulter, England	74-69-70—213
Chris Kirk, United States	73-72-68—213
Francesco Molinari, Italy	69-74-71—214
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	71-70-73—214
Brooks Koepka, United States	73-72-70—215
Paul McGinley, Ireland	71-73-71—215
Kevin Stadler, United States	73-71-72—216
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	77-70-72—219

Champions

Charles Schwab Cup Scores
Saturday
At Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)
Scottsdale, Arizona
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 6,929; Par 70
Third Round

Kenny Perry	66-68-68—202
Tom Pernice Jr.	65-67-70—202
Jay Haas	66-62-75—203
Colin Montgomerie	71-67-66—204
Fred Couples	71-64-69—204
Wes Short, Jr.	69-67-69—205
Marco Dawson	69-67-69—205
Gene Sauers	68-68-69—205
Michael Allen	69-66-70—205
Bernhard Langer	66-70-70—206
Olin Browne	68-67-71—206
Paul Goydos	70-67-70—207
Tom Lehman	71-70-67—208
Esteban Toledo	71-67-70—208
Woody Austin	71-67-70—208
Russ Cochran	68-70-71—209
Jeff Maggert	70-69-70—209
Scott Dunlap	69-69-71—209
Jeff Sluman	71-70-69—210
David Frost	74-68-69—211
Bart Bryant	70-71-70—211
Fred Funk	74-66-71—211
Joe Durant	66-70-75—211
Billy Andrade	68-75-69—212
John Cook	71-70-71—212
Doug Garwood	74-71-68—213
Kirk Triplett	69-71-74—214
Mark O'Meara	73-74-68—215
Duffy Waldorf	72-72-71—215
Mark Brooks	74-74-71—219

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No. 4 Auburn avoids upset vs. No. 7 Mississippi

By John Zenor
Associated Press

No. 4 Tigers	**35**
No. 7 Rebels	**31**

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Cassanova McKinzy recovered a fumble in the end zone to preserve No. 4 Auburn's 35-31 victory over No. 7 Mississippi on Saturday night in what amounted to the first College Football Playoff knockout game.

The Tigers (7-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference, No. 3 CFP) got a reprieve after Rebels receiver Laquon Treadwell lost the ball at the end of a tackle-breaking catch-and-run to the end zone with 1:30 left. It was ruled a touchdown, but the replay official determined he lost the ball before crossing the goal line.

McKinzy dove on it, deflating the Ole Miss crowd enjoying team's best start since 1990. The Rebels (7-2, 4-2, No. 4 CFP) have lost two straight.

Auburn milked a minute off the clock before Ole Miss got the ball back at its 49 with 26 seconds left and no timeouts. Bo Wallace, who had fumbled at Auburn's 6 on the previous drive, threw three straight incompletions before a final desperation play went nowhere.

The Tigers gained 507 yards against the nation's top scoring defense, the only unit that hadn't given up 20 points in a game coming into this SEC West clash. An Ole Miss offense held to seven points in a loss to No. 16 LSU matched them nearly yard for yard, gaining 492.

It was a compelling duel between two teams tangling for playoff shots, and two quarterbacks swapping big plays.

Marshall completed 15 of 22 passes for 254 yards with an interception that was Senquez Golson's nation-leading ninth. Marshall ran and passed for two touchdowns. Cameron Artis-Payne turned in another workhorse game, gaining 143 yards on 27 punishing carries.

Wallace was 28-of-40 passing for 362 yards and two touchdowns. He had a 59-yard run and scored on a 3-yarder early in the fourth quarter for a 31-28 lead, but also lost a fumble at the Auburn 6 in the final minutes. Ole Miss had three receivers reach 100 yards: Evan Engram (123), Vince Sanders (105) and Treadwell (103).

Auburn answered with Artis-Payne's 6-yard touchdown run with 10:23 left that proved the last points but didn't conclude the drama.

Albert Cesare/Montgomery Advertiser

Auburn wide receiver Sammie Coates (18) scores as Mississippi defensive back Cody Prewitt (25) runs behind Saturday in Oxford, Miss.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 1 MISSISSIPPI STATE 17, ARKANSAS 10

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Dak Prescott threw for a career-high 331 yards and a touchdown to help No. 1 Mississippi State beat Arkansas 17-10 on Saturday night.

Mississippi State (8-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference, No. 1 CFP) trailed until the third quarter and didn't take the lead until Prescott's 69-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Fred Ross made it 17-10 with 13:21 remaining.

Arkansas had two promising drives in the fourth quarter, but neither resulted in points. Will Redmond intercepted a pass in the end zone with 15 seconds left to end the Razorbacks' final chance.

The Razorbacks (4-5, 0-5) have lost 17 straight conference games dating to 2012.

It wasn't the prettiest game for Prescott — who threw two interceptions — but he made clutch throws during crucial moments in the second half. Josh Robinson caught six passes for a career-high 110 yards.

Rogelio V. Solis/AP

Mississippi State football coach Dan Mullen celebrates with defensive back Will Redmond (2) after Redmond intercepted a pass in the end zone in the final seconds of the Rebels' win Saturday in Starkville, Miss.

NO. 5 OREGON 45 STANFORD 16

EUGENE, Ore. — Marcus Mariota threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two more scores in fifth-ranked Oregon's 45-16 victory over Stanford on Saturday night.

Thomas Tyner returned from an injury to run for two touchdowns to help the Ducks (8-1, 4-1 Pac-12, No. 5 CFP) snap a two-game losing streak to the Cardinal.

Stanford's stout defense had not allowed an opponent more than 30 points in a string of 31 games, the longest streak in the nation. The Cardinal (5-4, 3-3) had allowed just four total rushing touchdowns through the season's first eight games. Oregon finished with four.

Oregon (8-1, 5-1) climbed to No. 2 in the AP rankings this season but stumbled with a home loss to Arizona on Oct. 2. The Ducks have since recovered and they're gunning for the inaugural playoffs.

FLORIDA 38 NO. 9 GEORGIA 20

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Matt Jones and Kelvin Taylor combined for 389 yards rushing and four touchdowns and Florida upset Georgia, ending a three-game losing streak in the series and quite possibly saving coach Will Muschamp's job.

Jones ran 25 times for 197 yards and two touchdowns. Taylor, whose NFL father, Fred, has his name emblazoned on a wall inside EverBank Field, carried 25 times for 192 yards and two scores.

Jones and Taylor carried Florida (4-3, 3-3 SEC) to a much-needed victory in the series against the Bulldogs (6-2, 4-2) and in the Southeastern Conference.

Muschamp may have been the big winner. The fourth-year coach's future was clearly in jeopardy with Florida having lost 10 of its previous 13 games. Muschamp also had been 0-7 in this series, going 0-4 as a Georgia defensive back in the 1990s and losing his first three games as Florida's coach.

NO. 13 OHIO STATE 55 ILLINOIS 14

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Curtis Samuel ran for two touchdowns and J.T. Barrett hit Devin Smith on two scoring passes — all in the first half — and No. 13 Ohio State beat Illinois 55-14 on Saturday night, extending the Buckeyes' Big Ten win streak to a record-tying 20.

The Buckeyes (7-1, 4-0, No. 16 CFP) won their sixth in a row — five by lopsided scores. Now they head into the game of the year in the conference, at defending champion Michigan State next week.

Donovonn Young's 5-yard run late in the third quarter broke up the shutout for the Illini (4-5, 1-4). They have dropped four of their last five.

NO. 17 NEBRASKA 35 PURDUE 14

LINCOLN, Neb. — Imani Cross had two short touchdown runs after Heisman Trophy hopeful Ameer Abdullah left with a mildly sprained and bruised left knee, and Nebraska beat Purdue to take sole possession of the Big Ten West lead.

The Cornhuskers (8-1, 4-1, No. 15 CFP) are a half-game ahead of Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin after their third straight win. Purdue (3-6, 1-4) lost its third in a row.

Abdullah, who came into the game third nationally in rushing at 156 yards a game, injured his left knee on the Huskers' second possession while recovering Tommy Armstrong's fumbled snap at the Purdue 1. Abdullah returned to carry one more time, losing 5 yards, and didn't return.

TEMPLE 20 NO. 21 EAST CAROLINA 10

PHILADELPHIA — Kenny Harper ran for two touchdowns and Temple forced five fumbles to beat East Carolina for its first victory over a ranked opponent since 1998.

The loss snapped a five-game winning streak for the Pirates (6-2, 3-1 American Athletic Conference), spoiling their bid for the best eight-game start in school history.

Playing much of the game in a driving rain storm, Temple (5-3, 3-2 AAC) played relatively mistake-free and jumped out to a 14-point lead in the first quarter.

Temple beat then-No. 14 Virginia Tech on the road in October 1998.

NO. 24 DUKE 51 PITTSBURGH 48, 2OT

PITTSBURGH — Backup quarterback Thomas Sirk bulled into the end zone from 5 yards in the second overtime to lift Duke past Pittsburgh.

The Blue Devils (7-1, 3-1 ACC) held Pitt to a field goal to start the second overtime, then went 25 yards in four plays, with Sirk's second touchdown ending it.

The Panthers (4-5, 2-3) had a chance to win in regulation, but Chris Blewitt missed a 26-yard field goal with 2 seconds left. James Conner ran for a career-high 263 yards and three touchdowns for Pitt.

COLLEGEFOOTBALL SATURDAY

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

PLAYOFF SPECULATION

The first poll released by the College Football Playoff Committee certainly started some discussion, even though much of it was contrived for television.

Anyway, we now know what the committee is thinking when its comes to their rankings. The poll will certainly look a little different on Tuesday with out Ole Miss in the top four, but what fans should know is that it still could change because some big matchups are still on the table.

CONTENDERS

Florida State — The Seminoles escaped on Thursday against a game Louisville squad. The Seminoles may not be No. 1 but are certainly looking like the team to beat.

Mississippi State — The Bulldogs won again this week, but tough games await.

Alabama or Auburn — Auburn won a big game in Oxford, Mississippi on Saturday, while Alabama was idle. It's been said before but their game later this month will likely be for a spot in the playoff if they keep winning.

Oregon — The Ducks are in a prime spot waiting for the SEC teams in the poll to beat each other and strengthen their chances to get one of the top four spots.

Kansas State — The Wildcats are just rolling along. That other purple team in the Big 12 awaits them this week.

TCU — The Horned Frogs had a nice ranking, but we will see how the commitee looks on their escape from Morgantown on Saturday.

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Ohio State or Michigan State — The committee certainly didn't do either of these teams any favors with their first rankings. But their game next week is certainly a playoff elimination game.

Baylor — The Bears have to win out and play Oklahoma next week, and the Sooners would like nothing more than to spoil Baylor's chances.

Compiled by Len Hayward

STARS

■ Trevor Knight, Oklahoma, became the first FBS player this season to throw three TD passes and rush for three more scores, helping the 19th-ranked Sooners trounce Iowa State 59-14.

■ Matt Jones, Florida, ran for a career-high 197 yards and two TDs in a 38-20 win over No. 9 Georgia.

■ Cody Kessler, Southern California, threw for 400 yards and five TDs to help the Trojans beat Washington State 44-17.

■ Duke Johnson, Miami, ran for 177 yards and three TDs while going over the 3,000-yard mark for his career, lifting the Hurricanes to a 47-20 win over North Carolina.

■ Shaq Thompson, Washington, rushed for 174 yards in a 38-23 win over Colorado.

■ Seth Rosenbauer, Brown, rushed for 206 yards and two TDs in a 21-13 victory over Pennsylvania.

■ Candler Rich, Yale, ran for a career-high 202 yards in a 25-7 win over Columbia.

■ Andrew Adams, Connecticut, had three interceptions in the Huskies' 37-29 victory over Central Florida.

■ Cody Sokol, Louisiana Tech, threw for five TDs and ran in a sixth in a 59-10 win over Western Kentucky.

■ Sam Schrader, Butler, ran for 162 yards and four TDs in a 62-52 win over Morehead State.

■ Michael Gordon, Arkansas State, tied a Sun Belt record with five rushing TDs in a 44-28 win over Idaho.

■ Kade Munden, Abilene Christian, threw for three TDs and rushed for two more in a 52-35 victory over Central Arkansas.

■ Abou Toure, Tennessee-Martin, rushed for 234 yards and three TDs in a 62-38 win over Murray State.

■ Jalen Whitlow, Eastern Illinois, threw four TD passes and ran for another score in a 41-10 win over Tennessee Tech.

HALLIDAY HURT

Washington State quarterback Connor Halliday, the nation's passing leader, suffered what appeared to be a serious knee injury against Southern California.

It appeared that two players crashed into Halliday after he threw a pass late in the first quarter. The senior writhed on the ground, was strapped onto a stretcher, and driven off the field in a cart.

Washington State officials did not immediately disclose the extent of Halliday's injury.

Halliday was replaced by freshman Luke Falk.

Coming into the game, Halliday led the nation with 3,833 passing yards. He had 32 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions. Halliday had thrown for 40 yards and an interception against Southern California when he was injured

GATOR CHOMP

Florida coach Will Muschamp reached over his shoulder and said "let me lift this thing off my back."

He probably should have used both hands.

After all, this was a big win and an even bigger relief for Muschamp and the Gators.

Matt Jones and Kelvin Taylor combined for 389 yards rushing and four touchdowns and Florida upset ninth-ranked Georgia 38-20, ending a three-game losing streak in the series and quite possibly saving Muschamp's job.

NUMBERS

11—Straight possessions No. 12 Baylor scored on in a 60-14 victory over Kansas.

18—Consecutive losses by Columbia.

19—Straight wins by Michigan over Indiana.

34—Consecutive losses to ranked opponents by Temple before knocking off No. 21 East Carolina 20-10.

4,051—Career rushing yards by Northern Iowa's David Johnson, breaking the school record by Corey Lewis, who ran for 4,003 yards from 2005-2008.

Charlie Neibergall/AP

Oklahoma's Trevor Knight scores on a touchdown in front of Iowa State's Sam E. Richardson (4) Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Mississippi State (8-0) beat Arkansas 17-10. Next: vs. UT-Martin, Saturday.
No. 2 Florida State (8-0) beat Louisville 42-31. Thursday. Next: vs. Virginia, Saturday.
No. 3 Alabama (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 LSU, Saturday.
No. 4 Auburn (7-1) beat No. 7 Mississippi 35-31. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
No. 5 Oregon (8-1) beat Stanford 45-16. Next: at No. 18 Utah, Saturday.
No. 6 Notre Dame (7-1) beat Navy 49-39. Next: at No. 15 Arizona State, Saturday.
No. 7 Mississippi (7-2) lost to No. 4 Auburn 35-31. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.
No. 8 Michigan State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Ohio State, Saturday, Nov. 8
No. 9 Georgia (6-2) lost to Florida 38-20 at Jacksonville, Fla. Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 10 TCU (7-1) beat No. 20 West Virginia 31-30. Next: vs. No. 11 Kansas State, Saturday.
No. 11 Kansas State (7-1) beat Oklahoma State 48-14. Next: at No. 10 TCU, Saturday.
No. 12 Baylor (7-1) beat Kansas 60-14. Next: at No. 19 Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 13 Ohio State (7-1) beat Illinois 55-14. Next: at No. 8 Michigan State, Saturday.
No. 14 Arizona (6-1) at No. 25 UCLA. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
No. 15 Arizona State (6-1) vs. No. 18 Utah. Next: vs. No. 6 Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 16 LSU (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Alabama, Saturday, Nov. 8
No. 17 Nebraska (8-1) beat Purdue 35-14. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday, Nov. 15
No. 18 Utah (6-1) at No. 15 Arizona State. Next: vs. No. 5 Oregon, Saturday.
No. 19 Oklahoma (6-2) beat Iowa State 59-14. Next: vs. No. 12 Baylor, Saturday.
No. 20 West Virginia (6-3) lost to No. 10 TCU 31-30. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
No. 21 East Carolina (6-2) lost to Temple 20-10. Next: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Nov. 13
No. 22 Clemson (6-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday, Nov. 6
No. 23 Marshall (8-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Miss., Saturday, Nov. 8
No. 24 Duke (7-1) beat Pittsburgh 51-48 2OT. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
No. 25 UCLA (6-2) vs. No. 14 Arizona. Next: at Washington, Saturday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 52, Cent. Arkansas 35
Ark.-Pine Bluff 24, MVSU 14
Baylor 60, Kansas 14
Grambling St. 35, Texas Southern 7
Lamar 72, Houston Baptist 14
Sam Houston St. 42, Stephen F. Austin 28
Texas 34, Texas Tech 13
Texas A&M 21, Louisiana-Monroe 16
UTEP 35, Southern Miss. 14

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 28, Jackson St. 14
Appalachian St. 64, Georgia St. 0
Auburn 35, Mississippi 31
BYU 27, Middle Tennessee 7
Bethune-Cookman 34, NC Central 20
Boston College 33, Virginia Tech 31
Chattanooga 51, W. Carolina 0
Coastal Carolina 59, Georgia-Webb 14
E. Illinois 41, Tennessee Tech 10
E. Kentucky 58, Tennessee St. 42
Florida 38, Georgia 20
Georgia Tech 35, Virginia 10
Houston 27, South Florida 3
Howard 17, Delaware St. 10
Incarnate Word 38, Nicholls St. 20
Jacksonville St. 56, Austin Peay 0
James Madison 31, William & Mary 24
Liberty 38, Presbyterian 7
Louisiana Tech 59, W. Kentucky 10
Louisiana-Lafayette 19, South Alabama 9
McNeese St. 35, Northwestern St. 28
Miami 47, North Carolina 20
Mississippi St. 17, Arkansas 10
Morgan St. 38, Hampton 35
Norfolk St. 12, Florida A&M 10
Rice 31, FIU 17
Richmond 10, Villanova 9
SC State 59, Savannah St. 7
Samford 55, Concordia Selma 0
Southern U. 28, Alabama St. 21
Stetson 28, Campbell 24
Tennessee 45, South Carolina 42, OT
The Citadel 28, Mercer 26
UAB 31, FAU 28
UTMartin 62, Murray St. 38
VMI 31, Furman 15
Vanderbilt 42, Old Dominion 28

MIDWEST

Butler 62, Morehead St. 52
Cent. Michigan 38, E. Michigan 7
Dayton 42, Valparaiso 19
Indiana St. 20, Missouri St. 18
Iowa 48, Northwestern 7
Kansas St. 48, Oklahoma St. 14
Michigan 34, Indiana 10
Missouri 20, Kentucky 10
N. Dakota St. 37, S. Dakota St. 17
N. Iowa 42, Illinois St. 28
Nebraska 35, Purdue 14
Ohio St. 55, Illinois 14
Oklahoma 59, Iowa St. 14
San Diego 17, Drake 14
W. Michigan 41, Miami (Ohio) 10
Youngstown St. 28, South Dakota 17

FAR WEST

Arkansas St. 44, Idaho 28
Colorado St. 38, San Jose St. 31
E. Washington 54, North Dakota 3
Idaho St. 51, Portland St. 13
Montana 31, Sacramento St. 13
N. Arizona 29, Weber St. 22
N. Colorado 27, UC Davis 21
New Mexico 31, UNLV 28
Oregon 45, Stanford 16
Southern Cal 44, Washington St. 17
Texas St. 37, New Mexico St. 29
Washington 38, Colorado 23

EAST

Air Force 23, Army 6
Brown 21, Penn 13
Bryant 31, CCSU 5
Bucknell 27, Lafayette 24, OT
Charleston Southern 27, Monmouth (NJ) 0
Delaware 28, Rhode Island 13
Duke 51, Pittsburgh 48, 2OT
Fordham 37, Colgate 13
Harvard 23, Dartmouth 12
Lehigh 27, Georgetown 19
Marist 17, Jacksonville 16
Maryland 20, Penn St. 19
NC State 24, Syracuse 17
New Hampshire 49, Albany (NY) 24
Notre Dame 49, Navy 39
Princeton 38, Cornell 27
Sacred Heart 23, Wagner 7
St. Francis (Pa.) 26, Duquesne 16
TCU 31, West Virginia 30
Temple 20, East Carolina 10
Towson 21, Elon 19
UConn 37, UCF 29
Wisconsin 37, Rutgers 0
Yale 25, Columbia 7

TEXAS BOXES

NO. 10 TCU 31, NO. 20 WEST VIRGINIA 30

TCU	7	0	14	**10 —31**
West Virginia	13	0	14	**3 —30**

First Quarter
WVU—Alford 23 pass from Trickett (Lambert kick), 11:00
WVU—FG Lambert 21, 6:19
WVU—FG Lambert 44, 3:52
TCU—Gray 47 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 1:44

Third Quarter
TCU—Boykin 2 run (Oberkrom kick), 9:27
WVU—D.Smith 5 run (Lambert kick), 6:51
WVU—Chestnut 35 fumble return (Lambert kick), 6:36
TCU—Catalon 23 run (Oberkrom kick), 2:25

Fourth Quarter
WVU—FG Lambert 23, 14:56
TCU—Catalon 6 run (Oberkrom kick), 7:33
TCU—FG Oberkrom 37, :00
A—61,190

	TCU	WVU
First downs	16	17
Rushes-yards	42-223	54-195
Passing	166	182
Comp-Att-Int	12-30-1	15-26-2
Return Yards	24	0
Punts-Avg	9-35.2	7-45.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards	5-40	6-40
Time of Possession	26:53	33:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—TCU, Catalon 20-105, Green 11-63, Boykin 9-49, Listenbee 1-5, Allen 1-1. West Virginia, D.Smith 12-70, Smallwood 15-64, Buie 12-42, Shell 8-35, Team 1-(minus 6), Trickett 6-(minus 10).

PASSING—TCU, Boykin 12-30-1-166. West Virginia, Trickett 15-26-2-182.

RECEIVING—TCU, Doctson 3-29, Gray 2-55, Listenbee 2-47, D.White 2-15, Murphy 1-8, Catalon 1-7, Green 1-5. West Virginia, Thompson 7-39, Alford 3-79, White 3-28, Shell 1-8, Smallwood 1-8.

NO. 12 BAYLOR 60, KANSAS 14

Kansas	7	0	7	**0 —14**
Baylor	20	19	14	**7 —60**

First Quarter
Bay—Coleman 72 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 11:29
Bay—Chaffin 1 run (kick failed), 9:37
Kan—Harwell 28 pass from Cummings (Wyman kick), 6:52
Bay—Linwood 1 run (Callahan kick), 3:16.

Second Quarter
Bay—FG Callahan 27, 12:25.
Bay—FG Callahan 33, 11:16.
Bay—FG Callahan 33, 8:31.
Bay—Chaffin 1 run (Callahan kick), 3:28.
Bay—FG Callahan 37, :02.

Third Quarter
Bay—Coleman 49 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 10:26.
Bay—Norwood 10 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 6:24.
Kan—Harwell 1 pass from Cummings (Wyman kick), 2:12.

Fourth Quarter
Bay—Russell 4 run (Callahan kick), 13:56.
A—47,574.

	Kan	Bay
First downs	12	30
Rushes-yards	27-16	52-326
Passing	288	343
Comp-Att-Int	21-30-0	21-36-0
Return Yards	0	9
Punts-Avg	5-44.4	1-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	6-54
Time of Possession	29:53	30:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Kansas, Pierson 9-31, Avery 11-18, Crawley 1-3, Heeney 1-0, Team 1-(minus 8), Cummings 4-(minus 28). Baylor, Chaffin 14-112, Linwood 14-81, Jefferson 7-52, Nacita 3-42, Russell 3-25, Petty 7-11, Coleman 1-3, Webb 2-2, Team 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Kansas, Cummings 21-30-0-288. Baylor, Petty 15-27-0-277, Russell 6-9-0-66.

RECEIVING—Kansas, Harwell 5-79, Avery 4-92, King 4-68, Mundine 4-31, McCoy 2-10, Crawley 1-7, Pierson 1-1. Baylor, Cannon 5-53, Coleman 3-167, Norwood 3-34, Lee 2-35, C.Fuller 2-23, Goodley 2-7, Hall 1-10, Q.Jones 1-9, Chaffin 1-4, Hawthorne 1-1.

TEXAS A&M 21, LOUISIANA-MONROE 16

Louisiana-Monroe	0	10	0	**6 —16**
Texas A&M	7	14	0	**0 —21**

First Quarter
TAM—B.Williams 1 run (Lambo kick), 10:44

Second Quarter
ULM—Donald 1 run (Manton kick), 13:56
TAM—Carson 5 run (Lambo kick), 5:05
TAM—Noil 39 pass from Allen (Lambo kick), 1:05
ULM—FG Manton 51, :01

Fourth Quarter
ULM—FG Manton 23, 14:58.
ULM—FG Manton 22, 10:26.
A—100,922.

	ULM	TAM
First downs	19	16
Rushes-yards	30-78	41-137
Passing	269	106
Comp-Att-Int	28-49-1	13-28-1
Return Yards	6	61
Punts-Avg	7-34.3	7-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	2-26
Time of Possession	33:47	26:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Louisiana-Monroe, P.Thomas 19-44, Donald 9-33, Cain 2-1. Texas A&M, B.Williams 19-71, Carson 13-47, Allen 8-12, White 1-11, Team 2-(minus 4).

PASSING—Louisiana-Monroe, P.Thomas 28-47-1-268, Brown 1-1-0-15, K.Jackson 1-1-0-8. Texas A&M, Allen 13-28-1-106.

RECEIVING—Louisiana-Monroe, K.Jackson 8-87, Holley 7-42, Cesser 5-69, Cain 3-5, Donald 1-13, Scrimenor 1-8, P.Thomas 1-6, Brown 1-6, Haggerty 1-0. Texas A&M, Noil 5-69, Pope 2-15, Reynolds 2-15, Kingsby 1-4, White 1-2, Tabuyo 1-1, B.Williams 1-0.

Petty, No. 12 Baylor rebound with demolition of Kansas

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

No. 13 Bears	**60**
Jayhawks	**14**

WACO — The normally talkative Bryce Petty turned into a man of few words after No. 12 Baylor bounced back from its only loss with a 60-14 victory against Kansas on Saturday.

"Just ready for OU," Petty said to five of the six questions after throwing three touchdown passes, including two to Corey Coleman, as Baylor scored on 11 straight possessions despite looking sluggish at times.

His other answer?

"Yep."

The question was whether he was ready for next weekend's game at No. 19 Oklahoma, which routed Iowa State 59-14.

Baylor coach Art Briles isn't sure if his quarterback was trying to send a message to fans, reporters or teammates, or if he was miffed by some early game issues when the Bears couldn't get touchdowns even with the Jayhawks giving them good field position because of fumbles.

But Briles was pleased by reports of his suddenly monosyllabic leader.

"I should do the same," Briles said, drawing laughter at his postgame news conference. "I'm proud that his focus and his energy and his vision in directed right there, right now. Because he understands that's going to be a great college game and a great college football atmosphere with two great college teams playing. So that's exactly where he needs to be."

The Bears (7-1, 3-1 Big 12) had to settle for field goals after two of three first-half fumbles — all of them deep in Kansas territory — but still rolled up 669 yards in their 14th straight home victory in the 91st homecoming game. That streak ties Auburn for the longest in the nation.

Coleman had a career-high 167 yards receiving and TDs of 72 and 49 yards, the latter putting the Bears up 46-7 early in the third quarter.

Kansas (2-6, 0-5) had 0 yards rushing at halftime in its 31st straight loss away from home and 28th in a row in a true road game since winning at UTEP in 2009.

"What gets you down is we knew we were playing a very good football team and we had to come out and match that," interim Kansas coach Clint Bowen said. "We didn't come out and do the things that you do."

The Bears had to wait two weeks for their bounce-back win after their undefeated season ended at West Virginia.

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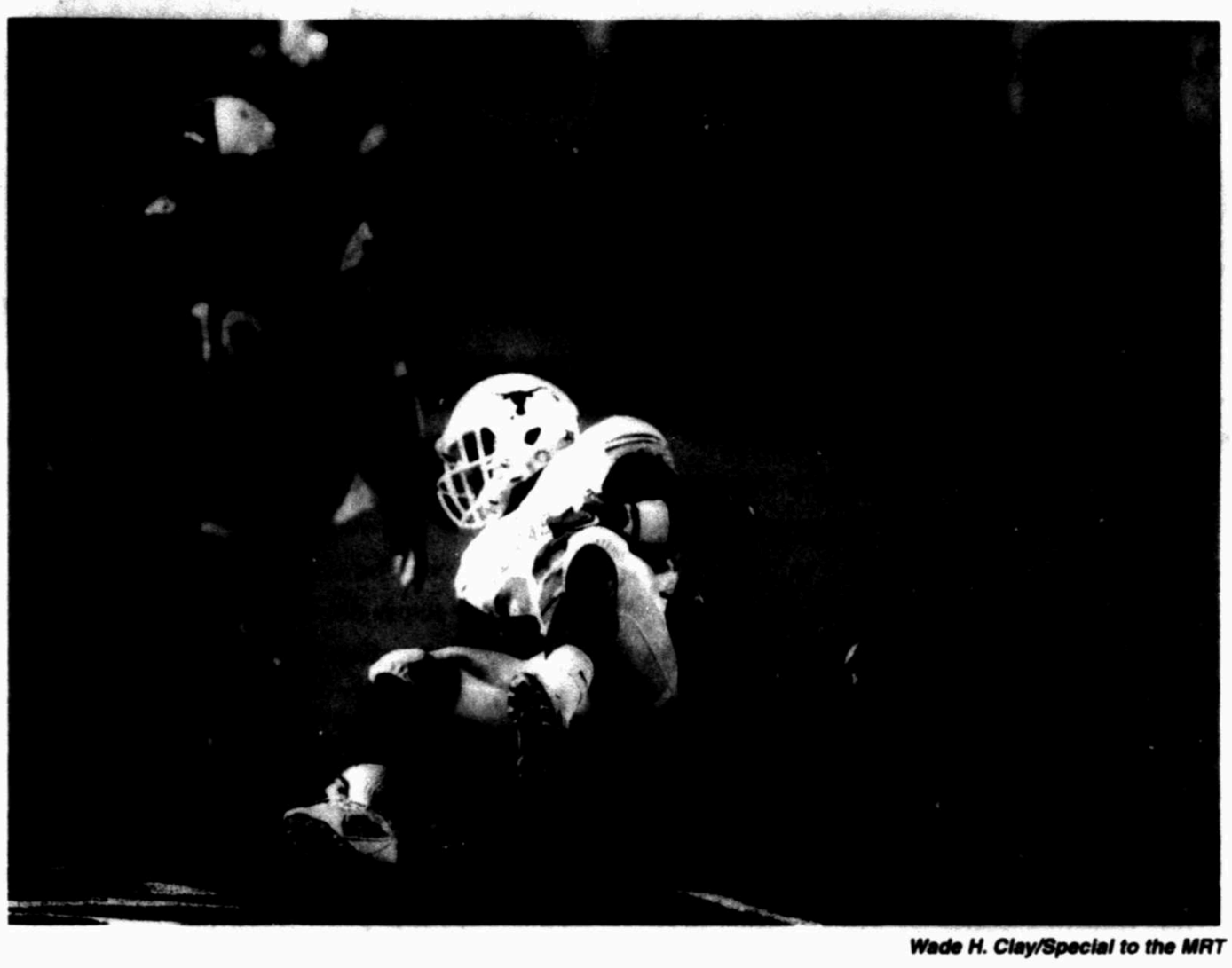
Baylor's Corey Coleman (1) runs past Kansas safety Cassius Sendish (33) for a touchdown in the first half Saturday in Waco.



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Texas running back Jonathan Gray is tackled during Saturday's game against Texas Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

3 things learned in the Big 12

The Big 12 is shaping up into what is looking like a three-horse race as the season winds down.

One of those teams might be eliminated next Saturday when Kansas State takes on TCU in the "Purple War" in Fort Worth. Either way, though, at the beginning of the season Kansas State, Baylor and TCU fighting it out for the Big 12 title was something few might have predicted.

Kansas State and Baylor were expected, but few really knew how good TCU could be. And they Horned Frogs are pretty darn good.

Here's what we learned in the Big 12 on Saturday:

Morgantown is a tough place to play

West Virginia might have the best home field advantage in the Big 12, mainly because of what it takes for teams to just get to that part of West Virginia. The Mountaineers beat Baylor at home, and then had a chance to beat TCU.

Burning couches aside, that trip to Morgantown is something that few teams in Texas and the Midwest want to take because it's so long and you could face weather that few players in Texas and Oklahoma have ever had to face.

Texas is not quite dead yet

The Longhorns have been through a lot this season, but Saturday's victory against Texas Tech proved that they have some life in them and could be a spoiler in the Big 12 race later this season.

Remember they have TCU at home on Thanksgiving night.

Half of the conference is bowl eligible

Oklahoma's win on Saturday makes them bowl eligible, which means that at least five Big 12 bowl slots will be filled. It will certainly be intersting to see who goes to what bowl and the top three teams are hoping that they will be playing in a national playoff.

Compiled by Len Hayward

TECH

From 1C

injured an ankle in last week's 82-27 loss to TCU and was seen on crutches and on sidelines during the game.

For his first start of the season, Mahomes performed admirably by going 13 of 21 for 116 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Texas Tech was actually leading 6-3, thanks to a fumble recovery for a touchdown by Branden Jackson, when Mahomes went down with the injury.

Mahomes was scrambling when he took a hard hit by Quandre Diggs, fumbling the ball away at the Tech 25.

"He had a read, saw it and kept it. He just didn't see the guys coming, it looked like," Kingsbury said.

On the Jumbotron, Mahomes was seen looking woozy after getting up off the turf.

"He had a good week of practice. He definitely came in prepared," said Tech junior running back DeAndre Washington of Mahomes. "He started off and he did some good things early, just kind of unfortunate that he was knocked out early."

Texas capitalized off the Mahomes fumble when Malcolm Brown (116 yards rushing) scored the first of his two touchdowns on a three-yard run for a 10-6 lead.

Testaverde, who had not taken a snap before Saturday night, actually led the Red Raiders on their most impressive drive. Tech went 75 yards on nine plays, culminating with a six-yard TD run for a 13-10 lead late in the second quarter.

Texas answered the score and took a 17-13 lead at the half when Johnathan Gray scored on a 17-yard TD.

Texas Tech never got any closer as Testaverde's experience, or lack of, began to show, especially in the second half.

While Kingsbury could have opted to give the ball to Washington (97 yards rushing on 16 carries) and the running backs even more than they had, the coach said they had to keep mixing in the pass because the Longhorns were stacking the box.

"We just weren't able to make enough plays," he said.

The Red Raiders twice turned the ball over on downs, had two three-and-outs and turned the ball over once on an interception in the second half.

Meanwhile, Texas scored 17-unanswered points in the second half to ice the game and walk away from Lubbock with yet another win.

"We definitely played better but you certainly can't give up 34 points and expect to win," Kingsbury said. "The defense came together, had some big stops, especially in the first half. In the second half, they got tired and we put them on the field a bunch. It was a tough second half."

Testaverde finished the game with a respectable stat line by completing 15 of 26 passes for 116 yards with one interception.

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, they are open next Saturday before hosting Oklahoma on Nov. 15.

Kingsbury said the team should be in better shape at quarterback by that time with either Webb or Mahomes, or even both available for that game.

That, however, may be little consolation for a team and its fanbase that may not want to consider this a rebuilding year. That's a reality that everyone has to face with this Red Raider team, especially after Saturday's game.

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TEXAS

From 1C

Tyrone Swoops rebounded well after an embarrassing fumble in the first quarter, which resulted in the game's opening score. After the play, however, Swoopes was efficient. He finished the game with 228 yards passing, which included a number of impressive deep balls, and one touchdown.

"We executed, we had a real purpose," said Texas assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach Shawn Watson. "Tonight it all kind of came together."

Even kicker Nick Rose appeared better, knocking in two of his three field goal attempts.

It was in no way the ideal game for Texas, but the spunk the team showed in the second half could produce a much-needed spark moving forward. There should no longer be a question as to whether an individual unit is pulling its weight, the team's performance should help forge a unified group.

Team play has the possibility of being infectious heading into the Longhorns' final three-game bowl push. It's a task that appeared impossible before this game. But if the second half magic can carry forward, the impossible is no longer that — only difficult.

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TCU

From 1C

on fourth down with 3:46 left, but TCU got another chance with 2:07 remaining after West Virginia punted.

With TCU starting from its 24, Boykin threw 40 yards to Kolby Listenbee to the West Virginia 33. Three running plays advanced the ball to the 24 to set up Oberkrom's kick with the wind at his back.

"I thought that if we could make it through the third quarter, that with the wind we could change the field position and get close enough," Patterson said. "We were in a lot of trouble, but we fought back and got some stops so we could do that."

Oberkrom recalled thinking at halftime that he might get called to decide the game on the last play.

"I knew I hit it solid," he said. "The wind was tricky today, but when I looked up, it wasn't moving much and I knew it was fine."

West Virginia had just 121 yards of offense in the second half. Clint Trickett finished 15 of 26 for a season-low 162 yards. He threw two interceptions. Kevin White, West Virginia's 1,000-yard receiver, was limited to three catches for 28 yards.

TCU scored two third-quarter touchdowns after getting turnovers. Mike Tuaua recovered a bad snap at the West Virginia 27, and Boykin scored on a 2-yard run to put the Horned Frogs ahead 14-13.

West Virginia's Dreamius Smith scored on a 5-yard run and teammate Terrell Chestnut extended the lead to 27-14 when he stripped Josh Doctson after a catch, picked up the loose ball and ran 35 yards for a touchdown.

TCU's Paul Dawson later intercepted Trickett's pass at the West Virginia 29, and Catalon followed with a 23-yard scoring run.

After West Virginia's Josh Lambert kicked his third field goal of the game, a 23-yarder to start the fourth quarter, Catalon scored on a 6-yard run to close TCU's gap to 30-28.

Big 12 standings

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St	5	0	179	85	7	1	306	149
Baylor	4	1	225	148	7	1	403	175
TCU	4	1	255	160	7	1	384	181
West Virginia	4	2	208	161	6	3	325	231
Oklahoma	3	2	198	141	6	2	332	174
Oklahoma St	3	3	142	199	5	4	256	272
Texas	3	3	138	140	4	5	260	206
Texas Tech	1	5	156	264	3	6	258	374
Iowa St	0	5	135	225	2	6	206	306
Kansas	0	5	69	177	2	6	130	256

Saturday's Scores

Oklahoma 59, Iowa St. 14
TCU 31, West Virginia 30
Baylor 60, Kansas 14
Texas 34, Texas Tech 13
Kansas State 48, Oklahoma State 14

Saturday, Nov. 8

Kansas State at TCU, TBA
Baylor at Oklahoma, TBA
West Virginia at Texas, 2:30 p.m.
Iowa State at Kansas, 2:30 p.m.

BIG12/TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Big 12

NO. 11 KANSAS STATE 48 OKLAHOMA STATE 14

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jake Waters threw two touchdown passes, Charles Jones ran for a pair of scores and No. 11 Kansas State shut down Oklahoma State's slumping offense in a 48-14 rout Saturday night.

Curry Sexton had nine catches for 159 yards and a touchdown, and Tyler Lockett had six receptions for 94 yards and a score, helping the Wildcats (7-1, 5-0, No. 9 CFP) remain the lone unbeaten team in the Big 12 heading into next week's showdown at 10th-ranked TCU.

After marching for a touchdown on the game's opening drive, Oklahoma State (5-4, 3-3) never threatened on offense again. The Cowboys managed only a pick-six by Ramon Richards in the fourth quarter in losing their third straight game for the first time since the 2005 season.

NO. 19 OKLAHOMA 59 IOWA STATE 14

AMES, Iowa — Trevor Knight became the first FBS player this season to throw three touchdown passes and rush for three scores, helping No. 19 Oklahoma beat Iowa State 59-14 on Saturday.

Knight had 230 yards passing and a career-high 146 yards rushing for the Sooners (6-2, 3-2 Big 12). They gained a season-high 751 yards in beating the Cyclones for the 43rd time in their past 45 tries.

The Sooners had 480 yards and led 35-7 at halftime. But star wide receiver Sterling Shepard was carted off with an apparent leg injury in the first quarter and did not return.

Sam Richardson had 239 yards passing for Iowa State (2-6, 0-5).

Texas

TEXAS A&M 21 LOUISIANA-MONROE 16

COLLEGE STATION — Freshman Kyle Allen threw for 106 yards and a touchdown in his first career start and Texas A&M held on for a 21-16 win over Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday.

RICE 31 FIU 17

MIAMI — Rice scored on its first three possessions, Driphus Jackson passed for 230 yards with TD bombs of 63 and 69 yards and the Owls beat Florida International 31-17 on Saturday.

HOUSTON 27 SOUTH FLORIDA 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Kenneth Farrow ran for 112 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead Houston past South Florida 27-3 on Saturday.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 42 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 28

HOUSTON — Keeshawn Hill rushed for 156 yards and four touchdowns to lead Sam Houston State to a 42-28 victory over Stephen F. Austin on Saturday.

TEXAS STATE 37 NEW MEXICO STATE 29

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Robert Lowe rushed for two touchdowns, Terrance Franks blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown, and Texas State beat New Mexico State 37-29 on Saturday.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 52 CENTRAL ARKANSAS 35

PLANO — Kade Munden threw for three touchdowns and rushed for two more to lead Abilene Christian to a 52-35 victory over Central Arkansas on Saturday.

LAMAR 72 HOUSTON BAPTIST 14

BEAUMONT — Caleb Berry threw for 391 yards and seven touchdowns in the first half as Lamar overwhelmed Houston Baptist 72-14 on Saturday night.

INCARNATE WORD 38 NICHOLLS STATE 20

THIBODAUX, La. — Junior Sessions rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns and Cole Wick added 116 yards receiving and a score to lead Incarnate Word past Nicholls State 38-20 on Saturday night.

LONE STAR CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS SET

RICHARDSON — Texas A&M-Commerce won its first Lone Star Conference title in 24 years and earned the top seed in the upcoming conference playoffs.

A&M-Commerce will play host to Tarleton State in one of the championship bracket games on November 8.

On the other side of the title bracket, Angelo State hosts Midwestern State. The Week 10 winners meet for the playoff title in Week 11, while the Week 10 losers will meet for third place.

The other half of the playoff field includes the remaining four teams with No. 8 Texas A&M-Kingsville at No. 5 Eastern New Mexico and No. 7 McMurry at No. 6 West Texas A&M in Week 10. The winners will play for fifth-place in Week 11, while the losers meet in the seventh-place game.

Conference Playoffs
Saturday, Nov. 8

Game 1: No. 4 Tarleton State at No. 1 Texas A&M-Commerce
Game 2: No. 3 Midwestern State at No. 2 Angelo State
Game 3: No. 8 Texas A&M-Kingsville at No. 5 Eastern New Mexico
Game 4: No. 7 McMurry at No. 6 West Texas A&M

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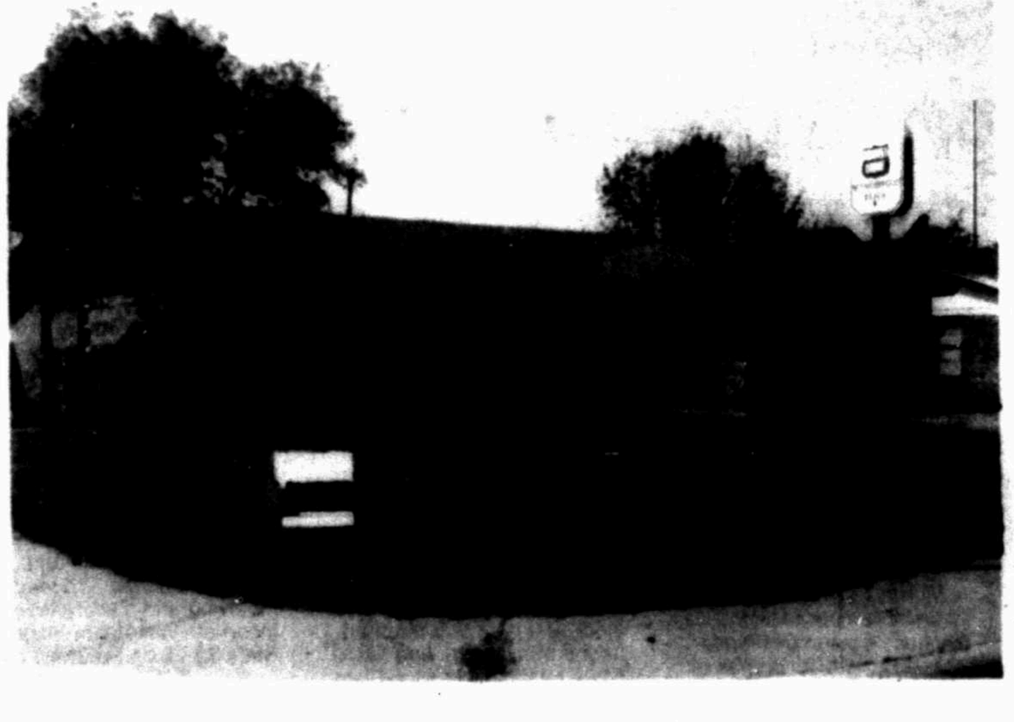

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5	$59,050
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7	$67,800
8	$72,150

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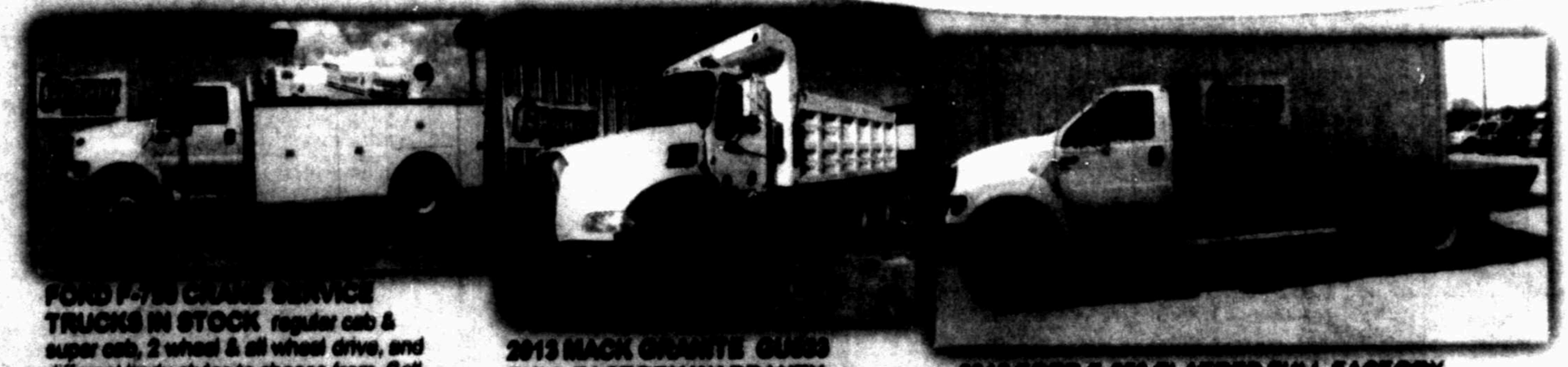

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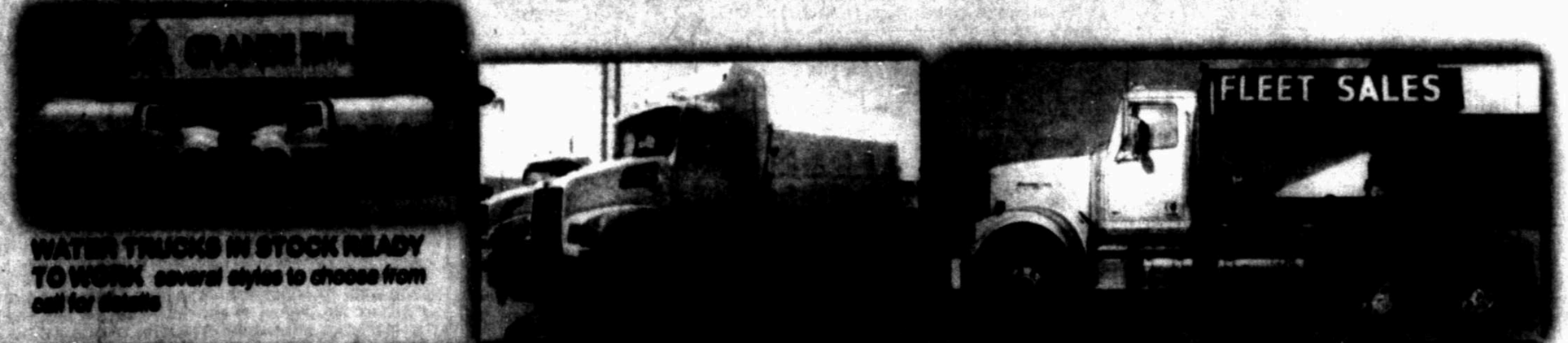

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids addressed to Jill Hallmark, Director of School Plant Services, Midland ISD, 801 South Moran, Midland, TX 79701, for Professional Turf and Landscape Maintenance Services for MISD Schools, located in Midland, TX, will be received at the above address no later than 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The bid forms and specifications may be obtained at 801 South Moran, Building #1 Midland, TX or by calling 432-689-1500.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, November 25, 2014. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:05 P.M., Local Time, November 25, 2014.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 14MCO500 - GPS MONITOR SYSTEM

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us

Please note that this is the second notification of 14MCO500. The first notification which was published October 26, 2014 contained information that was found to be incorrect after publication. All information and dates have been corrected on this notification published on this day of November 2, 2014.

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for Fresh Delivered Pizza, Bid 5-0021. Bids are to be addressed to Michele Helms, Director of Child Nutrition Services, 801 S. Moran, Building 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 1:PM., CDT, Friday, November 14, 2014. All forms and information may be obtained by calling (432) 689-1525.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:30 P.M., Local Time, November 25, 2014. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:35 P.M., Local Time, November 25, 2014.

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RFP 14MCO501- ALCOHOL MONITOR SYSTEM

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Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW HEARING

Midland Emergency Communication District Board of Managers hereby gives notice of a Public Review Hearing in accordance with Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, Subchapter D, §772.319. Every three years the District shall solicit public comments and hold a Public Review Hearing on the continuation of the District and the 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee. This meeting is scheduled Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7:50 a.m. at 1110 W. Wall St., Midland, Texas.

Pat Moore, Chairman
Board of Managers of Midland
Emergency Communication District

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 10:00 A.M., Local Time, December 1, 2014. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 10:00 A.M. Local Time, December 1, 2014.

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RFP 14MCO502- OUTREACH VEHICLE - BOOKMOBILE

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Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

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General Announcements

BETTER READ
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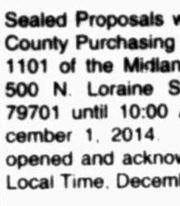
Lost & Found

FOUND SMALL miniature, long hair female dog, no collar. Call 432-697-3739.

LOST: PAVAE diamond white gold band on 10/24 in Midland in one of the following parking lots: Abuelo's, Texas Burger or San Miguel and Oakridge Square. Please call if found. REWARD!!! Call 432-694-8354.



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2003 PT Cruiser, total electric, sun roof, clean car. Asking $2,500. 432-222-7494.

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CHEVY 2002 Corvette $14,000. Very fast, garage kept, metallic silver, larger wheels for safer handling, 106k miles. Private seller. Call 432-363-4560.

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HONDA 1999 Civic, silver, good condition. 82,300 miles, $3,500. 432-528-2235

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Sealed Bids addressed to James W. Riggen, Midland ISD, 550 W. Texas, Ste. 200, Tower II, Midland, TX 79701, for Asbestos Removal/Interior Demolition at Carver Center. Bids will be received up to and no later than 2:00 PM, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. At this time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 550 W. Texas Ave, Ste. 200, Tower II, Midland, Texas 79701. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM, November 20, 2014, at Carver Center, 1300 E. Wall Street, Midland, Texas. Interested parties may obtain complete sets of contract documents at the Consultant's office by calling (432) 362-5577. Midland ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid received."

Motorcycles

JAGUAR 2011 XJL Loaded, excellent condition, still under warranty, porcelain white, 30k miles, $45,900. Call 325-695-0051

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

State of Texas
County of Midland

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows:

TO RESPONDENT:
The known and unknown heirs of Evaristo Gomez, Fidencio Gomez, Angelita Gomez, Felipa Gomez Alaniz, Maria Gomez, Apolonia Gomez Porras, Sylvester Gomez, and Luis Gomez, including (but not limited to) the following known heirs for whom no address is known: Ignacio Rendon, Delilah Maya, Angel Gomez, John Frescaz, Mary Frescaz, Ray Frescaz, Frankie Frescaz, Virginia Frescaz, Mike Mora, Raul Mora, Roman Porras, and Gonzalo Porras

GREETING:
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF 42 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THIS CITATION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND SUCH SUIT AT OR BEFORE 10:00 A.M. ON THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF 42 DAYS FROM AND AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS CITATION AS SET OUT BELOW. SAID APPEARANCE AND ANSWER DATE BEING NOVEMBER 17, 2014 (WHICH IS THE RETURN DATE OF SUCH CITATION), BEFORE THE HONORABLE COURT, TO BE HELD AT THE MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THEN TO SHOW CAUSE WHY JUDGMENT SHOULD NOT BE RENDERED FOR THE PLAINTIFF, DELFINA MORA.

The Original Petition in Trespass To Try Title, was filed by Plaintiff Delfina Mora on the 238th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on May 20, 2014, in Cause No. CV-50312 against Defendants. The known and unknown heirs of Evaristo Gomez, Fidencio Gomez, Angelita Gomez, Felipa Gomez Alaniz, Maria Gomez, Apolonia Gomez Porras, Sylvester Gomez, and Luis Gomez, including (but not limited to) the following known heirs for whom no address is known: Ignacio Rendon, Delilah Maya, Angel Gomez, John Frescaz, Mary Frescaz, Ray Frescaz, Frankie Frescaz, Virginia Frescaz, Mike Mora, Raul Mora, Roman Porras, and Gonzalo Porras and other defendants, and titled and styled "Delfina Mora, Plaintiff, versus The known and unknown heirs of Evaristo Gomez, Fidencio Gomez, Angelita Gomez, Felipa Gomez Alaniz, Maria Gomez, Apolonia Gomez Porras, Sylvester Gomez, and Luis Gomez."

The Original Petition requests that the court grant the relief requested in the petition: a judgment clearing title to Lot 7, Block 8, East Midland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (the "Property"), and awarding title to the Property to Plaintiff, Delfina Mora.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows:
Harris E. Kerr
Kerr McCulloch & McLaughlin, PLLC
2101 W. Wadley, Suite 10
Midland, TX 79705
Telephone: (432) 684-6389
Facsimile: (866) 310-1861

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in Midland, Midland County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, 2014.

Ross Bush, District Clerk of Midland County, Texas
Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Loraine, Suite 300
Midland, TX 79701
By: Clerk/Deputy, BIANCA MARTINEZ

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0292288
Status/Permit No. 793416

DISTRICT 8
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 29, 2014
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 3, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. (RRC Operator No. 665748) has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 22, Blk. 37, T1N, T&P RR CO/WILSON, H T Survey, A-668, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 10.2 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Dec 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	SALE RANCH
Lease/Unit Well No. :	13
Lease/Unit Acres :	671.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1896.0

Lease Lines :	660.0 F SOUTH L.	660.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	660.0 F SOUTH L.	660.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CORINNE WEEKS, at (972) 969-4557.

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 20th day of October, 2014, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 20th day of October, 2014, levied upon, and on the 2nd day of December, 2014, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 AM on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such property, the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the Texas Property Tax Code:

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Original Land Page reference (or Clerk's Instrument or document number) of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	TX11002	Midland Central Appraisal District v Herman Lee Jackson et al in 142nd District Court	Lot 1, Block 29, Section 3, Loma Linda Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 542, Page 540 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 423 E. Spruce Ave, Midland, Texas. Account #R29244
2	TX12478	Midland Central Appraisal District v Amanda Simmons et al in 142nd District Court	Lot 13, Block 7, Loma Linda Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 577, Page 157 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 314 Hickory Avenue Account #R000028871
3	TX12599	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jerry Crutchfield et al; in 238th District Court	Plat A, The Village Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2147, Page 249 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 2324 W. Wall St. Account #R000049768
4	TX12913	Midland Central Appraisal District v Yolanda Palomino et al in 441st District Court	Land only being Lot 29, Block 6, Colonial Hills Addition, Section 2, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1571, Page 74 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 1911 E. Pine Ave. Account #R000013326
5	TX13140	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sandra Green 441st District Court	West 39 feet of Lot 4 and East 27 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Barbeedale Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 621, Page 168 and Volume 1435, Page 470); Account #R000010060
6	TX13210	Midland Central Appraisal District v Roxana H. Huerta, 142nd District Court	West 100 feet of Lot 6, Block 3, Southwest Estates Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1557, Page 636 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 4810 W. ER 120 Account #R000046492
7	TX13258	Midland Central Appraisal District v Juan Garza Heir to the Estate of Paulina Garcia deceased, in 142nd District Court	The North 50 feet of the South 125 feet of the North 250 feet of the East 1/2 of Block 7, Homestead Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 572, Page 33 of the Deed Records and Probate Cause #P12791, Midland County, Texas); 805 N. Ft. Worth Street, Midland, Texas Account #R25804
8	TX13259	Midland Central Appraisal District v Linda Snodgrass, in 385th District Court	Lot 9, Block 20, Section 3, Loma Linda Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 557, Page 80 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 407 E. Oak Avenue Midland, Texas. Account #R29082
9	TX13259	Midland Central Appraisal District v Linda Snodgrass, in 385th District Court	Lot 8, Block 20, Loma Linda Addition, Section 3, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1770, Page 104 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 409 E. Oak, Midland, Texas. Account #R29081
10	TX13300	Midland Central Appraisal District v Yolanda Molinar, in 238th District Court	Lot 11, Block 3, Sun Garden Village Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 520, Page 23 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 1102 E. Pine Ave Midland, Texas. Account #R000046937
11	TX13334	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eduardo Vasquez Jr. in 142nd District Court	the North 60 Feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 58, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1043, Page 551 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 506 South H Street, Midland, Texas. Account #R52131
12	TX13372	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert L. Brown, in 238th District Court	Lot 6, Block 23, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 286, Page 291 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 510 S. Beaton St., Midland, Texas. Account #R23548
13	TX13389	Midland Central Appraisal District v Cliff Cramer, in 441st District Court	Lot 4, Block 2, Windcrest Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 788, Page 177 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); W FM Rd 1787, Account #R55985
14	TX13409	Midland Central Appraisal District v Burma Jo Ashton, in 385th District Court	0.276 Acre, more or less, out of Section 15, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas (Volume 911, Page 760 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 1310 W. County Road 121, Account #R5569
15	TX13423	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ira McNeese, in 238th District Court	Lot 7, Block 18, Belmont Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 593, Page 560 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 1511 S. Colorado St., Account #R000011202
16	TX13519	Midland Central Appraisal District v Sylvia Reyes, in 238th District Court	Lot 12, Block 6, Glendale Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 551, Page 192 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 1200 East Estes Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-2820. Account #R000020870
17	TX13534	Midland Central Appraisal District v Randi Baker, in 142nd District Court	A Manufactured Home Only located at R48180, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas. 1410 Sioux Ct. Account #M18187
18	TX13553	Midland Central Appraisal District v Melissa Soto, in 385th District Court	Being the South 20 feet of Lot 13 and the North 40 feet of Lot 14, Block 2, Edwards Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 999, Page 583 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 928 N. Fort Worth Street, Midland, Texas. Account #R17549
19	TX13557	Midland Central Appraisal District v Michael R Ralston, in 441st District Court	Part of Lot 18, Block 2, Chaparral Addition, Midland County, Texas (Volume 846, Page 565 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas); 9505 W. County Road 152, Account #R13333
20	TX13562	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ricardo Nieto, in 142nd District Court	Lots 15, 16 and the West 10 feet of Lot 17, Block 13, Parklea Place Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-9454 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 2623 Delano Avenue, Midland, Texas. Account #R36481
21	TX13563	Midland Central Appraisal District v Angel S Garcia, in 142nd District Court	the West 50 Feet of the Southeast Quarter of Block 14, East Midland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 514, Page 228 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1207 Mulberry Lane, Midland, Texas 79701-3631. Account #R000016961
22	TX13575	Midland Central Appraisal District v Charles West, in 441st District Court	Lot 28, Block 10, Section 2, Ranchland Hills Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 580, Page 450), 1727 E. Oak Avenue, Account #R000040665
23	TX13583	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eloisa R. Borrego, in 238th District Court	Lot 14, Block 1, Rogers Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 661, Page 75 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1117 East Oak Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R41820
24	TX13588	Midland Central Appraisal District v Howard R. King, in 238th District Court	Lot 17, Block 28, Loma Linda Section 3 Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1907, Page 366 of the Deed Records, and District Court Cause #FM44663, Midland County, Texas), 408 East Spruce Street, Midland, Texas. Account #R29237
25	TX13595	Midland Central Appraisal District v Barbara Gaetano, in 385th District Court	Lot 4, Block 8, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 695, Page 30 and Volume 1194, Page 680 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3307 Park Lane, Midland, Texas 79703-6206. Account #R37135
26	TX13604	Midland Central Appraisal District v Raymond Guzman, in 238th District Court	Lot 20, Block 1, Fannin Terrace Addition, Section Five, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2550, Page 489 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 2602 Camarie Avenue, Midland, Texas 7970C-6311. Account #R20018
27	TX13606	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donald L Tidwell, in 142nd District Court	Lot 18, Block 3, Moore Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 839, Page 234 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), West Montgomery Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R32922

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 20th day of October, 2014, at Midland, Texas

GARY PAINTER Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By: _____
KEN COLSTON, Sergeant Investigator

You may contact the Midland Central Appraisal District at (432) 699-4991

RESTORED ORIGINAL motor, 1934 Ford pick-up. $27,500.00. Also, gear driven Dayton (2HP-220-55V) Lathe on steel table. Extra gears and accessories. $700.00 for all. Only serous callers please. 325-698-9416

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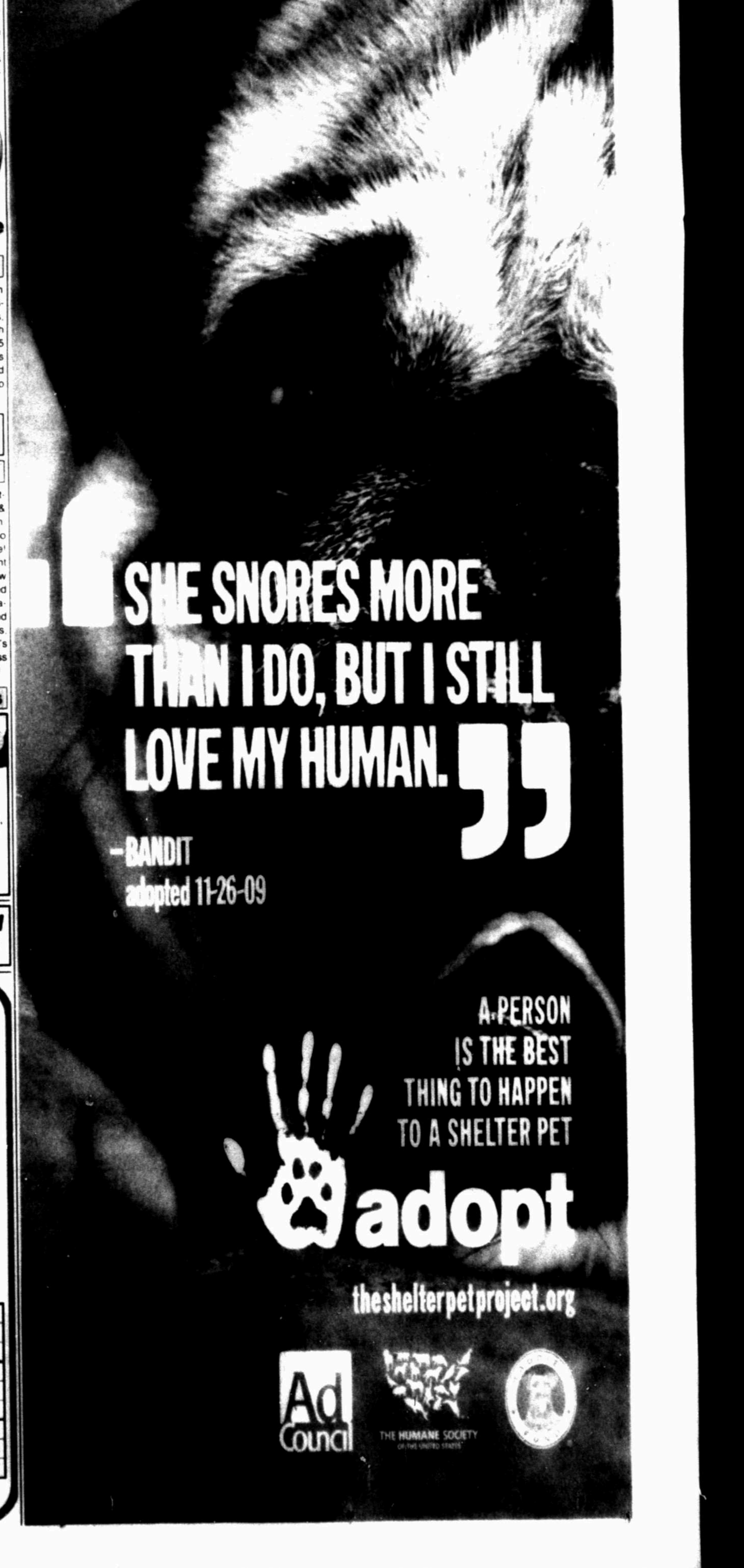

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By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

If you're stuck in a rut and feeling uninspired at work, then it's time to refocus.

You may have lost sight of your goals, or maybe you need to develop some new ones, says Terri Hughes, an executive leadership coach in Boise, Idaho and author of "Simple Shifts: Effective Leadership Changes Everything" (Aloha Publishing, 2013). "Because we're so caught up in our everyday tasks, and feeling overwhelmed in the process, it's really important to stop and reflect on what you're doing each day," she says.

The end of the year, and before the holidays take over, it's a good time to reflect and set goals, which you can then keep front and center on a daily basis to stay focused and motivated at work.

Hughes suggests looking back at your accomplishments over the year to determine what you want to do differently in 2015. Reflect on lessons learned and any shifts in priorities. Then ask yourself what you want for the year. Goals could include less stress, more balance, a higher income or a promotion, among many others. Also try to address any obstacles that might prevent you from reaching the success you desire, she adds.

"It's something we don't do often enough, but it's a simple activity that can make an enormous difference in what we accomplish," Hughes says.

The exercise also helps build self-awareness, Hughes notes, which opens you to possibilities by creating the opportunity to step outside yourself to observe your actions, reactions, emotional responses, personal strengths and your beliefs and assumptions.

"When you are able to take that step outside yourself to objectively take a deep look, the value is priceless," she says.

Hughes says each week, you'll also identify your goals and determine how they will help you reach your primary goals.

Schedule 15 minutes at the beginning of each day to think about the one or two things you want to accomplish that day to move you forward toward your primary goals.

Take notes on how the tasks are tied to your grater goal. At the end of the day, review your progress. At week's end, recap how you did overall and determine the important tasks or actions for the next week. For about two hours a week, you can stay focused on your most important goals.

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FINDING FAIR AND BALANCED

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND AVOID OFFICE POLITICS

By CHRIS GELBACH
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To some people, office politics is a concept with inherently negative or intimidating connotations. But according to some experts, that mindset can hold back the very people who wish to stay above the fray and succeed based on merit.

"My feeling has always been that a dysfunctional family is any family with more than one member," says Peggy Klaus, executive communication and leadership coach and author of "The Hard Truth About Soft Skills" (HarperBusiness, 2008). "Any office that has more than one person is political."

But some environments are more negatively political than others. And this is sometimes evident — if often ignored — during the interview process. According to Klaus, people ignore these cues in their anxiousness to secure a job. For example, if your interviewers talk about the weaknesses of their colleagues, boss or department, you're likely entering a highly political environment. And if they describe the environment as political, you should probably listen to them.

"If they say things like, 'The CEO prides himself on being fair-minded and having no favorites, but everyone vies for his attention and it gets pretty political around here,' that's a red flag," Klaus says. It may not be a mistake to take the job, but it's a mistake not to recognize those clues that should inform your decision.

Once you're in a role, according to Joel Garfinkle, executive coach and author of "Getting Ahead: Three Steps to Take Your Career to the Next Level" (Wiley, 2011), you can identify those who play games and spread gossip. Minimizing your associations with them can help you avoid being affected by their negative energy and perspective. Klaus also recommends identifying these political sharks and understanding their objectives and how they communicate. This will help you be proactive in managing them so you avoid getting caught off guard.

People often think of things like gossip and backstabbing when they think of office politics. Avoiding these issues is as simple as viewing every conversation about a coworker as one that will get back to them. This will encourage you to avoid venting, to let gossip stop with you and to share honest positive feedback freely. "When you say positive things and it gets back to people, they feel supported and feel that you're on their side," says Garfinkle. "And that builds trust."

Where some workers go wrong is in viewing the promotion of their own accomplishments and value as playing office politics. "Working hard and letting the work speak for itself is a misnomer, because it's just not enough," says Garfinkle. "You might be producing some of the best things in the company, but if no one knows about it, it doesn't matter."

This is particularly important in a world where jobs are rarely for life and mergers, acquisitions and other uncertainties are increasingly common. "Just because you're doing a good job, it doesn't mean that your boss is going to be able to advocate for you in a way that they once did or that you would like them to. They don't have the bandwidth anymore," Klaus says. "You won't get the promotions, the titles, the stretch assignments or the money unless you can talk about yourself as an individual and what your contributions have been."

To do this effectively, Garfinkle recommends making a list of the influential players in your company. It could include your boss, his or her bosses or even your peers. "These people need to know three things about you. They need to know who you are, they need to know what you're working on and they need to realize the value that you bring to the workplace."

The more you can speak up in meetings and serve as the front-line person on projects by sending out messages and giving presentations, the easier it is get this recognition. Speaking up is also important at performance reviews, which aren't just an opportunity for your boss to express what they see or want from you. "It's also your turn to brag — in a good way," says Klaus.

Klaus recommends additionally advocating for yourself in external meetings with clients and prospective customers. "Don't just let them know what the company can provide for them," she says. "Also share what your experience has been in relation to their needs."

According to Garfinkle, if people don't know what you're doing and your value, they can create their own perception and preconceived notions of what your value is. Far from being office politics, your ability to assert your tangible accomplishments and impact can be the most persuasive defense against those who do play political games at work.

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GIVE ME THE REMOTE

Although workers see telecommuting as a valuable perk, they can't totally escape the office, finds a research paper recently published online in Personnel Psychology.

Indeed, ties to co-workers and bosses back at the office play a key role in the success of these remote work arrangements.

Telecommuting has grown increasingly popular. A 2013 survey by the non-profit research association, WorldatWork, found that 88 percent of some 800 businesses large and small offered telecommute options.

Still, managers and co-workers back in the office won't view remote workers' performance positively unless they aim to counteract some long-held negative perceptions, notes Ravi Gajendran, a University of Illinois business professor and co-author of the study.

Gajendran's research provides evidence against some of those negative views, and offers insight on how remote workers can improve the perceptions of their performance. The findings can also bolster an employee's argument that he should be allowed to telecommute:

- In spite of employers' worry that productivity will slip without the monitoring that face time affords, data on 323 workers and 143 matched supervisors finds that job performance of telecommuters is actually slightly better than performance of office workers. A key reason, speculates Gajendran, is that remote workers are motivated to do more because they appreciate their arrangement.
- Office workers often resent remote employees, "because there are unanticipated tasks that can creep up and the at-home worker isn't there to help," says Gajendran. He recommends that telecommuters "be sensitive to what is happening at the office," and suggest that they are available to help out.
- Remote work must really be somewhat remote. Explains Gajendran: "If managers use excessive controls, like constantly monitoring when a telecommuter logs on and off his computer, workers perceive the lack of trust, and their performance can suffer."

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Needed for our new training/ hiring center in Odessa. Must be good with people, have experience with Microsoft Word/ Excel, and must be able to multitask. Monday-Friday 8 AM- 5 PM, some overtime may be required.

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Immediate Opening! Independent petroleum exploration company land department seeks highly motivate individual for full time position with benefits. Will perform routine clerical tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, be proficient in computer technologies, particularly MS Office. Must have ability to multitask and handle tight deadlines from multiple sources. Must have sound verbal and written communication and strong organizational skills with a strong service based approach. 2+ years experience in like position in Oil & Gas industry or Bachelor's Associates Degree preferred, but not required. Please submit cover letter with resume to Gregory Smith at gsmith@rkpetroleum.com

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CREW LEADER AND FIELD TECHS

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Trihydro Corporation has an opening for an Environmental Technician. Duties include air quality monitoring associated with Leak Detection and Repair programs at natural gas plants. A basic understanding of mechanical systems is required. Applicants must have a clean driving record and a commitment to safe operations. This position will work independently and in a team setting and will require significant travel. Apply at www.trihydro.com with application, resume, and cover letter. Trihydro is an EEO/AA employer.

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ADM.TerraceWest@daybreakventure.com

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DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Thomas Campagna, DMD
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GIRLING HEALTH CARE

PT Weekend Receptionist

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West Texas Centers

Promoting Behavioral & Developmental Health

West Texas Centers has an opening for a **Mental Health Counselor**. This position will be responsible for providing a combination of both counseling duties and intake eligibility assessments as assigned. Duties of this position will be responsible for providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to an individual, group, or family depending on assignment. Advantage if received State training in CBT, CPT, TF-CBT and having CBT Competency requirements met (training will be provided if needed). Other duties of this position may require routine interactions with individuals with mental illness and their families to complete eligibility diagnostic assessments and making level of care recommendations. Must be licensed by the State of Texas as an LPC, LCSW, LMFT. Travel required within assigned service area. Position will be based out of Big Spring. Employee will participate on Crisis Consult Rotation by phone, providing support to Crisis Duty Staff and Authorizing options for interventions. Employee must have a valid Texas driver's license and a driving record that is acceptable for insurability through the Center's insurance carrier. $22.58 per hr $46,968 annually.

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HEALTHCARE

midland memorial hospital

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Applications available at any of our three offices located in Snyder, Roby, and Stamford, and online along with a summary of the position vacancy notice at www.bigcountry.coop. Please forward to Sylvia Lomas, Human Resources Department/Big Country Electric Cooperative/PO BOX 518/Roby, TX 79543-0518 or slomas@bigcountry.coop
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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to report to first post. Possible locations are Midland or Odessa. Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work 4 out of 5 nights per week. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will begin at night per week. We will train the night person.

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Apply in person at

OTHER JOBS

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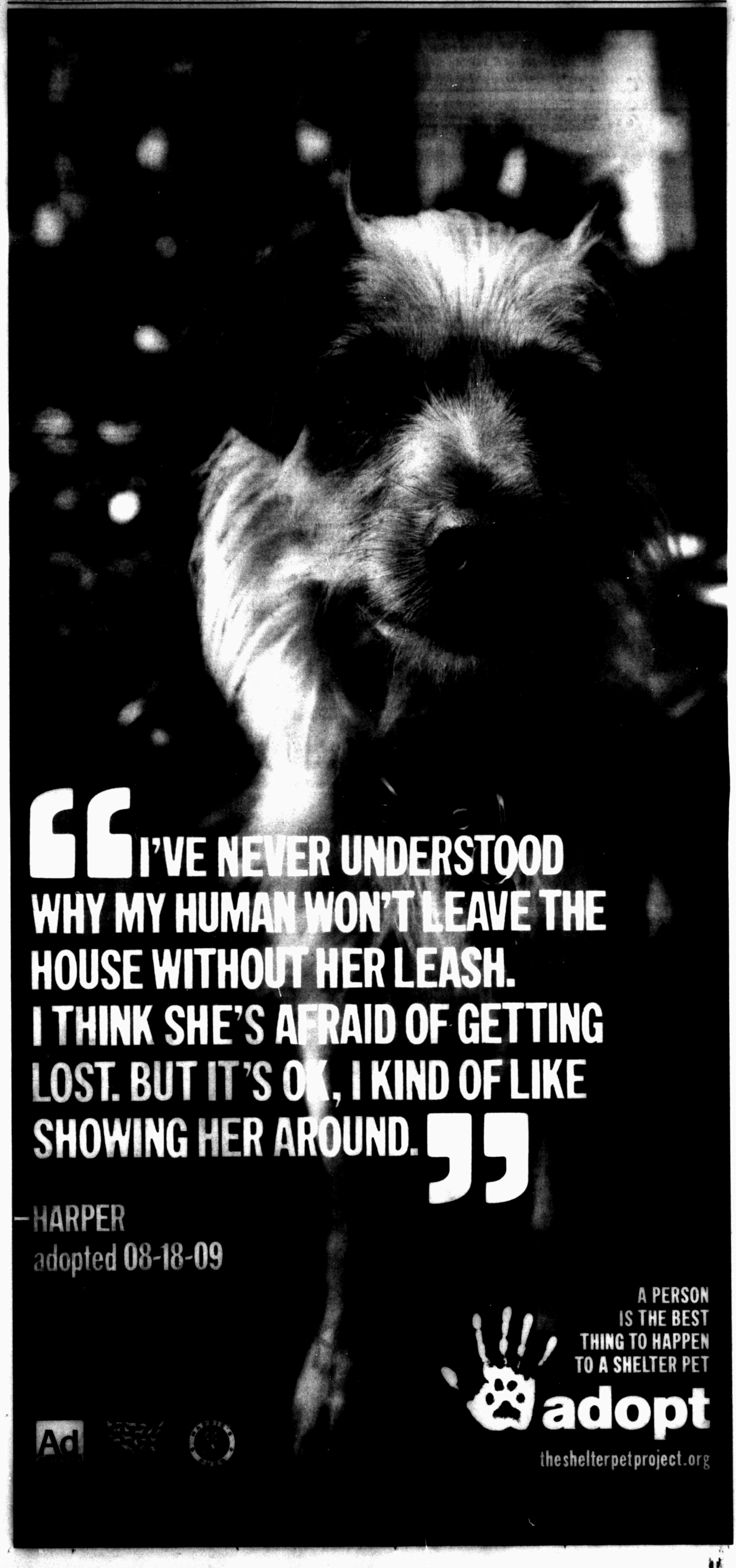
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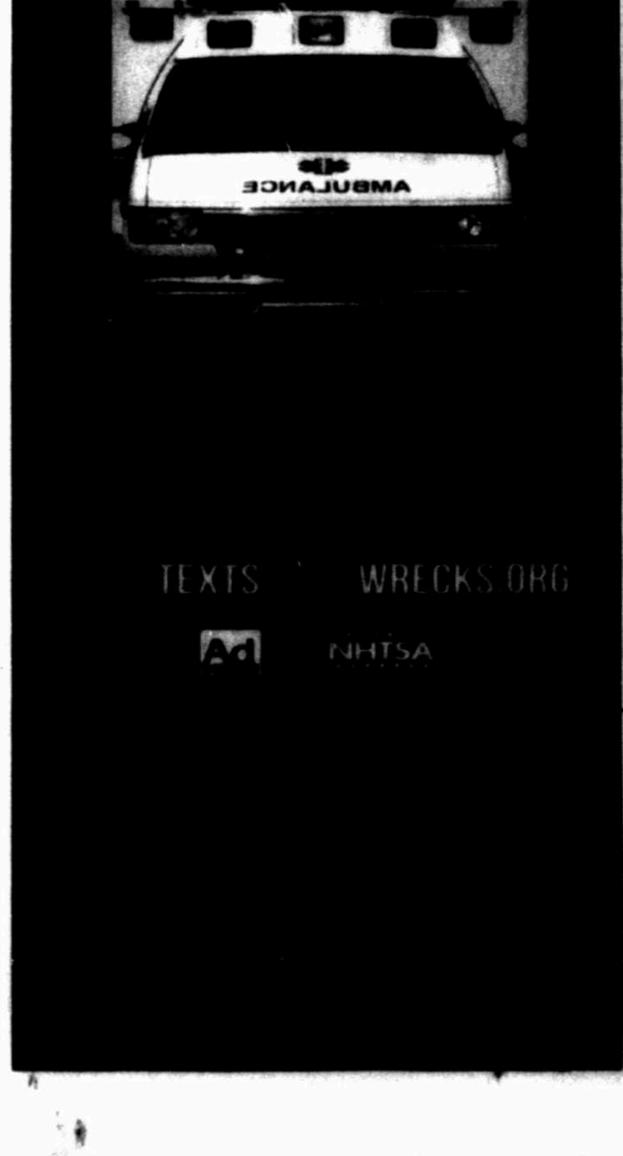

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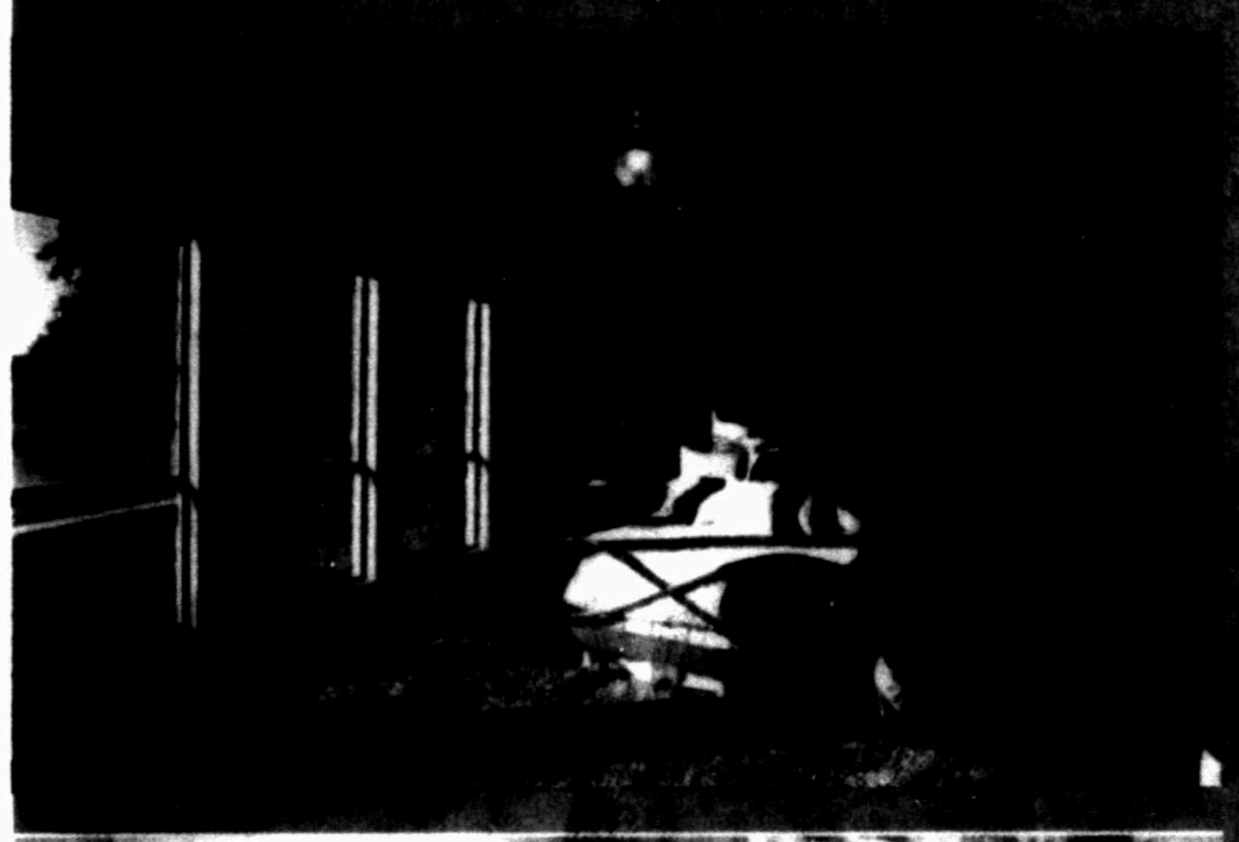

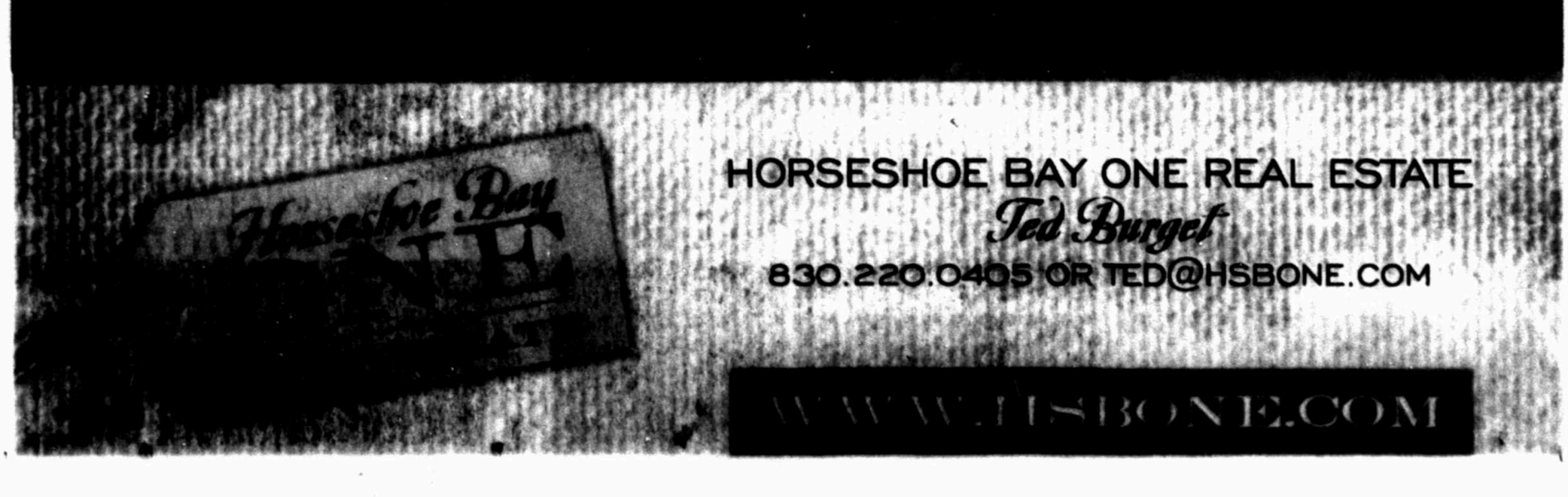

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Determine what you're looking for
Everyone has different requirements and priorities for housing. The couple expecting their first child might have substantially different needs than the family with three teenage boys, as will the person whose aging parent needs in-home care. Make a list of what you need and want in a home and a list of what you like and dislike about your current home. Then compare the two lists. If renovating is an option, get a contractor or an architect to look at your house, explain your options and provide you with an estimate. Keep in mind there are things you can't renovate, like neighborhood, lot size, quality of schools and other environmental factors.

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With persistently low interest rates and desirable prices – even bargains in some locations – there are a lot of great reasons to buy a home in the current real estate market. However, deciding whether to buy or rent is a serious, often complicated decision, which should be weighed carefully.

A professional, experienced real estate agent can help guide you through a rent vs. buy analysis based on your particular circumstances. In the meantime, the American Bankers Association (ABA) suggests asking yourself the following critical questions when considering a home purchase:

1. How much can you afford to put down? Can you afford the monthly payment? A mortgage down payment of 5 - 20 percent of the selling price is typical, but can vary depending on the situation. The size of the down payment will impact the monthly cost. Assess your financial health, determine how large of a down payment you can afford and consider if you can then afford the monthly cost.

2. What other debt do you have? Consider all of your current and expected financial obligations and ensure you are able to make all the payments. Aim to keep total rent or mortgage payments plus other credit obligations less than 35 - 40 percent of your monthly income. If you can't keep payments below that, you may be better off renting for a while or searching for a more affordable home.

3. What is my credit score? Can I qualify for a good interest rate? A high credit score indicates strong creditworthiness, which qualifies you for better interest rates on a mortgage. Maxing out your credit lines and paying bills late will lower your credit score, and the impact of a credit score on interest rates can be significant. For instance, a borrower with a score of 760 could pay nearly 2 percentage points less in interest than someone with a score of 620. That equates to over $3,000 less in mortgage payments each year. If your credit score is low, you may want to delay buying a home and take steps to raise your score.

4. How much will taxes, monthly maintenance or other fees cost? Owning a home means you will have to pay real estate taxes and other costs like insurance and maintenance. However, owning a home can bring tax savings at the end of the year. Remember to factor in these costs and incentives. Renters have neither these costs nor tax advantages.

5. How many years will I stay here? Generally, the longer you plan to live someplace, the more it makes sense to buy. Over time, you can build equity in your house. For renters, there is no equity or investment value. Yet, renters have greater flexibility to move as they don't have to worry about finding new tenants.

If it turns out that it may be better to wait a bit before buying a home, keep in close contact with your real estate agent, who can help you make the move to homeownership as soon as possible.

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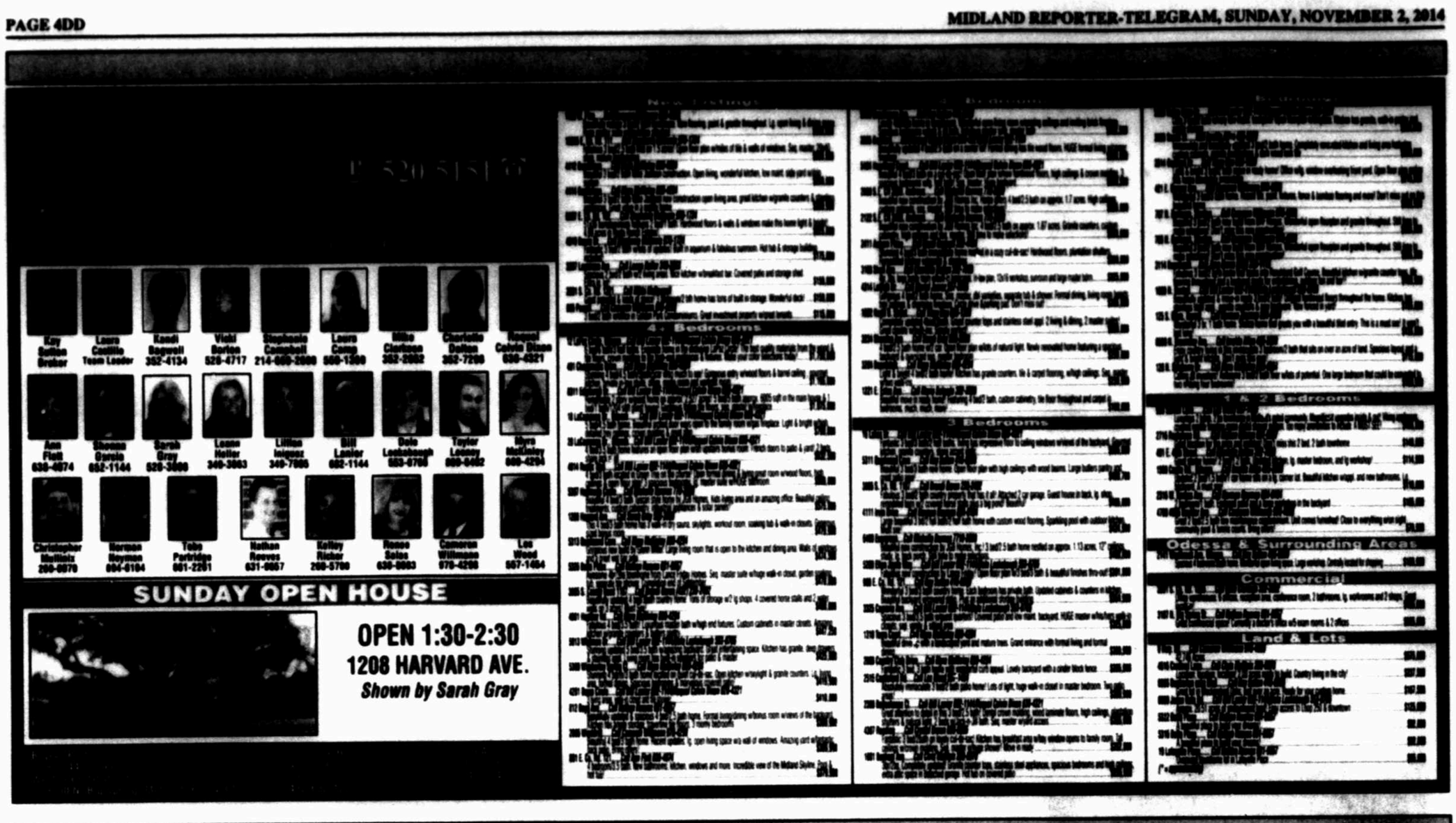

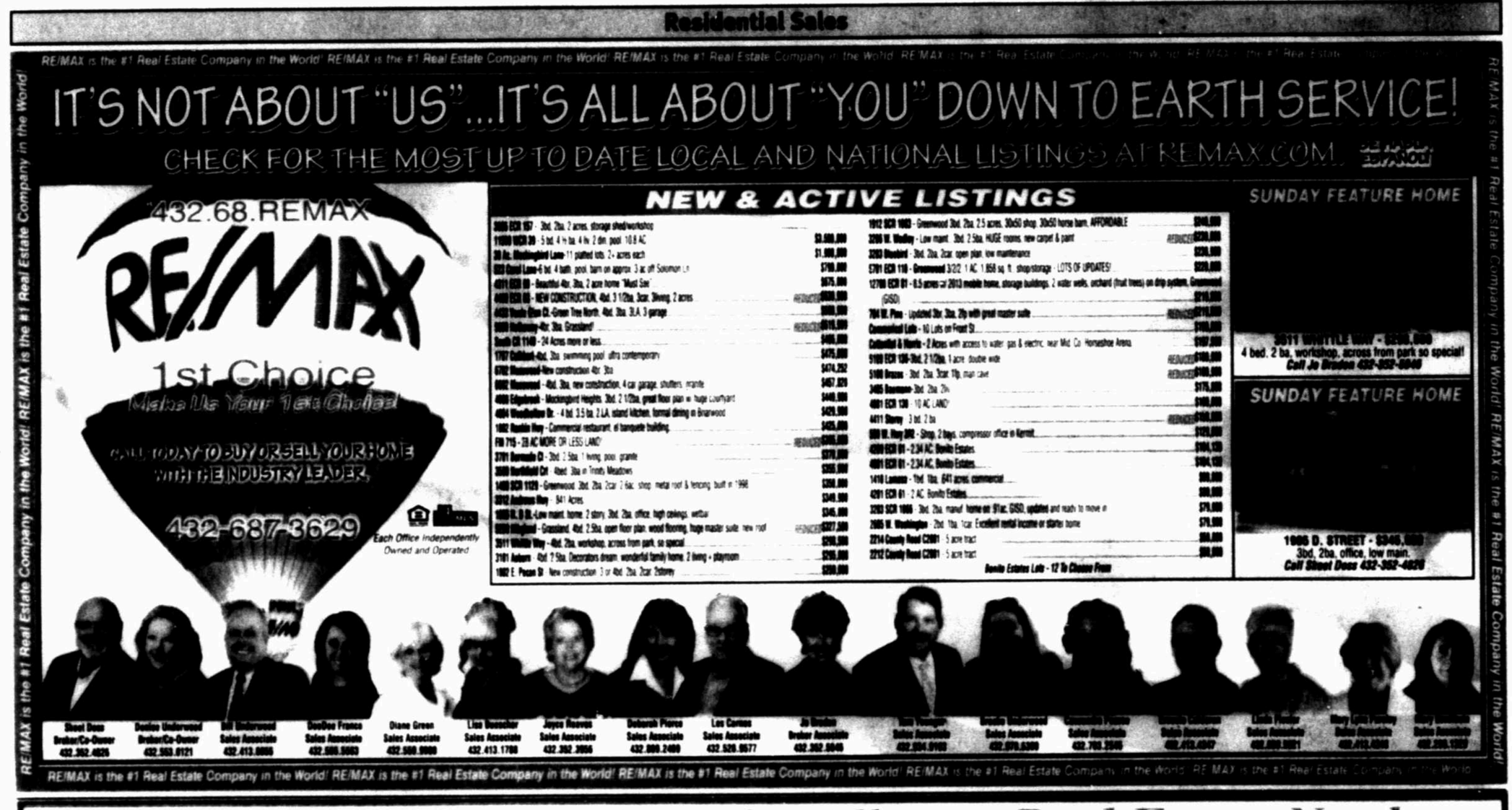

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12007 Silverton -Woodland Park, almost new! Open plan and beautiful! $629,000
4800 Bishops Castle Dr -Spacious updated 4 bedroom 3 full baths 2 living, formal dining, 3 garage $395,000
4 Oak Lawn Park-Nicely updated townhouse in Oaklawn Park! $309,000
3206 Chelsea Place-Wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home that is move-in condition! $297,000
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51 Ward Rd. -fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates. Public dock for residents only. $240,000
7 Oak Lenn Park-2 bedrooms/2 baths low maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park $230,000
4500 Cloudcroft Ct -Updated 3 bedrooms/2 bath home located on a quiet pretty cul-de-sac with mature trees! $224,900
1602 Shell- "Old Midland" - nice neighborhood for growing family $200,000
3614 Shell Ave. - 3 bedrooms/2 bath home in Wedgewood Park $158,000
E. Co. Rd. 129-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows $65,000
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One Bedroom

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1002 A&B W. Kentucky Ave -Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bdrm/1 bth. Unit B is 3 bdrm/2.5 bth ..... blk $ $150,000

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1508 Douglas Ave - beautiful home w/pool $665,000
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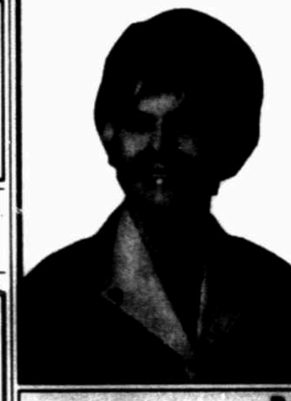

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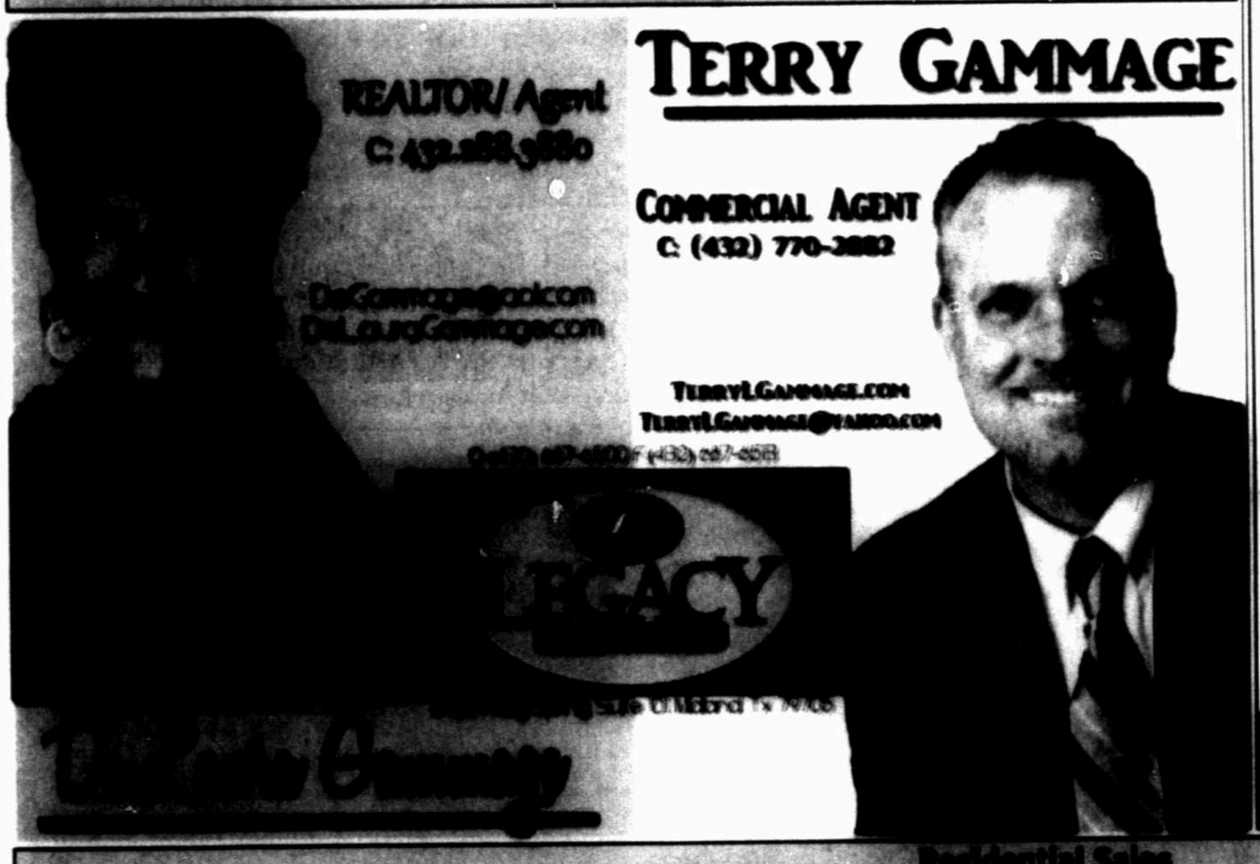

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4016 Island Dr. - Elegant and stately 6 bed/6.5 bath mansion on the course in Green Tree North! Custom MR Larry has 5 living, 2 dining, and 4 car garage! Home sits on .824 acre lot! Ash ceilings and 2 staircases! Hardwood floors and plantation shutters! 2 Story! Course views! $1,000,000

5004 Shadydene Pl. - Absolutely astounding 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living (greatroom+study) with Venetian plaster throughout! Barrel wood entry ceiling, iron & onyx light fixtures, and reclaimed hardwood floors! Outdoor kit. and extraordinary courtyard! Fabulous vessel sinks! $575,000

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6040 Dundee Ct. - NEW!-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath home in Green Tree North sits on a quiet cul-de-sac with sweeping views of the course! Gorgeous hardwood floors throughout! Light and bright kitchen has 2 ovens, breakfast bar, island, and abundant cabinetry! Huge backyard and covered patio! $520,000

5107 Teakwood Trace-NEW!-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/ 2 dining area home with sweeping views of the golf course in Green Tree! Gleaming hardwood floors and tile flooring! Updated gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite countertops! Plantation shutters and beamed ceilings! $499,000

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4502 Rustic Trail-Lovely 4 bed/2.5 bath/3 car garage home in Green Tree North! Laminate wood floors in the living and bedrooms! Miles of tile and walls of windows! Covered patio with outside fireplace! Lush landscaping! Sequestered master suite! $435,000

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Open House 1-3 pm

3103 Elm Dr. - Must see 2 bed/2.5 bath one maintenance townhome at the end of a cul-de-sac $195,000

3016 Baltic Ave-NEW!-Spectacular 3 bed/2.5 bath home boasts stately landscaping and inviting front porch! Gleaming hardwood floors in the living, hallways, and master suite! Elegant carpet in the guest rooms! Master bath $194,900

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3411 W Ohio-NEW!-Charming 3 bed/2 bath home sets on a large corner lot with concrete fence and plenty of room to $164,900

3600 Cedar Spring - Cute, cute, cute! 3 bed/2 bath home within walking distance to $156,900

702 S. Colleen Dr. - Absolutely spectacular 3 bed/2 bath new construction home from James Moore. Open floor plan $150,000

1021 E. Oak Ave - Darling 3 bed/ 2 bath home boasts spectacular updates top to bottom. Updated kitchen cabinets, granite counters, ... $125,000

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4+ BEDROOMS

5212 Goldenrod Dr.-Fantastic 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Greathouse! Miles of tile and walls of windows throughout! SOLD $340,000

1300 Pueblo Dr.-Terrific 4 bed/3 bath home with 3 living areas, miles of tile and fresh paint! Sequestered master bedroom! $225,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5200 Green Tree Blvd.-NEW!-Spectacular 3 bed/3 bath townhome w/ 3-car garage and sweeping views of golf course! Each room opens to a balcony! Kitchen w/ island opens to dining and den areas! Lots of recent updates & beautiful back yard with extended covered patio and turf grass. $435,000

5700 Los Patios-GORGEOUS-NEW!-Fabulous 3 bed/3 bath Carrasco Homes resale in Los Patios features soaring ceilings, crown molding, rounded corners, arches, built-ins and huge closets! Miles of tile and granite throughout! Open floor plan! Lush landscaping! $365,000

2010 E FM 1212 STANTON - Fabulous county property on 12.680 acres w/2 water wells, 60X25 workshop, 3 storage buildings! $360,000

2200 Carol Dr.-Lovely 3 bed/2 bath patio home with 3 private patios in the heart of Midland! Updated kitchen with granite countertops! $240,000

2606 Rowel-GORGEOUS-NEW!-Spectacular low maintenance DR Horton 3 bed/2 bath home has spacious bedrooms plus a bonus room! Light and bright kitchen has granite countertops, stainless appliances, and abundant cabinetry! Living area boasts beautiful hardwood floors! Covered back patio! $240,000

5311 Palisades-Absolutely spectacular 3 bed/2 bath home with unbelievable updates throughout! Miles of fabulous oversized tile! SOLD $210,000

5300 Pendleton Dr.-Absolutely stunning 3 bed/2 bath home with hand-scraped hardwood floors throughout! SOLD $215,000

3104 S. Redwood Drive-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home with 2-car garage! Open and spacious living room to kitchen with high ceilings! $200,000

3005 ECR 1102-NEW!-Must see this near town 3 bed/2bath home that sits on 2 fenced in acres! 2 living areas! ..... U/C $204,000

2010 W. Golf Course Rd-Spacious 3 bed/2 bath home with basement sits on a large corner lot! Den has fireplace and built-ins! $199,000

4713 Tinker Lane-Beautiful 3 bed/2.5 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! One owner and well-maintained! ..... SOLD $195,000

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COMMERCIAL, LAND and LOTS

4107 E County Rd. 1247 - RV Park with clubhouse and 7 cabins! 26 RV spots rent for $575 a month! 2 cabins rent for $1,000 a month! Clubhouse has kitchen, laundry facilities, and entertainment area! Entire park has RC system! Great investment! $2,300,000

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2221 Timber Wolf Lane - Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000

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Source: 2014 National Association of Realtors Profile of Real Estate Firms

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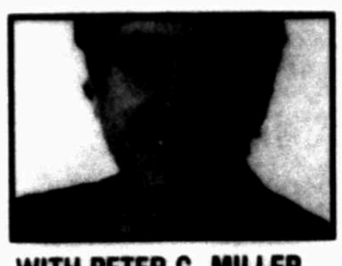

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WHEN HELOCs EXPLODE

QUESTION:

In 2006, just before the market collapsed, we got a $100,000 home equity line of credit. The lender cut off our ability to borrow against the line a few years later but not before we had taken out about $80,000. We've been making payments, but there has to come a point where the balance will be due, and we don't have it. What can we do to avoid foreclosure?

ANSWER:

In general terms, a home equity line of credit has two phases: a "draw" period and a "pay down" period. During the draw period, you can take out money and often make only minimal monthly payments, say interest-only. In the pay-down period, you can no longer make withdrawals; instead, the lender looks at the balance and calculates a monthly payment that equals enough to pay back the debt and interest.

In your case — and you are not alone — what you have is an exploding HELOC. Transunion estimates that HELOCs worth as much as $570 billion will end in the next few years and have an "elevated risk of default." Like many HELOC borrowers, you found that when home values went down, the lender claimed the right to limit or end withdrawals. You now have a balance and can no longer take out money. The question is: How do you pay off the debt and avoid foreclosure?

You need to contact your lender for specifics, but let's make some assumptions and say that your loan has a 10-year draw period and a 5-year pay-down period. You now have $80,000 outstanding, and on an interest-only basis at 6 percent you're paying $400 a month to keep the loan current.

If you still owe $80,000 once the payback period begins and the interest rate is still 6 percent, your monthly payment will jump to $1,547. Of course, if the interest rate is higher then the payment will be that much larger.

Here are some steps to take:

First, begin now to pay $1,500 a month. This will lower your debt by the time the payback period starts and pay down some of the outstanding principal. Adding $1,100 a month to your payment may be impossible; so you need to look for alternatives. If the value of your home has increased, if you have sufficient equity, you may be able to refinance at today's rates, about 4 percent as of this writing.

Second, if the value of your house has declined then there will be insufficient equity to refinance the debt. You need to ask the lender if the debt can be modified, perhaps converted into a fixed-rate loan at today's rates with a 30-year term. At 4 percent the monthly payment for the loan will be $382.

You might get modification help with the government's Making Home Affordable program, specifically its Second Lien Modification Program. Because there are various conditions and restrictions, you really want to look into this alternative now, today, before the payback period begins and while the program still is available.

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HOW TO RENT YOUR RESIDEN

WHETHER YOU'RE MAKING USE OF A VACANT HOME OR TAKING ON AN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, ESTABLISH A PLAN BEFORE YOU OPEN UP THE DOORS TO A TENANT

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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Underwater on your mortgage? Own a home that's often left vacant? Looking to convert your property into an extra revenue stream? You may want to consider renting out your residence to a short- or long-term tenant.

But be aware that the business of being a landlord can be a lot more complicated than you bargained for.

Whether it's a single-family home, condominium unit, townhouse or other type of abode, the right rent-subsidized real estate can produce impressive returns in the currently competitive rental market, provided you do your homework.

The rental market in most areas of the United States is very tight, which means it's very easy to rent a house right now. If you can create positive cash flow with your rental property – meaning the expenses, including mortgage, are less than the rent coming in – rental properties are a great investment," says Mark Ferguson, a Realtor with Pro Realty in Greeley, Colorado.

"The tenant will h… down your mortg… and values will e… while fixed-rate … ments stay the s…

Ferguson says … ties that typical… best rentals in … middle-income, … homes, although … ket has different … and home value…

"Median-incom… seem to have the … rate due to dece… and no shortage… says Ronald R. P… founder of Netwo… in Utica, Ohio. "Low-in… areas tend to have a hi… ant turnover rate, whic… many times lead to hi… vacancy percentages. … income areas obvious… bring higher rent values, but … to have a much smaller pool of tenants to choose from.

The best candidates to become landlords, meanwhile, are those that pay close attention to details, keep great records, and aren't afraid to manage tenant problems quickly and effectively.

"That means someone who is organized, open to putting … d ideally … ncy fund for … er unex… acancies," … , president … Services … nnesota, … x apart… nd single… thout the … 18 years. … got the … nt collec… r some hard … preparations, … wing: … ur local … sure that leas… is allowed in … ply with any … ordinances, and … al license and … required.

• … your property insur… ance … y to make sure you … will … e proper coverage in … place … e tenants.

• C… paint, and update … the re… e with modern, … low-ma… ance appliances, … features … amenities.

• Equ… your rental property … with n… ary smoke and car… bon m… oxide detectors, fire … extin… shers, dead bolt locks … and … her safety features that … local laws may require.

• Conduct criminal background and credit checks on prospective renters.

• Work with a real estate attorney to create a carefully worded lease agreement/contract that complies with local laws, clearly states what is/is not included, details tenant responsibilities, and stipulates that a damage deposit is required. "Add clauses to the lease that protect you and your property," Ferguson says. "For example, indicate that the tenant will pay $750 if they smoke in the house, have a pet in the house, get caught breaking the law, or make alterations to the property without permission. And state the exact late fees and when rent is considered late."

Ready to rent out? To market your rental property, consider publicizing via sites like Craigslist, Zillow, Trulia, and local newspaper classifieds and website. If you're only seeking a short-term or seasonal/vacationing tenant, explore services like Airbnb, HomeAway, FlipKey and VRBO.

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MORTGAGES

NACA: A LONG-TIME RESOURCE FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS

Housing nonprofit helps regular buyers obtain enticing mortgages usually reserved for those with elite credit

In the next few months, hundreds of homebuyers are expected to take 15-year fixed rate loans funded by Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America.

Offered at a low rate of about 3 percent, borrowers also can pay "points" (one point is 1 percent of the total loan amount) to lower the interest rate charge further.

Usually, just borrowers with pristine credit qualify for low rate mortgages. And, it's only financially savvy consumers who save extra to pay points or who choose a 15- year mortgage over the traditional 30-year, knowing that the shorter term – despite higher monthly payments – means they'll own a bigger portion of their home outright, free of mortgage, sooner.

But many of the borrowers taking these loans didn't have great credit scores or know the advantages of 15-year loans – until they learned of the Neighborhood Assistance Corp. of America, a Boston-based nonprofit.

Indeed, while the funding for these 15-year loans is provided by Bank of America and Citigroup, NACA counsels borrowers on when they'll be able to afford the loan, and makes the loan approvals.

"We have had a 20-year relationship with NACA," observes Terry Francisco, a Bank of America spokesman.

"They have a good track record of getting funding to subsidize some of the interest rate to make loans affordable," says Paul Leonard of the Center for Responsible Lending. "And they have a unique approach of looking not just at a single credit score but whether people can afford the payment on the loan."

Borrowers with any income can use NACA, but the mortgages made must be under FHA limit in their area. Financial counseling at one of the NACA offices in 35 states, or by phone is required. More information is at www.naca.com.

— *Marilyn Kennedy Melia*

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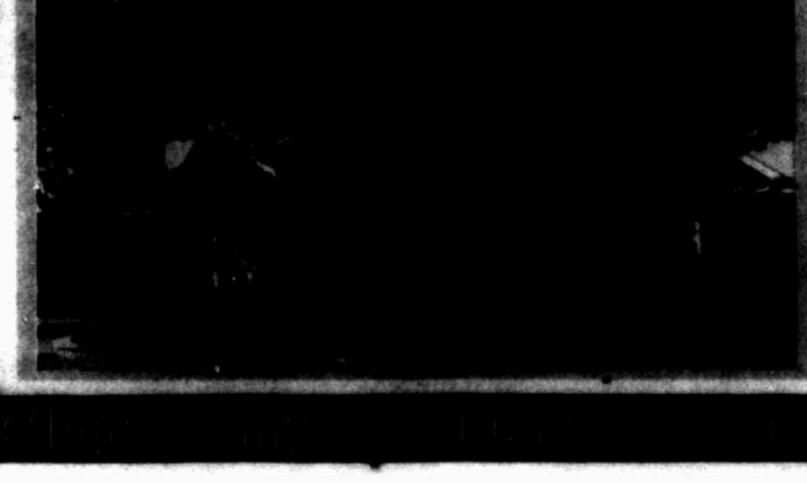

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UNDER CONTRACT
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2400 W. Golf Course - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. So many updates!! Lots of parking on property. **New Listing! $238,000**
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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

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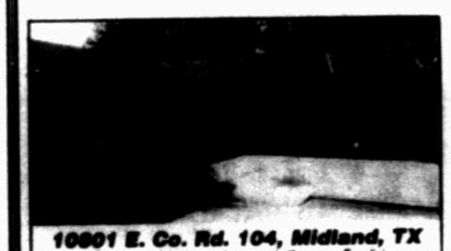

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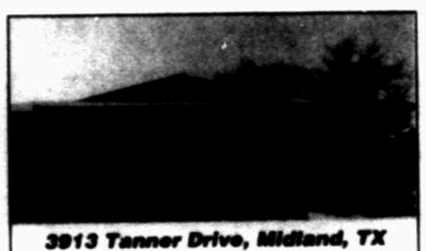

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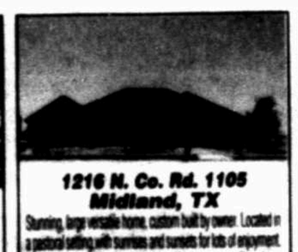

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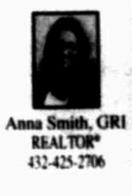

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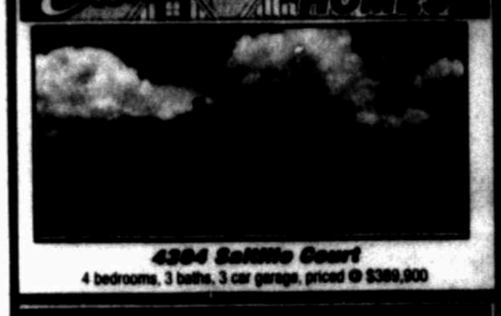

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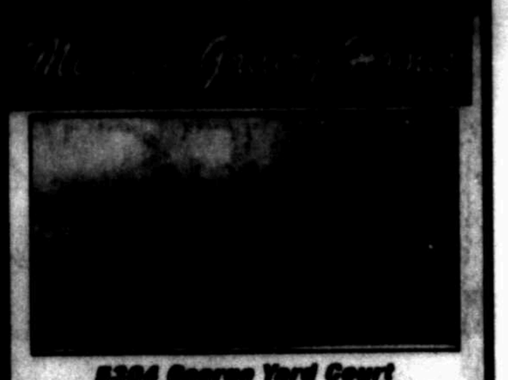

5304 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $498,000

Arrington Homes

6413 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $927,500

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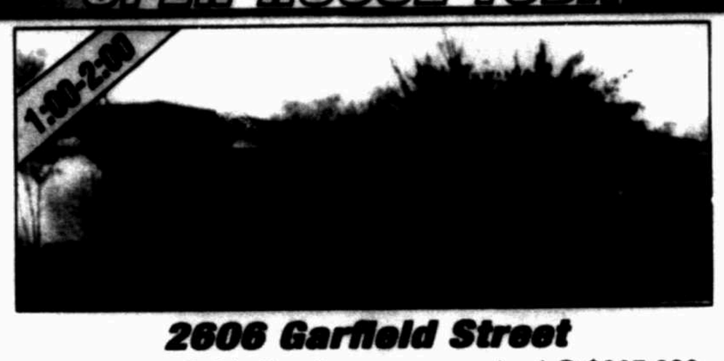
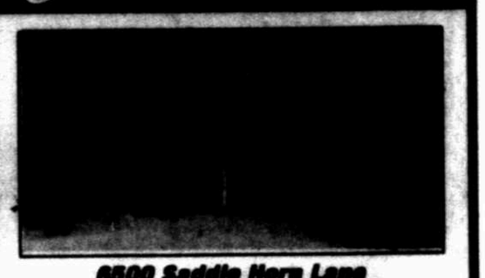


2606 Garfield Street
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage,priced @ $287,000

"Everyday do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow."
~ Doug Firebaugh

Carrasco Homes



6500 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $796,800

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

501 Scharbauer Dr	Townhome/1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	$84,000
15425 Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$160,000
4615 Laura Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5108 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
2108 Abbey Pl	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5808 Hilltop Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
2606 Garfield Street	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/ 2 Car garage	$287,000
3109 Haynes Drive	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$290,000
3219 Chelsea Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$294,900
3209 Chelsea Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5312 Widener Strip	3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage/Pool	$419,900
610 Oak Point Drive	Lakefront Property/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$425,000
705 Riviera Court	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Half Ba/6 Car Garage	U/C
3002 Vermont	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6401 Los Conchos lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,400,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5703 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5921 San Clemente Dr	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5713 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,900
4308 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5305 Half Moon Circle	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$450,000
4308 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5314 Brown Heart Ln	Rasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5321 Half Moon Circle	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,900
5304 George Yard Ct	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$498,000
5310 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$498,800
5317 Half Moon Circle	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$504,500
5300 Balfour Court	R & M Home Builders/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$535,000
6500 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$796,800
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	SOLD
6106 Dunborton Oaks	James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$1,095,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Lariat Trail	Gardendale/4.73 Acres	$99,000
5312 S. Co. Rd. 1216	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$149,000
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
1206 W. Co. Rd. 137	5 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/1.93 Acres	$235,000
12844 Goldenrod Ave	Roping Arena/14.5 Acres	$265,000
14211 Lariat Trail	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas	U/C
9511 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/4.12 Acres	$269,000
13501 E. Co. Rd. 120	Greenwood/20 acres/Horse property/Barn	$697,000
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,295,000
6401 Los Conchos lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,400,000
8911 FM 307	Approx 159 Acres/Greenwood	$1,192,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Co. Rd. 160	8.35 Acres	$325,000
Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

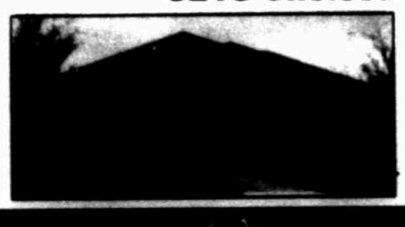
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,700,000

FEATURED HOMES

3109 Haynes Drive

3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $290,000

3219 Chelsea Place



3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $294,900

5312 Widener Strip

3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, pool, priced @ $419,900

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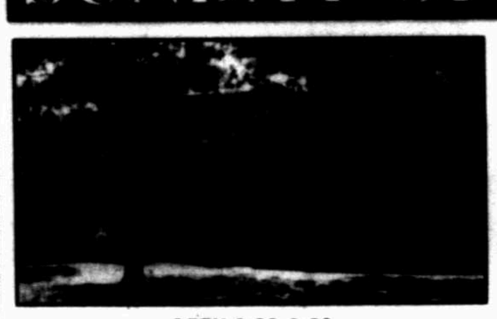
SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES



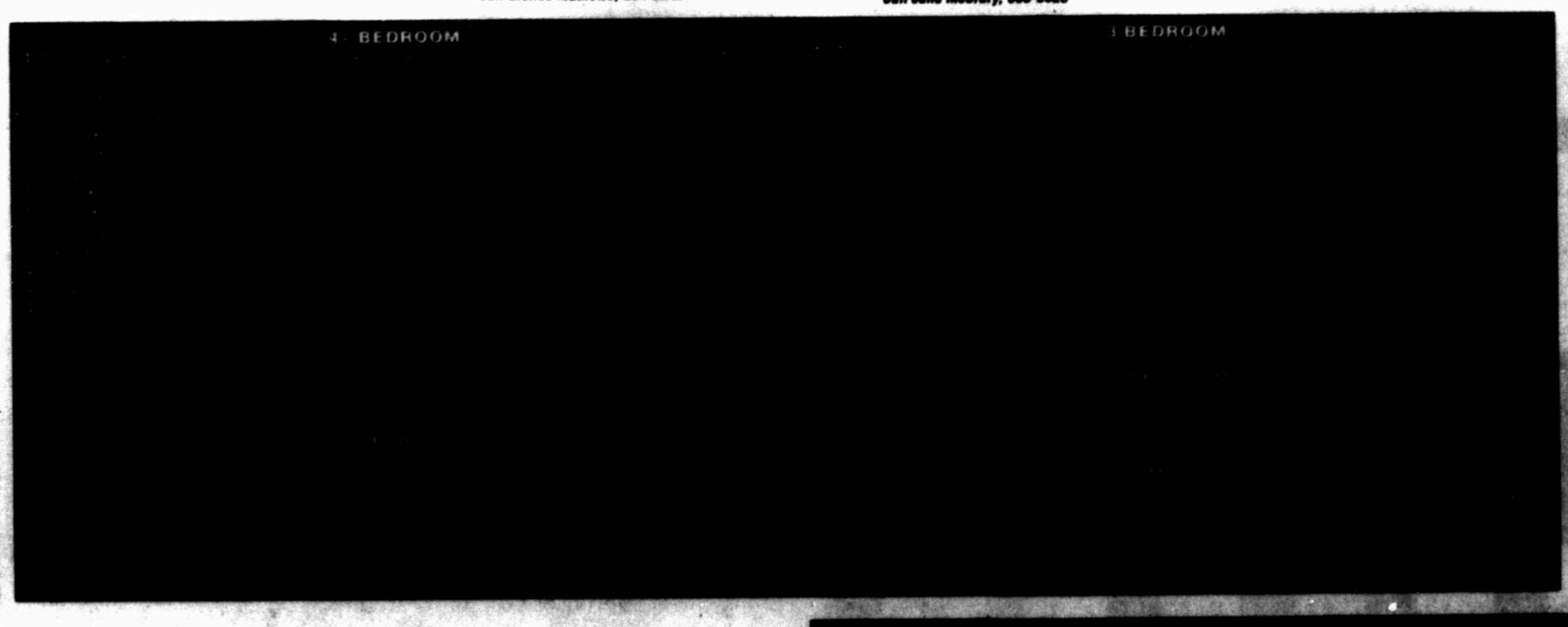
OPEN 2:00-3:00
1829 DUKES DR. - $375,000
Room to breathe! 4 bedroom & 2 living areas in lovely Polo Park! Your private escape! Wall to wall comfort! Can show anytime! Great curb appeal. lots of storage!
Call Ruth Young, 352-0996

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3903 LEHIGH DR. - $280,000
Amazing corner lot home in an amazing neighborhood! Lovely 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home surrounded by several mature shade trees; an open front porch sitting area ready for that quiet night outdoors. Rear entry garage & oversize parking pad large enough to accommodate a boat!
Call Glenda Mathews, 254-8243

SUNDAY FEATURE HOMES

2200 PRINCETON AVE. - $425,000
Don't miss this lovely home in Old Midland with an open floor plan that is wonderful for families & entertaining! The kitchen is huge with gorgeous granite, stainless appliances, a large island and a great pantry. Lots of windows allow enjoyment of the lush landscaping & wonderful trees while inside. Roomy master bedroom and a newly remodeled master bath with granite & large spa shower.
Call Jane McCrary, 553-5823

1209 E. GOLF COURSE RD.
$269,000
Lovely 2 story home built in 2006 with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and beautiful stair case leading up to a loft that can be used for a 2nd living room, family room, office or flex room. This home has a lot of natural light, a formal dining area and pretty brick fireplace in living room. Spacious bedrooms.
Call Sharon Horton, 853-7875



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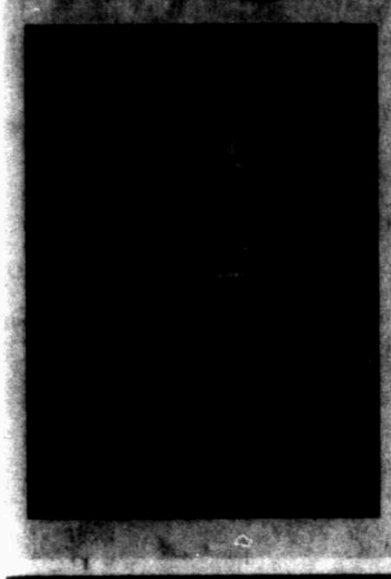

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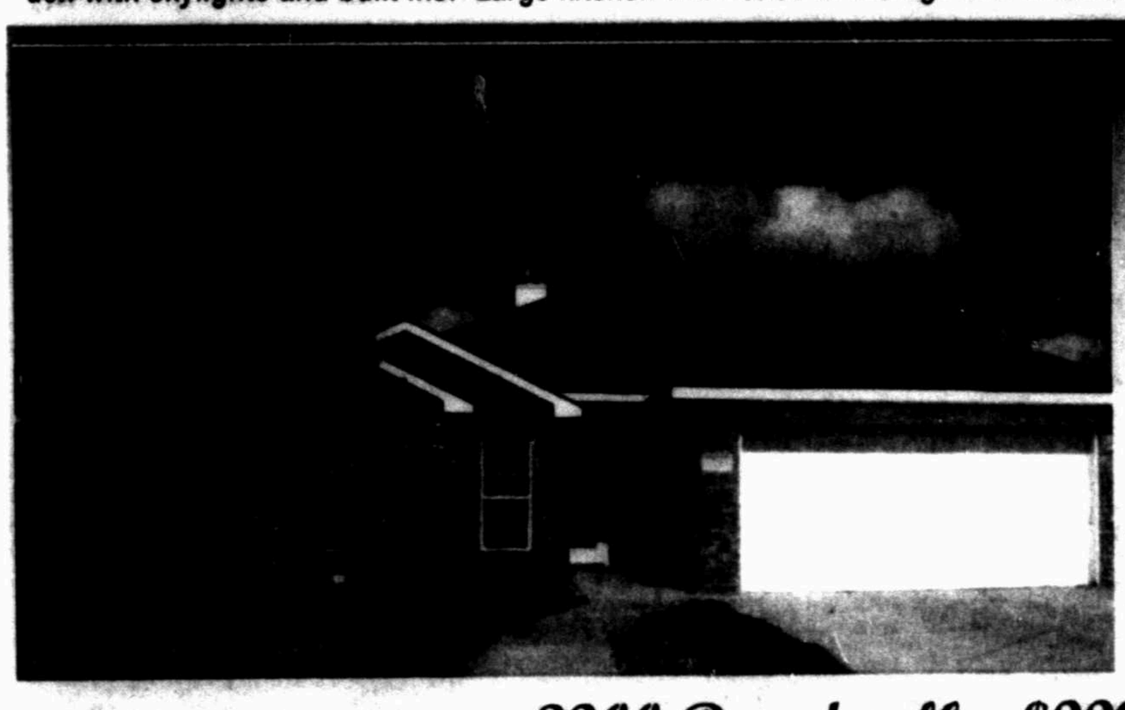
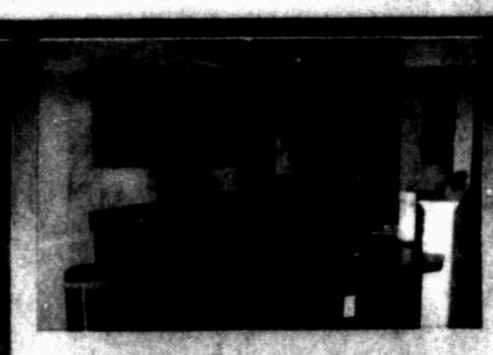
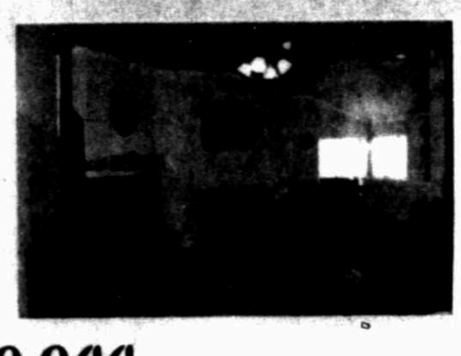
Sunday Featured Homes!

1504 Neely Ave. - $277,000

Wonderful family home with great Oak trees for natural curb appeal. Large back yard with concrete block fence. Large open living area and spacious den with skylights and built ins. Large kitchen with tones of storage and breakfast bar. Nice size 4 bedrooms and 2 baths for a growing family.







3200 Boardwalk - $229,900

This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is move in ready. Large open family room with corner fireplace. Sequestered master bedroom with tub and separate shower. Nice gala kitchen with great storage and black appliances.

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

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3210 HAYNES
$379,900
Huge 5/4 1/2 townhouse - fabulous re-do. Priced below recent appraisal.
Shown by Jennifer Martin

OPEN 1:00-2:00
1508 ALCOVE CT.
$215,000
Great location on a quiet cul-de-sac!
Shown by Samantha Smith

OPEN 1:00-2:00
6302 COLT CT.
$310,000
Beautiful 4/2/2, granite, open floorplan.
Shown by Maria Mallory

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1004 NORTH A STREET
$245,000
Amazing home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 LA's, 2DA's and sequestered master. MLS #101008
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:30-2:30
7013 RIDGEBORO
$595,000
Incredible Property!
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2817 SHANDON AVE.
$250,000
Wonderful home w/huge oak trees!
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Cherith Hamilton

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3301 EDGEMONT
$285,000
Wonderful family home on cul-de-sac!
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3 Tips to Think Inside the Box

Versatile and stylish, chic boxes have become a staple in modern home décor

By Marilyn Kennedy Meltz | CTW Features

Ethan Allen

More than functional: Canton boxes, seen here in a vivid red hue, stacked up an accent table bring square to a whole new, stylish level

Like kids who play with the empty carton instead of the toy, homeowners and design experts are elevating a relatively mundane object – the box – to a new level of sophistication.

"Boxes are now an important home accent piece," observes Tim Martin, vice president of Swing Design, which makes wood boxes painted with multiple coats of lacquer.

While more ornate and expensive boxes adorn formal rooms, they still retain their utilitarian purpose – storage.

Indeed, it's homeowners' insatiable to tidy their accumulation of stuff that's fueling the box movement.

There's a box, or its close cousin, the basket, suitable for every room in the house. "We need more organization options for all our belongings," observes Sandy Hausner, product manager for utility, Crate & Barrel.

"Many dwellings, particularly older homes and smaller living spaces are often short on closet space and storage space."

1. Lock, Stock, and Box

When a box is apt to get lots of use, like when it's in an entrance hall and sunglasses, mail, money and keys will be dropped or retrieved multiple times each day, Lauri Ward, who runs the Website redecorate.com, favors strong, metal boxes with hinged lids.

With a hinge, "the tops stay put and do not require more space," Ward observes.

In materials like mother-of-pearl, bone, shell and wood, boxes offered by home furnishings retailer Ethan Allen can be arranged on mantels, book shelves, coffee and end tables in formal rooms, notes Marta Eriquez, director of design.

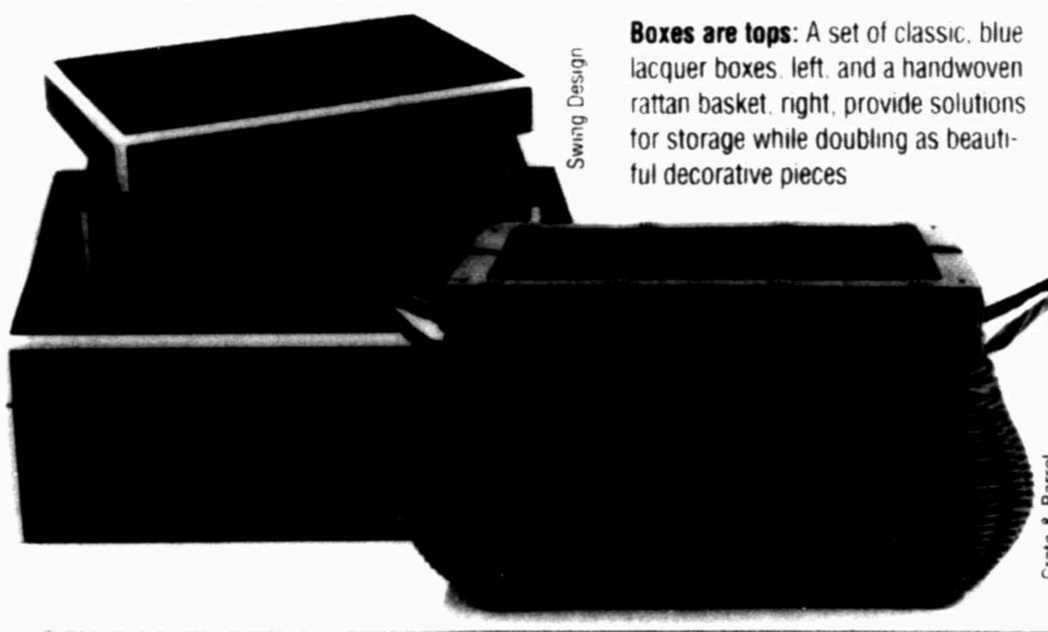
Sometimes, the ornamental aspect dominates. "On a mantel, boxes in muted tones could be stacked for a simple, elegant look, or you could mix boxes of different sizes, colors and textures to give your mantelscape a pop of 'wow' factor," Eriquez illustrates.

In other cases, function dictates form, with eye appeal still a key consideration. "Our Ivory Charger Box, which has a cut-out in back for charging cords, is a very popular choice for small electronics," says Eriquez.

And the box can even be a piece of furniture, on top of which could rest other boxes. For example, a floor cube that's part of Ethan Allen's Canton box collection opens to stash things, and is also large enough to be an accent table.

2. Basket Cases

Several varieties of baskets – some with a tight weave that obscures what's inside, some with lids to completely hide items that can jumble into a mess, and some open to sit on closet or pantry shelves – are popular at Crate & Barrel, relates Michelle Cosmo, product manager for bedding and bath. "They are a great way to store bulk items such as paper towels and bathroom tissue in a pretty and organized fashion, as well as organize and store textiles in a linen closet."



Swing Design

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Boxes are tops: A set of classic, blue lacquer boxes, left, and a handwoven rattan basket, right, provide solutions for storage while doubling as beautiful decorative pieces

Keep in mind, warns Denise Lee, owners of Clear Spaces LLC, that encasing items, whether in a basket or box, is meant to bestow the pleasure of knowing everything is in its place – not create confusion.

The contents of a box should be easily categorized – don't use them as miscellaneous catchalls, Lee cautions.

Moreover, when the contents of a box or basket are hidden, perhaps because they're on a top shelf of a pantry, "there should be a label on the box so it's easy to identify," says Lee. "There are all sorts of decorative labels available these days," she adds.

3. Little Concerns

As every parent knows, organizing an accumulation of stuff expands exponentially with each child.

For diapers, items of clothing and other objects parents, not the child, are apt to keep retrieving, colorful and more inexpensive boxes and baskets are popular, say design experts.

Once a child is older, it's possible to help them organize their own mound of toys – while considering the child's limitations, says Lee.

"With pre-readers, use a picture of the items and a printed label" on boxes, Lee suggests. And "Keep developing gross motor skills in mind as well. Children drop things. Boxes need to be tough but gentle on tiny toes should the boxes land on them."

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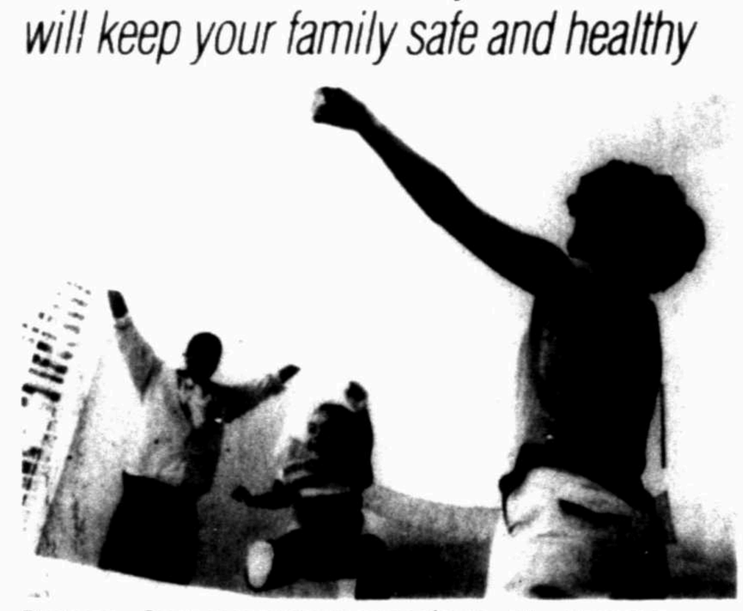
Time for Some Detox

Worried about toxins in your home? A few quick fixes will keep your family safe and healthy



Rest easy: Replace permanent-press sheets with untreated or formaldehyde-free sheets to avoide excess chemicals

By Bev Bennett | CTW Features

Healthy living is the topic du jour. But beyond learning the origin of beef from the deli or asking for sulfate-free shampoo at a corner store, don't forget to look at your own living quarters. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a person's greatest exposure to toxic chemicals is inside the home.

Before you run screaming out of your house in a panic though, remember that not all homes have the same problems. Unless a house has serious issues (think peeling lead paint chips that serve as a snack to a two-year-old), no one is in immediate danger.

According to experts, some basic precautions or simple upgrades in the home could help alleviate nagging headaches, allergy symptoms and insomnia – leading to a better quality of life.

Furniture Fixes

"In furnishings, the finishes are the most frequent culprits," says Susan Inglis, executive director of the Sustainable Furnishings Council. "If furniture has that distinctive smell of a new product, it is still off-gassing volatile organic compounds [VOCs], many of which are toxic."

In order to speed the process of completing the off-gassing, Inglis suggests leaving the product in a well-ventilated area (she is fan of well-ventilated homes, overall). For those who are searching for new furniture, though, her preferred solution is to look for furniture, decorative accessories and textiles with low-VOC or no-VOC finishes.

Bedtime Bothers

Struggling to sleep at night or still feel tired in the morning? The problem may be bed sheets, according to Debra Lynn Dadd, author of "Toxic-Free" (Tarcher, 2011) and consumer advocate specializing in finding products that are safe and environmentally friendly.

She says that all permanent-press sheets are heavily coated with a resin that keeps sheets from getting wrinkled but continually releases formaldehyde vapors – no matter how many times they're washed.

Instead, Dadd recommends cotton flannel, cotton knit or woven cotton sheets that are not treated with a no-iron finish; many are labeled "untreated" or "formaldehyde-free."

Corporate Commitment

Inglis urges consumers to buy from companies that are committed to creating the best and safest products with sustainable materials. Find those that are dedicated to seeking new technologies for the healthiest home offerings.

Water Wellness

Many people filter drinking water at home, but water pollutant exposure can also occur through the skin in the shower. Dadd suggests removing chlorine and chloramines with a shower filter. Call your local water provider to find out which of these two chemicals they use to ensure the purchase of the correct filtering solution.

Paint Problems

Both water- and oil-based paints contain VOCs. Especially in the case of oil-based paints, they can cause dizziness, headaches, and breathing difficulties (among other problems). Dadd recommends low-VOC and no-VOC paints – or ,orego paint altogether with colored clay plaster on the walls for a chic, unique look.

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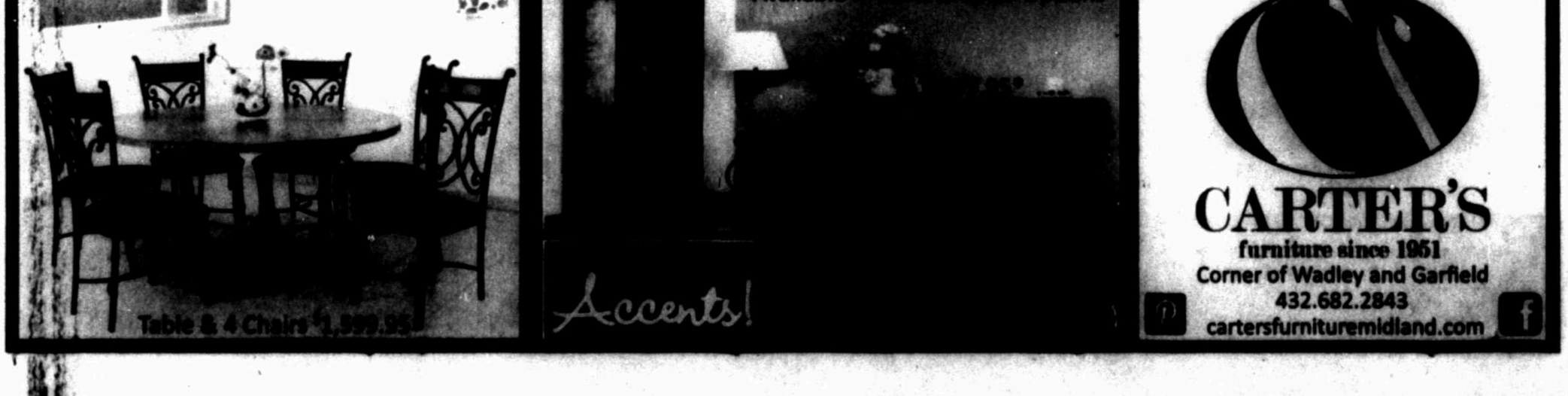

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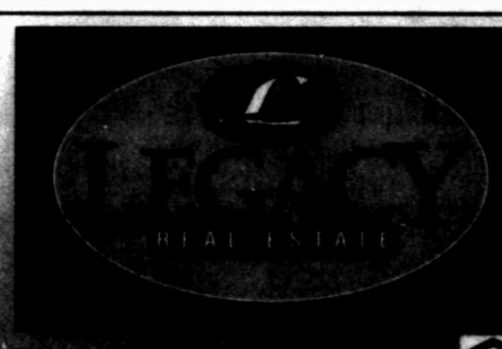

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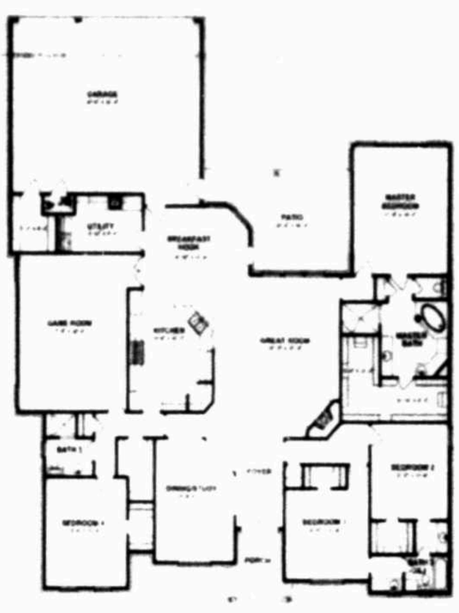

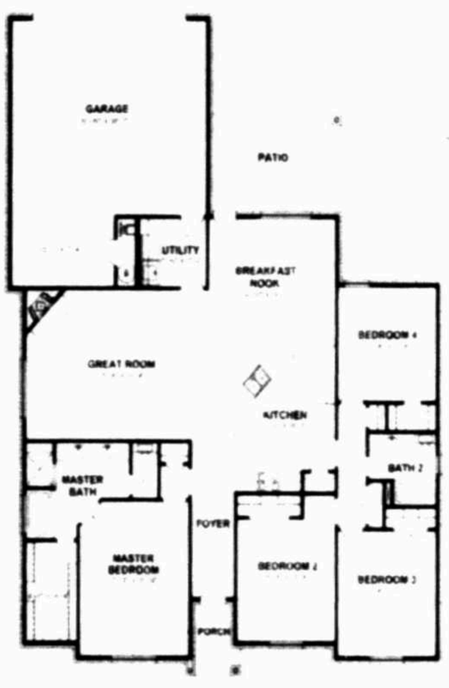

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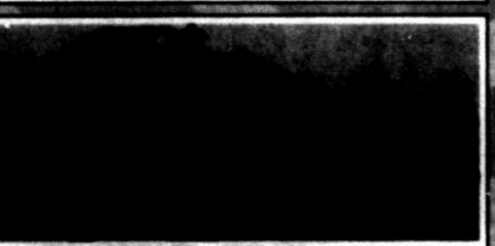

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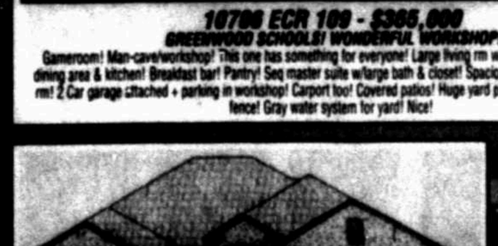

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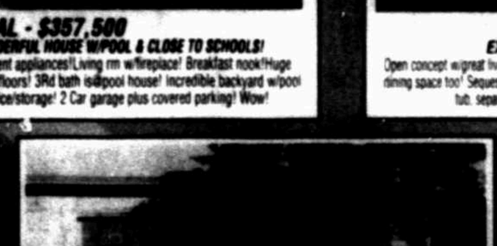

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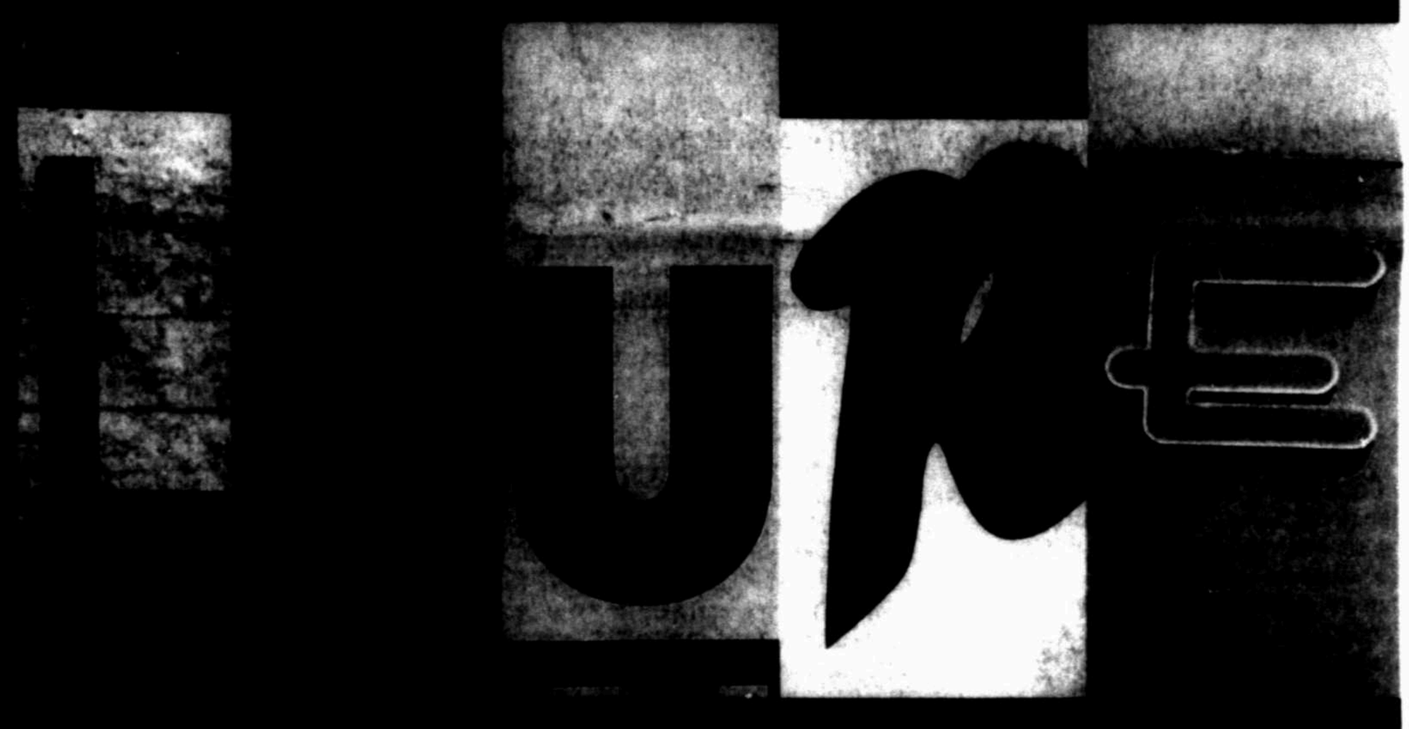

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Midlanders have always had big ideas about their cultural institutions they would like to see, and if they didn't exist, they created them. — Brian Lee Whisenhunt, Museum of the Southwest

Arts leaders speculate on fabric of Midland's culture

By Rich Lopez
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Approaching my first year in Midland as the entertainment reporter, I've learned that West Texas is hardly short on its arts culture. People were often incredulous at the notion that I was busy with my work. Sure, Midland would be different from my former scene in Dallas, but then again, it should be.

Midland's arts feels in a state of flux that is likely because of the people like me coming in for work. With that comes a desire for what we left behind. I do miss the plethora of live music venues, the theater companies and even a vast craft beer selection — but I've also seen those options grow in my short time here.

For a newcomer, this town has a buzz to it. For some it's loud; for others it's subtle. With nothing to compare it to, I went to cultural leaders in different fields to fill me in on their institutions' past and how they see the future.

The arts

Museum of the Southwest (MSW) Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt has been a part of the community for three years. In that time, he's grown the museum's membership while increasing the vision of its offerings.

And he credits Midland's past with the museum's work today.

"Midlanders have always had big ideas about their cultural institutions they would like to see, and if they didn't exist, they created them. The Museum of the Southwest is a great example. Fifty years ago, there was not a museum here until a Junior League committee chaired by Mrs. Mary Griffith created one. That is a magical story, and we are forever indebted to those visionaries for what we have today," he said.

Looking at today's arts, Whisenhunt likens it to that story of the museum's inception. But also, the language of culture here is changing as the population booms. A challenge he thinks Midland should benefit from.

"That culture is blossoming and building on the successes of the past with so many new(er) cultural entities like the Wagner Noël that brings new opportunities to our community. As Midland grows, new residents bring different expectations," he said. "I think all of the cultural organizations are working to grow to meet those desires and needs."

MSW is on track with presenting the community with exhibitions and programs that are exciting while also fresh and innovative.

To keep with the demands of both Midland and even himself as the director, change has to happen the museum to deliver a quality product.

"We're always thinking how our programming reflects our mission and serves the community. And we're working on changes to our infrastructure that will make MSW more accessible, contemporary and relevant. I'm excited about the possibility that the Museum and its sister institutions have to do something important for this city by providing the best cultural experiences possible."

The stage

Midland Community Theatre clearly represents and serves the city's needs for live stage productions. This year's season saw extended runs of "Mary Poppins" and "Urinetown" due to sell outs and demands and Summer Mummers continued to draw large crowds in its 66th year.

Artistic director Tim Jebsen parallels his growing audiences with a strong economy.

"That certainly has been the biggest change in the past five to 10 years," he told the Reporter-Telegram. "The economic success of the past has allowed greater financial support from individuals, corporations and foundations. So arts and cultural groups are in a stronger financial position now then a few years ago."

And with that, comes a textured offering of theater that Jebsen welcomes wholeheartedly.

"There are so many opportunities to see a wide variety of shows in different spaces by a diverse listing of performance troupes. And while my focus is on theater, the music, dance and cultural scene could not be more active," he said.

For the arts to thrive, such options are needed to attract new audience members while keeping existing ones. Jebsen also encourages involvement.

"There needs to be more emphasis on local involvement. Our

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Some constants remain as Midland's culture evolves

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The culture of a place can be an elusive thing to define, especially for a city like Midland in the midst of change as new residents pour into the area, bringing with them new ideas and expectations for what the culture should be.

"In a way, we're still finding our culture," said Sara Bustilloz, public information officer for the city of Midland. "From what I understand of Midland and its history, we've always kind of boomed and busted, we've always made ourselves anew. That's how we go through one of these periods. Since we're going through one of those right now, I think that the culture is a moving target."

While there may have been — and continue to be — fluctuations in the Tall City's culture over the years, there have been mainstays as well, community, family, faith and generosity among them.

One of the best examples of Midland's culture of old blending with the new is the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch on the north side of town.

"What the library does is that it brings in all of the aspects and demographics of your community," said John Trischitti, director of the Midland County Public Library System. "There aren't a lot of places that do that, maybe a church or the school system, but really what we're able to offer caters to the young and the old."

A state-of-the-art facility, the Centennial library was built with more than just books in mind. Rather, the newest branch of Midland's library system has set out to serve the community as a whole. And the community, with a rapidly increasing number of young families, has responded to that mission.

"It's like your computer in your office: If it's five or 10 years old, you can work on it, but you see the difference. We want to be much more progressive and cutting edge," Trischitti said. "The more people that come out and experience the library, the more there is a shift in that thinking and the preconceived expectation of what (the library) is going to be."

Featuring dedicated spaces tailored to be an engaging environment for youth as well as an area set aside for exhibits ranging from the Arthur's World children's exhibit to the library's most recent collaboration with the Centers For Children and Families, the photography exhibit Fine Line, the Centennial library is actively working to redefine what place a library holds in a modern community.

"I think we've seen a real polar shift, there's a real dichotomy there between the more traditional library of five years ago — which is not bad, but it is just that library service is something that has to evolve," Trischitti said.

Just as the library is finding itself increasingly youthful and modern, so is Midland's population as the city's economic climate is attracting a growing number of young professionals who are, just by their presence, influencing some of the social aspects of the city's culture.

"You've got people who come here from places like Dallas and Austin and Houston that are used to one thing and when they come to

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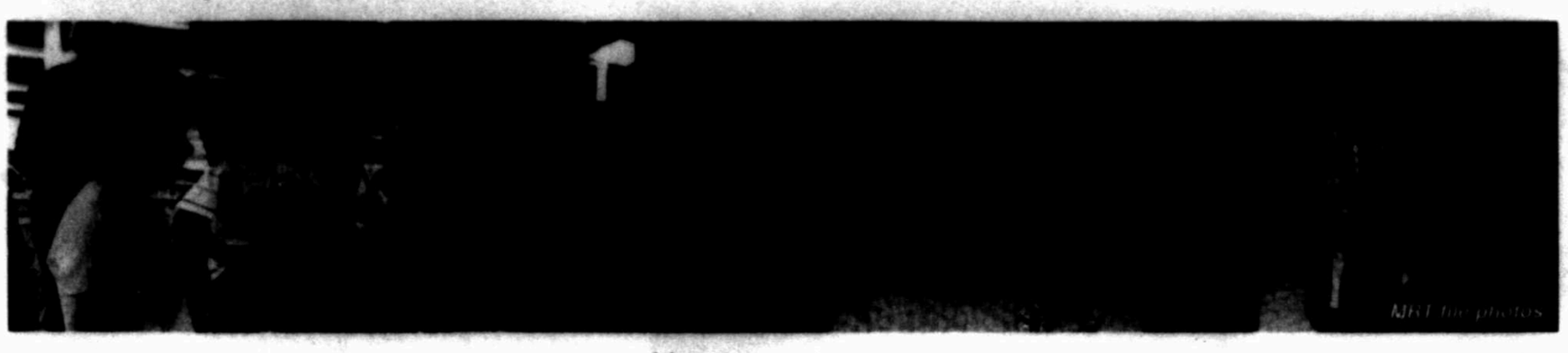

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community has grown, but we're small enough to need individuals to participate (i.e. leadership, volunteering) for our future success to continue," he added.

The music

Leading the live music charge is TallTownes, a collective of friends who wanted to see shows here they'd seen elsewhere. The group has hosted concerts at the Yucca and ArtiZen Outlet, helped shape the concert calendar of Basin Burger House and collaborated with Midland College on the Avett Brothers show.

In short time, Tall Townes has made astounding impact on the music scene.

"Less than two years ago we were hosting house parties in people's living rooms. Now we've worked with The Avetts, Patty Griffin, Ray Wylie Hubbard and Bob Schneider," Nate Brignon said. "I'm not sure any of us believed these types of shows would be possible or that we'd receive so much support."

Music lovers likely never thought such shows could be in Midland.

TallTownes has been smart about showing off the range of venues in town, as well as keeping local dollars here.

"We've started to help people realize that places like KD's Bar-B-Q, ArtiZen, the Chaparral Center and the Yucca are great venues for live music, and you don't have to travel for these types of shows," he said.

Midland's live music also thrives, albeit ironically, from its location. The city is en route to more major cities and for traveling shows, especially the indie artists, the city is ideal.

Ryan Alfred of Sweet Ghosts said Midland made sense for their small tour.

"From one major city to another can be a long drive, so when we routed our tour, Midland was there. We found the Blue Max, and it made sense to stop, play and rest before moving deeper into Texas from Arizona," he said.

Live music has the most potential to blow up with touring bands and TallTownes' work. Venues like The Bar, Rockin' Rodeo, Club Arriba, Detour and others have laid the foundation for a live music culture with local and area bands. But with higher profile names, the scene has officially been elevated.

"We hope we can make live music more ingrained in the everyday life of Midland. We appreciate Duke Edwards at Basin Burger House for creating an environment where people can stop by their patio and catch some great bands, whether they are local or a national tour," Brignon added.

The future could be now for music. Kamiposi recently featured the German band Jealousy Mountain Duo and Blue Max maintains a full calendar of concerts. The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale keeps a strong symphonic presence not only with its regular season but its various ensemble performances. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center brings in shows ranging from arena rock to classic country to '60s nostalgia. We've seen music performed at the library, at the Ground Floor and new collective ArtPush recently started with the cabaret "Losing It: Songs of Love and Lives Lost."

The food

Midland saw a bevy of restaurant openings in 2014. From the popular chain Chipotle and the local Bill's Bistro to ethnic restaurants like Brazilian steakhouse Churrasca and the Mediterranean cuisine of The Athenian, food has thrived to meet demanding palates.

The Garlic Press has seen continued success thanks to the leadership of owner Josh Washburn. With the restaurant's versatile menu, he's seen how the tastes of Midland denizens have grown more sophisticated.

"The population would appreciate more cosmopolitan dynamics here now," he said. "A decade ago, that idea was nonexistent. They would get their fix elsewhere but as the economy and population grew, people stayed."

While foodie culture has grown Washburn sees that forward-thinking food options are making their way in, almost forcing popular trends to happen faster than before.

"Small chains like Cork and Pig and Grub Burger Bar, which is locally owned, prove that a food culture is establishing here, and I like to say we've been a part of that," Washburn said.

But what is the food culture of Midland?

Tex-Mex and southwestern cuisine abound here, which are both labels that come quickly to mind for Washburn. But is that enough?

"The new population is also well-traveled and palates are too. There are places for Venezuelan and Greek food now, so maybe our culture will end up an international one. The oil industry does draw a lot of people."

In general

Danny Holeva, head of the Arts Council Midland, has a vested interest in the state of the arts and culture here. The ACM will just be coming off its annual studio tour by press time and it hosts the annual Celebration of the Arts in spring.

He observed that Midland's isolationist locale has worked to its benefit culturally, the way Whisenhunt explained.

"Being isolated geographically forced people to look beyond what was here and toward what was needed," he said. "That is why we have the symphony, ballet, community theater, museums and an arts council to help coordinate and promote the programming and projects of the arts community."

And the arts are evolving, he added. ACM's collaboration with the city of Midland's hotel/motel fund allows monies to be doled out to area arts organizations to perpetuate programming. Recipients this year included the Midland Festival Ballet, the Midland Opera Theatre and Hispanic Cultural Art Center of Midland among others.

But with evolution comes reality. While organizations thrive, Holeva reminds that it comes with a price tag.

"The biggest obstacles facing nonprofits are the costs. Whether it's shipping, travel, lodging or performer expenses, prices have skyrocketed. Organizations are faced with spending more," he said. "Striving to continue long traditions of enriching programming is a challenge facing each arts event held in our community."

While Holeva is realistic, he's nonetheless optimistic. Whether money or apathy, local organizations need to battle those obstacles and strive for exceptional programming.

"The Arts Council funds programming that reach more than 200,000 separate art experiences for our citizens each year," he explained. "But the art programming is in competition with a variety of different media that didn't exist 10 years ago. Getting people to leave their homes may be the hardest obstacle that a presenting organization faces. But cultural offerings in Midland are vast and available any day of the week."

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>
> **Guy McCrary,** president of the Permian Basin Area Foundation

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From 2E

Midland it's different from the place that they call home," Bustilloz said. "There is a young professionals crowd that has come into town and really grown quite fast, and they're looking for opportunities to socialize and maybe some less traditional ways of meeting people their own age."

These young professionals coming from larger cities bring their concepts of nightlife, cuisine and even driving into an area that — while growing exponentially — still finds itself somewhere between rural town and urban metropolis.

Once a newly arrived young professional herself, Bustilloz already has seen the culture in Midland evolve.

"It's a crazy to think that just in four years I've seen so much change in Midland," Bustilloz said. "Compared to people who have just moved to the area, I almost feel like a veteran sometimes."

Whether a newcomer or a multi-generational resident, Bustilloz said there is one thing that has almost universally united us all:

"We love to complain about the long lines and the traffic and the housing because I think it kind of joins us all together," Bustilloz said. "We're all going through the same thing."

Along with a shared bond over the less favorable effects of the area's economic situation, it also seems many of the newest members of Midland's community have been quick to embrace the city's culture of giving and service.

"People of West Texas have been generous for many generations," said Guy McCrary, president and CEO of the Permian Basin Area Foundation. "Part of our collective character is our willingness to volunteer for good causes, care for families in need, and share our resources with our neighbors and churches."

With dozens of nonprofits and charitable organizations — some more than half a century old — Midland has fostered a community where its citizens look out for their neighbors just as their neighbors look out for them.

"(Midland) has a very strong presence of churches (and) a community of volunteerism," Bustilloz said. "Those things will probably never change about Midland."

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES

Parker - Thomas

Lauren Kendall Parker and Tyler David Thomas were married on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at Classic Oaks Ranch in Mansfield, Texas. Jeff Whitmire, long-time Thomas family friend, officiated the ceremony held in the outdoor gazebo, followed by dinner and dancing in one of the Classic Oaks barns.

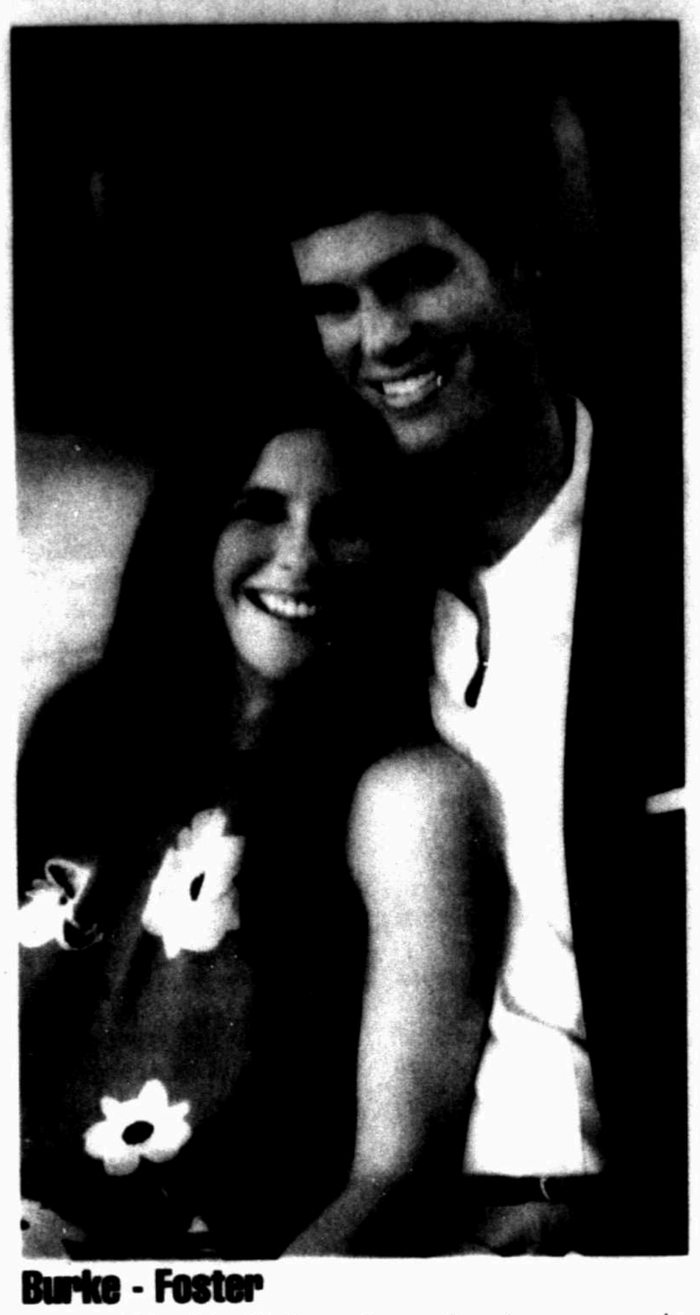
Parents of the bride are Keith and Tina Parker of Midland, Texas. Parents of the groom are Greg and Anita Thomas of Sherman, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Elvis and Esther Parker of Amarillo, Texas; Mary Russell of Katy, Texas; and the late Charles Russell. Grandparents of the groom are Dave and Carolyn Thomas of Gallatin, Tennessee, and Donald and Ann Chance of Brewton, Alabama.

Matron of honor was Kellie Burns of Midland, Texas, sister of the bride. Bridesmatrons were Elizabeth Parker of Houston, Texas, sister-in-law of the bride, and Amanda Giles of Lewisville, Texas, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Courtney Harrison of Nacogdoches, Texas, high school friend and college roommate of the bride, and Mallory Talbot of Lake Charles, Louisiana, college roommate of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Kenedi Burns, and flower girl was Kingsley Burns, both of Midland, Texas, nieces of the bride. House party members were Emily Edwards of Midland, Texas, childhood friend and college roommate of the bride, and Martina Mayer of New Orleans, Louisiana, college friend of the bride.

Co-best men were Curry Whitmire of New York City, New York, childhood friend of the groom, and Tommy McGovern of Grapevine, Texas, childhood friend and college roommate of the groom. Groomsmen were Kyle Coggan of Midland, Texas, high school friend of the bride and college friend of the groom; Casey Sirianni of Tyler, Texas, childhood friend of the groom; and Garrett Giles of Lewisville, Texas, brother-in-law of the groom. Junior groomsman was Kolter Burns of Midland, Texas, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Kyle Parker of Houston, Texas, brother of the bride, and Kevin Burns of Midland, Texas, brother-in-law of the bride.

Kendall is a 2007 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland. She attended Midland College and Texas Tech University and is now employed by Fischer & Company in Dallas, Texas. Tyler is a 2007 graduate of Sherman High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2011 with a degree in construction engineering and is employed as an office engineer by Austin Commercial in Dallas, Texas.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, the couple lives in Carrollton, Texas.



Burke - Foster

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Jr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Jack, to Blair Burke of Houston. The prospective bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Burke, also of Houston.

Grandparents of the groom include Mrs. John Foster, Sr. of Midland and the late Dr. Foster, and Eugene Bullard and the late Mrs. Bullard of Bellaire. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Catsinas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Burke, all of Houston.

Jack graduated from Midland High School and the University of Texas, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Silver Spurs. He works as a senior associate at Kayne Anderson Energy Funds in Houston.

Blair, a Kinkaid School alumna, also graduated from the University of Texas, where she was a Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Little Sister. She currently works for Tradition Energy as an energy procurement advisor.

Following their honeymoon in the British Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Houston.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Wattage conversion charts help cooks with older microwaves

Dear Heloise: In a column, a woman stated that her microwave wattage did not match many of the wattages on prepackaged items. There are microwave conversion charts available on the Internet. I have an older oven, so I looked up the wattage on it and downloaded the page that shows the difference in time from the more modern wattage used by many of the prepackaged foods. It is very helpful. — J.E., via email

Yes, there are many folks who still have older microwaves. However, not everyone has easy access to a computer. If that's the case, you can always microwave food a few seconds or minutes (depending on the instruction) at a time. Check to see when the food is cooked or heated. — Heloise

P.S.: Call the free phone number on the package to be sure about the heating time.

Boiling ground beef

Dear Heloise: I use ground beef, but it's a mess to cook and clean up, and it's so fatty from browning. Here is what I do: I boil it instead of cooking it in a frying pan. I use a stockpot with enough water to cover the beef, and bring it to a boil. I add the beef and stir occasionally to break up clumps. When there's no pink color, it's cooked. I just drain and use. This works really well in stews, chili or soups. — C.V. in St. Louis

No lumps

Dear Heloise: I have made boxed macaroni and cheese, adding the butter, milk and cheese powder with no problem. Lately, the cheese powder clumps and doesn't mix well. Maybe it's just the brand.

Now I put the powder in a bowl and add a little milk (it's in the recipe) to make a paste, then add the rest of the milk. I have a pre-mixed cheese sauce to add to the drained macaroni right in the serving dish. Works like a charm! — Shirley H., Bogalusa, La.

There is always a way! It may be the brand, so try a different one and see what happens. — Heloise

Scents for less

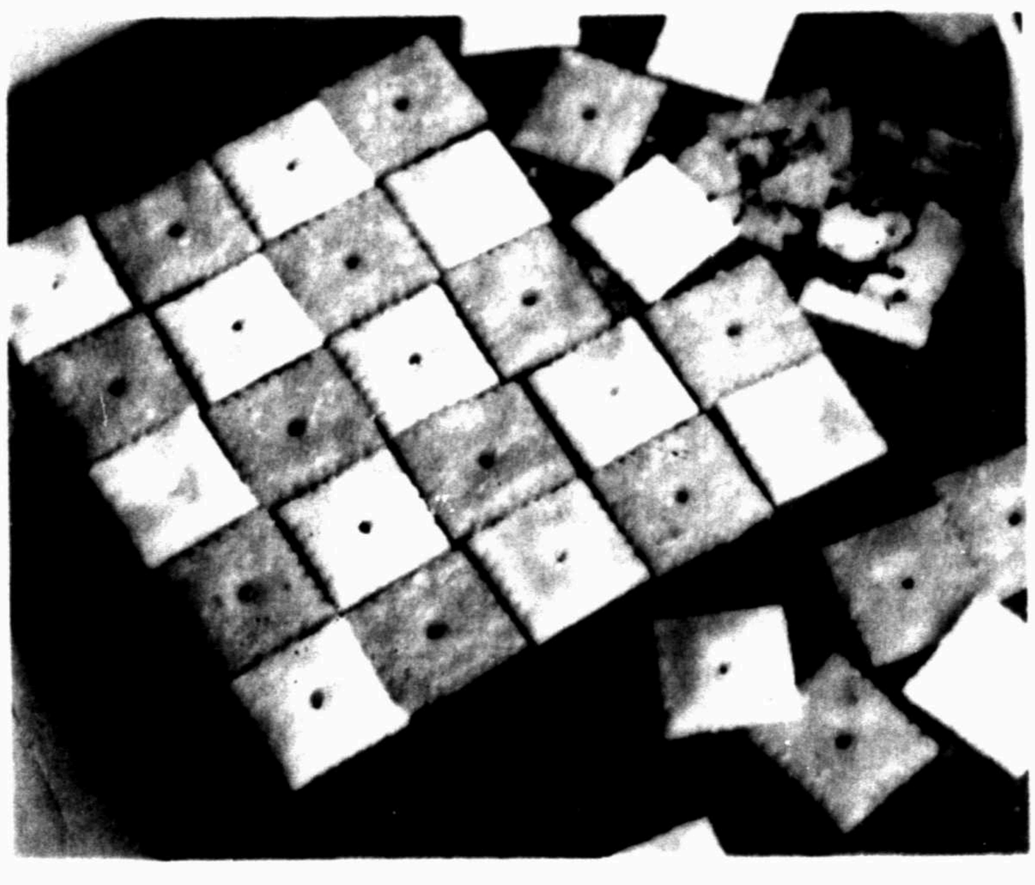
Dear Heloise: I'm not fond of using scented candles. So here is what I do to make my home smell pleasant: I put a large saucepan of water on the stove and add some fall type of spices. I drop in fruit peels, like apples or lemon, and let it boil for a few minutes, then lower the heat and simmer. I check it often, and add more water as needed. Here's one I use most:

The skin and even cores of apples
Peel of an orange, lemon or grapefruit
2 teaspoons nutmeg
2-3 bay leaves
A sprinkle of cinnamon
Some vanilla extract.
— C.J., Hondo, Texas

Stacking cans

Dear Heloise: Do you have cans of the same diameter toppling over in your pantry? My hint is to intersperse them (Heloise here: stacking a larger can between the small ones) with a can of tuna or other similar-size can, like pineapple rings. — Jim B., via email

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.



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Provolone and original flavor Cheez-It crackers, above left, are shown in a checker pattern Oct. 14, in Concord, N.H. Devotees of the snack are thinking outside the box when using it as an ingredient.

Snack fans go crackers for crazy Cheez-It creations

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Chocolate-covered Cheez-Its, wedding cake Cheez-Its, even a Cheez-It cocktail — they're all out there. Ditto for Cheez-It jewelry and even Cheez-It tattoos (would that be Cheez-tats?).

There's a legion of cracker hackers out there and they're clearly thinking outside the box. If it can be done with a Cheez-It, it probably has been. But why?

As Dick Podiak, senior director of marketing of Cheez-It Crackers, puts it, "We know that people who love Cheez-It crackers tend to be rather fanatical."

And again, but why?

"I think the reason why I like them so much — why most people like them so much — is they satisfy the things people crave," said Eric Huang, who blogs about snacks on his website junkfoodguy.com.

That would be things like salt, cheese and crunchy carbs.

"It's hard for me not to eat an entire box of Cheez-Its. They hit those pleasure centers so directly," confesses Huang, an attorney in Washington, D.C., by day.

The snacking trifecta of sweet plus salty plus crunch was an equation Mathew Rice followed when coming up with a wedding cake for Stephanie Izard, winner of season four of Bravo TV's "Top Chef."

Rice, pastry chef at Izard's Girl & the Goat restaurant in Chicago, knew Izard liked the crackers — there's usually a box of them open in the kitchen for snacking. Inspired by recipes substituting ground graham crackers for flour, he added some ground Cheez-Its in place of part of the flour. Then he layered in more Cheez-Its in the filling along with chocolate ganache.

It was enough of a hit that recently he created some Cheez-It cupcakes, topped with chocolate-covered Cheez-its, for the restaurant's Little Goat Diner across the street. "People are a little shocked at first, but we give out samples of the Cheez-Its and once they try it they realize it's not that weird and they want to have more," said Rice.

Turns out, Chicago may be a hub of Cheez-It creativity.

A dare by another bartender is credited with inspiring Matty Colston, beverage director for Parachute restaurant, known for its Korean-American cuisine, to come up with a Cheez-It inspired cocktail. Colston tried some of the restaurant's house-made kimchi (traditional Korean pickled cabbage) on a Cheez-It and found the combination delicious. Then he pureed the two to make a paste for a cocktail that ultimately included gin, kimchi broth and pilsner and was, cleverly, called the Kimcheez-It.

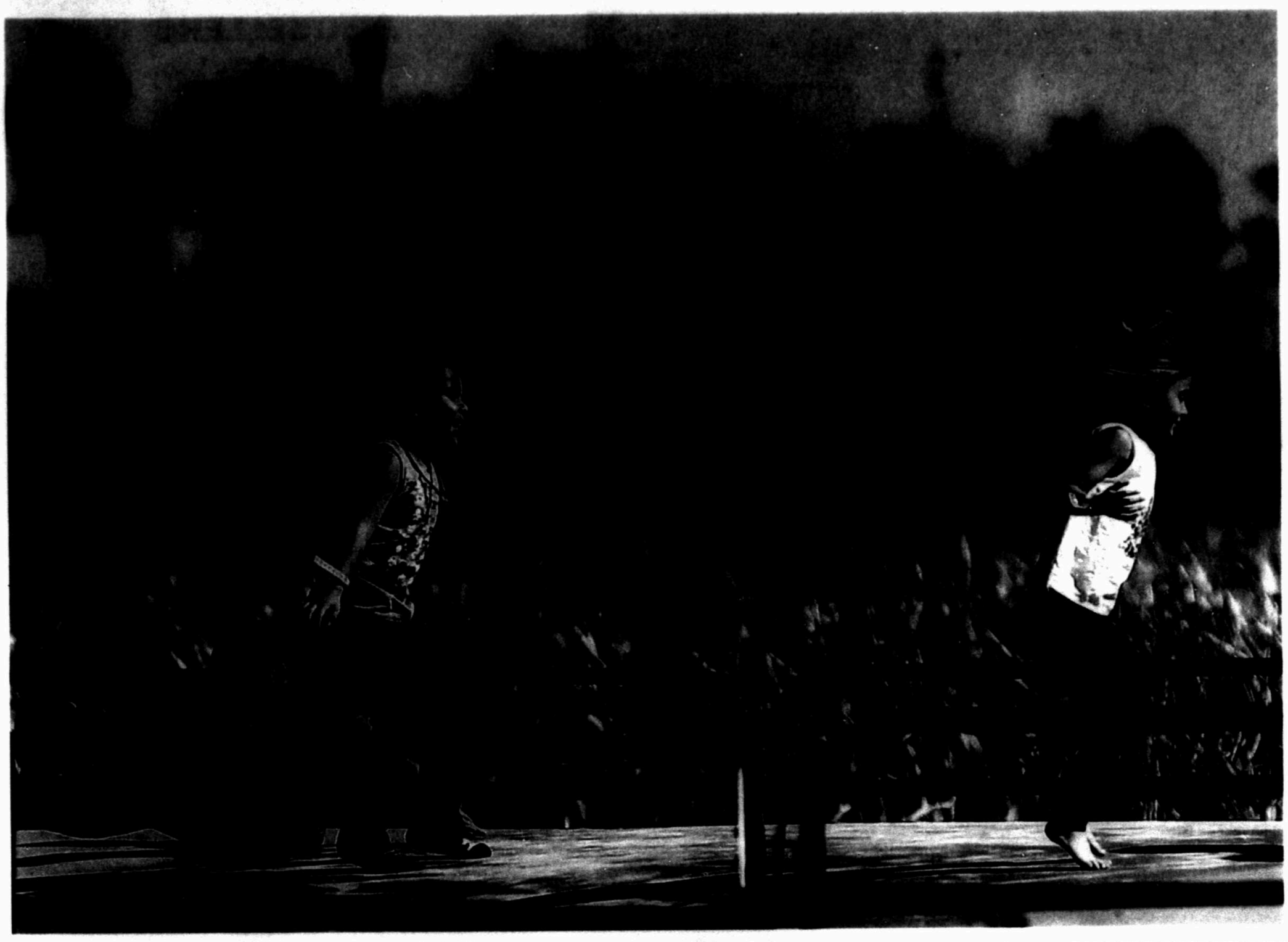
Snappy and memorable, the Cheez-It name goes back to the early days of the last century; it was first registered to Green & Green Co. in Dayton, Ohio, in 1921. The company has changed hands several times since then and today Cheez-It Crackers are part of Kellogg's.

Cheez-It is the nation's best-selling cracker, enjoying 15 years of growth and "much of that growth has coincided with our focus on the real cheese that we use in our crackers," Podiak said via email. "We spend a lot of time thinking about cheese and talking about cheese."

Bonus trivia fact: 75 billion Cheez-It crackers are sold each year (counting all flavors), which would make a line to the moon and back. Twice.

Making a giant line of Cheez-Its would be odd, but, then again, Cheez-Its do seem to inspire people to go to great lengths.

"We've heard of several of our fans who have Cheez-It tattoos," said Podiak. "It's hard to imagine a more extreme sign of dedication."



FUN ON THE FARM

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram

Garrett Shock, above, takes 2-year-olds Layla Stone and Devyn Shock down a slide Oct. 25 at Fiddlesticks Farms. **TOP:** Children jump on the jumper at the farm. **LEFT:** Children and adults mine for jewels at Fiddlesticks Farms. The Farm is open Saturdays during November. For more information, go to fiddlesticksfarms.com.

Praising children's efforts encourages interest in learning

MARY BIGGS
Centers for Children and Families

Why not just praise your child for doing a good job? This and other phrases such as "nice job" and "way to go" is common praise that parents, teachers and coaches give to children when they do something worthy of acknowledgement. Adults have been told that saying this will build the child's self-esteem. But, praising a child may have little value to them.

Parents are told the way to build self-esteem is to tell their children how good they are at things. In reality, children do not need to be told "good job" when they have done something well — they already know they did a good job. They need to be told why they did a good job so they can repeat that behavior to have the same result in the future.

How you praise your children has a powerful influence on them and on their self-esteem. The purpose of praise is to encourage the child to continue these positive behaviors to keep having positive outcomes. Research has shown praising children for how intelligent they are can cause them to be overly focused on results. If they fail at something, they stop trying as hard because they feel the failure shows a lack of intellectual ability and they can no longer be successful in that area. Research has found that too much praise can cause children to be cautious and less willing to tackle more difficult things.

Some children have been praised for their intelligence and others are praised for their efforts. All praise is not equal and effects of praise can vary significantly depending on how the praise is given. Children whose parents strive to encourage their efforts instead of praising the results show more interest in learning and more enjoyment in learning and trying new challenges. Encouraged children are more likely to attribute failure to a lack of effort and something they could change to be more successful. Parents should concentrate on encouraging children in areas the child has control over such as attitude, respect, effort and responsibility. Parents should look at exactly what the child did well and give specific encouragement about what they did to get the positive result. Examples of encouragement that parents can give include statements like: "You were focused the entire game," "You studied hard for that test," "You were so nice to share with your brother" and "You did that all by yourself."

Another way to give encouragement to your children is to ask questions about what they felt they did well. Allow your children to decide for themselves how they feel about their achievement. By using encouraging words about your children's efforts, the children will learn to reinforce their own efforts, accomplishments and good actions.

Mary Biggs has been a registered play therapist for eight years. She has been with Centers since 2006.

Husband asserts dominance by demanding control of TV

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I love my husband. We have been married for 45 years. But if he isn't in control of the TV, he is unbearable. Even if someone else is watching something, he will come in and demand to change the channel. If he falls asleep and we change the channel back, he gets mad when he wakes up. He'll change it back and immediately fall asleep again. I have tried to get him to understand he is being rude, but he doesn't agree.

I realize this isn't a serious problem, but it's very annoying. Thanks for any suggestions you might have on this issue. — MARRIED TO A TV HOG

DEAR MARRIED: Trying to reason with your husband won't work because what he's really doing is asserting himself as top dog in the household. I'm sorry you didn't ask me sooner because I could have saved you years of frustration by recommending you get a second television set in another room.

DEAR ABBY: I inherited my mom's engagement ring a few years ago when she passed away. I don't know what to do with it now. It appraised for $3,500, but I understand that is full retail. Female friends say I need to keep it to give to a special woman (or use the stone for another ring to offer her).

I'm almost 50 and haven't been in a relationship in many years. My last date was nearly 10 years ago, so I am thinking it is not likely I will ever have anyone to share the ring with. I hate for it to sit in a box until I am gone for someone else to deal with.

Do you think I should sell it or continue to hold onto it? I live a debt-free life after paying off my house a couple of years ago, so the extra money isn't a necessity. — DAVID IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DAVID: Gems are meant to be enjoyed, and it is doing no one any good sitting in a drawer, a cupboard or a safe. If you have no relatives who might like to have the ring or the stone, then sell it.

DEAR ABBY: In late 2012, I met the most amazing man I've ever known, "Sean." We fell in love instantly. We had a perfect love until eight months later, when I suffered a mental breakdown.

I didn't know how to deal with anything in my life. I contemplated suicide. I pushed Sean away. In spite of all his pleas and loving expressions, I pushed harder.

Finally, six months into my recovery, I have started to change my life. I had already told Sean to move on. In the six months since we split up, he has recently started dating someone else. I'm better now and want him back. He still loves me and wants me back, too, but says he's afraid of another breakdown.

What do I do? Sean is absolutely perfect for me, and our love was fantastic up until that breakdown. Help me, please! — FRANTIC IN FRESNO

DEAR FRANTIC: I'll try. If Sean is willing, schedule a session (or two) for both of you with your therapist, so he can discuss his concerns with a mental health professional who is familiar with your case. It may help Sean understand what happened, allay his fears and facilitate you getting back together if he's sincere about what he's telling you.

AP photo

This film image released by Disney shows, Iron Man, portrayed by Robert Downey Jr., left, and Captain America, portrayed by Chris Evans, in a scene from "The Avengers."

Marvel unveils slate of films through 2019

By Derrik J. Lang
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — "Doctor Strange," "Black Panther," "Captain Marvel" and the "Inhumans" are joining the Marvel cinematic universe.

The studio unveiled the titles and release dates of its upcoming superhero films through 2019 during a Tuesday event in Hollywood. The schedule includes a mix of sequels featuring familiar faces and originals focused on Marvel characters that have yet to be introduced on the big screen.

The slate includes "Captain America: Civil War" and "Doctor Strange" in 2016; "Guardians of the Galaxy 2," "Thor: Ragnarok" and "Black Panther" in 2017; "The Avengers: Infinity War — Part I," "Captain Marvel" and "Inhumans" in 2018; and "The Avengers: Infinity War — Part II" in 2019.

The movies join next year's "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" and "Ant-Man."

"When we have information we want to reveal, we reveal it," Marvel Studios chief Kevin Feige told fans and members of the media on stage at the El Capitan Theatre. "Sometimes that's in a press release, sometimes that's in San Diego Comic-Con — if everything comes together well — and sometimes that's on a random Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the morning."

At the end of the event, "Get On Up" star Chadwick Boseman was announced as the actor who will portray Black Panther. He joined "Iron Man" and "Captain America" stars Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Evans on stage for the reveal.

"I'm blessed to be part of this Marvel universe," Boseman said. "I look forward to making magic together."

Feige said the character will make his first appearance in "Civil War," which will pit Captain America and Iron Man against each other. In the comics, Black Panther is the leader of the fictional African nation of Wakanda who becomes a member of The Avengers.

"He is definitively a big part of 'Civil War,'" Feige said. "We will see him for the first time in 'Civil War' in costume."

"Black Panther" and "Captain Marvel" will mark the studio's first films centered on black and female characters from Marvel comics. Feige said the big-screen iteration of the Captain Marvel character will be Carol Danvers, a U.S. Air Force officer whose adventures take her to space in the comics.

No casting announcements were made for "Captain Marvel," the sorcery-centric "Doctor Strange" or "Inhumans," which is about a race of superbeings.

The Marvel films represent an important chunk of the Walt Disney Co.'s portfolio. Feige said the first 10 Marvel films, which kicked off in 2008 with "Iron Man" and "The Incredible Hulk," have made over $7 billion.

During a question-and-answer session with the media following the event, Feige defended the studio's decision not to focus films specifically on the characters of Black Widow and Hulk, who are portrayed by Scarlett Johansson and Mark Ruffalo in "The Avengers."

"It's about bringing new characters to the screen," Feige said. "Black Widow couldn't be more important than as an Avenger herself, and like Hulk, 'The Avengers' films will be the films where they play a primary role."

Marvel films

- May 1, 2015: "The Avengers: Age of Ultron."
- July 17, 2015: "Ant-Man."
- May 6, 2016: "Captain America: Civil War."
- Nov. 4, 2016: "Doctor Strange."
- May 5, 2017: "Guardians of the Galaxy 2."
- July 28, 2017: "Thor: Ragnarok."
- Nov. 3, 2017: "Black Panther."
- May 4, 2018: "The Avengers: Infinity War — Part I."
- July 6, 2018: "Captain Marvel."
- Nov. 2, 2018: "Inhumans."
- May 3, 2019: "The Avengers: Infinity War — Part II."

BESTSELLERS

From wire reports

Hardcover fiction
1. "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine)
2. "Burn" by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge (Little, Brown)
3. "Deadline" by John Sandford (Putnam)
4. "Edge of Eternity" by Ken Follett (Dutton Adult)
5. "Mr. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
6. "Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good" by Jan Karon (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
7. "Personal" by Lee Child (Delacorte)
8. "Paris Match" by Stuart Woods (Putnam)
9. "Winter Street" by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown)
10. "The Lost Key" by Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
11. "Lila" by Marilynne Robinson (FSG)
12. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner)
13. "Ruth's Journey" by Donald McCaig (Atria)
14. "The Christmas Bouquet" by Sherryl Woods (Mira)
15. "Some Luck" by Jane Smiley (Knopf)

Hardcover nonfiction
1. "Killing Patton" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
2. "Not That Kind of Girl" by Lena Dunham (Random House)
3. "As You Wish" by Cary Elwes with Joe Layden (Touchstone)
4. "Agents of the Apocalypse" by David Jeremiah (Tyndale)
5. "You Can, You Will" by Joel Osteen (FaithWords)
6. "The Innovators" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande (Metropolitan)
8. "Choose Your Own Autobiography" by Neil Patrick Harris (Crown Archetype)
9. "Thug Kitchen" by Thug Kitchen (Rodale)
10. "Plenty More" by Yotam Ottolenghi (Ten Speed)
11. "Stop the Coming Civil War" by Michael Savage (Hachette/Center Street)
12. "Guinness World Records 2015" by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records)
13. "Worthy Fights" by Leon Panetta (Penguin Press)
14. "What If?" by Randall Munroe (HMH)
15. "Act Like a Success, Think Like a Success" by Steve Harvey (Amistad)

Mass market paperbacks
1. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "The Best of Me" (movie tie-in) by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
3. "Starry Night" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
4. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "Winners" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
6. "Cross My Heart" by James Patterson (Vision)
7. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Dell)
8. "Storm Front" by John Sandford (Berkley)
9. "Command Authority" by Tom Clancy (Berkley)
10. "When the Snow Falls" by Fern Michaels (Kensington/Zebra)
11. "Flintlock" by William W. Johnstone (Pinnacle)
12. "The Casual Vacancy" by J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown)
13. "Dust" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
14. "The Standup Guy" by Stuart Woods (Signet)
15. "The Betrayed" by Heather Graham (Harlequin MIRA)

Trade paperbacks
1. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
3. "The Best of Me" (movie tie-in) by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Rise of ISIS" by Jay Sekulow with Jordan Sekulow, Robert W. Ash and David French (Howard Books)
5. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
6. "The Mystery of Shemitah" by Jonathan Cahn (Frontline)
7. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
8. "The Target" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "Cross My Heart" by James Patterson (Vision)
10. "10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse" by JJ Smith (Atria)
11. "The Map of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
12. "Tears of the Moon" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
13. "Catification" byJackson Galaxy and Kate Benjamin (Penguin/Tarcher)
14. "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst (thomas nelson)
15. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Dell)

Source: Publisher's Weekly

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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FOLLOW THE MONEY: By ED SESSA

ACROSS
1 Young boy
4 Dallas quarterback Tony
8 Binding piece
13 Olympics sprinter
19 ___ pro nobis
20 Nastase of tennis
21 It may be put on a dog
22 Sci-fi psychic
23 "Unpredictable influence
25 Go around
26 Baseball Hall of Famer Rogers
27 Take over for
28 Luxury hotel facility
29 Velvety sweater fabric
31 Turner autobiography
32 "No idea"
35 Fr. holy woman
36 Regal regalia
39 Trail user
40 "As ___ to breathe were life" Tennyson
41 "Where words may be mangled"
44 Intimidated
46 Pub quaff
49 Tranfusion quantity
50 Ear in style
52 Comforted
55 ___ bag
58 Sources of energy
61 YouTube video source
62 Eclectic musician Brian
63 Greeted with "to"
67 Clodhopper
69 Pilotless plane
70 Mimicked a mouser, maybe
73 "Home Depot competitor
75 Pan-fry
76 Crème de la crème
77 Cap seen on a brae
78 Venues for French courses
80 SSA IDs
81 Percussion instrument
83 Nastiness
85 Fly over Africa?
88 Without much forethought
90 Muppet with a unibrow
92 Lego buys
93 New Year in Hanoi
94 Pertinent in legalese
97 "Abundant yield
102 Really selling
105 Shows astonishment
107 Martini's partner
108 Antipollution gp.
109 "Novel about a world traveler"
113 Verbal attention grabbers
115 Work on in a way as furniture
116 TV spots
117 Reaffirming response
119 Doles out
120 Present one's view
123 Rebate, and literally what the end of each answer to a starred clue can be
124 It may be lined with cedar
125 Cowl wearers
126 Plus
127 Menlo Park monogram
128 Spare sites
129 Dadaist Max
130 "That smarts!"
131 Jack ___, lead singer for the Kingsmen in "Louie Louie"

DOWN
1 With little at stake
2 Diva's encore
3 Slowpoke
4 Brand made with vermicelli
5 Norwegian saint
6 Slimy sort
7 Wordsmith's set
8 Accessory for a marksman
9 Defeat badly
10 Eve's genesis
11 Baba of a boxer
12 Re-lining workforce?
13 Removal of restrictions informally
14 "Let me take care of this"
15 "___ Splash" Bobby Darin hit
16 "Hold answerable
17 Serving a purpose
18 See-through noise
24 Unpleasant
28 What a shame
30 Start of an Ed McMahon intro
32 Belle of the ball
33 More kindly
34 Ring result briefly
37 Steinbeck migrants
38 Parlay, e.g.
42 Summer mo.
43 Nouveau
45 Wall St. Journal concern with "the"
47 Basic shelters
48 '80s attorney general
51 Ingenue quality
53 Watch displays for short
54 Incantation start
55 Misconduct mark
56 Like some country bridges
57 "Bend under pressure
59 Scout's neckwear
60 Author Bellow
64 One pressing a suit: Abbr.
65 Nest eggs for srs.
66 Run-down joint
68 Charge
71 Kett of old humor
72 Convention goers: Abbr.
74 Acid-tongued
79 Piggens
82 Two after epsilon
84 Longtime high tech compatibility standard
86 Burlesque feature
87 Corner key
89 Jigsaw puzzle starters
91 Goes bad
92 Some mil. messcutes
95 Make in a big way, as a point
96 That: Sp.
98 One of a pie-throwing trio
99 Say again
100 Kind of illusion
101 Hotel housekeeping need
103 Idle
104 Salon specialist
106 Ossobuco cuts
109 Stretch of land
110 Greeting word
111 Seaside phenomena
112 Latin clarification
114 One of a quint's four
117 Harvard rival
118 Red-letters-in-a-blue-oval gas logo
121 Spanish preposition
122 Comfort
123 Little island

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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Girl power

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K 7 2

WEST
♠ J 10 4
♥ K 4 3 2
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ 7 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 6 5 3
♥ A Q
♦ 10 2
♣ A 10 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♣

Today's deal is from a recent international competition. South was Aurelie Thizy, a young woman from France.

South won the opening club lead with the ace after East played the jack. She drew three rounds of trumps and led the 10 of diamonds, losing to the queen. East shifted to a low heart. Had Thizy taken the heart finesse, West would have won and played a second club, establishing a club winner for East while she still had a diamond entry.

Declarer was having none of that. Thizy rose with her ace and led a diamond to dummy's jack.

East won her ace and returned a heart to her partner's king, but when West played another club, South rose with the king in dummy and discarded her remaining club on the king of diamonds. Well played!

This led to a useful swing in her match when the contract failed at the other table. East made a threadbare overcall in clubs at that table, so South led a spade to dummy's queen and took an early heart finesse, playing East for all the missing high cards. Great was her disappointment.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014:

This year you have the ability to make heads turn when you walk into a room. You will learn to use that gift when need be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might appreciate a day off. When someone else suggests that very thing, grab the opportunity. Tonight: Don't stay up late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be rather fun to be with. Be spontaneous. You will be all smiles when you're surrounded by the people you love. Tonight: Make nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might question your involvement with someone. You also could be mixing work and play a little too much. Tonight: Out enjoying every minute of the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You could be thrilled by what is going on with a child or loved one. Tonight: Start sharing some of your ideas for a getaway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will want time with a special loved one, and you will make sure that it happens. Tonight: Go for what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your inner circle seems to be spending a lot of energy on drawing you into their plans. You can't spread yourself so thin that you won't enjoy yourself. Tonight: Go along with someone's wishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take today to relax and catch up on a home project. You might feel distracted and not sure which way to turn. Tonight: You are best on a one-on-one level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your resourcefulness will come forward. You seem to have a lot more to give when you relax. Tonight: Be more playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ If responsibilities fall on you, it is because you seem to be able to step up to the plate. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are likely to make calls to those you care about, but who you rarely see and/or visit with. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You have a wild streak, which will make you think outside the box. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live it up!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Don't hold yourself back. In fact, use today's energy to further your simple vision of a perfect Sunday. Tonight: Make a note to call people back.

BORN TODAY
Pioneer Daniel Boone (1754), actor David Schwimmer (1966), former U.S. President Warren G. Harding (1865)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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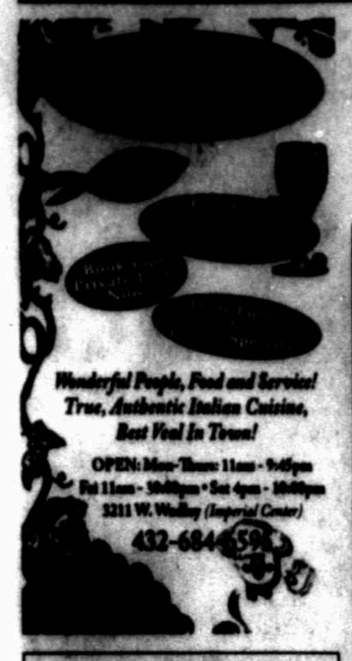

SUNDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 2, 2014

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	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	J.Jones	This Week (N)		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS 7 7 7 7 7	Paid		Hunt	Changers	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning		Facetime	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW 5 14 5 14	D.Reed		D.Reed	Hunters	Hunters	Gilligan	Gilligan	Sewell	Sewell	Love It	Sewell	Brady6 Brady6
KPEJ FOX 8 5 5 8 3	Support		W.Minist	F.Hamlin	Cowboy	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Faith/Live	Rain	Edition	Fox NFL Sunday (L)
KMLM IND 11 11 12 11 11	6:00 Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	I/Mannuc	He/Yesod	Nuevo Vida	
KWES NBC 9 9 9 9 9	News		Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)	First Baptist Church		W.America	Paid
KPBT PBS 13 13 13 13 8	C.George		C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Pog + Cat	Cat/ Mat	Wild K.	Wild K. Arthur
KUPB UNI 4 4 4 16	Conexion		Mercury	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Al punto		Republica deportiva		Fútbol
KOSA MNT 16 16 16	JTV		JTV Direct	Spaces	Hometown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Duckst	Trobador	The NFL Today
FLIX 340 65 165												
HBO 300 68 14 14						Real Sports			Making	Bill Maher		
HBO2 302 69 15 101 23												Boardwa.
HBO5 304 70 16 102										Edson		Disconnect
MAX 380 71 17 120 34												
MAX2 382 72 18 122												
PLEX 96												
SHOW 320 66 19 140 25						Boxing						Double Jeopardy
TMC 336 67 22 155 26												Knucklehead
A&E 27 32 28 35 47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			Apollo 13
AMC 40 21 23 42 51	Mad Men		Mad Men									
BET 58 26 40												
BRAVO 65 63 41	The People's Couch		Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC 46 45 39 72	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	
CNN 43 24 51 30 56	New Day		Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union			Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources	State of the Union
DISC 50 20 31 24 42	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Rush "Golden Boy"			Edge of Alaska		Alaska/Frontier	Alaska "Circle of Life"
DISNEY 56 27 36 25 36	Stuffins		McStuffins	Stuffins	Stuffins	LEGO (N)	Austin		Austin	Girl	Liv/Mad	Austin Liv/Mad Liv/Mad
ESPN 32 29 48 31 30	SportsCenter			SportsCenter		SportsCenter			Sunday NFL Countdown			
ESPN2 34 28 49 32 31	OLines		Report	Colin's Football (L)		Marathon	New York City Marathon -- New York City, N.Y. (L)					Fantasy
FAMILY 53 54 34 42 33	Paid		Sixteen Candles	Molly Ringwald.			Liar Liar ('97, Com) Jim Carrey.			Miss Congeniality		
FNC 45 58 53 23 55	5:00 FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD 64 59 27 68 54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Table	Pioneer	Southern	Barefoot	Giada	Big Bite	Pioneer	Heart (N)	Rules (N)
FSSW 37 43 50 45 29	Paid		Outdoors	Big 12 Live		2 Wheels	Paid		NCAA Big 12		Countdown	Game365 Triathlon
FX 31 31 59 64 69	Mother		Mother	Mother			Big Miracle	Drew Barrymore.			Night at the Museum: Battle of the S...	
HALLMARK 54 49 58 34	6:00 Christmas...			The Thanksgiving House		Cerina Vincent.			Help for the Holidays		Summer Glau.	A Bride for Chr...
HGTV 63 50 26 48 44	Buying and Selling			Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling
HISTORY 71 62 29 50 43	Book of Secrets			Book of Secrets		Book of Secrets			Book of Secrets		Book of Secrets	
LIFETIME 28 25 25 28 48	In Touch Ministries			Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid		Unsolved Mysteries		Her Only Child	Michelle Tom.
MSNBC 47 51 49 73	Lockup		Business	Up With Steve Kornacki					Melissa Harris-Perry			Weekends-Alex Witt
NBCSN 38 39	Watch Nbcsy		Lineup	Live (L)		EPL Soccer	Man Utd vs Man City (L)			Live		EPL Soccer Tottenham vs Aston Villa (L)
NICK 55 34 39 34 37	Parents		Parents	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge Ever After High (N)
SPIKE 30 72 55 53 58	Paid Program			Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power			Troy ('04, Act) Brad Pitt.
SYFY 66 64 41 57 67	5:00 Paid Program					Psychosis	Charisma Carpenter.				House of Bones	Charisma Carpenter.
TBS 25 11 44 66 41	Queens		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		Paul Blart: Mall Cop	Kevin James.			You, Me and Dupree
TCM 41 61 24 63 66	6:00 On an Islan...			Third Finger, Left Hand					Good News	June Allyson.		High Society
TELE 20 8 10 20	Pagado		Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque Videos
TLC 51 33 32 38 52	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	19 Kids & Count
TNT 24 23 40 26 50	Law&Order "Untitled"			LawOrder "Narcosis"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Stiff"			Law & Order	Law&O. "Endurance"
TVLAND 49 48 35 54 35	(:10) Cosby	(:50) Cosby		The Cosby Show		Fam.Feud	(:35) Feud	(:10) Feud	(:50) Feud	(:25) Family Feud		Fam.Feud (:35) Feud
USA 26 30 42 27 49	Paid Program			Paid Program			Faster ('10, Act) Dwayne Johnson.					Quantum of Solace Daniel Craig.
WGN 19 18	Paid		Facts	Key David	Beyond		Walker, TR		Walker, TR		In Heat of Night	In Heat of Night

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 2, 2014

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC 3 3 4 3 2	Paid	Paid	The Love of Music		World XGames (N)		Marathon				News	Paid
KOSA CBS 7 7 7 7 7	NFL Football San Diego Chargers at Miami Dolphins Site: Sun Life Stadium (L)								(:25) NFL Football Denver Broncos at New England Patriots			
KWWT CW 5 14 5 14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		The Rockford Files		Hawaii Five-0	
KPEJ FOX 8 5 5 8 3	NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at Dallas Cowboys (L)						The OT		Skateboarding Street League		Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND 11 11 12 11 11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	S. Baras	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC 9 9 9 9 9	ISU Figure Skate Skate Canada (L)		Pre-race		F1 Auto Racing	United States Grand Prix (L)			F1 Post-race (L)		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS 13 13 13 8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Fitness	BioCent	Quilt Arts	Beads	Sewing	Islands	Seas	Platts	News. (N)	America
KUPB UNI 4 4 4 16	(11:50) MFL Fútbol Veracruz vs Pumas (L)				El Chavo	Animado	Chavo	Cita Con	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									In the Army Now		(:05)	Dante's Peak
HBO 300 68 14 14	Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown				Percy Jackson: Sea of Mo...			(:45)	The Wolverine ('13, Act) Hugh Jackman.			
HBO2 302 69 15 101 23	Boardwa.	(:45) Making					24/7		Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.			LastWeek
HBO5 304 70 16 102	11:00 Disconnect		LastWeek	Foo Fighters				(:35)	Argo ('12, Thril) Ben Affleck.		(:05)	Hanging Up
MAX 380 71 17 120 24	Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.						Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.				(:10)	Two Guns
MAX2 382 72 18 122	(:15) Cloud Atlas ('12, Adv) Halle Berry, Tom Hanks.							(:10)	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey			
PLEX 96	Movie	(:25)	Top Secret!				Whiskers Brent Carver.			(:40)	Robin of Locksley	(:20) The Trail of ...
SHOW 320 66 19 140 25	Movie	(:45)	A Night at the Roxbury			(:15)	Step Up Revolution				The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...	
TMC 336 67 22 155 26	(11:15)	Knucklehead			Snow Falling on Cedars			(:10)	Find Me Guilty Vin Diesel.		(:15)	The Cold Li...
A&E 27 32 28 35 47	(11:00)	Apollo 13 Tom Hanks.			Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC 40 21 23 42 51	Survival of the Dead Alan Van Sprang.				Land of the Dead Simon Baker						Lake Placid ('99, Act) Bill Pullman.	
BET 58 26 40	Movie	Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Ice Cube, Bow Wow					Little Man ('06, Com) Kennen Ivory Wayans.				Movie	
BRAVO 65 63 41	Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Mexi-Loco"		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC 46 45 39 72	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	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Countd./ Skyscr. (N)	
DISNEY 56 27 36 25 36	Liv/Mad	Austin	Austin	Austin	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad
ESPN 32 29 48 31 30	SportsCenter		Sprnt Cup (L)		NASCAR Auto Racing		AAA Texas 500 Site: Texas Motor Speedway				Fort Worth, Texas (L)	
ESPN2 34 28 49 32 31	NHRA Drag Race Toyota Nationals		Poker		Poker World Series				Poker World Series		Poker World Series	Drag Racing
FAMILY 53 54 34 42 33	(10:30) Miss Cong...				The Wedding Planner ('01, Rom) Jennifer Lopez.						Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.	Movie
FNC 45 58 53 23 55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD 64 59 27 68 54	The Kitchen		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Extreme	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Cutthroat Kitchen	
FSSW 37 43 50 45 29	NCAA Volleyball Miami vs N.C. State (L)				W. Extreme	Games	Texans Wrap (L)		Snowboarding		Darts	
FX 31 31 59 64 69	Movie		We Bought a Zoo ('11, Com/Dra) Matt Damon.			(:15)	Step Up Revolution				Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs	
HALLMARK 54 49 58 34	(11:00)	A Bride for...			One Starry Christmas				The Most Wonderful Time of the Year		The Christmas	
HGTV 63 50 26 48 44	Renovation		Renovation		Renovation		Renovation		Renovation		Renovation	
HISTORY 71 62 29 50 43	America Unearthed		America Unearthed		America Unearthed		America Unearthed		America Unearthed		America Unearthed	
LIFETIME 28 25 25 28 48	Glass House: The Good Mother				To Be Announced				To Be Announced			
MSNBC 47 51 49 73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		CaughtCam "Crash"		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves	
NBCSN 38 39	Goal Zone (L)		Pre-race	OceanRce	Racer TV	Motorsport Hour (N)			Mecum Auto "Collectors Cars and More: Chicago"			
NICK 55 34 39 34 37	Sponge	Sponge	SanjayCr	Brdwnrs	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	H.Danger	Nicky
SPIKE 30 72 55 53 58	Troy ('04, Act) Brad Pitt.				Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY 66 64 41 57 67	The Uninvited Emily Browning.				Birth ('04, Dra) Nicole Kidman.						Finders Keepers ('14, Thril) Steve Austin.	
TBS 25 11 44 66 41	Movie	(:45)	Hall Pass ('11, Com) Owen Wilson		(:45)		The Heartbreak Kid ('07, Com) Ben Stiller.					Meet the Fockers
TCM 41 61 24 63 66	(11:00)	High Society			An American in Paris				Light in the Piazza			Pat and Mike
TELE 20 8 10 20	Our Family Wedding		America Ferrera.				Rapido y Furioso	Paul Walker		Noticiero	Op. Repo	Terror en lo pr...
TLC 51 33 32 38 52	(11:00) 19 Kids		Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	
TNT 24 23 40 26 50	Diary of a Mad Black Woman		Kimberly Elise.				I Can Do Bad All by Myself	Tyler Perry.				Madea Goes to
TVLAND 49 48 35 54 35	(:10) Feud	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
USA 26 30 42 27 49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN 19 18	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.		Bones	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 2, 2014

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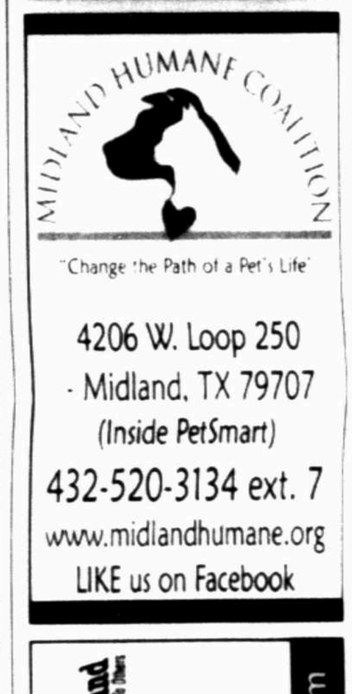
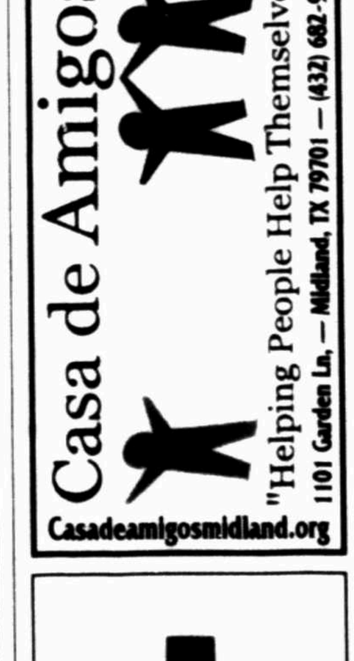
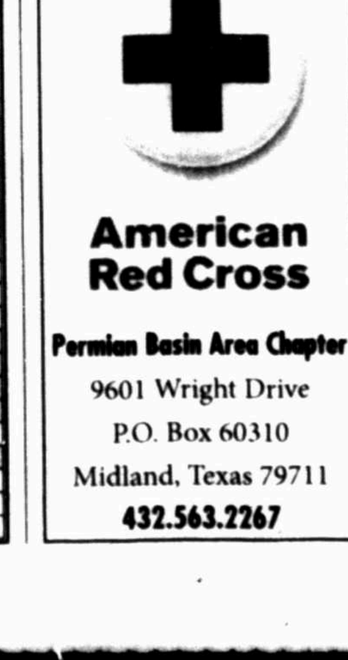






DAY OF THE DEAD

Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Quetzal Imports store owner Delia Martinez honors her late father with a traditional ofrendra for Day of the Dead. The holiday, Saturday and today, is a time to honor ancestors and family members who have died. Quetzal Imports is located at 201 E. Florida Ave.

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

SUNDAY

Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Midland Center. midlandgemandmineral.org.

"War of the Worlds" Pickwick Players presentation through Nov. 2 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Adventures in Art: 3-D Design, Nov. 2 at 2:30 p.m. Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Newsboys with Family Force 5 and 7Eventh Time Down, 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Andrews County Expo. whatyeshuacando.com.

Flashdance: The Musical, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MONDAY

Ashlee Rose, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

Author Karol Ladd speaks at Buckner International luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Nov. 4 at Midland Country Club. bucknerevents.com.

Shrine Circus, Nov. 4-5 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

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.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Story time for ages 3 to 5, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Joe Bonamassa, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

Merry Marketplace, Nov. 6-9 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

Feast of Sharing, Nov. 7 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Midland High vs Lee football, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at Grande Communication Stadium. midlandisd.net.

Relativity: Professor Steven Finkelstein on "Searching for Most Distant Galaxies in our Universe," 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Star Party, dusk Nov. 7 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Alicia in Wonder Tierra," 8 p.m. at the Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org.

"A Streetcar Named Desire," through Nov. 15 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Touch-a-Truck benefiting The Genesis Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 8 at Midland High School. facebook.com/touchatruckmidland.

Book signing with Claire Banschbach, 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

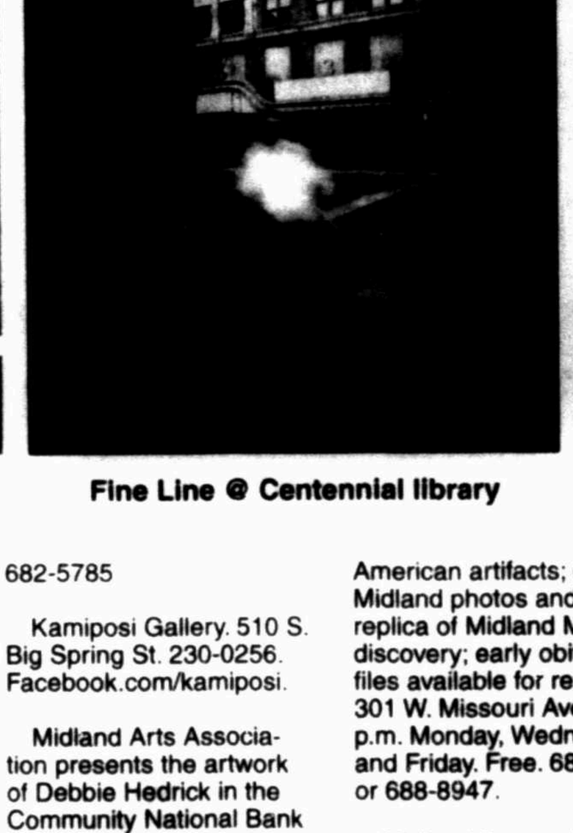
Unabashedly Bookish Club for adults, 2-4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 689-0158.

"Alicia in Wonder Tierra," 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org.

MOSC Masterworks 2 "Rach Rocks," 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ON DISPLAY

Orna Feinstein @ Museum of the Southwest



Fine Line @ Centennial library

MAA Fall Juried Art Exhibition @ Midland College

ArtQuest Studios: Reserved Studio Time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum's "Spirit of the Mask" through Jan. 12, 2015 and "Keys of the Renaissance" through Jan. 4, 2015. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Framed: Step Into Art" through Feb. 1. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Debbie Hedrick in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during November.

Midland Arts Association Fall Juried Art Exhibition through Friday at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building. maatx.org.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library "Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness" through Nov. 22 at Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits Winslow Homer and the American Pictorial Press exhibit through Nov. 30; Orna Feinstein through Nov. 9. museumsw.org.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7388.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

How to shop safely this season

BBB, NCSA work to raise awareness of cyber security

By Mella McEwen
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Holiday shopping season is rapidly approaching. Consumers will soon be swiping their debit or credit cards or adding items to their online shopping bags.

The rise in holiday shopping coincides with the conclusion of Cyber Security Awareness month, promoted by the National Cyber Security Alliance.

In the past year, reports of data breaches have surfaced, beginning with Target reporting a massive data breach during the Black Friday shopping weekend. Others reporting or investigating breaches include Home Depot and Dairy Queen.

"It's tough to know when it happens," said Tyler Patton, regional director of the Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal and Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.

Businesses have done a good job reacting to security breaches, offering affected customers identify theft protection and a year's worth of credit monitoring, he said.

It can be costly. A survey recently released by the Credit Union National Association said the Home Depot breach cost credit unions alone nearly $60 million to reissue cards, deal with fraud and other costs. The Target breach cost credit unions nearly $30 million.

"If you haven't been hacked yet, it may happen, so prepare," Patton suggested.

For businesses, the alliance has these recommendations:

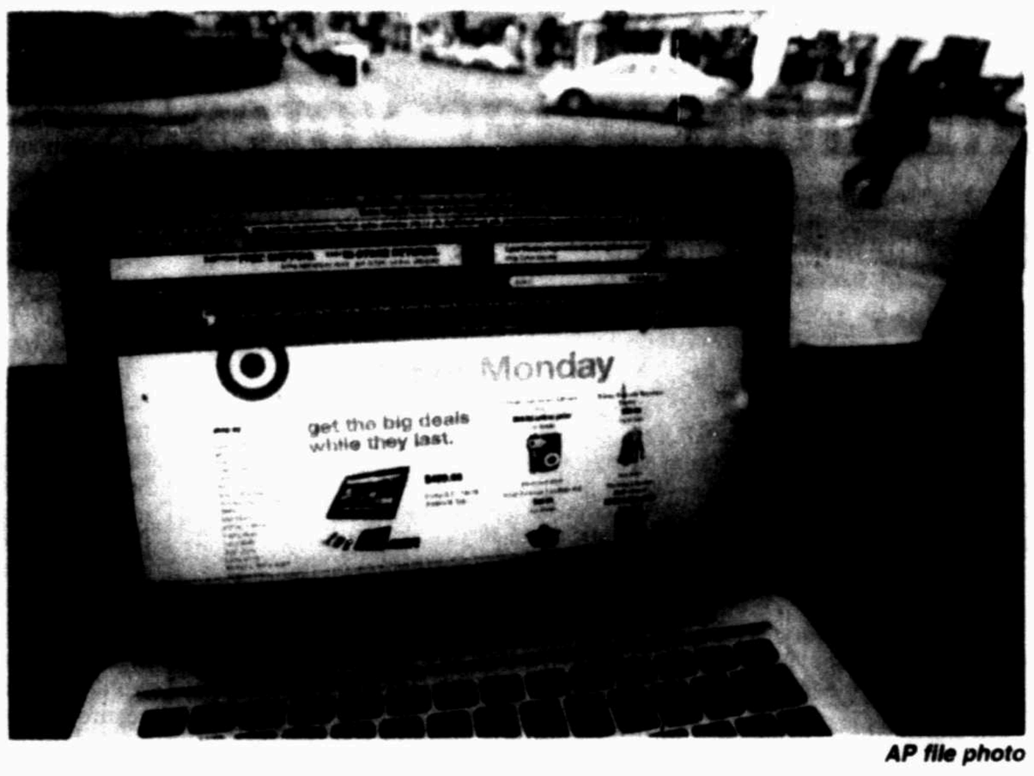
■ Ensure all business transactions are done over a secure network connection.

■ Install a network firewall and VPN for remote access.

■ Make sure anti-virus software is up-to-date.

■ Implement encryption on servers, desktops, laptops and removable media.

■ Backup critical information and prepare a secure restoration procedure.



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The Target website is photographed on a computer screen at a coffee shop in Providence, R.I. Target is one of several companies in the past year to have major security breaches.

For customers, whether they're swiping a debit or credit card at a retailer's data terminal or shopping online, the BBB has these recommendations:

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

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

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

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

■ Stay current. Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online. Check trusted websites for the latest information, and share with friends, family and colleagues to encourage them to be web-wise. You can find your BBB on Facebook or Twitter for the latest scam alerts and information. You can also find helpful consumer information and tips at watchyourbuck.com.

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

■ Report it. If your identity has been stolen or compromised, contact one of the three credit bureaus to report the crime (Equifax at 800-525-6285, Experian at 888-397-3742 or TransUnion at 800-680-7289). Request that the credit bureau place a fraud alert on your credit report to prevent any further fraudulent activity from occurring. As soon as one of the bureaus issues a fraud alert, the other two bureaus are automatically notified.

Patton also urged consumers, whether they have shopped at a business reporting a security breach or not, to regularly monitor their bank accounts and credit card statements online rather than waiting for the monthly statement to arrive in the mail.

"With the holidays coming up, an identity thief's bread and butter is people who shop online and don't update their antivirus software or shop secure sites," he said.

"Updating your antivirus software and operating systems is important. Be wise and monitor your accounts," he said.

Nobel Prize winner shows how to manage markets with a few powerful firms

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

For his work in the area of market power and regulation, Jean Tirole has been awarded the 2014 Nobel Prize in Economics (formally, "The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel"). Tirole, who completed his graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), is a French citizen and is the Scientific Director at Institut d'Economie Industrielle at the Toulouse School of Economics in France.

The central bank of Sweden created the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1968, and it is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Every year, the almost $1.5 million award is given for important work in economics; areas of study include general equilibrium theory, traditional micro and macroeconomics, bargaining theory and economic history. In addition, economists and a few others who have found and explained linkages between economics and other arenas (political science, psychology, sociology, law, and others) have been recognized.

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

Tirole's work has to do with market power and regulation, and his ideas broke new ground in the field. He brings a rather unique educational background to the table with a combination of engineering, math and economics degrees. His understanding of the production process is one factor which shaped his work.

Most traditional economic theory deals with one of two basic market forms. On one end of the spectrum are monopolies, where there is only one firm in the market (such as a single provider of electric power), and often a need for regulatory oversight to ensure consumer wellbeing. On the other end of the spectrum is what is known as "perfect competition," where the presence of many competing firms ensures that prices and quality levels are kept in line. If one business charges too much for its products or lets quality slide, for example, customers can simply choose to purchase from another.

Before Tirole's work, there was little research other than the original exposition and specification in an important alternative market structure, the oligopoly. An oligopoly is a market where a few large firms can influence prices, quality and production volumes. Oligopolies are common in cases where public monopolies have been privatized (which has happened in numerous sectors over the past few decades), and it can be difficult to get to the point where the companies taking over actually behave like private firms. There is a delicate balance that has to be struck between over-regulation (which stifles creativity and innovation) and under-regulation (where market power can potentially harm consumers).

Around the world, competition has been theoretically introduced in industries ranging from railways to telecommunications to financial services to health care. It is challenging to determine how much to regulate these newly competitive industries as the transition from a monopoly situation occurs. There is also a problem of asymmetric information, with regulators inevitably having a less-than-perfect understanding of firm costs and profits. One tool that has been used by regulators is setting price caps. If prices set by regulatory agencies are too high, however, they allow excessive profits to the detriment of consumers. At the same time, the price needs to be high enough for the firm to remain financially viable and make needed investments. This approach is often simplistic and imprecise and can at times produce outcomes that are not in our best interest. Prior to Tirole's research,

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Ask the Fool

Activist Investors

Q **What are activist investors? — *P.T., St. Joseph, Michigan***

A **Frequently tied to hedge funds or private-equity companies, they buy many shares of a company's stock and aim to influence it. They'll often secure seats on the company's board of directors, too. Common goals for activist investors are making changes in top management, taking the company private, engaging in significant cost-cutting, splitting up the company, and spending heavily on dividends or share buybacks.**

When an investor buys 5 percent or more of a company, he must file a 13D form with the SEC. That public filing can tip off observers to possible activist investor interest. Carl Icahn is one famous activist investor, who has pursued changes at companies such as Yahoo! and Time Warner. Recently, he's been encouraging Family Dollar to merge with a fellow discounter.

Darden Restaurants, which operates the LongHorn Steakhouse and Olive Garden chains (among others), recently lost a battle with activist investors and had its entire board of directors replaced. Hertz, too, has given in to pressure, and is spinning off its equipment rental business. Meanwhile, PepsiCo has been pressured by Nelson Peltz to split up, in order to separate its beverage and salty snack businesses.

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Q **I've heard about biotechnology companies developing "orphan drugs." What are they? — *N.R., Hanahan, South Carolina***

A **An orphan drug treats a rare medical condition that fewer than 200,000 people in the U.S. have (or one that affects more people, but seems as though it would cost more money to develop than it would bring in). The Food and Drug Administration offers incentives for companies to develop orphan drugs, and with their prices typically very high, they have become money-makers for many companies.**

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Corrections Are Common

In October, the stock market as measured by the S&P 500 dropped more than nine percentage points from its high in early September. That has had many investors panicking and selling — essentially doing the opposite of Warren Buffett's advice to be greedy when others are fearful and fearful when others are greedy.

Being calm — not to mention being greedy and snapping up bargains as prices fall — is easier said than done, though. Too often, past market crashes are viewed as an opportunity, but all current and future crashes are viewed as a risk.

You can adjust your thinking and tone down your emotions by reviewing some market history. Here are some facts dug up by analysts at Fool Intergalactic Headquarters:

• There have been about 90 10-percent corrections in the stock market since 1928. That's about once every 11 months, on average.

• There have been 13 corrections of 10 percent or more since World War II that were not followed by a recession. Stocks fell 35 percent in 1987 with no subsequent recession.

• Since the market bottomed out in 2009, we've had three 10-percent corrections, with one in 2010, one in 2011 and one in 2012. Despite these drops, the Dow is still up 145 percent, and the S&P 500 is up 174 percent, since the bear market ended in 2009. The Nasdaq and the Russell 2000 have each more than tripled since the 2009 market bottom, even after pricing in the "crash" of the past two months.

Indeed, even the big scare that October delivered in its first half got largely wiped out by a recovery in the second half. Corrections are common, and so are recoveries, though they don't always happen quickly.

The best response to market crashes has usually been to do nothing — or to grab shares of some beaten-down stocks that are now in bargain territory. If we still have many years of investing ahead of us, we should welcome market plunges because we can buy into good companies at lower prices.

My Dumbest Investment

Sold Apple Too Soon

My dumbest investment? I sold 300 shares of Apple at $36 per share after a quick 20 percent increase! — *G.C., San Diego*

The Fool Responds: Judging from the "Dumbest Investment" stories people send in to us, that's a rather common blunder. Indeed, with shares of Apple recently trading near $96 per share, you lost out on a gain of more than 150 percent. Even worse, if your $36 sale price was before the company's 7-for-1 stock split, then your split-adjusted sale price would be close to $5 per share, reflecting a gain of roughly 1,800 percent left on the table. Ouch.

Still, remember that hindsight is 20/20, and if at the time you no longer had much confidence in Apple's future performance, or you thought its stock was more than fairly valued, then selling was the right thing to do. Investors need to make the most rational decisions they can, based on what they know and believe. And even if they do so, they're likely to get some calls wrong now and then. Even Warren Buffett has made some mistakes.

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

A Top-Notch Retailer

Costco (Nasdaq: COST) serves all its constituents well. It has delivered to shareholders gains averaging 15.7 percent annually over the past 20 years. It offers low prices to customers, marking up most products by no more than 14 percent over cost. (In 2013, its average markup was close to 11 percent.)

It treats its employees well, too, offering above-average wages and benefits, and in return enjoying a turnover rate of only 5 percent among those who have worked at the company for at least a year. (Customer turnover is low, too, with roughly 90 percent renewing memberships each year.)

The company also strives to do right by the rest of the world through its business practices. As of 2013, it had the second-largest solar power generation capacity among U.S. companies, and it has stopped selling some "at-risk" fish species.

Costco's efficient business model allows it to consistently generate a strong return on invested capital. With annual revenue topping $110 billion, it's growing much faster than other big-box retailers in part because it sells items in bulk, which causes some customers to overbuy.

Compared to rivals' stocks, Costco's shares aren't priced at bargain levels, but they're still likely to reward long-term investors. One promising new growth initiative is a move to start selling products online in China. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Costco and has recommended it.)

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name That Company

I was launched in 1993 as a division of electronic retailer Circuit City, and then spun off to be independent in 2002. Today, based in Richmond, Virginia, I'm America's largest used-vehicle retailer (and its third-largest wholesaler of used vehicles). At my 140 superstores in 70 markets, I offer no-haggling prices and "Quality Certified" vehicles. I sell more than 500,000 used cars annually and auction off more than 300,000 wholesale vehicles. (In total, I've sold more than 5 million cars.) I take in more than $12 billion annually. I've been cited as a great employer for my 20,000-plus workers. Who am I?

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1947 in South Korea, to a company that in its early days sold face cream and toothpaste. My brand name today suggests relatively high-end products and my slogan proclaims that "Life's Good," but at one time I went by the cuter moniker of Lucky Goldstar. Today I offer a wide range of products, including televisions, DVD players, music systems, security systems, smartphones, refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, battery packs for electric vehicles and much more. I bought Zenith Electronics in the 1990s. By 2009, I was the second-largest LCD TV provider worldwide. Who am I? (Answer: LG Electronics)

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Small business divided over upcoming minimum wage votes

By Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Workers in five states could get a raise after Election Day.

Some small business owners say raising the minimum wage will pressure their companies, forcing them to cut employees' hours or jobs. Others say it's the right thing to do for workers and the economy.

Minimum wage referendums are on Tuesday's ballots in Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota, where minimums range from $6.25 to $8.25 an hour. Some small business owners say raising the minimum wage will force them to cut employees' hours or jobs. Higher minimums were already approved this year in 10 states, the District of Columbia and Seattle.

Ken Jarosch thinks he'll have to raise prices and hire fewer part-timers for his Elk Grove Village, Illinois, Jarosch Bakery if the state's minimum rises. Illinois' referendum is non-binding, giving the state Legislature the voters' opinion on the measure. Jarosch's costs would rise about 5.5 percent if the wage rises from $8.25 to $10. He has about a dozen high school students earning minimum wage out of his staff of 60.

"I'd have to increase my prices about 2.5 or 3 percent," says Jarosch. He's also concerned about a proposed increase of Chicago's minimum to $13. If that happens, he may boost pay even more to prevent workers from leaving to take jobs in the city.

Companies are more likely to raise prices than cut jobs. Thirty percent would pass along an increase to customers, according to a May survey by Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management. Fourteen percent said they'd cut hours and nearly 12 percent said they'd lay off employees.

An upward trend

While 10 state legislatures voted to hike the minimum wage this year, it rose in 11 others because of inflation. And President Barack Obama in February ordered companies with federal contracts to pay at least $10.10 an hour. Obama wants the $7.25 federal minimum raised to $10.10. About 3.3 million or 2 percent of the workforce is at or below the federal minimum, according to the Labor Department.

Seasonal workers at Rick Poore's Lincoln, Nebraska, screen printing and embroidery company earn the minimum wage. Tuesday's referendum could raise the state minimum from $7.25 to $8 on Jan. 1, and another $1 in 2016.

"That's not going to break my bank," says Poore, owner of Shirts101. If workers earn more, they'll have more money to spend and help the economy grow, Poore says. "They can't buy it if they don't have the dough."

Kristin Kohn voluntarily raised the minimum wage at her Indianapolis gift shop, Silver in the City, to $10.10 an hour when Obama signed an executive order on federal contractors' pay. She previously paid workers $8.60. Indiana's minimum is $7.25. The higher wage costs her about 1 percent in profit, but she says it's worth it.

"It's important to have quality employees who care about what they're doing," she says.

Support with limits

Kohn isn't alone. Eighty-one percent of small business owners who pay hourly wages pay above the minimum, according to a survey by The Hartford. Two-thirds of those owners support raising the federal minimum.

But as much as some owners believe the minimum wage should rise, higher rates pose a challenge. Andy Carlson budgets each year for a higher minimum wage because Colorado's minimum, now $8, rises with the cost of living. About five of the 60 staffers at his two Ace Hardware stores in Denver earn the minimum. He believes the minimum should rise along with inflation, but he's concerned about the calls for $10.10 per hour. That big an increase may lead him to not hire as much.

"At some point, there's a business reality that we can't continue to add people regardless of the cost," Carlson says.

Minimum wage at a glance

Five states have referendums on raising the minimum wage on Tuesday's election ballots, and legislatures in 10 states and Washington, D.C., this year approved changes to their minimums. A look at the changes and potential changes:

Referendums

- Alaska, currently $7.75, would rise to $8.75 Jan. 1
- Arkansas, currently $6.25, would rise to $7.50 Jan. 1
- Illinois (non-binding, giving voters' opinion only), currently $8.25, would rise to $10
- Nebraska, currently $7.25, would rise to $8 Jan. 1
- South Dakota, currently $7.25, would rise to $8.50 Jan. 1

Approvals

Legislative change approved this year, taking effect in 2014
- West Virginia, currently $7.25, rises to $8 Dec. 31

Legislative changes approved this year, taking effect in 2015
- Connecticut, currently $8.70, rises to $9.15 Jan. 1
- Delaware, currently $7.75, rises to $8.25 June 1
- Hawaii, currently $7.25, rises to $7.75 Jan. 1
- Maryland, currently $7.25, rises to $8 Jan. 1 and $8.25 July 1
- Massachusetts, currently $8, rises to $9 Jan. 1
- Minnesota, small employers, currently $6.50, rises to $7.25 Aug. 1; large employers, currently $8, rises to $9 Aug. 1
- Rhode Island, currently $8, rises to $9 Jan. 1
- Vermont, currently $8.73, rises to $9.15 Jan. 1
- Washington, D.C., currently $9.50, rises to $10.50 July 1

Legislative change approved this year, taking effect in 2016
- Michigan, currently $8.15, rises to $8.50 Jan. 1

Associated Press

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there was not a lot of good empirical study to help deal with such issues and develop more efficient structures.

In addition to their usefulness in oligopoly markets, Tirole's theories are put into practice in public procurement, where his way of structuring contracts helps ensure sufficient (but not too high) profits for the winning firm. Others include contributions to our understanding of the competitive effects of patents, technical advances, and strategic investments.

If all markets were highly competitive, they would be efficient and ensure optimal prices and product offerings. The fact is that they are not. There are times when competition fails, and there is a real need for regulatory oversight. However, markets should be analyzed individually to determine what is needed. There are no "cookie-cutter" solutions. Tirole has made major contributions to our understanding of how to best approach these situations to ensure a desirable outcome for businesses and consumers alike.

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UT Permian Basin Gearing Up for Football in 2016

Ryan Haage
Communication and Special Projects

With the announcement two weeks ago that the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will be fielding its first ever football team starting in the fall of 2016, preparations have ramped up to complete the necessary steps for UTPB to hit the field in a little under two years.

First and foremost, the university will be hiring its first head football coach in the coming months.

"Over the next few months, we'll be creating job descriptions for several of the first new jobs that we'll be posting, most notably the head football coach and for the top two assistant positions," Athletic Director Dr. Steve Aicinena said.

Once UTPB's new coach arrives on campus, they'll hit the ground running looking to bring in the team's first group of players for practices in the fall of 2015.

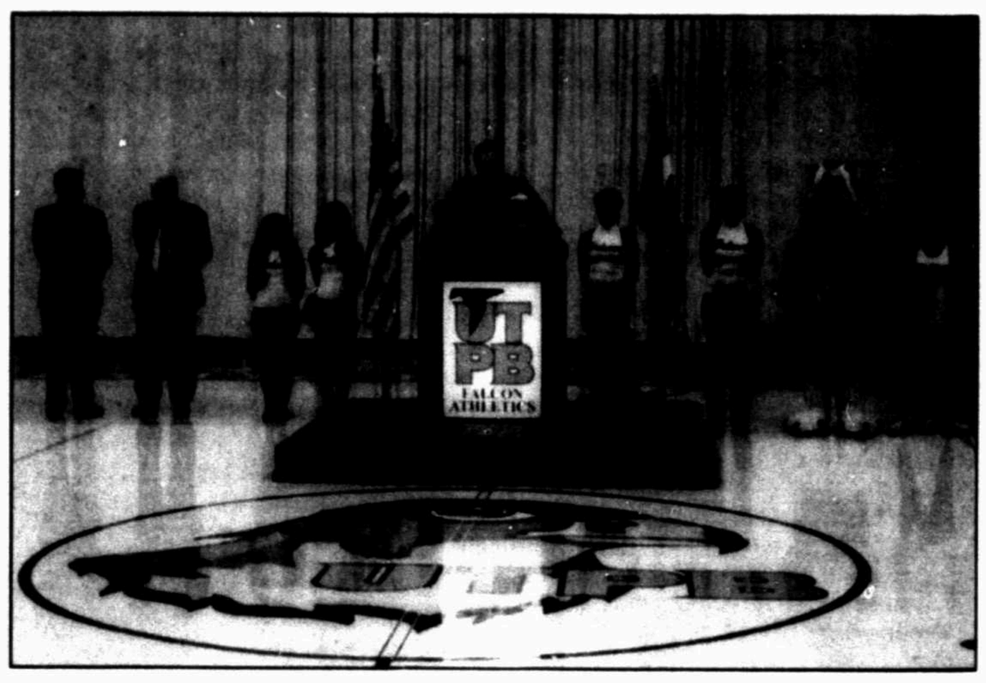
"We'll have a large number of walk-on student athletes here the first year, but the coach will have some money to provide scholarships during the 2015-16 academic year," Aicinena noted. "They're going to have an opportunity to give a lot of people a chance to make the squad over the first year.

"Along with hiring assistants, recruiting and planning, the new coach is going to have a great opportunity to meet with people in the community who are interested in talking about UTPB football."

Other positions created in the near future include the department's first ever athletics advancement officer, two full-time athletic trainers, an equipment manager and a strength and conditioning coach.

The second large project underway is creating facilities on campus for the team to use. With the team playing its home games at Ratliff Stadium, UTPB will be taking advantage of existing facilities on campus along with building new areas that will benefit all of athletics.

"The second major thing that's going to take place is finalizing temporary accommodations for football, including locker room space, office areas and practice arrangements," Aicinena said. "We have a practice field that is being prepared at this time that will be in good shape in the fall of 2015 and the intramural field will also be an option. We'll be designing a new facility and practice field that will be on the drawing board through the rest of the academic year, an area that all of our outdoor sports will be taking advantage of."



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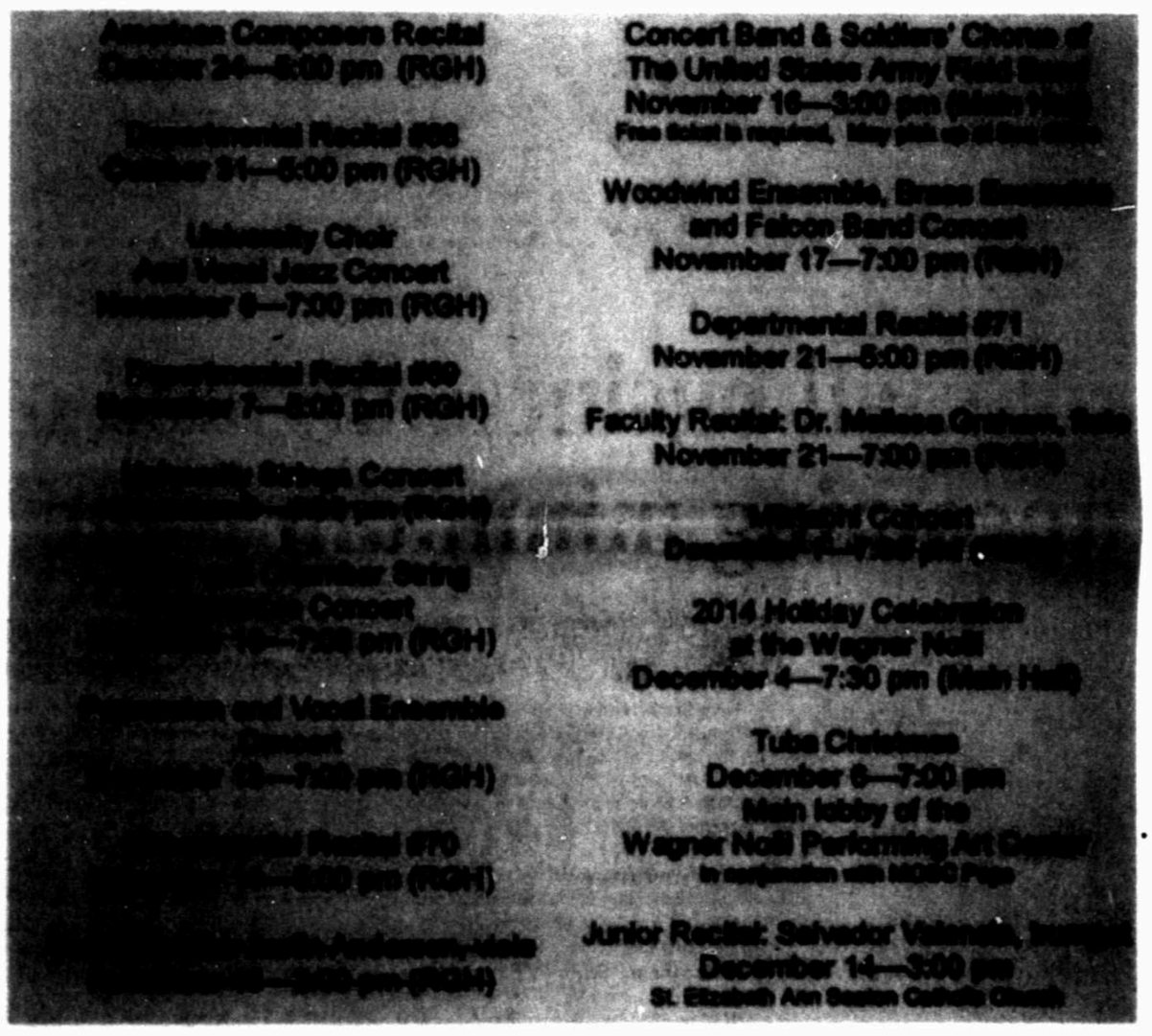

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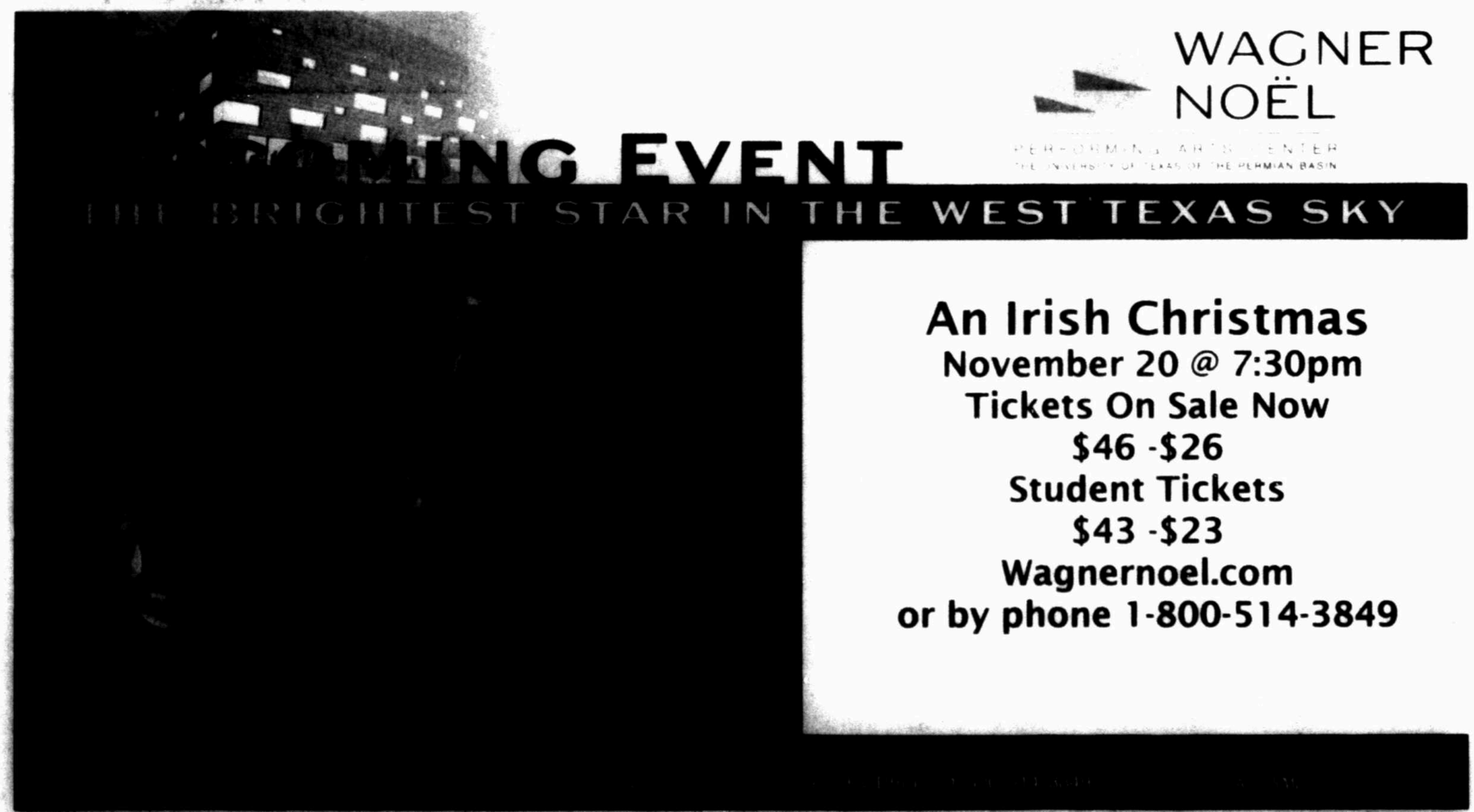

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Having extra savings eases woes of volatile occupation

ASK DAVE
Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: I'm a 26-year-old journalist making $26,000 annually, and the only debt I have is $31,000 in student loans. I'm following your plan, so I also have $1,000 in my starter emergency fund and am working side jobs to make extra money. Since my job field is volatile, I've lost and found a couple of jobs in the last few years and have an older car. Should I beef up my emergency fund in case I go through another job loss or I have problems with my vehicle? — Sarah

DEAR SARAH: In your case, I think you might want to increase your emergency fund to around $3,000. Usually, I'd rather people focus on knocking out debt once they have a beginner emergency fund in place, but it sounds like you've got extenuating circumstances in your life. Older cars, especially those with lots of miles, could need attention at any time. And you're right about your job, too. The newspaper world is pretty volatile and even downright insecure at times. This isn't your fault, but I'm glad you're looking ahead.

Just push the pause button on paying off debt for the moment and build up your emergency fund a bit more. That will give you a little more wiggle room in case life decides to throw something unexpected at you. Then, go back to paying off debt before you increase your emergency fund to a full three to six months of expenses.

Having a little financial stability is a big thing for you right now, Sarah. It will help you feel a little more secure until the debt is gone. And once that happens, you'll really be able to fly!

DEAR DAVE: We had our first child a few months ago, and some of the bills have gone to collections. We've paid what we could, but we each make only about $15,000 a year. Now, we're getting calls and letters from collectors wanting our checking account information and electronic access. When we won't give it to them, they accuse us of not following the terms and conditions of the agreements. They say we'll be penalized if we don't comply. What should we do? — Stephanie

DEAR STEPHANIE: You're doing the right thing by not giving them your account information and electronic access. The stuff they're saying is just collector talk, and they're full of crap. The next time you talk to one of them, just let them know you have every intention of paying what's owed. But the bill is going to be paid by you. There's nothing in an agreement like that which gives them the right to your account numbers or electronic access. These people can stop lying and act right, or they can go jump in the lake.

The biggest issue here is your income. If I'm your husband, I'm going to find an extra job delivering pizzas a few nights a week for the time being. He could make an additional $1,000 a month for the next 10 months, and that problem would be solved. Instead of working 40 to 45 hours a week, try working 60 to 80 for just a little while.

Still, you both need to examine your career track for the future. Look into different types of training and education with the attitude of doubling or even tripling your income in the next five years. I want you both to develop long-term plans to increase your income, and a short-term plan to get out from under this debt in a hurry. That's the kind of thinking that will get rid of collectors faster than anything else. They're just a symptom of the bigger problem.

Is refinancing your mortgage worth it? Do some research

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

The interest rate pendulum has swung in favor of homeowners again.

A steady decline in recent weeks brought down the average rate for a 30-year fixed home loan below 4 percent to 3.92 percent this week, the lowest level in more than a year. As recently as January, the average was 4.53 percent, according to mortgage giant Freddie Mac.

That's good news for homeowners who are locked in at a higher interest rate and weren't able to refinance before rates began ticking up last year. The decline in mortgage rates has spurred a surge in mortgage refinancing. Applications reached their highest level since November 2013 last week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

A reduction in your mortgage interest rate can translate into significant savings. The key is ensuring they aren't outweighed by the charges and fees involved.

"You want to be careful to do the math and be sure you're coming out ahead," said Gary Kalman, executive vice president at the Center for Responsible Lending.

Here are some tips to help you determine whether refinancing your mortgage will pay off:

Understand the fees

Lenders typically charge fees for the mortgage broker's services, credit reports, a home appraisal and title insurance, among other costs.

To get a sense of the total costs, start with the "good faith estimate." It's a form that lenders are required to provide that details the projected costs associated with the loan.

Although certain costs of the loan can't change, including the origination or broker's fee, costs such as title fees may change until the loan is locked, meaning the interest rate is set, notes Kurtis Baker, a wealth management advisor at Certified Wealth Management & Investment LLC in Princeton, New Jersey.

The loan officer should also be able to help determine what your total monthly payment would be after the refinancing.

Get a low-enough rate

The general rule of thumb is that borrowers need to shave at least 1.5 to 2 percentage points from their rate in order for the refinancing costs to be worthwhile.

To qualify for the best rate on a mortgage refinancing, borrowers must have proof of income and have equity in their home. About 20 percent equity is ideal, though some lenders will require as much as 30 percent for jumbo loans, said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Do the math

Don't be fooled into thinking that you're getting a better deal when it's simply a new loan with a longer term, warns Timothy Watters, a certified financial planner at Watters Financial Services in Paramus, New Jersey.

To avoid this, tally up how much you're paying now in principal and interest and multiply it by the number of months left on your loan. Then do the same calculation using the figures under the new loan.

"If there's a substantial difference, it may be worthwhile to refinance," said Watters. "If there's not, it may not at all be worth refinancing."

Online calculators can help you estimate whether the savings in a refinancing add up in your favor. Try this one from Bankrate: http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/mortgages/refinance-calculator.aspx

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits Oct. 20-Oct. 24

1211 W. Illinois Ave	New Commercial	$26,500
1400 E. Pecan Ave	New Residence	$155,970
810 S. Baird St	Sign	$845
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1411 Elkins Road	New Residence	$25,000
507 Ruby Drive	Residential Addition	$1,300
3225 Cimmaron	Residence-Detached	$2,800
6404 Homestead Blvd	Swimming Pool	$15,000
8818 W. Highway 80	Commercial Addition	$0
5907 Rio Grande Ave	New Residence	$187,200
5903 Rio Grande Ave	New Residence	$176,670
9700 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$1,200,000
3116 Fairfield Lane	New Residence	$201,600
1708 Harrison St	Residence-Detached	$6,000
927 San Andres Drive	Commercial Addition	$11,875
5617 Ashwood Court	Residential Addition	$15,000
5808 Trennon Place	New Residence	$353,790
6301 Holiday Hill Road	Commercial Alteration	$80,000
4400 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration	$100,000
1401 S. Terrell St.	Residence-Detached	$2,500
1697 FM 1788	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
117 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
6 Desta Drive	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
2202 W. New Jersey Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
6013 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$241,920
100 E. Dengar Ave	Residential Alteration	$30,000
205 E. Oak Ave.	New Residence	$137,700
1808 Tradewinds Blvd	Sign	$3,500
1500 W. Interstate 20	Commercial Alteration	$374,002
1101 S. Marienfeld St.	Sign	$2,000
4507 Erie Drive	Residence-Detached	$4,863
2400 W. Kentucky Ave.	Residential Addition	$15,000
406 Mile High Lane	Residence-Detached	$10,000
4500 N. Lamesa Road	Commercial Alteration	$687,000
2500 Briaroaks Court	New Residence	$367,380
9700 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$3,000,000
2112 Evans Lane	New Residence	$238,950
2604 Lockheed Drive	Residential Addition	$3,024
300 Sir Barton	Residential Addition	$4,410
103 W. Spruce Ave.	Residential Addition	$15,000
2505 Auburn Place	Residential Alteration	$11,000
1804 E. Pecan Ave.	New Residence	$165,000
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3201 N. A St.	Commercial Addition	$300,000
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4415 Meadowlark Lane	New Residence	$431,460

Source: City of Midland

OIL REPORT

Analyst: EPA's investigation might have big impact

Controvery over Pavillion report shows need for transparent, peer-reviewed process

By Mella McEwen
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Surging use of advanced hydraulic fracturing technology, especially in areas not accustomed to oilfield activity, has given rise to studies on the technology's impact on water.

Such investigations are "potentially highly significant to industry and, therefore, conclusions must be supported by good science," said Daniel B. Stephens, principal hydrologist and chairman of the board of DBS&A of Albuquerque.

Stephens visited Midland recently to discuss his analysis of the controversy surrounding the Environmental Protection Agency's groundwater monitoring in the Pavilllion, Wyoming, natural gas field.

He said the controversy shows that such investigations need to be carried out with a clearly and carefully defined objective, the process needs to be carefully carried out, stakeholders need to become involved, transparency and making the data available is important, as is peer review.

"The impact is huge — you don't want to cavalierly go around making statements," he said.

Working groups should be formed to study similar issues, he said. Those groups should be comprised of local regulators, state regulatory agencies like the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission, Texas Water Development Board, local ranchers and local industries. "Then they can invite the EPA," he said.

Six years ago, residents of Pavillion asked the EPA to investigate complaints of taste and odor problems in drinking water wells near where hydraulic fracturing operations were occurring.

The agency conducted a field investigation, including drilling two deep monitor wells and concluded the drinking water aquifer had been impacted by the hydraulic fracturing process.

But that conclusion drew extensive criticism, and the EPA said it would not submit the draft report to peer review or rely on its conclusions. The agency also allowed the state of Wyoming to take the lead role in further investigations.

"This was more about the process than whether or not fracturing had contaminated the water," Stephens said.

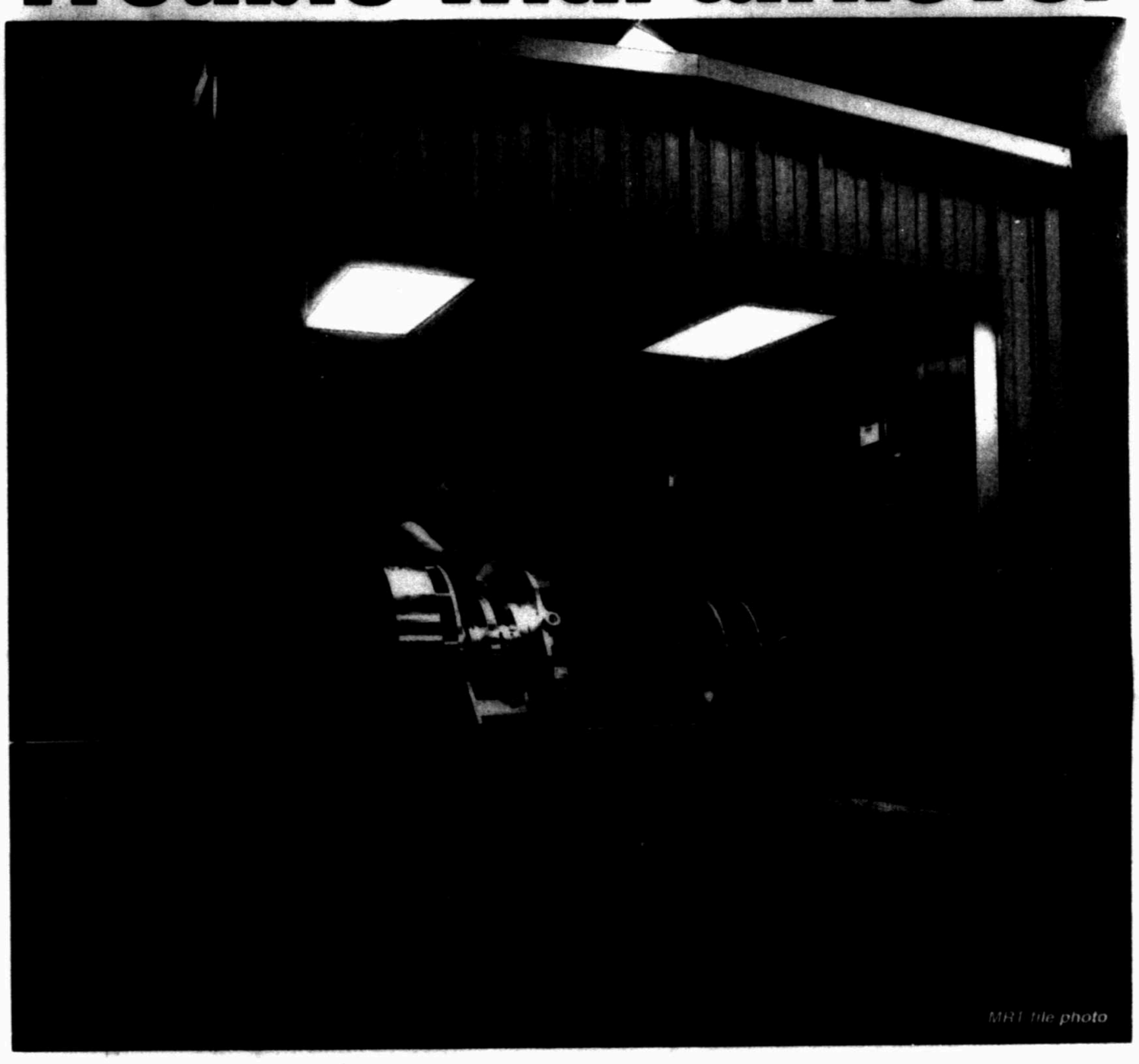
The EPA was a member of the Pavillion Working Group, which "had a specific focus of watching what the EPA did," he said.

His review of the events stated that much of the criticism could have been avoided through improved pre-project planning and more rigorous peer review. An effective way to evaluate the potential impact of hydraulic fracturing would have been to collect baseline groundwater quality data prior to the hydraulic fracturing process.

Six years later, he said, residents of Pavillion still have no answers as to what caused the odor and taste in their drinking water.

He suggested that the controversy over this report, as well as its work in Dimock, Pennsylvania, and Parker County, Texas, should provide the EPA with lessons on how to improve its investigative methods.

Trouble with turnover



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New Tech moves operation to Dallas

By Mella McEwen
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Many local companies have found themselves landlocked, challenged to find enough space for their operations.

New Tech Systems found itself landlocked.

"The labor market kept us from growing the last three years," said Pat Hanlon, president of the company that manufactures pipe inspection equipment.

As a consequence, the company has relocated its manufacturing operations to Mansfield, just south of Arlington. Many of the company's 60-plus employees made the move, along with its management team, Hanlon said.

New Tech's Midland location will remain open as a service center to serve Permian Basin customers, staffed by six to eight employees. The center will provide parts, service and training.

Pam Welch, executive director of Midland Development Corp., said she was aware of the situation and was sorry to see the company leave Midland.

Some companies can't sustain the area's high wage rates, she said.

With so many new oilfield service companies coming to the area, she said there is a lot of competition for workers.

"All we can do is try to bring in new employees. Right now we're just circulating the same employees," she said.

Moving to the Dallas area was a difficult decision because he has lived in Midland his entire adult life, Hanlon said. But it was necessary for the future of the company.

The company had experienced tremendous growth for several years, "but then it came to a standstill," he said.

"Since we're a manufacturing company, the amount of product we can ship depends on how big our labor force is. Since we couldn t grow our labor force, we couldn't increase shipments," Hanlon said.

He added that other local manufacturers have experienced the same issue.

"We'd push our delivery times further and take longer to ship. What happened is we'd push our customers as far as we could and as long as they could stand. They'd get to a point where they couldn't wait and they'd go elsewhere, probably a smaller competitor who may not have the quality product we have, but they could meet deadlines."

New Tech employs 62, but Hanlon said he needed to raise that to 80 to begin growing the company. "We couldn't get there. We'd hire someone, and someone would leave. We couldn't substantially increase our head count."

While the company's new manufacturing facility in Mansfield is not yet complete, he said the move has already had a positive impact.

"We're finding, due to a larger population which is not oilfield-based, there's a larger supply of highly skilled workers, both blue collar and white collar," Hanlon said.

The goal with the move is to shrink delivery time substantially, reduce manufacturing cost and improve the quality of its product, Hanlon said.

The company is in the process of replacing those who didn't make the move from Midland, and Hanlon said the goal is to have a higher head count by the end of the year and grow it to at least 80 next year.

The new facility will be 60 percent larger, Hanlon added.

"We've talked about making this move for a few years, but we thought we could crack the code of finding more people," Hanlon said.

Even though the company is relocating, Hanlon said he intends to continue supporting the Midland community.

Shell says lower oil prices could affect pace in Permian

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — European oil giant Royal Dutch Shell is in "no hurry" to develop unconventional plays in the Permian Basin or Western Canada amid the current slump in oil prices, Chief Financial Officer Simon Henry told journalists Thursday.

Henry's comments come at a time when West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark price, measured $81.12 per barrel Thursday morning — about 20 percent lower than its peak earlier this summer.

"We haven't pulled the trigger on major development in the Permian or Western Canada," Henry said on a conference call with reporters.

The company had previously identified those as areas where it hoped to grow, while it's sold other shale assets in North America.

"At $80 it looks less good than it did at $110," he continued, adding that the company is in the latter stages of appraisal in both areas. "It's probably less likely we'll do so with an $80 price. You always have to look at the balance between price and cost."

He called the two assets attractive even though the current price environment may delay development. "We look forward to developing them over time, but we're in no hurry to do so," he said.

The company saw its profits slide 4.6 percent in the third quarter as it began to feel the dip in crude oil prices.

The company reported earnings of $4.46 billion, or $0.70 per share, down from $4.68 billion, or $0.75 per share a year ago.

Company leaders said slumping oil prices are starting to squeeze revenues — down 7.4 percent to $107.85 billion. Only about a third of the recent slide in oil prices's impact was felt in the third quarter earnings.

But Shell officials were adamant that despite falling crude oil prices, they won't be rash about pulling back on investments. "We're not going to jump to any rapid decisions to stop, cut, or slash anything," Henry told analysts on a conference call. "That, in the short-term, will only destroy value."

Henry's comments come during a week when many oil executives executives were forced to directly and publicly address falling oil prices for the first time since crude prices began their slide this summer, as they addressed analysts' questions during the third quarter earnings reporting period.

Henry put the falling prices' impact in crystal clear terms, telling investors that Shell is "not immune" from their effects and every $10 decrease in Brent oil prices would result in a $3.2 billion decrease in

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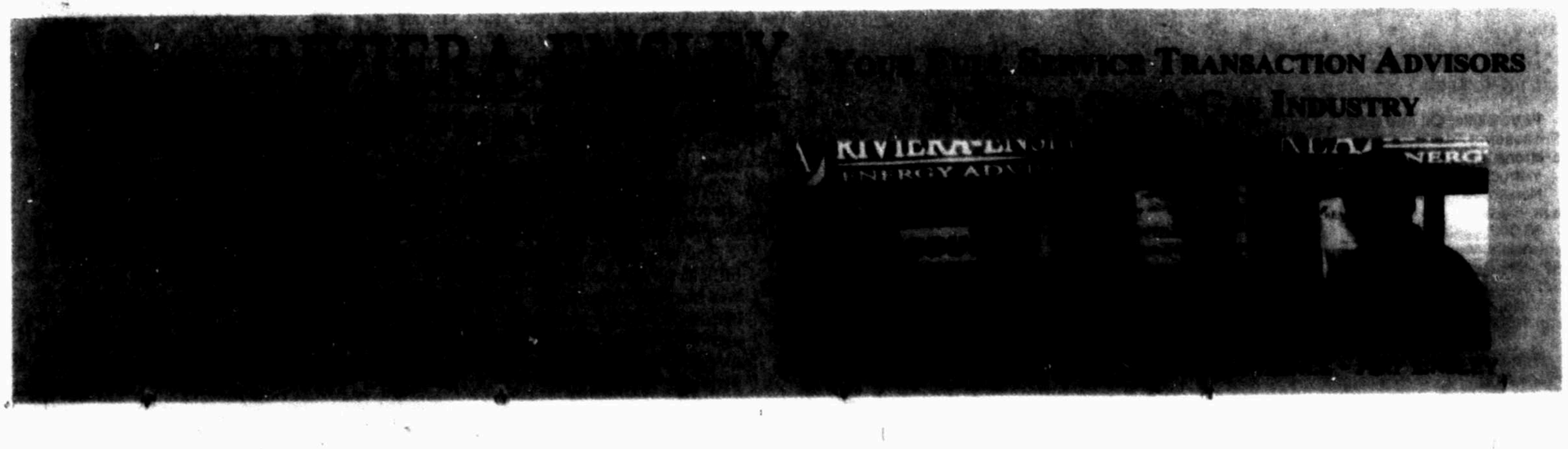


As oil price falls, city remembers and prepares

By Michael Brick
Houston Chronicle

Famous last words in an oil town: This boom will be different.

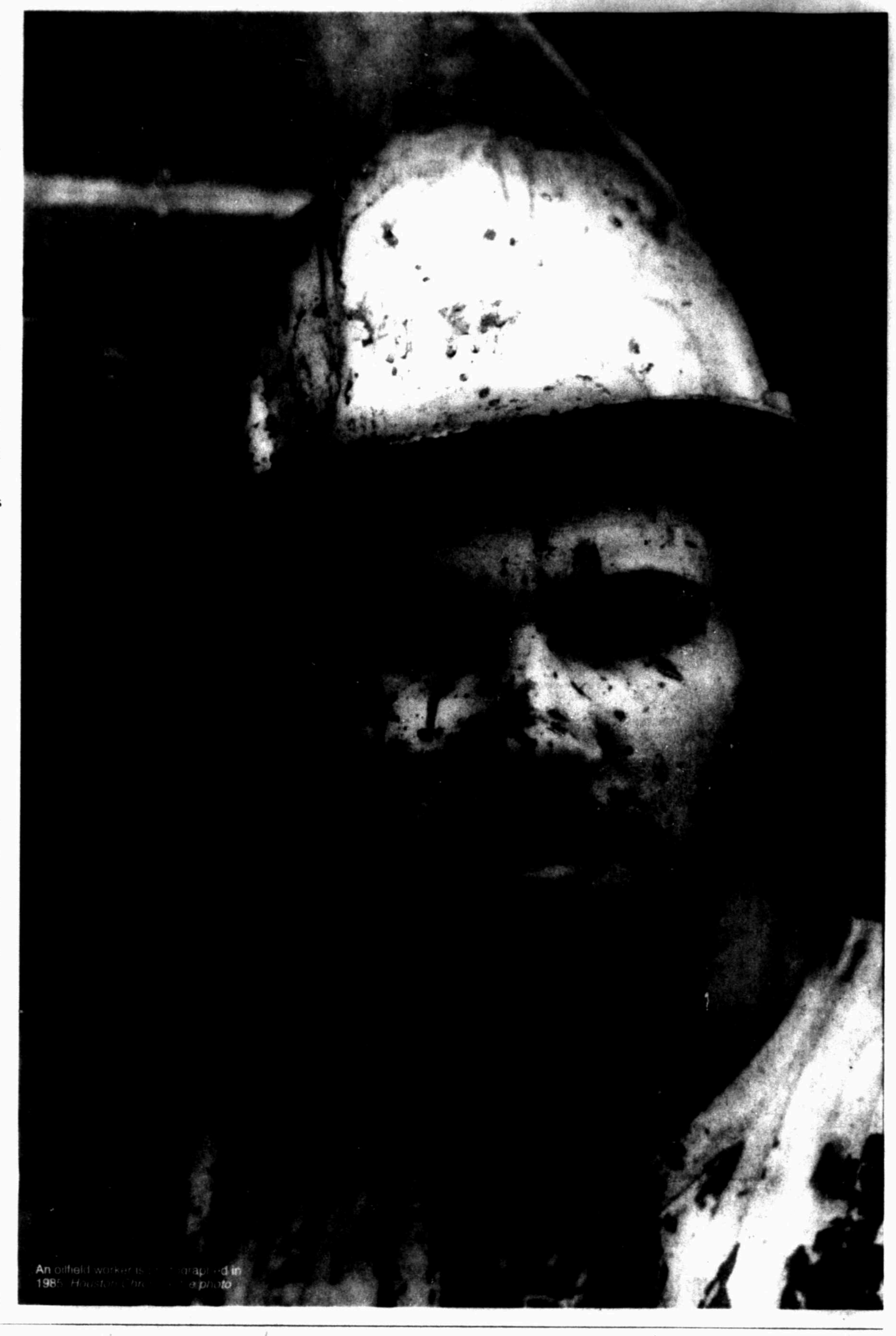
As crude prices fall, long memories in the biggest oil town of them all are turning to the devastating bust of the 1980s, when one of every seven people lost their jobs.

It was a time of bankruptcies and foreclosures, For Sale signs and empty office towers, loan defaults and failed banks. Phones were cut off and trucks repossessed. The city reduced garbage pickup. Church charities fed 300,000 families in 1986, twice as many as the previous year. Eighty-four children checked in at the Star of Hope shelter downtown on Christmas Eve.

"It was kind of scary," said Jim Lefton, a steel union leader who worked for a chemical company back then. "Our whole economy was and is built on oil and energy. When you saw all the layoffs happening, it was like, 'When am I going to be next?'"

Hardly anybody expects such an abrupt end to the latest hole-digging contest in the state's oil fields. Much domestic production may remain profitable, experts say, even if crude falls well below the closing price of $81.01 on Oct. 25.

But the moment has called out a serious gut check in Houston, where pride always comes before the fall, and often after. Some say efforts to expand the regional economy beyond its reliance on the energy industry have succeeded. Others disagree. There is really only one way to find out, and it has been a long time coming.



An oilfield worker is [illegible] in 1985. [illegible] photo

'Never again'

The oil bust that rocked Houston in the early 1980s left officials calling for greater diversification in the city's economy. Mounting unemployment was the worst since the 1930s. Saudi Arabia and its partners in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries had expanded production to protect their market share. As oil prices collapsed, real estate developers were stuck with 187,000 new homes and 116 million square feet of new office space.

Never again, city leaders vowed, promising to expand the Texas Medical Center, attract international business, host more conventions and bring different kinds of jobs to town.

To that end, though, the tools of government are limited. The tax incentive game can become so competitive that no one wins. So Houston has also worked to open new parks, build a rail system and promote the arts.

"That's been our particular focus," said Andy Icken, the city's chief development officer, who has his own memories of scrambling at Exxon in the 1980s. "We can't modify the weather."

Despite all the unvanquished heat and humidity, civic boosters do have plenty to brag about. The Memorial Hermann Health System, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Houston Methodist have become major local

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Black gold loses some glitter as price falls to $80 per barrel

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

The smiles in the oil patch when crude fetched more than $100 a barrel in June became a little tentative as the price fell below $95 in September and tumbled again to $80 last week.

"It's more like the air is coming slowly out of the balloon," said Bill Gilmer, director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston, which studies the industry's impact on the city's economy. "As prices drop from $100 to $80 to $70, you're just squeezing the balloon harder and harder."

The squeeze already is getting tight enough to force some questions about the future of the shale drilling that transformed the nation's energy landscape in just five years.

While most drilling in the dense rock remains profitable at $80 per barrel, the economics at $70 are trickier and vary widely depending on the shale play and operators' financial positions.

"At best it's going to take the frantic edge off the drilling we've seen," Gilmer said. "It's not going to be nearly as much fun for anybody earning $30 per barrel less."

Big, diversified exploration and production companies led from Houston skyscrapers hundreds of miles away from the oil fields wouldn't stop drilling unless prices plummeted near the mid-$30 levels the country hasn't seen since the financial crisis in 2009, said Michael Rowe, who conducts exploration and production equity research at energy investment bank Tudor Pickering Holt & Co.

But smaller operators with more lopsided balance sheets face more uncertainty and tougher decisions:

Continue drilling and let their balance sheets suffer or pump the brakes and watch production growth fall.

And pinched in between are the oilfield services companies, which will bear the brunt of the slump when operators pull back on work or start demanding concessions to loosen up tight margins, said Steven Wood of Moody's Investors Service.

Drilling renaissance

For now, the drilling renaissance that sent oil companies rushing to the Eagle Ford and pumped millions into the coffers of dried-up outposts like Karnes City and Cuero shows no signs of letting up, even as crude prices fall. Recent data suggest that price would have to sink much further before the best areas in the nation's hottest shale plays feel much effect.

U.S. benchmark crude fell $1.08 to close at $81.01 on Oct. 25, and one Houston oil executive said that if it fell $10 more his company might have to adjust some of its investment plans. But Cabot Oil & Gas CEO Dan O. Dinges also said he doesn't expect that, and his company's 44 percent third-quarter profit increase underscored the point.

"I think we are weathering the worst of the storm as we speak," he said in a conference call with investors Friday morning.

In Karnes and DeWitt counties, which contain the Eagle Ford's best acreage, the domestic benchmark price would have to plunge as low as $30 to $40 a barrel before companies no longer found it economically feasible to drill there, according to a recent report by Tudor Pickering Holt. In West Texas' Midland County, the core of the Permian Basin, benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude can fall to $45 to $55 before drilling becomes unprofitable, the same report found.

"The operators aren't breaking a sweat, because their wells are so strong and productive," Rowe said.

Operators based in the Houston area, like Anadarko and EOG Reources, are well positioned to weather much lower prices, according to the Tudor Pickering Holt analysis.

That bodes well for the city's economy, which runs on oil and gas revenue, signaling that these large, name-brand operators would remain financially viable even if oil drops much lower.

"Talk to some of these operators — they plan to be doing work in some of these plays for 20 years," said Bill

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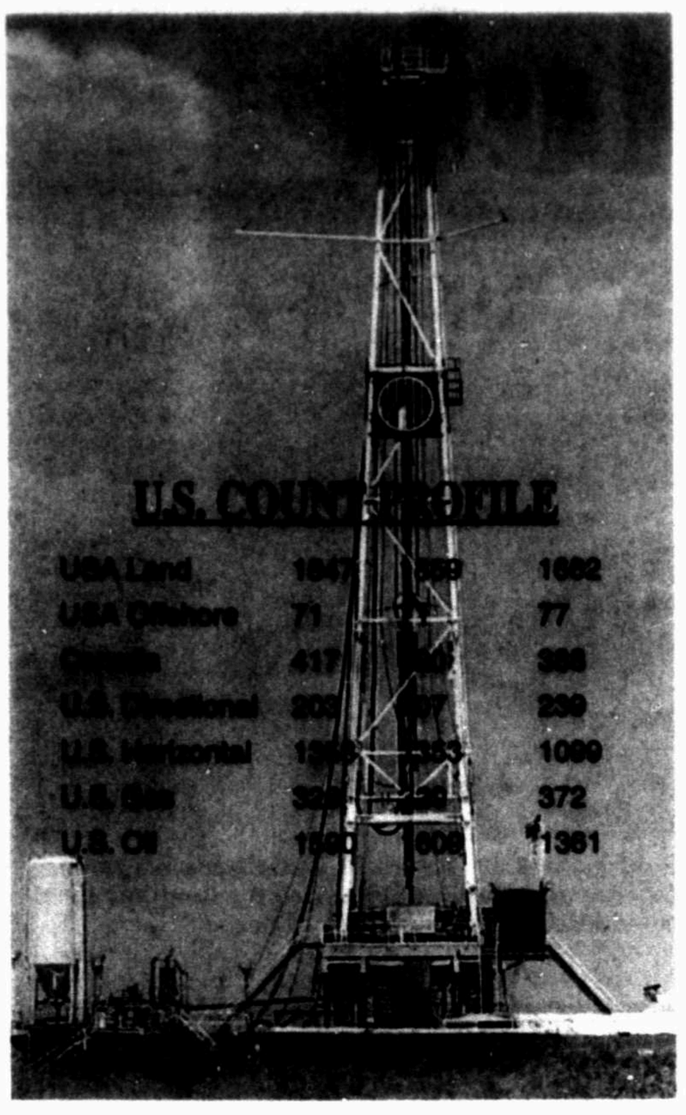

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Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	10
Irion	15
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	29
Runnels	2
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	36

DIST. #8

Andrews	36
Brewster	0
Crane	9
Culberson	10
Ector	17
Glasscock	41
Howard	24
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	28
Martin	43
Midland	42
Mitchell	2
Pecos	7
Presidio	0
Reeves	55
Sterling	1
Ward	18
Winkler	6

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	0
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	3
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	9
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	2
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	5
Terry	1
Yoakum	4

TEXAS TOTAL 462

New Mexico

Chaves	2
Eddy	37
Lea	45
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 85

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$78.75**
Flint Hills	**$77.00**
Resources*	
Phillips 66	**$77.14**
Plains*	**$77.00**
Shell Trading	**$77.00**
Sun*	**$77.00**
Nymex futures	**$82.30***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Oct. 22, 2014

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Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 10/22/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$3.984**	**$3.659**	**$3.581**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$3.770**	**$3.500**	**$3.670**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$3.779**	**$3.460**	**$3.683**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$3.647**	**$3.475**	**$3.653**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$3.730**	**$3.485**	**$3.655**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$3.823**	**$3.495**	**$3.700**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$3.926**	**$3.584**	**$3.725**

Marathon warns against lifting crude export ban as profits triple

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

As Marathon Petroleum Corp. posted a three-fold increase in profits Thursday, buoyed by crude prices that plunged faster than refined products, the company warned that recent moves to lift a decades-old ban on crude oil exports threaten refiners.

CEO Gary R. Heminger said those who want to change U.S. policy to allow the export of crude based their support on flawed assumptions that refiners can't process the glut of light oil unleashed by a domestic drilling renaissance.

"We are in the market buying $5 billion of crude oil every month, and we do not see a glut of light, sweet crude," he said in a call with investors Thursday morning. "In fact, there have been times during the year when producers could not deliver the volumes they committed to sell us."

The industry is making significant investments to retrofit, upgrade and expand refineries, condensate splitters and other facilities to process more domestic oil. But Marathon Petroleum estimates that the amount of oil needed by these proposed projects adds up to more capacity than the shale boom will be able to deliver, Heminger said.

Heminger weighed in as the debate ramps up between free-market economists and independent oil companies who have recently launched initiatives to persuade lawmakers to lift the 39-year-old ban on selling crude overseas and refiners, who have urged policymakers to maintain the ban.

Supporters have argued that unleashing U.S. oil on the global market could boost its price and prevent U.S. production from exceeding domestic refining capacity, which would lead to further slides in the oil price and potentially affect drilling production. Refiners have said they are equipped and ready to accept all U.S. oil.

"For decades, energy policy has been focused on energy security for our country," Heminger said Thursday in the call. "That vision can be a reality, but it can only be achieved with a vibrant refining industry to process the light crude oil we produce in this country into usable products. For that to happen, refiners need certainty."

The recent slide in oil prices — created in part a growing supply of oil from North America — is helping boost refiners' margins.

Marathon Petroleum Corp. on Thursday posted earnings of $672 million, or $2.36 per share, during the three-month period ending Sept. 30. That's up from $168 million, or 54 cents per share, during the same period last year. Phillips 66 said Wednesday its profits had doubled.

The Ohio-based refining and pipeline company attributed the increase to a widening price spread between crude and refined products, and a record quarter for its convenience store segment.

The company's refining and marketing sector swelled to $971 million in the third quarter from $227 million last year as Marathon secured better prices on the refined products it sold into the market and capitalized on crude prices that plunged faster than gasoline and diesel prices.

That gain was partially offset by higher turnaround costs and other operating expenses, the company said.

The company's retail subsidiary, Speedway, saw its net income climb from $102 million to a record high of $119 million, thanks to better margins on gasoline, diesel and merchandise.

That gain was partially offset by higher operating expenses as Speedway began to operate more stores.

The company continues to invest in the retail segment. On the last day of the third quarter, Speedway closed on a $2.8 billion deal to acquire all of Hess' retail locations, nearly doubling the company's Speedway's retail operations.

Exxon Mobil CEO: Company is not moving HQ to Houston

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Exxon Mobil's CEO on Thursday dashed any hopes that the multinational oil and gas giant would relocate its headquarters to Houston, saying he plans to continue to honor the company's "foundational" principles to keep separate its executive suites from its operations.

Rumors have been swirling that Exxon Mobil may be considering a move from suburban Dallas since the company began building a sprawling new campus near The Woodlands which is expected to house 10,000 employees when it is completed next year.

Rex Tillerson addressed the oft-asked question at an Asia Society Texas Center luncheon Thursday honoring him with the Roy M. Huffington Award, the highest award bestowed by the center.

"No, we're not coming to Houston, I'm sorry," he said in response to a question posed by moderator Andrew Card, the former of chief of staff to President George W. Bush and transportation secretary to George H.W. Bush.

Putting the lingering rumor to bed, Tillerson said the company's decision to remain in Irving harkens back to a deliberate choice made by Exxon's executives in 1989 when the corporation left Manhattan, where it had been since it was founded by John D. Rockefeller, for a 132-acre office park near Dallas.

Then-chairman Lawrence Rawl faced questions about why the company chose Irving instead of Houston, the energy capital of the world which at the time housed a sizable portion of the company's operations, Tillerson said.

"Larry said then, 'Look, I don't want the corporate office sitting in the same neighborhood with the operating units, the people who are actually out there running that day-to-day operation, running the business,'" Tillerson said.

The Dallas area offered the right amount of distance. Then a $17 flight away from Houston on Southwest Airlines — the "company aircraft," Tillerson joked — Exxon's headquarters were close enough to the Houston operations that managers could "feel our presence" but far enough away to allow operators the autonomy, authority and responsibility to manage community relations without corporate interference, Tillerson said.

"Just that little bit of separation helps us reinforce that," he said.

In the nearly 40-minute question-and-answer session moderated by Card, Tillerson also addressed the nation's ban on crude oil exports, dismissing that argument that lifting a ban would be unwise because U.S. continues to import crude. Most crude exports have been banned under laws that arose during Middle East oil embargoes in the 1970s that led to gasoline shortages in the United States.

"(The ban) really needs to be relegated to the dust bin because it's really holding us back," Tillerson said. "It's not helping us. It's holding us back. We're less secure than if we would open everything up."

Speaking from the perspective of a company that extracts oil from the ground and runs one of the world's largest refining operations, Tillerson said that refiners should continue to import, even as the nation is awash in oil thanks to the shale boom, because refiners should be allowed to buy the product that best suits their needs. Many U.S. refiners are equipped to handle heavy, high-sulfur crude, primarily imported from Canada and Mexico.

However, the need for imports shouldn't dissuade the nation from considering exports, Tillerson said.

Bucking the pleas by other U.S. refiners who have urged the government to maintain the ban, Tillerson said lifting the ban would boost the economy because refiners worldwide may choose to spend more on the lighter, sweeter crude pumped from U.S. shales than a captive U.S. refinery spends to import cheaper, heavier crude from overseas.

"We just generated a trade surplus right there on one barrel," Tillerson said. "Crude is a globally fungible commodity. And what you want to allow is to let refiners all over the world optimize their slate. And the way you let them optimize it is give them access to it. And today we're not doing that.

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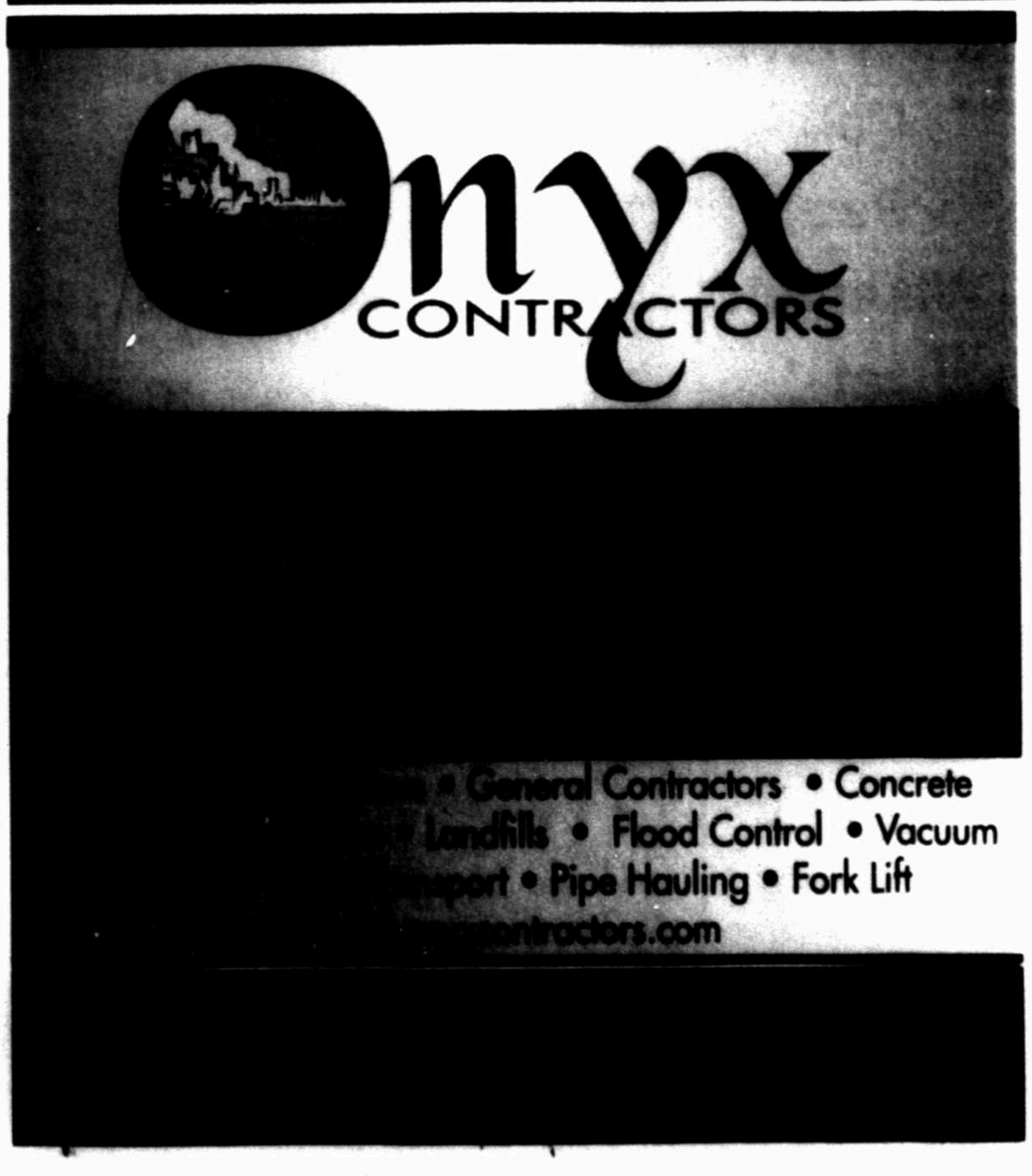

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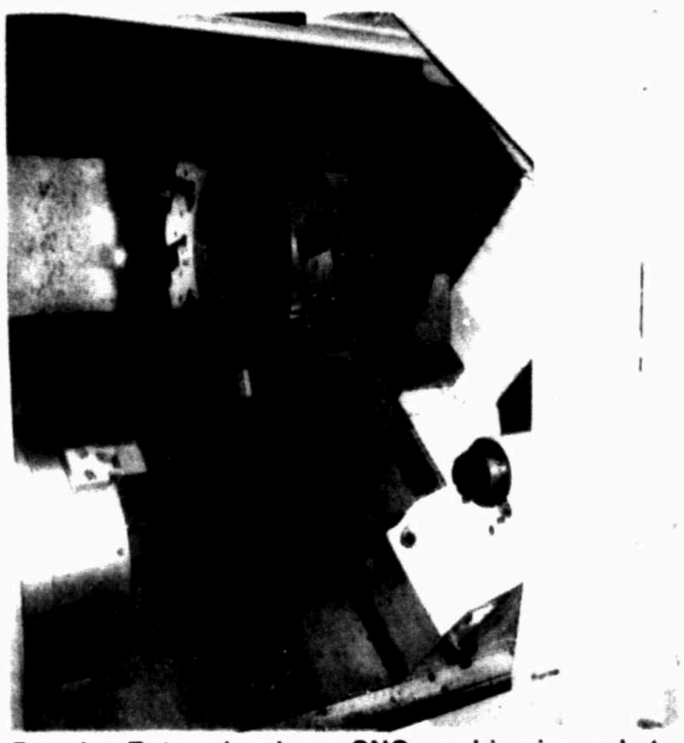

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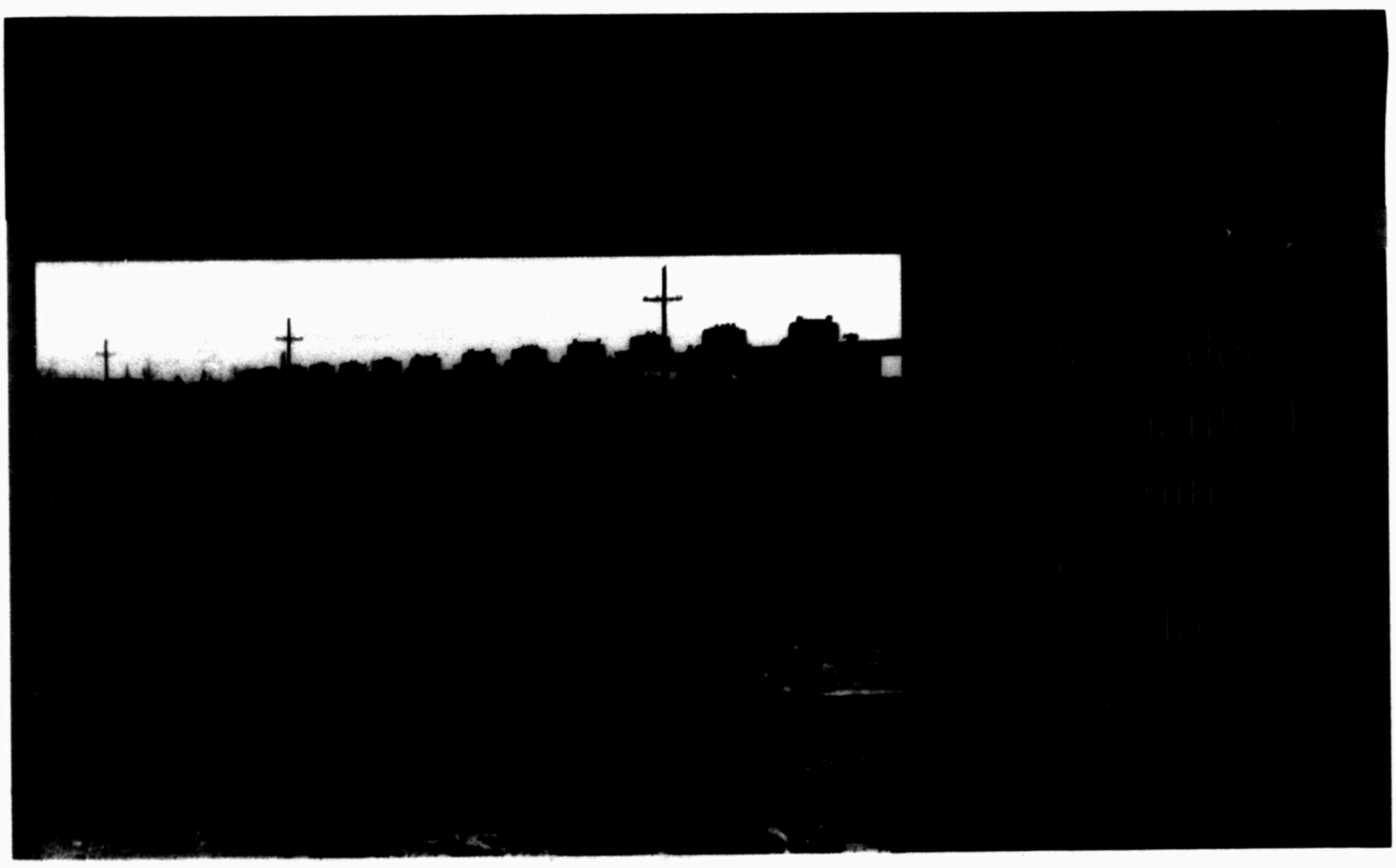

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Kroger, an energy lawyer at Baker Botts.

Not bogged down

Houston's large, publicly traded name-brand operators have healthy balance sheets not bogged down by the lopsided debt that smaller companies accrued when they borrowed heavily to fund their forays into expensive shale drilling, according to Tudor Pickering Holt.

Rowe said investors begin to get nervous when a company's debt outweighs its earnings by three times or more. Among the 12 big companies the firm covers, 11 would maintain debt-to-earnings ratios well below that point, even if crude dropped to $70 a barrel.

"I think a majority of them would still be in a healthy position financially," he said.

But more than half the 17 small companies Tudor Pickering Holt watches have debt loads heavy enough to make investors uncomfortable at $80-per-barrel oil, the firm found.

Beyond their financial standing, large operators also enjoy better access to capital and large positions in the best U.S. acreage.

EOG Resources, for example, is the largest leaseholder in the Eagle Ford with 632,000 net acres, according to Bloomberg's first-quarter analysis of shale acreage — more than the areas of Dallas and San Antonio combined.

One of the first operators to the play, EOG saw its annual revenue rise 24 percent to $14.2 billion last year and the company is on pace to drill 520 wells in the region this year.

Smaller operators that instead invested in riskier plays may not be so well-off if prices continue to slide.

The Tuscaloosa Marine Shale, which spans 8 million acres in Louisiana, is the least economic of the basins studied by Tudor Pickering Holt, requiring a West Texas Intermediate price between $70 and $90 to remain economic for drillers.

Downturn won't last?

Even if slumping prices do hurt production, the downturn probably won't last as long as previous busts.

That's because shale wells have short lives. Most gush in the first two or three years and then production drops dramatically. If companies stopped drilling, the nation's oil supplies would fall quickly, causing prices to rebound, said Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University.

From his vantage point in the DeWitt County courthouse, County Judge Daryl Fowler sees no signs of panic in the region's booming oil and gas industry.

Everywhere he looks, there are signs of largesse: hundreds of new hotel rooms, big city light pollution, Cuero's first ever Boys and Girls Club that opened six weeks ago.

"We used to be a cash crop of pecans, corn, cotton and cattle," Fowler said. "Now it's Christmas trees, the metal kind, and tank batteries everywhere."

But even if the festively named wellhead valve systems are still keeping South Texas cheery, longtime residents understand the value of prudence about the drilling renaissance that transformed the sleepy and poverty-stricken South Texas town.

"My wife's family has been here a long time and they've seen booms," Fowler said. "One day you go to the mailbox and you've got a wonderful check. Six months later, it could be there in a very diminished way. And it could be there not at all."

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employers, together accounting for 55,000 jobs. A slower pace of speculative construction has also left real estate markets less vulnerable than in the 1980s. Still, fast-rising home prices, especially in pricey neighborhoods inside the 610 loop, have more than a few Houstonians worried that a possible real estate bubble could burst if oil prices plummet.

Patrick Jankowski, an economist at the Greater Houston Partnership, which promotes investment in the city, isn't overly concerned. "I don't see the hubris," he said. "People are more cautious now."

State of other sectors

But other efforts to expand the job base have produced mixed results. Wal-Mart and H.E.B. have become two of the biggest employers. United Airlines ranks high on the list but makes its headquarters in Chicago, where it chose to remain after merging with a locally based competitor, Continental. The presence of Compaq Computer, founded here in 1982, diminished when the company was acquired by Hewlett-Packard. NASA's ambitions faded, and the private space industry has taken flight elsewhere. Ship channel trade has expanded modestly. A mechanical engineering sector has announced itself.

In several interviews on the topic of economic diversification, some of the city's most prominent cheerleaders mentioned the medical center expansion, then trailed off.

"You want to know why that is?" asked Jesse Thompson, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "When you do the analysis, and you want to see how much of the economy in Houston is really tied to the energy industry, we don't have the data for that."

At least 38 percent

By the count of the Greater Houston Partnership, a robust 38 percent of local economic activity still comes from the energy sector. That figure does include some directly related businesses, like pipe manufacturers, that do not show up in the mining category of government statistics.

But the city's indirect connections to the oil boom are hard to miss. Forget, for a moment, the lawyers, accountants and web designers. Even Waste Connections, a local garbage company that operates in rural markets, told investors last week that it will depend on the oil boom to raise earnings.

For better or for worse, a certain image remains fixed. Over the past four years, energy firms dominated 80 percent of local corporate expansions and relocations, the commercial real estate firm CBRE said in a recent report. In a luncheon speech last week, Rex Tillerson, the ExxonMobil chief, called Houston "the center of the energy universe."

Some independent economists consider the city well prepared for a bust. Moody's Investors Service calls the local outlook stable. Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at SMU, says energy industry layoffs would most likely target older workers who "will still be located in Texas, or Houston, shopping at the grocery stores and generating significant economic activity as retirees."

Others have their doubts. Bill Gilmer, an economist at the University of Houston, argues that low natural gas prices have funneled an unhealthy majority of energy industry investment into oil production.

Chance to catch up

Still, to the silver-lining spotters at the Greater Houston Partnership, falling oil prices may give the city a chance to catch up with the pace of growth, making infrastructure repairs and building new schools.

And if the whole town does go down in an oil bust tomorrow, "Texans have a way of surviving and bouncing back," said the cultural historian Don Graham. "Houston has always seemed to me the most optimistic of Texas cities, because whatever happens, they find a way to keep prospering and keep growing."

On the Gulf Coast, 'there's no such thing as an unemployed welder'

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

OYSTER CREEK — After a 10-hour shift working on part of Dow Chemical Co.'s $4 billion expansion in Freeport, Abel Garza spends two nights a week at a welding class conducted in a trailer across dusty Farm-to-Market Road 523.

Elsewhere, similar courses can cost thousands of dollars. But Fluor Corp. is offering the training to its employees at a considerable discount: It's free.

That's a bit of a gamble for the Irving-based construction giant. Welders in the Houston area are in such demand, thanks to the petrochemical construction boom, that companies are poaching workers from one another.

But Fluor officials say finding qualified welders is so hard that growing talent in-house is critical to meeting the company's demand — even if that means teaching workers a skill that may make it easier for them to jump to a competitor.

"I like having the option of learning another skill," Garza, an electrician, said as he prepared to train on the VRTEX 360, a virtual reality welding simulator that Fluor's students use as part of their instruction.

Jennifer Taylor, a Fluor training coordinator, puts it more bluntly: "The number one reason people get into welding is the money."

It's not uncommon for top welders to earn six-figure salaries, factoring in overtime, and entry-level workers can earn $40,000 a year or more after just a few months of training.

They're among a broader group of skilled construction workers who have become a hot commodity on the Gulf Coast, home to much of the $125 billion in chemical plant construction and expansion underway in the U.S.

Clayton Wheeler, a Fluor recruiter, said he's seen workers duck out of orientation on their first day on the job to take calls from rival companies — and quit to accept a better job before they've even started.

Patrick Jankowski, regional economist with the Greater Houston Partnership, said he's heard stories of recruiters showing up at construction sites waving wads of $100 bills to lure workers.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in a report this month, said some builders are placing surveillance cameras and armed guards at construction sites to prevent recruiters from approaching their workers.

"There's no such thing as an unemployed welder," said J.D. Taliaferro, who helps oversee the welding program at San Jacinto College — where demand is so high that the school is looking to add 60 more welding training booths to the 118 it has now. Nighttime classes are full, and the community college recently added a 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. section.

And the industry is offering salaries so lucrative, it's been a challenge for the school to retain instructors.

Fluor has been working at the Dow site since March 2013 and expects to be there until mid-2016. During periods of peak construction, 2,000 to 2,500 Fluor workers will be on the job there.

"I'm intrigued by it," said Belinda Sales of Lake Jackson, who takes the Fluor welding class from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. twice a week before starting a shift that lasts until 6:30 p.m. working in Fluor's office across from Dow. "Other crafts, people learn from the textbook, but welding is an art. I wanted a challenge."

While the company needs several kinds of craft workers, welders are in particular demand for the regional petrochemical construction boom — and suitable talent is in short supply because industrial clients are picky about the welders they hire.

They have stricter standards than commercial or residential customers, said Bryan Edwards, assistant business manager at the Pipefitters Local 211 union, which represents pipe fitters, welders and others involved in building and installing piping systems.

A hands-on test

All welders, regardless of experience, have to pass a hands-on test including X-ray analysis of their welds before getting jobs on industrial or petrochemical facilities. Only about 25 percent of them make the grade at Fluor, company officials said, and other contractors have similar standards when they're serving industrial clients.

"Right now, you're starting to see a bidding war for welders," Edwards said. In addition to rising hourly wages, contractors are offering welders increasing per diems — tax-free living expenses — that can approach $120 cash per day when previously $50 was common, Edwards said. Welders and other craft laborers get per diems because they travel to where the work is, often sleeping in hotels near work sites or bringing their own recreation vehicles from their hometowns.

In the shadow of Dow's massive facility in Freeport, a sign on the front door of Fluor's hiring office declares that it's paying $35 an hour to combination welders — those with more advanced skills trained in multiple techniques.

With overtime and per diems, they can earn $2,000 per week — or more.

"The per diems are sky high and the welder rate is sky high," Edwards said. "They can very easily get six figures."

That's a dramatic shift. Until relatively recently, the demand for the construction workforce in the region was on the decline.

"You only had to go back to 2009 and 2010; labor seemed to be abundant," said Jankowski, the Greater Houston Partnership economist.

And for decades, many young people entering the workforce have eschewed training for crafts in favor of four-year colleges.

That could be starting to change, said Jim Hanna, Fluor's human resources executive.

Blue-collar demand

"Five years ago, you didn't want your kid to come out of high school and be a blue-collar worker," Hanna said. "There's tremendous opportunities there. The reality is the demand is significant for vocational skills."

A report earlier this year from Sugar Land-based market intelligence firm Industrial Info Resources forecast that the number of skilled construction workers in the Gulf Coast region will grow from around 62,000 today to more than 103,000 by 2016, driven largely by demand from the petrochemical surge.

Meeting that demand will require a methodical process and won't occur overnight. About 88 students are taking the welder training at Fluor's facility in Freeport, and not everyone who signs up for training will pass muster.

While dedication helps, welding also requires innate talent.

"There's a perfectionism that goes with it," said Wheeler, the Fluor recruiter. "That's the difference between someone who can weld and a welder. They're painting with molten metal."

How long will the boom last?

As it stands, Fluor — along with just about everybody else who relies on craft laborers — is struggling to find enough welders in the region to meet the surging demand. "Right now you cannot train enough welders to meet the manpower needs of these huge projects," Hanna said.

Hanging over the flurry, though, is the question of how long the employment boom for welders will last.

Edwards projects eight years of high demand; Hanna says up to 10 years.

Jankowski, more conservatively, said it will last through 2017. Nobody is certain, especially because many assume some of the projects on the docket today will eventually be scrapped.

But even if that happens, companies will need workers to maintain the facilities they build.

"There will still be a need there," Jankowski said. "It's not as intense, but a lot of those employed building will also be employed maintaining."

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Shell seeks five more years for Arctic oil-drilling drive

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Shell is asking the Obama administration for an extra five years to hunt for oil in Arctic waters near Alaska, saying legal disputes, seasonal drilling restrictions and other challenges justify the additional time.

Without the extension, Shell's oil and gas leases in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas will begin expiring in 2017.

"Prudent exploration is now severely challenged prior to the current lease expiration dates ... due to the repeated erected barriers to exploratory activities, the already severe disruption to Shell's exploratory efforts, limited rig availability, brief operating windows and the unusually long lead times required to mobilize activities in Alaska," Shell executive Peter Slaiby said in a letter requesting the extension.

"Despite Shell's best efforts and demonstrated diligence, circumstances beyond Shell's control have prevented — and are continuing to prevent — Shell from completing even the first exploration well," added Slaiby, vice president of Shell Alaska.

Initially sent in July, the letter was just released in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by the conservation group Oceana.

The move comes as Shell prepares to resume exploratory drilling in the Chukchi Sea next summer; its last attempt, in 2012, was marred by mishaps, including the grounding of its non-propelled Kulluk drilling unit during an ill-fated tow across the Gulf of Alaska.

The company has invested some $6 billion in the quest, including its purchase of significant Arctic leases in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

In the Gulf of Mexico, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement regularly approves "suspension of operation" requests, which effectively pause that 10-year deadline for developing a lease and moving toward actual oil and gas production — not just initial exploration. But companies must prove they are making significant progress toward development.

The Interior Department also gave a one-year extension to more than 1,400 offshore leases in 2011 to compensate for a five-month moratorium on deepwater exploration after the Gulf oil spill; that timeout also halted work in shallow Arctic waters.

Safety bureau spokesman Nicholas Pardi said the agency was considering Shell's request. "BSEE evaluates suspension requests on a case-by-case basis and seeks to use its authority to ensure safe, diligent and environmentally responsible exploration, development and production of offshore resources," he added.

Oceana's deputy vice president for the Pacific, Susan Murray, said regulators should deny Shell's request.

"Shell spent billions of dollars fully aware of the risks to that investment, and the government should not bend the rules to allow the company to continue business as usual," Murray said. "Shell deserves no special treatment, and, to the contrary, has a track record of irresponsible choices that warrants close scrutiny and the highest standards."

Murray called Shell's rationale for an extension "incomplete and, at best, disingenuous."

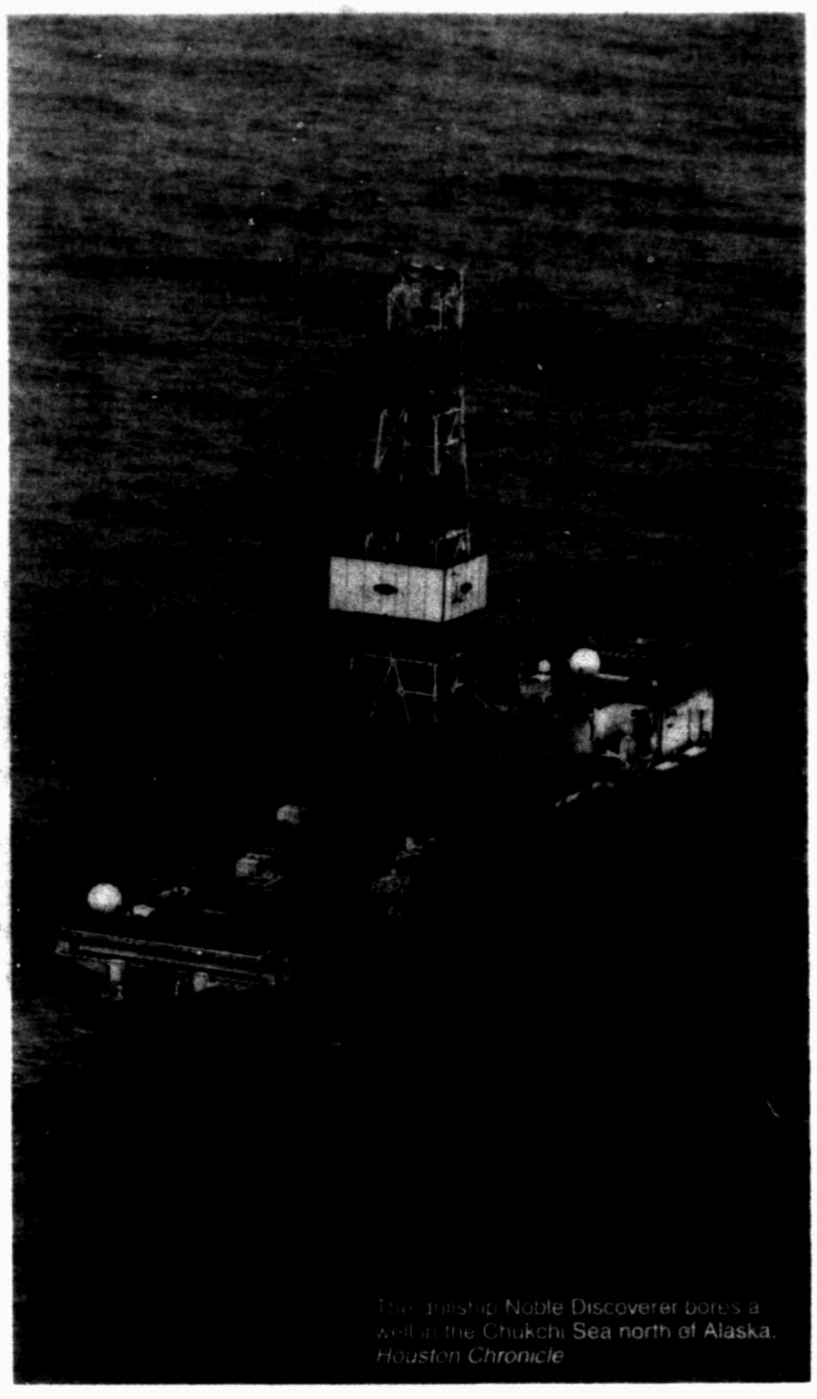
Shell cited a number of challenges that have curtailed its drilling time, including court delays tied to environmentalists' challenge of the 2008 sale of leases in the Chukchi Sea. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is redoing the environmental analysis that underpinned that sale now, in response to a court order invalidating it.

The Interior Department granted some suspensions in response to the legal delays, including a federal court ruling in August 2007 that halted drilling.

Even without a legal cloud, Shell's Slaiby noted that exploratory drilling in the Arctic is limited to just a few ice-free months each year, giving it a small window to act. Environmentalists have urged the Obama administration to include seasonal restrictions in new Arctic oil and gas standards set to be proposed later this year.

Problems getting air permits for drilling rigs and support vessels was another complication.

Shell also said a limited number of Arctic-viable drilling rigs and support vessels have been a constraint, noting that "multi-year lead times are required to both modify existing non-Arctic assets where possible or to construct new assets," for which the costs may not be recouped.



The drillship Noble Discoverer bores a well in the Chukchi Sea north of Alaska.
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HOUSTON

Apollo buys Express Energy Services

The $168 billion private equity shop Apollo Global Management is diving deeper into U.S. shale oil and gas with the purchase of Express Energy Services, one of the largest private companies headquartered in Houston.

Express Services has a Midland location that offers drill-site services and rentals, well testing and wireline services, pit lining, rathole and rental equipment. An Odessa location offers automated casing running tools, casing and tubular handling, laydown units, pressure testing and torque turn services.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. The company has 1,700 employees, with about 125 in Houston.

The capital infusion is a chance for operational growth in businesses that have taken off during the U.S. shale boom, including well construction and well testing, Express Energy Services CEO Darron Anderson said.

Anderson said a typical private equity investment finds an exit five to seven years after the initial backing, but said he was hesitant to talk about a timeline for the company's future options, which include a sale or an initial public offering.

"An IPO is always an option for the future, but we're not entering this relationship focused on getting to an IPO," he said. "You don't run a company for the end game; you increase value on a daily basis."

The 14-year-old company collected $374 million in revenue last year and was No. 42 on the most recent Houston Chronicle list of Houston's largest private firms.

In Houston, Energy Express Services operates what it calls "Express University," a $15 million facility equipped with tools to train employees how to operate its main businesses, including installing production casing in wells, rathole drilling and testing wells' production capabilities.

HOUSTON

Warburg Pincus raises $4B for energy investments

A private equity shop that lured the former U.S. Treasury Department chief to the firm last year has collected $4 billion for its first energy fund to pour cash into U.S. oil explorers and other companies.

New York-based Warburg Pincus, the investment firm behind last year's $1.6 billion Wall Street debut of Antero Resources, said it overshot its goal for the energy fund by about $1 billion, after nearly a year of soliciting investors. Former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner became president of the firm around the same time it began talking to investors about the fund, last November.

For years, the firm has pumped billions into energy-related companies across the globe, but it hadn't set aside an individual fund for the energy industry until now. The fund comes as private equity's role in the U.S. oil exploration sector has reached new heights, climbing from $2 billion in 2006 investments to a stake of about $19 billion in 2012, as shale plays across the United States have piqued Wall Street's interest, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers.

It said it would try to find and invest in North American exploration and production companies, as well as others in the global midstream, oilfield services, mining and power sectors.

The closure follows the firm's $500 million investments in Houston-based Navitas Midstream Partners, a pipeline firm run by former Copano Energy executives, and its $600 million investment in Houston's Zenith Energy, a terminal operator led by one of the architects of Kinder Morgan's U.S. energy storage business.

Warburg Pincus is also the biggest backer for Dallas-based Venari Resources, an offshore explorer that last week announced a discovery in the Gulf of Mexico alongside Chevron and BP.

HOUSTON

ONEOK buys Chevron NGL pipelines for $800M

Tulsa-based midstream partnership ONEOK Partners will pay $800 million for pipelines and other assets owned by Chevron Corp. that are primarily used to move natural gas liquids.

The deal gives ONEOK an 80 percent stake in West Texas LPG Pipeline and a 100 percent interest in the Mesquite Pipeline, which together include 2,600 miles of NGL gathering pipelines from the Permian Basin in southeast New Mexico to Mont Belvieu, the NGL processing hub east of Houston.

ONEOK Partners will operate both pipelines. The remaining stake in West Texas LPG is owned by Texas-based Martin Midstream Partners LP.

"The partnership's presence in the Permian Basin now is significantly stronger, and this acquisition establishes a new geographic region for natural gas liquids volume growth," said Terry Spencer, president and chief executive of ONEOK Partners, in a statement.

The acquisition increases mileage in ONEOK's NGL gathering system by more than 60 percent to 6,900 miles, the partnership said, and once the deal is complete it will be able to move nearly 40 percent more NGL than it did before — about 800,000 barrels per day across its entire network.

"This strategic acquisition immediately establishes ONEOK as a significant NGL service provider in the Permian Basin," Spencer added.

He said by adding more assets in the Permian Basin to its portfolio the partnership is expanding its footprint and gaining opportunities to integrate different parts of the business.

The partnership has announced plans to invest $8.3 billion to $9 billion from 2010 to 2016 on acquisitions and capital projects.

HOUSTON

Carrizo snaps up Eagle Ford acreage for $250M

Carrizo Oil & Gas is paying $250 million in cash for about 6,800 net acres in South Texas, boosting its oil production in the region by around 10 percent, the company said.

The Houston oil producer said wells on the acreage produce about 2,670 barrels of oil equivalent a day. Eighty-five percent of that is oil. The transaction will bolster Carrizo's position to more than 81,000 net acres in the Eagle Ford Shale, where it pumped more than 19,900 barrels a day in the second quarter.

The debt-funded deal closed late last week, but Carrizo said it is scheduled pay the bulk of the purchase price by February. The seller is Longview-based Eagle Ford Minerals, and the deal comes a month after Carrizo sold natural gas assets in Texas and elsewhere for $250 million.

The company historically hasn't pursued acquisitions of producing properties, but the "perfect" deal adds an incremental 25 percent working interest in three of its four most profitable areas in the Eagle Ford, Carrizo president and CEO S.P. Johnson said in a written statement.

It also "adds a significant amount of undrilled potential in addition to the existing production," Johnson said. "We believe the purchase price is very attractive based on the market value of producing and non-producing assets in the area."

Carrizo estimates the property has about 16.7 million barrels of oil equivalent in proved reserves, 82 percent of which is oil. Just 34 percent of the acreage is developed.

NEW YORK

Williams Cos. to create huge pipeline operator

Williams Cos. is moving ahead with a previously announced plan to combine two master limited partnerships it controls to create one of the largest natural gas pipeline operators in the industry.

The company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said the deal is expected to close early next year.

Williams Cos. had previously announced plans to merge Williams Partners and Access Midstream Partners after it bought some assets of natural gas processor Access Midstream Partners in a $6 billion deal. It said the combination has now been approved by the board of each partnership.

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Still, company leaders remained steadfast. Chief executive Ben van Beurden said in a statement that falling oil prices underscore the need for Shell to remain committed tc efficiency and managing its portfolio.

"The recent decline in oil prices is part of the volatility in our industry," he said. "It underlines the importance of our drive to get a tighter grip on performance management, keep a tight hold on costs and spending, and improve the balance between growth and returns."

In its presentations to investors, Shell highlighted improvements in its upstream division, which benefited from higher-margin production and lower exploration expenses in its integrated gas business. Shell produced 2.79 million barrels of oil equivalent per day in the quarter — a 4.8 percent dip from the same period a year ago — but Henry said the company is achieving better profit margins from that production than it has in the past.

He touted the proceeds of Shell's asset sales, about $11.6 billion so far this year with more on the way. The company is in the middle of an effort to dispose of assets, particularly in its upstream Americas division, that it doesn't see as fitting within its strategy.

Recent exits from Pinedale dry gas play in Wyoming and Haynesville dry gas play in Louisiana, van Beurden said, mark the end of the sell-off from its North American shale portfolio. "We are now focusing on creating value from this slimmed-down position," he said. The company will have exited assets that amount to the equivalent of 11 percent of its 2013 oil and gas production this year, Henry said.

Henry told journalists that Shell plans projects for a range of oil prices, from $70 to $110 per barrel. "We try not to overreact to short-term movements."

Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones, said Shell has the flexibility to keep spending despite falling crude prices.

"They're willing to take their debt higher," Youngberg said. "They feel they have a lot of flexibility there. I think it makes sense. They can play this out."

Separately on Thursday, the company named Charles Holliday its board chairman. Holliday, a former DuPont chief executive, will take the helm if approved by shareholders at the company's 2015 annual meeting. He'd be Shell's first American chairman.

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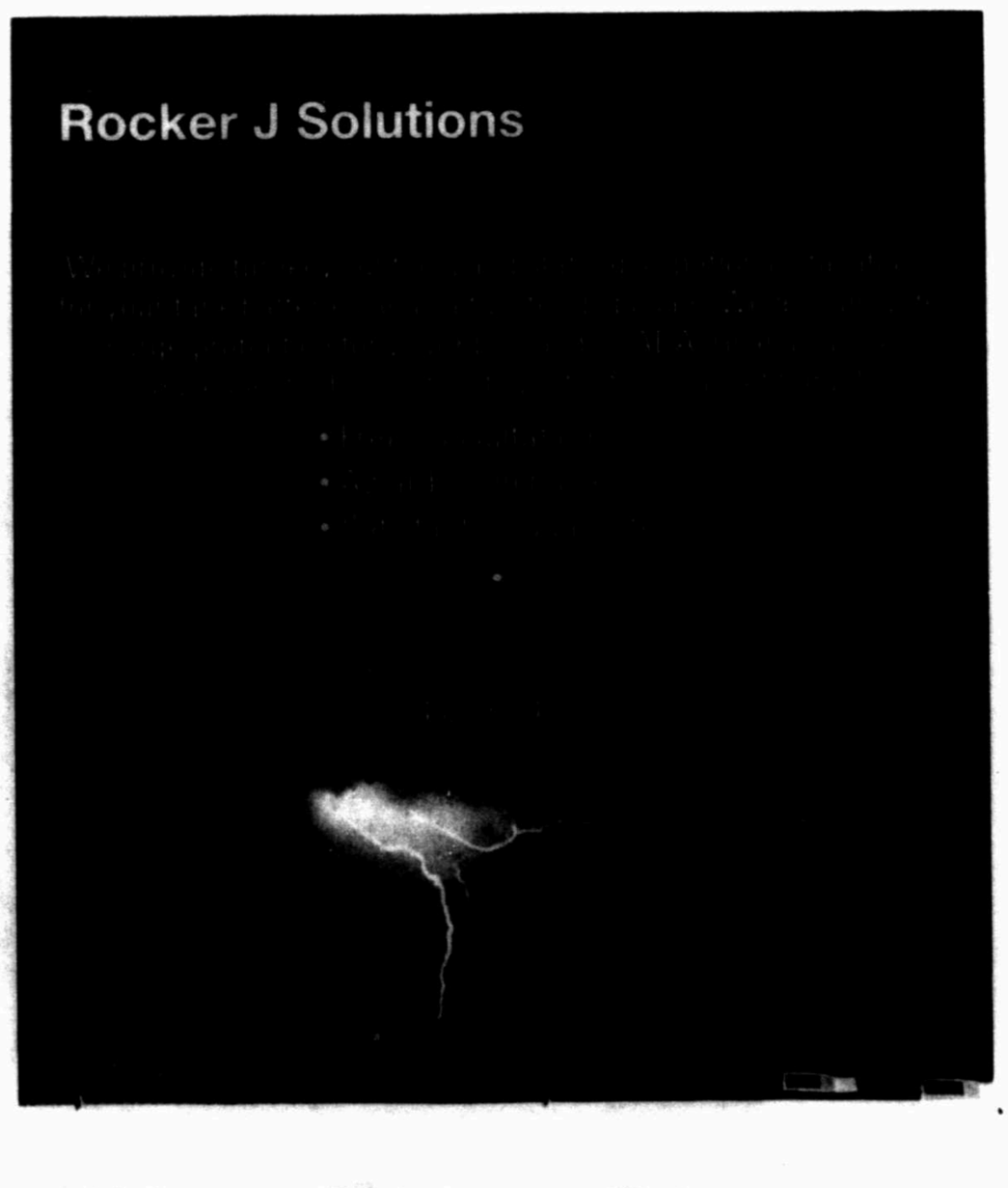

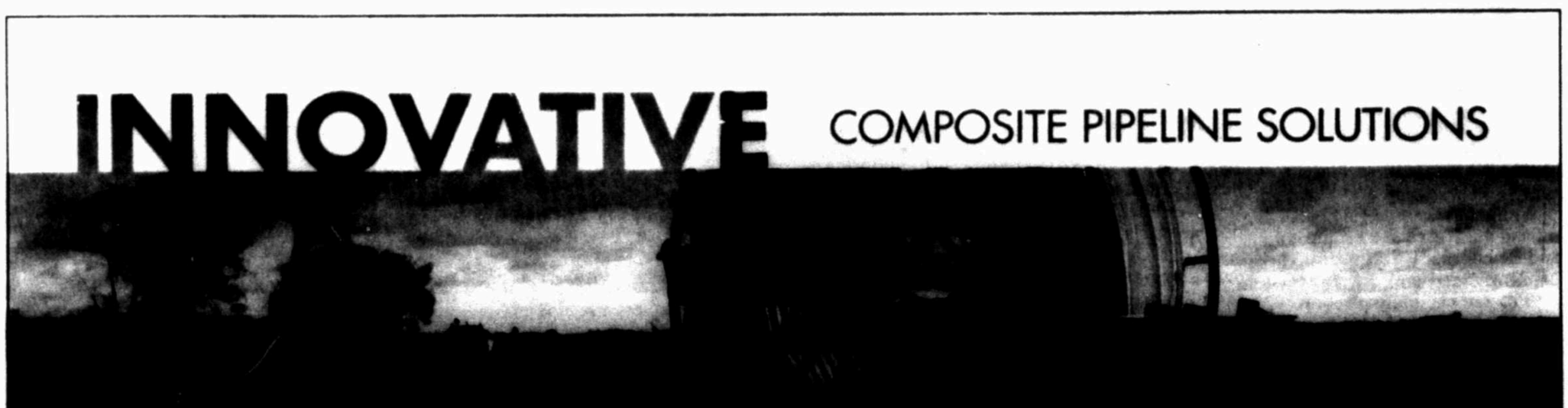

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Executive Oil Conference highlights 'Platinum Performance in the Permian Basin'

Having rebounded from a low of 850,000 bpd in 2007 to 1.35 million bpd in 2013, the Permian Basin is poised for even more production growth. Just last May, the basin averaged a record 460 rigs, up 16 percent from the year before — and a level not seen since 1980.

Having exceeded production from the Gulf of Mexico since March of 2013, the Permian Basin is now the largest oil producing region in the United States.

It is no wonder, therefore, that this year's twentieth edition of the Executive Oil Conference is themed, "Platinum Performance in the Permian Basin." More than 800 oil and gas professionals are coming together November 10-11 at the Midland County Horseshoe for powerful educational content, exclusive networking opportunities and a chance to get hands-on access to new products and services. Will you be among them?

The conference sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11 and will give you insight into how an industry pioneer is continuing to find new ways to produce one of the nation's most mature yet promising basins. Aubrey McClendon, chairman and CEO of American Energy Partners, has already raised $10 billion and acquired more than $4 billion in assets in the Permian and Appalachian basins.

Will the Basin continue to be a white-hot production zone and a magnet for investment dollars? At 9:00 a.m. hear three industry experts: Chris Carter, Managing Director, Natural Gas Partners; Jordan Marye, Partner, Denham Capital; and Andy Taurins, Managing Director, Lantana Energy Advisers, discuss why they remain positive about the area's potential.

After a networking break at 10:00 a.m., sessions resume at 10:30 a.m. with an operator spotlight entitled, "Multiple Plays and Pays." C. William Giraud, executive vice president and chief commercial officer and corporate secretary for Concho Resources will explain the company's plans for developing its massive leasehold position.

In today's world of hydraulic fracturing, oil and water do mix — but how much water is involved is becoming the bigger question. At 10:55 a.m. you will want to hear from Clane LaCrosse, who is founder, president and CEO of Bosque Systems, LLC, a cutting-edge water treatment company. LaCrosse will look at some of the more innovative and determined ways that is being accomplished in the Permian. He will be joined by Rob McClain, director of project development for Select Energy Services, and by Brent Halldorson, COO of Aqua-Pure Fountain Quail.

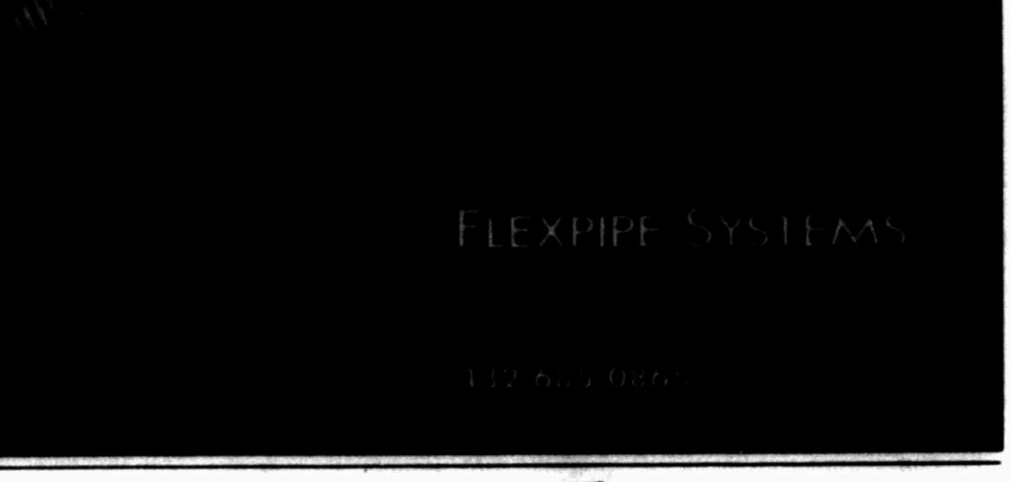
With all the exuberance in the Basin, the downward creep of oil prices has everyone just a little jittery. At 1:30 p.m., make it a point to hear an expert panel discuss "Bumps in the Boom?" Bob Brackett, senior vice president and senior analyst, North American E&P for Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. will be joined by Travis Nichols, director of investment banking for Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. as they share ideas about the future of the boom.

Many other challenging and informative sessions are on the agenda—see the website, listed below, for to see all the sessions and to register.

This year, as always, artist Norman Johnson has captured the conference theme with pen and ink. Johnson has delighted and entertained readers for years with his cartoons in the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Oil Report.

Sign up now, while there is still room, and learn how to make the most of your opportunities in the Permian Basin.

Ready to reach platinum in the Permian Basin? Reserve your place now in order to learn all you can about the Basin's continued opportunities. To register, visit executiveoilconference.com.



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Irion County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cortes #15H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 5822 fnel, 3139 fel, Sec 3, Abst. 685, WC RR, 13.67 sw Mertzon; TD 6579 TVD, 13263 MD; Comp 9/29/2014; producing from 6775-13174, fracture stimulated; gas lift 364 BO, 388 MCF, 740 BW on 44/64 inch choke, FTP 255 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35779

TXP, Incorporated
Ostrander 61
June Ann (Starkey-Canyon Sand); 1576 fw, 603 fsl, Sec 859, Abst. 475, P. Mosel, 15 ne Mertzon; TD 6731; Comp 10/10/2014; producing from 6269-6290, treated with acid; flow 122.2 BO, 279 MCF on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 660 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35880

Reagan County

American Energy-Permian Basin LLC
University "49" #091H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8045.1 fnl, 2676.2 fel, Sec 9, Blk 49, Abst.346U, ULS, 6.16 e Big Lake; TD 7167 TVD, 17940 MD; Comp 9/30/2014; producing from 7550-17e71, fracture stimulated; pump 305 BO, 280 MCF, 2093 BW on 33/64 inch choke, 331 psi, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38214

Upton County

Mid-States Operating Company
Myers #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 4806 fel, Sec 1280-1/2, Abst. 809, L. Lee/J.D. Grimes, 8.5 ne Rankin; TD 11731; Comp 10/1/2014; producing from 8345-10385, fracture stimulated; pump 66 BO, 67 MCF, 318 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36020

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Forge Energy LLC
Fisher "76" #6H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 320 fsl, 330 fel, Abst. 1146, A. King, 8 nw Andrews; TD 4715 TVD, 10485 MD; Comp 9/29/2014; producing from 4909-10370, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 558 BO, 115 MCF, 1637 BW, 31 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46326

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-34" #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1650 fwl, 2310 fnl, Sec 34, Blk 13, Abst. 426U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5030; Comp 10/5/2014; producing from 4565-4898, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3 BO, 1 MCF, 246 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46479

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Kolb "31-5" #15
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1980 fel, Sec 31, Blk 3, Abst. 2006, PSL, 7.1 sw Andrews; TD 10018; Comp 10/7/2014; producing from 8186-9948; pump 98 BO, 31 MCF, 155 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 500 psi, 36.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46379

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "40" #16
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1007 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 13, Abst. 432U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 4822; Comp 10/6/2014; producing from 4604-4750, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3.9 BO, 3 MCF, 165 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46495

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-35" #25
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2310 fel, 2310 fnl, Sec 35, Blk 13, Abst. 427U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5000; Comp 10/7/2014; producing from 4610-4894, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 45.3 BO, 14 MCF, 168 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46453

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "38C" #5
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 316 fsl, 333 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 13, Abst. 430U, ULS, 8 nw Andrews; TD 5002; Comp 10/11/2014; producing from 4546-4856, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 73.2 BO, 10 MCF, 194 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46491

Trey Resources Inc.
Dow-Hall #16
Shafter Lake (San Andres); 2056 fnl, 2227 fel, Sec 1, Blk A-36, Abst. 1963, PSL, 9.6 nw Andrews; TD 5001; Comp 9/28/2014; producing from 4646-4736; pump 7 BO, 2 MCF, 99 BO, 29 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46024

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-34" #27
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990 fsl, 1650 fel, Sec 34, BLk 13, Abst. 426U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5020; Comp 10/10/2014; producing from 4622-4824, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 6.4 BO, 2 MCF, 231 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46480

Glasscock County

Chevron USA Inc.
Block 33-3 TXL Fee #3705
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1945 fnl, 4677 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 33, T-3-S, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 6.4 ne Garden City; TD 9820; Comp 9/29/2014; producing from 6805-9605; pump 104 BO, 146 MCF, 226 BW, 43.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-

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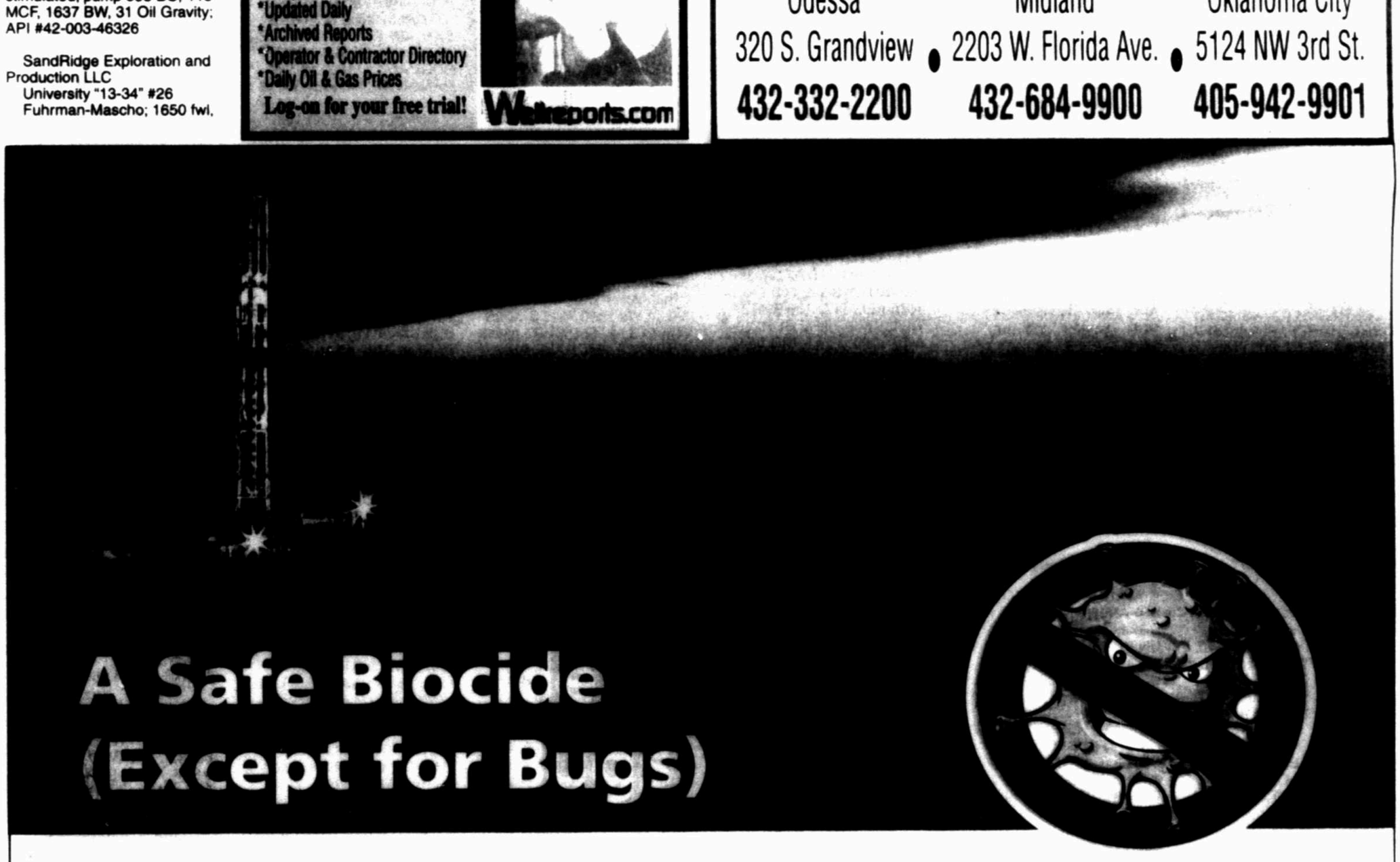

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Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1754
Ward-Estes North; 426 fsl, 4343 fwl, Sec 10, Blk O, Abst. 128, G&MMB&A, 7 sw Monahans; TD 3202; Comp 10/1/2014; producing from 2450-2654, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW on open choke, FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36625

HPPC, Inc.
Monroe Unit #63
Wildcat; 2250 fnel, 5750 fsel, Sec 16, Blk 1, Abst. 1199, W&NW RR, 13 n Barstow; TD 6683; Comp 9/28/2014; producing from 4718-4726, treated with acid; pump 10 BO, 20 MCF, 265 BW, 32.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-00076

Shell Western Exploration & Production
MacDonald "71 WRD" Unit 1H #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 252 fsel, 877 fswl, Sec 71, Abst. 1120, Mrs. P.A. Black, 11.9 nw Barstow; TD 10863 TVD, 15480 MD; Comp 10/5/2014; producing from 11167-15138; flow 656 BO, 1311 MCF, 1492 BW on 24/64 inch choke, FTP 1521 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36320

Winkler County

Stout Energy Inc.
Cowden "C" #4
Emperor, Deep; 1650 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 39, Blk B-5, Abst. 285, PSL, 4.2 sw Kermit; TD 3050; Comp 10/21/2014; producing from 2808-2895; pump 80 BO, 70 MCF, 300 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-495-33597

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Crosby County

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #F520
Hoople (Clearfork); 1729 fnl, 1843 fwl, Sec 1035, Abst. 323, CCSD&RGNG, 9.2 ne Slaton; TD 4448; Comp 10/6/2014; producing from 4170-4328, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 72 BO, 115 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31894

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #K167
Hoople (Clearfork); 975 fsl, 4962 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 8.5 ne Slaton; TD 4358; Comp 10/4/2014; producing from 4093-4198, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 42 BO, 457 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31896

Gaines County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Roach Heirs #11
Tex-Mex Southeast (Wichita Albany); 1263 fnl, 714 fwl, Sec 17, Blk AX, Abst. 1158, PSL, 21 sw Seminole; TD 7975; Comp 10/2/2014; producing from 7184-7686, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 9 MCF, 462 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-36158

Hockley County

Rocker A Operating Company
A.A. Slaughter Estate #434
Leeper (Glorieta); 660 fel, 3367 fnl, League 36, Labor 34, Abst. 161, Zavala CSL, 13 s Levelland; TD 6650; Comp 10/12/2014; producing from 6450-6610; pump 3 BO, 15 BW, 25.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-30821

Rocker A Operating Company
A.A. Slaughter Estate #2139
Leeper (Glorieta); 2330 fel, 7101 fnl, League 36, Labor 34, Abst. 161, Zavala CSL, 7 se Sundown; TD 6699; Comp 10/4/2014; producing from 6454-6634, fracture stimulated; pump 35 BO, 200 BW, 35.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37343

Rocker A Operating Company
A.A. Slaughter Estate #2239
Leeper (Glorieta); 660 fel, 6791.1 fnl, League 36, Labor 34, Abst. 161, Zavala CSL, 7 se Sundown; TD 6700; Comp 10/11/2014; producing from 6460-6610, fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 200 BW, 25.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37344

Scurry County

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
Fuller #23
Dorward; 390 fel, 862 fnl, Sec 664, Blk 97, Abst. 2460, H7TC RR, 6.7 se Justiceburg; TD 2950; Comp 10/1/2014; producing from 2158-2764, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 57 BO, 148 BW, 35.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35092

DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

IVORY ENERGY, LLC, RAWLINGS (O) DRILL Well# 13 RF BUTNER, 100 FNL 570 FEL, SEC 397 BLK 1A, H&TC SUR., A-345 5600', 5 NW BRONTE API# 42-081-32118

Concho County

GEOSURVEYS, INC., DRAW THE LINE (CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 STEWART, 959 FNSL 166 FWL, SEC 1, GC&SF SUR., A-1164 4500', 15 NW EDEN API# 42-095-32405

Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6613HC PANGEA WEST, 794 FNL 2392 FEL, SEC 66 BLK BB, GC&SF/ W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4381 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42049

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6611HA PANGEA WEST, 794 FNL 2422 FEL, SEC 66 BLK BB, GC&SF/ W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4381 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42048

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 272HC BAKER B, 6656 FSL 6109 FEL, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42063

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6607HA PANGEA WEST, 800 FNL 1692 FEL, SEC 66 BLK BB, GC&SF/ W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4381 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42037

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6605HA PANGEA WEST, 800 FNL 1722 FEL, SEC 66 BLK BB, GC&SF/ W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4381 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42036

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HARRIS RANCH 3-15 (AW), 2492 FNL 948 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 3, WASHINGTON CO SUR., A-1864 9000', 37 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42060

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HARRIS RANCH BB2-10, 1567 FSL 379 FWL, SEC 10 BLK BB 2, J POITEVENT/ FL HARRIS SUR., A-4823 9000', 40 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42050

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HARRIS RANCH 3-15 (AW), 2493 FNL 908 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 3, WC SUR., A-1864 9000', 37 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42059

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110EH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1179 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U330 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42041

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110CH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1661 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR. 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42040

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110AH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1601 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U330 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42039

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110FH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1139 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U330 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42044

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110DH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1199 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U330 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42043

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4110BH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 1621 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U330 8000', 22 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42042

MOLOPO ENERGY TEXAS, LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O) (HORZ) (FDTFR) Well# 161H BAGGETT OP3, 2205 FSL 468 FEL, SEC 17 BLK OP, GC&SF SUR., A-2502 8020', 6 N OZONA API# 42-105-41494

Irion County

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 13M SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 766 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35861

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1014 STEPHENS, 1650 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 5, H&TC/I FUNK SUR., A-1169 2000', 19 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-235-35820

FORELAND OPER., LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ELMIRA 34, 700 FEL 2350 FNL, SEC 34, WC/EL RUCKER SUR., A-1239 9000', 3 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35823

FORELAND OPER., LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5HR AUGUSTUS MCCRAE 22, 900 FSL 2440 FEL, SEC 22, WC/ TW TURNER SUR., A-882 9000', 5 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35818

McCulloch County

JASPER ENERGY, INC. EXOC (O) DRILL Well# 3 GASSIOT, 460 FWL 948 FSL, SEC 1056, JW BARNETT SUR., A-2243 1500', 1 E LOHN API# 42-307-31173

Menard County

SHA-JAM OPERATING CORP., JOHN P (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PEGGY A, 1064 FEL 1512 FSL, SEC 36 BLK A, GH&SA/ NH CORDER SUR., A-1688 3500', 13 SW MENARD API# 42-327-31222

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8HM UNIVERSITY 2536, 185 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 1, UL SUR., A-U25 8400', 3 S TEXON API# 42-383-38823

BOAZ ENERGY II OPER., LLC, FARMER (SAN ANDRES) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1R UNIVERSITY 48-3, 734 FNL 1981 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 48, UL SUR., A-U315 3999', 8 E BIG LAKE API# 42-383-31340

BOAZ ENERGY II OPER., LLC, FARMER (SAN ANDRES) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY 48-11, 1650 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 48, UL SUR., A-U323 3999', 11 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38829

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H RINGO 9, 200 FNL 1710 FWL, SEC 9 BLK D, L&SV SUR., A-330 9300', 10 NW STILES API# 42-383-38819

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H RINGO 9, 200 FNL 1710 FWL, SEC 9 BLK D, L&SV SUR., A-330 11200', 10 NW STILES API# 42-383-33815

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 49-1, 198 FSL 789 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 49, UL SUR. 9000', 5 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38814

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY 49-1, 199 FSL 749 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 49, UL SUR. 9000', 5 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38813

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 824AH UNIVERSITY CENTRAL, 1799 FNL 491 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U159 8000', 12 W BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38834

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 824DH UNIVERSITY CENTRAL, 1799 FNL 531 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U159 8000', 12 W BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38832

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 824CH UNIVERSITY CENTRAL, 1799 FNL 511 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U159 8000', 12 W BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38833

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 9993MB SNOW DRAW A, 371 FSL 881 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A, FM MATHEWS SUR., A-354 10000', 22 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38804

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 179E SCOTT RANCH, 1974 FNL 1024 FWL, SEC 179 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-552 10000', 5 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38827

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1114SU SRH A, 467 FNL 148 FEL, SEC 11 BLK A, JC ROGERS SUR., A-404 10000', 20 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38712

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1114SM SRH A, 467 FNL 123 FEL, SEC 11 BLK A, JC ROGERS SUR., A-404 10000', 20 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38710

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1067SU SUGG D, 550 FNL 1065 FEL, SEC 106 BLK 2, T&P/W MCGUIRE SUR., A-367 9000', 25 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38820

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H UNIVERISTY 22-19, 1138 FWL 2415 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 48, UL SUR., A-U334 9200', 11 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38823

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERISTY 22-19, 2754 FWL 2415 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 48, UL SUR. 9200', 11 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38824

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H UNIVERISTY 22-19, 1138 FEL 2414 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 48, UL SUR. 9200', 11 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38825

Runnels County

SOUTHCOAST RES., LLC, W DORMAN (GOEN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 GILBERT MINZENMAYER, 1438 FWL 4368 FSL, SEC 442, JL LYNCH SUR., A-346 5000', 3 S WILMETH API# 42-399-35429

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, JUNE ANN (STARKEY) (O/G) DRILL (CNYN SD) Well# 6 TURNER RANCH TD 27, 2376 FNL 1988 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-915 9000', 20 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32811

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3906 DEVON, 2310 FSL 2310 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-921 2000', 21 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32810

Upton County

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 ALLISON, 490 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 90 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/ MRS G LANE SUR., A-1546 12000', 15 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39373

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 19H AMACKER 48 UNIT, 300 FSL 132 FWL, SEC 49 BLK C, CCSDS&RGNG SUR., A-35 12000', 12 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39428

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 31H TXL 41, 250 FNL 1479 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 41 T5S, T&P/ HF TAYLOR SUR., A-694 12000', 24 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39372

COG OPERATING, LLC, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2917H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3, 290 FNL 2640 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/ MRS MA ERIKSEN SUR., A-1398 12000', 26 SW MIDLAND API# 42-461-39434

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H ER UNIT 58-3, 2200 FEL 440 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 58, UL SUR., A-U129 10000', 3 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39424

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1103H HASEL A UNIT, 1350 FEL 400 FNL, SEC 12 BLK A, G/G MONTGOMERY SUR., A-829 9800', 5 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39448

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1102H HASEL A UNIT, 1320 FEL 400 FNL, SEC 12 BLK A, G/G MONTGOMERY SUR., A-829 9800', 5 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39453

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H JACEE E UNIT, 2200 FWL 150 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 2, MK&TE/ HE HILL SUR., A-1424 10000', 5 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39457

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2521 MELINDA, 2424 FWL 2650 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-498 12500', 17 NE CRANE API# 42-461-39377

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2518 MELINDA, 2424 FWL 1213 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-498 12500', 17 NE CRANE API# 42-461-39379

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, RED HOUSE (STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 ELAINE 1, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-452 11950', 12 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39449

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HB ELWOOD 16-21, 1650 FWL 375 FSL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-427 10000', 9 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39460

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1175H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6536 FSL 1881 FEL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10000', 20 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39376

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 1177H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6536 FSL 1821 FEL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10000', 20 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39380

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1176H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6536 FSL 1851 FEL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 10000', 20 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39381

SM ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3236H WILMA ALLOCATION, 227 FWL 400 FNL, SEC 40 BLK 41 T4S, T&P/C BROWN SUR., A-1195 12000', 21 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39533

SM ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3331H CVX ALLOCATION, 267 FWL 400 FNL, SEC 40 BLK 41 T4S, T&P/C BROWN SUR., A-1195 12000', 21 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39535

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 BARNETT-AMACKER, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 1, JM CALDWELL & WM WHITAKER SUR., A-1175 9977', 11 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-01710

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2707 KASSIDY, 467 FSL 2174 FWL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11000', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39392

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2716 KASSIDY, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11000', 18 SW RANKIN API# 42-461-39391

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2708 KASSIDY, 467 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11000', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39390

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2715 KASSIDY, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11100', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39393

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2703 KASSIDY, 467 FWL 2173 FSL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11100', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39385

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2704 KASSIDY, 2173 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 127 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-74 11000', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39384

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION, MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CARMICHAEL CF, 120 FNL 1180 FEL, SEC 16 BLK A41, PSL/N POWELL SUR., A-1608 6900', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46164

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3201W JE MABEE A NCT-1, 554 FSL 2249 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 40 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-94 12500', 20 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46244

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MILLENIUM (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3R FOREMAN 32, 467 FSL 2245 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 3, PSL/OM HART SUR., A-2331 11750', 7 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46362

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MAGUTEX (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SAMSON UNIVERSITY 13, 660 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U75 11800', 7 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46246

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17H BUM A, 205 FSL 1485 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 45 T2N, T&P SUR., A-71 6900', 19 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46188

ICA ENERGY OPERATING, LLC, TRIPLE-N (PENN UPPER) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ICA UNIVERSITY 37, 660 FWL 1947 FNL, SEC 37 BLK 9, UL SUR. 10000', 12 S ANDREWS API# 42-003-46319

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1226 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 1291 FSL 2069 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A36, PSL SUR., A-470 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46353

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1225 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 578 FSL 1314 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A-35, PSL SUR., A-470 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46355

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1224 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN ANDR) UNIT, 656 FSL 2578 FWL, SEC 14 BLK A35, PSL SUR., A-470 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46354

OXY USA WTP LP, DOLLARHIDE (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 362 NORTH DOLLARHIDE UNIT, 1241 FSL 742 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A52, PSL/RW COWDEN SUR., A-1882 8000', 32 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-46256

OXY USA WTP LP, DOLLARHIDE (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 365 NORTH DOLLARHIDE UNIT, 2622 FSL 1992 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A52, PSL/RW COWDEN SUR., A-1882 8000', 32 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-46260

OXY USA WTP LP, DOLLARHIDE (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 363 NORTH DOLLARHIDE UNIT, 1262 FSL 1995 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A52, PSL/RW COWDEN SUR., A-1882 8000', 32 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-46258

OXY USA WTP LP, DOLLARHIDE (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 507 NORTH DOLLARHIDE UNIT, 1075 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 15 BLK A52, PSL/RW COWDEN SUR., A-1882 8000', 32 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-46261

OXY USA WTP LP, DOLLARHIDE (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 364 NORTH DOLLARHIDE, 1308 FSL 1873 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A52, PSL SUR., A-1882 8000', 32 W ANDREWS API# 42-003-46259

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2610WB MABEE 240C, 2530 FSL 3000 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-83 11000', 18 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46228

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 26 UNIVERSITY 13-33, 990 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U425 5200', 11 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46272

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 14 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 30 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46357

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 35 UNIVERSITY 13-33, 330 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U425 5200', 11 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46273

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 10 UNIVERSITY 48C, 330 FSL 2430 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U440 5200', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46334

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 40, 2310 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U432 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46277

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC , FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2021 UNIVERSITY CONSOLIDATED V, 1709 FNL 2328 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 13, UNIV LAND SUR. 8900', 13 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46251

XTO ENERGY INC., TRIPLE-N (GRAYBURG) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 4W UNIVERSITY 9 H, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U259 5300', 9 S ANDREWS API# 42-003-38693

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2039 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1443 FSL 1072 FWL, SEC 12 BLK B21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1244 6360', 19 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36371

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2043 WN WADDELL ET AL, 100 FSL 230 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1245 6302', 21

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NW CRANE API# 42-103-36372

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC API# 42-109-32680, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2021H GLENN, 135 FSL 288 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/WN ROGERS SUR., A-2063 11000', 50 NW PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2622H ALDRIN UNIT, 225 FNL 1574 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/JR MEEKER SUR., A-7042 11500', 49 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32678

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC., W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CONDOR 3, 330 FNL 2354 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 58 T2S, T&P SUR., A-2661 5500', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32689

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC., W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CONDOR 3, 330 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 58 T2S, T&P SUR., A-2661 5500', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32687

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC., W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 CONDOR 3, 330 FWL 1650 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 58 T2S, T&P SUR., A-2661 5500', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32688

Ector County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, METZ (WICHITA-ALBANY) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 AB CONNELL C, 2164 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 8 BLK B16, PSL/WT OATES SUR., A-867 6800', 4 SW PENWELL API# 42-135-40397

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRAWC) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 24H JANICE (AW), 1912 FNL 1625 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/ CH PRICE SUR., A-774 10000', 8 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-43036

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRAWC) (O) DRILL Well# 11 TATIA, 828 FNL 2610 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-161 12000', 13 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-43085

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD., W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1504 FEE BC, 1150 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-55 12000', 4 E GARDENDALE API# 42-135-43039

LINN OPERATING, INC., E GOLDSMITH (PENN) (O) DRILL Well# 10 JAMES, 565 FWL 1226 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 43 T1N, T&P/ TENNIE R SEVIER SUR., A-655 9500', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43068

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 JAMES, 1656 FNL 1127 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 43 T1N, T&P/ TENNIE R SEVIER SUR., A-655 7600', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43067

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 JOCELYN, 895 FWL 456 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-264 7600', 2 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43066

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 ADAM, 1005 FSL 2498 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/O CAIN SUR., A-700 7600', 1 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43069

LINN OPERATING, INC., E GOLDSMITH (PENN) (O) DRILL Well# 9 ALLISON, 2196 FEL 330 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/TR SEVIER SUR., A-653 9500', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43070

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 SAMANTHA, 2173 FEL 1757 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-263 7600', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43065

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 49 CVX 6, 1320 FSWL 2540 FNWL, SEC 6 BLK 44 T2S, T&P/ F VEST SUR., A-823 6100', 8 NW PENWELL API# 42-135-41028

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2407 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 786 FSL 1700 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JC BEATY SUR., A-686 7000', 5 S GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43059

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CARTER E, 745 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/JG CARTER SUR., A-705 10500', 4 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36566

APACHE CORPORATION, JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 17 SCHWARTZ 36, 152 FSL 764 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/ MRS C CHAMBERS SUR., A-1134 10600', 4 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36507

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3 FRYBAK 37, 1709 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-354 10300', 6 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36482

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 11 WILKINSON 31, 467 FNL 1708 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 34, T&P SUR., A-280 10300', 13 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36490

BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4705 ZANT, 2173 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-393 12000', 6 NE SPRABERRY API# 42-173-36496

BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3803 ZANT, 467 FEL 2173 FNL, SEC 38 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/M BOATNER SUR., A-921 12000', 6 E SPRABERRY API# 42-173-36495

BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 203 ZANT, 467 FWL 2173 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/M BOATNER SUR., A-919 12000', 5 E SPRABERRY API# 42-173-36497

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H 7613 COX UNIT 1, 660 FWL 2165 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-325 16000', 10 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36569

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H 7613 COX UNIT 2, 1980 FWL 2150 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-325 16000', 9 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36570

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H 7613 COX UNIT 3, 1980 FEL 2150 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-325 16000', 9 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36571

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H 7613 COX UNIT 4, 660 FEL 2150 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-325 16000', 9 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36572

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H MOLLIE A SN 44-41, 467 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 9500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36542

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H MOLLIE A SN 44-41, 517 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 9500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36546

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 3 DANIEL 2A, 467 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ RL MCCAMANT SUR., A-890 11000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36557

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 LPI-KARLA KAY 9, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-269 12000', 9 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36575

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1NC CURRIE TRUST 33, 467 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-161 12000', 6 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36556

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2NC CURRIE TRUST 33, 467 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-161 12000', 6 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36558

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2604 ZANT, 467 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/ WS WOOLSEY SUR., A-1267 12500', 19 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36610

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 CHEATHAM 19, 867 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-302 10950', 16 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36587

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 HOUSTON RANCH 13, 1980 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-383 11200', 19 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36559

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1322 BRUNSON, 1609 FNL 2563 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-398 11700', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36442

Howard County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MCKINNEY 14, 1709 FNL 1709 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ TJ MCKINNEY SUR., A-1642 9600', 6 NE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37985

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 MARSHALL 14, 467 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/JH SMITH SUR., A-1506 9940', 6 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37978

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, MOORE (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 8 NANCY 33, 1090 FSL 1730 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-374 9900', 9 W FARSAN API# 42-227-37994

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GUTHRIE, 467 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 33 T, T&P SUR., A-309 10000', 6 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37986

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 10 CFT 26, 1800 FEL 1896 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/ EP WOODARD SUR., A-1214 12000', 5 S KNOTT API# 42-227-37959

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BROWN 23, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T2N, T&P SUR., A-401 12000', 2 SW KNOTT API# 42-227-37993

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HODNETT 23, 2173 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T2N, T&P SUR., A-401 12000', 2 SW KNOTT API# 42-227-37992

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WOLFE-MCCANN UNIT 10-15, 1335 FWL 400 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ RW ANDREWS SUR., A-1233 10000', 15 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37980

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2643 MORRIS, 1070 FSL 1500 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ RM HUDSON SUR., A-641 10700', 2 E ELBOW API# 42-227-37977

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2931 STALLINGS CREIGHTON, 467 FWL 2400 FSL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-316 10700', 5 W BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37984

Loving County

COG OPERATING, LLC, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 601H LUDEMAN A, 350 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 5 BLK C26, PSL/ AJ PETERS SUR., A-1213 12400', 17 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32185

COG OPERATING, LLC, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 604H LUDEMAN A, 350 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 5 BLK C26, PSL/ AJ PETERS SUR., A-1213 12400', 17 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32186

COG OPERATING, LLC, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW CROCKETT REESE STATE, 2310 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 24 BLK C25, PSL/ VG CROCKETT SUR., A-1031 7500', 32 NW KERMIT API# 42-301-32189

RKI E&P, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CBR 14, 315 FSL 567 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 56 T1, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1130 16000', 10 NE ORLA API# 42-301-32188

SILVER HILL ENERGY PRTNRS LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H RUDD DRAW 26-3, 300 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 2 BLK C26, PSL/L DRIVER SUR., A-1036 13000', 13 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32184

Martin County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 904 SAMBA, 785 FSL 785 FWL, SEC 9 BLK H A, SR LANIER SUR., A-941 11700', 17 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39414

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 5 TAS 37, 2173 FNL 1850 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-230 12000', 6 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39456

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 7 NAIL RANCH 12, 1282 FNL 2165 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/ AM GOSNEY SUR., A-749 12000', 11 W STANTON API# 42-317-39406

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 23 DOROTHY FAYE K, 2346 FSL 3251 FWL, GARZA COUNTY SCHOOL LAND/LABOR 24 LEAGUE 319 SUR., A-998 12500', 11 SW TARZAN API# 42-317-39436

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HYATT 254, 2684 FNL 2300 FWL, WARD CSL LGE 254 LOT 8 SUR., A-609 12000', 16 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39500

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3521H SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 1800 FNL 1100 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-313 12500', 8 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-39407

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3025H CROSS BAR RANCH, 1010 FSL 1770 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ G REIGER SUR., A-951 12000', 24 W STANTON API# 42-317-39451

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 533 SLAUGHTER, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 36 T3N, T&P SUR., A-177 12300', 4 W FLOWER GROVE API# 42-317-39467

Midland County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# N004WB GRIDIRON, 2525 FWL 1719 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1392 10870', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39364

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4105LS ST, 1686 FWL 303 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ W LARGENT SUR., A-800 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39345

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4104LS ST, 1658 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 44, T&P SUR., A-800 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39346

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD., W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4114 FEE BH, 1250 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-1331 12000', 2 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39310

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD., W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4107 FEE BH, 2125 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-1331 12000', 2 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39304

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 420 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 39 T1S, T&P/JS CURTIS SUR., A-878 12500', 6 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39296

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4904H KING D, 772 FSL 1310 FEL, SEC 49, JM KING SUR., A-792 10700', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39274

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4905H KING D, 772 FSL 1220 FEL, SEC 49, JM KING SUR., A-792 10700', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39275

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4909H KING D, 772 FSL 1265 FEL, SEC 49, JM KING SUR., A-792 10700', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39276

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H FRANK MIDKIFF 35, 300 FSL 1857 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-115 9700', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39343

Mitchell County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES LP, TRNR-GRGRY (CLRFRK) (O) (RECLASS) Well# 18W TA REES, 50 FEL 1345 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 29 T1N, T&P SUR., A-583 3200', 6 NW WESTBROOK API# 42-335-32990

Pecos County

PATRIOT RES., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WARTHOG 19, 500 FNL 1500 FEL, SEC 30 BLK C1, PSL/ CW RUSH SUR., A-5100 13000', 27 NW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39171

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CASPER 57-1-47, 650 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 47 BLK 57 T1, T&P SUR., A-618 13000', 5 NW ORLA API# 42-389-34248

APACHE CORPORATION, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 205H ROBIN 8, 500 FNEL 500 FNWL, JF STINSON SUR., A-1102 9350', 14 SE ORLA API# 42-389-34227

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ALEXANDER 4-45, 2536 FNL 1425 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/ CE CRISWELL SUR., A-4524 21000', 25 NW LINDSAY API# 42-389-34267

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H LOWE 4-9, 2538 FNL 1395 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/ CE CRISWELL SUR., A-4524 21000', 25 NW LINDSAY API# 42-389-34266

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., HOEFS T-K (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BLAKE FOWLER UNIT, 206 FSL 383 FWL, SEC 278 BLK 13, H&GN/J EISENWINE SUR., A-1400 12500', 16 S PECOS API# 42-389-34256

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GAMBLER 24 STATE, 250 FSL 1179 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 72, PSL/ MA PYBURN SUR., A-3059 12000', 13 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34244

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 REEVES 630 SWD, 1231 FNL 2140 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 57 T2, T&P SUR., A-630 5850',1/2 SW ORLA API# 42-389-34274

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H DUIKER STATE UNIT 14E, 148 FSL 781 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 50 T8S, T&P SUR., A-715 13000', 30 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34282

OXY USA, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1610H BETTY LOU, 222 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/JA SCOTT SUR., A-2450 12000', 20 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34260

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1401BH HARPOON, 167 FNL 792 FEL, SEC 14 BLK C21, PSL/LA CASEY SUR., A-5470 12000', 31 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34253

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 SKY KING 47 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-444 13000', 7 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34273

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 SKY KING 47 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-444 13000', 7 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34271

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 SKY KING 47 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-444 13000', 8 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34272

Sterling County

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 21 IW TERRY, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 2, GC&SF/H TWEEDLE SUR., A-1197 8500', 18 SW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-33059

QUANTUM RES. MGMNT, LLC, S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 89 LOU E JOHNSON ESTATE A/C 2, 2615 FSL 1690 FWL, SEC 66 BLK 2, H&TC/AB NUNLEY SUR., A-1114 7050', 13 NE STERLING CITY API# 42-431-32999

STRAND ENERGY, LC, ESTERLINA (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 501 MCENTIRE B, 963 FEL 1416 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 23, H&TC SUR., A-283 9200', 14 NW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-33461

Ward County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H KHC 33-26, 100 FNEL 500 FNWL, SEC 26 BLK 33 H&TC/TL GLADNEY SUR., A-820 12050', 24 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-36725

SUNDOWN ENERGY LP, WAGON WHEEL (PENN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3038 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 660 FNL 610 FEL, SEC 2 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-102 11000', 2 NE WICKETT API# 42-475-36734

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 820W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1650 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-30095

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1269R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2310 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-32828

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1259W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FSL 264 FEL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-32936

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 800W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2310 FNL 1584 FEL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-30058

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 755R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1650 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-20258

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 801W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1650 FSL 264 FEL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-30074

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 623R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1650 FNL 924 FEL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-10226

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1258W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2210 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-33079

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 754R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-11153

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 591R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2310 FSL 2244 FEL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-10194

WHITING O&G CORP, N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 757R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 990 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 10 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-128 3600', 7 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-11139

Winkler County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, KEYSTONE (CLR FRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1381 WE BAIRD, 1543 FNL 1598 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B3, PSL/WE BAIRD SUR., A-1320 9000', 4 NE KERMIT API# 42-495-32765

SAXET OIL CORP., KERMIT (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 WALTON A/C 118, 2259 FWL 1314 FNL, SEC 47 BLK 26, PSL/JB WALTON SUR., A-1840 3150', 3 SW KERMIT API# 42-495-33562

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Dawson County

SDX RESOURCES INC., DEROEN (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 EVELYN, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 34 T5N, T&P SUR., A-77 11000', 10 SE LAMESA API# 42-115-33669

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 188-7 SACROC UNIT, 2447 FNL 2072 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 1, JP SMITH SUR., A-470 7250', 2 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-35052

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 10-10a SACROC UNIT, 2633 FNL 1456 FEL, SEC 449 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2067 7250', 10 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35048

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 10-8A SACROC UNIT, 535 FNL 514 FEL, SEC 449 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2067 7250', 10 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35047

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 10-11A SACROC UNIT, 2641 FNL 1443 FWL, SEC 449 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2067 7250', 10 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35049

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 15-13 SACROC UNIT, 419 FNL 903 FWL, SEC 441 BLK 97, H&TC/MG CASH SUR., A-1911 7250', 9 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35051

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 39-10 SACROC UNIT, 828 FSL 151 FEL, SEC 383 BLK 97, H&TC/ CM FELLMY SUR., A-2674 7250', 7 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-35053

SCHLACHTER OPER. CORP., TRI-RUE (REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BLUM, 2355 FSL 490 FEL, SEC 157 BLK 97, H&TC/GW STALLCUP SUR., A-2147 7000', 4 N IRA API# 42-415-35045

Terry County

CHOLLA PETR., INC., PRENTICE (O) DRILL Well# 1 ACKER, 2168 FEL 2170 FSL, SEC 76 BLK D11, C&M/IH HUDSON SUR., A-803 6999', 13 NW BROWNFIELD API# 42-445-32402

Yoakum County

McCLURE OIL CO. INC., SPIVEY (SAN ANDRES) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2 RUSHING 255 SWD, 2180 FSL 1931 FWL, SEC 255 BLK D, JOHN H GIBSON SUR. 5900', 7 NE PLAINS API# 42-501-34228

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